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SPENCER HISTORY

AND

FAMILY RECORDS



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Preface



This book is dedicated to the memory of my Father and Mother, James and Nancy Spencer.

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For a score or two of years, I have been gathering information relative to the Spencers in America, and now, in the evening and leisure time of life, I have tried to put such facts as I have gleaned into permanent form.

As might be expected, I have given Father and Mother a prominent place, but I have had in mind a very much larger circle of Spencers and related families to whom I have tried to make contribution.

Some of the statements made are traditional, and traditions are often conflictive. In such cases, I have tried to weigh evidence fairly, but I may sometimes be mistaken.

I wish to thank the many friends who have helped in this work by giving such information as they could give. Many letters have been written containing facts I could not have otherwise obtained.

This task has been to me a labor of love. It has been undertaken because I have fully believed that such a book might not only please people of today but might have larger worth in later years. It is sent out with the hope that others may be able to follow branches of the Spencer families beyond my vision.

There is an old saying of the Greeks: "That they should not dishonor the Fathers." May our tribes have in mind not only the Fathers, but shall honor the God of our fathers.

Some blank pages are appended with a three fold purpose in view:

1. That individuals or families may fill in their own record so as to make it complete.
2. That additions may be made in coming decades, so as to continue family history, and may thus take the place of family records in the Old Family Bible.
3. That if some one fifty or one hundred years later wishes to write a larger Spencer History exact material may easily be obtained.

A Short History of the Spencer Family

Chapter I.

In Ireland and South Carolina.

The early history of our branch of the Spencer tribe so far as known began with a Mr. and Mrs. Spencer in the north of Ireland. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, and she was a member of the Associate Presbyterian Church. They had two boys, Thomas and John. One of these was baptized in the church of the father and the other in the church of the mother.

The mother was a very earnest, faithful woman and was accustomed to take the two boys with her to church, one before and the other behind her on her horse, till they were able to ride by themselves. While they were still young, both the father and mother died.

As the story has come to me, the orphaned boys were bound out and had pretty hard times. Thomas was brought up to be a weaver. The flax, or the pithy part of it, was rotted in what were called "Lint Downs." These deep pits were stirred frequently, that the flax might rot evenly. Thomas felt so unkindly toward his master that he watched for a chance to drown him but, afterwards, was thankful that he had not done so.

Thomas was married in Ireland, to Miss Mary Jackson, a first cousin to President Andrew Jackson. The date of marriage is not known but it must have been not much, if any, later than 1760. Later, they migrated to America, landing at Charleston, South Carolina and moving thence to near Rock Hill, York County, South Carolina, in the bonds of a congregation organized June 8, 1790, called "Neeley's Creek." Thomas Spencer, John Harbison, and Samuel Lusk were elders. The ocean voyage was a tedious one, in a sailing vessel,

and took six weeks. He enjoyed quoting later : "They that go down to the sea in ships see the works of the Lord and his wonders in the deep."

It is proper to state here that there is a tradition that there was a third brother, Robert, but the above statements were learned from Spencers near Richmond, Kansas, in or about 1873, and had the approval of my Father who was reared till early manhood in South Carolina and knew Thomas and John. This conclusion is strengthened by the fact that a son of Thomas the First, named Robert, was born in Ireland and died while a young man, and was probably buried in Neeley's Creek Churchyard, where a Robert Spencer was buried in 1793, his age 34 years. The evidence seems conclusive that Robert Spencer was a son and not a brother of Thomas Spencer.

Both Thomas and John Spencer were farmers. Their principal crop was cotton; hauled to Charleston in wagons, for a market. I have heard my Father tell of those trips. In 1793, Eli Whitney invented the Cotton Gin, which separates the seed from the lint. Earlier, this was done by hand. Its introduction made the raising of cotton very profitable, and it was soon learned that a man raising cotton, by his own labor, on his small farm, could not compete successfully with his neighbor across the road with his dozen or one hundred slaves. Because of this, the small farmer was forced to sell out to the "Planter", and large numbers of this class moved away from the cotton lands to higher altitudes, and became the "Mountaineers" of Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee.

The agitation of the question of Slavery began in Kentucky in 1804. In 1811 an Act was adopted declaring it "to be a moral evil to hold negroes in bondage." it was also enacted: "That those who refused to comply with these directions were unworthy of the fellowship of the Church." A more stringent act, in 1831, declared that : "All slave holders were debarred from communion." This was a church action.

During this period of agitation and discussion, often bitter, many members of the Associate Church migrated to

Northern States, many of them settling around Bloomington and Portland Mills, Indiana, and in Greene County, Ohio. In the latter, were located the Millens, McMillans, Harbisons, Turners, Spencers, Orrs, and many others. These people had to face the problem : Hold slaves, become impoverished, or move out, and they moved out, not all at once, but during a period of several years.

John Spencer of Ireland moved from South Carolina to Portland Mills. The parting of the two brothers was most affectionate. It seemed as if they could not part. They hung on to each other. The friends said that they had never seen such a parting and wished never to see another.

Chapter II.

Spencers in Ohio

It was in March 1830 that Thomas Spencer, son of Thomas Spencer the First, my Grandfather, moved to Greene County, Ohio, and located temporarily on Clark's Run, in the bounds of Massies Creek congregation, not far from Cedarville. Recently the question has been raised: When did the Spencers move from South Carolina to Ohio ? I have given it as 1830. I give my authority. In the autumn of 1902, I visited the old Spencer home place near Rock Hill, S. C. Soon after I wrote an account of it to my Uncle Frank. He had his daughter, Cousin Lil, answer. Among other things she wrote: "He says Grandpa started here in February 1830. It took him: six weeks_ to come." Uncle Frank was born June 20, 1820. He. has told my sister, Bell, that he was 10 years old when they moved to Ohio. He was nearly ten. It was an important event in his life and in that of his children, when they started on a six weeks' journey from South Carolina to Ohio. The Father, Thomas the First, then nearly 85 years old, unable to walk, was brought on a sled to bid them farewell and see them start. He had all of the seven grandchildren stand in a row, and laid his hands on their heads and blessed them. One of these; a boy of ten years at that time recalled the scene eighty years later. This was my Uncle Frank Spencer.

My Grandfather Thomas bought a farm about four miles southeast of Cedarville, where my Uncle Frank lived the rest of his life. His first wife was Susana Bigham, who died in 1840 and was buried in Caesar's Creek Cemetery, where also were buried two daughters, Martha and Agnes, all three dying of Typhoid Fever.

Later, Grandfather married Mrs. Nancy Stewart Hamilton, mother of Samuel Hamilton, also of Mrs. Wm. Cooper and Mrs. Wm. Stevenson.

Leaving some of the other branches of the Spencer family aside for the present, I turn my attention to my Father, James Spencer, and his family. Born in South Carolina, August 13, 1810, he worked on his father's farm till the spring of 1830. After coming to Ohio, he married my Mother, Nancy Guthrie, April 3, 1834 (see table of Mary Guthrie.) After marriage, they began life on a small farm of seventy acres, about two miles southeast of Cedarville, for which they paid \$5.00 per acre. It was paid for mostly from sale of some young horses reared on the farm. This land was heavily wooded. The first objective was to clear a central spot large enough for house and garden and fields for farm crops. The fine timber was sacrificed ruthlessly. These were the days of "log rollings," "when a man was had in estimation according as he lifted up his ax thick trees upon." It must also be said that at such times, when men were "neighboring" back and forth, the bottle with its stimulating contents was counted a necessity, and also was so counted in the harvest fields.

The house was a small one-storied log cabin, with one room and a "lean-to" covered with large unshaven clapboards, and the spaces between the logs filled with puncheons reinforced with mortar from clay soil. Here my two brothers and three older sisters were born and here I first saw the light. Soon after this event, my father bought the Guthrie farm, about a mile distant, and we moved to it. For eleven years the two farms were owned and worked. Here the buildings were much better. The house was two storied. The logs were hewn. There were three rooms on the first floor and an undivided room on the second floor. Here we lived till 1853,

when both farms were sold and the Janey farm of 312 acres purchased, later known as the McCampbell farm.

The first church connection was with the Massies Creek Church. There were two good family horses, Dick and Bet. They went to church. Father rode the first and Mother rode the second, an easy going pacer. The children rode before and behind, as they could.

Later they were swung into the Bullion Party. Rev. Andrew Heron, who had married father and mother, was suspended for insubordination, because he had gone to hear Rev. H. H. Blair preach, in his own church, Caesar's Creek, on a week day. The Bullion Party was short lived, but we remained in the Caesar's Creek congregation. Our home was but two miles from the church.

Our going to church must have been a little like the description which Wallace gives in Ben Hur of Chief Ilderim's moving. Father and Mother and two of the older girls rode in the two-horse carriage; Tom and Will and one of the girls rode on horseback; Bub, as I was then called, was driver in the "Dandy Wagon" with the smaller girls as passengers. There were few days in the year when the procession did not pass. As far back as I can remember, my Father was an elder and a member of the session.

Family worship, both morning and evening, was not neglected. Always just after breakfast we filed into the sitting room for "worship." There was singing of a Psalm, or part of one; reading a chapter, usually "in course;" and prayer. I have not forgotten the prayer offered the morning I was to start to Westminster College, to be absent for ten long months.

The men and women of that day did not have much school training. At best it was limited to a short winter term in an ungraded school. In the South, there was not so much, and yet those people were not ignorant. I mean the church-going people of those times.

I can never forget the quaint scriptural prayers of those early days, made up largely of quotations, polished Bible references, used over and over, day after day. There was a sameness, almost equal to Episcopal forms, but these quaint, elegant

phrases had become woven into their mental and spiritual life. Their food was the Bible, the "Shorter Catechism," and heavy doctrinal sermons. Such food developed strong characters without much school training.

The Communion Seasons of those days are worthy of note. Friday was "Fast Day." There may not have been much fasting, but the day was much like a Sabbath. We went to church. Two sermons were preached. They were not fifteen minute sermons; an hour for each was not considered too long. Some of us may have dozed a little, to wake up with a start. There was one sermon on Saturday. Then the tokens were distributed as the members passed by pastor and elders and each one received a small lead piece about the size of our modern cent. This custom had been carried over from the conventicles held among the crags and valleys of Scotland, when tokens were a necessity.

Sabbath was the big day. Frequently a neighboring pastor and his congregation united in this service. The two main aisles were wide enough to allow a plain, narrow table in its center, with narrow benches on each side, with passageway to allow communicants space to go to table and return. Sometimes a similar table stood in front.

An elder stood at the entrance end of these tables to receive tokens from communicants. The communicants went forward to the table and also returned while singing a portion of a Psalm. The pastor, or assistant, made a short address to each table of communicants. This entire service was very impressive. A sermon on Monday followed, closing the Communion.

Another feature of this entire Occasion was the injunction "not to forget to entertain strangers." It was a privileged time. People from a neighboring congregation could come on Friday or Saturday, assured that they would be entertained till Monday, if they cared to remain so long.

I make no apology for introducing here a brief account of a Friday evening prayer meeting which stood between the older and the newer times. It was a union meeting. Among the faithful, there was a Presbyterian and a Methodist family.

The rest were Psalmsingers and the Psalms were used in worship. This meeting was a by-product of a convention which met in Xenia, March 24, 1858 and which, had much to do with the birth of the United Presbyterian Church in May of that year in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

This prayer meeting had a continuous life for nearly a score of years. The older people and the younger people took part. Here some of us led the meeting and, with trembling lips, led in public prayer or made remarks for the first time.

As might be expected, my Father, reared in South Carolina, was a Democrat, or was until the Civil War began. My Mother, reared in Washington County, Pennsylvania, was an out-and-out Republican.

