

LDS BAPTISMS IN ERIE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA 1831-1833

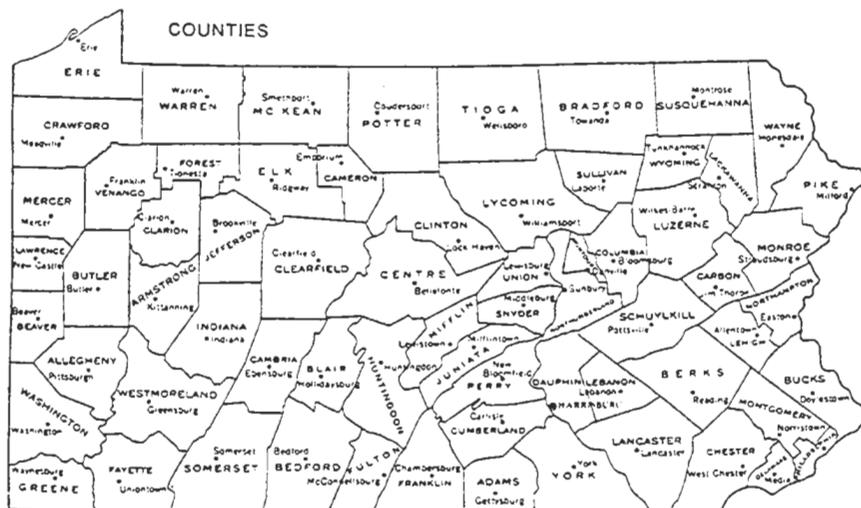
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Erie County, Pennsylvania is just across the Pennsylvania/Ohio border--forty miles from Kirtland, Ohio. While searching for my relatives in Erie County, I located a list of early converts to Mormonism prepared by V. Alan Curtis for his master's thesis, *Missionary Activities and Church Organizations in Pennsylvania, 1830-1840*. Many of my relatives and ancestors were on that list, along with their friends. The search was on! My cousins, Pamela Call Johnson, Beulah Loosli Hall, and I began to study these converts in earnest--attempting to identify each one. We formed a Family Organization called Hulda's Helpers and I was assigned the responsibility to research the Erie County converts. I undertook this project in search of Hulda Vaughn Harmon Bassett's parents. This project is dedicated to Hulda who was "full of zeal for the Latter-day work."

As Pam and I have worked together on this project for three years, we have come to know and love these Erie County people. We have had numerous spiritual experiences no less amazing than the healings or speaking in tongues mentioned later. Many of the Erie County converts lost their lives; some came west; many did not. We have been in touch with many descendants

of these converts and V. Alan Curtis. At the close of his thesis, Mr. Curtis said: "The present study is a thrust into an area of research that is virtually brimming with future possibilities. Each of the individuals chronicled herein as accepting the gospel in Pennsylvania are potential future projects."

Pam and I have carried forth this work by taking Mr. Curtis's list and discovering who these converts were, where they lived, and what they did following baptism. We contacted some descendants who were surprised to learn they had "Mormon" ancestry. Others included people we knew from our own communities: one convert became the father of a future Prophet of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This project has been a labor of love; however, it is still not a "complete" record. We have attempted to identify as many converts as possible, but we recognize that many names were never publicly recorded. By publishing this research, we hope descendants of these people will contact us to share histories and family information. If you can add to or make corrections to any of this information, feel free to contact me.



BACKGROUND

Diantha Hanchett Gardner was converted to the gospel in Erie County. In 1831, she described Erie County, Pennsylvania as follows:

The town of Erie, Erie County, Pennsylvania was a small town of a few hundred people in 1831. People got about on horseback and with ox teams and wagons and shanks mare [i.e., they walked]. They had a newspaper coming out once a week. The use of candles was their only means of lighting at night, and all cooking was done in open fireplaces with wood. There were no sidewalks, and few roads were paved. Churches had no heat in them. There were no public schools and only one private school. Most of the houses were of logs and generally only one room with no plumbing.

Jared Carter, one of the first missionaries to Erie County, joined the Church in New York when he heard about the *Book of Mormon* from an anti-Mormon. Jared sought out the church and was baptized by Hyrum Smith about February 20, 1831. He stated in his journal that he was "so warmed by the spirit of God that he didn't feel the cold of the water on him at that winter season during the half-mile walk to shelter and a change of clothing." On September 22, 1831, Jared, accompanied by Ebenezer Page, embarked on a mission from Kirtland to the East. Two days later, Elder Carter recorded in his journal that "we baptized one and ordained Brother Read an Elder where Brother Read lived." In his journal, Jared Carter described experiences one after another of being called to heal the sick or cast out devils. In one incident he healed a boy named Charles Craton of deafness while riding in Craton's oxen-drawn wagon. He also told of an experience where the rain divided over a congregation as they were preaching, allowing them to remain dry and continue the open-air meeting.

Missionaries Orson Hyde and Samuel H. Smith labored for one month in Erie County, beginning February 16, 1832. Elders Hyde and Smith spent the first twelve days in Springfield. Orson Hyde recorded that they held a meeting the first day and almost every day

afterward to "large and attentive congregations and many were melted to tears--the Lord was with us." Five or six came forward and were baptized in Springfield including one Christian preacher with whom they had labored in private diligently after meeting. The missionaries stayed with Mr. Reed, Mr. Hartshorn and Mr. Barrs. Before leaving Springfield, they "ordained Brother Simmons an elder and instructed him in the knowledge of the kingdom and church."

Elders Hyde and Smith preached in every township and most of the villages along the Ridge Road across Erie County, finding "prospects poor" east of Springfield. In Fairview, Elder Carter said their testimony was "as idle words to the people." They found the people in Mill Creek "very hard--seemingly no salvation for them." In Wesleyville, they likewise found no success, despite preaching from house to house. In Harbor Creek, one was "almost persuaded to become a Christian." In North East, five meetings were held without success. As the Elders traveled and preached, they said: "[we] lifted up our warning voice by the spirit, and shook off the dust of our feet against almost all, and sealed many over to the day when the wrath of God shall be poured out." Orson Hyde and Samuel H. Smith continued east and "built up four churches--one in Maine, two in Massachusetts, and one in Pennsylvania--baptized sixty."

Elders Hyde and Smith met fellow Elders Carter and Page returning from their mission to New York. The four missionaries held two meetings from April 27-May 2, 1832. Brother Simmons and two other members had fallen away from the Church in the two months since their baptism. The missionaries were able to reclaim two of the three and baptized eight more: Randall Wheeler, Andrew M.G. Adams, Abigail Spencer, Experience Wheeler, Cornelia Cattles, Fanny Mariah Rudd, Phebe Thompson, and Cloa Rudd. The missionaries mentioned staying at Brother Heart's home and they mention a Brother Rudd. These brethren may have been among the unnamed individuals baptized earlier. A creek in Erie County was called "Mormon Run" because of the numerous baptisms performed there.

Summarizing his mission, Jared Carter said:

Since I left home and was ordained to preach the gospel and was preaching from place to place now, I thought that I had great reason to thank and praise the Lord for what he had done for me and my brothers and sisters of my father's family. For the whole family had now come into the glorious work of God, with their companions, except one sister. My three brothers were preachers in this glorious gospel. I reached Amherst the last day of February, having been gone on this mission five months and upwards. I can say that God has blessed me according to the prophecy of Brother Joseph, before I went from Ohio. He has blessed me with sheaves and with health and blessed by his name.

As early as November of 1832, some Pennsylvania converts made their way to Zion in Missouri. *The Evening and Morning Star* reported that Hyrum and William Smith returned home in December 1832 after laboring three weeks in the Springfield, Pennsylvania area. We do not have the names of the twenty-three persons they baptized.

From January to April 1833, Elders John F. Boynton and Evan M. Greene served a mission in Erie County. The *Journal History of the Church* reported the following:

Tuesday, January 15, Elder John F. Boynton and Evan M. Greene left Kirtland, Ohio on a mission to north-western Pennsylvania. In the evening of the following day, January 16, they preached in Ashtabula, Ashtabula, Ohio. On the 17th, they arrived in Springfield, Erie, Pennsylvania, in which vicinity there was already a branch of the Church; here they commenced a successful missionary labor, visited among the people, and held a number of meetings. On the 20, John F. Boynton baptized Rhoda Winegar, and on the 21, eight more were baptized: namely, Samuel T. Winegar, Alvin Hartshorn, Levi Allen, John Quincy, Horace Martin, John Winegar, Alvira Winegar, and Fanny Hall.

After preaching in Conneaut, Crawford, Pennsylvania, and in other places, they went to

Lodi in Girard, Erie, Pennsylvania on the 26. Here they preached on the 27 in the house of Mr. Matthews in Elk Creek, Erie, PA and baptized five: namely, Stephen Winchester, Nancy Winchester, Benjamin Winchester, Polly Waldo, and Wm. H. Sagers. That same day, in the evening, they preached in a school house in Conneaut, Erie, PA; and the next day in an empty school house in the same township. On Saturday, Feb 2, they held a meeting at Brother Winchester's and confirmed those who had been baptized.

On Sunday, Feb 3, they preached to a large congregation in Elk Creek. The next day, Feb 4, they went to Springfield where they met Wm. Smith and on the 5th they held a glorious meeting, at which Wm. Smith spoke in tongues with much power. Jane Fuller was baptized. The next day, Feb 6, they visited some of the Saints in Springfield and held a meeting in the school house in the evening. Elder Wm. Smith again spoke in tongues, and an attempted disturbance was successfully quelled. On the 7, they returned to Conneaut where they preached the following day in the evening in the school house and the people paid good attention. On Sunday Feb 10, they preached in the Salisbury school house in Conneaut and the next day they preached in a school house. Here again, Wm. Smith spoke in tongues. In the evening of the 12, the brethren again preached in Elk Creek. On Wednesday, Feb 13, they preached in the Taylor settlement in the same neighborhood, where they were opposed by a Presbyterian. On the 14, they visited some Baptists who were very friendly and on the 15, held another meeting. On the 16, they were visited by Wm. F. Cahoon and Amos Hodge.

On Sunday, Feb 17, they held two meetings at Mr. Matthews at Elk Creek and baptized two; namely, Benjamin Wells and Eunice Wells. The following Tuesday a confirmation meeting was held for the purpose of confirming those who had been baptized the previous Sunday. The brethren administered the sacrament to the little branch, preached in the evening, and baptized eight persons: namely, John Sagers, Lery Sagers, Mary Wilcox, Moses Martin, Joel Parsons, Dennis Wells, Daniel Winchester, and

Pauline Winchester. They preached again in the evening. On Thursday, Feb 21, William Smith started for Kirtland after the brethren had held a friendly conference at Bro. Winchester's. On Friday, Feb 22, Elders Boynton and Greene preached in the southern part of Elk Creek, and on Saturday, they preached in the Taylor settlement.

On Monday, Feb 25, at a meeting held at Bro. Winchester's, those baptized the previous week were confirmed and the sacrament was administered. They also held a public meeting in the evening. On Tuesday, Feb 26, they preached at a place two miles north and baptized Olive A. Vaun and John Vaun. Just before the meeting in the evening, writes Elder Greene, "a sister was taken in distress in the stomach and requested us to lay hands on her. We went out and prayed in order to know whether it was right for that people to have a sign. We received a witness to the effect that the woman should be healed, and then we went into the house and laid hands on her. We commanded the disease in the name of Jesus to depart from her and when I prayed that the cloud of darkness might be broken and I exhorted and contended for the gifts of the Church. Then, for the first time in this place, the Lord poured out his spirit in mighty power and gave the gift of tongues unto the people, and we had a glorious time. Some were convinced of the power of God.

The next morning, Feb 27, two others were baptized; namely, Robert Dimsey and Susannah Dimsey. In the evening, a solemn meeting was held at the house of Brother Winchester. On Thursday, the 28, the brethren met at the house of Brother Stephen Winchester and made preparations to go to Kirtland. They said good-bye to the Saints, and had a very good [part missing] attended meeting in the evening in the Jackson settlement. On Friday, March 1, they held a meeting at Sherman's Corners and the following day, Saturday, March 2, they baptized three; namely, Lovicy Campbell, Jedediah M. Grant, Derby DeWolf.

Sunday, Mar 3, they held meetings in a school house and on Monday, Mar 4, they also

met at the house of Brother Grants to confirm those who had been baptized. They had a splendid meeting of which they administered the sacrament and Wm. H. H. Sagers was ordained to the Lesser Priesthood (Priest). On Tuesday, Mar 6, in the evening, a prayer meeting was held and the saints remained together till a late hour and after the meeting was dismissed, the people were loath to part with each other and in continuing their fraternal conversation, one brother broke out in the gift of tongues. He was soon followed by another in the same gift; and then the spirit of interpretation came upon Elder Greene who gave a powerful exhortation to those present. Two of the neighbors presented themselves for baptism which ordinance was attended to the next day by Brother Sagers. The names of the candidates were Henrietta Sanford and Emily Harmon. The following day, Mar 7, they held another public meeting. On the 8, they held still another meeting.

On Sunday, Mar 10, they held a meeting at Brother Sagers and also had a prayer meeting in the evening. Elizabeth F. Pole was to be baptized. On the 11th, Brothers Boynton and Greene left for Springfield and continued their labors together, holding meetings and visiting the people from house to house.

On Mar 17, Elder Greene baptized three; namely, James Joles, Nancy Joles, and Desdimony Sagers. On Thursday, Mar 21, the Elders held a meeting with the newly baptized Saints in the Elk Creek settlement and organized them into a branch of the church. Brother Boynton ordained Brother Robert Dimsey a Priest; [inserted here--Mr. Thompson]; Stephen Winchester, a Teacher; Wm H. H. Sagers, a Deacon, and appointed these brethren to watch over the branch in the fear of the Lord. In the evening, Alonzo Winchester and Lovicy Clark were baptized. A spirited meeting was also held that same evening. The next day, Friday, Mar 22, the brethren visited the Saints and bid them farewell and started on their return to Kirtland.

Some interesting accounts of conversion to the gospel were found in family histories of other residents

of Erie County--people who listened to the missionaries, went to Kirtland to meet Joseph Smith and were baptized there. Anna Barnes Harmon was baptized in Erie County on 29 May 1833. Anna's family remained non-members until they moved to Kirtland in the fall of 1837.

Appleton M. Harmon, son of Jesse and Anna, recorded the following memories of his family's conversion in Erie County:

Twas in our humble cottage that a servant of God in his pilgrimage on his holy errand had called to refresh his weary limbs and get a cooling draught who in turn imparted to us the word of the eternal life that was like a well of living water springing up into everlasting life that never failed. It worked upon us. It would not let us linger here but Zionward it bent our way. We left our pleasant home, to gather with the Saints of the Most High God to build up Zion and live forever pilgrims in the cause of Zion. We were persecuted for the sake of peace. I am here on the old farm [in Erie County, Pennsylvania] on my way to a foreign land to carry this same gospel that has wrought this wonderful change in our family. These reflections passed across my mind and brought a sensation to me that might have been visible to any bystander.

I lingered here--I was loath to leave the spot

For well do I remember that this was my father's lot.

Where in my boyish days I reveled on the green

Now in riper years I ponder on the scene.

Strange has been my pilgrimage since I was here before

Now the bearer of a message unto a distant shore.

President Joseph Smith and his companions arrived at Springfield, Pennsylvania on a surprise visit October 6, 1833. The saints were in meeting when the visiting brethren arrived. Elder Rigdon spoke to the congregation. "A large and attentive congregation assembled at Brother Rudd's in the evening," wrote the Prophet, "to whom we bore our testimony. Had a great congregation--paid good attention. O God, seal our testimony to their hearts. We continued at Springfield until Tuesday, the 8th."

Orson Pratt, accompanied by Lyman Johnson, arrived in Springfield on December 1, 1833 to visit the churches. They preached in Springfield and Elk Creek several times in the next ten days. On December 5, Elders Pratt and Johnson cut off "Bro. Tiler" (possibly Andrews Tyler). The Elders attended a conference at Elk Creek on Wednesday, December 11, 1833, where Johnson ordained Amasa M. Lyman a High Priest. Asa Jeffers was excommunicated for "unchristian-like conduct and refusing to give up his credentials." After the conference, the two elders journeyed to Silver Creek, Erie County, where they labored from Dec 16-24 holding eight meetings in the area.

At one of the meetings in Springfield, some of the members refused to partake of the sacrament because the elder who administered it did not obey the Word of Wisdom. Elder Johnson sided with the members "because the Elder was in transgression." However, Elder Pratt argued that as long as the elder retained his license, "the Church was bound to receive the Supper under [his] administration." The High Council met in Erie County, February 20, 1834, to decide the question. The decision of the council was: "No official member in this Church is worthy to hold an office, after having the Word of Wisdom properly taught him, and he, the official member, neglecting to comply with or obey it."

ERIE COUNTY CONVERTS

The following is the list of converts prepared by V. Alan Curtis. The spelling of some of the names is questionable. Other lists follow of those who have been identified as Erie County Converts, taken from missionary journals and family histories.

Jared Carter & associates baptized the following sometime between April 27 - May 2, 1832:

AT SPRINGFIELD:

Randil (Randall) Wheeler	Cloa Rudd
Andrew McAdams	Experience Wheeler
Fanny Mariah Rudd	Cornelia Cattles
Abigail Spencer	Phebe Thompson

The following people were baptized in Erie County by John F. Boynton (of the first Quorum of the Twelve Apostles) & Evan M. Greene from January 20, 1833 to March 27, 1833:

AT SPRINGFIELD:

Alvin Hartshorn	Samuel T. Winegar
Levi Allen	John Quincy
Rhoda Winegar	Horace Martin
William Thompson	John Winegar
Fanny Hall	Clarissa Tyler
Two boys of Brother Tyler	Alvira Winegar

AT TAYLOR SETTLEMENT: (maybe Albion)

Benjamin & Eunice Wells

UNKNOWN LOCATION:

Lovicy Clark	Alonzo Winchester
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AT ELK CREEK:

Benjamin Winchester	James Joles
Derby DeWolf	Daniel Winchester
Jane Fuller	Jedediah M. Grant
Daniel Winchester	Emily Harmon
Elizabeth P. Cole/Pole	Nancy Joles
Pauline Winchester	Joel Parson
Stephen Winchester	Henrietta Sanford
Olive A. Vaun	Nancy Winchester
Polly Waldo	John Vaun
Desdimony Sagers	Dinnis Wells
Mary Wilcox	Moses Martin
William H. H. Sagers	Lovicy Campbell
John Sagers	Robert W. Dimsey
Lery Sagers	Susannah Dimsey

BAPTIZED BY SAME MEN AT LATER DATE, NO LOCATION GIVEN:

Blake Baldwin	Gideon Canfield
Ira Clothier	Aseneth Baldwin
Almira Carr	Amy Clothier
Henry Baldwin	Phidelia Coltrin
Palova Clothier	Lucinda Harmon
Theopoles Cross	Narcissa Clothier
Nehemiah Harmon	Lucy Harper
Hannah Hollembeck	Oliver Harmon
Sophia Houghton	Clarissa Joles
Elizabeth Harmon	John Loddy (Soddy)
Louisa Lord	Orsey Harmon
Lydia Low	Abigail Mathews
Orilla Harmon	James Parshal
Marcus Matthews	Marshal Turner
Margaret Parshal	Malinda Priest
Polly Turner	Sally Parshal
Jaharill Sanford	Charles Vaun
William Parshal	William Sanford
Nancy Vaun	Eliza Wright
Patience Sanford	Daniel Vaun
Mary Preston	Henry Deighton
Joel Vaun	Benjamin Wilcox
Amanda Sagers	

OTHERS

Others mentioned in missionary journals and by V. Alan Curtis in his Thesis:

Brother Rudd (could be John or Erastus Rudd of Springfield)

Brother Roundy of Elk Creek in 1833 (Uriah?)

Brother Tiler of Springfield--cut off from church 5 Dec 1833 (Andrews?)

Joshua and Athalia Grant of Elk Creek--baptized in 1832

Asa Jeffers--excommunicated in Erie Co., on 11 Dec 1833

Joseph Hartshorn of Springfield on 5 Jun 1835

Brother J. DeWolf of Springfield in Jun 1835 (Joseph?)

Brother Amos Hodge of Erie County--proselyted in 1832

Mr. Barrs of Erie Co. in Feb 1832 (Barnes?)

Mr. Reed of Springfield in Feb 1832 (John R.?)

Elder Simmons of Springfield in 1832 (Horace or Isaac Jr.?)

Brother Heart of Erie Co. in 1832 (Joseph?)

Charles Craton of Springfield in 1832 (Coulton?)

Lucien Woodworth of Erie Co. in Nov 1832

David Solsberg of Erie Co. in Nov 1832

John Solsberg of Erie Co. in Nov 1832

OTHER ERIE COUNTY RESIDENTS

These converts were not named by Mr. Curtis, nor are their names in missionary journals; however, their family histories testify of their conversions in Erie County.

