

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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Apr. 30, 1866, as shown in deed book V, page 48. Her death occurred Dec. 29, 1891, and she is buried at Plymouth, Ind.

Issue:

- I. Nancy Jane Middleton b. Mar. 9, 1829, m. June 30, 1849, to John S. Benchtal by Elijah Adams, Justice of the Peace. They lived and died in Des Moines, Iowa.
- Issue:
 - A. Zebra (daughter). Further unknown.
- II. Elizabeth A. Middleton b. June 20, 1830, d. 1835.
- III. Henry D. Middleton b. Stillwell, LaPorte County, Ind., Feb. 28, 1831, d. Feb. 14, 1839.
- IV. John Solomon Middleton, b. Nov. 11, 1833, at Hog Creek, LaPorte County, Ind., m. Jan. 4, 1858, in Elkhart County by W. S. Birch, J. P., to Sarah Jane Smith.

Issue:

- A. Carrie A. b. ~~Dec 11/1860~~ m. John Baker b. Apr. 21, 1853, d. Jan. 15, 1929, son of Hiram and Eliza A. Powers.

Issue:

1. Fay J. b. Sept. 25, 1891, m. in Plymouth, Ind., Oct. 28, 1908, to Joseph Bittle b. Apr. 15, 1884. Operate summer resort. Loon Lake, Wash.

Issue:

- a. Pansy b. June 4, 1909, d. Mar. 4, 1910.
- b. Marian Josephine b. Feb. 6, 1914.
- c. Ruth Louise b. July 25, 1916.

2. Ruby b. Feb. 16, 1897. Lives with sister at Loon Lake, Wash.

- B. Ella Mae b. July 15, 1867, m. Oct. 28, 1886, to Delbert Oscar Hartman b. June 23, 1864, son of David Hartman and Anna Busby. Retired farmer. Donaldson, Ind.

Issue:

1. John B. b. Sept. 15, 1887, m. Jan. 28, 1915, to Bertha Levine, dau. of John Levine. Mechanic at Donaldson, Ind.

Issue:

- a. Frances b. May 4, 1916.
- b. Dale b. Jan. 22, 1918.

- V. Deweese Middleton b. Oct. 18, 1840, d. Oct. 1840.

- VI. Louisa Ann b. Mar. 10, 1842, Stillwell, Ind., m. Oct. 4, 1875, to George W. Nyhart b. Pottsville, Penn., May 28, 1836, d. Apr. 10, 1923. She died Jan. 24, 1932. Both buried at Plymouth, Ind.

Issue:

- A. Ada M. b. July 30, 1862, m. May 2, 1880, in Plymouth to William M. Poor b. Madison County, Ind., Aug. 28, 1845, son of Alexander Poor and Sarah Adams. Walnut St., Plymouth, Ind.

Issue:

1. Cora M. b. June 3, 1881, m. at Plymouth Mar. 6, 1897, to Henry E. Hawkins b. Wabash, Ind., Sept. 6, 1877, son of William Hawkins and Nancy Anderson. Barber. Mishawaka, Ind.

Issue:

- a. Kyle b. Jan. 27, 1898. Timekeeper, Westinghouse Electric, Cleveland, Ohio.
2. Louisa R. b. Aug. 26, 1885, d. Oct. 8, 1885.
3. Martha E. b. Jan. 26, 1889, d. Jan. 22, 1890.
4. Edna P. b. May 5, 1891, m. Apr. 7, 1909, in Plymouth to Oriol M. Leslie b. Bourbon, Ind., Jan. 3, 1881, d. 1925, son of William Leslie and Mary Clementine Cocheren. 825 No. Walnut, Plymouth, Ind.

Issue:

- a. William M. b. May 17, 1914.

- B. Charles E. b. Plymouth, Ind., July 12, 1866, m. May 10, 1887, to Parthena Aukerman b. July 10, 1862, daughter of Henry Aukerman and Rebekah Callahan. Pastor, Nazarene Church. 677 LaPorte Ave., South Bend, Ind.

Issue:

1. Dessa b. Feb. 19, 1888, m. Sept. 6, 1905, to Albert Replogle b. Nov. 13, 1883. Clerk. Rochester, Ind., R. 4.

Issue:

- a. Wilbur b. May 13, 1912.
- b. Ruth b. Aug. 31, 1914.
- c. Viola b. Jan. 1, 1916.
- d. Ethel b. Apr. 11, 1919.
- e. Wilma b. Aug. 28, 1921.
- f. Betty b. Nov. 11, 1923.
2. Hazel b. July 7, 1889, m. 1906, to Alger Norris. She died Oct. 15, 1910.

Issue:

- a. Merton Norris b. Apr. 15, 1909, d. July 4, 1928.
3. Winona b. Oct. 3, 1891, m. Feb. 17, 1909, to Forest Riddle b. 1887. Farmer. South Bend, Ind., R. 2.