When "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was first published, it came to us in serial form in the "New Era," a paper published in Washington, D. C. Its weekly visit was waited for and hailed with joy. We could not wait our turn to read it; there were too many of us. It was read aloud, and then it was discussed. Father, though a Democrat, did not favor Slavery, but he had many friends in the South and did not favor aggressive action. Mother, on the other hand, could not go too far in condemning the Spirit of the Institution and wanted its abolishment. Many were the debates in the dining room and around the fireside; the children acting as a jury, and deciding for the Mother.

My Father was commonly one of the three Directors in our school district. He was largely instrumental in securing the best teachers available at that time. As a result, we had a series of capable teachers for winter term, for several years and we children were highly favored. He stood for good order in the old time singings and spelling matches. At one time, some boys from a neighboring district had given the teacher a good bit of trouble. After dismissal they became quite boisterous. My father took his stand near the door and said, in decisive tones: "The first boy that misbehaves I will knock him down." They went out as quiet as lambs.

NOTE--For the sake of convenient reference the following chapters are arranged with genealogical tables. Some very much desired material has not been received. The letters "h", "m", and "d" are used instead of born, married and died.

Chapter III
Early Families

The first names of the Mr. and Mrs. Spencer in Ireland are not known. Their son, Thomas, was born in 1745 and died in 1830. He was buried in Neeley's Creek Churchyard. near Rock Hill, South Carolina. John married a Miss Kenmuir and moved to Portland Mills, Indiana.

FAMILY OF THOMAS ADAMS

Table with 4 columns: NAMES, BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS. Rows include Rev. James (Aug. 8, 1792), Martin (March 30, 1783), and Mary (May 22, 1786) m. Guthrie (first name not known). Deaths listed include (Buried at Carmel, Ind.) Sept. 16, 1842, Jan. 5, 1872, and Urbana, Ohio.

FAMILY OF MARY :ADAMS GUTHRIE

Table with 4 columns: NAMES, BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS. Rows include William M. D. (July 6, 1811) m. Margaret Bonner (1816) and m. Elizabeth Traber (1826), Elizabeth G. (See Stewart Family) m. William Stewart, and Nancy G. (See James Spencer family) m. James Spencer.

FAMILY OF THOMAS THE FIRST AND MARY JACKSON SPENCER

Table with 4 columns: NAMES, BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS. Rows include Frank (died and left wife and two children.), Robert (died when young, probably in 1793.), and John (May 11, 1782) m. Elizabeth Bigham (May 13, 1787) with marriage year 1776 and death Mar. 2, 1836.

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Jesse			Mar. 30, 1860
Thomas	1785		May 17, 1871
m. Susanna Bigham	1792		1840
m. Nancy S. Hamilton	Sept. 15, 1798		Jan. 18, 1884
Polly	(b. during war of Revolution)		
Jackson	(history not known)		
Nancy	(history not known)		
Martha	(unmarried)		Mar. ___ 1840
Jane	(unmarried)		died of typhoid fever Mar. ___ 1840
Susan	(history not known)		(d. when small)
James			

FAMILY OF JAMES BIGHAM

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Susanna			
m. Thomas Spencer	(see table)		
Elizabeth			
m. John Spencer	(see table)		
Jane	Dec. 28, 1787	Aug 13, 1806	1864
m. John Harbison	May 13, 1782		
Robert			
m. Polly Smith			

FAMILY OF THOMAS THE SECOND & SUSANNA B. SPENCER

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
James	Aug. 13, 1810		June 23, 1902
m. Nancy Guthrie	Nov. 27, 1808	Apr. 3, 1834	Oct. 11, 1890
Nellie (Eleanor)	Jan. 13, 1813		July 30, 1894
m. Adam Turner	Feb. 13, 1810	Dec. 9, 1835	Jan. 8, 1903
Mary			(d. in So. C.)
Susan			
m. George Paris			
(a daughter, Mary Paris Lewis, lives in Indianapolis, Indiana)			
Jane	(history not known)		
Frank	June 28, 1820		May 21, 1909
m. Jane Renwick	Feb. 3, 1825	Sept. 9, 1852	May 15, 1893
Mary Ann	July 4, 1834		Oct. 9, 1888
m. Joseph Turnbull	Oct. 20, 1835		May 1, 1900
Martha			1840
Agnes			1840

This leaf supplies an omission. Elisabeth, p. 13, was a Spencer, not a Hamilton.

FAMILY OF ELIZABETH S. AND JOHN RILEY COOPER

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Elisabeth Spencer	Feb. 20, 1829	Apr. 27, 1853	Oct. 6, 1885
m. John Riley Cooper	Apr. 29, 1824		Feb. 19, 1896

THEIR CHILDREN

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Nancy Joanna	July 4, 1854	1875	Sep. 29, 1925
m. Jas. Walker Hope	Aug. 1, 1854		Oct. 29, 1895
John Cooper			Born, died and buried, Cedarville, Ohio.
Thomas Harvey C.			Born, died and buried, Cedarville, Ohio
Mary Ada Cooper	Aug. 9, 1859		
Robert Franklin C.	Feb. 9, 1862	Oct. 6, 1887	
m. Jessie Turner	Feb. 3, 1860		
Sarah Ella C.	Oct. 7, 1864	June 29, 1891	
m. George W. Conrad			
Elisabeth Susanna	Aug. 5, 1867	Jan. 1, 1913	
m. John W. Derby			
Jennie Alice C.	Sep. 11, 1869		

FAMILY OF ROBERT FRANKLIN AND JESSIE TURNER COOPER

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Robert Riley	June 13, 1888	Aug. 7, 1926	
m. Helen Musselman			
Lee Turner	Nov. 2, 1889		
Edith King	Apr. 25, 1891	Aug. 6, 1917	
m. Clarence Lamson			
Joanna Edna	Sep. 7, 1892		
Hugh Bigham	June 28, 1896		Jan. 17, 1919

FAMILY ROBERT RILEY AND HELEN M. COOPER

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Mary Jean	June 6, 1927		

FAMILY EDITH K. AND CLARENCE LAMSON

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Clarence Hugble	June 3, 1918		
George Robert	July 12, 1920		
Charles Samuel	Feb. 8, 1922		
Joanna			

FAMILY SARAH ELLA AND GEORGE W. CONRAD

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Mabel Cooper m. Wm. A. Sullivan	Nov. 25, 1893	Sep. 4, 1919	
Elisabeth Spencer m. Wm. F. Griffiths	Mar. 6, 1895	May 3, 1916	
Emma Magdaline	Mar. 2, 1898		
Byron Jacob m. Alma R. Moore	Mar. 24, 1899	Dec. 21, 1922	

FAMILY OF MABEL AND WM. A. SULLIVAN

Anna Elisabeth	June 15, 1920		
Margaret P.	Feb. 7, 1922		
William J.	Aug. 9, 1925		
Infant daughter	Mar. 7, 1928		

FAMILY, ELISABETH S. AND W. F. GRIFFITHS

Florence Eleanor	Sep. 4, 1918		
Wilma M.	June 16, 1920		

FAMILY BYRON J. AND ALMA R. CONRAD

Dorothy Ann	Sep. 26, 1923		
Byron William	Jan. 10, 1927		

Elisabeth Spencer (Aunt Betsy) was born near Rock Hill, S. C. in 1829. After marriage to Uncle Riley Cooper in 1853, they lived several years in Cedarville, where he followed his trade of blacksmithing. Here several of their children were born and two of them buried in the Massies Creek Cemetery. From Cedarville they moved to Morea, Ill. There they made their home. Their children however scattered with true western spirit into adjoining states, and some of them still further.

Uncle and Aunt were loyal church members; he to the Covenanter Church, she to the Seceeder Church later United Presbyterian. Joanna well remembered walking hand in hand with her father to his church while her mother went faithfully to her own. Joanna and her husband both died in the U. P. Church. As the family scattered some of them have found church homes in other communions.

The Coopers believed in education. Ella, Sue and Jennie attended a Congregational College at Neligh, Nebr. Sue took degree of B. S. Jennie took the Normal Course. Frank learned blacksmithing from his father and all the girls were teachers. After the death of her husband, Joanna and Jennie homesteaded in N. Dakota.

The Coopers did their part in the World War. Robert Riley, son of Robert F. served as second lieutenant in France from 1917 to 1919. Clarence served one year over seas. Joanna served one year in France as a Red Cross nurse.

INSERT NO. 2

A request came from the Turner family to insert this leaf. It is given place because of the close relationship of the two families. The material is furnished by Miss Mabel E. Turner, Clarinda, Iowa, and has been arranged by her.

FAMILY OF JAMES AND JANE BIGHAM TURNER

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Adam m. Nellie Spencer.	See page 35.		
Bigham m. Matilda Jane Adams.	See page 51.		
William m. Rebecca Andrews			
Frances, died at age of 30 years.			
John b. Oct. 7, 1824	m. Aug. 14, 1850		d. May 29, 1896
m. Elizabeth Raney	(b. Feb. 1, 1824)		d. Nov. 20, 1878

FAMILY OF WILLIAM AND REBECCA ANDREWS TURNER

Nancy (m. George Mounts), Laura (m. Clark Henderson), Mary, John, Ralph.

FAMILY OF JOHN AND ELIZABETH RANEY TURNER

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Infant daughter	b. June 7, 1851		d. June 9, 1851
Martha Ellen	b. July 18, 1852	m. Joe Wilson	
Their children: John, *Allen, Ethel, Clyde, Roy.			
James William	b. Aug. 22, 1854	m. Jennie McKee	
Their Children: Russell, Eda, Lillie, Wm., John, Rose, *Bessie.			
Estelle, Bertha, Guy, Ralph, Lucian, Elvin.			
Samuel Russell	b. Feb. 22, 1856	m. Jeanette Wilkey	
Their children: *Warren, *Roy, *Two infants, Mabel.			
Elizabeth Anne	b. Dec. 24, 1858	m. R. G. Black	
Their Children: Lizzie, Mabel.			

*Deceased.

James Turner, the first, came from Ireland, settled near Charleston, S. C., was pressed into service on British man-of-war at the age of sixteen and made to serve until twenty-one years old. He later served through the Revolution. Once when the soldiers sent home for more clothing, neighbor women met at his home, took flax from the pit and had clothing ready to send in thirty-six hours. His only son, James, then six years old often told later of soldiers passing their home many times. This son, James, married Jane Bigham by whose father's will she received a slave. Not wishing this slave and unable in the South to learn how to free her, they prepared to go to Ohio for information. A neighbor wanted to put his one horse with their three and travel with them. All went well till the first Saturday noon when James said, "We'll have to pick out a good place to camp tonight because where we stop today, we stay till Monday." The man said he couldn't waste time like that. Going about the camp that night, he found he could join with others. James told him to go on.

"But how will you get along with only three horses?"

"Never mind us," said James. "We'll get along." They stayed in camp all Sabbath and read their Bibles, while the others drove on. Monday morning, several horses were offered to him for sale, he picked out one and drove on. About Saturday they drove around the others. They kept on that way for several weeks until the last week or two, the others failed to come up any more. It took eight weeks to make this hard trip. Besides chain locks on the wagons, they had to cut down a big tree at the top of each mountain and drag it down. After getting information in Ohio they made that same trip back to Carolina, got the slave, returned to Ohio where they located, and freed the slave, building her a little house on their land. That was in Green County, near Cedarville, shortly after 1800. It was there that all their children were born. They and their family were Seceders and attended Massies Creek church. James Turner (April 17,1775—Oct. 26,1868) was buried in Spring Grove Cemetery, Warren Co., Ill. He, having done so much to free one slave, lived to see all slaves set free.

