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SUTTON-BEASEEY FAMILY

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Introduction

In this book, the compiling of which has required more than eight years, we have endeavored to trace one branch of the William Sutton family, who, in 1668, on account of religious differences, emigrated from Massachusetts to New Jersey.

The information contained in the first section of the book was collected from many sources. Early records from the first to the fourth generation were obtained from genealogical documents listed in the reference section. Information on later generations was derived from public records; practically all of the cemeteries in Adams County and Brown County, Ohio, have been checked as well as the court houses of these counties. Greene County, Pennsylvania, home of Benjamin Sutton (4), was disregarded by early researchers as family tradition placed the Suttons in Virginia prior to their emigration to Kentucky and Ohio.

After consulting the pension application of Benjamin Sutton (5), and realizing that Virginia claimed territory as far north as Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, we began research in Westmoreland, Washington and Greene County, Pennsylvania. After several references in Westmoreland and Washington, we finally found in the old files in Greene County Court House papers and receipts recording the settlement of the estate of Benjamin Sutton (4).

The photographs for the book were prepared by William Leroy Shafer (10).

A number in parenthesis after a name as, George (1) indicates the generation number. b. means born, d. means died, m. means marriage, res, means residence.

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or three generations, contributed from
private sources, may contain errors, but,
as far as possible, the dates have been
carefully checked. Minor discrepancies
exist between cemetery and census records.

If, in the future, sufficient information is obtained, an appendix may be compiled.

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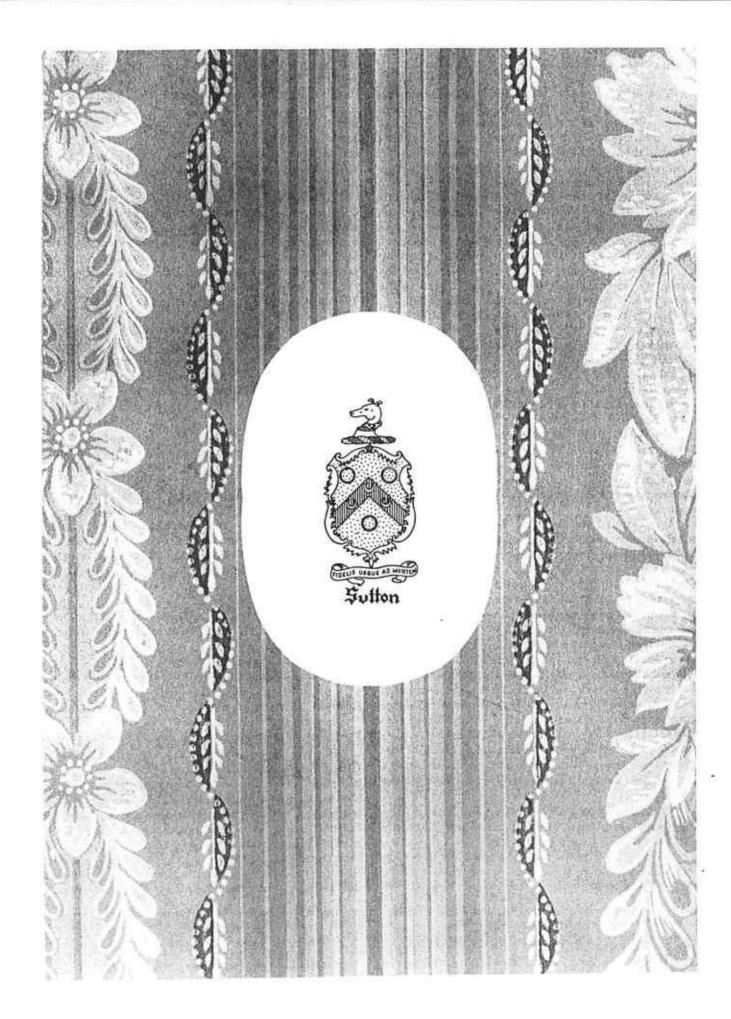
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DESCENDANTS OF THE SUTTON-BEASLEY FAMILY OF BROWN CO., OHIO

The Suttons were Normans in the beginning and before anybody had a surname in the modern sense. It is one of the few names which is practically without variants, although one New England forbear tried "Sutten"-apparently, however, with indifferent success, as few, if any of the family now spell it with an "e". The first Sutton was a Norman and in the train of William the Conqueror when he started upon his never-to-be-forgotten expedition. Sutton-upon-Trent was granted to him as his share of the spoils, to have and to hold forever, and so the Norman became English Sutton.

Sud-tun, meaning a place of dwelling in the South, is the original form of Sutton, and is the name of a large number of towns in England.

More than fifty coats of arms have been granted to the family, which indicates their rank among the English gentry. There were the Suttons of Sutton, in Holderness; the Suttons of Sutton-Madoc, in Shropshire; and the Suttons of Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire. These were three among the many branches of the family tree planted in England by the Norman founder.

Norwood Park, Nottinghamshire, was one seat of the Suttons. Richard Sutton, of Norwood Park, was created a Baronet in 1766. He descended from Roland, son of Hervey de Sutton, of Sutton-upon-Trent, who lived in the thirteenth century.

Sir Richard left a large family by his three wives - nine children. He was the son of Sir Robert Sutton, Privy Councillor, who in 1725 married Judith, Countess-Dowager of Sunderland, and the daughter of Benjamin Tichborne. 1

George, John and Simon are the first Suttons of whom we have record in America. They may have been brothers.

George Sutton, in 1634, sailed on the Hercules from Kent, England. He accompanied Nathaniel Tilden, his wife, Lydia, three children and seven servants; ² within two years of the settlement of the group at Scituate, Massachusetts, George Sutton married Sarah Tilden, ³ daughter of Nathaniel. In New England, Nathaniel Tilden, "Gentleman," an elder of the church who held important offices of trust, was accorded the position due his social status, education, and comparative wealth, ⁴

Nathaniel Tilden died in 1641, and, the following year, his wife, Lydia, married Timothy Hatherly, who thus became the step father-in-law of George Sutton. Hatherly and his life-long friend, James Cudworth, men of the first prominence in the Plymouth Colony were liberals in

principle. When the Plymouth Colony, following the lead of Massachusetts, enacted penal laws against the Quakers, these two alone, of all the magistrates, entered a strong protest. They paid for their temerity by the loss of political position and influence. Cudworth was fined for holding intercourse with Quakers and eventually disfranchised, but he lived to see the turn of the tide and to be reseated as a magistrate. Hatherly died while still under the ban.

Their courage bore fruit. Their personal influence was such that the Plymouth penal laws, though similar to those of Massachusetts, were not enforced with the same rigor. No Quakers were put to death in the Plymouth Colony, and Quakers were allowed to follow their own faith. 4

In 1636, George Sutton (1) married Sarah Tilden who was born in January, 1613; died, 3-20-1677.

Children of Sarah Tilden & George Sutton (1):

Joseph Sutton (2) b. 1637; d. in Perquimans County, North Carolina in 1695; m. 168- Deliverance Nicholson, S-7 daughter of Christopher and Hannah (Rednap) Nicholson.

m. 10-22-1662, at Lynn, Massachusetts.

Daniel Sutton (2) b. 1639; m. at Charlestown, Mass., in 1667 to Mary Cole, daughter of Isaac Cole of Charlestown, a passenger on the Hercules with George Sutton and the Tildens; baptized 11-20-1639-40.6-7

Child of Mary Cole & Daniel Sutton (2): Daniel Sutton, Jr. born at Charlestown, Massachusetts.

William Sutton (2) b. 1641; of Scituate, Mass., Eastham, Mass., and Piscataway, New Jersey; d. 4-28-1718; m. 7-11-1666at Eastham, Damaris Bishop, daughter of Richard & Alice Martin Bishop. Damaris died 2-6-1682-3; m. 2nd Jane Barnes, daughter of John, 1-3-1683-4.

Nathaniel Sutton (2) b. 1643; d. 1682 in Perquimans County, North Carolina; m. 1668 Deborah Astine, in Virginia.

Lydia, baptized, 9-13-1646.

Sarah, baptized 12-3-1648; died in infancy.

Sarah, baptized 9-15-1650; m. 1668, John Barrow, in Perquimans Co.

Elizabeth, baptized 8-28-1653; m. 1674, Ralph Fletcher, in Perquimans County, North Carolina.

In 1668, George Sutton (1) emigrated to North Carolina with his family on account of the persecution of the Quakers in Massachusetts. One of the earliest meeting houses of the Quakers was built near the end of the seventeenth century on Sutton Creek, so called because it bordered the land of George Sutton and his sons. His son, William, however, with his wife, Damaris, went to New Jersey when the founding of a colony between the Hudson and the Delaware Rivers became

^{1.} Cincinnati Inquirer, Cincinnati, Ohio - Dec. 5, 1909;

^{2.} Pope's Pioneers of Massachusetts - page 454.

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known. They were accompanied by Richard Bishop, father of William's wife. William prospered and accumulated two hundred forty-nine acres of land in Piscataway, New Jersey, and became a man of honor in the town. William Sutton died near Piscataway in Woodbridge in 1718. 1 He is buried there.

Children of Damaris Bishop and William Sutton

Alice Sutton (3) b. 5-13-1668, in Eastham, Mass.

Thomas Sutton (3) b. 11-11-1669, in Eastham,

m. 4- -1693, Mary Adams of Woodbridge, N. J.

Mary Sutton (3) b. 10-4-1671, Eastham, Massachusetts.

m. 12-23-1689, Daniel McDaniel, of Piscataway, New Jersey.

Damaris Sutton (3) b. 1673, in Piscataway; d.

m. Benjamin Force, of Woodbridge, New

John Sutton (3) b. 4-20-1674, in Piscataway,

m. 1605, Elizabeth Conger; d. 1750.

Judah Sutton (3) b. 1-24-1675, in Piscataway,

m. 5-5-1698, Emma (Amy) Carle (Canter) (Carter).

Richard Sutton (3) b. 7-18-1676 in Piscataway,

m. 1-25-1702, Sarah Runyon; 2nd, Anne Boucher.

Joseph Sutton (3) b. 6-27-1678 in Piscataway; d. 1682.

Benjamin Sutton (3) b. 2-24-1682, in Piscataway; d. 12-22-1682.

Daniel Sutton (3) b. 2-25-1682, in Piscataway, N. J.

m. 10-31-1704, Patience Martin; 2nd, 8-25-1724, Lydia Collier.

Children of Jane Barnes & William Sutton (2): Joseph Sutton (3) b. 9-11-1693, in Piscataway, N. J. ³

Thomas Sutton (3), one of the three children of William (2) and Damaris Bishop Sutton born in Eastham, Massachusetts; married in April 1693, Mary Adams of Woodbridge, New Jersey. They lived at Piscataway, New Jersey.

Children of Thomas Sutton (3) and Mary Adams:

Joseph Sutton (4) b. about 1694 Rachel Sutton (4) b. March 27, 1695.

Benjamin Sutton (4) b. Jan. 19, 1696-7. Samuel Sutton (4) b. March 16, 1698-9.

Twins.

Hannah Sutton (4) b. March 16, 1698-9. Nathaniel Sutton (4) b. May 23, 1701. Thomas Sutton (4) b. about 1705.

1. New England Historical and Genealogical Register, January, 1937.

The Sutton Family of New Jersey by Dr. E. F. H. Sutton. 2. Genealogical Notes of the Sutton Family of New Jersey by Dr. Edward F. H. Sutton.

John Sutton (3), son of William (2), was born in Piscataway; married Elizabeth ---- about 1695 and removed from Piscataway to Passaic Valley, near Basking Ridge, Somerset Co., New Jersey. John (3) died in December, 1750. Elizabeth, wife of John, was born 1679; died 1731; they are buried in the Baptist Churchyard at Stelton, Piscataway. 4

Children of Elizabeth and John Sutton (3):

Moses Sutton (4) b. Feb. 2, 1696-7.

Aaron Sutton (4) b. July 2, 1699.

John Sutton (4) b. Sept. 19, 1701.

David Sutton (4) b. July 31, 1703. Sarah Sutton (4) b. July 21, 1706.

James Sutton (4) b. May 9, 1709.

Jesse Sutton (4) b. July 6, 1711.

Mary Sutton (4) b. Aug. 15, 1717. Ephraim Sutton (4) b. Dec. 7, 1719.

Judah Sutton (3), son of William Sutton and Damaris Bishop, married Emma (Amy) Carter (Carle or Canter), May 6, 1698.

Children of Emma Carle & Judah Sutton (3):

Emma Sutton (4) b. Mar. 9, 1699.

m. Hugh Dunn, Jr., June 19, 1720. Damaris Sutton (4) b. Dec. 18, 1700.

Patience Sutton (4) b. Jan.27, 1702-3.

William Sutton (4) b. Jan. 4, 1706-7.

Mary Sutton (4) b. July 3, 1709.

Sarah Sutton (4) b. Feb. 28, 1711.

Elizabeth Sutton (4) b. Oct. 3, 1713.

Anne Sutton (4) b. June 25, 1714.

Joseph Sutton (4) b. Dec. 6, 1716.

Rachel Sutton (4) b. May 28, 1719.

Benjamin Sutton (4) b. April 13, 1722.5

Richard Sutton (3), son of William Sutton and Damaris Bishop, married, January 25, 1702, Sarah Runyon, daughter of Anne Boutcher and Vincent Runyon (Rognon). Richard died in 1732.

Children of Sarah Runyon & Richard Sutton (3):

Sarah Sutton (4) b. Dec. 31, 1703.

m. Joseph Manning.

Anna Sutton (4) b. May 20, 1706.

m. Hendrick Sleight.

Nathan Sutton (4) b. Aug. 16, 1708; d. 1733; unmarried.

Richard Sutton (4) b. Feb. 14, 1711-2.

Peter Sutton (4) b. May 2, 1713; d. 1740;

m. Sarah --

Catherine Sutton (4) b. Jan. 24, 1715-6.

Joshua Sutton (4) b. Nov. 18, 1718.

Jonas Sutton (4) b. April 18, 1721.

Amos Sutton (4) b. July 16, 1723.

Joseph Sutton (4) b. Aug. 15, 1726.6

Daniel Sutton (3), son of William Sutton (2) and Damaris Bishop, married Patience, daughter of John and Dorothy Martin of Piscataway; formerly of Dover, New Hampshire.

Children of Patience Martin & Daniel Sutton (3): Anne Sutton (4) b. Sept. 16, 1705.

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Zebulon Sutton (4) b. Sept. 1, 1707.

Zacharias Sutton (4) b. Oct. 5, 1709.

John Sutton (4) b. Aug. 10, 1713.

Dorothy Sutton (4) b. May 1, 1717.

Patience Sutton (4) b. May 23, 1719; m. 1752.

Esther Sutton (4) b. Aug. 2, 1721.

Children of Lydia Collier & Daniel Sutton (3) m. 1724:

Daniel Sutton (4) b. May 8, 1725.

David Sutton (4), son of Elizabeth and John Sutton (3), married, but his wife was not named in his will but was mentioned. He lived in Basking Ridge, Somerset County, New Jersey; he died in December, 1775.

Children of David Sutton & wife were:

Rev. Isaac Sutton (5) b. 1729; d. 1797. m. Rachel Doty.

Rev. David Sutton (5) b. 1730; d. 1812. m. Ann Winter.

Rev. John Sutton (5) b. 1733; d. 1813.

m. Ruth Stout.

Abraham Sutton (5) b. 1741. m. Sarah Chenowith.

Rev. James Sutton (5) b. ; d. 1828. m. Hannah Cox.

Capt. Moses Sutton (5) b. ; d. 1797. m. Susannah Cox.

Sarah Sutton (5) b. 1747; d. 1828. m. Isaac Cox.

Elizabeth Sutton (5) b. 1727; d. m. 1750, Rev. Jacob Cozed.

Children: Marah, Joanna, Abigail.

Mary Sutton (5) b. 1728; d. 1746. Children: David.

Isaac (5), David (5), John (5) and James (5) Sutton were Baptist ministers; they left their home in Basking Ridge, New Jersey before 1770 and went to Virginia, a part now called Greene County and Fayette County, Pennsylvania, There we find many records of their work in the Baptist churches that they organized. In the history of Greene County, Pennsylvania, is recorded: "Three Rev. Suttons - John, James and Isaac Sutton all worked in Greene and Fayette Counties, and Rev. Corbly was associated with all of them. In 1773, the Suttons and Rev. Corbly preached, continuing until 1775. Two of the Suttons were present when Rev. John Corbly was ordained, and that day became minister of Goshen Baptist Church, Besides the Goshen Baptist Church, the Suttons were instrumental in organizing the Ten - Mile Baptist Church of Fayette County, Pennsylvania." 2

The Rev. Suttons and their father's cousin, Benjamin Sutton, Sr. (4) are all recorded in the minutes of Goshen Baptist Church. This cousin is here traced through his descendants down to the present generation.

In 1721, the land that is now Greene County, Pennsylvania, was in Spottsylvania County, Virginia. In 1734, it was a part of Orange County, Virginia. In 1738, it was part of West Augusta County, Virginia. Monongahela County included what is now Monongahela County, West Virginia; Dunkard, Tenmile, and Whitely Valleys of Greene County, Pennsylvania. The county seat was two miles from New Geneva, which is now in Fayette County. ³ After the Mason and Dixon Line gave to Pennsylvania much of the territory then held by Virginia, this court was moved to Morgantown. The land given up by Virginia became part of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.

Augustine Dillinger and his wife were the first settlers in Greene County. They went from Virginia to Swearingen Fort on Michael Crow farm in Fayette County.

George Morris, a native of New Jersey, was born in 1744. He went to Virginia in 1763; later in 1763, he went to the Carolinas but returned to Virginia in 1764. He thought himself the first white man in that section as he found no traces of civilization. He founded a settlement in what is now Greene County, and others joined him in 1773. In the spring of 1773, Justis Garard and John Corbly with others went to the vicinity of Garard's Fort, Later, George Morris and Justis Garard married daughters of John Corbly, Margaret and Rachel. When Fort Garard was built, George Morris was appointed captain of scouts.

"History of the Baptist Church in Western Pennsylvania" states that John Corbly went to western Pennsylvania in 1768 and became a coworker with Rev. John Sutton.