Issue:

- a. Lucille b. Apr. 10, 1910.
- b. Howard b. Dec. 11, 1914.

- VII. Margaret Priscilla b. Sept. 4, 1845, m. by James Johnston June 5, 1861, in Elkhart County, Ind., to Ferdinand Spahr, son of John and Barbara Spahr from Germany. He died June 5, 1912. She lives 1229 No. Mich., Plymouth, Ind. *d. 1939*

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Issue:

- A. Charles Franklin Sparr b. Aug. 12, 1863, d. Nov. 25, 1918, buried Plymouth, Ind. June 2, 1885, married Kittie Ferguson b. Oct. 16, 1867, dau. of Pleasant Ferguson and Emily Jones. 10905 Peach Grove St., No. Hollywood, Calif.

Issue:

1. Chester E. b. May 15, 1888, m. Jennie Benyon. Ador Creamery, Los Angeles, Calif.

Issue:

- a. Mable Rowena m. a Mr. Johnson.

Issue:

- (1). Chester b. June, 1932.

- b. Gladys Marie.

2. Mable D. b. Aug. 28, 1890, m. June 25, 1913, to William Spangler. 10905 Peace Grove St., No. Hollywood, Calif. No issue.

3. Herbert b. June 2, 1893, d. 1896.

- B. Oral Fred Spahr b. Jan. 13, 1879, m. Nov. 26, 1902, to Mildred E. Jordan b. May 30, 1880, dau. of John Jordan and Elizabeth Roberts. President of Enterprise Optical Mfg. Co., 4431-45 W. Lake St., Chicago, Ill.

Issue:

1. Robert Jordan b. Nov. 13, 1903. Attended Harvard Univ.; graduate Northwestern Law School; m. June 17, 1929, to Helen W. Tremann b. Rock Island, Ill., June 15, 1903, dau. of Henry W. Tremann and Mary Belle Carse. Lawyer. 944 Ridgewood Drive, Highland Park, Ill.

Issue:

- a. Robert Jordan Jr. b. Jan. 4, 1931.

- C. Grover C. Spahr b. Dec. 1, 1883, m. June 1, 1909, to Lucy M. McFarlin b. Feb. 15, 1885, dau. of John A. McFarlin and Sarah E. Warner. District Mgr. of Lincoln Oil Refining Co., Terre Haute District. 1031 Maple Ave., Terre Haute, Ind.

Issue:

1. John Frederick b. Aug. 23, 1910. Student at Purdue Univ.
 2. Ralph Waldo b. Feb. 8, 1913. Student So. Bend College of Commerce.
 3. Edward Oliver b. Oct. 7, 1917. Student Garfield H. S.

- D. Frances Esther b. Feb. 22, 1867, m. Nov. 10, 1891, to Harry Kebert who died Feb. 17, 1904.

Issue:

1. Floyd Spahr b. June 29, 1893. Sec. for public service commission.

Frances later married Henry Shambaugh and lives at 1312 No. Michigan, Plymouth, Ind.

CHAPTER VI

*God sifted a whole nation that He might send choice grain
into the wilderness.*
—Wm. Stoughton.

William Middleton, 1809-1861, the fourth child of John Middleton and Elizabeth Downing-Middleton, was born in Franklin County, Ohio, May 16, 1809. In 1833 he married Rebecca Gilliam born Sept. 13, 1814. She died Sept. 15, 1889, at Elkhart, Ind., and is buried on John Wesley Middleton's lot.

Aunt Rebecca was a small, dark, black-eyed woman who looked on the bright side of life and was a favorite aunt among her nieces and nephews. She entertained them with stories of early pioneer and Indian life.

Uncle William was a carpenter by trade, but kept a tavern between Elkhart and South Bend known as the Halfway House. He also blacksmithed and was well beloved by the Indians for he helped them make their tools and weapons for farming and hunting. He died May 8, 1861, at Hartford, Iowa, and is buried there.

Issue:

I. Thomas Middleton died in infancy.

II. John Wesley Middleton b. Oct. 2, 1835, m. Apr. 18, 1869, by R. Wansbrough, United Brethren Minister, to his cousin, Sarah Melissa Middleton b. Apr. 2, 1842, d. Apr. 21, 1883, dau. of Wesley Middleton. John Wesley had a mission charge in the west and held revivals in the locality, but returned to Indiana and died Mar. 31, 1923, at Memorial Home, Warren, Ind.

Issue:

A. Mary Ellen b. Mar. 10, 1870, d. Apr. 22, 1913, at Bristol, Ind.
For many years she was a secretary employed by the C. G. Conn Co. of Elkhart.

