

CHAPTER III

*His magic was not far to seek,—
He was so human! —Lowell.*

James Middleton, 1804-1870, the first child of John Middleton and Elizabeth Downing-Middleton was born in Sussex County, Delaware, on Mar. 12, 1804, and was brought overland by his parents to Franklin County, Ohio, in the spring of 1805. He grew to manhood on the present site of Columbus, Ohio, spending his boyhood days in the endless variety of ways of a routine pioneer life. When twenty-five years old he was one of the three children who came to Elkhart County, Indiana, in the spring of 1829 to put in the crops. With meager education and the handicap of near-sightedness, he managed to learn to read and became the most avid reader of the family. In fact, it is said of him in later years that he would read and let his crops grow unattended. He was one of the older Middleton boys who teamed from Fort Dearborn (Chicago) to Fort Detroit. On Sept. 14, 1845, when forty-one years old, he was married by Alonzo Gilbert, Justice of the Peace of Elkhart County, to Elizabeth Hissong, age twenty-three, daughter of Jacob Hissong^{of Pa.}, an old pioneer settler. Elizabeth was born July 26, 1822^{in Pa.} and died June 18, 1903. The marriage was just after his mother's death and prior to his father's death. It was James who settled up the Middleton estate. He was slow and deliberate in business.

James Middleton died Mar. 5, 1870, and is buried south of Knox, Ind.
Issue:

- I. Anna Middleton b. Apr. 26, 1846, d. Apr. 16, 1849.
- II. John Middleton b. May 16, 1848, d. Mar. 17, 1865.
- III. Sarah Middleton b. Jan. 18, 1851, d. June 6, 1893, of cancer; married John Clippinger b. May 7, 1830, son of Henry Clippinger and Mary Lamb, d. Nov. 15, 1895, at 7 P. M. of heart attack. Ex-soldier and farmer.

Issue:

- A. Emma Grace Clippinger b. Sept. 3, 1866, d. Jan. 7, 1928, at 6 A. M. Buried at Sugar Grove, Elkhart, Ind. Married May 1, 1887, to William H. Shriner b. Mar. 5, 1865, son of Henry Shriner and Sarah Brumbaugh. Farmer; now general employee in a laboratory.

Issue:

1. Infant died at birth.

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2. Nina C. Shriner b. Aug. 30, 1880, d. Mar. 22, 1920, married Feb. 11, 1911, to Clemmond Greenwalt, teamster. No issue.

3. Infant b. June 2, 1891, d. same day.

4. Harry C. Shriner b. Aug. 18, 1892, d. Aug. 31, 1894. Buried Sugar Grove.

5. Ethel C. Shriner b. Oct. 29, 1894, married June 6, 1914, to Ammon Frederick Runkle, b. June 14, 1891, son of Cyrus Runkle and Mariah Heestand. Occupation, industrial management. Address, 1568 So. Main, Elkhart, Ind. Issue:

a. Dollie Laurretta b. June 18, 1915, m. Oct. 10, 1930, to Walter Marquardt. Lives at home.

b. Le Roy William b. Mar. 30, 1917. Student.

6. Goldie C. Shriner b. May 16, 1903, m. Dec. 30, 1922, to Russell Logan Sanderson. Occupation, printer. Address, 1717 Elizabeth, Elkhart, Ind.

Issue:

a. Robert Russell b. May 8, 1924.

b. Richard Kenneth b. May 21, 1925.

c. Dorothy Phyllis b. Apr. 1, 1927.

B. Laura May Clippinger b. Feb. 22, 1867, d. Feb. 29, 1874.

C. Mary Alice Clippinger b. Sept. 1, 1869, d. Sept. 3, 1869.

D. Jennie Marie Clippinger b. Aug. 28, 1872, m. to James Shriner b. June 12, 1867.

Issue:

1. Rosetta, m. Martin J. Harris, 834 Hubbard Ave., Elkhart, Ind.

2. Pearl, m. Carl Owen. Address, Cassopolis, Mich.

3. Laura, d. when seven months old.

IV. Mary Middleton, m. James Huckins; Bert, Alonzo, George, Clarence, and 2 daughters. *Baker, Washington. See p. 26.*

V. Jacob Middleton b. July 4, 1855, m. Jan. 12, 1884, to Eliza Logan, and had Lulu who m. Arthur Johnson and has 3 children. Elkhart, Ind.

