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TO THE ORIGINAL EDITION

More than twenty years ago there was an effort made by the Rev. Seth J. Axtell, of West Medway, Mass., and the Rev. Luther Axtell, of Pike Run, Washington Co., Pa., to collect material from which to construct an "Axtell Memorial"; it being their intention to trace each line of the descendants of Thomas Axtell, who was born in England in 1619, and who came to Massachusetts about the year 1642, and who they believed to be the progenitor of all the Axtells in the United States. For this purpose they entered into a correspondence with every one of the name whose post-office address they could ascertain. In order to facilitate the enterprise, they caused to be printed a circular for distribution, containing an outline of the "Axtell Genealogy", for four generations, counting Thomas as the first. One of the circulars coming into the possession of the compiler of this book, he resolved to commence with the genealogy of his great-grandfather, Major Henry Axtell (in the fifth generation), and trace it down, in all its branches, to the present time. On account of his descendants being scattered into almost every State and Territory in the Union, and their neglect to answer requests for family records he has found it a greater task than he anticipated, and one that he has been able to complete in but few of the branches. He has made the family tree as perfect as the material in his reach will permit, and he hopes, in a future edition, that those who are interested will assist him to supply, to some extent, the deficiencies.

MACOMB, MICHIGAN. September 12, 1885.

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## THE AXTELL MEMORIAL

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### CHAPTER I

We commence our book by making an extract from a circular issued by the Rev. Seth J. Axtell, of West Medway, Mass., and the Rev. Luther Axtell, of Pike Run, Washington Co., Pa., some years ago, as it gives the origin of the name in America, as far as their investigation had enabled them to ascertain. They say "The first person of the name (Known to us) was John Akstyle, a member of a religious order in Hertfordshire, England, about 1535.

#### FIRST GENERATION

Thomas Axtell was baptized at Berkhamstead, England, January 26, 1619. He was undoubtedly the progenitor of the Axtells in the United States.

Daniel Axtell, the regicide, was born in the same place in 1622, and was probably a brother of Thomas. (He took an active part against the government of King Charles I, and during the king's trial held an office in the Parliament that condemned him to death. He was, also, a Colonel in Cromwell's army. After the restoration of Charles II, in 1660 Daniel was beheaded. The defence which he made before the court, and the prayer he made on the scaffold when he was beheaded, are recorded in "Corbett's State Trials".)

#### SECOND GENERATION

Henry, son of Thomas and Mary Axtell, was baptized in St. Peter's Church, Berkhamstead, England, October 15, 1641. The family must have left England about 1642. The next we see of them, Thomas died in Sudbury, Mass., in 1646. The inventory of his estate is still on record of the probate court at East Cambridge. Henry took land in the new town of Marlboro, bordering on the town of Sudbury, in 1660; married to Hannah Merriam in 1665, and had two sons—Thomas, born 1672, and Daniel, born 1673. Henry was killed in the Wadsworth Indian massacre, April 21, 1676. The two sons left by Henry were:

#### THIRD GENERATION

1. Thomas, born 1672.
2. Daniel, born 1673.

As we are only interested in the line of Daniel, we will not pursue the geneology of Thomas any farther.

## CHAPTER II

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### THE LINE OF DANIEL, BORN IN MARLBORO IN 1673.

About 1700 he went to South Carolina and found there a Lady Axtell. In 1702 he married a daughter of William Pratt, of Weymouth, Mass., and returned to New England about 1706, and settled in Berkley, Mass., and had six sons and seven daughters (the names of the daughters are not given.) The children of Daniel and Thankful Pratt Axtell were of the fourth generation. The names of their sons were as follows: 1 - Daniel, born 1704; 2 - William, born 1713; 3 - Henry, born 1715; 4 - Samuel, born 1717; 5 - Ebenezer, born 1724; 6 - Thomas, born 1727.

It is our opinion that this "Lady Axtell", found in South Carolina by Daniel Axtell in 1700, was the widow of Daniel Axtell, the Regicide, beheaded in 1660, as a Rebecca Axtell married a John Moore, who was Secretary of the first colony of Carolina. Her father's name was Daniel, and he was a member of a dissenting church at Newington, near London, England. Rebecca had a kinsman in New England named Daniel Axtell, to whom she willed 300 acres of land, and to his son Daniel 200 acres. She may have been a widow of the Regicide's son. In a letter written by Alexander Cambell, attorney and counsellor, New York City, to the Hon. Samuel B. Axtell, making inquiries as to which branch of the family Rebecca Axtell, wife of John Moore, belonged, says: "That her father's name was Daniel; that he was a Dissenter; that his will is dated in London, England, August 3, 1678, and recorded in Charleston, S. C., 1682 to 1692. He was a man of prominence in the colony, being one of the Landgraves. He died in 1686." This would appear to show that the "Lady Axtell" found in South Carolina in 1700, might have been a daughter-in-law of the Regicide. That they were connected with the New England Axtells is also the opinion of Mrs. Harriet Tracy (Axtell), widow of Col. E. R. Platt, and grand daughter of the Rev. Dr. Henry Axtell. She says that Daniel continued a business relation with "Lady Axtell" after his return to Massachusetts. She thinks there is no doubt the South Carolina family were descendants of the Regicide, compelled to leave England on account of the part their progenitor took against the government of Charles I.

Since the above was printed I have had the privilege of reading the memos of a chapter of a volume entitled "The History of an Old Farm" of life in N. J. in the 18th Century by Andrew J. Mellick, Jr. of Plainsfield, N. J. Mr. Mellick says that Daniel Axtell born in Berkhamstead, England; christened May 26, 1622; beheaded 1660, had a son Daniel who fled from England upon the death of his father and settled in Jamaica, W. I. where he engaged in trade and acquired a fortune.

In 1726 he visited the province of N. Jersey seeking for investments and in June of that year he purchased a tract of 2433 acres of land out of the "Teapack Patent" lying in what is now Bedminster township, Somerset County, between the North Branch of the Eariton river and Lemington river, paying at the rate of \$1.56 present United States currency per acre. After the death of Daniel his second son William who was born in Jamaica came to New Jersey in 1746 in order to dispose of his estate.

The result was that in a few years the Van Dorn, Van DerVeer, McDowell, Teeple, Streit, Sloan and other families were planted in Bedminster township. Ultimately while visiting New York, William Axtell ran away with and married the daughter of Abraham DePeyster, the treasurer of that province.

Axtell afterwards built a two story brick residence in the outskirts of the city where the Astor House now stands and lived in great luxury as long as his money lasted. In 1754 he removed to England going by the way of Jamaica to settle his fathers estate. After some years he returned to America and built a large mansion at Flatbush on Long Island where he permanently settled.



At the breaking out of the Revolution he took sides with the patriots and was active arousing the people of his county to the support of the American arms. After the disaster on Long Island and in Westchester his sentiments underwent a change and swearing allegiance to the Crown, he became a violent partizan of the British. He was commissioned a Colonel of an infantry regiment and was also given many offices of a sinecure nature, which brought him a fortune. By marrying his adopted daughter to a Major Miles of the Continental army he was in hopes to save his estate, but the New York Legislature on the 22 of October, 1779, passed an act of attainder confiscating all his property and declaring him and those who were members of the Kings Council with him guilty of felony and if hereafter found in the state to suffer death without benefit of clergy. On evacuation of New Jersey by the British he removed to England where he received a pension and a Colonel's half pay for life.

I am indebted to Frank Axtell of Morristown, New Jersey, for the privilege of reading Mr. Mellick's memos which he sent me March 3, 1888.

MACOMB, MICHIGAN, MARCH 6, 1888.

E. S. Axtell

### CHAPTER III

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THE LINE OF HENRY, THE THIRD SON OF DANIEL, BORN 1673.

Before proceeding farther in this geneology, we will remark that the name of Axtell is spelled in the old records several different ways; as Akstyle, Axtel, Extil, Extell, and Extel. Axtell is a comparatively modern spelling of it.

#### FOURTH GENERATION

Henry, the third son of Daniel and Thankfull Pratt Axtell, was born in Berkley, Mass., in 1715. He learned the blacksmith's trade, and in 1737 married Jemima Leonard, of Taunton, Mass., a girl some years younger than himself. After the birth of their second child, Mr. Leonard resolved to migrate to the then wilderness of New Jersey. Henry determined to take his young family and accompany his father-in-law into the Western wilds. They located in that part of Morris County that was, nine years afterwards, organized into a township and named Mendham. They located about two miles south-east of where the village of Mendham now stands. This migration must have taken place in 1740 or 1741, and the township of Mendham was organized in 1749. This was the first movement of the Axtells toward the setting sun. At the time of moving, Jemima was a young woman and quite handsome. When I was a young boy I heard old people tell the following anecdote of her:

When, on their journey, they arrived at Elizabethtown, in Essex Co., New Jersey, which at that time was the port of entry for the northern part of New Jersey, and put up at a tavern, while the men were taking care of their teams, the landlord's son, who had been smitten by Jemima's beauty, asked her for the pleasure of her company that evening. She told him to "wait for her answer until her husband came in, when she would see what he had to say about it." The feelings of that young man cannot be described.

In the "History of Morris County," Henry Axtell is spoken of as "Henry, the Blacksmith." He continued to work at his trade until 1753 or 1754, when he died, aged 38 years, leaving a widow and six children. Jemima afterwards married a Mr. Lumm and had several children. She lived to a great age, more than 90, and died at Mr. Japhet Byram's, a mile north of the Village of Mendham.

The children of Henry and Jemima Leonard Axtell were:

#### FIFTH GENERATION

1. Henry, born in Plymouth Co., Mass., March 16, 1738.
2. Phebe, born in same place, 1740.
3. Hannah, born 1742.
4. Bethana, born 1744.
5. Calvin, born 1750.
6. Luther, born 1753, died June 2, 1822.

(The last four were born in Mendham, Morris Co., New Jersey).

Phebe, the second child, was married to Daniel Drake, in Morristown, by the Rev. Timothy Johnes, December 27, 1759.

Hannah was married to Zephaniah Burt, in Morristown, by the Rev. Timothy Johnes, May 29, 1764.

Bethana was married to Artemas Day, in Morristown, by the Rev. Timothy Johnes, January 21, 1767.

Calvin was married to Mary Mills by the Rev. Timothy Johnes, November 7, 1771. Luther was married to Hannah Condict, a cousin of Phebe, the second wife of Major Henry Axtell, by the Rev. Timothy Johnes, June 10, 1778. This young woman was noted for her homeliness in the neighborhood where she lived. She was born in 1756 and died in 1840, aged 84 years.

After they were married some one composed the following stanza, which has been echoing through the halls of Time ever since:

"When the Children of Israel wanted bread,  
The Lord He sent them manna;  
When Luther Axtell wanted a wife,  
The Devil sent him Hannah."

About the years 1769 or 1770, Luther's Uncle Thomas, the sixth son of Daniel and Thankfull Pratt Axtell, moved from Massachusetts to Morris Co. with his sons Daniel and Thomas. Daniel married Ruth Tuttle, Oct. 8, 1770, and Thomas married Mary Tuttle, Dec. 12, 1771. About the beginning of the present century (1790), Luther and his uncle and two cousins moved their families from Morris County to Washington County, Pa., where their descendants are very numerous. Two of Luther's grandsons, Philip, born 1815, and Luther, born 1820, are Presbyterian ministers belonging to the Cumberland Presbytery.

Calvin, the second son of Henry and Jemima Axtell, never moved from Morris County. His son Timothy, known as "Big Handed Tim", went to Geneva, N.Y., with his cousin Rev. Henry Axtell, D.D., from whence his children and grand-children came to Michigan. The descendants of Calvin, through his son Philip Lindley Axtell, are still quite numerous in N.J. His son, William, went to Milwaukee, Wis., and became the owner of a large hotel called the "Axtell House."

## CHAPTER IV

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### FIFTH GENERATION -- THE GENEALOGY OF MAJOR HENRY AXTELL

Henry, the oldest child of Henry and Jemima Axtell, was born in Plymouth County, Mass., March 16, 1738. When about three years old his father moved to Morris County, N.J., where Henry continued to reside the remainder of his life. We do not find that he learned any trade, but spent his life as a farmer. He was twice married. His first wife was Mary Beach, to whom he was married June 18, 1760. At this time he settled on a small farm located about four miles west from Morristown, and four miles easterly from Mendham, near the east line of Mendham Township, on the road from the Village of Brookside, through Washington Valley to Morristown. This farm remained in the possession of his descendants until the year 1841. Originally it was not a large farm, but by repeated additions made by himself and son Silas, it became a farm of more than 100 acres, besides several outlying lots. Nearly half of the homestead consisted of a farm that, at the breaking out of the Revolutionary War, belonged to a man who would not join the Patriots, and was, therefore, ranked among the Tories. At the close of the war, the farm was confiscated by the United States and sold, Henry Axtell being the purchaser. The family lived within the bounds of the Mendham Presbyterian congregation, and although it was four miles to the meeting house, they were regular church-goers. They were all rigid Presbyterians.

Sometime in 1766 his wife died, leaving him with three small children, two girls and a boy. Thus situated, it could not be expected that he would remain a widower very long. Not far from him lived a young widow by the name of Phebe Day, of good report and comely to look upon. Her maiden name was Condict, a cousin of Hannah Condict who married his brother Luther, June 10, 1778. Phebe was born June 25, 1740, and married Silas Day, June 27, 1759. In 1761 she buried a daughter named Rebecca, and in 1762, a son named Jonathan, and on the 31st of March, 1763, her husband died, aged 24 years and three months, leaving her a childless widow of only twenty-three years. She had been a widow more than three years when the widower of a little more than twenty-eight years of age asked her to become a mother to his motherless little ones, (or words to that effect). She frankly confessed that she had a tender regard for him personally, and would not object to matrimony if it were not for his children, but she had serious doubts and grave apprehensions about entering into the responsible position of step-mother to those children, the eldest a little more than five years old. When Henry heard this declaration, he rose to depart, saying, "now I know what I'll do; I'll go straight home and kill those children." When the widow heard this determination, she did not raise the neighbors and have the would-be murderer arrested; she had too much respect for the man to do that. She could not bear the idea of being accessory to the murder of the innocents, so she accepted his proposal with all the heroism of a martyr and resignation of a good Presbyterian. On the 7th of January, 1767, they were married in Morristown, N.J. by the Rev. Dr. Timothy Johnes, and lived together until April 6, 1818, when he died, aged 80 years, and was buried in the Presbyterian churchyard at Mendham, where his headstone is still to be seen.

Henry Axtell was a man of prominence and influence in the section of the county in which he lived. When the Revolutionary War broke out, he took a decided stand for the independence of the colonies, and was a sterling patriot throughout the struggle. He held the rank of Major in a military organization known as "Minute Men," whose duty it was to hold themselves in readiness to assemble at a moment's notice to repel an invasion from the British soldiers who were stationed at New York, and made frequent raids into the adjacent counties of New Jersey. Although they made several attempts, they never succeeded in invading Morris County.

The Major was a large, heavy built man, with an uncommonly large head covered with brown, curling hair. He had a voice that has been heard a mile away. He was a person of great humor and he enjoyed nothing better than a good joke, and many are the anecdotes that were told of him by his neighbors.

The last years of his life he was a great sufferer from the gravel. His second wife was a well proportioned muscular woman, above the middle size, and was a member of one of the most prominent families in Morris County at that time. When young she was rather more than ordinarily good-looking. She survived her second husband more than eleven years, dying at her daughter Rhoda Cory's, near Morristown, July 6, 1829, aged 89 years, and was buried in the Presbyterian graveyard at Morristown. She had been the mother of eight children, only one of whom survived her.

She was a woman of energy and intelligence, and possessed a better education than the average of the women in the community in which she lived. She practiced midwifery throughout the surrounding country, and many is the long ride she has taken in the night on horse-back to attend patients, after she got to be an old woman. She officiated professionally at the nativity of a number of her great-grandchildren.

The children of Major Henry Axtell by his first marriage were:

#### SIXTH GENERATION

1. Hannah, born October 15, 1761.
2. Mary, born some time in 1763.
3. David, born some time in 1765.

The children of Major Henry Axtell by his second marriage were of the

#### SIXTH GENERATION

1. Lurana, born October 20, 1767.
2. Silas, born April 5, 1769.
3. Phebe, born June 23, 1771.
4. Henry, born June 9, 1773.
5. Rhoda, born April 11, 1775.
6. Joseph, born March 14, 1777. Died young - no date given.

## CHAPTER V

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THE DESCENDANTS OF MAJOR HENRY AXTELL, THROUGH THE LINE OF HIS SON, COL. SILAS AXTELL  
FOR DESCENDANTS OF THE OTHER CHILDREN OF MAJOR HENRY AXTELL SEE PAGES 10-19 OF ORIG-  
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### SIXTH GENERATION

Silas, second child and first son of Major Henry Axtell and his second wife, Phebe Condict Day, was born on the homestead in the eastern part of Mendham Township, Morris County, New Jersey, April 5, 1769. He worked on the farm until he was old enough to go to a trade, where he learned the trade of a carpenter in all its branches. On the ninth of January, 1791, when nearly twenty-two years of age, he married Miss Elizabeth Loree, the only child of Samuel and Mary Reeve Loree. She was born in the same neighborhood in the year 1771. Her mother was the daughter of Jonathon and Elizabeth Reeve, of Morristown, New Jersey. She was born October, 1753, and was married to Samuel Loree, of Mendham Township, by the Rev. Timothy Johnes, January 25, 1770. Samuel Loree died of hemorrhage of the lungs October 30, 1772, leaving Elizabeth a widow 19 years old with a daughter one year old.