III. Elizabeth Killingsworth Middleton b. Nov. 8, 1839, m. Nov. 8, 1857, to James Hays b. July 16, 1816, d. July 31, 1888. ^{at Missionary Co. Fostoria} They lived their entire married life in Fostoria, Ohio, where Uncle James taught school for fifty years. After his death Elizabeth moved to Toledo, Ohio, where she died Mar. 1, 1923, buried at Fostoria, Ohio. ^{Son of Henry Hayes of Pa brother to President Hayes.}

Issue:

A. Arthur B^A ^{adley} b. Nov. 8, 1868. ⁵⁹ at Palmyra, Iowa Atty.-at-law,
Edmond, Bldg. Washington, D.C.

Issue:

1. Arthur ^{Arthur Badley} W. Hays ^{b. Sept. 1, 1900} Issue: Arthur Badley Jr. b. 1928
 Nancy Elleh b. 1932
- B. Mary Ellen died in infancy.
- C. Bertha b. Apr. 2, 1872, d. about Apr. 1925, m. Laird Van Petre, Sept. 14, 1894.

Issue:

- 1 Floyd b. June 28, 1895. Toledo, Ohio.
2. ^{Willis} Ellis died in youth.
- IV. Mary Ellen Middleton b. Sept. 20, 1841, d. Sept. 23, 1906, buried at Colorado Springs, Colo. Married Nov. 4, 1866, to Jean Rufus Douglas in Kirksville, Mo., b. Feb. 18, 1843, d. 1927; he was an artist and dentist.

Issue:

- A. Emery Anson b. at Indianola, Iowa, Aug. 18, 1867, m. Dec. 20, 1893, to Carrie Eva Tait b. Mar. 20, 1870, dau. of Capt. John H. Tait and Jennie Clarke. He is a jeweler and watchmaker, 6508 Beach Drive, Seattle, Wash.

Issue:

1. Lucille Eva b. June 26, 1897, m. May 9, 1923, to Nelson Lee Clark b. June 30, 1899, son of Lee Mansfield Clark and Olive Ganbell of Portland, Ore. Nelson Lee relative to Clarks of Lewis and Clark fame. Chief clerk in telephone office. 6508 Beach Drive, Seattle, Wash.
2. Donald Emery b. Aug. 1, 1899, m. July 7, 1924, to Antoinette Kinleyside b. Nov. 9, 1899, dau. of Robert C. and Lida Frankland. Mercantile mgr. 2307 Eastmont Way, Seattle, Wash.

Issue:

- a. Donald Robert b. Aug. 9, 1926.
- b. Dale b. Oct. 4, 1930.
- B. Willis Merritt b. Nov. 9, 1869, d. Aug. 31, 1879.
- C. Elma Inez b. Dec. 23, 1871, at Indianola, Iowa, m. June 15, 1917, to Robert Smith b. Nov. 26, 1859, d. Mar. 11, 1927. He was Scotch Canadian and a farmer and chemist. Elma, better known as Midge, is a teacher and artist. Home address is 6508 Beach Drive, Seattle, Wash. She teaches near Weiser, Idaho, and drives the 600 miles in her Ford roadster, carrying blankets and stopping at camp grounds along the way. This summer she was an attendant of the Starkey, Idaho, Hotel and summer resort. She gives us the following article on the westward movement of her family:

WESTWARD TRECK OF THE DOUGLAS'S

In the spring of 1875 our parents—J. R. and Mary Ellen Douglas—decided to treck to Colorado. Leaving Indianola, Iowa, early in the spring we reached Council Bluffs about the first of May. The trip up to this point was rather

uneventful, a lame horse, a broken wagon wheel with plenty of mud and disagreeable weather, all went as part of the routine.

At Council Bluffs we were halted for a week, waiting for other venturesome spirits who were headed westward. The danger from Indians was too real, too imminent, so the Government guards halted all travelers for the west until at least one hundred wagons were congregated. About the middle of May we were again permitted to turn our faces westward, and now began the real journey. One hundred and four wagons with twenty or more horsemen and a herd of about a hundred cattle and some extra horses, made up the caravan. Brother Emery rode a little mule whenever it was safe for him to do so, assisting in the care of the cattle. Although he was only eight years of age he felt quite important and I suppose got more thrill out of the trip than any of the rest of us.

Heavy rains had swollen the rivers, so that when we reached the Loup, which we must cross, we found the ferry had been washed away and it was necessary for us to halt again for several days while a new ferry was built. Finally across and on our way once more there was constant uneasiness on account of the Sioux Indians, who were on the "war path." Near Old Fort Kearney we were again forced to stop for about a week, by Federal troops, on account of the Sioux War. The soldiers had a large band (two or three hundred) of Pawnee Indians who they were protecting from the Sioux. The camp was very interesting. No one of the travelers had ever seen so many Indians at one time, and to the young folks, especially, the Indians and soldiers were a constant source of interest and entertainment.

The immediate danger of Indians being over, we were permitted to again pursue our journey.

