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PREFACE

In "The Descendants of Robert Burdick of Rhode Island", a volume of 1400 pages authored by Nellie Willard Johnson, published in 1937, our direct descent is traced from the first known Burdick in America down through the 9th generation.

6th generation Silas Burdick was the present writer's great grandfather. His known living descendants number one hundred and eighty-seven, only nine of whom bear the name of Burdick. In the following pages, after a brief glance at the family tree as it grew on American soil for two hundred years, its later branches are delineated and the genealogical story is continued down into the 12th generation.

Recording lineage is an ancient and honored custom, as witnessed by the First Book of Chronicles where pages are devoted to "begats." But why should anyone care who begat whom? Why should anyone be interested in the shadowy men and women of the past? Is it because in them may be found a partial answer to the question of why we are what we are? Are the genes of 17th century Ruth and Robert present, along with many other strains, in the small person Jason Matthew Bryant, born January 28, 1774? Would it be naive to suggest that the indomitable 16th century Hubbard may be responsible in part for outcroppings of stubbornness in today's children? Who is to say?

It would have added a great deal if, in addition to vital statistics, we could have presented the life story of every member of the clan. Perhaps, if each family will treasure its own biographical data, some future scribe may be inspired to weave it all together.

The author is very grateful to all who furnished the pertinent facts for this genealogy, and to all who brought forth related material from their attics and old trunks. The cover design was sketched by Frans Popelier from the 1888 marriage certificate of Flora Lavina Greenman and William Lewis Burdick. To Frans also, our thanks.

June 1, 1974

Edith Marie Burdick

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The first Burdick of record in America was named Robert. He came to America from England in 1651, and it is reasonably certain that his ancestors are to be found in England among the ancient family of Burdets. He was admitted as a Freeman of Newport, Rhode Island, on May 22, 1655; on May 20, 1657 he became a Freeman of the Colony of Rhode Island.

On November 2, 1655 Robert Burdick married Ruth Hubbard, born January 11, 1640 to Samuel and Tacy (Cooper) Hubbard. She is said to have been the first white child born at Agawam, now Springfield, Massachusetts. Since, through Ruth, the Hubbards also are our ancestors, it may be of interest to record a few facts about them.

Samuel Hubbard came from England to Salem, Massachusetts, in 1633. His grandfather, Thomas Hubbard, had been burned at the stake in Essex County, England, on May 26, 1555 for refusing to recant his Protestantism. Samuel and his wife Tacy were in the party that in the hard winter of 1635 marched through the wilderness from Watertown, Massachusetts, to become the founders of Connecticut. Because of persecution for expressing his Baptist views, Samuel and his wife sought refuge in Rhode Island in 1648. In 1664 he was appointed Solicitor General of the Colony. On December 23, 1671, Samuel with his wife, one daughter and four other persons formed the first Seventh Day Baptist Church in America. Tacy Hubbard was the first American convert to the doctrine that no authority existed or could exist for substituting another day for the Seventh Day as the Sabbath, thus altering God's decree which established it as the day for rest and worship.

About 1661 Robert and Ruth Hubbard Burdick moved from Newport to southwestern Rhode Island. He was one of group which purchased a tract here from the Narragansett chief, Sosoa. This now beautiful and picturesque area was then dense forest where wildcats, wolves and bears roamed at will. Indians were often hostile and, as was their custom, wielded a vicious tomahawk upon their victims. Moreover, Massachusetts and Connecticut as well as Rhode Island claimed the territory. Robert himself lay in Boston jail for more than a year, because, 'tis said, he had presumed to hunt on land Connecticut considered hers. It is certain that his fellow colonists did not hold this against him, for, we further read, he was a member of the Colonial Assembly for three years some time after 1680. He died on October 25, 1692; Ruth, in 1691. They had had twelve children. Ruth's father, Samuel Hubbard attended the burial of one son, and wrote of it as follows, "At Westerly, the first day after the Sabbath, Brother Burdick buried a son, a very great funeral, over twenty horses." Our ancestor was their first-born son, Thomas.

2d Generation: Thomas Burdick was born about 1656, probably in Newport, Rhode Island. About 1690, probably in Westerly, he married Martha ... (name not known). On May 19, 1694, Thomas and Martha were proposed for membership in
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the Newport Sabbatarian Church, and were baptized the following day. Also, the record states, on March 14, 1703 or 1706 Peter Crandall deeded a half-acre of land to Thomas Burdick and others for a site for the Western Sabbatarian Church. The present Ministers' Monument in the Old Hopkinson Cemetery stands on the former location of this church. Also, according to the records, when on the 17th of September, 1708, the Western church was made a distinct church from the Newport Church, Thomas and Martha Burdick were among the original members. Both died in Stonington, Connecticut; Martha, in 1728, Thomas, in 1732. They had had eight children. Our ancestor was the third, Samuel Hubbard.

3rd Generation: Samuel Hubbard Burdick, named for his great grandfather, was born in Westerly, Rhode Island, about 1700 and moved with his parents to Stonington, Connecticut, about 1710. On November 5, 1731, in Westerly, he married Avis Moxon, born December 22, 1712, in Westerly, to John and Judith (Clarke) Moxon. Samuel became a prominent citizen, town officer, landowner, selectman. In 1744 he was commissioned Ensign of the Fifth and later of the Sixth Company, Eighth Connecticut Regiment, under Colonel Christopher Avery. In 1750 he was commissioned Captain of the Sixth Company. He and his wife were members of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Westerly. He died sometime between 1772 and 1780. Samuel and Avis had six children of whom our ancestor, Abraham was the third.

4th Generation: Abraham Burdick was born January 16, 1737, in Stonington, Connecticut. In 1759 he married Amy Brown. At the alarm of the relief of Fort William Henry he served for sixteen days in Captain John Baldwin's Company, Colonel Christopher Avery's Regiment. Later he moved to Albany, New York, where he was a Private in the Sixth Regiment of the Albany County Militia under Colonel Van Rensselaer. Amy died March 21, 1787; Abraham, in 1791. They had had five children of whom our ancestor, Abraham, Jr., sometimes called "Dr. Abraham", was the first.

5th Generation: "Dr. Abraham", said to be a "botanical" doctor was born January 30, 1760 in Stonington, Connecticut. His wife's surname was Gardner. During the Revolutionary War he was out on an alarm for four days as a member of Captain John Robinson's Company, Colonel John Abbot's Regiment of Foot Vermont Troops. He was a Delegate from the Western District to an Assembly which met June 16, 1781 to adopt measures for the admission of Vermont as a State of the American Union. He died when only twenty-five years of age, July 22, 1785 in Hoosack, New York. Abraham Burdick, Jr. and his wife had one child, Silas, our ancestor.

6th Generation: Silas Burdick was born in Hoosack, Rensselaer County, New York, June 16, 1785. Thus he was only six weeks old when his father died. When he was six years old his mother remarried. Her second husband was a man named Lewis who had been an Ensign in the Revolutionary War. For a while they lived near Lake Champlain, twelve miles from St. Albans, Vermont. In later life Silas lived at

1. DAR Lineage Book, Vol. 53 p 396
New York in the Revolution p 226
9th Generation:
   - Leona Elizabeth, b. April 8, 1893, in Hebron, Pa.


   On May 13, 1896, in Hebron, Pa., Mettie A. (Burdick) Dawley married (2) Charles Lyman Reynolds, b. July 9, 1854, in Kansas, to William V. and Amanda J. Coane. He was christened Lyman Philander Coane. When at an early age, he came to Hebron, he made his home with Stephen P. and Mary Ann Lyman Reynolds, and later took the Reynolds name. Mettie died February 14, 1906 in Millport, Pa.; Charles; February 4, 1925. They are buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Hebron. Mettie and Charles had four children:

9th Generation:
   - John Meredith, b. March 18, 1897, in Hebron, Pa.
   - Iva May, b. August 24, 1903, in Millport, Pa.; Iva died in February, 1926. She is buried in Fillmore, N.Y.
   - Mary Ann, b. December 19, 1905, in Millport, Pa.

   On May 22, 1930, in Shinglehouse, Pa., John Meredith Reynolds married Vera Genevieve Millard, b. January 26, 1904, in Little Genesee, N.Y., to Fred and Edna Josephine (Pettit) Millard. John and Vera have three children, all born in Little Genesee:

10th Generation:
   - Marilyn Elaine, b. February 9, 1934
   - Marcela Vivian, b. September 16, 1935
   - Andrea Verree, b. September 8, 1939

   On April 21, 1950, in Kenmore, N.Y., Marilyn Elaine Reynolds married Harold Joseph Murphy, b. July 30, 1922, in Kenmore, to Harold and Frieda Lucile (Lavigne) Murphy. Marilyn and Harold are living, 1973, in Baltimore, Md. They have five children:

11th Generation:
   - Michael Patrick, b. August 28, 1961, in Olean, N.Y.
   - Timothy Christopher, b. October 10, 1963, in Baltimore, Md.
   - Steven Harold, b. January 29, 1969, in Baltimore, Md.
   - Colleen Ann, b. September 15, 1971, in Baltimore, Md.