As the disease of which he died had rendered Major Henry incapable of managing the farm alone, it was concluded best for Silas to remain with his parents, therefore he built an addition to his father's residence and moved his young wife on the old homestead. In after years when his family became too large to be accommodated in the old-fashioned one-story house, he tore down the original dwelling built by his father about the year 1760, and erected a large, two-story building in its place, calculated to accommodate his own and his father's families. In order to carry on his trade to the best advantage, he built a large shop convenient to his house, where he and his apprentices spent the winter months doing the joiner work for dwellings to be erected during the summer season. In those days doors, sashes, blinds, and mouldings had to be made by hand, and the construction of a well finished dwelling required a great deal of time and hard work. Among the young men who learned their trade in his shop was Jacob Tuttle, who, at the end of his apprenticeship, in 1807, became a Presbyterian minister, and whose son, Rev. Joseph F. Tuttle, D.D., is President of Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

As Silas was seven years old at the beginning of the Revolutionary War, and as his father took an active part throughout the struggle for independence, he early imbibed a passion for military display and parade, and joined a Militia Company as soon as he was old enough to do so, and passed through all the grades of office from a private to the Colonelcy of his regiment, when such positions were considered an honor, and were sought after by the wealthy and influential. He was commissioned Major of the Second Battalion of the First Regiment of Morris County Brigade, New Jersey Militia on the twenty-fifth of November, 1806. As the militia was then organized, each regiment was under the command of a Lieutenant Colonel. Major Silas Axtell was commissioned Lieutenant Colonel of the First Regiment, November 25, 1809. On the seventeenth of February, 1815, he resigned his commission and severed all connection with the military.

In September, 1823, in company with his wife and their son Amzi, he set out in a one horse covered wagon on a journey into the central part of the state of Ohio, to visit their oldest son, Samuel L., who was residing in Jersey Township, Licking County, but he never reached his destination. When near Zanesville, Muskingum County, which is next to Licking County on the east, he was attacked with bilious colic, and after a very brief illness died on the twenty-ninth of September, 1823, aged 54 years and four months. He was buried at Zanesville where his headstone was to be seen a few years ago. In those days, in that part of the state, traveling was so difficult that it was considered inexpedient to send word to his son, although the distance was only about forty miles. The first notice he had of his father's death was the



arrival of his mother and brother in the "Jersey Settlement."

After a few weeks' visit in Ohio the widow returned to her desolate home in New Jersey, where she continued to reside on the old homestead with her sons Amzi and Jonothan Reeve, until the year 1831, when she married Nathaniel Clark, a brother of Isaac Clark who married Phebe, a sister of Col. Silas Axtell. While a widow she worked at her trade which was that of a weaver of plain cloth. Mr. Clark was a farmer living about three miles northeast from the village of Mendham. After his death, which occurred in 1836, she made her home with her son, Jonothan R., near the village of Chester, Morris County, until his removal to Detroit, Michigan, in 1849, when she took up her abode with her son Jacob T., at Morristown, at whose house she died on the ninth of August, 1851, aged eighty years. Six of her children survived her.

The children of Silas and Elizabeth Loree Axtell were:

#### SEVENTH GENERATION

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|-----|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Samuel Loree,   | born on the homestead, | November 11, 1791.                  |
| 2.  | Henry,          | " " " "                | August 13, 1793.                    |
| 3.  | Mary Reeve,     | " " " "                | October 29, 1795.                   |
| 4.  | Amzi,           | " " " "                | April 21, 1798.                     |
| 5.  | Phebe Conduct,  | " " " "                | August 4, 1800.                     |
| 6.  | John,           | " " " "                | August 4, 1802.                     |
| 7.  | Silas,          | " " " "                | March 26, 1805. Died very young.    |
| 8.  | Jacob Tuttle,   | " " " "                | April 16, 1806.                     |
| 9.  | Silas Conduct,  | " " " "                | September 8, 1808. Died in infancy. |
| 10. | Jonothan Reeve, | " " " "                | February 16, 1812.                  |

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TO THEIR MEMORY

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For some time it has been felt by the descendants of Samuel Loree and Nancy Sanders Axtell that the Axtell Record should be brought to date. For this purpose a committee was appointed and necessary steps taken. Consideration has been given only to the descendants above mentioned as being of particular interest to the compilers, and also because of the difficulties connected with securing necessary information about the other branches of the family. Those interested in the other branches may refer to the original "Axtell Record."

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## CHAPTER VI

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### THE DESCENDANTS OF SILAS AXTELL THROUGH THE LINE OF HIS SON, SAMUEL LOREE AXTELL

#### SEVENTH GENERATION

Samuel Loree, first child of Col. Silas Axtell and Elizabeth, his wife, born November 11, 1791, was named for his maternal grandfather. His childhood and youth were passed on the farm and attending school. At that early day the common school system of New Jersey was in a very crude and imperfect state. The school houses were built by subscription of any community that had public spirit and liberality enough to do so, and were usually placed by the side of the highway, or where two roads met, without any reference to pleasantness of situation, or attempts at adornment. For these reasons, in some sections of the country, the school houses were few and far between - the cider mills and distilleries being more numerous and better patronized than the school houses. After a school house was built the neighborhood elected three trustees to take care of the property, who could give any applicant they thought competent liberty to teach a school in the building for a term of three months. After securing the use of the house, the would-be teacher drew up a subscription paper stating their terms per scholar per quarter, and wherein the subscribers promised to pay for as many scholars as were written against their names. The branches usually taught were spelling, reading, writing and arithmetic; sometimes geography, without maps, and grammar. Some teachers had the larger scholars learn the Presbyterian Catechism. The summer quarter was usually taught by a female, when the girls were taught plain sewing. This system prevailed in Morris County as recently as 1838. Under such an educational system the child of a poor man with a large family seldom obtained more than the mere rudiments, and many not even the rudiments. The subject of this sketch enjoyed rather better educational advantages than the common district school, as he had the privilege of attending his uncle's, the Rev. Henry Axtell, D.D., academy at Mendham, when a boy twelve or fourteen years old, so that his education was superior to the boys of his age in the neighborhood in which he lived. While he was a member of his uncle's family he acquired a love for literature and a thirst for knowledge that never forsook him. And, although his limited circumstances would not permit him to give any of his children more than a common school education, he was enabled to instil into their minds such a high regard for learning that, when they grew up, they added to their small stock of knowledge, as their means and opportunities would permit, some becoming professional men, and all for intelligence and information equal with any in the community in which they resided.

As Samuel L. grew to manhood he worked in his father's shop and became a carpenter noted for the neatness and excellence of his work.

On the twenty ninth of March, 1812, while yet wanting several months of his majority he was married to Miss Nancy Sanders, oldest child of Captain Ephraim Sanders, whose homestead was on the Washington Turnpike, two and a half miles east of the village of Mendham.

Soon after their marriage the young couple set up housekeeping on a small farm about a mile east of her father's, and about the same distance southwest from his, on the turnpike. Here he continued to reside, working at his trade and in a saw-mill in which he was a partner with his father, until the twelfth of June, 1816, when he started for Columbus, Ohio, with a two-horse team to take a load of household goods for his neighbor, Mr. Abner Whitehead. In those days all families migrating to the western country were compelled to load their effects into covered wagons and be a number of weeks on their journey, oftentimes being obliged to sleep in their wagons at night.

From his journey to the west, S. L. Axtell returned home on the seventh of September following, having been gone nearly three months. The western country

made such a favorable impression on him that he resolved to migrate to the vicinity of Columbus as soon as he could settle up his business matters and get ready to leave Morris County.

On the eleventh day of October, 1816, in company with his father and father-in-law with their teams, he left Mendham with his family consisting of his wife and two children, for the tedious journey of nearly 600 miles over the Alleghany Mountains and beyond. After getting over the mountains the party stopped in Washington County, Pennsylvania, and spent six days visiting among the Axtells and Sanderses, who had emigrated from Morris County a few years before. They arrived at the end of their journey on the fourteenth day of November, 1816, having been on the road twenty-eight days, and thirty-four days after leaving Mendham.

His first location was in a settlement some five or six miles from Columbus, but, on the fifteenth of April, 1817, he moved into the village, which had but a few years before been made the capital of the state. Here he built himself a dwelling house and continued to reside until April 26, 1819, when he sold his village property and lived in his old neighborhood until the beginning of 1820, when he bought eighty acres of land on Indian Run, Jersey Township, Licking County, and moved upon it. On the twentieth of May, 1820, he acted as clerk of the first town-meeting ever held in that township. He continued to reside in Jersey Township until the death of his father, which occurred September 29, 1823, made it necessary for him to return to New Jersey. In the latter part of the autumn of that year he preformed the journey on foot. The next spring it was thought advisable to send for his family, therefore his father-in-law made a journey into Ohio after them. Taking the family, consisting of the mother and six children, the youngest five months old, and as many household goods as could be loaded into a two-horse covered wagon, he started for Mendham, where they arrived on the first Monday in June, 1824, after a tedious journey of three weeks. After getting his family settled again, the subject of this sketch worked at his trade wherever he could get a job in the surrounding country.

About the year 1827 or 1828 there was published in the "Palladium of Liberty," printed at Morristown, a series of lectures on temperance, which were delivered by the Rev. Albert Barnes, D.D. in the First Presbyterian Church of Morristown. The reading of these lectures thoroughly convinced him that it was his duty to take a public, as well as a private stand against the use of ardent spirits as a beverage. It is hardly possible for people of this day and generation to appreciate the amount of resolution and firmness of character that it required to maintain such a stand at that time, and in that locality. Sixty years ago in Morris County every family that laid the slightest claim to social standing, or made any pretension to good manners in the neighborhood in which they resided, must keep a decanter of some kind of strong drink standing in the cupboard, or on the sideboard. Whether the liquor was brandy, or wine, or Jamaica rum, or whiskey, depended on the wealth of the family. When a friend came to make a call, or a visit, the first thing to do after salutations and being seated, was to prepare a glass of sweetened sling and pass it around to the company, and fashion required that each person should take a sip. If this was not done, the inference was that they were not welcome. No haying nor harvesting could be done without the whiskey jug being placed by the side of the water pail under the shade of some tree or in a fence corner. No building could be raised, no couple married, no child born, no dead person buried, no merry-making held without whiskey, or its equivalent, to regulate the mental and physical systems. It was the great cure-all. Cider-mills and distilleries were much more numerous than school houses. The distance from Mendham to Morristown by the turnpike is seven miles. In 1826 in that distance, either located immediately on that road, or within three-quarters of a mile from it, were seven whiskey distilleries, counting the one at each end of the route. The "History of Morris County" and the "Record of the Presbyterian Church" say that when the Rev. Albert Barnes was installed pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Morristown, 1825, he found within the bounds of his congregation nineteen whiskey

stills, and twenty places where intoxicating liquors were sold. To supply the material for so many manufacturies, every farm was largely set to apple trees, without any reference to the quality of the fruit, but simply for the purpose of making cider to be distilled into whiskey.

From the foregoing very brief and imperfect sketch of the universal prevalence of the custom of social drinking, and the extent of the curse of intemperance throughout all classes of society, the reader can form some idea of the amount of ridicule and contempt that a person would have to encounter who should set themselves to oppose the popular usages of the community in which they lived. S.L. Axtell, although always a perfectly temperate man, had never made any decided opposition to the drinking customs among which he had been brought up, until about the year 1827 or 1828, his attention was aroused to the magnitude and extent of the evils of intemperance by Barnes' lectures. He immediately banished the decanter from his cupboard, and the jug from his hay and harvest field. He wrote and circulated the first temperance pledge signed in the community in which he lived. The signers pledged themselves to abstain only from ardent spirits; they were still at liberty to drink wine, cider and beer. This was far from "TOTAL ABSTAINENCE," but it was a long stride toward it, and in connection with the temperance lectures, which were delivered at the meetings of the Society, had a beneficial influence on the young and rising generation, and finally culminated in the "total abstinence" associations of different names and orders.

Notwithstanding the jeers and ridicule of his neighbors, and some of his relatives, he continued firm in the practice and principles of temperance until the day of his death. By his precepts and example, he brought up his large family to be strictly temperance people.

He continued to maintain his family by working at his trade until April, 1832, when by purchase of the other heirs, he became owner of nearly all of the old homestead which had belonged to his father and grandfather, and where he was born. Here he continued to reside until the spring of 1841, when he moved his family consisting of his wife and nine children to Clinton Township, Macomb County, Michigan, where he purchased 160 acres of land on the "Clinton and Kalamazoo Canal," half way between the villages of Mt. Clemens and Utica. Here he built a log house and commenced clearing up a farm, but the hard work combined with the malaria exhaled from the dense forests with which he was surrounded in a few years broke down his strong constitution and quite unfitted him for hard labor. For four or five of the last years of his life he did nothing toward enlarging his improvements. On the twentieth of June, 1855, while sitting at the dinner table, he had an attack of apoplexy, and about noon of the twenty-first he died. On the twenty-third he was buried in the new cemetery west of Mt. Clemens. His wife and ten of his fourteen children survived him.

In the prime of life S.L. Axtell was five feet ten inches in height, with a very erect carriage and full chest. His weight was 170 lbs. His hair was a dark brown and very curly, and at the time of his death had very few grey hairs mingled with the brown. His eyes were dark gray and deep set. His forehead was broad and high. His nose was of the Roman type, and his mouth rather large with a full under lip. Altogether, a fine shaped head and well set on his sloping shoulders. His face was always clean shaven, and had a kind, pleasant, expression. He had a great fondness for his children while they were small, and took pride in seeing them succeed in life when they grew up. He was a constant reader of newspapers and magazines, and kept posted on the current events and topics of the times, both foreign and domestic. He was a great admirer of the writings of Walter Scott and Robert Burns; and a great lover of wit and humor, though seldom heard to laugh boisterously.

He was brought up a Presbyterian of the strictest sect, and about the year



1830, or 1831, he and his wife united with that church at Mendham, under the pastorate of the Rev. Daniel H. Johnson.

In politics he was a Whig, as long as that party existed, and a Republican to the end of his life.

He never held any civil office, except constable in the town of Columbus and school inspector the last year he lived in New Jersey, but from the time he was old enough until exempt by age, he always belonged to a military organization, and was generally an officer. He was commissioned Major of the Second Battalion, First Regiment of the Morris Brigade, on the 31st of October, 1834, and acted as Major Commanding until he removed to Michigan in 1841.

He was an ardent patriot, and held it a duty to attend the celebration of Independence Day.

The young woman whom he married was the oldest child of Capt. Ephraim Sanders, and was born December 23, 1792, in the village of Mendham, where her father was living and working at blacksmithing. Having a natural taste for learning and good opportunities for attending the district schools of those days, she became very proficient in reading, writing, and spelling, with a slight knowledge of arithmetic. When fifteen years of age, she went into a tailor's shop in Morristown, where she learned the trade in all its branches. After leaving the shop she worked in the families of the community in which she lived, cutting and making men's clothing of all kinds, her work being always in demand.

She continued to follow her trade until March, 1812, on the 29th of which month she was married to Samuel L. Axtell. From that time until his death, June 21, 1855, her goings and comings are narrated in his biography, except that on the 30th of August, 1821, she started from the Jersey settlement, Licking County, Ohio, in company with a Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, to visit her parents in New Jersey. The journey was made in a one-horse covered wagon, with a led horse which Mr. Johnson was taking East to sell. A great part of the distance she rode the extra horse. She returned with the Johnsons, arriving at home October 28, 1821.

After moving to Michigan, she visited New Jersey three times: in 1843; in 1849 to assist in nursing her sick father in his last illness, returning in the summer of 1850; and again in the spring and summer of 1853.

After the death of her husband in 1855, she made her home with her son-in-law, Jonathon Welts, husband of Nancy K. Axtell, until his death in February, 1875, after which she continued to reside with his widow until October, 1881, when after Nancy K.'s re-marriage, she went to Mt. Clemens to live with her daughter, Martha D. Hayes. She was now in her eighty-ninth year and never had been a very robust woman, but her health and strength were good for one of her age. Soon after changing her residence her health began to fail, and toward the last of November she was considered dangerously ill, and on the 4th of December, 1881, after an illness of nine days, soon after noon she expired in the possession of all her faculties.

On the 7th of December she was buried by the side of her husband, being followed to the cemetery by seven of her eight living children. She had outlived by several years all her brothers and sisters. Of her immediate descendants she left eight children, twenty-four grand-children, and nineteen great-grandchildren.

In religion she was a Presbyterian. In the prime of life she was a trifle over five feet in height, of rather full habit, weighing, perhaps, 125 or 130 pounds. She had light brown hair, of a silky texture; a high, broad forehead; large, bright black eyes; a nose of the Grecian type, and a small mouth and chin.

When she was young woman she was ranked as one of the handsomest women who came to Mendham church.

She was of a lively, jovial turn of mind, much enjoying sallies of wit and repartee. From her childhood she was very fond of reading, not only of books, but of the few newspapers that came in her reach. As she advanced in life, and newspapers and magazines became more abundant, her reading was almost exclusively of that order of literature, by which means she was fully abreast of the times in which she lived, almost to the day of her death. The last year or two of her life her memory of recent events began to fail, but she had a vivid recollection of occurrences of the first part of her life. She could distinctly remember hearing the Mendham church bell tolled when the news was received of the death of General George Washington.

