

# Descendants of James Meredith

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## Generation 1

1. **JAMES<sup>1</sup> MEREDITH** was born between 1710-1720. He died in May 1790 in Surry Co., NC<sup>1</sup>. He married Mildred BAGBY before 1742. She died in Aug 1796 in Surry Co., NC<sup>2</sup>.

Notes for James MEREDITH:

The earliest documentary evidence for James's location is in the Douglas Register referring to the births of two of his sons in Goochland County, Virginia. Samuel was born on 15 May 1760 and Daniel on 17 May 1762. By 1771 James is in Surry county, North Carolina, appearing on local tax rolls. In 1779 he entered grants number 702 and 704 for a combined total of 1200 acres. In 1780 he had a survey done for another 66 acre grant. The two 600-acres grants were finally obtained by him in 1784. (In 1789 Surry county was reconfigured, and James ended up in Stokes county.)

James's will was written on 15 Feb 1790 in Surry county, North Carolina. In it he leaves all his movable and perishable property to his wife, Midred. Three sons are mentioned: John, William, and Daniel, but Samuel is not named. John received 540 acres of land "lying on the waters of the Mayo river" and refers to a deed of 29 August 1789 for the specifics as to its location. He wanted sold 314 acres of his land in Stokes county "including the plantation where I formerly lived," with one half of the proceeds going to his son, Daniel, and the other half toward a debt to Col. Hughes, the remainder going to Mildred. He specifies that any money owed him should be split between son John and Mildred. William and John were appointed executors of the estate, and William was one of the witnesses. The will was officially recorded in May, 1790.

The inventory of his estate was completed on 12 November 1790 and included the following: 314 acres of land in Stokes county (32 pounds, 13 shillings, 3 pence); "to the judgement vs. John Shelton, 41 pounds, 12 shillings"; one mare and colt; 4 head of cattle; pots, a dutch oven and skillet; some pewter, a table, and chest; a large looking glass and some chairs; one iron pot rack and mare's saddle; one bone razor and glass hackle; a steel sleigh and 2 sheep; a drawing knife and auger; one axe and hoe; one tea kettle and coffee pot; reaping hooks and a scythe; cross cut saw; and other implements.

Notes for Mildred BAGBY:

Mildred's will was composed on 2 February 1796 in Surry county. She mentions heirs Mary Burch (daughter), and sons Daniel, James, and William. Mary received two feather beds and some furniture, together with some household items. Daniel inherited a colt and its dam and was instructed to pass the mare on to James once the colt was old enough to perform work. William received Mildred's cow and her cotton wheel.

John Burch and John Shores were appointed as executors. William Cook and Philip Cook were witnesses.

James MEREDITH and Mildred BAGBY had the following children:

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  - i. **WILLIAM<sup>2</sup> MEREDITH** was born about 1742. He died between 1824-1825 in Adair Co., KY<sup>3</sup>. He married (1) **ANNE BOND** on 09 Sep 1765<sup>4</sup>. She died about 1792 in Stokes Co, NC. He married (2) **REBECCA KEYS**, daughter of Joseph KEYS and Rebecca MULLEN, on 17 Aug 1792 in Surry county, NC<sup>5</sup>. She was born on 21 Jan 1752 in York county, PA<sup>6</sup>. She died after Apr 1825.
  - ii. **JAMES MEREDITH** was born about 1747.
  - iii. **JOHN MEREDITH** was born about 1749. He married (1) **FRANKEY GIBSON** on 25 Dec 1771 in Guilford, North Carolina, USA<sup>7-8</sup>. He married (2) **MARY KNIGHT** in Feb 1797 in Guilford, North Carolina, USA<sup>8</sup>.
  - iv. **SAMUEL MEREDITH** was born on 15 May 1760 in Goochland County, VA<sup>4</sup>.

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### Generation 1 (cont.)

3. v. DANIEL MEREDITH was born on 17 May 1762<sup>4</sup>. He died in 1826 in Illinois<sup>9</sup>. He married Hannah COOK on 12 Jan 1787 in Surry county, NC<sup>10</sup>. She died in Sep 1848<sup>9</sup>.
- vi. MARY MEREDITH. She married UNKNOWN BURCH.

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### Generation 2

2. **WILLIAM<sup>2</sup> MEREDITH** (James<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1742. He died between 1824-1825 in Adair Co., KY<sup>3</sup>. He married (1) **ANNE BOND** on 09 Sep 1765<sup>4</sup>. She died about 1792 in Stokes Co, NC. He married (2) **REBECCA KEYS**, daughter of Joseph KEYS and Rebecca MULLEN, on 17 Aug 1792 in Surry county, NC<sup>5</sup>. She was born on 21 Jan 1752 in York county, PA<sup>6</sup>. She died after Apr 1825.

Notes for William MEREDITH:

William appears to have received his first land grant in 1779 from the state of North Carolina. However, he was living in Surry county, North Carolina prior to that. He is mentioned in "The Patriots at Kings Mountain" (1990) as having been in a captain in the North Carolina militia who commanded a company at that significant battle, under the leadership of colonel Benjamin Cleveland, who was also his neighbor. The battle of Kings Mountain, 7 October 1780, in South Carolina was victory for colonial patriots against colonial loyalists. The site is a military park under the authority of the National Park Service today. He was politically active in Surry County and served as a sheriff. Later he left Surry county and moved to Adair county, Kentucky, but the precise date of that move is unknown. His last land transactions in Surry county date to about 1805, so he was in North Carolina at least up to then.

His will from Adair County is dated 19 January 1824 and mentions his second wife, Rebecca, and his son (by his first wife) Daniel, as well as his son-in-law Fielding Bratcher who had married his daughter Elizabeth. He accounts for his other children not being mentioned because "I have given all my children something prior to this will, with the exception of my son Daniel, for which reason they are excluded from this will." The will was proved in May 1825, the same date of his estate inventory.

William MEREDITH and Anne BOND had the following children:

- i. ELISHA<sup>3</sup> MEREDITH. He married Martha (Patsy) THORP on 30 May 1817 in Pulaski county, KY<sup>12-13</sup>.
- ii. MARTHA (PATSY) MEREDITH.
- iii. NANCY MEREDITH.
- iv. JAMES B. MEREDITH was born on 09 Sep 1765<sup>4</sup>.
- v. FRANCES (FANNIE) MEREDITH was born on 07 Jan 1767<sup>4</sup>.
4. vi. JANE (JENNY) MEREDITH was born about 1769. She married Philip COOK on 20 Dec 1790<sup>7</sup>.
5. vii. DANIEL MEREDITH was born about 1780. He died before 23 Dec 1846<sup>16</sup> in Decatur county, IN. He married (1) MARY HUDSON on 10 Apr 1814 in Pulaski county, KY<sup>17-18</sup>. She died before 1839. He married (2) MARGARET HARRISON NEW on 15 Jan 1839 in (Decatur), IN<sup>19-20</sup>. She died about 1848<sup>21</sup>.

William MEREDITH and Rebecca KEYS had the following children:

- viii. MILDRED (MILLY) MEREDITH was born about 1793. She married Samuel MEEK on 19 Dec 1806 in Adair Co., KY<sup>22</sup>.
- ix. ELIZABETH (BETSY) MEREDITH was born about 1794. She married Fielding BRATCHER on 25 Jun 1812 in Wayne Co., KY<sup>23</sup>.

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### Generation 2 (cont.)

3. **DANIEL<sup>2</sup> MEREDITH** (James<sup>1</sup>) was born on 17 May 1762<sup>4</sup>. He died in 1826 in Illinois<sup>9</sup>. He married Hannah COOK on 12 Jan 1787 in Surry county, NC<sup>10</sup>. She died in Sep 1848<sup>9</sup>.

Notes for Daniel MEREDITH:

Daniel was in Adair County, Ky in the early 1800s. In March 1814 he and his wife Hannah sold 77 acres of land to Adam Miller for \$300. The deed can be found in deed book C, pages 420-421. It is unclear when he acquired the land since he does not appear on the county's grantee index. Presumably he moved on to Illinois sometime later.

Notes for Hannah COOK:

Copied from Ancestry:

6.Hannah Cook (c1767 - 13 Sept 1848) Called "Hannah Meredith" in her father's will, she had married Daniel Meredith in Surry County by bond dated 12 January 1787, with Benjamin Burch as bondsman. Daniel Meredith (1762-1826) was the son of the James Meredith and Mildred Bagby whose wills are mentioned above.[82] [He was also the uncle of the Jane Meredith, who married the unrelated Philip Cook.] Daniel Meredith inherited a piece of land in Stokes County from his father but did not live on it. Interestingly, the Merediths appear to have been in Georgia briefly in the early 1790s, but were in Adair County, Kentucky about 1806, then moved to Logan County, and about 1820 to Bond County, Illinois. Daniel Meredith died in Montgomery County (formed from Bond) in 1826. There is a Bible of one of their daughters, Sarah Coffey, which records their death dates. Hannah died in Pike County, Illinois, according to a descendant. Their children were: William (1788-1839), Sarah (1789-1833), Keziah B. (1791-1880), Elizabeth, James, Thurza, and Thomas C. Meredith (1811-1880)

Daniel MEREDITH and Hannah COOK had the following children:

- i. WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> MEREDITH was born in 1788. He died in 1839. He married Anna PETERS on 11 Oct 1810<sup>11</sup>.
- ii. SARAH MEREDITH was born in 1789. She died in 1833.
- iii. KEZIA B. MEREDITH was born in 1791. She died in 1880. She married William PETERS on 08 Oct 1810 in Kentucky, USA<sup>14</sup>.
- iv. THOMAS MEREDITH was born in 1811. He died in 1880. He married Susannah WOLDRIDGE on 23 Aug 1832 in Cooper, Missouri, USA<sup>15</sup>.
- v. ELIZABETH MEREDITH.
- vi. JAMES MEREDITH.
- vii. THURZA MEREDITH.

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### Generation 3

4. **JANE (JENNY)<sup>3</sup> MEREDITH** (William<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1769. She married Philip COOK on 20 Dec 1790<sup>7</sup>.

Philip COOK and Jane (Jenny) MEREDITH had the following child:

6. i. ANN<sup>4</sup> COOK. She married Josiah DUCK on 01 Oct 1817 in Pulaski county, KY<sup>24</sup>. He was born about 1800<sup>25</sup>. He died on 18 Dec 1855<sup>25</sup>.
5. **DANIEL<sup>3</sup> MEREDITH** (William<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1780. He died before 23 Dec 1846<sup>16</sup> in Decatur county, IN. He married (1) **MARY HUDSON** on 10 Apr 1814 in Pulaski county, KY<sup>17-18</sup>. She died before 1839. He married (2) **MARGARET HARRISON NEW** on 15 Jan 1839 in (Decatur), IN<sup>19-20</sup>. She died about 1848<sup>21</sup>.

Notes for Daniel MEREDITH:

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### Generation 3 (cont.)

Daniel appears on the 1815 tax rolls for Pulaski county, Kentucky. He appears almost every year after that up until about 1821. He moved to Decatur county by 1825, as evidenced by his land patent there. The first land patent refers to him as a resident of Jennings county, Indiana, but no record has yet been found of his presence there. Decatur county records from 1826 list his stock mark as "a crop and a slit in the right ear and an under bit in the left ear." He died sometime late in 1846, but the precise date has not been fixed. His estate was probated on 23 December 1846.

The following entry in Decatur county's probate book D, p. 699, (as excerpted in Court Records of Decatur County, 1822-1848, by Maurice Holmes, 1980) provides the particulars of his estate and of his children.

"On their applications, William Robbins, Jr. and Daniel Meredith, Jr. were appointed administrators Dec. 23, 1846 of the estate of Daniel Meredith, Sr. deceased with Newberry Wheeldon as their security. Margaret Meredith, the widow, relinquished her right to act as admx. An inventory of Daniel's personal property was filed in court appraised by John Ewbank and James Davis which was the usual household and farm items of that era. William Camden was clerk at the sale of the personal property. William Ball and John E. Robbins later appraised a field of wheat belonging to the deceased. The heirs of Daniel were listed as: Margaret the widow and Daniel Jr, H.H., Sanford, Polly Jane, Marion, and Norval F. Meredith of Decatur Co; Jeremiah and Nancy Pettit of Jennings Co. and James M. and William P. Meredith non-residents of Indiana and William Short and wife Polly. The residue of the estate was distributed to the above heirs less advances previously received by them. Nov. 1848."

Daniel MEREDITH and Mary HUDSON had the following children:

7. i. JAMES M.<sup>4</sup> MEREDITH was born about 1814 in KY<sup>26-29</sup>. He died on 14 Apr 1891 in North Topeka (Shawnee), KS<sup>30</sup>. He married Margaret NATION on 06 Nov 1842 in Rush county, IN<sup>31-32</sup>. She was born about 1824 in Kentucky<sup>26-27, 33</sup>. She died in Jan 1894<sup>34</sup>.
8. ii. WILLIAM P. MEREDITH was born on 20 Apr 1817<sup>35</sup>. He died on 06 May 1879 in Missouri. He married Louisa Jane DICKERSON, daughter of Elijah DICKERSON and Sarah BLAKEMORE, before 18 Nov 1856<sup>36</sup>. She was born on 28 Sep 1832 in TN<sup>37</sup>. She died on 09 Feb 1913 in St. Clair county, MO<sup>37</sup>.
9. iii. NANCY H. MEREDITH<sup>38</sup> was born about 1822<sup>39</sup>. She married (1) JEREMIAH PETTIT on 06 Sep 1839 in Decatur Co. IN<sup>40-41</sup>. He was born about 1821<sup>39</sup>. She married (2) WILLIAM SMITH.
10. iv. DANIEL MEREDITH was born on 27 Jan 1823<sup>42</sup>. He died on 28 Feb 1881<sup>43</sup>. He married Sarah BALL on 15 Sep 1845<sup>44</sup>. She was born in 1827 in IN<sup>45</sup>. She died in 1909 in Linn county, IA<sup>45</sup>.
11. v. HENRY H. MEREDITH was born about 1824<sup>46</sup>. He died on 12 May 1902<sup>47-48</sup>. He married Armanilla BOURNE on 11 Apr 1844 in Franklin Co., IN<sup>46, 49</sup>. She was born about 1822<sup>46</sup>. She died on 27 Feb 1890<sup>47</sup>.
12. vi. SANFORD MEREDITH was born about 1825<sup>50</sup>. He died on 04 Apr 1887<sup>50</sup>. He married Nancy Jane NATION on 15 Jun 1847 in Rush county, IN<sup>44, 51</sup>. She was born about 1826<sup>52</sup>.
13. vii. MARY JANE MEREDITH<sup>38</sup> was born on 03 Jun 1829<sup>53</sup>. She died on 28 Apr 1906<sup>54</sup>. She married William E. SHORT on 25 Mar 1847 in Decatur Co. IN<sup>55-56</sup>. He was born about 1823<sup>57</sup>.
14. viii. MARION MEREDITH was born on 21 May 1831 in Greensburg (Decatur), IN<sup>58-59</sup>. He died on 28 Dec 1904 in Vinton, IA<sup>59-61</sup>. He married Sarah Frances LATHROP on 21 May 1856 in Decatur Co. IN<sup>62-63</sup>. She was born on 25 Aug 1835<sup>59, 64</sup>. She died on 06 Jan 1915<sup>59, 65</sup>.

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### Generation 3 (cont.)

15. ix. NORVAL F. MEREDITH was born on 04 Jul 1833<sup>66-68</sup>. He died on 18 Apr 1923 in Jefferson county, IL<sup>67, 69</sup>. He married Marinda Ann JONES, daughter of Clark JONES and Susan PRATHER, on 10 Apr 1856<sup>32, 70</sup>. She was born in Sep 1836<sup>67, 71</sup>. She died on 28 Feb 1923 in Jefferson county, IL<sup>69</sup>.