In the fall of 1773, many other settlers joined those already in Greene County. The houses of the settlers were rude cabins generally with only one room, built of logs; the main requirement was that a house be near a good spring. The settlers assisted one another in the building of the houses and the completion of a building was followed by a housewarming.⁴

Many of the graves of Revolutionary soldiers are marked in the cemeteries of Greene County, Pennsylvania, That of Benjamin Sutton, Sr. displays a government marker in Garard's Fort Cemetery. William Leroy Shafer (10) submitted to the Historical Society of Greene County forty four pages of photostats, photographs, cemetery records, records of Pennsylvania archives, old family letters, pension, property transfers records, etc. as proof of residence in Greene County of Benjamin Sutton, Sr. 3 and of his service in the Revolutionary War from that county. 5

Benjamin Sutton (4), son of Judah Sutton (3) and Emma Carle (Carter) (Canter) left Somerset County, New Jersey, in 1771 or 1772 and removed to Virginia, now Greene County, Pennsylvania. The section was on Big Whitely Creek in a place named Garard's Fort. He received a patent for a tract of one hundred acres which he named

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^{4.} History of Greene County, by A. J. Waychoff.

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^{6.} Pension of Benjamin Sutton, Jr. 516 266.

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Sutwell; at the same time, his son Ebenezer (5) received a patent for a tract of two hundred twenty-three acres which he called Maidenhead; these tracts adjoined and were surveyed April 22, 1788, and patented in 1793. Later, Stephen Sutton (5) purchased (November 30, 1793) part of his father's tract and March 30, 1798, sold this property. 1

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In 1942, the Historical Society of Greene County placed a government stone for Benjamin Sutton, Sr. in the Garard's Fort Cemetery. Several other Revolutionary soldiers, some of whom served in the same company with Benjamin Sutton, Sr., have government markers in Garard's

Fort. The Greene County Trial Docket for 1804 lists Benjamin Sutton as a constable. In 1786, Benjamin Sutton requested the Goshen Baptist Church to give him a letter of dismissal. In February, 1801, John Porter requested a letter of dismissal and it is assumed that the persons making the requests were Benjamin Sutton, Jr. and Sarah Sutton's husband, John Porter.

Stephen Sutton (5) moved to Hamilton County, Ohio, and settled in a section now called Mt. Washington; later, he gave the right of way for a thoroughfare known as Sutton Avenue, formerly Sutton Road. Stephen Justis Sutton, his son, gave Mt. Washington its name.

The second permanent settlement in Ohio was in Columbia, now Cincinnati, Hamilton County, by a party of eighteen men led by Benjamin Stites who landed at the mouth of the Little Miami in 1788. At this point, they constructed a log fort and laid out the town of Columbia. 3

Benjamin Stites is beyond doubt the man listed in the records of Goshen Baptist Church in Greene County, and who served as captain in the Revolution from that section.

Probably all of the party mentioned above were from Greene County, Pennsylvania, as we find Stephen and Nathan Sutton in Hamilton County a short time later. It is probable that the Suttons and Benjamin Stites traveled in the same party, as they all are found in three separate sections of the country - New Jersey, 4 Greene County, Pa., and Hamilton County, Ohio.

Benjamin Sutton Sr. - Mary Jennings Branch Benjamin Sutton, Sr. married Mary Jennings in New Jersey. He died in 1806 and the settlement of his estate is recorded in file 87 in the Green County, Pa. Court House. His son, Nathan, sold the remainder of the property after his father's death, having the consent of his sister, Sarah Sutton Porter.5

The administrator of the estate was Hugh Stevenson, but, as final settlement was not made until 1827, Daniel Stevenson made the settlement, his father having died prior to that date.



Stone of Benjamin Sutton (4)

The Jennings family of New Jersey descended from the Jennings of Suffolk County, England. Benjamin Jennings is the first of the name recorded. His children were Joseph, Zebulon, Jacob, Benjamin, Jr., Jonathan, John and David. 6

Jacob was probably the father of Mary Jennings, wife of Benjamin Sutton, Sr.

Children of Mary Jennings & Benjamin Sutton, Sr.;

Ebenezer (5) b. : d. m. about 1788, Margaret Stephen Sutton (5) b. 1760; d. 1846

m. about 1788, Hannah Knight who died 1809.

m. 2nd, 1813, Deborah Justis. Benjamin Sutton (5) b. 9-20-1759; d. 9-4-1840, Brown Co.

m. 1779, Sarah Tingley. Eunice Sutton 7 (5) b. ; d.

; (Called Polly) ; d. Mary Sutton (5) b.

m. Thomas Lucas.

Nathan Sutton (5) b.

m. March 5, 1815, 8 Patty Woodruff, wid-

Lived in Clermont Co., Ohio; served in War of 1812.

Sarah Sutton (5) b.

m. John Porter.

Stephen Sutton (5), son of Benjamin Sutton (4), married Deborah Justis.

Children of Deborah Justis & Stephen Sutton (5):

Stephen Justis Sutton (6) b. ; d. m. Bridget Cordelia Mitchell of Point Pleasant, O.

Five Children - names not given.

Stephen Justis Sutton (6), son of Deborah Justis and Stephen Sutton (5), married Bridget Mitchell. Children of Bridget C. Mitchell & Stephen Justis Sutton (6):

Hannah Elizabeth Sutton (7) b. 1857; d. 1941. unmarried.

^{1.} Waynesburg, Greene County, Ps. Court Records, Deed Book 1.

^{2.} Cincinnati Times - Star, Dec. 3, 1940.

^{3.} History of Highland County, Ohio, by Daniel Scott.

^{4.} D. A. R. Lineage Book 124, page 99.

Greene County Deed Book 3, page 477-478.

^{6.} History of Greene County by Jordan, page 110.

^{7.} Letters of Elizabeth Sutton (7).

^{8.} Marriages - Clermont Co., Ohio, p. 53 - Vol. 1.

Horatio Seymore Sutton (7) b. ; d. Residence, Illinois.

8 children - names not given. 1

Captain William Moore of Kentucky, a Revolutionary soldier, took a warrantee claim for one hundred sixty acres of land in southern Ohionear Cincinnatias part pay for his services in the Revolution, and Stephen Sutton (5) bought one hundred forty-three acres of the claim from Captain Moore in 1794. The deed which Stephen Sutton received later from the government was signed by President Thomas Jefferson and is thought to be in the possession of a member of the Stephen Sutton family. Stephen built a log cabin on a part of the purchase in 1795, and occupied it with his family until he died in 1846. This cabin was enlarged in 1813 and is still in a good state of preservation.²

Probably all of the children of Mary Jennings and Benjamin Sutton, Sr. were born in Somerset County, New Jersey; at any rate, Benjamin, Jr. was twelve years of age at the time of the family's removal from New Jersey in 1771. They finally settled in what is now Greene County, Pennsylvania.

In his pension application, Benjamin Sutton, Jr. states: "Moved from New Jersey in 1771 or 1772 to Virginia, thence to the section which was later Greene County, Pa. in March 1777, where resided at time of enlistment in the Revolutionary army; later, removed to "Monongahelia" County, Virginia, thence in 1788 to Mason County, Kentucky; in 1801 or 1802, settled in Brown County, Ohio, and resided there in 1833, when pension was granted. 3"

"Enlisted in April 1777, and served eight months as private in Captain John Minor's company under Colonel Zac Morgan in the Pennsylvania Troops; engaged at forts on the western frontier against the Indians; volunteered April 1788 at Garret's Fort on Whitely Creek; served eight months as private in Captain Samuel Swindler's Pennsylvania Company under General Mc-Intosh and assisted in building Fort McIntosh and Fort Laurens. 4 "

At the time Benjamin Sutton, Jr. left Monongahela County to go to Mason County, Kentucky, the family, no doubt, traveled by boat, as history states that supplies were shipped from Greene County, Pennsylvania, to Limestone, now Maysville, Kentucky, by the river route. At this time, 1788, Pittsburgh had a population of only three hundred seventy-six and Washington, Kentucky, the county seat of Mason County, had listed four hundred sixty-two persons. Daniel Boone resided there (Maysville) in 1786.

Maysville, Kentucky, was settled in 1784; the first buildings were a double log house and a blockhouse.

In 1788, the town Maysville was established and the first schoolhouse was opened by Israel Donaldson, who had been held in captivity by the Indians for a long period.

At that time, Maysville was the principal point for landing of immigrants after the trip down the Ohio River. Most of the merchandise and supplies for the interior or pioneer Kentucky also passed through this frontier town.

Here, bands of Indians of the Northwest sometimes crossed the Ohio River from the Ohio side on their way to attack the interior towns of Kentucky.

In 1815, Maysville's population began to increase and it was incorporated as a city in 1833.

When Mason County was established in 1789, it was formed of part of Bourbon County and was named in honor of George Mason, a statesman of Virginia. Mason County occupies seventeen miles along the Ohio River and is probably the most historic county in the state.⁵

Benjamin Sutton, Jr., according to his pension, settled in Mason County about the time of the founding, 1788. In the November court, 1796, he was appointed Keeper of the Public Ferry. The ferry traveled across the Ohio from his land on the Kentucky side to a landing on the Ohio side; and it was ordered that he keep two good boatsone for transportation of horses and one for passengers, with four good hands to help. William Lamb signed as surety for Benjamin Sutton. 6-7

Benjamin Sutton leased the ferry to David Robe in 1800.

May 12, 1794, Trustees of Maysville, Ky., deeded to Benjamin Sutton of same place "land in Maysville below Limestone Creek," lots 137, 138, 139, 140 in the fourth range of lots; also, 69, 70, 71, 72, between the first two ranges of lots; also, 73, 74, 75, 76 in the second range from the river, all as shown on the plot of the city of Maysville, Mason County, Kentucky.

On May 9, 1814, Trustees of Maysville, Mason County, Ky., sold to Benjamin Sutton of Adams Co., Ohio, lots 15 and 16. 9 .

August 28, 1810, Benjamin Sutton of Adams County, Ohio, sold to Solomon Froman of Maysville, Ky., two half acre lots; also, lots 137, 138, 139, 140, containing two acres in all. 10

March 5, 1812, Benjamin Sutton and Sarah, his wife, of Adams County, Ohio, sold to James Chambers of Mason Co., Ky., lots in Maysville, Ky., - numbers 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, and 76; also two other lots. 11

^{1.} Cincinnati Times - Star, Dec. 3, 1940.

Letters of Elizabeth Sutton (7), written 4-3-1922;
 9-24-1922; address, 2045 Sutton Road, Cincinnati, Ohio.

^{3.} Pension record of Benjamin Sutton, Jr., issued 9-16-1833.

^{4.} First paragraph of Benjamin Sutton's pension statement.

^{5.} From Cincinnati Times - Star - April 25, 1940.

Mason County, Ky., Court Order Book - page 364, Nov. Court, 1796.

^{7.} Collin's History of Kentucky - Vol. 2.

^{8.} Mason Co., Ky. Court Records, Deed Book B, page 34.

^{9.} Mason Co., Ky. Court Records, Deed Book N, page 409.

^{10.} Mason Co., Ky. Court Records, Deed Book M, page 164.

^{11.} Mason Co., Ky. Court Records, Deed Book M, page 433.

June 6, 1814, Benjamin Sutton and Sarah, his wife, of Adams County, Ohio, sold to John Armstrong of Maysville, Ky., for \$555.00 lot number 15. 1

Oct. 3, 1816, Benjamin Sutton and Sarah, his wife, of Adams County, Ohio, sold to John Armstrong of Maysville, Ky., for \$6000.00 a parcel of ground on Wafter (now Front) St. and Sutton Street. ²

Sutton Street in Maysville, Kentucky, was named for Benjamin Sutton; he owned the land where it was laid out.

Kentucky suffered much from incursions of the Indians, and many peaceful homes were laid in ashes by their relentless hands. Entire parties were slain or captured enroute to this new country; soldiers at times accompanied them.

The settlers were in constant danger in their homes; the Indians made almost daily attacks upon the border settlements, burning houses, killing inhabitants, and stealing horses. When the alarm was given, women and children hurried to the fort as the men pursued the enemy. After Wayne's treaty with the Indians, many settlers moved across the Ohio, as they disliked living in a slave state. 3

While Keeper of the Ferry, Benjamin Sutton, Jr. ferried many of the emigrants across the Ohio.

The discipline of the churches in the colonies was rigid and the rules adhered to by both men and women. The women had very little voice in the government, but were reverenced for their ministrations to the ill, their aid in securing provisions for the family, their preservation of the morals of the community; except for their guidance, the settlers' danger of drifting into barbarism would have been great. Temperance, as we regard it, was not considered a great virtue. It was not unknown for even the ministers and the elders of the churches to carryjugs of their favorite brew.

Having come from Kentucky or Virginia, many of the settlers had, before their emigration to Ohio, been slave holders; their slaves were freed, some being given tracts of land in Virginia or Ohio.

The churches of an early date frowned upon secret societies, declaring that any connection with the Masonic Fraternity was unlawful, anti-Christian, and sinful; in 1867, the church law was modified to the extent that members were only advised to have no connection with the Masonic Order.

The soil of southern Ohio was very fertile, supplying settlers with bread, fruit, vegetables, while wild turkeys, deer, and buffaloes were abundant. A great deal of time was spent by the men of the settlements in hunting and fishing; while almost every evening the girls and boys

- 1. Mason Co., Ky. Court Records, Deed Book N, page 410.
- 2. Mason Co., Ky. Court Records, Deed Book Q, page 258.
- 3. History of Highland County, Ohio, by Daniel Scott.
- 4. Atlas of Brown Co., Ohio, by Lake, Griffing, & Stevenson, 1876.

danced to the accompaniment of the fiddle. At first there were no civil officers to enforce order, yet crime was very rare. If any one did offend, expulsion from the colony was his punishment.

After going to Ohio, Benjamin Sutton, Jr. served for many years as Justice of the Peace. The Atlas of Brown County relates the following anecdote said to have been told frequently by Benjamin:

Passing along the highway, he, by chance, met the wife of one of his neighbors riding what he considered an inferior horse; he remarked that it was a very poor animal and the woman replied, "Yes, I should much prefer a jackass, but, as they have all been elected Squires, I was unable to get one." 4

Decatur, Ohio, was formerly St. Clairsville. The first house was built by Nathaniel Beasley in 1802 when the town was laid out by him. ⁵

The first masonic lodge in what is now Brown County was in St. Clarisville, chartered in 1816 and named Friendship Lodge number 32, but commonly called Nathaniel Beasley Lodge for General Beasley, ⁶ who at the time of the lodge's forming was secretary and steward. There was a membership of eighteen which had increased to thirtythree in 1819. Benjamin Beasley, Nathaniel's brother, was also a member.

The records do not indicate from what lodge Nathaniel Beasley came, but it is assumed to be Mason Co., Ky.; nor is it definitely known with which lodge he was affiliated after leaving Decatur.

Part of Decatur is laid out on land that was originally Benjamin Sutton's and was surveyed by his son-in-law, Nathaniel Beasley; some surveys are marked with the initials "B.S." which may signify "Benjamin Sutton" or "Beasley Survey." The will of Benjamin Sutton recorded in Brown County, Ohio, locates property on Eagle and Main Streets by a stone marked "B.S."

After having resided in Decatur about ten years, Benjamin Sutton, Jr. again joined the army when the second war with Great Britain began. He served as a sergeant and his older son, Tingley, as Quartermaster in the War of 1812.

Benjamin Sutton's younger son, Otha, boated extensively on the Ohio River. He and Nathaniel Beasley's son-in-law, Dr. Greenleaf Norton, owned a great deal of property in Decatur. 8

The Suttons operated a flour or grist mill in Decatur as early as 1820. 9 Flour was shipped from Decatur to Ripley during that period; the cost of hauling nine barrels of flour from Decatur to Ripley was five dollars.

The grave of Benjamin Sutton in Decatur Cemetery is marked with a government Revolutionary marker.

- 5. History of Brown County, Ohio.
- 6. Ripley Bee, August 6, 1942.
- 7. Roster of Soldiers of Ohio in War of 1812.
- 8. History of Brown County, Ohio.
- 9. Benjamin Sutton's Day Book, used while serving as Justice
 - of the Peace in Decatur, Ohio.



Govt. Marker (Rev.) of Benj. Sutton Jr. in Decatur Cemetery, Brown Co., Ohio.

In pages following is shown the original handwriting of Benjamin Sutton, Jr. taken from the book used when he served as Justice of the Peace of Brown County.



Handwriting of Benjamin Sutton Jr. (5).

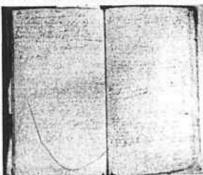
In the Revolutionary War, flasks containing small amounts of whisky were issued to the troops to be used in emergencies.

The pictured flask is the one carried through the Revolution by Benjamin Sutton, Jr. and has been handed down from generation to generation. It has remained in the Monroe branch of the family for three generations; Hattie Monroe Pence is the present owner and remembers playing with the flask when a child.





Flask carried by Benjamin Record Book kept by Ben-Sutton Jr. in the Revolu- jamin Sutton. tion.



Record Book kept by Benjamin Sutton while Justice of Peace in Brown Co., Ohio.

In the eighteenth century, articles must have been made practically indestructible as at one time during a fire in the Monroe home the Revolutionary flask was thrown from a second story window and later recovered intact.

Ebenezer Sutton

Very little is recorded of Ebenezer Sutton (5), but from the records, he was apparently the oldest son of Benjamin Sutton, Sr. There is a record in the Washington, Pennsylvania, Court House of his having purchased four hundred acres of land for nine hundred fifty pounds and having sold one hundred acres of it on the same day.

On October 12, 1793, he sold the remainder of his property to Hugh Stevenson and his wife's name as recorded on the deed was Margaret. 2

In the Land Grant Book, pages 19 to 278, is recorded the patenting of two hundred twenty three acres of land to Ebenezer Sutton, April 23, 1793, ³ Warranted, Feb. 7, 1789; surveyed, April 21; 1789.

Apparently, Ebenezer Sutton left Greene County in 1793, as he is mentioned no more in the tax lists after that date.

- Deed Book 1, page 143, Greene Co., Pa.; dated 3-17-1779.
- 2. Deed Book 2, page 259, Greene Co., Ps.
- 3. Land Grant Map, Waynesburg Court House, Greene County, Pa.

Ebenezer's place in Greene County, Pennsylvania, adjoining his father's was called "Maidenhead."

