

## CHAPTER XIII

*There is a moral and philosophical respect for our ancestors which elevates the character and improves the heart.*

—Daniel Webster.

Nancy Jane Middleton, 1823-1908, the twelfth child of John Middleton and Elizabeth Downing-Middleton, was born June 29, 1823, in Franklin Co., Ohio. She was married in the evening of Apr. 10, 1846, by Corbly Martin, preacher of the gospel, to Richard Cross Lake born Mar. 27, 1815, in Monongahela Co., W. Va., son of Nimrod Lake. They hewed a log cabin of one room and occupied it as soon as the roof was on and before the space between the logs had been chinked. A quilt hung in the doorway for some weeks as a door. A Dutch oven was their main cooking utensil.

Uncle Rich Lake came overland in 40 days from West Virginia in 1837. He was a good farmer, kept fine horses and stock, and was a successful trader. He was a very great home lover, going to bed early and arising early. Absolute quiet was an essential in his home, for his acute hearing led him to say he could hear a whisper through a partition. Uncle Lake was always ready to help in any civic work and was a friend to the poor. He gave the land site and \$100 for the Brethren Church building, worked on the building himself, and boarded the other workers free. As long as he lived he was a deacon of this Indian Creek Brethren Church. When the minister came for Sunday services or revivals he and his helpers always stayed at the Lake home. A neighborhood cemetery was bought and plotted off by Uncle Rich and two neighbor men. He served as one of the trustees until his death and he and Aunt Nancy are both buried there.

Uncle Rich was ill a long time with typhoid fever. He was very much concerned prior to death with his wife's welfare. On his deathbed he told her to stay with Richard Jr. and his wife, Emma. "They will be good to you," he said. He left 320 acres of land, some of which has always been in the Lake name. He died July 26, 1898.

A grand-niece who spent some time in the Lake home when a child, writes an account which describes her enjoyment there.

### UNCLE RICHARD LAKE'S GARRET

"The garret of the big old colonial was a childhood haven to me. It was very large and high enough for a grown person to walk about easily. Jennie Lake, Uncle Rich's granddaughter, and I used to play in that garret. Many times

when we were children about eight years old. The garret was full of worlds of the most interesting things to entertain children; the old spinning wheel (a large one), chests and trunks full of old clothes, hats, swords, hoops, bustles and such. The rafters were hanging full of bunches of sage, thyme, smartweed, catnip, hops, sassafras, and many other herbs used in those days. Bags of popcorn, dried sweet corn, dried apples; great baskets and boxes of walnuts, chestnuts, hickory and hazel nuts; pieces of old discarded chairs and furniture; old books and slates; bundles of gorgeous peafowl feathers, bags of goose feathers, baskets of carpet rags, wonderful patch work quilts, hand carding mats, and a myriad of other things that helped to make the garret a wonderland to me.

"Elma [Midge] Douglas-Smith."

*"Our early days! How often back  
We turn on life's bewildering track  
To where, o'er hill and valley, plays  
The sunlight of our early days."*

Aunt Nancy was very tall and thin and had shiny black hair. She was conservative, industrious, orderly and a good manager. There was always a grandchild, niece or nephew in her home. She cared for Aunt Mary Stotts for some time prior to her death and burial. Aunt Nancy died Jan. 18, 1908.

Issue:

- I. Nimrod Evans Lake b. Mar. 3, 1847, m. Dec. 12, 1867, to Nancy Heath b. Jan. 8, 1848, d. Aug. 5, 1885, dau. of James Heath and Amy Rachael Heath. He died Feb. 22, 1880, and is buried with wife and parents in the neighborhood cemetery.

Issue:

- A. William H. b. Mar. 17, 1869, d. June 13, 1897, m. July 16, 1891, to Amanda Christine Oberndorfer b. July 27, 1869, dau. of Frederick Oberndorfer and Anna Marie Julia Dick.