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### Generation 4

6. **ANN<sup>4</sup> COOK** (Jane (Jenny)<sup>3</sup> MEREDITH, William<sup>2</sup> MEREDITH, James<sup>1</sup> MEREDITH, Philip). She married Josiah DUCK on 01 Oct 1817 in Pulaski county, KY<sup>24</sup>. He was born about 1800<sup>25</sup>. He died on 18 Dec 1855<sup>25</sup>.

Josiah DUCK and Ann COOK had the following child:

- i. ANN<sup>5</sup> DUCK.
7. **JAMES M.<sup>4</sup> MEREDITH** (Daniel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1814 in KY<sup>26-29</sup>. He died on 14 Apr 1891 in North Topeka (Shawnee), KS<sup>30</sup>. He married Margaret NATION on 06 Nov 1842 in Rush county, IN<sup>31-32</sup>. She was born about 1824 in Kentucky<sup>26-27, 33</sup>. She died in Jan 1894<sup>34</sup>.

James M. MEREDITH was buried in Harveyville cemetery (Wabaunsee), KS<sup>75</sup>.

Notes for James M. MEREDITH:

An 1848 patent for land in Knox county, Missouri, lists him as James Meredith of Decatur county, Indiana, so it appears as if he was in Missouri for at least a short time.

Probate court records from February 1848 in Decatur county for Daniel's estate perhaps shed some light on the residence issue. In Book D, page 699, James and his brother William P. are both listed as heirs of Daniel but as "non-residents of Indiana." The court records say nothing about where he was living, but this is in the same year that he received the Missouri patent mentioned. Also in 1848 he contested the will of Daniel's second wife, Margaret, but the court ruled against him. It is not clear what prompted him to take this action, but since he was not mentioned as one of the heirs in her will, it might have been related to land that perhaps he felt entitled to inherit. Since she mentioned only Norval and Marion in the will, this suggests either that he had not been living in the local area or that Margaret felt the older siblings had already been adequately provided for.

By the time of the 1850 census he was back in Decatur county and it is possible to identify him as Francis Marion's father since they were enumerated in the federal census together. His occupation is listed as "blacksmith" and his birthplace is listed as Kentucky, the same as Margaret, his wife. He was approximately 34 and she was about 26 at the time. All of their children are listed as being born in Indiana. In 1850 their oldest son, William, was 6, possibly pointing to a marriage date in 1843 or 1844. For the next twenty years he and his family appear to have stayed in Decatur county, as evidenced by his appearance on tax lists and the 1860 census.

However, by 1870 he and his family had moved to Kansas. He disappears from the census and tax rolls in Decatur county, and the federal census of that year places him in Eskridge, Kansas, listed as a farmer with 1,000 acres. Deed records in Decatur county show him as selling his land in 1869, so the actual move to Kansas probably occurred late that year. He also appears in the 1875 Kansas census (age 60, born in Kentucky), still living in Eskridge and still farming.

At some point he moved to Topeka, more specifically North Topeka. When his son, John, died in 1880 leaving several orphan children, James's request for guardianship was handled in Shawnee county courts, not Wabaunsee.

Regarding his death, the Eskridge paper of 16 April 1891 noted that "Tuesday morning F.M. Meredith received a telegram announcing the death of his father in North Topeka. He took the morning train for there to attend the funeral. His father's death was very sudden and unexpected." The Topeka Daily Capital of 15 April contained the following item:

J.M. Meredith died at his residence on North Kansas Avenue at 9 o'clock yesterday morning.

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## Generation 4 (cont.)

Deceased was 76 years old and appeared to be hearty and vigorous up to the time of his death. He was upon the streets on Monday and appeared to be in usual good health and spirits but in the evening was taken with a spell of vomiting, which continued until near morning, when Dr. Plummer was called. Later he grew weak and Dr. Mitchell was also called in, and [by] 9 o'clock he had breathed his last. The immediate cause of death was attributed to heart failure. Mr. Meredith was an old settler in the town and owned some property here. He leaves a wife and several grown children. The funeral will take place Thursday morning and the remains taken to Harveyville, Wabaunsee County, for interment."

All available documentary evidence points to James probably being born in Pulaski county, Kentucky. W.W. Phillips was appointed administrator of his will on 14 May 1891, probate case number 2619. The Letters of Administration for his estate were recorded in Shawnee county on 14 May 1891. W.W. Phillips is listed as the administrator, and A.W. Knowles guaranteed bond. There is no record of James having left a will, based on a search of available materials at the Kansas Historical Society or the Shawnee County courthouse. The Letters of Administration proceedings indicate that he probably died intestate.

Margaret NATION was buried on 18 Jan 1894 in Harveyville (Wabaunsee), KS, lot 22<sup>34</sup>.

James M. MEREDITH and Margaret NATION had the following children:

16. i. WILLIAM DANIEL<sup>5</sup> MEREDITH was born on 29 Mar 1844 in Williamstown (Decatur), IN<sup>95</sup>. He died on 18 Nov 1920<sup>95, 97</sup> in Topeka (Shawnee), KS. He married Elizabeth H. HOWELL, daughter of Unknown HOWELL, on 30 Dec 1866 in near Vernon (Jennings), IN<sup>97, 99</sup>. She was born on 03 Nov 1850 in Vernon (Jennings), IN<sup>97</sup>. She died on 21 Jan 1933<sup>101</sup> in Topeka (Shawnee), KS.
17. ii. JOHN W. MEREDITH<sup>108</sup> was born about 1845 in IN<sup>109</sup>. He died on 04 Dec 1880 in North Topeka, KS<sup>110-111</sup>. He married Edith L. HARRIS on 29 Nov 1873 in Wabaunsee county, KS<sup>113-114</sup>. She was born about 1855 in Harrison county, MO<sup>115</sup>. She died on 07 Apr 1880 in North Topeka (Shawnee), KS<sup>115-116</sup>.
18. iii. FRANCIS MARION MEREDITH was born on 10 Jan 1847 in MO?<sup>118-119</sup>. He died on 03 Mar 1905 in Eskridge (Wabaunsee), KS<sup>120-122</sup>. He married Susannah Delilah CARTER, daughter of Enoch CARTER and Elisabeth FAULKNER, on 14 Apr 1870 in Harveyville (Wabaunsee), KS<sup>120, 123</sup>. She was born on 14 Feb 1853 in (Clinton), OH<sup>124-125</sup>. She died on 09 Jan 1916 in Eskridge (Wabaunsee), KS<sup>124-125</sup>.
19. iv. JEMIMA "JENNIE" MEREDITH was born on 01 Mar 1848<sup>131</sup>. She died on 18 May 1917 in California, USA<sup>132</sup>. She married William Milton NEWBY, son of Dempsey NEWBY and Elizabeth HOSKINS, on 09 Mar 1872 in Osage county, KS<sup>133</sup>. He was born on 29 Sep 1845 in Clinton, Ohio, USA<sup>134-135</sup>. He died on 05 Mar 1923 in California, USA<sup>136</sup>.
  - v. JAMES H. MEREDITH was born about 1851<sup>145-146</sup>. He died about 10 Mar 1876 in KS<sup>147</sup>.

James H. MEREDITH was buried in Harveyville (Wabaunsee), KS (lot 22, space 1).
20. vi. JUSTINA "JESSIE" MEREDITH was born about 1858 in IN<sup>152</sup>. She died on 13 Jun 1889 in Decatur Co., IN<sup>50</sup>. She married Junius L. STOWELL, son of Alva STOWELL and Emily DELONG, on 24 Jun 1880<sup>153</sup>. He was born about 1857. He died on 02 May 1891 in Topeka (Shawnee), KS<sup>154-156</sup>.
- vii. ELLEN (ELLA?) MEREDITH was born about 1863<sup>162</sup>. She married (1) A.J GORDON on 08 Mar 1880 in Shawnee county, KS<sup>163</sup>. He was born about 1847<sup>164</sup>. She married (2) WILLIAM A. JACKSON on 24 Jul 1886 in Shawnee county, KS<sup>163</sup>. He was born about 1860<sup>164</sup>.

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- viii. BRACKEN MEREDITH was born in 1865. He died on 05 Feb 1888 in Topeka (Shawnee), Kansas<sup>169</sup>.

Bracken MEREDITH was buried in Harveyville (Wabaunsee), KS, lot 22, space 6.

Notes for Bracken MEREDITH:

The Eskridge Star of 9 February 1888 had the following obituary:

Bracken Meredith, brother of Wm. and Marion Meredith of this city, died at his home in Topeka February 5th at 8 AM and was buried at Harveyville Monday afternoon.

- ix. MARSHALL MEREDITH was born on 02 May 1869 in Greensburg, IN<sup>173</sup>. He died on 10 May 1907 in Topeka (Shawnee), Kansas<sup>174-175</sup>. He married Almira STOWELL, daughter of Charles STOWELL and Eliza UNKNOWN, on 09 Feb 1891 in Shawnee county, KS<sup>176</sup>. She was born about 1876<sup>180</sup>.

Marshall MEREDITH was buried in Harveyville cemetery (Wabaunsee), KS (lot 23, space 7).

Notes for Marshall MEREDITH:

The Eskridge Star of 16 May 1907 contained the following complete obituary.

"Marshall Meredith was born at Greensburg, Indiana, May 2, 1869 and died of heart failure in Topeka, May 10, 1907, aged 38 years and 8 days. He came to Kansas with his parents in the fall after his birth. For several years he has been a well known hackman of Topeka. His body was brought to Harveyville Monday and suitably interred by the side of departed members of the family. He leaves a brother, W.D. Meredith of Topeka and one sister, Mrs. M. W. Newby of Los Angeles, California to mourn his loss."

On May 11, 1907 the Topeka State Journal ran the following story.

"Marsh Meredith, a well known character about town and who has been a hackman for a number of years, was dead yesterday afternoon in the alley back of his stable at No. 1008 North Quincy street. His head was wedged between the side of the wheel of his hack and the side of the barn. An effort to weave a 'murder mystery' about the death was made but bore little fruit.

Dr. Keith, the coroner, performed an autopsy on the body this morning. He found that death had resulted from heart failure induced by alcoholism and the excessive use of morphine and other drugs. Four bruises were found on Meredith's head but the were not such as would be made by blows from cudgels or other instruments when a person's head is beaten in by a murderer. It the opinion of Dr. Keith and the other county officers as well that these bruises resulted from Meredith hitting his head on falling from the hack when the apoplexy stroke affected him.

The day before his death Meredith had assigned his property, consisting of a hack and a couple of horses with the harness, to a friend and this was one of the 'threads' used in the manufacture of the 'murder mystery' web. This assignment was made to N.M. Place, another hackman, and who has palled with Meredith for a long time. Place, however, told the county officers that he had not seen Meredith withiin several hours of the the time his dead body was found and that when he did see him early in in the morning of yesterday he appeared to be in about the same inebriated condition that had been in during the past ten days.

From the investigations made by Sheriff Wilkerson it seems that Meredith had a



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## Generation 4 (cont.)

premonition that his end was near for several days before his death occurred and that he had gone to a number of people on the North side and tried to give them a bill of sale for his property so that we would be prepared in a way for death. One of the persons so approached as Mr. Conwell, the undertaker. Meredith went to him and told him that he felt he was going to die soon. He wanted to give Mr. Conwell a bill of sale for his hack and horses so that the undertaker would be prepared to give him a funeral. Mr. Conwell talked him out of the idea that he was going to die, but Meredith continued his efforts to dispose of his property and finally gave the bill of sale to Place on Thursday afternoon. This bill of sale was made out regularly by J.J. King, a North side lawyer."

Marsh's probate case is number 5223 and James E. Larimer was appointed administrator to the will.

Marshall MEREDITH and Almira STOWELL were divorced about 1898<sup>183</sup>.

8. **WILLIAM P.<sup>4</sup> MEREDITH** (Daniel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born on 20 Apr 1817<sup>35</sup>. He died on 06 May 1879 in Missouri. He married Louisa Jane DICKERSON, daughter of Elijah DICKERSON and Sarah BLAKEMORE, before 18 Nov 1856<sup>36</sup>. She was born on 28 Sep 1832 in TN<sup>37</sup>. She died on 09 Feb 1913 in St. Clair county, MO<sup>37</sup>.

Louisa Jane DICKERSON was buried in Pleasant Mound Cemetery, St. Clair county, MO<sup>188</sup>.

William P. MEREDITH and Louisa Jane DICKERSON had the following children:

- i. WILLIAM J.<sup>5</sup> MEREDITH was born about 1853.
- ii. MARY ANN MEREDITH was born on 19 Jul 1856<sup>35, 78</sup>. She died on 06 Jan 1927 in Nevada, MO<sup>80</sup>. She married William CREASEY on 28 Mar 1877<sup>82</sup>.
- iii. JAMES EMERY MEREDITH was born on 19 May 1857<sup>35, 92</sup>. He died on 18 Feb 1937<sup>92</sup>. He married Sarah Sallie Marmaduke GLENN on 20 Nov 1915 in Sauare Praire, St Clair, Missouri<sup>94</sup>. She was born on 28 Feb 1867<sup>98</sup>. She died on 13 Oct 1923<sup>98</sup>.

James Emery MEREDITH was buried in Osceola Cemetery, St. Clair County, MO<sup>100</sup>.

Notes for James Emery MEREDITH:

Thursday, February 19, 1937 marked the passing of one of our old time and loyal citizens of St. Clair County in the person of "Uncle Jim" Meredith as he was familiarly known. He will be remembered by the people of Collins, as he spent several years of his life near there, also of the Bear Creek neighborhood as he lived there several years. When he was a young man his father died leaving him the responsibility of helping his mother rear the children, which he did well. After his marriage, he assisted in the rearing of two families of orphan children. He was born in Pettis county near Sedalia, Missouri, May 19, 1857. He moved with his parents to Hickory county when just a boy. About the time he came to manhood he lived north of Humansville and spent the most of the remainder of his life in St. Clair county and Henry county. He passed away at the home of his nephew, Evan Lawler in Vista, Missouri at the age of 79 years 8 months, and 29 days. He was married to Sallie Glenn in November 1915. She preceded him in death in October 1923. He leaves to mourn his going: one brother, Dee Meredith, Erie, Kansas, one sister, Mrs. Mattie Lawler, Cole, Missouri, one half-brother, W.J. Brookshire, Rollins, Kansas. A number of nephews and nieces and a host of friends. He was converted at the Conn schoolhouse in St. Clair county nearly 50 years ago under the preaching of Bro. Sam Hardy. He spent the most of the time for the last few

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years with his nephews, Arlie Meredith of Osceola, and Evan Lawler of Vista. He was always cheerful and had a kind word for everyone. Funeral services were conducted at Vista Baptist church by The Rev. D.D. Tally on Saturday, February 20, 1937. Interment was in the Osceola cemetery with O.S. Hull of Osceola Funeral Home in charge. The pall bearers were: Evan Lawler, Arlie Meredith, Dale Lawler, Lee Meredith, Fred Meredith, Roy Boswell and Ted Sink. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved.

SarahSallie Marmaduke GLENN was buried in Osceola Cemetery, St. Clair County, MO<sup>100</sup>.

- iv. DANIEL MEREDITH was born in Apr 1859<sup>35</sup>. He died on 28 Mar 1925<sup>137</sup>. He married Amanda CROSS on 07 Mar 1883 in Pettis, Adair, Missouri, USA<sup>82</sup>. She was born in 1862<sup>138</sup>. She died in 1945<sup>138</sup>.

Daniel MEREDITH was buried in Springhill Cemetery, Johnson County, KS<sup>138</sup>.

Amanda CROSS was buried in Springhill Cemetery, Johnson County, KS<sup>138</sup>.

