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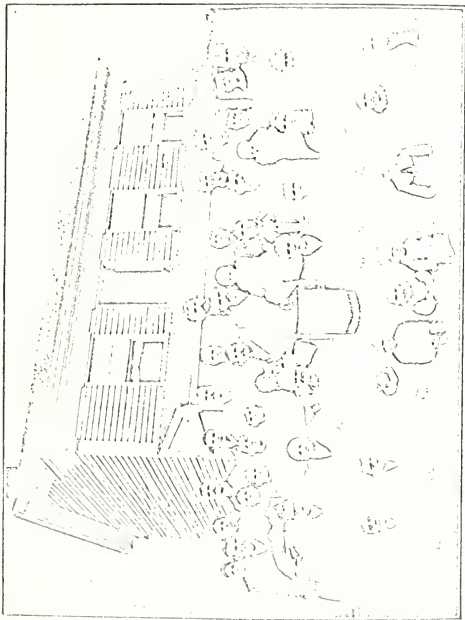












*Home and Descendants of Jesse Chamness, Dalton, Ind., where the Reunion originated in 1892.*

HISTORY AND GENEALOGY  
OF THE  
AMERICAN DESCENDANTS  
OF  
JOHN AND ANN CHAMNESS  
OF  
LONDON, ENGLAND.



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## INTRODUCTION

The compiler of this little book does not claim it to be a complete work; and yet it approaches much nearer to completeness than he expected he could attain when he began the work. For more than twenty-five years he has worked at intervals, and under much difficulty, to perfect a history of his wife's people. As those years have gone by, new avenues of information have been opened, records and traditions have been compared and only those which seemed obviously true have been accepted and embodied in the work. Some traditions have been accepted, but records have generally had the preference.

The Friends' records in Pennsylvania, Baltimore and at Guilford College, N. C., have been searched in the interest of this work, and the track of the son of John and Ann Chamness traced from London, across the Atlantic, through Philadelphia, Baltimore Co., Md., and into Orange Co., N. C. The traditions accepted bear out these statements and the records sustain them. If we have given a better account of the genealogy of Joseph's posterity, it is because they adhered more strictly to the Friends church; that the records of this church were available to us, while others were not available.

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## Origin of the Name.

The English people belong to the Scandinavian branch of the Teutonic race, and originated in an admixture of Anglo-Saxon, Danish and Norman blood. The name Champness, as it appeared in England, was of Danish and Norman origin. A certain field, lying on a promontory in Denmark, was called Kampness. This became the surname of the family who owned or occupied the field. As time progressed, new generations came on; some of them took names slightly varying



from the original, and were carried into contiguous nations. It appeared in Normandy, and was carried by a Norman into England, where it appeared as Champness, and continues in this form to the present day. The middle letter in the name was cumbersome, would naturally be left out in the pronunciation and, when once left out in the pronunciation, would, ere long, be left out in the spelling. Whether John Chamness himself dispensed with the middle letter, or his boy lost it in crossing the ocean, is a little problem we shall not attempt to solve.

#### Explanation and Abbreviations.

The generations are indexed by the letters of the alphabet, "a" standing for the first generation, "b" for the second, "c" for the third, "d" for the fourth, "e" for the fifth, and in a few places "f" has been used for the sixth generation.

The numbers are intended to indicate the position of the individual in the family.

In abbreviations, b. means born; d., died, and m., married; n. f. d., no further data. Mo. Mtng. stands for Monthly Meeting.

In dates, we have used the numerals instead of the names of months; as in the early years we had to deal with the Friends' records, we deemed it proper to follow the same method throughout the work.

## CHAMNESS HISTORY

The Chamness family was founded in America during a period of mourning by an English family for a lost boy. In the fore part of the eighteenth century there lived in London a husband and wife, whose names were John and Ann Chamness, or Champness. They had a son named Anthony, who had attained the age of thirteen years. What other children they may have had, we know not. We only know that he was a true English boy with some love of adventure. We are assured that he loved to loiter along the Thames river, linger at times on the great bridge and view the ships that lay at anchor in the great pool below. One tradition says he was stolen off the London bridge; another that he was decoyed on board a vessel which sailed immediately for America. Putting the two stories together in a form that they fit each other, we have it in this wise.

A ship, bound for America, was lying at anchor in the pool, with its bow down stream. A man on board the vessel, interested, perhaps, in increasing its cargo and the consequent profits of the voyage, stole away from the ship and found the boy loitering on the bridge. Entering into conversation with him, the man found the boy interested in the river and the ship and asked him to go with him on board and see the many interesting things on the inside. Not thinking of being carried away from home and kindred, the boy accepted the invitation and was soon on board the ship. The sails were already set for the voyage. The ship swung into the current, passed out thru the river and the channel and was soon into the wide ocean. With a heavy heart the boy took a last look at his native land, which he was destined to never see again. The ship anchored in the port of Philadelphia. And now, what should be done with the boy?

Tradition says he was sold out until he should come of age to pay his passage. It is not improbable that some Good Samaritan Quaker paid his passage, took



him into his home and treated him as a member of his family until he was grown to manhood, and then aided him in a futile effort to find his people in London. In those days, kidnapping of children and bringing them to America was not treated as a crime, and members of The Society of Friends were not averse to taking such children into their families.

The voyage just related occurred in 1725 or '26, when the boy was about thirteen years old. He came of age in Feb., 1735. Born and partly reared in the city of London, and coming to America in pioneer days, the change was great, and, willing or unwilling, he was obliged to endure much of the privations of pioneer life, which consisted largely in clearing away the forests and preparing the soil for cultivation. In those days emigration was setting strongly southward along the Atlantic provinces. Anthony, the boy, by the time he was of age, or soon thereafter, had drifted into Baltimore Co., Md. Here he found a girl, in the person of Sarah Cole, daughter of Joseph and Susanna Cole. They were of kindred spirit and similar condition in life. She was bound out in a similar manner as he was. They loved each other as only such people can love. She was more than five years his junior, and could not get release to marry until she came of age. He set in and helped her work out her time.

Taking the recorded birth-date of their oldest child to be correct, they were probably married in the autumn of 1736. They had nothing at all with which to begin housekeeping. But she found a broken wooden bowl in which she could mix her bread, and he made for her a wooden spoon. These two articles were their kitchen equipment. Their kitchen, parlor and bedroom were combined in one room, called a cabin. Outside of this room there were neither chicken, pig, nor cow that they could call their own. But they were very happy in each other's love. O, you you of Chamness of the 20th century! Would you marry if you had nothing but a broken bowl and a wooden spoon? No, such poverty would be a barrier to your marriage. Anthony and Sarah were young and strong and hardy, and already

inured to the hardships of pioneer life. They lived and fared much as others of their generation did.

A tradition, general among their descendants, says that Sarah was a relative of William Penn; probably on her mother's side, for we find no relationship existing between the Penns and the Coles. Their first three children were born in Baltimore Co., the second three in Frederick Co., Maryland, and the last seven in Orange Co., N. C. They moved from Baltimore Co. into Frederick Co., Md., about the year 1741, and from Frederick Co. to Orange Co., N. C., about 1747 or '48. It is probable they never owned a home until some time after they moved into the wilderness of North Carolina. Cane Creek meeting of Friends and its vicinity may properly be called the cradle of the Chamness family. The location of this church is near a county line, and the line has been changed, so it is not easy to determine which county it was in at different times. But the farm was located in Chatham Co. If there be any discrepancy in these statements it is owing to the fact that county lines have been changed, or that a new county has been organized. It was here that they attended meeting; it was here that more than half their children were born; it was here their children grew to manhood and womanhood, received their education, married and settled in other parts. It seems impossible to find any records reaching further back than those of Cane Creek Monthly Meeting; so we cannot discover where nor when they became members of the church. They were members of The Society of Friends before Cane Creek Monthly Meeting was organized in 1751, for on the day of its organization he was made "overseer of Cane Creek particular meeting until further orders." As the office of overseer has always been an important one in the church, we understand at once that Anthony was a man of some education, of good standing and influence in the church. A transcript from the records of Cane Creek Monthly Meeting, now in custody of the librarian at Guilford College, N. C., gives the following:

Anthony Chamness, son of John and Ann Chamness, b. in London, on or about 2nd mo. 1713, d. 9-20-1777.





Sarah Cole, daughter of Joseph and Susanna Cole, of Baltimore Co., Md., now married to Anthony Chamness, b. 5-1-1718.

Children of the above:

- 1a. Elizabeth, b. Baltimore Co., Md., 8- 1-1737.
- 2a. Susanna, b. Baltimore Co., Md., 3-31-1738.
- 3a. Joseph, b. Baltimore Co., Md., 3- 3-1740.
- 4a. Sarah, b. Frederick Co., Md., 2-11-1742.
- 5a. Mary, b. Frederick Co., Md., 9-11-1743.
- 6a. Martha, b. Frederick Co., Md., 11-11-1746.
- 7a. John, b. Orange Co., N. C., 1- 6-1749.
- 8a. Anthony, b. Orange Co., N. C., 2- 6-1751.
- 9a. Rachel, b. Orange Co., N. C., 1-29-1754.
- 10a. Ann, b. Orange Co., N. C., 11- 4-1756.
- 11a. Lydia, b. Orange Co., N. C., 12-14-1758.
- 12a. Joshua, b. Orange Co., N. C., 4- 5-1761.
- 13a. Stephanus, omitted from the record.

For many years in the early history of Cane Creek Mo. Mtng., the name of Anthony Chamness may frequently be found on committees. This shows that he was regarded as a man of integrity and good judgment and worthy to be entrusted with the work of the church. He was industrious and frugal, sociable, and given to much hospitality. He and his sons worked hard, cleared out a large farm and put it in a good state of cultivation; and Sarah, the good wife and mother, taught her daughters to spin and weave and do many kinds of work now done only in factories.

The following is a description of the farm and home of Anthony and Sarah Chamness as known by one near a century ago: "The farm lay a mile west of Cane Creek Friends church, was a good body of land and lay fine. The dwelling was large, perhaps 20 x 80 feet, consisted of two main rooms, made of hewn oak logs, with two shed rooms with porch the whole length on the front side, and with a division wall thru the center. A small creek ran thru the farm, on which there was a grist mill. Large meadows lay on either side the stream. The barn was commodious, and was occupied by a

stationary thrashing machine propelled by horse power, to which many of the neighbors hauled their wheat, to have it thrashed and cleaned."

The acreage of wheat in those days was not large, and the wheat was reaped with sickles and bound by hand. Much evidence might be adduced to show that Anthony and Sarah's home was one of hospitality, and a kind of social center for the community surrounding it. Sarah died not long before the beginning of the Revolutionary War. A tradition says that Anthony was drafted for the army, but on account of his conscientious principles he was not forced into the army. From the facts that he had passed the years of middle life, and died during the early years of the struggle for independence, the tradition seems barely credible. He took a second wife in the person of Margaret Williams, widow of the elder William Williams, and mother of that faithful minister who bore the name of his father. This marriage was consummated in Cane Creek meeting the 9th of fifth mo., 1776. Anthony survived a little more than sixteen months after his second marriage, dying at about the age of 64 years and 7 months. As Sarah was more than five years the junior of Anthony, and he, being obliged, by the Discipline, to pay respectful regard to his deceased wife, as well as the feelings of his sons and daughters, he did not take a second wife in haste, but probably waited some two or three years before marrying again. Reasoning from the fact that Anthony and Sarah were born of stalwart English ancestry, and that many of their descendants have attained to far greater ages than they did, we conclude that the rearing of a large family and the hardships and drudgery incident to pioneer life, cut short their lives by many years. This is particularly true of Sarah. The mother of thirteen children, she died before the younger ones had reached their teens; yet lived to see some of the children of Susanna, Joseph, Sarah and Mary. She probably died about the year 1773, aged about 55 years. Their bodies were enclosed in plain coffins, made by a local workman after their deaths, and laid to rest in the Friends' graveyard at Cane Creek meeting, in Chatham county.



1a. Elizabeth, no data, except that she witnessed the marriage of Joseph in 1763 when she was 26 years old and still unmarried.

2a. Susanna was the first to marry in the family of Anthony and Sarah. She married Jeremiah Reynolds, in Cane Creek meeting, the 17th of 5th mo., 1755. She was then in her eighteenth year. Jeremiah was a son of the elder William and a brother of the younger William Reynolds. The descendants of Jeremiah and Susanna Reynolds are numerous in North Carolina, Indiana, and other states. They themselves lived and died in N. C. The names of their children are as follows, but not in the order of their births:

- 1b. William.
- 2b. David.
- 3b. Anthony, b. 7-31-1769.
- 4b. Ebenezer, b. 9-30-1773.
- 5b. Jeremiah.
- 6b. Wenlock.
- 7b. Elizabeth.
- 8b. Sarah.
- 9b. Susanna, n. f. d.
- 10b. Martha, n. f. d.
- 11b. Hannah.
- 12b. Mary.
- 13b. Christian.

1b. William married Rhoda Elliott, and remained in North Carolina.

2b. David married Ann Lamb, and went with all his children to Indiana. Location unknown.

3b. Anthony married Elizabeth Jackson, who was born 12-19-1767. Anthony sold his possessions in N. C. and moved his family to Ind. in 1823, and settled on a farm in the Nettle Creek neighborhood of Friends, lying just to the northwest of the meeting house. Here they cleared out a good farm and finished raising their family. Elizabeth, the good wife, died on 4-11-1842, and Anthony, 11-30-1852. After her death, he made a will providing that after his death his son Isaac should buy out the heirs and take possession of the farm. Their children, all born in N. C., are as follows:

- 1c. Isaac, b. 9-26-1795; d. 5-2-1860.
- 2c. Rachel, b. 9-5-1797.
- 3c. Susanna, b. 9-12-1799; d. 8-18-1838.
- 4c. Mary, b. 4-1-1802.
- 5c. Levi, b. 3-22-1805.
- 6c. Sarah, b. 10-20-1807; d. 9-7-1830.
- 7c. Ruth, b. 3-20-1810.

1c. Isaac Reynolds married Tamar Hawkins, daughter of John Hawkins, at Richmond, in 9th mo., 1830. They lived with and took care of his parents in their declining years, and as the shades of the evening of life drew on, Isaac made a will similar to that of his father, providing that his son Wilson should buy out his heirs, own and occupy the homestead as he had done before him. Isaac and Tamar's children are as follows:

- 1d. Lydia, b. 7-5-1831; d. 5-27-1908.
- 2d. Sarah, b. 11-15-1832; d. 2-29-1844.
- 3d. Anna, b. 3-22-1835.
- 4d. Amos, b. 4-1-1837; d. 4-3-1837.
- 5d. John, b. 6-18-1838; d. 2-25-1844.
- 6d. Elizabeth, b. 7-13-1841; d. 4-16-1860.
- 7d. Wilson, b. 10-2-1843; d. 6-4-1921.

Tamar, the mother of these children, was born 2nd mo. 19th, 1802, and died 11th mo. 27th, 1864.

1d. Lydia Reynolds became the second wife of Wilson Dennis, at Nettle Creek meeting, 6th mo. 23rd, 1853. Their children are:

- 1e. Sarah, b. 4-19-1859; m. Moses Blackburn.
- 2e. Clarkson, b. 5-29-1862; m. Rosette Bookout.
- 3e. Isaac Lindley, b. 12-30-1864; m. Viola Thompson.

3d. Anna Reynolds became the wife of Elam Pike in Nettle Creek meeting 10th mo. 25th, 1854. They lived near Fountain City. Their daughter, Lydia, worked several years as a missionary in Mexico, came home in broken health, became a confirmed invalid and died the same night that her father lay a corpse. n. f. d. of the family.

6d. Elizabeth married Joseph G. Allen. The earthly happiness of this worthy couple was cut short by the untimely death of Elizabeth.



7d. Wilson married Elizabeth D. Nicholson, daughter of George and Lucinda Nicholson, 2nd mo. 14th, 1867. He followed the example of his father, took care of his parents in their declining years, also they both died several years before his marriage. He bought out the heirs, added other acres to his possessions and continued on the homestead which his father and grandfather had owned before him. They were both elders in the church. When they began to feel the weight of years, they leased the farm for a term of years and moved to Richmond.

2c. Rachel married a Cox. n. f. d.

4c. Mary married Thomas Hunt in Nettle Creek meeting, 10th mo., 1841. n. f. d.

5c. Levi married Hannah Underhill, eldest daughter of John and Jane Underhill, in Friends meeting near Economy, 8th mo. 19th, 1826. He owned the 80-acre farm adjoining that of his father on the west; sold out and moved to Grant Co., in 1835, and, later on, to LaPorte Co., Ind. Hannah was born 2-13-1808; died some time before the family moved away and was buried at West River meeting, before a burial ground was set apart at Nettle Creek. Their children, so far as known, are here recorded:

1d. Thomas C., b. 6-16-1827. n. f. d.

2d. Maria Jane, b. 2-19-1829. n. f. d.

3d. Elisha B. }  
4d. Elijah } twins, not on the church record.

3d. Elisha B.—one of the twins—returned to Wayne Co. in early manhood, married Amanda Martindale, daughter of a Baptist minister; owned a good farm east of Hagerstown, and reared two sons. As the agitation for the prohibition of the liquor traffic came on, Elisha B. was much in demand as a speaker. He spent a year touring the state of Kansas, just before the adoption of the prohibition amendment in that state, and of him Gov. St. John said that in the struggle for prohibition in that state no one had done more than E. B. Reynolds of Hagerstown, Ind. He was elected and served as representative for Wayne county for three successive terms in the Legislature, and served by appointment of

the President for a number of years as Indian Agent in the southwest territories. After his wife's death he made his home with his sons and worked some as a local Methodist minister, and died at the home of his elder son in Arkansas. His body was brought to Hagerstown for burial. His sons were named:

1e. Lee J. } Both raised on the farm; received good  
2e. Clyde. } educations.

1e. Lee J. married Fidella Dennis, daughter of Thos. E. Dennis; lived on the farm and taught school for a number of years; represented Wayne county for one term in the Legislature; sold out and moved to Arkansas, where he seems to be prospering financially.

4b. Ebenezer, probably the ninth child of Jeremiah and Susanna Reynolds, married Rachel Green. Born, reared and married, and all their children, except the youngest, born in North Carolina. They moved to Indiana in 1819 and settled on a farm southwest of Economy, and west of Martindale Creek. Some of their children were already grown, and were ready helpers in clearing out the new farm. A large body of Friends had already come from North Carolina and Tennessee, and others were coming every year. He and his good wife were soon members in good standing in Springfield Mo. Mtng. of Friends, and Ebenezer was made an elder in the meeting. The family was on a fair road to prosperity, when a sad and very fatal calamity came upon them. In the summer of 1821, several members of the family were prostrated with "milk sickness," and three of them died. A son and a daughter died in one day and the father the next day. This malady was caused by a poison which the cows would get when they pastured on the woodland, and was eliminated from their bodies into the milk and butter. The doctors in those days knew no antidote for the poison, and their treatment of it was not at all successful. Ebenezer died 6th mo. 17th, 1824, in his 51st year. Rachel was born 9th mo. 18th, 1776; died 9th mo. 18th, 1841. They were married in 1795. The records of their children are here given:



1e. Mareb, b. 9-19-1796; d. 8-28-1873. n. f. d.

2e. Susanna, b. 8-7-1798; d. 11-11-1874.

3e. Elijah, b. 4-25-1800.

4e. Mary, b. 3-10-1802; d. 6-16-1824.

5e. Anna, b. 5-10-1804; d. 9-2-1881.

6e. John, b. 8-1-1806; d. 6-16-1824.

7e. Ezra, b. 2-10-1809; d. 3-31-1876.

8e. Delilah, b. 4-1-1811. n. f. d.

9e. Zimri, b. 8-1-1813. n. f. d.

10e. Milo, b. 6-19-1816; d. 11-6-1823.

11e. Milton, b. 7-22-1821. n. f. d.

2e. Susanna married Joseph Chamness, son of the elder William. Further account of her will appear along with that of her husband.

3e. Elijah, eldest son of Ebenezer and Rachel, married Deborah Williams, daughter of Azariah and Sarah Williams, in the old log meeting house northwest of Economy, Ind., 8-18-1824. They had five children, born in Wayne Co., and named as follows:

1d. Azariah, b. 9-10-1825. n. f. d.

2d. Ebenezer, b. 3-29-1827; d. 12-13-1833.

3d. Nancy Ann, b. 8-5-1829; d. 8-21-1834.

4d. Sarah Jane, b. 8-12-1831. n. f. d.

5d. Rachel Demaris, b. 10-31-1833. n. f. d.

Deborah, the wife and mother, was born 4th mo. 5th, 1805. Elijah was a good citizen, and of much value in the church on committees, and as clerk for a number of years. The family moved to Grant Co. in 1835, and we have no further account of them.

7e. Ezra married Mary Wrightsman, daughter of an Abraham Wrightsman. She was born 9th mo. 12th, 1810, and died 7th mo. 3rd, 1837, soon after the birth of her sixth child. Their children:

1d. Rachel, b. 1-19-1829.

2d. Jane, b. 11-22-1830; d. 12-28-1805(((??)))

3d. John, b. 10-7-1832.

4d. Isaac, b. 10-7-1832; d. 12-17-1832.

5d. Zimri, b. 11-9-1834.

6d. Mary, b. 6-26-1837; d. 15-6-1914.

1d. Rachel became the second wife of Nathan Baldwin and had two daughters: Malinda Ellen, who married B. F. Deardorff, and died, leaving a daughter, Naomi, and a son, Hugh; and Eliza Jane, who married Zaecheus Test, and had a son, Ralph, and a daughter, Rachel.

2d. Jane married Elwood Baldwin. They lived on a farm in Randolph Co. Their children:

1e. Tillman W. married Henrietta (Sbaffer) Jaqua.

2e. Zimri R. died, unmarried.

3e. Mary E. married Charles Retter. n. f. d.

4e. Martha J. died in infancy.

5e. George R. married Asenath C. Reynolds.

6e. Rachel P. married Robert L. Cox. n. f. d.

7e. Urbane E. married Cora Sheppard. n. f. d.

8e. Emily L. died young.

9e. Sophrona married Samuel O. Cox.

10e. William E. married Luella Frazier.

11e. Ida C. M. married J. M. Barber and Chas. Heath.

3d. John married Lydia, widow of James Turner. After her death, he married Susanna McNeese. He had two sons, William and James. He moved to Arkansas and probably died in that state.

5d. Zimri—data meager; wife's name, Isabel; went west and died in a western state.

6d. Mary married Elijah Chamness, son of Joseph and Susanna. Further data given in the annals of Joseph's descendants.

After the death of Mary, the first wife, Ezra married Emily Wrightsman, and afterwards settled on a farm in the southeastern part of Miami Co., Ind. Their children are as follows:

7d. Elvira married a Rhoades; had three children.

8d. Lewis died when 18 years old.

9d. Charlotte. n. f. d.

10d. Lydia, b. 8-29-1814; never married.

11d. Albert married; raised five children.

12d. Riley, b. 1-31-1818; never married.

13d. William. n. f. d.

14d. Martha. n. f. d.

15d. Amanda. n. f. d.

16d. Ahmeda. n. f. d.





7c. Ezra, the father of the above sixteen children by two wives, settled on a farm in Miami Co. in 1849, where he ended his days. Riley and Lydla, a son and a daughter who never married, own a part of the farm and live together.

1d. Albert married; has five children living: Oren, Alva, Nelson T., Essie and Esther. The first three live near Converse, Nelson owns a part of the old homestead. Essie married a Rich; Esther, a Perkins, and both live at Logansport.

5b. Jeremiah, son of Jeremiah and Susanna Reynolds, married Mary Hadley and remained in N. C. n. f. d.

6f. Wenlock remained in N. C. and had in succession four different wives: (1) Hannah Moon, (2) Hannah Marshall, (3) Susanna Jee, (4) Dinah Davis. The last wife survived him. Two of his sons are known to have come to Indiana: William, who settled near Deming, Hamilton Co., and raised a family; and Milo, a son of his third wife, who came to the vicinity of Dalton, Wayne Co., and married Mary, the elder daughter of Jesse and Ruth Chamness.

7b. Elizabeth and 8b Sarah lived in maidenhood all their days at the old home.

11b. Hannah married William Hockett.

12b. Mary married Simeon Lamb.

15b. Christian married a Wilson. He died early in his married life, and she went with all her children to some part of Indiana.

3a. Joseph, the oldest son and third child of Anthony and Sarah, was born in Baltimore Co., Maryland. Little can be said here, because little is known, of his childhood; yet we can see that as the oldest son he occupied an important position in his father's family. He went with his parents and two sisters into Frederick Co., Md., where they sojourned for a few years; and then went with them into what was then a part of Orange Co., but later, Chatham Co., North Carolina. As he grew up he had plenty to do in helping his father to clear out the wilderness, make a farm and provide food and clothing for a large and growing family. His opportunities to obtain an education were not good, yet

we have evidence that he improved what opportunities he had to the best of his ability. His signature on the marriage certificate of his son William attests this fact. He certainly had a fair knowledge of spelling, reading, writing and arithmetic; but as for English grammar, he probably never heard it mentioned; certainly not during his school days, for Lindley Murray had not yet thought of publishing a grammar book. In fact, Murray's Grammar never appeared in the schools of N. C. until the days of Joseph's grand children. At the time of his marriage to Margaret Norton, he had just completed his twenty-third year. We here insert a copy of their

#### Marriage Certificate.

Whereas, Joseph Chamness, son of Anthony Chamness and Sarah, his wife, of Orange County, in the Province of North Carolina, and Margaret Norton, daughter of Edward Norton and Elizabeth, his wife, of Rowan County; and Province aforesaid; having declared their intentions of Marriage with each other before several Monthly Meetings of the people called Quakers, held at Cane Creek, in Orange County, and Province aforesaid, according to the good order used amongst them, and having consent of parents, or parties concerned, their said proposals of marriage were allowed by said meeting. Now, these are to certify to whom it may concern, that for the full accomplishment of their said Intentions, this the Seventeenth day of the Third Month in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-three, they the said Joseph Chamness and Margaret Norton appeared in a public meeting of the said people, held at their meeting house at Cane Creek; and the said Joseph Chamness, taking the said Margaret Norton by the hand, did in a solemn manner declare that he took her, the said Margaret Norton, to be his Wife, promising with Divine Assistance to be unto her a Faithful and Loving Husband until death separates them. And then and there in the same Assembly, the said Margaret Norton did in like manner declare that she took him, the said Joseph Chamness, to be her Husband, promising with Divine Assistance to be unto him a Faithful and Loving Wife until death separates them.



And, moreover, they, the said Joseph Chamness and Margaret Norton — she according to the custom of marriage assuming the name of her husband — as a further confirmation thereof did then and there to these presents set their hands.

(Signed) JOSEPH CHAMNESS.

MARGARET CHAMNESS.

And we, being present at the solemnization of said Marriage and Subscription, do as witnesses hereunto subscribe our names the day and year above written:

John Marshall,	Thomas Branson,
Joseph Pike,	Anthony Chamness,
William Piggott,	Edward Norton,
John Stout,	Sarah Chamness,
John Davis,	Elizabeth Norton,
William Marshall,	Elizabeth Chamness.

Familiar names these are. Many descendants of this John Davis, who married Mary Chamness, are in various parts of Indiana and other northern states. We note, also, the parents of Joseph and Margaret and his oldest sister all signed the certificate. Those who would see the hand writing of Joseph can find it in the Record of Marriage Certificates of Cane Creek Mo. Mtng., now securely kept in the vault at Guilford College. He was made Recorder of Marriage Certificates in 1764; and it must be that the records are in his writing from that date until 1769, when he obtained a Certificate of Removal and moved into the limits of Providence meeting, in Randolph Co. Here he owned a farm, reared a family of twelve children, died and was buried. Eleven children were born of Margaret, but the twelfth and youngest was the child of his second wife. The first three were born in Orange Co., the others in Randolph Co. Their names and birth-dates are here listed as taken from the records of Center Mo. Mtng., in Randolph Co.:

- 1b. Sarah, b. 12-9-1764,
- 2b. William, b. 7-22-1766; d. 10-2-1852,
- 3b. Elizabeth, b. 1-25-1768,
- 4b. Mary, b. 1-31-1770,
- 5b. Joseph, b. 9-25-1771.

- 6b. Anthony, b. 12-20-1773; d. 2-14-1858,
- 7b. Margaret, b. 6-13-1776.
- 8b. Martha, b. 10-6-1778.
- 9b. Lydia, b. 7-27-1780.
- 10b. Edward, b. 7-28-1782.
- 11b. Mourning, b. 4-11-1784.
- 12b. Susanna, b. 8-11-1788.