In western Nebraska, far from any habitation, we saw an old man sitting at the door of a dugout. He either was half crazy or acted so. Rumor had it that he was a scout for a band of horse thieves. Thereafter for a few nights extra guards were posted.

At times along the way we were forced to wait for an hour or more to permit the passing of a large herd of buffalo. Every day antelope were seen grazing near our trail; the prairie dogs with their saucy bark, and their neighbor, the prairie owl, were a never failing source of amusement.

We came in sight of Pike's Peak on July 4th, and reached Greeley, our destination, about the middle of July, 1875, after more than eight weeks of pleasure, hardship, danger, excitement, joy and sorrow all intermingled. 'Twas a trip never to be forgotten by those who participated.

Elma Inez Douglas Smith.

When Midge was eight years of age her mother went west with her children and took a homestead in western Kansas where they pioneered for several years in a sod house.

V. William Downing Middleton b. near South Bend, Ind., Dec. 23, 1842, m. Mar. 25, 1866, to Isabelle Ecthinaw b. Mar. 25, 1866, d. Jan. 5, 1916, dau. of Peter Ecthinaw and Elizabeth Snyder. On June 20, 1862, he enlisted in Co. G, Eighteenth Iowa Infantry, and was in 46 pitched battles. William was in the Andersonville, Ga., prison nine months during the Civil War and was so weak when released that he had to crawl. A little Irish buddy kept him from giving up. Later he taught school eighteen years and was founder of the Middleton shorthand system. He owned and taught the Middleton Business College, Elkhart, Ind. He retired on account of ill health in the fall of 1893 and died Jan. 5, 1894. He is buried beside his wife in Gracelawn Cemetery, Elkhart, Ind.

Issue:

- A. Francis Lorain b. Feb. 14, 1867, in Kirksville, Mo., m. June 20, 1892, to Minnie Belle Carpenter b. Aug. 1, 1869. Purchasing Agent at Grace Hospital, Detroit, Mich. No issue.
- B. Lydia Lorena b. July 17, 1869, m. Feb. 9, 1889, to Jacob W. Geiss b. Sept. 13, 1868. Coldwater, Mich., R. 2.

Issue:

1. Harry Middleton b. Mar. 8, 1890, m. Mar. 21, 1921, to Ethel Starr b. Jan. 27, 1886. No issue. Musician. Buchanan, Mich.
2. William Middleton b. July 31, 1893, m. Oct. 23, 1913, to Berniece Shuman b. May 2, 1892. Musician. Coldwater, Mich., R. 2.

Issue:

- a. Phyllis Evelyn b. June 13, 1917.
- b. Elinor Ann b. Jan. 25, 1920.

- C. William Henry Downing b. Jan. 6, 1872, m. Georgia Kuykendall b. Oct. 29, 1874, d. Apr. 26, 1906. 3127 No. 60th St., Omaha, Neb.

Issue:

1. William Francis b. June 17, 1897, m. Helen Kathryn French.

Issue:

- a. Vallie Elaine b. Nov. 16, 1921.
- b. Helen Jacquelin b. Nov. 20, 1928.
2. Richard Henry b. Dec. 18, 1899, d. Nov. 10, 1913.

William Henry Downing married Dec. 21, 1906, to Alice Ames Barnes b. June 22, 1874.

Issue:

3. Dorothy Esther b. June 8, 1912, m. Aug. 19, 1927, to Paul Henry Larmon. 3127 No. 60th St., Omaha, Neb.

Issue:

- a. Paul William Jr. b. Aug. 5, 1928.

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- D. Robert Upham b. Sept. 17, 1873, d. May 11, 1879.
 E. Dora Euphemia b. Mar. 1, 1877, m. Nov. 26, 1896, to Harry Pringle Oberdier b. Oct. 18, 1873. Farmer. Coldwater, Mich. No issue.
 F. Cora Elena b. Mar. 1, 1877, m. to Paul Curtis Hardy b. Dec. 21, 1876.

Issue:

1. Cora Isabel b. Aug. 21, 1899, m. Feb. 5, 1921, to John Bernard Chester b. May 13, 1896, son of Harry Chester, the Indiana poet, and Jennie Ryder. Sec. to a congressman. 2906 18th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
 Issue.
 a. Ann Veronica b. Aug. 19, 1921.
 b. Mary Rebecca b. Aug. 25, 1923.
 c. Martha Jane b. Nov. 22, 1928.

Cora Elena married Sept. 2, 1925, to Elroy J. Hess b. Oct. 28, 1873. 226 Indiana Ave., Elkhart, Ind.

VI. David Middleton died in infancy.

- VII. Euphemia Aboline (Abbie) Middleton b. Aug. 6, 1857, in Hartford, Iowa, m. Nov. 12, 1876, to Elton M. Alcorn b. near Tidioute, Penn., Apr. 26, 1856. Moved to Toledo, Ohio, in 1905, and to Detroit in 1929. She died Friday, May 6, 1932, and he died Sunday, May 29, 1932, at their son, Chalmer's, home in Detroit. Buried Gracelawn Cemetery, Elkhart, Ind.