VI. William Downing Middleton b. Apr. 5, 1858, m. June 21, 1882, to Sarah Ellen James b. Oct. 7, 1860, dau. of John James and Elizabeth Osborn. William was a small boy when his father died and was reared by his uncle, Wesley Middleton. Foundry foreman. 711 E. Third, Mishawaka, Ind.

Issue:

A. Arthur b. Dec. 29, 1883, m. Sept. 8, 1909, to Pearl Amelia Collar of Lafayette, Ind. Graduate of Purdue University. Mechanical Engineer. 1206 Altgeld, South Bend, Ind.

Issue:

1. Florence b. July 30, 1912.
 2. Roger b. Feb. 20, 1916.
- B. Clarence b. Nov. 14, 1884, m. May 27, 1912, to Laura Peters.
No Issue. *Mary Ann and Clarence*
- C. Howard b. Feb. 7, 1887, m. Aug. 1912, to Gertrude Curtis, d. June 29, 1931. Metal pattern foreman. R. 5, Canton, Ohio.

Issue:

1. Howard b. July 5, 1917.
 2. Thomas b. June 20, 1919.
 3. Francis Ellen b. Aug. 20, 1923.
 4. Myrna Marie b. Dec. 21, 1930.
- D. Ray b. Dec. 19, 1889, d. Oct. 4, 1893.
- E. Ethel b. Oct. 25, 1890, m. Mar. 5, 1919, to Preston Zeller, son of Richard Zeller. Clerk. Mishawaka, Ind.

Issue:

1. Wayne b. Apr. 19, 1921.
 2. Richard b. Dec. 21, 1922.
 3. Elwin Homer b. Sept. 18, 1924.
- F. Iva b. Nov. 7, 1894. Lives at home.
- G. William b. Nov. 18, 1896, m. Oct. 26, 1927, to Mary Mangus, dau. of Dayton Mangus. Vocational Director, High School. 324 Indiana Ave., Mishawaka, Ind. No Issue. *Lois Jean*
- H. Dorothy b. July 3, 1901. Graduate Hanover College. Y. W. C. A. secretary. 2230 Witheral, Detroit, Mich.

- VII. Lovina Middleton b. July 18, 1860, d. May 13, 1900, m. Jan. 6, 1878, to Adam Tavernier b. Oct. 9, 1857, d. May 15, 1932, son of Deeter Tavernier.

Issue:

- A. Warren Tavernier b. Oct. 30, 1879, m. Mar. 30, 1901, to Emma Myers b. Mar. 3, 1880. Address, Westfield, N. J.

Issue:

1. Eva Beulah b. Jan. 3, 1903, m. Aug. 11, 1923, to Glenn Hess b. Mar. 9, 1897. No issue.
- B. Rosetta Tavernier b. July 25, 1882, m. Oct. 15, 1898, to Warren Livengoods b. Nov. 11, 1880. Elkhart, Ind.

Issue:

1. Marie b. Mar. 8, 1899, m. June 18, 1916, to Clinton Strauser.

Issue:

- a. Thelma Marie b. Mar. 31, 1917.
 - b. Helen Rosa b. Feb. 16, 1920.
2. Bertha b. Jan. 28, 1901, m. May 4, 1919, to Frank W. Long.

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Issue:

- a. Frances Almeda b. Apr. 5, 1920, d. at birth.
- b. Warren William b. Oct. 25, 1921, d. at birth.
- 3. Ernest Edward b. Aug. 9, 1915.
- 4. Florence Lovina b. Dec. 20, 1920.
- C. Walter Tavernier b. Nov. 9, 1884, m. Jan. 1, 1908, to Aradelle Clink. Fireman. Elkhart, Ind.