21. v. NORVILLE MEREDITH was born on 03 Apr 1861<sup>157-158</sup>. He died on 01 Feb 1917<sup>158</sup>. He married Mary E. (Mollie) HARDY, daughter of Berley HARDY, on 04 Mar 1888 in St Clair, Missouri<sup>94</sup>. She was born on 30 Jun 1863<sup>161</sup>. She died on 03 Sep 1954<sup>161</sup>.
22. vi. HENRY MEREDITH was born on 25 Jul 1863 in Hickory County, MO<sup>157, 166</sup>. He died on 20 Jul 1902<sup>166</sup>. He married Mary BOSWELL in Oct 1892<sup>167</sup>. She was born on 26 Apr 1869<sup>168</sup>. She died on 17 Apr 1900<sup>168</sup>.
23. vii. ELIJAH DEE MEREDITH was born on 09 Jul 1865 in Cross Timbers, Hickory, Missouri, USA<sup>157, 170</sup>. He died on 01 Aug 1945 in Neosho county, KS<sup>170-171</sup>. He married Nancy Adeline (Addie) SHOCKLEY on 14 Aug 1887 in Collings, MO<sup>94, 170</sup>. She was born on 07 Aug 1869<sup>170-171</sup>. She died on 14 Jun 1957<sup>170-171</sup>.
- viii. MATTIE (MARTHA) DOUGLAS MEREDITH was born on 02 Oct 1867<sup>177-178</sup>. She died on 12 Nov 1939<sup>177, 179</sup>. She married Benjamin F. LAWLER on 10 Nov 1892 in St Clair, Missouri<sup>82</sup>. He was born in 1870<sup>177</sup>. He died in 1932<sup>177</sup>.

Mattie (Martha) Douglas MEREDITH was buried in Englewood Cemetery, Clinton (Henry), MO<sup>177</sup>.

Benjamin F. LAWLER was buried in Englewood Cemetery, Clinton (Henry), MO<sup>177</sup>.

9. **NANCY H.<sup>4</sup> MEREDITH** (Daniel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>)<sup>38</sup> was born about 1822<sup>39</sup>. She married (1) **JEREMIAH PETTIT** on 06 Sep 1839 in Decatur Co. IN<sup>40-41</sup>. He was born about 1821<sup>39</sup>. She married (2) **WILLIAM SMITH**.

Notes for Nancy H. MEREDITH:

Jeremiah PETTIT and Nancy H. MEREDITH had the following children:

- i. NANCY<sup>5</sup> PETTIT was born on 18 Jul 1840<sup>86-87</sup>. She died on 26 Mar 1925<sup>87</sup>. She married UNKNOWN COLE.
- ii. JOHN D. PETTIT was born about 1844<sup>86</sup>.
- iii. MARY M. PETTIT was born about 1850<sup>112</sup>.
- iv. LYDIA PETTIT was born about 1852<sup>112</sup>.
- v. JEREMIAH PETTIT was born about 1856<sup>112</sup>.

10. **DANIEL<sup>4</sup> MEREDITH** (Daniel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born on 27 Jan 1823<sup>42</sup>. He died on 28 Feb

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1881<sup>43</sup>. He married Sarah BALL on 15 Sep 1845<sup>44</sup>. She was born in 1827 in IN<sup>45</sup>. She died in 1909 in Linn county, IA<sup>45</sup>.

Daniel MEREDITH was buried in Harris City cemetery, Decatur co., IN<sup>74</sup>.

Notes for Daniel MEREDITH:

From local Greensburg paper, 4 Mar 1881:

We regret to have to announce the death of Daniel Meredith, which occurred last Monday 3 miles south of this city, of pneumonia. He was born January 17, 1823 in Jennings county. In 1825 the family moved near the Harris quarry in this county. He was married in 1845 to Sarah Ball, who with five children mourn [sic] the loss of a kind husband and parent. After marriage he resided a number of years in Sandcreek township where, though politically a strong Republican, he was elected Township Trustee in 1869. He was fifty eight years old at the time of his death. He has suffered periodical attacks of Hay Fever, and this had affected his lungs to some extent, and made him an easier prey doubtless to the terrible disease of which he died. He was upon the streets a few days ago, apparently a strong man. He was full of animal life, always lively, added cheerfulness to any crowd he entered. His neighbors thought well of him, and will miss him from their midst. It can be truthfully said a good citizen has departed.

Sarah BALL was buried in Boulder Cemetery, Linn county, IA<sup>45</sup>.

Notes for Sarah BALL:

From local Greensburg paper, 21 May 1909:, copied from the Central City, Iowa, News and Mail.

Sarah Ball was born in Decatur county, Indiana, February 9, 1827. The greater part of her life was spent in this section of the country. There, on September 18, 1845 she was married to Daniel Meredith and to them were born ten children. Two daughters and one son preceded their mother to the other world. The seven remaining are: Mrs. D.O. McCammon of Waubeek; Mrs. Morris Brown, of VanWert, Iowa; M.F. Meredith of Anamasa; W.B. Meredith of Waubeek; Mrs. R.G. McCormack of St. Paul, Indiana; H.N. Meredith of Excelsior Springs, Missouri, and Mrs. Lafayette Smith of Central City.

Mr. Meredith died February 28, 1881, and after a few years, in 1892, Mrs. Meredith came to Iowa to spend the remainder of her days with her children. She died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lafayette Smith, two miles south of Central City, on Saturday morning, May 8, 1909, at the age of eighty-two years, two months, and twenty-nine days.

When quite young she became a member of the United Brethren Church, but twenty two years ago she united with the Methodist Episcopal Church and remained a faithful member until her death. The funeral services were held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Smith, all the children being present except Mrs. R.H. McCormack and H.N. Meredith, who could not come on account of poor health. The services were conducted by the pastor of the Methodist church, Rev. S.C. Bretnall, assisted by Rev. W.S. Waller, of the Baptist church, and the body awaits the morning of the resurrection in the Boulder cemetery.

Besides the children living, fourteen grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren, with a large circle of friends, mourn their loss.

Mrs. Meredith was sick for the last three months of her life, during which time she received the most tender and loving care at the hands of her children, and was cheerfull and patient through it all. She was a very affectionate mother, a godly woman, and her children rise up to call her blessed. They will remember her toil for them and her patience and careful training and right counsel. She was a woman who made friends wherever she went, and many will feel the loss of

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her kindly sympathy and friendship.

Daniel MEREDITH and Sarah BALL had the following children:

- i. ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup> MEREDITH was born on 11 Jul 1846<sup>45, 90-91</sup>. She died on 20 Nov 1924<sup>45, 93</sup>. She married David MCCAMMON on 24 May 1866 in Decatur Co. IN<sup>96</sup>. He was born in 1846<sup>45</sup>. He died in 1924<sup>45</sup>.

Elizabeth MEREDITH was buried in Boulder Cemetery, Linn county, IA<sup>45</sup>.

David MCCAMMON was buried in Boulder Cemetery, Linn county, IA<sup>45</sup>.

- ii. MARY J. MEREDITH was born on 29 Jun 1849<sup>126-127</sup>. She died on 17 Jan 1874<sup>126-127</sup>. She married William GRAYSON on 27 May 1866<sup>128</sup>.

Mary J. MEREDITH was buried in Old Westport Cemetery, Westport (Decatur), IN<sup>127</sup>.

24. iii. PRISCILLA KITCHEL MEREDITH was born on 12 Sep 1850 in Decatur Co., IN<sup>139-140</sup>. She died on 30 Jan 1925 in Van Wert (Decatur), IA<sup>139-140</sup>. She married Morris BROWN on 28 Nov 1875<sup>141-142</sup> in Decatur county, IN. He was born on 12 Oct 1848<sup>143-144</sup>. He died on 17 Aug 1929<sup>143-144</sup>.

25. iv. MARSHAL FRANKLIN MEREDITH was born on 08 Dec 1852<sup>45, 148</sup>. He died on 16 Jun 1939<sup>45, 148-149</sup>. He married Lucinda GRAYSON on 14 Feb 1873<sup>150</sup>. She was born on 06 Apr 1854<sup>45, 151</sup>. She died on 21 Sep 1933<sup>45, 151</sup>.

26. v. WILLIAM MEREDITH was born in 1855<sup>45, 159</sup>. He died in 1932<sup>45</sup>. He married Emma MCLAUGHLIN, daughter of William MCLAUGHLIN and Sarah EUBANK, on 21 Oct 1886 in Buffalo Rapids (Linn), IA<sup>160</sup>. She was born in 1862<sup>45</sup>. She died in 1945<sup>45</sup>.

- vi. SARAH MEREDITH was born about 1857<sup>159</sup>. She married ROBERT HARVE MCCORMACK. He was born on 17 Jul 1858<sup>165</sup>. He died on 18 Apr 1928<sup>165</sup>.

- vii. JOHN MEREDITH was born on 17 Jul 1859<sup>126</sup>.

- viii. HENRY N. MEREDITH was born in 1861<sup>45, 172</sup>. He died in 1948<sup>45</sup>.

- ix. MARINDA A. MEREDITH was born on 27 Jun 1863<sup>74, 172, 181</sup>. She died on 24 Aug 1884<sup>74, 182</sup>.

Marinda A. MEREDITH was buried in Harris City cemetery, Decatur co., IN<sup>74</sup>.

- x. FRANCES (FANNY) MEREDITH was born in 1866<sup>172, 184</sup>. She died in 1935<sup>45</sup>. She married Lafayette SMITH on 20 Apr 1896 in Anamosa, Jones, Iowa, USA<sup>185-186</sup>. He was born in 1860<sup>45</sup>. He died on 21 Aug 1932<sup>45, 187</sup>.

Frances (Fanny) MEREDITH was buried in Boulder Cemetery, Linn county, IA<sup>45</sup>.

Lafayette SMITH was buried in Boulder Cemetery, Linn county, IA<sup>45</sup>.

11. **HENRY H.<sup>4</sup> MEREDITH** (Daniel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1824<sup>46</sup>. He died on 12 May 1902<sup>47-48</sup>. He married Armanilla BOURNE on 11 Apr 1844 in Franklin Co., IN<sup>46, 49</sup>. She was born about 1822<sup>46</sup>. She died on 27 Feb 1890<sup>47</sup>.

Henry H. MEREDITH was buried in Beech Grove Cemetery, Muncie (Delaware), IN<sup>47</sup>.

Armanilla BOURNE was buried in Beech Grove Cemetery, Muncie (Delaware), IN<sup>47</sup>.

Henry H. MEREDITH and Armanilla BOURNE had the following children:

- i. LAVINA<sup>5</sup> MEREDITH was born about 1846<sup>46</sup>.

- ii. MARY MEREDITH was born about 1854<sup>88</sup>. She died in 1923<sup>89</sup>.

27. iii. ELLA S. MEREDITH was born in 1866<sup>47, 102</sup>. She died on 05 Jul 1924<sup>47</sup>. She married
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Coria CROPPER on 03 Nov 1886<sup>103-104</sup>. He was born on 31 Aug 1866<sup>47, 104</sup>. He died on 21 Feb 1938<sup>47</sup>.

12. **SANFORD<sup>4</sup> MEREDITH** (Daniel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1825<sup>50</sup>. He died on 04 Apr 1887<sup>50</sup>. He married Nancy Jane NATION on 15 Jun 1847 in Rush county, IN<sup>44, 51</sup>. She was born about 1826<sup>52</sup>.

Notes for Sanford MEREDITH:

From a local Greensburg paper, 8 Apr 1887:

Died, April 4, at the home of his sister, Mrs. William Short, Sanford Meredith. His remains were taken to Sandusky to be interred beside his wife. He had suffered with dropsy for a long time and at last became its victim.

Sanford MEREDITH and Nancy Jane NATION had the following child:

28. i. WILLIAM<sup>5</sup> MEREDITH was born on 07 Aug 1850<sup>76-77</sup>. He died on 18 Aug 1917<sup>77</sup>. He married Anna HACKNEY on 07 Aug 1895 in Indiana, USA<sup>81</sup>. She was born on 28 Jun 1858<sup>83-84</sup>. She died on 23 Feb 1932 in Blackford Co., IN<sup>83, 85</sup>.
13. **MARY JANE<sup>4</sup> MEREDITH** (Daniel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>)<sup>38</sup> was born on 03 Jun 1829<sup>53</sup>. She died on 28 Apr 1906<sup>54</sup>. She married William E. SHORT on 25 Mar 1847 in Decatur Co. IN<sup>55-56</sup>. He was born about 1823<sup>57</sup>.

Mary Jane MEREDITH<sup>38</sup> was buried in Godlove Cemetery, Albany (Delaware), IN<sup>72-73</sup>.

William E. SHORT and Mary Jane MEREDITH had the following child:

- i. MARY<sup>5</sup> SHORT was born about 1848<sup>57</sup>.
14. **MARION<sup>4</sup> MEREDITH** (Daniel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born on 21 May 1831 in Greensburg (Decatur), IN<sup>58-59</sup>. He died on 28 Dec 1904 in Vinton, IA<sup>59-61</sup>. He married Sarah Frances LATHROP on 21 May 1856 in Decatur Co. IN<sup>62-63</sup>. She was born on 25 Aug 1835<sup>59, 64</sup>. She died on 06 Jan 1915<sup>59, 65</sup>.

Marion MEREDITH was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Vinton (Benton), IA<sup>79</sup>.

Notes for Marion MEREDITH:

The database of 19th century Indiana physicians (University of Indiana School of Medicine) notes that Marion was born in May, 1831 in Greensburg, Indiana and died 28 December 1904 in Vinton, Iowa. It notes that his obituary can be found in the Transactions of the Iowa State Medical Society, 23:369, 1905.

The History of Benton County, Iowa (Western Historical Company, Chicago, 1878) has the following entry for Marion on page 488:

"Meredith, Marion, Dr., physician and surgeon; born in Decatur Co; Ind., May 21, 1831; received his education and studied medicine and graduated at the Medical College of Ohio in 1866; he was Surgeon of the 68th Ind.V.I. during the war; came to Vinton in 1866, and has practiced his profession here since; has held the office of President of the Iowa Union Medical Society, and is physician for the State College of the Blind. Married Miss Sarah F. Lathrop, from Decatur Co., Ind., May 21, 1856; they have one adopted daughter."

History of Benton County, Iowa (Luther Hill, ed; Lewis Publishing, Chicago, 1910) also has an entry for Marion.

"Dr. Marion Meredith, who died at Vinton, Iowa, December 28, 1904, had been successfully

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engaged in the practice of medicine here for over forty years, during which time he was prominently identified with the best interests of the town and county.

Marion Meredith was born in Greensburg, Indiana, in 1831. The death of his parents left him an orphan before he was ten years of age, and in early life he had a struggle to obtain an education. He prepared himself for the practice of his profession at the Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio, where he graduated about the time the Civil war was inaugurated. Tendering his service to the Union cause, he entered the army as surgeon of the Sixty-eighth Indiana Regiment, and remained on active duty until the war was over. Then he came west to Iowa and settled at Vinton, where he established a practice with which he was identified up to the close of his life. He had been in failing health for several years but was able to be in his office, and conducted his office practice until a short time before his death.

Dr. Meredith was an enterprising, public-spirited citizen, interested in various business enterprises. He helped to organize the Vinton Canning Company, the first institution of the kind here and one of the first in Iowa, and was its president until his death. He was also a stockholder in the canning factory at Waterloo, and he assisted in the organization of the Peoples Saving's Bank and was a stockholder in it.

For years Dr. Meredith was prominently connected with the Masonic Order at Vinton, belonging to the Blue Lodge, the Chapter and the Commandery, and participating in the work of each. He was a member of the Benton County Medical Society, and was for years its president. Politically he was a Republican, well posted in politics, and a conscientious voter; but he never in any sense was a politician, nor would he ever accept office for himself. While he was generous in contributing to the building and support of the various churches in the town, he was not a member of any church.

At Greensburg, Indiana, he married Miss Sarah F. Lathrop, a native of that place and a sister of Dr. W. P. Lathrop, who died at Glenwood, Iowa, when on a visit there in 1876. He was a graduate of the Ohio Medical College of Cincinnati, and had come to Vinton and engaged in practice about 1854. Mrs. Meredith's parents, Harvey and Louise Lathrop, when well advanced in life came from Indiana to Iowa, and died at Vinton soon after. In Indiana Mr. Lathrop was a dry goods merchant. To Doctor and Mrs. Meredith one child was born, Marion Harley, now the wife of E. F. Young of Vinton."