Issue:

- A. William Carlton b. July 29, 1878, m. June 23, 1903, to Blanche Irene Graybill b. Jan. 5, 1882, at McAllisterville, Penn. Shop mgr. East Orange, N. J.

Issue:

1. Eleanor Irene b. July 5, 1910, in Toledo, Ohio.
 B. Chalmer Boyd b. June 2, 1892, m. Dec. 31, 1914, in Toledo to Edith A. Cooper b. in Ida, Mich., Sept. 6, 1893. 7917 Neckel Ave., Dearborn, Mich.

Issue:

1. Donald G. b. Aug. 31, 1916, in Toledo, Ohio.

- VIII. Rebecca Isabel Middleton b. Apr. 3, 1879, d. Mar. 30, 1911, m. Nov. 25, 1899, to Edgar Otis Lehman b. July 15, 1877, d. July 25, 1922. Both buried at Goshen, Ind.

Issue:

- A. Joseph Middleton b. June 15, 1904, d. June 25, 1904.
 B. Infant daughter b. Mar. 30, 1911, d. same day.
 C. (Adopted) Dora Ellen b. Jan. 31, 1905, m. to Delbert Graham. California.

Issue:

1. A son b. 1924.

CHAPTER VII

*What man would live confined
And cramped with selfish landmarks everywhere,
When all before him stretches, furrowless and lone,
The unmapped prairie none can fence or own?*

—Lowell.

John Downing Middleton, 1811-1887, the fifth child of John Middleton and Elizabeth Downing-Middleton, was born in Franklin County, Ohio, May 4, 1811. His schooling consisted of reading the Testament and studying a spelling book. Thus he became a good speller but never learned to read. On March 13, 1833, he was married to Harrietta Smith Johnsten by George M. Beswick, minister of the Gospel, Elkhart, Ind.

Uncle John was a very good business man, trading in horses and grains, and always to his advantage. He never would live in rented property and prided himself in owning good farms wherever he migrated. He was a typical wanderlust; as soon as the community in which he was living became populated he would sell out and move to another frontier, doing the same thing again in a few more years. The first land John bought was eighty acres in LaPorte County, Indiana, for which he paid \$240 on Oct. 10, 1845. The following Feb. 14, 1846, he sold it for \$400. In the spring of 1846 he moved his family by oxen team to northwest of Madison, Wis., on the shores of Lake Mendota, and later entered 160 acres of land by telegraph from Milwaukee, one hundred miles away. When he returned he brought with him a load of material with which to build his home. Before this time their home consisted of a rail pen with brush on top for a roof. While John was on this trip to Milwaukee a cow strayed from home. Aunt Harriet hunted three days for it and during this time kept her children in a rail pen to protect them from the wolves and other wild animals. In the fall of 1867 Uncle John and his family left Madison, Wis., intending to migrate to Missouri, but when they stopped at Aunt Liza and Uncle Jim Settle's home near Knoxville, Iowa, they were persuaded to settle in Iowa. They bought land near Stuart, Iowa, where they lived until 1880 when they moved to Parkston, So. Dak. John journeyed many times during his lifetime to visit his relatives in Indiana and Missouri. These trips were always taken with a span of ponies hitched to a cart. He died in Parkston, So. Dak., Sept. 19, 1889, and is buried at Milltown, So. Dak.

Harrietta Smith Johnsten was born in Ohio Mar. 4, 1815, the youngest

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child and ^{other} daughters. Nothing is known of her family or early days. She never spoke of them. She was a slender, dark complexioned woman with shiny, black, wavy hair; was very business like, economical, and had a quick temper. During her lifetime she was a tireless and rapid worker. With her children's help she sheared the sheep, washed and carded the wool, spun yarn and made all her children's clothing until they were grown. She was a very happy person singing about her work, but was also very superstitious, claiming she saw witches. However, her comment was, "You can't kill witches unless you have a silver bullet." She returned to Elkhart several times to visit relatives, but died at Milltown, So. Dak., June 21, 1891.

Issue:

- I. Dillery Middleton b. Elkhart Co., Ind., Jan. 22, 1834, d. 1843 and is buried there.
- II. Eliza Henry Middleton b. May 13, 1836, Elkhart Co., Ind., d. Parkston, So. Dak., Mar. 14, 1897, m. Aug. 25, 1854, to Isaac Stainbrook b. 1834, d. Oct. 27, 1908. Both are buried at Parkston, So. Dak.

Issue:

- A. Mahala Jane b. June 30, 1855, d. Mar. 29, 1913, buried Vermilion, So. Dak., m. Jan. 26, 1873, to Ralph Van Brunt, 346 - 1129

Issue:

1. Eliza b. Feb. 20, 1874, m. June 29, 1894, to William E. Mayhew.

Issue:

- a. Agnes M. b. Aug. 17, 1895, m. Jan. 19, 1916, to J. Christman.