Northwest Territory (Territory Northwest of Ohio River)

As a result of the Revolutionary War, the United States became an independent country. The provisional treaty with Great Britain, concluded November 30, 1782, defined for the first time the United States boundaries. The northern limits from Lake Ontario west were the same as today as far as the Mississippi River. Exception must be made, however, for the extreme end of this line. Here, because of a misconception as to the location of the source of the Mississippi River, the boundary was not definitely defined until 1818. The final treaty of peace with Great Britain was concluded September 3, 1783 and gave the same boundaries as did the provisional treaty. 1

Except for Pennsylvania, the thirteen original states all bordered on the Atlantic Ocean and the settlements were mostly within a few hundred miles of the eastern coast. The great western region, from the Appalachians to the Mississippi River, was claimed by the various states, these claims sometimes overlapping. The entire area was ceded little by little to the United States by the various states having the claims; the cessions were completed by that of Georgia on April 24, 1802.

In 1784, the Continental Congress passed an ordinance which was to serve as the basis of civil government in the district north of the Ohio River until such time as there should be sufficient population to apply for admission into the Union as a state or states. ¹

Although belonging to the United States, a considerable part of the Northwest Territory was held by the British in defiance of the Treaty of 1783. This northern half of the territory was evacuated finally on July 11, 1796 in conformity with the terms of the Treaty of Ghent, 1794; and on that date a small force of American soldiers raised their colors over the fort at Detroit while the British withdrew their garrisons at this point and at Michilimackinac and Prairie du Chien in the Northwest Territory, and at Niagara, Oswegatchie, Point au Fer and Dutchman's Point in the northeastern United States. 1

At the time of the passage of the Ordinance of 1787, little of the Northwest Territory had been ceded by its Indian possessors. In 1785 and in 1786, treaties had been made with the Wyandott, Delaware and allied tribes and with the Shawnee Indians. In 1789, an additional treaty had confirmed the cessions of the previous treaties but none of the agreements were carried into effect; the frontier continued in a state of war in which the Indians

were openly supported and assisted by the British. Following a series of mortifying defeats, Anthony Wayne, "Mad Anthony," was sent to end the intolerable situation. After he had decisively defeated the Indians at the Battle of Fallen Timbers, they were glad to sign a treaty of peace at Greenville and to cede what is now southeastern Ohio to the United States. 1

In 1785, the government adopted the system of rectangular surveys and sent surveyors into the region, following which an attempt was made to sell some of the land. Unfortunately, only a small immigration resulted from the ordinance of 1784. ¹

After the passage of an ordinance in 1787, an active interest in settling the country began to assert itself. On October 5, 1787, Congress appointed General Arthur St. Clair as the first governor and Winthrop Sargent as the secretary. Within a short time, Manasseh Cutler set out with a party of forty-eight and proceding down the Ohio River, landed at the mouth of the Muskingum River where they formed a settlement and named it Marietta. ¹

When the Constitution of the United States went into effect in 1789, Congress passed an act to make the Ordinance of 1787 conform to the Constitution which delegated the powers of appointing governors, judges, etc. in the President rather than in Congress as had been provided in the original ordinance.

Late in 1789, it was decided to move the seat of government from Marietta and Governor St. Clair and the other officials proceeded down the river to Losantiville, reaching there on January 2, 1790. This city, renamed Cincinnati by St. Clair, became the territorial capital. About the same time, a new county, Hamilton, was established to include all of the region west of the Muskingum River. 1

An article entitled "Early Postal Service in Western Virginia" by Mr. Delf Norona in the October number of "West Virginia History" gives further reference to the early postal routes of both Northwest and Southwest Territories. An act of May 8, 1794 provided for the establishing of a mail route overland from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Wheeling, Virginia, (now West Virginia) and thence down the Ohio River to Cincinnati. Before this time, some official mail at least came to and from Cincinnati via an overland route, passing through Danville, Kentucky, already in operation south of the Ohio River. On July 5, 1794, the first mail boat left Pittsburgh for Wheeling down the Ohio, while the first mail from Cincinnati by the river route arrived at Wheeling about July 8, 1794. The service was supposed to be weekly. It seems probable that much of the mail was official, perhaps even the majority of all letters. This river service continued a little over

four years but was never very satisfactory. The round trip took on the average eighteen days - six down the river and twelve up.

Late in 1798, perhaps in October, the Postmaster General changed the route, abandoning the river for an overland service. This ran from Wheeling to Zanes (now Zanesville) and thence to Marietta and points further down the river.

In the list of Northwest Territory Post Offices is found: Staunton (no county given). In 1803 list with the note, "It is contemplated to establish an office soon." From this it appears that Ripley (Staunton) was formed earlier than the date given by most authorities.

The name Northwest Territory was given to all of the land northwest of the Ohio River.

Virginia, under her "sea to sea grant" of 1609, and by reason of having conquered and governed the region of the Illinois, also claimed all the land west and north of the Ohio River except for a tract of 4,500,000 acres between the Little Miami and the Scioto Rivers known as the "Virginia Military District of Ohio" reserved for bounties to Revolutionary War soldiers. All this region was given up by Virginia when an ordinance was passed by that state on December 20, 1783, authorizing her representatives in Congress to sign a deed of transfer. This was executed in Congress on March 1, 1784.

Brown County, which has been the home of many of the descendants of Benjamin Sutton, Jr. since 1800, was part of the Northwest Territory - the section known as the Virginia Military Land. This bounty land lay between the Land of the Ohio Company on the east and the Symmes' Purchase on the west.

Brown County was formed from Adams and Clermont Counties and was named for General Jacob Brown, an officer in the War of 1812. The county seat is Georgetown which is about one hundred miles from the state capital, Columbus. Georgetown was the former home of General Grant of the Civil War; the old school-house attended by him for several years, was operated for a long period as a public shrine; the State of Ohio officially took title to it in 1943. The U.S. Grant Schoolhouse is visited annually by many people from all over the globe. 3

Georgetown had a remarkable record for a western village. It was a democratic town and there was probably no time during the rebellion when, if the opportunity could have been afforded, it would not have voted for Jefferson Davis for President of the United States over Mr. Lincoln, or any other representative of his party; unless it was immediately after some of John Morgan's men, in his celebrated raid through Ohio, spent a few hours in the village. The rebels helped them-

selves to whatever they could find including horses, boots and shoes, and many ordered meals to be prepared for them by the families. The line between the Rebel and the Union element in Georgetown was so marked that it led to divisions even in the churches. Yet this western village, with a population of about one thousand, furnished the Union Army four general officers and one colonel, West Point graduates, and nine generals and field officers of Volunteers.

Ripley is one of the larger towns of Brown County, and many descendants of Benjamin Sutton have called it home during the past one hundred thirty years. It is on the Ohio River about nine miles below Maysville, the home of the Suttons prior to 1800. The town is fifty miles from Cincinnati and was laid out in 1812. 5 It was first called Staunton, but was afterward named for General Ripley, an officer of distinction in the

Ripley College was chartered by the state but not endowed and later became a high school under Reverend John Rankin who came from Bourbon County, Kentucky, in 1822; General Grant attended high school there. In 1824, Rev. Rankin wrote a series of letters against slavery and these were published in local papers and later in book form, producing a startling effect. Rev. Rankin was a close friend of the Ammens, who were related to the Sutton-Beasley family.

John Rankin lived to see slavery abolished and the negro race emancipated. He is buried in Maple-wood Cemetery, Ripley. The old Rankin homestead on the hill above Ripley, known as the Eliza House, is being maintained by the Ohio Archaeological Society as a historical shrine commemorating the underground railroad.

The Citizen's National Bank of Ripley, established 1847, for the first thirteen years operated in the room which later became the parlor of the Bank Hotel. During this period, it operated with practically the same board of directors, the cashier and the teller being always the same. The only change was in the presidency, A. Liggett, Thomas McCague and Dr. Alfred Beasley (7) alternating in this office.

John Sutton Beasley (7) was one of the organizers of the present Masonic Lodge of Ripley. 6

In August, 1847, The Ripley Bee, formerly The Examiner, was purchased by Oscar and G. W. Shaw. The publication continues until this day. G. W. Shaw was the first husband of Martha Ann Beasley (7), daughter of Sarah Sutton (6) and Nathaniel Beasley.

A stone at the corner of Main and Front Street in Ripley lists the following: Men Who Wrought for Liberty.

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^{1.} Article by Dr. Carroll Chase in American Philatelist.

^{2.} Article by Dr. Carroll Chase in American Philatelist.

^{3.} Ripley Bee - 2-4-1943.

^{4.} Memoirs of General Grant, published 1894.

Record of American Philatelist, Sept. 1942, gives Staunton as Post Office in 1803.

^{6.} Ripley Bee, 8-6-1942.

Rev. John Rankin, Rev. James Gilliland, U.S. Senator Alexander Campbell, Col. James Poage, Thomas McCague, Thomas Collins, Dr. Alfred Beasley, Theodore Collins, Samuel Kirkpatrick, John Parker (colored), Dr. Greenleaf Norton (Decatur), Rev. Jesse Lockhart (Russellville), Rev. John Mahan (Sardinia).

These were leaders of a host of men who co-

operated in the abolition movement:

The Army - General Ulysses S. Grant, Brig. Gen. Granville Moody, Brig. Gen. Jacob Ammon, Brig. Gen Augustus Kautz.

The Navy - Rear Admiral Albert Kautz, Rear Admiral Joseph Fyffe, Rear Admiral Joseph Hemphill, Rear Admiral Edw. K. Moore.

Ripley also sent out two companies of infantry, two batteries of artillery and one troop of cavalry; many river men enlisted in the navy.

It will be noted that one of the men named on the stone, Dr. Alfred Beasley (7), was the son of Sarah Sutton (6) and Nathaniel Beasley; two of those listed, Dr. Greenleaf Norton and Gen. Jacob Ammon, were married to daughters of Sarah Sutton (6) and Nathaniel Beasley.

In 1779, when Benjamin Sutton, Jr. married Sarah Tingley his residence was probably in Monongahela County, Virginia. Their children, Sarah, Otha and Tingley were born before the removal of the family to Kentucky; so, no doubt, their birthplace was Monongahela County.

Children of Sarah Tingley & Benjamin Sutton Jr-

Sarah Sutton (6) b. 5-4-1780; d. 8-19-1841. m. 1796, Nathaniel Beasley of Kentucky; b. 5-10-1774; d. 3-27-1835.

Otha Sutton (6) b. 1784; d. 1845;

unmarried.

Tingley Sutton (6) b. 6-8-1782; d. 4-4-1843; estate settled 1845; 2

m. 2-25-1805, Elizabeth (Betsey) Morrow. b. 1-2-1790. (Census record 1784)

Tingley Sutton (6) was a Quartermaster in the War of 1812.



BENJAMIN SUTTON (7)

Letter from Nebraska. Gazatta, Fillmore Co., Nebra-ka, Jane 3d, 1883

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BENJAMIN SUTTON. Although many we shell see rach other again, and away are known.

BREJAMIN SUTTON.

Letter from Benjamin Sutton (7) to Ripley Bee, 1883.

Children of Betsey Morrow & Tingley Sutton (6): Benjamin Sutton (7) 6 b. 1806; d. 1888; buried in Liberty Cemetery, Brown County, Ohio.

m. 2-23-1832, Elizabeth Brown, b. 1806; died in Brown County, Ohio.

Ann J. Sutton (7) b. ; d. 1879-1883, in Nebraska.

m. Samuel Walker, b. : d. 1879-1883. George M. Sutton (7) b. 1812; d.

m. Margaret ---;

Otha Sutton (7) b. 1818; d.

m. Nancy Howland, b. 1823.



ANN SUTTON (7) MARY WALKER (8)

- 1. Stone in Ripley, Brown County, Ohio.
- 2. Georgetown Court Records Deed Book 20, page 529.
- 3. Marriage Records of Adams Co., Ohio Vol. 1, page 2.
- 4. Census Records of Adams Co., Ohio 1850.
- 5. Roster of Soldiers from Ohio War of 1812.
- 6. Brown County Records of Census of 1850.
- 7. Marriages of Brown County, Ohio.
- 8. Land Grants 83369, 5-12-1853; and 33175, 12-4-1855.

Mariah Sutton (7) b. 1827;

Sarah Sutton (7) b. 9-13-1807; d. 6-20-1878; m. 7-13-1826, Joshua Morries b. 19-25-1805; d. 5-22-1863; buried Decatur.

Mary Thomas Sutton (7) b. 1823; d.

Elizabeth Sutton (7) b. ; d. ;

m. Elijah Morris, b. 1812; brother of Josh-

Orange D. Sutton (7) b. 7-21-1811. m. Mary Fiscus.

John W. Sutton (7) b. 1815; d. 1879-1883, Iowa. m. Jane --- , b. 1811.

Tingley W. Sutton (7) b. 1819; d.

m. Subera --- , b. 1826; d. 1879-1883.

Benjamin Sutton (7), son of Betsey Morrow & Tingley Sutton (6), married, 1832, Elizabeth Brown.

Children of Elizabeth Brown & Benjamin Sutton (7) 2:

Orange Sutton (8) b. 1-14-1833; d. 6-8-1902. m. 10-5-1854, Jane Monroe b. 3-26-1833; d. 1921. Veteran of Civil War; tax assessor of Union Twp.

Elizabeth Sutton (8) b. 1835; d.

m.

Sarah Ann Sutton (8) b. 1-28-1838; d. 1903.
m. 4-17-1860, Newton Kirkpatrick, b. 1-4-1833; d. 4-22-1897; veteran of Civil War-1861-1865; married by Rev. Joseph West. 1

Catherine Sutton (8) b. 1839; d.

Tingley Sutton (8) b. 1845; d. ; member of Co. E. O. V. T. Civil War.

George Sutton (8) b. 1848; d. 1917; unmarried.



JANE MONROE

Mary Sutton (8) b. 8-1-1836; d. 2-29-1904.
m. 2-20-1854, Alexander Monroe, b. 11-25-1826; d. 4-18-1897.

Mary Sutton (8), daughter of Elizabeth Brown and Benjamin Sutton (7), married, 1854, Alexander Monroe.



GRANGE SUTTON



SALLY ANN SUTTON (8)

Children of Mary Sutton (8) and Alexander Monroe: Margaret Monroe (9) b. 1855; d. 5-11-1883. unmarried.

Benjamin Monroe (9) b. 2-8-1863; d. 8-4-1914. unmarried.

Charles E. Monroe (9) b. 1-17-1857; d. 4-16-1901.

m. 11-3-1887, Miranda Jane Wallace, b. 8- -1862, d. 1947.

Children of Miranda Jane Wallace and Charles E. Monroe (9):

Mary C. Monroe (10) b. 9-7-1888.

m. 8-5-1908, Harry J. Lucas; res. 2519 Hess Ave., Wheeling, W. Virginia.

Hattie M. Monroe (10) b. 8-19-1891.

m. 3-12-1918, Elmer Pence; Res. Peebles, Ohio.

- Kirkpatrick Bible in possession of Warian Kinnett, Ripley, Ohio.
- 2. Brown County Census Records of 1850.



SENTON CIRCUATRICE



MARY SUTTON (8) ALEXA DER MONROE



GEORGE SUTTON (8)



Old Liberty Church Brown Co., Ohio attended by members of the Sutton-Beasley family.

Archie Monroe (10) b. 3-18-1894; veteran of World War 1.

m. 3-28-1923, Marie Meyn, b. 5-23-1899.
Res. 116 N. 19th St., Wheeling, West Virginia.

Mary C. Monroe (10), dau. of Miranda Jane Wallace & Charles E. Monroe married, 1908, Harry J. Lucas.

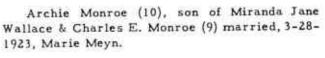
Children of Mary C. Monroe (10) & Harry J. Lucas:

Ray S. Lucas (11) b. 3-18-1910. m. 1-7-1933, Edna Salyer.

Children of Edna Salyer & Ray S. Lucas (11):

Stephen S. Lucas (12) b. 10-1-1934.

Audrey L. Lucas (12) b. 6-28-1937.



ARCHIE MONROE (10)

Children of Marie Meyn & Archie Monroe (10):
Phyllis Monroe (11) b. 6-10-1927. Residence,
Wheeling, West Virginia. 116 North 19th St.

George M. Sutton (7), son of Betsey Morrow & Tingley Sutton (6) married, Margaret -- ; b. 1812.

Children of George Sutton & Margaret Elizabeth Sutton (8) b. 1833; d.

m.

Zachariah Sutton (8) b. 1836; d.

m.

Sally Ann Sutton (8) b. 1838; d.

m.

Tingley Sutton (8) b. 1840; d.

m.

Philip Sutton (8) b. 1843; d.

m.

Alfred Sutton (8) b. 1845; d. Hannah Sutton (8) b. 1848; d.

The George M. Sutton family lived in Brown County, Byrd Township, Ohio. 1

Benjamin Sutton (7).

Benjamin Sutton (7), son of Elizabeth(Betsey) Morrow and Tingley Sutton (6) was the oldest of a family of eleven children, all of whom were born in Brown County, Ohio.

Benjamin Sutton (7) was born in 1806 as shown by the records of 1850 of the census of Brown County. He was engaged in milling in the earlier years of his life, a business in which all of the Sutton family seemed to be interested as indicated by the books of Benjamin Sutton, Jr. (5). In later years, he was the toll gate keeper on the North Pole Pike near Ripley until toll gates in that section were abandoned.

A description by Jessie Moore, granddaughter of Benjamin's sister, Sarah, and by Benjamin's grandson. Alfred, of Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania, relates that Benjamin was of medium size, of ruddy complexion, partly bald; very fond of telling stories of his younger days. Mrs. Moore quotes his accounts as always ending, "When the gun cracked, the bear (or deer) fell;" so that when Benjamin was a young man the wild life in the section now Brown County must have been abundant.

Sometime in his early life, he assisted in building flat boats in order to haul the production of the Sutton mills down the Ohio River to the Mississippi. The boats were built in a creek which gave them ready access to the Ohio River.

In 1832, Benjamin Sutton married Elizabeth Brown of Brown County, and the ceremony was performed by his grandfather, Benjamin Sutton, Jr., Justice of the Peace at Decatur, O. ³

Elizabeth Brown and Benjamin Sutton (7) were the parents of three sons and four daughters, all but one of whose births are recorded in the 1850 census of Brown County. Prior to 1879, sometime after his wife's death, Benjamin left Brown County and went to Fillmore County, Nebraska, where he lived with his son, Tingley, until the death of Tingley's wife; he then made his home with his daughter, Caroline, and later with his nephew, James T. Walker, son of his sister, Ann. 4

Sometime between 1883 and 1888. Benjamin Sutton must have returned to Ohio, for his grave is marked in Liberty Cemetery, Brown County, Ohio, near Decatur, beside that of his daughter, Sarah Ann Sutton Kirkpatrick; the date of his death was 1888.