On the 12th day of Fourth mo., 1784, the family of Joseph was plunged into mourning by the death of Margaret, the wife and mother. A girl babe was born, but another was unborn when the mother died. Sarah, the oldest daughter, then a young woman in her twentieth year, took care of her infant sister, became the guiding star in her father's household until the step-mother appeared. Some three years after her mother's death she married and took into her own household the little sister until she, too, was grown and married. Joseph took a second wife in the person of Hannah Beeson, daughter of William and Mary Beeson. They were married in Deep River meeting, Third mo., 6th, 1786. The daughter Susanna was the child of this union. Joseph lived to see all his children married and settled in life; the youngest being about thirty years old at the time of his death.

1b. Sarah, the oldest child of Joseph and Margaret, was married to Obadiah Elliott, in Randolph Co., in 1787. They had twelve children, all born in N. C., and bearing the following names, but not in the order of their births:

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| 1c. Hannah,                | 7c. Lydia,                  |
| 2c. Elizabeth,             | 8c. Margaret,               |
| 3c. Mary, died in N. C.    | 9c. Sarah,                  |
| 4c. Joel, died in N. C.    | 10c. Obadiah, b. 3-28-1801. |
| 5c. Edith, died in N. C.   | 11c. Nathan,                |
| 6c. Ephraim, died in N. C. | 12c. Abigail.               |

1c. Hannah married John Beard. They remained and reared their children in North Carolina.

2c. Elizabeth married Henry Watkins and also remained in North Carolina.

3c. Mary; 4c. Joel; 5c. Edith; 6c. Ephraim, all died in childhood.



7c and Se, Lydia and Margaret. n. f. d.

9c. Sarah married William Rich, in N. C.; moved to Hamilton Co. in 1835, and from there to the east part of Howard Co., Ind. They had six children, three born in N. C., and three in Indiana. Their names, in order of their births, are:

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| 1d. Enos.    | 1d. Sarah.     |
| 2d. Anna.    | 5d. William E. |
| 3d. Abigail. | 6d. Catharine. |

Enos died when yet young.

2d. Anna m. Nathan Freeman, a minister in The Society of Friends, in the east part of Howard Co. — a very good man and a farmer by occupation. They had ten children who are here listed in the order of birth:

- 1e. Sarah, m. Nathan Heulton 11-10-1881.
- 2e. Joshua Buckingham, m. Rhoda Sleeth, 3-15-1880.
- 3e. Obadiah Elliott, m. Ellen Rassner, 4-15-1880.
- 4e. Robert, d. when 17 years old.
- 5e. Oliver, n. f. d.
- 6e. Daniel, m. Talitha Jane Merrill.
- 7e. William Amos, m. Mary C. Heulton, 4-15-1884.
- 8e. Elizabeth, m. Alfred Garner, 9-10-1885.
- 9e. Nathan Thomas, m. Elverna Charles.
- 10e. Anna Mary, m. Nathan H. Garretson, 9-1-1915.

1e. Sarah, the oldest of the family of Anna and Nathan Freeman, and her husband, Nathan Heulton, moved to the vicinity of Whittier, Cal. Sarah had taught in the public schools of Howard Co. for eight years before her marriage. Settling, as they did, near the seat of learning of the Friends of California, they gave their children good opportunities for education. Their children are named Anna, Edward, Puris, Emerson, Curtis (deceased), Ruth Annice and Ivan Freeman. Anna m. Charley A. Barnett, and Edward B. m. Mary Montague Wright; have two sons, Max Montague and Keith Buckingham.

2e. Joshua B. has been a teacher for forty-six years in the public schools of Indiana. He and his wife had the following named children: Elbert Earl, Ella Lavina, Celesta (deceased), Minnie Ola and Rolla De.

Dr. Elbert E. m. Myrtle Johnson. They have two sons, named Victor Ronald and Kenneth Joshua. Ella Lavina m. A. Jackson Rosenheimer. Rolla De m. Gail Beard; have two children, named Melba and Robert.

3e. Obadiah E. and wife have two daughters, Anna I. and Sarah Frances. The former m. Glenn Thomas. Their children are named Roland, Gilbert, Kenneth and Harriet. The latter m. Joseph Buehler.

6e. Daniel became a minister in the Friends church and a professor in Fargo College in N. Dakota. Their children are named Eva Pearl, Sarah India, Margaret, Harriet, Merrill and Jeanette. Eva Pearl m. Emil Groth and has three children. Emil is a chaplain in the navy. They live in Mass. Sarah India m. Gurney Clark, died, leaving a daughter named India. Margaret m. Harold Hubble. Harriet is a teacher in Illinois.

7e. William Amos is a minister in the Friends church. He and his wife had the following named children: Everett Ernest, Grace Olive, Edna Clementa, Hazel Pearl, Anna Mary, Celia Patience, Elbert and Eldon. Grace O. m. Warren Knouff; have four children, named Florine Esther, Lucile, Dorothy Mary and William Chas. They live in Alabama.

Edna C. m. Frank Mattis; had one son, named Lawrence Freeman. After her husband's death she m. Irvin E. Baker, 10-26-1921.

Hazel P. m. Benj. F. Railer; one son, Benj. Earl. Anna Mary m. Russell H. Fraizer. Their children are Edna Anna, Doris Lucile and William Russell. Celia P. m. Elwood Higley; one son, Howard Elwood. Everett E., Elbert and Eldon are not married. All except Grace O. live in Michigan.

Se. Elizabeth and Alfred Garner had children named Mabel Eden, Luther Clarence and Nathan Ernest.

Mabel E. m. Grover McLain; had six children; reside in India and he works for the Steel Company.

Luther C. m.; has a son named Maurice, and lives in S. Dakota.

Alfred Garner d. in 1894; Elizabeth in 1895.

9e. Nathan T. and wife had the following named children: Martha Alice, Martin Luther, Annice, Phebe



Elizabeth, Nathan Charles, Marguerite, Mabel Elverna, Bertha, Oliver and Thomas Samuel.

Martha A. m. Jesse Kilgore; have three children: Martin L., Annice and Phebe E.; all are married. Nathan Thomas Freeman, now deceased, was a teacher for many years in Indiana. His family resides in Michigan.

10e. Anna M., for 23 years a teacher; now resides near her sister Sarah in California.

3d. Abigail Rich m. Amos Carr; moved to Iowa; had four sons:

1e. William, with a family in Oklahoma.

2e. Hezekiah, with a family in Oregon.

3e. Joseph, with a family in Oregon.

4e. Amos, with a family in Oregon.

4d. Sarah Rich m. Milton Cox, a minister, and had five children:

1e. Lindsay m. Rhoda Carson, and have a large family in Howard Co., Ind.

2e. Emily m. a Berry. After his death she m. Thomas Hanna, and had four daughters. She was a minister.

3e. Milton A. was a deaf mute.

4e. Sarah M. m. and moved to southern Indiana.

5e. Martha A. m. Ola Lamb; had a family in Howard county.

5d. William E. Rich m. Irene Stanley; children in Col. and Kan. are: Milton, Enos, Mary, Martha and Catharine.

10c. Obadiah, son of Obadiah and Sarah Elliott, seems, from the date of his birth, to be about the eighth child altho we have him listed as the tenth; m. Armella Hinshaw, daughter of Seth and Hannah Hinshaw, in N. C. She was born 6-11-1810.

Their nine children were named:

1d. Benjamin B. n. f. d.

6d. Hannah A.

2d. Seth H. n. f. d.

7d. Jabez H. n. f. d.

3d. Calvin. n. f. d.

8d. William C. n. f. d.

4d. Clark. n. f. d.

9d. Malinda.

5d. Nathan. n. f. d.

We have no further data regarding these sons except that most of them went west.

6d. Hannah A. married Harmon Ballinger. He contracted pulmonary disease in the army and after a number of years under a light attack of pneumonia his life went out. He left three children: John, Ella and Willie. Hannah, the widowed mother, struggled along as best she could for a number of years, for the fact that her husband had died of acute disease, seemed, under the law at that time, to bar her getting a pension. She became the third wife of Andrew Baldwin, living some three miles southeast of Mooreland; for about sixteen years, faithfully nursing her husband thru a long period of disease incident to old age. After his death she lived most of the time with her son John, dying at his home near Middletown, Ind., Second mo. 3rd, 1900. She was married to her first husband when she was little more than fifteen years old. She died at the age of 63 years, 3 months and 3 days, and was buried by the side of her first husband at Greensboro.

9d. Malinda first married a Chappell, then a Cramer. The last heard of her she was in San Francisco, editing a Christian Science paper called "Harmony."

The oldest of these children was born in 1823, the youngest about 1842. The family came from N. C. in early days and settled near Greensboro, in Henry Co., Ind. After Armella's death, Obadiah married a widow with seven children. Her name was Mary P. (Burcham) Bowman. They had five children. It has been said that Obadiah sometimes boasted that he had 21 children in his family. Their five children were named as follows:

10d and 11d. Jesse and Armella, twins. n. f. d.

12d. Franklin H. n. f. d.

13d. Charlie. n. f. d.

14d. Cutie, married an Elliott and has one son, Carl. n. f. d.

11e. Nathan, son of Obadiah and Sarah Elliott, married Sarah Rich. They had five children, named as follows:

1d. Peter, married Sarah ——— n. f. d.

2d. Malinda, married a Dr. Woody.

3d. Fetty, married Moses Maxwell.





4d. Annice, married Alpheus Maxwell.

5d. George, married Abbie Frazier.

It seems that these people lived in Boone Co., Ind. Nathan's first wife dying, he married Cathrine Woody, a sister of Hugh Woody, the minister.

12c. Abigail, the youngest of the family of Obadiah and Sarah Elliott, married Samuel Rich. They lived near Thorntown, and had one daughter, named Sarah, who married a Coffin.

Obadiah and Sarah Elliott remained in North Carolina until they were growing old. Nearly all their children had come to Indiana. The last ones were preparing to come, when Obadiah took it into his head that they must come, too. Sarah thought it looked foolish for old people like them to move to a new country, and she strongly protested. He sold out and prepared to go. She cheerfully prepared her wardrobe to be buried on the way. But how little did she know of the future! When the wagons were ready to start, Obadiah took his staff in hand and started off with a lively step, saying he felt like he could walk to the Ohio river. Both lived to reach their destination in Indiana, lived for several years more, and Sarah survived Obadiah.

2b. William, the second child and eldest son of Joseph and Margaret Chamness, was born in the vicinity of Cane Creek meeting in Orange Co., N. C. When but a tad of three summers, his parents moved into the vicinity of Providence meeting in Randolph Co., where he grew to manhood. He learned to work on the farm and to do his part in supporting himself and the rest of his father's family. He received such education as the primitive schools of those days afforded: spelling, reading, writing and arithmetic. Like his father, he antedated Lindley Murray so many years that he did not so much as see an English grammar during his school days. Born as he was under provincial rule, nearly ten years of his life had passed before John Hancock and his compeers had signed the Declaration of Independence; his youth was spent during the turbulent times of the Revolutionary War, yet his environment kept him from knowing much outside the circle of his father's

family, the neighborhood in which he lived and the Friends meeting of which he was a member and a regular attendant. He did not marry young; was well along in his twenty-fifth year. He was married in Providence Friends meeting to Isabel Beeson, daughter of Isaac and Isabel Beeson, on the 9th day of Eleventh month, 1791. He wrote his own marriage certificate. His signature goes to prove it. This certificate, after his death, fell into the hands of their youngest son, and after a lapse of 130 years is in a fair state of preservation. It is so near a duplicate of the certificate of his parents' that we deem it useless to reproduce here anything more than the names of the witnesses, as follows: Sarah Pierson, Simon Geven, Margaret Chamness, Benjamin Beeson, Richard Beeson, Edward Chamness, Elizabeth Wilson, Hannah Hoggott, William Beeson, Martha Beeson, Solomon Hoggott, Mary Beeson, Thomas Branson, Samuel Pierson, Joseph Chamness, Elizabeth Pierson, Abigail Beeson, Mornen Powell, Hezekiah Hoggott, Elijah Powell, Martha Chamness, Jacob Elliott, William Peirson, Isaac Beeson, Sarah Elliott, Amos Kersey, Thomas Pierson, Mary Chamness, Isaac Beeson, Lydia Chamness, Samuel Beeson, Samuel Wilson, Hannah Chamness, Obadiah Elliott, Dinah Kersey, Anthony Chamness, Ann Brown, Absalom Beeson, Seth Beeson, Moses Hoggott, Susanna Reynolds, Jesse Wilson, Elizabeth Beeson. Twelve Beesons, relatives of the bride, and seven brothers and sisters of William signed the certificate, but it is impossible to tell whether the Joseph who signed it was his father or his brother. But from the fact that his step-mother signed it, we readily infer that his father was also present and signed it. The writing is good. The body of the certificate is in an excellent hand, and the signatures of William and Isabel, of Joseph and Hannah and many others would put to shame the writing of many a high school graduate of the present day. Yes, and it was done with quill pens that they themselves made.

William owned a farm of 300 acres, but was a poor, hard-working man all his days. He, however, succeeded in raising his family, but was unable to help them



much to get a start in life. His sons, generally by frugal living, had accumulated enough before leaving North Carolina to enter or purchase an eighty-acre farm in Indiana. William's life is so much blended with that of his sons and daughters that we propose to take it up along with the various events and activities were connected with those of his children. We now give a list of the nine children of William and Isabel, who were all born in Randolph Co., N. C. ( ( ) )

- 1e. Nathan, b. 4-25-1794; d. 4- 2-1876.  
 2e. Margaret, b. 3-11-1796; d. 4-23-1823.  
 3e. Joseph, b. 4- 2-1798; d. 6-20-1859.  
 4e. Mary, b. 2- 6-1800; d. 12- 5-1871.  
 5e. William, b. 6-26-1802; d. 2-26-1891.  
 6e. Isaac, b. 11-19-1804; d. 5-21-1867.  
 7e. Joshua, b. 3- 4-1806; d. 2-25-1889.  
 8e. Jesse, b. 1-11-1809; d. 9- 1-1892.  
 9e. Hannah, b. 8-19-1812; d. 9- 6-1888.

There was a story, known to some of the children of William, that the elder Isaac Beeson was opposed to the marriage of his daughter Isabel to William and refused his consent to Center Mo. Mtng. for the preparations for the marriage to go forward; but that the committee of the Mo. Mtng. conferred with him, decided against him and advised the meeting to let the marriage be consummated. It was said that he remained obdurate and would not go to meeting on the day of the marriage. The name of Isaac Beeson occurs twice among the forty-three witnesses who signed the certificate, and it might be argued that Isabel's father was one of these. But Isaac Beesons were numerous. One of these was Isabel's brother; the other could easily have been a cousin. The fact that no less than six of her brothers and sisters attached their names to the certificate indicates that the children were not much in sympathy with their father. Dinah Kersey was one of the daughters. Isaac was too good a man to hold for a great while a grudge against his son-in-law, but in good time relented and treated him in a right manner. This little bit of history is here given more than anything else to

show how carefully the Friends in those days guarded the marriages of their sons and daughters.

The following tribute to the life and character of William Chamness is given by his grandson, Ebenezer, and will, in a large degree, describe many a man and woman of Chamness descent:

"Grandfather Chamness was tall and commanding in appearance, rather slender, yet erect and symmetrical, strong, hardy, and capable of great endurance. The principal characteristics of his life were virtue, honesty, uprightiness, charity and a gentle Christian spirit ruling all the acts of his life. He loved the church of which he was a birth-right member, was loyal to its principles, customs and traditions, and faithfully discharged all the duties which the church placed upon him. Whether serving in the station of overseer or elder, he faithfully guarded the church against any evil conduct or any false doctrine. He shrank from formality and pride; and being of a quiet disposition, he preferred a domestic to a public life, and sought no honors from his fellows. As a parent he was kind and affectionate, yet firm; instilling into the minds and hearts of his children those sacred principles which, if practiced thru life, will make a well rounded Christian character."

This same writer says of his grandmother, Isabel: "She was a fit help-mate, with a quiet, gentle, in-offensive disposition, who was ever ready and willing to bear her share of the burdens of life."

William S. Chamness, another grandson, who knew both his grandparents well, both in North Carolina and in Indiana, in a rather elaborate paper, corroborates all that is said by the writer, and adds that his grandparents were people of note and well esteemed in the community where they lived.

1e. Nathan, the oldest son and child of William and Isabel Chamness, grew to manhood on his father's farm in N. C., and received such an education as the schools of those days could give him. It was meager enough that he never became proud of it. We might picture in our imaginations the thoughts and aspirations of "Uncle Nathan" as a boy, as he wandered about over the vast



expansion of that farm of 300 acres; and contrast them with those of a similar Indiana boy on an Indiana farm of similar size, in the first quarter of the twentieth century and worth, perhaps, \$75,000. The Indiana boy can get a college education, while "Uncle Nathan" in his day must plod on from "early morn till dewey eve" and receive for his reward little more than a bare subsistence. It is little wonder that the Carolinians were proverbially stingy. Nathan was married to Mary McCracken, at Marlboro, N. C., in 1819. Their children, all born in N. C., except the youngest who was born in Wayne Co., Ind., are here listed:

- 1d. Martha, b. 2-26-1820; d. 3-16-1856.
- 2d. Abigail, b. 2-12-1822; d. 5-4-1881.
- 3d. William S., b. 11-2-1824; d. 3-23-1896.
- 4d. David V., b. 7-5-1828; d. 8-25-1907.
- 5d. Eunice W., b. 12-3-1831; d. 7-24-1903.
- 6d. Aelsa A., b. 8-5-1835; d. 12-20-1888.

Moving from North Carolina to Indiana in early days was an arduous undertaking, and even when the weather and roads were favorable it took the teams near a month to make the trip. Such a change could not be defended except on the very reasonable supposition that they were bettering conditions, themselves and families. Nathan came to Indiana in 1832, but was preceded by some of his younger brothers. William S., who was a boy of eight summers, relates in his "Reminiscences" that on the first night in camp an incident occurred which showed "Grandfather's" anxiety and watchful care over his children. Of course they had gone much less than a day's journey, and it was nearing ten o'clock when they heard the noise of horses' feet on the road. When the riders appeared, they proved to be "Grandfather" and "Uncle Jesse." They "camped" with them for the night, and in the morning again took their leave and returned home.

When Nathan and his family arrived at their destination, he purchased an eighty-acre farm about one mile west of Dalton, one-half of it lying in Wayne Co., the other adjoining it on the west in Henry Co. The buildings were erected on the east forty, so they became

residents of Wayne Co. It seems, from the minutes of the Mo. Mtg. here, that their destination was not very well understood, as their certificate of removal was received from Cherry Grove Mo. Mtg. in Fourth mo., 1833.

Their children all grew up to age of maturity.

1d. Martha might have been called a dwarf; was bright, but very small, and never developed into a mature woman, and died young.

2d. Abigail was mentally defective.

3d. William S., the elder son, was a merchant, and was regarded as an honest, fair dealing, business man. He sold goods in Dalton for a number of years, moved to Spiceland where he continued as a merchant and educated his children in the academy. Then moved to Marion and continued his business as long as he was able. He never grew wealthy. When stricken by paralysis, he went to his desk and was writing a codicil to his will when the physician arrived, and finished it before he greeted the physician. He m. Rebecca J. Lamb, a daughter of Miles and Nancy Lamb, of the vicinity of Cadiz, on 5-6-1858. As the infirmities of age crept on Nathan and Mary, the two sons disagreed and Wm. S. became guardian of their affairs, rented out the farm and moved his parents and Abigail into his own home in Spiceland, where they were cared for by himself and wife for the remainder of their days, and their bodies consigned to rest in the cemetery at that place. The children of William S. and Rebecca are here listed, as follows:

1e. Theodore E., b. 3-12-1859; m. Fannie McCombs. They have three children, Grace, William and May, and live in Indianapolis.

2e. Carrie Ruth, b. 4-12-1861; m. a Rees, and live in Indianapolis.

3e. Oscar L., b. 12-6-1862; m. Agnes Evans, and studied for the bar. He and his wife have two sons, Howard and Arthur.

4e. Ollinda F., b. 4-18-1868; d. 3-2-1895; m. Wm. Z. King, in 1889. They had two sons, both of whom preceded her in death.

5e. Rufus E., b. 10-9-1870; d. 3-12-1903. m. f. d.



6c. Mary D. m. a man named McCoy, and lived in Indianapolis, n. f. d.

Rebecca J., wife of William S., survived him many years. She was born in Henry Co., Ind., 5-16-1836. After her husband's death she made her home the greater part of the time with her daughter, Mary D. McCoy, in Indianapolis, where she died 2-27-1913.

4d. David V., the younger son of Nathan and Mary, m. Julia A. Weaver, daughter of Jos. Weaver, and for awhile owned the property which was later known as the Markle mill. Later on, he and his family lived with his parents for the purpose of taking care of them and tilling the farm. After his parents were removed to Spiceland, he lived in Richmond, awaiting the settlement of his father's estate. When he had received his share of the estate he moved to Kansas; later on, into Oklahoma, where he died in old age. His wife died at her home in Kansas, 12-18-1916, aged about 81 years. Their children, all born in Wayne Co., are as follows:

1e. Dora B., b. 9-18-1857, near Dalton, Ind.

2e. John E., b. 2-29-1860, at the old Markle mill.

3e. Joseph, b. 6-5-1866, near Dalton, Ind.

1e. Dora B., their only daughter, m. Philip Feist in 1877, at Richmond, Ind. Of their three children, Charlie was the only one that survived childhood. He m., but their children all died. He is in the oil business at Bartlesville, Okla.

2e. John E., the elder son, obtained a fair education in the district school near Dalton, and in the high school at Richmond; went with the family in 1875 to Kansas, where he grew to manhood and married Mattie E. Piatt, a school teacher, 9-1-1880. She d. 4-23-1882, leaving an infant daughter, who bears her mother's name, is still with her father, and unmarried. On 8-12-1884, John E. m. Clara B. Piatt, of Kansas City, Mo. They have three children, bearing the following names:

11. Maud Lillian, b. 8-28-1885, at Chanute, Kansas; m. Emmet Davison, a minister in the Christian church and pastor at Mineral Wells, Texas.

2f. Hugh Austin, b. 8-10-1887, at Chanute, Kansas; graduated at Stillwater H. S. and business college; m.

Ruby Miller. They have one child, named LaRue. Hugh Austin is a prosperous business man at Ft. Worth, Tex., as superintendent of the Franklin Motor Car Co.

3f. Alta L., b. 12-13-1890, at Earlham, Iowa; came with the family to Okla. in 1897; attended A. and M. College, in Stillwater; m., 11-27-1909, at Coyle, Okla., to Benj. H. Dobson. Their children are Marjorie, Vernon and Louise. The husband is a cotton planter, overseer of several farms, and dealer in cotton.

John E. Chamness engaged in the mercantile business while yet a young man. After a few years he became an active member of the Christian church and felt the call into the ministry. He gave up his worldly ambitions, followed the Master and was ordained Evangelist. He has baptized many converts, strengthened weak churches, organized new congregations and proclaimed the Gospel to many thousands. Since 1910 he has labored in western Oklahoma, being the only Christian minister in that part of the country for a large part of these years; located at Gage, yet supplies Arnett and Shattuck part of the time; holds meetings in the country, driving a little Ford roadster; ministers to the needy, visits the sick, conducts funerals, marries the young folks, and thus gets so well known by the people of the surrounding country that every resident knows him as "Brother Chamness." When he moved to western Okla., the population was of a rough, wild character, but he has lived to see the fruits of his labor in the improved moral and religious condition of the people.

3e. Joseph, the younger son, is a confirmed bachelor; has been a farmer and stock raiser all his life. In 1889, he and his father made the run into Oklahoma and secured claims near Guthrie.

5d. Eunice W., third daughter, m. Charles H. Kirk, an Englishman and a harness maker, who plied his trade in Dalton. They moved to Bethel, a small village in Delaware Co., where Charles continued his trade in connection with a store. They had one son, Sewell H., b. 1-23-1878, d. 3-21-1917. Eunice W. and Charles lived out their allotted time, he dying at the age of 85 years.





The home was left to Sewell. He supported himself. At his death the family became extinct.

6d. Achsa A., the youngest daughter of Nathan's family, m. James R. Duckett. They had six children. Viola and Morton, the eldest and the third, died in early life. The others are listed:

2e. Mabelle M., m. Sylvan S. MacNichols.

4e. John C., m. Miss Pearl Uplyke.

5e. William W., m. a Miss Jolliff, of Johnson Co.

6e. James Edwin, m. Miss Anna Marie Long.

4e. John C. lives in or near Indianapolis. He and wife have the following named children: Margaret, Mae, Orville and James R.

5e. William W. owns a large farm in Johnson Co., Ind. Their children are Rife, Robert, Maurice, Oma Achsa, Nancy, Cathryn and Arthur.

6e. James Edwin is a chain maker and lives in Hammond, Ind. They have two sons, Earl, who m. Goldie McCoy, and Sylvan McNichols.

g 2c. Margaret, eldest daughter of William, m. Elisha Dennis, at Providence, Randolph Co., N. C. Two sons were born to them: Joseph, who died in early childhood, and William C., who survived his mother, was taken by his grandparents but died in childhood. Margaret died when about 27 years old. Her family is extinct.

3e. Joseph, second son of William and Isabel, grew to manhood in N. C., and had plenty to do on his father's large farm. It may be presumed that he received about such education as the other members of his father's family. He was married when in his twenty-first year, or about Twelfth mo., 1818, to Susanna Reynolds, daughter of Ebenezer and Rachel Reynolds. It was 1819, probably in the spring, that Ebenezer turned his wagon tongue pointing towards Indiana. He had a spacious wagon bed and a good new cover for it, made of home-grown and home-spun material. He packed into this wagon the more essential articles of household goods and kitchen utensils, with some space in front for the driver; Rachel, the good wife, and the smaller children, and an occasional rest for the older ones when

tired of walking. Joseph Chamness had fitted out a wagon and team, and prepared to accompany his wife's parents to the new State of Indiana. Being delayed to repair a broken wagon wheel it took him nine weeks to make the trip into Wayne Co. On arrival, Joseph looked about for a place to found a home. He found a tract of land somewhere between Greensfork and Martindale creeks and entered it from the Government. This tract seems not to have suited him, so he sold it and shifted about to some extent for a few years, living a part of the time in the vicinity of Dalton. An abstract of title to the 80-acre tract of land lying in Henry Co., the east line touching the Wayne Co. line, the N. E. corner the N. W. corner of Wayne Co., the north line touching Randolph Co., the south line the Mooreland road, shows that Joseph Chamness entered this tract from the Government in 1829. He erected buildings, founded a home, cleared out a farm, added other acres to his first possessions, lived, reared a family and died. He at one time contemplated giving to each of his children a 40-acre tract of land. But he died without entirely accomplishing his purpose. The birth and death dates of Susanna will be found in the family record of Ebenezer Reynolds in this work. The children of Joseph and Susanna are as follows:

1d. Abigail,	b. 8- 7-1819; d. 11- 6-1820. n. f. d.
2d. William C.,	b. 2-27-1822; d. 1-29-1884.
3d. Ebenezer,	b. 3-31-1824; d. 6- 6-1914.
4d. Reuben,	b. 1-31-1826; d. 7-15-1895.
5d. Elizabeth,	b. 4- 1-1828; d. 2-23-1854.
6d. Eliza,	b. 9- 4-1830; d. 5-11-1900.
7a. Jesse,	b. 5-13-1833; d. 7-20-1834. n. f. d.
8d. Elijah,	b. 1-31-1836; d. 8- 8-1906.
9d. Hannah,	b. 2- 4-1839; d. 5- 7-1855.

2d. William C., second son of Joseph and Susanna Chamness, married Mary Canaday, daughter of Walter and Hannah Canaday, in the year 1843. They lived near his father in Henry Co., and retained their rights in the ch. lch. Mary, the faithful wife and mother, died 10th mo. 5th, 1875, leaving William in care of the young-



est daughter. Mary was in her 51st year. Their children are as follows:

- 1e. Lydia, b. 8-22-1845; d. 9-1-1852. n. f. d.
- 2e. Cynthia, b. 6-10-1847; d. 5-17-1908.
- 3e. Rachel R., b. 5-15-1849; d. 1-29-1905.
- 4e. Enos, b. 6-29-1851; d. 1-26-1853. n. f. d.
- 5e. Lucinda, b. 11-5-1853; d. 1-27-1899.
- 6e. Elvaretta, b. 1-26-1857; d.
- 7e. Thos. Harvey, b. 12-26-1859; d. 1-13-1868. n. f. d.

2e. Cynthia, second daughter of Wm. C. and Mary Chamness, was married to Jacob Shaffer. Soon after their marriage they bought a farm in Jay Co., where they lived until death called them hence. They had one child, Emma, who died young. The husband had pulmonary disease, from which he died 2nd mo. 18th, 1897. The family is extinct.