Issue:

(1). Charles Ralph b. July 12, 1920.

(2). William Sours b. Mar. 26, 1923.

- b. Hattie E. b. June 22, 1897, m. May 19, 1917, to Charles E. Davis. No issue.

c. Elbert b. Sept. 9, 1880, d. Apr. 12, 1895.

- B. Ruhanna Lodica b. Aug. 16, 1857, m. W. K. Glendy. Oconto, Neb.
- C. Sarah Melvina b. Jan. 19, 1860, m. Melvin Braatz, Pierce, Neb.
- D. George Washington b. Feb. 22, 1862, d. at Salem, Ore.

Issue:

1. Lucy m. a Mr. Brown. Salem, Ore., R. 6, Box 83.
2. Ernest, lives in Salem, Ore.
3. Annie, lives in Canada.

- E. Albert Isaac b. July 11, 1865, m. Jan. 4, 1887, in Hutchinson County, So. Dak., to Anna Klotz, b. Apr. 27, 1866, in Bohemia, Austria. Dimock, So. Dak.

Issue:

1. Fannie May b. June 7, 1888, m. Apr. 20, 1917, to Luman Gids b. Jan. 30, 1890. No issue.

Did

Margaret Speakman b 1807 Ohio, m - Gayne
 Folly m James Dorman - great churchman
 Isaac Johnson b 1817 Ohio
 Festus b 1839 Ohio
 Harriet b 1843 Wis.
 Mary E. b 1846 Wis.
 Isaac b June 1850 Wis.
 Grace b 1848 Wis.
 Wm A b 1840 Ind
 Mary A. 1842 Ohio
 Isaac 1847 Wis.

2. Delbert Elvin b. May 20, 1893, m. Apr. 24, 1918, at Mitchel, So. Dak., to Ruth Evelyn Meyers b. Hanson County, S. Dak., Oct. 25, 1897.

Issue:

- a. Everett Charles b. Feb. 28, 1919.
 - b. Gelbert Leroy b. Sept. 5, 1920.
 - c. Gerald Edwin b. May 2, 1923.
3. Edna Seail b. Aug. 28, 1902, m. Dec. 11, 1923, to Walter F. Haunemaum^{Haunemaum} b. Martin County, Minn., May 9, 1902.
No Issue. 3 children

F. Harriet Irene b. Jan. 21, 1868, m. William Adams Dimock, So. Dak.

G. Suzanah Elizabeth b. July 11, 1870, m. Chris Thompson, Parkston, So. Dak.

H. John Edgar b. Nov. 29, 1872. Canada.

I. Emma Amilia b. Mar. 27, 1876, in Brandon, Iowa. When two and a half years old she moved to Milltown, So. Dak. Married Apr. 3, 1895, to Christian Michaelsen b. Denmark, 1868, came to America in 1885, moved to Collbran, Colo., in 1909, which is their present address. Live on a 520-acre ranch.

Issue:

1. Michael Isaac Elbert b. Mar. 4, 1896, d. July 25, 1896.
2. Rosa Mabel b. May 4, 1897.
3. Eliza Elizabeth b. Apr. 19, 1899, m. Sept. 24, 1924, to Elwin D. Bolinger.

Issue:

- a. Bertha May b. Mar. 9, 1927.
4. Lorena Louise b. Aug. 21, 1902, m. June 5, 1930, to Charles H. Koch, b. June 9, 1891, son of Carl Koch. Ranchman. Collbran, Colo.

Issue:

- a. Dick Charles b. June 10, 1931.
5. William b. Jan. 15, 1904.
 6. Tillie Emma b. Apr. 5, 1907.
 7. Dora Ellen b. Aug. 7, 1911.
 8. Georgia Marie b. Feb. 22, 1913.
 9. Christina Amilia b. Apr. 7, 1915.

III. Joseph Bigelow Middleton b. June 15, 1839, Elkhart County, Indiana, d. Freewater, Ore., Sept. 7, 1925, buried in Milton Cemetery one mile from Freewater. Married Elizabeth Bossard^{on April 7, 1858} in Wisconsin^{of Madison}, who died in Batavia, Iowa. *Two wives buried northwest of Madison, Wisconsin 1 1/2 miles north of state asylum hospital and 3 miles west.*

Issue:

- A. Loquillas. b. 1859 Wis. m. Etta Shromb of Batavia, Iowa, dau of widow Shromb who married - Simmons, a half brother to Harrietta Johnston Middleton

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Issue:

1. Lola, m. George Leeling. Farmer. Agency, Iowa, R. 1.
Issue:
 - a. Lauren Loquillas, m. and has a three-year-old child.
 - b. Garnet Laurretta, m. and has a three-year-old child.
2. Charles. Ottumwa, Iowa.
Issue:
Six children.
3. Olla-Riley. Canton, Ill.
Issue:
Five children.
4. Loquillas Arthur b. 1892. Unmarried. Lived with sister
Lola. Dropped dead on street of Ottumwa, Iowa, on
Nov. 16, 1931.