Issue:

1. Marie b. July 13, 1893, d. May 29, 1919.
- B. R. Jane b. Jan. 26, 1873, m. Apr. 24, 1900, to John W. Rine. Bristol, Ind.
- C. Richard C. b. Dec. 2, 1878, m. June 27, 1905, to Luella Peters b. Sept. 5, 1880, dau. of John Wesley Peters and Eliza Ann Cochran. Building Supt. for School City. 501 Martin St., Ligonier, Ind.

Issue:

1. Richard C. b. July 9, 1906, m. Dec. 21, 1929, to Catherine Swartzbaugh b. Aug. 22, 1907. Graduate Annapolis Naval Academy. Stationed at New London, Conn., with submarine division.
2. Marian Elizabeth b. July 28, 1910, m. Dec. 25, 1931, to Ralph E. Allen, Supt. of Ligonier Schools, Ind.

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3. Margaret Elinor b. Sept. 15, 1914.

II. John Ozias Lake b. July 18, 1848, m. Nov. 1871, to Sida Rupp, who d. 1875.  
Issue:

A. Myrtle b. Dec. 22, 1873, m. Lee Huff. 928 Harrison St., Elkhart, Ind.

B. Claude b. Apr. 13, 1875, died in infancy.

John m. Jan. 17, 1882, to Annah Forinash b. Aug. 26, 1864, dau. of Jonas C. Forinash and Elizabeth A. Stanley. He d. June 26, 1923.

Issue:

C. Clarence E. b. July 19, 1883, d. Feb. 18, 1908, unm.

D. Hilda B. b. May 7, 1885, m. at Black Rock, Ark., Jan. 26, 1901, to Arthur H. Kidder b. Oct. 27, 1875, son of Simeon Kidder and Mary Emma Cole. Her mother lives with sister Amanda.

Issue:

1. Blanch b. Mar. 6, 1903, m. Dec. 26, 1921, to Wm. Whitly Wooten b. Sept. 24, 1896, son of Wm. Lee Wooten and Emma Whitly. 1812 Hanover St., Lincoln Park, Mich.

Issue:

a. Phyllis Jean b. July 1, 1925.

E. Amanda M. b. Feb. 12, 1887, m. Jan. 27, 1904, to Elza E. Wenner, b. Jan. 2, 1879, son of Charles F. Wenner and Mary Elizabeth Baker. Locomotive engineer. 617 Wolf Ave., Elkhart, Ind.

Issue:

1. Kenneth E. b. Feb. 4, 1916.  
2. Virgil E. b. July 5, 1919, died same day.  
3. Eloise D. b. May 6, 1920.

F. Ethel B. b. May 14, 1888, m. May 15, 1904, to Stephen A. Propst, son of Henry C. Propst and Clara M. Cozart. Well driller. Black Rock, Ark.

Issue:

1. Beulah Annah b. May 9, 1905.  
2. Jesse O. b. Apr. 21, 1907.  
3. Mae Arietta b. Dec. 17, 1909.  
4. Bernese E. b. Mar. 29, 1911.  
5. Ruth J. b. Nov. 7, 1919.  
6. Clara Virginia b. Sept. 15, 1922.

G. Howard F. b. Aug. 11, 1889, m. Sept. 24, 1910, to Pheobe Clark b. Jan. 24, 1885. Carpenter.

Issue:

1. Vivian Louise b. Aug. 5, 1911.  
2. Velma Marietta b. June 28, 1914.

H. Orpha Jane b. Nov. 28, 1891, m. Nov. 27, 1908, to First Sergeant Amos E. Schulke b. Nov. 23, 1886, d. Sept. 21, 1930. Fort Casey, Wash., Box 24.

Issue:

1. Amos E. b. Jan. 16, 1910.
2. Homer E. b. July 31, 1912.
3. Louisa R. b. Oct. 14, 1914.
4. John H. b. Oct. 14, 1915.
5. James C. b. Oct. 5, 1920.

III. Mary Elizabeth Lake b. Aug. 5, 1851, d. Jan. 8, 1883, m. Dec. 8, 1868, to Joseph Garver b. Sept. 11, 1836, d. Apr. 27, 1923.