Jesse Pearce Harmon

Alpheus Harmon

Appleton Milo Harmon

Elam Mecham

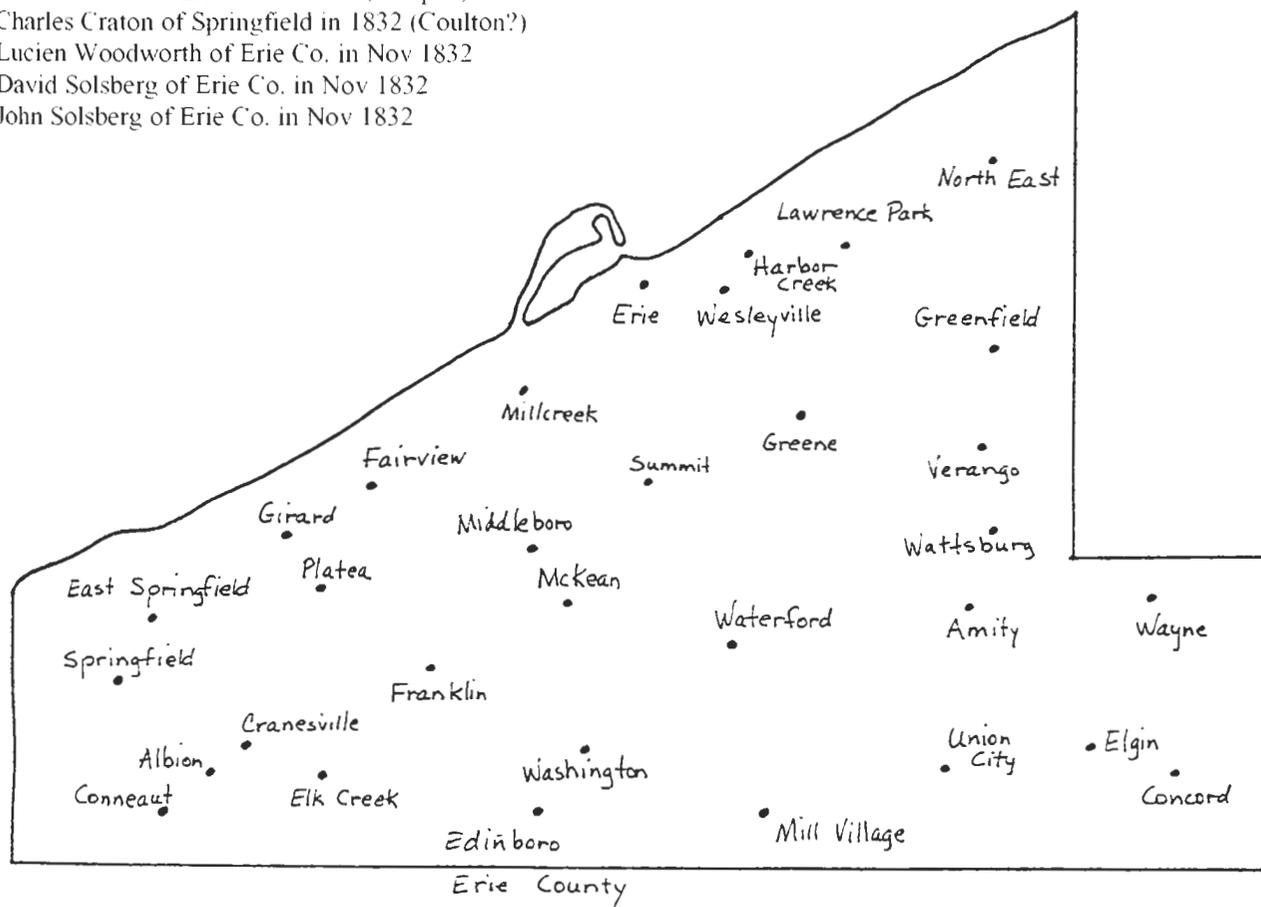
Anna Barnes Harmon

Lucina Mecham

Hulda Dimeras Vaughn Harmon

Joshua Mecham

Sophronia Harmon



BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF ERIE COUNTY CONVERTS

The following is our effort to identify each Erie County convert.

Levi Allen

The identity of Levi is uncertain. We believe there is a connection to Ethan Allen of the Green Mountain Boys in Vermont. Ethan Allen's brother, Levi, was born in 1745--too old to be this Levi. Ira, another brother of Ethan, named a son Levi. There were two Allen families in Springfield in 1830: Ira and Cyrus. Ira and Cyrus were next door to each other on the 1830 Census. Cyrus and his wife were age 60-70. Ira and his wife were 30-40. (This Ira is too young to be Ethan Allen's brother, Ira.) In 1840, Cyrus was in Springfield; Ira was 40-50 and living in Girard. He had a son 20-30 who could possibly be the Levi baptized. Cyrus's will recorded June 8, 1853 names his wife, Rhoda, and two children: Abner and Leonard.

Ira Allen md. Jane Duncan, daughter of James. Rhoda Allen, widow of Cyrus, was on the 1850 Census in Springfield; Leonard was in Girard. A Stephen Benedict Allen of Fairview, Erie County, had a son named Levi; however, this Levi was not born until 1837. Stephen md. Emeline Cudney 1831 in Erie. There is a land transaction of a Levi Allen in Erie County in 1844. A Levi Allen md. Phebe Spicer in 1823 in Portage, OH and a Levi Allen married Nancy Geraldine Brett on October 24, 1853 in Ashtabula, Ohio. In August 1829 in Middleburg, Cuyahoga, OH a Levi Allen joined the Campbellite faith along with Mrs. William Pangburn. A young Methodist preacher, Tillinghast Vaughn, was baptized into the Cambellite faith also, but later disaffected. Perhaps our convert Levi is one of these persons mentioned. (CEN; IGI; LAN; CEM; WIL; DWR; VAC)

Aseneth Baldwin

An Acenith Baldwin appears on the 1830 Census in Van Buren, Onondaga, NY. Aseneth was the wife of Blake Baldwin. Mrs. Blake Baldwin hosted a missionary, Moses Martin, who preached in her home August/November 1834. Blake and Aseneth Baldwin moved

to Kirtland. Mrs. Aseneth Baldwin and baby buried at Mt. Pisgah, Iowa. Samuel Winegar and Susannah Thomas had a daughter, Aseneth, born 1777. Descendants do not know who she married or what became of her. Could Aseneth Baldwin be Aseneth Winegar--sister of Stephen T. Winegar who was baptized? (PKO; BUR; VAC; WFR)

Blake Baldwin

Husband of Asenath Baldwin. On the 1830 Census, there is a Blake Baldwin in Hanover, Chautauqua, NY. Blake was blessed in Kirtland in March 1835 for work on the Kirtland Temple. On January 28, 1836, Blake met at the Kirtland temple with the Elders' quorum and received an anointing by the Elders' quorum president, Alvah Beman. The Lord poured out his spirit and some spoke with tongues and prophesied. Again on March 17, 1836, when Blake was ordained an Elder there was an experience with speaking in tongues and others interpreting. The Kirtland Elders' Quorum Record 1836-1841 gives the following information: "Blake Baldwin, Resident of Kirtland about 1835-1838. Received blessing for working on temple 1835. Ordained elder March 27, 1836. Ordained seventy January 1837. Received anointing in Kirtland Temple January 25, 1837. Signed articles of Kirtland Safety Society 1837." He is listed as N. B.[lake] as a signer of Kirtland Safety Society. If Blake used the name of Nathan B. Baldwin it would be easy to confuse him with Nathan Bennett Baldwin who participated in the early history of the Church in some locations. I really think they are two different people and someone merely attached an N. to Blake's name when they found an N. B. Baldwin in area. Blake Baldwin bought and sold land in Kirtland. Is Blake a brother of Henry? (KEQ; PKO; VAC; HC)

Henry Baldwin

The identity of Henry Baldwin is not yet proven. A Henry Baldwin, attorney, was present at the opening of the first court in 1803 in Erie County. He came from CT and was a man of great ability and eminence. He

became a Judge of the U.S. Supreme Court. Tax records of Washington twp, Erie, PA 1825 show a Henry Baldwin, Esq. owning 524 acres of land. There were two Henry Baldwins in Portage, OH (where several Erie people later lived) in 1830. A Henry Baldwin married Amanda M. Risley December 24, 1835 at Portage, OH. On February 24, 1836, a Henry Baldwin was rejected in his effort to be ordained an Elder in Kirtland, OH. (KK XIX No.2; TAX; HEC; IGI; VAC)

Lovicy Campbell

Baptized at Sherman's Corners at the same time as Jedediah M. Grant and Derby DeWolf. A Calvin Campbell lived next to Hiram DeWolf in 1830 in Conneaut, Erie, PA. Jedediah's history indicates those baptized with him were "his friends." (VAC; CEN)

Gideon Canfield

Gideon Canfield married Clarissa Pratt about 1834 in Erie, PA. Her father was Nehemiah Pratt; her mother, Elizabeth Roberts. Gideon was on the 1840 Census of Elk Creek age 30-40 with a wife of 20-30 and two children under 5. On the same page is Anson B. Canfield--age 50-60--who is probably Gideon's father. Anson d. March 10, 1872 at age 84 years 9 months; his wife, Philinda d. September 14, 1869 at age 80 years. On the 1820 Census of Elk Creek, an Anson B. Campfield was living near the Winchesters and Wells, who were also baptized. In 1850, Philinda Canfield, age 62, was living in Elk Creek with a son, Levi, and his wife, Betsy. They had two children, Adelia and G. L. (who could be named for Gideon). Erastus Canfield, 36, also listed, was probably another son of Philinda's. In 1850, there is a G. Canfield in New Philadelphia, Tuscaras, OH and in 1880, there was a Gideon Canfield in Pueblo, CO. (CEN; IGI; CEM; VAC)

Almira Carr

Almira was born 12 Mar 1811 in Rupert, Bennington, VT. She was the oldest daughter of Oliver N. Harmon, son of Nehemiah Harmon and Rhoda Sexton. Almira's mother was Sarah Harmon, daughter of Martin Harmon and Tryphena Poole. Almira Harmon married Thomas Carr. She died August 23, 1838 in McDonough County, IL (which borders Hancock county).

I do not know who her children are. Almira is a sister to others on the baptismal list including Emily Harmon, Orsey Harmon, Lucinda Harmon, and two who were too young to be baptized, Oliver Norton Harmon and Levi Nehemiah Harmon.

Benjamin Carr of NY came to Erie County in 1816. Is Benjamin a brother to Thomas? Are they sons of Nathan Carr and Molly Harmon? (Molly is daughter of Selah Harmon--brother of Martin and Nehemiah) Nathan Carr died in Springfield in 1833. In 1844, Albert Loomis md. Elizabeth Carr, daughter of Benjamin Carr of Conneaut, Erie, PA. Benjamin Carr was on the 1840 and 1850 Census as living in Conneaut, Erie, PA. In 1850, Benjamin was 57, b. VT; Hannah 53, b. NH; Liberty 17, male, b. PA; Julia 13; Calvin 7. Benjamin Carr died in Erie County on September 16, 1879 age 87 years 5 months 26 days; wife, Hannah d. July 9, 1877 age 79 years 10 months 27 days. (HEC; CEN; CHB; IGI; VAC)

Cornelia Cattles

Cornelia was baptized in Springfield at the same time as the Wheelers. Most of the others who are on that particular list were members of Randall Wheeler's family. Is there a connection here? The name prior to Cornelia and the name following her on the original baptismal list are Wheelers. There was a William T. Kattles couple (age 20-30) and two Battles (James and John) families in Springfield in 1830. (CEN; VAC)

Lovicy Clark

Solomon Clark, age 60-70 on 1830 Census, had a daughter age 15-20 that could be Lovicy. Solomon and Susan Clark had eleven children, including a daughter Lovisa. Solomon was from CT and came to Erie County in the 1820s. They also had a son, John W. Clark, who was a Reverend. (Could this be the Christian preacher the missionaries labored so diligently with who later fell away?) John W. Clark md. Mariah Wheeler. On the Springfield, PA census, Solomon Clark was between Samuel Wheeler and Henry Clark. In 1840, Solomon Clark was in Quincy, Adams, IL. In 1884, the following children of Solomon and Susan were still alive: Henry, 83; John W., 78; Lovisa, 70--who married a Mr. Smith.

Other known children are James W.; Thomas S.; Alanson B; Mary; Susan; Rachel L. (VAC; HEC; CEN; WIL)
Amy Clothier

Amy Sweet Clothier was the daughter of Asa Sweet and Martha Whitford. She was born August 3, 1791 in Herkimer, Herkimer, NY. She had the following siblings: Patience, 1782; Asa, 1785; Jesse, 1786; William, about 1790 and Martha, August 17, 1793. Amy Sweet married John Sagers in 1808 in Lorraine, Jefferson, NY. John and Amy had the following children: Minerva, June 4, 1809; Maria, January 2, 1810; Desdemonia, 1812; William Henry Harrison, May 3, 1814; (perhaps) Lery; Amanda Melvina, May 5, 1821--(a seven year gap unless Lery is a child). Except for the last child, Amy's children were born at LeRoy, Genesee, NY. Amanda was born in Hanover, Chautauqua, NY, sixty miles from Elk Creek, Erie, PA.

In 1821 or 1822, John Sagers and Amy Sweet were divorced. Amy left at least some of her children with John in Hanover, NY and moved to Buffalo where she married Ira Clothier and took on the responsibility of Clothier's four children. In 1820, Ira Clothier and his first wife had been neighbors of John and Amy. By 1830, John Sagers and Ira Clothier were neighbors again on the Elk Creek, Erie, PA census. Their married children were living near them also. Amy and Ira Clothier had the following children: Andrew Jackson Clothier, January 15, 1823; Natran Iramy, May 15, 1825; Sarah Clothier; Polly Ann Clothier, April 23, 1829 at Elk Creek; Alzina M., born about 1827.

In 1830, Amy and Ira had one son and five daughters at home. Amy and Ira were on the 1840 Census of Hancock, IL, ages 40-50, with one son and two daughters at home. In Nauvoo, Amy did a lot of proxy baptisms for her deceased relatives. She was baptized for her siblings William Sweet, Jesse Sweet, and Patience Sweet Dolly. She was also baptized for her grandparents Thomas and Elsey (Alice) Whitford, a nephew, Smithy Cox, and a niece, Patty Gaylord. She is listed as a niece of the following: Caleb Sweet, Griffin Sweet, Isaac Whiteford, and Green Whiteford.

Amy and Andrew Jackson's names appear as members of the Nauvoo 2nd ward in 1843. Amy and Ira received their endowments in Nauvoo on 31 Dec 1845. In Nauvoo, Andrew was a member of the Nauvoo Legion Band. Amy Clothier, her son Andrew J. Clothier, son Harrison Sagers, and daughter Alzina M. Easton all

signed the scroll petition to make the government aware of the outrageous conduct of the State of Missouri against the Saints.

The Clothiers crossed Iowa in 1846. From the journal of Hosea Stout and the Journal History of the Church for September 4-6, 1846, we know the Clothiers were in camp at Winter Quarters. On January 20, 1848, the Journal History lists the name of Ira Clothier as one of many who signed a petition for a Post Office to be established at the camp. This signature is the last time his name is found mentioned in church or civil records. Captain Egan left for the Salt Lake Valley April 18, 1849. In his company, we find "Emma" or Amy Clothier, age 56, Jackson Clothier, age 26 and children. These children were probably Natran Iramy and Polly Ann. Ira is not listed on any company rosters. I do not know where Ira died, but he probably died after January 20, 1848 and prior to April 18, 1849. Amy and her family arrived in Salt Lake Valley August 7, 1849. In 1850, in Salt Lake County, living with Jackson Clothier, age 26, is a 60-year-old woman by the name of Emma. Since lists of persons crossing the plains records Amy as Emma, I submit that the woman on the census who is the right age to be Amy is indeed Amy.

On May 20, 1851 Amy was rebaptized. Her son, N. L., was also rebaptized the same day. (Nauvoo baptisms for the dead records seem to indicate that Natram Iramy is a female. If the birth date given for rebaptism is correct--b. May 15, 1825 in Buffalo, NY--then this child shows up as a female on the 1830 Census also.) (The Ancestral File shows Amy and Iramy as the same person--not so.) Amy and her son, Jackson, purchased a large corner lot located on the North-East corner of Fifth West and Fourth South. This land was equally divided between them. At the age of 65, on February 14, 1857, Amy sold her property. On page 107 of the 15th Ward record for January 23, 1857, it says: "Block teachers reported difficulty in Brother Jackson Clothier's family between his mother and his wife. They plan to go back and settle the problem tomorrow evening." On January 30, 1857 it was recorded: "Block teacher Price reported above difficulty settled amicable, but there was another small one about debt." Andrew Jackson was married to Agnes Helen Duell (could this be Buell?). Amy was rebaptized again 9 Mar 1857--probably as a sign of her repentance over these difficulties. (In the early days, people were often rebaptized as a renewal of commitment and not because of any church court actions.)

Amy is listed as having a special talent as a spinner. She received her patriarchal blessing April 15, 1854. In 1856, in Tooele City, Tooele County, UT, living with William H. Sagers, is Amy Clothier. On November 6, 1859, in Salt Lake 6th Ward, Amy paid a tax of 15 cents for the repair of the school house. She probably died before February 10, 1860 when Andrew Jackson sold her property with his signature. I think it says a lot for the characters of Ira Clothier and John Sagers that they could live as close neighbors and allow Amy to associate with children of both her families through the years. Both men joined the Church and suffered a lot of persecution and sacrifice for the sake of the gospel. They were a close-knit family and remained that way throughout the years. (NAU1; NBD; NMR; NTE; CMN; HTW 8; PKO; PAT; CEN; NDB; AF; SLC 6th Ward Rec; SLC 15th Ward Rec; SAG; NJ)

Ira Clothier

Ira was born between 1790-1800 in Hancock, MA, the son of Jesse Clothier (1760-1850), who was a son of John Clothier (1737-1777) and Eunice Squire. They were married in 1757. John and Eunice had four sons: John, Jesse, Asa, and Ithamar. Jesse Clothier applied for a pension in 1832, as a resident of Girard, Erie, PA. He had enlisted in the Revolutionary War service from Berkshire County, MA in 1776. Jesse's wife is not known. He had three sons: Jonathan, Artemas K, and Ira. The Berkshire County, MA 1790 Census says there were four females in the family--so Ira most likely had sisters. The sons were all born in Hancock, MA. (See Amy Clothier.)

Ira Clothier is on the 1830 Elk Creek Census, MA, age 30-40. He witnessed the will of Asa Preston of Elk Creek on March 21, 1832. Asa's wife was Nancy. Asa Preston lived next to John Segars according to the census, and very near Ira. (See Mary Preston.) Amy and Ira Clothier had five children. (See Amy Sweet Sagers Clothier.)

Ira had four children by his first wife. Two probable ones are Palova Clothier and Narcissa Clothier. Ira Clothier and A. J. [Andrew Jacson] Clothier owned land in Missouri. In 1830, Ira and Amy had one son and five daughters at home. Amy and Ira are on the 1840 Census of Hancock, IL ages 40-50 with one son and two daughters at home. A daughter, Alzina M. Easton, is

listed in the second ward of Nauvoo in 1843. Amy and Ira received their endowments in Nauvoo on December 31, 1845. I do not know where Ira died, but I believe it was crossing the plains. (CEN; VAC; DAR-Erie; NTE; MLO; MRP; NAU1; NJ)

Narcissa Clothier

Probably the daughter of Ira Clothier and his first wife. The 1830 Census has three daughters 15-20; two 10-15; and one 5-10. Narcissa would be one of the older daughters. Her mother and spouse are unknown. (VAC; CEN; SAG)

Palova Clothier

Probably the daughter of Ira Clothier and his first wife. According to the 1830 Census, Palova would be one of the older daughters. Her mother and spouse are unknown. (VAC; CEN; SAG; NAU1)

Elizabeth P. Cole

In the Albion settlement of Conneaut township are some Coles: Timothy Cole, who d. June 14, 1852, age 67; and his wife, Betsy, who d. June 23, 1871, age 79. Is this our Elizabeth? I find no Coles in Elk Creek in 1830 and I do not find Timothy on the census. In Conneaut, I find Alpheus 40-50, Alworth 30-40, Andrew 30-40, Barnabas 40-50, and Sylvanus Cole 30-40 in 1830. In Nauvoo, there is an Elizabeth Cole, age 68; b. MA, living with Emma Smith Bideman. Is this our Elizabeth? A typewritten copy of this baptismal list in the Journal History of the Church on 15 Jan 1833 spells this name as Elizabeth F. Pole instead of Cole. Could that be Poole? There is little chance a "C" could be a typo error for a "P." There is an Ebenezer Poole in North-East township of Erie county age 20-30. This interests me because Martin Harmon married a Tryphena Poole and one of his sons, Alpheus, named a son Ebenezer. (NAU1; CEN; SEB; VAC; PEN)

Phidelia Coltrin/Colton

On the original baptism list, according to the order of baptisms, Phidelia Coltrin was baptized at the same time as Charles, Nancy, Daniel, and Joel with only

Marcus Matthews between Joel and Phidelia. On December 6, 1839, in the Macedonia, Hancock, IL branch, her father, Philander Coltrin was ordained a teacher. In the Nauvoo 2nd Ward is Fidelity Colton, A. Colton, Philander, and Polly M. Colton. Fidelity was also in MO and UT. Likewise, Philander Colton was found in MO and UT. A Fanny Coltrin is buried in the old Nauvoo Burying Grounds. She died October 15, 1840. On November 28, 1843, Philander, Fidelity, and Polly M. Colton were among the signers of the scroll petition to Congress concerning the hardships that occurred in MO. Fidelity Colton is on the 1856 Census of Provo, Utah, along with Andrew; a second Andrew; Ephraim; Harriet Jane.