   On July 4, 1954, in Little Genesee, N.Y., Marcela Vivian Reynolds married John Earle Gunselus, b. July 7, 1931, to Earle and Jane Elizabeth (Hill) Gunselus. Marcela and John are living, 1973, in Tonawanda, N.Y. They have three children, all born in Kenmore, N.Y.:
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11th Generation:
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Patricia Eileen, b. December 27, 1957, in Charleston, S.C.
Stephen Joseph, b. December 28, 1959, in Dansville, N.Y.
Harold LeVerne, b. June 17, 1961, in Dansville, N.Y.
Kenneth Charles, b. July 12, 1962, in Dansville, N.Y.
Christina Marie, b. June 25, 1965, in Dansville, N.Y.


10th Generation:
Ray Richard, b. November 7, 1938
George Robert, b. August 18, 1944

On June 14, 1958, in Shinglehouse, Pa., Ray Richard Foster married Martha Carol Jackson, b. December 9, 1939 in Honeoye, Pa., to David and Rhoda (Chain) Jackson. Ray and Martha are living, 1973, in Coleville, Pa. They have three children, all born in Olean, N.Y.:

11th Generation:
Gay Annette, b. March 6, 1959
Steven Ray, b. July 13, 1960
Janet Kay, b. February 18, 1963

On August 21, 1965, in Shinglehouse, Pa., George Robert Foster married Mary Alice Bunt, b. July 1, 1947, in Richburg, N.Y., to Albert and Josephine (Sorence) Bunt. George and Mary are living, 1973, in Shinglehouse. They have one child:

12th Generation:
Alice Marie, b. December 31, 1966, in Olean, N.Y.

LAROY BURDICK

LaRoy Burdick, son of Silas and Elizabeth (Crandall) Burdick, half-brother of John Clough Burdick (see page 3) was married three times.
On September 20, 1840, in Alfred, N.Y., he married (1) Angeline Green, b. July 6, 1822, in Almond, N.Y., to Jeremy and Lucy (Crandall) Green. LaRoy and Angeline had four children:

8th Generation:
Almerin G., b. November 15, 1841, in Alfred, N.Y. Almerin died December 14, 1861, in the Service during the Civil War, at Camp California, Fairfax, Va. His name appears on the first Burdick monument in the Hebron Cemetery, and a United States Flag flies there in his memory.

1. For autobiographical sketch see Appendix I

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Elno E., b. March 23, 1844, in Persia, N.Y. Elno also served in the Civil War. On December 4, 1867, in Hebron, Pa., he married Celestia S. Reynolds, b. April 19, 1845, in Hebron, to Foster and Fanny Reynolds. Their two children died in infancy. Elno died August 17, 1880, in Nortonville, Kansas.
Wardner C., b. May 21, 1853 in Hartsville Hill, N.Y. The Family Bible states that Wardner died at ten minutes before 8 A.M., March 13, 1859, in Hebron, Pa.
The names of Elizabeth and Wardner also appear on the first Burdick monument in the Hebron Cemetery.
Elno died one day after giving birth to Wardner. According to the Family Bible she died in Hartsville Hill, N.Y., at ten minutes before five o'clock in the afternoon of May 22, 1853.
Six months after Angeline's death, on November 24, 1853, in Persia, N.Y., LaRoy Burdick married (2) her sister, Maryett M. Green, b. July 1, 1827, in Alfred, N.Y. LaRoy and Maryett had one son:

9th Generation:
Elno Jr., b. October 9, 1856, in Alfred, N.Y.; d. "at 6 A.M." October 17, 1874 in Hebron, Pa. He is buried with the other children in the Hebron Cemetery.
Maryett died three weeks after LaRoy, Jr. was born, "at 25 minutes after 11 P.M." October 30, 1856.

Thirteen months after Maryett's death, on November 28, 1857, in Alfred, N.Y., LaRoy Burdick married (3) Esther Fitz Randolph, b. August 28, 1828, in Greenbriar, Va., now W. Va., to William and Mary (Davis) Fitz Randolph. The Fitz Randolph lineage can be traced back to the year 860 A.D. We are fortunate in having glimpses of the home and family life in which Esther was reared. These include a biographical sketch of her father written by her brother Preston, and an accompanying article which tells of her father's deep interest in the education, not only of his own twelve children but of all the young people in that frontier area. Also included is a narrative poem written by eldest sister Harriet when little sister Sarah Jane drowned in a spring freshet; and finally there is a poignant "poem" written by eighteen year old Preston when his father remarried eleven months after his mother's death. Preston himself became a man of no mean attainments. In his book, "Seventh Day Baptists in West Virginia", published in 1906, Collliss Randolph wrote of Preston that he became the most potent educational factor, which had ever appeared in the counties of Doddridge, Harrison and Ritchie, W. Va.
As stated in Preston's article, Esther with several of her brothers had been sent by their father to the Academy at Alfred, N.Y. to further their education. There

1. For letters these boys wrote home from the War see Appendix V
2. See Appendix II
3. See Appendix III
she met LaRoy Burdick, and although ten years her senior, twice a widower and father of five children aged one, four, seven, thirteen and sixteen years, he captured her imagination and her heart. We are privileged to have some of the letters they exchanged while she was still a student and he had gone to the then wilderness of Potter County, Pennsylvania, to build a home for her. Accompanying is a photograph of this home and their family thirty-one years later. Esther died February 22, 1905; LaRoy six months later, July 23, 1905. They had had six children, all born in Hebron, Pa.

8th Generation:
Elvin Gaius, b. August 9, 1858
Mary Malvina, b. December 1, 1859
Lincoln Elsworth, b. June 2, 1861
William Lewis, b. November 6, 1864
Ella May, b. May 1, 1866
Minnie Harriet, b. December 30, 1868

On July 9, 1890, in Coudersport, Pa., Elvin Gaius Burdick married Susie Stayss, b. June 20, 1866, in Coudersport to Isaac and Anna Stayss. Susie died April 26, 1926; Elvin, September 6, 1935. They are buried in the Hebron Cemetery. Elvin and Susie had three children, all born in Hebron.

9th Generation:
Elno Stayss, b. November 9, 1891; d. December 1, 1963. Elno was a veteran of the First World War, and a United States Flag flies by his monument in the Hebron Cemetery.
Arden Randolph, b. November 4, 1893
Elvin Dea, b. July 15, 1901


10th Generation:
Arden James, b. January 10, 1925
Shirley Ruth, b. March 15, 1926
Samuel Elvin, b. September 24, 1928

On September 2, 1944, in Millport, Pa., Arden James Burdick married Rhea Irene Meacham, b. May 27, 1926, in Coudersport, Pa., to Arnold and Irene (Hackett) Meacham. Arden and Rhea are living, 1973, in Coudersport. They have two children, both born in Coudersport:
David Paul, b. April 23, 1955

1. See Appendix IV
11th Generation:

Sandra Jo, b. January 17, 1947

On November 2, 1968, in Coudersport, Pa., Sandra Jo Burdick married Vernon Raymond Karhan, b. September 10, 1948, in Wellsboro, Pa., to Vernon and Margaret (Ellis) Karhan. Sandra and Vernon are living, 1973, in Coudersport. They have two children, both born in Coudersport:

12th Generation:

Heather Lynn, b. April 26, 1969

On June 23, 1945, in Hebron, Pa., Shirley Ruth Burdick married Merritt M. Miller, b. November 25, 1924, in Lockport, N.Y., to John and Vesta (Knight) Miller. Shirley and Merritt are living, 1973, in Fishing Creek, Pa. They have three children, all born in Coudersport:

11th Generation:

Geraldine Ruth, b. March 31, 1948

Teresa Lynn, b. June 16, 1949

Stephen Randolph, b. July 19, 1952

Geraldine Ruth Miller is the Editor-Publisher of a new magazine, TOWN and COUNTRY JOURNAL, successor to THE POTTER COUNTY JOURNAL. She is living, 1973, in Fishing Creek, Pa.


12th Generation:

Kenneth Ellery, Jr., b. September 5, 1969

Sheila Lynn, b. May 31, 1970

Wendy Lee, b. May 2, 1972

On June 5, 1954, in Hebron, Pa., Samuel Elvin Burdick married Dorothy Elizabeth Springer, b. November 15, 1936, in Coudersport, Pa., to Harold and Mary (Johnson) Springer. Elvin and Dorothy are living, 1973, in Coudersport. They have five children, all born in Coudersport:

11th Generation:

James Elvin, b. August 19, 1958

Richard Allen, b. December 15, 1959

Randall Paul, b. April 12, 1963

Daniel Roy, b. October 12, 1966

Tammy Sue, b. June 24, 1969

On January 10, 1922, in Millport, Pa., Elvin Deo Burdick married (1) Cora LaRue Pepperman, b. October 17, 1904, in Coudersport, Pa., to Tom and Frances (Sprague) Pepperman. Deo and LaRue have two children:

10th Generation:

Alberta Lorraine, b. October 24, 1925, in Rochester, N.Y.