Issue:

- A. Ada Florence b. July 10, 1871, m. Nov. 27, 1889, to Wm. Jasper Quinn. Elkhart, Ind., R. 6. No issue.
- B. Albert Royal b. Feb. 16, 1874, m. Oct. 10, 1897, to Anna Rough. 1741 Wildwood Road, Toledo, Ohio. No issue.

IV. Margaret Lake. No record of birth. Died at age 30.

V. William Lake. No record of birth or death.

VI. George W. Lake b. May 11, 1856, d. unknown. Married Oct 14, 1879, to Caroline Harman.

Issue:

- A. Bernese b. Jan. 31, 1886, m. Dec. 29, 1909, to Wm. N. Speed.

Issue:

1. Jane Elizabeth b. Sept. 8, 1913.
2. Martha Louise b. Apr. 23, 1915.

- B. Midge b. Jan. 28, 1888, m. Aug. 24, 1909, to Melion Jameson.

Issue:

1. George Harman b. Feb. 18, 1911.

Midge married second Mar. 3, 1919, to Roy B. Hodges.

VII. James Iley Lake b. July 28, 1861, m. Apr. 2, 1883, to Malinda Jane McGarrity b. Jan. 16, 1864, d. Dec. 31, 1891, dau. of John McGarrity and Elizabeth Moyer. Bristol, Ind.

Issue:

- A. Eva Louella b. Jan. 9, 1884, m. May 23, 1899, to Charles Emory Kamp.

Issue:

1. James Emory b. Mar. 8, 1901, d. Sept. 12, 1920.
2. Enid Mae b. Feb. 8, 1903, m. Nov. 26, 1921, to Ferris Evans.

Issue:

- a. Bernice Ann b. Feb. 3, 1925.
3. Reathel Malinda b. Dec. 11, 1904, m. Jan. 4, 1930, to George Olsen.

## MIDDLETON-DOWNING FAMILY HISTORY

## Issue:

- a. Charles Harold b. June 13, 1931.
- b. Beverly Jean b. June 17, 1932.
- 4. Leathel Malissa b. Dec. 11, 1904, m. Dec. 11, 1922, to Austin V. Shew. 1205 McPherson, Elkhart, Ind.
  - a. Phyllis Jeanne b. June 13, 1924.
  - b. Rose Marie Charlene b. Nov. 1, 1925.
- 5. Lloyd Nolen b. Aug. 6, 1907, m. Nov. 6, 1926, to Ruth Hazel Collins.

## Issue:

- a. Donna Ruth b. June 29, 1928.
- b. Marilyn Ann b. Nov. 24, 1930, d. Mar. 31, 1931.
- c. John Richard b. Dec. 10, 1931.
- 6. Mildred Irene b. Aug. 31, 1912, m. Apr. 17, 1930, to Sadoris Shelton.

## Issue:

- a. Margaret Lee b. Nov. 25, 1931.
- 7. Dorothy Evelyn b. Jan. 23, 1917.

B. Guy Esten b. June 7, 1886, d. July 29, 1925.

James Iley Lake married second Sept. 2, 1894, to Mary Ellen Ganger b. Aug. 15, 1873, d. Mar. 17, 1931, dau. of Jacob Ganger and Elizabeth Cripe.

## Issue:

C. Mabel Faun b. Jan. 13, 1896, m. Nov. 4, 1916, to Fred G. Kufeldt. Bristol, Ind.

## Issue:

- 1. James Frederick b. Oct. 1, 1917.
- 2. Gladys Ellen b. July 4, 1920.
- 3. Donald Eldon b. Jan. 4, 1927.

D. Elsie Irene b. Feb. 14, 1898, m. Dec. 25, 1914, to John Troy. 514 Warren St., Redwood City, Calif.

## Issue:

- 1. Mabel Agnes b. Oct. 6, 1915.