There is probably a connection to Eli Colton of Erie County, PA. Records from Hope Cemetery, Erie, PA show: Eli Colton, d. March 14, 1851, age 81 yrs; Elizabeth Deitz, his wife, d. August 13, 1866, 82 yrs; b. February 28, 1784; Eli Colton, d. October 9, 1884, 67 yrs; Ada E., daughter of E. and P. Colton, d. February 20, 1858, 7 yrs 35 days. Eli Colton, from Granby, CT, settled in Erie County in 1797--one of the first settlers of Erie, PA. He is a descendant of Col. John Pynchon who, with the Harmons, settled Springfield, MA. The 1820 Census shows: Wm Colton and John Colton in Springfield, Erie, PA.

An Eli Colton (probably a son of the first Eli) md. Fanny Kelly on October 23, 1847 at Erie, PA. He had a son, George W. Colton. The interesting thing about Eli Colton is that in 1830, he was next door to Charles Vaun--who was also baptized. Then in 1840, instead of following the Saints--Eli Colton and John Vaughn are found in Bureau County, IL, a couple of pages apart. Coincidence? The maiden name of Eli's wife, Elizabeth Dietz, may be significant as an Adam Deitz, 65, is living with Marshall Turner--another convert--in 1850. (MRP; NAUI; FBC; FFU; NAN; NDB; VAC; CEN; CEM)

Charles Craton (Coulton?)

During his mission in Springfield, PA, Jared Carter healed a boy, Charles Craton, of deafness while Craton was giving the missionaries a ride in his ox-drawn wagon. There is a John Coulton living near where the healing is reported to have taken place. Could this be a misinterpretation of early handwriting? Charles Edwin Coulton, born October 26, 1834 in Utica, is the son of Philander and Polly Matilda Merrill Coulton. (See

Phidelia Coltrin.) A young man, too young to serve in the Mormon Battalion, by the name of Charles Edwin Colton served as a servant to Adjutant P. C. Merrill in that battalion. (JH Apr 25, 1832; JCJ; CEN; VAC; HMB; FBC)

Theopoles Cross

I found several references to Theopoles Cross, but they appear to be different persons. A Theopoles Cross was born March 1, 1792 in Wells, Rutland, VT to Daniel Cross and Hannah Avery. A Theopoles md. Betsy Rogers October 17, 1816 in Portage, OH. The only Cross I find on the 1830 Census in Springfield, Erie, PA is Oliver Cross. Is he the father of convert, Theopoles? Oliver came to Erie in 1797 from Genesee Co., NY. In 1820, Oliver lived near Barnabas Cole and Cyrus Allen. Does Oliver have a son, William? William Cross md. Emily Allen, daughter of Ira Allen. (See Levi Allen.) An "Old Man Cross" filed a petition for redress from the Missouri government. In 1850, a Theopolus Cross, age 77, b. NH, was living with his 71-year old wife, Jemima, in Livingston, Putnam, MI. (MRP; HEC; IGI; CEN; VAC)

Henry Deighton

I believe this name should read "Dighton." On the 1830 Census, there is a Henry Dighton in Elk Creek near Winchester, Martins, Wells, and Matthews. There is a Henry Deighton in Crawford County, PA in 1840. Another Henry Dighton died January 12, 1887 in Erie County at age 54--too young to be our convert, but possibly his son. (MLO; CEN; CEM; VAC; KK)

Polly Derby

There has been some question if this name was actually on the list. I had decided it was not--and then was led to information in Mecham family records about a Polly Derby, so I have included it here. Polly was born April 13, 1813 to John Derby and Sarah Currier. She has one sister, Elvira. Both Polly and Elvira were born in Grafton county, NH. They were the only members of their family to join the Mormon church. Polly married Ephraim Mecham; Elvira married Moses Worthen Mecham--brothers of Joshua Mecham. In 1844, Polly was listed as a member of the Kirtland Branch along with

Elam Mecham, Jr., Elvira, Lucinda, and Albert. (See Elam Martin Hanchett.) Polly and Ephraim came to Utah in 1852. (See Joshua and Lucina Mecham.) (MFR)

Derby DeWolf

Steven and "Diobery" (Deborah) Church DeWolf emigrated to Erie County in 1819. Is Diobery our Derby DeWolf? Stephen DeWolf was living in Conneaut Twp. in 1830. Steven and Diobery's known children are: John, Joseph, Hosea, William, and two daughters. Steven DeWolf is on the 1840 Census, age 70-80. It appears from the census that his elderly wife is possibly living with (a son?) Erastus, who has a 60-70 year old female living with his young family. Steven d. November 15, 1842; Deborah d. January 4, 1849, age 69.

A Hulda DeWolf married William Thompson, who was on this baptismal list. William was born 1810--the right age to be Deborah and Stephen's son-in-law. (See William Thompson.) Two more DeWolf girls married Tyler boys: Mary Alson DeWolf married Joseph C. Tyler on May 10, 1836 at Springfield, Erie, PA; Sally DeWolf married his brother, William Tyler on March 2, 1836 at the same location. (See Tyler boys.) It is possible that at least two of these girls are daughters of Steven and Deborah. (VAC; CEN; CEM; IGI)

Brother J. DeWolf

The following DeWolf families are on the 1830 Census of Conneaut, Erie, PA: John, Joseph, and Steven. (See Derby DeWolf.) Elders Edward Partridge and Isaac Morley lodged with Brother J. DeWolf in Jun 1835. Joseph and John were both 20-30 on the 1830 Conneaut, Erie, PA Census. Joseph had two children, 5-10; John had two children, 0-5. John was still in Springfield in 1850. John and Joseph were sons of Steven and Diobery. (VAC; CEN)

Robert W. Dimsey

Robert was on the 1830 Census in Fairview, Erie, PA, age 20-30. (He probably was the son of John Dimpsey next door, age 50-60.) John Dimpsey died at age 73; his wife, Jane, died October 4, 1860, at age 83. Robert W. Dimsey was ordained a Priest by John F. Boynton on March 21, 1833, at the organization of Elk

Creek Branch and charged--along with Stephen Winchester, teacher, and John Sagers, deacon--"to watch over this church in the fear of the Lord." A Robert Dempsey md. Anna A. McClung August 28, 1866 at Gallia, OH. Perhaps he was a son of convert, Robert W. (EGJ; CEN; VAC; CEM; IGI)

Susannah Dimsey

Is Susannah the wife of Robert W. Dimsey? A sister? A Susan Dempsey md. Brooker Pickerel October 18, 1838 at Knox, IL. (VAC; IGI)

Jane Fuller

Joshua Fuller of Conneaut, Erie, PA lived near many others who were baptized, including Clark, DeWolf, Harmon, and Simmons families. He was age 40-50 in 1830. A 70 to 80-year-old woman was living with Joshua and his wife on the Census; also five children including a daughter, age 15-20, who could be Jane. A Jane Fuller married Ephraim D. Hollister in Cuyahoga, OH in 1841. There are lots of Jane Fullers and this is only a possibility. (HEC; IGI; CEN; VAC)

Jedediah M. Grant

Jedediah Morgan Grant was born February 21, 1816 at Windsor, Broome, NY to Joshua Grant and Athalia Howard. The Grants settled near Naples in Ontario County, NY in 1816. As the twelve Grant children grew to adulthood, they participated in the family enterprise of shingle-making, and managed to gain the rudiments of an education at the lap of their mother and in the common schools of the district. Jeddy, as he was called, learned to write competently and to express himself well. He grew rapidly to a lanky stature of over six feet. He had deep-set eyes and a square jaw which accentuated his long face. In his youth, Jedediah suffered a broken nose that healed at the bridge and bent sharply to the left. Prior to 1833, when Jeddy was seventeen, the family moved again, this time to the area around Erie, PA. Jedediah's sister, Theda, wrote of the "Mormonites" in this area:

In the winter of 1833, when I was twelve years of age, two Mormon missionaries came to my father's farm near Erie, Pennsylva-

nia. They were Amasa Lyman and Orson Hyde. My father was deeply interested in this new religion and invited these missionaries to hold cottage meetings in our home. My mother lay sick with rheumatism and could hardly stand to have anyone touch her. I remember how tall Elder Lyman looked as he stood by the side of Mother's bed telling us of the gifts and blessings of the restored Gospel and that these blessings follow the believer, in this day, as they did in the days of the Savior. My mother asked why she could not be blessed as she had perfect faith that God could heal her. The elders placed their hands on her head and prayed for her recovery. Later that evening, my mother got up, dressed herself, went out of doors and climbed the stairs, which were on the outside of the house, and with my help, prepared a bed in which the elders slept that night.

Lyman and Hyde, working in company with John F. Boynton and Evan M. Greene, taught and baptized the Grant family and many of their friends in and around Erie. The story of the healing of their mother had great appeal to their friends in Erie County. Jedediah's history states he was the first Grant to embrace the new religion. At age seventeen he and two friends were baptized by Elders Boynton and Greene at Sherman's Corners, PA on March 2, 1833. However, the LDS Ancestral File gives 1832 as the baptismal dates of his parents. Theda Grant Reeves remembered that most of the rest of her family joined the church in Erie, being baptized by Elders Lyman and Hyde on March 21, 1833.

That same year the family moved to Chagrin, OH, some five miles from Kirtland. Shortly after their arrival in OH, Jeddy's nineteen-year-old sister, Caroline, met and fell in love with the Prophet Joseph Smith's brother, William. They married in Kirtland in the fall of 1833. William Smith preached much in Erie County, even speaking in tongues. Jedediah's father, Joshua Grant, was blessed in Kirtland for working on the Temple.

When the Prophet put out a call for the organization of Zion's Camp, an army to march to western Missouri to deliver it from the hostile Missouri gentiles, Jedediah, barely eighteen, eagerly volunteered. This small army failed to accomplish its supposed mission and many hardships and trials on their march caused the members to re-evaluate their commitment to the restora-

tion of the gospel and its youthful prophet. Twenty years later, reflecting on the experience, Jedediah wrote:

In the year 1834, when Zion's Camp was moving from Kirtland to Missouri, one day I left camp and went out to hunt in the woods of Ohio, and strayed from the camp some 10 or 11 miles. The camp kept moving on all the time, and I entirely lost the track, and having no compass, I knew not towards what point I should travel. I kept traveling on till the after part of the day; I then concluded I would pray, but I could not get any impression where the camp was. However, I soon after received an impression from the Spirit, the same Spirit we had in Kirtland, and the same Spirit we enjoy in this place; and immediately after receiving the impression, I looked before me, and there was the camp moving on in regular order. I could see it just as clear as I did in the morning; there were the people, the wagons, and horses, all in their places as I left them in the fore part of the day, and I supposed they were not more than 80 rods off. But after turning for a moment, I again looked in the same direction, but all was gone. Still the Spirit told me to travel on in the same direction I had seen the camp. I did so, and after traveling some 8 or 10 miles, came up with them, and when they first came in sight, they looked just as I saw them in the vision.

After spending the better part of the season on the trek to MO and back, Jedediah spent the winter in OH. In February 1835, Jedediah was ordained a seventy and selected as one of the First Quorum of Seventy--with the responsibility to go forth and serve as a missionary, teaching the restored gospel. Elder Jedediah M. Grant, traveling alone, stopped in Erie County, at his brother's house in "Jarard" (Girard). He stayed for three days from about April 13, 1836, and then continued into NY "rejoicing." Jedediah left by boat to Buffalo, NY on June 6, 1836 on his third mission. In 1837 until October 1838, Jedediah went south into NC teaching the gospel. The first elders to labor in Philadelphia were Jedediah and his brother, Joshua Grant, and Benjamin Winchester.

In 1842, Jedediah was called to preside over the church in Philadelphia. He was set apart as one of the first seven presidents on December 2, 1845, at age 29.

He married Carolyn Van Dyke and then Rachel Ivans, with whom he became the father of Heber J. Grant, the future president of the church. He came to UT in 1847 and later became the first mayor of Salt Lake City in 1851. He was sustained as second Counselor to Brigham Young on April 7, 1854. (PKO; MMH 50-(156); MMH 60 (474-G); MMH 200 (568-A); CC XXIV; NMR; CMN; HC 2:184, 5:303, 369; MRP; OPH; NAU1; COR; ENS Jul 1979 p.48; ZC; PPM; VAC; JMG; MT)

Fanny Hall

Randall Wheeler had a daughter named Fanny. Several of his married children were baptized. Did his daughter marry a Hall? This Fanny Hall could possibly be a wife or daughter of John Hall of Springfield or wife of Benjamin Hall. (CEN; VAC)

Elam Martin Hanchett

Elam Martin is not named in missionary journals or on the list of converts. However, according to family records, Elam joined the Church early in Erie County along with several Mecham families. He was born in 1802 in New Haven, Addison, VT to Jonathan Hanchett and Diantha Harmon (daughter of Martin Harmon). He md. Sarah Meacham, who was a daughter of Elam Meacham and Mary Williams. Elam and Sarah had the following children: Elam Martin Jr., Diantha, Nathaniel Calonder, Aurilla, Samantha, Marinda, and Mary Rozetta. His daughter, Diantha, married a Gardner and moved to Utah. (See description of Erie County at the beginning of this article.) In 1830, Elam Mecham Jr. and Sr, and Elam Martin Hanchett were living in McKean Twp in Erie County.

On February 19, 1844, Elam Mecham Jr, Elvira, Polly, Lucinda, and Albert Mecham were all members of the Kirtland Branch. (See Polly Derby; Joshua Mecham; Lucina Mecham.) Listed with them is Mary Hanchet.

A Martin Hanchet, with his family of five, were members of Kirtland Camp in the move to MO. He then moved with the Saints to Nauvoo. He made boots for the Prophet Joseph, who often hid in his home in Nauvoo. Jesse Pearce Harmon, his brother-in-law, stood guard near the chimney when the Prophet was in the

home of Elam Martin Hanchett. His wife, Sarah, died in 1840, probably in Nauvoo. Elam next married Almeda Marble. He died in 1844/45 in MO. (AF; CEN; DHG; NJ; HC3)

Alpheus Harmon

Alpheus was introduced to the gospel in Erie County then went to Kirtland to be baptized in 1834 by Elisha Cheney--who later married Alpheus' widowed sister, Sarah. Alpheus was born July 2, 1798 at Rupert Bennington, VT to Martin Harmon and Tryphena Poole. He married in Hulda Dimeras Vaughn in 1823. Hulda was the daughter of Cathles (or Charles?) Vaughn and Elizabeth Morgan. A large portion of the converts on this list are the family of Martin Harmon--immediate and extended. Siblings who were baptized include: Sarah Harmon (not on list, but an ardent member and convert); Orilla; Jesse Pearce; and Lucina Harmon Mecham (not on list, but also an ardent member who gave her life for the gospel). The only ones of Alpheus's siblings who were not baptized were Martin Norton, who died in 1814, and Diantha Harmon Hanchett, who died in 1838. Diantha's family joined the Church (see Elam Martin Hanchett.) and she and Martin were baptized vicariously in Nauvoo.

Alpheus and Hulda were the parents of: Caroline, b. May 27, 1824; Edwin, b. June 7, 1826; Elizabeth, b. June 8, 1828; Ebenezer, b. 1830; Henry Martin, b. June 19, 1832; Alma, b. October 19, 1834; Ammon, b. January 27, 1837; Alpheus Amulek, b. April 14, 1839; Hulda, b. August 2, 1841; and possibly Dimeras Delila. Alpheus and his family moved to the Kirtland and Portage, OH areas; then to Springfield, IL. It appears to be about this time that Alpheus's father, Martin Harmon, who remained in Erie County, sent the following letter to his children:

Now my dear children, I want you should see this and read it attentively, and remember it is the dying words of your aged Father to you, who never expects to speak or write to you again, but my love for you is as great as it ever was. I desire your welfare. You need not think that because we do not think alike, I am going to throw you away. No, we do not look alike and we shall not be separated for

that as well as for the other. The same thing. But I want to be with you all, there or not. Lucina wrote to me the 3 June, last, that she expected you would all be together in the fall, so I write to you all in one letter, as I can write no more. I want all to see it and bear it in their minds and love me and answer as soon as you can, as time is short with us. Let us prepare to meet the Lord at His coming, for without Holiness no man can see His face in peace. Alpheus wrote to me to have me go with him to Illinois, but it appeared to me like throwing my life away to undertake such a journey, as it was not that I should have lived to get there. So do not think hard of me for not coming, for if I had got there, the climate is so different that my days would have been very short. So I must conclude my letter by subscribing my letter. Your affectionate father, Martin Harmon.

Milton Backman's book, *Heaven's Resound*, says of the Saints:

When leaving Kirtland, most Saints went west in small groups, but one company of more than 500 traveled in one body and called themselves Kirtland Camp. They were among the poorest of the poor and the purpose of Kirtland Camp was to go to Missouri to the New Zion. By the end of July 1838, the money was gone, and they were only 1/3 of the way to Missouri. Some of the men worked at a job constructing a major highway in order to obtain funds to go on. Many families left due to sickness or being unable to repair wagons. The group reached Springfield, Illinois on 8 September. Due to lack of funds, some participants were requested to leave the camp and secure employment in the area of Amboy, Illinois. On 15 Sep, fifteen or sixteen families departed and secured employment in the Springfield area. Joel Johnson remained and presided over this branch of the Church.

Not all names of the members of Kirtland Camp are recorded, but Alpheus's brother Jesse is listed, and it's possible that Alpheus was also among them. The reason I feel Alpheus was in this group is that he and many other relatives settled in this area in 1840--because of the poor health and subsequent death of Alpheus's brother-in-law Joshua Mecham. Alpheus, Lucina, Jesse

P., and other relatives were on the 1840 Census of Sangamon, IL. They moved to Nauvoo before 1842; then to Carthage, IL. Alpheus went on a mission to WI and froze to death returning home in 1842. His father outlived him by three years, dying November 20, 1845 at the age of 86. Alpheus and Hulda's son, Ebenezer, served in Company C of the Mormon Battalion. He is also in history books as an early pioneer in California--where he stayed after his service to the battalion. His family lost track of him and he is believed to have died in the mining fields. (PKO; CTP; NAU1; HC 5:193-194; NDB; MHH; HR; CEN; PRO; CHB; HMB; HC3)

Anna Barnes Harmon

Born March 6, 1798 in Ashford, Windham, MA, the daughter of Abijah Barnes and Abi Bradford. Anna's family came to Erie County prior to 1820. In 1830, Abijah was 60-70 and lived next door to John and David Salisbury. Abijah died May 20, 1833 and Abi died January 1, 1833. They were buried in the Marsh cemetery, also called Salisbury's Bridge, in Erie County. Anna married Jesse Pearce Harmon. She was baptized in Erie County by Orson Hyde on May 29, 1833. The rest of her family were baptized in Kirtland. (See Jesse Pearce Harmon and the extract from the journal of her son Appleton in the introduction of this article.) Anna's name does not appear on the missionary's convert lists.

Jesse and Anna had the following children: Appleton, Ancil, Amos, and Sophronia. After being persecuted by mobs in Kirtland, Jesse and Anna stopped in Sangamon County, IL on their way to Nauvoo. They remained in Nauvoo until the month of September 1846 as Jesse was on the police force for the city; the march from Nauvoo to Winter Quarters was slow due to heavy rains. Anna and her daughter Sophronia were reduced to sickness. Anna died at Winter Quarters, January 16, 1847 and Sophronia died ten days later, at a time when the frost was so severe that the ground was frozen three feet deep. (AF; AMH; CEM; CEN)

Elizabeth Harmon

On March 28, 1833, seven people were baptized: Oliver Harmon, Elizabeth Harmon, Charles Vaun, Nancy Vaun, Eliza Wright, Daniel Vaun, and Joel Vaun. In identifying the Harmon's in the area, there is not an Elizabeth of the age to have been baptized. I believe that

Elizabeth Harmon should have been recorded as Elizabeth Vaun. In 1830, Charles and Elizabeth Vaun were 50-60. They had 5 boys at home of the age to have been baptized and two girls 5-10. It is possible that Eliza Wright is a married daughter. I feel that Charles and Elizabeth are parents of Hulda Vaughn, who married Alpheus Harmon.