On November 20, 1946, in Lock Haven, Pa., Alberta Lorraine Burdick married Rocco Angelo Verelli, b. December 22, 1920, in Lock Haven to Pietro and Angelina (Calascina) Verelli. Lorraine and Rocco are living, 1973, in Lock Haven. They have three children, all born in Lock Haven:

11th Generation:

Jeanne Marie, b. January 25, 1949

Joyce Ann, b. February 11, 1951

Edward Rocco, b. August 24, 1955


On June 10, 1972, in Lock Haven, Pa., Joyce Ann Verrelli married Dennis Gerard Bryant, b. August 3, 1946, in Patsville, Pa., to Jesse and Marguerite (Sampson) Bryant. Joyce and Dennis are living, 1973, in Lock Haven. They have had two children, both born in Lock Haven.

12th Generation:

Nicole Michele Bryant, b. January 24, 1973; d. February 2, 1973

Jason Matthew Bryant, b. January 28, 1974

On June 12, 1948 in Jersey Shore, Pa., Colleen Elizabeth Burdick married Bruce Charles Clarke, b. December 17, 1927, in Jersey Shore, to Harold and Alma (Shellenberger) Clarke. Colleen and Bruce are living, 1973, in Jersey Shore. They have three children, all born in Jersey Shore:

11th Generation:

Bruce Charles Clarke, Jr., b. May 15, 1949

Barbara Colleen Clarke, b. August 21, 1951

Mark Craig Clarke, b. August 7, 1960


Mary Malvina

On March 23, 1878, in Hebron, Pa., Mary Malvina Burdick married Rev. George Potter Kenyon, b. May 21, 1851, in Petersburg, N.Y., to Amos R. and Vienna
LaRoy Aden Kenyon married Lillie Violet Randall. They had three children:

9th Generation:
- LeRoy Leonard Kenyon married Dana Arlene Gooch, b. December 2, 1926, in Fort Hill, Pa., to Jay and Beryl (Armelt) Gooch. They have four children, all born in Coudersport, Pa.

10th Generation:
- Keith LeRoy Kenyon married Janice Louise Stagg, b. November 11, 1943, in Olean, N.Y., to Victor W. and Ardale (Gaan) Stagg. They have one son:
  - Kent Lewis, b. November 1, 1961

11th Generation:
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Phillip Scott, b. June 20, 1957, in Suffern, N.Y.
William Allen, b. April 21, 1960, in Nyack, N.Y.


12th Generation:


11th Generation:
Stephen Maxwell, b. October 11, 1948, in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
Marsha Scott, b. November 6, 1950, in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
John Morris, b. May 15, 1958, in Kingston, N.Y.

On May 22, 1952, in Oneida, N.Y., Dorothy Marie Maxwell married David Karl Harrienger, b. November 13, 1925, in Lowville, N.Y., to Fred and Ida (Fefer) Harrienger. Dorothy and David are living, 1973, in Auburn, N.Y. They have four children:

10th Generation:
David Jr., b. January 25, 1953, in Oneida, N.Y.
Jean Marie, b. August 24, 1954, in Glen Falls, N.Y.
Dwight Allen, b. November 23, 1957, in Glen Falls, N.Y.
Tracy Scott, b. January 1, 1962, in Auburn, N.Y.

On June 16, 1914, in Richburg, N.Y., Esther May Kenyon married Floyd Watson Reed, b. September 12, 1885, in Sartwell Creek, Pa., to John and Phoebe (Macdowell) Reed. Floyd died June 28, 1969. He is buried in Shinglehouse, Pa. Esther is living, 1973, in Romulus, N.Y. They had three children, all born in Shinglehouse:

9th Generation:
Mary Elizabeth, b. September 15, 1917
LaRoy Carlton, b. November 9, 1924. Carlton died January 18, 1937. He is buried in Shinglehouse.

On August 17, 1940, Floyd Kenyon Reed married Virginia Pearl Howard, b. January 22, 1922, in Port Allegany, Pa., to Clair Eldene and Leta Belle (Bosworth) Howard. Kenyon and Virginia are living, 1973, in Shinglehouse, Pa. They have five children, all born in Olean, N.Y.

11th Generation:
Dennis Kenyon, b. February 26, 1943
Michael Howard, b. December 16, 1951
Leonard Allan, b. January 9, 1955
Richard Phillip, b. January 27, 1956
Joel Stevens, b. March 20, 1959

On August 27, 1942, in Portville, N.Y., Dennis Kenyon Reed married Sharon Lee Hendrickson, b. August 30, 1946 to Donald and Phyllis (Reddy) Hendrickson. Dennis and Sharon are living, 1973, in Shinglehouse, Pa. They have had two children, both born in Olean, N.Y.

12th Generation:
Jeffrey Wayne, b. December 23, 1963
Christopher Daniel, b. June 28, 1965, Chris died August 30, 1969. He is buried in the Bell Run Cemetery, Ceres, N.Y.


On December 29, 1940, in Shinglehouse, Pa., Mary Elizabeth Reed married Leo Louis Lauckern, b. March 7, 1917, in Weedsport, N.Y., to Dennis and Marjorie (Weels) Lauckern. Elizabeth and Leo are living, 1973, in Romulus, N.Y. They have four children:

11th Generation:
Barbara Lee, b. August 29, 1944, in Oneida, N.Y.
Cindie Marie, b. December 30, 1946, in Olean, N.Y.
Carlton Leo, b. June 6, 1948, in Olean, N.Y.
Sherry Elizabeth, b. July 11, 1950, in Olean, N.Y.

On May 16, 1964, in Shinglehouse, Pa., Barbara Lee Lauckern married Dennis Eugene Hyde, b. February 27, 1943, in Millport, Pa., to Lawrence and Evelyn (Cornelius) Hyde. Barbara and Dennis are living, 1973, in Middlebury, Vermont. They have two children, both born in Olean, N.Y.

12th Generation:
Timothy Allen, b. September 14, 1966
Tony Eugene, b. July 29, 1970
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On February 19, 1866, in Shinglehouse, Pa., Cindie Marie Lauckern married Terry Frederick Hathaway, b. April 23, 1944, in Olean, N.Y., to William and Eugertha (Hers) Hathaway. Cindie and Terry are living, 1973, in Brown's Mills, N.J. They have two children, both born in Mt. Holly, N.J.

12th Generation:


William Lewis

On July 31, 1888, on Greenman Hill (now R.D. 2) Coudersport, Pa., William Lewis Burdick married Flora Lavina Greenman, b. September 26, 1864, on Greenman Hill, to William Remington and Harriet (Lent) Greenman. Flora died March 8, 1924; William, February 29, 1952. Both died in Ashway, R.I., and are buried in the Old Hopkinton Cemetery, between Ashway and Westerly. They had three children:

9th Generation:

Edna Lucile, b. July 15, 1892, in Alfred, N.Y.

Edith Marie, b. April 4, 1895, in Last Creek, W. Va.

Lewis Remington, b. December 29, 1900, in Independence, N.Y.


10th Generation:

Harriet Louise, b. October 24, 1916, in Jonesville, Wis.


Virginia Marie, b. July 8, 1919, in Hornell, N.Y.

Hannah Arlotta, b. August 8, 1925, in Hornell, N.Y.

Stephen Burdick, b. September 10, 1928, in Hornell, N.Y.

Philip Canfield, b. November 13, 1931, in Hornell, N.Y.

(Plotts) Mitchell. Phyllis and Lewis are living, 1973, in Shreveport, La. They have had two children, both born in Coudersport:

11th Generation:


On October 1, 1966, in Shreveport, La., George William Mitchell married Audrey Upshaw, b. November 14, 1945, in Minden, La., to Ira Garner and Pearl (Taylor) Upshaw. George and Audrey are living, 1973, in Laurel, Miss. They have three children, all born in Shreveport:

12th Generation:

Terry L., b. October 26, 1967

Gary Wayne, b. October 7, 1970

Mark Anthony, b. July 23, 1972


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Since 1941 Horace Louise Saunders has been an Occupational Therapist in the Hospitals of the City of New York, first at City Home, later at Goldwater Memorial, and since 1953 at the Bird S. Caler Hospital on what has recently been renamed Roosevelt Island, in the East River. She is living, 1973, in New York City.


11th Generation:
Carol Louise, b. April 8, 1953, in Detroit, Mich.
Stephen Lowell, b. March 20, 1959, in Flemington, N.J.

On August 19, 1951, in Courtland, N.Y., Stephen Burdick Saunders married Wilma Christine Whitney, b. February 14, 1928, in Courtland, to Leland and Ethel (Harvey) Whitney. Stephen and Wilma are living, 1973, in Springville, N.Y. They have three children:

11th Generation:
Daniel Whitney, b. June 9, 1953, in Albany, N.Y.