Issue:

- 1. Robert Walter b. Feb. 13, 1913.
- D. Infant son b. Mar. 1, 1889, d. Mar. 13, 1889.

- VIII. Ozias S. Middleton b. Nov. 7, 1863, near Dunlap, Ind., d. Aug. 4, 1891, at his home in Dunlap. Married Dec. 25, 1887, by Joseph S. Kulp to Juanetta Iva Jones b. Apr. 15, 1864. Remarriage of Iva to Thomas Coy Nov. 20, 1897. Address, Syracuse, Ind., R. 4.

Issue:

- A. Floyd Earl b. Nov. 1, 1888, m. Jan. 31, 1923, to Lillian Colter of Millersburg, Ind., b. Sept. 7, 1903.

Issue:

- 1. Ramona Jene b. May 15, 1927.

- IX. Homer Middleton b. Dec. 19, 1866, d. Oct. 2, 1867.

- IV. Mary E. Middleton b. Apr. 12, 1854 d. Sept. 10, 1919, buried Pateros, Washington; m. 1870 James Hawkins b. Oct. 18, 1844 d. July 13, 1909

Issue:

- A. Burton B. Hawkins b. Mar. 10, 1872 m. 1894 Phoebe Burns. Baker, Oregon
- B. Fannie b. Apr. 24, 1875 d. May 17, 1918 m. Mar. 23, 1890 James McNicholl
- C. George b. June 23, 1877 m. (1) 1899 Ethel Heard m. (2) 1911 Mary Holt. Monse, Wash.
- D. Daisy b. Sept. 25, 1879 m. 1895 Robert Dougharity. Baker, Ore.
- E. Cora b. Oct. 21, 1882 d. Apr. 1898
- F. Mabel b. Jan. 15, 1884 m. July 4, 1901 George Necomb
- G. Alice b. Nov. 13, 1886 d.
- H. Clarence b. Mar. 10, 1888 m. Sept. 2, 1914 Harriet Wancout. Pateros, Wash.
- I. Alonzo B. b. July 28, 1893 m. July 3, 1919 Nellie Taylor. Pateros, Wash.

CHAPTER IV

*"Those about her, from her
shall read the perfect ways of honor."*

Mary Middleton, 1805—1890, first and eldest daughter of John Middleton and Elizabeth Downing-Middleton, was born Oct. 25, 1805, in Franklin County, Ohio. Joyous was her childhood learning household duties under the painstaking training of a wonderful pioneer mother, and helping to care for her younger brothers and sisters. She learned early the spirit of sacrifice and charity in those trying times. Her hair was shiny black. In Franklin County, Ohio, Mar. 16, 1827, she was married to Ozias Stotts, born Mar. 20, 1804, in Sandusky County, Ohio, son of Uriah and Elizabeth Stotts. The name Stotts is Scotch. The ancestor, Abraham Stotts, born in Scotland, came to the United States when a young man to Maryland. They were charter members of the Sugar Grove United Brethren Church, Elkhart County, Indiana. The Stotts were a proud people.

After the birth of their first child they migrated with the Middletons and Downings to Elkhart County, Indiana, in February of 1830. They drove an oxen team and shared all the hardships and pleasures of the entire trip. They settled in Jefferson Township, Elkhart, Ind., on thickly timbered land that they entered from the government in 1829. This land was one-half mile east and one-half mile north of what is now Sugar Grove Church and Graveyard. There they built their home and by hard work began to make a farm. In clearing land enough to provide the necessities of life for the family they found the black walnut trees so large that they had to be cut in about twelve feet lengths and it took two good yoke of cattle to square them around in log heaps to burn. There were many rod of rail fence on this farm; four-fifths of the rails, bar-posts, and gate-posts were split from black walnut timber. The barn was of the finest yellow poplar.