3e. Rachel R., 3rd daughter of William and Mary, married Isaiah Lamb. They had four children, named Laura Alice, Leander, Jacob and Wm. Otis. n. f. d.

5e. Lucinda married Solomon Frazier, moved into Jay Co.; had three children, Thomas H., Ora and Francis. n. f. d.

6e. Elvaretta married Marion Campbell; had one son, Charlie, who died in childhood. Her second husband was John H. Baldwin; had two sons: William H., who married Jessie Moystner, and Thomas E., who married Bertha Ward. John H. Baldwin was born 10-30-1855; died 4-29-1917.

3d. Ebenezer, third son of Joseph and Susanna Chamness, was born on a farm near Dalton, and received such education as was afforded by the schools of the fore part of the nineteenth century. He moved with his parents to their new home in Henry Co., about 1830, where he grew to manhood, working with his father in clearing out a farm. He earned the reputation of having cleared more land than any other man in the community in which he lived, and of having wonderful powers of memory, claiming as he did that he could remember witnessing the marriage of his Uncle William and Aunt Anna before he was two years old. He was

married to Mahala Lamb, daughter of Thomas and Massa Lamb, 2-25-1812. Their children are here listed in the order of their births:

- 1e. Nancy, b. 11-23-1844; d. 7-24-1868. n. f. d
- 2e. Louisa, b. 7-16-1846; m. Luke Tinkle.
- 3e. Irena, b. 9-10-1849; d. 8-23-1918.
- 4e. John Wesley, b. 3-16-1856; m. Elizabeth Finch.
- 5e. Thos. Clarkson, b. 8-20-1854; m. Huldah J. Poling.
- 6e. Jos. Parker, b. 11-16-1856; m. Ella Stout, 1st wife.
- 7e. Martha A., b. 3-18-1858; d. 1-18-1920.
- 8e. Ellen, b. 6-6-1860; m. Charles Stout.

Mahala, the mother of these children, was born 5-11-1824, d. 5-31-1862, leaving Ebenezer with a large family, and the youngest but two years old. The older daughters bravely took charge of the household, and kept the children together. Ebenezer was always rather a poor man, yet a quiet, industrious citizen. By the strenuous rules of the Friends Discipline, he lost his birth-right, and for many years affiliated with the Christian church. His children, nearly all having moved into Jay Co., he, also, in the year 1871, transferred himself to that part of the state, and settled in a home with his daughter Louisa. More than 52 years of his earthly life passed without the companionship of the wife of his youth. After he had moved to Jay Co., he united with the Friends church again, lived a devoted Christian life and died in the triumphs of a living faith. His remains were brought back to the neighborhood where his youthful years were spent; funeral services were held at Nettle Creek church, conducted by his nephew, Leander Chamness, and his body laid to rest by that of his wife in the cemetery near by.

1e. Nancy, the oldest child of Ebenezer and Mahala, died when yet a young woman and unmarried.

2e. Louisa and Luke Tinkle had three children: Minnie L., Laura May, and Lawrence. Minnie, the elder daughter, b. 5-27-1863; m. Wm. Ninde, b. 8-21-1867. Their children are F. Earl, R. Claud, Ralph W., R. Dale.

F. Earl Ninde, b. 12-22-1890, and his wife, Mary, b. 4-3-1893, have two children: Francis G. Ninde, b. 6-26-



1915, and Charles Henry, b. 7-20-1918. He is a book-keeper in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

R. Claud, Minnie Ninde's second son, b. 8-28-1892, is a farmer and cattle raiser. His wife, Actna, b. 8-3-1897. Their son, Frederic C., b. 4-20-1920.

Ralph W., third son of Minnie Ninde, b. 11-2-1896. Farmer and breeder of big type Poland China hogs, Bryant, Ind. Ruby, his wife, b. 1-27-1896. Their children are Herbert R., b. 10-23-1915; Lois R., b. 4-13-1917, and Jean Ruth, b. 1-20-1920.

R. Dale, fourth son of Minnie Ninde, b. 3-8-1903, is still at home and in high school.

Laura May, second daughter of Louisa Tinkle, b. 9-9-1870. Aaron W. Letts, her first husband, b. 11-1-1861. Their children are: Alpha, b. 6-26-1889; m. Jesse Leggett, clerk in a store, Muncie, Ind. Their son is Gerald Leggett, b. 2-18-1907.

Laura May's second daughter, LaVada, b. 12-11-1892, m. Lewis A. Goontz, 8-16-1919. He was a soldier in the World war; enlisted in the 826th aero squadron at Waco, Texas, attached to the English army; saw service in France as 1st class sergeant.

Laura May's third daughter, Melva, b. 12-22-1894, m. Owen Kirby, b. 8-23-1893. Their children are: Mary Elizabeth, b. 2-11-1915; Thomas Aaron, b. 2-20-1917; Robert F., b. 3-9-1920. Fourth child, a son.

Carl N. Letts, b. 5-13-1897, served as a soldier in the World war from 5-7-1917 to 11-22-1919; wounded 7-18-1918; discharged 11-22-1919.

Laura May's second husband was Chas. Haffner, b. 9-14-1870. Farmer. 1st daughter, Edith, b. 4-23-1902; m. Morris Pingry, b. 8-3-1898. 2nd daughter, Wilma, b. 10-13-1905. 3rd daughter, Doris, b. 1-21-1907. 4th daughter, Helen Ruth, b. 10-8-1910.

Lawrence Tinkle, only son of Louisa Tinkle, b. 9-12-1883. His wife, Edna, b. 11-18-1889. He is a farmer. His children are: Vaughn, b. 10-27-1908, and Donovan, b. 9-21-1912.

3e. Irena, the third daughter, m. Jesse Lamac. He died of tuberculosis after a short period of married life, leaving Irena with a daughter named Mary E., who

grew to womanhood and m. James Haffner. They live in Jay Co., and have two sons. Irena was a widow for many years; moved to Jay Co. with her people and m. an elderly man named William Stout, and survived him.

4e. John W., oldest son of Ebenezer, m. Elizabeth Finch. She had three children, of which Luther, the youngest, was the only one who lived to be grown. After Elizabeth's death, John W. m. Sarah, the widow of Uriah Chamness, Luther's wife and child had been called away by death, and he was making his home with his father and step-mother near Blountsville. When driving out with his step-mother in a closed vehicle, on 3-3-1909, a train struck them. She was killed instantly; he survived for two days; was b. 6-9-1880; d. 3-5-1909. After this sad accident, John W. was for a while unsettled, but later m. a third wife and settled at Elkhart, Ind.

5e. Thomas C. (known as Clark), second son of Ebenezer, m. Huldah J. Poling, in Jay Co. They lived in various places and finally settled on a farm near Elkhart, Ind. Their three children are named Florence Matilda, Eva Myrtle and William Arthur. Florence M., the older daughter, m. Theodore Gavaux Bears. They have a daughter named Mary Naomi, a son named Murrell. Eva M., the younger daughter, m. Isaac N. Anderson. Their son's name is Carl Cecil.

William Arthur, son of Thos. C., b. in Jay Co., Ind., 2-22-1885. Educated in the common schools and living in the oil regions of Indiana, he naturally became interested in the oil industry. From the oil fields of Jay Co. he drifted into the Illinois district and thence into the fields of Oklahoma, where he became the head of a company in the general oil business. He m., 8-4-1906, Clarice Maud Crawford. Their children are: Damon Lorane, Darcel Joseph and Catherine Jane.

6e. Joseph P., youngest son of Ebenezer, and Ella, his first wife, had three children as follows: F. Earl, m. Pearl Saunders, had one child named Jane Ridgeway. Lulu, the elder daughter, m. Herbert H. Hunt. Their three children, all daughters, died in early childhood. Ella (known in childhood as Pet), m. Minor R. Benson. Their child is named J. Ray Edward. Joseph P.'s first



wife died soon after the birth of her third child. He took a second wife in the person of Elizabeth (Potter) Stanley. His third and surviving wife was Alice Jane (Lake) Hasler. Bereft of his mother at the age of five years, he well knew the yearnings for a mother's love. This was in a measure supplied by his older sisters, especially Louisa, who, in a degree, became his guiding star in his youth, and to whom he yet feels a great warmth of love. He confesses this feeling towards her in the sketch of his life which he has furnished the compiler. Just after completing his eleventh year he was taken into the home of Henry and Rebecca Chamness where he spent one year, during the winter attending the district school for four months. When the year was out, Henry gave him \$50. This amount, which seemed in his eyes a huge pile of money, at once enlarged the horizon of his life, and he began in earnest to seek an education. Beginning in the Fremont district school (so called because the house was built the year that Fremont was a candidate for President) his progress was slow, because the teachers in those days knew little beyond the old rote method of teaching. He took some preparatory work at the Portland Normal school in Jay Co., Ind., and began teaching when he was eighteen years old, teaching in the same house in the Fremont district in which he attended his first term of school under Rachel Chamness as teacher. He had an intense desire to see the world, but his purse being limited he was obliged to forego much of that pleasure. However, when the Centennial Exposition came on at Philadelphia, he succeeded, by borrowing \$20 of money, in augmenting his purse to such an extent that he, in company with others, attended that Exposition, and visited adjacent places of interest. In 1906 he visited Niagara Falls, and in 1908 he, with some near relatives, made a tour of the Great Northwest, crossing over the international line into Victoria, returning via, several of the principal cities of the Northwest. He taught school for thirteen consecutive years. It was during the last of these years, and while living on a farm, that he attended revival services at the Oakland M. E.

church, became wholly converted, and at once felt the call into the ministry. He was not disobedient, but began at once a special preparation for his life's work, by taking the Conference four-years' course and completing it in three years. He was, in Sept., 1883, ordained Elder by Bishop Dickson, of the U. B. Church at Lima, Ohio, and at once appointed to the Dunkirk charge at Dunkirk, Ind. He held revival services at Redkey with signal success; secured a lot on which a beautiful church was later erected. It was while he was teaching in the Dunkirk high school for two years that he supplied the Kingsley congregation of the M. E. Church, as pastor. This seems to have led him from the U. B. Conference into the North Indiana M. E. Conference. He was first given the Geneva charge, which he supplied for five years, beginning April, 1891; then Fountain City for four years; Richmond, four years; Muncie, six years; Ridgeville, two years; Lynn, three years; Richmond (Fairview) two years; Marion, Highland Ave., three years. During these years he has filled many responsible positions in the church, on various committees, sometimes where careful legal consideration was required on questions of church law and polity. He has been much in demand to deliver addresses on special occasions. He is a "Sunday School optimist," having served a term as President of the Wayne County S. S. Association, and his work in this line has helped to place Hamilton County S. Schools among the "Gold Star" counties. He is an Elder in the M. E. Church, and has now been in the ministry more than thirty-two years. He makes a good presiding officer of the Chamness Reunion, and is often chosen by their executive committee to deliver a sermon on Sunday. He has preached more than 5,000 sermons, seen more than 500 converted, received into the church more than 575, baptized 558, preached 482 funerals, and solemnized 367 marriages.

7c. Martha A., fourth daughter of Ebenezer, and her husband, Isaac Rupel, owned a farm near Bryant, Jay Co., Ind., where they reared a family of six children, viz.:  
 1f. Washington Irving, b. 10-13-1877; m. Bertha G. Strait.





- 2f. Albert Ulysses, b. 7-1-1880; d. 8-20-1905.  
 3f. Nancy Ola, b. 9-16-1883; m. Clinton Shoemaker.  
 4f. Alva O., b. 1-9-1888; m. Cecil Brown.  
 5f. Ernest, b. 7-6-1892; m. Freda Ayer.  
 6f. Cora Leona, b. 8-29-1895; m. Wayne Brunson.

Isaac Ruple, d. 6-24-1915. Martha A., his wife, survived him nearly five years. They were a worthy couple and reared a worthy family.

1f. Washington Irving, the oldest son, lives on a farm near Bryant, Jay Co., Ind. He and his wife had but one child, and it died in infancy.

2f. Albert Ulysses married Minnie E. Lewis, daughter of Emory T. and Emma Lewis, 5-24-1905. This young man seems to have been a genius of fine order, an inventor of rare merit. He had taken lessons from a correspondence school and obtained some ideas from the Armour Institute of Technology, Chicago. His inventive genius had already won for him a reputation far beyond the circle of his acquaintance. For a few years he had been working on a flying machine with which he expected to startle the mechanical world. He first conceived the idea from watching the birds fly over his head as he went about his work at home. If wings could lift a bird from the earth and propel it thru the air, he could see no reason why an air ship constructed on the same principle would not be equally successful. With wealth behind him, and the energy to put his ideas to a useful purpose, he began his experiments. A small machine was first made as a model, and this proved so successful in carrying itself thru the air that the young inventor set about making a machine to compete with Santos Dumont at the St. Louis world's fair. In this, however, he failed, because he was too late getting the work started. When he had his machine ready, tests were made which seemed to prove it a success. It was the opinion of those competent to inspect his machine that all it lacked to make it a success was the proper motive power. At this juncture of his career an accident happened to him that for all time put an end to his career as an inventor. He was at work in the barn and stepped upon the point of a rusty nail. It penetrated

deeply into the flesh of his heel. A physician was immediately called who gave the wound the needed attention; at least it was supposed he did so. All seemed to be going well with him for about five days, when the very thing they feared actually developed—tetanus. His sufferings were intense, yet he bore them with fortitude and resignation. He had lived a blameless life, and died in the triumphs of a living faith in Christ.

3f. Nancy Ola, third child and elder daughter of Isaac and Martha A. Ruple, married Clifton Shoemaker. They have two children living: Edith Leola, b. 11-20-1906, and Ernest Albert, b. 6-5-1912.

4f. Alva O., third son of Isaac and Martha A. Ruple, has purchased 140 acres of the Ruple homestead in Jay Co. His wife, Cecile, was born 5-17-1891. Their children are Robert W., b. 10-7-1919, and Martha Rose, b. 1-20-1921.

5f. Ernest, fourth son, was a doctor, and was called for war service and stationed at Camp Oglethorpe, Ga., but was not permitted to go over seas as he much desired. He was 1st Lieut. in the Medical Corps. He is a practicing physician in Indianapolis, and makes Gen-Urinary a specialty. He and his wife are childless.

6f. Cora L., younger daughter, m. Wayne Brunson, a farmer, b. 1-27-1896. Their three children: Lillian, b. 11-25-1914; Clyde Pierce, b. 4-9-1918; Richard Verl, b. 7-13-1921.

8c. Ellen Stout, fifth daughter and youngest child of Ebenezer and Mahala Chamness, married in Jay Co., Ind. She and her husband have raised a large family, named as follows:

- 1f. Raymond, m. to Jennie Brunson.  
 2f. Mahala Grace, m. Charles Shroyer.  
 3f. Leslie E., unmarried, n. f. d.  
 4f. Sina May, m. Roseco Wall.  
 5f. Louisa Delphine, m. Guy Lewis.  
 6f. Joseph Carl, m. Velma Swigart.  
 7f. Ross Teddy, m. Edna Gray.  
 8f. Carrie Irene, m. Earl Bridge.  
 9f. Glennie Captolia, 10f. Aili Alice and 11f. Thelma Fern are all unmarried.



4d. Reuben, fourth son of Joseph and Susanna Chamness, married Amassa Lamb, and succeeded his father in the ownership of the farm, altho a part of it was sold to Enos Canaday, and some added on the west, thus extending it to what was known as the Fremont road. Reuben had two children:

1e. Nelson, married Mary Ann Finch.

2e. Martha, died at the age of four years.

Reuben's wife died 5-16-1891, leaving him to end his days in the home of his son. After his death, Nelson, being the only heir, took possession of the entire estate. He and his wife had three children:

1f. Carl Reuben, n. f. d.

2f. Arkie Arnova, died in childhood.

3f. Cliston, n. f. d.

Nelson moved and erected buildings and planted an orchard on the road. A singular fatality, sometimes called "bad luck," seemed to follow him. A lingering disease seized his wife, to which she succumbed 11-13-1902, aged nearly 51 years. The house at one time, the barn at another, were consumed by fire. Nelson seemed to gradually abandon the farm, finally sold it, and he and his sons moved to other parts.

6d. Elihu, the fifth son of Joseph and Susanna, married Elizabeth Tate, daughter of Milton and Martha Tate. She was born in Amsterdam Co., Va., and came to Henry Co., with her parents, when young. Her father died soon after coming to Indiana. She found a home with Solomon and Nancy Cory until she grew to womanhood and married. Elihu owned a home adjoining Reuben's possessions on the north, and just east of the Fremont school house. Here he died, leaving Elizabeth a widow. She was born 7-8-1833. After Elihu's death, she lived with her son in Muncie, was a sufferer for many years with a large tumor, and died 3-6-1912.

They had three children, as follows:

1e. Sylvester.

2e. Louisa.

3e. Martha.

1e. Sylvester married Rebecca Canaday, daughter of Wm. and Hannah Canaday; was an auctioneer and for

a while had a small store and P. O. at Chamness flag station on the C. C. C. & St. L. R. R. Selling out, he moved to Muncie where he continued to work as an auctioneer and at the carpenter's trade, buying lots, putting up houses on them and selling them at a profit. He has thus built up a comfortable competence for old age. He and his wife had two daughters:

1f. Bertie, m. Oliver Beeson, son of Lewis R. Beeson. Their home is in Muncie, Ind.

2f. Orpha Estella, b. 10-14-1879; d. 7-7-1899. Here was an amiable and lovable young woman whose life on earth seemed all too brief.

2e. Louisa was unfortunate in her marriages, but it does not seem that the fault was much hers. She m. Amos Holiday, and had one daughter, Addie Florence, who m. Edward Brown. Her third husband was John S. Davis. They had a home at Losantville, where they lived until his death. She now occupies it alone.

3e. Martha E., b. 7-11-1861; m. Reuben H. Johnson, 1-29-1878, who was b. 1-16-1861. They have a farm east of Losantville, where they have raised a family of twelve children. Their record follows:

Miranda, b. 10-8-1878, m. Luna Edwards.  
 Mary Elizabeth, b. 3-2-1881, m. McGunnehill.  
 Sarah Ella, b. 11-22-1882, m. Denver Metsker.  
 Addie Elba, b. 9-3-1884, m. F. H. Thompson.  
 Clifton Elsworth, b. 4-26-1886, m. Oval Allen.  
 Lucy Myrtle, b. 3-11-1888, m. Perry Koons.  
 Tressa Blon, b. 7-17-1890, m. James Snodgrass.  
 Lewis Glenn, b. 11-20-1892, m. Margaret Smullen.  
 Lina Alina, b. 6-6-1895, m. Earl Rollins.  
 Ruby Dell, b. 5-19-1899, m. Ralph Parquhar.  
 Benjamin Franklin, b. 4-29-1901, n. f. d.  
 Georgia Dean, b. 7-7-1904, n. f. d.

8d. Elijah, sixth son of Joseph and Susanna, married Mary, the youngest child of Ezra and Mary Reynolds, 11-13-1851. Here was a couple who had many of the hardships of life with seldom a home to call their own, yet they lived lives of that faith which is hid with God in Christ. Their five children are here enumerated:



1e. Arvanda, b. 12-28-1855; d. 3-31-1904.

2e. Rufus; died in infancy.

3e. Leander, b. 6-12-1860; m. 12-13-1881.

4e and 5e. Almond and Samantha died in infancy.

✓ 1e. Abianda, early in her teens, married George W. Lamb. They had one son, Albert, who married Eva L. Taylor, was a worthy young man, and made a success in life. Her second husband was James F. Schlagle. They lived for a while in Economy, then moved to Richmond, where they owned a home. They seemed bound together in Christian love and were active members of the M. E. Church. She, however, was hampered in all her work by a lingering disease which culminated in her death at the age of 48 years.

3e. Leander, the second son and third child of Elijah and Mary, was born in or near Dalton and received much of his early education in the district school near that village. Those who knew him in his mature years would guess aright when they form the opinion that in his early years he was full of life and the vivacity of youth, prone to wander into forbidden paths. This inclination was brought to a halt when he became converted and began talking in meeting. He was at that time a barber in Economy. He had a ready tongue. He consecrated it, and kept on talking in the barber shop and in meeting until Springfield, Mo., Mtg. of Friends, which he had joined soon after his conversion, recorded him a minister of the Gospel. Prior to his conversion, he did at least one good thing, when he married a woman who is worthy to be the wife of a minister. She was Lillie E. Shively. Their children, three in number, are here listed:

1f. Lewis, b. 12-5-1882; m. Rena E. Edwards, 9-29-1900.

2f. Carrie E., b. 8-27-1884; d. 5-14-1912.

3f. Charles Clifford, b. 2-6-1890; m. Alsie L. Gwin, 10-9-1909.

1f. Lewis' first wife, b. 1-13-1882; d. 7-21-1905, leaving one daughter, Lella E., b. 1-30-1893. Lewis' second wife was Rena E. Edwards. Their four children are named Leotis, Wilma Jeanette, Carrie Catherine and Phoebe Ruth.

2f. Carrie m. Everson G. Atkinson. Their three children are J. Juanita, James L. and Olive Catherine.

3f. Chas. Clifford and wife have three children, named Luther Leander, Margaret Lillie and Chas. Oscar.

Since becoming a minister, Leander has worthily served as pastor for several meetings. He sold out the barber shop in Economy and moved to Williamsburg where he preaches and works in a store.

4e. Mary, the second daughter and fourth child of William and Isabel Chamness, came with her parents to Indiana in 1838, and continued to live with them until her marriage, 11-27-1844, when she became the second wife of Cadwalader Pitts. This marriage of a couple in middle life seems to have been approved by all who knew them. He was a good man, she a good woman. He took her into his home near Greensboro, in Henry Co., where they lived together in love and harmony until death separated them. After his death in 1855, she returned to the home of her sister, Hannah Canaday. A small house was erected nearby, for her to occupy as her home. This she occupied until the autumn of 1871. She seemed to dislike being alone during the long winter nights. She was well treated by her relatives, yet a very warm intimacy had grown up between her and her niece, the younger daughter of her youngest brother, and it was to their home she wished to be taken for the winter. Her every wish was granted. But her stay in that home was of short duration, only a few weeks till the messenger called her home.

5e. William, the third son and fifth child of William and Isabel Chamness, unlike his brothers, came to Indiana without a wife. It seems that his father-in-law was too smart for him and brought the girl several years ahead of his coming. He came in the year 1823, and began looking about for a wife and a place to live. His brother Joseph had married Susanna Reynolds. Her father, Ebenezer, had died. William and the daughter, Anna, would visit at the home of Bro. Joseph and Sister Susie. They first talked of love, then of marriage; and when the last weeks of the year 1825 had rolled around, a man who attached J. P. to his name was called to the



home of Joseph Chamness, and William Chamness and Anna Reynolds were joined in the bonds of matrimony. The following year, 1826, he entered from the government an 80-acre tract, the southwest corner of which lies just one mile east of the village of Dalton. In those days when roads could be made almost anywhere, irrespective of lines, he found a good building site where the hill sloped gently northward to a magnificent spring. Here the future J. P. and conductor on the "Underground" railroad, erected his castle, cleared out a farm and reared a family. The children are here given:

- 1d. Jehu, b. 2-5-1826; d. 11-2-1909.
- 2d. Riley, b. 2-21-1827; d. 12-29-1903.
- 3d. Larkin, b. 6-19-1829; d. 4-12-1908.
- 4d. Isom, b. 9-7-1831; d. 8-8-1834.
- 5d. Mahala, b. 10-5-1833; d. 2-27-1858.
- 6d. Seth M., b. 11-14-1837; d. 3-4-1888.

William and his sons prospered, and as time wore on they put up good buildings and lived in comfort. It seems that the worst that befell them was the death of the only daughter, in the prime of her young womanhood. William had a jovial nature, yet with it a sympathetic heart, which led him to espouse the cause of the slave. He joined the Anti-Slavery Friends, thereby lost his birthright with the Friends and never returned. On one occasion he was accosted by someone as he was driving thru the village one cold morning. His answer was that he had just been taking some hides to the tan yard. The facts were that he had been out a good part of the night with a lot of fugitive slaves, whom he had covered up with bed quilts on a lot of straw in his wagon, and had conducted them to some out-of-the-way place on the way to Canada. He was a Justice of the Peace for a term of years. This story is told by Judge H. C. Fox, of the Wayne Circuit Court, then a young attorney in Centerville: "I had a case before 'Squire Chamness one hot day in August. The 'Squire was barefoot, his collar unbuttoned, and held the trial in his barn. We had gone thru with the evidence, and I was preparing to make a speech, when the 'Squire said to me: 'Henry, if thee will just keep still I'll give the decision in thy favor,

If thee gets to talking, just as likely as not thee'll spoil it all.'" Henry subsided and the Judge of Dalton township rendered judgment for the client of the future Circuit Judge.

"Aunt Anna" was a worthy helpmate to "Uncle Billy," and they seemed to travel the journey of life in harmony. The weight of years was bearing upon her when she was stricken one day at the dinner table. Her son, Riley, bore her in his arms to the bed, but her spirit had departed. William was taken into the home of his son Larkin for the residue of his life. His great avoirdupois and the steady decline of his mental powers made him a heavy burden for his remaining few years.

1d. Jehu married Hannah, a daughter of Hezekiah and Mareb Beeson. He at one time owned a small farm, but most of his married life was spent in Dalton, in his shop. He was a good mechanic. Hannah was born 2-21-1828, and died 2-26-1903. Their children are here given:

- 1e. Amanda, b. 3-7-1850; d. 6-30-1891.
- 2e. Wesley, b. 10-24-1851; d. 10-4-1898.
- 3e. Lynden, died young. n. f. d.
- 4e. Ellen.
- 5e. Cordelia.
- 6e. Rodolphus.
- 7e. Marcellus.
- 8e. Louisa.

1e. Amanda, the oldest daughter of Jehu and Hannah Chamness, married Calvin Albertson. Their children are here listed:

- 1d. Augustus, b. 5-26-1869; d. 9-4-1898.
- 2d. Edward, b. 10-5-1871; d. 2-8-1875.

Calvin Albertson survived his entire family.

2e. Wesley, the oldest son, was a good blacksmith, a very jovial fellow; died unmarried.

4e. Ellen, the second daughter, married Daniel Matchet, a carpenter and small merchant. Their children are here listed:

- 1d. Dora, oldest child, died a young woman.
- 2d. Frank Jay, oldest son, a carpenter by trade.





3d. Jehu Arlie, 2nd son, carpenter, lightning rod agt.

4d. Ernest, a carpenter. n. f. d.

5d. Della, died young. n. f. d.

The Matchets have lived in Dalton for many years.

5e. Cordelia, third daughter, married Henry C. Dennis. They live at or near Newcastle. Their children are Albert and Bertha, twins, the first named deceased; Clifford; Letha, deceased; Blanch, Nellie and Clyde. n. f. d.

6e. Rodolphus, the third son, a bachelor.

7e. Marcellus, fourth and youngest son, married Laura Alice Lamb. She had one son, Earl, who died in infancy. She died 2-5-1889.

8e. Louisa, fourth daughter and youngest child of Jehu and Hannah Chamness, is a maiden lady, owns a home in Dalton, and twelve acres off the south end of her grandfather's old farm. Rodolphus and Marcellus make their home with her.

2d. Riley, second son of William and Anna Chamness, was a good carpenter; generally made his home with his parents, and was probably the best financier in the family, but so liberal and easy with those to whom he made loans that he lost a great deal by those who failed to pay him. He owned and run sawmills at different times and places; at one time he owned and run one at Sycamore in the east part of Howard Co., and later at Dalton he run one for several years, but finally turned it over to his elder brother. After his mother's death, he made his home with Larkin and Ruth until his marriage with Caroline H. Davis, widow of John Davis, 2-16-1863. He had lived a bachelor until he was nearly 66 years old. After Caroline's death he made his heirs a quit claim deed and went back to live with his brother. His death was by paralysis.

3d. Larkin, third son of William and Anna Chamness, was married to Ruth Lamb, a daughter of Miles and Nancy Lamb, when in his fortieth year. Prior to his marriage he had made his home with his parents. He and Riley had purchased, and owned in common, the Albert Hyde farm of 160 acres, and which corners on the northeast with their father's old farm. Larkin put up good buildings on the west eighty and there was

a mutual agreement that the east eighty was to belong to Riley and the west one to Larkin. But they neglected the simple thing of making quit claim deeds, and when Riley was gone, the matter was thrown into litigation and the court settled it, at a cost of several hundred dollars, just as the two brothers had contemplated. Larkin remained on the farm; gangrene developed in one foot; he had the foot amputated, but by the time his leg had healed, the knee of the other leg had become so much stiffened that he could not use crutches. He was confined to his home until death called him away. Larkin and Ruth had but two children, as follows:

1e. Lettie M., b. 9-7-1869.