On March 31, 1972, in Springville, N.Y., Daniel Whitney Saunders married Mary Eleanor Koningsler, b. September 28, 1953, in Springville to Norman and Eleanor (Loge) Koningsler. Dan and Mary are living, 1973, in Springville. They have one son:

12th Generation:
Jonathan Stephen, b. September 6, 1972, in Springville.

On July 30, 1955, in Odessa, N.Y., Philip Canfield Saunders married Mary Elaine Harrington, b. February 5, 1934, in Montauk Falls, N.Y. to Charles

10th Generation:
Virginia Louise, b. May 11, 1933, in Washington, D.C.

On August 17, 1951, in Washington, D.C., Jean Marie Burdick married (1) William H. Dillingham 111, b. June 11, 1929, in Baltimore, Md., to William H. and Dorothy (Russell) Dillingham 111. Jean and William have one child:

11th Generation:
Anne Leslie, b. November 16, 1952, in Bethesda, Md.


On June 25, 1955, in Silver Spring, Md., Virginia Louise Burdick married Elford Thomas Fish, b. September 24, 1930, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Elford Ison and Gertrude (Kressler) Fish. Virginia and Tom are living, 1973, in Sunnyvale, Cal. They have three children:
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11th Generation:
Lewis Stewart, b. January 22, 1956, in Niagara Falls, N.Y.
Katherine Jean, b. September 29, 1957, in North Tonawanda, N.Y.
Janet Kreisler, b. December 31, 1959, in North Tonawanda, N.Y.


Ella May
On September 14, 1894, in Hebron, Pa., Ella May Burdick married Roscoe Consider Stearns, b. in 1849, to Consider and Sarah (Stillman) Stearns. Roscoe died November 1, 1909; Ella, October 14, 1941. They had four children, all born in Hebron: Ella May Burdick married Roscoe Consider Stearns, b. in 1849, to Consider and Sarah (Stillman) Stearns. Roscoe died November 1, 1909; Ella, October 14, 1941. They had four children, all born in Hebron:

9th Generation:
Don Gerald, b. September 5, 1895
Harold Burdick, b. February 11, 1897
Leeland Harley, b. July 23, 1899
Sarah Genevieve, b. February 20, 1902

On June 24, 1929, in Hebron, Pa., Don Gerald Stearns married Zeruah Amelia Harris, b. March 19, 1901, in Caneville, Pa., to Earnest and Lottie (Swift) Harris. Zeruah died March 13, 1960. She is buried in the Hebron Cemetery. They had seven children, all born in Hebron:

10th Generation:
Reva Jean, b. May 27, 1924
Clayton Harris, b. December 13, 1925
Ellenway, b. April 9, 1929
David Earnest, b. December 14, 1930
Dick Roscoe, b. August 7, 1933
Maralee Esther, b. May 10, 1936

On April 21, 1946, in Hebron, Pa., Reva Jean Stearns married Richard Randolph Bond, b. December 1, 1927, in Salem, W. Va., to Harley and Marcella (Randolph) Bond. Richard and Reva are living, 1973, in Greetley, Cal. They have four children:

11th Generation:
Michael Randolph, b. March 8, 1964, in Liberia, Africa

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On October 4, 1958, in Seattle, Washington, Clayton Harris Stearns married Beverly Smith Dethman, b. February 2, 1923, in Seattle, to Gerald Telford and Beatrice Eileen (Hartinger) Smith. Clayton and Beverly are living, 1973, in Seattle. They have one child:

11th Generation:
Vici Lee, b. May 18, 1959, in Seattle.
Beverly has a child by a previous marriage, Sandra Lee Dethman, b. June 15, 1931.

On March 24, 1931, in Hebron, Pa., Ellamay Stearns married James Herbert Campbell, b. January 8, 1930, in Coudersport, Pa., to James P. and Lulu Jane (Thompson) Campbell. Ellamay and James are living, 1973, in Coudersport. They have one child:


On December 21, 1952, in Wichita, Kansas, David Earnest Stearns married Laura Ruth Morris, b. November 5, 1929 in Oklahoma City, Okla., to Albert and Gussie (Miller) Morris. David and Ruth are living, 1973, in Denver, Col. They have two children, both born in Fairfax, Va.:

11th Generation:
Melissa Lee, b. April 20, 1955
Glen Morris, b. April 30, 1957

On June 4, 1954, in Janesville, Wis., Dick Roscoe Stearns married Sally Ann Sanders, b. October 11, 1932, in Janesville, Wis. Sally is the daughter of Oliver and Edith (Howe) Sanders. Dick and Sally are living, 1973, in Frewsburg, N.Y. They have five children:

11th Generation:
Susan Ann, b. April 2, 1955, in Milton, Wis.
Patrick Lynn, b. May 31, 1959, in Bollivar, N.Y.
Jeffrey Todd, b. December 12, 1961, in Bollivar, N.Y.
Mary Elizabeth, b. October 16, 1965, in Jamestown, N.Y.

On February 28, 1959, in Hebron, Pa., Maralee Esther Stearns married Olyn Samuel Chaffee, Jr., b. November 15, 1936, in LeRoyville, Pa., to Olyn and Mary (Klym) Chaffee. Maralee and Olyn are living, 1973, in Wyaux, Pa. They have three children, all born in Towanda, Pa.:

11th Generation:
Craig Olyn, b. October 5, 1960
Bruce Allen, b. July 1, 1963
Steven Don, b. October 20, 1966

On December 7, 1929, in Port Allegany, Pa., Harold Burdick Stearns married Laura May Meacham, b. March 1, 1902, in Port Allegany, to George Andrew and Agnes (Reid) Meacham. Harold died July 22, 1968. He is buried in the Hebron Cemetery. Laura is living, 1973, in Ellenville, N.Y. They had one child:

10th Generation:

On March 31, 1956, in Niagara Falls, N.Y., Bernard Lee Stearns married June Elaine Hallett, b. August 30, 1934, in Niagara Falls, to William Earle and Marion (Barlett) Hallett. Bernard and June are living, 1973, in Greece, N.Y.

They have three children, all born in Medina, N.Y.:

11th Generation:
Lauri Ann, b. September 5, 1958
Gregory Lee, b. June 9, 1961
Kathy Jean, b. June 8, 1961


On July 6, 1931, in Hebron, Pa., Sarah Genevieve Stearns married Edwin Julius Olson, b. July 14, 1894, in Emporium, Pa., to John M. and Hedwig (Anderson) Olson. Genevieve and Ed are living, 1973, in Emporium. They have two children:

10th Generation:

On June 7, 1958, in Emporium, Pa., Dawn Linnea Olson married Paul Russell Smith, b. October 11, 1937, in Lehighton, Pa., to Russell Robert and Esther (Scheck) Smith. Paul and Linnea are living, 1973, in Lehighton. They have two children:

11th Generation:


They have one child:

11th Generation:
Don Stearns Harford Olson, b. June 10, 1971, in Denver, Cal.
Bonnie has a child by a previous marriage, Beverly Nicole Shelly, b. October 24, 1968.

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Burdick Genealogy

Minnie Harriet
On August 1, 1900, in Hebron, Pa., Minnie Harriet Burdick married John Hutchinson Miller, b. March 16, 1880, in Sweden, Pa., to John Robert and Sarah (Nelson) Miller. John died September 9, 1933; Minnie, October 10, 1954. Both are buried in the Sweden Hill Cemetery. They had one child:

9th Generation:
John Burdick, b. April 1, 1901, in Sweden, Pa.


They have three children:

10th Generation:


11th Generation:
John Rbert, b. December 31, 1953, in Jacksonville, Fla.
Paul Burdick, b. April 14, 1956, in Lewisburg, Pa.
Carol Sue, b. October 12, 1959, in Newark, Ohio.


On March 28, 1956, in Lewisburg, Pa., Eugene Gordnier Miller married Sarah Elizabeth Reed, b. July 9, 1924 in Selingsgrove, Pa., to Elmer LeRoy and Laura Rebecca (Watson) Reed. Eugene and Elizabeth are living, 1973, in Saunderst, Pa. They have three children:

11th Generation:

Phillip Gordnier Miller is Instructor in Industrial Arts in the South Williamsport Area High School, South Williamsport, Pa. He is living, 1973, in Montandon, Pa.
Appendix I

Some Notes on the Life of LoRay Burdick

February 15, 1892

I was born in Sangerfield Center, now called Waterville, Oneida County, N.Y., July 14, 1818. My parents were Silas and Elizabeth Crandall Burdick. My grandfather Burdick’s name was Abraham. He died when my father was six weeks old. My grandmother Burdick’s name was Gardner, a sister of George, Asa and Jesse Gardner (or Gardner) who settled in Petersbury, Rensselaer County, N.Y., near the beginning of the eighteenth century.