Uncle Ozias Stotts voted the first time in 1837, one among thirteen other voters. He was one of the most beloved uncles of the younger generation of nieces and nephews, for he always saw the gay side of life, was most cheerful, and was a great entertainer in music, story and song. He played a fiddle and was considered comical by his nephews. Many were named for him. His fancy was fine horses and we find him keeping a stallion and attending races for he always kept a horse on the track. One of his favorite riders was Old Bally, a white horse. He also rode Old George, a bay stallion. His main topic of conversation was always

his horses. A friendly disposition and a love for visiting often kept him away from home, which was very trying for his wife. It always took him two days to go to the nearest mill. He would start out with his grain in the morning, but because he stopped to visit with every one he met on the road he would not reach his destination until evening. The rest of the day would be spent talking and joking with the miller and his friends. The next morning, after having his grain ground, he would start the homeward journey, only to stop for a visit again with anyone he met on the road. By nightfall of the second day he usually was within sight of home.

In the springtime he boiled maple syrup out in the woods and the constant vigilance over the fire and syrup made the hours lonely so he always liked to have his nephews come over in sugar making time to keep him company. On these occasions he fed them taffy and sugar, and entertained them with stories of his early teaming days. He had a great imagination and one of the favorite stories he told, was, that once he saw a white man shoot a squirrel and a squaw ran and picked it up before the man reached it, so he shot her. The Indians madly surrounded the man and skinned him alive. Uncle Ozias Stotts always swore that he actually saw that happen. His nephews declared he was the best man alive.

Ozias Stotts was stricken with paralysis and lay in bed a year from the stroke before he died Apr. 23, 1879.

Aunt Mary Stotts became accustomed to the many handships of her young married days by working in the fields and even chopping rails for fences. Many times she carried two pails of water and her baby two miles through the woods, sometimes meeting two or three Indians or finding one or two in the hut when she returned home. The greatest thrill of her pioneer life was an encounter with a panther. One day when nearing her hut she heard a noise, and looking up on the limb of a tree, she saw a large panther ready to spring. She screamed and her husband, working near, heard her and came and killed the cat. It measured five feet, two inches from tip to tip and the pelt was kept in the family many years. Field and household work was lightened when their first well for drinking water was dug. She inherited her father's large black walnut and maple wooded land.

Aunt Mary survived her husband several years and evidently was very trustful or had poor advice for the two hundred seventy-three acres of land he left was soon disposed of. In later years she made her home with her sisters, Aunt Libby Mitchel and Aunt Jane Lake, but spent some of her time visiting other relatives. On these visits she helped her grandchildren play hide-and-seek by letting them hide under the folds of her great apron which she always wore. She also wore a large, black Dunkard bonnet over a white net cap. When she was in the house the black bonnet was removed, but the white net cap remained.

Cataracts on her eyes blinded Aunt Mary several years before her death. Up until this time she was a beautiful sewer. One of her nightcaps was given to Aunt Libby Mitchel, who gave it to Edith H. Delcamp-Groll of Elkhart, Ind.

The death of Aunt Mary occurred in 1890 at the home of Aunt Jane Lake. She is buried beside her husband and minor children in Sugar Grove Cemetery, Elkhart County, Elkhart, Ind.

Issue:

- I. Uriah Stotts b. Franklin County, Ohio, June 27, 1828, d. Feb. 12, 1891. Buried at Sugar Grove. Married by Peter Diddy, Assoc. Judge on June 27, 1848, to Hannah Brownson b. Oct. 31, 1831, in Erie, Penn. Came to Elkhart County 1838 with her parents. Died Jan. 8, 1878. Buried Sugar Grove.

Issue:

- A. Manda M. b. Aug. 26, 1854, d. same day.
- B. Ozias B. b. Mar. 26, 1858, d. next day.
- C. William S. b. Mar. 10, 1859, d. next day.
- D. Pheoba Ann b. Sept. 20, 1860, m. Aug. 30, 1876, at Goshen, Ind., to John Delcamp b. Sept. 10, 1854. She died July 24, 1893, and is buried beside her children in Oak Ridge Cem. at Goshen, Ind.

Issue:

1. Clarrie Leona b. Sept. 26, 1877, d. May 1, 1878.
2. Mabel C. b. Mar. 14, 1879, m. Dec. 31, 1900, to Otto J. Rambo b. Feb. 12, 1878. Landscape gardener, 62 Sevoir, Battle Creek, Mich.