William's family moved to Henderson County, Ill., later locating near Arkansas City, Kansas. John's family moved to near Monmouth, Ill., in 1858 ; and in 1877, located near Clarinda, Iowa.

CHILDREN OF MRS. NANCY S. HAMILTON

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Hannah m. William Cooper			
Elizabeth [nee Spencer?] m. William Stevenson			
Samuel m. Dassy Orr			

FAMILY OF JOHN AND JANE BIGHAM HARRISON

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Eleanor H. m. John McCoy	1811	1842	1890
James H. m. Sarah Miller m. Margaret King	1813	1852	May 29, 1910
Elizabeth m. John Raney	1816		
Robert Bigham m. Jeannette McMillan m. Jeanette McMillan	Oct. 11, 1920 1829 } 1826 } cousins	1848	1881 1913 1884
Jane Adeline m. John McHatton	1825	1847	
Susan m. James Carson	1828	1866	1907

It will be noted that my story begins with three of my great grand fathers, Thomas Spencer, who came from Ireland, Thomas Adams, father of Rev. James, Martin and Mary Guthrie and James Bigham, father of Susana, Jane, Elizabeth and Robert. There are no earlier records preserved so far as I know. One would have to cross the ocean to find them, and then might search in vain.

It is nearly 200 years since my great grand fathers were born. Counting that generation, the fifth generation are now the busy middle-aged people of today. The sixth is in school and college. The firstlings of the seventh are here. Truly "one generation goeth and another cometh." I have been in touch with the seven generations, but only slightly in touch with the first and seventh.

Chapter IV

FAMILY OF JAMES AND NANCY SPENCER AND THOMAS A. SPENCER

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Thomas A.	Dec. 17, 1834		
m. Mary Dean	Dec. 10, 1836	Mar. 24, 1859	Mar 27, 1883
m. Mary Greer	Nov. 30, 1840	May 10, 1887	July 7, 1925
William G.	Jan. 8, 1836	Sept. 1865	Feb. 29, 1884
m. Rachel Hays	Sept. 10, 1838		Feb. 8, 1908
Araminta	Mar. 18, 1837	Mar. 16, 1865	Jan. 4, 1920
m. James W. Spencer			1901
Mary	Nov. 1, 1838	Nov. 18, 1858	Mar. 6, 1913
m. Levi B. Dean	Apr. 21, 1836		Apr. 6, 1909
Susan Jane	June 20, 1840	Oct. 14, 1869	Mar. 10, 1926
m. Andrew Harper	Oct. 2, 1840		Sept. 27, 1887
Frank M.	Feb. 24, 1842	Nov. 2, 1871	
m. Ella Anderson	Sept. 24, 1842		Oct. 9, 1909
Keziah	Nov. 17, 1843	Not married	Apr. 7, 1883
Nannie E.	Mar. 31, 1845	May 23, 1878	
m. James Henderson	May 28, 1842		Apr. 14, 1920
Maria	Oct. 22, 1846		Sept. 1, 1848
Isabella	July 30, 1848	Oct. 14, 1880	
m. Rev. R. C. Finney	Mar. __ 1849		May 3, 1910
Roselia	1853		Aug. __ 1855

FAMILY OF THOMAS A. AND MARY DEAN SPENCER

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
William A.	May 16, 1861	Jan. 25, 1887	
m. Lida Wilson	June 27, 1865		
Nancy Luella.	June 28, 1865		May 21, 1881
Elizabeth Della	Oct. 28, 1869		
m. Jas. Mack Bull	July 7, 1865	Oct. 8, 1889	

FAMILY OF WILLIAM A. AND LIDA W. SPENCER

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
May Ethel	July 22, 1891	Oct. 7, 1914	
m. Roll J. Shultz	Jan. 17, 1889		
Wilma Lucille, A. M.	Dec. 2, 1893		

FAMILY OF ELIZABETH DELLA AND J. MACK BULL

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Rev. Fred Bull	July 23, 1892	July 25, 1917	
m. Ada Mildred Merrill	Nov. 25, 1892		

FAMILY OF REV. FRED AND ADA M. BULL

Merrill Richard	June 29, 1920
Maxima Ludell	June 1, 1922
Robert Fred	May 4, 1926

Thomas A. was a twin. His twin sister did not live. Soon after his marriage to Mary Dean, he bought part of Father's farm, farthest from the Jamestown Pike. Later this was sold and another was bought about a mile north of Cedarville. Later, this was sold and he and his second wife moved to Jamestown, in order to take care of Father in Father's home. Mother was cared for part of the time but sister Sue Harper took care of her during the last few months of her life.

Together, these have performed a labor of love that we, living far away, have probably never fully appreciated.

After Father's death, he and Mary moved to Xenia. Since Mary's death, and for some time earlier, sister Bell has helped Della Bull and Mack to take care of him. He is now in his 93 year, and while never very strong, has lived to a greater age than any other of the Spencer tribe, so far as I know. He was an elder in the Cedarville congregation, while living near Cedarville.

Two of his grandchildren are college graduates. Wilma, with the degree of A. M., has been a very successful teacher in Dayton, and elsewhere. Fred, after graduating from Wittenberg College, and from Xenia Theological Seminary, has been for several years a successful pastor in the United Presbyterian Church. He is now settled in Somonauk, Illinois.

Chapter V

FAMILY OF REV. WM. G. AND RACHEL SPENCER

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Nancy Jane	Aug. 3, 1866	Unmarried	Sept. 4, 1916
William H.	Oct. 29, 1868	Unmarried	
Jas. H. Spencer D. D. m. Martha Poppino	Mar. 12, 1870	June 25, 1896	
Hermon Wallace m. Elizabeth Wilson	Jan. 28, 1873	Nov. 30, 1900	
Mary Estelle m. Albert H.	Oct. 11, 1878	June 23, 1903	
Baldinger, D. D.	Feb. 13, 1876		

FAMILY OF JAMES H., D. D. AND MARTHA P. SPENCER

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Warren Poppino m. Ruth M. Clark	Jan. 16, 1898	June 12, 1924	
James Hebert Jr.	July 13, 1899		
Donald Agnew	July 31, 1904		

FAMILY OF WARREN P. AND RUTH C. SPENCER

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Martha Frances	Mar. 19, 1925		
Herbert Clark	Dec. 14, 1926		

FAMILY OF HERMAN WALLACE AND ELIZABETH W. SPENCER

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Eleanor	Jan. 23, 1902		Sept. 12, 1904
Frances Elizabeth	Nov. 7, 1904		
Hannah Pauline	Feb. 1, 1907		
Richard Wilson	May 7, 1909		
Julian Wilson	April 25, 1911		Sept. 19, 1912

FAMILY OF MARY ESTELLE AND ALBERT H. BALDINGER D. D.

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Wallace Spencer	April 19, 1905		
Wilbur Henry	Nov. 30, 1906		
Rachel Daira	May 17, 1913		
Ruth Alberta	July 20, 1922		

William G. Spencer from early childhood was a boy of studious tastes and habits. It was second nature for him to be a student, and yet he was well grown before he began to prepare for college. This may have had something to do with his timidity, for it is not easy, as the writer knows by experience, to leave the plow, when grown to manhood, and train for work that requires public speaking. At the age of twenty-two, he entered Westminster College as a Sophomore, and graduated with the class of 1861.

Then came four years in Xenia Theological Seminary. In September of that year, he was married to a classmate, Miss Rachel Hays, of New Wilmington, Pa. She was a woman of unusual force of character, and many have risen up to do her reverence. The writer was happy in being present at the wedding, and in having the privilege of standing up with the happy couple.

William preached the next Sabbath, in the presence of the faculty and students, in College Chapel. As an illustration of his timidity and of his forcefulness as a preacher who knew his Bible, one of the students said to me after the sermon: "I felt sorry for your brother when he began to preach, for he seemed so ill at ease, but, presently, I said to myself, "He can preach any way" and then before he got thru, "Not many can preach so well."

His first settlement was in Portland Mills, Indiana. Later, he settled in Somerville and Eden, in the same State. These communities were strictly rural and were composed of godly people, and yet conditions were not such as to push the strong man that he was out into the great currents of human life.

Beyond all question, God plans our lives but, unhappily, humanly speaking, the climate at that time was not favorable to health. Chills and ague were not uncommon and malaria caused enlargement of the spleen and he was forced to retire from public work, and after a ministry of nineteen years, God called him home. He died in New Wilmington, Pa., and there his body was laid to rest, where Rachel was laid by his side some twenty years later.

A great task was committed to the mother left behind;

that of training the three sons and two daughters for their life work. Not many women have done their task so well and none better. With little means, but with a stout heart, and with faith in a covenant-keeping God, she took up the burden and never laid it down till the task was done.

And what has been the outcome ? William Junior loved the horse rather than the book. He might have said, with one of the English Kings : "A horse ! a horse ! my kingdom for a horse." At any rate, he has given much of his life to work with the Standard Oil Company, and it is said that he allows no man to drive so good a team as he drives.

The other four are all graduates of Westminster College. Nannie entered the India Mission, soon after graduating in 1890, and served till her death in 1916.

James Herbert D. D. has served as pastor in New Athens, Morning Sun, Ohio, and is now pastor in Wooster, Ohio.

Hermon W. served as Professor of English Literature in Tarkio College for twelve years and is now in Alma College, Michigan.

Mary Estelle married Rev. A. H. Baldinger D. D., pastor of the First Church of Butler, Pa., and an Associate Editor of the "United Presbyterian."

The three sons of Dr. J. H. Spencer are giving much promise. Warren after graduating from Wooster, in 1919, has taught Biology two years in Assuit College, Egypt, two years in Wooster, one year in Ohio State and, since, is Professor of Biology in Wooster U. He has the degree of A. M. and expects his Ph. D. from Ohio State soon.

James Herbert, Jr., M. D. has I from Wooster and from Penn. U. Medical College. He is Professor of Anatomy of the Tennessee University.

Donald has his A. B. from Muskingum, and has one year in Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Chapter VI

FAMILY OF ARAMINTA AND J. W. SPENCER

NAMES	BIRTHS	MARRIAGES	DEATHS
Wm. Jackson m. Mary Stanbury	Oct. 31, 1866	Aug. ___ 1903	Jan. 13, 1912
Roselia m. Wm. M. Siler	Feb. 13, 1872 Feb. 13, 1854	May 26 1893 -	Jan. 10, 1919
Luella J. m. Samuel B. Smart		1902	Nov. 16, 1918
James Franklin m. Elsie Carmichael	Apr. 28, 1876	Jan. 25, 1911	
Mary Alice George	1874		1878
Charley Hubbard m. Gertrude E. Allen	Aug. 1, 1881 Feb. 4, 1886	Mar. 22, 1911	

FAMILY OF LUELLA J. AND SAMUEL B. SMART

Helen A.	Oct. 14, 1904
Samuel	May 11, 1906
J. Frederick	Oct. 30, 1908
Chas. Kenneth	Aug. 28, 1912

FAMILY OF CHARLES H. AND GERTRUDE A. SPENCER

Charles Henry	July 21, 1912
Harold Allen	June 12, 1915
Francis Marion	Oct. 10, 1920

FAMILY OF ROSE AND WM. MORRIS SILER

Edward Charles	May 9, 1899
W. Bruce	Aug. 3, 1906

FAMILY OF WM. J. AND MARY S. SPENCER

Araminta E.	Oct. 15, 1904
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SPENCER HISTORY AND FAMILY RECORDS

I have very pleasant memories of Sister Mintie, in the early years when the nine of us were all at home together. We were all happy in our studies, in our plays, and in our work. Mintie had a good mind ; she was an extra good student in those days and ambitious to get the best education possible. When William went to Westminster College, Mintie went with him part of the time. The two had much in common and were most congenial.