Orange Sutton (8).

Orange Sutton (8), son of Elizabeth Brown and Benjamin Sutton (7), was born in Brown County, Ohio, January 14, 1833. At the age of thirty-one, he enlisted for service in the Civil War in Ripley, Ohio; May 2, 1864, he was a private in Company B, 17-2d O. V. T. guarding the border supplies. He was promoted to sergeant of his company; discharged September 3, 1864 at Gallipolis, Ohio; reenlisted on January 28, 1865 at Ripley, Brown County, Ohio, in Company K, 188th O. V. I. and was made first sergeant of that company.

Orange Sutton was under General Thomas in the Army of the Cumberland during his second enlistment. He received his honorable discharge September 2, 1865 at Nashville, Tennessee.

Mr. Sutton married in Brown County October 5, 1854, Jane Monroe, daughter of Jesse Monroe of Brown County. Their union was blessed with ten children.

Orange Sutton was a miller, probably learning the trade at the mill owned by the Suttons in Decatur. He was also interested at one time in meat packing in Ripley. A mechanic, also, as he had installed machinery in various mills.

From 1873 to 1891, Orange Sutton was township assessor of Union Township. He belonged to Capt. William Wirt Liggett Post No. 145, Department of Ohio G.A.R. and was Officer of the Guard in the same post.

Otha Sutton (7), son of Tingley Sutton (6) & Betsey Morrow, married Nancy Howland, b. 1823. Children of Nancy Howland & Otha J. Sutton (7):

Albert Sutton (8) b. 1849-50; d.

The Otha J. Sutton family lived in Huntingdon Township, Brown County, in 1850.

Sarah Sutton (7), daughter of Tingley Sutton (6) & Betsey Morrow, married, 7-13-1826, Joshua Morris, b. 10-25-1805; d. 5-22-1863.

Children of Sarah Sutton (7) & Joshua Morris: Tingley Sutton Morris (8) b. 7-10-1827; d.

1 ingley Sutton Morris (6) B. 7-10-1027, 1908, Eaton, Indiana.

- 1. Census of 1850, Brown County, Ohio.
- From books of Benjamin Sutton, Jr., Justice of the Peace of Bird Twp., Brown Co., Ohio.
- Certificate in Brown Co., Ohio, Court House, Georgetown, Ohio.
- 4. Letter written to The Ripley Bee by Benjamin Sutton (7)

m. 5-25-1848, Sarah Cathran Sour, b. 10-12-1827. d. Eaton, Indiana.

George Washington Morris (8) b. 1829; d. Lived in Defiance Co., Ohio; veteran of Civil War

m. Melvina Walker. 10 children.

Mary Jane Morris (8) b. 12-20-1831; d. 6-27-1890.

m. 1851, Stephen Gulick, d. 1896.

J. Harry Morris (8) b. 1833; d. 1886, Defiance Co., O. Veteran of Civil War.

m.; 8 children.

Marion Morris (8) b. ; died in youth.

Joshua Clint Morris (8) b.10-12-182-; d. 1-21-1906. 1

m. Cordelia Bayless, b. 1843; no issue. Co. L 141 O.V.I. 1

Henry C. Morris (8) b. 2-2-1838; d.186-; killed in Civil War.

William Ninian Morris (8) b. 8-9-1840; d. lived in Iowa; veteran of Civil War.

Simeon Lovel Bearce Morris (8) b. 1-20-1845; d. 4-15-1915; buried in Decatur.

m. 1870, Catherine Elidabetha Emery, b. 2-28-1849; d. 1-24-1936; dau. of Carl & Eva B. Emery. Residence, Decatur, Ohio. Veteran of Civil War.

Silas Thomas Morris (8) b. 2-25-1847; d. 1-20-1910.

m. 12-11-1872, Joanna Bayless, b.8-1-1847; d. 8-8-1927; dau. of Daniel & Mary Smith Bayless; res. Decatur.

Mary Jane Morris (8), dau. of Sarah Sutton (7) & Joshua Morris, married, 1851, Stephen Gulick. Children of Mary Jane Morris (8) & Stephen Gulick:

David Franklin Gulick (9) b. 10-9-1853; d. 1897.

m. 1890, Lizzie Gilchrist.

Sarah Alice Gulick (9) b. 10-9-1855; d. 1929. m. 1892, William Finney; res. Rushville, Indiana.

John William Gulick (9) b. 8-4-1857; d. 1860. Mary Emma Gulick (9) b. 4-25-1859; d. 1907.

m. 1880, William Howland.

George Anderson Gulick (9) b. 3-10-1861; d. 1925.

m. 1895, Sallie Rickey.

Martha Gulick (9) b. 1-8-1863; d. 1864.

Henry Wilson Gulick (9) b. 10-31-1865; d. 1941.

unmarried.

Eulalia May Gulick (9) b. 5-8-1867; d. 1943. m. 1898, Charles Love; res. Wichita, Kansas; no children.

Edward Bryson Gulick (9) b. 12-18-1869; d. 1937

m. 1900, Myrtle Plummer; res. Renfrou, Oklahoma.

Cora Ida Gulick (9) b. 12-18-1869; living; twin of Edward.

unmarried.

Clara Angeline Gulick (9) b. 3-13-1872; living.

m. 1893, George Short; res. Cherry Fork, Ohio.

Clara Angeline Gulick (9), dau. of Mary Jane Morris (8) and Stephen Gulick, married, 1893, George Short, Cherry Fork, O.

Children of Clara A. Gulick (9) & George Short: Lois Blanch Short (10) b. 1897.

m. 1915, Chester Malone.

Alice Lucile Short (10) b. 1900; d. 1923.

m. 1922, Frank Watson.

Clifton Gulick Short (10) b. 1903.

m. 1925, Bessie Storer.

Mary Iva Short (10) b. 1904.

m. 1932, Wilbur Shelton.

Sarah Katherine Short (10) b. 1907; d. 1909. Lois Blanch Short (10), dau. of Clara A. Gulick (9) & George Short, married Chester Malone. Children of Lois Blanch Short (10) & Chester Malone:

Floyd Malone (11) b. 1916; d. 1941.

Mary Lou Malone (11) b. 1918.

m. 1942, Robert Browning.

Dorothy Malone (11) b. 1920.

m. 1940, Florian Lancaster.

Virginia Malone (11) b. 1922; d. 1935.

Christine Malone (11) b. 1928.

Robert Malone (11) b. 1930.

Jean Malone (11) b. 1931.

Clifton Gulick Short (10), son of Clara A. Gulick (9) & George Short, married, 1925, Bessie Storer. Children of Bessie Storer & Clifton Gulick Short (10):

Betty June Short (11) b. 1926.

Mary Iva Short (10), dau. of Clara A. Gulick (9) & George Short, married, 1932, Wilbur Shelton. Children of Mary Iva Short (10) & Wilbur Shelton:

Carylon Shelton (11) b. 1932.

Richard Shelton (11) b. 1934.

Donald Shelton (11) b. 1942.

George Anderson Gulick (9), son of Mary Jane Morris (8) & Stephen Gulick, married, 1895, Sallie Rickey.

Children of Sallie Rickey & George Anderson Gulick (9):

Lalie Gulick (10) b. 1896.

m. 1922, Andrew Bloom.

Max Gulick (10) b. 1898.

m. 1925, Ruby Fitch; no children.

Ray Gulick (10) b. 1904; d. 1941.

m. 1925, Luetta Gelter.

Ruth Gulick (10) b. 1900; d. 1939.

m. 1929, Frank Howland; no issue.

Ellis Gulick (10) b. 1909.

m. 1931, Mary Swearingen.

Dorothy Malone (11), dau. of Lois Blanch Short (10) and Chester Malone, married, 1940, Florian Lancaster:

1. Stone in Decatur Cemetery, Decatur, Ohio.

Children of Dorothy Malone (11) and Florian Lancaster .

Sandra Sue Lancaster (12) b. 2-15-1941. Alice Lucille Short (10), dau. of Clara Angeline Gulick (9) and George Short, married, 1922, Frank Watson.

Children of Alice Lucille Short (10) and Frank Watson;

Frank Watson, Jr. (11) b. 9-7-1925; U.S. Army. Lalie Gulick (10), dau. of Sallie Rickey & George Anderson Gulick (9), married, 1922, Andrew Bloom. Res. Georgetown, O.

Children of Lalie Gulick (10) & Andrew Bloom:

Ruby Alice Bloom (11) b. 1922. m. 1943, George Gardner, U. S. Army.

Dorothy Eileen Bloom (11) b. 1924.

Kenneth Earle Bloom (11) b. 1926. U.S. Army.

David Maxie Bloom (11) b. 1929.

Charlotte Ruth Bloom (11) b. 1931.

Ray Gulick (10), son of Sallie Rickey & George Anderson Gulick, married, 1925, Luetta Gelter. Children of Luetta Gelter & Ray Gulick (10):

Eleanor Helen Gulick (11) b. 1925.

m. Chester Gray.

Wilson Ray Gulick (11) b. 1937.

Ellis Gulick (10), son of Sallie Rickey & George Anderson Gulick (9), married, 1931, Mary Swearingen.

Children of Mary Swearingen & Ellis Gulick (10):
Anna Ruth Gulick (11) b. 1934.

Eleanor Helen Gulick (11), dau. of Luetta Gelter & Ray Gulick (10), married Chester Gray.

Children of Eleanor Helen Gulick (11) & Chester Grav:

Danny Ray Gray (12) b. 7- - 1944.

Elizabeth Sutton (7), dau. of Tingley Sutton (6) & Betsey Morrow, married Elijah Morris.

Children of Elizabeth Sutton (7) & Elijah Morris: William Morris (8)

Marion Morris (8) Lived in Troy, New York. Tingley W. Morris (8) b. 1838. 1

Rev. Silas Thomas Morris (8) b. 1841. 1

Orange Morris (8) b. 1843. 1

John W. Morris (8) b. 1845. 1

m. Hulda

Elizabeth Morris (8) b. 1847. 1

m. Wills; child, Horace Wills (9). Lived in Winchester Twp. Adams County, Ohio - 1850.

Elizabeth Sutton (7) - not living in 1850.

John N. Sutton (7), son of Tingley Sutton (6) & Betsey Morrow, married Jane --, b. 1811. Children of Jane -- & John N. Sutton (7):

Mary Sutton (8) b. 1842.

Parker Sutton (8) b. 1845.

Joseph Sutton (8) b. 1849.

Lived in Winchester Twp., Adams County, Ohio in 1850.

Elijah Morris, husband of Elizabeth Sutton (7) married 2nd, after 1850 -- Reed.

Children of -- Reed & Elijah Morris:

James Morris

Mariah Morris

Clint Morris

Albert Morris

Martha Morris

married - Prine; - Wagner.

John Morris (8), son of Elizabeth Sutton (7) & Elijah Morris, married Hulda --.

Children of Hulda -- & John Morris (8):

Charles Morris (9) a printer.

Lila Morris (9)

William Morris (9) a cobbler; lived in Georgetown, Ohio, and Troy, New York.

Albert Morris (9)

Love Morris (9)

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Tingley W. Sutton (7), son of Tingley Sutton (6) & Betsey Morrow, married Subera -2; b. 1826; d. 1879-1883.

Orange D. Sutton (7), son of Tingley Sutton (6) & Betsey Morrow, married Mary Fiscus.

Children of Orange D. Sutton (7) & Mary Fiscus 3:

Nancy Sutton (8) b. 1841; d. 1917.

m. George W. Thompson.

Oscar Bearce Sutton (8) b. 1845.

m. Margaret Hamilton.

Otha Sutton (8) b. 1845.

Julyetta Sutton (8) b. 1846.

Hannah Sutton (8) b. 1848.

m. David Mason.

Elizabeth Sutton (8) b. 18-

m. Philip Steck.

Sarah Ann Sutton (8), dau. of Elizabeth Brown & Benjamin Sutton (7), married, 1860, Newton Kirkpatrick.

Children of Sarah Ann Sutton (8) & Newton Kirk- *
patrick:

Robert Finney Kirkpatrick (9) b. 1-25-1861; d. 1934.

m. 3-7-1882, Mary Josephine McElfresh; d. 1937.

Benjamin Faris Kirkpatrick (9) b. 4-10-1862.

m. 10-4-18--, Mollie Peddicord. m. 2nd Emma Purdin

Elizabeth Amanda Kirkpatrick (9) b. 10-20-1863; d. 8-11-1896.

m. 7-4-1892, Frederick Dun Shafer, b. 2-2-1865; d. 8-8-1933.

Lived in Ripley; buried in Maplewood Cemeterv.

Rosa Catherine Kirkpatrick (9) b. 1-14-1866; d. 5-23-1907. Buried in Liberty Cemetery, Brown County, Ohio.

m. 6-14-1890, David Bruce Puckett, b. 5-23-1861; d. 1-22-1941; lived in Byrd Twp., Brown Co., Ohio.

Frank John Kirkpatrick (9) b. 1-25-1868; d. 8-19-1873.

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^{1.} Census of 1850, Adams County, Ohio.

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Extracts from Robert J. Sutton Military and Pension Files

The following information was extracted from Robert J. Sutton's military records and pension records at the National Archives and pension records.

Birth

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- 1833, age 31 (Co. K., 16th Ky. Inf. Individual Muster-out Roll 31 Jan 1865).
- 1823, age 58 (Surgeon's Report 15 Feb 1882).
- 1823, age 56 (Affidavit 4 Aug 1880).
- 1823, age 63 (Deposition A. 6 Jan 1887).
- 1823, age 65 (Deposition 20 Dec 1888).

Enlistment, Service, Discharge

- Enrolled as Private in Co. K, 16th Kentucky Infantry 4 Jan 1862 at Camp Lee (Adjutant General's Report 25 May 1882).
- Enlisted as Private in Co. K, 16th Kentucky Infantry 7 Jan 1862 at Camp Lee for 3 years (Co. K., 16th Ky. Inf. Muster Roll 28 Feb 1862).
- Mustered in at Camp Lee 28 Jan 1862 (Co. K., 16th Ky. Inf. Muster Roll 28 Feb 1862).
- Our regiment was organized and went into camp at Maysville, Ky., which was but 12 miles from my home (Deposition A. 6 Jan 1887).
- Absent, sick at home (Co. K., 16th Ky. Inf. Muster Roll 28 Feb 1862).
- Detached as Brigade Wagoner 19 Aug 1863 (Co. K., 16th Ky. Inf. Muster Roll Sep & Oct 1863).
- Soon after my return to duty [from hospital, summer 1863], I was detailed as Brigade Teamster and served as such to 2 Dec. 1863, when the regiment veteranized. Those of us who did not re-enlist were assigned to to the 13th Ky. Volunteers. I was assigned to Co. E. As I understand it, when the 16th returned from their veteran furloughs, all the non-veterans were ordered back to their companies, and Lt. Victor, who was in charge of Co. E 13th Ky., wrote to Washington and secured an order to keep such of us that wished to remain with him, and I remained and served out the balance of my term of enlistment with said company.

I was with the company and fit for duty until the Fight of Rocky Faced Ridge. This was in the Spring I think of '64, but I cannot give exact date. We were with Sherman on his advance to Atlanta. (Deposition A. 6 Jan 1887).

- Transferred to Co. E, 13th Kentucky Infantry 17 Jan 1864 by order of Gen. M.D. Manson (Co. K., 16th Ky. Inf. Muster Roll Jan & Feb 1864).
- Returned to Co. K, 16th Kentucky Infantry 17 Jun 1864 by special order (Co. E., 13th Ky. Inf. Muster Roll May & Jun 1864).
- Sick in Field Hospital since 17 Jun 1864 (Co. K., 16th Ky. Inf. Muster Roll May & Jun 1864).
- Sick in Field Hospital since 14 Jun 1864 (Co. K., 16th Ky. Inf. Muster Roll Jul & Aug 1864).
- In Hospital, Marietta, Georgia since 19 Jun 1864 (Co. K., 16th Ky. Inf. Muster Roll Sep & Oct 1864).
- Furloughed from hospital 26 Oct, readmitted 17 Nov 1864 (Surgeon General's Report 14 Feb 1883).
- In Hospital, Knoxville, Tennessee since 19 Jun 1864 (Co. K., 16th Ky. Inf. Muster Roll Nov & Dec 1864).
- In August 1864 I went to the Asylum Hospital in Knoxville, Tenn. When I got there I found Sutton a nurse
 of the 9th ward. He had been detailed as a nurse and he remained a nurse until sent away to be
 discharged (Deposition 20 Sep 1887).

- Discharged 27 Jan 1865 by reason of expiration of term of service (Co. K., 16th Ky. Inf. Muster Roll Jan & Feb 1865).
- Mustered out 31 Jan 1865 at Knoxville by reason of expiration of term of service. Age 31. (Co. K., 16th Ky. Inf. Individual Muster-out Roll 31 Jan 1865).

Wives

- Where did he live when he first came out of the war? He and his wife were parted before the war. He had
 no home (Deposition 19 Sep 1887).
- He left his family here in Concord and went off with another woman. That was since the war. His wife is now strolling about Concord somewhere (Deposition 19 Sep 1887).
- It was just at the close of the war that he left his wife and went away from here. His wife is dead died April 1887 (Deposition 19 Sep 1887).
- He was here for a time [after the war] and then he took a woman and went away and left his wife and children here. He was here not more than a year before he left. I was here when he left. He came back once and got one of his children and took it away. Was at his place when he took the child away. His wife was crying and going on about it. It was the talk that he was not much to blame for leaving his wife, who was a woman of good reputation., but of very bad temper. (Deposition 20 Sep 1887).
- Rebecca Smith, age 55, married to Robert J. Sutton, deceased, on [date blank] at Concord, Ky. by Rev. Mr. Hardin. She had not been married previously, Robert had been married previously. (Widow's Declaration for Pension 12 Nov 1889).
- Rebecca Smith, age 56, married to Robert J. Sutton, deceased, on [date blank] at Maysville, Ky. by Rev. Mr. Hardin, Methodist Minister (Application of Widow for Pension Act of June 26, 1890, 8 Jul 1890).
- Rebecca Sutton, age 57. I have gone to Maysville, Ky. and requested an examination of the marriage
 records of that county and was told that there was no record of my marriage. That she was married to
 Robert J. Sutton in Maysville, Ky. by the Rev. Mr. Hardin, now deceased, who was at the time a local
 Methodist Minister at the residence of Mrs. Huffman and we went from there to Georgetown, Ohio
 (Affidavit 14 Jan 1891).
 - I have filed the affidavit of the son of the former wife [not in file] showing the death of his mother (Affidavit 20 Jul 1891).

