

Member Moments

Hooked by a Will and a Grant

by Shirley Lawrenson

Growing up in the west, I remember stories of both my mom's and dad's parents homesteading in Oklahoma. When I asked where they had come from, their response was always, "Iowa, Ohio, and Kansas," thus I thought of my roots as mid-western. As a young person I had always dreamed of seeing and living in the east. My dream eventually came true when my husband's work took us to Connecticut, where we lived for 31 years before retiring and moving to Sun City West.

In the 1990s, we attended several Beeson Family reunions in Oklahoma (my mother's family). During one of those reunions we discovered that a cousin had found, in an aunt's belongings, a copy of *A History of the Beeson-Beason Family*, which was published in the early 1900s.

My maternal grandfather was included in the book (in the youngest generation). The genealogy traced my ancestors back through the generations to **Edward Beeson** who

arrived in Dover, Delaware, on one of the William Penn voyages. Edward's wife was reportedly a half-sister of

William Penn's first wife.

We were excited when we read that **Edward Beeson** "appeared before William Penn's Commissioners of Property in Philadelphia on 14th day 11th month 1701 (Quaker dating system--about Feb. 1702) and was granted 980 acres of land located in the SE corner of Chester County in Nottingham Township near the Maryland line on 7th day 1st month 1701/02 (Mar. 1702)."

Now the hunt began. Occasionally we found ourselves in southeastern Pennsylvania on a weekend, so we would drive around looking for old cemeteries in Nottingham to explore, but none were old enough and offices in the towns were closed.

Once we found ourselves in Maryland, just across the Pennsylvania border, where we inquired at a local private school. They directed us to an area with a roadside historical marker for West Nottingham, the site of an early Quaker settlement.

On another research trip, we visited the Chester County archives in West Chester, PA. We told the librarian that we had been told (in the book) to look for the first will filed in the state, outside of Philadelphia. We were

Map of Land Grants in PA



shocked when she said, "Oh, you mean **Edward Beeson!**"

She showed us the will and we got photocopies of the original as well as old handwritten and typed transcriptions of it. We then located other land records regarding the widow's disposition of the property.

The next day, at the local historical society library, we discovered that Quakers did not mark the graves in their burial grounds, so we would never have found the gravesites. We did find wedding records of some of Edward's children, including guest lists.

Best of all, the local historical society had records of the original land grant. We obtained the U. S. Geological Survey maps for the area and located the property, which is now in Maryland, and was near the road marker which we had learned about from the school.

All of this was our first real success as well as a great learning experience. And now we're hooked!



Obituary Proves Legend True

by Mary E. Erickson

For decades we had heard that great-great-grandfather was killed by a runaway horse. However, none of our aunts, uncles, or cousins knew any details until two years ago when my husband and I discovered this obituary on a microfilm while on our ancestor hunt in Illinois.

Not only did we learn how, when, and where great-great-grandfather died, but we discovered a bit of information that sent us on another search. How many wives did Benjamin Beckwith have? We've now found three, but five? Of course, it could be only a rumor, but then again...?

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Fatal Accident

On Tuesday afternoon an accident occurred about twelve miles northeast of Olney, near Stringtown, in this county, by which Mr. **Benjamin Beckwith**, aged eighty years, was instantly killed and several others slightly hurt.

The details of the sad affair, as we learn them from Mr. **Geo. Luiz**, who was called upon late Tuesday night to furnish a coffin for the deceased, are as follows: Mr. Beckwith was living with **Abram Cottrell**, his son-in-law, and on Tuesday morning he, with his daughter, Mr. **Cottrell's** wife, and her four children, the oldest about eight years old and the youngest a baby, went to Mr. **Grimes'**, another son-in-law, living a few miles distant, in a buggy to get some peaches.

After being hitched to the fence, and after the occupants had all got out, the horse broke loose, ran away with the buggy and smashed it to pieces. He was afterwards caught, and when the party were ready to start home he was attached to

Mr. **Grimes'** buggy, the latter suggesting that it would be advisable to take one of his horses, but Mr. **Beckwith** thought he could manage the one he had driven over.