Issue:

- a. Arthur A. b. Nov. 11, 1901, m. Aug. 8, 1925, to Maybelle Favorite b. May 12, 1908. 343 Hunter, Battle Creek, Mich.

Issue:

- (1). Betty Lou b. May 21, 1927.
- b. Harry T. b. Nov. 8, 1904, m. Apr. 29, 1924, to Hazel Kemerling b. Mar. 12, 1900. South Bend, Ind.
- c. William b. Apr. 29, 1908, m. to Marie Moon b. Oct. 4, 1911.

Issue:

- (1). David b. June 9, 1928.
3. Edith H. b. Jan. 30, 1881, m. Apr. 23, 1916, to Capt. August C. Groll of Elkhart, b. Sept. 30, 1872, son of John Conrad Groll and Margaret Elizabeth Tauer (pronounced Tower). 325 Park Ave., Elkhart, Ind. No issue.
4. Maude B. b. May 19, 1883, d. June 4, 1897.
5. Minnie b. Oct. 1885, d. Sept. 1886.
6. Hazel D. b. May 5, 1889, d. Jan. 17, 1914.
7. Franka May b. Apr. 14, 1892, m. Dec. 31, 1910, to Floyd L. Thornton, b. Nov. 5, 1890, son of Millard Thornton and Emma Dayton. 111 Cherry, Battle Creek, Mich.

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Issue:

- a. Millard Anthony b. Mar. 14, 1913. Student Morris Pratt Academy, Whitewater, Wis.
- b. Floyd Arthur b. June 8, 1915. Student.
- 8. Bessie b. July 6, 1893, d. July 17, 1893.
- E. Martha J. b. June 28, 1862, m. Jan. 22, 1885, to Horato A. Hess b. Aug. 14, 1863, d. June 19, 1914, buried Cando Cem., North Dakota. She lives at Goshen, Ind.

Issue:

- 1. Pearl E. b. Apr. 21, 1886, m. Nov. 27, 1913, in Cando, No. Dak., to Carl E. Olson. She died Nov. 28, 1918. Buried beside father. No issue.
- F. John Uriah b. Feb. 5, 1864, m. Feb. 12, 1888, at Solomon Creek to Jennie Berdelle Juday b. Feb. 4, 1871, d. Oct. 6, 1906. He was paralyzed for twenty-eight years but during this time attended all Middleton-Downing reunions and worked constantly on family history. He died Dec. 6, 1928.

Issue:

- 1. Beulah R. b. May 27, 1889, m. May 18, 1906, in Goshen to Curtis Bennett b. June 30, 1887. She died May 12, 1912; buried Oak Ridge Cem., Goshen.

Issue:

- a. Othelo Vernon b. May 20, 1906. Kalamazoo, Mich, R. 1.
- b. Thelma b. Sept. 7, 1907, m. Bernard Snyder, 329½ W. 68th, Los Angeles, Calif.
- c. Helen b. Mar. 23, 1911. 120 E. Clinton, Goshen, Ind.
- 2. Frank M. b. May 14, 1891, d. Aug. 22, 1891.
- G. Mora C. b. May 28, 1867, m. Jan. 1889, to Lavine Cripe b. Aug. 18, 1871, d. Feb. 1, 1909; buried Oak Ridge Cem., Goshen. He now owns and lives on the farm of his brother, John Uriah Stotts. Goshen, Ind., R. 3.

Issue:

- 1. Gertrude b. Feb. 13, 1891, d. same day.
- 2. Ray b. Mar. 24, 1895, m. June 15, 1922, to Helen Quinn in Goshen, b. Aug. 28, 1897. 1018 So. 7th St., Goshen, Ind.

Issue:

- a. William b. July 4, 1929.
- b. Philip b. June 23, 1930.
- 3. Thelma b. Dec. 2, 1903, d. Dec. 9, 1903.
- 4. Infant b. Feb. 1, 1909, d. same day.
- On Sept. 3, 1911, Mora C. Stotts married Anna Allgier b. Sept. 28, 1878, dau. of John and Mary Allgier.