She taught school for several years and it fell to my lot to take her to school Monday mornings and to go for her on Friday evenings. I have not forgotten those horseback rides.

Her marriage, in 1865, took her away from the family group. Portland Mills, Indiana, where she found her home, was not so far from the Greene County folks, but, in those days, we did not travel back and forth as we do now. Visits were rare. With the care of a young family, it was not convenient to go far from home. I visited her four times ; at Portland Mills, at Bloomingdale, at Clinton, and at Terre Haute, but the visits were short, a stop off for a day, as I came and went from West to East or from East to West. I found her always busy and happy with her family, but I often thought how hard it must have been to give up to such a large extent, the sweet associations of the parental home.

Her pastor has summed up his estimate of her life work as follows : “Her love for home was unbounded. In this home, it was a great delight for her to entertain her relatives and friends. Inasmuch as her husband was an invalid for a number of years before his death, it often meant much sacrifice for her to maintain this home and keep her children together, giving them the best education she could. But, being a strong woman, physically, she was ever ready and willing to make whatever sacrifice it required.”

“She loved God’s house. It was a very rare thing for her to miss Sabbath School and church services. To get to the House of the Lord, she often had to walk several miles, other times riding a horse the distance, with several children on with her. We feel, in the passing of this life, so simply and so nobly lived, that a “Mother in Israel has fallen.” May it

not be said of her that, “She has done what she could ?” She had set her house in order, for, among her last words were : “The angels of the Lord are soon coming for me. Goodnight.”

James F. Spencer is a carpenter and builder, Terra Haute, Indiana. Charles H. A., farmer ; address, Carbon, Indiana. Araminta E., is a successful teacher in Clinton, Indiana.

A good many years ago, Dr. W. A. Littell and William J., Minties’ son, were fishing with a seine. Dr. Littell stepped into a quicksand pit and was sinking fast. The water was up to his shoulders. He called to William who hurried to his aid. William was a large man with the strength of a giant. He had large feet, one of them abnormally large. He did what a small man with small feet on the edge of the quicksand could not have done. He seized him by the shoulders and pulled him out. A few weeks ago, Dr. Littell said to me : “William saved my life.” He did what few of us are permitted to do. He saved a life. Dr. Littell is now acting pastor of our Greeley, Colorado, congregation.

Chapter VII

FAMILY OF LEVI B. AND MARY DEAN

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
James Riley	Oct. 16, 1859		
m. Maggie Jackson		July 14, 1885	July 16, 1887
m. Cora Mackey		June 24, 1902	
Hugh Campbell	Feb. 1, 1861	1886	Aug. 31, 1913
m. Fannie Barber			Aug __ 1908
J. Addison	Dec. 5, 1862	Aug. 15, 1895	
m. Jessie Reid	Oct. 20, 1869		
John Wilmer	Feb. 17, 1865		
m. Carrie Michell		1888	Mar. 23, 1915
William Elmer	Feb., 17, 1865		Feb. 6, 1923
m. Leila Williamson		Oct. 16, 1890	
Frank Henry	Mar. 6, 1868		
m. Rachel C. Maxwell		July 14, 1909	
Walter L.	May 15, 1870		
m. Olive McConnell		June 10, 1897	
Thomas Archibald	June 16, 1876		
m. Margaret Baker		Oct. 11, 1911	

FAMILY OF HUGH CAMPBELL AND FANNIE B. DEAN

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Rev. J. Humphrey	Oct. 9, 1888		
m. Mary Logan		June 19, 1913	
Mary C.	July 1, 1891		
m. William H. Wilson	June 1, 1884	Dec. 17, 1912	

FAMILY OF REV. J. HUMPHREY AND MARY L. DEAN

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Robert Campbell	May 18, 1916		June 1, 1916
James Hugh	June 13, 1918		
William Logan	Mar. 25, 1921		
Catherine Elizabeth	June 3, 1922		

FAMILY OF MARY C. AND WILLIAM H. WILSON

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Frances Jacoby	Nov. 5, 1913		
Martha Jane	Nov. 22, 1918		
Mary Catherine	Feb. 24, 1921		

FAMILY OF J. ADDISON AND JESSIE R. DEAN

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Dorothy	Dec. 27, 1897		Aug. 15, 1898
Marjory	Dec. 4, 1899		
m. G. L. Scott		Oct. 30, 1923	
Virginia	Aug. 27, 1903		
m. L. A. Gastrom		Sept. 10, 1920	
Margaret	Apr. 4, 1910		

FAMILY OF JOHN W. AND CARRIE M. DEAN

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Mabel			In infancy
Harry L.			In childhood
Nellie			
Margaretta			

FAMILY OF WILLIAM E. AND LEILA W. DEAN

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Jonathan Elmer	Jan. 29, 1893		
m. Geneva Cushman		Nov. 25, 1924	

FAMILY OF FRANK H. AND RACHEL C. M. DEAN

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Annabell	1911		
Emile Casper	1909		

FAMILY OF WALTER L. AND OLIVE M. DEAN

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Fleming	Jan. 1, 1900		
Imogene	Aug. 1, 1909		

FAMILY OF THOMAS ARCHIBALD AND MARGARET B. DEAN

Ellen Elizabeth Aug. 5, 1922

Levi B. Dean was a farmer for most of his life, and lived in Xenia during his last few years. Sister Mary was a great sufferer from rheumatism in her later years. In the providence of God, it is given to some to pass through life with little pain. They are permitted to serve in public activities in the State or in the church, or in both. Their health and vigor of body and mind are brought into worthwhile service. To others, this is not given. They are called to suffer. But who will say that the faith and patience of the latter may not be of more value to God and humanity than the service of the former. They illustrate in real life what others teach.

Levi and Mary reared eight stalwart sons. The latter early learned to serve in the home, as well as in the field. When the mother lost her health and strength, husband and sons were not found wanting. While the one suffered, the others served. While, thru the long years, the pain-racked body became more and more helpless, the patience of the one became more apparent and the devotion of the others, in utter faithfulness, shone with increasing brightness. Thus the Master is glorified.

James Riley Dean has been twice married. He has had no children. For many years, he has been a machinist with the Dayton Knife Company. His present address is 839 Wilford Avenue.

Hugh Campbell Dean, while a student in Muskingum College, had an attack of Measles, with Pneumonia complication, which, sapped his vitality. After that, he was never strong physically but was a good business man, so far as his strength permitted.

His son Rev. James Humphrey has been pastor of the

North Argyle United Presbyterian Congregation for about ten ears and has recently undertaken an important, but difficult work, in Brooklyn Congregation, Cleveland, Ohio.

His daughter, Mary, is wife of Professor William H. Wilson of the Springfield High School. She is Secretary of the local Chapter of the Daughters of America.

Both Cameron and Addison Dean were my students in Muskingum College. The latter was an undertaker in Xenia Dr several years. The family then moved to Los Angeles, which is now their home. His place of business is in Winslow, Arizona. He deals in furniture and is an undertaker. He has ne grand-daughter, Shirley Jane Scott. His youngest daughter, Margaret, is in High School.

John W. Dean is a carpenter and contractor, and lives in Tippecanoe, Ohio. His daughter Nellie is with the Dayton Savings and Trust Company. Margaret is a Kindergarten teacher in Dayton.

William E. Dean, for a good many years, was in the ;grocery business in Springfield, Ohio. Then he moved to Logansport, Indiana, where he was accidentally killed one morning n the railway yards. Mrs. Dean and son Elmer live in Springfield and Elmer is in business there.

Frank H. Dean, Esq. is engaged in the practice of law in Xenia and his two daughters are in High School. The Frank Dean family have an ideal home, and are good entertainers.

Walter L. Dean was, for two terms, County Auditor of Greene County, Ohio, and, following this service, has been for several years County Examiner in the Ohio State Bureau of Accounting. His son, Fleming, is employed in the U. S. Treasury Department at Washington, D. C. His daughter, Imogene, is a student in the Xenia High School.

Thomas Archibald Dean has his home in Yellow Springs, Ohio. He is employed by the Arts Craft Leather Goods Company of Springfield. A traction line connects the two towns. Their daughter, Ellen Elizabeth, is the youngest grandchild.

Chapter VIII

FAMILY OF SUSAN JANE AND ANDREW HARPER

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Margaret H. m. Albert Bickett	Sept. 27, 1871 Jan. 21, 1870	Nov. 26, 1901	
Frank M. m. Flora Paulin	July 2, 1873 Feb. 21, 1874	Oct. 31, 1899	
J. Robb m. Dorothy E. Anderson	July 4, 1875	July 29, 1903	
George A. m. Mary E. Snyder	March 4, 1879	Aug. 22, 1906	

FAMILY OF MARGARET AND ALBERT BICKETT

Andrew Harper	Jan. 22, 1903		
Myrtle E.	Feb. 22, 1904		
Ralph Kendall	Mar. 11, 1912		Oct. 2, 1915

FAMILY OF FRANK M. AND FLORA P. HARPER

Anna L. m. Edgar Little	June 23, 1902	Mar. 10, 1925	
A. Paullin	Jan. 2, 1904		

FAMILY OF ANNA AND EDGAR LITTLE

Frances	Feb. 4, 1926		
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FAMILY OF J. ROBB AND DOROTHY E. HARPER

Robert Anderson	Apr. 6, 1910		
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FAMILY OF GEORGE AND MARY E. HARPER

Helen Elizabeth	July 1, 1910		
Mary Alice	Jan. 6, 1914		

Susan Jane Harper had fine talent. She graduated from the Xenia Ladies Seminary and was a successful teacher. As Andrew died while still a young man, she was left with the care of four children, young at that time. The farm on which they lived was small and the income not large, but she was a

good manager and Frank, the oldest of the three boys, was a good assistant and they prospered.

She was an excellent Bible Class teacher and continued in this until she reached the octogenarian class. She was deeply Interested in temperance and was called on for service in Country Conventions. As she and I were near in years, it was but natural that we should be drawn together a little more closely than the others, older or younger.

The Harper children have done well. Margaret has been teacher, and has been a good help to Albert, a successful farmer and an elder in Session of The Second Church of Xenia.

Frank has been an invalid for perhaps twenty-five years. His trouble has been pronounced as Infantile Paralysis, which sometimes attacks older persons. Prior to this, he had gotten good start as a farmer. He and Flora have an elegant home end a fertile farm, about three miles East of Jamestown, in one of the richest sections of Greene County. Unable to work, he can direct the work of others. He has abundant care from wife, son, and daughter. About the last thing Flora has said to me is : "I hope that I shall live as long as Frank does."

Robb and George are graduates of Cedarville College. [they are teachers and have not needed to hunt for work. Robb has been Superintendent of Public Schools of Wilmette, a suburb of Chicago and George, Professor of Mathematics in the Wilmette Township High School, for nearly a score of years, with extra good salaries. George and Professor M. J. Newell, as co-author, have published a First Year Algebra, Second Course Algebra, and a Plane and Solid Geometry, now used expensively. He has spent a year in Tucson, Arizona, taking some work in the University and substituting in the High school. Since then he and family have moved to Tucson, Arizona, for sake of George's health. He is teaching in High school.

Myrtle Bicket graduated from Muskingum College, and is a successful teacher. Harper graduated from Cedarville College and had a year in Ohio State University in Agriculture. He is a farmer.

Chapter IX

FAMILY OF FRANK M. AND ELLA A. SPENCER.