The children of Samuel L. and Nancy Sanders Axtell were:

#### EIGHTH GENERATION

1. Silas Henry, born in Mendham, Morris County, New Jersey, February 20, 1813. Died at Woodbridge, California, November 8, 1897.
2. Ephraim Sanders, born in Mendham, Morris County, New Jersey, December 8, 1814. Died at Macomb, Michigan, December 21, 1893.
3. Sarah Ann Rodgers, born in Franklin County, Ohio, March 8, 1817. Died at Mt. Clemens, Michigan, November 6, 1900.
4. Samuel Beach, born in Franklin County, Ohio, October 14, 1819. Died near Morristown, New Jersey, August 6, 1891.
5. Rufus Sanders, born in Jersey, Licking County, Ohio, January 7, 1822. Died near Dubuque, Iowa, March 7, 1846.
6. Mary Reeve, born in Jersey, Licking County, Ohio, December 25, 1823. Died at Utica, Michigan, November 7, 1894.
7. Martha Dodd, born in Mendham, Morris County, New Jersey, March 26, 1826. Died near Mt. Clemens, Michigan, November 18, 1889.
8. Nancy Kezia, born in Mendham, Morris County, New Jersey, March 20, 1828. Died at Mt. Clemens, Michigan, June 20, 1915.
9. Infant daughter, born in Mendham, Morris County, New Jersey, February 25, 1830. Died in infancy.
10. Infant daughter, born in Mendham, Morris County, New Jersey, March 21, 1831. Died in infancy.
11. Josephus Sanders, born in Mendham, Morris County, New Jersey, March 20, 1832. Died at Burlington, Iowa, September 23, 1850.
12. Phebe Joanna Clark, born in Mendham, Morris County, New Jersey, June 6, 1834. Died at Flint, Michigan, October 19, 1869.
13. Pamela Guerin, born in Mendham, Morris County, New Jersey, January 23, 1837. Died at Mt. Clemens, Michigan, May 26, 1911.
14. Julien Harrison, born in Mendham, Morris County, New Jersey, March 4, 1839. Died at Mt. Clemens, Michigan, October 16, 1872.

## CHAPTER VII

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### THE DESCENDANTS OF SAMUEL LOREE AXTELL THROUGH THE LINE OF HIS SON, SILAS HENRY AXTELL EIGHTH GENERATION

Silas Henry, first child of Samuel L. and Nancy S. Axtell, was born on a small farm three miles west of Morristown, New Jersey, on the Washington turnpike. When he was a young man he attended Ezra Fairchild's high school at Mendham, and taught several terms of district school. In 1836 he went to the State of Ohio, locating near Euclid, where he engaged in trading and school teaching. In 1838 he went to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and returned to New Jersey in the summer of 1839, where he married Miss Catherine Maria Elmer of Morris Township, September 12, 1839. She was the oldest daughter of Horace Elmer and was born near Goshen, Orange Co., New Jersey. She died in Morristown, New Jersey about 1842. There were no children by this marriage. He engaged in farming until 1844, when he went to Dubuque, Iowa, where he joined the army in 1847, and remained with it until the close of the Mexican War. In 1849 he went to St. Paul, Minn., and in 1853 to California, where he married, December 5, 1853, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Plummer, nee Turner, and settled at Woodbridge, San Joachin Co., where his wife died on the first day of January, 1882.

On September 28, 1884, he was married to Mrs. Elizabeth Hunting of San Joachin Co.

He held several offices of trust and honor. He was elected Judge of the County Court, and in February, 1868, he was appointed "Assessor of U.S. Internal Revenue," which office he held until February 14, 1872, when his district was consolidated with the adjoining one.

He continued to reside on his farm at Woodbridge, with the exception of the four years he held the office of Assessor, when he resided at Stockton, the County seat of San Joachin Co... He died at Woodbridge, California, November 8, 1897.

The children of Silas Henry and Elizabeth L. P. Axtell were:

### NINTH GENERATION

1. George Webster, born at Woodbridge, California, August 21, 1855. Died.
2. John Dodd, born at Woodbridge, California, October 9, 1857. Died December 1938.
3. Belle Ever, born at Woodbridge, California, November 28, 1859. Died.
4. Cary Franklin, born at Woodbridge, California, December 11, 1861. Died.
5. Samuel Beach, born at Stockton, California, June 21, 1870. Died June, 1933.

George Webster, oldest child of Silas H. and Elizabeth L. Axtell, was married at Portland, Oregon, July 29, 1882, to Annie V. Manning.

The children of George Webster and Annie V. Manning Axtell are:

### TENTH GENERATION

1. Henry Manning, born at Portland, Oregon, August 10, 1883.
2. Myrtle Malvina, born August 5, 1885.
3. Mabel Elizabeth, born September, 27, 1887. Died August 11, 1889.
4. Pearl V., born December 22, 1891. Died February 28, 1922.

Henry Manning, oldest child of George Webster and Annie V. Manning Axtell, married Christiana Ward. Two children were born of this union. She died, and some time later, Henry Manning Axtell married Mittie Powers of Cosmopolis, Washington.

The children of Henry Manning and Christiana Ward Axtell are:



#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. Anita Virginia. No Record.
2. Dorothy. No Record.

The children of Henry Manning and Mittie Powers Axtell are:

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. Molly Jean. No record.
2. George Henry. No record.
3. Charles Manning. No record.
4. Virginia Anita. Died.
5. Samuel. No record.
6. Freddy Baxter. No record.

#### TENTH GENERATION

Myrtle Malvina, second child of George Webster and Annie V. Manning Axtell, was born August 5, 1885. On January 1, 1911, she married David McKenzie of Portland, Oregon.

The children of David and Myrtle Malvina Axtell McKenzie are:

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. Donald Robert. Born October 6, 1911.
2. Donna Joy. Born October 15, 1915.

Donald Robert, first child of David and Myrtle Malvina Axtell McKenzie, married Hazel Woodworth, February 28, 1935.

The children of Donald Robert and Hazel Woodworth McKenzie are:

#### TWELFTH GENERATION

1. Krista Lee. Born October 15, 1937.

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

Donna Joy, second child of David and Myrtle Malvina Axtell McKenzie, married George H. Churchill, July 31, 1936.

The children of George H. and Donna Joy McKenzie Churchill are:

#### TWELFTH GENERATION

1. Deanna Rea. Born November 7, 1938.

#### NINTH GENERATION

John Dodd, second child of Silas H. and Elizabeth L. Axtell, was born at Woodbridge, California, October 9, 1857 and died in December, 1938. He married Alice Pendergraft - date unknown.

The children of John Dodd and Alice Pendergraft Axtell are:

#### TENTH GENERATION

1. Elizabeth May. No record.

#### NINTH GENERATION

Belle Ever, third child of Silas H. and Elizabeth L. Axtell, was born at Woodbridge, California, November 28, 1859. She married at Woodbridge, September 22, 1878, to H. D. C. Barnhart. There are no children.

#### NINTH GENERATION

Cary Franklin, fourth child of Silas H. and Elizabeth L. Axtell, was born at Woodbridge, California, December 11, 1861. He married Mary A. Howell, on July 16, 1890, at Waldport, Oregon. There are no children.

#### NINTH GENERATION

Samuel Beach, fifth child of Silas H. and Elizabeth L. Axtell, was born at Stockton, California, June 21, 1870 and died June 1933. He married Clara M. Kettleman of Lodi, California. They had one son, who died at birth.

### CHAPTER VIII

#### THE DESCENDANTS OF SAMUEL LOREE AXTELL THROUGH THE LINE OF HIS SON, EPHRAIM SANDERS AXTELL

#### EIGHTH GENERATION

Ephraim Sanders, second son of Samuel L. and Nancy S. Axtell, was born on the same farm that their eldest son was, December 8, 1814. On August 29, 1815, he had an attack of sickness that on September 3, was ascertained to have deprived him of the use of all his limbs, from which he never recovered sufficiently to follow, to any advantage, any manual labor, therefore his home was with his parents until he married, on October 13, 1852, Miss Fanny M. Morris. After being employed as a Collector of tolls on the "Mt. Clemens and Romeo Plank Road" in Macomb County, Michigan, and the "Detroit and Plymouth Plank Road," for eleven years, he moved to the village of Macomb, Macomb County, November 12, 1868. On November 25, 1868, he was appointed Postmaster at that place, which office he resigned on July 25, 1882. He held the office of Assessor of the school district, No. 1, of Macomb, for about twenty years.

He died of the grippe on December 21, 1893, after an illness of only two days. His wife was ill at the same time with the same disease. She passed away two days later, on December 23. On the twenty-sixth of December, they were laid to rest in the same grave in Clinton Grove Cemetary at Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

The children of Ephraim Sanders and Fanny Moss Morris Axtell are:

#### NINTH GENERATION

1. Robert Morris, born in Macomb, Michigan, November 22, 1853. Died April 27, 1881.
2. Emily Josepha, born in Macomb, Michigan, October 13, 1855. Died September 14, 1906.
3. Julien Harrison, born in Redford, Wayne County, May 4, 1862. Died in Macomb, Michigan, October 7, 1871.
4. Laura Morris, born in Greenfield, Wayne County, September 22, 1864. Died at Washington, Michigan, August 18, 1914.
5. Sarah Millie, born in Greenfield, Wayne County, February 26, 1867. Died at Warsaw, Indiana, August 31, 1939.
6. Mattie Elizabeth, born in Macomb, Michigan, February 16, 1870.

Robert Morris, first child of Ephraim S. and Fanny M. Axtell, was born in Macomb, Michigan, November 22, 1853. He was a carpenter by trade. He was married March 11, 1875, to Miss Josephine Rosso of Macomb, Michigan. While fishing on Lake St. Clair with three companions on the twenty-seventh of April, 1881, a sudden squall upset the boat and they were all drowned. His body was recovered on the thirtieth, and buried Sunday, May 1, in the cemetary west of Mt. Clemens. His wife died November 5, 1883.

The children of Robert M. and Josephine R. Axtell are:

#### TENTH GENERATION

1. Robert Rosso, born in Macomb, Michigan, November 6, 1875.
2. Mertie Belle, born in Mt. Clemens, Michigan, December 31, 1877.
3. Fanny Emma, born in Mt. Clemens, Michigan, April 9, 1880.

Robert Rosso Axtell, first child of Robert Morris and Josephine Rosso Axtell, was born at Macomb, Michigan, November 6, 1875. Following the death of his mother in November, 1883, he, together with his sisters, made his home with his maternal grandparents in Mt. Clemens. He was married March 31, 1897, to Louisa Goldenbogen of Mt. Clemens. For many years he operated a dairy farm at Chesterfield, Macomb County, Michigan, moving to Mt. Clemens in 1930, where he became an agent for various types of insurance.

The children of Robert and Louisa Goldenbogen Axtell are:

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. Harry Briggs (adopted) born October 18, 1898.

He never took the name of Axtell, but used his own family name. He was married June 22, 1927, to Arumah Dorothy Allen of Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

The children of Harry and Arumah Allen Briggs are:

#### TWELFTH GENERATION

1. Dwight Arthur, born Jan. 17, 1929.
2. Dorothy, born Nov. 6, 1930.
3. Allen Robert, born Nov. 15, 1932.
4. Velma Louise, born July 22, 1934.

Mertie Belle Axtell, second child of Robert Morris and Josephine Rosso Axtell, was born in Mt. Clemens, Michigan, December 31, 1877. On November 30, 1897, she married Nicholas Thome of Mt. Clemens.

The children of Nicholas and Mertie Belle Axtell Thome are:

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. Leslie John, born June 7, 1898.
2. Elmer, born March 21, 1900. Died March 21, 1900.
3. Jennie Fay, born Dec. 2, 1901.
4. Robert Morris, born March 3, 1904. Died April 1, 1905.
5. Hilda Viola, born March 8, 1906.
6. Marion, born Sept. 28, 1908. Died Jan. 13, 1926.

Leslie John Thome, first child of Nicholas and Mertie Belle Thome, was born June 7, 1898. He married Gladys Gordon, June 8, 1918. After several years they separated and he married Helen Freese of Mt. Clemens on June 30, 1929.

The children of Leslie J. and Gladys G. Thome are:

#### TWELFTH GENERATION

1. Melvin Leslie, born Sept. 19, 1919.
2. Jack Alton, born Dec. 15, 1921.
3. Ben Gordon, born March 21, 1927.

The children of Leslie J. and Helen F. Thome are:

#### TWELFTH GENERATION

1. Betty Ann, born Dec., 1935. She is an adopted child.

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

Jennie Fay Thome, third child of Nicholas and Mertie Belle Thome, was born Dec. 2, 1901. On January 7, 1921, she married Archie Brooks.

The children of Archie and Jennie Fay Thome Brooks are:

#### TWELFTH GENERATION

1. Robert Elden, born Nov. 4, 1923.
2. Jean Arlene, born Oct. 21, 1925.
3. Janet May, born Jan. 28, 1935.

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

Hilda Viola Thome, fifth child of Nicholas and Mertie Belle Thome, was born March 8, 1906. On Aug. 12, 1922, she married Robert Elmy.

The children of Robert and Hilda Viola Thome Elmy are:

#### TWELFTH GENERATION

1. George W., born March 25, 1923.
2. Robert L., born July 23, 1924. Died July 23, 1924.
3. Robert A., born Oct. 17, 1925.
4. Leslie R., born April 27, 1927.
5. John W., born Aug. 22, 1928.
6. Richard T., born Oct. 29, 1929. Died March 15, 1930.
7. Stanley R., born April 17, 1931. Died Aug. 27, 1931.
8. Marion F., born Nov. 8, 1933.
9. Eugene D., born March 13, 1936.
10. Barbara D., born April 18, 1937.

#### NINTH GENERATION

Emily Josepha Axtell, second child of Ephraim Sanders and Fanny Morris Axtell, was born in Macomb, Michigan, October 13, 1855. She was married to Lafayette M. Giddings of Macomb, on Aug. 22, 1875. They lived at various places in Macomb County. She died of cancer at Mt. Vernon, Macomb County, Michigan, on September 14, 1906, and is buried in Mt. Vernon Cemetery.

The children of Lafayette M. and Emily Josepha Axtell Giddings are:

#### TENTH GENERATION

1. Fanny Eugenia, born in Macomb, Michigan, Aug. 31, 1876. Died at Paulding, Ohio, April 18, 1936.
2. Clarence Lester, born in Macomb, Michigan, March 3, 1879. Died at Los Angeles, Cal., 1932.
3. Dorothy Aldora, born in Mt. Vernon, Michigan, Oct. 16, 1899. Died at Middlepoint, Ohio, May 18, 1907.

Fanny Eugenia Giddings, first child of Lafayette M. and Emily Axtell Giddings, was born at Macomb, Michigan, August 31, 1876. While visiting her aunt, Millie Axtell McClellan, in Warsaw, Indiana, she met Charles Bittner of Warsaw, to whom she was married, Dec. 30, 1896. For many years he was station agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad, and they lived at Middlepoint, Ohio, and Van Wert, Ohio. Later they moved to Paulding, where Mr. Bittner entered the grain elevator business. She suffered from cancer for many months, and died in Paulding, April 18, 1936. She is buried at Warsaw. There were no children.

Clarence Lester Giddings, second child of Lafayette M. and Emily Axtell Giddings, was born at Macomb, Michigan, March 3, 1879. He enlisted in the Spanish-American War, seeing service in Cuba.

Following his discharge, he lived in Los Angeles, California, where he followed the profession of nurse and where he died in 1932.

Dorothy Aldora Giddings, third child of Lafayette M. and Emily Axtell Giddings, was born at Mt. Vernon, Michigan, October 16, 1899. Following the death of her mother in 1906, she lived with her sister, Fanny G. Bittner, in Middlepoint, Ohio until her death from Spinal meningitis, May 18, 1907. She is buried in Mt. Vernon Cemetery.

#### NINTH GENERATION

Julien Harrison Axtell, third child of Ephraim Sanders and Fanny Morris Axtell, was born at Redford, Michigan, May 4, 1862. He died at Macomb, October 7, 1871, from the effects of an accidental blow by a ball bat on his side while playing on the school grounds.

#### NINTH GENERATION

Laura Morris Axtell, fourth child of Ephraim Sanders and Fanny Morris Axtell, was born at Greenfield, Wayne County, Michigan, September 22, 1864. In June, 1896, she married Francis A. Scott, then a medical student at the University of Michigan. After his graduation, they lived at Davis, Macomb County until 1909, when they moved to Washington, Michigan. After a long illness due to cancer, she died in Washington, August 18, 1914. She is buried in Clinton Grove Cemetery at Mt. Clemens. Dr. Scott died at Rochester, Michigan, on June 26, 1939.

The children of Francis A. and Laura M. Axtell Scott are:

#### TENTH GENERATION

1. Walter Lewis, born at Macomb, Michigan, September 9, 1898.
2. Francis Axtell, born at Davis, Michigan, August 21, 1901.
3. Julien Thomas, born at Davis, Michigan, December 26, 1903. Died at Davis, October 29, 1905.
4. Catherine Isabelle, born at Davis, Michigan, April 21, 1906.
5. Helen Mary, born at Washington, Michigan, March 4, 1913.

Walter Lewis Scott, first child of Francis A. and Laura Axtell Scott, was born at Macomb, Michigan, September 9, 1898. He enlisted in the navy in the First World War and trained as an electrician at the Naval Training Station at Mare Island, California. He served on a submarine until the close of the war. He married Margaret Emilie Ronchleau of Los Angeles on April 23, 1918. He is a structural steel worker and lives in Oakland, California.