2e. Oliver Perry, b. 1-19-1877.

Ruth now has her third husband and lives in Winchester; seems prosperous in her age.

1e. Lettie M. married Joseph N. Davis, a farmer and retired school teacher living near Dalton. They have one daughter, named Elsie.

2e. Oliver Perry married Grace E. Hoover. They sold their farm and moved to Hagerstown. Children: Ray Fern, Viola Marie, Roy Carl and Hazel Ruth.

6d. Seth M., the youngest of the family of William and Anna, married Rachel Beeson, 8-15-1864. Seth lived in Richmond for many years. His wife Rachel died there, leaving a daughter, Lena M., who married Erastus Burroughs, and lives on a farm south of Losantville in Wayne Co. Their children are Iva B., Raymond, Robert, Edna and Richard. Seth M. married a second wife in the person of Anna Forbes. They moved to Losantville where he had a hardware store for a number of years. Disease took hold of him; he kept at business for awhile. Disease kept on until he was obliged to take his bed. He died at an age when he should have been little beyond the prime of life. He and Anna had a son, Herbert H., their only child. He married Fanny Burroughs, widow of Alonzo Burroughs, born 7-30-1870; d. 11-19-1913. He was a very proficient telegrapher, and had worked for years at the tower at the crossing of the two roads at Losantville. He died of some acute disease not well known.



6c. Isaac, the fourth son of William and Isabel, was married to Rebecca Stanley at Dover Friends meeting in Guilford Co., N. C., 8-4-1831. Just what year Isaac and Rebecca came to Indiana, we cannot discover. It possibly was in the spring of 1831 that William and Isabel made a trip in a light wagon from North Carolina to Indiana. Isabel's health was failing; the water in N. C. did not agree with her; she was needing rest and a change of climate for a season. William S., in his "Reminiscences" tells about seeing them start, but gives no date. Age had begun to tell on them, and it made their sons and daughters and the children feel anxious for their welfare. They made the trip in safety, was gone from home for eight months and returned in safety to their home in North Carolina. William, ever alert to aid his sons when and wherever he could, entered from the government an 80-acre tract of land lying near the southwest corner of Randolph Co., and during the summer, while Isabel was resting and recuperating her health, he cut and hewed the logs for the walls of a dwelling house for Isaac and Rebecca on the land he had entered for them. Before leaving for home, he had the walls erected, ready for Isaac to finish into a house on his arrival. In this eight-months' trip and sojourn, William took advantage of the climate and the seasons in those two four-weeks' journeys. He could leave North Carolina early in the spring, and as the sun seemed to move northward, melting the snow and ice away, the spring season would also move northward a little ahead of the spring wagon. On the return trip in the late autumn, the weather was not yet severe, and he could travel ahead of the more severe weather that was coming down from the frozen Northland, and thus reach home before the snows were falling. It is said that when Isaac brought Rebecca home as a bride she was a pale and sickly girl. However, they were eager to found a home in Indiana, and as soon as they learned what William had done for them, came on to finish the new home and occupy it. It seems fair and safe to assume that they came the fall of the same year that William put up the walls of the house, and started soon after

their marriage. Isaac worked as all the pioneers did, finished the house and began at once clearing a farm. Rebecca was not strong, yet did well her part. Isaac's health began to fail at an age when many a man is in the prime of life. Many a time he was found asleep when on horseback, riding along the road. This inclination to sleep when other men were awake and active, followed him for a number of years. One evening one of his sons was trying to drive the horses into the stable. One horse looked in at the door, snorted and ran away. The boy came, looked into the stable and saw his father lying in the stable, dead. Apoplexy is said to have been the cause of his sudden death. He left his farm in good shape, with a good frame dwelling and other buildings. Rebecca spent the term of her widowhood on the same grounds on which she had spent her married life. The weakness of her constitution combined with that of her husband tells in their posterity. She was the daughter of Michael and Mary Stanley, was born in Guilford Co., N. C., 3-26-1805, died 3-24-1881. She and her husband were the parents of seven children, of whom the following is the record:

- 1d. Jonathan, b. 10-21-1832; d. 10-26-1832.
- 2d. Henry C., b. 11-21-1834; d. 11-1-1895.
- 3d. Malinda, b. 5-28-1836; d. 5-24-1872.
- 4d. Uriah, b. 2-14-1839; d. 6-17-1881.
- 5d. Jesse, b. 10-2-1840; d. 12-23-1869.
- 6d. Mary, b. 2-28-1843; d. 3-2-1813.
- 7d. William W., b. 5-25-1846; d. 5-4-1876.

All born in Randolph Co., Ind.

2d. Henry C., second son, married Rebecca Tinkle, daughter of Samuel and Katie Tinkle, on 11-15-1837. They owned and lived on a farm of 120 acres in Henry Co., about one mile southwest of his father's homestead. He was a prominent man in the neighborhood, a good farmer and citizen and a member of the Christian Church. He contracted diabetes. After the disease had completely sapped his vitality he went to the Martinsville sanitarium for treatment. They could do nothing for him there, and sent him home in a delirious condition. Friends found him at Indianapolis on the way



home and took care of him. He lived but a few days after arriving at home. He and his wife were childless. She was therefore the sole heir to his estate. She managed the estate as well as she could for more than four years, took pneumonia in the early winter, and died, 12-2-1899, aged 63 years and 6 months. The estate went to her relatives.

3d. Malinda, the only daughter that survived her infancy, married Joshua Woody, eldest son of Hugh and Elizabeth Woody, 6-7-1859. They moved to Howard Co., in the vicinity of New Salem Friends meeting. This marriage "out of meeting" within the pale of Springfield, Mo., Mtng., was among the first to be condoned by the meeting. They were genuine Friends; they desired to hold their membership, and the meeting could find no fault in their lives; so when they moved to Howard Co., the meeting issued a certificate transmitting their membership unimpaired to New Salem, Mo., Mtng. They owned a farm in Randolph Co., where their two older daughters were born, before they moved to Howard Co., sometime during the period of the Civil war. The physical weakness inherited from her parents brought Malinda to an untimely grave. Tuberculosis preyed upon her lungs till she died at the early age of 36, leaving twin babes whose lives were very brief. The children of this union, all daughters, are as follows:

1e. Marcella, b. 6-15-1860; d. 5-10-1913.

2e. Laura Alice, b. 1-7-1862; d. 3-22-1900.

3e. Rebecca E., b. 11-12-1869; d. 10-2-1872.

4e. Lorinda, b. 1-1-1872; d. 6-3-1872. } Twins.

5e. Malinda, b. 4-1-1872; d. 6-1-1872. }

1e. Marcella, oldest child of Joshua and Malinda Woody, grew to womanhood on her father's farm in Howard Co., Ind., and received such education as the common schools of that time could afford. With a higher education, her intellect might have shown a talent for poetry. She married Absalom T. Lamb, 7-12-1879. Soon after the marriage, arrangements were made by which she and her husband took charge of the farm and home where her grandmother still lived in Randolph Co. They also assumed the obligation of taking care

of the grandmother. They did well their part, and after Rebecca died, they bought that part of the farm on which the buildings stood. Here they raised a family of four children. Marcella, like her mother, lost her health at an early age. Death came suddenly when she was away from home.

The record of the children is as follows:

1f. Charlie E., b. 5-10-1880.

2f. Ira C., b. 9-22-1881.

3f. Laura Frances, b. 10-15-1883; d. 2-12-1918.

4f. Mary Emily, b. 7-29-1887.

1f. Charlie E., elder son and oldest child of Absalom T. and Marcella Lamb, m. Ethelyn F. Morris, near Richmond, Ind.; moved into Indianapolis where he worked for many years; came back to Wayne Co., where he took charge of his father-in-law's farm. He and his wife have one son, named Everett, an only child, who is married.

2f. Ira C., the younger son, was an expert telegrapher, worked in various telegraph offices in various parts of the country; m. Bessie Mull at Wabash, Ind. They had a daughter named Lois, who has a home with some people at Glen Kara, Ohio, where he worked for awhile as a telegrapher. His health was poor, and, fearing tuberculosis, he sought a colder climate, worked at various places in the northwestern states, finally crossing the international line into Alberta. An occasional letter from him indicated that his health was but little or not at all improved. The last brief letter received by his relatives from him was soon after his mother's death. They know not his fate.

3f. Laura F., elder daughter, m. Lester W. Huffman, a farmer and auctioneer. They had five daughters, named Mildred, Lena, Reva, Mary and Beulah May. Laura had the physical weakness so prevalent with her mother's people, and not long after the birth of her fifth child, her decline began by a weakening of her heart. Later on, a surgical operation was performed on some internal parts. After the operation she failed to rally, but lingered and died at the clinic in Newcastle.



Hers was a fine Christian character. "None knew her but to love her, nor named her but to praise."

4f. Mary Emily, younger daughter of Absalom T. and Marcella Lamb, m. Lester Brown. They have lived in various places, usually on rented farms. They have two sons, named Byron and Charles. Absalom is inclined to paralysis, makes his home with them and has recently made better provision for all of them by purchasing a farm in Howard Co., to which they have all moved.

2e. Laura Alice, second daughter of Joshua and Malinda Woody, with her sister grew to womanhood on the farm in Howard Co. After her sister moved back to Randolph Co. she spent much time with her; occasionally going back to her home. She m. Oscar Evans in Howard Co. She was a good girl and grew into a worthy good woman. After her conversion she felt the call of the spirit to preach the Gospel of Christ. She was young but hesitated not to answer the call, but began speaking in the meetings about her home and elsewhere. In the year 1893, she felt a call to go into Arkansas; while there she visited families and held meetings where a woman's voice never before had been heard in the ministry. It was while she was on this mission that New Salem Mo. Mtng. took a forward step, recorded her as a minister of the Gospel and sent her credentials as a minister to her in Arkansas. This was joy to her. Like the rest of her family, she had a feeble constitution which gradually gave way. The last summer of her life was spent with her only sister. Even then, altho she did not die until the following spring, her sufferings were great, yet she bore them with patience and resignation.

4d. Uriah, third son and fourth child of Isaac and Rebecca Chamness, married Sarah Tinkle, daughter of Jesse Tinkle. They owned and lived on a farm a short distance east of Blountsville. Uriah's death was tragical. He was plowing corn one day with a mare that had a young colt. He got into trouble with her and she kicked him on the leg. The pain and the shock thus produced, coming upon a man of weak vitality, resulted in his death in a few hours. We have already seen that

his widow, as the second wife of John W. Chamness, was killed in a railroad accident some years later, near Blountsville. Uriah and Sarah's children are here listed as appears on record:

1e. Russell, b. 7-30-1865.

2e. Ellen, b. 4-1-1870.

1e. Russell, only son of Uriah and Sarah Chamness, married Nora A. Gilmore. They own and live on a farm near Blountsville, and are childless.

2e. Ellen, only daughter of Uriah and Sarah Chamness, married Orange L. W. Howell, 10-9-1883; own and live on a farm near Blountsville; have had six children who are here listed:

1d. Garner Leo, b. 5-1-1899; m. Bertha Sherry, 12-26-1919.

2d. Sarah Merle, b. 1-15-1890; d. 6-6-1918.

3d. Jason W., b. 6-6-1892; m., 11-23-1916.

4d. Howard Uriah, b. 6-17-1896; unmarried.

5d. Fannie F., b. 5-23-1902. n. f. d.

6d. M. Twilah, b. 1-20-1914. n. f. d.

2d. Sarah Merle m. James Clay Burroughs, 12-25-1909. They had one daughter, named Mildred M., b. 6-20-1911. Merle, as she was known, like many of the descendants of Isaac and Rebecca Chamness, inherited a weak constitution and died at the early age of 27 years, 4 months and 21 days.

3d. Jason W. m. Edna M. Simonds, 11-23-1916. They had two sons: Ralph Howard, b. 5-28-1917, and Victor Eugene, b. 3-18-1919.

5d. Jesse, fourth son of Isaac and Rebecca, did not marry; remained at home, worked on the farm, and died of tuberculosis.

7d. William W., the youngest of the family, born, reared and died on his father's farm in Randolph Co. He married Mary Melissa Beeson, daughter of Isaiah and Fanny Beeson, and had charge of the farm the remainder of his life. They had three children as follows:

1e. Alma Nora, b. 9-27-1869; d. 11-8-1914.

2e. Emma Jane, b. 4-18-1872; d. 1-20-1872.

3e. Flora May, b. 7-13-1872; d. 4-26-1875.





1e. Alma Nora was yet a mere child when her widowed mother, in 1878, married Wm. Bales. She therefore attained womanhood under the care of her mother and step-father. In 1891 she married Lewis H. Davis, eldest son of John and Caroline Davis. After getting together what each had inherited they were able to maintain a home. He was not strong enough to do farm labor, so abandoned the farm, moved into Dalton, where he died. They had a daughter and a son who both passed away in early childhood. After their children were gone they took into their household a girl whose name was Mettie Banium. Alma Nora's second husband was Jehu H. Gray. They lived on the farm of Wilson Reynolds. She gradually became a chronic invalid. Her will divided her estate between her husband and the girl, who was known as Mettie Davis. By her death the family of Wm. W. Chamness became extinct.

7e. Joshua, fifth son of William and Isabel Chamness, was married to Hannah Chamness, 8-7-1828. They lived in N. C. until after the birth of their second child. They moved from N. C. to Ind. in 1832. In 1833 they purchased a farm near the southwest corner of Randolph Co., and adjoining that of his brother Isaac on the south. Here they lived, reared their children, and died. Their children are here listed in order of birth:

- 1d. Isaac, b. 5-26-1829; d. 11-5-1915.
- 2d. Mary, b. 12-3-1831; d. 4-17-1915.
- 3d. Isabel, b. 1-1-1835; d. 1-27-1919.
- 4d. Mahlon, b. 1-24-1840; d. 6-5-1918.
- 5d. Rachel, b. 6-9-1843; d. 5-12-1918.

1d. Isaac, elder son of Joshua and Hannah Chamness, born in Guilford Co., N. C., came with his parents in early childhood to Randolph Co., Ind., where he grew to manhood on his father's farm married Elizabeth Dennis, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Dennis, 11-20-1850. They settled on a good farm in Henry Co., about two miles west of Dalton, on the Franklin and Muncie road. They were both prominent members of Nettle Creek Friends meeting and he held some important positions. She died 6-2-1868, the eightieth anniversary of

her birth. After her death he lived with his children. Their children, all born in Henry Co. except the oldest, are here listed:

- 1e. Milton W., b. 12-13-1851.
- 2e. Esther M., b. 6-1-1854.
- 3e. Miriam, b. 1-19-1857; d. 9-28-1893.
- 4e. Cyrus, b. 11-14-1859; d. 10-26-1860.
- 5e. Margaret B., b. 11-17-1861.
- 6e. Elmina, b. 4-16-1864.
- 7e. Hannah Eliz., b. 8-26-1867; d. 2-22-1909.

1e. Milton W., oldest child of Isaac and Elizabeth Chamness, was born in Randolph Co., Ind., and grew to manhood on his father's farm in Henry Co.; received sufficient education to enable him to obtain teacher's license and teach a school in Tipton Co., where he became acquainted with Isabel A. Hough, daughter of John and Martha Hough, and married her. He owned a farm adjoining that of his father in Henry Co. He is a prominent member of Nettle Creek Friends meeting and holds important positions in the church. No children.

2e. Esther M., second child and oldest daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Chamness, m. Jonathan Cloud, 10-28-1882. He owned a good farm in the vicinity of Greensfork, which they occupied for a number of years. His health failing, he turned the farm over to one of the sons and moved into the town of Greensfork. They have three sons:

Orie Everett, b. 12-2-1885; married Mary Dixon, 9-7-1910; have three children: Eloise, Joseph and Esther Ellen. They live in Richmond.

Harrison B., b. 2-4-1889; married Irene Burgess, 12-17-1915; have one child, named John J. They live on the home farm.

Walter C., b. 9-2-1892; married Nellie Davis, 2-7-1912. They have three children: Marvin, Almira Jean, and an infant son not named, and live on a farm between Greensfork and Lagerstown.

3e. Miriam, second daughter, was a teacher; married Edgar T. White; lived near Newcastle; husband served Henry Co. one term as Treasurer. Children:



1f. Bertha E., married Charles Elick, n. f. d.  
 2f. Leroy, married Clemmie Hewitt, n. f. d.  
 5e. Margaret B., third daughter, m. Elton Stewart,  
 who d. 10-13-1919. Their children are:

1f. Grace E., who m. Laban Johnson, 1904.  
 2f. Carleton, who m. Jessie Ballard, 1910.  
 3f. Mildred M., who m. Fred Harden, 1916.  
 6e. Elmina, fourth daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Chamness, married John F. Hough. They owned a good farm near Cowan, Ind. His death, on 6-14-1905, just in the prime of life, was one of the very sad ones in the history of the Chamness people. Bitten by his little dog, which proved to be mad, hydrophobia soon began to develop. He was taken to Newcastle, and the mad-stone applied. This, for a time, seemed to be effective in eliminating the virus from his system, and he returned home apparently cured. But it was not long until the disease developed with the fury of a demon. His sufferings were indescribable. Only death could release him. The little daughter, who was bitten by the same dog, was given the mad-stone treatment, never showed symptoms of hydrophobia, and after more than fifteen years is apparently in good health. Elmina was a teacher in her younger days. After her husband's death she assumed charge of the farm and the home, and eventually paid off the mortgage. They had three daughters and one son:

Myrl, the oldest, born in 1892, began work in the ministry at the age of 20; was recorded a minister of the Gospel by the Friends at Muncie in 1916, and is much engaged in pastoral and evangelistic work.

Mary, second daughter, born 1891, n. f. d.

Mary, third daughter, born in 1896, taught school for four years, beginning at the age of nineteen; married to Ernest Bradbury, 5-8-1919. They have one child, named Evaline June.

Lowell, the youngest, and only son, b. 1901, took charge of the farm work as soon as he was old enough, and married Hazel Niccum.

7e. Hannah Elizabeth, generally known as Lizzie, was the youngest daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Cham-

ness; qualified as a teacher in the common schools, taught for several years; became the second wife of Florence Boyd, in Wayne Co., and died in her forty-second year, leaving one son.

2d. Mary, eldest daughter of Joshua and Hannah Chamness, was "married in meeting," 12-19-1819, to Jesse W. Pidgeon, son of David and Rachel Pidgeon. They owned a good farm 1½ miles east of Mooreland. Here they lived, reared a family of eight children. Jesse was born in N. C., 12-1-1827; came with his parents to Indiana in 1831, and died 3-5-1885. Polly, as she was known, survived her husband for more than twenty-nine years. After the division of the farm among the heirs, she made her home with her youngest daughter. Their children are here listed:

- 1e. Elizabeth, b. 9-27-1859; d. 12-7-1868.
- 2e. Martha A., b. 8-28-1852; d. 2-12-1916.
- 3e. William C., b. 3-22-1855.
- 4e. David L., b. 4-2-1857.
- 5e. Isabel, b. 6-6-1859; d. 3-23-1915.
- 6e. Isaac Wilson, b. 9-10-1862.
- 7e. Hannah Ellen, b. 5-20-1866.
- 8e. John Henry, b. 1-2-1872.

1e. Elizabeth, the oldest child, was a bright and lovely young woman of eighteen summers when smallpox entered the family and claimed her as its only victim.

2e. Martha A., the second daughter, was a gifted young woman; was a student in Spieckland Academy for one year; was active in church work until disease rendered her unable for much exertion of any kind. She m. Hedgman B. Devers and lived in Mooreland for many years.

3e. William C., third child and eldest son of Jesse W. and Mary Pidgeon, seemed from early childhood to have a great love for knowledge, and with a good memory and untiring energy he has stored his mind with useful knowledge, and built up a large private library. He finished the common school course at the age of 13, having been punished but once and that by a Quaker-living old maid. At the age of 11 he entered High



School and finished this work in Spiceland Academy in 1876. He married Clara J. Benedict, a woman every way worthy to be his wife.

At the age of 19 he was principal of a Friends academy; he taught and attended school till he had the equivalent of a college course. In 1890 he moved with his family to Nebraska and took charge of Hiawatha Academy. He held this place till failure of crops forced him to seek work elsewhere. This he found in Washington Academy, Kan. He held this position four years, and then accepted the Presidency of Whittier College, Salem, Iowa. Success crowned his efforts here also, and the institution was built up in number of students and in the course of study. He was pastor of the church, superintendent of Salem Quarterly Mtng., doing much public speaking both in pulpit and platform. While he was enjoying this work, his health gave way and he went back to the high school work which he kept up till he was 64 years old. In 1900 he moved his family to Bloomington, Ind., and entered the state university, with his daughter, Edna, and received his Master's Degree in 1901. Leaving his family there, he again entered the high school work, returning each year to I. U. to continue his work in Economics and Sociology. Since leaving I. U., he has been at the head of the Mooresville, Monrovia, West Newton, Carmel and Daleville high schools. He was the head of the Science department of the old M. N. I. of Muncie, Ind., until its doors closed and was changed to a State Normal. His children are all college graduates, and three of them have been teachers. Now he dreams of bygone days, longs for their return, and courts health and strength for age by working in his truck garden near Muncie, Ind. He was recorded a minister in 1890, and has always been an active S. S. worker. After his graduation at Spiceland he became acquainted with Clara J. Benedict, and with her formed a union for life. To one who has been in their home this union seems to have been a veritable fortune for both of them. Their children are here listed:

Edna Theresa, m. Geo. B. Carter; has five children.  
Jesse L., m. Mattie Crockett, and lives in Texas.

Harriet M., died in childhood. n. f. d.

Edith A., m. Wm. A. Bandy. n. f. d.

Helen, m. Ivan A. Myers. n. f. d.

4e. David L., second son of Jesse W. and Mary Pidgeon, married Lizzie Hardman. They had two daughters, Nellie and Lillie, and a son Robert, who lived in Indianapolis.

5e. Isabel, the third daughter, became the second wife of John Thalls, and lived on a small farm east of Mooreland. He survived her.

6e. Isaac Wilson, third son, married Florence Marshall. Her children are Bertha and Grace. After her death, Wilson—the name by which he is known—married Maggie Gable. She had two children, named Hilda and Garland. After her death, Wilson married Anna Luellen. He had a good farm near Selma, Delaware Co., and is a well respected citizen and prosperous farmer.

7e. Hannah Ellen, the fourth daughter, married Jerome F. Bird. They occupy a good farm east of Mooreland. She is a prominent member of Friends meeting at Mooreland. Their children:

Estella, married Claud C. Elliott; live on a farm east of Mooreland. They have twin boys, named Myron Merrill and Murray Carroll.

Rufus L., only son of Jerome and Ella Bird, graduated at Mooreland high school, entered Valparaiso Normal School, came home at end of term, taught two terms of school, worked on the farm during the summer, was drafted into the army as a musician, served nearly two years, was in England, France, Scotland, Germany and Belgium; came home, went to teaching at Losantville; taught two terms, then went back to Muncie Normal; m. Violet Reece.

Bessie B. Bird graduated at Mooreland high school.

Sylvia Bird graduated at Mooreland high school.

Lois Bird is attending Mooreland high school.

8e. John H., youngest son of Jesse W. and Mary Pidgeon, married Lavina Davis, daughter of Amos and Ester A. in Davis; sold out his farm near Mooreland and moved to Marion.



3d. Isabel never married. After her parents were gone, she made her home with her younger brother. The last few years of her life were spent in the home of her niece, Lorinda Shaffer.

4d. Mahlon, younger son of Joshua and Hannah Chamness, taught school when a young man; was married to Emily Hodgin, daughter of Nathan and Mourning Hodgin, 11-22-1862. She was born 6-15-1840; died 11-26-1908. Her life and her character were most beautiful. Their children, all born in Randolph county, follow:

1e. Lorinda J., b. 1-17-1865.

2e. Mary Alice, b. 10-13-1867; d. 3-4-1872.

3e. Albert N., b. 8-19-1873.

Mahlon and his family lived on a farm near his father, on the county line in Randolph Co. After their children were married they sold the farm and lived awhile in Mooreland, then bought property in Franklin, where they lived at the time of Emily's death, after which he and his maiden sister continued to occupy the home for awhile, then he went to living alternately with his daughter and son, but eventually settled for a permanent residence with his son. Mahlon was recorded a minister in the Society of Friends in 1874, and continued to exercise his gift as long as he was able, visiting and preaching in other meetings; at one time he and Emily made an extensive tour of the Friends meetings in Kansas. When the son sold out in Indiana he went with him to Whittier, Cal. When he died, the son brought his body back and buried it by the side of the mother in Nettle Creek cemetery.

1e. Lorinda J., elder daughter of Mahlon and Emily Chamness, obtained a good education, taught several terms of school, married Oliver P. Shaffer, and settled on a good farm east of Mooreland. They had two sons: Roscoe, who married Vergie Burgess, became a school teacher; and Elbert, who married Ethel Harter, and stuck to the farm.

3e. Albert N., only son of Mahlon and Emily Chamness, m., 10-9-1895, Rebecca E. Hatt, elder daughter of Oliver L. and Emma P. Hatt, in Friends meeting at

Economy. Theirs was the last marriage within the precincts of the Springfield, Mo., Mtng. After shifting about for a few years, and running a thrashing machine, Albert bought a good farm on West River and went to farming in earnest. One day a man slipped into his sugar camp and found him alone, boiling sugar water. When the man left, Albert had a "bee in his bonnet"; he was a candidate for township trustee. When the votes were counted, he had a good majority. He made a good trustee. During his term of four years he made many trips to Richmond, and the people discovered it would give him great pleasure to serve them as treasurer of Wayne Co.; so they nominated and elected him on the Progressive ticket. He made an excellent officer, and when he ran for a second term, the man who put the original "bee in his bonnet" helped to swell his majority. He finally sold the farm on West River, moved to the vicinity of Whittier, Cal., taking his father with him. Their children:

Oliver Vaughn, b. 5-29-1898, Helen Celia, b. 10-6-1901. The son found a wife in California.

3d. Rachel, youngest daughter of Joshua and Hannah Chamness, taught school in her early womanhood; married David Morris, son of John Morris. They lived for a number of years at New Providence, Iowa, then moved to Lawrence, Kansas, whence they moved to Whittier, Cal., where they ended their days. Their children, mostly born in Iowa, are named:

1e. Lincoln, died when a young man.

2e. Lizzie M., married William T. Gooden.

3e. Bertha, married Charles Hamburg.

4e. Isabel M., married Vandal Masterson.

5e. Lena M., married Louis Williams.

6e. Albert J., married M. Grace Roberts.

2e. Lizzie M. went, in 1895, with Anna Hunnicutt, as a missionary to southeastern Alaska, spent four years among the Alaska Indians, came home to rest and broke down in health; attended a Bible Training school where she met a young man of kindred spirit. After two years' acquaintance, they were married. Some time after their marriage they went to northern Alaska, near the Arctic





Circle, and spent six years in teaching the Eskimo. A native Eskimo woman, who was on her death bed, begged them to take her babe. They did so, and on leaving for home, they brought it with them. They are much interested in missionary work.

3e. Bertha Hamburg, the second daughter, has the following named children: Erna, Ralph, Harriet and Esther. The first named, in September, 1920, entered the Missionary Institute at Nyack, N. Y., preparatory to entering the mission work in Africa. No further data regarding the other children. Bertha, the mother of these children, in December, 1913, was with her husband and little daughter in their auto, crossing the car track in Whittier, Cal., when a car struck them and carried them 65 feet. Bertha had many bones broken in her hips and pelvis, a femur and a cheek bone. She believes it was her faith in Jesus and her prayers and those of her friends that finally brought healing; and that it was simply one of the great miracles of Jesus.

4e. Isabel M. Masterson has three children: Rachel V., J. Morris and Wayne V.

5e. Lenna M. Williams has one child, Dwight L.

6e. Albert J. Morris, the youngest of Rachel and David's family, has seven children, named Hazel A., Harold, David, Donald, Rachel Lucille, Lagford and Claud.

Rachel Morris was a very worthy woman, and especially interested in four lines of work: (1) W. C. T. U. work, which has been taken up by her daughter, Isabel Masterson; (2) S. S. work, which her daughter, Lenna Williams, has taken up; (3) Evangelistic work, which her daughter, Bertha Hamburg, has taken, and (4) Missionary work, which her eldest daughter, Lizzie Gooden, loves so much. David Morris, the husband of Rachel, was an active S. S. worker.