I have been unsuccessful in my attempt to locate Elizabeth as a Harmon. Oliver Harmon's wife was Sarah. He did have a sister named Lucina Elizabeth Harmon; however, she was married to Joshua Mecham before this time and her surname would have been Mecham. The only other Elizabeth Harmon would be the daughter of Alpheus and Hulda who was only five years old. (CEN; CEM; AF; VAC)

Emily Harmon

Emily was born September 16, 1817 to Oliver Harmon (son of Nehemiah and Rhoda Sexton Harmon) and Sarah Harmon (daughter of Martin and Tryphena Poole Harmon--her parents were first cousins.) Emily married Gideon Reuben Cooley. He died in 1846 in McDonough Co, IL. Emily then married her first cousin, Jesse Nehemiah Harmon (son of Nehemiah and Orilla Harmon--who were also baptized). Emily is a sister of Orsey Harmon, Almira Carr, and Lucinda Harmon, who were baptized. Her father was also baptized. Her mother was also, but no date is known. Her mother received her endowments in Nauvoo in 1846.

Emily was the first Harmon baptized, according to this list. She was baptized by William H. H. Sagers, also a convert. With Gideon Reuben Cooley, Emily had the following children: Martha Jane, Osborn Benjamin, and Myron Reuben. The family lived in McDonough County, IL. Gideon's first wife was Laura Snow. Jesse Nehemiah Harmon and Emily were married December 8, 1850 in McDonough Co. She had two more children: James Lorenzo and Levi Norton. Emily died November 9, 1895 at Joseph, Sevier, UT. (AF; VAC; CEN)

Hulda Dimeras Vaughn Harmon

Hulda/Huldah Dimeras Vaughn was born on February 11, 1808 at Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ontario, CAN. Her father was George Cathles or Charles Vaughan and her mother was Elizabeth Morgan. I think her father

used the name "Charles." Hulda had a grandmother whose name was Damaris Vaughn. In 1807, there was a Charles Vaughn in Elizabethtown, Canada. There is also a family with two males, John and Joel, and two females, Hulda and Lucy. No ages are given on the census. Perhaps our Hulda was named after the Hulda on the 1807 Census. John Vaughn was a Loyalist and the son of James Vaughn and Jane Wightman. His wife was Hulda Johns. I have not identified the parents of Charles Vaughn. No family is listed with him in 1807.

Our Hulda Dimeras Vaughn was married on February 1, 1823 to Alpheus Harmon. Hulda was 15 years old and Alpheus 25. By 1830, they were living in Erie County, PA. Also in Erie County in 1820-40 were Martin Harmon, Alpheus's father, and Charles and Elizabeth Vaughn, whom I believe to be Hulda's parents. (See Vauns on this list.) Hulda and Alpheus were the parents of nine children: Caroline, Edwin, Elizabeth, Ebenezer, Henry Martin, Alma, Ammon, Alpheus Amulek, and Hulda, and possibly another daughter, Dimeras Delilah.

Our family records say that Alpheus and Hulda were baptized in 1834 in Kirtland, OH. The names of their children seem to bear this out--beginning with their sixth child, the sons all have Book of Mormon names. (See Alpheus Harmon.) After the tragic death of Alpheus, Hulda remarried in 1844 to Loren Elias Bassett, a widower with three small children. At age twelve, Hulda's son, Henry Martin Harmon, witnessed the martyrdom of the Prophet Joseph Smith. He later signed an affidavit that is in the Church Historian's office. He wrote:

I, Henry M. Harmon aged 25, do solemnly declare and affirm, that on the 27th day of June 1844, I lived in Carthage, and was on the cupola of the court house in Carthage when the anti-mormon mob made their appearance from the West. I came down from the cupola and arrived at the jail about the time the mob did. They were painted black and mostly wore the uniform of the Warsaw Company. I saw the mob rush onto the guards who were stationed at the jail, when the guard fired upon them and a scuffle ensued. Some of the mob then went into the jail and I heard the reports of the guns fired inside. Joseph Smith came to the window, and then went back, and in a few moments appeared again, and leaped from the window, when the mob fired upon him and he fell dead. The fifer

of the Warsaw Company came running into the jail yard as Joseph fell dead, and brandishing *his* fife over Joseph triumphantly exclaimed, "You were the ruination of my father. I will have revenge, and struck him several times on the head with his pewter fife, and fled with the company toward Warsaw. I then went home and told my mother what had happened and returned in a few minutes and saw Joseph who was set up against the well curb, and was informed that Stigall the jailor had set him up there. Stigall appeared very much alarmed, his room in the lower part of the jail being fired into through the window, and his wife only just escaped being shot. I have examined many times where the ball lodged in the wall after being shot through the window. In company with my mother and step-father we moved that even 3 miles out of Carthage to our farm. My mother did not wish to go, but my step-father insisted. Next day with my brother, I returned to Carthage and found the town almost entirely vacated.

In 1850, Hulda and Loren Bassett were living in Hancock, IL. A child, Dimerus Delilah, died in 1850 before the census was taken. She was two years old. Hulda had five children by Bassett: Loren Elias; David Edwin; Dimerus Delilah; Harriet Cordelia; and Thardeus. Hulda and Loren later moved to Floyd County, IA then to UT by 1860. From the history of Providence, UT, we read, regarding Hulda:

The early residents of Providence had no professional medical attention. Out of necessity, gentle, helpful, courageous women, without a lesson in nursing assumed the medical care of the community. They were women with families of their own, but with a natural talent for nursing and a sincere and tender devotion to the sick. These women were loved and trusted. The first of these nurses was "Grandma Bassett."

She was remembered as being "one with a real good hand with the sick." Hulda Bassett and Elizabeth Bullock were sustained as doctors on April 27, 1868. In 1870 and 1880, Loren and Hulda lived in Providence, Utah. Loren died sometime between 1880 and 1886. On October 12, 1886, Hulda died, and the following obituary was printed in the Deseret News:

Deaths: Bassett--At Clarkston, Cache County, 12 Oct 1886 of paralysis: Huldah Bassett born Feb 11, 1808 at Quebec, Canada, baptized at Kirtland, Ohio in 1832, moved to Nauvoo in 1841 with her husband, Alpheus Harmon. He went on a mission and on his way home was froze to death, leaving her with nine small children. She was an eye witness to the martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum, her home being then in Carthage. She afterwards married Lorin Bassett by whom she had four children. She arrived in Utah in 1863. She was the mother of 13 children, grandmother of 67 and great grandmother of 32. She was full of zeal for the Latter-day work. (CEN; CHB; PCJ; WIL; DN; AF; IGI)

Jesse Pearce Harmon

Jesse is not on the baptismal list, but his history tells of his conversion in Erie County. Jesse P. Harmon was born August 11, 1795 at Rupert, Bennington, VT to Martin Harmon and Tryphena Poole. Jesse was a brother of Alpheus Harmon, Sarah, Orilla, and Lucina Harmon (Mecham). He was on 1820 and 1830 Census of Erie County and the 1840 Census of Sangamon Co., IL. Jesse also fought in the War of 1812.

He married Anna Barnes. The missionary journal of his son Appleton was quoted near the beginning of this article concerning their conversion to the gospel. Anna joined the Church in 1833 in Erie County and in 1837 the family moved to Conneaut, Ashtabula, OH, where Jesse was baptized on April 28, 1838 by Elder Elisha Cheney (who would later marry his sister). Jesse P. Harmon signed the Kirtland Camp Constitution, and took his family of six to MO. He was a member of Zion's Camp. He left Ashtabula County, OH for Caldwell County, MO on November 4, 1838 to go to Zion and got as far as Springfield, Sangamon, IL on December twelfth and there settled as the Saints were being driven out of MO at the time.

He arrived in Nauvoo on October 4, 1840 and was then ordained a Priest. On April 2, 1842 he was elected Major of the Second Battalion, 4th Regiment; 2nd Cohort of the Nauvoo Legion. On April 6, 1842, Jesse was ordained an Elder by Lyman Wight. He was elected Colonel of the above regiment of the Nauvoo Legion on September 15, 1844. In October 1844, he was

ordained a Seventy and was in the Eleventh quorum and presided as Senior President of said quorum.

Jesse had command of the police in Nauvoo during the time the printing press that published the paper called the *Nauvoo Expositor* was destroyed. The paper had been declared a nuisance by the city council. He was taken with a writ of arrest at the same time the Prophet Joseph was taken to Carthage. They were allowed to give bail until the next term of court. Then the prophet was taken with another writ and placed in jail at Carthage where he was martyred.

Jesse had charge of the finishing work on the temple at Nauvoo and was door keeper of the carpenter shop. He left Nauvoo in September 1846 and went to Winter Quarters where in January 1847, his wife and daughter died from exposure. (See Anna Barnes Harmon.)

In 1848, Jesse came to Utah and was elected first Alderman in Salt Lake City--which office he held until 1861. In 1859 he was located in the Salt Lake Ninth Ward. He was called on a mission to settle Southern Utah from 1861 to 1866, then he settled in Holden, Willard, Utah. Jesse Pearce Harmon died 24 Dec 1877 at the age of 82. He was the father of Appleton Milo Harmon; Sophronia Melinda; Amos Washington; and Ansil Perce--all born in Erie County.

His son, Appleton, helped build the odometer that measured the miles traveled across the plains. William Clayton says in his journal on May 11, 1847: "Brother Appleton Harmon is working on the machinery for the wagon to tell the distance we travel and expects to have it in operation tomorrow, which will save me the trouble of counting, as I have done during the last four days." Jesse's daughter, Sophronia, married Heber C. Kimball in Nauvoo. Sophronia died along with her mother from exposure at Winter Quarters. (JPH; NAN; ZC; PKO; CEN; AF; WCJ; AMH; RVJ)

Lucinda Harmon

Born March 16, 1822, to Oliver and Sarah Harmon (Sarah was the daughter of Martin Harmon and Tryphena Poole). She was baptized with her siblings, Almira Carr, Emily Harmon, and Orsey Harmon. The Oliver baptized is her father. Lucinda would have been a young girl when baptized. She married Levi Jackman in Salt Lake, after his first wife had died, and had a family

by him. Lucinda was a member of Nauvoo Third ward in 1843. Levi Jackman was a member of the high council of Missouri Stake. He is listed as a Mormon land owner in Missouri. Levi Jackman's mother was Elizabeth Carr. Does that make him a relative of Lucinda? (See Almira Carr.) Lucinda died April 25, 1894, in Salem, UT. Pictures of Lucinda and Levi Jackman are in the DUP museum in Salt Lake City. (NAU1; NLM; AF; VAC; DUP; NJ)

Nehemiah/Nemiah Harmon

Nehemiah was born December 10, 1781, the son of Nehemiah and Rhoda Sexton Harmon. He married Orilla (Aurilla) Harmon, his first cousin--the daughter of Martin, his father's brother. Both Nehemiah and his wife were baptized. They went to Kirtland, OH, MO, and Nauvoo, IL. He helped build the Kirtland and Nauvoo Temples. He went to Nauvoo in 1841 from Wolf Grove Branch. Listed in the Wolf Grove Branch are Nehemiah and Aurelia Harmon, and Andrew Moore, an elder.

Nehemiah and Aurilla are found in the Nauvoo Fourth Civil Ward with two girls, Sarah and Rhode, who are possibly their daughters; however, the AF gives only two sons as their children: Jesse Nehemiah (who married Emily Harmon--a convert on this list) and Lorenzo Frazier, who was born in Elk Creek in 1828 and died in Joseph, Sevier, UT in 1906. Lorenzo married Rosina Theresa Brown and Harriet Frances Brown. Nehemiah was baptized in Nauvoo for his parents, Nehemiah and Rhoda. Oliver Harmon, who was also baptized, is his brother. (PKO; HC 3:253; NAU1; COR; NMR; VAC; AF; NJ)

Oliver Harmon

Oliver was born April 6, 1786, to Nehemiah Harmon and Rhoda Sexton. He is also known on some records as Oliver Norton Harmon. Oliver and his brother Nehemiah both married sisters--their first cousins. Sarah Harmon was Oliver's wife. Oliver and Sarah's whole family became active and involved in the drama of early Church history. Oliver and Sarah were about forty-seven years old when they were baptized. Their children who were baptized were: Almira Carr, Emily Harmon, Orsey Harmon, Lucinda Harmon. Their other children were too young.

This family was well-acquainted with grief. Two children died prior to their baptisms: Myron in 1829 and Orson, as a three-month-old baby, in 1815. In 1836, a twelve-year-old daughter died; in 1843, a son, Orsey, froze to death on his mission. Oliver himself died in Nauvoo in 1843 just three months prior to Orsey's death. In 1847, another son, Levi Nehemiah, died soon after his arrival in Utah. Sarah lived until 1859 and died in Utah. Truly this family paid a heavy price for the gospel.

They lived next door to Sarah's brother, Alpheus, in Erie County in 1830 and Sangamon Co., IL in 1840. They were also in Nauvoo Fourth Ward together. Oliver and Sarah's son, Orsey, accompanied his Uncle Alpheus on a mission to WI and they died in the same snowstorm as they were returning home.

Two Oliver Harmons are mixed up in the early records of the Church. One gives Oliver Jr. as a son of Oliver and Mary Plumb, b. February 13, 1788 at Rutland, VT. He was married to Lucy Pomeroy, his second wife, on April 27, 1843 in Kirtland. Lucy died in Kirtland in 1853. Some sources give the same death date for both Olivers as April 27, 1843. Which Oliver does this date belong to? A family group sheet found in the LDS Four Generations File shows a death date of the convert Oliver as August 18, 1843 in Nauvoo. Perhaps both Olivers joined the Church, but the one in Erie County is Oliver, the son of Nehemiah and Rhoda Sexton. An Oliver Norton Harmon was a private in Company E of the Mormon Battalion. (PKO; NAU1; NLM; CEN; NDB; NBD; VAC; AF; HMB)

Orilla/Aurelia Harmon

Born 1791 to Martin and Tryphena Poole Harmon. She married her first cousin, Nehemiah Harmon, a son of Nehemiah and Rhoda Sexton. She was baptized in Nauvoo for her sister, Diantha Herschel (Hanchett), and for her grandmother, Abigail Harmon, and her daughter-in-law, Rebecca Harmon. She was also baptized for an aunt Esther Burlingham. Esther was a sister of Martin. Orilla and Nehemiah had fourteen children. On November 28, 1843, she signed the scroll petition to the government concerning the outrageous treatment of the Saints in M). She died 1858 in Kingston Mines, IL. (PKO; NAU1; COR; VAC; MRP; BAP; NBD)

Orsey Harmon

Born July 8, 1819, son of Oliver Norton Harmon and Sarah Harmon. In Nauvoo, we find his name listed two ways, Orsa and Asa. It is the same person. Orsa Harmon was baptized for his brother, Myron Harmon, who died in the War of 1812. He accompanied his uncle, Alpheus Harmon, on a mission to WI. A cousin, Appleton Milo Harmon, recorded this in his journal concerning the deaths of Alpheus and Orsey:

It appears that my cousin, Orsa, had fallen first, being of a tender constitution, the howling blast had overcome him as the snow was falling fast and the wind blew. My Uncle Alpheus had left his nephew and traveled some 12 or 14 miles toward Carthage, when being without chart or compass, as the snow fell so thick and fast that no landscape or mark on roads was visible: lost and bewildered, overcome with fatigue, hunger, and cold, he fell asleep lying on his face, where he was found some 5 or 6 days after, frozen stiff; leaving a widow and seven small children to mourn the loss. The news of this reached me about Christmas.

He was buried in the Nauvoo Cemetery under the name, Asa Harmon. (NAU1; NLM; CTP; NDB; VAC; AMH; HC)

Lucy Harper

Lucy's maiden name was Haynes. She was the daughter of Sanford and Hannah Gould Haynes of CT. Her mother died in Westfield, NY before 1818. Her father came to Erie to be with other children. Other children are: James H. Haynes, b. August 4, 1804 in Dutchess Co., NY, md. to Elizabeth Bently in 1825 in N. E. Twp in Erie Co, PA; Mrs. Rachel Bentley; Mrs. Sophia Webb; Rebecca Ingersoll; Hyrum; Huron; and Samuel Haynes. James Haynes is on the 1830 Census in North-East Twp. A man age 50-60 (probably Sanford Haynes) is living with a 20-30 year old couple (James and Elizabeth) and two boys 15-20 (Hyrum, Huron, or Samuel) and two girls under 5. (VAC; HEC; CEN)

Joseph Hart

A Brother Hart hosted Elders Carter, Stoddard, and Lyon at Springfield in Apr and May 1832. There was a Joseph Hart in Springfield next door to Benjamin Pond in 1830. Benjamin md. Philinda Harmon, daughter of Selah. Selah was brother of Martin and Nehemiah Harmon. Harts also married into the Harmon family. A Joseph Hart was in Trumbull Co., OH in 1840. A Joseph Hart was mentioned in the Highland Grove Branch in IA in 1848. Marvin Hart, son of Joseph and Clarissa Hart, died April 12, 1851 at Savannah, MO of inflammation of the stomach. The IGI shows a Sarah Tryphena Hart b. February 27, 1856 in Wright, MO to Isaac Leonard Hart and Tryphena Pool. Many Harts are buried in same cemetery as Martin Harmon in Girard, Erie, PA. (VAC; CEN; PHP; IGI; CEM)

Alvin Hartshorn

Born 1813 in NY to Joseph and Geminah Hartshorn. His siblings are: Keziah, who md. John Quincy of this list; Horatio, who md. Elizabeth Polly Quincy; and Clarissa, who married Nathaniel Tyler. (See John Quincy and Clarissa Tyler.) In 1840, Alvin moved to Fallowfield, Crawford, PA. In 1850-70, he was in Adams Co., IL. Alvin married Phebe Ann Holembeck, daughter of Hannah Quincy Holembeck, who is a sister of John Quincy, Alvin's brother-in-law. (See Hannah Holembeck.) (VAC; AF; JQ; CEN)

Brother Hartshorn

Missionaries visited a Brother Hartshorn in 1835. The 1830 Census from Erie Co., PA shows the following: Horatio Hartshorn, Joseph Hartshorn, and Oran Hartshorn, all on the same page in Springfield. Mormon land ownership in MO shows Joseph Hartshorn and his wife, Fanny, in MO. Joseph Hartshorn married Frances Walker December 27, 1842 at Nauvoo. In 1843, Joseph and Fanny were residents of the Nauvoo Third Ward. Joseph marched in Zion's Camp. Joseph and Fanny Hartshorn signed the scroll petition at Nauvoo on November 28, 1843. James L. Bradley, the author of *Zion's Camp 1834: Prelude to the Civil War*, indicates that Joseph Hartshorn died outside the membership of the LDS Church. Joseph died in PA.

I do not know who Oran was, but Horatio was a son of Joseph. Joseph's children include: Alvin, Keziah (who md. John Quincy), Horatio, William and Clarissa

(who md. Nathaniel Tyler). (See John Quincy, Clarissa Tyler.) Levi Hancock's journal, talking of Isaac Morley's farm near Kirtland, OH, said:

Held a meeting at a Brother Hartshorn's. He was a friend, but his wife was an enemy. His son found much fault. We held a meeting and found the people more tender. We went from neighborhood to neighborhood preaching. We were treated very well through the land all round about. (Joseph--PKO; NMR; CMN; MRP; VAC; LHJ; NJ; ZC)

Amos Hodges

Brother Hodges, a native of the county, preached with missionaries Boynton and Coltrin and baptized seven in Erie County in December 1832. Again on February 16, 1833, Amos Hodge and Wm. F. Cahoon visited missionaries John F. Boynton and Evan M. Greene, who preached at the home of Mr. Matthews at Elk Creek and baptized Benjamin and Eunice Wells.

Amos was a member of Zion's Camp. Living in Nauvoo Second Ward were A. C. Hodges, E. C. Hodges, Stephen, Lucy and Luzette. Amos was a Seventy in the Church at one time; however, he later left the Church. In Kent County, MI in 1850, there is a family headed by Amos Hodges, 45, b. NY. His wife is Mary; children are: George, Mary E., Franklin A., Emma L., Amelia L., Julia A. and John A. (VAC; PCJ; NJ; CEN; ZC)

Hannah Holembeck

Born 1793 in NY to Benjamin Quincy and Sally Hammond. She was a sister of John Quincy. She married Henry Clark Hollembeck, the son of Abram Clark Hollembeck and Lovina Lord from Crawford Co., PA. One of Hannah's daughters, Phebe Ann Holembeck, married Alvin Hartshorn, another convert.

Hannah and Henry were the parents of eleven children: Anna Marie; Asa Hammond; Benjamin Q.; Sally Harriet; Lovinia Lord; Nancy Phebe; Phebe Ann; Abram Clark; Henry Clark; John William; and Robert George. Hannah died September 4, 1866, in Adams, IL. There is probably a connection to Lovisa Lord on this list. Henry Clark Hollembeck's mother is Lovina Lord, daughter of Joseph. They also named a daughter Lovina

Lord. The IGI says a Hannah Hollenbeck married Philo Luce April 24, 1841, in Trumbull, OH. (VAC; HEC; MLO; AF; IGI)

Sophia Houghton

Houghton is a surname seen on early church records in MO, Nauvoo, and UT. I have not been able to connect Sophia. There is a Sophia Houghton in Sterling, Worcester County, MA in 1840, on the same page as an Eli Houghton. Could this be our convert?