When my father was six years old, his mother married a man by name of Lewis. They moved into Vermont where she raised a large family of children of whom I know nothing in particular. My mother’s maiden name was Elizabeth Crandall; she was a daughter of Jasper Crandall whose family lived in Stephentown, Rensselaer Co., N.Y. I know little of my grandfather Crandall’s family. I think he was an uncle of Clark Crandall of Alfred, known as Judge Crandall. My grandmother on my mother’s side, Elizabeth Crandall’s mother, had the maiden name of Carpenter. She was an aunt of Solomon Carpenter, the former missionary to China.

When I was about four years old my parents moved to what I think is now called North Brookfield. I had two brothers, both older than I, Delos C. Burdick, who died in Kansas, and Alphonzo G. Burdick, living in Persia, Cattaraugus Co., N.Y. We lived in North Brookfield two years, and then moved to Edmeston, Otsego Co., N.Y., near what is now called West Edmeston, where we lived six years. It was here that I had my first religious impressions, and at one time was strongly moved to make public profession, but thought I was too young as in those days it was thought that children could not know much about religion, and I got not much, if any encouragement. I suppose that my feelings were not understood. My parents were religious. My father was formerly a First Day Baptist. My mother was in sentiment a Seventh Day Baptist, but did not connect herself with any church.

Up to the time my parents went to Edmeston, they had not connected themselves with any church. They had not lived in the vicinity of any Seventh Day People. Soon after moving to Edmeston, my father commenced to keep the Sabbath and joined the First Brookfield Church. Elder William B. Maxson was the pastor. Elder Daniel Coon was the pastor of the Second Brookfield Church. They were usually spoken of as Elder Maxson’s Church and Elder Coon’s Church. My childish view was the Elder Maxson was argumentative and dry and Elder Coon was emotional and stirring. When I could, I went to that church to meeting, sometimes going on foot.

At this time the influence of some of my youthful companions, older than myself was such as to obstruct religious emotions and life.

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We next moved to what is now the town of Dayton, Cattaraugus County, N.Y. Father was probably the first Seventh Day Baptist to settle in that county. The country was new. Wolves, panthers, bears, wildcats and deer were plentiful. The nearest school was four miles away. I sometimes went the four miles to school and boarded at home; sometimes I boarded in the district and worked for my board. At this time I began to have a strong desire for an education, and bent my energies to that purpose. The most of my preparatory studies were obtained at home. My mother was what was called at that time an educated woman, and was active in helping me. My eldest brother was a teacher of considerable reputation and helped me. To Russell Brown I am much indebted for aid in studying surveying and higher mathematics. He lived about one and one half miles from us and took much pains to help me. These studies were pursued while I worked early and late, chopping, logging, clearing land and working on the farm generally. I took no time for recreation. Every opportunity was embraced that could help in accomplishing my great object. Noon-times, early mornings, late at night, I frequently would take my book into the field and seek opportunities to pick it up and add something to my stack of learning.

In my seventeenth year I went to an Institution or high school in Gowanda. In the fall the preceptor recommended me to the trustees who came to him to get a teacher. I took the school, and after that I went to school what I could in the fall and taught school in the winter, but whether in school or out my studies were not laid aside.

When I was about fifteen years old, I made a public profession of religion and was baptized by Elder Walter B. Gillett and united with the Persia S.D.B. Church. I remained a member of that church for nearly eighteen years until I removed to Alfred, N.Y. and changed my standing to the Second Alfred Church. In 1857 I moved to Hebron, Pa., and after a time I changed my standing to the Hebron Church.

Except for a few years in merchandise, my occupation has been mostly farming and clearing new land. For a year or two I was in company with William S. Burdick in a mechanical shop.

On September 20, 1840 in Alfred, N.Y., I married Angeline Green. She died in Hartsville, N.Y., on May 22, 1853, leaving four children: Almerin G., born November 15, 1841; she died in the USA Service, December 14, 1861; Elna E., born March 29, 1844; she died August 17, 1880 from injuries received in the War of the Rebellion; she served in Sherman's famous "March to the Sea"; Elizabeth A., born January 26, 1850; she died May 6, 1872 from the effects of measles; Wardner C., born May 21, 1853; he died May 13, 1859 from effects of inflammatory rheumatism which is supposed to have gone to the heart.

On November 24, 1853 in Persia, N.Y., I married Maryett M. Green. She died October 30, 1856, leaving one child, LaRoy, Jr., born October 9, 1856. He died October 17, 1874 with phthisis and heart disease.

I was married to your mother, Esther Fitz Randolph, November 28, 1857. The history from that time down you are familiar with, so I will not add more at present.

February 27, 1903.

In 1837 I went with my eldest brother to Illinois, expecting to make it a home for my father's family in the vicinity where Elder Richard Hull had settled. There was no land for sale at a reasonable price near Elder Hull, and I learned that Mother's health was much worse than we had supposed (she had a cancer) and I thought it my duty to return home and did so. I cared for my parents while they lived. My mother died August 25, 1840, and father July 25, 1867.

While in Illinois I taught school near Lewiston, Fulton County. Elder Hull and my brother lived about four miles away, and we met Sabbath Day with Elder Hull's family for service, and I met very pleasant times at our meetings though Elder Hull's health was very poor. His family that were with him then were Mrs. Hull, Martha, Hannah, Olive P., Hamilton and Richard. All have since passed from earth. In going one Sabbath morning from my school to Elder Hull's for meeting, I was going through the timber and came to a large oak tree. As I came to the roots, though I had rather passed it, a loud snarl and growl greeted me. Not more than ten feet from me was a large animal squatting in the road. I looked it over. It was nothing that I had ever seen before. His eyes looked savage and threatening. Our eyes met. I tried to look as defiant as he did. He seemed not to want to tackle me while I was looking that way. We kept our eyes on each other. I backed off very deliberately and went around him and kept my eyes on him till he looked the other way. At the village where my brother was teaching was a friend of mine known as the Kentucky Hunter. He told him of my experience and described it to him and he seemed much excited; said it was a mountain lion and he had rather meet all the panthers in the world than face him; he raised upon his feet; it was a mountain lion. I continued on my way, and I never forgot that experience.

I had a similar experience with a big bear that rushed for me. I turned and faced him; he raised upon his feet; I backed deliberately off to a respectful distance and he did not follow me. Surely "the Lord has redeemed my life from destruction" in a great many instances. I will not refer to others now but mention some things in my church life.

When I was quite young I was called to teach in Sabbath School, and very much of my life has been in that service. I was chorister and worked in Sabbath School before coming to Hebron. Since then I served the church as chorister and superintendent of the Sabbath School most of the time until age and infirmity and difficulty in hearing compelled me to give it up. When superintendent, I very commonly taught a class. The church was without a pastor much of the time, and by request I read sermons a good deal of the time and served as clerk and as corresponding secretary for a long time. I was Justice of the Peace fifteen years, and held other town offices more than I wanted to.
Chapter IX Review of the Line of Descent from Rolph the Norseman to Edward the Pilgrim

Here once more the author pauses to recapitulate his ascertainments and conclusions. To the following ancestral story - here given in merest outline - any American Fitz Randolph, who has been at the trouble of tracing his lineage back to Edward the Pilgrim, may, we believe safely and reasonably link his line.

(1) Ralph - The Norseman Conqueror
   Born about A.D. 860. Died A.D. 932. Married Gisela, daughter of King Charles of France.

(2) William "Longsword" - Duke of Normandy
   Died about 941.

(3) Richard "The Fearless" - Duke of Normandy
   Reigned more than half a century. Died 996.

(4) Richard "The Good" - Duke of Normandy
   Died 1026.

(5) Richard - Duke of Normandy
   Whose wife was Judith. He died 1028. He was the father of Robert "The Magnificent", whose son was William the Conqueror and he was brother of Avicia, who married Geoffrey, Duke of Brittany.

(6) Geoffrey, Avicia

(7) Eude - Duke of Brittany
   Married Agnes, daughter of Alan, Died in 1029

(8) Ribald - Lord of Middleham
   (Brother to Alan Rufus, Duke of Richmond, and to Stephen and to Bardolph)
   Married Beatrix, and spent his last days in retirement at St. Mary's Abbey, York. Died 1131

(9) Randolph - Lord of Middleham
   Married Agatha, daughter of the first Robert of Bruce

(10) Robert Fitz Randolph - Lord of Middleham
    Who built the Castle of Middleham and married Helwisa de Glanville

(11) Randolph Fitz Randolph - Lord of Middleham
    Married Mary, daughter of Roger Biget, Duke of Norfork

(12) Randolph Fitz Randolph - Lord of Middleham
    Who married Anastasia, daughter of William, Lord Percy

(13) Mary Fitz Randolph
    Daughter of Randolph and Anastasia, a rich, religious and benevolent woman who married Robert de Neville. She died 1320, having survived her husband 49 years.