E. Herman Forrest b. Jan. 31, 1900, m. Sept. 3, 1926, to Mildred McBeth. 1224 Grant St., Elkhart, Ind.

## Issue:

- 1. Robert Lee b. Oct. 23, 1927.
- 2. Barbara Jean b. Feb. 20, 1930.

VIII. Richard Cross Lake b. Feb. 9, 1866, m. Nov. 16, 1892, to Mary Emma Seibert b. Jan. 26, 1868, dau. of Charles T. Seibert and Mary Elizabeth Kessler. Elkhart Co., Treasurer. Bristol, Ind. He owns the Lake home-  
stead.

**Issue:**

- A. Benjamin Nimrod b. Dec. 13, 1897, m. Nov. 18, 1927, to Dorothy Mae Olson b. Dec. 7, 1896, dau. of Edgar F. Olson and Minnie Peterson. Realtor. 6532 Hareard Ave., Chicago, Ill.

**Issue:**

1. Richard Nimrod b. Nov. 16, 1929.

## CHAPTER XIV

*The last of all the heirs was she,  
Who sung of that great family;  
For, well-a-day! their date was fled,  
Her pioneer brethren all were dead;  
And she revered and honor stressed,  
Left to be with them, and at rest.*

Elizabeth Ann Middleton, 1826-1912, the thirteenth and youngest child of John Middleton and Elizabeth Downing-Middleton, was born in Franklin Co., Ohio, Feb. 9, 1826. She was tenderly reared by her older sisters when the family lived on the banks of the Little Scioto River five miles northwest of Columbus, Ohio. During those struggling pioneer days the older sisters did the family washing in the river. Little Betsy Ann would go down to the river and watch her sisters wash. When the laundry work was finished they would take Betsy Ann for a ride in the washtub, wading and pulling the tub behind them. When four years old the youngest Middleton child met with an accident, the marks of which she carried to her grave. Aunt Mary Stotts was living with her parents at the Inn when her first child was born. Betsy Ann was very much interested in the new baby and slipping away from her mother one afternoon she climbed the stairs to see the child. As she was coming down the stairs she slipped and broke her collarbone. From that day on she always wore a pad on her shoulder to fill out her dress over the improperly set bone.

Betsy Ann learned to read with the help of her mother, who was well educated. While Elizabeth Downing was spinning Betsy Ann would bring the many old story papers her mother had saved and read aloud from them. When she came to an unfamiliar word she would spell it to her mother who would pronounce it for her. Thus she became a very good oral reader. She was also very adept at numbers.

Elizabeth Ann had the shiny black hair typical of her family. She was also the exact picture of her mother. One glance at the picture of the five sisters will acquaint one with the ancestral mother, Elizabeth Downing, through her youngest child.

After the death of her mother Elizabeth Ann kept house for her father until his death. She inherited part of her mother's personal belongings which included a chest containing a dress, a teapot and sugarbowl in mulberry color designs,

a Japanese pitcher with brown designs, a plate, a Paul Revere Lantern, and a man's German silver folding pocket comb.

On March 16, 1848, Elizabeth Ann was married to Michael Mitchel, born Jan. 24, 1820, in New Berlin Co., Pa. They bought a farm east of the old Middleton homestead, five miles east of Elkhart. It was situated on the south bank of the St. Joe River just east of where Pine Creek empties into the river and west of what is known as the six-span bridge. Uncle Mike built a large rambling house set back among the forest trees and lived and died on this farm. He was always a favorite uncle; was hospitable, liked young people and created a congenial atmosphere for visitors. When the Civil War soldiers returned, especially those from the Andersonville Prison, he did much to make them comfortable. He was a stout man and became such a progressive farmer that his farm was a showplace for people from miles around. He was the first farmer in Elkhart County to use machinery as labor saving devices.

*'Twas Christmas told the merriest tale;  
A Christmas gambol oft could cheer  
The poor man's heart through half the year.*  
—Scott.