Deaths in Erie County include: Luke Houghton 1775-1860; Mary, his wife 1778-1853; Allie, their daughter 1806-1881; and John Houghton, d. January 6, 1855 at 67 years 4 months; Samuel T. Houghton, d. December 1, 1881 at 91 years 11 months 22 days; and William O., d. December 21, 1889 at 12 years 2 months 15 days. Luke and Mary were on the 1850 Census in Conneaut with a large family. Luke was 76 and Mary 73. Some of their married children and grandchildren were with them.

An Osman (Ornan, Omon) Houghton marched in Zion's Camp, as did his wife, Aurelia. They were recruited from MI. Osman was a signer of the MO petitions. He was born October 1, 1806, at VT. He married Mary Curtis. Was Sophia a sister? Listed as land owners in MO were James, Ornan, Osmon, Eli, and Deborah Houghton. Eli and Deborah were in Nauvoo Third ward. Houghtons buried at Nauvoo include Aurelia, Emaline, Daniel, Deborah, Juliana, Emily, and Nancy. On the 1850 Census of Nauvoo, four Houghton children were living with Andrew Timmons: Melissa, 16; George W., 13; David, 10; and Sarah, 6. (VAC; CEM; PKO; NDB; MLO; CEN; NJ)

Asa Jeffers

There was an Asa Jeffers in Wayne County, IN in 1840. Asa Jeffers was excommunicated in Erie County, on 11 Dec 1833. No date is given of his baptism.

Clarissa Joles

Clarissa might be the daughter of James and Nancy Joles. A Clarissa Joles married Munson Lamb December 21, 1854 in Lenawee, MI. In Somerset, Hillsdale, MI in 1850, a Clarissa was the daughter of Thomas and Mary Joles. She was ten years old at that time. If it is the same Clarissa Joles who married in 1854

at age 14 (not impossible at that time) then it is NOT the Clarissa who was baptized in Erie County. However, Thomas Joles could have been in Erie county and had a sister/mother/aunt by the name of Clarissa for whom his daughter was named.

There was a Robert Joules in the 1830 Census in Elk Creek, Erie, PA living near the Segars, Clothiers, and Turners who were also baptized. Robert and his wife were 20-30 and had one child under 5--a son. I have seen his will dated February 6, 1865. He names his wife, Lydia and only one child--George Washington Joles. Other children are mentioned, but not named, which could suggest that this is a second marriage.

Clarissa is on the list as being baptized at a separate time than James and Nancy--who could also be her parents.

It appears from the 1850 Census that many of the Joles family went to MI instead of following the Saints. (See James and Nancy.) It is possible that Clarissa and James Joles are children of Damaris Vaughn who md. first Mr. Joles (or Jewell) and married second, William Francis. Damaris's will proves that she is a daughter of Charles Vaughn, whom we find living with her in 1850. (See Charles Vaun; Hulda Dimeras Vaughn Harmon.)

In 1820, living next door to Charles Vaughn was a Sylvester Jewell. In 1850, there was a Sylvester Joles (age 37) at Ransom, Hillsdale, MI. The Jewell and Jole name seems to be entwined and is spelled each way in various records. It is unlikely that the Sylvester Jewell in Erie County in 1820 is the husband of Damaris Francis; however, living with him is a young couple 16-25. Damaris would have been about 22 in 1820. Sylvester could be Damaris's father-in-law. There are five children under ten on the census--at least some of whom could be Damaris's children--and also be some of the Joles baptized in 1833--even Clarissa. Further research needs to be done to verify that Damaris is a sister of Hulda Vaughn who md. Alpheus Harmon. It is believed that the Vauns who were baptized are of this family. A Truman Vaughn in OH named a daughter Clarissa. (VAC; IGI; CEN; WIL; PEN; AF)

James Joles

James Joles is on the 1850 Census of Orleans, Ionia, MI age 47, with his wife Nancy and children--some of whom were born in PA. James and Nancy had the following children with them in 1850: Hiram H., 19; Eli, 15; Almira, 12; Albert, 9; Alfred, 9; Charles, 6; and Julia A., 1 month. This James is too old to be a son of Demaris Vaughn Joles. He could be a brother-in-law. He was born in NY. His occupation was farmer and he had \$200 in real estate. A James Joles owned land in MO.

James and Nancy would have been a young couple when baptized--he would have been about 30; she 26. However, they wouldn't have been too young to have a daughter old enough for baptism, so Clarissa is possibly their daughter. In 1850 in Mercer Co, PA, I found a Gardner Vaughn, age 42, whose wife is Almira. Living with his family is a Morris Jewel. There is also a Gardner Jole on the Census index for earlier Censuses--just another clue in a possible connection. (VAC; MLO; PEN; CEN)

Nancy Joles

According to the 1850 Census of Orleans, Ionia, MI, Nancy was 44 and born in NY. This would make her born about 1806 (IF this is the same Nancy). She is probably the wife of James, as they were baptized together, and if it is the same couple in MI in 1850, they are husband and wife. The names of her children (see James) indicate a Vaughn connection. (VAC; PEN; CEN; AF)

John Loddy/Soddy/Sawdey

Some records record the "L" as looking like an "S." In 1820, names were spelled Soddy and in 1830 Sawdey. There was a John Sawdey living next door to Benjamin Wilcox in Elk Creek in 1830---close to Sagers, Clothiers, Joles, Turners. John Sawdy was on the 1840 Census of Elk Creek. He was 50-60. On the same page is a Hiram Sawdy age 30-40--probably a son. Neighbors include William and Samuel Sanford. (See Sanford)

Molly Harmon, daughter of Selah, married first, Nathan Carr, and had two children; then married John Sawdey in Erie County. Selah is Martin Harmon's brother. In 1850, John Sawdey, 76, b. RI, and Polly, 59, b. VT, were on the Census in Elk Creek with Carr

children. (Polly and Molly are probably the same person.) Living with them are: Sarah Alby, 45; J. N. Alby, male, 8; Calvin Carr, 32; Sophia Carr, 26; Lester Carr, 11; Polly Carr, 7; Abigail Carr, 5; John Carr, 2; and James Carr 8 months. (See Almira Carr.) A Eunice Snoddy married Benjamin Wells. There were no Snoddys in Erie County, so I suspect her correct name might be Soddy Sawdey. (See Eunice Wells.) (VAC; CEN; IGI)

Louisa Lord

The 1830 Census for Erie County, PA for Springfield and for Fairview has entries for a Louisa Lord in both locations. (See Hannah Holembeck.) There was a Lovina Lord, born November 9, 1766--daughter of Joseph, who married Abram Clark Hollembeak. She died November 6, 1842, and is buried in Crawford Co., PA. Louisa Lord is a family name in the Hollembeak/Quincy families according to one descendant. A Louisa Lord, formerly of Erie County, bore a son in Mantorville, MN in 1867. (VAC; JQF; CEN; HEC)

Lydia Low

Lydia Low was the wife of Isaac Low, who was in Girard, Erie, PA in 1850. According to the Census, Isaac was age 73 and a shoemaker; Lydia was 64, b. MA. Also listed was a daughter, Lydia, 38, b. NY, and a son, John, 24, b. PA. There is also a land transaction of Lydia Low in Erie County in 1867. (VAC; LAN; CEN)

Horace Martin

There was a William Martin in Elk Creek next door to Henry Dighton on the 1830 Census of Erie County. He has sons old enough to be Horace and Moses. Horace was on the 1840 Census of Springfield. He and his wife were 20-30 and they had two young daughters. (VAC; CEN)

Moses Martin

It is my personal opinion that sources of early church records have two Moses Martins mixed up. I do not believe the Moses who died in 1900 and who was in Utah in 1860 is the same Moses Martin who was in Erie

County and involved in early church history. According to the Census in Utah, that Moses is much too young to be our Moses. Moses, the Erie County convert, was born June 1, 1812, in New Lisbon, Grafton, NH. His father was also named Moses Martin. The convert's likely father, Moses Martin, was probably the Moses who bought and sold some property in 1824 in Erie County. There is also a possibility his father's name could be William. There is a possible connection to the Harmon family who was baptized in Erie County also--Martin Harmon's mother was Sarah Martin. This Harmon family moved together in tight circles for many generations, so close attention is paid to others of the same surnames. The 1820 Census of Conneaut, Erie, PA lists Moses Martin or Morton. The 1830 Census of Conneaut, Erie, PA also has a David Martin.

A conference of the Church in Elk Creek, on December 11, 1833, found Moses Martin to "be under condemnation" because he had "been negligent in his duty as an elder." He promised to do better and was forgiven. Moses Martin was warned that if he failed to "humble himself before God," he would fall from the Church and fight against it. He later marched in Zion's Camp. While on sentry duty with Zion's Camp, Moses fell asleep. Joseph Smith discovered him, took his sword, and left him asleep. He was courtmartialled the next night, but forgiven.

After returning from Zion's Camp, Moses Martin went on a mission near his home. He labored in the area of Pierpoint, OH and Girard, PA from August 23 to November 23, 1834. In Erie County, he preached at the homes of John Sagers, Mrs. Blake (Asenath) Baldwin, Mr. Turner, and Mr. Thompson but he made no mention of baptisms. Moses was a resident of Kirtland prior to 1835. On March 8, 1835, Moses Martin was ordained a seventy, blessed for his work on the Kirtland Temple and warned: "If thou are not purified, thou wilt not be able to execute thy commission. Thou wilt fall into the hands of enemies who will take thy life; thou must begin to make a complete reformation in thyself."

Moses was a member of the First Quorum of Seventy in 1835. He received his anointing in the Kirtland Temple on January 30, 1836 and he testified in an Elder's Quorum trial on March 11, 1836 in Kirtland. He served another mission to NY in 1837. He had moved to Caldwell Co., MO by 1838. He was expelled from MO by mobs and on March 6, 1840 filed a petition at Montrose, Lee Co, IA.

In that petition, Moses swore that he lived in Caldwell County, MO from November 1, 1837 until April 1839, when he was driven from the state by Governor Bogg's exterminating orders; that when he came to MO he bought forty acres of Congress land and received a duplicate for a deed--that he built a house and made improvements on the land--that in the month of October 1838 Captain Bogart of Ray County, with a mob of about 60 men, fell on the south of Caldwell County and burned some houses and took some of the citizens prisoners. He says that the citizens of that county were forced to move their families into Far West, or near there, in hopes of protection for their wives and little ones from the civil authority of the state. Some time in November, an armed force of four or five thousand encamped within a short distance south of Far West under the command of General Lucas Clark Atchison and others. They posted their guards about the town, then commenced breaking open houses and plundering the inhabitants. Moses made his escape through the guard and went home. He swears he saw soldiers living in their homes, tearing down the fences around corn fields and taking corn without leave--then leaving the fence down for the cattle to destroy the remainder. He said the soldiers killed cattle and hogs which belonged to the citizens of that place without remuneration; that he also saw them take a wagon and harness from his father's door when forbidden to do so. Captain Bogart's company, or a part of it, came to his house and took two rifles which were never returned. Moses said:

The mob, or militia, as they called themselves, frequently visited my house in search of me--sometimes in the night with pistols cocked in their hand--examined every bed in the house in search of me and I was obliged to leave my family and all that I had and seek an asylum in a land of strangers through the winter; then I returned to my family and was obliged to sell my possessions and give up my duplicate to enable me to get my family out of the state--for I was forced to do so by Governor Boggs' exterminating orders which caused me to lose much by being forced from my land. Improvements and other damages which I sustained by being forced away, I estimate at five hundred dollars for which I want redress.

There is a major clue here to Moses Martin's parentage. He mentioned "his father's house." Who was his father? A redress petition filed by a William Martin in MO, shows a William Martin living next door to

Henry Dighton in 1830 in Elk Creek, Erie County, PA. William was 50-60; his wife 40-50. They had two sons--ages 15-20 and 20-30 and a daughter 15-20. It is possible that Horace and Moses could be those two sons.

There is also a Moses Martin the right age in Lee County, IA in 1840 to be this convert. He was 20-30 with a wife the same age and an infant daughter. Was the convert married prior to his marriage to Julia in 1846? Moses Martin signed the minutes of a special conference in Philadelphia, on October 31, 1842, as its president. Moses moved to Nauvoo and was endowed in Dec 1845. Moses Martin md. Julia Priscilla Smith, daughter of Asahel Smith; uncle of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

In the Nashville, IA Branch on October 19, 1843, a Matthew More, Jr. md. Adalaide Martin, daughter of Moses Martin. This is a different Moses than our Erie County convert who was not even married until 1846.

A Moses Martin was also a resident of Salt Lake City, UT by 1851--whether this is THE Moses Martin needs to be researched, but I do not believe it is. The convert, Moses was living in Pilot Hill, El Dorado County, CA in 1850. His age was given as 36 (a couple years off, but his wife and children's names verify that he is our convert). His wife was Julia and his children were Priscilla, Rosella, Joseph N., and Hiram. Moses and Julia were operating a Hotel in CA for miners. The Moses Martin in Tooele, UT in 1860 was thirty-three years old and from Scotland--not ours.

Later in his life, our Moses Martin left the Church and became a leading spiritualist in San Bernardino, California. The Zion's Camp Roll of 1864 names Moses Martin as an apostate.

Further information on the two Moses Martins is found in *Our Pioneer Heritage*, published by the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. Information on Moses Martin, the convert is found in volume four, page 483. According to this source, he was born June 1, 1812, in New Lisbon, Crafton, NH, the son of Moses Martin, Sr. As a young boy, his family moved to PA. There he grew to manhood. In 1857 he and his wife bought ten acres in San Bernardino where they resided until the death of Moses on May 5, 1900. He was the father of eight children.

The Moses Martin from Scotland is mentioned in volume eighteen. He was born in August 1824, in Glasgow, Lanarkshire, SCOT to Peter G. and Mary Bell

Martin. He, with his wife Isabella and two children, left for America, arriving in Salt Lake City April 18, 1856. Moses moved his family to the Tooele, Tooele, UT area until 1890 when the family moved to Little Basin, Cassia, ID. He also was the father of eight children. Moses died of Bright's disease on March 26, 1893 at Taylorsville, Salt Lake, UT. (ZCT; MAP; HC; ZCD; OPD; MMH; HC; KEQ; PKO; MRP; PHB; MMJ; CEN; SEB; OPH4; OPH18)

Abigail Matthews

She was born about 1794 in CT. She became the wife of David Matthews, who was b. about 1783 in NH. In 1830, David Matthews lived next door to Franklin Wells and Otis Wells in Elk Creek township. David was 40-50 and Abigail 30-40. They had seven children--one daughter and six boys at home. A woman age 50-60 was living with them. Evan M. Greene and John F. Boynton preached in the house of Mr. Matthews in Elk Creek and baptized Stephen Winchester, Nancy Winchester, Benjamin Winchester, Polly Waldo, and Wm. H. Sagers. Again on Feb 17, the Elders preached at Mr. Matthews's and baptized Benjamin and Eunice Wells. According to one source, the Wells were strong Baptists in the community. Perhaps this group was part of the Baptist congregation.

Abigail and David's son, Abner T. Matthews, married Lucretia and had children--one son, Marcus C., (named after Abner's brother) was born Jan 1839 and died September 11, 1840. (See Marcus Matthews.) There are probably other children in Abner and Lucretia's family. David E. Matthews, a son of Abigail and David, married Ruth Battles, the daughter of Nathaniel W. & S. Battles. (Nathaniel is on the 1830 Census in Conneaut Twp, age 30-40.) Ruth d. July 25, 1854, 33 years, 8 months, 11 days. David d. October 4, 1858.

Another son of Abigail's was George W. Matthews who married Mary, who was born about 1828. They had a child, Nancy A., b. about 1849. There is also an Ebenezer Matthews on the 1850 Census who was 49 and born in Canada. He and his wife Fidelia had children named G. W. (George W.), H. H., and M. D. all males. Cemetery records show Eli, the son of Ebenezer and Fidelia Matthews, d. January 28, 1842 2 months, 2 days. Perry B., the son of Ebenezer and Fidelia, d. March 11, 1850 2 months, 15 days. (Since this family is found in most records with initials only, it indicates a possible Quaker connection.)

David was also on the 1840 Census of Elk Creek. The 1850 Census of Elk Creek, Erie County, lists David Matthews, 67, "an old Gent born NH"; his wife, Abigail, 56, b. CT; G.W., 23; Mary, 22; and N.A., 1--probably a married son and family. David's will dated April 1, 1851 at Elk Creek names a wife, Abigail, and children, Abner T., Albert, David E., Polly, Jonathan, George W., Jonathan A., and Marcus. (VAC; HEC; CEM; CEN; WIL)

Marcus Matthews

He was the son of David and Abigail, born about 1812. (See Abigail.) He is buried in the Hope Cemetery in Erie County with the following tombstone inscription: "In Memory of Marcus Matthews who died 21 Oct 1836 age 24 years." This is probably the Marcus who was baptized. A second Marcus Matthews was born to A.T. (Abner T.)--a brother of the first Marcus--and Lucretia Matthews, and died September 11, 1840 at 1 year, 9 months. A third Marcus Matthews was born in 1846 and died in 1904. His wife was Lenore and they had a son, Arthur W. All are buried in the same cemetery. There were also other Matthews family members buried there. (VAC; CEM)

Andrew McAdams

On the 1830 Census of Springfield, Erie, PA, I find Andrew McAdams and William McAdams on the same page of the Census as Randall Wheeler. They were baptized in the same group as the Wheelers; they might prove to be related. One record reads this name as Andrew M.C. Adams. There are also many Adams names in Erie County. However, since the exact name of Andrew McAdams has been found in 1830 and living near other converts, it is safe to say that the Andrew baptized is Andrew McAdams. In 1840, Andrew McAdams was in Springfield, age 70-80; his wife was 60-70. With them was a male age 15-20 and a female age 30-40. (VAC; PCJ; CEN)

Joshua Mecham

Joshua Mecham was born February 23, 1802 in Canaan, Crafton, NH to Joshua Mecham and Permelia Chapman. His siblings were: Samuel, Permelia, Ed-

ward, Moses Worthen, Elizabeth, Ephraim, Caleb, and Lewis. The family moved from NH to NY, and then on south to Mercer and Erie counties in PA. They arrived about 1827. Joshua married Lucina Harmon, the daughter of Martin Harmon and Tryphena Poole. She was sister of many on this baptismal list. Joshua and Lucina were parents of Daniel, Lorenzo Dow, and Elizabeth Lucina. Joshua took sick and died when he was a probable member of Kirtland Camp near Sangamon County, IL. (See Alpheus Harmon) His widow, Lucina, was on the 1840 Census in Sangamon county. Joshua's siblings married Erie County people, including Ball, Derby, and Wells families. (See Lucina.) (MFR; CAB; AF)

Lucina Mecham

Lucina Harmon was the youngest daughter of Martin Harmon and Tryphena Poole--born June 6, 1800 in Rupert, Bennington, VT. Lucina came with her father, brothers, and cousins to Erie County about 1818. She married Joshua Mecham. (See Joshua.) Lucina was left a young widow with children in 1840 when, after leaving Kirtland, OH and traveling with Kirtland Camp, her husband took ill and died. She was on the 1840 Census of Sangamon, IL with two children. Lucina lived next to her brother Jesse and near Stephen, Lewis, and Joseph Mecham--relatives of her husband. Lucina died October 5, 1845 leaving her children orphans. (MFR; CAB; AF; CEN)

James Parshal

A James Parshal was born about 1776. He married Hanna Knapp or Sawyer. They had a son, William Knapp Parshall, born August 25, 1802 at Phelps, Ontario, NY. William came to UT and died there in 1869.

Another possibility for the Parshal family is in Crawford Co, PA Genealogy, under "Titusville Oil Families: Parshall." The following may refer to the Parshal family who was baptized. A Samuel Parshall was born July 6, 1781 at Long Island, NY; he married Elizabeth Goucher, daughter of Henry, on April 22, 1806 at Poland, OH. Samuel moved to Trumbull County, OH prior to 1806, was in Ellsworth, Trumbull, OH in 1820, and that same year relocated in Erie County, PA. His children were: Henry; John Munnell; Rhoda Ann; Eliza;

Samuel; Nancy; George; Jeanette; and James. This James is too young to be baptized, however, as he was born September 19, 1827. At the death of Samuel, Sheriff sold Samuel's property to James and to Richard Brown in 1854 to satisfy a judgment against his estate obtained by William Parshall to the use of James Parshall. It is possible that William was an Uncle of the youngster, James, and was looking after him when his father died. (VAC; CRA; PCJ)

John Parshal

One of these Parshals may be a doctor as there was a Dr. Parshall in Erie County, PA who married Sarah Rightor. A John Parcell crossed the plains in the 17th company with Captain Isaac Bullock in 1852. (VAC; CRA; JH; HEC)

Margaret Parshal

No information. (VAC)

Sally Parshal

No information. This could be the Sarah Rightor who married John Parshal as Sally is a nickname commonly used for Sarah. (VAC)

William Parshal

A William Knapp Parshal, son of James Parshall and Hannah Knapp (or Sawyer), was born in Phelps, NY and died in Manti, UT. He married Rhoda Gifford. There was a William Parshall and wife, A.M., in MO as land owners and both signed the scroll petition outlining the government's outrageous behavior to the Saints. His patriarchal blessing, given on December 4, 1853, gives William's birth as August 25, 1802.