Notes taken from his Civil War pension file indicate that he enlisted in the 68th Volunter Indiana Infantry on 1 September 1862 at age 31 and was discharged on 20 June 1865 at Nashville, Tennessee. His service record describes him as being about 6'2" tall, with brown hair and blue eyes. At the time of his enlistment he was a medical student and was promoted to assistant surgeon on 6 December 1862. By 1864 he is in charge of the post hospital at Cleveland, Tennessee.

Marion MEREDITH and Sarah Frances LATHROP had the following child:

i. MARION HURLEY<sup>5</sup> MEREDITH was born on 28 May 1868<sup>65</sup>. She married E.F. YOUNG.

15. **NORVAL F.<sup>4</sup> MEREDITH** (Daniel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born on 04 Jul 1833<sup>66-68</sup>. He died on 18 Apr 1923 in Jefferson county, IL<sup>67, 69</sup>. He married Marinda Ann JONES, daughter of Clark JONES and Susan PRATHER, on 10 Apr 1856<sup>32, 70</sup>. She was born in Sep 1836<sup>67, 71</sup>. She died on 28 Feb 1923 in Jefferson county, IL<sup>69</sup>.

Norval F. MEREDITH was buried in Opdyke cemetery, Jefferson county, IL<sup>67</sup>.

Marinda Ann JONES was buried in Opdyke cemetery, Jefferson county, IL<sup>67</sup>.

Norval F. MEREDITH and Marinda Ann JONES had the following children:

29. i. MARCELLUS<sup>5</sup> MEREDITH was born in Jan 1857 in Indiana<sup>67</sup>. He died in 1924<sup>67</sup>. He married Mary F. WALKER, daughter of Samuel WALKER and Polly Anna FANNING, on 14 Feb 1878<sup>105-106</sup>. She was born on 06 Dec 1857<sup>107</sup>. She died on

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- ii. IRENA MEREDITH was born in 1859<sup>117</sup>.
- iii. DANIEL CLARK MEREDITH was born on 12 Aug 1865<sup>129</sup>. He died on 28 Apr 1899<sup>129-130</sup>.

Daniel Clark MEREDITH was buried in West Salem cemetery, Jefferson county, IL<sup>129</sup>.

Notes for Daniel Clark MEREDITH:

C. D. MEREDITH, postmaster at Opdyke, died at his home in that village at 3 o'clock this morning, of consumption, after a long illness. Mr. Meredith has not been able to speak above a whisper since his appointment as postmaster. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norval Meredith, and was thirty-four years of age. The funeral and interment will be at Salem, three miles west of this city, about 1 o'clock tomorrow. The funeral party will leave Opdyke at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning and will reach here about noon. Deceased was unmarried.

(April 28, 1899 Mt. Vernon Register News, Jefferson co., IL)

Birth Notes:

- iv. (INFANT) MEREDITH was born in Oct 1873<sup>129</sup>. He died on 14 Sep 1874<sup>129</sup>.

(Infant) MEREDITH was buried in West Salem cemetery, Jefferson county, IL<sup>129</sup>.

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16. **WILLIAM DANIEL<sup>5</sup> MEREDITH** (James M.<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born on 29 Mar 1844 in Williamstown (Decatur), IN<sup>95</sup>. He died on 18 Nov 1920<sup>95, 97</sup> in Topeka (Shawnee), KS. He married Elizabeth H. HOWELL, daughter of Unknown HOWELL, on 30 Dec 1866 in near Vernon (Jennings), IN<sup>97, 99</sup>. She was born on 03 Nov 1850 in Vernon (Jennings), IN<sup>97</sup>. She died on 21 Jan 1933<sup>101</sup> in Topeka (Shawnee), KS.

William Daniel MEREDITH was buried in Harveyville (Wabaunsee), KS (lot 23, space 5<sup>95, 190</sup>).

Notes for William Daniel MEREDITH:

William served along with his brother, Francis Marion, in the 134th Indiana Infantry during the Civil War for a period of 100 days. His military and pension records are on file at the National Archives. The 1880 census found him living in Wilmington township, Wabaunsee county, with his wife Elizabeth and three sons: John, William C., and Joseph E. John, the eldest, is listed as being 13 years old and born in Indiana, but the other children were listed as being born in Kansas. This would place his move from Indiana to Kansas after 1867 but before 1875. In the 1875 Kansas census he is enumerated (volume 59, page 8) along with Elizabeth. Both indicate coming to Kansas from Illinois.

The death certificate in his pension file lists the time of death at 8:30 AM, 18 Nov 1920 from heart disease and notes the burial place as Harveyville cemetery on 22 Nov 1920. On the certificate his occupation listed as self-employed baggage man and his address as 306 Branner, Topeka. The certificate also says that he lived in Topeka for 34 years. The informant for the data on the certificate was J.T. Meredith (probably his son, John Thomas), RR 16, Tecumseh, KS.

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Elizabeth H. HOWELL was buried in Jan 1933 in Harveyville (Wabaunsee), KS<sup>190, 258</sup>.

William Daniel MEREDITH and Elizabeth H. HOWELL had the following children:

- i. JOHN THOMAS<sup>6</sup> MEREDITH was born on 28 Feb 1868 in IN<sup>97</sup>. He died in Mar 1948<sup>205</sup>. He married (1) SADIE WELCHER on 12 Jul 1907<sup>207</sup> in Topeka (Shawnee), KS. He married (2) EMMA KLESATH on 05 Aug 1915 in Topeka (Shawnee), KS ("by Judge Pringle, at his office"<sup>208</sup>). She was born about 1883<sup>209</sup>. She died in 1937<sup>210</sup>.

John Thomas MEREDITH was buried in Harveyville (Wabaunsee), KS, lot 153, space 3<sup>211</sup>.

Notes for John Thomas MEREDITH:

Thomas was evidently living the Topeka area in 1907 when Marsh died. The Eskridge Star of 16 May 1907 refers to Marsh's funeral being attended by "Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Meredith and their son William and wife, of Tecumseh, and another son, Thomas."

John Thomas MEREDITH and Sadie WELCHER were divorced in 1911<sup>230</sup> in Topeka (Shawnee), KS.

John Thomas MEREDITH and Emma KLESATH were divorced before 1930.

- ii. AGNES MAUDE MEREDITH was born on 10 Dec 1869<sup>97</sup>. She died in Sep 1870<sup>97</sup>.
- iii. EDGAR LEONIDAS MEREDITH was born on 07 Mar 1873<sup>97</sup>. He died on 10 Sep 1873<sup>97</sup>.
30. iv. WILLIAM CLARENCE MEREDITH was born on 24 Dec 1875 in KS<sup>97</sup>. He died on 29 Jun 1936<sup>244-245</sup>. He married (1) EMMA KLESATH about 1903<sup>246</sup>. He married (2) RETTA M. SAPPENFIELD. She was born on 13 Aug 1880<sup>247</sup>. She died on 06 Jul 1939<sup>247</sup>.
- v. JOSEPH EDWARD MEREDITH was born on 01 Sep 1878 in near Bradford (Wabaunsee), Kansas<sup>97</sup>. He died on 27 Oct 1901 in Topeka (Shawnee), Kansas<sup>97, 252</sup>.

Joseph Edward MEREDITH was buried in Harveyville (Wabaunsee), KS (lot 23, space 8<sup>190</sup>).

Notes for Joseph Edward MEREDITH:

The Eskridge Star of 31 October 1901 contained the following notice of Joseph's death.

"Joseph E. Meredith died of typhoid fever at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Meredith in Topeka on Sunday evening, October 27, 1901 at 6:30, aged 24 years, 1 month, and 7 days. The deceased was born in this county near the present site of Bradford and was principally raised in Eskridge, his parents moving to this place in the early eighties. His body was brought to Harveyville and deposited in the grave besides those of his departed grandparents in the Harveyville cemetery on Wednesday afternoon."

17. **JOHN W.<sup>5</sup> MEREDITH** (James M.<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>)<sup>108</sup> was born about 1845 in IN<sup>109</sup>. He died on 04 Dec 1880 in North Topeka, KS<sup>110-111</sup>. He married Edith L. HARRIS on 29 Nov 1873 in Wabaunsee county, KS<sup>113-114</sup>. She was born about 1855 in Harrison county, MO<sup>115</sup>. She died on 07 Apr 1880 in North Topeka (Shawnee), KS<sup>115-116</sup>.



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John W. MEREDITH<sup>108</sup> was buried in Harveyville (Wabaunsee), KS (lot 22, space 3<sup>75</sup>).

Notes for John W. MEREDITH:

The 1880 census for the 1st ward in Topeka lists a John Meredith living with a sister, Jessie (age 23), and three children: Myrtle (age 5), Emma (age 3), and Lula May (age 4/12). It is likely that the sister is Justina, who would have been about 23 at the time. Edith, John's wife, died in April of 1880, according to both the federal mortality schedule for 1880 and the Harveyville cemetery records. He was employed as a hack driver in Topeka.

On 10 December 1880, the North Topeka Times reported the following:

"The startling news was reported upon the streets this morning that John W. Meredith, an old citizen of North Topeka, was found dead in his bed. Mr. Meredith lived on Jackson street and has for a number of years driven a hack on the streets. He retired last night in apparent good health, and nothing was known of his illness, even by his bed-fellow Charlie Randall, until this morning when Randall awoke and found him dead. Mr. Meredith lost his wife a short time ago, and leaves two children to swell the number of orphans. He was well known and much esteemed by all who knew him. We are informed that the physician assigns epilepsy as the cause of his death."

Shortly after John's death, his father, James, sought custody of the children, as seen in the following petition from Shawnee probate court:

"James M. Meredith, being sworn, says that John W. Meredith died in this county on the 4th day of December, AD 1880, leaving as his sole heirs his two children, to wit: Myrtle, aged 6 years, and Emily, aged 4 years (their mother having died about eight months ago) and your petitioner prays that he may be appointed their legal guardian, he being the grandfather of said minors."

On 28 December 1880 (case # 760) J.M. Meredith, W.M Newby, and W.D. Meredith were appointed as guardians of Emily and Myrtle Meredith. The Harveyville cemetery record lists "child of" John Meredith as dying also in 1880. This was probably the Lida May listed in the census. This would account for her not being mentioned in the guardianship case for the other children. Thus, the father, mother, and infant all died within the same year. Newby was the husband of Jemima Meredith, and thus a brother in law to John.

On 4 March 1889 W.M Newby was appointed guardian for Myrtle Meredith et al (names not specified), case # 2417.

Edith L. HARRIS was buried in Harveyville (Wabaunsee), KS<sup>75</sup>.

Notes for Edith L. HARRIS:

The North Topeka Times of 9 April 1880 noted Edith's passing with the following article.

Died

"Mrs. Edith L. Meredith, at her residence on Van Buren street, in North Topeka, April 7, 1880 of typhoid pneumonia. Aged 25 years.

Mrs. Meredith was born in Harrison county, Missouri, in 1855, where she lived until she was five years old, and went to Ohio, where she lived for two years, and then came to Kansas in 1862 and has been a resident of Topeka since that time. She was married to John Meredith in February, 1874. Mrs. Meredith has always been a devoted wife and a kind and indulgent mother. She leaves a husband and three children to mourn her loss. She was a member of the Christian church. Mr. Meredith has the sympathy of his many friends."

The marriage date listed in the article is incorrect. They were married on 29 November 1873, as

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shown by a Wabaunsee county marriage certificate.

John W. MEREDITH and Edith L. HARRIS had the following children:

- i. FLORA<sup>6</sup> MEREDITH was born about 1874 in MO<sup>268</sup>. She died before 1880.
- ii. MYRTLE MEREDITH was born about 1875<sup>272</sup>. She died on 15 May 1913<sup>273</sup>. She married E..E. McCORKILL on 23 Jun 1894<sup>274</sup>.

Myrtle MEREDITH was buried in Mt. Auburn, Shawnee Co., KS<sup>275</sup>.

- iii. EMILY MEREDITH was born about 1877<sup>276</sup>.

Notes for Emily MEREDITH:

Emily is listed as Emma and enumerated in the W.M. Newby household in Topeka in the 1885 Kansas census.

- iv. LULA MAY MEREDITH was born in Feb 1880<sup>277</sup>. She died in 1880.

18. FRANCIS MARION<sup>5</sup> MEREDITH (James M.<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born on 10 Jan 1847 in MO?<sup>118-119</sup>. He died on 03 Mar 1905 in Eskridge (Wabaunsee), KS<sup>120-122</sup>. He married Susannah Delilah CARTER, daughter of Enoch CARTER and Elisabeth FAULKNER, on 14 Apr 1870 in Harveyville (Wabaunsee), KS<sup>120, 123</sup>. She was born on 14 Feb 1853 in (Clinton), OH<sup>124-125</sup>. She died on 09 Jan 1916 in Eskridge (Wabaunsee), KS<sup>124-125</sup>.

Francis Marion MEREDITH was buried in Harveyville cemetery (Wabaunsee), KS (lot 153, space 1<sup>190</sup>).

Notes for Francis Marion MEREDITH:

Information available indicates that Francis Marion grew up in Decatur County, Indiana. The newspaper obituaries that appeared after his death say he was born in Cole County, MO and moved to Indiana at the age of 2. Trying to resolve his birthplace is problematic. All census records for which his parents provided information list his birthplace as Indiana. Yet, his father did receive a patent for land in Knox county, Missouri in 1848. There is also circumstantial evidence connected with the disposal of Daniel Sr.'s estate that James was not living in Decatur county in 1848 (he is referred to as a non-resident), so it is possible that Francis M. was born in Missouri. Even if that is the case, it appears as if James was back in Indiana before 1850. Francis Marion served in the 134th Indiana Infantry during the Civil War (a 100-day period of service late in the war). He was mustered in on 24 May 1864 and mustered out 3 September 1864. His brother, William, served in the same unit. His military service and pension records can be found at the National Archives.

It is not yet clear when he came to Kansas, but he appears to have lived most of his adult life in Eskridge as owner of the Hotel Meredith. His granddaughter, Margaret Sayre, says he was the first schoolteacher in the county, and this is evidently confirmed by the 1870 U.S. census which lists his occupation as schoolteacher. The 1875 Kansas census lists him as farmer in Wilmington twp. Five years later, the 1880 federal census lists him as farmer, in Emporia twp. He may have changed livelihoods several times, for the 1885 Kansas census lists him as butcher. There are various times he is mentioned in the local paper, the Eskridge Star. On 1 February 1894 a story appeared about: "Deputy Sheriff Meredith [who] went down with an execution for the stock, and found he had jumped into a battle royal, but finally secured all the stock except some young cattle which had been run off. Wednesday Mr. Meredith and ex sheriff Hull went down with warrants for the ones who resisted the officer." On 31 May 1894 the paper listed him as one of about twenty "delegates to the county convention elected Saturday last." On 16

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October 1902 he is cited as "the champion paw-paw eater of Kansas. His record is forty-one paw-paws in one day recently, with walnuts and a few other things on the side."

County death records list his date of death as 3 March 1905. Obituaries for him appeared in the Eskridge Star, 9 March 1905 and in the Wabaunsee County Tribune, 10 March 1905. The Harveyville Monitor also took note of his funeral. The text of these obituaries follows, and it should be noted that these are unusually lengthy and detailed for the time, an indication perhaps of the esteem he generated within the community.

STAR: The subject of this sketch, Francis Marion Meredith, was born in Coles County, Missouri, January 10, 1847 and died of heart disease on Friday, March 3, 1905. The deceased had been a sufferer for some three months with an affection of the heart, but his condition was thought to be much improved and he even expressed a few minutes before the stroke came, that "I'm much better and feel like eating my breakfast." and the the exclamation, "How dark it is growing," passed into unconsciousness and the end was almost instantaneous.