Issue:

5. Mary Foster b. Apr. 2, 1918.
- H. Frank W. b. Apr. 26, 1869, d. Feb. 13, 1930, m. Aug. 7, 1902, to Ida Galoway in Logansport, Ind., b. Nov. 12, 1875. 1507 W. 7th, Marion, Ind.

Issue:

1. Horatio Chester b. Dec. 4, 1904, d. Jan. 4, 1905.
 2. Dessie Mae b. June 7, 1908, d. same day.
 3. Charles Leroy b. Nov. 4, 1910, m. Feb. 6, 1932, to Arletha Park b. Aug. 1909.
 4. Willard Edgar b. Sept. 24, 1912.
 5. Eugene Arthur b. Aug. 19, 1915.
 6. Vera Magdalena b. Sept. 29, 1917.
- I. Florence May b. Mar. 1, 1875, m. Mar. 27, 1896, in Goshen to Harvey Ganger b. Aug. 8, 1874. 312 No. 2nd, Goshen, Ind.

Issue:

- 1 and 2. Cecil and Carl, twins, b. June 26, 1898. Cecil died Sept. 1, 1898, and Carl died Oct. 7, 1898.
3. Marion b. Sept. 30, 1899, m. Mar. 21, 1928, to Alma Shoup b. May 4, 1900. No issue.
4. Harry b. Aug. 3, 1901, m. Oct. 9, 1926, to Grace Maloney b. Jan. 31, 1907. Electrician. Goshen, Ind.

Issue:

- a. June Ellen b. June 25, 1927.
 - b. Shirley Ann b. Mar. 30, 1930.
5. Donald b. Nov. 21, 1905, m. Sept. 5, 1929, to Reah Thomas b. Jan. 7, 1910. Butcher, Goshen.
 - a. James b. July 29, 1930.
 6. Calvin Ray b. Oct. 18, 1907, m. June 3, 1932, to Carrie Ellen Stork at Elkhart.
 7. Clarence b. June 13, 1910.
 8. Wilbur b. June 23, 1912.
 9. Martha Helen b. Feb. 9, 1914, m. Sept. 23, 1931, to Eldon Meyers b. May 28, 1913.
 10. H. A. b. July 20, 1917.

- J. Emma (adopted), m. Oct. 2, 1868, to Valentine Knechtel who died in 1871.

Issue:

1. Florence Belle b. June 9, 1870, m. Oct. 19, 1890, to Dr. William J. Waller b. Aug. 19, 1860, Ontario, Canada, who died at Sacramento, Calif., Mar. 22, 1925.

Issue:

- a. Richard Valentine b. Mar. 12, 1892, m. Aug. 5, 1916, to Della Barker. No issue.

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Emma married in 1875 to Henry H. Seaman. She died Dec. 28, 1880; buried by first husband in Oak Ridge Cem., Goshen, Ind.

Issue:

2. Wilma Harriet b. July 31, 1878, d. Apr. 2, 1906, m. Charles E. Clark.

Issue:

- a. Edward Seaman b. Aug. 18, 1904.

- K. Cansadie b. Nov. 25, 1871, d. Oct. 4, 1875.

Uriah married the second time June 7, 1880, to Alice Crider who died Jan. 22, 1901. Buried Sugar Grove.

Issue:

- L. Mary Ann b. June 5, 1880, m. Aug. 24, 1905, to Ray J. Bouse b. Sept. 21, 1881. 541 Hampton Ave., Toledo, Ohio.

- M. Charlie b. Sept. 22, 1882, m. Jan. 11, 1911, to Mamie Inbody in Chicago b. Oct. 27, 1885.

Issue:

1. Marion (adopted) b. Oct. 27, 1911.

- N. Earl b. 1890, d. Aug. 22, 1891.