A Sophia Stowell, b. July 21, 1821 married a William Parshall. She died in 1845. She is a sister to Laura Stowell who married W. W. Phelps. Sophia Parshal died September 29, 1845 and was buried at Nauvoo. It is uncertain if this is the same William.

A William Partial crossed the plains in 1847 in George A. Smith and Amasa M. Lyman's Company. A

William Pearsell arrived in Great Salt Lake on October 1, 1862 in Captain Joseph Horne's oxcart company. In 1860 there was a Wm K. Parshal, age 50, b. NY and his wife, Martha, age 45, living in Manti, Sanpete, UT. His occupation was a house carpenter. This could be the same William as the one receiving a patriarchal blessing in 1853. (CTP; MMH; FFU; HC; NDB; AF)

Joel Parson

Probably a Harmon relative as the Harmons and Parsons intermarried a great deal. There was a Joel Parsons in Lee County, VA in 1840. In 1850, Joel C. Parsons was living in Wapello, Louisa, IA. He was 34 and was born in PA; his wife, Caroline, was 28. Children were: Mary A., Abraham, Benjamin F., and Caroline--all born in IA. (VAC; CEN)

Mary Preston

Mary Preston was a daughter of Asa Preston of Elk Creek. Asa's will, dated March 21, 1832, names his wife Nancy; sons Francis L. Preston (who land adjoining Daniel Winchester), Forster, Charles, Jephthah F. and daughters Sarah, Anna, Parthena, and Mary. One of the witnesses of the will was Ira Clothier.

Asa Preston was listed on the 1830 Census between John Sagers and John's son-in-law Daniel Howard. There were no other Prestons in 1830 in Elk Creek. Near Daniel Winchester were Coon and Taylor families. Mary's mother, Nancy, was on the 1840 census of Elk Creek as a widow age 70-80. Two daughters (age 30-40 and 20-30) were with her as well as a boy age 0-5. Living near Nancy was Tyler Preston, age 20-30, and Lewis Preston, age 20-30, and their young families. Mary was probably living with her mother. (VAC; WIL; CEN)

Malinda Priest

A Joel Priest lived in Springfield in 1830, age 40-50; his wife (or daughter) was age 20-30; and they had four children--one a daughter old enough to be baptized. Malinda could be either the wife or daughter of Joel. (VAC; CEN)

John Quincy

Born August 24, 1800 in NY--son of Benjamin Quincy and Sallie/Sarah Hammond. He married Keziah Hartshorn, a daughter of Joseph Hartshorn, at Springfield, Erie, PA. Keziah's brother, Alvin Hartshorn, was also on the baptismal list. John Quincy was a brother of Hannah Quincy Holebeck on this same list. John Quincy was found on the 1830 Census. Children of John and Keziah are: Lucinda, Clarissa, Joseph H., Horatio Harvey, Frances, William Henry, and--according to the 1850 Census--possibly Alonzo and Harmon/Harrison. John Quincy's family settled in Richfield, Adams, IL and did not stay with the Church. (VAC; QFR; CEN; KK; VAC)

Brother Read

In Springfield, Erie, PA, there is a John Reed and a Daniel Reed on the 1830 Census. John Reed shows up later in Church records in Nauvoo and elsewhere. Nauvoo Second Ward records in 1843 include John Read, Lydia, and Rebecca. There is an Amos Reed in Erie County. Amos Reed's wife, Jane, and daughter Eunice are buried in Erie County. Reeds buried in Nauvoo include Mary Read; Mary Curtis Reed; Nahum Calvin Reed; Triphena Reed; William Reed; and Joseph Reid. A John Reed married Susan Secrist and had the following children: Martin V. Reed, b. about 1836; Harriet Reed, b. about 1838; Mariah Reed, b. about 1840; and Samuel Reed, b. 1843. They were living in Tomstown, Franklin, PA and were members in good standing of the Union Branch. (NDB; CEN; NAUI; NJ; VAC)

Brother Roundy

This could possibly be Uriah Roundy. He was born 10 Apr 1796/7 in Windham County, VT, the son of Uriah Roundy and Lucretia Needham. Uriah Roundy was baptized and confirmed a member of the Church in 1833 by Lyman Johnson. Because of the baptismal date and since the missionary is one of our Erie County missionaries, it is likely that Uriah may be the Brother Roundy mentioned in the missionary journals.

Uriah Roundy was in Pottawattamie county, IA in 1850 with a family. He was 55; his wife, Ar...eny was 40. This was probably a second marriage as there was a big gap in the children's ages and the oldest son is 25--

which would make her a very young mother. Children named are Washington, Acel, Zebedee (could be named after missionary Zebedee Coltrin), Emma, and Martha. Uriah Roundy also married Polly Lyon and Polly Bristol. Uriah later became a member of the Reorganized Church and was at Galland's Grove, IA where he is mentioned in the RLDS branch records. Uriah's last wife, Rena, died at Galland's Grove, Shelby, IA on November 2, 1880. (RLDS; VAC; CEN)

Cloa Rudd

Born March 14, 1759, at Goshen, Litchfield, CT, a daughter of Billious Hill. She was married in September 1778, in Bennington, VT to John Rudd, the son of Joseph Rudd and Sarah Mosely. Cloa and John's children were John Jr., Lois, Cyphian, Amanda, Seanthe, Phebe, Anson, Tryphosa, Erastus, and Rosanna.

A John Rudd, Jr. and a John Rudd, Sr. were on the list of early settlers of Springfield township. The son came in 1802 and his father arrived two years later. A history of the county states:

John Rudd moved to Erie Co., Pa. in Aug 1805 from Otsego, NY with a large family. His son, John, having preceded him several years and commenced a distillery. He took up 350 acres of land along the lake front on the Moravian tract. John Rudd Sr. d. 1830 aged 82. His widow and her children becoming infatuated with the Mormon cause abt the year 1839 joined the sect and went west. Thus ended one of Erie's Pioneer families.

A John Rudd of Springfield, Erie County, PA signed the minutes of a conference attesting to Joseph Smith's innocence of Zion's Camp charges. (this would be John Jr.) The conference was assembled in Kirtland, August 23, 1834. John Rudd also paid fifty cents to the Prophet in Kirtland in an hour of need, for which the Prophet was very grateful. John Rudd is probably the Brother Rudd the missionaries refer to in the earliest days of their mission.

The obituary of Chloe Rudd was in Early Church Vital Records, *Utah Genealogical Magazine* Vol XXVII January 1936. She died at Independence, Cuyahoga Co., OH on August 9, 1836, aged 78 years and 8 months. "She had been a member of the Church of Latter-day Saints

more than three years. She has gone down to the grave in a good old age like a shock of corn fully ripe.”

The Census of 1830 finds the following Rudds in Erie County: Ephraim, age 70-80; Hanson Rudd, age 40-50; Cyrian Rudd; Erastus Rudd, and John Rudd, Sr., 50-60. (Even though it says Sr., it would have been Jr. because John Sr. was 82; John Jr. would have been 51--and John Jr. probably named a son John also.)

Erastus Rudd was given a blessing in Kirtland for working on the Temple. Erastus was the son-in-law of Randall and Experience Alden Wheeler, who are on this list. He married their daughter Experience. They had 15 children with 4 sets of twins plus children from her previous marriage! On the Zion's Camp march, Erastus Rudd fell victim to cholera and was buried near Liberty in Clay County, MO with other cholera victims. Experience was left a widow with a large family, and on March 22, 1835, in Kirtland, OH, she married a family friend, Joseph Hancock. By him she had another daughter, Amy Experience.

Erastus and Experience's oldest son, Erastus Harper Rudd, was in Farmington, Davis, UT in 1860, and lists his occupation as cabinet maker. Erastus Harper Rudd owned land in MO and was driven out. He, his wife, and children signed the scroll petition for redress.

Two of Erastus's brothers, John Randall Rudd and Amander Franklin Rudd, remained in IA and became active members of the Reorganized Church and moved to Dow City, IA. Brothers Osro Wheeler Rudd and Orlando Francisco Rudd stayed for a short time in Clay County, MO. They both participated in the Mexican War, then Orlando went to CA and worked in gold mines the rest of his life--never being married; Osro returned to Clay County, MO after the war. Lorenzo Dow Rudd went west with the pioneers and settled in Ogden, UT. His sister, Fanny Spencer, settled in Placerville, CA.

Erastus's mother, Experience Wheeler Hobart Rudd Hancock, weakened from the trials and hardships incident to pioneer life, took sick and died near Provo, UT on October 28, 1851. (VAC; HEC; CTP; HC; PKO; LIM; MRP; CEN; AF; EHR; ZC)

Fanny Mariah Rudd

Born February 9, 1819 in Springfield, Erie, PA, to Erastus and Experience Wheeler Rudd--granddaughter of Chloe Rudd. She was also the granddaughter of Randall and Experience Wheeler who were baptized. She was fifteen when her father died on the Zion's Camp March. She married Lorenzo Spencer.

Fanny's siblings were also active participants in the early days of the Church. Her half-sister, Phebe Hobart Thompson, was on the baptismal list. Other siblings were William Hobart, Eliza Hobart, Erastus Harper Rudd, Jr., Salenia Rudd, Ozro Wheeler Rudd, Lorenzo Dow Rudd, Evaline Rudd, Amander Franklin Rudd, Orlando Francisco Rudd, Alma Sophia Rudd, Paulus Emilus Rudd, John Randall Rudd, Eliza Amanda Rudd, Sidney Rigdon Rudd, Mortimer Wilson Rudd, Cecilia Aranthia Rudd, and a half-sister, Amy Experience Hancock. Fanny's mother had four sets of twins and a total of 19 children.

Fanny and Lorenzo Spencer were on the 1850 Census in Bloomfield, Davis, IA. Lorenzo was a blacksmith. They moved to Placerville, El Dorado, CA before the 1860 Census. They had at least six children, Oscar F., Francis N., Mary Jane, Louisa M., Hattie, and Cyrus E. Fanny died in Placerville on April 17, 1887, and was buried in the Union Cemetery on Bee Street. She was 68 years, 2 months, and 11 days. Her husband died February 26, 1889 and was buried beside Fanny.

Amander F. Rudd, brother of Fanny, was born December 26, 1824 in Erie County and was baptized a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on July 15, 1860, by John A. McIntosh. He was confirmed by Uriah Roundy. Another Rudd, John R., born December 16, 1829 in Erie County married Serelda Jordan in Shelby Co., IA in 1853. He was baptized a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on July 15, 1860, also by the same person as Amander and also confirmed by U. Roundy. He was ordained an elder at the October 1861 Conference. He also served in the Civil War. His wife, Serelda, was also a member and was confirmed in part by an Eli Clothier. A Sidney Rudd also became a member of the RLDS church. He was born June 22, 1833 in Erie County. (VAC; AF; EHR; CEN; RLDS)

Amanda Sagers

Amanda Melvina Sagers, the youngest child of John Sagers and Amy Sweet, was born May 5, 1821 in Hanover, NY. When she was twelve years old, she was lived in Elk Creek, Erie, PA where she was baptized March 28, 1833. The family moved to Kirtland for two years--Amanda went with her mother, Amy, who had divorced John Sagers and married Ira Clothier.

When her sister, Mariah Sagers Fisk, moved to MO in 1835, Amanda was probably in the same wagon train with the rest of the family. They moved to Far West in 1838, where Amanda met and married Lysander Gee on September 5, 1838. He was born in 1818 to Salmon Gee and Sarah Watson Crane in Ashtubula, OH. His father, Salmon Gee, was born in 1792 in Lyme, New London, CT, to Zopher Gee and Esther. Zopher was born in 1763, in New London, CT.

Less than two months after Amanda's marriage, Governor Boggs issued his exterminating order. Amanda and Lysander went to Quincy, Adams, IL, where their first child was born on December 12, 1839. They were in the Bear Creek Branch at Hancock, IL on December 1, 1840. They were parents of three children, Orlander Lysander Gee, b. 1839; Mary Gee, b. 1840; and Rozelia Gee, b. 1848. Little Mary died in 1850.

Amanda received her endowments and was sealed to Lysander on February 4, 1846. The Gees went to St. Louis, MO where Amanda died. Amanda either died in childbirth with Rozelia or soon after her birth, as her death is recorded as October 22, 1848. The Journal History of the church reports that on July 4, 1849, Lysander Gee, wife Theresa, and son, Orlando and daughter, Rosilia, left the Missouri River in George A. Smith's Fourth Company for the West. They arrived in the valley October 27, 1849. They remained in Salt Lake about six years. In 1855, they moved to Tooele. Lysander Gee is found on the 1860 Census in Tooele City, Tooele, UT with 12-year-old Rozelia; his second wife Thersa and their 10 children. Lysander apparently stayed close to the Sagers family through the years, as they also lived in Tooele. (VAC; NAUI; COR; AF; CEN; NJ; SAG)

Brother J. Sagers

John Sagers was possibly born February 1, 1782, at Ashford, Windham, CT, to John Seager and Sarah Robins. (There are discrepancies on the AF concerning who his parents are and also his date of birth.) He could

have been born November 5, 1788 to Johannes Sagers and Sarah Sangburn. Hosea Stout, author of *Sagers, Fisk, and Stout families*, feels the latter is the better choice as Sagers, Sweets, and Sangburns lived in the same area. Johannes Sagers and Asa Sweet were neighbors in Albany County, NY.

John married Amy Sweet about 1808. (See Amy Clothier.) John and Amy had the following children: Minerva, Maria, Desdmonia, William Henry Harrison Sagers, Amanda Melvina, and possibly Lery. A man named Abel French from Denmark came to Herkimer Co., NY in 1802-03 and persuaded people to purchase land in Jefferson County, NY. Twenty-two men and families did so. Among them were Asa Sweet, John Sagers and William Sagers.

After Amanda's birth, John and Amy were divorced, and Amy married a close friend and neighbor, Ira Clothier. The Sagers and Clothiers and their married daughters were on the 1830 Census, living next to each other. They were baptized by Evan M. Greene. A month after John's baptism, on March 21, 1833, the Elk Creek, Erie Co., PA Branch was organized with John Sagers appointed a deacon and told to watch over the church. Robert Dimsey was appointed priest and Stephen Winchester appointed teacher in the Priesthood. There is a Seagertown in Crawford County, PA which borders Erie Co.

John probably went to Kirtland and then to MO, and later, IL. The Journal History for October 4 and December 28, 1838, announces that a "meeting was held in the home of John Sagers at Rockford, Caldwell County, Missouri." Owning land in MO were John Sagers, Sarah, William Henry Clothier, A.J. and Ira Clothier, Harrison Sagers and wife Lucinda Madison.

John and Sarah Sagers were members of the Nashville Branch which was organized August 7, 1839. Nashville was located at Montrose, Lee, IA. John settled in McDonough County while the Clothiers were in the adjoining county of Hancock. John Sagers died in Nauvoo in November 1843. Sarah Sagers took out her endowments in the Nauvoo Temple. Sarah Sagers is possibly a Martin. (VAC; CEN; AF; HEC; NAUI; SAG; NJ)

Desdimony Sagers

Born 1816 at Leroy, Genesee, NY--daughter of John and Amy. Desdimony/Desdomona married Octo-

ber 16, 1836 at Clay, MO. to Horace Cowan. Desdamona died in 1842 in Nauvoo, IL.

Horace Cowan joined the Church in Kirtland, OH in 1833. He then traveled to VT where he was ordained an elder. He was a member of Zion's Camp, afterwards living in MO. He was incarcerated briefly with Joseph Smith in the Liberty Jail in March 1839. Later, Horace became disenchanted with the Mormon faith, and died out of the church. (VAC; HC; AML; ZC; PKO; FWR; AF; JH)

Lery Sagers

Possibly a child of John Sagers and Amy Sweet Sagers Clothier. Lery is probably either Lavoy or Leroy. A sister, Desdomona, and a brother, William Henry Harrison Sagers, were born at Leroy, Genesee, NY. William named a son Lavoy Sagers. One source gives the theory that Lery was the second wife of John Sagers. AF gives John a second wife of Lucy--but the Lucy listed is 91 years older than John. (VAC; AF; SAG)

William H H Sagers

William Henry Harrison Sagers was born 1815 in Leroy, Genesee, NY, the son of John and Amy Sweet. Wm H. H. Sagers was ordained to the lesser priesthood on January 15, 1834. The next day he baptized Henrietta Sanford and Emily Harmon. He was a member of the Elk Creek, PA Branch.

He served several missions for the Church, marched in Zion's Camp, owned land in MO, served on the High Council at Adam-Ondi-Ahman, and filed a redress petition against the state of MO. Harrison Sagers was a member of Nauvoo Third Ward in 1843.

He came to UT, crossing the plains in the Fifth Company with Captain Edward Hunter and arrived December 31, 1850. This conflicts a bit with the fact that Harrison was on the 1850 Census in Tooele County, UT unless you realize that the 1850 Census of UT was not completed until sometime in 1852. In 1850, Harrison was shown as 35--occupation a painter. He was also on the 1856 Census in Tooele. At this time, Amy Clothier, his mother, was with him. Harrison is also on the 1860 Census in Tooele. He had several wives and a large posterity. He died at the age of seventy-two in ID. (VAC;

MRP; JHC; HC; CC; PKO; FFU; AML; ZC; CEN; AF; NJ)

Henrietta Sanford

In the 1850 Census of Hancock County, IL, located near Caroline Harmon and William Lincoln and also near Loren and Hulda Vaughn Harmon Bassett--mother of Caroline--are the following people: Minotte D. Sanford, age 37, b. CT; his wife, Henrietta, age 29, b. NY; his children Adaline O., age 9; Caroline H., 6; Charles, 3; Miles D., 5 months. An Andrew Bassett (Elias had a brother Andrew) married Malinda Sanford. This could be a clue to a relationship between Minotte and Henrietta and Hulda. There is possibly a Harmon connection also. Henrietta could also be a daughter of William and Patience Sanford. There were many Sanfords in 1830 in Erie County. (VAC; CEN)

Jaharill Sanford

A J. A. Sanford, age 20-30, and wife are on the 1840 Census of Girard, but there is no proof that this is the convert. A Joel Sanford owned land in MO.

Patience Sanford

A Patience Hathaway married William Sanford June 12, 1780 in MA. Although the names fit, the ages do not. The Patience who was baptized was married to a William; but it is questionable if her maiden name is Hathaway. In 1830, Patience was age 30-40, living by Oliver Harmon. The Harmons and Sanfords intermarried and these are probably relatives. Buried in Girard, Erie, PA, is William M. Sanford, who died September 7, 1874 aged 84 years, 9 months, 15 days. Patience, his wife, died August 10, 1870, aged 76 years, 3 months, 25 days. (VAC; CEM; CEN; AF)

William Sanford

In 1830, William was age 40-50 (making it impossible to have married in 1780--see Patience). He is also on the 1820 and 1840 Census in Erie County. The 1850 Census lists Wm H. Sanford, age 62, a farmer, born in RI. His wife was Patience, 53, b. RI. A 19-year-old daughter, Hannah, and son, Isaac, 15, were with them; in the same household was another family--a married son

Alvin, 22, and wife, S.J., 21. Land transactions in Erie County in 1841 list a William H. Sanford. (VAC; CEM; CEN; AF; LAN)

Elder Simmons

Brother Simmons could have been the Christian preacher who was converted. A Horace T. Simmons lived right in the middle of a whole group who were the first ones baptized: Andrew McAdams, Cyprian Rudd, Erastus Rudd, Benjamin Spencer, and Randall Wheeler. Not too far away were Nathaniel W. Battles, James Battles and John Battles, David Thompson, Stephen Thompson and Medad Thompson.

There were other Simmons in Springfield: Isaac, Jr., John, George, and Sarah. Isaac Simmons, Jr. was also living in Springfield in 1830. Isaac lived near the Coultons and Hartshorns. However, the more likely candidate is Horace T. Simmons, who was in the midst of the Wheeler clan who were baptized, living between Benjamin Spencer and Randall Wheeler. Horace was 30-40. Isaac was 70-80.

In February 1832, Elders Hyde and Smith ordained Brother Simmons an elder in Springfield and instructed him in the knowledge of the kingdom and church and had him copy the laws. In April/May 1832, Jared Carter came to Springfield and found Elder Simmons and two others had fallen away from the Church and was able to reclaim two of them. (VAC; CEN)

David Solsbery

He befriended Elders John F. Boynton and Zebedee Coltrin while they were on their missions in November 1832. David Salsbury, age 40-50, was living in Conneaut Twp., Erie County in 1830 between John Salsbury and Abijah Barnes. Abijah and Abi Barnes were buried in Solsbery cemetery. (See Anna Barnes Harmon.) (VAC; CEN; CEM)

John Solsbery

He also befriended John F. Boynton and Zebedee Coltrin while they were on their missions in November 1832. John lived next door to David Salsbery in 1830, age 50-60. (VAC; CEN)

Abigail Spencer

This is Abigail Wheeler, the daughter of Randall Wheeler, who married Benjamin Franklin Spencer. The 1830 Census of Springfield, Erie, PA shows Benjamin Spencer, age 40-50 and his wife, 20-30, living next to Horace T. Simmons, Randall Wheeler and the Rudds. Abigail was baptized at same time as her parents, the Wheelers.