NAMES	BIRTHS	MARRIAGES	DEATHS
Mary Addle	Jan. 27, 1873	Oct. 25, 1899	Mar. 24, 1930
m. E. H. Lees, Esq.	Sept. 9, 1869		Jan. 12, 1916
Eva Josephine	July 16, 1874	June 27, 1906	June 19, 1928
m. D. C. Mathews	Dec. 30, 1869		Aug. 28, 1940
Edna R.	Jan. 23, 1876	Oct. 12, 1904	Apr: 30, 1917
m. Jason L. Woleslagel	July 25, 1874		
Frances Eleanor	July 28, 1879	June 14, 1904	
m. H. B. Kilbourn	Sept. 12, 1878		
Wilda	Feb. 16, 1882	Sept. 27, 1909	1966
m. W. R. Irvine	Feb. 23, 1876		Aug 24, 1929
Eula	Jan. 12, 1885	Aug. 27, 1913	
m. D. H. Buchanan	Nov. 29, 1883		

FAMILY OF M. DELLA AND E. H. LEES

Spencer	Oct. 5, 1903		
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FAMILY OF EVA JOSEPHINE AND REV. D. C. MATHEWS D. D.

Florence Spencer	Oct. 3, 1907	Jan 26, 1935	
James Renwick	Mar 30, 1909	Dec 30, 1933	
Ruth Anderson	Aug. 12, 1912	Oct 19 1934	July 29, 1977

FAMILY OF EDNA R. AND JASON L. WOLESLAGEL

Collins	Nov. 19, 1905		Sept. 2, 1906
Helen	Nov. 26, 1908		
Fred	Nov. 15, 1913		
Family of Jason L. and Minnie B. Woleslagel's second wife of Jason T. Woleslagel. They were married May 8, 1919.			
Doris Vorine	Feb. 1, 1921		

FAMILY OF FRANCES E. AND H. B. KILBOURN

Nelson	June 27, 1905		
Eleanor	May 16, 1907		
Russel A.	Oct. 1, 1908		July 14, 1909
Wilda	July 5, 1910		
Elizabeth	May 14, 1913		
Margaret	May 14, 1913		

FAMILY OF WILDA AND REV. WILLIAM R. IRVINE

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Frank James	Sept. 3, 1911		

FAMILY OF EULA AND PROF. D. H. BUCHANAN

D. H., Junior	Sept. 28, 1916		
Edna	May 17, 1918		

Francis Marion Spencer was favored greatly in having a series of unusually good teachers in the district school, and attendance at the Grove City Cedarville School for twenty-four days, also in having use of library books kept in our home.

After six years of steady work on the farm, he had a year as a day-student in the Xenia Female Seminary. He entered Westminster College, as a Sophomore, at the age of 23, and graduated three years later, in the Class of 1868. Three years later, he graduated from Xenia Theological Seminary, having been licensed in 1870, and having taught Hebrew and Mathematics in the Spring Term of 1870 in Muskingum College.

He was married, November 2, 1871, to Miss Ella Anderson, reared on an adjoining farm and a schoolmate, in early years, and a daughter of William and Mary Anderson.

It was her good fortune to spend several years of her early life in the home of Colonel J. B. Clark D. D., part of the time in school and part of the time in care of her aunt, Mrs. Clark, while Dr. Clark served as Colonel of a regiment during part of the Civil War.

The care of her invalid aunt, and the social duties involved while Dr. Clark was pastor of the Second Church Allegheny, were part of the training by which she was fitted for the work that came to her in later years. For thirty-eight years she spared not herself in loving service for family, for congregations and for college students.

Frank served as pastor of Leavenworth Congregation for eight years ; as President of Muskingum College, New Concord, Oh, for seven years ; as Stated Supply of Norwich Congregation for three years and as President of Cooper College now called Sterling College, for twenty years, as Financial

Agent for three years; and as a Home Missionary in weak congregations for eight years; and retired from active service, in 1924, when eighty-two years of age. He has recently written a booklet published by the Board of Trustees of Sterling College entitled: "Reminiscences, Twenty Years President of Sterling College". He has received titles D. D. and LL. D. from Muskingum and Monmouth Colleges. He lives in part of the house that has been the "Spencer Home" since 1890, and is fed and cared for by the daughters Frank and Della, who live near by. He looks back over the past with grateful heart to the Heavenly Father who has cared for him all these years, who has given him many friends, and some opportunities for service, and a lively hope for better things in the life which follows this life on earth.

Della Lees, since the death of her husband, in 1916, continues to live with her son, Spencer Lees, in their comfortable home, amply supported by the Lees Ranch, a few miles from Sterling. She gives much of her time to social work and to service along other lines.

The Mathews family is now located in Greeley, Colorado. Rev. D. C. Mathews, D. D., after serving as pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian Congregations, in Princeton, Bethel, and New Alexandria, has begun work in Greeley. He has been Clerk of the Synod of this Church for ten years. Florence is a Junior in Geneva College. Ruth is a High School student. Renwick is a Sophomore in Greeley Normal College.

Edna, after graduating from Cooper College and from Kings School of Oratory, in Pittsburgh, Pa., was Instructor of Elocution in Cooper for two years. She was called home in 1916, leaving her husband, Jason L. Woelzel, and her two children, Helen, now a Freshman in Sterling College, and Fred in Junior High. After Edna's death, the family moved back to Sterling from the home in Colorado. Jason is now in the elevator business in Sterling. He married Minnie Blanch Henry, May 8, 1919.

The Kilbourns live in Sterling. Their large ranch is ten miles southwest of Sterling ; wheat, corn and alfalfa .are the principal products. Harold has been quite successful as a

Farmer. Starting with but little, he is now owner of a large ranch which is quite productive. Nelson is a graduate of Sterling College. Eleanor is a Junior in Madison University Wis., as special student. Wilda is in High School and the twins, Elizabeth and Margaret are in Junior High.

The Irvines are in Richmond, Kansas. Rev. W. R. has served United Presbyterian congregations in Goldfield and LeClaire, Iowa ; and Zenith, Kansas, and he is now pastor of a very prosperous congregation in Richmond, Kansas. Frank is in High School.

Eula and the two children, Junior and Edna, are in Grenoble, France, studying the French language. Professor D. H. Buchanan taught Economics in Keio University in Tokyo, Japan for ten years. He is now doing research work for Harvard University in India and the Philippines, along industrial lines.

The six daughters have all graduated from Cooper College and have all married Cooper students, four of whom graduated.

There are fourteen grandchildren living. •

Chapter X

FAMILY OF NANNIE E. AND JAMES HENDERSON AND THE FINNEYS

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Lulu	June 22, 1881		
Roy	Oct. 9, 1883		

Sister Nannie completed her education in the Xenia Female Seminary. She was quite a successful teacher before her marriage, and has since been a valuable member of church and community.

James Henderson was an unusual man. He was intensely spiritual. When he prayed, it was as a man talking with God. He was less concerned about things "temporal" and more concerned about things "spiritual and eternal." He was a soldier in the Civil War.

Lulu and Roy graduated from Cedarville College. Roy is a farmer and Lulu has done good work as a pioneer missionary and as a Bible instructor in public schools. Their home is near Cedarville, Ohio.

FAMILY OF ISABELLA AND REV. R. C. FINNEY

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Carl	Oct. 6, 1881		
m. Ora Stephenson		July 23, 1906	
Pearl	Dec. 22, 1885		
m. Rev. A. L. Yarnell		June 30, 1910	

FAMILY OF CARL AND ORA S. FINNEY

Jean Spurgeon	June 7, 1907
Rexford S.	June 23, 1909
Paul S.	Apr. 20, 1917

FAMILY OF PEARL AND REV. A. L. YARNELLE

V. A. Vance	Oct. 6, 1913
Vina	Mar. 20, 1916
Arthur Lee	Feb. 18, 1925

Sister Bell is the youngest of the four now living, and the youngest of the nine who grew to maturity. She married Rev. R. C. Finney. He had been one of my students in 1870, in Muskingum College and, when he came to the Theological Seminary, it was to be expected that he would visit my folks, then living in Jamestown, only eleven miles distant. The result was marriage, a little later.

Brother Finney's health was not the best, but this did not keep him from giving devoted service as a minister. He was spared to give thirty years of faithful service, part of the time in Canada and part in the United States. He was eminently spiritual and intensively in earnest.

Since his death, Sister Bell has continued to do a mother's part for her children and grandchildren. In these later years, she has helped to care for brother Thomas.

Carl and family live in Long Beach, California. He is in the lumber business.

Rev. Yarnell is in Philadelphia. After serving congregations in Media, Illinois, and Canton, Ohio, he has recently taken charge of a prosperous Mission, The Dales Memorial, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Chapter XI

FAMILY OF DOCTOR WILLIAM GUTHRIE

NAMES	BIRTHS	MARRIAGES	DEATHS
Lizzie G. m. [?]	June 25, 1837	Mar. 28, 1868	1872
Henry Bonner	June 15, 1840	Unmarried	Sept. 27, 1864
Anna m. Frank D. Moore	Jan. 30, 1854 1852	Nov. 1, 1881	Nov. 8, 1896
William G. Esq.			

FAMILY OF ANNA G. AND FRANK D. MOORE Jessie Elizabeth, Ph. B. A. M.

Jessie Elizabeth, Ph. B.A.M.

I remember Dr. William Guthrie as a large man, tall and well proportioned.

His son, Henry Bonner, was an unusually bright young man. He was Editor of a Xenia newspaper, and Mayor of Xenia, and was Captain of a Company in the Civil War, before his death from Typhoid Fever, September 27, 1864, when only twenty-four years old.

William Guthrie, Esq. is practicing law in Monticello, Indiana and has a fine reputation as a lawyer. A good many years ago, he sent me a published copy of a Fourth of July Oration he had given, which was sought for publication by the Monticello editor. The oration showed extensive historical knowledge and unusual literary ability. He has lived a single life, so far as I know.

Mrs. Anna Moore and her daughter Jessie E., live together in Indianapolis. Jessie completed her education in Columbia University, N. Y. City and is a popular teacher in her home city.

Chapter XII

FAMILY OF JOSEPH S. AND MARY ANN TURNBULL

NAMES	BIRTHS	MARRIAGES	DEATHS
Robert C. m. Belle Paine m. Mary Wilson	Sept. 28, 1861	Oct. 10, 1898 Oct. 21, 1915	Apr. 12, 1925
Margaret m. Clark Bickett	Apr. 24, 1864	June __ 1898	Feb. 12, 1923
Samuel K. m. Gertrude Shigley	May 30, 1867	June 20, 1894	
John	Dec. 15, 1869		Jan. 5, 1915
Joseph S.	Sept. 14, 1873		
Orlando	Jan. 12, 1877		

FAMILY OF ROBERT C. AND BELLE PAINE TURNBULL

Anna m. George Hall	1925
Ruth	
Esther m. Glenn Forley	1924

FAMILY OF MARGARET T. AND CLARK BICKETT

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Eleanor Joseph m. Dorothy Baughan Blanche Robert			

FAMILY OF JOSEPH AND DOROTHY B. BICKETT

Louis

FAMILY OF SAMUEL K. AND GERTRUDE S. TURNBULL

Mary J. m. Wilbur Cooley	May 13, 1895		
Ralph S.	Feb. 26, 1907		

FAMILY OF MARY J. AND WILBUR COOLEY

Eleanor
Harold

Joe Turnbull, as we always called him, was a large, fine looking man and full of energy. He had a financial failure in early married life, but soon recovered and earned and owned two fine farms. He was a farmer but also an unusually good stockman. In those days, the Madison County Stock Sales at London, Ohio, drew together a great many dealers in fine cattle. Joe Turnbull had the reputation of bringing to that market the best to be found in the country.

Aunt Ann did her part well and they reared a good, strong family of sons, who are successful business men and influential citizens. The one daughter, Mrs. Bickett lives near Xenia.