The children of Walter Lewis and Margaret Ronchleau Scott are:

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. Margaret Mary, born at Oakland, California, March 13, 1920.
2. Walter Michael, born at Oakland, California, May 7, 1921.
3. Francis Patrick, born at Oakland, California, July 29, 1923.
4. David Thomas, born at Oakland, California, July 25, 1929.
5. Geraldine Louise, born at Oakland, California, October 19, 1931.

#### TENTH GENERATION

Francis Axtell Scott, second child of Francis A. and Laura Axtell Scott, was born at Davis, Michigan, August 21, 1901. He studied medicine at the University of Michigan, specializing in children's orthopedics. After graduating in 1925, he located in Huntington, West Virginia, where he practices orthopedics and general surgery. His work has attracted national attention. He was married August 27, 1928 to Catherine Elizabeth Tomkins of Friendship, Maine.

The children of Francis Axtell and Elizabeth Tomkins Scott are:



#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. Thomas Francis, born at Huntington, West Virginia, August 4, 1932.
2. James Elliott, born at Huntington, West Virginia, April 22, 1937.

#### TENTH GENERATION

Catherine Isabelle Scott, fourth child of Francis A. and Laura Axtell Scott, was born at Davis, Michigan, April 21, 1906. She attended the University of Michigan, where she received the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts. After teaching for a few years, she married Alexander MacGregor Jr., of Detroit on August 16, 1929. They live at Dearborn, Michigan, where Mr. MacGregor is an architect.

The children of Alexander and Catherine Scott MacGregor are:

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. Helen Martha, born June 4, 1938.
2. Alexander, III, born January 24, 1942.

#### TENTH GENERATION

Helen Mary Scott, fifth child of Francis A. and Laura Axtell Scott, was born at Washington, Michigan, March 4, 1913. She attended the University of Michigan, where she received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. For several years she was employed in the Social Service Department of the Ford Motor Company at Dearborn. She was married April 30, 1941 to Douglas Mode of Midland and Detroit.

#### NINTH GENERATION

Sarah Millie Axtell, fifth child of Ephraim Sanders and Fanny Morris Axtell, was born at Greenfield, Michigan, February 26, 1867. She was married August 19, 1890 to George Edmund McClellan of Warsaw, Indiana. They made their home in Warsaw. He was a railway postal clerk in the employ of the United States Postal Department and after several promotions became Clerk in Charge of a mail train between Chicago and Pittsburgh. He died December 31, 1929, after a few days illness with pneumonia. She died August 31, 1939.

The children of George and Sarah Millie Axtell McClellan are:

#### TENTH GENERATION

1. Mildred Edmonia, born at Warsaw, Indiana, May 29, 1893.
2. George Edmund, born at Warsaw, Indiana, July 21, 1895.
3. Marian Lura, born at Warsaw, Indiana, October 6, 1898.
4. Bruce Holman, born at Warsaw, Indiana, May 30, 1903.
5. Frances Elizabeth, born at Warsaw, Indiana, March 10, 1907.

Mildred Edmonia McClellan, first child of George E. and Sarah Millie Axtell McClellan, was born at Warsaw, Indiana, May 29, 1893. On May 17, 1917, she married Robert L. Robinson of Warsaw. He is a railway postal clerk in the employ of the United States Postal Department. In 1921, they moved to Detroit, later settling in Ypsilanti, Michigan. She received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Education from the Michigan State Normal College at Ypsilanti and the degree of Master of Arts in Education from the University of Michigan. For many years she has been Rural Supervisor of Education for Washtenaw County, Michigan. There are no children.

George Edmund McClellan, second child of George E. and Sarah Millie Axtell McClellan, was born at Warsaw, Indiana, July 21, 1895. He enlisted in the army in 1917 for service in the First World War, was sent to Hattiesburg, Mississippi for training, and later went to France with a contingent of troops. After the war, he returned to Warsaw, where he is employed in the United States Postal Department.

Marian Lura McClellan, third child of George E. and Sarah Millie Axtell McClellan,

was born at Warsaw, Indiana, October 6, 1898. After receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Stetson University, she taught Mathematics in the schools of Gary, Indiana. On June 24, 1930, she married Joseph J. Dreven, a teacher of printing in the Gary schools. There are no children.

Bruce Holman, fourth child of George E. and Sarah Millie Axtell McClellan, was born at Warsaw, Indiana, May 30, 1903. On April 4, 1937, he married Armetta Wilson of Warsaw, where they make their home. There are no children.

Frances Elizabeth McClellan, fifth child of George E. and Sarah Millie Axtell McClellan, was born at Warsaw, Indiana, March 10, 1907. She received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Education from the Michigan State Normal College at Ypsilanti and the degree of Master of Arts in Social Science from the University of Michigan. For several years she taught in the high schools of Michigan. On July 23, 1939, she married Leon McDermott of Howell, Michigan, where he is a teacher of Chemistry.

#### NINTH GENERATION

Mattie Elizabeth Axtell, sixth child of Ephraim Sanders and Fanny Morris Axtell, was born at Macomb, Michigan, February 16, 1870. She was married January 30, 1892 to Harry B. Wattles, a farmer of Troy, Michigan. He became known throughout southern Michigan as a breeder of Jersey cattle and a producer of superior milk, and his Jerseys were successfully exhibited at fairs for many years. Following his death, February 25, 1939, she continued to operate the farm in Troy.

The children of Harry B. and Mattie Axtell Wattles are:

#### TENTH GENERATION

1. Morris Axtell, born at Troy, Michigan, February 11, 1895. (deceased)

Morris Axtell Wattles, only child of Harry B. and Mattie Axtell Wattles, was born at Troy, Michigan, February 11, 1895. He attended Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State College), where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. After spending seven years with his father on the farm, he was elected Supervisor of Troy Township, which office he held for five years. He later received the degree of Master of Arts in Education from Wayne University in Detroit and is a teacher of Biology in the Detroit high schools. He lives on the family homestead in Troy.

## CHAPTER IX

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### THE DESCENDANTS OF SAMUEL LOREE AXTELL THROUGH THE LINE OF HIS DAUGHTER, SARAH ANN EIGHTH GENERATION ROGERS AXTELL

Sarah Ann Rogers, third child of Samuel Loree and Nancy S. Axtell, was born in Franklin County, Ohio, March 8, 1817. She was married to James H. Snook in Mendham Township, Morris County, New Jersey, June 8, 1839. In the autumn of the same year they moved to Macomb County, Michigan, settling in the wilderness, on the "Clinton and Kalamazoo Canal," four miles west of Mt. Clemens. Here he cleared up a large farm and lived until the spring of 1868, when he received the appointment of postmaster at Mt. Clemens, and removed to that town. He held the office of postmaster until his death, July 8, 1880. His widow continued to reside in Mt. Clemens until her death, which occurred November 8, 1900 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Snook Hitchcock.

The children of James H. and Sarah Ann Axtell Snook are:

#### NINTH GENERATION

1. John James, born in Clinton Township, Macomb County, Michigan, April 16, 1842. Died March 18, 1923.
2. Mary Sayer, born in Clinton Township, Macomb County, Michigan, April 12, 1844. Died September, 1909.
3. Rufus Axtell, born in Clinton Township, Macomb County, Michigan, August 9, 1846. Died May 10, 1864.
4. Nancy Kezia, (Kate), born in Clinton Township, December 5, 1848. Died September 20, 1908.
5. George Henry, born in Clinton Township, April 20, 1852. Died April 27, 1881.
6. Samuel Charles M., born in Clinton Township, August 3, 1855. Died of brain fever February 9, 1858.
7. James Eugene, born in Clinton Township, November 18, 1861.

#### NINTH GENERATION

John James, first child of James H. and Sarah Ann Axtell Snook, was born in Clinton Township, Macomb County, April 16, 1842. He was married to Miss Ella C. Davis of Clinton, December 25, 1866.

He enlisted in the 22nd Michigan Volunteer Infantry in August, 1862, and served until the end of the Civil War, having been promoted to the rank of Sergeant Major. After the war, he resumed farm life on the next farm west of the Samuel Loree Axtell farm on the "Clinton and Kalamazoo Canal." In 1873, he moved to a farm at Mt. Vernon and in 1884 to "Overlook Farm" at Rochester, Michigan. In 1909, he moved to a home in the Village of Rochester, where he died March 18, 1923.

He was a progressive and successful farmer. He was a member of the G.A.R., Masonic Order, Grange, Washington and Troy Farmers' Clubs, and Michigan Authors' Club. He was active in the Rochester Congregational Church and in temperance and civic movements. He was the author of two volumes of poetry. On September 29, 1904, Mrs. Ella Snook died, and on September 25, 1908, John J. Snook married Mrs. Sarah Ewell Look of Washington, Michigan.

The children of John James and Ella Davis Snook are:

#### TENTH GENERATION

1. Nellie Martha, born in Macomb County, Michigan, October 16, 1867.
2. Jason Eugene, born in Macomb County, Michigan, October 26, 1870. Died at Del Rey, California, July 12, 1929.
3. John Henry, born in Macomb County, Michigan, May 6, 1874.
4. Burton Davis, born in Macomb County, Michigan, June 18, 1878.



5. Clarence Garfield, born in Macomb County, Michigan, October 15, 1881.
6. Arthur Lemuel, born at Rochester, Michigan, May 5, 1887.

Nellie Martha, first child of John James and Ella Davis Snook, was born in Macomb County, Michigan, October 16, 1867. She attended Ohio Northern University, and for two years was House Mother of the Helen Newberry Nurses' Home of Grace Hospital in Detroit. She has been active in Church work, Woman's Club, Eastern Star, and Farmer's Club. For ten years she served as Chairman of the Woman's Work Committee of the Michigan State Grange. Since 1884, she has spent the greater part of her time at Rochester, Michigan, where she makes her home.

Jason Eugene, second child of John James and Ella Davis Snook, was born in Macomb County, Michigan, October 26, 1870. He graduated from Ohio Northern University and McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. He entered the Presbyterian ministry, having pastorates in Iowa, Colorado, Indiana, Illinois, and California. He served six years as missionary for the Presbyterian Board in Laguna Province and in Manila, Philippine Islands. On October 11, 1898, he married Abbie Lillian Willett of Woodbine, Iowa. She died at Silver Cliff, Colorado with their first child, Brainard Hillis. On July 1, 1903, he married Ada M. Adams of Ann Arbor, Michigan. She returned with him to the Phillipine Islands and assisted in his subsequent pastorates. He died July 12, 1929 at his ranch home at Del Rey, Fresno County California.

The children of Jason Eugene and Ada Adams Snook are:

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. Stanley Adams, born at Hammond, Indiana, August 15, 1908.
2. Caroline Chapman, born at Ann Arbor, Michigan, May 26, 1915. Died December 20, 1940.

Stanley Adams, first child of Jason Eugene and Ada Adams Snook, was born at Hammond, Indiana, August 15, 1908. He is a graduate of the Fresno High School, California, and is a skilled mechanic and horticulturist. He has assisted his parents in managing a large vineyard at Del Rey, California, where he lives.

Caroline Chapman, second child of Jason Eugene and Ada Adams Snook, was born at Ann Arbor, Michigan, May 26, 1915. She was a graduate of the University of California and entered the profession of teaching. She was an accomplished musician in both voice and piano. She died December 20, 1940 from influenza following a fever and is buried at Fresno, California.

#### TENTH GENERATION

John Henry Snook, third child of John James and Ella Davis Snook, was born in Macomb County, Michigan, May 6, 1874. He graduated from the University of Michigan and the Union Theological Seminary in New York and was ordained a Presbyterian minister. He served five years as Secretary of the Intercollegiate Y.M.C.A. in New York City and held pastorates at Grand Marais and Detroit, Michigan. For thirty years he was a social worker in Detroit and Michigan. On September 1, 1904, he married Clara Alice Ross, daughter of Andrew and Anna Dwight Watson Ross of Detroit. He lives at Highland Park, Michigan.

The children of John Henry and Clara Ross Snook are:

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. Helen Alice, born at Dryden, Michigan, August 6, 1905.
2. Gertrude May, born at Ann Arbor, Michigan, September 11, 1908.
3. Marian Elizabeth, born at Detroit, Michigan, March 26, 1913.

Helen Alice, first child of John Henry and Clara Ross Snook, was born at Dryden,

Michigan, August, 6, 1905. She graduated from the University of Michigan and since then has been assistant librarian of the Detroit Bar Association Library. She makes her home in Highland Park, Michigan.

Gertrude May, second child of John Henry and Clara Ross Snook, was born at Ann Arbor, Michigan, September 11, 1908. She graduated from Highland Park High School and took work in Junior College and University of Michigan Extension Courses. On August 5, 1933, she married Keith Barnard Hackett of Highland Park, Michigan. They live in Highland Park.

The children of Keith B. and Gertrude May Snook Hackett are:

#### TWELFTH GENERATION

1. John Walter, born at Detroit, Michigan, July 14, 1934.

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

Marian Elizabeth, third child of John Henry and Clara Ross Snook, was born at Detroit, Michigan, March 26, 1913. She attended the Fine Arts School of Syracuse University for two years and on April 27, 1935, she married Lester Russell Mange of Detroit. They live at Birmingham, Michigan.

The children of Lester R. and Marian Elizabeth Snook Mange are:

#### TWELFTH GENERATION

1. Martha Jeanne, born at Detroit, Michigan, March 15, 1938.
2. Helen Elizabeth, born at Birmingham, Michigan, March 14, 1941.

#### TENTH GENERATION

Burton Davis, fourth child of John James and Ella Davis Snook, was born in Macomb County, Michigan, June 18, 1878. He attended Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State College) and was later ordained in the Congregational ministry. He served as a home missionary in Southern Colorado and held six pastorates in Michigan. On September 16, 1908, he married Agnes Knickerbocker McCotter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCotter of Rochester, Michigan. They live at Phoenix, Arizona.

The children of Burton Davis and Agnes McCotter Snook are:

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. Rowland McCotter, born at Highland, Michigan, September 28, 1909.
2. Davis William, born at Alba, Michigan, October 16, 1912.

Rowland McCotter, first child of Burton Davis and Agnes McCotter Snook, was born at Highland, Michigan, September 28, 1909. He attended Olivet College and Michigan State College, graduating from the latter institution, where he took post graduate work in voice under Louis Gravure. He lives at Phoenix, Arizona.

Davis William, second child of Burton Davis and Agnes McCotter Snook, was born at Alba, Michigan, October 16, 1912. He graduated from Olivet College in Michigan, where he was active in the college band and orchestra. He won aviation pilot's license at the age of eighteen and later a radio license. He is a radio operator for Pan-American Airways in Hawaii. On March 20, 1938, he married Pauline Krause of Mitchell, Nebraska. They reside at Lanikai, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

#### TENTH GENERATION

Clarence Garfield, fifth child of John James and Ella Davis Snook, was born in Macomb County, Michigan, October 15, 1881. He attended a short Agricultural Course at the Michigan Agricultural College and later travelled in Europe for three months. On December 18, 1907, he married Marie Antoinette Werry of Brooklyn, New York. She

died at Redford, Michigan on June 15, 1940. He lives at Byron, Michigan.

The children of Clarence Garfield and Marie Werry Snook are:

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. Emily Mildred, born at Birmingham, Michigan, July 25, 1909.
2. Ella Florence, born at Birmingham, Michigan, October 30, 1910.
3. John Edward, born at Birmingham, Michigan, October 2, 1911.
4. Clarence William, born at Birmingham, Michigan, November 11, 1915.

Emily Mildred, first child of Clarence Garfield and Marie Werry Snook, was born at Birmingham, Michigan, July 25, 1909. She graduated from the Henry Ford Hospital Nurses Training School in Detroit in 1934 as a registered nurse. On June 26, 1935, she married James Francis Tueto Varn Hagen of Detroit, Michigan. They live at Detroit.

The children of James Francis and Emily Mildred Snook Varn Hagen are:

#### TWELFTH GENERATION

1. James Francis Tueto, born at Detroit, Michigan, March 12, 1936.
2. John Eugene Snook, born at Detroit, Michigan, July 6, 1941.

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

Ella Florence, second child of Clarence Garfield and Marie Werry Snook, was born at Birmingham, Michigan, October 30, 1910. She graduated in 1933 as a registered nurse from St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, and had three months residence in communicable diseases at Herman Kiefer Hospital in Detroit. On November 22, 1939, she married Donald Roy Ennis of Detroit, Michigan. They reside in Detroit.

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

John Edward, third child of Clarence Garfield and Marie Werry Snook, was born at Birmingham, Michigan, October 2, 1911. For several years he has been employed in the final engine test department of the Pontiac Motor Company. He completed a course in Diesel engines at the General Motors Institute at Flint, Michigan. On September 6, 1941, he married Elizabeth Nelson. They live at Pontiac, Michigan.

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

Clarence William (Clair), fourth child of Clarence Garfield and Marie Werry Snook, was born at Birmingham, Michigan, November 11, 1915. He is a skilled tractor and truck operator and industrial worker. On August 31, 1940, he married Clarice Lucile Matchett of Ravenna, Ohio. They live at Ravenna, Ohio.

The children of Clarence William and Clarice Matchett Snook are:

#### TWELFTH GENERATION

1. Clair William, born at Ravenna, Ohio, April 7, 1941.

#### TENTH GENERATION

Arthur Lemuel, sixth child of John James and Ella Davis Snook, was born at Rochester, Michigan, May 5, 1887. He attended special courses in agriculture at the Michigan Agricultural College (Michigan State College) and for many years was a farmer and fruit grower at "Overlook Farm," Rochester. On December 29, 1917, he married Mary Maxwell Newberry of Rochester. They reside at "Berrynook Woods," Rochester, Michigan.