The party started and the horse went along quietly enough until within a short distance of home, when he took fright and started to run. Mrs. **Cottrell**, in the excitement of the moment endeavored to assist in holding the horse, when her baby fell out of her arm and out of the buggy, and presently she herself was thrown out. Mrs. **Cottrell**, who was but very little hurt, went back and recovered her baby, who had also escaped almost without injury.

The horse after running a short distance further turned into a road leading into the woods, where soon after the buggy was dashed against a tree and completely wrecked, the horse freeing himself from it.

In the concussion Mr. **Beckwith's** skull was crushed, by coming in contact with the tree, it is supposed, and he lived



but a short time after. The other three children were found close by the buggy comparatively unhurt, but unable to tell how they got out of the buggy or any circumstances of the runaway, so completely were they dumb-founded.

Mr. **Beckwith** had been living in that neighborhood for about six years, having originally removed from Crawford County. He had been married, it is said, five times. He was universally respected, and the afflicted relatives have the sympathy of the entire neighborhood in their bereavement. *Olney Times.*

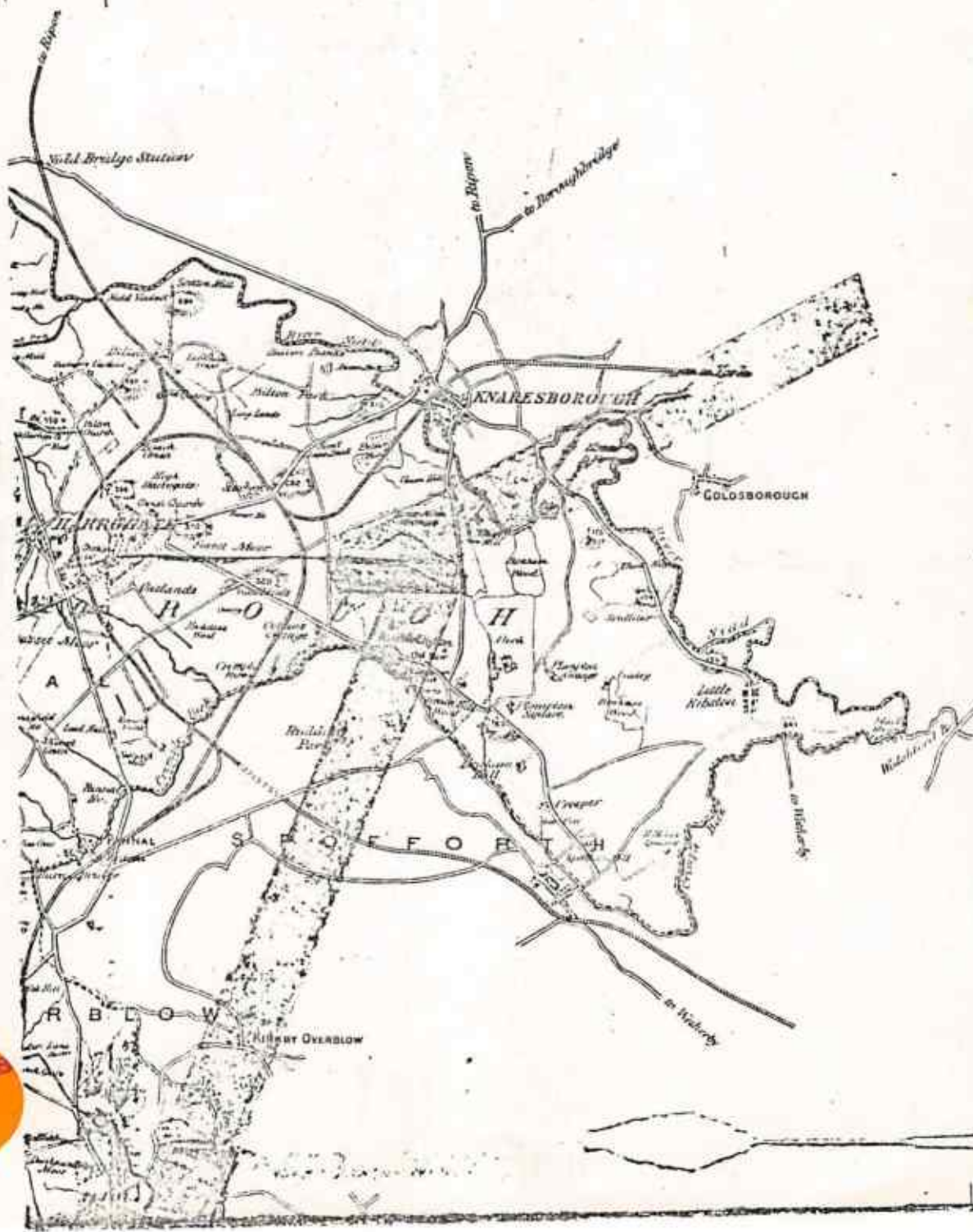
(On Microfilm in the Robinson Public Library, Genealogy Section, Robinson, Crawford Co., Illinois.)