Children

- There were no children surviving under the age of 16 at father's death (Widow's Declaration for Pension 12 Nov 1889).
- Elvina Sutton? (Witness to affidavit 14 Jan 1891).
- The youngest surviving child of the soldier was over the age of 16 at the time of her father's death. (Affidavit 20 Jul 1891).

Relatives

Occupation

- I am by trade a shoemaker. I learned my trade when a boy. (Deposition A. 6 Jan 1887).
- I first met the claimant in 1877. He was then running a little shoe shop in Jeffersonville, Ind. I came to Louisville in Spring of '78. He had a shoe shop on the corner of 16th and Chestnut (Deposition D. 8 Jan 1887).
- I first met him in the year of the Chicago fire, 1872. He was then living over in Jeffersonville, Ind. Had a shoe shop there and I worked for him at shoemaking some three or four months (Deposition E. 8 Jan 1887).

- He was not a drunkard [before war]. He followed cobbling did not make shoes only repaired shoes (Deposition 19 Sep 1887).
- Saw him at work [before war] he was sort of a farmer tinkered around sort of a shoemaker also (Deposition 20 Sep 1887).
- He was a shoemaker and teamster while he lived in Georgetown, and I was then a blacksmith. He worked on the pike which was being built from Georgetown to New Hope. He hauled rock. I did work for him from June 12th 1867 to March 1st 1868 (Deposition 1 Nov 1887).
- I employed him as a shoemaker about 1876 [in Louisville, Ky?] and he remained in my employ over four years. I often gave him jobs of work that he could work at as he was able as he was not in a condition to work by the day or week at regular work I often paid him for setting and watching my shop and taking orders while I was absent. He was very poor and had a helpless family, and I gave him employment often on that account (Deposition 14 Feb 1889).

- Post Office address from childhood to date of enlistment was Concord, Lewis Co., Kentucky. After discharge he lived at Georgetown, Ohio for about four years, then he moved to Jeffersonville, Indiana. He remained there until January 1877, then moved to Louisville Inflores Co. If Indiana. He remained there until January 1877, then moved to Louisville, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, where he now lives. (Affidavit 4 Aug 1880).
 - Louisville, Jefferson Co., Ky. (Affidavit 20 May 1880).
 - 202 Washington St., Louisville, Ky. (Articles of Agreement 12 Jun 1885).
 - 631 E. Main St., Louisville, Ky. (Letter 6 Aug 1886).
 - 445 E. Main St., Louisville, Ky. (Deposition A. 6 Jan 1887).
 - 1004 Preston St., Louisville, Ky. after this week (Deposition A. 6 Jan 1887).

- enlistment, at which time I was living on a farm three miles from Concord, Lewis Co., Ky. I had resided on this farm for three years prior to my enlistment. At my discharge I returned to the lived there for a little beautiful. lived there for a little better than a year. (Deposition A. 6 Jan 1887).
 - I knew Robert Sutton 30 years ago. I knew him for many years and right up to the war. When he enlisted I think that he had left this neighborhood (Ferrisville, Lewis Co., Ky.) and lived nearer Concord. He was a very poor man. Just lived around in little huts. (Deposition 19 Sep 1887).
 - My residence is Pleasant Twp., Brown Co., Ohio, post office Georgetown, Brown Co., Ohio. I was well acquainted with a man named "Jack" Sutton. That was all the name I knew him by. I fixed up a stable of

He lived in "Jack" Liming's stable, and I lived on the corner of the same lot and was at his house frequently. I was there in sickness of his wife. He lived there about a way a three town and limit of the same lot and was at his house frequently. I was there in sickness of his wife. He lived there about a way at his house town and limit of the same lot and was at his house frequently. frequently. I was there in sickness of his wife. He lived there about a year, then moved further down in town and lived there two or three years, I think. Then he moved about three miles out of town and lived there a year. He then moved entirely away from this neighborhood (Deposition 2 Nov 1887).

- 1016 Shelby St., Louisville, Ky. (Application of Widow for Pension Act of June 26, 1890, 8 Jul 1890).
- In the year 1871, I moved next door to Robert J. Sutton in Jeffersonville, Ind. (Affidavit 7 Jan 1891).
- 624 Campbell St., Louisville, Ky. (Affidavit 14 Jan 1891).
- 735 Green St., Louisville, Ky. (Affidavit 20 Jul 1891).

Infirmities

 First contracted cold and cough whilst on march during the "Sherman Raid" from Tennessee to Atlanta, Georgia from being overheated whilst on a forced march an having to lie on the ground without tents. He continued to grow worse and after the second day of march he was sent back to General Hospital at Knoxville, Tennessee where he remained under treatment for eight months and from which he was discharged on account of expiration of his term of enlistment. He thinks that he contracted the cold which settled on his lungs in the early part of May 1864 and that he has suffered continuously from this disease since then. (Affidavit 20 May 1880).

- Entered Asylum G. H. Knoxville, Tenn. 9 Jun 1864 from Chattanooga with acute diarrhea and remittent fever (Surgeon General's Report 14 Feb 1883).
- I claim pension on account of disease of lungs. I have also been troubled by chronic diarrhea more or less each year, and I wish now to claim for that. (Deposition A. 6 Jan 1887).
- After I had been in camp for something over a week or ten days, perhaps two weeks, I with others, was
 granted a furlough of ten days to go home and arrange my business. I was taken down sick the very night
 I reached home with what turned out to be measles. The measles broke out in camp right away and the
 regiment was full of it. I was sick for about one month, was very sick part of the time, as it was a long
 time before they could get the measles to come out on me. This was at Concord.

I went on duty when I rejoined my company, but it was a long time before I got over the effects of measles. My chest was weak and sore, and I did not feel like myself for a long time, and in fact, my chest did not feel right strong. I seemed weak in the chest, but it did not interfere with my duties as a soldier.

The next sickness I had was at Lebanon, Ky. in the summer of '63. There I had a attack of camp diarrhea. Was sick in regimental hospital for about two weeks.

We made a forced march to Rocky Faced Ridge . Reached there at dark and lay in line of battle all night, and went into the fight the next morning. I was warm when I laid down , and took a severe cold which settled in my lungs, but I kept on with the command for several days. When I had to give up, I was sent to Field Hosp. at Marietta, Ga. Was there but a few days, when I was sent to hospital at Chattanooga, and from there to Gen. Hosp. at Knoxville, where I remained for eight months and was discharged from there. (Deposition A. 6 Jan 1887).

While serving in Co. K 16th Ky. Inf. Vols., I contracted chronic diarrhea in the line of military duty at
Lebanon, Ky. about the month of September 1862 for which I was treated by our Regimental Surgeon. I
have been subject to attacks of chronic diarrhea from then to the present time also causing hemorrhoids
from which I am greatly disabled. I am also afflicted with rheumatism which is a result of the chronic
diarrhea. I am wholly disabled by reason of the above described disabilities in addition to my former
claim on account of lung disease (Deposition 20 Dec 1888).

Death

- 29 Oct 1899 of disease of the lungs (Widow's Declaration for Pension 12 Nov 1889).
- Robert J. Sutton, late of Louisville, Jefferson Co., Ky. (Application of Widow for Pension Act of June 26, 1890, 8 Jul 1890).
- I have filed record evidence of the death of the soldier by certificate from the Health Office [not in file] (Affidavit 20 Jul 1891).

Genealogical Note 16 27 January, 1993

Levi W. Sutton (1807–1860); Bigamist?
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The ancestry of Levi W. Sutton remains undiscovered; he does not appear in any known compiled genealogy, and no record has been found of his birth, childhood, or siblings.

In an era when few men identified themselves with middle names or initials, Levi used his middle initial on marriage records in Kentucky and Ohio, and on his first census listing in Kentucky. No other record of a person using this name has been found in extensive research. The discovery of his name in the 1830 census in Kentucky was the key to further research that led to the conclusion that the Levi W. Sutton of Kentucky was probably the same man as the Levi W. Sutton of Ohio.

There is no doubt that the Levi W. Sutton who married Catharine Warren in Cuyahoga County, Ohio is the same Levi Sutton, the present writer's great-grandfather, who died in Allen, Michigan: this is amply documented. The connection to Levi W. Sutton of Kentucky is not as clear cut. However, the uniqueness of the name, the agreement of ages, and his disappearance from Kentucky before reappearing in Ohio leave little doubt in the writer's mind that they were one and the same man.

Unfortunately, his marriage to the writer's great-grandmother may have been without benefit of a divorce from his wife still living in Kentucky.

The evidence for this thesis is presented herein. All references in this paper to U.S. Censuses are from National Archives Microfilm.

Levi's Origins

Levi was born about 1807, probably in New Jersey, possibly in Newark. The year of his birth is calculated from his age at death (52) in January 1860. His place of birth is given as New Jersey in his death record, and is given as Newark, New Jersey in the death record of Mary L. "May" Sutton, his youngest daughter.

The information in death records is frequently inaccurate, because the informant may not know the facts, particularly about the parents of the deceased. However, these records are the only ones discovered to date that have any information on his birth. No record of Levi's birth in Newark has been found, and no record of his death or burial has been found in Allen, Michigan...

The 1830 U.S. Census, the first in which Levi was old enough to be listed as a head of household, places him in Lewis County, Kentucky at that time. Lewis County was created from Mason County in 1807. There was a Benjamin Sutton on the Mason County tax list in 1800, but efforts to connect Levi to this family have been unsuccessful.

Levi W. Sutton in Kentucky

KENTUCKY MARRIAGES

While there is no record of when Levi arrived in Lewis County, the first known record of his being there is a marriage license issued 2 January 1830 to Levi W. Sutton and Mary Moore. Joel Stratton was listed as [surety??????]. There is a notation that, "Both Parties are over the age of 21 years and a certificate filed." They were married 7 January 1830 in Lewis County by Henry Halbert, Justice of the Peace.³

This marriage did not last long, for on 16 July 1831 another marriage license was issued in Lewis County to Levi W. Sutton and Eleanor Moore. Thomas Moore is listed as [??????]. The notation reads, "Levi W. Sutton over the age of 21 years & Personal Consent of Thomas Moore, father of Eleanor given." William F. Mavity wrote, "This Testifies that according to the Rites of the Sect to which I belong I joined in holy Wedlock Levi W. Sutton and Eleanor Moore July 18th 1831." The form of the endorsement may or may not be a clue to their religious affiliation, but no significance has been found yet.

Mary Moore probably died as a result of the birth of their first child. There are no birth records of any of Levi's children, but census records and the marriage record of Robert J. Sutton in 1850 indicate that the child survived. Robert's age was 20 years in 1850, making him the son of Mary, not Eleanor. This would account for a hasty marriage to a younger sister (or another relative) to provide a mother to care for Robert. It seems likely that Thomas Moore was the father of both girls.

DEEDS AND COURT RECORDS

On 4 September 1830 Levi W. Sutton purchased, for \$30.00, Lot No. 42(?) from the trustees of the newly formed Town of Concord.⁵ He sold the lot, for (illegible), to William Wade a few months later, on 10 May 1831.⁶

Levi's relationship with William Wade is unknown, but he brought suit in Chancery Court against William Wade and Mary Hamlin, administrix of the estate of William Hamlin, deceased. The date and nature of the suit have not been determined, because the court records have been destroyed by flood. It appears from court orders that Levi asked for some kind of injunction against the defendants.

In the first court appearance, 21 October 1839, Mary Hamlin was living out of state and failed to appear. The case was continued until the next term of the court, at which, in June 1840, Mary Hamlin failed to appear again, and the case was continued again to the next term. Both defendants failing to appear at this term, in September 1840, the injunction obtained by Levi was made perpetual.⁷

Since Mary Hamlin was named as executrix of William Hamlin's estate, there might be some family connection between the Hamlins and the Suttons or Moores. This avenue has not been explored yet. No other court records are listed for Levi Sutton in the General Cross Index for Lewis County for the years of 1807–1953.8

CENSUS RECORDS

Levi is listed in the 1830 and 1840 U.S. censuses for Lewis County:

1830 Census: Lewis County, Kentucky⁹

Head of Family]	Males	Females		
Levi W. Sutton	2	20–30	1	20–30	
	1	5–10	1	15–20	

One of the males in the 20-30 age group is Levi, and the female in the same age group is Mary. There is no evidence as to who the other three persons in his household were; the child is too old to be his. 10

1840 Census: Lewis County, Kentucky¹¹

Head of Family]	Males	Females		
Levi Sutton	1	30-40	1	20–30	
	1	10–15	1	5–10	
			3	0–5	

Three of those listed can be identified as Levi, Eleanor, and Robert (age 10). The names of their four daughters have not been discovered.

Levi does not appear anywhere in the 1850 U.S. Census, nor does Eleanor, but their son, Robert J. Sutton, is listed in Lewis County:

1850 Census: Lewis County Kentucky, District 112

Fam.	Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Value of Real Estate	Birth- place
513	Robert J. Sutton	20	M	(none)	(none)	Ken.
	Elizabeth	22	F			Ohio

Robert married 7 May 1850 in Lewis County, Elizabeth Featherkile. Their marriage record contains the notation, "A certificate from Eleanor Sutton Mother of Robert J. Sutton giving her consent as proved by the oath of Daniel Hildebrand & Elizabeth Featherkile is over the age of 21 years as proved by the oath of Hildebrand." The fact that Eleanor gave permission for the marriage, not Levi, supports the thesis that Levi left the family before that date.

Robert and Eleanor Sutton both appear in the 1860 U.S. Census for Lewis County:

1860 Census: Lewis County, Kentucky¹⁴

Fam. No.	Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Value Real/ Personal	Birth- place
368	Robert J. Sutton	31	M	Farmer	—./ 51	Ken.
	Elizabeth	32	F			
	John H.(?)	7	M			
	H (or K)(?)	10	F			
	George H.(?)	6/12	M			
471	Joseph Sutton(?)	22	M	Farmer	—/100	
	(?)	21	F			
	Eleanor Sutton	47?	F			
	L(?)	?	M	Farmer	\$50	Ohio

The Census microfilm varies in legibility from barely legible to totally illegible. One of Robert's sons is named George H(?). There was a George Sutton in Lewis County, who married, 12 October 1840, Julia Ann Shepherd. No connection of this George to Levi's family has been found, but it is possible that Robert's son, George, was named after him.

Eleanor Sutton appears at the top of page 67 without a new family number, which makes it appear that she is living with a Joseph Sutton(?), age 22, and his wife, (illegible), age 21. Joseph, if his surname is indeed Sutton, could be a son, but that is inconsistent with the 1840 census, which shows no male children under 5 years of age. No marriage has been found for a Joseph Sutton.

TAX RECORDS

Levi appeared on the Lewis County tax rolls for the first time in 1830. ¹⁶ The lists were prepared in June and apparently listed only persons over 21 years of age. From his age at death (52) in January 1860, he was probably 21 sometime in 1828. This may imply that he came to Lewis County in 1829 or 30, or he may have been omitted in 1828 and 1829 because he was not a head of household.

Levi appeared in the 1833–1844 Lewis County tax rolls (the listing for 1832 is missing on the microfilm). He does not appear thereafter. During this entire period, he had virtually no estate other than a horse and, later, a cow or two. When they started listing school-age children in 1840, Levi had two aged 7 to 17 years. This is consistent with his listing in the 1840 U.S. Census. In 1841, two children aged 7 to 17 were listed; in 1842, none were listed; in 1843, four between the ages of 5 and 16; in 1844, three between the ages of 5 and 16.

No Suttons (other than a George Sutton in the Cabin Creek area) appear in the 1845–1847 tax rolls. Ellen (Eleanor) reappears in 1848 with no males over 21 years

and three children between the ages of 5 and 16. She does not appear again until 1853, when she was listed as "Nelly," with three children between the ages of 6 and 18. In 1856 she is listed with two children in the same age group. Her last listing is in 1857, when she had one child in the school-age group. She may be the blind person who was listed with Robert Sutton in 1859.

Robert Sutton showed up, as expected, in the 1851 tax roll after his marriage in 1850, is missing in 1852, then shows up in 1853–59, the last year checked. A Jackson Sutton also showed up in 1851 and 1853. He would have to have been born in or before 1830 to be over the age of 21 in 1851. He cannot be one of Levi's children.

These tax records are clear evidence that Levi resided in Lewis County from 1830 to 1844, that he died or left the county before June 1845, and that his family remained there at least until 1859.

SUMMARY

We can only speculate why and how Levi left his family. There is no evidence that he died there. In Kentucky, divorces were obtained by an Act of the Legislature up to 1848 and are recorded in the Acts. There is no divorce listed for Levi Sutton in the index of divorces taken from the Acts, nor are there any court records listed for Levi Sutton in the General Cross Index for Lewis County for the years of 1807–1953 other than those mentioned above. The fact that a man of the same peculiar name and the same approximate age showed up in Cuyahoga County, Ohio a couple of years later marrying Catharine Warren strongly suggests that Levi and Eleanor separated or that he abandoned her and his family. While he swore on his marriage license application that he had no wife living, unless a divorce record can be found, that marriage was bigamous.

Levi W. Sutton in Ohio

No trace has been found of Levi W. Sutton from the time of his disappearance from the records of Kentucky until he applied for a marriage license in Cuyahoga County, Ohio on 25 June 1747 to marry Catharine Warren, daughter of Daniel Warren. He was about 42 years old, and she was 17. Being under the age of 18, the word eighteen was crossed out in the phrase "that she is of the age of eighteen years" on the preprinted application, and sixteen was written in above it. The following was written in on the application: "I consent to the above being the father of the said Catharine. June 25, 1847 (Signed) Daniel Warren." Apparently 16 was the youngest that he could have given permission; it was not her age. Levi swore that he was of the age of twenty-one years (i.e., over the age of twenty-one) and that he had no wife living. The veracity of the latter statement remains to be proved, but is in serious doubt.

They were married 30 June 1847 in Dover Township (now known as Westlake) in Cuyahoga County by Austin Seeley, Justice of the Peace. 18. No farther trace of them has been found until they showed up on the 1860 census in Allen, Michigan.

No information has been found on the ancestry of Catharine despite extensive research. The name of her mother is unknown. According to her death certificate and her

obituary, she was born 30 Novenber 1829 in Akron, Ohio. ¹⁹ The information for both was supplied by her daughter, May, who didn't know her grandmother's name. It could well be erroneous unless confirmation can be found.