In his early childhood he was taken to Indiana by his parents where he grew to manhood and received such an education as the public schools of the state afforded. In his seventeenth year he enlisted in the 100 days service, becoming a member of Company D, 134th Indiana Infantry, serving his country for the duration of his enlistment. He was honorably discharged. In the fall of 1869 he came with his parents to Kansas, locating in Wabaunsee County near the present site of Bradford. On the 14th day of the following April he was united in marriage to Susannah Carter. This true and helpful companion still survives him and mourns as only a loving and trusting wife can for the loss of a sympathizing and provident husband. To their union was born three sons, Frank, Elmer, and Blanch who were at home at the indulgent parent's demise, mingling their tears with those of their almost inconsolable mother. The fond memories cherished by these sons for their departed father and their devotion to the surviving mother suggests the well-grounded hope that her future will not all be sorrows and perplexities as their care and interest will dispel the one and solve the other.

With the laying out of Eskridge, the deceased became one of its earliest residents adding to the city's wealth and beauty by making desirable improvements in buildings and lawn ornamentation. He served the city as mayor in 1896, during which time the stone street crossings were put in which will be monuments to his good judgement for years to come.

Short services were held at the home, Sunday morning, by Rev. C.G. Bear after which his remains were taken in charge by W.H. Earl Post G.A.R. of which order he was serving as adjutant and under whose ritualistic forms his body was consigned to the grave in the Harveyville Cemetery, followed from here by a large concourse of sympathizing friends and neighbors. The bereaved family have the sympathy of this whole community in their great sorrow.

TRIBUNE: The death of Marion Meredith, as he as always called, ends at a prime age the life of one of Wabaunsee county's oldest pioneers and a distinguished citizen.

Francis Marion Meredith died at his home in Eskridge early Friday morning, March 3 of, as the family physician states, an embolus in the pulmonary artery, which produces asphyxia and immediate paralysis of the respiratory centers, thus devitalizing the power of all organs of the body, instantly producing destruction of the function of the circulatory center.

He had been in poor health for several months, suffering from heart trouble of a serious nature. It was believed, however, that he was gaining strength, and as late as Thursday afternoon he showed improvement and was down town chatting in his usual good humor with friends and telling them how well he felt. His good humor and cheerfulness remained to the last. His sudden death was a shock to the community and his many friends.

He had been out in the yard walking around and when breakfast was ready went into the house and drank, as was his custom, a glass of warm water, remarking that when he had drank it we would be ready for breakfast. When he had drank the water he said, "Oh, how dark it is" and fell. His son, Blanch, being near essayed to catch him, but he was too heavy and they both fell

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to the floor together, still Blanch had broken the fall. The family all being present soon placed him on a bed, but he had uttered no word, there was but a gurgling sound and the end came. His physician was summoned by phone but before his arrival death had claimed him for his own. He was born January 10, 1847 in Cole county, Missouri, and at the age of two years moved with his parents to Indiana and lived there until the fall of 1869 when he came to Kansas and settled in Wabaunsee county and continued to live here until his death.

Mr. Meredith was proprietor of the Hotel Meredith and engaged in the hotel business up to about two years ago when he retired.

In 1864, at the age of 17, he enlisted in the 134th Indiana Volunteers and at the conclusion of the war was honorably discharged. He was mayor of Eskridge a few years ago and as such proved himself a faithful and efficient official. He believed that the strict enforcement of municipal regulations meant much, not merely for physical safety and comfort, but also for the moral health of the community. He always defended the right openly and fearlessly. He filled many other positions of trust and honor. He took an interest in everything that pertained to the betterment of our city, and as a member of the G.A.R. was always an attentive member. He had held several offices in the Post, including that of commander, and in every position acquitted himself with credit and honor. He discharged every duty imposed upon him honorably and faithfully. He commanded the confidence of those who were with him and the respect of those who opposed him. He was self-respecting and he was inflexible in the right as he saw the right. As a man, a citizen, a soldier, he was a veritable Chevalier Bayard, "without fear and without reproach." There are few examples of a sturdier spirit, of endeavor more patriotic, of determination more inflexible, and one that has better represented the eager, ardent, and daring spirit that has become known in the world as "American" and personally he was a splendid American type. We loved him partly "for the enemies he had made" but more for his unswerving loyalty, his integrity, his geniality, kindness of heart, his wit, his noble patriotism and his fidelity to friends. One of the remarkable characteristics of his life was the simplicity of the methods he adopted to better conditions of himself and those around him. It was impossible with his broad, kindly nature, to wear a cloak of hypocrisy and take an undue advantage of a neighbor or friend, and he never held himself above his neighbors. He was kindly, honest, clear in thought, clean in heart, and devoted to purity in private life.

To those of us who knew and loved him and appreciated his many sterling qualities that won the confidence and affection of all who came in contact with him, "how lame and impotent" the recital reads. His word was his bond and no further assurance than that was necessary, and he was faithful, not only in the few but in the many things. As a citizen, he gave himself unsparingly in all good enterprises and as a generous and unfailing friend.

The brightness and serenity of his life and mind rendered him a comfort and aid to those with and for whom he worked. They could and did rely on him, for they knew that he was builded of that which is the foundation of all that is most desirable in life -- a sterling, upright character.

On April 14, 1870 he married Miss Susannah D. Carter of Harveyville, Kansas, who, with three sons, Frank, Elmer, and Blanch, survives him. To the wife of his youth he remained a hero and a lover. We voice our sympathy with his bereaved family and the community that mourns his loss.

The funeral services took place at the house at 9 A.M. Sunday, March 5. They were conducted by the Rev. C.G. Bear of the M.E. Church. After the services the remains were taken to the Harveyville cemetery escorted by W.H. Earl Post ??, 75 G.A.R. of which he was Quartermaster, and there buried with solemn ceremony of the Post. A large concourse of people attended the funeral.

HARVEYVILLE MONITOR (9 Mar 1905): Quite a few of our citizens attended the funeral services at the grave yard at this place on Sunday afternoon last over the remains of F. Marion Meredith who died quite suddenly at his home in Eskridge on Friday morning. Mr. Meredith was well and favorably known here, having a number of relatives among our citizens. He was a good man and had a host of friends.

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On 18 January 1906 the Eskridge Star ran text in connection with a memorial service that had been held by the local GAR. Comrade F.M. Meredith was born of Cole Co, MO on January 10, 1847. Enlisted in Company D, 134th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Sept. 5, 1864. He joined the W.H. Earl post #75, department of Kansas GAR on the 18th of January, 1890. Held the offices of Commander, Adjutant, and Quartermaster. Died on March 3, 1905, aged 58 years, 1 month, 23 days.

Susannah Delilah CARTER was buried in Harveyville cemetery (Wabaunsee), KS (lot 153, space 7<sup>190</sup>).

Notes for Susannah Delilah CARTER:

( The names of her parents are derived from the Kansas state death certificate #99-472.)

Most of what is known about her comes from the obituary which appeared in the Eskridge Tribune-Star on 13 Jan 1916:

"Susannah Delilah Carter was born in Clinton county, Ohio, February 14, 1853 and died January 9, 1916 at the home of her son, Blanch, five miles northeast of Eskridge, at the age of 62 years, 10 months and 7 days. She suffered an attack of the grippe and only lived about two weeks. She suffered a great deal but was very patient to the end.

She was married April 14, 1870, to Francis Marion Meredith, who died March 3, 1905. Three children were born to this union, Frank M., Elmer M., and Blanchard C. Elmer lives in Topeka and the other two boys live on farms near Eskridge.

Mrs. Meredith moved to Kansas with her husband in 1865 and located in Wabaunsee county near Eskridge. For many years they conducted the Hotel Meredith and made a success of the business.

She was born of Quaker parents and always remained in that church. She was a kind faithful wife, an indulgent mother, a friend and neighbor to all. She possessed a sweet and lovely disposition. To know her was to love her. Her memory will be ever cherished by her relatives and friends.

The funeral services were held at the Methodist church in Eskridge Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, and were conducted by the Rev. W.H. Layton. After this service the remains were taken overland to Harveyville where services were held at the Methodist church after which interment was in the Harveyville cemetery.

We join the many friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved children in this, their hour of deepest sorrow."

The obituary errs in saying she was married when she moved to Kansas. She did not marry Francis Meredith until 1870.

Francis Marion MEREDITH and Susannah Delilah CARTER had the following children:

- i. FRANKLIN MADISON<sup>6</sup> MEREDITH was born on 19 Feb 1871<sup>120</sup>. He died on 06 Dec 1921 in DeSmet (Kingsbury), SD<sup>222-223</sup>. He married (1) MITTIE A. GUTHRIE, daughter of George E. GUTHRIE and Catherine FREDERICK, on 25 Oct 1892 in Alma, KS<sup>224-225</sup>. She was born on 19 Dec 1874<sup>226</sup>. He married (2) MARTHA BLANCHE TURNER, daughter of John William TURNER and Mary Ellinore MCPHERSON, on 08 Nov 1908 in Eskridge (Wabaunsee), KS<sup>225, 227-228</sup>. She was born in 1883<sup>113, 229</sup>. She died in 1923<sup>229</sup>.

Notes for Franklin Madison MEREDITH:

The birth date for Frank is derived from Francis Marion Meredith's Civil War

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pension application, on file at National Archives. The marriage information comes from the county register where he is listed as "hotel keeper" on the 1892 marriage entry. The Eskridge Star of 3 November 1892 announced that "Frank Meredith and Mintie Guthrie were united in matrimony at Alma last Saturday. Both are well known here and have many friends who will join us in wishing them happiness and prosperity. We understand they will live in Topeka."

In 1896 Frank and his wife evidently moved to Topeka. The Eskridge Star of 13 February 1896 notes that "Mrs. Frank Meredith was up from Topeka Tuesday and shipped their household goods to Topeka, where Mr. and Mrs. Meredith will make their home in the future." They were still there three years later. In 1899, the same paper notes that Frank and his wife came back for a visit to both sets of their parents. It adds that "Frank is a member of a building association in Topeka and we are glad to learn he is doing well." By 1900 this marriage had ended in divorce; in that year Franks is back living with his father's family, listed as "divorced" on the census.

The Hotel Meredith, which evidently passed into other hands after Francis Marion's death, was re-acquired in May 1907 by Frank and his mother, according to the Eskridge Star of 16 May, which notes that "Mrs. Sue M. Meredith and son, Frank, at noon today, take control and management of Hotel Meredith and will favor the traveling public with their old time good and inviting meals, clean beds, and unvarying courtesy."

When Franklin married Blanche Turner Thomason in 1908 the Eskridge Star of 12 November 1908 carried the following story about the nuptials.

"At high noon on Sunday, Nov. 8, at the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. Sue M. Meredith, Mr. Frank M. Meredith and Mrs. Blanche Thomason were united in marriage, Rev. W. H. Shumate performing the ceremony. After congratulations had been offered, a fine three course dinner such as Mrs. Meredith has few equals in preparing, was partaken of by the members of the families of the contracting parties and a few other intimate friends. The bride looked very becoming in a neat fitting and handsomely trimmed brown silk. The groom wore the conventional black.

The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Meredith, of Topeka, uncle and aunt of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Turner, parents of the bride, Mrs. Chas. Shepherd of Wilmington, a sister to the bride, her brothers Rice and Kelsey, and the groom's brother, Elmer, of Frankfort. Eskridge was represented at the ceremonies and in partaking of the bounteous dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Ned Dill, Mr. and Mrs. Blanche Meredith, Mr. and Mrs. David Hettinger and daughter, Marion, Reb. And Mrs. W. H. Shumate, and Messrs. E. L. Shumate, George Younker, and George G. Waugh.

In the afternoon the newly wedded couple, accompanied her parents to their home, near Wilmington, where they visit for a few days, when they return to become host and hostess at the Hotel Meredith where they will be at home to their friends, with whom the Star unites in wishing them all the felicities that accompany a happy conjugal relation."

Martha Blanche TURNER was buried in Woodlawn Memorial Park, Compton (Los Angeles), CA<sup>229</sup>.

Notes for Martha Blanche TURNER:

Her first husband was Otto Thomason. The following notice in the Lincoln County

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Times (Washington state), from 10 May 1907 gives details about their divorce.

### A SUIT FOR DIVORCE

O. M. THOMASON has commenced an action in this county for divorce from MARTHA BLANCHE THOMASON. Complaint states that they were married in Kansas in December 1900, and that they have ever since lived together as man and wife. He charges his wife with infidelity and prays for a judgment and decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony, and that he be granted the custody and control of their minor child, a boy of six years who is now with his mother in Kansas, whom he alleges is not fit and proper person to have custody and control of said child.

He did not gain custody of the child, also named Otto. After she remarried to Franklin Meredith the child shows up on the 1910 census, living with them in Kansas.

Franklin Madison MEREDITH and Martha Blanche TURNER were divorced in Feb 1920<sup>233</sup>.

31. ii. ELMER MARION MEREDITH was born on 24 Sep 1875 in near Harveyville (Wabaunsee), KS<sup>120, 235-236</sup>. He died on 22 Oct 1918 in Topeka, Kansas<sup>236-237</sup>. He married Edith RYLANDER, daughter of Minnie UNKNOWN, on 21 Dec 1910 in Presb. Manse, Frankfort, Kansas<sup>238</sup>. She was born on 24 Feb 1885<sup>212, 239-240</sup>. She died on 09 Sep 1960<sup>240-241</sup>.
  32. iii. BLANCHARD CARTER MEREDITH was born on 29 Mar 1878 in Bradford (Wabaunsee), Kansas<sup>120, 235, 248</sup>. He died on 04 Jun 1965 in Wakarusa (Shawnee), KS<sup>249</sup>. He married Eva Irene STAHL, daughter of Francis Marion STAHL and Jane (Jennie) Isabel DICKSON, on 16 Oct 1907 in Westminster Presbyterian Church, Topeka, KS<sup>176, 250</sup>. She was born on 31 Mar 1881 in Auburn (Shawnee), KS<sup>33, 251</sup>. She died on 11 Apr 1970 in Los Angeles (L.A.), CA<sup>33</sup>.
19. **JEMIMA "JENNIE"<sup>5</sup> MEREDITH** (James M.<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born on 01 Mar 1848<sup>131</sup>. She died on 18 May 1917 in California, USA<sup>132</sup>. She married William Milton NEWBY, son of Dempsey NEWBY and Elizabeth HOSKINS, on 09 Mar 1872 in Osage county, KS<sup>133</sup>. He was born on 29 Sep 1845 in Clinton, Ohio, USA<sup>134-135</sup>. He died on 05 Mar 1923 in California, USA<sup>136</sup>.
- Jemima "Jennie" MEREDITH was buried in Greenwood Memorial Park, San Diego, CA<sup>257</sup>.
- William Milton NEWBY and Jemima "Jennie" MEREDITH had the following children:
- i. ADA<sup>6</sup> NEWBY was born in 1873<sup>260-261</sup>. She died in 1876<sup>262</sup>.  
Ada NEWBY was buried in Harveyville (Wabaunsee), KS<sup>263</sup>.
  - ii. ELBURTIS NEWBY was born in 1873<sup>265</sup>. He died on 19 Oct 1874<sup>266</sup>.  
Elburtis NEWBY was buried in Harveyville (Wabaunsee), KS<sup>267</sup>.
  - iii. CHARLES DEMPSEY NEWBY was born on 17 Oct 1874<sup>269-270</sup>. He died on 14 Mar 1944 in San Diego, California, USA<sup>213</sup>. He married Laura TAYLOR on 01 Nov 1893 in MO<sup>271</sup>.
20. **JUSTINA "JESSIE"<sup>5</sup> MEREDITH** (James M.<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1858 in IN<sup>152</sup>. She died on 13 Jun 1889 in Decatur Co., IN<sup>50</sup>. She married Junius L. STOWELL, son of Alva STOWELL and Emily DELONG, on 24 Jun 1880<sup>153</sup>. He was born about 1857. He died on 02 May 1891 in Topeka (Shawnee), KS<sup>154-156</sup>.

Notes for Justina "Jessie" MEREDITH:

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Death records for Decatur County list Justina Stonell as dying on 13 June 1889, age 32. Her father is listed as James Meredith (born in Kentucky) and her mother as Margaret (also born in Kentucky).