8e. Jesse, sixth son and eighth child of William and Isabel Chamness, grew to manhood on his father's farm in North Carolina. He had the misfortune in early life to get a femur broken. The fracture was not properly reduced and the limb was much shortened, making him a cripple. He married Ruth Woody in Cane Creek meet-

ing, 12-15-1831. She was the elder daughter of Hugh and Mary Woody, and proved to be to him a worthy companion. Of their four children, the oldest was born in N. C., the others in Indiana. They moved to Wayne Co., Ind., in 1834, and bought an 80-acre farm adjoining that of his brother Nathan on the north, one half of it in Wayne and one half in Henry county. Like all other early settlers they lived in a cabin until they could do better. About the year 1852 they put up a good frame house and other buildings. In the spring of 1855 it burned down. They built another on the same foundation. Here they lived and reared their family. Their children are here listed as they were named for their grandparents:

1d. Mary, b. 11-20-1833; d. 12-20-1912.

2d. William, b. 6-21-1838.

3d. Hugh, b. 1-19-1810; d. 2-29-1844.

4d. Isabel, b. 1-24-1848; d. 10-20-1916.

In the fall of 1873, Jesse and Ruth, with their younger daughter, visited relatives and friends in North Carolina, and much to their satisfaction.

Here we must pause and go back a number of years and chronicle an event which we have passed over in time. William and Isabel were getting old, and were yet in N. C., with their two unmarried daughters with them. The year 1833 was on the calendar. The six sons in Indiana knew that their parents were eager to come to Indiana, and live out the remnant of their days near to their children. Something must be done. An 80-acre farm adjoining Jesse's farm on the north was to be sold by an administrator. Joseph secured it for \$550. Not far from this time William sold his 300-acre farm for \$300—fifty dollars more than enough to pay for the Indiana farm. It was a good lot of money in those days. The summer was past, autumn had begun. Joshua and Jesse agreed that they would go and bring the "old folks" to Indiana. They didn't telegraph, they didn't telephone, they didn't so much as send a postal card to apprise them of their coming. They simply made ready and started. Will was eager, impatient; feared they would not come. As time wore on he became rest-



Jesse, watched along the road every hour in the day. Finally, away out along the road, his keen eye—keen even in his age—spied a team and a covered wagon. Like Jacob, when he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him into Egypt, he no longer doubted when he saw the wagon that Joseph, his son, had sent to carry him to Indiana. William could not sit down and await their coming. He rushed to the stable, bridled his horse (no time now for saddle) and away he went to greet them. Presently the two sons in the wagon looked a half mile ahead, and Joshua said, "I just guess that father has discovered us and is coming to meet us." "Yes," said Jesse, "there is right, and he is riding the same mare he had when we left here, four years ago." The team had much less than a quarter of a mile yet to go ere the horseman greeted them with "Hail! my sons, and how fare you?" The team stopped; William was on the ground in a moment, extended his hand with "How is thee, Joshua? How is thee, Jesse? and how are all our folks in Indiana?" The answers to these questions were satisfying, and Jesse then said, "Father, if thee will lead the mare around to the back end of the wagon, I will get back there on the bed and lead her by the rein and thee can get in the wagon and ride along with Joshua." They had near a mile to go. When the wagon stopped in front of the home, Isabel, Mary and Hannah were all out in the front yard with eager, joyous greeting. A few days spent in resting the tired team, receiving farewell visitors, getting all things in readiness, and the return trip was begun with two wagons. Arriving at their destination, they soon were occupying the home purchased for them by Joseph. Isabel was even now on the decline. William was afflicted with rheumatism, yet able to work some, and as soon as he could, he put up a hewed log house. We must now return to the family of Jesse.

1d. Mary, the elder daughter, married Milo Reynolds, a son of Wenlock and Susanna Reynolds, in Nettle Creek meeting, 11-21-1854. Soon after their marriage they erected a small frame house on her father's farm, in which they lived for a few years. Later, Jesse aided

Milo in the purchase of a farm of 57 acres, two miles east of the present site of Mooreland. Milo bought the logs of the house which the elder William Chamness erected soon after his arrival in 1838. Here Milo and Mary lived and reared a family of children, listed as follows:

- 1e. Jesse W., b. 10-21-1855; m. Rachel A. Metsker.
- 2e. Wenlock, b. 3-22-1857; m. Rebecca Ellen Poer.
- 3e. Isaac, b. 4-30-1860; d. 10-11-1861.
- 4e. Ruth, b. 4-30-1860; m. Jabez Newton Baldwin.
- 5e. Susanna, b. 4-3-1862; unmarried.
- 6e. Isabel, b. 3-7-1864; d. 5-25-1893.
- 7e. Asenath C., b. 5-7-1866; m. Geo. R. Baldwin.
- 8e. Daniel W., b. 2-7-1869; unmarried.
- 9e. Mary Ellen, b. 4-22-1872; unmarried. *Mar. Queen*
- 10e. Cyrus Lindley, b. 2-29-1876; m. Nora (Ratliff) Cannon.

In the winter of 1892, nearly the entire family of Milo and Mary, who yet remained at home, were prostrated with lagrippe; only Isabel was able to be up; Susanna and Mary E. were in Hendricks county. A telegram hastened them home. Milo died on 2-1-1892. The others survived. Mary was more than eight years the junior of Milo, and survived him nearly twenty-one years. She was a victim of dropsy.

1e. Jesse W., elder son of Milo and Mary Reynolds, married Rachel Metsker, daughter of Daniel and Sarah A. Metsker. They had one son, Marmaduke, who died in early manhood. Jesse's occupation was generally section boss on the railroad. He and his wife were devoted Christian people, and he was ordained a minister. They were sojourning for a season with her sister in California when dropsy developed. Jesse hastened back with her to their home in Losantville, Ind. She survived but a few days. She was born in Randolph Co., Ind., 3-21-1854; died 5-20-1919.

2e. Wenlock, second son of Milo and Mary Reynolds, was in school a studious pupil. After he had gone thru the common school, began teaching; spent some time in Spiceland Academy; taught a number of schools in Henry Co., and some in Wayne. While in the Acad-



emy he became acquainted with Rebecca B. Poer and married her; settled for awhile in Mooreland; sold out, moved to Daviess Co., purchased a farm, went to farming, but kept on teaching for a number of years.

4e. Ruth, the oldest daughter, and survivor of the twins, married Newton Baldwin. They have a home at Cowan, Ind. Their children are named Dillen, Harvey, Bertha, Irving, Mary, Ernest, Earl and Ethel. Dillen married Alice Thornburg. Bertha married Harvey Lamb. Irving married Mary Hammond. Mary married Bert Trout. Ernest and Ethel are evangelists. Earl married Anna McConaha, at Cin. They are going as missionaries to Venezuela.

7e. Asenath C., fourth daughter, is a woman of good intellect, and by her own efforts obtained a good education; taught several schools; married George R. Baldwin. They had three children: Gladys, Russell and Alma. The two daughters died of tuberculosis. George died 4-15-1913. After his death, Asenath married Uriah Hinshaw. They have a good home south of Winchester.

5e. Susanna, 8e. Daniel W., and 9e. Mary Ellen are all unmarried and live together in a good home near Mooreland. The two sisters are active members in the church.

10e. Cyrus L., the youngest of Milo and Mary's family, became the second husband of Nora (Ratliff) Cannon. They have a home in the suburbs of Muncie and he works in the factories to support a large and growing family. Their names are: Mary Naomi, James Milo, Lavina May, Verna Ruth, Lucille Elizabeth, Myrl Lonine, Norma Maxine. They have, also, Beulah Cannon, a grown daughter by the first husband.

2d. William, the elder son of Jesse and Ruth Chamness, grew to manhood on his father's farm, received such education as the Nettle Creek Friends schools could give him, and before he had attained his majority he was married in West River meeting to Martha Ann Thelin, daughter of William and Mildred Modlin, and was at once domiciled in the house which Milo and Mary Reynolds had vacated. They lived there and William worked on the farm until four children were born

unto them. But William had a mind for mechanics rather than for farming; became dissatisfied, moved to Dalton and went to work in a shop. Later on, he moved the house in which they had lived on his father's farm and put it up on a lot in Dalton. Here they lived until the railroads had killed the village; then moved to Mooreland and erected good property. Their children are here listed:

1e. Alonzo Arlistus, b. 1-3-1859.

2e. Joseph Allen, b. 7-8-1860.

3e. Alice Josephine, b. 8-22-1862.

4e. Mildred Ellen, b. 8-7-1865.

5e. Fernando Ulysses, b. 11-14-1868.

1e. Alonzo A., eldest son of Wm. and Martha A. Chamness, grew to manhood in the village of Dalton; obtained a fair education in the district school nearby, and, under the tutelage of Murphy W. Chamness, became a fine Spencerian penman; taught writing schools until he got a little capital ahead; then began his career as a merchant by setting up a store in Dalton on a capital of forty dollars. He married Melissa A. Adamson, elder daughter of Wm. O. Adamson, and began selling goods in Mooreland. His capital increased. In a few years he was able to own a home and put up a large store-room and stock it with goods. His wife was a very worthy help to him. She was born 5-21-1835; m., 7-31-1884; was stricken with dropsy and died 5-8-1897. He took a second wife in the person of Flora A. Branson, of Farmland, 4-12-1899. She was well educated, yet not a strong woman; was born 3-25-1869; took a lingering disease and died 3-23-1912. Alonzo A. married his third wife, Libbie Youse, 8-19-1915. She hails from Penn. He has been in rather frail health for a number of years, has quit business, but he and his wife are able to spend a winter in Florida.

2e. Joseph A., second son of Wm. and Martha A. Chamness, is large in stature and avoirdupois; like his father, inclined to mechanics. He married Anna Miller, daughter of Frederick and Barbara Miller. They lived for a number of years in Mooreland; found employment with Page, Miller & Co., in Richmond, sold out in



Mooreland and moved to Richmond, where they are prospering financially. Their only daughter, Myra Ethel, married Cecil Stevens. She seemed to be contracting tuberculosis, in consequence of which they are living in Arizona.

3e. Alice J., elder daughter of Wm. and Martha A. Chamness, married Dr. David Clapper. He practiced medicine in Mooreland, Farmland and Hagerstown. They have three daughters: Nellie, who married Jesse S. Muterspaugh, and has two children, Maurine Olive and Maurice Orville; Gertrude, who married Harry L. Modlin, and has three children, Lorine Jeanette, Martha Alice and Harry Eugene; and Ruth, a school teacher, who married Roscoe Keesling, and kept on teaching.

4e. Mildred Ellen, younger daughter of Wm. and Martha A. Chamness, married John L. Koons; settled in Muncie. He worked in the factories. They were married 8-7-1883. He died in Muncie, 4-23-1913. Ella, the name by which she is known, has a home in Muncie with her two minor children. Her children, five in number, are as follows:

Josephine Lee, b. 7-4-1881; m. Leroy Eden, 5-1-1902, and has two children: Madaline L., b. 4-19-1904, and Henry E., b. 5-11-1906. Josephine died 10-2-1921.

Clifford B., b. 4-2-1887; m. Linnie Gtuype, 1-19-1910; have a son, George R. Koons, b. 6-2-1912.

Benjamin H., b. 6-3-1892; became a glass blower; married and went to Australia where he became manager of the Zelland Glass Factory.

Thelma A., b. 7-27-1901, and Wm. Lester, b. 9-27-1907, who live with their mother.

5e. Fernando U., a mechanic and musician by nature, worked at various callings; married Magdaline Main, in Mooreland. She was the daughter of Alex. and Mary Main. They moved to Richmond where he engaged as salesman for the Starr Piano Co. and made a success in this line. Maggie, as she was well known, took sick, lingered and died, 5-23-1907, leaving four children, the youngest ten months old. She was an excellent wife and mother. The children were at once taken into the home of their grandparents, in Mooreland.

They seemed imbued with the spirit of their mother, did everything they could to pay their way, were industrious in school and at home. Zola, as soon as she was large enough, went to work in a store; Luva followed her example. Zola married Benj. Paul Beeson, a school teacher. They have one son, named for his great grandfather, Benj. B. Beeson. Luva married Hobart Heiney, of Muncie. He was employed by the Muncie Produce Co. He now works as the junior partner in a store at Mooreland. They have a daughter, named Phyllis June. Wm. Clarence worked his way thru high school, then went to Chicago. Joseph Robert is still with his grandparents, attends school and works as a clerk. Fernando U. took a second wife, named Mabel Townsend. They have one daughter.

4d. Isabel, younger daughter of Jesse and Ruth Chamness, lived all her days on the farm where she was born; received such education as the district and Friends schools afforded, became early interested in the church and Sabbath school work. In her young womanhood she was strong physically; but always burdened with too great an avoirdupois. In Nettle Creek meeting, 6-2-1875, she was united in marriage to Zimri Hanson, son of Levi and Delilah Hanson of Howard Co. He was a school teacher and a farmer. They lived with her parents; he did the farming, and as the years rolled by she assumed the burden of caring for her parents. Their four children are here listed:

1e. Emory C., elder son of Zimri and Isabel Hanson.

2e. Alma Ellena, b. 4-18-1878; d. 4-22-1880.

3e. Elva Ruth, b. 5-5-1882.

4e. Elbert Florance, b. 6-25-1885; d. 7-19-1910.

1e. Emory C., elder son of Zimri and Isabel Hanson, received a fair education, graduated in the common school and spent some time in Spiceland Academy. He married Olive R. Heiner, daughter of Dr. Edgar K. Heiner, and after marriage moved to Newcastle and worked for several years in the Maxwell automobile works, but quit and bought a home near Franklin, in Wayne Co.





2c. Alma E. died when about two years old with cerebral disease.

3c. Elva R. graduated in the common school; became the second wife of Stephen A. Wood. They have a small farm in Henry Co., near the home of her childhood. They have one daughter, Gladys Ruth, born the day her mother was thirty years old. She is a bright child and with a good education may become a very useful woman. Bert, the name by which her father is known, has driven the schoolback for a number of years.

4c. Elbert P., younger son of Zimri and Isabel Hanson, was a dutiful son, loved to attend church and S. S. He was a good bass singer and was much in demand at funerals and entertainments. He staid at home after coming of age and worked on the farm with but little remuneration for his services. When his mother died, he and his father were left without help to take care of the farm and home. On 7-19-1919 he and a neighbor were driven by a heavy storm into the barn from a field of oats they were harvesting. Lightning struck the barn, and both men were killed. A quantity of hay over the men and the horses was fired and the barn consumed. Neighbors came and beat back the fire and saved the hodes from being utterly consumed. Elbert deserved a better fate, but could not have it.

Isabel Hanson, the mother of the foregoing, was a victim of paralysis for many years; death resulting from the fourth stroke.

9c. Hannah, the youngest child of William and Isabel Chamness, came to Indiana in the fall of 1838; married Enos Canaday, 1-13-1842. Her mother, having died 7-25-1840, it was arranged that she and her husband should take charge of the home and farm. This plan finally resulted in William executing a deed to his son Jesse for twenty acres off the south end of his farm, and another deed to his son-in-law, Enos Canaday, conveying to him the residue of sixty acres, he to make his home with Hannah and her husband the residue of his days.

The children of Enos and Hannah Canaday are here given in the order of their births:

1d. Louisa, b. 12-8-1842; d. 2-18-1908.

2d. William, b. 6-22-1844; d. 2-9-1866.

3d. Walter, b. 4-1-1846.

4d. Jesse, b. 12-13-1847.

5d. Matilda, b. 5-6-1851.

6d. Mary E., b. 9-1-1853.

7d. Emanuel, b. 8-10-1856; d. 7-11-1912.

1d. Louisa, eldest child and daughter of Enos and Hannah Canaday, married Michael Cory, 2-21-1861. He was born in Henry Co., Ind., 2-1-1837; taught school when a young man; bought a farm near the north line of Delaware Co., where he and Louisa reared a family and lived out their days. They were worthy people and good citizens. Their children, six in number, are listed in the order of their births:

1e. William L., b. 4-6-1862; a teacher in San Antonio, Texas.

2e. Wesley H., b. 10-18-1863; d. 11-21-1864.

3e. Mary Hannah, b. 12-19-1865; d. 10-28-1918.

4e. Laura Etta, b. 3-3-1872; d. 9-14-1906.

5e. Ina Isabel, b. 3-16-1876; d. 2-25-1877.

6e. Infant son, b. 3-10-1878.

1e. William L., eldest child and son of Michael and Louisa Cory, married Ida Viola Eastes, 3-29-1888. They had two children: Edith M., b. 6-6-1892, and Harold, b. 9-7-1891.

3e. Mary H., third child and oldest daughter, married Henry W. Bortner, 8-6-1891. They had three children: Frank, b. 3-21-1893; d. 4-3-1893; Claud, b. 7-20-1895; d. 7-20-1895; and Ralph C., b. 5-20-1897.

4e. Laura E., second daughter of Michael and Louisa Cory, married Lewis W. Johnson, 9-1-1891. They had five children: Ralph W., b. 8-10-1892; Raymond L., b. 11-1-1894; Ethel Eula, b. 8-23-1897; Russell E., b. 11-18-1899; and Rolland Michael, b. 8-9-1905.

Michael Cory did not survive his wife many months, dying 10-26-1908.

2d. William, second child and eldest son of Enos and Hannah Canaday, contracted tuberculosis in early manhood, and passed away.



3d. Walter, second son of Enos and Hannah Canaday, married Ellen Roe; bought a part of his father's homestead, cultivated it until his younger brother grew up, sold it to him and bought a farm northeast of Mooreland. Their children are:

- 1e. Mary Ella, b. 9-14-1867; d. 9-16-1867.
- 2e. Alva Ulysses, b. 7-27-1870; d. 10-22-1877.
- 3e. Harlan L., b. 11-6-1878; d. 1-25-1914.
- 4e. Laura Maud, b. 3-6-1882; m. Earl Brown.
- 5e. Enos Clay, b. 3-22-1893; d. 1-1-1896.

3e. Harlan L., second son and third child of Walter and Ellen Canaday, married Lottie M. Sheppard. They had two children: Laura A., and a son who died in infancy. After his wife's death he married Helen Lidkard. He died in Elkhart, Ind.

4e. Laura Maud, the younger daughter, married Earl Brown. Their sons are: Vance, Roy, Clarence, Claud and Ronald. Vance is married; Ronald deceased.

4d. Jesse, third son of Enos and Hannah Canaday, obtained sufficient education to enable him to teach several terms of school; studied and practiced law and worked in the bank at Hagerstown; was married 12-21-1872 to Sarah Jane Wright, of Henry Co., Ind. One daughter, Bertha Jane, was born to them at Hagerstown, 11-16-1875. She married Edward F. Kavanaugh, 10-31-1911; reside at Cleveland, O. One daughter was born to them, 4-23-1916. Sarah Jane, the first wife of Jesse Canaday, died at Hagerstown, 8-1-1876. Jesse took a second wife in the person of Lila Brown, at Hagerstown, 12-21-1880. One son, named Ralph Henry, was born of this union, at Winchester, Ind., 7-28-1883. He married Corrie Louise Barrett at Duluth, Minn., 7-2-1910. Their three children are here given: Ralph Frederic, b. 10-22-1911; James Stillman, b. 2-28-1913; and Donald Jesse, b. 1-11-1915. Jesse Canaday and wife have lived in Winchester, Ind., for many years. He is a lawyer and banker and a good financier.

5d. Matilda, second daughter and fifth child of Enos and Hannah Canaday, married Marcus D. Harry, a merchant, resident at Sulphur Springs, Henry Co., Ind. They

sold the store and bought the farm of Mahlon Chamness on the west line of Randolph Co. Their children are:

- 1e. Iodie Leonora, b. 10-19-1872.
- 2e. Edlie May, b. 2-4-1878.
- 3e. Leetha Maud, b. 4-25-1882.
- 4e. Eva Agnes, b. 8-6-1892; d. 2-3-1893.

1e. Iodie L. married Lewis H. Foster, 9-4-1890. They had one daughter, named Delia Edith, born 8-28-1892. Lewis H. Foster was killed by a train of cars, 12-4-1892. After his death his widow and daughter lived with her parents. The daughter, Delia Edith, married Harry Bell, 1-25-1911. They had two sons, Foster F., b. 10-29-1911, and Donald Malcolm, b. 8-7-1915. Matilda's marriage to Marcus D. Harry occurred 11-17-1870. The husband was born 2-11-1812 and died 4-9-1914. After his death his widow and widowed daughter continued to occupy the home for many years, renting out the farm.

2e. Edlie May, second daughter of M. D. and Matilda Harry, married F. Marion Brown, 5-17-1896. They have two sons: Harry D., born 10-21-1897, and Horace Enos, born 3-2-1901.

3e. Leetha Maud, third daughter of M. D. and Matilda Harry, married Willie E. Devore, 7-27-1905; have one son, Rex D., b. 6-3-1906.

6d. Mary E. taught school, worked as a dressmaker making her home with her parents and her youngest brother until she became the second wife of Obed Williams, 9-3-1891. He owned a large farm on the Dalton and Losantville road; was born in Wayne Co., 9-11-1836; d. 8-21-1920. He was a successful farmer. After his death, Mary E. sold her interest in the farm to the two sons of her husband and made her home with her nephew, Lester E. Canaday.

7d. Emanuel, the youngest child of Enos and Hannah Canaday, bought from his brother, Walter, the entire Canaday homestead except the part that had been given him. This included 60 acres of the homestead of his grandfather, Wm. Chamness. This continued to be the home of his parents while they lived, and Emanuel well fulfilled his duty to his parents. While his parents were both yet living, he married Sarah Luella Taylor,



9-24-1885. She was born 9-22-1867. While in the prime of her life she was stricken with typhoid fever and died 9-12-1895. She and Emanuel had one son, Lester E., a mere child at the time of his mother's death. Emanuel was left to take care of his aged father and young son with only such aid as his married sisters could give him. On 11-25-1897 he was united in marriage with Kate (Hunt) Millspaugh. Lester E., the son, having grown up and married Elsie Metsker, and assumed much of the burden of the farm work, Emanuel took the office of township assessor and served for several years. He was afflicted with cancer which finally located in his throat and starved him to death. After Emanuel's death the son bought out the widow's interest in the estate and became the sole owner of the homestead. He and his wife have one daughter, Olive.

3b. Elizabeth, third child of Joseph and Margaret Chamness, married William Peirson. Historical data regarding them is quite meager. Tradition says they settled in Randolph Co., Ind. Joseph's marriage certificate contains the signatures of five Peirsons; two of these are those of William and Elizabeth, but Elizabeth spells her name Pierson, thus indicating that she had not yet learned to spell her husband's name. Indeed we fear that the identity of these people has been lost to us by another change in the spelling of the name to Pearson.

4b. Mary, fourth child and third daughter of Joseph and Margaret Chamness, married Joseph Elliott. n. f. d. They probably remained in N. C. or moved into south-western Indiana.

5b. Joseph, second son and fifth child of Joseph and Margaret Chamness, married Ruth McCracken and moved into the vicinity of Washington, Daviess Co., Ind., in 1811. Ruth moved her family into Pike Co., in 1849.

1c. Joel, son and only child of Joseph and Ruth Chamness, b. 3-10-1800, came with his parents to Washington Co., Ind., where he grew to manhood and married Esther Elliott, b. 2-2-1800. Joel died about the year 1834. The children of Joel and Esther were named William, Jane, Jesse, Ruth, Samuel, Mary and Sarah Elizabeth.

Data for these are meager. William married Jane Kinman. They had two sons and one daughter. Jane and Ruth died in childhood. Jesse married Caroline Green and moved to Missouri; died at Ash Hill in 1888. Frank and Philip, of Huntington, Ind., were his two sons. Mary married George Moffett. They had two sons, George and John. Samuel married Didema Green. They had four sons: George, Samuel S., Emory and Ora N. Samuel was born 3-1-1828; died in 1905. George died in 1917, leaving a wife and ten children. Emory and Samuel S. live in Petersburg, Ind. Ora N. lives on a farm a few miles from Petersburg. Sarah Elizabeth married Abe Huckleberry. They have a son named Samuel A. living in Denton Co. Aunt Lizzie, as they called her, died in 1916. There were five children in the Huckleberry family. One son and the two daughters live in Washington Co.; Rachel Gross at Scottsburg; Jane Weeks and Oliver Huckleberry at Little York.

6b. Anthony, third son and sixth child of Joseph and Margaret, married Amy Reynolds, 10-5-1797. She was born 7-19-1775; died 3-3-1829. Their children are here listed in the order of their births:

- 1c. William, b. 5-20-1798; d. 7-23-1873.
- 2c. Armella, b. 6-23-1800; d. 8-6-1869. n. f. d.
- 3c. Ann, b. 7-3-1803; d. 7-17-1818.
- 4c. Hannah, b. 1-7-1807; d. 3-20-1874.
- 5c. Miles, b. 9-22-1810; d. 9-26-1887.
- 6c. Anthony, b. 12-20-1813; d. 11-1-1901.

6b. Anthony, father of the above children, had a second wife, Abigail, who died 12-29-1876.

1c. William married Edith Lamb, 12-29-1819. She was born 6-30-1799; d. 7-29-1886. Their children are here listed in the order of their birth.

- 1d. Dunn L., b. 10-8-1821; d. 6-12-1893.
- 2d. Milo, b. 8-12-1823; d. 7-25-1901.
- 3d. Milton, b. 9-18-1826; d. 10-19-1900.
- 4d. David S., b. 6-16-1828; d. 9-26-1883.
- 5d. Amy, b. 1-19-1850; d. 8-20-1866.
- 6d. Mary, b. 11-18-1831; d. 11-8-1898.

These were all born in Randolph Co., N. C.



1d. Dunn Leonard, eldest son of William and Edith Chamness, born, grew to manhood and married his first wife in Randolph Co., N. C., when about 21 years of age. Two children:

- 1e. Nereus, who lived in Marshall, Mo.
- 2e. Abbie, who lived in San Francisco, Cal.

Dunn L. left N. C. and went to his brother Milo in Park Co., Ind., and from there to Clark Co., Ill. In a few years he married Jane Cooper, a widow with one son, Andrew, whom he raised. This wife died about 1866. He married a third wife, Charity McDaniel, 11-17-1869. Three children were born to this union.

- 3e. Edith, b. 7-21-1870; m. Ferman E. Bennett.
- 4e. James W., b. 2-18-1872; was a bachelor.
- 5e. Mettie Jane, b. 1-16-1874; m. Marion Richards.

3e. Edith's husband was a minister in the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Their children were Ollin V., Osee G. and Lola I. J. Ollin V., at the age of 21, lost his life in an effort to save two of his friends from drowning. He saved one of them, but himself was drowned. For his heroism and her loss, his wife was awarded a medal and \$1,000. Osee G. became a teacher in the graded schools, and Lela I. J. graduated from a university and makes teaching a profession.

4e. James W. spent much of his time traveling and working in California, Oregon and Washington, finally settling on a ranch in the latter state, near Bailey.

5e. Mettie J. and husband had six children. Alta and Ota are business men in Terre Haute, Ind. Fay, Ray, Landis and Fanchon live near their parents in Jasper Co., Ill.

Charity Chamness died of pneumonia, 2-28-1887. After her death, Dunn L. and his three children lived together until they were all grown and the two daughters married. He then took a fourth wife in the person of Mrs. Jane Wood, in 1894. She died in about two years after the marriage. Dunn L. passed his remaining years with his daughter, Edith Bennett.

2d. Milo, second son of William and Edith Chamness, married Sarah Morgan, 4-25-1852, and settled in Park

Co., Ind., in 1845, and reared a family of ten children, recorded as follows:

- 1e. Edith C., b. 3-24-1853.
- 2e. Mary E., b. 11-1-1854.
- 3e. William Penn, b. 1-30-1856.
- 4e. Sarah Rosanna, b. 11-9-1857.
- 5e. Aramilda A., b. 4-11-1859.
- 6e. George W., b. 8-28-1860.
- 7e. Charles L., b. 11-31-1863; d. 10-18-1912.
- 8e. John A., b. 10-12-1865.
- 9e. Robert J., b. 11-19-1867.
- 10e. Asenath C., b. 1-15-1869.

Edith C. married Nelson Rayl. Their children were Arlie, Lewis and Martha. After his death she married Samuel Newton.

2e. Mary E. married William Chapman. Their children were Luella May, Laura B., Carrie and Clara D.

3e. Wm. Penn married Mary Susan Cooper. Their children are named Emma Lenora, Arthur Delmer, Rose Elma, Edith Odella, Pearl Allen, Mabel Esther and Flossie Grace.

4e. Sarah R. married Charlie Smith. Their children are named Cora, Perry, Elsie and Frank.

5e. Aramilda A. married Mark J. Russell. Their children are Othella and Omer.

6e. George W. married Martha J. Chapman. Their children are Lenna May, Walter and Ernest.

7e. Charles L. married Elizabeth Newlin. Their children were Etta Bell and Robert.

8e. John A. married Amanda F. Daniels. Their only child is called Robbie.

- 9e. Robert J. married Anna Stowe.
- 10e. Asenath C. died at the age of eight years.