Chapter XIII

FAMILY OF ADAM AND NELLIE TURNER

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Jane m. Samuel Raney	Dec. 30, 1836	Aug. 13, 1861	June 1, 1886
Thomas m. Adeline Drake	April 21, 1838		Dec. ____ 1903
James Adam m. Mary J. Gregg	Dec. 4, 1839	July 3, 1975	July 17, 1903
William B. m. Mary L. Wilson	June 15, 1841	Sept. 14, 1875	June 1, 1913 Dec. 1 1925
Susan m. Rev. T. T. Miller	Aug. 2, 1843	Oct. 15, 1880	May 17, 1892
David B. m. Mary J. Moore	Nov. 2, 1845 Mar. 4, 1856	Mar. 1, 1877	April 10, 1913 Jan. 14, 1916
Hugh B. m. Lydia J. Collins	Dec. 13, 1847	Nov. 18, 1875	
Ellen m. James Stormont	Feb. 20, 1950		Feb. 2, 1876
Mary	Nov. 20, 1852		

FAMILY OF WM. BIGHAM AND MARY L. W. TURNER

Edith Eleanor m. Wallace Byall	Feb. 9, 1880	Oct. 3, 1910	
Frank Spencer m. Florence Struthers	Apr. 20, 1882	1916	Apr. 2, 1919
Arthur Pearl m. Eureka Hardy	Dec. 14, 1884	1919	
Wm. Bruce m. Zenobia Wolfe	Nov. 20, 1891	1916	

FAMILY OF JANE AND SAMUEL RANEY

Mary Elen	May 16, 1862		
James William	May 3, 1864		
John Henry	Aug. 21, 1865		
Aletha Jane m. Mathew Rule	April 5, 1868	May 20, 1909	
Flora Addie m. Hugh E. Alexander	Oct. 7, 1869	Feb. 26, 1896	
Walter Lowrie	Aug. 25, 1871		
Charles Elmer	Aug. 1, 1873		
Fannie Lavinia	Sept. 12, 1875		
Emma May	May 17, 1878		

FAMILY OF FLORA A. AND HUGH E. ALEXANDER

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Eleanor	Nov. 8, 1897		
Grace	Jan. 17, 1900		Apr. 23, 1900
Ruth	Jan. 6, 1903		
Dorothy	April 5, 1909		

FAMILY OF EDITH E. AND WALLACE BYALL

Russell Dean	Aug. 13, 1911		
Ethel Jean	Sept. 29, 1915		
Eleanor Neva	Jan. 20, 1924		

FAMILY OF ARTHUR AND EUREKA H. TURNER

Alva	July 29, 1920		
Martin	Jan. 6, 1922		
Rose	Oct. 13, 1923		

FAMILY OF FRANK S. & FLORENCE S. TURNER

Forest Spencer	Aug. 30, 1917		Nov. 26, 1917
Lawrence B.	Mar. 13, 1919		Mar. 17, 1919

FAMILY OF REV. HUGH B. AND LYDIA J. TURNER

Clark	Nov. 15, 1979		
m. Maude Crawford		Feb. 17, 1909	
Reid	Dec. 8, 1882		
m. William Nicholas		June 16, 1909	
Bruce	Mar. 4, 1884		
m. Laverra Hannum		Sept. 30, 1908	
Luella	Nov. 14, 1890		May 11, 1891

FAMILY OF CLARK AND MAUDE TURNER

William B.	Sept 11, 1911		
Ruth E.	Jan. 26, 1914		
Lyle C.	Nov. 26, 1921		

FAMILY OF REID AND WILLIAM TURNER

Nicholas	Nov. 14, 1914		
Spencer	Jan. 23, 1918		

FAMILY OF BRUCE AND LAVERRA TURNER

Hugh	June 26, 1910		
Mildred	Sept. 11, 1912		
Roy	Dec. 20, 1915		

FAMILY OF JAMES A. AND MARY .I. G. TURNER

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
John Gregg	April 11, 1876		
m. Clara Laurens			
Eleanor Gertrude	Nov. 7, 1877		
m. Milton Yoder			
William Burton	Aug. 8, 1879		
m. Lucy B. Shaw			
Mary Isabelle	Mar. 22, 1881		
m. Arthur Spahr			

FAMILY OF WILLIAM BURTON AND LUCY B. S. TURNER

James Milton	Oct. 3, 1915		
William Gregg	Nov. 24, 1916		
Charlotte L.	May 19, 1919		
Maude E.	April 17, 1921		
Genevieve	April 29, 1923		

FAMILY OF THOMAS AND ADDIE D. TNRNER

Clara Louise			
m. Robert C. Hunt			

FAMILY OF CLARA L. AND ROBERT C. HUNT

Marston			
Clarabele			
Mary			
Warren			

FAMILY OF DAVID B. AND JEANETTE M. TURNER

William Ernest	May 21, 1878		July 12, 1899
Albert Francis	Aug. 14, 1879		
Harriet Eleanor	July 22, 1883	Oct. 25, 1917	
m. F. Blaine Spahr			

Uncle Adam Turners lived on a farm about three miles north of Cedarville. Their family was large, about the same size as ours, and, as we were near of an age, we visited frequently and had good times together. He was a good farmer and fruit raiser. He ruled in his own house, and Aunt Nellie seemed willing to have it so. She was efficient and kind as could be.

Thomas was "deaf and dumb", and all of the brothers and sisters could "talk on their fingers" about as fast as we

could talk with our tongues. They might have made fun of us without our knowing it.

Thomas received a good education in Columbus, in the State Institution for such as he, and married a "mute." They lived quietly and peacefully together. Their daughter was normal.

I have not been able to follow the children of Jane Raney but have been more fortunate as to the children of William, as he came to Kansas.

Hugh graduated from Monmouth College and from Xenia Seminary. He and I, full cousins, married cousins, and so we were double cousins. Hugh was a good preacher and had a good, helpful wife. He was not a fighter. If there was trouble brewing, he moved on to the next place. He was a pioneer worker and did good work in Home Mission fields. I visited them when living near Olathe, Colorado. They were living temporarily in a small barn, while their house was being built. The dinner was fit for a King. He died not long after. Three sons are left ; Reid in business in Arkansas City, Kansas, Clark farming near by, and Bruce farming near Olathe, Colorado.

Susan married Rev. T. T. Miller, and both have passed on, many years ago.

Chapter XIV

FAMILY OF WILLIAM AND ELISABETH G. STEWART

NAMES	BIRTHS	MARRIAGES	DEATHS
William m. Mary Marshall			
Mary m. William Marshall			
James Martha Patterson			
m. Maggie Patterson			
Lizzie			Deceased
m. Harvey Guilinger			
Samuel	Sept. 13, 1849		Nov. 18, 1895
m. Sadie E. Denny		June 19, 1884	Jan. 14, 1887
m. Lydia F. Boyd	May 24, 1860	Sept. 25, 1890	

FAMILY OF SAMUEL S. AND LYDA B. STEWART

Samuel Boyd	Oct. 28, 1891	1921	
m. Frances A. Wright	Aug. 7, 1900		
Paul Denny	Mar. 11, 1893		
John Ralph	Aug. 10, 1894		

It is like opening an old, long-unused book, to attempt to recall and write anything of the Uncle William and Aunt Betsy Stewart family. They were our near relatives and lived first in Xenia, Ohio, and later near Clifton, about six miles from our home. We visited each other and were on the best of terms.'

William and James lived for a number of years in Kansas City, Missouri. William was a carpenter, and, for several years was stage carpenter for the Coates Opera House, across the street from the Coates Hotel. James was in the transfer business. While we were in Leavenworth, I visited William more than once. A daughter, Lizzie, was with us for about a week. A son, Robert, was an expert in candy making.

I am told that my full cousin, Lizzie, married and for some years lived in Los Angeles, California. But, with one exception, all the rest are, to us, like the lost tribes of Israel. We know them not.

The one exception is notable. It is a pleasure to write of him, his family and his work. Samuel, like David, was the youngest and the one whom God chose to serve Him.

Though a full cousin, I did not know him well. Our paths have been divergent. I did not meet him, after he entered the ministry, but once and yet, indirectly, I came to know him better than any other of our folks, or at least, I think so. The one time referred to, was at the funeral of his first wife. As it happened (if things do just happen), I was at hand to preach her funeral sermon and to baptize their little girl. This was at the home of her father, near West Middletown, Pa.

Then, in the summer of 1910, in order to give a College education to her three boys, Mrs. Stewart, the second, moved to Sterling and lived there until the boys had finished college courses. She then moved to Kansas City, Missouri. From her, I have received help in this write-up.

A whole page in the Christian Instructor, of Nov. 19, 1896, is given to an account of his life and work. I can give but a brief summary.

His college course was taken in Central College, Iberia, Ohio, where President Harding studied a little later. He graduated from Xenia Theological Seminary and was licensed

by the Xenia Presbytery in 1880. He preached at Xenia Prairie and Jordan's Grove, Illinois, and Burchard, Nebraska, with short intervals, till September 1893. During this period, he had fairly good success in his work but God had greater things in store for him.

At this time, he was asked to take charge of Murray, Nebraska, a small mission station of about thirty members, in a village of about fifty people. His health, at this time, was not good, and he, at first, absolutely declined but, after much prayerful consideration, he decided that the Lord was calling him to that field. The elements involved in the work at Murray were these: a needy field; people without the gospel; a man whose characteristics were genuine piety, without ambition of a selfish type, a willingness to do all in his power to reach the unsaved, reinforced by a wife earnest, intelligent, tactful; and above all, a loving Savior, able and will-

ing to show what He was ready to do with proper conditions. The results were marvelous. It was a rare sight to behold, when, at an evening service in that little mission, more than thirty persons, nearly all of whom were heads of families, stood up confessing Christ and, by the rite of baptism, were received into the Church. Only twice in my life have I seen such manifestations of the Divine Presence. I have been told that, when he finished his work, a few months later, his pallbearers were all men whom he had received into the church from the world.

Mrs. S. S. Stewart lives with her son Boyd, who is a dentist in Kansas City, Missouri, at 3121 Woodland Avenue. Paul is in business in Detroit, Michigan. Ralph is a mining engineer. Boyd and wife have one child, Samuel Boyd Stewart, Jr.