- II. Ozias Stotts. *b. 1836 Lived Iowa. His children in Chicago (Further unknown.)*

- III. Jacob Stotts. *b. 1846 Ind. Lived south of Alishawaka, Ind. (Further unknown.) married his cousin. Left home.*

- IV. Sarah Stotts. *b. 1832 in - De Camp, North Judson, Ind. (Further unknown.) Issue: Ruhanna, Dolly, two sons.*

- V. James Stotts b. 1837, d. 1913, m. 1858, to Caroline Stotts, his cousin's daughter b. 1840, d. 1922; buried beside her husband in Winamac, Ind. They were living with James Stotts' parents six miles northwest of Goshen when married; moved to Pulaski County in 1861. Farmer.

Issue:

- A. Martha b. Dec. 10, 1858, m. in Winamac Oct. 1888, to Alonzo Avery Sherwood b. in Unadilla, N. Y. Railroad engineer. She lives in Rock Falls, Ill. No issue.

- B. Alice b. Jan. 27, 1860, d. Nov. 11, 1885; buried in Winamac, Ind., m. Feb. 1883, to William Horn.

Issue:

1. Goldie b. Sept. 8, 1884, m. to Grover Smith. Further unknown.

- C. Ozias b. Mar. 16, 1862, m. in Winamac to Maggie Agnew on her birthday Oct. 31, 1887, when she was nineteen years of age. Inwood, Marshall County, Indiana. No issue.

- D. Bertha b. Sept. 1869.

- E. Guy Sherman b. Mar. 25, 1879, m. in Winamac Sept. 1903, to Gertrude Brumbaugh b. at Kewanee, Fulton County, Ind. Burlington, Kan.

Issue:

1. Paul Ozias b. Aug. 1904.

2. Nevada Ruth b. Sept. 1908.

F. Coleman b. May 30, 1883, unmarried. In sanitarium at Logansport, Ind.

VI. William Stotts b. 1839 Indiana, See p. 34

VII. Abraham Stotts, b. 1847, m. Margaret Neely. Farmer. Haviland, Kan., R. 4.

Issue:

A. Walter b. in Iowa Dec. 3, 1876, d. Aug. 24, 1928, m. Jan. 12, 1897, at Corney, Okla., to Minnie M. Deer b. Shelby, Mo., Mar. 30, 1876, dau. of John Deer and Elina Harris. Cullison, Kan., R. 2.

Issue:

1. Claude Fred b. Dec. 12, 1897, m. in Pratt, Kan., June 20, 1917, to Anna Shilts b. Byers, Kan., July 20, 1898. Married second to Elsie Wells in Jan. 1930, dau. of Myron Wells.

Issue:

a. Florane.

b. Leroy.

c. Walter George.

d. Fay and Ray b. Mar. 9, 1922, d.

2. Lloyd L. b. Nov. 10, 1899, in Byers, Kan., m. Dec. 23, 1920, to Iva Mary DeGarme b. Dec. 3, 1899. Farmer. Byers, Kan.

Issue:

a. Cecil Glenda b. Oct. 13, 1921.

3. James O. b. in Kansas Feb. 20, 1902, m. at Fort Collins, Colo., Mar. 15, 1924, to Helen Paris b. Loveland, Colo., Feb. 22, 1906. Farmer. Berthoud, Colo.

Issue:

a. James O. b. Feb. 8, 1925.

b. Robert Ross b. Apr. 15, 1926.

c. Richard Lee b. Nov. 23, 1929.

4. Clara May b. Aug. 20, 1904, in Kansas, m. in Stafford, Kan., Oct. 10, 1923, to Fenton Hemphill, son of Fitch Hemphill, b. Lawrence, Mo., Dec. 16, 1901. Byers, Kan.

5. Margaret E. b. Apr. 19, 1905, m. June 9, 1926, to Hayden C. Nesbit, son of Charles Nesbit. Plains, Kan.

6. Imo Estella b. Feb. 25, 1907, m. Nov. 22, 1930, to Richard Asher b. May 15, 1906, son of L. V. Asher. Farmer. St. John, Kan.