3d. Milton, third son of William and Edith Chamness, was something of an adventurer. When a young man, he left his father's home and walked nearly all the way to Indiana. Having a bruised heel, he walked on the toe of that foot, along with a man and his wife who traveled in a one-horse wagon. Eight years later, he visited N. C. for the last time. Returning to Indiana, he took the Kansas fever. He, with another man and his





family, drove thru to eastern Kansas with an ox team. On arrival, he had \$100. One-half of this he spent in pre-empting a quarter section of land; the other half he spent in improving it. He spent the winter of 1856-7 in a shack boarded up on three sides with a pole in front to keep his oxen out. He was the only white man in the valley. Indians were plentiful, but they did not molest him, except to steal his pony. He did his own cooking for two years, often retiring at night with no supper but a drink of milk. He lived out his life on the original claim, at one time owning more than 600 acres of land. He lived to complete his 74th year. His first marriage was to Asenath C. Rich, 8-7-1858. They had two sons:

- 1e. Ai, b. 12-27-1859; home at Emporia, Kansas.
- 2e. Lester, b. 8-2-1861.

After Milton's first wife died he married Asenath Cox, 8-6-863. His third marriage was to Mary J. Jones, 10-21-1884.

1e. Ai, elder son of Milton and Asenath Chamness, married a Norwegian girl, a sister to his brother's wife. She became a minister in the Society of Friends.

2e. Lester, younger son of Milton and his first wife, lived in Kansas, had a peculiar courtship with a Norwegian girl in Iowa. He had engaged to go with a minister on a religious visit among Friends in that state, and felt before starting that he would find a companion. At one place where they stopped he met a Norwegian girl whose name was Ida Roseland. He felt a strong love for her, said nothing to her about it, went the rounds of the meetings with the minister and returned home. He wrote her a letter, telling her of his feelings toward her. By the aid of another person to write her thoughts in English, she informed him she was willing for further acquaintance. He went to see her. The second time he went, she told him she was going home with him the next time he came. On the third visit they went to the Friends meeting and were married. As Ida Chamness has been known for many years as an able Friends minister, and has made many visits to Norway and other parts of Europe. The five children of Lester and Ida Chamness are named Jennie A. Merline T. L., Paulina T.

Ina R. and Georgetta F. The son is the only one married. His wife's name was Winifred Hines.

4d. David S., fourth son of William and Edith Chamness, married Elizabeth Pickett, 9-14-1854. Their five children are here listed in the order of birth:

- 1e. Elma, b. 8-2-1857; has five children.
- 2e. Emily, b. 8-2-1857; has four children.
- 3e. Nereus, b. 9-13-1859; has three children.
- 4e. Mary, b. 11-30-1864; has six children.
- 5e. Hannah, b. 8-23-1870; has eight children.

1e. Elma, first of the twin sisters, married Weimer D. Siler, 3-27-1879. Their children were named Bessie Elmina, Sarah Emily, John Elwood, David Raymond and Leon Ivan.

Bessie E., b. 2-26-1880, m. John B. Corsbie, 1-27-1908. Their children are Pearl and Elma.

Sarah E., second daughter of W. D. and Elma Siler, married Erastus Cagle, 10-10-1901. Their children were Freda Viola and Clatie Pearl; the latter deceased.

John Elwood, son of W. D. and Elma Siler, married Mary Elsie Berry, 12-5-1907. Their children are Joseph Elwood I, Anna Lee, Edna Elenora and Opal.

David Raymond, son of W. D. and Elma Siler, b. 5-9-1892; deceased.

Leon Ivan, youngest of W. D. and Elma Siler's family, married Mary Woolen Hays, 8-27-1919. He was drafted for the war, and, like a great many others, saw a great many interesting things and, fortunately, never got into battle.

2e. Emily, second of the twins, married F. L. Cox, 12-4-1879. He was born 2-22-1857. Their children were Bertha E., Oscar L., Cleston E., and Arlen W.

Bertha E., when grown to womanhood, felt the call of the Master to go, work in His vineyard. She attended the Bible School at Cincinnati for two years, then spent three years at the Peniel Mission on the Pacific coast; heard and answered the call to go to India and returned to her home in N. C. for a brief visit. On 9-23-1895 she took passage on the steamer *Balfie*. She spent six and a half years in India as a missionary, then came home for a rest, expecting to return in a few years to India.



ary, work in India. But the Lord changed the plan for her life and she married Joseph Glassmeyer, a minister, at Monroe, Wash.

Oscar L., eldest son of Enoch L. and Emily Cox, m. Bell Proffert, 2-21-1912. She was from Madison Co., N. C. Oscar, by trade, is a carpenter; also a minister in the Society of Friends, and has served various meetings as pastor. When quite a young man, he and his sister spent two or three years in the Bible School at Cincinnati, preparing for the ministry. It was during this period of their lives that they visited relatives in Indiana.

Cleston, second son of E. L. and Emily Cox, married Sarah Berry, 4-9-1911, and farms in N. C.

Arlen W., youngest of the family, lived in Indiana for a few years, returned to N. C., and makes his home with his parents.

3e. Nereus, only son of David S. and Elizabeth Chamness, m. Isabel Hinshaw, 12-12-1881; lives at Waycross, Georgia.

4e. Mary, third daughter of David S. and Elizabeth Chamness, m. Wm. A. Wood, 12-5-1887. Their children: Sarah Elizabeth, b. 3-25-1888; is a school teacher.

Nora Alice, b. 4-2-1889; is a school teacher.

Mary Ethel, b. 10-26-1891; is a school teacher.

Lillie Pearl, b. 11-25-1894; is a trained nurse.

Wm. Robert, b. 9-19-1900; is a school teacher.

Ida Leone, b. 10-4-1904; is an invalid.

5e. Hannah, youngest child of David S. and Elizabeth Chamness, was a school teacher; married Jesse H. Skeen, 8-24-1893. They belong to the M. P. church and live on the old William Chamness farm.

Lester E., eldest son of Jesse H. and Hannah Skeen, was born 11-21-1895; graduated at high school and English Bible course; went into camp as non-combatant, 10-10-1917; served until 2-28-1919; accepted position as auditor in the Treasury Department, Washington, 11-4-1919.

Mary E., eldest daughter of Jesse H. and Hannah Skeen, was born 7-24-1894; graduated from high school and English Bible course, and taught school for four years.

Charles E., second son, b. 11-23-1897; graduated from high school and English Bible course and entered Union Bible Seminary at Westfield, Ind.

Anna E., second daughter, b. 7-27-1899.

Rosa B., third daughter, b. 1-30-1902.

Bertha J., fourth daughter, b. 9-15-1903.

Eula A., fifth daughter, b. 3-18-1907.

Alvin D., third son, b. 2-13-1909.

5d. Amy, elder daughter of Wm. and Edith Chamness, married Wm. Reynolds. In the summer of 1866, she, with her family, consisting of her husband and three small children, were moving to the vicinity of Emporia, Kansas, where her brother, Milton Chamness, lived. On reaching the end of the railroad at Lawrence, she took sick with cholera and lived only twelve hours. Her husband consigned her body to the grave, and with his children traveled on to his destination, ninety miles distant. A few years later, he and her brother Milton made a trip to Lawrence, expecting to exhume her body and reinter it near their home at Emporia, but failed to find the grave.

6d. Mary, the youngest of William's family, married Robert McMasters. He was killed in the Civil war, and she left to do the best she could with her small children. Like the brave woman she was, she took hold of the plow handles and made a living. It is almost needless to say that from this noble woman sprang some noble sons and daughters, as well as worthy grandchildren.

2c. Ann, second daughter of Anthony and Amy Chamness, became the second wife of Joseph Lee. They had one daughter, named Armella, who married a man named Green. She was probably born between 1820 and 1825. After Joseph Lee had married Ann Chamness, and her mother died, her father married Abigail Lee, a sister to Joseph Lee, his son-in-law.

4c. Hannah, third daughter of Anthony and Amy Chamness, married Mordecai Lamb, 1-12-1842. He was born 4-3-1800; d. 8-23-1881. Hannah died with cancer. Their children are here recorded:

1d. William Penn, b. 3-29-1844.

2d. Armella Ann, b. 3-29-1846.



3d. Esther Eliza, b. 10-2-1819.

1d. Wm. P. Lamb exposed himself a great deal during the Civil war in order to save their property and keep out of the rebel army. Broken in health, he visited relatives in Indiana; returned to N. C., married, lived a few years and died, leaving a widow and four children.

2d. Armella A. married, had one child; n. f. d.

3d. Esther Eliza, married a Farmer; had five children; reported to be a worthy and prosperous family. One of the sons, Gurney Barker, was a student at Earlham College for awhile, and visited his Chamness relatives during vacation.

5c. Miles married Eliza J. Hinshaw, 11-20-1845. She was born 8-15-1825; died 4-13-1904. Their children are here listed:

1d. Lorenzo L., b. 8-23-1846; married; has one child.

2d. Arlendo G., b. 3-4-1851; d. 3-2-1891; married and left a widow and three children.

3d. Hannah E., b. 10-6-1855; has one child.

6c. Anthony, youngest of the family of Anthony and Amy Chamness, married Jane Wilson, 6-6-1860. She was born 6-19-1830; d. 10-9-1908. Their children:

1d. Alva, elder daughter, b. 6-25-1862.

2d. Ellen, younger daughter, b. 3-30-1865; married a man known as Ed Cox, and has five children.

3d. Allen Jay, only son of Anthony and Jane Chamness, b. 8-4-1868. He and his sister, Alva, are both unmarried and live together in the same home in N. C.

7b. Margaret, fourth daughter of Joseph and Margaret Chamness, became the second wife of Francis Reynolds, in 1795, in Randolph Co., N. C. Francis was b. 8-27-1767; d. 8-31-1849. They moved into the vicinity of Newport, Wayne Co., Ind., about 1830. Their children, all born in N. C., are here listed:

1c. Rachel, b. 2-26-1796; d. 11-12-1812. n. f. d.

2c. Aaron, b. 6-4-1798; d. 1-2-1855.

3c. Edith, b. 9-17-1799; d. 4-17-1836.

4c. Martha, b. 3-11-1801; d. 12-4-1837.

5c. Hannah, b. 3-31-1803; d. 10-17-1895.

6c. Irene, b. 1-21-1805; d. 10-4-1834.

7c. Jesse, b. 2-11-1809; d. 8-18-1818.

8c. David, b. 6-7-1813; d. 6-19-1866.

9c. Zeno, b. 8-9-1816; d. 9-15-1844.

Francis Reynolds died at the age of 82 years, 4 days.  
2c. Aaron, oldest son of Margaret and Francis Reynolds, married his second wife probably before leaving N. C. for Ind. He lived with his family at or near Plymouth, Ind.; visited his brother Isaac at Dalton as late as 1872. He lived to be nearly 87 years old. He had, by his first wife, a daughter, Malinda, who refused to come to Indiana, but remained in N. C., never married, but made her home with Anthony Chamness and wife.

3c. Edith, eldest daughter, m. Eli Osborn. They lived at Fountain City (old Newport). Their children: Emily, Linden, Eliza Ann, Hiram and Calvin. Of Emily we have n. f. d. Linden was a bachelor, made his home with M. M. Lacey the last 30 years of his life, and died at 87 years of age. Eliza Ann married M. M. Lacey. They had six children. She died in 1899. Hiram and Calvin did not live to be grown.

4c. Martha, third daughter, m. a Pickett, and probably remained in North Carolina.

6c. Isaac, second son, m. Sarah Hinshaw, in N. C. He and his half-brother Job, before leaving N. C., built many mills and thrashing machines to run by water power. It was about the year 1830, or indefinitely some time between the births of the second and third sons, that Isaac and Sarah moved from N. C. to Indiana, and settled at Newport. It seems safe to say that not only Francis, but Isaac, Jesse and some others came together about the above named date. Soon after arriving, Isaac, Jesse and Eli Osborn built a steam saw- and grist mill, and Isaac operated this mill vigorously for a number of years, but failed to make it a financial success. About the year 1846, Isaac sold out at Newport and moved to Dalton. Here he bought a steam saw-mill which had been standing idle for a number of years. This was a large and commodious structure, three stories in height. Isaac remodelled it by fitting up one large room for a dwelling for his family, and a hall in the third story in which the Good Templars held their meetings;



for Isaac and his family were good temperance people. He bought some ground of Joseph Davis, and had a good commodious dwelling on the way when, in 1848, the combination mill, dwelling and hall took fire and burned to the ground. Undaunted, Isaac let the unfinished dwelling stand for the time being, and joined in partnership with Jehu Chamness, and with Riley Chamness to help, they built a new mill, buying a new and improved boiler in Cincinnati, using the old engine. After they had the mill in running order, he finished the new dwelling. The partnership did not long continue. Isaac bought out his partner and continued the business for a number of years. His seven sons, as they grew up, all became good hands in the mill. He was a quiet, pleasant old man fit whose integrity everyone had confidence. As the evening of life came upon him, he was made postmaster of the village P. O. His first wife died one week after the birth of her fourth son, Edwin. These four sons grew to be large, strong and energetic men, fearless, and natural born pioneers. In 1836 Isaac took a second wife in the person of Lavina H. Puckett, daughter of Daniel Puckett. She was a worthy helpmate; had eight children, four of whom were born at Newport and four at Dalton. She was b. 12-15-1814; d. 1-23-1888. We here list the first and second set of Isaac's children together as one family:

- 1d. Clarkson, b. 7-7-1828; m. 5-23-1852.
- 2d. Milton, b. 12-18-1829; d. 6-9-1874.
- 3d. Francis, b. 2-8-1832; d. 1-21-1880.
- 4d. Edwin, b. 11-4-1831; d. 12-25-1914.
- 5d. Albert, b. 10-8-1837; d. 2-3-1865.
- 6d. Martha Ann, b. 9-19-1839.
- 7d. Louisa, b. 4-1-1843; d. 8-18-1844.
- 8d. Julia Ann, b. 4-21-1845.
- 9d. Mary Ellen, b. 9-20-1847; d. 11-13-1875.
- 10d. Emily Jane, b. 3-10-1850; d. 2-9-1853.
- 11d. Henry Lindley, b. 11-20-1852.
- 12d. Harvey, b. 1-13-1858.

1d. Clarkson, Isaac's eldest son, m. Olinde B. Routh, daughter of Jos. Routh, 5-23-1852. A man of public spirit, he was of much value in the community, was

the presiding officer in the Good Templars organization, and after the mill burned he put up a large building in which he lived, and had a public hall in the upper story. But Dalton was far too small a place for him. The lure of the west and the gold of California disquieted him. He sold out and with his young family found the gold regions and made a fortune. His children are here listed with present residences:

- 1e. Arthur, lives at Pasadena, Cal.
- 2e. Edwin, deceased.
- 3e. Letitia, m. a Briggs; lives at Los Angeles
- 4e. Mattie, m. a Stevens; lives at Los Angeles.
- 5e. Dora, m. a Hathaway; lives at Los Angeles.

Some of the descendants of Clarkson Reynolds were the big heroes in the capture of the outlaws at Coffeyville, Kan., in 1892, thus ridding the country of a bad lot of men.

2d. Milton, second son, m. Nancy Harris, and went west. Their sons and daughters are all, except the oldest, living in different parts of California, and are here listed:

- 1e. John, deceased. n. f. d.
- 2e. J. Orlando, near San Francisco.
- 3e. Charles C., a minister at Los Angeles.
- 4e. Isaac J., lives at Allodena.
- 5e. Clyde, lives at Taft.
- 6e. Harry Stewart, lives at Monrovia.
- 7e. A. Frank, lives at Los Angeles.
- 8e. Pearl, m. a Miles; lives at Los Angeles.
- 9e. Adila, m. a Mulford; lives at Taft.

3d. Francis, third son of Isaac, was born in Wayne Co., Ind., and grew to manhood at the village of Dalton in the same county. Like his father and his brothers, he took to the railling and lumber industry. He early heard the "call of the west" and left Indiana in 1854, driving a four-horse team thru to western Iowa, hauling a combination saw-mill and grist-mill. He established the first milling industry in Iowa, west of Des Moines. In 1855 he came back to Platte, Dallas Co., Iowa, to the home of his affianced, Martha Jane Whitinger, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Whitinger, and was





married to her 6-2-1855. She was born in the village of Franklin, in Wayne Co., Ind., 7-5-1838. They remained with her parents until the first child was born, he making many trips back and forth, looking after his mill 175 miles west. Building a log cabin at Denison, he removed his wife and child to that place, and in 1856 the oldest son was born, being the first white child born in Crawford Co. After a few years of this pioneer life came the Civil war and the Indian outbreak at Cherokee. Francis enlisted in the State service, and did good work as a designer and builder of block-house forts, his knowledge of logging and timber coming in very nicely for the work at hand. A one-room log cabin was still their home, and it was here at Gallands Grove, in 1864, that Edwin, the second son, was born. These days were often referred to in after years by them as the happiest of their lives. He died in the prime of his life. Coming to Chicago in the winter of 1879 and '80, he was taken suddenly ill with what is now known as appendicitis and died in 24 hours. After his death his widow removed her little flock back to Harlan, Shelby Co., Iowa; whence, as they grew up, they went out to different parts of the country. His son, Edwin A., writing of his father, uses this language: "If you knew my uncle Edwin, you knew my father, for no two men were more alike than they." We conclude from this that he was physically well proportioned, rather large, but symmetrical, of good height and rather commanding in appearance. The children of Francis and Martha J. are here listed:

1c. Ida L., b. 5-21-1856, at Panora, Iowa; d. 3-12-1885, at Harlan, Iowa. n. f. d.

2c. Oscar A., b. 9-2-1857, at Denison, Iowa.

3c. Edwin A., b. 4-29-1864, at Gallands Grove, Iowa.

4c. Alice L., b. 3-23-1869, at Farmington, Iowa.

5c. Carl A., b. 8-14-1876, at Harlan, Iowa.

2e. Oscar A. now resides at Hollywood, near Los Angeles, Cal; has a son, Lynn P., who is a writer and director for the great film companies at Hollywood, n. f. d.

3e. Edwin A. is a brisk business man, resides at 3237 N. Monticello Ave., Chicago, where he has been in the printing and publishing business since 1891. n. f. d.

4e. Alice L. m. A. E. McBride; now resides at Santa Rosa, California. n. f. d.

5e. Carl A. is publisher of the Humboldt Union, a weekly paper at Humboldt, Kan. His mother, Martha J. Reynolds, makes her home with him. It is known that she, with her son Edwin A., of Chicago, visited the Chamness Reunion, near Mooreland, Ind., in the summer of 1921.

4d. Edwin, fourth and youngest son of Isaac and Sarah Reynolds, did not obey the "call of the west" but chose to remain in the state of his nativity. Reared as he was, in the saw mill, he sought no other business, seeming to pursue it because he loved it. Permanently located at Straughn, Henry Co., he continued the saw-milling business until age admonished him he had done enough. He m. Amanda C. Payne, near Dalton, 10-4-1863. She d. 10-23-1864. His second marriage, 1-16-1869, was to Phebe Jane Knight. They had one daughter, Martha A., who m. a Willis, and lives at Straughn. Phebe Jane d. 11-2-1875. Edwin took a third wife, 3-14-1877, in the person of Elmira Starr. She survives him. They had one son, Frank S., b. 9-18-1880, a worthy citizen of Rushville, Ind., who is extensively engaged in the lumber trade. While living at Dalton, Edwin held the office of township trustee, and after moving to Straughn he served as trustee of Dudley township in Henry Co. He had a birth-right membership with the Friends church at New Garden, near Fountain City, but after moving to Straughn he joined the Christian church.

6d. Martha Ann, eldest daughter and second child of Lavira, the second wife of Isaac, m. Wilson D. Mendenhall. They had two daughters, Myra and Effie. The former died young.

8d. Julia Ann, m. Nathan Dennis, who in a few years succumbed to lung disease, leaving two daughters, here listed:

1e. Alice, b. 3-15-1864; m. Orpheus Talbert.

2e. Flora, b. 12-24-1868, m. a Catterson.



Julia Ann m. a second husband in the person of Isaac Harris, and she and her daughters moved to his home in Farmland.

Orpheus Talbert was running a saw-mill in Farmland, became acquainted with Alice Dennis and married her; a few years later sold out at Farmland, bought a mill at Westfield and has been prospering in the lumber business for many years. Julia A., her husband and daughter also moved to Westfield, and the husband died a few years later.

2e. Flora proved herself to be a capable business woman; in, in middle life, a prominent veterinary surgeon who finds employment by the government.

9d. Mary Ellen m. Ira Hobson, and died a few months later.

11d. Henry Lindley m. Rosa Hockett, daughter of Millikan Hockett, 10-5-1873, and a few years later moved to Dayton, Tenn., where he has been running a saw-mill for many years. They reared two sons, here listed:

1e. Roy R., b. in Wayne Co., Ind., 7-29-1876.

2e. Albert, b. in Dayton, Tenn., 3-5-1888.

1e. Roy R. fell from the Baldwin Locomotive Works at Philadelphia, Pa., where he had been working for four years, and was killed. This happened in 1905.

2e. Albert m. Lalla Moench, in Dayton, Tenn., 2-5-1908. They live in Houston, Texas, and have two daughters: the elder one, named Elsie, was born in Dayton, Tenn., 9-11-1911; the younger, Rosa Elizabeth, born in Houston, Texas, 1-9-1920.

12d. Harvey, the twelfth and youngest of Isaac's family, was born and raised in the village of Dalton, and, like his brothers, he learned the saw-milling business. He m. Emma Baldwin, daughter of David E. Baldwin, 1-17-1885. Their children are here listed:

1e. Nellie Ruth, b. 11-8-1886, n. f. d.

2e. Isaac Herbert, b. 10-10-1887, n. f. d.

3e. Bertha Frances, b. 3-3-1891, n. f. d.

4e. John Albert, b. 7-1-1905, n. f. d.

After his marriage, Harvey moved to Stroughn and worked in Edwin's saw-mill for many years. The

people elected him assessor for a term, and he pleased them so well they gave him a second term.

8b. Martha m. Robert Moffitt and remained in N. C. Their children, of whom we have meager data, are here given in the order of their births: Mary, Nathan, David, Naomi, William, Hannah, Lydia and Aaron. We have further data of Lydia, the seventh child in this family. She m. Alfred Rains, 6-30-1833. Alfred was b. 2-3-1811; d. 9-25-1888. Lydia was b. 6-19-1811; d. 3-2-1885. Their children are here listed, with birth-date and death-date:

1d. Nathan, b. 7-25-1834; d. 5-18-1862.

2d. Mary, b. 4-15-1836; m. Simon Pickett; d. 5-7-1912.

3d. Susanna E., b. 9-1-1838; d. 2-28-1847.

4d. William A., b. 10-15-1840; d. 10-22-1859.

5d. Daniel, b. 5-15-1842, n. f. d.

6d. Alfred E., b. 9-4-1844; d. 4-23-1917.

7d. Robert M., b. 3-29-1853; d. 5-3-1918.

9b. Lydia, the ninth child of Joseph and Margaret, m. James Cruthus, n. f. d.

10b. Edward, tenth child, fourth and youngest son of Joseph and Margaret Chamness, m. Hannah Woody, daughter of James and Mary Woody. They emigrated to Hendricks Co., Ind., in 1816, and settled on a farm. Their children and their husbands and wives are here listed:

1e. Owen, married Rhoda Bray.

2e. Eleanor, married John Hadley.

3e. Jane, married Allen Bray.

4e. Mary, married James Boyd.

5e. Martha, married Nathaniel Carter, 11-2-1837.

6e. Edith, married John Morris and David Harvey.

7e. Aaron, married Nancy Hayden.

8e. Emily, married Larkin Carter, n. f. d.

1e. Owen, elder son of Edward and Hannah Chamness, had a son, Luke B., who lived in Indianapolis. They had other children of whom we have no data.

2e. Eleanor and John Hadley had seven children:

1d. Samuel Milton, b. 10-2-1833; d. 5-27-1908.

2d. Malinda married Harrison Whitehead.

3d. Miriam married Erastus Mendenhall.



4d. Hannah, b. 3-27-1814; d. 8-21-1908.

5d. Newton, married Almira Harvey.

6d. Sybil, 4th daughter, died young and unmarried.

7d. Martha married Elin Harvey.

1d. Samuel Milton m. Samira Ann Kemp, and had one daughter who grew to womanhood and married William Cox and had one son, named Milton.

2d. Malinda and Harrison Whitehead had four children: Newton, Lelia, William and Allon.

3d. Miriam and Erastus Mendenhall had five children: Linden, Eleanor Anise, Ira Milton, Sybil and Elbert Newton.

4d. Hannah m. Thomas Elmore. They had eight children: Emma, Anna, William, Elizabeth, Mary, Martha, Eleanor and Florence.

5d. Newton and Almira Hadley had eight children: Everett, Elmer, Berton, Amy, Ethel, Alfred, Wallace, Frank and May.

7d. Martha and Elin Harvey had seven children: Myrtle, Otto, Florence, Ernest, Homer, Clyde and Bernice.

5e. Martha and Nathaniel Carter had six children, listed as follows:

1d. James R., b. 8-23-1838; m., 7-25-1860.

2d. Hannah, m. Alpheus Overman; are childless.

3d. Thomas F., d. 5-31-1864.

4d. Mary B. never married. n. f. d.

5d. Nathaniel W. m. Emma Sheets; one child.

6d. William Edgar, m. Josephine Caltett.

1d. James R. Carter m. Martha Jane Jones. They have five children, enumerated as follows:

1e. Eva A. m. Wm. H. Boatman; one son, Luther C.

2e. Ada E. d. at three years of age.

3e. Charlotte T. m. Omer Atkinson; three children.

4e. Casswell S. m. Lela Wagner; have one child.

5e. Mary M. m. Wm. P. Phillips; had two children.

6e. Edith and John Morris had three children:

1d. Jubee died in early life.

2d. Ann married James Harvey.

3d. Albert married Esther Lawrence.

5d. Ann and James Harvey had five children: Elva, Corwin, William, Luana, Myrtle, Ethel and Morris.

3d. Albert and Esther Morris had four children: Arthur, William Curtis, Homer and Paul. After the death of John Morris, Edith married David Harvey.

7c. Aaron, younger son of Edward and Hannah Chamness, and his wife had four children: Dayton, Zimri, Hiram and Angeline. Dayton died 2-16-1909. Zimri and Hiram lived at Cartersburg, Ind. The former was an engineer. Both seem to be prospering.

Angie, as she was called, married a Buchanan, and lives in Indianapolis.

Hannah, wife of Edward Chamness, was born 6-12-1787, and died 9-8-1858.

11b. Mourning, the youngest child of Joseph and Margaret Chamness, never knew the love of a real mother. From her earliest infancy she was the care of her sister Sarah, and after Sarah's marriage she became a member of her household, remaining such until her own marriage to Daniel Osborn. She was childless. n. f. d.

12b. Susanna, Joseph's youngest child, was the only child of his second wife, Hannah. She was the second Susanna Chamness, and married the second Jeremiah Reynolds. Her Aunt Susanna married her husband's Uncle Jeremiah. We here give the children of the second Susanna and Jeremiah Reynolds:

1c. Delilah, never married; died in Indiana.

2c. Joash, married Anna E. Blair; both d. in 1893.

3c. Hannah W., b. 2-28-1817; d. 11-26-1910.

4c. Lewis, m. Mary Haworth; both d. in 1833.

5c. Joshua, m. Cynthia E. Smith.

6c. Catharine, m. Wesley D. Sheppard; d. 3-1-1911.

7c. Jeremiah, m. Pruella Moody; d. in 1862.

1e. Delilah went with her mother and brother to the vicinity of Plainfield, Ind., in 1857, and died there in 1860; probably buried at Sugar Grove.

2e. Joash and wife had four sons and five daughters.

3e. Hannah W., second daughter of Susanna and Jeremiah Reynolds, was born in Guilford Co., N. C. She died at the age of 93 years, 3 months and 23 days. In her life and education she was far above the average woman of her generation. The daughter even testify



from letters received from her when she was nearing her four score years, that she was a good English scholar, loved the truth and hated everything false or misleading. When very deaf and so nearly blind that she could not see the lines on the paper, she would write him long and interesting letters; at one time, with much effort and some pathos, correcting a flagrant historical error existing in the minds of a large number of the Chamness people both in North Carolina and Indiana. The following sketch of her life, prepared by her at the request of the compiler while in correspondence with her and sent to him by her daughter after her death, altho far too brief and too modest, is here given, un-abbreviated: "Until twenty-two years of age she remained with her parents at their farm homestead, with very limited opportunity for education. At that age she entered New Garden Boarding School (now Guilford College). After spending a few months in study under the direction of that energetic and accomplished Yankee lady, Catharine Cornell, from Rhode Island, she was employed on the teaching force of that school two and one-half years. Fifth mo. 11th, 1843, she was married to Joel Watkins, and assisted him in teaching his school at Deep River until their happy union was severed by his death, Fourth mo. 17th, 1844. Soon after that event she returned to the Boarding School, and served as Principal of the girls' department three and one-half years. Fifth mo. 24th, 1849, she was married to Obed Osborne, and settled in Randolph County, and for a number of years occasionally engaged in teaching in a small way, mostly in instructing her own and neighbors' children at her own house. She had a birthright membership in the Society of Friends, and always retained her connection with that branch of the church. For twelve successive years she served as Clerk of the women's department of the Quarterly Meeting to which she belonged; and for thirteen years was Clerk of the women's department of North Carolina Yearly Meeting. The death of her second husband, First mo. 5th, 1850, left her again in widowhood until her own death occurred Eleventh mo, 25th, 1919."