Note about Names:
Mrs. Cottrell=**Sophia Beckwith**
Abram Cottrell= a.k.a. **Abraham Cotterell**
Mr. Grimes=**Joseph M. Grimes**

BECKWITH

Map of the
FOREST OF KNARESBOROUGH

COPIED FROM THE ORDNANCE SURVEY.





IDGE

Brinham Rocks

Bishop Thornton

RIPLY

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K E N T
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O T L E Y
K I R K B
O V E R B



OCCGS REFERENCE ONLY

CRANS, daughter of William and Ann
BECKWITH
BECKWITH, Catherine 25y- 18 Feb 1848
daughter of Henry and Martha BECKWITH
BECKWITH, Daniel 29y 5m 28d- 9 Jan 1838

VanDuzer (Newton) Cemetery
BECKWITH, Mary Ann wife of John McDowell
HAMMOND

Chemung Village Cemetery
BECKWITH, Matthias W. 81y-16 Mar 1888
BECKWITH, Esther 1814-1895 wife of Matthias W.
BECKWITH, Charles 37y 10m- 25 May 1881

North Chemung Cemetery
BECKWITH, Rachel 4 Dec 1822-2 Mar 1901

Hill Top Cemetery- Breesport
BECKWITH, Sarah A. "wife" 82y 2m-15 Feb 1913

Cayuta Cemetery (Schuyler Co.)
BECKWITH, George 63y 3m 7d-10 Dec 1862
BECKWITH, Mary Ann 58y-23 ?? 1861, wife of
George
BECKWITH, Lydia 5y 2m 20d- 4 Jan 1838, child of
George and Mary Ann
BECKWITH, William 2y 4m 13d- 21 Mar 1841, child
of George and Mary Ann

Webb Mills Cemetery
BECKWITH, Daniel G. 20 mar 1843- 20 Feb 1914
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Ashland Cemetery
BECKWITH, Elmer J. 64y- 15 Nov 1977, resided at
114 Church Street, Wellsburg. Former
mayor, trustee and police chief of the
village of Wellsburg. A veteran of World
War 2

New Scotchtown Cemetery
BECKWITH, Elisha 1799-1880

Should the A.C. and E.S. BECKWITH,
in their Beckwith Notes vol. 4 p29, be
correct in this matter, the famly was
composed as follows:

John BECKWITH of Watertown CT (Litchfield Co?)
married to Anna SMITH.

Moved to Vincennes IN. remarried there
Died at Vincennes IN

1. Richard BECKWITH
2. Daniel BECKWITH
3. Isaac BECKWITH
4. Seth Smith BECKWITH
5. Samuel BECKWITH
6. Silas BECKWITH
7. Anna BECKWITH

In their Notes vol. 3 p51, John s said to have
been a veteran of the Revolution. His remarriage
and death are said to be "recorded" at Vincennes
IN. "Children of his first marriage removed to
Chenango and Chemung Counties NY." The son
"Seth S. had a son Charles H., who with sons F.H.
and C.L., were in wholesale trade in Chicago in
1874."