The children of Arthur Lemuel and Mary Newberry Snook are:

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. Rufus Charles, born at Rochester, Michigan, May 30, 1919.
2. Arthur James, born at Rochester, Michigan, August 20, 1920.

3. Alice Marian, born at Rochester, Michigan, June 3, 1924.
4. Nellie Elizabeth, born at Rochester, Michigan February 27, 1930.

#### NINTH GENERATION

Mary Sayer, scond child of James H. and Sarah Ann Axtell Snook, was born in Clinton Township, Macomb County, Michigan, April 12, 1844. She married Dr. T. W. Hitchcock, December 27, 1865. They made their home at Mt. Clemens, Michigan, where he died January 12, 1877. She continued to live in that city until her death in September, 1909.

The children of Dr. T. W. and Mary Snook Hitchcock are:

#### TENTH GENERATION

1. Rufus Wilber, born at Mt. Clemens, Michigan, July 23, 1868.
2. Herbert Griffin, born at Mt. Clemens, Michigan, December 27, 1870. Died June 19, 1871.
3. Edith Kate, born at Mt. Clemens, Michigan, October 13, 1872.
4. Cyrus James, born at Mt. Clemens, Michigan, November 17, 1874. Died April 19, 1877.

Rufus Wilber, first child of Dr. T. W. And Mary Snook Hitchcock, was born at Mt. Clemens, Michigan, July 23, 1868. He attended the University of Michigan (one year). In August 1892, he went to Crookston, Minnesota. He taught in a two room school at Carman, Minnesota, for two years; was principal of the Fosston, Minnesota, schools for five years; and was superintendent of the Crookston, Minnesota schools for two years. He was editor of the Crookston Times for two years and published the Bemidji Daily Pioneer for two years. Since then, he has published the Hibbing Daily Tribune, in which he bought a half interest in 1906, becoming sole owner in 1910. He purchased the controlling interest in the Rapid City, South Dakota, Daily Journal on April 1, 1939 and is now the principal owner of both the Hibbing Daily Tribune and the Rapid City Daily Journal.

He was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 1919 and served continuously for eight terms (sixteen years), retiring voluntarily at the end of that time. For eight years, he was Chairman of Appropriations Committee of the House. He was the director of publicity for the Minnesota Republican State Central Committee in the campaigns of 1934 and 1936.

On August 20, 1896, he married May Cameron of Crookston, Minnesota. They reside at Hibbing, Minnesota.

The children of Rufus Wilber and May Cameron Hitchcock are:

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. Paul, born at Fosston, Minnesota, August 14, 1898.
2. John Wilber, born at Crookston, Minnesota, July 21, 1900. Died at Bemidji, Minnesota, August 4, 1902.
3. Jean McRae, born at Bemidji, Minnesota, October 14, 1907.

Paul, first child of Rufus Wilber and May Cameron Hitchcock, was born at Fosston, Minnesota, August 14, 1898. On June 8, 1925, he married Frances Peake.

The children of Paul and Frances Peake Hitchcock are:

#### TWELFTH GENERATION

1. Mary Ann, born at Rochester, New York, April 27, 1928.
2. James Peake, born at Minneapolis, Minnesota, February 25, 1930.
3. Peter Rufus, born at Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 29, 1932.



#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

Jean McRae, third child of Rufus Wilber and May Cameron Hitchcock, was born at Bemidji, Minnesota, October 14, 1907. On August 9, 1941, she married Warren Morreil of Pollock, South Dakota.

#### TENTH GENERATION

Edith Kate, third child of Dr. T. W. and Mary Snook Hitchcock, was born at Mt. Clemens, Michigan, October 13, 1872. She married F. Moffet of Ellensburg, Washington November 11, 1908.

#### NINTH GENERATION

Nancy Kezia, known as Kate, fourth child of James H. and Sarah Ann Axtell Snook, was born in Clinton Township, Macomb County, Michigan, December 5, 1848. On December 12, 1872, she married Josiah W. Davis of Clinton Township. In 1878 they moved to Eureka, Kansas, where she was left a widow October 15, 1879. She died on September 20, 1908.

The children of Josiah W. and Nancy Kezia Snook Davis are:

#### TENTH GENERATION

1. Harry Alfred, born in Clinton Township, September 29, 1873. Died at Mt. Clemens, Michigan, November 27, 1875.

#### NINTH GENERATION

George Henry, fifth child of James H. and Sarah Ann Axtell Snook, was born in Clinton Township, Macomb County, Michigan, April 20, 1852. He married Nellie O. Slight of Sterling, Michigan, November 10, 1874. When the office of postmaster became vacant by the death of his father, July 8, 1880, he was appointed to fill the vacancy. While fishing on Lake St. Clair, April 27, 1881, with three other men, the boat was upset by a sudden squall of wind and they were all drowned. His body was recovered after several weeks and buried in Clinton Grove Cemetery at Mt. Clemens.

The children of George Henry and Nellie Slight Snook are:

#### TENTH GENERATION

1. George James H., born at Mt. Clemens, Michigan, June 23, 1875.
2. Margery Ethel, born at Mt. Clemens, Michigan, April 6, 1879.

George James H., first child of George Henry and Nellie Slight Snook, was born at Mt. Clemens, Michigan, June 23, 1875. He went west while in his early twenties, and on October 27, 1900, he married Frances Gertrude Penrose of Silver Star, Nevada. They lived in Montana for several years, finally moving to Flint, Michigan, where their youngest child was born.

The children of George James H. and Frances Penrose Snook are:

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. Dorothy Elizabeth, born at Granite, Montana, October 19, 1901.
2. Ruth Margaret, born at Granite, Montana, March 23, 1903.
3. Ulela Frances, born at Fort Benton, Montana, January 8, 1905.
4. Georgia, born at Fort Benton, Montana, January 4, 1907.
5. Marjorie Penrose, born at Flint, Michigan, January 4, 1913.

Dorothy Elizabeth, first child of George James H. and Frances Penrose Snook, was born at Granite, Montana, October 19, 1901. On October 18, 1925, she married Clark Pelton Perry of Flint, Michigan.

The children of Clark Pelton and Dorothy Elizabeth Snook Perry are:

#### TWELFTH GENERATION

1. Suzanne Penrose, born at Chicago, Illinois, September 22, 1928.
2. Polly, born at Hollywood, California, September 5, 1930.

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

Ruth Margaret, second child of George James H. and Frances Penrose Snook, was born at Granite, Montana, March 23, 1903. On September 28, 1929, she married Paul Rubel Reed of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The children of Paul Rubel and Ruth Margaret Snook Reed are:

#### TWELFTH GENERATION

1. Timothy Snook, born at Hollywood, California, June 22, 1931.
2. Peggy Ann, born at Hollywood, California, May 19, 1933.
3. Sara Frances, born at Chicago, Illinois, November 21, 1935.

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

Ulela Frances, third child of George James H. and Frances Penrose Snook, was born at Fort Benton, Montana, January 8, 1905. On June 29, 1935, she married Karl Andrew Frederick.

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

Georgia, fourth child of George James H. and Frances Penrose Snook, was born at Fort Benton, Montana, January 4, 1907. On August 25, 1930 she married Hartley Devlin of Brantford, Ontario, Canada.

The children of Hartley and Georgia Snook Devlin are:

#### TWELFTH GENERATION

1. Michail, born at Hollywood, California, July 19, 1932.
2. Toni, born at Hollywood, California, April 27, 1934.

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

Marjorie Penrose, fifth child of George James H. and Frances Penrose Snook, was born at Flint, Michigan, January 4, 1913. On September 1, 1936, she married Kenneth Hellyer.

The children of Kenneth and Marjorie Penrose Snook Hellyer are:

#### TWELFTH GENERATION

1. George James, born at Hollywood, California, June 19, 1937.
2. Judy Penrose, born at Hollywood, California, April 11, 1939.

#### TENTH GENERATION

Marjorie Ethel, second child of George Henry and Nellie Slight Snook, was born at Mt. Clemens, Michigan, April 6, 1879. She married John Grissell.

The children of John and Marjorie Ethel Snook Grissell are:

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. Nell (adopted), born February 23, 1913. On August 17, 1932, she married Theodore Johnson.

The children of Theodore and Nell Grissell Johnson are:

#### TWELFTH GENERATION

1. Marjorie Delores, born March 18, 1935.
2. Barbara Jean, born April 4, 1937.

## NINTH GENERATION

James Eugene Snook, seventh child of James H. and Sarah Ann Rodgers Axtell Snook was born in Clinton Township, Macomb County, Michigan on November 18, 1861. He married Carrie Annis Bradford on August 8, 1883. He was born on the farm located on the Canal Road and received an elementary education in the local district school. For a time he attended high school in Mt. Clemens, but quit school to work for his brother John on his farm at Mt. Vernon. After the death of his father, he went into the post office to help his brother, George, who had become postmaster and also conducted a book store.

In 1886, he moved to Rochester, Michigan, but was there for only a few years, for in 1890 he moved to Weld County, Colorado, where he taught school for a few years, afterward being elected Superintendent of Schools for Weld County, which position he held for seven years. In 1911, he was elected to the office of county clerk, holding the office for six years.

In 1921, he entered the employ of the First National Bank of Greeley, Colorado, where he is still employed (1941). He is the president of Greeley Building and Loan Association; was President of the Greeley Board of Education for six years, and has held the office of Grand Master of Colorado, Independent Order of Oddfellows.

The children of James Eugene and Carrie Bradford Snook are:

## TENTH GENERATION

1. Harry James, born at Rochester, Michigan, August 13, 1886.
2. Carrie May, born at Rochester, Michigan. November 14, 1889. Died at Greeley, Colorado, October 30, 1938.

## TENTH GENERATION

Harry James, first child of James Eugene and Carrie Bradford Snook, graduated from the Colorado State Normal School, taught a year, then spent a year at Colorado College. He was principal of the schools at Rico, Colorado, for two years then went to the University of California at Berkley, for the degree of Bachelor of Science and later Master of Science. For many years he has been in charge of the Department of Bacteriology and Physiology in the Stockton, California High School. He is co-author of "Seashore Animals of the Pacific" (McMillan), a book used in western high schools and colleges. On July 6, 1911, he married Elizabeth Koster of Rico, Colorado.

The children of Harry James and Elizabeth Koster Snook are:

## ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. James Otto, born at Berkley, California, March 31, 1912.
2. Anna May, born at Pasadena, California, January 15, 1915.
3. Dorothy Annis, born at Stockton, California, November 29, 1924.

James Otto, first child of Harry James and Elizabeth Koster Snook, was born at Berkley, California, March 31, 1912. He attended the College of the Pacific and business college and is a bookkeeper and auditor. On September 10, 1938, he married Ola Ewing of Merced, California.

Anna May, second child of Harry James and Elizabeth Koster Snook, was born at Pasadena, California, January 15, 1915. She graduated from the College of the Pacific, and is a teacher in the Stockton, California, schools.

Dorothy Annis, third child of Harry James and Elizabeth Koster Snook, was born at Stockton, California, November 29, 1924. She is a musician of considerable versatility and talent.

## TENTH GENERATION

Carrie May, second child of James Eugene and Carrie Bradford Snook, was born at Rochester, Michigan, November 14, 1889. She received the degrees of Bachelor of Pedagogy and Master of Pedagogy from the Colorado State Normal School. She taught two years before her marriage in December, 1911, to Karl Benton, a civil engineer in charge of the Sanchez Reservoir. He was drowned in August, 1912. She then taught in the Greely Colorado schools and became interested in Campfire Girls work. On June 5, 1915 she married Spencer Thurman Turner, an employee of the Union Pacific Railroad and made her home in Denver. She died at the home of her parents in Greely, Colorado, October 10, 1938. She was a member of Delta Phi Omega, Order of Eastern Star, Rebekah Lodge, and the Ladies' Auxiliary Patriarchs Militant of the I. O. O. F., in which latter she held several important positions. There are no children.

## CHAPTER X

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### THE DESCENDANTS OF SAMUEL LOREE AXTELL, THROUGH THE LINE OF HIS SON, SAMUEL BEACH AXTELL

## EIGHTH GENERATION

Samuel Beach, fourth child of Samuel L. and Nancy S. Axtell, was born in Franklin County, Ohio, on the fourteenth of October, 1819. He was educated at Oberlin and Western Reserve Colleges. After leaving college, he studied the profession of law. On the twentieth of September, 1840, he was married to Miss Adaline S. Williams of Summit County, Ohio. In 1843, he removed to Mt. Clemens, Michigan. In 1851 he migrated to California, where he worked in the mines in territory that he afterwards assisted in organizing into a county named Amador, of which he was elected Prosecuting Attorney in 1854. He held office for six years. In 1860 he removed to San Francisco and engaged in the practice of his profession. In 1867 he was elected to represent the First Congressional District in the Fourtieth National Congress, and re-elected to the Forty-First Congress in 1869. In 1874 he was appointed Governor of Utah Territory by President Grant. From this location he was transferred to the Territory of New Mexico in 1875. He received the appointment of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Mexico in 1882, which office he resigned in 1885. At the time of his death he was counsel of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, and chairman of the Republican Central Committee and had been sent to Washington the preceding February to urge the passage of a bill creating a Land Court, which measure became a law. He died August 6, 1891, at the home of his son-in-law, Charles M. Phillips, near Morristown, New Jersey.

The children of Samuel B. and Adaline Williams Axtell are:

## NINTH GENERATION

1. Myron Williams, born in Summit County, Ohio, February 25, 1842.
  2. Charles Clifford, born in Macomb County, Michigan, September 21, 1844.
  3. Alice E. A., born in Summit County, Ohio, August 3, 1852.
  4. Wallace, born in Amador County, California, April 10, 1860.
- Wallace died in Amador County, California, November 25, 1860.

Charles Clifford, second child of Samuel B. and Adaline Williams Axtell, was married to Mary Townsend of Summit County, Ohio, December 7, 1869.

The children of Charles C. and Mary Townsend Axtell are:

## TENTH GENERATION

1. Bruce, born in Summit County, Ohio, September 22, 1870.



2. Lewis Townsend, born in Summit County, Ohio, July 15, 1872.
3. Charles Dickens, born in Summit County, December 10, 1873.
4. Roscoe Conkling, born in Summit County, Ohio, 1875.
5. Lela Vanila, born in Summit County, Ohio, January 29, 1879.

#### NINTH GENERATION

Alice E.A., third child of Samuel B. and Adaline Williams Axtell was married at San Francisco, California, May 10, 1871, to Charles M. Phillips, who was born in Macomb County, Michigan, March 16, 1849. C. M. Phillips was Clerk of Capital Circuit and Superior Courts in New Mexico from 1882 to 1885. He was admitted to the bar in 1885. He died December 20, 1906. Alice E. A. died November 30, 1938.

The children of Charles M. and Alice Axtell Phillips are:

#### TENTH GENERATION

1. Nellie Adaline, born in Summit County, Ohio, April 16, 1872.
2. Edith Alice, born in Summit County, Ohio, June 6, 1876. Edith Alice died in Summit County, Ohio, February 8, 1877.
3. Charles Axtell, born in West Richfield, Ohio, August 12, 1882.
4. Lucy Alice, born in Santa Fe, New Mexico, February 12, 1884. Lucy Alice died in Santa Fe, New Mexico, August 22, 1884.
5. Emma Eugenie, born near Morristown, New Jersey, August 28, 1887. Emma Eugenie died near Morristown, New Jersey, October 18, 1888.
6. Marjorie Morgan, born near Morristown, New Jersey, September 3, 1889.
7. Marion Julia, born near Morristown, New Jersey, April 27, 1891. Marion Julia died near Morristown, New Jersey, September 6, 1891.
8. Henry William, born near Morristown, New Jersey, August 7, 1893.

Nellie Adaline, first child of Charles M. and Alice Axtell Phillips was married to Robert J. Cory of Morristown, New Jersey, March 24, 1892. She died December 3, 1901.

The children of Nellie A. and Robert J. Cory are:

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. Jay Phillips, born January 8, 1893.

Charles Axtell Phillips, third child of Charles M. and Alice Axtell Phillips was born in West Richfield, Ohio, August 12, 1882, going to Morristown with his parents about 1886. After graduating from Morristown High School he was employed in the National Iron Bank. He was stricken with brain fever and died April 13, 1904.

Marjorie Morgan, sixth child of Charles M. and Alice Axtell Phillips, was married to Abraham Lincoln Monteverde of Morristown, New Jersey, July 15, 1922.

The children of Marjorie Phillips and Abraham Monteverde are:

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. Monte Phillips, born in Morristown, New Jersey, January 15, 1925. Died in Morristown, New Jersey, January 7, 1932.
2. John Phillips, born in Morristown, New Jersey, May 14, 1926.

## CHAPTER XI

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Rufus Sanders, fifth child of Samuel L. and Nancy S. Axtell, was born in Jersey Township, Licking County, Ohio, January 9, 1822. He never married. He was killed by the accidental discharge of his gun while hunting prairie hens, seven miles from Dubuque, Iowa, March 7, 1846.