Notes for Junius L. STOWELL:

Obituary from the Topeka Daily Capital, 3 May 1891:

Junius L. Stowell died yesterday morning at 4 o'clock at his residence, 1118 Central Avenue. Deceased was 38 years of age and came to Topeka in 1879. He was a painter and grainer, and followed his trade until about a year ago when he was taken with the consumption. Since that time he has been a continual sufferer, but has only been confined to his room for the past three weeks. His wife died two years ago and he leaves two children, twin girls ten years of age. The funeral will take place today at 3 o'clock, and Kaw Valley Lodge no. 20, A.O.U.W., of which he was a member, will be present and take charge of the services.

Junius L. STOWELL and Justina "Jessie" MEREDITH had the following children:

- i. BEATRICE<sup>6</sup> STOWELL was born about 1881<sup>195</sup>.
- ii. BERTHA STOWELL was born on 27 Jan 1881<sup>214-215</sup>. She died on 27 Jan 1908<sup>216</sup>. She married Ora Elmer DEEVER on 24 May 1901<sup>217-218</sup>. He was born on 30 Jan 1881<sup>219</sup>. He died on 19 Jan 1946<sup>220</sup>.

Bertha STOWELL was buried in Rochester Cemetery, Topeka (Shawnee), KS<sup>221</sup>.

- iii. JUNIUS LEROY STOWELL was born on 13 Mar 1883<sup>190</sup>. He died on 20 Oct 1885<sup>190</sup>.

Junius Leroy STOWELL was buried in Harveyville cemetery (Wabaunsee), KS<sup>190</sup>.

21. **NORVILLE<sup>5</sup> MEREDITH** (William P.<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born on 03 Apr 1861<sup>157-158</sup>. He died on 01 Feb 1917<sup>158</sup>. He married Mary E. (Mollie) HARDY, daughter of Berley HARDY, on 04 Mar 1888 in St Clair, Missouri<sup>94</sup>. She was born on 30 Jun 1863<sup>161</sup>. She died on 03 Sep 1954<sup>161</sup>.

Norville MEREDITH was buried in Pleasant Mound Cemetery, St. Clair county, MO<sup>188</sup>.

Mary E. (Mollie) HARDY was buried in Pleasant Mound Cemetery, St. Clair county, MO<sup>188</sup>.

Norville MEREDITH and Mary E. (Mollie) HARDY had the following children:

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  - i. ARLIE HOMER<sup>6</sup> MEREDITH was born on 09 Jan 1892<sup>191-192</sup>. He died in Jan 1978<sup>192</sup>. He married Carrie E. GRIGGS on 07 Jan 1916 in Osceola, St Clair, Missouri<sup>193</sup>. She was born in 1895<sup>194</sup>. She died in 1977<sup>194</sup>.
  - ii. ERNEST MARQUIS MEREDITH was born on 14 Jul 1896<sup>191, 203</sup>. He died in Oct 1967<sup>203</sup>. He married Mary DAINS on 18 Jun 1922 in Osceola (St. Clair), MO<sup>206</sup>.

Ernest Marquis MEREDITH was buried in Pleasant Mound Cemetery, St. Clair county, MO<sup>188</sup>.

Notes for Ernest Marquis MEREDITH:

Ernie M. Meredith, of Lowry City, and Miss Mary F. Daines, of near Rockville, were married in Hotel Vannice, Osceola, June 18, 1922, B. F. Lawler solemnizing the sacred rite. Judge W. L. P. Burney and Edward Daniels witnessed the marriage. Mr. Meredith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norvel Meredith and Miss Daines is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Daines. Mr. Meredith and J. W. Hardin, who was also married last week, pledged their endless love by placing a beautiful ring on the hands of their brides. Mr. and Mrs. Meredith will be at home to their friends in Lowry City where Mr. Meredith has business. We congratulate them upon their happy marriage. ---Republican



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(Appleton City Journal, 15 June 1922)

Ernie M. Meredith of Lowry City and Mary F. Dains of Rockville, were united in marriage by the Rev. B. F. Lawler at Osceola, Sunday evening, June 18, 1922. The groom is a son of Mrs. Norvell Meredith of near Collins, and came to this city several months ago when he went into the trucking business.

His bride's parents live southwest of Monegaw Springs, and she is a school teacher, having taught school in the Lewis district last year.

Mr. Meredith has rented the J. E. Beardslee property in the south part of town, and had the residence prepared for his bride before the wedding.

The Independent joins their friends in wishing them much happiness.

(Lowry City Independent, 22 June 1922)

- iii. FRED AUSTIN MEREDITH was born on 29 Nov 1899<sup>191, 203</sup>. He died in Feb 1979<sup>203</sup>. He married ORAL BOSWELL. She was born on 23 Dec 1901<sup>166, 203</sup>. She died on 27 Feb 1996<sup>166, 203</sup>.

Fred Austin MEREDITH was buried in Freeman-Holsapple Cemetery, St. Clair County, MO.

Oral BOSWELL was buried in Freeman-Holsapple Cemetery, St. Clair County, MO.

Notes for Oral BOSWELL:

Oral Meredith was born December 23, 1901 in St. Clair County near Collins. She was the oldest of six children born to Thomas M. and Effie Tucker Boswell. When Oral was only 12 years old her mother died leaving to Oral the responsibility of being mother to and caring for five younger brothers and sisters, Lloyd, Ray, Opal, Gertrude and John Lee who was only two years old when this tragedy came into their lives. Oral accepted it with courage and confidence. For a while she was helped by Aunt Nellie Tucker who stayed with the family while Oral finished school at Oak Ridge also called Tillery School. She then assumed the responsibility of an adult while she was still a child herself. At an early age, Oral became a dedicated Christian and member of Coon Creek Baptist Church. She remained a faithful member throughout the years. On June 22, 1927, Oral was married to Fred Meredith. They had three children, Harold Thomas, Opal Marilyn, often called Junie, and Freddy Paul. In addition to their own three children they raised Elvin Meredith from infancy when his mother became ill and could not take care of him. Elvin always referred to Oral as "Mom". Oral and Fred were devoted parents who shared their faith in God and studied their Bible regularly. Oral developed a good memory of the Scriptures. She can almost be heard quoting, "Oh, death where is thy sting? Oh, grave, where is thy victory?" with the answer, "The victory is life eternal". After Fred's death in 1979 Oral and Freddy Paul struggled together. While she was still young, tragedy struck her life a second time when she lost her sight and was plunged into a world of total darkness. Undaunted, she again accepted her fate with courage while demonstrating remarkable patience. She never lost her faith which sustained her. By 1988 she was too frail to continue living and working on the farm and she went to Northwood Hills in Humansville where she lived till death claimed her on Tuesday, February 27. Her indomitable faith, courage and perseverance under trying circumstances have been an inspiration to all who knew her. Oral is survived by two sons; Harold Thomas Meredith of Marshall, Mo. and Freddy Paul Meredith of Collins, Mo., one daughter, Mrs. Marilyn Ruggles of Columbia, Mo., a nephew she considered a son, Elvin Meredith of Gerster, Mo., one brother, John Boswell of Weaubleau, Mo., two sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Winders

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of Warrensburg, Mo., and Mrs. Opal Bowman of Weaubleau, Mo., three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces, other relatives and many friends. Services were held on Thursday, February 29 at 2 p.m. at the Sheldon-Goodrich Chapel by the Rev. Marshall Henderson. Music was played by Donna Carney and Gail Ingle. Casketbearers were John Mike Winders, Craig Bryant, Roy Gene Miller, Herman Capps, Bill Ruggles and Elvin Meredith. Interment was held at the Freeman-Holsapple Cemetery.

- iv. CHARLES BURKS MEREDITH was born on 19 Dec 1900<sup>191, 203</sup>. He died on 11 May 1989<sup>203</sup>.

Charles Burks MEREDITH was buried in Freeman-Holsapple Cemetery, St. Clair County, MO.

- v. CLARAE LORA MEREDITH was born about 1906<sup>191</sup>.

22. **HENRY<sup>5</sup> MEREDITH** (William P.<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born on 25 Jul 1863 in Hickory County, MO<sup>157, 166</sup>. He died on 20 Jul 1902<sup>166</sup>. He married Mary BOSWELL in Oct 1892<sup>167</sup>. She was born on 26 Apr 1869<sup>168</sup>. She died on 17 Apr 1900<sup>168</sup>.

Henry MEREDITH was buried in Freeman-Holsapple Cemetery, St. Clair County, MO<sup>168</sup>.

Notes for Henry MEREDITH:

Died - Henry Meredith, a farmer, living five miles north of Osceola, died July 20, 1902, from typhoid fever. He was married to Mrs. Mary Hall, daughter of Robert and Jane Boswell, of this county, Oct. 1892. His wife died April 17, 1900. He leaves a little son, 9 years old, a daughter 6 years old, a kind and loving mother, four brothers, two sisters, and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss. He was a kind father and a loving husband. He professed religion at an early age and was united with the Coon creek Baptist church and was baptized by the writer. He lived for twenty-four days with typhoid fever but bore his sufferings with patience that only christians can bear, never murmuring or complaining. His remains were laid to rest in the Holsapple cemetery five miles south-west of Collins, the funeral sermon was preached by the writer, to a large crowd, the text was taken from Job, 14 chap. and 10 verse, - But man dieth and Wasteth away, Yea man giveth up the ghost and where is He? - After which he was laid beside his wife to rest and wait until the dead are called to Judgment, remind us all that we too must die. He was born in Hickory county, Mo., July 25th 1863. Age 38 years, 11 months and 20 days. W.F. Shackelford.

Mary BOSWELL was buried in Freeman-Holsapple Cemetery, St. Clair County, MO<sup>168</sup>.

Henry MEREDITH and Mary BOSWELL had the following children:

- i. ROBERT LEE<sup>6</sup> MEREDITH was born on 14 Aug 1893<sup>202</sup>. He died on 05 Aug 1970<sup>202</sup>. He married Elsie Mae POLING on 10 Oct 1915 in St. Clair county, MO<sup>204</sup>. She was born on 20 Jun 1897<sup>202</sup>. She died on 12 Jul 1982<sup>202</sup>.

Robert Lee MEREDITH was buried in Lowry Cemetery, St. Clair county, MO<sup>202</sup>.

- ii. LULA MEREDITH was born in Feb 1895<sup>232</sup>.

23. **ELIJAH DEE<sup>5</sup> MEREDITH** (William P.<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born on 09 Jul 1865 in Cross Timbers, Hickory, Missouri, USA<sup>157, 170</sup>. He died on 01 Aug 1945 in Neosho county, KS<sup>170-171</sup>. He married Nancy Adeline (Addie) SHOCKLEY on 14 Aug 1887 in Collings, MO<sup>94, 170</sup>. She was born on 07 Aug 1869<sup>170-171</sup>. She died on 14 Jun 1957<sup>170-171</sup>.

Elijah Dee MEREDITH was buried in Shaw Cemetery (Neosho), KS<sup>171</sup>.

Notes for Elijah Dee MEREDITH:

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Obituary from an unidentified local paper:

### E. D. MEREDITH DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

After being bedfast for the past five and a half years, and in ill health previous to that, E. D. Meredith, a resident of Neosho county since 1910, died at his home in Erie, August 1, 1945.

Although bedfast for such a long period, Mr. Meredith was a patient sufferer, and bore his afflictions with fortitude. He was devoted to his family and in his passing the family's loss is shared by this entire community, for E. D. Meredith was a man who possessed many fine qualities and had a host of friends.

The deceased was a native of Missouri, having been born in Cross Timbers, Hickory county, July 9, 1865. On August 14, 1887, he was married to Nancy Adeline Shockley at Weaubleau, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Meredith moved to Neosho county in 1910, and until his health failed, Mr Meredith was a farmer and stock raiser. About twenty-five years ago, the couple came to Erie to reside and this city has since been the family home.

Mr. Meredith was a member of the Baptist church, and he lived an exemplary Christian life at all times.

Surviving him are his wife; three sons, Raimon of the home, Cleo of rural Erie, and Boyd of Chanute; three daughters, Mrs J B Proctor of Bellflower, Calif, Mrs Roy Miller, Erie, and Mrs Glen Lowe of Kimball.

He also leaves eleven grandsons, seven of whom are serving their country in the present war; two granddaughters and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Erie Christian church Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, with the pastor, Rev. Chester Balf in charge, and burial was made in Shaw cemetery.

The Heaton Funeral Home was in charge.

Nancy Adeline (Addie) SHOCKLEY was buried in Shaw Cemetery (Neosho), KS<sup>171</sup>.

Notes for Nancy Adeline (Addie) SHOCKLEY:  
Obituary from an unidentified local paper:

Mrs. E D. Meredith, 87, died at her home in Erie this morning following an illness of three months. Her condition had been critical the past week.

Mrs Meredith was born Nancy Addie Shockley Aug 7, 1869, the daughter of Mr and Mrs William Boyd Shockley in St. Clair county, Mo., where she lived for several years. She was married to E D Meredith at Collings, Mo., Aug 14, 1887. They lived in Missouri until 1910, when they moved to Shaw where they lived two years before moving to rural Erie where they resided until retiring from the farm in 1923, moving to Erie. He died in 1945.

She was a member of the Erie Christian church.

Survivors are two sons, Boyd of Ponca City, Okla, Cleo of Erie; three daughters, Mrs. Perna Proctor, of Lakewood, Calif., Mrs Lillie Miller, of Erie, Mrs Alice Lowe, Hepler; 13 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren.

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The funeral service will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Erie Christian church with the Rev A W Swanson pastor of the church officiating. Burial will be in the Shaw cemetery. The Pierce Funeral Home of Erie, is in charge.

Elijah Dee MEREDITH and Nancy Adeline (Addie) SHOCKLEY had the following children:

34. i. RAIMON GUY<sup>6</sup> MEREDITH was born on 15 Apr 1892<sup>171, 196</sup>. He died on 29 Feb 1952<sup>171, 197</sup>. He married Ena MCGUFFY on 19 Aug 1914<sup>198</sup>.
35. ii. WILLIAM BOYD MEREDITH was born on 23 May 1894<sup>231</sup>. He died on 13 May 1980<sup>231</sup>. He married LILLIAN MAUD UNKNOWN.
- iii. PERNIE K. MEREDITH was born about 1896.
- iv. LILLIE J. MEREDITH was born about 1899.
- v. CLEO MEREDITH was born on 27 May 1902<sup>171, 234</sup>. He died on 20 Oct 1976<sup>171</sup>. He married MARY UNKNOWN. She was born on 26 Dec 1911<sup>171</sup>. She died on 28 Oct 1972<sup>171</sup>.

Cleo MEREDITH was buried in Shaw Cemetery (Neosho), KS<sup>171</sup>.

Mary UNKNOWN was buried in Shaw Cemetery (Neosho), KS<sup>171</sup>.

- vi. ALICE MEREDITH was born about 1906.

24. **PRISCILLA KITCHEL<sup>5</sup> MEREDITH** (Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born on 12 Sep 1850 in Decatur Co., IN<sup>139-140</sup>. She died on 30 Jan 1925 in Van Wert (Decatur), IA<sup>139-140</sup>. She married Morris BROWN on 28 Nov 1875<sup>141-142</sup> in Decatur county, IN. He was born on 12 Oct 1848<sup>143-144</sup>. He died on 17 Aug 1929<sup>143-144</sup>.

Priscilla Kitchel MEREDITH was buried in Van Wert, IA cemetery<sup>139, 189</sup>.

Notes for Priscilla Kitchel MEREDITH:

From her obituary, Leon Reporter (Leon, IA), 25 Feb 1925:

"Priscilla Kitchel Meredith, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Meredith, was born in Decatur County, Indiana, September 12, 1850, and died at her home in Van Wert, Iowa, January 30, 1925, being at the time of her death 74 years, 4 months, and 18 days old. She was one of a family of nine children, three sisters having preceded her to the life beyond.