From another check of census records:
1820 NY Chenango Co. Coventry p168
BECKWITH, Seth S. 100010-00110-0100
p170 BECKWITH, Silas 110010-10100-0100
(they are the only Beckwiths in Coventry)

1830 NY Chenango Co. Coventry p27
BECKWITH, S.S. 1010201-0100110001
(only Beckwith in Coventry)

1840 NY Chenango Co. Coventry p254
BECKWITH, Seth S. 00002001-1101001

1850 NY Chenango Co. Norwich p186 691-697
BECKWITH, S.S. 63 M CT
Hannah 52 F NY
Elizabeth 16 F NY
Hannah J. 13 F NY

So the account of these men being the sons of
John who moved to IN appears to fit the facts better
that descent from the Silas of The Beckwiths. And
the Silas of Coventry NY in 1810 is probably the
Silas of Elmira in 1820!

However, where were these guys in 1800? I find
no John in 1800 CT who fits, nor in 1800 CT or NY.
And where does Henry fit in (if at all)? I do not find
the "sons" in NY or CT in 1800 either. Nor do I find
any John in IN in 1820 or afterwards.

On the brighter side, in 1880 IL Cook Co. Worth
Twp. is C.H. BECKWITH (61 NY) with Martha (56
NY) and C.L. (32 NY, Alice (27 NY), Martha (3 NY)!

her father-in-law, Silas BECKWITH]

3. John [died Southport, widow living ther 1889]
4. Abuna
5. Louisa
6. Elizabeth
7. Sarah
8. Mary Ann
9. Lucy

35F. Silas (c1777-1866) m. Hannah YOUNG
she was daughter of Joseph and Jane YOUNG. She died 24 Sept 1870 at Cherry Valley NY, age 81y 8m. Both are buried in Second Street Cemetery. Silas' tombstone is said to indicate he was born in Chemung Co. NY!

- 1? a male BECKWITH 1784-94.
- 2? a female BECKWITH 1784-94.
3. Henry BECKWITH c1821 NY.
4. Clarinda BECKWITH c1829 NY.

35G. Henry (c1780?-pre1850?) m? Martha -----.

1. a female BECKWITH 1800-04.
2. a female BECKWITH 1804-10.
3. Daniel BECKWITH 1808, died 9 Feb 1938.
4. a female BECKWITH c1810.
5. a male BECKWITH 1810-15.
6. a female BECKWITH 1815-20.
7. a female BECKWITH 1815-20.
8. a male BECKWITH 1815-20.
9. a male BECKWITH 1815-20.
10. Catherine BECKWITH c1823, died 18 Feb 1848. Buried in Second Street Cemetery.

Children according to The Beckwiths:

1. Henry [of Elmira NY 1889]
2. Elizabeth [m. ----- BUCKBEE]

To sort this "mess" out, probate records, and possibly land records, will have to be consulted.

In a copy of a letter dated 14 Jan 1986 from the Chemung County (NY) Historical Society, Tom Byrnes County Historian, to Orpha BECKWITH of Neosho WI, some tombstone listings were included:

Woodlawn Cemetery

BECKWITH, Ransom P. 12 Mar 1800 Elmira- 2 Dec 2863 Wells. Bradford Co. PA. Kindred: R.R.BECKWITH.

BECKWITH, Richard 61y 8m 20d-2 Dec 1862
BECKWITH, Julia G. 19 July 1863 Ridgeberry PA- 4 Aug 1863 Ridgeberry PA. Kindred: E.R. Julia BECKWITH

BECKWITH, Mary 7 June 1807 Dryden- 25 Oct 1863 Elmira, Kindred: Elizabeth and Walter BROWN

BECKWITH, George 12 June 1807- 1868

BECKWITH, Mary 7 June 1807- 25 Dec 1864. wife of George

BECKWITH, Hannah 17 Apr 1799 Southport- 8 Feb 1842 Horseheads, reinterred by the family 5 Nov 1862, Kindred: Elijah GRISWOULD