Abigail was an Aunt to Phebe Thompson on this list. Almeda Vaughn, the daughter of Jedediah, married D.S. Spencer as his third wife in Wayne Twp, Erie, PA. Spencers buried in Nauvoo include Catherine, Chloe, Daniel, Eliza, Isabella, Kathryn. (VAC; HEC; NDB; CEN; AF)

Phebe Thompson

Phebe is interrelated to many on the baptismal list from Erie County. She was born October 1810, at Chesterfield, NH, a daughter of Experience Wheeler and Edmund Hobart. Her siblings were William and Eliza Hobart, both born about 1816.

She married Medad Thompson. Phebe's sister, Eliza, also married a Thompson. Medad was brother of the baptized William Thompson--who married Hulda DeWolf. His parents were David Thompson and Betsy Tyler. Betsy was a sister of Andrews Tyler, who was the father of Nathaniel. Nathaniel Tyler was the husband of Clarissa Hartshorn--another convert.

Medad and his parents lived in the Herkimer Co., NY area along with other Thompsons, Tylers and Wheelers. Sometime before 1806, they moved to Sempronius, Cayuga County with other members of the family and friends. They moved to Erie County, PA, about 1822-23. A granddaughter relates that Phebe told her that her father, Edmund Hobart, went away to the war and never came back. Phebe's mother then married Erastus Rudd, by whom she had 15 children--4 sets of twins. (See Chloe Rudd; Experience Wheeler.)

Phebe and Medad Thompson became parents of Cynthia, Eliza Jane, Edmund Hobert, Angeline, an unnamed daughter, Calvin William, Hiram Almanza, Elvira, Harriet Asenith, Louisa Ann, James Melvin, George Brown, and Sefhrone. Medad sold his land in Erie County in 1834. His obituary says he moved to MO in 1834. On the baptismal list is Medad's brother, William,

and many of Phebe's family. Although Medad's name is not mentioned, it is believed that he was also baptized.

Medad filed a petition against the government of MO saying: "Damage sustained by me, Medad Thompson, AD 1839 by being driven from the State of Missouri by a mob that rose against the Church of Latter-day Saints in cattle, building, and other property, one thousand dollars."

This family was living in Pottawattamie County, IA in 1850. Medad went to CA to search for gold while Phebe and the children remained in Pottawattamie county until his return. Others that went with him include John Newman, George Thompson, Daniel Tyler and at least one of the Rudd boys. Early in 1854, Medad and his family moved to Beaver Island, MI as followers of James Strang. Phebe's half brother, Lorenzo Rudd, wrote her the following letter while serving on a mission in England:

Speaking of your removal to Beaver Island, when I learned of this I can assure you it struck me with force because I had supposed you had been in this church long enough to know better than that. I could preach to you if I thought it would be of any use, as comparing the order of Christ's church, but the spirit says refrain. You have had your own agency to judge between truth and error. I will accept your strange behavior that you may believe a lie and be damned. I pain on the ignorance of some people, in fact I am astonished. I am sorry dear sister that you should be so blind. I have spent much time praying in your behalf.

Medad and Phebe left Beaver Island shortly after their arrival and discontinued association with the Strang group. They chose to settle in the Charlevioix area of MI, where they both died. Phebe was about 83 at her death on July 4, 1893. The newspaper wrote this of her:

When from among the few remaining settlers one drops out, faces all come up before us again, those gone and those remaining. Aunt Phebe Thompson was the last one to join the majority and when we think of her now, the countenance of Uncle Medad rises up, and we are carried back to the beautiful summer evenings nearly a quarter century ago, when we

wandered down the wooded shore which is now the boundary of the resort grounds, to the always hospitable home of Uncle Medad and Aunt Phebe. (VAC; CEN; NMR; JHC; MRP; CJT; AF)

William Thompson

Born Feb 1815, the youngest child of David Thompson and Betsy Tyler--brother to Medad (see Phebe Thompson); he married Hulda DeWolf. His siblings include Joab, Medad, Mahilda, Edmund, Hiram, Esther, Polly and Marinda. The 1830 Census of Erie County shows David Thompson and wife of Springfield, both age 50-60; and a man age 80-90 living with them. There is also a boy age 15-20 who is probably William. David's death notice is printed in the *Latter-day Advocate* which indicates he may have joined the Church also. Deed records in Erie County give the names of all the children.

The 1850 Census of Conneaut, Erie, PA lists William, Hulda, and the following children: Lamanzo, Amand, Oscar, Henry H., Edwin R., Charles L., and John M. William was 35. William also is found on the 1860 and 1900 Census of Erie County. The 1900 Census shows a second wife, Amanda. A letter written by William's brother, Hiram, who lived near William in Erie Co., PA all his life, states:

And now I must tell you about William's poor boys. His boys all three enlisted. Harrison (Henry?) was taken prisoner at Richmond. He was sent South and kept three months. He had chronic dysentery. William went after him and brought him home, he lived but three days. Oscar enlisted in Illinois. He fought up to the wall of Vicksburg and held the flag until his regiment retired. He was taken sick and died two days after Vicksburg surrendered. Lamanzo is with Rosecrans. He is well. (VAC; JOU; NAU1; PKO; CTP; CJT; CEN)

Marshal Turner

Born about 1798, according to the 1850 Census of Elk Creek, which shows Marshall, age 52, b. NY; Polly, age 41, b. NY; and Amanda, age 9 b. PA. Also

with Marshal is Adam Deitz. (See Colton.) The 1830 Census of Erie County shows Marshal Turner, age 30-40. Elders Edward Partridge and Isaac Morley stayed with Brother Marshal Turner in Elk Creek on June 8, 1835. Marshal Turner died March 4, 1878, age 80 years. He was buried in Hope Cemetery, Elk Creek, Erie, PA beside his wife, Mary M., 1815-1897. (VAC; CEN; CEM; AF; IGI)

Polly Turner

She was the wife of Marshall Turner. Cemetery records show the wife of Marshall Turner is Mary M.; however, Polly is a nickname for Mary. The ages don't quite agree, as in 1850 Polly is 41 and cemetery records say Mary was born in 1815. This could still be the same person. On the 1850 Census, living with Marshall and Polly, is a 65-year-old laborer, Adam Deitz, b. NY, who could possibly be Polly's father. (VAC; CEN; CEM)

Boys (2) of Brother Tyler

Brother Tyler (Tiler), who was "cut off" from the Church on December 5, 1833, was probably Andrews Tyler. He was on the 1830 Census of Erie County and has sons old enough to have been baptized. Andrews married Elizabeth Comins or Cummings.

One of the sons, Nathaniel, was born in Sempronius, NY, January 25, 1809 and was married to Clarissa Hartshorn, who was also baptized. He was in all probability one of the "two boys of Brother Tyler." Nathaniel moved to Richfield, Adams, IL, a Mormon area. The children of Nathaniel and Clarissa are Dr. Alvin Willis Tyler, George Washington, Polly, Edgar Edwin, Ira, Clarissa Adelaide, William Warren, and Ellen Tyler.

The other "boy" is Daniel. The book, *They Knew the Prophet*, contains testimonies of those who were acquainted with Joseph Smith. In the biographical sketch in the back of the book, is found: "Daniel Tyler was born at Semproneous, New York Nov 23, 1816; baptized at Springfield, Pennsylvania, Jan 6, 1833; became a member of the Mormon Battalion, served as President of the Swiss and Italian Mission and was ordained a patriarch in Utah, where he died in 1906." This

substantiates the claim that he was one of the "boys of Brother Tyler."

More information on Daniel Tyler is found in *Scraps of Biography, Tenth Book of the Faith Promoting Series*, SLC Juvenile Instructor Office, 1883, pages 20-46, found in the LDS Church Historical Department Library. In this account, Daniel, born at Sempronious in 1816, tells of the family religious background, indicating that his father was initially opposed to Mormonism. Missionaries to the Tyler home were Samuel H. Smith, Orson Hyde, and Hyrum Smith. Daniel was baptized in 1833 and helped prevent mobs from tarring and feathering the elders. He was a missionary in MS in 1841. In 1853 he served a mission to England, and in 1854 he was put in charge of the Swiss, Italian, French, and German missions. This history of Daniel's, written about 1881, contains many "faith-promoting" stories.

Daniel married Ruth Welton in Kirtland, OH. He was a member of the Mormon Battalion, even writing a book about his experiences called *A Concise History of the Mormon Battalion*. On June 11, 1845, Perintha O. Tyler was blessed in Hancock Co., IL under the hands of Elders Daniel Tyler, Abram Rose, and David Lemeraux. She was the oldest child of Daniel and Ruth. Daniel's other children were Mary, Martha, Ruth, Emily P., David M., Fitz Henry, John C., and Alice M. Tyler. In 1860 in Salt Lake City, UT, was a Daniel Tyler, age 43. He was a school teacher. He also had a son named Nathaniel.

Almina, a daughter of Andrews Tyler, associated with the Mormons and married Isaac Buhunin. Two of her children were born in Provo, UT. Two of Andrews' sons, Joseph and William, married DeWolf girls. There are DeWolfs on this convert list. Andrews' other children were Comfort, Ira, Hiram, Uriah, John E., and Henry B. Tyler. There was an Andrew Tyler in Manti, San Pete, UT in 1850. (NJ; DJT; VAC; CEN; HMB)

Clarissa Tyler

Born April 13, 1814 in Otsego, NY to Joseph Hartshorn and Gemimah. Clarissa's siblings include Alvin Hartshorn, Keziah Hartshorn (married to John Quincy), Horatio, and William. Her brother Alvin and brother-in-law John Quincy are on this baptismal list. Clarissa married Nathaniel Tyler, son of Andrews Tyler, all residents of Erie County.

Clarissa's daughter, Polly, was born in 1839, and married Hamilton Young. Their three children all died young. Hamilton was a captain in the Civil War and lost his life in the service. Polly then went to the front and rendered much aid to sick and wounded soldiers.

In 1872, Polly settled on a claim in the West and began pioneer life. From farming, she went to speculating, and everything she touched turned into money. She built houses in Wichita, Kansas in the early seventies which she rented. She built business building in Kiowa, then went to CO and OK and did the same. She was looked upon as a "mascot" in western KS and people invested where she did, because they believed in her "luck." Although she was an eminently successful business woman, she had a sweet and sympathetic disposition and a tender heart. (VAC; CEN: DJT)

Charles Vaun/Vaughn

I believe this Charles was the father of at least some of the other Vauns baptized. He was the husband of Elizabeth--probably Elizabeth Morgan. I also believe--but have yet to prove--that he is the father of Hulda Dimeras Vaughn, wife of Alpheus Harmon (see Alpheus). Hulda's parents probably joined the Mormon church because when she was baptized for the dead in Logan, UT, she was not baptized for her father or her mother--but she was baptized for a grandmother, Damaras Vaughn.

Hulda's records give the name of Cathales or George Cathales as her father. In a book of names is found the following: "The forename Cathal is equated with Charles." The name of Cathales has not been found in many searches of the Vaughn names. This Charles was the right age, his wife had the right name, he had a daughter of the same name as Hulda's grandmother, according to her baptism for the dead records (Damaris), and he was in the right location in Erie County.

He is possibly the same Charles who was in Elizabethtown, CAN in 1807--a year prior to Hulda's birth there. His daughter, Damaris, married first a Mr. Joles/Jewell (living next door to Charles in 1830 was a Sylvester Jewell) and second, William Francis.

Charles and his wife were living with Damaris in 1850 along with a son, Samuel Vaughn. On the 1860 Census, Samuel was still with Damaris and is listed as "idiotic." Damaris identifies Samuel in her will as "her brother." She gives her son, Ransom Francis, the responsibility of providing for Samuel upon her death and charges him to be sure Samuel's medical needs are met.

There are many other children (about 11 according to the Census records) in Charles's family whose identities have not been fully established. Charles was in Erie County on the 1820, 1830, 1840, and 1850 censuses. A Charles (possibly the same person) also appeared in 1800 in Washington County, NY and in 1807 in Elizabethtown, CAN. There was a Jedediah Vaun in Wayne, Erie, PA in 1840, age 60-70, who may be a brother of Charles. Charles was also 60-70 in 1840. The 1850 census shows Charles, 73, b. NY, occupation Blacksmith; Elizabeth, 73; and Samuel Vaughn, 31, living with William Francis, 59; Damaris, 52; Russell, 16; Polly M., 14; Cynthia M., 12; Ransom N., 9; and Shepherd, 8.

Charles was buried in the Francis Cemetery with no dates on his headstone--just "Age 84." There is a good chance that the Elizabeth Harmon listed as baptized should have read Elizabeth Vaughn. If this Charles is the father of Hulda Dimeras Vaughn, his mother's name is Damaris. Hulda was baptized for the dead for her grandmother, Damaris Vaughn. Land transactions involving Charles and Elizabeth include one in October 1835 when Charles sold land to John Thompson in Elk Creek. This transaction was witnessed by John Vaughn and Shepherd Beals (Which is a clue to relationships with the John Vaughn in Erie County and also to a namesake for Damaris's son Shepherd.)

In 1848, Charles purchased land from Francis and Zeruvah Orvis for \$300. The same day, he sold adjoining land to Berzilla Roberts for \$250. On May 6, 1851, Charles and Elizabeth sold more land to John Thompson. A John Thompson died at the age of 88 on March 27, 1897 in Erie County, PA. A will of Charles or Elizabeth has not been located. Proven children of Charles and Elizabeth are Damaris and Samuel. Other children may possibly include some of those who were baptized. There was a James Vaughn (age 60-70) and a Foley Vaughn (age 40-50) in Springfield, Sangamon

County, IL in 1840, the same place as Alpheus Harmon, whose wife, Hulda, was 30-40.

There was also a Foley Vaughn in Sangamon County, IL in 1840. There was a James Foley Vaughn born March 14, 1828 in Knoxville, Knox, TN. He was living in Keokuk, Lee, IA in 1850 with his wife, Mary J. He was baptized a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at Mt. Carmel, Wabash, IL. He attended the Twin Creek, IL Branch. James could be a son of the Foley in Sangamon. (CEN; LAN; WIL; VAC; PEN; PCJ; CHB; KK; RLDS)

Daniel Vaun/Vaughn

Possibly a son of Charles and Elizabeth. In 1830, Charles had 5 sons of baptismal age: 2 (10-15), 2 (15-20), 1 (20-30). A Daniel Vaughn married Sophia Fitch in 1834 at Trumbull, OH. A Daniel Vaughn accepted as a surety in the estate of John W. Vaughn in OH. (WIL; CEN; VAC)

Joel Vaun/Vaughn

Possibly a son of Charles and Elizabeth, he could be a namesake for the son of John Vaughn and Hulda Johns. Their son, Joel, was born March 7, 1787 in Bennington, VT. John and Hulda were in Elizabethtown, Canada in 1807 with children, Joel and Lucy. If this Joel is the son of Charles and Elizabeth, it would add credence to the fact that the Erie County Charles is the Charles who was in Elizabethtown, CAN, and that he named a son after John's son and a daughter after John's wife, Hulda.

Joel could also be named after Demaris's first husband whose surname was Joles. A Joel on the 1840 Census for Wash County, IL, is found on the same page as a John Vaughn, who could be a brother. A Joel Vaughn married Polly Johnson May 12, 1844 at Cayahoga, OH.

Another Joel was on the 1850 Census in Cuyahoga, OH: Joel, age 28; Polly, 24; Ephraim, 6; Charles, 3; and Eunice, 2. This Joel would have been too young for Zion's Camp. He would have been about eleven at his baptism and twelve at the time of Zion's Camp, which the convert Joel marched with.

Mormon land ownership in MO lists Joel Vaughn, Polly Vaughn, and Nancy C. Vaughn. A Rufus Vaughn married Polly and had a daughter, Nancy, and a son, Orlan. His mother was also named Nancy. In MaCoupin County, IL in 1850, was a 33-year-old Joel, wife Rebecca and children Shelby, Virginia, and James. In Huron Co, OH was a 21-year-old Joel--too young to be the one we are looking for. The 1850 Census of Beaurais, St. Genevieve, MO (bordering IL) has another Joel Vaughn age 40, b. IL; his wife is Mary A. Children are Abner, John, Loisa, George, Francis, Mary, Zacharia and Joel L.--born in IL and MO. This Joel would have been about 23-25 for the Zion's Camp march.

Joel appears to be quite a common "Vaughn" name. The wife of this latter Vaughn, Mary, could be Polly as Polly is an oft-used nickname for Mary. Joel, the member of Zion's Camp, died outside the LDS Church. (VAC; HC; PKO; ZC; CEN; IGI; PEN)

John Vaun/Vaughn

Possibly the son of Charles and Elizabeth, John was in Erie Co. PA in Fairview Twp in 1830. With John was his wife, age 30-40, and two daughters under five. Because John and Olive A. were baptized at the same time, there is a possibility they are husband and wife, however, a marriage of a John married to an Olive has not been located.

In April 1834, when Charles Vaun sold land to John Thompson, John Vaughn was a witness. In 1835, a John W. Vaughn died in OH. Jesse Vaughn was appointed administrator of his estate. Daniel Vaughn and Tillinghast Mowry were accepted as his sureties. John McKinney, Calvin Shepherd and John Nowland were appointed to appraise personal property. If John W. is a son of Charles, his sister named a son Shepherd. There is a Tillinghast Vaughn in OH as well as a Tillinghast Mowry.

There is a John on the 1840 Wash County, IL Census, the same page as Joel. John possibly had a son named John living in Filmore County, MN in 1870, age 23. He was a Methodist clergyman. His wife, Emma, was 18. Living with John and Emma was Samuel, age 51. I believe that this Samuel is the same one as the Samuel on the 1850 and 1860 Erie County Census living with Damaris Francis, which Samuel was a son of Charles and Elizabeth. Samuel was not with Damaris in 1870.

A John Vaughn was married to Harietta Munson November 25, 1833 at Cuyahoga, OH. This John is on the 1850 Census in Pierpont, Mercer, PA. He is 38 and Harrietta is 34. Their children include Freeman, Anna, Orin, Sarah Jane, Elizabeth, Amanda, and James.

There was yet another John Vaughn, age 50, in 1850 living in Ashtabula County, OH. He had a son named Charles, also sons named Albert and Clark. His wife, Mary Ann, was only 36. (VAC; CEN; WIL)

Nancy Vaun/Vaughn

Charles and Elizabeth had two daughters in 1830--ages 5-10. Both would have been old enough to be baptized in 1833. Nancy could be one of them. A Nancy Vaughn married Edward Conklin October 30, 1836 at Cuyahoga, OH. In 1855, an Edward Charles Conklin was born in Waukesha, WI. He is listed on the Ancestral File as an orphan. It is possible that his parents were Edward Conklin and Nancy Vaughn.

On October 6, 1845, Nancy C. Vaughn, child of Rufus S. Vaughn and Polly was blessed by Isaac Morley and James C. Snow in the Adams, IL Branch.

Other possibilities to the identification of Nancy follow: Nancy C. Vaughn, Polly Vaughn and Joel were listed as Mormon land owners in MO. Rufus Vaun was found in Keokuk, Lee, IA in 1850, age 29. His wife was Polly and he had two children, Nancy and Orlan. There was also a Silas Vaughn in Cuyahoga, OH in 1850 with a 21-year-old wife, Nancy, and a baby daughter, Olive. Both are too young to be the Nancy and Olive baptized, however. (AF; VAC; CEN; IGI; NJ; MLO)

Olive A. Vaun/Vaughn

Olive could be another daughter of Charles and Elizabeth, or possibly the wife of John as they were baptized together. (VAC)

Polly Waldo

On the 1830 Census in Conneaut, Erie, PA, there were two Waldo families: Orin Waldo and Calvin

Waldo. In 1840, there was a Ransom Waldo in Conneaut. On the 1850 Census of Elk Creek was Robert Waldo, 58, and his wife, Mary, age 40. Children were Edwin, Genet, S. A., Shubal, Marvin, and Marcus. Polly was often a nickname for Mary. Polly A. Waldo had a land transaction in Erie County in 1881. (VAC; LAN; CEN)

Benjamin Wells

Benjamin Wells was born March 29, 1792 at Westmoreland, PA. The Wells family was quite prominent in Erie County. From county history records, the following information is found: In 1815, Samuel Wells and his sons, Otis, Obed, Franklin, Samuel and Julius came to Erie County, and settled Wellsburg, which is called Lundy's Lane today. The Wells family were Baptists. Benjamin married Eunice Snoddy (probably Soddy/Sawdey). (See John Loddy.) Eunice died in Pennsylvania. Benjamin had another marriage to Hannah Hamilwright. No dates are known.