## CHAPTER XII

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### THE DESCENDANTS OF SAMUEL LOREE AXTELL THROUGH THE LINE OF HIS DAUGHTER, MARY REEVE AXTELL

#### EIGHTH GENERATION

Mary Reeve, sixth child of Samuel L. and Nancy Sanders Axtell, was born in Jersey Township, Licking County, Ohio, December 25, 1823 and came with her father's family to Macomb County, Michigan, in 1841. She taught school until May 8, 1844, when she married Richard Welts of Clinton, Macomb County, Michigan who came from New York in 1838. They lived on a farm in Macomb Township until 1886, when they moved to Utica, Michigan where she died November 7, 1894. Her husband died May 26, 1886.

The children of Richard and Mary Axtell Welts are:

#### NINTH GENERATION

1. Mary Frances, born in Macomb, Michigan, July 4, 1847. Died August 6, 1854.
2. Nancy Elizabeth, born in Macomb, Michigan, June 14, 1852.
3. Robert Axtell, born in Macomb, Michigan, November 7, 1855.
4. Richard Opdyke, born in Macomb, Michigan, August 3, 1858.
5. Julien Ellsworth, born in Macomb, Michigan, August 15, 1861. Died in Macomb, Michigan, March 5, 1864.
6. Jonathan Axtell, born in Macomb, Michigan, July 5, 1863.
7. Joseph Immen, born in Macomb, Michigan, February 4, 1866. Died in Macomb, Michigan, May 14, 1881 of hemorrhage of the lungs.

Nancy Elizabeth, second child of Richard and Mary Axtell Welts, was born in Macomb Township June 14, 1852. After teaching a few years she was married on September 16, 1873 to Bruce Phillips of Shelby Township, coming as a bride to the farm near Utica, Michigan where he was born April 12, 1849. She died March 16, 1902, and he died December 26, 1922.

The children of Bruce and Nancy Welts Phillips are:

#### TENTH GENERATION

1. Cora Frances, born near Utica, Michigan, November 30, 1874.
2. Roy Richard, born near Utica, Michigan, May 28, 1880. Died March 10, 1882.
3. Helen Mable, born near Utica, Michigan, March 23, 1888.
4. Grace Welts, born near Utica, Michigan, August 18, 1890.

Cora Frances, first child of Bruce and Nancy Welts Phillips, was married to Bruce Knight M.D. of Utica, Michigan, November 27, 1895, after teaching a few years near Utica Michigan. Dr. Knight was a graduate of the Detroit College of Medicine and was a successful physician and surgeon at Utica until his death December 18, 1905. Left with two small sons to support, Cora moved to Ypsilanti, Michigan, where she kept student roomers at the same time taking work at the college until she was finally awarded a teacher's Life Certificate. When her sons were grown she went to California, where she taught for several years. On August 8, 1922, she was married to Edgar Wixson, of Hammondsport, New York.

The children of Dr. Bruce and Cora F. Phillips Knight are:

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. Phillip Bruce, born at Utica, Michigan, October 6, 1896.
2. Donald Mac, born at Utica, Michigan, February 18, 1900.

Phillip Bruce, first child of Dr. Bruce and Cora F. Phillips Knight, became a member of the U. S. Signal Corps in 1915 and was stationed in Mexico for a time and he was honorably discharged in 1917, because of poor health. He married Molly McLean of Glasgow, Scotland, May 15, 1934.

The children of Phillip and Molly Knight are:

#### TWELFTH GENERATION

1. Phillip Bruce, born in Detroit, Michigan, December 28, 1935.
2. Lotus, born in Detroit, Michigan, April 11, 1938.
3. Sheila, born in Detroit, Michigan, June 26, 1940.

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

Donald Mac, second child of Dr. Bruce and Cora Phillips Knight served four years in the U. S. Navy from 1919 to 1923 during which time he became a gyroscope operator. He was married to Lotus Muehrcke of Marquette, Marquette, August 5, 1924. She was a graduate of the Northern State Normal College, Marquette, Michigan, and taught school for several years.

The children of Donald M. and Lotus Knight are:

#### TWELFTH GENERATION

1. Donald Paul, born in Detroit, September 26, 1930.
2. Nancy Ann, born in Detroit, April 3, 1933.

#### TENTH GENERATION

Helen Mable, third child of Bruce and Nancy E. Welts Phillips, was only 14 when her mother died, but at that early age she took over the strenuous task of keeping house for her father and younger sister. This she accomplished successfully until her marriage to Frank B. Hill of Troy Township, March 10, 1909. They still live on the farm where he took her as a bride, and where he has been a successful grain and dairy farmer, and she not only managing all the duties of a busy wife and mother, but taking an active interest in church work and social functions.

The children of Frank B. and Helen Phillips Hill are:

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. Harold Harvey, born in Troy Township, November 8, 1910.
2. Ross Eugene, born in Troy Township, November 4, 1913.
3. Lyle Phillips, born in Sterling Township, March 21, 1915.
4. Stephen Bruce, born in Sterling Township, May 21, 1917.
5. Frances Roy, born in Troy Township, January 27, 1922.

Harold Harvey, first child of Frank B. and Helen Phillips Hill was married November 25, 1939 to Mildred Olson of Hillman, Michigan. She taught school several years before her marriage.

The children of Harold H. and Mildred Hill are:

#### TWELFTH GENERATION

1. Donna Lee, born June 25, 1940. Died in infancy.
2. Harvey Harold, born July 4, 1941.

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

Ross Eugene, second child of Frank B. and Helen Phillips Hill, was married to Faye Beversdorf of Fargo, Michigan, July 24, 1937. He died July 3, 1940.

The children of Ross E. and Faye Hill are:

#### TWELFTH GENERATION

1. Marjorie Faye, born November 15, 1938.

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

Stephen Bruce, fourth child of Frank B. and Helen Phillips Hill was married February 21, 1941, to Jane Kay of Detroit. Stephen was drafted for training in the United States Army at Fort Custer, Michigan, April 9, 1941.

Francis Roy, fifth child of Frank B. and Helen M. Hill was married January 14, 1942 to Sibyl Hardy of Clawson, Michigan.

#### TENTH GENERATION

Grace Welts, fourth child of Bruce and Nancy Welts Phillips, was graduated from the Michigan State Normal College, June 1910. After teaching a few years she was married August 12, 1914 to William H. Gordon of Martin, Michigan, also a graduate of M. S.N.C. and of the University of Michigan. He is a teacher in the Detroit Public Schools.

The children of William H. and Grace Phillips Gordon are:

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. Bruce George, born in Lake City, Michigan, March 25, 1916.
2. Elizabeth (Betty) E., born in Chassell, Michigan, October 2, 1917.
3. Robert Monteith, born in Chassell, Michigan, November 21, 1918.

Bruce George, first child of William H. and Grace Phillips Gordon was graduated from the Highland Park Junior College and attended the University of Michigan. He was married December 17, 1938 to Elnora Charter of Chicago, Illinois.

Elizabeth (Betty), second child of William H. and Grace Phillips Gordon graduated from Hillsdale College in June 1939 and after teaching a year was married to Kenneth Bingham, also a Hillsdale College graduate.

Robert Monteith, third child of William H. and Grace Phillips Gordon attended the Detroit Institute of Technology after graduating from Royal Oak High School. He was drafted June 18, 1941 for training in the United States Army at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

#### NINTH GENERATION

Robert Axtell Welts, third child of Richard and Mary R. Welts was born in Macomb Township, November 7, 1855. When he became 21 he decided to leave his father's farm to see something of the world and said he was going to the Philadelphia Centennial. He did not return and no word was received from him. Years went by. The father died and the mother, always grieving for the absent one, in a few years followed her husband in death. It was not until 1936, sixty years after he left home, that his whereabouts were discovered. Just before Memorial Day of that year, his son Robert Jr. nor living in Detroit and wishing to know if any of his father's people were living, placed a note of inquiry together with his address in a can on the grave of one whose headstone bore the name of Welts. The note was discovered, and word was sent to his nearest relatives. A meeting was arranged. It was learned that Robert Sr., changed his plans after he left home and went to northern Michigan where he worked in the lumber woods for a time, going later to Iowa and finally to Nebraska where he homesteaded

on Government land in Kearney County. There he met and married Mary Ann Cannon, January 3, 1887. She died June 5, 1918. He visited Michigan in 1937 accompanied by his two daughters, returning to Nebraska where he died February 19, 1941.

The children of Robert A. and Mary Ann Cannon Welts are:

#### TENTH GENERATION

1. Lula Fontell, born in Wilcox, Kearney County, Nebraska, September 10, 1888.
2. Grace Margret, born in Wilcox, Kearney County, Nebraska, December 18, 1894.
3. Leo Robert, born in Wilcox, Kearney County, Nebraska, April 12, 1903.

Lula Fontell, first child of Robert and Mary Cannon Welts, attended State Teachers' College, at Kearney, Nebraska, later teaching at Wilsonville and Republican City, Nebraska. She was married January 11, 1911 to Arthur Dean Williams. They have no children.

Grace Margret, second child of Robert and Mary Cannon Welts, attended State Teachers' College, Kearney, Nebraska, later teaching at Norman and at Wilson, Nebraska. She was married May 17, 1917, to Lowell M. Hawkinson.

The children of Lowell and Grace Welts Hawkinson are:

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. Mary Naomi, born near Orleans, Nebraska, April 28, 1919.
2. Barbara Jean, born near Orleans, Nebraska, March 21, 1923. Died March 24, 1923.
3. Lowell Edward, born near Orleans, Nebraska, June 18, 1927.

Naomi, first child of Lowell and Grace Hawkinson, a graduated nurse of the Missouri Methodist Hospital, is employed by the St. Thomas Hospital, at Colby, Kansas.

#### TENTH GENERATION

Leo Robert, third child of Robert and Mary Cannon Welts, was married June 4, 1930 to Lillian Buis, Chicago, Illinois. They live in Detroit, Michigan where he is employed by the Richman Brothers, and his wife by the J. L. Hudson Company. They have no children.

Richard Opdyke, fourth child of Richard and Mary R. Welts was born at Macomb, Michigan, August 3, 1858. After graduating from the University of Michigan in 1880, he removed to the Puget Sound region of Washington Territory, where he took up land and followed the profession of teaching for a number of years. He held the office of Superintendent of Schools during the years 1887 and 1888.

At the Convention that framed the Constitution for the new State of Washington in 1889, he was selected as Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk, and the Constitution of the new State was engraved in his own hand writing, and is on file in the office of the Secretary of State at Olympia, Washington. He was twice elected County Treasurer of Skagit County, Washington, moving to the county seat at Mt. Vernon in 1900. He was married June 22, 1890, to Edith Peck, who was born in New Brunswick, Canada, October 20, 1886 and who came to Washington with her parents in 1883.

An outstanding event in his life was the reunion with his older brother, Robert, in 1937 after a separation of sixty years.

The children of Richard O. and Edith Peck Welts are:

#### TENTH GENERATION

1. Robert Victor, born at LaConner, Washington, March 7, 1891.
2. Florence Aurelia, born at LaConner, Washington, August 1, 1895.
3. Richard Opdyke, born at Mt. Vernon, Washington, June 2, 1901.
4. Edith Barbara, born at Mt. Vernon, Washington, December 7, 1902.



Robert Victor Welts, first child of Richard O. and Edith Peck Welts, graduated from the University of Washington after a seven year law course, and is a prominent practicing attorney at Mt. Vernon, Washington. On August 7, 1915, he was married to Persis Buell, a graduate of the University of Washington, who came to Washington with her mother from Wisconsin.

The children of Robert V. and Persis B. Welts are:

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. Barbara Buell, born at Mt. Vernon, Washington, April 5, 1918.
2. Robert Victor, Jr., born at Mt. Vernon, Washington, November 23, 1920.
3. Frederick Keith, born at Mt. Vernon, Washington, August 29, 1922.

Robert V. Welts of the Tenth Generation, was married a second time, July 29, 1933, his second wife being Lucille Lowman of Anacortes, Washington.

The children of Robert V. and Lucille Lowman Welts are:

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. David Axtell Welts, born at Mt. Vernon, Washington, May 5, 1935.

Barbara Buell Welts, first child of Robert V. and Persis B. was married September 7, 1939 to David Flett Morris of Seattle, Washington.

The children of Barbara B. Welts and David F. Morris are:

#### TWELFTH GENERATION

1. Pamella Robin, born at Mt. Vernon, Washington, April 21, 1940.

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

Florence Aurelia, second child of Richard O. and Edith P. Welts, a graduate of the University of Washington, is a High School teacher in Seattle, Washington. She is unmarried.

Richard Opdyke, third child of Richard O. and Edith Peck Welts, a graduate of the University of Washington, is practicing law in partnership with his brother Robert V. at Mt. Vernon, Washington and at present is Prosecuting Attorney of Skagit County, Washington. He was married May 8, 1928 to Gretchen Youle of Seattle, Washington. They live in their own home in Mt. Vernon, Washington and have no children.

Edith Barbara, fourth child of Richard O. and Edith Peck Welts, a graduate of the University of Washington, was married June 22, 1927 to William Clark Moore, who is a contractor.

The children of Edith B. Welts and William C. Moore are:

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. William Clark, Jr., born at Mt. Vernon, Washington, December 25, 1929. Died at Mt. Vernon, Washington, July 15, 1940.
2. Richard Allan, born at Mt. Vernon, Washington, May 4, 1934.
3. Clark Axtell, born at Mt. Vernon, Washington, June 7, 1941.

Jonathan Axtell, sixth child of Richard and Mary R. Welts was born in Macomb, July 5, 1863. He graduated from the Michigan State Normal College in 1867, and taught school for a time at Mt. Clemens. On December 27, 1888, he was married to Florence V. Church of Utica, Michigan. He died February, 1903.

The children of Jonathan A. and Florence V. Welts are:

#### TENTH GENERATION

1. Ruth, born in Mt. Clemens, Michigan, 1892.

Ruth, only child of Jonathan A. and Florence V. Welts was married January 26, 1920 to Christian Noble, Dallas, Texas.

The children of Ruth and Christian Noble are:

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. Jack Christian, born November 1, 1920.
2. Gerald Deane, born July 26, 1922.
3. James Leonard, born April 27, 1924.
4. June Gloria, born June 16, 1930 Died June 22, 1939.
5. Joan Bertha, born November 13, 1931.

#### CHAPTER XIII

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#### THE DESCENDANTS OF SAMUEL LOREE AXTELL THROUGH THE LINE OF HIS DAUGHTER, MARTHA DODD AXTELL

#### EIGHTH GENERATION

Martha Dodd, seventh child of Samuel L. Axtell and Nancy Sanders Axtell, was born in Morris County, New Jersey, ~~March 26, 1826~~. She married John Hayes of Macomb County, Michigan, August 14, 1845. He died March 16, 1875. She married William J. Tucker of Harrison, Michigan, March 23, 1882. She died November 18, 1889. The children of John and Martha Dodd Axtell Hayes were:

#### NINTH GENERATION

1. Joseph Rufus, born in Macomb County, Michigan, August 22, 1846. Died April 21, 1848.
2. John Wright, born in Macomb County, Michigan, December 22, 1848. Died March 15, 1855.
3. Charles Henry, born in Macomb County, Michigan, April 14, 1852. Died March 22, 1855.
4. Samuel Axtell, born in Macomb County, Michigan, December 11, 1854. Died April 10, 1855.
5. Mattie Emilie, born in Macomb County, Michigan, March 10, 1856. Died May 15, 1869.
6. Ida Millie, born in Macomb County, Michigan, December 27, 1858. Died May 27, 1938.
7. Nancy Henrietta (Nettie), born in Macomb County, Michigan, December 13, 1866, Died September 17, 1913.

Ida Millie, sixth child of John and Martha Axtell Hayes, married Leroy Decker of Shelby Township, Macomb County, Michigan, May 29, 1877. The children of Leroy and Ida Hayes Decker are;

#### TENTH GENERATION

1. Arthur James, born in Detroit, Michigan, December 30, 1880.
2. Leon Leroy, born in Detroit, Michigan, January 5, 1883.
3. Howard Grant, born in Utica, Michigan, September 3, 1885.

Arthur James, first child of Leroy and Ida Hayes Decker attended Utica High School also spent two years at Michigan Agricultural College and graduated from the University of Michigan, later becoming Professor of Sanitary Engineering at the University of Michigan. He was married to Deborah Garfield, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, December 27, 1905. The children of Arthur and Deborah Garfield Decker are:

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. Charles Garfield, born in Columbus, Ohio, November 4, 1906.
2. Arthur James, born at Ann Arbor, Michigan, August 12, 1912.



Charles Garfield Decker, first child of Arthur and Deborah Garfield Decker attended the University of Michigan, from which he received Bachelor of Science and Master of Science Degrees in Engineering. He teaches at the Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Texas, where he has an appointment as assistant Professor and is in charge of the work in the field of Sanitary Engineering. He was married to Ivy Aikins, of Detroit, Michigan, May 30, 1930. The children of Charles and Ivy Aikins Decker are:

#### TWELFTH GENERATION

1. Donald Garfield, born at Ann Arbor, Michigan, August 3, 1931.
2. Deborah Joan, born at Lansing, Michigan, March 30, 1936.

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

Arthur James, second child of Arthur and Deborah Garfield Decker had two years of training at Culver Military Academy in Indiana, and was for three years a special student in Civil Engineering at the University of Michigan. He has a commercial position as Michigan State Representative of the Jenkins Valve Company. He was married to Elizabeth House of Howell, Michigan, June 6, 1936. The children of Arthur James and Elizabeth House Decker are:

#### TWELFTH GENERATION

1. Elinor Ann, born March 1, 1940.

#### TENTH GENERATION

Leon Leroy, second child of Leroy and Ida Hayes Decker, attended Utica High School also Marlette High School. Was at one time a licensed Embalmer. Later he became connected with the mechanical department of Pontiac Automobile Company. He was married to Olga Olson of Michigan City, Indiana, November 13, 1913.