Chapter XV

FAMILY OF FRANK A. AND JANE R. SPENCER

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Margaret Ella	Sept. 10, 1853		
m. John Mekemson	Sept. 30, 1846	Mar. 17 1884	
Thomas Renwick	Dec. 10, 1855		
Lillian Feleta	Apr. 28, 1858		
Jas. Harvey	Mar. 4, 1861		
m. Ideletta Mekemson	Dec. 27, 1864	Nov. 3, 1886	
Lee Andrew	Nov. 29, 1863		Apr. 26, 1904
Anna Aletha	Oct. 24, 1866		Nov. 5, 1923

FAMILY OF JAMES HARVEY AND IDELETTA M. SPENCER

Frank Robert	July 28, 1888		
m. Mary Fleming	Dec. 21, 1892	Jan. 7, 1913	
Lois Irvema	Nov. 8, 1890		
m. J. G. Mills	July 9, 1885	Sept. 15, 1915	
James Andrew	Aug. 19, 1892		
m. Ella Weaver	Aug. 1, 1900	Oct. 10, 1919	
Lloyd Harvey	Sept. 19, 1894		
m. Ruby Walter	Apr. 13, 1897	Sept. 20, 1921	
Miron Lee	July 25, 1896		
Herbert Renwick	Oct. 14, 1898		
m. Lois E. Henkle	Sept. 14, 1901	Jan. 5. 1923	
Thomas Donald	Apr. 6, 1901		
William Merrell	Mar. 7, 1903		
Howard Mekemson	July 19, 1905		
Mary Ellen	July 19, 1905		
Dorothy Jean	Dec. 6, 1907		

FAMILY OF FRANK ROBERT AND MARY F. SPENCER

Robert Harvey	May 5, 1914		Mar. 15, 1916
Frank Orlan	Mar. 23, 1919		
Byron Keith	July 5, 1926		

FAMILY OF LOIS I. AND J. G. MILLS

Mary Lucille	Sept. 23, 1917		
Lois Mabel	Dec. 27, 1919		
James Harvey	Feb. 22, 1922		

FAMILY OF LLOYD H. AND RUBY W. SPENCER

Janette Margaret	Oct. 26, 1922		
Elwin Walter	Feb. 26, 1925		

FAMILY OF HERBERT R. AND LOIS H. SPENCER

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Esther Maxine	Oct. 30, 1923		

FAMILY OF JOHN AND. MARGARET ELLA MEKEMSON

Anna Feleta	Sept. 30, 1886		
m. Russell A. Graham	Apr. 24, 1886	Apr. 28, 1909	
Flavius Lee	Aug. 7, 1889		
m. Gladine Lefler	Feb. 13, 1892	Oct. 13 1914	
Ina Maude	Aug. 12, 1892		
m. H. Branson Kelly	Feb. 7, 1891	Feb. 6, 1913	
Frances Jean	Aug. 12, 1895		

FAMILY OF ANNA F. AND RUSSELL A. GRAHAM

LeDora Jean	July 3, 1910		
Paul Garten	Aug. 9, 1912		

FAMILY OF F. LEE AND GLADINE L. MEKEMSON

Marcellus Lee	Aug. 6, 1915		
Hubert Hill	Sept. 21, 1917		

FAMILY OF I. MAUDE AND H. BRANSON KELLY

George Keith	Nov. 8, 1915		
Merle Lynn	Apr. 6, 1918		

We youngsters always liked to go to Uncle Frank's. He came into possession of Grandfather's farm, and it joined our farm, in those early days. We neighbored back and forth in harvest and threshing times. Many a day have I worked at Uncle Frank's.

He married Jane Renwick, a little late in life, at the age of thirty-two. They were well adapted to each other. It has been said that when two persons of opposite temperament marry, there is a promise of a happy life for each. The reason given is that each admires in the other the trait lacking in himself or herself. The rule worked well in this case. Uncle was easy going; Aunt was quick and energetic. Each was a help to the other.

They differed in church matters. Uncle was a member of the Associate Church, commonly called "Seceders". He did

not go into the Union of '58, but remained, during Aunt's lifetime, a Seceder. Aunt was a member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church New School. There was a large congregation of this faith in Cedarville, four miles distant, with Dr. Morton as pastor, one of the finest expository preachers I have ever heard, and a very godly man. The children, as they grew up, went with the mother. After her death, Uncle did a fine thing; he joined with the children.

Uncle passed through one very sore trial, in the death of his youngest son, Lee, a bright, well educated, young man of great promise. He was cutting down a tree, which had grown in the open, and had wide spreading branches. The tree fell but part way and was supported by these branches. It is no easy matter to get the body of such a tree down to the ground. While trying to do this, he was caught by one of the limbs or the body of the tree and was killed. Uncle never got over this; he simply could not talk about it.

Tom, Lillian Feleta, whom everybody calls "Lil," and Anna did not marry. Anna was called home in 1923 and the other two live on the Jamestown Pike, not far from Xenia.

Ella and Harvey have reared large families and have been greatly prospered. There does not seem to be danger of the race becoming extinct.

The home of James Harvey Spencer and family is near Earlham, Iowa. Frank Robert is in the employ of the Bell Telephone Company in Des Moines. Jay Mills is in the employ of the Chevrolet Company in their factory at Flint, Michigan. James, a graduate of Chicago Veterinary College, is practicing in Woodward, Iowa. Lloyd H. graduated from Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and is Superintendent of the Glenwood, Iowa, High School. Miron Lee is in automobile work in Dexter, Iowa. Thomas is in Westminster, California. William graduated from Coe College this June. Herbert is farming near Barney, Iowa. Howard, Mary and Dorothy are at home.

John and Ella Mekemson live in Biggsville, Illinois. Maude also lives in Biggsville, where her husband is in the grocery business. Lee is living in Hamilton, Illinois, and is in the grocery business. Anna lives in Galesburg, Illinois, where her husband has employment with the C. G. & Q. Railroad Company. Jean is a stenographer and lives in Galesburg.

Chapter X VI

John Spencer, son of Thomas the First, was born May 8, 1744. He moved to Indiana in 1830. On March 2, 1836, he was called home, at the age of 91 years, 9 months and 21 days.

FAMILY OF JOHN SPENCER, SON OF THOMAS THE FIRST

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Jesse	July 20, 1792		Nov. 30, 1870
Mary	1794		June 26, 1860
Thomas	July 10, 1808		July 11, 1887
m. Nancy Keenan	Oct. 6, 1821	Mar. 5, 1843	Oct. 6, 1862
Jasckson			Between 1860-1870
Jane			Between 1860-1870
Martha			Between 1860-1870
Josiah	Jesse, Robert, Josiah, Mary and Elizabeth moved to Indiana in 1830		
Robert			
Elizabeth			

John Thomas Spencer, son of Thomas Spencer, full cousin of Father's, was born May 8, 1853. On December 14, 1876, he married Mary Abernathey, who was born September 25, 1846 and died November 17, 1916. On June 25, 1918, he was married to Edna Trotter, who was born September 15, 1877.

FAMILY OF JOHN THOMAS SPENCER

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Robert Latham m. Mabel Torrant	Oct. 11, 1877	Oct. 28, 1912	April 28, 1923
John Harvey m. Barnetta Miller	Sept. 5, 1879 Nov. 18, 1880	Oct. 9, 1907	
Thomas Bigham m. Nan K. Evans	Feb. 23, 1882 Aug. 1, 1891	Sept. 18, 1915	July 1, 1922
m. Helen E. Patterson	Dec. 15, 1892	Jan. 15, 1924	
Wilbur Hall m. Carrie Williams	Feb. 5, 1884 Jan. 2, 1889	Dec. 26, 1907	
Preston Wylie m. Mattie L. Barnette	May 11, 1886	Dec. 18, 1919	
Samuel Reid m. Mary Thomson	Aug. 5, 1889	June 22, 1915	
Louis Hemphill m. Capitola B. Moody	Jan. 31, 1892 Jan. 25, 1895	July 22, 1920	

FAMILY OF ROBERT L. AND MABEL T. SPENCER

Nancy Torrant

FAMILY OF JOHN H. AND BARNETT M. SPENCER

Margaret Helen Dec. 12, 1916

FAMILY OF THOMAS BIGHAM AND NAN K. E. SPENCER

Thomas Evans June 30, 1916
William DeWitte July 9, 1918

FAMILY OF WILLIAM HALL AND CARRIE W. SPENCER

Virginia Stevenson Apr. 5, 1909
W. H. Junior July 25, 1911

FAMILY OF PRESTON WYLIE AND HARRIET L. B. SPENCER

Martha Barnette Jan. 3, 1921
Harvey Robert Dec. 19, 1924
Preston Wylie, Jr. Jan. 20, 1927

FAMILY OF SAMUEL REID AND MARY T. SPENCER

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Sarah Perrin Samuel Reid	Mar. 21, 1916 June 6, 1919		

FAMILY OF LOUIS H. AND CAPITOLA SPENCER

Martha Elizabeth July 27, 1922
Helen Moody Oct. 28, 1926

From my Father, I learned that his "Cousin Tom" had gone to Indiana with his Father, but the "Little God Cupid" had some strings on him and he returned to South Carolina and married a young woman, who owned a few slaves. I did not know then that her name was Nancy Keenan.

In 1902, I was sent as a delegate to the Synod of the Associate Reformed Church Meeting in Mt. Pisgah Church, South Carolina. As this was not far from Rock Hill, I spent a day in the old Spencer neighborhood, having a noon dinner at the home of John Thomas Spencer, and spending an hour in the Neeley's Creek Cemetery, where so many of our relatives lie buried, among them Thomas Spencer the First.

Then, I was taken back to Rock Hill, and had dinner in the elegant home of a Mr. Roddy, leaving on an evening train.

It was a short visit, but it brought me into close touch with a branch of the Thomas Spencer family. I have been thankful ever since for that visit. Since then, we have kept up an occasional correspondence.

Chapter XVII

FAMILY OF ELEANOR AND JOHN McCOY

NAMES	BIRTHS	MARRIAGES	DEATHS
Sarah			
Mary J.			
John			
James			

FAMILY OF JAMES AND SARAH M. HARBISON

Sarah Jane

FAMILY OF JAMES AND MARGARET K. HARBISON

John A.	1857		Sept. 8, 1914
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FAMILY OF JOHN AND MARY E. HARBISON

Margaret Pauline	1896		1902
Reba Irene	1898		
m. Leslie Dean		1925	

FAMILY OF ROBERT BIGHAM AND JEANETTE McMILLAN HARBISON

Martha Jane	1851		1873
Elizabeth H.	1854		1876
James Albert	1857		1891
m. Annette Cooley		1884	1862
Lydia Ellen	1859		1892
Mary Ann	1862		
m. William Tarbox		1886	
John William H.	1868		1869
No children by second wife. A cousin of first.			

FAMILY OF JAMES A. AND ANNETTE C. HARBISON

Julia	1886	1927	
m. David McElroy			
Howard	1888		
Jannie	1890		1891

FAMILY OF MARY ANN' AND WILLIAM TARBOX

NAMES	BIRTHS	MARRIAGES	DEATHS
Janet	1886		
m. Harvey Waddle			
Merrill	1889		1894
Rachel N.	1894		
in. Fred Townsley		1918	
Ellen Elizabeth	1898		
m. W. S. Purdom		1927	

FAMILY OF RACHEL N. AND FRED TOWNSLEY

Mary Jean	1920		
Doris	1924		

FAMILY OF JANE ADELIN AND JOHN McHATTON

Lizzie	1851		1854
Sarah	1853		1881
Emma	1855	1886	1916
m. Sim Wilson			
Luella	1857		1875
Jannette	1861	1881	1890
m. John Brewer			
Alice		1889	
m. Benj. Anderson	1863		
Lida	1865		1884

FAMILY OF JANETTE AND JOHN BREWER

Bessie	1885		
m. Elmer Waddle			
John McHatton	1887		

FAMILY OF ALICE AND BENJAMINE ANDERSON

John McHatton	1890	1918	
m. Esther Franklin			
Bruce	1892		

FAMILY OF JOHN AND ESTHER F. ANDERSON

Anna Margaret	1920		
John F.	1924		
William	1927		

FAMILY OF BESSIE AND ELMER WADDLE

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Eldwin	1908		
Louisa	1909		
Mildred	1911		
Joseph	1912		
Clifford	1913		
Mary	1921		
Ruth	1924		

FAMILY OF SUSANAH AND JOSEPH CARSON

James Bigham	1868	1903	
m. Nettie Laughead			

I remember visiting "Uncle John Harbisons," for that was what my father called him. It seems almost like a dream as it comes back to me. I remember the brick house with the great porch, southern style, on the south side. Uncle John poked a little fun at me when he saw me combing my hair, saying that I wanted to look nice when the girls would look at me.

I remember the family, Aunt Jennie, James, Bigham, Adeline and Susan. It was a nice place to visit as we were on the way to Uncle Adam Turners. All of these people have gone on before us, and we are following after them. They were good people and did their part well.