#### CHRISTMAS AT UNCLE MIKE MITCHEL'S

It was the year 1879 when Mary Ellen Middleton Douglas and her children, Emery and Elma, were visiting the relatives in Elkhart, Ind. They were spending the week before Christmas at Uncle Mike's out at the farm on the St. Joseph River.

Aunt Lib Mitchel and Mary Ellen Douglas had planned on going to town to do some shopping, but before they were able to start, there came the big snow storm of the year and the roads were completely blocked. In those days clearing a road of heavy snow was a matter of days and much hard labor, so the prospects of a jolly Christmas were very little.

The two mothers, both women of great courage and resourcefulness, planned a splendid surprise for the four children, Will and Dora Mitchel, Emery and Elma Douglas. Will and Emery waded out into the woods and returned with a beautiful little Christmas tree which was set up in the parlor but further than that, the children knew nothing of what was going on behind those closed doors.

After supper on Christmas Eve, the parlor was opened and all rushed in eager to see what had been going on in there. What a grand surprise when the sight met their eyes! There stood the tree wonderfully decorated, for Aunt Lib had made a lot of cookies cut out in the shape of various animals—horses, cows, pigs, sheep, and chickens. These were hung on the tree as were also strings of popcorn. Mary Ellen Douglas had made some decorations for the tree out of bits of colored paper. Bright red and yellow apples helped to give color to the scene.

After the children had enjoyed the tree, got their animal cookies and a bag of homemade sandy, they had great sport comparing animals and playing games.



A large basket of apples, a pan of popcorn, a basket of walnuts, hickory, hazel and chestnuts, and a jug of sweet cider provided ample refreshments. Aunt Lib told the boys that she thought they wanted to be farmers so she was giving them a start in livestock.

So, in spite of the storm, they had a wonderful, jolly Christmas, that was most enjoyable and satisfying to all in that party composed of Uncle Mike, Aunt Lib, Will Mitchel, Dora Mitchel-Light, Mary Ellen Middleton-Douglas with her children Elma (Midge) Douglas-Smith, Emery Douglas, and Daniel Smith, a friend of the family.

In 1856 Uncle Mike was responsible for the placing of a tombstone on the grave of Uncle Charley Minear in the Middleton Cemetery. Uncle Mike died Sept. 10, 1890.

Aunt Libby Mitchel was a great lover of flowers and always raised many beautiful ones. People came to her for flowers for weddings and funerals such as they do to a florist today. She was also very hospitable, keeping on hand always a supply of cakes and fruit for hungry visitors. In her later years she was afflicted with cataract on the eyes, but was somewhat relieved by helpful treatment. She was a most picturesque and distinguished figure at the annual Middleton reunions. She died Jan. 9, 1912, at the home of her youngest daughter, Eudora Light, and is buried in Rowe Cemetery beside her husband.

*So fades the last child away,  
So sinks the name to posterity,  
So gently shuts the door of the past,  
So closes the last link of that family.*

Issue:

- I. Sarah Elizabeth Mitchel b. Jan. 24, 1851, d. Mar. 1929, m. Dec. 9, 1869, to John B. Hass b. in Northumberland Co., Penn., on Nov. 15, 1845, d. Oct. 16, 1890. Civil War veteran, who came with his parents to southern Michigan in 1848. Their first four children born in Elkhart Co., Ind., others in Charlevoix Co., Mich.

Issue:

- A. Samuel B. Hass b. July 30, 1871, m. Nov., 1899, to Clara Hodgkis.  
*North Liberty, Ind.*

Issue:

1. John Henry, ~~died in infancy~~. *Curtis, Mich.*
2. Walter Albert, ~~died in infancy~~. *Mishawaka, Ind.*
3. Dortha, ~~died in infancy~~.
4. May, ~~died in infancy~~. *home m. Steve Petrie*

- B. Lucy Almeda b. Apr. 19, 1874, d. Jan. 1891, at the Mitchel homestead.

- C. Rhoda Pearl b. Aug. 12, 1876, m. Dec. 23, 1896, to Mark A. Easton of Boyne City, Mich. 407 W. Topeka Ave., Trinidad, Colo.