On the 18th day of November, 1875, she was united in marriage to Morris Brown, and to this union were born two sons, Gilbert Morris, of South Dakota, and Ira Carlton, of Van Wert, Iowa, both of them were at her bedside when she passed away. In the year 1880 Mr. and Mrs. Brown moved from Indiana to Linn County, Iowa, where they resided until 1897, when they moved to Decatur county, Iowa, where they lived until the time of her death and where Mr. Brown still lives. During the winter of 1902 Mrs. Brown made a public confession of her faith in Jesus Christ and united with the Christian Church at Van Wert where she continued a faithful member until death. She leaves as those who mourn, her aged husband who will miss her more than all others, her two sons, four grandchildren, three brothers, and two sisters, besides numerous other relatives and friends.

The funeral services were held Sunday, February 1, 1925 at 2:00 p.m. in the Van Wert Christian Church, conducted by her pastor, B.F. Galloway, after which the remains were tenderly laid to rest in the Van Wert Cemetery."

Morris BROWN was buried in Van Wert (Decatur), IA<sup>143</sup>.

Morris BROWN and Priscilla Kitchel MEREDITH had the following children:

- i. GILBERT MORRIS<sup>6</sup> BROWN was born on 15 Dec 1877<sup>212</sup>. He died on 23 Feb 1954<sup>213</sup>.

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ii. IRA CARLTON BROWN. He married GERTIE WALKER.

25. **MARSHAL FRANKLIN<sup>5</sup> MEREDITH** (Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born on 08 Dec 1852<sup>45, 148</sup>. He died on 16 Jun 1939<sup>45, 148-149</sup>. He married Lucinda GRAYSON on 14 Feb 1873<sup>150</sup>. She was born on 06 Apr 1854<sup>45, 151</sup>. She died on 21 Sep 1933<sup>45, 151</sup>.

Marshal Franklin MEREDITH was buried in Boulder Cemetery, Linn county, IA<sup>45</sup>.

Notes for Marshal Franklin MEREDITH:

Marshall F. Meredith, a well known and successful farmer and stock-raiser of Buffalo township, is the owner of a valuable tract of land comprising two hundred and eight and two-thirds acres. His birth occurred in Indiana in 1852, his parents being Daniel and Sarah (Ball) Meredith, who were likewise natives of the Hoosier state. There the father spent his entire life, passing away in 1881. The mother came to Linn county, Iowa, in 1892 and made her home with our subject until called to her final rest on the 9th of May, 1909, her remains being interred in the Boulder cemetery in Buffalo township: She was a devoted and consistent member of the United Brethren church. Her children were ten in number, namely: Elizabeth A.; Mary J., who is deceased; Priscilla K.; Marshall F., of this review; William B.; John D., who has likewise passed away; Henry N.; Sarah E.; Miranda, deceased; and Frances.

Marshall F. Meredith remained under the parental roof until seventeen years of age and then began working as a farm hand by the month, being thus employed for three years. During the following twenty years he devoted his attention to the operation of rented land and in 1893 purchased one hundred and forty acres of the farm on which he now resides. Subsequently he extended the boundaries of the place by an additional purchase of sixty-eight and two-thirds acres, so that it now embraces two hundred and eight and two-thirds acres of land in Buffalo township, all of which is under a high state of cultivation and improvement. During the past twenty years he has also devoted considerable attention to the feeding of stock, handling both cattle and hogs. He derives a gratifying annual income from both his farming and stock-raising interests and has long been numbered among the substantial and representative citizens of the community.

On the 22d of February, 1873, Mr. Meredith was united in marriage to Miss Lucinda M. Grayson, a daughter of Wren and Lucinda (Williamson) Grayson, who spent their entire lives in Indiana. They were both faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Unto them were born thirteen children, as follows: Nancy and Byrel P., both of whom are deceased; John T.; Hiram T.; Catherine A.; Rebecca J., who is likewise deceased; William H.; Samuel B.; Eliza E.; Mary E.; Mrs. Meredith; Anna D.; and one who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Meredith became the parents of three children, namely: Eva Viola, who was born July 7, 1875, and died on the 15th of August, 1881; Daniel W., who is married and lives on a portion of the homestead farm; and Raymond G., at home.

In his political views Mr. Meredith is a republican, believing firmly in the principles of that party. He served as township trustee for four terms and for several terms has acted as justice of the peace, his fair and impartial decisions winning him "golden opinions from all sorts of people." His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. He is always the same honorable and upright gentleman in whatever relation of life he is found and his salient characteristics are such as have gained him the respect, confidence and good will of all with whom he has come in contact.

Source: History of Linn County Iowa, From Its Earliest Settlement to the Present Time, Vol. II, Chicago, The Pioneer Publishing Company, 1911, p. 12-13.

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Lucinda GRAYSON was buried in Boulder Cemetery, Linn county, IA<sup>45</sup>.

Marshal Franklin MEREDITH and Lucinda GRAYSON had the following children:

- i. EVA F.<sup>6</sup> MEREDITH. She died on 16 Aug 1881 in Linn county, IA<sup>45</sup>.

Eva F. MEREDITH was buried in Boulder Cemetery, Linn county, IA<sup>45</sup>.

- ii. RAYMOND MEREDITH was born on 05 May 1885<sup>234</sup>. He died in Jul 1971<sup>234</sup>. He married Ivy Cora WAGGONER, daughter of John WAGGONER and Olive CLARK, on 06 May 1912<sup>242</sup>. She was born on 14 Aug 1894<sup>234, 243</sup>. She died in Mar 1977<sup>234</sup>.

Ivy Cora WAGGONER was buried in Antioch Cemetery, Dubuque (Dubuque), IA.

- iii. DANIEL W. MEREDITH. He married Lillian HENDERSON on 17 Feb 1903 in Centrla City, IA<sup>253</sup>.

26. **WILLIAM<sup>5</sup> MEREDITH** (Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1855<sup>45, 159</sup>. He died in 1932<sup>45</sup>. He married Emma MCLAUGHLIN, daughter of William MCLAUGHLIN and Sarah EUBANK, on 21 Oct 1886 in Buffalo Rapids (Linn), IA<sup>160</sup>. She was born in 1862<sup>45</sup>. She died in 1945<sup>45</sup>.

William MEREDITH was buried in Boulder Cemetery, Linn county, IA<sup>45</sup>.

Emma MCLAUGHLIN was buried in Boulder Cemetery, Linn county, IA<sup>45</sup>.

William MEREDITH and Emma MCLAUGHLIN had the following child:

- i. SHIRLEY VERN<sup>6</sup> MEREDITH was born on 28 Oct 1887<sup>45</sup>. He died in 1945<sup>45</sup>. He married BESSIE KINKEAD. She was born on 05 Mar 1892. She died in Oct 1970.

Shirley Vern MEREDITH was buried in Boulder Cemetery, Linn county, IA<sup>45, 264</sup>.

27. **ELLA S.<sup>5</sup> MEREDITH** (Henry H.<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1866<sup>47, 102</sup>. She died on 05 Jul 1924<sup>47</sup>. She married Coria CROPPER on 03 Nov 1886<sup>103-104</sup>. He was born on 31 Aug 1866<sup>47, 104</sup>. He died on 21 Feb 1938<sup>47</sup>.

Ella S. MEREDITH was buried in Beech Grove Cemetery, Muncie (Delaware), IN<sup>47</sup>.

Notes for Ella S. MEREDITH:

Local obituary notice. Date and name of paper not known.

*Word was received here late last night of the death at Chicago yesterday of Mrs. Ella S. Cropper, wife of Coria A. Cropper, for many years a resident of Muncie. No details except that Mrs. Cropper died of pneumonia and that the body would be brought to Muncie for burial services at High Street M.E. Church Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock were received.*

*Mr. and Mrs. Cropper lived in Muncie for many years at 509 West Adams Street. Mrs. Cropper was a member of the High Street church for many years and was prominently known. A little more than two years ago Mr. and Mrs. Cropper went to Chicago to make their home.*

*Surviving are the husband and one daughter, Mrs. Lucille Cropper Bryant, of Chicago.*

Coria CROPPER was buried in Beech Grove Cemetery, Muncie (Delaware), IN<sup>47</sup>.

Notes for Coria CROPPER:

Local obituary. Name and date of paper unknown.

*Following an extended illness Coria A. Cropper, 72, of 323 East Adams Street, retired grocer, died at 8:35 P.M. Monday at Ball hospital.*

*Mr. Cropper was born in Randolph county, August 31, 1865, the son of the late Edward and*

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*Mary Keever Cropper, pioneer eastern Indiana residents. He operated a grocery in the 400 block on south Walnut St. and was a member of the Presbyterian church and the Exchange Club.*

*Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Cora Cropper; a daughter, Mrs. Harry E. Bryant of Los Angeles; a grandson; a brother, Charles A. Cropper of Indianapolis, and a sister, Mrs. J.J. Rodebaugh of North Baltimore, Ohio.*

*Funeral services will be held at 2 P.M. Wednesday at the Meeks Mortuary, with the Reverend William E. Steckel in charge. Burial will be in Beech Grove Cemetery. Friends may call at the mortuary after 5 P.M. Wednesday.*

Coria CROPPER and Ella S. MEREDITH had the following child:

- i. EMMA LUCILLE<sup>6</sup> CROPPER was born on 31 May 1895<sup>199</sup>. She died on 08 Apr 1968<sup>200</sup>. She married Harry BRYANT on 19 Oct 1918 in Delaware County, IN<sup>201</sup>. He was born on 13 Jul 1884<sup>200</sup>. He died on 26 Jul 1961<sup>200</sup>.

Emma Lucille CROPPER was buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park (Los Angeles), CA<sup>200</sup>.

Harry BRYANT was buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park (Los Angeles), CA<sup>200</sup>.

28. **WILLIAM<sup>5</sup> MEREDITH** (Sanford<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born on 07 Aug 1850<sup>76-77</sup>. He died on 18 Aug 1917<sup>77</sup>. He married Anna HACKNEY on 07 Aug 1895 in Indiana, USA<sup>81</sup>. She was born on 28 Jun 1858<sup>83-84</sup>. She died on 23 Feb 1932 in Blackford Co., IN<sup>83, 85</sup>.

William MEREDITH was buried in Hartford City (Blackford), IN<sup>77</sup>.

Anna HACKNEY was buried in Hartford City (Blackford), IN<sup>83</sup>.

William MEREDITH and Anna HACKNEY had the following child:

- i. ARTHUR<sup>6</sup> MEREDITH was born about 1901.

29. **MARCELLUS<sup>5</sup> MEREDITH** (Norval F.<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born in Jan 1857 in Indiana<sup>67</sup>. He died in 1924<sup>67</sup>. He married Mary F. WALKER, daughter of Samuel WALKER and Polly Anna FANNING, on 14 Feb 1878<sup>105-106</sup>. She was born on 06 Dec 1857<sup>107</sup>. She died on 25 Mar 1943<sup>69</sup>.

Marcellus MEREDITH was buried in Opdyke cemetery, Jefferson county, IL<sup>67</sup>.

Mary F. WALKER was buried in Opdyke cemetery, Jefferson county, IL<sup>67</sup>.

Marcellus MEREDITH and Mary F. WALKER had the following children:

- i. EDGAR NORVAL<sup>6</sup> MEREDITH was born on 07 Feb 1879<sup>254-255</sup>. He died on 18 Apr 1921<sup>255</sup>. He married Myrtle STONE in 1901<sup>256</sup>.
- ii. LOLA E. MEREDITH was born in Mar 1888 in Illinois<sup>259</sup>.
- iii. GOLDEN MEREDITH was born on 03 Dec 1893 in Illinois<sup>67</sup>. She died on 15 Feb 1910<sup>67</sup>.

Golden MEREDITH was buried in Opdyke cemetery, Jefferson county, IL<sup>67</sup>.

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30. **WILLIAM CLARENCE<sup>6</sup> MEREDITH** (William Daniel<sup>5</sup>, James M.<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born on 24 Dec 1875 in KS<sup>97</sup>. He died on 29 Jun 1936<sup>244-245</sup>. He married (1) **EMMA KLESATH** about 1903<sup>246</sup>. He married (2) **RETTA M. SAPPENFIELD**. She was born on 13 Aug 1880<sup>247</sup>. She died on 06 Jul 1939<sup>247</sup>.

William Clarence MEREDITH was buried in Harveyville (Wabaunsee), KS, lot 153, space 4.

Notes for William Clarence MEREDITH:

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The Eskridge Star of 16 May 1907 observed, in connection with family visits made on the occasion of Marsh's death, that "Willie, who has been married four years, is the proud father of a happy, healthful son, Clarence, that resembles the doting father very much in features and expressions."

William Clarence MEREDITH and Emma KLESATH had the following child:

- i. CLARENCE DANIEL<sup>7</sup> MEREDITH was born on 04 Jan 1904 in Kansas<sup>287-288</sup>. He died on 11 Sep 1981 in Los Angeles, CA<sup>192, 287-288</sup>. He married (1) MAYE WHITE on 04 Jun 1969<sup>291</sup>. She was born about 1904<sup>291</sup>. He married (2) ANNA TESTA-BYLSMA on 22 May 1950<sup>292</sup>. She was born about 1918<sup>292</sup>. He married (3) ELLEN OLSON-HULTGREN on 10 May 1957<sup>292</sup>. She was born about 1912<sup>292</sup>. He married (4) LENA BURNAM on 15 Jun 1935<sup>293</sup>. He married (5) FRANKIE L. GAINS on 12 May 1926<sup>294</sup>.

Notes for Clarence Daniel MEREDITH:

A 1993 letter from Margaret Sayre notes that Clarence divorced Lena and moved to Tucson, Arizona at an unspecified date. It also observes that he "remarried I don't know how many times. We met them through the years as he lived in this area of the country until he moved to Vallejo and, I think, died there of heart trouble. He was a supply man at Lockheed aircraft." In the 1940 census he is living in Topeka, his wife's name is Lena, and he is listed as owner/operator of a service station. According to information in the U.S., Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850-2010 he served in the Navy during WWII, from 1942 to 1943.

Retta M. SAPPENFIELD was buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt (Pratt) KS<sup>247</sup>.

31. **ELMER MARION<sup>6</sup> MEREDITH** (Francis Marion<sup>5</sup>, James M.<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born on 24 Sep 1875 in near Harveyville (Wabaunsee), KS<sup>120, 235-236</sup>. He died on 22 Oct 1918 in Topeka, Kansas<sup>236-237</sup>. He married Edith RYLANDER, daughter of Minnie UNKNOWN, on 21 Dec 1910 in Presb. Manse, Frankfort, Kansas<sup>238</sup>. She was born on 24 Feb 1885<sup>212, 239-240</sup>. She died on 09 Sep 1960<sup>240-241</sup>.

Elmer Marion MEREDITH was buried in Frankfort cemetery, Frankfort (Marshall), Kansas (lot 115)<sup>236, 240, 279</sup>.

Notes for Elmer Marion MEREDITH:

The Harveyville Monitor of 3 Jan 1907 has the following note: "Elmer Meredith started Thursday evening for Frankfort where he will assist F.M. Hartman on the Daily Index. The boys are both first class newspaper men, and with Elmer doing the mechanical work with his own neat, tasty style, the paper should be a success. Hartman is a brother-in-law of M.P. Cook of this place."

The Eskridge Star of 12 November 1908 mentions Elmer, "of Frankfort" as attending the wedding of his brother, Frank, and Blanche Turner Thomason.

On 29 December 1910 the Star ran a notice of the marriage of Elmer and Edith, referring to Elmer as the foreman of the Frankfort Daily Index.

He died on 22 October 1918, little more a month after he had registered for the draft (18 September). On 30 October 1918 the Frankfort Daily Index ran the following lengthy obituary for Elmer.

"Elmer M. Meredith was born at Harveyville, Kansas on on September 24, 1875 and passed from this life at St. Francis Hospital, Topeka, Kansas, October 22, 1918 after an illness of several



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months.