Chapter XVIII

FAMILY OF LEANDER AND MARY PRESSLY ADAMS

Leander Fulton			
m. Edna Dickenson			
John Taylor, Justice			
m. Sue E. Raber.			
Robert Anderson			Died age 19.
Sarah Agnes	Dec. 17, 1877		Feb. 8, 1912
m. W. A. Littell, D. D.		Dec. 25, 1901	
Mary Louisa			
Ray Eugene			
m. Elizabeth Green			

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FAMILY OF LEANDER F. AND EDNA D. ADAMS

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Theodore Leander			
m. Edna Strong			
Robert Dickenson			
Catherine Pressly			

FAMILY OF JOHN T. AND SUE E. R. ADAMS

John Raber			
m. Flora Farnham			
Richard Elliott.			

FAMILY OF AGNES SARAH AND REV. WILLIAM A. LITTELL D. D.

William A. Littell	Jan. 30, 1903		
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FAMILY OF MARTIN AND MARTHA IRWIN ADAMS

Martin Adams	Mar. 30, 1783		
m. Martha Irwin	April 3, 1783		
<i>Their Children</i>			
Margaret	Oct. 7, 1809		
Elizabeth	Mar. ____ 1811		
John	Jan. 6, 1813		
Mary	June 26, 1816		
Thomas	Aug. 13, 1818		
Matilda Jane	July 2, 1820	June 30, 1842	
m. James Bigham Turner			
Susan	Oct. 13, 1821		

FAMILY OF MATILDA J. AND BIGHAM TURNER

Margaret Joanna	Apr. 20, 1843		
m. John F. Henderson			
James Martin	Oct. 11, 1846		
m. Lou Smith.			
Martha Jane	Oct. 1, 1848		
m. Thomas Hood			1918
Elizabeth Ann	Mar. 17, 1851		
m. Lou Wolcott			
Henry B.	Apr. 30, 1854		
m. Mary Weed	(Twins)		
Andrew W.	Apr. 30, 1854	Had four sons	
m. Anna Smith		in the world War.	
Thomas Lee	Oct. 20, 1857		
m. Salia Morrow			
Jessie H.	Feb. 3, 1850		
m. Frank Cooper, who was a son of Riley and Betsey Hamilton Cooper			

FAMILY OF MARGARET JOANNA AND JOHN HENDERSON

Jennie C. Holmes, Leonard Gray, Clyde, Fred, Jessie Calkins.

FAMILY OF JAMES AND LOU SMITH TURNER

Harry.

FAMILY OF ELIZABETH A. AND LOU WALCOTT

Ralph, Jennie, Alice, Reed, Elizabeth.

FAMILY OF HENRY B. AND MARY W. TURNER

Earl.

FAMILY OF ANDREW W. and ANNA S. TURNER

Andrew, Carson, Bessie, Pearl, Heiman, Lee, Harry, Albert, Charles.

FAMILY OF THOMAS LEE AND SARAH TURNER

Floyd, Celia, Morrow.

FAMILY OF FRANK AND JESSIE COOPER

Robert R, Lee D., Edith, Joanna.

My Grandmother Guthrie had two brothers, Rev. James and Martin Adams. I do not remember to have seen Martin but once when he visited us somewhere about 1850. James Adams died in 1842 the year of my birth. Dr. Samuel Wilson told me that he regarded him as the strongest preacher in the Associate Church. He was, for some years, pastor of Massies Creek congregation. He then went to Hanover, Indiana, and taught, probably in Hanover College, located there. I have stood by his grave. A good stone was erected by the Massies' Creek congregation.

I remember his son, Leander, as a young man and a student. I was entertained in his home in Denver at the time of the Young Peoples meeting there, but I had lost all trace of his family till I met last summer, Dr. Littell, who married a daughter and Justice John T. Adams of the Supreme Court of Colorado in State Capitol. Since then I have gathered information of both families and have learned that both grand uncles have had large families. Their family records so far as I could gather them are in this book.

I have found that Bigham Turner a brother of Uncle Adam Turner married into the Martin Adams family, Matilda Jane, June 30, 1842. I have also learned that Frank Cooper,

a son of Aunt Betsy Hamilton Cooper married a daughter of Bigham Turner. These people were not blood relatives, but the families were not far apart.

The family of Martin Adams have evidently done their part in the World War. Robert R. Cooper was a lieutenant, and four sons of Andrew W. Turner, Lee, Herman, Albert, and Charles served in the ranks.

I became acquainted with Leander's daughter, Agnes Sarah, in their home in Denver, Colorado, as mentioned elsewhere. Dr. W. A. Littell was a guest at that time. They were married soon after and lived together happily for ten years. Dr. Littell writes of her as follows : "No minister's wife could have been more efficient, more loved by all who knew her, or so universally mourned upon her departure. God gave her a vision of heaven in answer to prayer. Then she fell asleep eager to go home." I am thankful that I knew her.

Their son William A. Littell is in the employ of the New York City News agency.

Chapter XIX

FAMILY OF WILLIAM AND JANE KYLE ANDERSON

William A.
m. Mary W. Collins (See family of Wm. A. and Mary W. Anderson)
Margaret
m. Wm. Patterson
Martha
Turner (Father of Mrs. Lydia Turner, wife of Rev. H. B.
of m. James Collins
Samuel (Father of Rev. Wm. H. Anderson m. and Mrs.
Nettie Pollock)
Miss Jane Townsley

FAMILY OF WILLIAM AND MARY ANDERSON

Mary Jane
 m. Rev. J. W. Taylor
 Their children: Leigh A., Arch C., Eula and Blanche

Ella
 m. Rev. F. M. Spencer (See "Spencer Family")

Margaret E.
 m. James Currie
 Their children: William R., Frank, and Archie. Frank died September 5, 1927.

Martha
 m. Thompson Crawford No Children

William P.
 m. Emma Collins
 Their children: Earl, Collins, Bertha and Wallace, who was a soldier and was drowned in the World War.

Nannie
 m. Dr. E. C. Harris No Children

Archie
 m. Ella Webster
 m. Ella Anderson
 Their children: James W. (son of Ella A.)

Lidia C.
 m. W. P. Smart
 Their children: Mary A., Janet S., James P., William A., Fannie M., and Carson M.

Maria
 m. John Williamson
 Their children: Fred.

Samuel
 m. Nettie Williamson
 Their children: Martha, Mary L., and William W.

Eula
 m. Rev. C. W. Comin
 Their children: Mary and John

Lydia Smart is the only one of the eleven of the Anderson family living.

Archibald Collins, son of William and Anna Collins, was born February 23, 1796. Eleanor Wallace, daughter of David and Mary Wallace, was born December 30, 1796. They were married November 12, 1817. He died June 9, 1882 and she died July 5, 1880.

FAMILY OF ARCHIBALD AND ELEANOR W. COLLINS

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Mary Wallace m. William A. Anderson	July 27, 1819	April ____ 1838	May 7, 1907 Aug. 12, 1872
Samuel, D. D. m. Jane S. Taylor	Sept. 23, 1821	Sept. 25, 1848	June 13, 1905 1903
David W., D. D. m. Martha Wilson m. Marie McConnell m. Nancy Hyslop	Mar. 31, 1823	Dec. 25, 1849 May 8, 1855 Oct. 4, 1871	1902
John m. Elizabeth N. Scroggs	Aug. 14, 1824	Feb. 14, 1854	Mar. 5, 1920 Sept. 1887
Nancy C. m. Cyrus Cummins	Mar. 9, 1826	Aug. 6, 1846	June 25, 1828 Feb. 6, 1910
Eliza Jane Joseph A.	Sept. 15, 1827 Apr. 9, 1829	Sept. 30, 1875	Jan. 10 1924 Oct. 13, 1868
Lydia m. J. B. Clark, D. D.	June 4, 1831	June 4, 1853	Jan. 13, 1872 Mar. 18, 1834
Thomas Boston Eleanor	Nov. 6, 1833 Aug. 17, 1835		May 23, 1839 Nov. 10, 1921
James Wallace m. Ruth Kyle	Dec. 9, 1837	Sept. 3, 1865	Nov. 6, 1900 June 9, 1841
William Henry	Mar. 20, 1840		

The Collins and Anderson families are given a place in this booklet because of relationship to the writer and in order that his children and grandchildren may have some knowledge of their forebears on the Anderson side.

The Collins family came, as pioneers in early times, from Eastern Pennsylvania. Archibald Collins purchased a homestead from the U. S. Government, three miles east of Xenia, Ohio. They and their relatives formed a large part of the Second Church Xenia.

The Jane Kyle mentioned, was a sister of Judge Kyle of early fame, and whose descendants are numerous in Greene County, Ohio, and many have moved elsewhere.

Both families have furnished quite a number of ministers for the United Presbyterian Church. They were, in the Collins family : Samuel, David and Joseph, Cyrus Cummins and Col. J. B. Clark ; five ministers.

Chapter XIX

SOME REFLECTIONS

The period covered by this brief history, is about two hundred years. It has been a labor of love to recall, in a most imperfect way, names and events in the lives of those who have gone before us. They have been of the great middle class, neither poor nor rich. They have tilled the soil, and have been content to live quiet, humble, but not unhappy lives.

Some outstanding things are worthy of our notice. Among these are the following:

1. Their rapid increase in numbers. Thomas the First had twelve children. Eleven of them grew to manhood and womanhood. Large families have been the rule, not the exception. "They have multiplied," some one has said, "like the Children of Israel in Egypt." They have swarmed and scattered from South Carolina to California and have found homes and multiplied in all of the intervening States. How many are they? No one knows, or can form a fair estimate.

2. Their educational development. In many, if not in all, of the Southern States, during those early days, there was no common school system and few colleges. The common people had few opportunities for getting the training now given in our grade schools. These people were not illiterate. They read their Bible, memorized the Shorter Catechism, and listened patiently, when occasion offered, to sermons full of Gospel Truth, long enough to make a half dozen of the twenty minute sermons of today.

Things are different now, with changed conditions. The Grade School and the High School are not enough. My Father, who had but a few months in any school, lived long enough to see sixteen of his grandchildren College graduates.

3. Their Life Partners. The Index appended shows a multiplicity of names. The Spencers have sought wives and found husbands outside the tribe. Wisely, these life mates have come from other tribes of their own class. Doubtless the Spencers have taken something worthwhile into these other tribes, but probably they have received far more, in fresh

blood, larger talent, broader visions, and higher incentives, than they have given.

1. Their loyalty to The Christ. I have never met, nor have I known of an atheist in the tribe. Nor have I known of one reaching the age of maturity without making profession of faith in some orthodox church. The tribe is conservative. Loyalty to Christ has been manifested largely by holding steadfastly to the usages and methods of the fathers. This has been done in honesty and sincerity. In a greater degree, if I may judge, this loyalty has been shown by meeting the issues and trying to solve the problems of an everchanging, ever-progressing world. So far as I know, my brother, William, was the first one of the tribe to enter the gospel ministry. Others have followed in his steps. The foreign field, as well as the home land, has been enriched by service given in public and private life. Not much has been done, comparatively. The Heavenly Father has done so much more for the tribe than the tribe has done for Him, that words fail to give full expressions of thankfulness.

2. The importance of personal influence. When the Mother of us all lay at Death's Door, nearly two hundred years ago, she may have thought that she had done but little for the Master she had loved and tried to serve, but not so. The One who could take the five barley loaves and two fishes of the lad and feed the hungry thousands, can take one short life and cause that its influence shall pass on, in an ever widening, ever increasing current, to reach and uplift thousands of her descendants, and this in such a way that each of them is the better because of that short life.

How true it is that, "No man liveth unto himself." Our influence—the influence of the humblest life—is boundless, and endless.

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—F. M. S.