## Issue:

1. Virginia.
2. Paul, m. June Rose Howard. Trinidad, Colo.

## Issue:

- a. Merrel.

D. Mertie May b. Dec. 8, 1879, m. Mar. 26, 1902, to Joseph Ekstrom b. May 19, 1877, son of John P. Ekstrom and Caroline Hurtig, who came from Stockholm, Sweden, about 1868. Mgr. New Carlisle Lumber and Coal Co., New Carlisle, Ind.

## Issue:

1. Lena Caroline b. Jan. 17, 1903. Teacher.
2. Beryl Josephine b. Mar. 20, 1907, m. Sept. 7, 1926, to Lyman C. Wade. Prop. Cigar Store, New Carlisle, Ind.

## Issue:

- a. Lyman Guy.

- b. Betty Jane.

3. Joseph Hurtig b. Feb. 19, 1909.
4. Carl Lenard b. June 17, 1911. Student Michigan State College.
5. Sarah Elizabeth b. Sept. 29, 1913.
6. Warren Mitchel b. Oct. 29, 1915.

E. William Michael b. Sept. 7, 1881, m. Nov. 16, 1910, to Sylvia Reamer, dau. of Isaac Reamer and Cynthia Geyer. Lumber dealer. 1729 E. Colfax Ave., South Bend, Ind.

## Issue:

1. Everell Reamer b. June 6, 1912.
2. Glydas Cynthia b. Jan. 25, 1915.
3. Ralph Mitchel b. Jan. 16, 1917.
4. Paul Dale b. Mar. 26, 1919.

F. John Charlton b. Oct. 10, 1884, m. Jan. 1, 1919, in Charlevoix Co., Mich., to Tressia Peck b. Dec. 18, 1889, dau. of Henry Hibbler and Emma Jane Woodward. He died Sept. 14, 1931, at their home, the Hass homestead in Melrose Twp., Charlevoix Co., Mich. Buried beside his parents. His family lives at Clarion, Mich.

## Issue:

1. Evalyn Lucille b. Mar. 30, 1921.
2. Roy Charlton b. Mar. 1, 1923.

G. Rebecca E. b. June 6, 1887, d. Feb. 13, 1889. Buried in Cem., Clarion, Mich.

II. Rhoda Arabella Mitchel b. Sept. 18, 1852, m. Nov. 26, 1872, to Edmund Eby, d. Oct. 27, 1915. Buried in Vistula Cem., Indiana. She lives with son.

## Issue:

- A. Delilah Edith b. Dec. 9, 1873, d. Apr. 14, 1874. Buried in Vistula Cem.



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- B. Frederick Middleton b. June 3, 1875, m. Pheobe Almira Hitesman-Melvin on Dec. 19, 1910. No issue. Elkhart, Ind., R. 1.
- III. John Charles Fremont Mitchel b. Mar. 15, 1856, d. May 16, 1863.
- IV. William Michael Mitchel b. July 22, 1867, d. Mar. 5, 1922, m. June 7, 1893, to Myrtle V. Stutsman b. Feb. 7, 1873, dau. of Edward Stutsman and Elizabeth Mitchel.
- A. Nellie May b. Apr. 17, 1894, m. Sept. 16, 1913, to Ralph W. Schlesner. Printer. Elkhart, Ind. No issue.
- B. Flossie, died in infancy.
- C. Beulah Elizabeth b. July 9, 1898, m. Apr. 10, 1917, to Shirley Goodsene.
- Issue:
1. William Eldon b. Dec. 31, 1930.
- D. Alice Irene b. Mar. 15, 1903, m. Apr. 24, 1919, to George Luckey.
- Issue:
1. George Mitchel, died in infancy.
  2. Theon Louise b. Feb. 13, 1924.
- Alice married second Mar. 14, 1929, to Martin Travis.
- E. Eudora b. Feb. 3, 1912.
- F. Billy b. Nov. 18, 1916.
- V. Eudora Violet Mitchel, youngest granddaughter of John and Elizabeth Middleton, b. Jan. 30, 1869, m. May 7, 1893, to Francis R. Light b. Feb. 19, 1863, only son of Isaac Light and Catherine Neiman. Farmer. Elkhart, Ind., R. 1.