Joseph Bigelow was married, ^{in Dec. 31, 1860 Madison, Wis.} to Mary Brown who died there.

Issue:

B. Elisha William, m. No issue. He died in Iowa. Further unknown.
Joseph Bigelow married a third time to Mary Richardson, June 1, 1865.
She was born Mar. 5, 1843, and died Jan. 3, 1893. Dau. of Samuel Rich-
ardson and Lucy of Red Rock, Iowa. Joseph and family moved to Love-
land, Colo., in September, 1879, and operated a blacksmith shop.

Issue:

- C. Elva b. Apr. 6, 1866, Red Rock, Iowa, m. Apr. 11, 1882, to
Lewis Spencer Woodruff b. Denver, Colo., 1856, d. Aug. 25, 1922,
buried Loveland, Colo. 745 Wash. Ave., Loveland, Colo.

Issue:

1. Llewellyn Franz b. June 17, 1884, m. Apr. 21, 1906, in
Denver to Maura E. Bell b. Denver, Apr. 13, 1891, d. Sept.
25, 1926. Bossburg, Wash.

Issue:

- a. Orlena May b. Loveland, Colo., Mar. 27, 1907, d.
Feb. 19, 1927, m. Sept. 2, 1922, to Lewis Andrew
Leptich.

Issue:

- (1). Virginia Vesta b. June 9, 1923.
- (2). Franz Andrew b. Dec. 5, 1924. Children
live 7814 14th Ave. N. W., Seattle, Wash.
- b. Hazle Elefnor b. Seattle, Wash., Apr. 14, 1911, m.
June 17, 1927, to George Vahlbusch b. Mar. 5, 1891,
son of Augusta G. and Marie B. Gunstz. Bossburg,
Wash.

Issue:

- (1). Hazel Ethelyn b. Mar. 26, 1928.
- (2). Marie Beulah b. Oct. 15, 1929.

c. Spencer Thomas b. Apr. 24, 1914.

D. Jennie b. Oct. 30, 1868, d. age eight months.

E. Lena b. Stuart, Iowa, Jan. 20, 1871, m. Sept. 18, 1890, at Loveland, Colo., to Herbert M. Foster son of Henry Foster and Nellie Carey. 854 10th Ave., San Diego, Calif.

Issue:

1. Rachel Avery b. Nov. 6, 1891, m. Jan. 26, 1909, to Herbert Melbourne Harris b. Apr. 13, 1886, son of Milton E. Harris and Sarah A. Dodd. Greeley, Colo., R. 3, Box 15.

Issue:

- a. Raymond Paul b. Nov. 14, 1909, Fayetteville, Ark., d. June 30, 1911, Greeley, Colo.
 - b. Walter Leland b. Greeley, Colo., Dec. 13, 1911.
 - c. Roy Milton b. Greeley, Colo., Mar. 17, 1914.
 - d. Carrol Earle b. Dec. 15, 1915.
 - e. Ralph Curtis b. Feb. 16, 1918.
 - f. Virginia Lena b. Jan. 28, 1920.
 - g. Vera Kathryn b. Nov. 4, 1931.
2. Zelta b. July 17, 1893, m. Aug. 16, 1929, to A. Liljestrom. No issue.
 3. Natrona b. June 20, 1896, m. Feb. 13, 1922, to Seldon McWaters. 854 10th Ave., San Diego, Calif. No issue.
 4. Clyde b. Jan. 23, 1898, m. May 18, 1920, to Marie Baches. Garage. 846 E. Washington St., Portland, Ore.

Issue:

- a. Dorothy b. July, 1920.
- b. Clyde Jr. b. 1927.

Joseph Bigelow married a fourth time in 1896 and moved to Freewater, Ore., in 1900.

IV. Mahala Jane Middleton b. Feb. 14, 1842, Elkhart Co., Ind., d. there when a small child.

V. John Adams Middleton b. Elkhart Co., Ind., Nov. 5, 1844, d. Aug. 4, 1916, Mount Moriah, Mo. Married at Ravenna, Mo., to Ruth Scott who died Sept. 9, 1903, dau. of Robert Scott and Mary Diana Estlick. She was a sister to Howell Scott who married Zelig Elizabeth Middleton.

Issue:

- A. Miles Monroe b. Ravenna, Mo., Nov. 11, 1870, m. Aug. 8, 1890, to Lena Klotz of Yankton, S. D., b. Sept. 6, 1870. He died Nov. 12, 1894.