BECKWITH, Albert A. 4 July 1798 Washington Co. -7 Mar 1843 Horseheads, reinterred by family 5 Nov 1862 Kindred: Richard BECKWITH

Beckwith Cemetery (on the Pine City Rd. south of Elmira)

BECKWITH, Robert 57y 8m 16d-5 Aug 1869, husband of Julia Ann BECKWITH
BECKWITH, Tasky d. 4 May 1855 son of Robert

Fitzsimmons Cemetery

BECKWITH, Sarah 27y 8m 16d-22 Apr 1841, wife of Richard R. BECKWITH
BECKWITH, Fidelo 5y ?m 17d-16 Dec 1838 son of Richard R. and Sarah
BECKWITH, John died 5 Feb 1826, son of Richard R. and Sarah
BECKWITH, ----- child of Richard R. and Sarah (name and dates unreadable)
BECKWITH, Lavinia 18y 4m 12d-19 July 1819
BECKWITH, Daniel 72y 8m 12d-30 July 1844
BECKWITH, Anna 70y 10m 6d- 29 June 1848, wife of Daniel

Second Street Cemetery

BECKWITH, Silas born Chemung Co. NY. died 26 Dec 1866 at Big Flats
BECKWITH Zinia 40y-27 Dec 1853 from Horseheads
BECKWITH, Hannah 81y 8m Cherry Valley NY- 24 Sept 1870 at 8 Columbia St., daughter of Joseph and Jane Young
BECKWITH, Azuba (CRANS) wife of William

IN 13 Oct 1835. His first wife is said to have been Anna REEVES, born CT. died Coventry NY; his second wife Anna SMITH, born Merford Co. NY, died 17 May 1857 Chemung NY age 90 years; his third wife — BENJAMEN, who died at Vincennes IN.

The ancestry of this Silas BECKWITH (#592) is given as Benjamin-4, Jonah-3, Matthew-2. Mathew-1.

The BECKWITH Brothers in Beckwith Notes v4 p29 show the folly of this line, and indicate that this Silas probably never existed! They identify a John BECKWITH of Watertown CT, a revolutionary soldier, who went to Vincennes IN and died there. They also indicate that his first wife was Anna SMITH. The children are listed as: Richard, Daniel, Isaac, Seth Smith, Samuel, Silas, and Anna.

IF the brothers were correct, I wonder if Richard, Silas and Daniel are the sons of this John BECKWITH. If so, where does Henry fit in?

35D. Richard (c1770-80, -pre1840?)

(The Beckwiths p128 identifies the wife as Sarah Holbert who died 11 July 1836. Richard is said to have been born 1776 Watertown CT, died 8 May 1835 Elmira NY.

1. a male BECKWITH 1794-1800.
2. a male BECKWITH 1794-1800.
3. a female BECKWITH 1794-1800.
4. a male BECKWITH 1800-04.
5. a male BECKWITH 1800-10, died pre1820?
6. a female BECKWITH 1804-10.
7. a female BECKWITH 1804-10.
8. a male BECKWITH 1810-20.
9. a female BECKWITH 1810-20.
10. a female BECKWITH 1810-20.
11. a female BECKWITH 1810-20.

The children from The Beckwiths:

1. Albert Alonzo [1800-1843, m. Hannah GRISWOLD]

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2. Richard R. [1800-1862]
3. George [1807-1868, m. Polly BROWN]
4. Sarah A. [1802-1868 m. David GRISWOLD]
5. Della [m. Dr. John BALLS]
6. May [died 1826]
7. Clarissa [m. E. MATHER]
8. Nancy [1809-1841, m. John CARPENTER]
9. Shelden [1804-1851, m. Betsey McHENRY]
10. Elizabeth
11. Julia A.
12. Peter C. [1824-1877, m. Betsy POWERS]
13. Timothy [1826, m. Mary RUMSEY]
14. Zina Amanda [died unmarried]
15. David [born 1846]
16. Mary [died unmarried]

It is apparent that some of these as listed in The Beckwiths cannot be the children of Richard, especially David who was born in 1846!