## CHAPTER XV

*"Only that survives of past history which finds kindred in all hearts and lives."*

This chapter is devoted to a brother of John Middleton, Sommerset, whose wife Mary was a sister to Elizabeth Downing. These brothers came together from Delaware to Ohio along with many other relatives. We find Sommerset mentioned with the other orphaned children of James Middleton in Sussex Co., Del.

Jennie Wittemyer-Mead and John E. Miller have furnished much of the Sommerset Middleton family history.

Sommerset Middleton was born Sussex Co., Del., Dec. 7, 1780, and died <sup>Harrison Twp.</sup> Apr. 22, 1824, in <sup>Pickaway Ohio</sup> Elkhart Co., Ind. In Sussex Co., Del., on Mar. 6, 1805, he married his first cousin, Mary Downing born Jan. 22, 1770, and died Apr. 3, 1834. Their graves cannot be located as the stones in the old ~~farm~~ cemetery ~~near Elkhart have been removed in many years~~ <sup>are</sup>. She is ~~not~~ buried beside her husband.

Known issue:

- I. Elizabeth <sup>Killingsworth</sup> ~~Killingsworth~~ Middleton b. 1806 <sup>Delaware</sup> d. Mar. 14, 1878, m. Aug. 19, 1821, in <sup>Pickaway</sup> ~~Elkhart~~ Co., Ohio, to George Peoples b. Jan. 16, 1795, d. Sept. 2, 1834. He is buried on the old farm near Elkhart. She is buried near Prescott, Iowa, where she was living with her daughter at the time.

Issue:

- A. Sarah Peoples, m. George Handson in Elkhart Co., Ind.

Issue:

1. George. Killed in a cave-in of a cistern at Le Claire, Iowa.
2. Mary, m. a Fording.

Issue:

Two daughters who went to some place in Louisiana.

3. Sarah, who married a Wilson.

Issue:

- a. Dau.
- b. Dau. m. a William Merritt, 710½ Harrison St., Davenport, Iowa.
- c. Son.
4. Stella, m. a Kelly and lived at Le Claire, Iowa, and died when a child was born.
5. Jennie, m. and lived at Moline, Ill.



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6. Edith, d. as a baby.

7. John, d. as a baby.

8, 9, 10, 11. Babies not named, d. in infancy.

B. George, d. a young man leaving two boys who lived at Benton Harbor, Mich., with their mother. Further unknown.

C. Middleton, d. when a young man.

D. Mary, m. and d. soon afterward.

E. Elizabeth b. 1834-5, d. Sept. 2, 1867, m. Apr. 25, 1858, to John Wittemyer.

Issue:

1. Anna Mary b. Feb. 9, 1859, d. Nov. 9, 1859.

2. George William b. 1860, d. 1862.

3. Jennie b. Feb. 14, 1862, m. Apr. 20, 1890, to Jeremiah W. Mead. 5521 Rice St., Chicago, Ill.

Issue:

a. Herman John b. Feb. 1, 1891, m. Apr. 23, 1919, to Mabel Loretta Wolf. Westmont, Ill.

Issue:

(1). Leland La Verne b. June 15, 1920.

b. Elizabeth Ellen b. Nov. 13, 1892, m. Mar. 4, 1931, to Benjamin F. Hager. 5521 Rice St., Chicago, Ill.

c. Ellen Elizabeth b. Nov. 13, 1892, died same day.

d. William H. b. Oct. 26, 1894.

e. Edward Wittemyer b. Apr. 27, 1896, m. Jan. 23, 1924, to Leona Marti, Hughes, Ark.