Issue:

1. Walter A. b. Jan. 14, 1891, m. Dec. 10, 1911, to Lula Blanch Ellsworth b. Aug. 10, 1894. Farmer at Mt. Moriah, Mo.

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Issue:

- a. Ross b. May 5, 1914.
 - b. Lois Catholeen b. Aug. 19, 1921.
 - c. Lester Claudine b. Aug. 19, 1921, d. Aug. 25, 1921.
 - d. Leslie Reid b. Sept. 3, 1924.
2. Jennie Jane b. Mar. 19, 1893, m. Feb. 22, 1913, to Chester Stoner at Mt. Moriah, Mo. Des Moines, Iowa.
- Issue:
- a. Lloyd b. Nov. 28, 1919.
3. Jesse Adams b. June 5, 1895, m. Mar. 4, 1916, to Echo Addison. Farmer at Mt. Moriah, Mo.
- Issue:
- a. Lawrence A. b. June 4, 1917.
 - b. Forest Lee b. Apr. 5, 1920.
 - c. Mildred Ilene b. May 6, 1930.

VI. Seymour Sylvester Middleton b. July 19, 1848, at Madison Wis., m. at Stuart, Iowa, Jan. 1, 1871, to Marietta Ewers b. July 14, 1851, dau. of Robert Ewers and Malinda Fidler of Fredericktown, Ohio. Stuart, Iowa, R. 1. *He d. Jan. 15, 1940 Stuart, Iowa; Marietta living 1944*

Issue:

- A. Otis Verdine b. Stuart, Iowa, Oct. 12, 1871. Drowned Oct. 10, 1921, when mayor of Coon Rapids, Iowa. Married Jan. 19, 1899, in Stuart, Iowa, to Maude Hackthorn b. July 9, 1875, dau. of George Washington Hackthorn and Caroline Viola Lee. She still lives at Coon Rapids, Iowa.

Issue:

1. Vera C. b. Mar. 12, 1900, m. Aug. 29, 1926, to Waldo J. Lawson. No issue.
 2. Bethene Marietta b. Oct. 4, 1908. Teacher, Coon Rapids, Iowa.
 3. Mildred b. July 4, 1913. Teacher, Coon Rapids, Iowa.
- B. Edna Ellen b. Stuart, Iowa, Feb. 26, 1875, m. Mar. 26, 1894, at Stuart, Iowa, to Phineas Ross Kendall b. Mar. 3, 1871, son of John Henry Kendall and Orinda Jane Armstrong. 203 W. 5th St., Anderson, Ind. *She d. July 24, 1940. He d. Dec. 27, 1938.*

Issue:

1. Hazel May Middleton b. Stuart, Iowa, May 3, 1896. Graduate State University, Iowa. English teacher
2. Velma Maude Ewers b. at Stuart, Iowa, Aug. 6, 1897. Bank secretary.
3. Arthur Wayne b. Anderson, Ind., Jan. 21, 1901, m. Shelby, No. C., June 9, 1931, to Ruby Hatfield Pryor b. Nov. 27, 1905, dau. of Henry L. Pryor and Lillie May Hatfield.

Civil engineer with United States War Department, Kansas City, Mo.

- C. Leona May b. Stuart, Iowa, Jan. 1, 1877, m. Mar. 27, 1902, in Stuart, Iowa, to Wesley Mount b. Knox Co., Ill., Sept. 30, 1869, son of John Mount, a civil war veteran, and Martha Bishop, born in Georgia. Retired farmer, Stuart, Iowa. No issue.
- D. Coy Jay b. Stuart, Iowa, Aug. 17, 1883, m. Dec. 25, 1908, to Amy Mabel Edwards b. Feb. 8, 1886, dau. of Samuel Edwards and Amy Elizabeth Rowe of Galesburg, Ill. Farmer, Dexter, Iowa. *She d. Jan. 14, 1933*
Issue:

1. Leith Izola b. Mar. 6, 1909, m. June 26, 1926, to Royal Campbell b. Sept. 8, 1903. Menlo, Iowa.

Issue:

- a. Lula Marie b. Mar. 31, 1927.
b. Lindy Maurice b. Feb. 24, 1928.
c. Belva Ann b. Feb. 27, 1931.
2. May b. Mar. 24, 1911, d. Apr. 5, 1911.
3. Sheltz Sylvester b. Feb. 16, 1913.

- VII. Albert Ledra (Prince Albert) b. May 26, 1851, d. at Lake View, Idaho, about 1895. m. Melissa Vance. Further unknown.

Issue: *C. Nora b. Stuart, Iowa. m twice. Once lived Sand Point, Idaho.*

- A. Robert. (Further unknown.) } *twins b. Minn.*
B. Herbert. (Further unknown.) }

- VIII. Samuel Meller b. Feb. 17, 1857, d. of typhoid fever in fall of 1865, buried in Dane Co., Wis. *one and one-half miles north and three miles west of state asylum hospital at Madison, Wis.*

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