Levi Sutton Family in Michigan

Porter family records show that "May" Sutton, Levi's youngest daughter was born 11 January 1859 in Allen, Michigan.²⁰ No birth or death records were being kept in Michigan at that time, so it is fortunate that Levi's family was listed in the 1860 census; he in the Mortality Schedule,²¹ and his survivors in the Population Schedule. No other records exist of his death or burial, or of the births of his daughters.

1860 Census: Allen, Hillsdale County, Michigan²²

Fam. No.	Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Value Real/ Personal	Birth- place
	Catharine Sutton	30	F	Wid.	—./ 50	Ohio
	Lydia	8	F			Mich.
	Sarah	5	F			Mich.
	Mary	1	F			Mich.
	Mary Warren	60	F			Unk.

The death certificate of Mary "May" (Sutton) Linton provides the link that proves that the Levi Sutton listed in the mortality schedule is the same Levi Sutton that married Catharine Warren in Ohio.²³ In it her parents are identified as Levi Sutton and Catharine Warren. Further proof is provided by the death certificate of Catharine Warren, on which the informant was Mrs. May L. Linton.²⁴ Catharine's parents are identified as Daniel Waring [sic] and Don't Know. (*Linton* was May's last husband's name.)

After Levi's death, Catharine remarried on 7 November 1861 in Hillsdale County, Eli Banker, age 42, by G.W. Warren, Justice of the Peace.²⁵ Witnesses were Lydia Fox and Matilda Fox. Eli was a widower, who served in the Michigan Provost Guards 1862–1865.

It is interesting to speculate about the significance of the names of the J.P. and the witnesses. Catharine's maiden name was Warren, the J.P. was G.W. Warren, and her daughter, May, first married a George Warren. The witnesses were Lydia and Matilda Fox, and Catharine's daughter, Sarah, married second a Fox. While these similarities may be just coincidence, further research could turn up family connections.

It is not known whether Eli died before Catharine, or they were divorced. She was apparently using the name *Sutton* when she died. She was buried in Hudson, Michigan 21 February 1910. Her obituary read:

Mrs. Katherine Sutton

Mrs. Katherine Sutton was born in Akron, Ohio, Nov. 30, 1839. died aged 80 years at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Fox, better known as Mrs. Lockmer, of Liberty Center, Ohio.

She made her home in Hudson, Mich. for many years. Besides her two daughters, Mrs. Jennie Fox, of Liberty Center, O., and Mrs. Mae Linton of Medaryville, ind., she leaves a number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

The remains were brought to Hudson for burial Feb. 21, 1910.

Genealogical Summary

1. Levi W.¹ Sutton was born about 1807, probably in New Jersey,. possibly in Newark. and died January 1860 in Allen, Michigan, aged 52 years. His parentage remains unknown. He was apparently a common laborer and never accumulated any wealth or property. He married first 7 January 1830, in Lewis County, Kentucky, Mary Moore, probably the daughter of Thomas Moore. who probably died before 16 July 1831. Levi married second 18 July 1831, in Lewis County, Eleanor Moore, daughter of Thomas Moore. Her age in the 1860 U.S. Census was probably forty-seven, but is difficult to read. The date of her death is unknown. No record has been found of a divorce of Levi and Eleanor in Kentucky.

Levi married third 30 June 1847, in Dover Township (now known as Westlake), Cuyahoga County, Ohio Catharine Warren, who was born 30 November 1829, possibly in Akron, Ohio and died 18 February 1910 in Liberty Center, Ohio. She was the daughter of Daniel Warren, who signed her application for a marriage license 25 June 1847 giving his consent to the marriage of his underage daughter. After Levi's death, she married second, 7 November 1861, in Hillsdale Township, Hillsdale County, Michigan, Eli Banker, a widower, who served in the Michigan Provost Guard 1862–1865. The date of his death is unknown. There were no known children born to this marriage...

The only child of Levi W. Sutton and his first wife, Mary Moore, was:

i. Robert J.² Sutton, b. at Concord 1830; m. Elizabeth Featherkile at Lewis County 7
 May 1850. Children listed in 1860 U.S. Census: John H(?), age 7(?); H____ or
 K____ (female), age 10(?); George H.(?), age 6/12. Robert's occupation was listed as farmer.

There were apparently four children born to Levi .W. Sutton and his second wife, Eleanor Moore. Their names and dates of birth are unknown.

The known children Levi W. Sutton and his third wife, Catharine Warren, were:

 Lydia Ann² Sutton, b. ca. 1852; probably in Allen or Coldwater, Michigan; m. (1) 1 January 1870 in Coldwater, Michigan, Ezeriah J. Parmalee, age 38, of Hudson, Michigan. He was a carpenter and was born in Volney, Oswego County, New York. 26 He died in the Civil War.

- 8 ii Sarah Jenny Sutton, b. ca. 1855, probably at Allen or Coldwater, Michigan; m. (1) Willard Lockmere; m. (2) Fox.
- 9 iii Mary L. "May" Sutton, b. 11 January 1859 in Allen, Michigan; d. 8 May 1928 in Toledo, Ohio;²⁷ m. (1) 28 October 1874 in Coldwater, Michigan, George Warren, age 19, of Union City, Michigan.²⁸ George was born in Jonesville, Michigan and was a farmer. It is not known what happened to him, whether on not there was a divorce, and whether any children were born to this marriage.

May m. (2) ca. 1878, Clarence James Porter, Sr., the son of Van Rensselaer Porter and Eliza Rogers of Sandy Creek, New York. No record of this marriage has been found. Clarence was a salesman and may have been married twice before marrying May. By 1880, he was calling himself "Doctor" and was peddling spectacles. They were divorced 31 March 1903 in DeKalb County, Indiana. 29 He d. 27 October 1917, Chicago, Ill. 30 Their children were: (a) Pearl Esther Porter, b. 11 July 1879, Hudson, Michigan; ³¹ d. 24 March 1942, Chicago, Illinois; m. 13 August 1899, Waterloo, Indiana, Dwight William Smith; ³² (b) Louis Earl Porter, b. 16 February 1882, Hudson, Michigan;³³ d. 21 March 1953, Toledo, Ohio; m.9 March 1918, Waterloo(?), Indiana, Martha Boucher, 34 (c) Jenny Catharine Porter, b. 7 January 1884, Orland, Indiana; d. 6 November 1958, Indianapolis, Indiana; m. 21 August 1904, Waterloo, Indiana, Howard L. Carver; 35 (d) Maude Ivy Porter, b. 14 July 1887, Orland, Indiana; d. 14 January 1965; m. Dane Newlin; (e) Clarence James Porter, Jr., b. 13 April 1890, Waterloo, Indiana; ³⁶ d. 17 October 1977, Long Beach, California; ³⁷ m. (1) 6 November 1916, Hattie Pearl Clark: divorced 2 November 1922, Chicago, Illinois; 38 m. (2) 9 July 1924 Chicago, Illinois, Mary Ellen "Marie" Irwin; 39 (1) Van Rensselaer Porter, b. 3 April 1894, Waterloo, Indiana; 40 m. 11 July 1914, Reading, Michigan, Lillian F. Northrup; divorced 27 October 1921; 41 m. (2) Florence :42

May m. (3) Samuel Linton, an undertaker. Nothing further is known about this marriage or about Samuel Linton.

Epilogue

The above article makes a pretty good circumstantial case for the thesis that Levi W. Sutton of Kentucky and Levi W. Sutton of Ohio are the same man. It was originally written for submission to Sutton Searchers in the hope that one of their readers might be descended from Levi in the Kentucky line and be able to provide more information on him and his ancestry. The Genealogical Summary was extended to include Clarence and May's children only, because there are several descendants of Clarence Porter still living, who are interested in the family history and who might have information to add to what I have found so far about them. Some of the questions about Levi in Kentucky that occur to me are:

- · Who were Levi's parents, and where was he born?
- What happened to Mary Moore? Did she really die in childbirth? Who were her parents, and where was she born?
- · Who were the parents of Eleanor Moore, and where was she born?

- Is the form of the marriage endorsement on Levi and Eleanor's marriage record significant? Were they Quakers? If so, there is a rich source of records available.
- Who were William Wade and Mary Hamlin? What was their connection to the Sutton/Moore family?
- Was Levi's first son, Robert J. named after Levi's father? What did the J stand for?
 Who was Jackson Sutton?
- What were the names and birth dates of Levi and Eleanor's children? Whom did they marry?
- Who was George Sutton, who lived in the Cabin Creek area?
- · Who was Thomas Sutton, who was listed in the 1840 census?
- Was Ann Sutton, age 13, who was living with the James Henderson family in the 1850 Lewis County census, one of Levi's daughters?
- Who was Nancy Sutton, age 48, who was living with three children in the 1850 Lewis County census?
- Who was the Joseph Sutton that Eleanor apparently was living with in the 1860 Lewis County census? Was he a son?
- When and why did Levi leave his family? Were they divorced?
- What happened to Eleanor? Her death records could contain interesting information.

After he arrived in Ohio, assuming that the two Levi's were, indeed, the same man, there is no question about him being the ancestor of Clarence Porter, Sr. The descent is adequately documented to the point of certainty. However, many questions remain to be answered about Catharine Warren and their descendants: Some of the questions below go beyond what was presented in the article, since its purpose was only to link Levi of Kentucky and Levi of Ohio. Efforts to gather information on their descendants go far beyond what is presented here, and are ongoing.

- Where did Levi go and what did he do after he left his family? Where did he meet Catharine?
- Who were Catharine's parents? Was she really born 20 November 1929 in Akron,
 Ohio as stated on her death certificate and obituary? The information for both was
 supplied by her daughter, May, who didn't know her grandmother's name. If so,
 what was her family doing there? Canal workers?
- Was Daniel Warren the same man as Daniel Warren of Warrensville, Ohio? Was he a relative of that Daniel in another line? There were many Daniels in that family.
- Was May L. Sutton's middle name Lovisa, as appears possible/probable? If so, that
 could strongly suggest a connection with the Warren family with many Daniels,
 There were also several Lovisas in the family.

- How did Levi meet Catharine and how did he, a 42-year-old man, marry a 17-year-old girl with her father's permission? Unless a child died, she was not pregnant when they married..
- Where did they live between 1847 and 1860? What did Levi do for a living?
- · How did Levi's family get to Allen, Michigan? Did they move with other families?
- Were there any children other than those in the 1860 census?
- Was the Mary Sutton, age 60, living with Catharine in 1860 her mother? What happened to her?
- What is Eli Banker's story? What did he do after the Civil War? Where and when did he die?
- Did Catharine and Eli Banker have any children? Was the child that died during the war theirs or one of his from a previous marriage?
- Was there any relationship between the G.W. Warren that married Catharine and Eli, Catherine's family, and the family of George Warren, who May married?
- Was there any relationship between the Foxes that witnessed Catharine and Eli's marriage and the Fox that Sarah, her daughter, later married?
- What happened to Ezeriah Parmelee? Did Lydia remarry? What happened to her?
 Any descendants from Ezeriah or a subsequent husband? Where did they live? When and where did she die? She apparently predeceased her mother; she is not mentioned in Catharine's obituary.
- What happened to Sarah's marriage to William Lockmere? When and where were they married? Any descendants? Who was her second husband? Any descendants? Where did they live? When and where did she die?
- Was Sarah's middle name Jenny? If so, was it really Jenny, or was that a familiar form of Joan? Also, was Jenny Porter's real name Jenny or Joan?
- What happened to George Warren? Did he die before May's marriage to Clarence Porter? Were they divorced? Were there any children?
- When and where were May and Clarence married? Was Clarence married to Anna Gillette and/or Flora Westcott before marrying May? If so, was he still married to either when he married May?
- Who was Mae L. Kuney, who was the informant on May Linton's death certificate?
- Who was Louis Porter's second wife? Who were his descendants?
- When and where were Maude Porter and Dane Newlin married? Was his name really Dane or Daniel? His name was listed as Daniel in an early Chicago city directory.
- Was Clarence Porter, Jr. born in Orland or Waterloo?
- What happened to Van Porter's son, Howard Van? Who was his second wife? Any children?

Notes and References

- 11. 1840 U.S. Census, Lewis County, Kentucky, p. 622.
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- 13. Lewis County, Kentucky Marriage Book C:54, No. 24.
- 14. 1860 U.S. Census, Lewis County, Kentucky, pp. 51, 66, 67.
- 15. Lewis County, Kentucky Marriage Book B:56, No. 34.
- ¹⁶. Lewis County, Kentucky tax records 1807–1843 (GS Film 0008110) and 1844–1859 (GS Film 0008111).
- 17. Cuyahoga County, Ohio Marriage Applications 1841-1851 (GS Film 0872467).
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- 19. Death certificate of Cathren [sic] Sutton [née Warren], 18 February 1910. State of Ohio, Bureau of Vital Statistics, File No. 8921. The obituary is affixed to the back of a photograph of Catharine and is apparently from a Hudson, Michigan newspaper. The newspaper and date of publication are not recorded.
- 20. "Birthday Book" compiled by Clarence J. Porter, Jr., May's son.
- ²¹. See note 1 above.
- 22. 1860 U.S. Census, Hillsdale County, Michigan.
- ²³. See note 2 above.
- ²⁴. See note 19 above.
- 25. Hillsdale County, Michigan marriage records. Certified copy in the possession of the writer; no book or page no.

^{1. 1860} U.S. Census, Allen, Hillsdale County, Michigan; Mortality Schedule, page 1; Levi Sutton, age 52, married, born N. Jersey, died January, 1860 of inflammation of lungs, which he had for 18 days.

^{2.} Death certificate of May L. Linton [née Sutton], 9 May 1928. State of Ohio, Department of Health, File No. 31951 gives her father's name as Levi Sutton and his place of birth as Newark, N.J. The informant was Mae L. Kuney, who lived at the same address as May. Her relationship is unknown.

^{3.} Lewis County, Kentucky Marriage Book A:96, No. 634.

^{4.} Ibid., :105, No. 686.

^{5.} Lewis County, Kentucky Deeds F:332.

^{6.} Ibid., F:(illegible).

^{7.} Lewis County, Kentucky Court Records, Order Book G:262, 338, 369, Suit 2394.

^{8.} Comment by Janie Games, Archive Staff, Public Records Division, Kentucky Deptartment for Libraries and Archives, on reply form, dated 1 September 1990, in response for the present writer's request for a search for Levi Sutton's divorce records.

^{9. 1830} U.S. Census, Lewis County, Kentucky, p. 298.

^{10.} There is a Thomas Sutton listed one page after Levi in the 1840 census. He and his wife are the right ages to be two of these, but she was probably too young to have a child of that age. If it is the same couple, the son did not survive until 1840. Thomas could be a relative of Levi.

^{26.} Branch County, Michigan marriage records, No. 679. They were married by A.W. Curtis, M.G. Witnesses were Catharine Banker (her mother) and Marilla Clapp. Clarence Porter, who married her sister, was born in Sandy Creek, New York, near Volney, and his father was a carpenter. Another coincidence?

- 30. State of Illinois death certificate, Registered No. 31975. His occupation at that time was paint salesman.
- 31. Lenawee County, Michigan birth records, No. 311. Clarence is listed as a farmer, born in Michigan. Both are errors.
- 32. DeKalb County, Indiana marriage records, 16:24.
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- 37. State of California, Department of Health Certificate of Death.
- 38. Cook County, Illinois Superior Court Decree of Divorce No. 381639. Clarence divorced Hattie on the grounds of desertion.
- 39. Marriage certificate issued by Judge Harry W. McEwen in possession of the writer.
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^{27.} State of Ohio, Department of Health, Division of Vital Statistics death certificate, File No. 31951.

^{28.} Branch County, Michigan marriage records, No. 1964. They were married by David B. Purington, J.P.; witnesses were Grace Warren and Alfred Thompson.

²⁹. DeKalb County, Indiana court records, March Term, 1903, Case 6831. May divorced Clarence. The complaint filed by May, which could contain the date and place of their marriage, could not be found by the clerk.

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January 28, 1993

Dear Dick:

Finally!!! A copy of the article on Levi is enclosed. It isn't really finished, but it will have to do until I get some questions answered. I have to reorder the marriage record microfilms to clear up the question marks in the text. I'm sending a copy of it to Sutton Searchers and to you, your mother, David Olinghouse, Dyke, and Carolyn in the hopes that you guys might have the answers to some of the questions raised by the article. I'm afraid that it raises more questions than it answers. I considered sending it to Olie and Harry, but I'm not sure they're interested.

Of course, this effort only goes down to Clarence and May's generation. I still have many unanswered questions about their children and subsequent generations, but I didn't want this article to lose its focus on Levi. I'll go after the later generations separately. The Covey project is next.

The copy of Mary Smith's photograph should be ready tomorrow. I'll send it to you as soon as I get it back. I'll also enclose the marked-up xeroxes of the Porter photos that I think I sent you before.

Speaking of which, I called Carolyn, and we had a nice long chat. She said that it is OK to send the pictures to me and that she doesn't know who any of them are. While we were talking, Winnie came into my "den," looking like death warmed over, and said that we needed to go to the emergency room Well, that sure put an end to the genealogy talk!

She had fallen off a step stool in the garage and broke her right arm near the shoulder. It was, and still is, very painful, but she's coming along as well as can be expected. We were planning to take the motorhome over to Phoenix this weekend and visit friends. Forget that.

If you come up with any answers to the questions, please send them to me along with identification of the sources. Source citations are very important in serious genealofical writing.

Sincerely,

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Levi W. Sutton (1807-1860); Bigamist?

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The ancestry of Levi W. Sutton remains undiscovered; he does not appear in any known compiled genealogy, and no record has been found of his birth, childhood, or siblings.

In an era when few men identified themselves with middle names or initials, Levi used his middle initial on marriage records in Kentucky and Ohio, and on his first census listing in Kentucky. No other record of a person using this name has been found in extensive research. The discovery of his name in the 1830 census in Kentucky was the key to further research that led to the conclusion that the Levi W. Sutton of Kentucky was probably the same man as the Levi W. Sutton of Ohio.

There is no doubt that the Levi W. Sutton who married Catharine Warren in Cuyahoga County, Ohio is the same Levi Sutton, the present writer's great-grandfather, who died in Allen, Michigan: this is amply documented. The connection to Levi W. Sutton of Kentucky is not as clear cut. However, the uniqueness of the name, the agreement of ages, and his disappearance from Kentucky before reappearing in Ohio leave little doubt in the writer's mind that they were one and the same man.

Unfortunately, his marriage to the writer's great-grandmother may have been without benefit of a divorce from his wife still living in Kentucky.

The evidence for this thesis is presented herein. All references in this paper to U.S. Censuses are from National Archives Microfilm.