Benjamin was found in Elk Creek in 1830, age 30-40. In his home are 1 male, 5-10; 1 female, 5-10 and 2 females, 10-15. No females are old enough to be his wife.

Also in 1830 in Erie County are two other Wells families: in Conneaut, David Wells and Jonathan Wells. In Elk Creek there is Franklin Wells.

Benjamin was in Kirtland, OH for work on the temple. He died in Atchinson County, MO. The Ancestral File names the following children: Mary, b. 1821 in Girard, Erie, PA (she married in 1839 in Kirtland to George Washington Snow.); Eunice, b. 1824 in Erie, PA (IGI gives two possible marriages for Eunice--both in Geauga County, OH--January 21, 1838 to Elias Frazier and March 24, 1838 to Charles Wood); and William, b. February 5, 1826 in Erie County, PA (William married Elizabeth Amon in 1843 in Holt County, MO).

A Benjamin J. Wells had a land transaction in Erie County in 1881. (NAU1; VAC; CEN; PKO; HEC; TIB; IGI; AF; LAN)

Dinnis Wells

Possibly a child of Benjamin and Eunice. There was a D. N. Wells in Washington, Erie, PA in 1850--age 45. His wife was J. A., and children were Erastus, Minerva, J. S., H. Clay, Sarah R. and D. P. (VAC; CEN)

Eunice Wells

The wife of Benjamin. She was born about 1796 in PA and died in PA. Her name is given as Eunice Snoddy. There were no Snoddys in Erie County, but there were Soddy and Sawdey families. (See John Loddy) She was baptized at the Matthew's home. Benjamin also had a daughter, Eunice, who became a Mormon. Since on the 1830 Census, there is no woman old enough to be the wife of Benjamin, the baptized Eunice could have been Benjamin's eight-year-old daughter. (See Matthews.) (PKO; VAC; CEN)

Experience Wheeler

Experience was born February 27, 1766 in Cheshirefield, Fairfield, CT, the daughter of Jonathan Alden and Experience Hayward. She married Randall Wheeler and had nine children, Betsy, Howard, Polly, Abigail, "Betsy" Elizabeth (the first Betsy possibly died young), Experience, Randall, Sally, and Fanny.

Her daughter, Abigail, married Benjamin Franklin Spencer and was baptized in Erie County. (See Spencer.) Her daughter Experience married first, Edmund Hobart, second, Erastus Rudd, and third, Joseph Hancock. She was mother of 19 children including 4 sets of twins! (See Rudds; also Phebe Thompson.) Another daughter, Betsy Elizabeth, married Gideon Brownell, not on this baptismal list. They went to Nauvoo and on to UT. Fanny may be Fanny Hall, who was baptized, although there is no information at this point on her spouse. (See Randall Wheeler.) (PKO; AF; JGI; VAC; CHB)

Randil Wheeler

Born April 18, 1758 to Ephraim Wheeler and Hannah in Greenwich, MA or Hartford, CT. He was a twin. He was on the 1830 Census of Springfield, Erie, PA, age 70-80.

Randall applied for a pension November 7, 1832, aged 74 years, as a resident of Springfield. He said he was enlisted in Greenwich, Hampshire, MA on December 10, 1775, for 6 weeks in the militia under Captain

Elijah Dwight. In September 1776, he enlisted and served three months under Captain Benjamin Bowney Colonel Samuel Brewer; in May 1777, he served two months under Captain John Thompson; in September of 1777, he served one month under Captain Wilson and Colonel Elisha Porter; in October 1778, he served five months; and he served again for one month in July of 1779. Since the war he had resided in Cheshire County, NH; Littleton, Grafton, NH; Coos County, NH; Madison County, NY; then in 1826, moved to Erie County, PA.

In 1790, he was on the census of Cheshire County, NH, with one male over 16; one male under 16 and 4 females in the family. Early residents of Erie County included James and Silas Wheeler who were possible brothers of Randall. Many Wheelers were buried in Erie County cemeteries. (See Experience.) In 1840, there was a Randall Wheeler and an Ephraim Wheeler in Caldonia, VT. Randall Wheeler and Experience are direct ancestors of this author. (VAC; CEN; PEN; DAR; CEM; CHB)

Benjamin Wilcox

The 1830 Census of Elk Creek, Erie, PA lists Benjamin Wilcox. Benjamin was baptized at a later time than his wife Mary, at the same time as the Harmons. *History of Erie Co.* indicates that Robert and Deborah Brown Wilcox had 7 children. Among those living in 1884 were Nathaniel and Robert. A widow later married Benjamin Wilcox and had Benjamin, Sarah, (wife of John Rockwell), and Susan.

Benjamin and Mary Wilcox sold some property in 1837 and may have gone to Kirtland or Nauvoo. It appears that the Mary baptized was the wife of Benjamin. In 1840, Benjamin Wilcox was in Streetsboro, Portage, OH. Benjamin was shown as a High Priest in the Upper Keg Creek Branch, IA. In 1848, Benjamin Wilcox was Captain of 10 in the first company, third division of Willard Richards's Company to UT. (JH; VAC; HEC; LAN; CEN; PHP; FFU)

Mary Wilcox

Wife of Benjamin Wilcox. In 1837, she sold property in Erie County in conjunction with Benjamin. (See Benjamin Wilcox.) (VAC; LAN; FFU)

Alonzo Winchester

Identity unknown. A member of Zion's Camp. He died in MO. (VAC; PKO)

Benjamin Winchester

Born August 6, 1818 at Elk Creek, Erie, PA, the son of Stephen Winchester and Nancy Case. He was the youngest member of Zion's Camp, at age sixteen. He was a resident of Kirtland from 1833-1837. received his Elder's license April 14, 1836, and signed as a witness of the Kirtland Safety Society. He served a mission to the Eastern states in 1837, reporting on his missionary labors at the conference of October 8, 1837 held at West Twp, Columbiana, OH. He had labored with his companion, Jedediah M. Grant, and baptized twelve.

He moved to Caldwell County, MO in 1837. He was the first missionary in Philadelphia, serving with Jedediah M. Grant and Joshua Grant from June-October 1837. He served a mission to PA, MD, and OH from January-May 1838. Between August 1839 and February 1840, multitudes were baptized into the Church in Philadelphia and in the regions round about, under the direction of Benjamin Winchester. He was the presiding Elder of the Church for Conference held April 6, 1840. At the conference held October 17, 1840, there were 896 members present.

Benjamin Winchester was authorized by the Church to publish *The Gospel Reflector* and he published twelve bi-monthly issues from January-June 1841. He was elected Stake President in Philadelphia at the Conference on April 6, 1841. He served as a missionary to Salem, MA in August 1841, but was released in December 1841 due to asthma aggravated by cold, and debts that necessitated employment. In January 1842, he was again preaching in Philadelphia.

Benjamin lived in Nauvoo as a member of the Third Ward. Other Winchesters listed as members of the same ward include: Alexander C., Mary H. M., Nancy, Nancy M., Stephen, Jr., and Stephen, Sr. Benjamin signed the scroll petition for redress of the treatment of the Saints in MO. On May 14, 1842, Benjamin was reprimanded for not following counsel. On May 22, 1843, charges were brought against Benjamin Winchester for improper conduct, slandering Saints, and rejecting

counsel. He was disfellowshipped at this time. In August 1844, Benjamin refused to vote to sustain the Twelve. He and his wife were "cut off" from Church.

In April 1845, Sidney Rigdon organized a church called the Church of Christ. Benjamin Winchester was one of the Quorum of his twelve apostles. This organization had disintegrated by 1847. Benjamin Winchester investigated charges made by Hurlbut that the *Book of Mormon* was taken from the Spaulding manuscript. He then wrote the pamphlet, *The Origin of the Spaulding Story*. Later, he apostatized and circulated false stories about the Mormons. He wrote an anti-Mormon pamphlet that is even in use today, *Primitive Mormonism*. He migrated to UT and settled at Salt Lake City where he lived until his death in 1901. (PKO; HC; NAU1; COR; KEQ; MRP; MMH; ZC; VAC)

Daniel Winchester

Daniel is listed in the 1820 and 1830 Census Erie Co, PA at Elk Creek. *The History of Erie Co. Pa Vol II* (1884) records that Daniel Winchester, one of the first settlers of Elk Creek and a native of VT was the father of Susan M., b. November 26, 1822, who md. Isaac Powell, a son of James Powell. Daniel was married to Pylrena. (She gives her name as Paulina in her own will, but signed as Pylrena.) Pylrena named a stepson, James Winchester, in her will which suggests that she was not the first wife of Daniel. Other children named in her will include: Charles, Susan, Edward, Emeline, George, Mary Ann, Daniel Webster, and George. She also named a granddaughter, Ellen.

Daniel Winchester was buying and selling property in Elk Creek, Erie, PA as late as 1870. He owned the Black Horse Inn in Pleasant Valley in the township. Daniel died September 6, 1878 at Elk Creek. He was buried in the Hope Cemetery at Girard. (VAC; CEN; WIL; HEC; CEM; CEN)

Nancy Winchester

Born May 21, 1795 at Argyle, Washington, NY, a daughter of Alexander Case and Susan Rogers. She received her patriarchal blessing on May 16, 1844 along with her husband, Stephen Winchester. She is the mother of Benjamin Winchester and possibly some of the other Winchesters who were baptized. She did baptisms for

the dead in Nauvoo and was baptized for an aunt and uncle, James and Betsy Allen. She was baptized for Margaret Dorman and the relationship was listed as "Aunt." Nancy was among several Winchesters who were members of Nauvoo Third Ward in 1843. Others include: Alexander C. Winchester, Benjamin, Mary H. M., Nancy M., Stephen, Jr., and Stephen, Sr.

Nancy signed the scroll petition for redress for the Saints who were expelled from Missouri. She died in Murray, Salt Lake, UT on November 21, 1878. She was on the 1860 Census of Salt Lake in the 17th Ward, age 65, with her husband, Stephen, and daughter Nancy Mariah. (VAC; CEN; AF; PAT; NBD; MRP; NJ)

Stephen Winchester

Born May 8, 1795, the son of Benjamin Winchester and Bethia Benjamin. Stephen married Nancy Case. A sister, Sally, married Asel Hurlbut. Samuel was on the 1820 and 1830 Census of Erie County.

Stephen was ordained a teacher in the Aaronic priesthood by John F. Boynton on March 21, 1833 at the organization of the Elk Creek Branch of Saints and was charged to "watch over the Church at Elk Creek." He hosted a meeting for Orson Pratt and Lyman Johnson to "give the church some instruction" on December 1, 1833 at Elk Creek. He was a member of the First Quorum of Seventy. He was the father of Benjamin Winchester, and marched in Zion's Camp (as Lupton Winchester) with his son, Benjamin. His daughter, Nancy Mariah Winchester, married first, Joseph Smith and second, Heber C. Kimball.

Stephen was baptized by proxy for his father, Benjamin, and cousins, Lucy Chapman, Hyde, Asa and Timothy Freeman. Mormon land ownership in MO lists Stephen, Sr, wife Nancy Case, daughter, Nancy Mariah, Alexander, James, and Stephen, Jr. At Payson, Adams, IL, Stephen Winchester presented the following bill of losses for redress:

A bill of losses and damages sustained by the late outrage in the state of MO by the order of Governor Boggs. To time and expense in moving to MO \$250; 40 acres of land in Far West \$400 with 40 acres improvements and 6 acres wheat \$600; corn, hogs, other property \$100; one cow and two calves \$35; Time and expense of moving to IL \$150.

He received his patriarchal blessing May 16, 1844 in conjunction with his wife, Nancy Case Winchester. Stephen and Nancy were on the list of members of the Nauvoo Third Ward in 1843 along with other members of their family including Alexander C., Benjamin, Mary H., M., Nancy M., and Stephen, Jr. James W. Winchester, son of Stephen and Nancy crossed the plains in Howard Egan's Independent Company in 1849. Also included on the list with James were Maria, Mary, and Stephen Jr., children of Stephen and Nancy, along with his parents, Stephen and Nancy.

Stephen was found on the 1860 Census of The Salt Lake 17th Ward, age 65 with real estate worth \$1300 and personal estate \$1000, and his occupation as a farmer. Stephen resided in the Salt Lake 19th Ward in 1855 and 1856. In 1858 and 1859 he was found in the 17th Ward records. Stephen's obituary from the *Deseret News* reads:

At his residence in the 17th Ward, Jan 1, 1873 at 9 p.m., of inflammation of the lungs, STEPHEN WINCHESTER, in his 78th year. Deceased was born in Vershire, Orange, VT, 8 May 1797 and was the son of Benjamin and Bethia (Benjamins) Winchester. He was baptized into the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1833, and moved to Kirtland, OH, the same year. Was captain of a company in Zion's Camp in 1834. Was ordained an Elder soon after his baptism. He shared the persecutions of, and was driven with the church from the States of Missouri in 1838-9 and Illinois in 1846. He remained at Winter Quarters until the spring of 1849 and reached Salt Lake City in Aug of the same year where he remained up to the time of his death. He was a man of strong constitution, of quiet, persevering, and industrious habits; of excellent character; of firm and unwavering faith, and a kind husband and father. (JHC; MRP; SLC; HC; NAU1; MHA; PKO; ZC; CEN; DN; PAT; NJ; RVJ)

Alvira Winegar

Born February 27, 1818 at Germantown, Chenango, NY or Homer, Cortland, NY, the daughter of Samuel T. Winegar and Rhoda Cummins. She is also found on some records as Elvira or Almira. Her siblings were Alvin, John, Stephen, Sarah, Ann, and Samuel.

Almira (Alvira) married William Stoker and had a large family. They lived in MO; Adams Co., IL; Nauvoo, IL; Mt. Pisgah, IA; Council Bluffs, IA; and Palmyra, UT. William Stoker, Almira Stoker, Samuel D. Stoker, and another William Stoker signed the scroll petition.

Alvira's brother, Alvin, was not on the list of Erie converts, but he was baptized and he marched in Zion's Camp. Andrew Jenson's 1889 list of children with Zion's Camp shows "a daughter of Alvin Winegar." Alvin was born in 1816 in Chenango Co., NY. He married Mary Judd. He is found in the Salt Lake 16th Ward in 1854 and 1859. (VAC; WFR; ZC; AF; MRP; RVJ)

John Winegar

Born March 2, 1823 at Germantown, Chenango, NY, the son of Samuel T. Winegar and Rhoda Cummins. He died March 30, 1888. *Pioneers and Prominent Men of Utah* lists a John Winegar, b. in MO. He is the nephew of this John, the son of John's brother, Alvin and Mary Judd. A John Winegar is listed as born March 2, 1820 at Sempronious, Cayuga, NY and married to an Elizabeth Smith on May 16, 1847. He moved to PA with his parents (unnamed) and then to Henry County, IN in 1830. (If these two Johns are the same, the IN date is questionable.)

This latter John joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was mobbed and driven from MO. He then moved to Pottawattamie County, IA and Cheyenne County, KS, settling there in 1886. He was baptized a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on May 18, 1862 at Macedonia, Pottawattamie, IA by Charles Derry. He belonged to the North Star, IA RLDS Branch. (NAU1; VAC; WFR; AF; RLDS)

Rhoda Winegar

Rhoda Winegar was the first person baptized by John F. Boynton, according to his records. She was baptized January 20, 1833. Her husband, Samuel T., was baptized the following day. Rhoda was born November 20, 1784 at Willington, Tolland, CT. She was baptized in Nauvoo as proxy for her deceased parents, John and Sarah Cummins. Rhoda and Samuel's children were

Alvin, Elvira (Almira\Alvira), John, Stephen, Sarah, Ann, and Samuel.

Mormon land ownership in MO identifies Rhoda as the wife of Samuel T. Winegar with children Susan Ann and Stephen.

A Mary Winegar was baptized for her grandparents, Robert and Sarah Shepherd, also an uncle, John Shepherd. This Mary is probably Mary Judd, the wife of Rhoda's son, Alvin. (See Almira Winegar.) (VAC; AF; WFR; NAU1; MRP; NBD)

Samuel T. Winegar

Born December 7, 1782 at Amenia, Dutchess, NY to Samuel Winegar and Susannah Thomas. His full name was Samuel Thomas Winegar. Siblings included Aseneth Winegar and Jeremiah Winegar. Aseneth could possibly be the Aseneth Baldwin who was baptized. In Nauvoo, Samuel was baptized for his father, Samuel Winegar. (See Rhoda.) Samuel and Alvin signed a petition in OH. Samuel marched in Zion's Camp. Samuel and Rhoda went to MO and were forced from their home in October 1838. Samuel T. Winegar filed the following redress petition: "State of MO to Samuel T. Winegar during Oct 1838: To 80 acres of land and improvements on the same; To damage done to 10 ton of hay; to one wagon; to one acre turnips; to one cow; to one ox yoke; to loss of time 6 months." Samuel signed his name with an "X" on the petition.

Two of his children, Stephen and Alvin, came to UT in 1848. It is not known when Samuel came--according to Thomas Bullock's Zion's Camp roll, Samuel became a WI apostate. Samuel died June 12, 1874 and is said to be buried in Pleasant Grove, UT, so we know he came to UT.

Samuel's daughter Sarah married John Smith in Adams County, IL. His son Alvin married Mary Judd and had a large family. A picture of Alvin is in *Pioneers and Prominent Men of Utah*.

Another son, Stephen, worked in Parley's Canyon in Salt Lake cutting and hauling stone to build the Salt Lake Temple. Stephen and his four sons, George, Willis, Leonard, and John, were the first settlers on Egin Bench in Fremont County, ID. His other children were Louisa, Gideon, Elnora, and Thomas. They came in July

1879. Stephen built the first home on the Bench in 1880. A branch of the Cache Stake of the Latter-day Saint Church was organized at Egin on November 28, 1881 at a meeting held at the home of Stephen Winegar. There were twelve members present. (VAC; PKO; NAU1; HC; MRP; TBZC; MSS; ZC; WFR; AF)

Lucien Woodworth

He befriended Elders John F. Boynton and Zebedee Coltrin when they were on their missions in November 1832. There were two Woodworth families in Springfield in 1830, Robert P. and Eleazor Woodworth.

On June 5, 1841, the Prophet Joseph Smith was arrested by Sheriff Thomas King of Adams County. Joseph went with him to Quincy, then back to Joseph's home in Nauvoo. On Monday the seventh, Joseph and Sheriff King started for Monmouth, Warren County, where the court was to be held. As they went, many of the Prophet's friends accompanied him, including Lucien Woodworth.

The 1842 Nauvoo Census shows Lucien in the Fourth Civil Ward with Phebe, Flora Anne, Mary C., and John.

Heber C. Kimball records in his diary of meeting with the "Council," which included at various times Brigham Young, Willard Richards, George A. Smith, Parley P. Pratt, George Miller, William Phelps, Orson Spencer, Newel K. Whitney, Cornelius Lott, Wilford Woodruff, John Taylor, William Major, Orson Hyde, William Clayton, and Lucien Woodworth. Lucien is mentioned as one of the High Priests on some of these occasions. On most of these occasions the men joined in a prayer circle. Other times, Lucien was assisting others in preparing the rooms to be used for the endowment. Specific dates where Lucien is mentioned are November 13, 16, 17, 21, 24, 29, December 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. (Those men and women, including Lucien and Phebe, who met in the temple on December 7, 1845 were those who were members of the "Holy Order of the Holy Priesthood," having received it during the lifetime of the Prophet Joseph Smith, according to the Heber C. Kimball.)

Lucien was a member of the Nauvoo Temple Committee, who attended the dedication of the attic story of the temple on November 30, 1845. Others who attended, besides the temple committee were members of the Quorum of the Twelve, the two Presiding Bishops, Church Patriarch, and the Presidents of the Seventies

Quorum. On December 10, 1845, at 4:25 p.m., Brigham Young and Heber C. Kimball began administering the ordinances of the endowment in the Nauvoo Temple. Among those receiving their endowments that first evening were Lucien Woodworth and his wife Phebe.

Lucien is shown as one of the High Priests in the Pointe-aux-Poules Branch of the Church, found at Trader's Point on the east side of the MO River. Lucien Woodworth was on the Pottawattamie County, IA census in 1850. He was later listed on the Utah county, UT Census. It is possible that both are the same because it took nearly two years to complete the 1850 census in UT. (VAC; CEN; HC4; HC7; NAU1; PHP; HCK)

Eliza Wright

A patriarchal blessing given to an Eliza Wright on July 21, 1846 gives a birthdate of May 16, 1826. Is this our Eliza? Is she the wife of Asa Wright in MO? She is listed only as Sister Wright. An Eliza M. Wright had a land transaction in Erie County in 1866, and an Eliza Wright is in Hancock, IL in 1850.

An Eliza Wright became the second wife of Isaac Hill, being married in Geauga County, OH on July 7, 1836 by Joseph Smith, Jr. Isaac Hill was born September 28, 1806 at Brighton, Beaver, PA and died June 25, 1879 at Fish Haven, Bear Lake, ID. (VAC; PAT; MLO; PKO)

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