Howard Grant Decker, third child of Leroy and Ida Hayes Decker attended Utica High School, and Gutchess College of Detroit. At one time engaged in the Piano business in Texas. Later became connected with the firm, Roper, Harris and Dunn, wholesale Automotive Supplies Company, as Secretary-Treasurer. He was married to Eva Mae Gardham of Detroit, Michigan, December 25, 1908. The children of Howard and Eva Mae Gardham Decker are:

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. Dorothy Mae, born at Greenville, Texas, February 2, 1911.
2. Howard Grant, born at Greenville, Texas, June 6, 1919.

Dorothy Mae, first child of Howard and Eva Mae Gardham Decker was educated at Greenville High School and Texas Christian University, also Simmons University. She was married to Charles F. Weddington, District Highway Engineer for Texas Highway Department. The children of Charles F. and Dorothy Mae Decker Weddington are:

#### TWELFTH GENERATION

1. Charles Jr., born July 8, 1941.

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

Howard Grant Jr., second child of Howard and Eva Mae Gardham Decker attended Greenville High School and A. & M. College of Texas. He was married to Carol Barnett, August 16, 1941.

## CHAPTER XIV

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### THE DESCENDANTS OF SAMUEL LOREE AXTELL THROUGH THE LINE OF HIS DAUGHTER, NANCY KEZIA AXTELL

#### EIGHTH GENERATION

Nancy Kezia, eighth child of Samuel L. and Nancy Sanders Axtell was born in Morris County, New Jersey, March 20, 1828. She was married April 4, 1849, to Ezra K. Phillips M. D. in Clinton Township, Macomb County, Michigan and removed to Batavia, Illinois. In the spring of 1852, they returned to Michigan. He died at Mt. Clemens, Michigan, May 12, 1858.

On the twenty-eighth of September, 1860, she was married to Jonathan Welts of Clinton, Macomb County, Michigan who died February 28, 1875. On September 29, 1881, she was married to James Alexander of Utica, Michigan, who died September 3, 1893. She died at the home of her daughter, Mattie Rowley, at Mt. Clemens, Michigan, June 20, 1915.

The children of Dr. Ezra K. and Nancy K. Axtell Phillips are:

#### NINTH GENERATION

1. Mattie Melissa, born in Batavia, Illinois, March 1, 1851.

Mattie Melissa only child of Dr. Ezra K. and Nancy K. Axtell Phillips was married to William A. Rowley of Shelby, Macomb County, Michigan, February 10, 1870 in Clinton, Macomb County, Michigan. He enlisted when the Civil War broke out, in the Fifth Michigan Infantry as fifer, serving until the end of the war. He was a successful farmer and took an intelligent interest in all agricultural affairs. He believed in good stock and raised some of the best that the county has produced, and was first president of the Mt. Clemens Creamery Company. He was twice sent to the legislature from the first district of Macomb County. He died during his second term in July 1897.

The children of William A. and Mattie M. Phillips Rowley are:

#### TENTH GENERATION

1. Maud Charlotte, born in Clinton Township, Macomb County, Michigan, March 4, 1871.
2. Mattie Emily, born in Shelby Township, Macomb County, Michigan, August 2, 1872.
3. Mary Axtell, born in Clinton Township, Macomb County, Michigan, February 8, 1878.

4. Francene Berenice, born in Clinton Township, Macomb County, Michigan, June 3, 1883.

Maud Charlotte, first daughter of William and Mattie Phillips Rowley, studied at the Art Institute of Chicago, Illinois, taught art and music in the public schools in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. January 4, 1900, she married Neil E. Reid of Romeo, Michigan, Circuit Court Stenographer. Later he became Probate Judge, subsequently Circuit Judge of Macomb County. They have no children.

Mattie Emily, second child of William and Mattie Phillips Rowley, attended public schools of Mt. Clemens, Business College of Omaha, Nebraska, was stenographer at the Fountain Bath House for five years. December 29, 1898, was married to Harvey McKinney of Braddock, Pa., who at that time was operating the McKinney stone quarry at Braddock. He died December 5, 1938.

The children of Harvey and Mattie E. Rowley McKinney are:

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. Mary, born in Pittsburgh, Pa., April 20, 1900.
2. Nancy Axtell, born in Pittsburgh, Pa., January 4, 1908.

Mary, first child of Harvey and Mattie Rowley McKinney attended Pennsylvania College for Women of Pittsburgh, later was employed in the library at Carnegie Institute, and on April 14, 1927, was married to Howard Mitchell Wilson of Pittsburgh, president of the Taylor-Wilson Manufacturing Company, McKees Rocks, Pa.. They have no children.

Nancy Axtell, second child of Harvey and Mattie Rowley McKinney, attended public schools of Pittsburgh, Birmingham School of Pittsburgh, and is employed as technician in Baton Analytical Laboratory, Pittsburgh, Pa..

#### TENTH GENERATION

Mary Axtell, third child of William and Mattie Phillips Rowley attended public school of Mt. Clemens, Michigan, attended Miles Business College and was employed as stenographer at Donaldson Brothers Foundry for forty-three years.

Francene Berenice, fourth child of William and Mattie Phillips Rowley, attended Thomas Normal Training School of Detroit, taught at the Iowa State Institution for Feeble-minded Children at Glenwood, Iowa. On August 15, 1915, she married Clarence L. Shirey of Kearney, Nebraska, who at that time was assistant steward at the Institution. In 1923, they moved to Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

## CHAPTER XV

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### THE DESCENDANTS OF SAMUEL LOREE AXTELL THROUGH THE LINE OF HIS SON, JOSEPHUS SANDERS AXTELL

#### EIGHTH GENERATION

Josephus Sanders, eleventh child of Samuel L. and Nancy Sanders Axtell was born in Morris County, New Jersey, March 20, 1832. In the spring of 1850 he went to St. Paul, Minn., where his brother Silas Henry was living. After a short stay he was employed by a man who was making sketches of the upper Mississippi, to paddle his canoe, pitch his tent and do the cooking. When he reached Burlington, Iowa, he was attacked with bilious fever and died at Sperry Hotel, September 23, 1850.

## CHAPTER XVI

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### THE DESCENDANTS OF SAMUEL LOREE AXTELL THROUGH THE LINE OF HIS DAUGHTER, PHEBE JOANNA AXTELL

#### EIGHTH GENERATION

Phebe Joanna, twelfth child of Samuel L. and Nancy S. Axtell was born in Morris County, New Jersey, June 6, 1834. She was married to William Bullock, M.D. of Ray, Macomb County, Michigan, July 4, 1854. After practicing his profession a short time in Ray, they removed to Flint, Genessee County, Michigan, where she died of heart disease on the eighteenth of October, 1869. He died December 15, 1893 in Pontiac, Michigan. The children of Dr. Wm. and Phebe J. Axtell Bullock are:

#### NINTH GENERATION

1. William, born in Flint, Michigan, May 12, 1856. Died in Flint, Michigan, March 15, 1858.
2. Phebe Josepha, born in Flint, Michigan, March 1, 1858. Died at Atlanta, Georgia, 1930.
3. John James, born at Flint, Michigan, February 17, 1860.
4. Charles Edward, born in Flint, Michigan, August 18, 1863. Died in Detroit, Michigan, April 7, 1933.
5. Willie, born in Flint, Michigan, February 4, 1866. Died in Spring of 1870.

Charles Edward, Fourth child of William and Phebe J. Axtell Bullock at the time of his marriage, September 20, 1893, to Elizabeth Terry of Detroit, was assistant manager of the J.M. Bour Company. He was a successful public accountant for many years, at one time serving as city accountant for the city of Detroit. The children of Chas. and Elizabeth Terry Bullock are:

#### TENTH GENERATION

1. Elizabeth, born March 19, 1900.
2. Edward Axtell, born May 23, 1906.

Elizabeth, first child of Edward and Elizabeth Terry Bullock was married to Clarence Hatch Jr. of Detroit, Michigan, March 27, 1927. The children of Clarence and Elizabeth Bullock Hatch are:

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. Terry Miles, born April 16, 1929.
2. John Thomas, born April 29, 1934.

#### TENTH GENERATION

Edward Axtell, second child of Edward and Elizabeth Terry Bullock was married to Helen Elizabeth Shuptrine of Detroit, July 27, 1931.

## NINTH GENERATION

Phebe Josepha, second child of Dr. William and Phebe J Axtell Bullock, graduated from the University at Ann Arbor, Michigan. She taught in the High School at Monroe, Michigan. Later, making her residence in Atlanta, Georgia, she gave her time to the education of the Negro. She died at Atlanta, Georgia, in 1930.

## CHAPTER XVII

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### THE DESCENDANTS OF SAMUEL LOREE AXTELL THROUGH THE LINE OF HIS DAUGHTER PAMELA GUERIN AXTELL

## EIGHTH GENERATION

Pamela Guerin, eighth daughter of Samuel L. and Nancy Sanders Axtell, was born in Morris County, New Jersey, January 23, 1837. On September 19, 1857, she married Joseph Immen of Clinton, Macomb County, Michigan. She died May 26, 1911. They had no children.

## CHAPTER XVIII

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### THE DESCENDANTS OF SAMUEL LOREE AXTELL THROUGH THE LINE OF HIS SON, JULIEN HARRISON AXTELL

## EIGHTH GENERATION

Julien Harrison, fourteenth child of Samuel and Nancy S. Axtell was born in Morris County, New Jersey on the fourth of March, 1839. In the autumn of 1860, he entered the medical department of the University at Ann Arbor. After attending one course of lectures he enlisted as a private in Company B, 1st Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, on July 9, 1861 for three years or during the war. At the close of the term of his enlistment he re-enlisted as a veteran volunteer in the same regiment and remained in the service until the close of the war. He took part in the following engagements: Mechanicsville, June 26, 1862; Gaines Hill, June 27, 1862; where he received a buckshot in the shoulder; Malvern Hill, July 2, 1862; Fredericksburg, December 13, 1862; Bristow Station, October 14, 1863; Rappahannock Station, November 7, 1863; Wilderness, May 5, 6, & 7, 1864; Spottsylvania, May 15th to 19th; North Anna River, May 23; Tallapotamy Creek, May 30; Old Church, May 1st to 4th; Siege of Petersburg, June 17th to August 17th; Weldon Rail Road, August 18th to 23rd; Poplar Grove Church, September 30; Hatcher's Run, October 27; also at the same place February 6, 1865; attack on Fort Stillman, March 25, 1865; Quaker Road, March 29 and at Gravelly Run, on Four Forks, March 31, 1865. At this battle he was severely wounded in the hip by a Minnie rifle ball. His wound did not heal in time for him to again enter active service. In June, 1865, for gallantry and good conduct, Governor Craigo, commissioned him "Second Lieutenant, Company B, First Reg't., Michigan. Veteran Volunteer Infantry." In July of the same year he was honorably mustered out of the United States service. After his discharge he resumed his medical studies, and in 1866 received from the Michigan University the degree of "Doctor of Medicine." He commenced the practice of his profession in the village of Tuscola, Michigan. In 1868, he received the appointment of Assistant Surgeon in the U.S. Army and was ordered to report at Atlanta, Georgia. After serving in that capacity for a year he resigned his position and located at Mt. Clemens, Michigan in medical practice. His hard service in the army had injured his spinal column, and he was soon incapacitated for work of any kind. After enduring great suffering for more than a year, he expired on the sixteenth of October, 1872.

When he was home from the Army on his "Veteran Furlough" in the spring of 1864, he was married to Miss Electa M. Whitney, daughter of John Whitney of Macomb Township,



March 15, 1864. She died July 22, 1926.  
Whitney Axtell is:

The child of Julien H. and Electa M.

#### NINTH GENERATION

1. Charles Whitney, born in Macomb Township, September 30, 1865. At the age of 15, he left school, worked on a tug boat of Lake St. Clair, for a time, then on the farm cutting and marketing oak logs. In the spring of 1881, he went to Marlette and got a job on the narrow gauge railroad as laborer and water boy. In January of 1883, he went to Omaha and got a job at the Union Pacific freight depot, stayed there ten years, then moved to General Freight Office. In 1896, he became Contracting freight agent. In January 1906, he was put in charge of Union Pacific Terminal at Council Bluffs Iowa, as General Agent. In 1916, Mr. J.A. Munroe, Vice-President of U.P. called him to Omaha and gave him the title of Assistant General Freight Agent which he held until he returned on February 1, 1931, on a liberal pension, having been with the Union Pacific for 48 years. He was married to Helen L. McCheane of Omaha, Nebraska, October 26, 1898. The children of Charles Whitney and Helen L. McCheane Axtell are:

#### TENTH GENERATION

1. Ann M., born February 9, 1900, in Omaha, Nebraska.
2. Lane M., born May 23, 1906, in Omaha, Nebraska.

Ann M., first child of Charles and Helen L. McCheane Axtell married Earl H. Morris, September, 1923. Both Ann and Earl Morris are archeologists, specializing in the field of American archeology. Ann is the author of two interesting books, "Digging in Yucatan" and "Digging in the Southwest." The children of Earl H. and Ann M. Axtell Morris are:

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. Elizabeth Ann, born in Omaha, May 1932.
2. Sarah Lane, born in Omaha, November, 1933.

#### TENTH GENERATION

Lane M., second child of Charles and Helen L. McCheane Axtell married Mary Helen Davis of Lincoln, Nebraska, April 4, 1936. The children of Lane M. and Mary Helen Davis Axtell are:

#### ELEVENTH GENERATION

1. Lane M., born February 24, 1937, in Omaha, Nebraska.
2. Robin, born November 18, 1938, in Omaha, Nebraska.



## A P P E N D I X

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1885

As there are some families and persons connected by marriage with the descendants of Major Henry Axtell, worthy of more than a mere mention of name, we have thought it advisable to add an appendix to "The Axtell Memorial," that we may have the space to treat of them more at length than would have been practicable in the body of the work.

Macomb, Michigan, 1885.

### THE SANDERS FAMILY

Of the Sanders family into which Samuel Loree and Johathan Reeve, the oldest and youngest sons of Col. Silas Axtell, married, we have no ancient dates, nor any positive information regarding its nationality.

It was the tradition among the older members of the family that they were of English descent: and as history mentions an English Admiral of that name, it would appear that the tradition was not without foundation.

The farthest back we have been able to go, reliably in the Sanders genealogy, is to Joseph Sanders, who married Jerusha Pennington who was a daughter or a grand-daughter of Ephraim Pennington who was one of the forty-one men who, in the beginning of 1667, migrated from the towns of Branford, Milford and Guilford, Conn., and settled on the Passaic river, in the province of New Jersey, and founded the city of Newark. William S. Pennington, a descendant of Ephraim Pennington, was Governor of the State of New Jersey in 1813.

Joseph and Jerusha Sanders were the parents of a large family. One of their sons was named Ephraim, and he married Kezia a daughter of Stephen Dod II, known in the "Dod Genealogy" as "Stephen of Mendham," who was born April 4, 1703, and was the father of Lebbeus Thaddeus, Daniel, Parmeneas, Ucal, Elizabeth, Kezia, Deborah, Sarah, Hannah and Abigail.

This family and some of their descendants, were celebrated for their ingenuity and skill as machinists and workers in brass and iron, makers of clocks and mathematical instruments, and civil engineers.

Ephraim and Kezia (Dod) Sanders, were the parents of nine sons and two daughters, viz: Beniah, Simeon, Daniel, Sarah, Stephen, Cyrus, Asa, Ephraim, Ziba, Azuba, and Jeduthun. All these children lived to grow up and become the heads of families.

Ephraim was apprenticed to one of his mother's brothers to learn the blacksmith's trade, and went with his uncle into the western part of Pennsylvania, where he resided until he attained his majority in 1791, when he returned to Mendham, New Jersey and was married about the beginning of 1792 to Sarah Byram Rogers, a daughter of Jedediah Rogers, to whom he was engaged before he went to Pennsylvania. He became noted throughout that region for his skill in working iron, especially in making edge-tools and the irons for spinning wheels. After exchanging property a number of times he became the owner about 1804, of a small farm on the Washington turnpike, two miles east of Mendham, on which was a cider mill and where he united the business of farming and blacksmithing, and where he continued to reside until his death on the seventh of February, 1850, at the age of 80 years. As he obtained the means he purchased adjoining farms so that at the time of his death, he was one of the largest landholders in the township. At that period of his life when the law obliged him to do military duty, he joined a company of militia, of which he was elected captain by which title he was known the remainder of his life. His widow survived him three or four years. The children of Capt. Ephraim Sanders were:

1. Nancy, born December 23, 1792; 2. Pamela; 3. Martha; 4. Jesse; 5. Rufus; 6. Fanny; 7. Josephus W.; 8. Ephraim Dod; 9. Ira; 10. Henry C.; 11. Sarah Ann. All these children lived to maturity, excepting Numbers 4, 6, and 9, who died in infancy

Nancy, born December 23, 1792 married to Samuel L. Axtell March 29, 1812; died December 4, 1881. For her family record see descendants of Col. Silas Axtell.

Pamela was married to Stephen O. Guerin, October 21, 1812, and died March 17, 1856. They had four sons, viz: 1. Mahlon; 2. Albert; 3. Josephus Sanders; 4. Ephraim Sanders.