Levi's Origins

Levi was born about 1807, probably in New Jersey, possibly in Newark. The year of his birth is calculated from his age at death (52) in January 1860. His place of birth is given as New Jersey in his death record, and is given as Newark, New Jersey in the death record of Mary L. "May" Sutton, his youngest daughter.²

The information in death records is frequently inaccurate, because the informant may not know the facts, particularly about the parents of the deceased. However, these records are the only ones discovered to date that have any information on his birth. No record of Levi's birth in Newark has been found, and no record of his death or burial has been found in Allen, Michigan..

The 1830 U.S. Census, the first in which Levi was old enough to be listed as a head of household, places him in Lewis County, Kentucky at that time. Lewis County was created from Mason County in 1807. There was a Benjamin Sutton on the Mason County tax list in 1800, but efforts to connect Levi to this family have been unsuccessful.

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Levi W. Sutton in Kentucky

KENTUCKY MARRIAGES

While there is no record of when Levi arrived in Lewis County, the first known record of his being there is a marriage license issued 2 January 1830 to Levi W. Sutton and Mary Moore. Joel Stratton was listed as [surety??????]. There is a notation that, "Both Parties are over the age of 21 years and a certificate filed." They were married 7 January 1830 in Lewis County by Henry Halbert, Justice of the Peace.³

This marriage did not last long, for on 16 July 1831 another marriage license was issued in Lewis County to Levi W. Sutton and Eleanor Moore. Thomas Moore is listed as [???????]. The notation reads, "Levi W. Sutton over the age of 21 years & Personal Consent of Thomas Moore, father of Eleanor given." William F. Mavity wrote, "This Testifies that according to the Rites of the Sect to which I belong I joined in holy Wedlock Levi W. Sutton and Eleanor Moore July 18th 1831." The form of the endorsement may or may not be a clue to their religious affiliation, but no significance has been found yet.

Mary Moore probably died as a result of the birth of their first child. There are no birth records of any of Levi's children, but census records and the marriage record of Robert J. Sutton in 1850 indicate that the child survived. Robert's age was 20 years in 1850, making him the son of Mary, not Eleanor. This would account for a hasty marriage to a younger sister (or another relative) to provide a mother to care for Robert. It seems likely that Thomas Moore was the father of both girls.

DEEDS AND COURT RECORDS

On 4 September 1830 Levi W. Sutton purchased, for \$30.00, Lot No. 42(?) from the trustees of the newly formed Town of Concord.⁵ He sold the lot, for (illegible), to William Wade a few months later, on 10 May 1831.⁶

Levi's relationship with William Wade is unknown, but he brought suit in Chancery Court against William Wade and Mary Hamlin, administrix of the estate of William Hamlin, deceased. The date and nature of the suit have not been determined, because the court records have been destroyed by flood. It appears from court orders that Levi asked for some kind of injunction against the defendants.

In the first court appearance, 21 October 1839, Mary Hamlin was living out of state and failed to appear. The case was continued until the next term of the court, at which, in June 1840, Mary Hamlin failed to appear again, and the case was continued again to the next term. Both defendants failing to appear at this term, in September 1840, the injunction obtained by Levi was made perpetual.⁷

Since Mary Hamlin was named as executrix of William Hamlin's estate, there might be some family connection between the Hamlins and the Suttons or Moores. This avenue has not been explored yet. No other court records are listed for Levi Sutton in the General Cross Index for Lewis County for the years of 1807–1953.8

CENSUS RECORDS

Levi is listed in the 1830 and 1840 U.S. censuses for Lewis County:

1830 Census: Lewis County, Kentucky9

Head of Family]	Males	Females		
Levi W. Sutton	2	20–30	1	20–30	
	1	5–10	1	15-20	

One of the males in the 20–30 age group is Levi, and the female in the same age group is Mary. There is no evidence as to who the other three persons in his household were; the child is too old to be his. 10

1840 Census: Lewis County, Kentucky¹¹

Head of Family]	Males	Females		
Levi Sutton	1	30–40	1	20-30	
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Three of those listed can be identified as Levi, Eleanor, and Robert (age 10). The names of their four daughters have not been discovered.

Levi does not appear anywhere in the 1850 U.S. Census, nor does Eleanor, but their son, Robert J. Sutton, is listed in Lewis County:

1850 Census: Lewis County Kentucky, District 112

Fam.	Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Value of Real Estate	Birth- place
513	Robert J. Sutton	20	M	(none)	(none)	Ken.
	Elizabeth	22	F			Ohio

Robert married 7 May 1850 in Lewis County, Elizabeth Featherkile. Their marriage record contains the notation, "A certificate from Eleanor Sutton Mother of Robert J. Sutton giving her consent as proved by the oath of Daniel Hildebrand & Elizabeth Featherkile is over the age of 21 years as proved by the oath of Hildebrand." The fact that Eleanor gave permission for the marriage, not Levi, supports the thesis that Levi left the family before that date.

Robert and Eleanor Sutton both appear in the 1860 U.S. Census for Lewis County:

1860 Census: Lewis County, Kentucky¹⁴

Fam. No.	Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Value Réal/ Personal	Birth- place
368	Robert J. Sutton	31	M	Farmer	/ 51	Ken.
	Elizabeth	32	F			
	John H.(?)	7	M	(A3)		
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	George H.(?)	6/12	M			
471	Joseph Sutton(?)	22	M	Farmer	—/100	
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	Eleanor Sutton	47 ?	F			
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The Census microfilm varies in legibility from barely legible to totally illegible.. One of Robert's sons is named George H(?). There was a George Sutton in Lewis County, who married, 12 October 1840, Julia Ann Shepherd. 15 No connection of this George to Levi's family has been found, but it is possible that Robert's son, George, was named after him.

Eleanor Sutton appears at the top of page 67 without a new family number, which makes it appear that she is living with a Joseph Sutton(?), age 22, and his wife, (illegible), age 21. Joseph, if his surname is indeed Sutton, could be a son, but that is inconsistent with the 1840 census, which shows no male children under 5 years of age. No marriage has been found for a Joseph Sutton.

TAX RECORDS

Levi appeared on the Lewis County tax rolls for the first time in 1830. ¹⁶ The lists were prepared in June and apparently listed only persons over 21 years of age. From his age at death (52) in January 1860, he was probably 21 sometime in 1828. This may imply that he came to Lewis County in 1829 or 30, or he may have been omitted in 1828 and 1829 because he was not a head of household.

Levi appeared in the 1833–1844 Lewis County tax rolls (the listing for 1832 is missing on the microfilm). He does not appear thereafter. During this entire period, he had virtually no estate other than a horse and, later, a cow or two. When they started listing school-age children in 1840, Levi had two aged 7 to 17 years. This is consistent with his listing in the 1840 U.S. Census. In 1841, two children aged 7 to 17 were listed; in 1842, none were listed; in 1843, four between the ages of 5 and 16; in 1844, three between the ages of 5 and 16.

No Suttons (other than a George Sutton in the Cabin Creek area) appear in the 1845–1847 tax rolls. Ellen (Eleanor) reappears in 1848 with no males over 21 years

and three children between the ages of 5 and 16. She does not appear again until 1853, when she was listed as "Nelly," with three children between the ages of 6 and 18. In 1856 she is listed with two children in the same age group. Her last listing is in 1857, when she had one child in the school-age group. She may be the blind person who was listed with Robert Sutton in 1859.

Robert Sutton showed up, as expected, in the 1851 tax roll after his marriage in 1850, is missing in 1852, then shows up in 1853–59, the last year checked. A Jackson Sutton also showed up in 1851 and 1853. He would have to have been born in or before 1830 to be over the age of 21 in 1851. He cannot be one of Levi's children.

These tax records are clear evidence that Levi resided in Lewis County from 1830 to 1844, that he died or left the county before June 1845, and that his family remained there at least until 1859.

SUMMARY

We can only speculate why and how Levi left his family. There is no evidence that he died there. In Kentucky, divorces were obtained by an Act of the Legislature up to 1848 and are recorded in the Acts. There is no divorce listed for Levi Sutton in the index of divorces taken from the Acts, nor are there any court records listed for Levi Sutton in the General Cross Index for Lewis County for the years of 1807–1953 other than those mentioned above. The fact that a man of the same peculiar name and the same approximate age showed up in Cuyahoga County, Ohio a couple of years later marrying Catharine Warren strongly suggests that Levi and Eleanor separated or that he abandoned her and his family. While he swore on his marriage license application that he had no wife living, unless a divorce record can be found, that marriage was bigamous.

Levi W. Sutton in Ohio

No trace has been found of Levi W. Sutton from the time of his disappearance from the records of Kentucky until he applied for a marriage license in Cuyahoga County, Ohio on 25 June 1747 to marry Catharine Warren, daughter of Daniel Warren. He was about 42 years old, and she was 17. Being under the age of 18, the word eighteen was crossed out in the phrase "that she is of the age of eighteen years" on the preprinted application, and sixteen was written in above it. The following was written in on the application: "I consent to the above being the father of the said Catharine. June 25, 1847 (Signed) Daniel Warren." Apparently 16 was the youngest that he could have given permission; it was not her age. Levi swore that he was of the age of twenty-one years (i.e., over the age of twenty-one) and that he had no wife living. The veracity of the latter statement remains to be proved, but is in serious doubt.

They were married 30 June 1847 in Dover Township (now known as Westlake) in Cuyahoga County by Austin Seeley, Justice of the Peace. 18. No farther trace of them has been found until they showed up on the 1860 census in Allen, Michigan.

No information has been found on the ancestry of Catharine despite extensive research. The name of her mother is unknown. According to her death certificate and her

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obituary, she was born 30 November 1829 in Akron, Ohio. 19 The information for both was supplied by her daughter, May, who didn't know her grandmother's name. It could well be erroneous unless confirmation can be found.

Levi Sutton Family in Michigan

Porter family records show that "May" Sutton, Levi's youngest daughter was born 11 January 1859 in Allen, Michigan.²⁰ No birth or death records were being kept in Michigan at that time, so it is fortunate that Levi's family was listed in the 1860 census; he in the Mortality Schedule,²¹ and his survivors in the Population Schedule. No other records exist of his death or burial, or of the births of his daughters.

1860 Census: Allen, Hillsdale County, Michigan²²

Fam. No.	Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Value Real/ Personal	Birth- place
	Catharine Sutton	30	F	Wid.	—./ 50	Ohio
	Lydia	8	F			Mich.
	Sarah	5	F			Mich.
	Mary	1	F			Mich.
	Mary Warren	60	F			Unk.

(A5)

The death certificate of Mary "May" (Sutton) Linton provides the link that proves that the Levi Sutton listed in the mortality schedule is the same Levi Sutton that married Catharine Warren in Ohio.²³ In it her parents are identified as Levi Sutton and Catharine Warren. Further proof is provided by the death certificate of Catharine Warren, on which the informant was Mrs. May L. Linton.²⁴ Catharine's parents are identified as Daniel Waring [sic] and Don't Know. (Linton was May's last husband's name.)

After Levi's death, Catharine remarried on 7 November 1861 in Hillsdale County, Eli Banker, age 42, by G.W. Warren, Justice of the Peace. Witnesses were Lydia Fox and Matilda Fox. Eli was a widower, who served in the Michigan Provost Guards 1862–1865.

It is interesting to speculate about the significance of the names of the J.P. and the witnesses. Catharine's maiden name was Warren, the J.P. was G.W. Warren, and her daughter, May, first married a George Warren. The witnesses were Lydia and Matilda Fox, and Catharine's daughter, Sarah, married second a Fox. While these similarities may be just coincidence, further research could turn up family connections.

It is not known whether Eli died before Catharine, or they were divorced. She was apparently using the name *Sutton* when she died. She was buried in Hudson, Michigan 21 February 1910. Her obituary read:

Mrs. Katherine Sutton



Mrs. Katherine Sutton was born in Akron, Ohio, Nov. 30, 1839. died aged 80 years at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Fox, better known as Mrs. Lockmer, of Liberty Center, Ohio.

She made her home in Hudson, Mich. for many years. Besides her two daughters, Mrs. Jennie Fox, of Liberty Center, O., and Mrs. Mae Linton of Medaryville, ind., she leaves a number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

The remains were brought to Hudson for burial Feb. 21, 1910.

Genealogical Summary

1. Levi W.¹ Sutton was born about 1807, probably in New Jersey,. possibly in Newark. and died January 1860 in Allen, Michigan, aged 52 years. His parentage remains unknown. He was apparently a common laborer and never accumulated any wealth or property. He married first 7 January 1830, in Lewis County, Kentucky, Mary Moore, probably the daughter of Thomas Moore. who probably died before 16 July 1831. Levi married second 18 July 1831, in Lewis County, Eleanor Moore, daughter of Thomas Moore. Her age in the 1860 U.S. Census was probably forty-seven, but is difficult to read. The date of her death is unknown. No record has been found of a divorce of Levi and Eleanor in Kentucky.

Levi married third 30 June 1847, in Dover Township (now known as Westlake), Cuyahoga County, Ohio Catharine Warren, who was born 30 November 1829, possibly in Akron, Ohio and died 18 February 1910 in Liberty Center, Ohio. She was the daughter of Daniel Warren, who signed her application for a marriage license 25 June 1847 giving his consent to the marriage of his underage daughter. After Levi's death, she married second, 7 November 1861, in Hillsdale Township, Hillsdale County, Michigan, Eli Banker, a widower, who served in the Michigan Provost Guard 1862–1865. The date of his death is unknown. There were no known children born to this marriage...

The only child of Levi W. Sutton and his first wife, Mary Moore, was:

Robert J.² Sutton, b. at Concord 1830; m. Elizabeth Featherkile at Lewis County 7
May 1850. Children listed in 1860 U.S. Census: John H(?), age 7(?); H____ or
K____ (female), age 10(?); George H.(?), age 6/12. Robert's occupation was listed as farmer.

There were apparently four children born to Levi .W. Sutton and his second wife, Eleanor Moore. Their names and dates of birth are unknown.

The known children Levi W. Sutton and his third wife, Catharine Warren, were:

i. Lydia Ann² Sutton, b. ca. 1852; probably in Allen or Coldwater, Michigan; m. (1) 1
 January 1870 in Coldwater, Michigan, Ezeriah J. Parmalee, age 38, of Hudson,





Michigan. He was a carpenter and was born in Volney, Oswego County, New York. 26 He died in the Civil War.

- 8 ii Sarah Jenny Sutton, b. ca. 1855, probably at Allen or Coldwater, Michigan; m. (1) Willard Lockmere; m. (2) ______ Fox.
- 9 iii Mary L. "May" Sutton, b. 11 January 1859 in Allen, Michigan; d. 8 May 1928 in Toledo, Ohio;²⁷ m. (1) 28 October 1874 in Coldwater, Michigan, George Warren, age 19, of Union City, Michigan.²⁸ George was born in Jonesville, Michigan and was a farmer. It is not known what happened to him, whether on not there was a divorce, and whether any children were born to this marriage.

May m. (2) ca. 1878, Clarence James Porter, Sr., the son of Van Rensselaer Porter and Eliza Rogers of Sandy Creek, New York. No record of this marriage has been found. Clarence was a salesman and may have been married twice before marrying May. By 1880, he was calling himself "Doctor" and was peddling spectacles. They were divorced 31 March 1903 in DeKalb County, Indiana. 29 He d. 27 October 1917. Chicago, Ill. 30 Their children were: (a) Pearl Esther Porter, b. 11 July 1879, Hudson, Michigan, 31 d. 24 March 1942, Chicago, Illinois, m. 13 August 1899, Waterloo, Indiana, Dwight William Smith; 32 (b) Louis Earl Porter, b. 16 February 1882, Hudson, Michigan; 33 d. 21 March 1953, Toledo, Ohio; m.9 March 1918, Waterloo(?), Indiana, Martha Boucher, 34 (c) Jenny Catharine Porter, b. 7 January 1884, Orland, Indiana; d. 6 November 1958, Indianapolis, Indiana; m. 21 August 1904, Waterloo, Indiana, Howard L. Carver, 35 (d) Maude Ivy Porter, b. 14 July 1887, Orland, Indiana; d. 14 January 1965; m. Dane Newlin; (e) Clarence James Porter, Jr., b. 13 April 1890, Waterloo, Indiana; 36 d. 17 October 1977, Long Beach, California; 37 m. (1) 6 November 1916, Hattie Pearl Clark: divorced 2 November 1922, Chicago, Illinois; 38 m. (2) 9 July 1924 Chicago, Illinois, Mary Ellen "Marie" Irwin; 39 (1) Van Rensselaer Porter, b. 3 April 1894, Waterloo, Indiana; 40 m. 11 July 1914, Reading, Michigan, Lillian F. Northrup; divorced 27 October 1921; 41 m. (2) Florence 42

May m. (3) Samuel Linton, an undertaker. Nothing further is known about this marriage or about Samuel Linton.



The above article makes a pretty good circumstantial case for the thesis that Levi W. Sutton of Kentucky and Levi W. Sutton of Ohio are the same man. It was originally written for submission to Sutton Searchers in the hope that one of their readers might be descended from Levi in the Kentucky line and be able to provide more information on him and his ancestry. The Genealogical Summary was extended to include Clarence and May's children only, because there are several descendants of Clarence Porter still living, who are interested in the family history and who might have information to add to what I have found so far about them. Some of the questions about Levi in Kentucky that occur to me are:

- Who were Levi's parents, and where was he born?
- What happened to Mary Moore? Did she really die in childbirth? Who were her parents, and where was she born?
- Who were the parents of Eleanor Moore, and where was she born?

- Is the form of the marriage endorsement on Levi and Eleanor's marriage record significant? Were they Quakers? If so, there is a rich source of records available.
- Who were William Wade and Mary Hamlin? What was their connection to the Sutton/Moore family?
- Was Levi's first son, Robert J. named after Levi's father? What did the J stand for?
 Who was Jackson Sutton?
- What were the names and birth dates of Levi and Eleanor's children? Whom did they marry?

SEE EQ7 Answer

- Who was George Sutton, who lived in the Cabin Creek area?
- Who was Thomas Sutton, who was listed in the 1840 census?
- Was Ann Sutton, age 13, who was living with the James Henderson family in the 1850 Lewis County census, one of Levi's daughters?

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 ANSWER
 - Who was Nancy Sutton, age 48, who was living with three children in the 1850 Lewis County census?
 - 12 Who was the Joseph Sutton that Eleanor apparently was living with in the 1860 Lewis County census? Was he a son?
 - 13 When and why did Levi leave his family? Were they divorced?
 - 14 What happened to Eleanor? Her death records could contain interesting information.