Her five children were by her second husband and are listed in the order of their births: Barsina, Elwin, Maron, Susanna and Lundy.

1d. Barsina was an intelligent, well educated young woman, useful in the church and in the community. She never married and survived her mother only a few years.

2d. Elwin, m. Mary Spencer; after her death he m. a second wife who was known as Dora.

3d. Maron, has a wife, and a daughter named Hannah.

4d. Susanna, the younger daughter, according to the testimony of those who knew them both, was much like her sister in intellect and in education, and was held in high esteem by all who knew her. She was unmarried, and died 1-13-1909, nearly two years before the death of her mother.

5d. Lundy, the youngest, m. a woman whose maiden name was Glenn.

4e. Lewis and wife remained in N. C. and reared a family of seven children.

5e. Joshua and his wife, Cynthia, had the following named children: Velina, Verus A., Eunice Elma, Smith, Florence Nightingale, Elwood O. and William Herbert. Of these we have data of only two: Verus A., who has been living in Whittier, Cal., since 1893, and Elwood O., who lives in the same town.

6e. Catharine, third and youngest daughter of Jeremiah and Susanna Reynolds, soon after her marriage to W. D. Sheppard, in 1850, came with him to Indiana, and settled in or near Pleasantville. She was well educated. Settling as they did quite remote from any Friends' meeting, she joined with her husband in membership with the M. E. church. She became a loyal and useful member of that body, and continued to affiliate with it until she passed away at the age of nearly 85 years.

7e. Jeremiah, the youngest, moved and settled with his family near Plainfield. Susanna, his mother, lived with him during the latter years of her life; died there and was buried at Sugar Grove, near Plainfield.

8a. Sarah, fourth child and third daughter of An-





thony and Sarah, married David Vestal, in Cane Creek Friends Meeting, 10-25-1759. n. f. d.

5a. Mary, the fourth daughter, married John Davis, a son of Charles and Hannah Davis. There seems to have been two weddings in Cane Creek meeting on the same day, Mary marrying on the same day that her sister Sarah did, 10-25-1759. We have a partial list of their children:

- 1b. William, married Ann Marshall.
- 2b. Sarah, married Joshua Pickett. n. f. d.
- 3b. Mary, married George Shugart. n. f. d.
- 4b. Thamer, married Job Ratcliff.
- 5b. Elizabeth, married Enoch Barker. n. f. d.
- 6b. Rachel, married William Pike. n. f. d.

It is probable there were other sons of whom we have no certain data.

1b. William and Ann Davis had a family of ten children of which the following is probably a correct list:

- 1c. Jacob, married Lucy Roe. n. f. d.
- 2c. Joseph, married Catharine Farmer.
- 3c. John, married Ruth Hadley, 1st wife.
- 4c. Simon, m. Mary Freeman. n. f. d.
- 5c. Ezra, married Nellie Hadley. n. f. d.
- 6c. Mark, married Rebecca Osborn, n. f. d.
- 7c. Mary, married Stephen Adams. n. f. d.
- 8c. Rebecca married Ebenezer Adams.
- 9c. Rachel, married Joshua Bond. n. f. d.
- 10c. Anna, married Ezra Williams. n. f. d.

2c. Joseph and Catharine Davis lived on a farm near the village of Dalton, Wayne Co., Ind. They were prominent Friends and ardently espoused the cause of the slave during the Abolition separation. Their children all had birthrights:

- 1d. Nathan, b. 6-16-1808; m. Hannah Moore.
- 2d. William, b. 10-6-1810; m. Abigail Wright. n. f. d.
- 3d. Mary, b. 2-11-1812; m. David Baldwin.
- 4d. Anna, b. 6-29-1815; m. Newton Baldwin.
- 5d. George, b. 5-12-1818; m. Charlotte Baldwin.
- 6d. Hannah, b. 11-16-1820; m. Daniel Thornburgh.
- 7d. John, b. 5-19-1823; m. Caroline H. Chamness.
- 8d. Edom, b. 6-28-1828; m. Joseph Bates. n. f. d.

9d. Lewis, b. 6-26-1830; d. 10-30-1840.

1d. Nathan and Hannah lived on a good farm south of the present site of the town of Mooreland. Their children were:

1e. Newton B. m. Harriet Williams; had a son Edgar.  
2e. Martha A., m. Jesse Reed, and became a widow.  
3e. Lewis W. m. Lucinda Jones; had a son Elmer J. who became a practicing physician in Mooreland.

4e. Rufus H., m. Emma Davis; both were teachers. They had four worthy daughters: Ethel, Helen, Clara and Ruth. The latter three were teachers. Clara m. Dallas Albright, of Lynn, Ind.

5e. Catharine d. when a young woman.

6e. Sarah Alice, m. Eli W. Fraizer; the daughter, Nellie m. Lawrence Hialt. The mother and daughter died.  
3d. Mary and David Baldwin lived near Westfield, Ind. Their children are here listed:

- 1e. Nathan D., m. Susan Sherriek and Bettie Cook.
- 2e. Anna C., m. Henry H. Hodgkin.
- 3e. John J. m. Sarah J. Vestal.

1e. Nathan D., the elder son of David and Mary Baldwin, was a minister in the Friends church, with his home at Westfield, Ind. He and his wife, Susan, had six children as here listed:

Linnues S., a lawyer, m. Hattie DeWitt; had a daughter, Hattie Louise.

Lincoln, a doctor in Westfield, m. Rose White; had one child, named Merle. Second wife was Sarah A. Knight.

Mary A. who married a McKinley.

Ira, who m. Charles Jefferis, and had a daughter, Barbara.

Ary, who married Abigail White. n. f. d.

Ella, m. Paul Brown; daughter, Geneva, m. Oris Johnson.

2e. Ann C. and Henry H. Hodgkin, a minister in the Friends church, had two sons: Albert V. was an educator. He m. Emma Mendenhall, who is now at the head of Pacific College, Newberg, Oregon. They have three daughters: Louise, Irene and Harriet. Brecht,



the second son, is a doctor in Indianapolis. He m. Hattie White; children: Agnes, Jack and Lois A.

3c. John J., younger son of David and Mary Baldwin, is a prosperous farmer near Westfield; is an officer in the bank at that place. He and his wife have three children: Charles H., the elder son, m. Elsie Cox; have a daughter named Dorothy. He is doing a large business as a Ford agent in Tipton, Ind. William D., the younger son, died when near graduation at medical college. Mary, the daughter, is a teacher in the High School at Westfield, Ind.

4d. Anna, second daughter of Joseph and Catharine Davis, and her first husband lived on a farm one mile east of Dalton. After his death she married Daniel Thornburgh, the husband of her deceased sister, Hannah.

5d. George and Charlotte Davis settled in Grant Co., on a farm, and reared a family.

7d. John, fourth son of Joseph and Catharine Davis, brought his wife into the home of his parents, where they remained and cared for the "old folks" in their declining years. After they had passed away, he bought out the heirs, and owned the entire quarter section except a few acres of the village of Dalton, the premises of Isaac Reynolds and others. He held the office of Justice of the Peace for a number of years. Their children are:

1c. Lewis H., b. 9-14-1864; d. 7-25-1908.

2c. Mary L., b. 10-23-1865; d. 5-31-1918.

3c. George F., b. 8-10-1868.

4c. Joseph N., b. 3-15-1870; m. Lettie M. Chamness.

5c. Charles, died in infancy.

6c. Anna L., b. 2-28-1876; m. John C. Smith.

7c. Laura M., b. 10-29-1878; m. Fred L. Beeson.

8c. Ethel C., b. 3-29-1881; m. Harvey D. Hodson.

1e. Lewis H., eldest son of John and Caroline H. Davis, m. Alma Nora, daughter of Wm. W. Chamness, 7-19 1891. Further account of him may be found among the descendants of Isaac and Rebecca Chamness.

2e. Mary L., eldest daughter, m. Wm. Harter. They owned and lived in the property just north of Dalton, where Isaac Reynolds raised his family. They had one

daughter, Maggie, who m. Harmon Dennis. Mary L. became a chronic invalid, suffering for many years.

3e. George F., second son, was a teacher of good reputation. While teaching a district school on West River he contracted pneumonia and died in the home of Samuel Brown.

4e. Joseph N., bought that part of the homestead lying next the south road and on which the buildings stood; built a new house. He was a school teacher for a number of years before marriage. He and Lettie have one daughter, Elsie.

6c. Anna L., second daughter, and her husband have a farm on the Mooreland road in Wayne Co. Their children are named Byron D., Howard G., Bernice, Sarah Pauline, Lorene K., Charles F. and Lura Caroline.

7e. Laura M. m. Fred L. Beeson, 5-22-1897. They have a farm on the Losantville road, one mile north of Dalton. Their ten children are named as follows: Herbert E., Benjamin B., Charlie D., Harold H., Lowell F., Robert P., James W., Marjorie Helen, Mildred Irene and Marge Alice. Herbert E. married Essie Alfred, and Benj. Bernard m. Lois M. Wilkinson.

8c. Ethel C., youngest of the family of John and Caroline Davis, graduated at Hagerstown High School, and m. Harvey D. Hodson, 8-2-1902. Their children are named Linnie and Charles Wilbert.

3c. John, third son of Wm. and Ann Davis, of whose movements we have meager account, must have married Ruth Hadley in North Carolina. He moved his young family to Indiana some time during the first quarter of the nineteenth century and settled on a farm near the village of Economy. The following account of his children appears on the records of Springfield Mo. Mtng. of Friends:

1d. Spencer, b. 6-16-1816; d. 9-14-1864.

2d. Keziah, b. 5-18-1818; m. Wm. Marshall.

3d. William, b. 9-17-1820; m. Huldah Hough.

4d. Mary, b. 6-16-1823. n. f. d.

These are Ruth's children. About a dozen years after her death he married Lydia (Davis) Farmer. Their children are:



- 5d. Jesse C., b. 5-11-1831. n. f. d.  
 6d. John M., b. 4-1-1836. n. f. d.  
 7d. Daniel, b. 3-28-1838. n. f. d.  
 8d. Hezekiah, b. 12-25-1839. n. f. d.  
 9d. Mark S., b. 11-17-1842. n. f. d.  
 10d. Lydia Ann, b. 10-18-1844. n. f. d.

1d. Spencer, eldest child of John and Ruth Davis, married Amelia Bond, daughter of Wm. Bond, in Flat Rock meeting, 1-26-1838. He owned a farm in the vicinity of that meeting. Their children are here listed as they appear on record:

- 1e. William, b. 3-22-1839; m. Martha E. Remington.  
 2e. John, b. 10-22-1810; d. 2-19-1863.  
 3e. Amos, b. 10-4-1812; m. Esther Ann Hill.  
 4e. Eli, b. 4-25-1845; d. 4-13-1865.  
 5e. Miles, b. 11-13-1819; m. Nancy Jane Cory.  
 6e. Joseph S., b. 3-23-1855; m. Melissa Wilkinson.  
 7e. Elizabeth R., b. 3-12-1858; m. Mordecai E. Lundy.  
 8e. Thomas M., b. 9-16-1861; d. 9-21-1864.

1e. William, the oldest of this family was a soldier in the Civil war, contracted a chronic disease, moved into Mooreland, where he died. He was a worthy citizen. We find the names of four children: Viretta, Eliza Jane, Oda and Charlie.

2e and 4e. John and Eli were soldiers in the Civil war and both died in the army.

3e. Amos, third son, was also a soldier in the Civil war. He had a good farm lying to the southwest of Mooreland. He and his wife had the following named children: Marietta, Phebe, Catharine, Lavica, Omar, John H., Nellie and Benjamin S.

5e. Miles, m. 11-23-1876. His wife, Nancy Jane, was born 2-2-1862. They have a small farm of fertile soil northwest of Mooreland. They had three children, named Perry, Marcus and Lizzie. The two sons married and are prosperous. The daughter married Seth O. Sanders; died a few years later, leaving two small boys.

6e. Joseph S. owns and lives on the old homestead of his father.

7e. Elizabeth R., the only daughter, and her husband

have reared a small family and lived in several different places.

2d. Keziah, elder daughter of John and Ruth Davis, was married to Wm. Marshall in Flat Rock meeting, 1-20-1838, and moved to Iowa in a few years after their marriage.

3d. William, younger son of John and Ruth Davis, married Huldah Hough in Flat Rock meeting 9-22-1812.

4e. Simon, fourth son of Wm. and Ann Davis, of whom we have little data, and his wife Mary, had a daughter, Ann, who married George Pierce. Ann and George had two sons and two daughters, and possibly others. William and Alvin, the two sons, married, owned farms and reared families in Henry Co.. The daughter Mary m. Jos. L. Harter, had two children and died. Her son, Wm. Harter, lives near Dalton. The other daughter m. Henry Taylor, died, leaving a son, James Clay, who lives in Mooreland. After George Pierce died, Ann became the second wife of Joseph Bales.

8e. Rebecca, the eighth child of Wm. and Ann Davis, m. Ebenezer Adams. Their children are Anna, Mary, Joel, Asenath and Alvis D. We have n. f. d. regarding the daughters. Joel, the elder son, m. Asenath Bond, daughter of Wm. Bond. They moved to the east part of Howard county. They had one son, named Albert Preston.

Alvis D., the younger son, m. Asenath Baldwin, daughter of Daniel Baldwin. They had a family of eight children, one of whom died in childhood. They owned a farm on Flat Rock; both lived beyond four score years and died in Mooreland.

4b. Tamar, third daughter of John and Mary (Chamness) Davis, b. 8-3-1780. She m. Job Rateliff, moved to Wayne Co., Ind., from N. C. They were members of Springfield Mo. Mtng. The records seem to omit two of their children, for whom we have no data:

- 1e. Elias, b. 1-27-1807, m. Achsa Mills, 10-19-1825.  
 2e. Thomas, m. Susanna Ward, 4-19-1826.  
 5e. Mary, b. 7-2-1817. n. f. d.  
 6e. Isaac, b. 3-6-1820; m. Huldah Carr.  
 7e. Sarah, b. 3-12-1825; d. of tuberculosis, 5-17-1818.



Se. Elizabeth, b. 10-13-1822; m. Nathan Hodgson, 12-1-1841.

1e. Elias and Achsa, daughter of Benoni Mills, b. 10-21-1801, had one son, Eli, b. 6-21-1829, who married and raised a family. Elias and Achsa were generous-hearted. Having but one child, they gave a home to two orphan sisters, Susanna and Delilah Reece. They lived in the Westbury neighborhood, near Rogersville, but sold out and moved into the vicinity of Economy. About 1849 they sold again and moved to Howard Co., bought a farm three miles west of New London, and erected a sawmill which became the nucleus of a small village, called Shanghai, and sported a postoffice. The Pleasant Hill meeting house was on the northeast corner of the farm. Eli and his family lived on the same farm. After several years residence there, they sold out and went to Iowa.

6e. Isaac and Hulda had three children, when she died. They once owned a home one and a half miles west of Dalton. But Isaac generally followed the movements of his brother Elias. When Elias would sell and move, Isaac would also sell and move. Thus he moved to Howard Co., and from there to Iowa.

8e. Elizabeth and Nathan Hodgson moved to the east part of Howard Co., when the county was yet new; sold out and bought out Elias Ratcliff in the west part of the county. After Elizabeth's death, Nathan remarried and moved away.

6a. Martha, sixth child and fifth daughter, m. Stephen Hussey, 9-25-1762. n. l. d.

7a. John, seventh child and second son, was the first born in N. C. When sixteen years old he m. Charity Haworth under conditions which gave the Mo. Mtng. a cause for disowning them. Five children were born to them, named as follows:

- 1b. Stephanus, a bachelor.
- 2b. Micajah, m. Martha White in N. C.
- 3b. Aaron (see addenda).
- 4b. Jo Ann, died a bachelor. n. f. d.
- 5b. Lydia, m. a Scofield. n. f. d.

These sons all came to Indiana at an early date, and for awhile lived in Wayne Co.

1b. Stephanus was a cripple; came to Wayne Co., Ind., with his brothers, lived to old age, and for some cause was taken into the home of Joshua and Margaret Murphy and cared for during his latter days.

2b. Micajah, second son, settled on the Walnut Level in Wayne Co., Ind. Their children, with their husbands and wives, are here given:

- 1c. Charity, m. John Welsh, at Newcastle. n. f. d.
- 2c. John, m. Sarah Hiatt. n. f. d.
- 3c. Mary, m. Patrick Gates. n. f. d.
- 4c. William, m. Mary Bray. n. f. d.
- 5c. Jane, m. Eli Freestone.
- 6c. Hannah, m. James R. Leonard. n. f. d.
- 7c. Micajah, m. Sarah A. Freestone.
- 8c. Asenath, m. William Eidson. n. f. d.
- 9c. Sarah, m. Basil George. n. f. d.
- 10c. Martha, m. John George. n. f. d.
- 11c. Cynthia, m. James Smith. n. f. d.
- 5e. Jane and Eli Freestone raised a family. One son, Aaron M. Freestone, m. and raised a family, and now in the decline of life is living in Alexandria, Ind., a respected citizen. n. f. d.

7c. Micajah and Sarah settled in Madison Co., Ind. He was born 7-3-1818; d. 3-14-1907. She was b. 9-15-1845; d. 9-27-1873. Their nine children are here listed in order of birth:

- 1d. Anthony, b. 10-13-1837; m. Mary A. Smithson.
- 2d. Louisa Jane, b. 10-18-1839; m. Courtland Doan.
- 3d. Hannah Amanda, b. 5-27-1842; m. twice.
- 4d. Rebecca Ann, b. 9-10-1844; m. John W. Webb.
- 5d. Isaiah Harris, b. 10-5-1846; d. 8-20-1858.
- 6d. Nancy Malinda, b. 4-15-1849; d. 11-9-1868.
- 7d. Eli Freestone, b. 3-18-1851; d. 7-6-1882.
- 8d. Sarah Catharine, b. 11-17-1853; m. Samuel Lamar.
- 9d. Mary Elizabeth, b. 2-17-1857; d. 6-17-1881.
- 1d. Anthony lives at Elwood, Ind., now in his 85th year. His wife d. 9-28-1910. He says he has heard his grandfather say that she and his grandfather, Micajah, came to Wayne Co., Ind., the year that C'm. Wayne





"licked" the Indians at Fort Wayne. Anthony and wife had three children, as follows:

1c. Ida May, b. 7-31-1861; m. a McCauley.

2c. Clara Bell, b. 12-25-1866

3c. Clinton Dell, b. 12-25-1866 } Twins, n. f. d.

3d. Hannah A., second daughter, m. Henry H. Weaver. After his death she m. William E. Heritage. She has been a widow for many years, nearly 80 years old, lives with her daughter in Alexandria, Ind.

3b. Aaron, third son of John and Charity, m., found a home in Boone Co., Ind., where he and his wife lived to old age. He died about the year 1817; she died several years later, in Lebanon. We have meager data of them and none whatever of their descendants.

There is such a thing sometimes as a marriage being entirely too youthful. John, the father of the above family, was but sixteen years old when he married, and no doubt Charity was younger. We seek not to place the entire blame on either one of them for the disagreement and separation which ensued not many years after marriage. John deserted his wife and children, and it is likely she never knew what became of him. The following story, seemingly, truthful, has been preserved by some of the descendants of the son Micajah: A few years after he left them, the family having struggled along as best they could to keep "the wolf from the door," their horses wandered away; and Micajah, being the one on whom they most depended, was sent in pursuit of the horses. He wandered from home among the hills in vain pursuit, kept wandering until he had lost himself among the hills and mountains, and knew not the way back home. Night was coming on when he drew near a dwelling among the hills. Wisdom, not the folly of youth, impelled him to present himself at the door of the humble home, own that he was lost and needed help to find his way back home. He was invited to remain for supper and stay over night. Having wandered nearly all day without dinner, he was a very hungry boy, and quite willing to partake of their humble fare. All that the story reveals so far was that the cabin was occupied by a man and a woman; no mention

is made of any children. The boy, whether questioned or not, revealed his identity to the man, telling him that the father had abandoned his family and they left to get along the best they could without him. The man was silent. The night passed, breakfast over, the man informed the boy he would go far enough with him to find a road that would lead him to his home. When they had walked together as far as necessary for the man to go, they sat down to rest and talk. Up to this time the man was holding a secret; he knew the boy, but the boy did not know the man. John Chamness, the man, now revealed to Micajah, the boy, that he was his father, and rehearsed to him the story of the trouble that had existed between himself and the mother; and furthermore, pledged him to keep it a profound secret within his own breast. Micajah returned home, grew to manhood, married, reared a large family, lived to old age, and, when nearing the close of his life, gave to his family this story which loyalty to his own father had prompted him to keep within his own breast for all the years intervening from youth to old age.

When John severed communication with his wife and elder children and hid himself in the mountains, he also hid himself and later posterity for more than a century from more remote relatives. His brothers and sisters had little or no interest in passing on to their children and grandchildren traditions regarding him. One day, M. E. Chamness, a jewelry "drummer" from Hagerstown, Ind., in registering at a hotel in an Illinois town, espied the name of M. E. Chamness, Marion, Illinois. This led to opening of communication between the Chamness people in Indiana and a large body of John's later posterity in southern Illinois; and from them we have data to continue the history. John's second wife was Sally Berry; and whether she was the same woman with whom he was living when Micajah visited him in the mountains of North Carolina, we shall never know. The children by the second marriage are nine in number and are here recorded as nearly as we can get them:

6b. William, m. and resided in F. Tennessee.



- 7b. Berry, m. and remained in E. Tennessee.
- 8b. Daughter, m. and remained in E. Tennessee.
- 9b. Daughter, m. and remained in E. Tennessee.
- 10b. Joseph, m. Celia Gardner.
- 11b. Jonathan P., b. 12-5-1806; d. 12-8-1875.
- 12b. Fannie, m. a man named Arnett.
- 13b. Jennie, m. a man named Gullet.
- 14b. Wiley Berry.

The youngest two of this family were twins. John left N. C. and lived in E. Tenn. for many years, or until the four older ones of his second wife's children were grown and married. About the year 1816 he moved with the remnant of his family to southern Illinois, and died in St. Clair Co., about the year 1825. The descendants from his three younger sons constitute a very large and prosperous community, principally in Williamson Co., and are generally members of the Missionary Baptist church. They understand that the three sons from whom they are descended were born in N. C. It seems probable that they may have been born in E. Tenn. We have no data for any descendants of those who remained in Tennessee.

10b. Joseph and Celia had ten children, of whom the following is a list:

- 1c. Stephen Gardner, father of 13 children.
- 2c. Harriet, m. a Stevens; mother of 2 children.
- 3c. William, father of 4 children.
- 4c. John, father of 6 children.
- 5c. Emily, m. a Frey; mother of 3 children.
- 6c. Mahala, m. a Brown; mother of 3 children.
- 7c. Josiah, father of 6 children.
- 8c. James P., father of 11 children.
- 9c. Berry, father of 5 children.
- 10c. Celia, m. a Wagner; mother of 4 children.

1c. Stephen G., b. 10-5-1825; d. 3-5-1920. He was married to five different women. The first wife was Harriet Norris. She d., leaving a babe. The second wife was Hannah McKown. She d., leaving five children. The third wife was Nancy Ann Jones, who had seven children. The fourth was Fannie Norris, and the fifth, Ruth Jones, who survived him. He was a successful

farmer, and occupied the same farm for 75 years. In the year 1921 his living descendants numbered 117. We have n. f. d. regarding the descendants of Joseph and Celia.

11b. Jonathan P. m. Nancy Bright. Their children are here listed in the order of their births, and with the names of their husbands and wives, as follows:

- 1c. Elizabeth J., m. Macomb McKown.
- 2c. Sophrona E., m. James Cagle.
- 3c. Joseph B., m. Sarah Huffman.
- 4c. James L., m. Louisa Robertson.
- 5c. Wiley B., m. Mary Modglin.
- 6c. Melissa, m. George Mitchell.
- 7c. Martitia, m. Allen Cagle.
- 8c. Malvina C., m. John Bryant.
- 9c. Isaiah never married; died at 18.
- 10c. Jonathan S., m. Nancy Copher.

11c. Harry L. is a minister and teacher.

- 1c. Elizabeth J. has nine children.
- 2c. Sophrona E. has seven children.
- 3c. Joseph B. has eight children.
- 4c. James L. has two children.
- 5c. Wiley B. is a minister and has five children.
- 6c. Melissa has seven children.
- 7c. Martitia has seven children.
- 8c. Malvina C. has five children.
- 10c. Jonathan S. has nine children.

11b. Jonathan P., the father of the above named children, was a physician.

12b. Fanny and her husband settled in Arkansas.  
13b. Jennie and husband remained in southern Illinois. n. f. d. regarding them.

14b. Wiley Berry was a Missionary Baptist minister. He married Sally Krantz. The following is a list of his children and the names of their husbands and wives:

- 1c. George Berry, m. Amanda Frey.
- 2c. William Allen, m. Martha Stevens.
- 3c. Thomas Wilson, m. Julia McIntosh.
- 4c. John Bunyan, m. Elizabeth Cooksey.
- 5c. Michael Monroe, m. Martha Cooksey.
- 6c. Oliver Cronwell, m. Elvira DeHart.



7c. Marshall Ewing, m. Paulina Stevens.

8c. Isaac Lafayette, m. Julia Ables.

9c. Matilda Jane, m. Allen Morgan.

Of these, Thomas W., Michael M. and Marshall E. were all Missionary Baptist ministers.

1c. George B. and Amanda had the following named children: John, Samuel, Elijah, George, Ambrose, Charlie, Frank, Mary, Laura and Sallie.

2c. William A. and Martha had the following named sons and daughters: Thomas Lafayette, William Monroe, George Washington, Charles Sherman, Columbus Allen, Sarah Adaline, Nannie Josephine, Mary Ann and Cora Alice.

William M. was a hardware merchant at Goreville. His wife was Bell McBride. Of their sons and daughters, Grover C. is a physician; William A. was an aviator in France and won a French war cross, and Gilbert E. is a traveling salesman; Lula M., Nettie and Bessie are married, and Cora is unmarried.

3c. Thomas W. and Julia's children were Joshua, Dora, Hattie and Anna.

4c. John B. and Elizabeth's children were named Julia, Lydia, Media, Nelia, Cordelia, Minnie and Columbus.

5c. Michael M. and Martha's children were named Edward, John Bunyan, Leroy, Hugh, Katie, Nellie, Edna, Grace, Gerlie, Bertie, Nora and Mary Ann.

6c. Oliver C. and Elvira had one son, an only child, named Jefferson.

7c. Marshall E. and Paulina's children were Emma-randa, Albert E., Austin and Minnie E. After Paulina, the wife and mother, died, Marshall E. m. Mary Ellen LaMaster, a worthy and well educated woman, and member of the M. E. church. She cared for him during a long period of sickness, and survived him many years.

8c. Isaac Lafayette and Julia's children were named Cal (or Calvin), Sandy (or Alexander), Hugh and Minnie.

There are in southern Illinois, a large number of the descendants of John and Sally (Berry) Chamness of whom we have not the sufficient genealogical data to enable us to compile them. Among them are min-

isters, doctors, teachers, possibly a lawyer or two, and many others of less prominence. One of them writes that the descendants of Wiley Berry Chamness are as the sands of the sea.