He was a graduate of the Eskridge (Kansas) high school in 1892, and soon after began his life as a printer. He was married to Miss Edith Rylander, at Frankfort, Kansas December 21, 1910; and to this union were born three children: Melvyn and Kathryn, and one daughter dying in infancy.

Besides his wife and little children, he is survived by two brothers and other relatives.

The remains were brought to the family's former home at Frankfort, Kansas, for burial on Thursday, October 24th. Short funeral services were held at the grave, in charge of Rev. G.M. West, pastor of the Presbyterian Church.

The following tribute is taken from the Kansas Trade Unionist: Elmer Meredith of the Capital composing room died at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon. While his untimely death was a shock to all of us, it was by no means a surprise to his friends as he had been in poor health for a long time. He suffered in patience and fortitude, with ever a smile and a kind word for the boys who 'happened in.' And to those of you that helped cheer and comfort him by word and deed in his last days, I would say be sure your efforts were much appreciated by him and by those he loved, and should be a source of much satisfaction to you now that an old pal and faithful friend is gone. The good you did by your actions count a whole lot more than the flowers you places on his casket after he was dead. He left a wife, a dear baby girl, and a little son to whom the sincere sympathy of '121' is tendered. The body will be taken to Frankfort, Kansas, his former home."

On 31 October 1918 the Tribune-Star ran Elmer's obituary, as follows:

"Elmer Meredith, age 43, of 634 Polk Street, died Tuesday at a local hospital. The funeral was held from the residence, at 2:30 Wednesday. The body was sent to Frankfort, Kansas for burial -- Topeka State Journal. Elmer was born September 24, 1875 on a farm near Harveyville. Shortly after that the family moved to Eskridge where Elmer grew to manhood. He was a first-class printer and worked for several years on the Frankfort Daily Index, Eskridge Tribune, and Topeka Daily Capital. The sympathy of this community is extended to the wife and small son in their loss. He also leaves two brothers, Frank who lives in Harveyville and Blanche who lives near Auburn." A more extensive obituary also appeared in the same paper on 7 November.

Edith RYLANDER was buried in Frankfort cemetery, Frankfort (Marshall), Kansas (lot 115)<sup>240</sup>.

Elmer Marion MEREDITH and Edith RYLANDER had the following children:

- i. MELVIN<sup>7</sup> MEREDITH was born on 05 Jun 1913<sup>285-286</sup>. He died on 21 Jan 1975<sup>203, 289-290</sup>. He married LAURA STREHL. She was born in 1925<sup>290</sup>. She died in 2010<sup>290</sup>.

Melvin MEREDITH was buried in Logan Park cemetery, Sioux City (Woodbury), IA<sup>290</sup>.

Laura STREHL was buried in Logan Park cemetery, Sioux City (Woodbury), IA<sup>290</sup>.

- ii. KATHRYN SUSANNE MEREDITH was born on 01 Sep 1917<sup>285, 297</sup>. She died on 31 Jan 1994<sup>298</sup>. She married GEORGE HENSLEY. He was born on 19 Sep 1919<sup>299</sup>. He died on 15 Aug 2009<sup>299</sup>.

Kathryn Susanne MEREDITH was buried in Grand View Cemetery, Montrose (Montrose), CO<sup>299</sup>.

George HENSLEY was buried in Grand View Cemetery, Montrose (Montrose), CO<sup>299</sup>.

- iii. UNKNOWN.

32. **BLANCHARD CARTER<sup>6</sup> MEREDITH** (Francis Marion<sup>5</sup>, James M.<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was

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born on 29 Mar 1878 in Bradford (Wabaunsee), Kansas<sup>120, 235, 248</sup>. He died on 04 Jun 1965 in Wakarusa (Shawnee), KS<sup>249</sup>. He married Eva Irene STAHL, daughter of Francis Marion STAHL and Jane (Jennie) Isabel DICKSON, on 16 Oct 1907 in Westminster Presbyterian Church, Topeka, KS<sup>176, 250</sup>. She was born on 31 Mar 1881 in Auburn (Shawnee), KS<sup>33, 251</sup>. She died on 11 Apr 1970 in Los Angeles (L.A.), CA<sup>33</sup>.

Blanchard Carter MEREDITH was buried in Auburn cemetery (Shawnee), KS<sup>300</sup>.

Notes for Blanchard Carter MEREDITH:

The Eskridge Star announced in its 6 March 1902 issue that Blanch had been awarded the contract for carrying the mail from Eskridge to Chalk, "commencing July 1st. He is to receive \$595 a year and the route is made a free delivery one."

On 24 October 1907 the Eskridge Star carried the following article about his marriage to Eva Stahl:

At the Manse of the Westminster Presbyterian church in Topeka on Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, Mr. Blanch C. Meredith of Eskridge and Miss Eva I. Stahl of Auburn were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Rev. Ralph Ward officiating. With the bride the writer has but little acquaintance, but she has every appearance of being a capable, helpful, agreeable companion, fit consort for such an energetic, industrious and obliging man as he whom she was so fortunate in winning. The happy couple came to Eskridge Thursday and will make their home here. The Star unites with their many friends in wishing them health, plenty, and happiness.

On 13 March 1913 the paper reported that Blanchard had recently held a public sale to dispose of his livestock, "preparatory to quitting farming" and that he was moving back into his mother's house.

Eva Irene STAHL was buried in Auburn cemetery (Shawnee), KS<sup>300</sup>.

Notes for Eva Irene STAHL:

Eva graduated from Topeka High School in 1901. Her obituary mentions that Blanchard was a ranch foreman at the time of their marriage.

Blanchard Carter MEREDITH and Eva Irene STAHL had the following children:

- i. MARIAN FRANCES<sup>7</sup> MEREDITH was born on 04 Jun 1908 in Auburn, (Shawnee), KS<sup>301-302</sup>. She died on 17 May 1965 in Topeka (Shawnee), KS<sup>302</sup>. She married WILLIAM JACOB HENDERSON. He was born on 02 Feb 1901<sup>192</sup>. He died on 31 Dec 1964<sup>303</sup>.

Marian Frances MEREDITH was buried in Auburn cemetery (Shawnee), KS<sup>300</sup>.

Notes for Marian Frances MEREDITH:

The Eskridge Star noted Marian's birth on 4 June 1908 by announcing that "Mr. and Mrs. Blanch Meredith are the happiest people in town this morning on account of the arrival of a daughter at their home last night. Dr. Walker was in attendance."

The Topeka Daily Capital - Tuesday May 18, 1965

Mrs. Marian Henderson, 56, 2313 Harrison, died Monday in a Topeka hospital after a long illness. She was born June 4, 1908 at Eskridge, and was a life long resident of the Topeka and Auburn communities. Mrs. Henderson was a member

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of the Seventh Day Adventists Church. Her husband, William J. Henderson, died Dec. 31, 1964.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. LaVonne Warner, Sheriden, Wyo., Mrs. Albert Vopata, Marysville, and Mrs. Lois Jackson, of the home; a foster daughter, Mrs. Delores Steckman, Victoria, Tex.; two sons, Herbert Henderson, San Jose, Calif., and Judson Henderson, Route 1, Topeka; a sister, Mrs. Margaret SAYRE, Los Angeles, Calif.; two brothers, John Meredith, Denver, Colo., and Glenn Meredith, Junction City; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B.C. Meredith, Auburn; and 24 grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Wall-Diffenderfer Chapel with burial in Auburn Cemetery.

William Jacob HENDERSON was buried in Auburn cemetery (Shawnee), KS<sup>300</sup>.

- ii. JOHN ALDEN MEREDITH was born on 26 Jul 1910 in Eskridge (Wabaunsee), KS<sup>304</sup>. He died on 06 Mar 1993 in Mesa (Maricopa), AZ<sup>305</sup>. He married Mae Dee JELINEK, daughter of VojtechAlbert JELINEK and Anna Jane MORAVEC, on 01 Sep 1940 in Munden (Republic), KS<sup>306</sup>. She was born on 04 May 1916 in Esbon (Jewell), KS<sup>307</sup>. She died on 09 Mar 1987 in Denver (Denver), CO<sup>308</sup>.

John Alden MEREDITH was buried in New Tabor cemetery, Munden (Republic), KS<sup>309</sup>.

Notes for John Alden MEREDITH:

A delayed birth certificate # 99-258 lists his birth date as 26 July, 1910. The certificate was filed about 1 March 1915 (?) when John A. was already 4 years old. John A. attended Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas for his engineering degree. He later met Mae Dee Jelinek when he was working for the state highway department. They were married in the living room of Mae Dee's parents' house in Munden, KS on 1 September 1940. After their marriage, they moved to Manitou Springs, Colo. From there they went to Lakewood, Colorado where he worked with the Bureau of Reclamation. Most of their time in the Denver area was spent at 3920 Hoyt in Wheat Ridge, where they lived from about 1954 through the early 1970s. They sold that house and moved to 652 So. Xenon Ct. in Lakewood after their children were married.

In the mid 1950s he started his own drilling company--Meredith Drilling--located at 945 S. Huron in Denver. This became a very successful enterprise. The company drilled the foundations for Denver's first skyscraper, portions of interstate 70, and also drilled missile silos in the northern plains states. John A. retired in the late 1970s and sold the company to a Canadian firm.

John A. was forever thinking up new gadgets. When John Dee was a baby, John A. invented the John Dee Baby Bottle Holder, designed to hold the bottle over the crib with elastic straps so that the infant could feed on demand. Later ideas were PUMS (for "Protect Your Money"), T-shirts with pockets sewn in, blue salt (so you could see how much you were putting on your food), and a universally-flexible visor extender for cars. He had a particular kind of creativity and was always at work mentally on some project.

He stayed in Denver briefly after Mae Dee died in 1987, but ultimately ended up moving to Munden, Kansas. He stayed there for a few years, wintering in Phoenix. Late in 1992 he moved to Phoenix. His health deteriorated quickly, however, and he was briefly hospitalized. He died of congestive heart failure in his sleep.

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Mae Dee JELINEK was buried in New Tabor cemetery, Munden (Republic), KS<sup>309</sup>.

Notes for Mae Dee JELINEK:

- iii. GLENN BLANCHARD MEREDITH was born on 24 Feb 1913 in Auburn, KS<sup>310-311</sup>. He died on 23 May 1979 in Junction City (Geary), KS<sup>312-313</sup>. He married POCAHONTAS ELWOOD CONN. She was born on 13 Dec 1908<sup>192</sup>. She died on 07 Jul 1993<sup>192, 314</sup> in Topeka (Shawnee), KS.

Glenn Blanchard MEREDITH was buried in Auburn cemetery (Shawnee), KS<sup>300</sup>.

Notes for Glenn Blanchard MEREDITH:

The Eskridge Tribune Star noted Glenn's birth (although with a different date) as follows. "A fine baby boy arrived February 26 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B.C Meredith, and this paper failed to announce the fact. We ask the young man's pardon."

Memorial services were held on Monday, May 29, 1979 at Newcomer-Diffenderfer Chapel, Topeka. Officiant was Rev. Jerry Pence of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Junction City, KS.

Pocahontas Elwood CONN was buried in Auburn cemetery (Shawnee), KS<sup>300</sup>.

- iv. LOIS ISABEL MEREDITH was born on 23 Dec 1917 in Auburn (Shawnee), KS<sup>315</sup>. She died on 14 Nov 1921 in Auburn (Shawnee), KS<sup>316</sup>.

Lois Isabel MEREDITH was buried in Auburn (Shawnee), Kansas<sup>300</sup>.

Notes for Lois Isabel MEREDITH:

Her tombstone in Auburn cemetery has an incorrect year of death. It lists 1920, but the death certificate is clear that it was in 1921.

- v. MARGARET LOUISE MEREDITH was born on 23 Dec 1919 in Auburn, KS<sup>317</sup>. She died on 07 Jul 2014 in Sun City, CA. She married (1) WILLIAM H. SAYRE, son of Edward W. SAYRE and Margaret WOOD, on 18 Aug 1944 in Cheyenne (Laramie), WY<sup>318-319</sup>. He was born on 24 Apr 1903 in Nebraska, USA<sup>213, 320</sup>. He died on 08 Apr 1975 in California, USA<sup>213</sup>. She married (2) FRANCIS J. BAUMEISTER, son of William H. BAUMEISTER and Marie SPAELTI, on 17 Aug 1976 in Douglas County, NV. He was born on 06 May 1917 in San Francisco, CA<sup>212</sup>. He died on 16 Feb 1995 in Sun City, CA<sup>203, 321</sup>. She married (3) FRANCIS J. BAUMEISTER on 07 Feb 1991 in Clark County, Nevada<sup>322-323</sup>.

Notes for Margaret Louise MEREDITH:

An obituary posted on the Miller-Jones Mortuary is as follows:

*Margaret Louise Sayre Margaret Louise Sayre, 94 of Chino, California, passed away on Monday, July 7, 2014, at her home in Chino, California. Margaret was born Tuesday, December 23, 1919, in Auburn, Kansas, she was the daughter of the late Blanchard Meredith and the late Eva Stahl Meredith. Margaret is survived by her loving daughter, Marilyn Saldivar, of Chino, California.*

Francis J. BAUMEISTER was buried in Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, CA. Section Ab Row F Site 52.

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Francis J. BAUMEISTER and Margaret Louise MEREDITH were divorced on 07 Apr 1982 in Los Angeles (L.A.), CA<sup>324</sup>.

33. **ARLIE HOMER<sup>6</sup> MEREDITH** (Norville<sup>5</sup>, William P.<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born on 09 Jan 1892<sup>191-192</sup>. He died in Jan 1978<sup>192</sup>. He married Carrie E. GRIGGS on 07 Jan 1916 in Osceola, St Clair, Missouri<sup>193</sup>. She was born in 1895<sup>194</sup>. She died in 1977<sup>194</sup>.

Arlie Homer MEREDITH was buried in Resthaven Memorial Gardens, St. Clair County, MO<sup>278</sup>.

Carrie E. GRIGGS was buried in Resthaven Memorial Gardens, St. Clair County, MO<sup>278</sup>.

Arlie Homer MEREDITH and Carrie E. GRIGGS had the following child:

- i. MARVIN LUTHER<sup>7</sup> MEREDITH was born in Jun 1917<sup>282</sup>. He died on 26 Nov 1918<sup>282</sup>.

34. **RAIMON GUY<sup>6</sup> MEREDITH** (Elijah Dee<sup>5</sup>, William P.<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born on 15 Apr 1892<sup>171, 196</sup>. He died on 29 Feb 1952<sup>171, 197</sup>. He married Ena MCGUFFY on 19 Aug 1914<sup>198</sup>.

Raimon Guy MEREDITH was buried in Shaw Cemetery (Neosho), KS<sup>171</sup>.

Raimon Guy MEREDITH and Ena MCGUFFY had the following children:

- i. LAWRENCE<sup>7</sup> MEREDITH was born on 02 Mar 1918<sup>280</sup>. He died on 08 Jan 2005<sup>281</sup>.  
ii. RUSSELL MEREDITH was born on 19 Apr 1927<sup>283</sup>. He died on 25 Mar 2004<sup>284</sup>. He married MONTANA SMAIL.  
iii. RAIMON MEREDITH was born on 19 Oct 1929<sup>295</sup>. He died on 02 May 1998<sup>296</sup>.

35. **WILLIAM BOYD<sup>6</sup> MEREDITH** (Elijah Dee<sup>5</sup>, William P.<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>) was born on 23 May 1894<sup>231</sup>. He died on 13 May 1980<sup>231</sup>. He married **LILLIAN MAUD UNKNOWN**.

William Boyd MEREDITH was buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Chanute (Neosho), KS<sup>231</sup>.

William Boyd MEREDITH and Lillian Maud UNKNOWN had the following children:

- i. CLYDE RUSSELL<sup>7</sup> MEREDITH.  
ii. CECIL EUGENE MEREDITH was born on 10 Apr 1918<sup>231</sup>. He died on 12 Jul 1987<sup>231</sup>. He married DELOIS EMMA CHESTEEN PRINE.

Cecil Eugene MEREDITH was buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Chanute (Neosho), KS.

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