Issue:

(1). Phyllis Ann b. Feb. 14, 1925.

f. Hazel b. May 11, 1897, d. Aug. 26, 1897.

g. Pheobe b. Feb. 12, 1899, d. same day.

4. Charles Edward b. July 27, 1865, d. Oct. 9, 1894, m. July 27, 1890, to Hattie Lovejoy.

Issue:

a. Gyneth Elizabeth b. Feb. 15, 1892, m. Aug. 5, 1916, to Dr. Harry T. Olson. Sargent, Neb.

Issue:

(1). Donald Richard b. Dec. 26, 1917.

(2). Harold Gordon b. Feb. 2, 1920.

(3). Meredith Louisa b. Aug. 3, 1923.

(4). Marjorie Helen b. June 27, 1931.

Elizabeth Middleton-Peoples married second in Elkhart County on Oct. 17, 1839, to John Martin by the Justice of Peace.

F. Clarissia Ellen b. Elkhart Co., Ind., Dec. 1, 1844, d. Oct. 24, 1924, in McPherson Co., Neb., where her funeral was held in the Miller Church named for the family. In Elkhart, Ind., she m. Patrick

King who enlisted in Civil War and lost his life in battle several years later.

Issue:

1. Henry Martin b. in Ind. Stapleton, Neb.
2. Clarinda, m. and d. leaving a dau., EHa, who was reared by her grandmother, Mrs. King.

Clarissia Ellen m. second in Elkhart Co., Ind., to William Miller a Civil War veteran who died 1895 and was buried in Miller Cem. which land he had donated for a cemetery. He was first person to be buried there. The Miller family moved to McPherson Co., Neb., in 1892.

Issue:

3. Joseph.
4. Charles.
5. Eugene, died.
6. Bessie Wilson, Alberta, Canada.
7. Bertha, d. at Natches, Miss.
8. John E. b. 1874. Ringgold, Neb.
9. William. Ringgold, Neb.
10. Jesse. Washington.
11. Albert. Ringgold, Neb.
12. Earl. Ringgold, Neb.

A brother of the Downings settled Pickaway Co. Ohio 1820:

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| <p>John Downing<br/>b1787 Delaware<br/>m. Mar. 3, 1814<br/>Pickaway Co. Ohio<br/>by Rev. George Aikire<br/>to Polly Champ<br/>b. 1792 Va. living<br/>1870 &amp; before June 1873</p> | <p>1. David J. b. 1820 Del.<br/>m. Aug. 1842 in<br/>Pickaway Co. Ohio to<br/>Priscilla Loveless<br/>b. 1823 Ohio</p> <p>2. Sumerset b. Oct. 9, 1822<br/>Ohio d. Mar. 3, 1873<br/>Pickaway Co. Ohio. m.<br/>Sarah Kidney b. 1823<br/>New York State. Both<br/>buried Christian Cem.<br/>Deer Creek, Pickaway<br/>Co. Ohio</p> <p>3. John <sup>Nelson</sup> b. 1832 Ohio<br/>Listed as idiot 1850 census</p> | <p>1. David J. b. 1843 Ohio</p> <p>2. Solomon b. 1846 Ohio</p> <p>1. William E. B. b. 1842 Ohio</p> <p>2. Sarah L. 1845 "</p> <p>3. Joseph W. 1847<br/>wf. Louisa b. 1848 Ohio</p> <p>4. Abraham 1849 "</p> <p>5. Louisa m Joseph Wageman</p> <p>6. Jane</p> <p>7. John For W. 1858</p> <p>8. Martha 1861</p> <p>9. George 1863</p> <p>Mary b. 1869<br/>Sarah E. b. 1870<br/>in May</p> |
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II. James Middleton

m. Sept. 20, 1829 Mary Neville

III. Elizabeth Middleton m. Oct. 15, 1824 John Cryder

IV. Nancy Middleton m. Jan. 20, 1827 Nehemiah Layton

V. Roda Middleton m. March 5, 1831 Jefferson Cryder

VI. Mary Middleton m. Dec. 18, 1834 David Tyler