8a. Anthony, eighth child and third son of Anthony and Sarah Chamness, seems to have abandoned the church and his own relatives at an early age. The records of Cane Creek Mo. Meeting of Fourth month 1st, 1769, when he was little more than eighteen years old, show that he was complained of by a young woman for a very serious offense, and had married another woman. The meeting promptly disowned him. He seems to have entirely disappeared from the community in which he was reared. No tradition regarding him has ever reached us. The compiler, in searching thru the agency of Gilbert Coxe, of Westchester, Penn., for some record of the first Anthony Chamness, succeeded in obtaining the following information: A man named Anthony Chamness, on Sixth Mo. 8th, 1811, witnessed the will of George Harrison, of E. Nottingham, Chester Co., Penn. It appears that he applied for membership in Nottingham Mo. Mtg., Fourth Mo. 8th, 1811, and was admitted to membership at the next meeting, 5th mo. 6th, 1811. He died 3rd mo. 19th, 1817, and was buried on the 21st. at E. Nottingham meeting across the line in Cecil Co., Maryland. No other Chamness could be found mentioned on any record in that part of the country. This man was contemporary with the sons and daughters of Anthony and Sarah, and doubtless was their brother. We can surmise that he had been raised a Friend, drifted away in his youth, as the records show, repented of his evil conduct and in his age returned to the folds of the Church.

9a. Rachel, sixth daughter; nothing can be said of her except that the records show that she died unmarried at the age of eighteen.

10a. A son, seventh daughter, married Jesse Comer, 3-19-1778. Like her sisters, she married in Cane Creek meeting. They seem to have remained in N. C. n. f. d.

11a. L. dia, eighth and youngest daughter. It seems not improbable that she witnessed the marriage of Wm.



and Isabel, in 1791. If so, she was still unmarried and nearly 33 years old. William had a sister Lydia, a girl of eleven summers at the time of his marriage; so there is a degree of uncertainty as to whether it was his aunt or his sister who signed his marriage certificate.

12a. Joshua, fourth son and twelfth child of Anthony and Sarah, seems to have fallen into the ways of his brothers, John and Anthony. When the father, Anthony, for his second wife, in the year 1776, married Margaret Williams, she brought into his household her daughter, Rachel, then a mature young woman, and eight years the senior of the boy Joshua. The boy became enamored by the woman; and they were married under conditions which gave Cane Creek, Mo. Ming, just cause for disowning them both, and which it very promptly did. Joshua was just seventeen years old and Rachel twenty-five when their oldest child was born. In 1781, Joshua made proper confessions to the meeting and was received again into membership, but it was some six years later when Rachel brought an offering to the meeting which was accepted. Anthony, the father, having died not far from the time of Joshua's marriage, Joshua remained at the homestead, and eventually owned it in entirety; the large double house seeming to be ample for more than one family. Joshua, in disposition and character, was better than his wife; in fact, as the years went by, he became a very good Christian man, was an elder in the church, and for many years occupied the head of the meeting; at Cane Creek. He and his wife lived out the remnant of their days on the old farm which had been the home of their parents, and was located one mile west of Cane Creek meeting house. The irregularities which existed in the government of their family have contributed to a difficulty of getting a correct roll of their children; the first five and their birth dates are found on the records of Cane Creek Mo. Ming:

- 1b. Sarah, b. in Chatham Co., N. C., 4- 7-1778.
- 2b. Elizabeth, b. in Chatham Co., N. C., 1- 7-1780.
- 3b. Anthony, b. in Chatham Co., N. C., 5-11-1782.
- 4b. Margaret, b. in Chatham Co., N. C., 9- 2-1784.
- 5b. Jane, b. in Chatham Co., N. C., 9-11-1786.

6b. Mary, always called Polly.

7b. Joshua, n. f. d.

8b. William, b. 6-15-1795; d. 4-28-1889.

9b. Joseph, had two wives.

2b. Elizabeth, married Jesse Johnson, in North Carolina. We have only a meager account of their descendants, furnished by Ira C. Johnson, a grandson and prominent minister in Indiana Yearly Meeting. "Jesse and Elizabeth Johnson came from N. C. in 1807, and moved into Randolph Co. in 1817. They had six children, named Jonathan, Silas, Betsy, Eli, John and Simon. Jonathan was born in 1800, died in 1862. He had a son, Jesse, who was a minister; lived in Winchester, Ind. Silas married Betsy Cook. They had twelve children. He died in 1896, in his 94th year. His son, Ira C., and daughter, Irena, who married Elkana Beard, were ministers, and another son, William, had a son and two grandsons who were ministers. Sarah was the third. She married Joseph Pearson, and had three children. Eli had eight children. The fifth was John, who had fourteen children. The youngest was Simon. He married Phebe Moody. They had nine children. John had three sons who were ministers."

3b. Anthony, the oldest son of Joshua and Rachel Chamness, married Martha Thomas. They moved from N. C. to Wayne Co., Ind., about the year 1815, and settled on a claim of 160 acres one mile south of Williamsburg. They had five sons and three daughters, as follows:

- 1c. Aaron, a horse drover, was killed for his money.
  - 2c. William was thrown from a horse, and killed.
  - 3c. Keziah, married Christopher Heaston and moved to Iowa.
  - 4c. John, married Narcissa Boyd; had two sons, Allen and Samuel. The first named was a soldier in the Civil war. Samuel's wife died, leaving no children. He lives at Lynn, Ind.
  - 5c. Sarah, married Wm. Bacheller, by whom she had two daughters. After his death she m. Wm. Britt, by whom she had two more daughters.
- 6c. Jonathan, m. Malinda Sherry. Their children: Amanda, n. Lawrence; George died at the age of





sixteen; Andrew J. m. Rose Haxton; Ellen m. a Massey; Asher E. m. Lulu Bailey, owns and lives on the homestead of his grandfather, Anthony, near Williamsburg; Rosetta Bell m. Edward Becket; Eva May died in childhood, in 1871.

7c. Absalom, m. Susanna Harris in 1818. Their children: Martha Ann m. James Welker; Wm. Kerr m. Phebe Conway — she died, leaving a son who also died; second wife, Mary J. Laboyeaux, who died, leaving four children; two of them, Pearl and Frank, are living. Pearl married Charles Bepley and lives in Cleveland, O. Third wife of Absalom, Alice Dunn. James Monroe m. Lizzie Covatt; died, leaving two sons. Sarah Ellen m. William Ruppert. Nancy Priscilla m. John Williams. Andrew Jackson m. Ella Bayender; was a minister in the Christian church; died, leaving a wife and several children. John Randolph m. Annie Ulrich; died and left a widow and children — one son was a soldier in the World war. Mary Alice, Joshua Ellsworth and Emma Bell died in infancy. Oliver P. Morton died, unmarried, at the age of twenty-one, and Naomi Anna m. Samuel Neff.

8c. Rachel, never married. n. f. d.

4b. Margaret, third daughter and fourth child, m. Joshua Murphy in N. C., and settled near Williamsburgh, Ind., in pioneer days. They were very worthy people; reared a large family, and, in addition, took into their home an old man and took care of him in his helpless old age. He was Stephanus Chamness, the oldest son of John and Charity Chamness, and first cousin to Margaret Murphy. He was a bachelor and a cripple, and his nearer relatives failed to take care of him. The sons and daughters of Joshua and Margaret Murphy are here listed with the names of their husbands and wives:

1c. Sally, married Isaac Baldwin.

2c. William, married Betsy Cox.

3c. Rachel, married Henry Willets. n. f. d.

4c. Anos, married Hannah Martindale. n. f. d.

5c. Belseren, married Bailey Albertson. n. f. d.

6c. John, married Susan Williams. n. f. d.

7c. Joshua, married Tacy Shoemaker. n. f. d.

8c. Jesse, married Rebecca Mendenhall. n. f. d.

9c. Margaret, married Solomon Williams. n. f. d.

10c. Polly, married Ark Atkinson. n. f. d.

11c. Betsy, married Jackson Penwell. n. f. d.

12c. Milton, died when a young man.

1c. Sallie and her husband, Isaac Baldwin, lived on a good farm not far from Westfield, Ind. In the church and otherwise, Isaac was a very prominent man. It seems that Sallie's married life was of rather brief duration; she died, leaving a son and a daughter:

1d. William first married a Coffin. She had one child. She and the child both died. His second wife was Mary Jessup; they had two children, Vinton and Irvin, who are both business men in Kansas City, Mo.

2d. Margaret Ann married Wyatt Cain. Their children are William, Lucius, Isaac and Arcadia.

2c. William, oldest son of Joshua and Margaret Murphy, married Betsy Cox, in Springfield Mtng., near Economy, 10-22-1828. She was the daughter of Peter Cox, the little man from Tenn., who made spinning wheels, reels and measures. They settled on a farm in Hamilton Co., midway between Westfield and Carmel, and "Uncle Peter" lived with them until he was near a centenarian. They raised six children, listed as follows:

1d. Sarah, m. Levi Coffin, of Westfield. n. f. d.

2d. Merritt, m. Martha Jane Chappell; children:

1e. Edwin B., m. Mary Bunnell; live at Carmel.

2e. Mary, m. John B. Stipp, a minister; have one son, Merritt A. Stipp, who was a noted singer during the prohibition campaigns.

3e. Elizabeth, a minister, and unmarried. n. f. d.

4e. Encl married Mary Garrity. n. f. d.

5e. Elbert married Huldah Day. n. f. d.

After his first wife's death, Merritt Murphy married Amanda (Jones) Hanson, widow of Newton Hanson, of Howard Co.

3d. Margaret Ann, m. Calvin Bond, son of Jesse and Anna Bond. Their children are here listed:

1e. Wesley, m. Mary Conner. n. f. d.

2e. Aradissa B., m. Wm. C. Hill; live at High Point, North Carolina.



- 3e. William C., m. Clara Morris. n. f. d.
- 4e. Clara, m. Elbert Morris. n. f. d.
- 5e. Jesse, m. Dora Oliva and Amelia Ortwine.
- 6e. Oliver P. M., m. Grace Hall. n. f. d.
- 7e. Austin, m. Lillian Sanders. n. f. d.
- 4d. Milton, second son of Wm. and Betsy Murphy, died at the age of twenty-one.
- 5d. Rebecca, died when 29, unmarried.
- 6d. John, m. Mary Hodgkin. n. f. d.
- 9c. Margaret and Solomon Williams married and reared a family of eight children in Wayne Co., who are here listed as follows:

- 1d. Charles H., married Mary E. Potter.
- 2d. Emeline, married Daniel Pollard.
- 3d. Alpheus, married Ruth Russell.
- 4d. Jennie, married Nathan Morrow.
- 5d. Oliver, married Lizzie Keesling.
- 6d. Eva, married Shird Williams.
- 7d. George, married Louisa Carpenter.
- 8d. Olive, died young.

5b. Jane, fourth daughter, m. David Stout, and remained in N. C.

6b. Mary, m. Enoch Williams. Her five children are here listed in the order of their birth:

- 1c. Israel.
- 2c. Hannah.
- 3c. Elizabeth.
- 4c. George W.
- 5c. Harriet.

1c. Israel had three different wives. He came from N. C. to southwestern Ind., where he m. Catharine Cornelius. She dying, he moved to Iowa, where he married Lavina Davis. She died in 1848, and soon after her death he started across the plains to Oregon. He married his third wife, Catharine Clock, in 1850.

His four children by his first wife are as follows:

- 1d. Elizabeth, b. 3-2-1833; m. Willis Dunegan in 1856.
- 2d. Joseph, b. 10-26-1838; m. Rachel Norlyko, 1-14-1858.

3d. Harriet, b. 1-12-1840; m. Abner Mosier in 1856.

4d. George, died in Iowa. n. f. d.

Israel's second set of children were of this third wife, Catharine Clock, as follows:

- 5d. Marion, b. in 1851; died young.
- 6d. Oliver Perry, b. 1853. n. f. d.
- 7d. Ella, b. 1854; died young.
- 8d. Lucy, b. 1856; m. George Wood.

1d. Elizabeth and Willis Dunegan had the following named seven children:

- 1e. Hacker, lives in California. n. f. d.
- 2e. Viola, m. James Leigh. n. f. d.
- 3e. Israel, and 4e. Bennett. n. f. d.
- 5e. Crescent, m. Grace Reed. n. f. d.
- 6e. Willis, m. Lucy Blower; lives on the family homestead in Oregon.
- 7e. Nellie, m. George Haines. n. f. d.

2d. Joseph, eldest son of Israel, and his wife had six children. She d. 10-28-1838. The children are:

- 1e. Emanuel Oscar, b. 10-13-1858; m. Ella Rayburn. Their children were Winifred, Rayburn, Jay and Harold.
- 2e. Eva Alda, b. 5-3-1860; m. Elmer Reese. Their children: Perry, Winifred, Raymond, Joseph, Donald and Roscoe.

- 3e. Eden, died young. n. f. d.
- 4e. Arthur M., m. Julia Woollard; had one son, Guy.
- 5e. Versa. n. f. d.
- 6e. Ora, d. 4-2-1872. n. f. d.

3d. Harriet, second daughter of Israel, had the following named children:

- 1e. Isabel, d. young. n. f. d.
- 2e. Mido, m. Nellie Hartley. n. f. d.
- 3e. Mary, m. William Young, and died.
- 4e. Israel, died young.
- 5e. Bessie, died young.
- 6e. Silas, m. Ella Hartley. n. f. d.
- 7e. Willis, born blind. n. f. d.
- 8e. Pearl, fifth son and youngest child.

2e. Hannah, m. Joshua, son of William and Isabel Chamness. They were second cousins. A full account of her descendants is already given under the heading of her husband.



3c. Elizabeth, m. Hugh Woody, only son of Hugh and Mary Woody, of Chatham Co., N. C., 5-6-1830. She was b. 5-6-1811. He was b. 12-21-1812. They moved from N. C. to Ind. in the early fall of 1846, and settled on a small farm near the southwest corner of Randolph Co. With them came Hugh's mother, Mary Woody, Geo. W. Chamness and family and his mother, Mary Williams, always known as "Granny Polly." Hugh and Eliz. brought with them seven children; four others were born to them in Ind. Misfortune befell them, said to have been the theft of a quantity of money which Hugh had borrowed, and kept in a bureau drawer, to replace which he was obliged to sell his home. They moved into Grant Co., thence into Howard Co., where he served as township trustee. Their children are here listed:

- 1d. Asenath C., b. 2-9-1831; d. 10-11-1917.
- 2d. Israel C., b. 2-8-1833; d. 8-14-1834.
- 3d. Joshua C., b. 5-27-1835; m. Malinda Chamness.
- 4d. Anthony C., b. 3-14-1838; d. in Henry Co.
- 5d. Mary C., b. 7-7-1840; m. Ben Brewer; family extinct.
- 6d. Harriet C., b. 9-9-1812; m. Thomas C. Lamb.
- 7d. Alson Gray, b. 5-26-1845; d. 11-26-1914.
- 8d. Zenoah B., b. 2-27-1847; d. 5-2-1920.
- 9d. George W., b. 10-13-1852; d. 9-13-1853.
- 10d. Aaron H., b. 5-11-1854.
- 11d. Lewis H., b. 2-21-1856.
- 1d. Asenath C., after her marriage with Joseph Crow, 5-28-1848, settled in Michigan, where they reared a family of four sons and five daughters, who are here listed:
  - 1e. Martin L., b. 12-26-1848; m. Nannie Gibson.
  - 2e. Sophronia A., m. Daniel Palmer, 3-6-1867.
  - 3e. George H., b. 8-1-1851; m. 5-20-1875; d. 11-4-1876.
  - 4e. Susan E., died in early childhood.
  - 5e. Harriet A., m. Charles Cray, 3-30-1872.
  - 6e. John C. F., m. Libbie E. Sp. nec, 9-25-1877.
  - 7e. Mary C., m. James E. Camblin, 9-8-1879.
  - 8e. Anna M., m. Charles Cray, 10-15-1884.
  - 9e. William Hugh, m. Mabel Bieleon, 5-19-1897.

1e. Martin L. and wife had two children, Joseph Robert and Erna Marinda; both died with influenza in 1918.

2e. Sophronia A. and Daniel Palmer's children were named George, Hattie Elsie, Florence and Charles.

5e. Harriet A. and Charles Cray's children were named Estella, Luella, Fred, Nannie and John.

6e. John C. F. and Libbie E. Crow's children were named Elsie, Edson, Edna, Ernest, Erma, Minnie, Jessie and Dale. John C. F. d. 3-22-1915.

7e. Mary C. and Jas. E. Camblin's children were named Erma, Frankie, Nona, Zella, Flossie, Maud and Charles. Mary C. d. 6-2-1915.

8e. Anna M. and Chas. Cray's children were named Eula, George, Smiley, Hazel and Eugene.

9e. Wm. H. and Maud Crow had one son, named Geo.

3d. Joshua C. Woody m. the only daughter of Isaac and Rebecca Chamness. A full account of their descendants can be found under the heading of Malinda, in the annals of the descendants of Isaac and Rebecca. Joshua took a second wife in the person of Lydia A. Dutton. He was a good Christian man; contracted tuberculosis and died not long after his second marriage.

6d. Harriet C. and Thomas C. Lamb m., 9-9-1861; lived on a good farm northeast of Moorchand; sold out to Walter Canaday, moved to Grant Co., where she died a few years later. Their children are here listed:

- 1e. Flora May, b. 2-15-1863; m. 4-9-1886.
- 2e. Lincoln Elsworth, b. 10-18-1864; m. 3-23-1889.
- 3e. Nelson Ulysses, b. 5-19-1868; m. 6-23-1888.
- 1e. Flora May, m. Sylvetus A. Hiatt. Their children:
  - 1f. Ernest C., b. 6-18-1888; m. Mabel Morris, 3-18-1914. Their children are Chas. Clifford, b. 5-1-1912; Raymond Eugene, b. 7-11-1914; Gerald Russell, b. 5-1-1919.
  - Everett Hiatt, second son of Flora May, b. 6-17-1890.
  - Ira T. Hiatt, third son, b. 3-18-1895; has one son.
- Flora May died soon after the birth of her third son.
- 2e. Lincoln E., elder son of Harriet C. and T. C. Lamb, married Ida Jane King. Their children are named Florence, Edna, Charles R. and Earl C.



3e. Nelson U., younger son of Harriet C. and T. C. Lamb, married Sarah J. Hiatt; died and left a widow and daughter, named Hazel Ione, who married John Lester Atkinson and has four children, named Virginia May, b. 12-8-1913; Robert Henry Ulysses, b. 7-4-1915; Kathleen Lucille, b. 3-19-1917, and Rutherford Harold, b. 11-5-1919.

Thomas C. Lamb, b. 10-11-1839; d. 1-1-1922.

7d. Alson G., fourth son of Hugh and Eliz. Woody, was a soldier during the latter part of the Civil war, and was with Sherman's army during the famous march from Atlanta to the sea. After the war, he came home to Grant Co., and, 9-22-1867, was married to Sarah H. Brown. Their children:

1e. Geo. L., b. 8-3-1868; m. Laura Kepler, in Cass Co.

2e. Mary E., b. 4-30-1871; m. Charles Peak, in Kansas.

3e. Bertha F., b. 1-16-1873; d. 10-7-1873.

Sarah, the mother, died 11-23-1873.

Alson G., after his wife died, found homes for his children; for the son, a home in Howard Co. The daughter went into a family who moved to Kansas, married and has a grown son. George L. is editor of the Russiaville Observer. Alson G. remained a widower for a number of years, married Nettie E. Smith, 4-2-1887; founded a good home north of Hagerstown, where he died.

8d. Zenoah B., fifth son and eighth child of Hugh and Elizabeth Woody, was a soldier in the latter part of the Civil war, being too young to enter the service much earlier. After the war, he made his home among his relatives in Wayne Co.; m. Malinda Dennis, 3-5-1868—a daughter of Jesse and Miriam Dennis, b. 6-1-1814.

Zenoah and Malinda reared their family in Douglas, Mich. His occupation was the making of peach baskets. Their children are Hugh, Pearl, Alice and Hannah. After Malinda's death, Zenoah took a second wife.

10d. Alson H., seventh son and tenth child of Hugh and Eliz. Woody, lived and died in Howard Co. He m. 12-9-1861, daughter of Jackson and Betty Pennell, 12-9-1871.

11d. Lewis H., youngest son of Hugh and Eliz. Woody, m. Demaris Copp; had a daughter, Iva. After his wife's death, he m. Ellen (Lamb) Elliott.

4e. George W., younger son of Mary (Chamness) Williams (Granny Polly), b. in Chatham Co., N. C., 2-14-1817, moved to Ind. in 1816 in company with Hugh and Eliz. Woody. They were delayed two weeks on the road by the birth of the child, Martha. They settled in the vicinity of Dalton. Their children were:

1d. Caroline H., b. 5-1-1810; d. 8-22-1891.

2d. Mary Jane, b. 1-14-1812; died in childhood.

3d. Boaz, b. 10-19-1843.

4d. Martha A., b. 9-9-1846; d. 12-9-1912.

5d. Murphy W., b. 3-10-1851; d. 1-9-1916.

6d. Marvin E., b. 6-12-1854.

1d. Caroline H., m. John Davis, a son of Joseph Davis, and a distant relative. A full account of their posterity is already given in the annals of the descendants of Joseph Davis.

3d. Boaz, a soldier of the Civil war, was honorably discharged; had contracted tuberculosis and died after returning home.

4d. Martha A., m. Isaac W. Routh, in 1868, who was born 5-3-1841. They settled in the western part of Grant Co., where they reared a family of nine children, enumerated as follows:

1e. John H., b. 2-17-1869.

2e. Minnie B., b. 8-29-1870; d. when a young woman.

3e. Nora S., b. 11-15-1871.

1e. Sarah E., b. 2-18-1874.

5e. Almeda L., b. 1-2-1876.

6e. Lillian V., b. 10-21-1877.

7e. George W., b. 4-7-1879.

8e. Earl H., b. 9-15-1882; d. when a young man.

9e. May E., b. 12-2-1886.

5d. Murphy W., was a teacher and a fine Spencerian penman. He located at Kingman, Kansas, in 1885, and was connected with the First National Bank at that place until 1893, when he entered the same business at Hennessey, Oklahoma. In 1903, he became connected with the grain business in Wichita, Kan., where he re-





mained until he died. He was m. at Blountsville, Ind., 10-5-1873, to Rebecca A. Hobson, who was born 4-8-1851, and died 8-9-1914. Their descendants:

- 1e. Howard L., b. 3-30-1875; d. 2-6-1877.
- 2e. Homer Lyman, b. 8-1-1877. n. f. d.
- 3e. Jesse Oliver, b. 7-8-1879; m. Laura Cochran. Their children were John William and Kathryn Rose.
- 4e. Ira Davidson, b. 7-1-1883; m. Ivie Drugan. Their child is named Letha Laura.
- 5e. Evert Egerton, b. 11-28-1885; d. 7-17-1886.
- 6e. Herbert Newton, b. 3-1-1890; m. Bessie Johnson. Their child is named Benjamin Newton.
- 6d. Marvin E., m. Matilda Clapper, and owned a home in Hagerstown, Ind. They had two daughters who are here listed:
- 1e. Ivy Leone, a student in the State University.

2e. Grace May, m. Charles Thornburg. She and her babe both died. Marvin E. died after lingering many weeks. He was a traveling salesman.

5e. Harriet, claimed by some to have been the youngest of Mary's children—altho Geo. W. is claimed by others to have been the youngest—m. a man named Maban Lloyd, and remained in North Carolina, where they reared a family of children.

7b. Joshua died near Bloomingsport, Ind., during the Civil war. n. f. d.

8b. William was m. three times. His first wife was Sarah Moon, by whom he had two daughters, Sarah, the older one, m. Benj. Hunt; Abigail, the younger, m. a Jones. William's second wife was Margaret Hinshaw. Their children with their husbands and wives are here listed:

- 1e. Isaac; name of wife not known.
- 2e. Martin, m. Betsy Ann Hoggott.
- 5e. Joshua, m. Clarinda Hoggott.
- 4e. William, m. a Hardywick.
- 5e. Martha, m. Peter Hardywick.
- 3e. Puth, m. Lindsey Lave.
- 7e. Mary, m. Wiley Hoggott.
- 8e. Margaret, m. Benjamin Davis.

William's third wife was Hannah Hutchens. She survived. His home lay between Economy and Bloomingsport.

9b. Joseph, the youngest of Joshua's family, had his home in Howard Co., Indiana. His first wife died, leaving some children. His second wife was Elizabeth Woody, the youngest of the family of Hugh and Ruth Woody, of N. C. Joseph had several children, among whom were two sons named John and Hugh, and a daughter, Ruth, who married Thomas Mendenhall.

13a. Stephanus, the youngest of the family of Anthony and Sarah, is not on the church record with the rest of the family, but was probably born about the year 1764. His wife's name was Hannah—maiden name unknown. He had a good farm on the Raleigh and Fayetteville road, several miles remote from the community of Friends of Cane Creek. Yet he occasionally attended church at Cane Creek and at Center, and was known to have visited his brother Joshua after they were both very old men. He survived his wife by many years, and for a number of years was attended by a granddaughter. He died in the autumn of 1858. He had children in Tennessee whom he sometimes visited, but we have no data regarding them. It seems probable that the Chamness people in Georgia, Mississippi and other southern states are his descendants.

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 2<sup>d</sup> Mary m. 1843, died 1873, age 27, in 1 month, 12 days.  
 d. 4-23-1873, aged 27, in 1 month, 12 days.  
 1<sup>st</sup> wife, b. 7-23-1812; d. 7-2-1820.  
 2<sup>d</sup> wife, m. 1-1-1821; d. 2-25-1825.



## ADDENDA

The compiler of this work has continually held the belief that only one person bearing the name of Chamness ever came from England to America. He has sought out many isolated individuals who bear the name, but never yet has seen or heard of one who did not in some manner point right back to the Cane Creek neighborhood in N. C., as the cradle of his ancestors.

## Anthony's Cane.

It seems from evidence at hand that when Anthony was living in Baltimore Co., Md., he made for himself a cane and carved on it the date 1740. His oldest son, Joseph, was born that year. It passed some way into possession of Joseph, who, in his his old age, gave it to his youngest son, Edward, who in his old age gave it to his grandson, James R. Carter. It now reposes as the property of Hiram Chamness, of Cartersburg, Ind.

## The Chamness Reunion.

The Reunion originated at the home of Jesse Chamness. His daughter, Isabel Hanson, had for three consecutive summers invited his descendants to a dinner at his home. At the third meeting of this kind, Jesse became sick at the table, and retired to his bed where he died about a week later. Several of his relatives who were not his descendants were at the meeting. Zimri Hanson moved that a general reunion be organized. The motion was adopted, and an organization perfected. A few years later a Constitution and By-laws were adopted, and still later it was elevated to the dignity of a National Reunion.

## The First Child.

The critical reader will discover there are but eight months between the recorded birth-dates of the first two Chamness children. It is a bare possibility; and far from a probability. Tradition has it that Anthony and Sarah were both found until they should come of age. He was scarcely five years her senior. He came of age at 21, she at 13. Tradition says that he helped her to work

out her time. As he had more than two years time until she would be set at liberty, he could easily release her by the time she was seventeen years old. This would have been in the spring of 1735, or more than two years before the recorded birth-date of the oldest child. We therefore conclude with a reasonable certainty that the marriage was consummated as early as the summer of 1735, and that the first child was born a full twelve months earlier than the recorded date, and twenty months earlier than the second child, or 8-1-1736.

7a. John, m. Charity Hayworth.  
35. Aaron, third son of John and Charity Chamness, m. Mary Bray. Their children with husbands and wives follow:

- 1c. Sarah, m. Henry Tomlinson.
- 2c. Delilah, m. Richard Yates.
- 3c. Alfred, m. a Thatcher.
- 4c. Hannah, m. John Yount.
- 5c. Mary, m. Middleton Simpson.
- 6c. Lemima, m. Amos Freestone.
- 7c. Charity, m. John Guile.
- 8c. Phebe m. Abraham Stephens.
- 9c. Aaron, m. a Hamilton.
- 10c. Margaret, m. Mathew Howard.
- 11c. Martin, m. Charlotte Woods.

Aaron and Mary reared their family on a farm three miles southwest of Lebanon, Ind., where he died in 1817. His wife survived him.

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John and Sarah were married but only one child, a son named Edward, who survived until the third year.

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Jesse Chamness had three children with his wife, Isabel Hanson, m. to the second one and with Mary, m. to the Anthony's child.







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1c Maria, wife of John A. Eberly and Rachel Reynolds.  
-m. 2-28-1818 in Prussia, 7-28-1818, moved to N. York  
July, 1818; her em. - 9-12-1818; Joseph, b. 1-28-1819  
his first name was daughter of Abraham S. Smith.  
They had a good large farm 1/2 m. east of New Windsor.  
Remed. col. and she was 18 months Commissioner, and  
died in Abbeville, Conn. Ch. 6, 2-24-1820, det. 3-1821.  
Car. Ch. 2-15-1825; Benjamin, a blacksmith, b.  
3-5-1828; Joanne, b. 2-24-1828, on John Chambliss,  
died in S. Carolina, b. 2-26-1828; Julia, b. 2-13-1831.  
Mar. 4-1833, m. Ezra Johnson, lived near to  
Greentown, S. Carolina, 11-15-1835.



