(14) Randolph de Neville - Lord of Middleham
    Whose second wife was Margaret, daughter of Marmaduke Thweng. Died 1332

(15) Randolph de Neville - Lord of Middleham
    Who married Alicia, daughter of Hugo de Audley. Died 1368

(16) John de Neville - Lord of Middleham
    Who married Mathilda Percy. Died 1389

(17) Randolph de Neville - Lord of Middleham and First Earl of Westmoreland
    Whose first wife was Margaret (daughter of Hugo), Lady Stafford - descended from Edward the First - and whose second wife was Joan of Beaufort, daughter of John of Gaunt and granddaughter of Edward the Third. He died in 1435. By his second wife his posterity runs into and adown the English Royal Line. We now follow the posterity of the Earl of Westmoreland by his first wife, Lady Stafford.

(18) John (the children of whose brother Randolph were all daughters) married Elizabeth daughter of Thomas Holland, Earl of Canterbury. He died two years before his father, in 1433.

(19) John, heir presumptive to the dukedom of Westmoreland. Was hero of the Battle of Towton in the year 1461, and bravely lost his life there on the Lancastrian Side. He married Anna, the widow of John de Neville.

(20) Randolph, Duke of Westmoreland
    (Son of John and Anna) married Margaret, daughter of Booth de Barton of Lancaster.

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(21) Randolph, heir presumptive. 
Died during his father's lifetime; married Edith, daughter of the Earl of Sandwich.

(22) Randolph, Duke of Westmoreland 
(Son of Randolph and Edith) married Catherine, daughter of Edward, Duke of Buckingham. Died 1524. This Buckingham was descended from Thomas Woodstock, Duke of Gloucester, uncle to Richard the Second. Hume says Buckingham's mother was a daughter of Edmund, Duke of Somerset, descended from Edward the Third, and mentions the power and splendor of his family.

(23) Randolph - fifth son of Randolph and Catherine, the first son being Henry, whose son Charles was the last in the line of these dukes of Westmoreland, the other sons being Thomas, Edward, Christopher and Cuthbert. Died probably about 1565.

(24) Christopher Fitz Randolph (son of Randolph, fifth son of Duke of Westmoreland) 
Married Joan, daughter and heiress of Cuthbert Langton, of Langton Hall. Died 1588.

(25) Edward Fitz Randolph of Langton Hall. With whom was found and in whom was confirmed by the "Visitations" of 1614 the Fitz Randolph Arms substantially as borne by the Lords of Middleham and by the Spennithorne branch of Fitz Randolph. Died probably about 1635.

(26) Edward Fitz Randolph - Pilgrim 
Married May 10, 1637, at Situate, Mass., to Elizabeth Blossom, daughter of Thomas and Anne Blossom. Moved to Piscataway, N.J. 1669. Died 1675.

(27) Thomas Fitz Randolph, son of Edward (the Pilgrim) and Elizabeth Blossom Fitz Randolph, married Elizabeth Manning, of Piscataway, N.J., Nov. 23, 1686. (Both were members of the Piscataway Seventh Day Baptist Church, as was probably Thomas's mother, Elizabeth Blossom Fitz Randolph.)

(28) Jonathan Fitz Randolph, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Manning) Fitz Randolph, was born at Piscataway, N.J., married, 1717, Mary ..........

(29) Samuel Fitz Randolph, son of Jonathan and Mary .......... Fitz Randolph was born in October, 1738 and on March 25, 1761, married Margaret Fitz Randolph, his cousin, daughter of David (brother of Jonathan above) and Sarah Mulleran Fitz Randolph. He was an officer in the Revolution, commissioned by Governor Livingston of New Jersey.

(30) Jonathan Fitz Randolph, son of Samuel and Margaret Fitz Randolph was born near Piscataway, N.J., March 20, 1775, and married Mary Davis, daughter of William (Greenbrier Billy) and Elizabeth Johnson Davis. William Davis, and probably his wife, Elizabeth Johnson, was born near what is now Asbury Park, N.J. Jonathan Fitz Randolph served under "Mad" Anthony Wayne in his expedition against the Indians which ended in the defeat of the latter at the Battle of Fallen Timbers, on the Maumee. William Davis (Greenbrier Billy) was a soldier in the Revolution.

(31) William Fitz Randolph, son of Jonathan and Mary Davis Fitz Randolph, was born at Salem, Virginia, now West Virginia, December 19, 1800; and married, August 23, 1823, Mary B. Davis, daughter of Rev. John Davis 2d, and Tacy Crandall Davis, Rev. John Davis 2d, was brother of "Greenbrier" Billy Davis, Rev. John Davis was a drummer in the Revolution. William Fitz Randolph was surveyor, employed by Harrison County, Va., now West Virginia.

(32) Esther Fitz Randolph, daughter of William and Mary B. Davis Fitz Randolph, was born near Salem, West Virginia, then Virginia, August 28, 1828; she married, November 26, 1857, Laffey Burdick, son of Silas and Elizabeth Crandell Burdick.
William F. Randolph, the son of Jonathan Fitz Randolph, the son of Samuel Fitzrandolph, was born December 19, 1800. These parties each wrote his name as given above. Many descendants of later generations dropped the F. in writing their names. The grandfather of William came from New Jersey to western Virginia and secured a large tract of land for a colony of Seventh Day Baptists. William's father was about eighteen years old when they came to this country.

The following incident of his early days is related to show some of the excellent traits which characterized his entire life.

A travelling stranger, stopping overnight with the family while one of them was suffering with the toothache, proposed to cure it. The proposition was of course accepted and he proceeded with his remedial operation by taking a piece of nail from each finger and toe and a lock of hair from over the aching tooth. With these and a wooden peg, an auger and a hammer, he disappeared into the forest. The tooth seemed to be relieved, and, before leaving, the stranger offered to reveal the secret of his remedy on condition that it be kept a secret. To William, the eldest son, the Mystery was confided, and with him the knowledge passed away: for true in this as in every other pledge of his life, he never told the secret. Another sterling trait of his character is shown in the fact that he did not claim that this as in every other pledge of his life.

William F. Randolph was married, August 22, 1822, to Mary Rand Davis, the daughter of Rev. John Davis, the brother of the Rev. Lewis A. Davis. While living with his own family in a rude log cabin, he built for his "father-in-law" a neat hewed log house near his own residence on Greenbrier Run. In this house, in later years when he lived a mile below, he taught school; and the house stood there, variously occupied, long after his death, and the logs thereof are still to be seen in a stable near the homestead of the late Deacon Jesse Clark.

To William and Mary were born twelve children, five daughters and seven sons. Four of the latter are still living: Silas at Farina, Ill., Deacon Judson of Greenbrier Run, Preston at Salem, and Rev. Lewis F. Randolph at Hopkinson, R.I. The mother, lately deceased, of the Rev. W. L. Burdick was the second daughter.

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The ideals of the founders of our schools

P. F. Randolph

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When Eld. Azor Estee endeavored to establish an academy at West Union, he found William F. Randolph a right hand man who entered heartily with him in that work. He secured the house and lot for the school and took the largest amount of stock. At the opening of the first term he rented a house and took six of his children there to board themselves with others, taking provision from home fourteen miles distant. When the first teacher, Stephen F. W. Potter of Scott, N.Y., desired to abandon the work, William F. Randolph personally contracted with him in a stated sum of money to return after a visit home and continue the school. Mr. Potter failed to return but the school was continued for about six years by Elder Estee and other teachers, among whom were Ezra and Esther, children of William F. Randolph, and another engaged by him from New York State.

The ideal of the leaders of this movement had been a school of the highest order possible under the circumstances, where our young people might be educated at the least expense consistent with the best work and under right religious influences.

When the West Union Academy failed, William F. Randolph determined to send some of his children to one of the three academies among our people: Shiloh, N.J., DeRuyter, N.Y., and Alfred Center, N.Y. The last, having been maintained for about twenty years, was deemed the best, and four of his children went there in April, 1856. They were the first of about three score who have gone from West Virginia to the Alfred School. The youngest of these four graduated in 1862 and returned to teach in his native state about the time that West Virginia became a separate state, with a constitution providing for free schools. He taught in these schools for several years and in the meantime made some efforts to establish an academy at Salem.

1. This small academy grew into the present Alfred University.
2. Preston F. Randolph.
3. Although William F. Randolph had died before his dream was realized, his successors carried on. Salem Academy was established in 1887 and in less than two years became Salem College. The remainder of the above article tells of the early years of this now thriving institution of learning.
The Drowned Child

By Harriet F. Randolph

1. Come ye who would of sorrow hear
   Come now and lend a listening ear
   And a sad truth ye now shall hear
   O! come and drop a sympathizing tear.

2. Well, there once was a family
   Who surely lived most happily,
   When all together they were free,
   Nor did they know that death was near.

3. 'Twas on a May day you shall hear
   The Monster Death did enter there
   And took away a daughter fair
   The joys of Heaven to share.

4. How did he come, now let us hear,
   To take away this little dear,
   No more earth's trials here to fear
   But a joy to Heaven to share.

5. Well he came by God from Heaven
   And thus the ties of friendship must be riven
   To satisfy a watery message from Heaven
   To leave her sisters three and brothers seven.