After he arrived in Ohio, assuming that the two Levi's were, indeed, the same man, there is no question about him being the ancestor of Clarence Porter, Sr. The descent is adequately documented to the point of certainty. However, many questions remain to be answered about Catharine Warren and their descendants: Some of the questions below go beyond what was presented in the article, since its purpose was only to link Levi of Kentucky and Levi of Ohio. Efforts to gather information on their descendants go far beyond what is presented here, and are ongoing.

NOT ENCE, S CLARENCE, S FATHER

- Where did Levi go and what did he do after he left his family? Where did he meet Catharine?
- Who were Catharine's parents? Was she really born 20 November 1929 in Akron, Ohio as stated on her death certificate and obituary? The information for both was supplied by her daughter, May, who didn't know her grandmother's name. If so, what was her family doing there? Canal workers?

SEE EQIG Answer

- 17 Was Daniel Warren the same man as Daniel Warren of Warrensville, Ohio? Was he a relative of that Daniel in another line? There were many Daniels in that family.
- Was May L. Sutton's middle name Lovisa, as appears possible/probable? If so, that could strongly suggest a connection with the Warren family with many Daniels, There were also several Lovisas in the family.

How did Levi meet Catharine and how did he, a 42-year-old man, marry a 17-yearold girl with her father's permission? Unless a child died, she was not pregnant when they married.. 20 • Where did they live between 1847 and 1860? What did Levi do for a living? 21 • How did Levi's family get to Allen, Michigan? Did they move with other families? 22 • Were there any children other than those in the 1860 census? 23 • Was the Mary Sutton, age 60, living with Catharine in 1860 her mother? What happened to her? What is Eli Banker's story? What did he do after the Civil War? Where and when did SEE EQ25 ANSWER 25 • Did Catharine and Eli Banker have any children? Was the child that died during the war theirs or one of his from a previous marriage? 26 • Was there any relationship between the G.W. Warren that married Catharine and Eli, Catherine's family, and the family of George Warren, who May married? 27 • Was there any relationship between the Foxes that witnessed Catharine and Eli's marriage and the Fox that Sarah, her daughter, later married? 28 • What happened to Ezeriah Parmelee? Did Lydia remarry? What happened to her? Any descendants from Ezeriah or a subsequent husband? Where did they live? When and where did she die? She apparently predeceased her mother; she is not mentioned in Catharine's obituary. What happened to Sarah's marriage to William Lockmere? When and where were they married? Any descendants? Who was her second husband? Any descendants? Where did they live? When and where did she die? 30 • Was Sarah's middle name Jenny? If so, was it really Jenny, or was that a familiar form of Joan? Also, was Jenny Porter's real name Jenny or Joan? 3/ • What happened to George Warren? Did he die before May's marriage to Clarence SEE EQ31 Porter? Were they divorced? Were there any children? 32 • When and where were May and Clarence married? Was Clarence married to Anna Gillette and/or Flora Westcott before marrying May? If so, was he still married to either when he married May? 33 • Who was Mae L. Kuney, who was the informant on May Linton's death certificate? 34 • Who was Louis Porter's second wife? Who were his descendants? FEEQ34 ANSWEAS Whon was Louis Force 3 second 135.

When and where were Maude Porter and Dane Newlin married? Was his name really SEE EQ35.

AN SWER 36 · Was Clarence Porter, Jr. born in Orland or Waterloo? SEE EQ36 ANSWERS 37 · What happened to Van Porter's son, Howard Van? Who was his second wife? Any children?

Notes and References

^{1. 1860} U.S. Census, Allen, Hillsdale County, Michigan; Mortality Schedule, page 1; Levi Sutton, age 52, married, born N. Jersey, died January, 1860 of inflammation of lungs, which he had for 18 days.

^{2.} Death certificate of May L. Linton [née Sutton], 9 May 1928. State of Ohio, Department of Health, File No. 31951 gives her father's name as Levi Sutton and his place of birth as Newark, N.J. The informant was Mae L. Kuney, who lived at the same address as May. Her relationship is unknown.

^{3.} Lewis County, Kentucky Marriage Book A:96, No. 634.

⁴. Ibid., :105, No. 686.

^{5.} Lewis County, Kentucky Deeds F:332.

^{6.} Ibid., F:(illegible).

^{7.} Lewis County, Kentucky Court Records, Order Book G:262, 338, 369, Suit 2394.

^{8.} Comment by Janie Games, Archive Staff, Public Records Division, Kentucky Deptartment for Libraries and Archives, on reply form, dated 1 September 1990, in response for the present writer's request for a search for Levi Sutton's divorce records.

^{9. 1830} U.S. Census, Lewis County, Kentucky, p. 298.

^{10.} There is a Thomas Sutton listed one page after Levi in the 1840 census. He and his wife are the right ages to be two of these, but she was probably too young to have a child of that age. If it is the same couple, the son did not survive until 1840. Thomas could be a relative of Levi.

^{11. 1840} U.S. Census, Lewis County, Kentucky, p. 622.

^{12. 1850} U.S. Census, Lewis County, Kentucky, p. 239

^{13.} Lewis County, Kentucky Marriage Book C:54, No. 24.

¹⁴. 1860 U.S. Census, Lewis County, Kentucky, pp. 51, 66, 67.

^{15.} Lewis County, Kentucky Marriage Book B:56, No. 34.

^{16.} Lewis County, Kentucky tax records 1807-1843 (GS Film 0008110) and 1844-1859 (GS Film 0008111).

^{17.} Cuyahoga County, Ohio Marriage Applications 1841-1851 (GS Film 0872467).

^{18.} Cuyahoga County, Onio Marriage Records 4:403 (GS Film 087913). Austin Seeley's commission in Dover Township is listed in Wm. Stephenson (comp.), Smead & Cowles General Business Directory of the City of Cleveland for 1848-9 [Cleveland, 1848])

^{19.} Death certificate of Cathren [sic] Sutton [née Warren], 18 February 1910. State of Ohio, Bureau of Vital Statistics, File No. 8921. The obituary is affixed to the back of a photograph of Catharine and is apparently from a Hudson, Michigan newspaper. The newspaper and date of publication are not recorded.

^{20. &}quot;Birthday Book" compiled by Clarence J. Porter, Jr., May's son.

²¹. See note 1 above.

^{22. 1860} U.S. Census, Hillsdale County, Michigan.

²³. See note 2 above.

²⁴. See note 19 above.

^{25.} Hillsdale County, Michigan marriage records. Certified copy in the possession of the writer, no book or page no. shown.

^{26.} Branch County, Michigan marriage records, No. 679. They were married by A.W. Curtis, M.G. Witnesses were Catharine Banker (her mother) and Marilla Clapp. Clarence Porter, who married her sister, was born in Sandy Creek, New York, near Volney, and his father was a carpenter. Another coincidence?

19A4,

MAY I SUGGEST THAT, AS A MATTER OF AUTHENTICITY,
FOOTNOTES SHOULD BE LISTED REFERENCING:

- A. INFO FROM MY GRANDMOTHER MARION IRENE NEWLIN NEE! PORTER [EKA: MANDE IVORY PORTER] THRU MY, I.L RICHARD D. OWEN'S, MANY DISCUSSIONS WITH HER FROM 1948 TO 1965.
- B. INFO FROM MY MOTHER VIRGINIA MARION OWEN NEE! NEWLIN, THRU MY MANY DISCUSSIONS WITH HER FROM 1948 to THE PRESENT.
- C. INFO DIRECTLY FROM MY MOTHER'S RECOLLECTIONS.
- D. INFO PIRECTLY FROM AND AS A RESULT OF MY EFFORTS AND/OR RECOLLECTIONS,

^{27.} State of Ohio, Department of Health, Division of Vital Statistics death certificate, File No. 31951.

²⁸. Branch County, Michigan marriage records, No. 1964. They were married by David B. Purington, J.P.; witnesses were Grace Warren and Alfred Thompson.

²⁹. DeKalb County, Indiana court records, March Term, 1903, Case 6831. May divorced Clarence. The complaint filed by May, which could contain the date and place of their marriage, could not be found by the clerk.

^{30.} State of Illinois death certificate, Registered No. 31975. His occupation at that time was paint salesman.

^{31.} Lenawee County, Michigan birth records, No. 311. Clarence is listed as a farmer, born in Michigan. Both are errors.

^{32.} DeKalb County, Indiana marriage records, 16:24.

^{33.} Lenawee County, Michigan birth records. Birth confirmed in person by the writer with the Lenawee County Deputy Clerk, but no certified copy was purchased.

^{34.} DeKalb County, Indiana marriage records, 26:149.

^{35.} DeKalb County, Indiana marriage records, 17:42

^{36.} Indiana State Board of Health, Division of Vital Records Birth Certificate, Volume D-1479, Certificate 58409. This was a delayed birth certificate, obtained by affidavit 25 February 1948.

^{37.} State of California, Department of Health Certificate of Death.

^{38.} Cook County, Illinois Superior Court Decree of Divorce No. 381639. Clarence divorced Hattie on the grounds of desertion.

^{39.} Marriage certificate issued by Judge Harry W. McEwen in possession of the writer.

^{40.} DeKalb County, Indiana birth records, H-2:27.

⁴¹. Marriage and divorce data are from Hillsdale County, Michigan divorce records, p. 43, No. 5143. Lillian divorced Van on grounds of extreme cruelty.

^{42. &}quot;Birthday Book" compiled by Clarence J. Porter, Jr., May's son.

RESPONSE TO RJP 1925'S GEN NOTE 16 [28 JAN 93]



- A1
- SINCE MANY FAMILY REFERENCES SPELL HER
 NAME AS "MAE", I AM REFERING TO HER
 AS MARY LOVISA "MAE / MAY SUTTON.

MAY I SUGGEST THIS WOULD BE A PAOPER THING TO DO.

- A2
- THE WOMEN ON THE RIGHT IS NOT CATHARINE WARREN SUTTON, IT IS ALMOST WITHOUT-A-POUBT ONE OF MAE'S SISTERS, MY GUESS WOULD BE SARAH JANE "JENNIE" SUTTON.
- A3 THIS AGE 15 WRONG. JOHN H. SUTTON BORN
 24 JAN 1855 IN LEWIS CNTY, KY. SEE PAGE 26
 VITAL STATISTICS OF LEWIS CNTY, KY **
- AY NOT TRUE. NOT ESTABLISHED WHO GAVE INFORMATION FOR THE OBITUARY.
- A5

THE 1860 CENSUS FOR ALLEN, HILLSDALE COUNTY, MI VERIFIES INFORMATION GIVEN TO RICHARD D. OWEN, BY HIS GRANDMOTHER MARION I NEWLIN NEE' PORTER [EKA: MAUDE IVORY PORTER], A DAUGHTER OF MARY LOVISIA "MAE / MAY" SUTTON, DURING 1948-1965 DISCUSSIONS. OBITUARY PROVIDED BY RICHARD D. OWEN. PASTED ON THE BACK OF A PHOTOGRAPH OF "KATHERINE" SUTTON. PHOTO GIVEN TO HIM FROM HIS GRANDMOTHER, WHO WAS A GRANDDAUGHTER OF CATHARINE.

NAMES OF THE HUSBANDS OF CATHARINE'S OLDER A7 DAUGHTERS PROVIDED BY MARION IN NEE! PORTER [EKA: MAUDE IVORY PORTER]

LOUIS' MIDDLE NAME SPELLED (FARLE) ACCORDING A8 TO MARION I. NEWLIN NEE PORTER TEKA: MAUDE IVORY PORTER. IN FACT, HER YOUNGEST SON'S NAME WAS PICHARD EARLE NEWLIN. THIS INFO GIVEN TO PICKAAD D. OWEN DURING 1948-1965 DISCUSSIONIS.

DENNIE'S NAME IS SPELLED DENNIE HATTIRYN PORTER. THIS FACT FROM ADDIGGE 1948-1965 DISCUSSIONS WITH MIPI887. CONFIRMED RECENTLY BY NMN1910 MY MOTHER

> AND LAST YEAR, THE SPELLING OF THE FIRST NAME CONFIRMED BY DENNIE'S GRANDSON PAVE OLINGHOUSE

AID

Gennie Porters' death date may be 7 Nov 1958. Dources same as in A9.

AII

Moude's middle mame was "IVORY". SHE LATER changed her name, around the time she got married—as the story goes, to Marion Onene.

This info directly from MIP 1887 to 800 1936 and confirmed most recently by my mother, and her daughter VMN 1910.

A12

It has always been my understanding that my grand mother Mande [MIP 1887] was born in Waterloo, 17.

A13)

Van PI married after 27 Oct 1921 Martha?
" (3) after 1922 Florance?

(A14)

Marriage date to Lillian given to 1901936 by MIP1887 as 12 July 1914,

(AIS)

Mae/May married Samuel Linton 4 Mar 1909 in Crown Point, Lake Conty, IN. *

No children from this marriage. Mr. Linton supposedly died circa 1914 in Medaryville, IN

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Prob: Nau of Leve and Cleanor was Mary E. Sutton who married John H Bayless and had children: Sevi Bayless born 2 Feb 1854 Lews C, KY Rutha Jane Bayless » 23 Jun 1858 » See pages 24 + 44 Utal Statistics of Lewis Co.
BIRTHS KY Novem - Nau of Leve and Cleanor was Ruth ann Lewis Contry Marriages - Vital Statistics of RETURL NAME P 163 Lewis Contry, KY WAS BRICE)? Virgin age 48 3rd Marriage 141859 Lann Sutton age 21 Single (*) (**) * Born - Lewis Conty, KY CIRCA 1838 ** Died 1914 prop: Lewis Conty Father: Leve Sutton Mother: Clinor Moore

EQ10 See EQ7 above. age fits perfectly.

EQ16 See A4 comment above.

MIP 1887 in her 1960's discussions v/ RD01936 also spelled her mothers name as "Lovica".

E925

1900 Census for Hudson, MI says she had 4 children w/ 3 leiving. Atturb is fair to assume that the child who died during the aul War was Catharine's.

E928

MIP 1887 in her 1960's discussions w/ RD01936 said that, ann Sutton died in Hillsdale, MI

On the above mentioned discussions MIP1887 also states that "Czra" and "ann" had one daughter "Ada.

(Ida married, but nothing else is known about her.

If it is true her mother died in Hellsdale, MI that might be a good place to look for ala

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EQ29

See attached chart, from Richard Al Owen dated 6 April 1993.

Liste all 6 children. These names and supplement information provided to 1700 1936 by his grand mother MIP1887 during their 1960's discussions.

Onto verified by 1900 Census for Hudson, MI.

EQ30

See 1880 Census for Hudson, M1. Middle name given as Jane.

Per MIP 1887 to ADD 1936, she always went by the name of Jennie.

This verified by 1900 Census for Hudson, MI

E931

RDO 1936's grand mother MIP 1887, who was, or rather is, Mae's daughter always said that when her mother eloped with her father, Clasence, Sr., the man she was engaged to shot himself.

Has this man who shot himself Reorge Harren, who was actually her first husband; or had Leorge

already left the scene by death or divoice and was she engaged to a man whose name is unknown?

Perhaps the death records and newspapers for Branch and surrounding counties should be cheesed.

Also birth records for any children.

EQ33 See attached chart from Whall Owen [RDO 1936] dated 6 April 1993 *

Anna Mar / May Kuney nee' Sockmere was a daughter of Darah Jane "Jennie" Sutton and a niece of Mar / May Linton.

Mever, in any of the discussions PDD 1936 had w/ MIP 1887, was there any mention that her brother Louis had more than one wife. See attached chart. **

F935

My grandfatter, se my mother's father was born 31 Aug 1886 in Samotte Tup, Crawford Critis, IL. His name at birth was Osey Dane Newlin.

However, he always went by blane

as evidenced by his being called Alane. Plewlin in the 1900 Census for Crawford Conty,

Early in his life, se probably before he came to Chicago si circa 1905 he had already changed his name to Sane Opey Newlin.

BDO 1936's discussions w/ MIP1887 EQ36 always stated that Clarence, In was born in Waterloo.

On fact, according to MIP 1887, she, Clarence, In and Pan RII were all born in Waterloo, IN.

EQ37 RDO 1936'S discussions w/ MIP 1887 and VMN 1910 always stated that Wan's son Howard born 19 June 1915 committed suicide circa 1935.

Lee chart RD01936/PDC 04-30 enclosed.

June 5, 1995

Richard Owen 363 Lloyd Rd. Oxford, PA 19363

Dear Dick:

Enclosed are the military and pension records of Robert J[ackson] Sutton and an extract of those records. I didn't try to extract every sheet; only those that added new information. They do provide a lot of interesting information. I thought that, since he is May's half-brother, it was worth while to follow his life. I will probably add him to the Levi W. Sutton writeup

Sorry for the delay in getting this in the mail. I started it May 22nd, then got into a bunch of medical problems that are still not resolved, but at least I can get to my computer for a few minutes.

"God willing and the creek don't rise," I'm planning to try to go to Kentucky this summer and do some Sutton research. I don't have a lot of hope that I'll find anything, but I have to try. Frequently you can get more from a personal visit than from mail enquiries and microfilm records. I still don't have anything but circumstantial evidence that the Kentuky Levi is our ancestor.

I don't know if I told you, but I have irrefutable evidence that Catherine Sutton married Eli Banker in Lydia Fox's pension papers. My efforts to disprove this have been shot down in flames. I still do not have any record of Eli after he was discharged at the end of the war. I still don't know why Catherine was going by Banker in February 1865, when she made an affidavit for Lydia Fox (her sister), then reverted to Sutton by 1870 when she was living with her children.

Also enclosed is some stuff that I found in Salt Lake City about our Dickinsons. What was interesting about this particulat book was that there was a connection to the Newlin family, which I copied. I don't know if it connects to your Newlins, but it was worth copying it on speculation. I hope that it connects. In case you are wondering who the hell the Dickinsons are, they are ancestors of Captivity Peters. I don't know how much of that stuff I've given you yet.

Also enclosed is a copy of May Porter and Samuel Linton's marriage record in Chicago. She may have been married in the same church that I was. I have to recheck our marriage stuff. That bum dope about them being married in Indiana caused me a lot of wasted work.

Once again, thanks much for the pictures; that's the only picture of Linton that I've seen. Since you won't tell me how much it costs to make these copies, I'm enclosing \$20 to at least help cover the costs. Please send more.

I have a heap of letter to answer, so I'd better end this and get on with it. 'Til later ...

Sincerely,