7. Charles b. Nov. 12, 1909. Cullison, Kan., R. 2, Box 37.

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8. Murl b. Apr. 7, 1911. Cullison, Kan., R. 2, Box 37.
9. Berniece Marie b. Sept. 23, 1912, m. Mar. 30, 1930, to Wilford Swafford b. Dec. 9, 1900, son of L. M. Swafford. Farmer. Byers, Kan.
- Issue:
- a. Walter Linden b. Nov. 29, 1930.
10. Verniece M. b. Feb. 22, 1915, d. May 8, 1915.
11. Walter Fay b. June 2, 1917, d. May 20, 1918.
- B. Claude M. b. Oct. 2, 1883, m. Apr. 1, 1906, to Goldie Pruitt. Farmer. Haviland, Kan., R. 2, Box 83.
- Issue:
1. Myrna May b. Feb. 12, 1907, m. July 16, 1927, to Oral Halie. Painter. Haviland, Kan., R. 3.
- Issue:
- a. Myrna Lea b. July 5, 1929.
- b. Marques Alfred b. Oct. 14, 1930.
2. Melvin Chester b. Feb. 22, 1908, m. Sept. 1, 1930, to Kathleen Woodward. Farmer, Haviland, Kan., R. 2.
- Issue:
- a. Gerald W. b. June 7, 1931.
3. Opal Thersy b. June 2, 1910, m. July 23, 1929, to Glenn Libby. Barber. Renfrow, Okla. No issue.
4. Velma Alice b. Sept. 18, 1912.
5. Florence Emma b. Feb. 12, 1914.
6. Orval Fay b. Nov. 4, 1915, d. Nov. 20, 1915.
7. Esther Lucille b. July 21, 1920.
- C. Luther W. Farmer. Byers, Kan. b. 1889 Issue: Chester; Elva, Neva, Iva
- D. May McGregor, 906 W. Douglas Ave., Wichita, Kan. In care of Mrs. Byron Farmer.

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Vl. William Stotts b. 1839 Indiana n

CHAPTER V

*God bless the noble Pioneers,
Their names on history's page will live—
Their virtue shall survive ages long,
Honor and praise to them belong.*

Jonathan Downing Middleton, 1807-1853, third child of John and Elizabeth Downing-Middleton, was born May 15, 1807, in Franklin County, Ohio. On Feb. 21, 1828, he was married in Franklin County, Ohio, by John F. Solomon to Margaretha Davis, born Feb. 4, 1809, who lived with the Downings when they operated a tavern near Columbus, Ohio. Uncle Jonathan always told how he could span her waist with his hands when they were married because she was so very slender. However, at the time of her death she was a very large woman.

Jonathan was one of the three children who came to Elkhart County in the spring of 1829 to put in the crops and harvest them. His wife came with him to help Aunt Mary with the work. During the migration of the entire Middleton and Downing families in the spring of 1830 the oxen team of Jonathan's bolted at the sight of water ahead and as they ran toward the pond the family cupboard was jolted out of the wagon. This old battered cupboard is still in the possession of Priscilla Spahr, Plymouth, Ind., the sixth child of Jonathan.

Aunt Margaret was bothered by the Indians as were all the pioneer women, but she would set up a pole with a white rag tied to it as soon as she saw the Indians coming. The men, seeing this, would come in from the field and the Indians would leave because they were afraid of the white men.

When a young man, Jonathan lost his health, although he still farmed and settled at Hog Creek, LaPorte County, Indiana. He contracted spotted fever, a form of malaria, which gradually weakened his vitality. In later years he moved back to Two Mile Plain, Elkhart County, where he starved himself to death, for he refused to eat and when relatives put food into his mouth he blew it out. It was a gradual separation of body and soul. He died Jan. 25, 1853, and is the only one of the original thirteen children to be buried in the Middleton Cemetery on the banks of the St. Joe River, Elkhart County, Indiana.

After Jonathan's death, Aunt Margaret sold parcels from a section of land near Elkhart which she had inherited. She did this, from time to time, in order to support her family. In 1866 she moved to Plymouth, Ind., where her son had gone in 1864 to obtain some cheaper land. She bought lot 12 in Plymouth

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