6. He came not in silence. No,
   He came with terror on his brow,
   He came as if to lay all low
   By a flood and thundering cloud.

7. The rain in torrents now did fall
   Drenching meadow, crops and all
   And now the blooming rose must fall
   And the rolling torrents from the mountains all.

8. Now in this time the little maid
   Was with her brothers well engaged
   And it was the last she ever played
   For very soon, alas! she strayed.

1. Copied through the courtesy of Mrs. Genevieve Stearns Olson, who has the original.
(18) They now away in search did march
   Hoping that she they'd find alive perhaps
   But Oh! in vain was all their haste
   For she by now was with the Blest.

(19) The Father now the march did see
   And very soon drew nigh that he
   Might know the cause why this should be
   Did call to them most anxiously.

(20) Not long it was till all arrived
   To where the child they hoped to find alive
   But Oh! in vain they all did strive
   For by this time 'twas not alive.

(21) They all did search, but 'twas in vain
   In hopes they'd find poor little Jane
   For she was now free from all pain
   To cry no more on earth again.

(22) The neighbors next were soon informed
   That Sarah Jane could not be found
   They very soon were on the ground
   And eagerly did search around.

(23) Now eventide was coming on,
   And now the thunder and the storm
   Did send the seekers, much dejected home
   To mourn the loss of the now absent one.

(24) What dismal thoughts this night invades,
   The thunder, storm and shade
   Does now push up the rising waters
   Which constitute the infant's present grave.

(25) Sad and mournful was the night
   To the Mother, now in weakly plight
   But still she thought that all was right
   And prayed that she might bear it right.

(26) So when the evening shade had passed
   And morning light had come at last
   The neighbors gathered in quite fast
   And her, at ten, they found at last.

(27) Soon she was raised from her lonely bed
   Where low in water had lain her head
   And where angels kindly watched her bed
   From which her spirit now had fled.

(28) Then home the body soon was borne
   And shown to those from whom it had been torn
   Who now were ne'er too glad to mourn
   To see the body home again.

(29) So on the following mournful day
   They in the churchyard it did lay
   There by a sister's side to stay
   Until the resurrection day.

(30) Now since she's gone to Heaven
   From whence we'd not recall her
   Let Sisters, Parents, Brothers
   Prepare in bliss to meet her.
Appendix III

After bearing her husband twelve children in eighteen years Mary Davis Fitz Randolph died June 2, 1854, at the age of fifty. Eleven months later, May 1st, 1855, he married Rachel Bond. The following poignant “poem” was found in a little old book entitled, “Marriages and Births”. Preston was the eighth child. He was eighteen years old when his mother died.

The marriage rite was over
And tho I turned aside
To keep the guests from seeing
A tear I could not hide
I wreathed my face in smiling
And went up with my brother
To greet my father’s chosen,
But I could not call her mother,
My father in the sunshine
Of happy days to come
May help forget the shadow
That darkened our old home.
May his heart no more be lonely
But buoyant with another.
Yet I am still an orphan child
God can give me but one mother.

Last night I heard her singing
A song I used to love,
When its sweet notes were uttered
By her who sings above.
It pained my heart to hear it,
And my tears I could not ather,
For every word was hollowed
By the voice of my dear mother.

I see my mother now no more.
In her accustomed place
There sits beside my father
Another smiling face.
I know he gives to her
The love he bore another
But I will not forget thee
My own, my angel mother.

Preston Fitz Randolph

Greenbrier Run, Va.

Appendix IV

Letters Exchanged Between Esther Fitz Randolph and LaRay Burdick
During their Courtship

August the 15/57

My dear Friend,

After our last interview I went to bed, had a good nap, arose in the morning refreshed in body, but somewhat perplexed in mind, took breakfast with Brother Burdick’s family; then went to my room, thought I would write home, but hardly knew what to write. Got Father’s letter, read it again, prayed and wept over the matter, and finally concluded not to write then.

I have thought much and think it would be worse than useless for me to go to school and enter classes while my mind is so unsettled, and think that if we can have another interview, I might be able to give my folks a more definite answer, relieve my own mind, and perhaps be more satisfactory to you. If it will be pleasant for you to see me, I can be at my room or any other place you may wish next Seventh Day evening, or any time that will be convenient with you to do as you think proper.

Oh my Love, I fear that you may become wearied with this unworthy creature. If you will be so good as to tell me and I will trouble you no more, for perhaps I am out of my place in thus writing.

With best wishes for your welfare
I remain your sincere best friend
but unworthy Esther.

P.S. I do not know how I shall get this to you, but perhaps give it to Uncle Luke and he leave it at your house.

Alfred Center, Sept. 12/57

My dearest Friend,

Another week of my short life is over. Yes, another Sabbath has just gone into eternity, and darkness has spread her mantle over our earth, and I find myself alone in my room, but not cheered by the thought of having in a few minutes the company of one I love, and be saluted with his lips and embrace from the best of earthly friends, as I have for a few weeks past. Oh, those happy moments, how dear to the memory they appear, how fondly they are cherished, and accustomed as I am to think of you at such times as this I thought I must compose a few lines for you this evening in order that it may pass swiftly and pleasantly by.

Note: These letters have been copied through the courtesy of John Burdick Miller, who has the originals.
Appendix IV

With some anxiety have I looked for a letter from you a day or two past, but none has come to hand as yet. I am anxious to know how you are prospering, and how time goes with you at your new home and among new neighbors. I have had a cold this week, first day last was rather a dull day with me, but I was much better next day so that I attended my classes and have continued to grow better until I enjoy my usual health again.

Hope this will find you in possession of the same great blessing. One of my brothers thinks of trying to teach school next winter. I proposed he would try to get one in Pennsylvania, or near where we may live and thought perhaps you might make some inquiries as to what would be the prospect there for him to get a school in that vicinity. He spoke of sending a line to you when I wrote. Should he do this, I think of letting him endorse and mail this.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain your true but unworthy Friend forever,

Esther

Sept. 17

My dear LaRoy,

Your favor of the 10th has just been received by me, it was none the worse for being pencilled in my estimation. I wrote the above, as you will see, some days since, and then thought I would have it mailed Secondary morning, but after writing I concluded I did not have the Post Office address, and for this reason have it yet. I am glad to hear how you are prospering in your work and hope you are daily cheered by the comforts of belief in the Religion of Jesus our dear Savior. I daily remember you in my feeble prayers at the throne of Grace. Adieu once more LaRoy.

Esther

Hebron, October 5th, 1857

My dear Companion,

I must take a few minutes to address one of the dearest of all earth. We got to Mr. Hydorn's the next night after leaving home. I came down to our house and stayed with Almon the same night. There had been but very little down on the home since I left. I had two hands to help me yesterday, but one went home sick last night. I looks rather dark about getting ready to return by the time I talked of.
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Oct. 13/57

My Dearest Friend,

Since dusk your welcome favor of the 3rd has been handed to me. I was then ironing, have finished it, and now take my pen to scratch a few words to my Love, after the last bell has rung for bed, and the boys and Mary have gone to their pillows.

I am so disappointed that you are not coming to Alfred this week, but will try to content myself by reading your letter, and think the time will soon pass and a few days will bring you to my embrace, and then I can ask you about many things that I have no time to write.

I hope the time is not far distant when you will have one who loves you to spend the Sabbath with you and get supper for you. Time is passing swiftly with me when I think of my studies and what I would like to do during the term but when I think of you and our anticipated connection it appears for in the distance.

But it is pleasant to know, while we are thus separated, we can go to the same Mercy Seat and there pray for each other, and have the same Great and Good Father to hear and answer our feeble petitions. Let us be often found there, for prayer makes the Christian's armor bright. I thought of writing to you last week but from what Roddy told me week before last, I thought you would be here the end of the week. Will you excuse me for not writing then, and also for not writing much this time, for I think it best to send this in the morning, in order that you may get it before you return. So I bid you good night, my Dear Laffey.

Esther.

Alfred Center Nov. 3

My Lonely Friend,

After being up most of last night with Mrs. Maxson, I find I am inclined to sleepiness when seated to study; I thought to say a few words to my Love by means of the pen would keep me awake for the time being. And no doubt that they will be welcomed by him for whom they are intended, imperfectly as they will be written and composed. Five days have elapsed since we took the parting kiss, O, those fast fleeting moments, how fondly they are cherished, and I in faith look forward to the time when we will again have the like privilege, only it will be more pleasant by the thought of a longer duration. Words can not express the pleasure and satisfaction that short and unexpected visit afforded me. I am anxious to hear how you are prospering on your muddy journey and of your safe arrival at our intended future home.

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I trust you are prospering in your work, also enjoying the smiling presence of Jehovah, the comforts of religion, that the three weeks may soon pass with you when you will return to Alfred.

We had a pleasant day yesterday, but snow 2 or 3 inches deep this morning and melting some today. Mrs. Maxson appears to be some better, but it may not be real. I fear it is not. It is now time to get dinner, and I must bid my Dear adieu once more.