Martha was married to Ezekiel Day, November 8, 1815, and died April 1826. They had five children, one girl and four boys. The girl died in infancy. The boys were: 1. Ira Sanders; 2. Ephraim Sanders; 3. Lewis; 4. Ezra Sanders, who died in the army February 19, 1863.

Rufus, born in 1800, was married to Julia Drake in 1821, and died in 1831 or 1832. They had two daughters, Nancy and Julia Ann.

Josephus W., born in 1806, graduated at Yale College about the year 1828, after which he studied law in the same institution. After receiving his diploma he was married to Sarah Brognard of Morristown, and settled in Newark, New Jersey, where he died in a few years (died in 1838), leaving a widow, and a daughter named Elizabeth who was married to a Mr. Bates and now lives two miles northwest from Morristown, N.J.

Ephraim Dod, born September 30, 1808. When about 17 years old he commenced preparing for college by attending the Mendham Academy. He graduated at Yale College about the year 1828. He immediately entered the Theological Department of the same institution. After receiving his diploma, about 1831, he received a call to take charge of two Presbyterian congregations in the central part of Virginia. About 1833 he married Anna P. Guerin, of Morristown, New Jersey. After preaching a number of years he turned his attention to teaching and became a prominent educator. He founded at the corner of Thirty-ninth and Market Street, West Philadelphia, an institution of learning known as "Saunders College," where he fitted youths for college.

His only child, a son, born in Virginia, in 1841, named Courtland was the author of "A New System of Latin Paradigms," and a Captain in the 118th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, was killed in the battle of Antietam, Virginia, September 20, 1862.

Soon after the death of his son he closed his academy and founded a Presbyterian Hospital which he endowed with real estate valued at \$100,000. A number of years before his death he had bestowed upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. For some reason unknown to us, he chose to write his name Saunders and as far as we know, his was the only family out of the numerous descendants of Ephraim and Kezia (Dod) Sanders that thus spelled the name. He died in West Philadelphia, September 13, 1872 aged 66 years.

With the death of his widow which occurred at the same place July 24, 1884, his family became extinct.

Henry C. Sanders was born about the beginning of 1812. He was married to Lydia Phoenix of Mendham, about 1838; was elected to represent the First District of Morris County in the lower branch of the State Legislature in 1864, and died about 1874. His children were: 1. Josephus W.; 2. Dr. Frank; 3. Mary; 4. Maggie.

Sarah Ann, youngest child of Capt. Ephraim Saunders was born August 8, 1814. She outlived her father, but never married, she died in 1867.

Ziba Sanders, one of the younger sons of Ephraim and Kezia (Dod) Sanders, married Margaret Breuner, by whom he had two daughters, Mary and Bersheba. Mary was married to Morris Cramer, and Bersheba was married to John P. Smith. Among the children of J.P. Smith were Mary and Ziba Sanders Smith.

Mary Smith was married to Jonathan R. Axtell, youngest child of Col. Silas Axtell October 31, 1832. Mary Smith died October 1885. For her descendants see J.R. Axtell's branch of Col. Silas Axtell's family.

Ziba Sanders Smith was married to Phebe Ann C., oldest child of Henry, second son of Col. Silas Axtell, at Morristown, New Jersey, October 16, 1839. They died same

week, October 1893.

For his descendants see Henry Axtell's branch of Col. Silas Axtell's family tree.

The Conduct (sometimes written Condit) family into which Major Henry Axtell married when he took unto himself a second wife, was one of the most influential families in Morris County before and during the Revolutionary War, and for many years afterwards, both in civil and religious organizations. Among its members were Philip Conduct who was Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian Church in 1777, and who died December 23, 1801, aged 92; Hon. Silas Conduct, born March 7, 1738, who was elected Trustee of the Presbyterian Church in 1772, and held the office almost to the time of his death, September 6, 1801, of Cholera, in the 64th year of his age. He was a member of the State Council of New Jersey from 1776 to 1780 and of the Continental Congress from 1781 to 1784; he was again member of the Legislature from 1791 to 1800, being Speaker of the House for four sessions.

Lewis Conduct, M.D., born 1773 died 1862, aged 89, was a son of Peter, a younger brother of Hon. Silas Conduct. He was a prominent physician and was a delegate to the lower branch of the State Legislature from 1805 to 1809, and elected to the House of Representatives of the United States Congress from 1811 to 1817, and again from 1821 to 1833; being chosen Speaker of the House more than once.

Among others of the name, who achieved prominence in the communities and times in which they lived, were Judge John Conduct, Ira Conduct D.D., and Jonathan B. Conduct, D.D..

We do not know how nearly these men were related to Phebe Conduct Axtell, but they were kinsmen in a nearer or remoter degree of relationship.

By a communication from Jotham H. Conduct, Esq. of Brich Church Essex County, New Jersey, received since the above was written we learn that the Hon. Silas Conduct was the sixth, and Phebe Conduct (Axtell) the seventh child of Peter Conduct, and that Lewis Conduct, M.D. was a son of Peter Conduct, Jr., the youngest child of Peter Conduct, and was therefore, a nephew of Phebe's

Hannah Conduct, who married Luther, a younger brother of Major Henry Axtell, was a cousin of Silas and Phebe Conduct.

A few years ago Miss Juliet Lay Axtell, second daughter of Rev. Henry Axtell, second, and grand-daughter of the Rev. Dr. Henry Axtell, of Geneva, made a voyage to England and visited St. Peter's Church, at Berkhamstead, and made the following copy from the church register. The copy was kindly furnished us by Mrs. Harriet Tracy (Axtell) Platt, widow of Col. Edward A. Platt, and a sister of Juliet Lay Axtell.

The order to keep a Parish Register was first issued in 1538 A.D.

John Axtell, ye sonne of John Axtell, christened 1539.

William Axtell, ye sonne of John Axtell, christened 1541.

William Axtell, and Joan Phillips, married 1543.

John Axtell, christened April 15, 1560.

Anne Axtell, christened October 7, 1565.

John, sonne of Robert Axtell, christened 1564.

Susanna, daughter of William Axtell, christened 1599.

John, sonne of William Axtell, christened, 1614.

William sonne of William Axtell, christened 1616.

Thomas, sonne of William Axtell, christened January 16, 1619.

This man came to Massachusetts in 1642, and was the progenitor of the Axtells in America.

Daniel, sonne of William Axtell christened May 26, 1622, (This man was one of the Regicides and a Col. in Cromwell's army, and was beheaded upon the restoration of Chas. II in 1660)

Samuel, sonne of William Axtell, christened December 15, 1625.  
Anna, daughter of William Axtell, christened May 26, 1627.  
Sarah, daughter of William Axtell, christened January 20, 1629.  
Mary, daughter of Thomas Axtell, christened September 25, 1639.  
Elizabeth, daughter of John Axtell, christened May 7, 1640.  
Margaret, daughter of John Axtell, christened December 23, 1641.  
Ann, daughter of William Axtell, christened June 6, 1641.  
Henry, sonne of Thomas Axtell, christened October 15, 1641.

This man and his sister Mary, christened September 25, 1639, were brought to America by their father in 1642.

John, sonne of William Axtell, christened September 5, 1670.  
William sonne of William Axtell, christened November 15, 1686.  
John, sonne of William Axtell, christened December 26, 1700.  
Mary, daughter of William Axtell, christened January 9, 1703.  
Anne, daughter of William Axtell, christened January 26, 1707.  
Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel Axtell, christened April 6, 1734.

John Akstyle was one of a house of "bon hommes" good men or Monks, who signed the instrument which transferred their property to Henry VIII, about A.D., 1535.

See Chauncey's History of Hertfordshire, England.

## CHAPTER XX

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### "HAWBUCK AND JAWBUCK AND OLD PASSAFARLEY"

This story, known to the Michigan branch of the family as the "family story," was told by Nancy Sanders Axtell to her grand children and great grand-children, by whom it was in turn passed on to their descendants. No one knows the origin of the story, but there is one of Thackery's which is very similar. The following version is not exactly as she told it, but is rather the result of combining the tale as remembered by Mattie Axtell Wattles and Maude Rowley Reed. It was always told at the annual gatherings of the Axtell Family and was a great favorite with the younger generation. The committee felt that it would be of interest to all members of the family.

### "HAWBUCK AND JAWBUCK AND OLD PASSAFARLEY"

Once upon a time, when hawks were swine and swallows built their nests in old men's bairds, there lived three sartin men, Hawbuck and Jawbuck and Old Passafarley, and they all worked to-gether in the fields. Now Hawbuck and Jawbuck were fine, strong young men and they had fine, strong young oxen, but Passafarley was a poor weak, little old man and he had a poor, weak, little old ox, and he couldn't do nearly as much work as they could. So Hawbuck and Jawbuck became very angry with him and, in order to get even, decided to kill his ox and hang the hide on the fence, which they did.

The following morning when Passafarley went to the field to work, he found his ox dead and its hide hanging on the fence. And Hawbuck and Jawbuck made sport of him because his ox was dead. Passafarley did not waste any time bemoaning his ill luck, but took the ox hide and started for the tanner's to have it made into leather.

On the way to the tanner's he chanced upon a wood-chuck, which he placed under his jerkin. He then stopped at the tanner's house and said to the tanner's wife, "In one room in your house set a table with everything that is good to eat, and in another room in your house set a table with everything that is good to drink." Which she did.

Passafarley went on to the tannery. While he was talking to the tanner about the ox hide, he hit the wood-chuck on the head "Chuck! Chuck!" said the wood-chuck.

"What was that?" asked the tanner.

"Oh," said Passafarley, "I have a very wonderful magic wood-chuck which can tell you anything you wish to know."

"What did he say then?"

"Oh, he said that in one room of your house is a table set with everything that is good to eat."

Then Passafarley hit the wood-chuck on the head again, and the wood-chuck said, "Chuck! Chuck!"

"What did he say then?" asked the tanner.

"Why, he said that in another room in your house is a table set with everything that is good to drink."

"Well," said the tanner, "We shall go to my house and see if this be true. If it be true, I will give you a large sum of money for this magic wood-chuck."

So they went to the tanner's house, and there, sure enough, was in one room a table set with everything that was good to eat, and in another room was a table set with everything that was good to drink. So the tanner gave Old Passafarley a large sum of money, and he returned to his home.

Now Hawbuck and Jawbuck went to Passafarley's house to make fun of him because his ox was dead and he had no way in which to make a living. Great was their surprise, when they arrived and found him counting out a large sum of money.



"Passafarley," said they, "where did you get all that money?"

"Well," said Passafarley, "you know you killed my ox and hung its hide on the fence?"

"Yes," they answered.

"Well, I cut the hide into flail strings; then I went into town and went about crying, 'Who wants to buy some flail strings? Who wants to buy some flail strings?' It seemed as if everyone wanted to buy flail strings, and I got all this money."

"Do you think that if we should kill our oxen, cut the hides into flail strings, and go about the town crying, 'Who wants to buy some flail strings? Who wants to buy some flail strings?' that we could get as much money as that?"

"Oh, yes," said Passafarley, "and a great deal more, for you have two oxen while I had but one: and your oxen are fine, strong, young oxen while mine was a poor, weak, little, old ox, so you would get much more money than I did."

So Hawbuck and Jawbuck went home and killed their oxen. They cut the hides into flail strings and went about the town crying, "Who wants to buy some flail strings? Who wants to buy some flail strings?" But no one wanted to buy any flail strings, and they realized that they had killed their oxen for no reason at all. Then they were very angry indeed with Old Passafarley and they decided that they would kill him that night as he lay asleep.

But Passafarley suspected that they would attempt to even the score in some such manner, so that night he made his poor old wife lie at the front of the bed where Hawbuck and Jawbuck knew it was his custom to sleep. When they came that night to kill him, they used no light lest they waken and alarm him. As a result, they killed Passafarley's wife instead of Passafarley. They didn't know this, however, but went away happy in thinking that on the morrow they would have all his money.

The next morning, Passafarley put his dead wife in a sack and started down to the river to throw her in. The highway passed a tavern and, as the day was hot and the road dusty, Passafarley decided that he would stop at the tavern to rest his weary limbs and partake of a cooling draught of ale to quench his thirst. He placed the sack containing his dead wife against the trunk of a great oak that grew beside the road.

While he was in the tavern, a great nobleman drove rapidly up in his gilded coach which careened against the sack, knocking it over. Passafarley saw this occurrence and rushed out of the inn, crying to the lord, "Sir, you have killed my wife! You have killed my wife!" and showed him the dead woman in the sack. The nobleman, not wishing to be involved in any scandal, called upon Passafarley to be quiet, saying that the whole affair was an accident and offered him a large sum of money if he would say nothing of the matter.

Of course Passafarley was glad to accept this generous offer, and after finishing his ale, dragged the sack containing his wife down to the river and threw it in. He then returned to his home to count his money.

Hawbuck and Jawbuck slept late, thinking there was no cause for hurry, and on arising, made their leisurely way to Passafarley's home to take his money. Great was their surprise to find him hale and hearty, counting out all his money.

"Passafarley!" they cried, "We thought we had killed you! And where did you get all that money!"

"Well," said Passafarley, "you know that you came last night to kill me."

"Yes," they answered.

"But my wife was sleeping at the front of the bed and you made a mistake and



killed her instead. So I put her body in a sack and went about the town crying. 'Who wants to buy old women? Who wants to buy old women?' It seemed that everybody wanted to buy old women and I got all this money."

"Do you think," said they, "that if we should kill our wives and take them into town that we should get as much money as that?"

"Oh, yes," said Passafarley, "and a great deal more, for your wives are fine, young, strong, healthy women while my wife was a poor, weak, little old woman. Besides, you have two wives while I had but one."

So Hawbuck and Jawbuck went home, killed their wives, put them in sacks, and went about the town crying, "Who wants to buy old women? Who wants to buy old women?" Of course nobody wanted to buy old women, especially dead ones, and instead of getting a large sum of money, they were thrown into jail for several weeks to repent their sins.

Now they were very angry indeed at Old Passafarley for playing them such a mean trick, and swore to get even with him. So when they were released from jail, they decided to drown him and thus be rid of him forever. They went to his home, put him in a sack, and started for the river by the same road over which Passafarley had taken his poor dead wife. The day was hot and the highway dusty, and since there was no cause for hurry, they decided to stop at the tavern for a drink or two of ale.

They stood Passafarley, still in his sack, against the very oak tree under which he had placed his wife, and they went in to refresh themselves. While they were drinking, a drover with a large flock of sheep came along the road. Passafarley was moaning and groaning in the sack, and the drover gave the sack a kick.

"Who's there?" he asked.

"Old Passafarley, going to Heaven in a sack!"

"Oh, I say," answered the drover, "I have always wanted to go to Heaven. Will you change places with me if I give you my flock of sheep?"

Of course Passafarley agreed to this generous offer. The drover untied the sack and helped Passafarley crawl out. The drover then crawled in, Passafarley tied the sack very tightly and went home with the sheep.

Hawbuck and Jawbuck finished their drinking, came out and got the sack, dragged it to the river, and with a "one, two, three, heave ho!", gave it a mighty toss into the river. Then they went to Passafarley's to take his money.

Imagine their great surprise at finding him in his yard, counting a great flock of sheep!

"Passafarley!" they cried, "We thought you were dead! We thought we threw you into the river!"

"Oh, but you did," answered Passafarley.

"How then does it happen that we find you here, in good health, and counting this large flock of sheep?"

"When you threw me into the river, did you notice all the bubbles that came to the surface?"

"Oh, yes, we did. We noticed them particularly."

"Well, each bubble represented a river sheep, and I ran about and caught as many as I could; and here I am."

"Oh," said Hawbuck and Jawbuck, "do you suppose that if you should throw us into the river, we could catch as many as that?"

"Oh, yes, and a great many more, for there are two of you and you are fine, big, strong, healthy young men, while I am but one poor, weak, little old man. There is

no doubt but that you could get more than twice as many as I."

So Hawbuck and Jawbuck each got a large sack and, together with Passafarley, went down to the river. Passafarley placed a large stone in each sack, Hawbuck and Jawbuck got in, and Passafarley tied the sacks very tight. After much pushing and pulling, he finally managed to throw them into the water.

Then he slowly walked to the tavern for much needed refreshment. After which he went home to his money and his sheep, where he lived happily ever after.

## CHAPTER XXI

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### MEMBERS OF THE AXTELL FAMILY WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE MILITARY FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES

1. Major Henry Axtell, Revolutionary War--1776.
2. Col. Silas Axtell, New Jersey Militia--1803-1815.
3. Silas Henry Axtell, Mexican War--1847-1849.
4. Julien Harrison Axtell, Civil War--1860-1864.
5. John James Snook, Civil War--1860-1864.
6. Rufus Axtell Snook, Civil War--1860-1864.
7. Clarence Lester Giddings, Spanish American War--1898.
8. Phillip Bruce Knight, Signal Corps--Punitive Expedition into Mexico, 1917.
9. Donald MacKnight, Navy--1919-1923.
10. George Edmund McClellan, Infantry---World War I, 1917-1918.
11. Walter Lewis Scott, Submarine Service--World War I, 1917-1918.
12. Howard Decker, Jr., World War II--1941-.
13. Rufus Snook, World War II--1941-.
14. Steven Bruce Hill, Field Artillery World War II--1941-.
15. Robert Monteith Gordon, Field Artillery, World War II--1941-.
16. James Decker, World War II--1941-.
17. Francis Axtell Scott, Naval Medical Corps, World War II--1941-.