With my best wishes for your welfare, I remain your sincere friend,

Esther

Hebron, Nov. 9th/57

My dear Esther,

Today I received your cherished, comforting communication of the 3rd inst. You cannot tell how highly I appreciate like favors from her in whose love I have entrusted my future happiness. We have had company this evening, which entertained me until after ten o'clock, but I cannot sleep until I say a few words to my Love. Those happy seasons of which you speak are in happy remembrance and I look forward to the time when we shall not be separated from each other.

We arrived safely at our new home the day after I saw you, Almira has been quite unwell ever since but is much better. He likes the situation much better than he expected to. We have had no snow since I came, but a good deal of stormy weather. I am considerably disappointed in my help, consequently am not doing all calculated on but think I am employing my time to very good advantage. In relation to my spiritual enjoyment I am free to acknowledge my Dear that I do not live so near my unseen Redeemer as is my privilege to, yet I would not part with my hopes and comforts in religion for a thousand worlds like this. Though I am so unfaithful, yet the compassionate Savior gives me some precious interviews which are like cold water to the thirsty soul. I trust, too, I have an abiding hope in the Lord my Redeemer. I hope, my Dear, you are enjoying more of the light of God's countenance than I do.

It is getting late. I must bid you good-by.

I remain your true friend and Love

L. R. Burdick
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Alfred Center, Nov. 10/57

My dear LaRay,

Once more I find myself seated with pen in hand to say a few words to One I love and confide in filial affection.

One week has passed since I wrote you. I hope you have had the pleasure of reading it before now for I know how you prize the opportunity, by my own experience. I have not had the pleasure of reading a new one from you since we took the parting kiss. But I believe this will only have time to reach Hebron before you leave that Place, and wish to write once more. Is this not the last one that I will have to write you? Yes, I trust it is, not that it is a trouble to scratch a few lines to one that I have all confidence in. But I trust in the Providence of God that you will be permitted to return ere long to your Friend, and then be united in that Holy Union, which is a divine institution.

And when we can enjoy each other's society not only for minutes and hours but for months and years together.

I hope this will find you and yours enjoying good health and prospering in your work, and above all else enjoying the Blessings and Sweets of Religion.

We had a little flood yesterday afternoon. Such a rain I have not witnessed before in Alfred. Some bridges were washed away, and other damages, no doubt, that I have not heard of.

Good Bye once more my Love
From your unworthy Friend Esther

Note: They were married two weeks later and were privileged "to enjoy each other's society" for more than forty-six fruitful years.

Appendix V

Letters Written by LaRoy Burdick's Sons During the Civil War

Camp Curtin, Sunday, Oct. 27, 1861

My dear Parents, Brothers, Sister and Friends,

We expected to have left this place long before now, but as fortune would have it, we are still here. We have not got our guns yet and did not get our overcoats and pantaloons till last night. The 24th we got our blankets for which we were very thankful for it was a cold night. The 25th we got the rest of our clothes, knapsack, haversack and canteen. We think of joining Colonel Brown's Regiment in Washington, I believe. If we do we should start soon. Yesterday twelve of our company were taken for guards. I was among the number. We were off and on for twenty-four hours. We were in the division called the 3rd Relief. On from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M., from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M., from 1 A.M. to 3 A.M., from 7 A.M. to 9 A.M. We were on two hours at a time and off four hours.

As I was standing guard I stood on a little elevation and I could look upon the hills and woods about Harrisburg. (It is not very thickly settled about Harrisburg, I should not think) and I tell you it looked lovely to me.

Yesterday was our Sabbath, my thoughts were constantly with you. I imagined the people in Hebron gathering quietly together in the little schoolhouse for worship, and I knew too that some were thinking of me. About the usual time for Sabbath School I opened my little Testament and turned to our lesson.

In the evening I stood guard near a building where there was a prayer-meeting. There was a great deal of howling and groaning, a strong contrast between it and our quiet meetings. I will not tell you how I felt; but I know that I am in a noble cause.

From your affectionate son,
Almerin G. Burdick

To LaRoy and Esther Burdick

Note: Almerin died six weeks after this letter was written.

Camp Leran, Oct. 8th/61

Dear Brother Parents and Sister,

When I write to one it is to all. They has nothing occurred since I wrote last of much importance, although it is a great comfort to me to write at all times.

Note: These letters were copied through the courtesy of Mrs. Randolph Burdick and Mrs. Genevieve Stearns Olson who have the originals.
Perhaps you would like to know how we fare one thing and another. We have all that a soldier can expect, have good bread, fresh beef salt beef, pork beans, vegetable soup occasionally rice sugar vinegar etc. The worst of it is I do not like the manner that they wash their dishes. I was looking on this morning to see them, the Cook had a very large greasy tub about full of water that looked like our pounding water after we had washed about half a barrel of clothes, rinsed them, then put them in a barrel and ready for use. Sometimes we have meals three times a day and sometimes twice, just as it happens. Sometimes we have our breakfast at ten o'clock and sometimes earlier. Our tents are made of cloth Pitched up like a house roof, room enough for us six with a good deal of squeezing. They are about fifteen or sixteen tents in a Company, six in a tent generally. They is no floor to our tents at all whatever. We lie on blankets down on the ground, and go to sleep if we can. They is about a hundred miles here, howling like wolves. Last night it rained all sorts, filled our tent in some places about two inches deep, blew the Captain's tent partly down, which I was glad to see. This morning while calling the roll, he told some of them that he was dreaming of sleeping in a creek, waked up and sure enough he was. He is not liked very well by the Company or White either. They both have treated me very well. Last night they got White to drill the Company. He led them down the field, the Colonel came up, looked on a while, asked White if he was Lieutenant. He told him he was. Then the Colonel told him to hand him his sword. Says he, 'You are drunk, go to your quarters and consider yourself under arrest." We do not know what they will do with him, but expect he will be thrown out of his office. They have got three or four fellows in the Guard House, some for stealing money from a Negro, some for stealing straw. Yesterday we heard the booming of cannon as fast as could be off toward Washington. The Rumor here was that we would receive marching orders at two o'clock, but did not. The noise continued until long in the afternoon. We are expecting marching orders every day.

That bill I spoke of I forgot to send, but think I can get it changed now anywhere, so I guess I will not send it. Tell Ma that Mr. Reed would like some of her Corn Bread. That is what he wants me to write. I am in good health. Enjoying myself much better than I expected. When you read this you must remember that we have to write anywhere that we can get, lying down, standing up or anywhere else in the midst of a thousand people.

Write soon.

Respectfully yours,
Elno E. Burdick

Appendix V

Dear Parents,

We have once more settled down so I hope I can write a few words. I have not written before I believe since we left Rockville. Since that time we have seen pretty hard times, but nothing to be compared to what we now see on the other side of the River. We marched from Charlestown by the way of Winchester to this place and passed through one hard battle, the Battle of An. Last Tuesday morning we were on the left Wing of our Company. Early in the morning a heavy artillery fight took place which lasted about an hour, in which the Rebel guns were silenced. We lay in the hot sun all day, prepared for a fight. A short time before dark a camping ground was picked out where we lay down. At midnight we received marching orders, marched up the lines at the right for about (2) miles. We had scarcely halted before we heard sharp picket firing at a short distance away. We laid down and slept until morning occasionally wakened through the night by picket firing. At daybreak heavy cannonading commenced and soon after Infantry was at work. It was not long before our Front began to give way by being overpowered, and we were called up. We went up in excellent lines and on double quick and yelling at the top of our voices. Soon coming in good distance of the Rebels we halted and gave them a volley which stopped them. General William's Division occupy Maryland Heights now. How long they will remain there I do not know but perhaps some time. The last I wrote I think I had seen Ed Bickford the day before. I have not seen him since - he appeared to be very contented. In conversation he said he thought I had grown very small since I left home. I have not time to write more as it is getting late.

I have not received a letter from you in a long time.

I am in good health and spirits.

Your Son

Elno

Note: Elno was seventeen years old when the first of these two letters was written. We quote from his obituary: "The first year of the Rebellion he went into the Army and remained until the close of the War. During all this time he was in active service. In the Army of the Potomac and with Sherman in the memorable March from Atlanta to the Sea he endured all the exposure and hard work incident to the battles and marches of the terrible war. Thus he contracted diseases which gave him years of suffering, after a time a deformed..."
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body and at last brought him to a premature grave. Yet amidst all he main-
tained the Christian life. His last days were particularly happy ones. Call-
ing his friends around him, he gave them good words of cheer and counsel,  
asked them to pray with him, and finally dropped quietly to rest, conscious  
to the last and happy in Christ. Bro. Burdick was married December 4, 1886,  
to Celestia, daughter of Foster and Fanny Reynolds of Hebron, Pa. In this  
choice he was most fortunate. Ever anticipating his wants, she relieved his  
sufferings and made everything as comfortable as possible to the very last.  
The Lord reward her and sustain her in this affliction so hard for her to bear.  
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