35E. Daniel (c1772-1844) m. Anna -----

Daniel died 30 July 1844 age 72y 8m 12d. At the time of his death, he was of Southport. she was born c1778, died 29 June 1848, age 70y 10m 6d. Both are buried in Fitzsimmons Cemetery.

1. a female BECKWITH 1800-04.
2. a female BECKWITH 1804-10.
3. a female BECKWITH 1804-10.
4. a male BECKWITH 1804-10.
5. a female BECKWITH c1810.
6. a female BECKWITH 1810-15.
- * 7. a male BECKWITH 1810-15. [John c1811]
8. a female BECKWITH 1815-20
- * 9. a male BECKWITH 1815-20. [Robert c1812]
10. a male BECKWITH c1820.
11. a female BECKWITH 1820-25.

2nd Generation

35E-7. John (c1811-) m. Lovina -----

35E-9. Robert (c1812-) m. Julia -----

1. Daniel BECKWITH c1843 NY.
2. Martin BECKWITH c1845 NY.

Daniel's children according to The Beckwiths:

1. Henry Sly [1805, m. Patience DEANS]
2. Robert [*died Southport NY; his widow was living there in 1889; on the farm owned by

35-D. RICHARD BECKWITH
35-E. DANIEL BECKWITH
35-F. SILASBECKWITH
35-G. HENRY BECKWITH
of Elmira, Tioga Co. and Chemung
Co. NY.

1810 NY Tioga Co. Elmira

p71 BECKWITH, Richard 22011-21010
 BECKWITH, Samuel 00010-10100
 p76 BECKWITH, Silas 00101-00101
 BECKWITH, Daniel 10010-40010
 BECKWITH, Henry 10010-20010

1820 NY Tioga Co. Elmira

p299 BECKWITH, Richard 110301-32110-0100
 p299 BECKWITH, Henry 310001-21110-0100
 p300 BECKWITH, Samuel 100010-40010-0100
 p301 BECKWITH, Daniel 210001-32101-0100

1830 NY Tioga Co. Elmira

p229 BECKWITH, Richard 11111001-022201
 BECKWITH, Silas 01101011-10111
 p228 BECKWITH, Henry 00001-1001
 p230 BECKWITH, Henry 0021101-0130001

1840 NY Chemung Co. Elmira

p266 BECKWITH, Silas 000100001-00100001
 BECKWITH, Henry 010101-0120020001
 BECKWITH, Henry 010020001-000200001
 p267 BECKWITH, Samuel 01000001-0002001
 p268 BECKWITH, George 000011-00101
 BECKWITH, Albert A. 1013001-0202011

1850 NY Chemung Co. Elmira

p197 BECKWITH, Henry 46M NY
 Patience 40 F NY
 Caroline 20 F NY
 Frances 18 F NY
 Emma 3 F NY
 p251 BECKWITH, Melissa 21 F NY
 (w/John & Sally CARPENTER)
 p262 BECKWITH, Anna 34 F NY
 (w/Ebenezer & Mary E. MATHER)
 p263 BECKWITH, Harriet 18 F NY
 Caroline 16 F NY
 (w/Lewis & Minerva FITCH)
 p264 BECKWITH, George 43 M NY
 Mary 43 F NY
 Albert A. 8M NY
 MATHER, Edwin 20M NY

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p265 BECKWITH, J.G. 36M NY
 Huldah 28 F NY
 Louisa 6 F NY
 G.F. 4M NY
 T.S.P. 2M NY
 BECKWITH, Richard 38M NY
 Martha 26 F NY
 J.H. 8M NY
 Charles C. 5M NY
 R.W. 3M NY
 W.L. 0/12M NY

p266 BECKWITH, Henry 40M NY
 Mary 27 F NY
 Alexander 5M NY
 E.A. 2 F NY

p269 BECKWITH, Daniel 18M NY
 (w/John C. & Rebecca JACKSON)

The question here, the same as appears at the bottom of page 36 (above) is: Who is this Richard BECKWITH of Elmira NY?

Based on these census listings, it appears that there were four BECKWITH lines that settled in Elmira. One was from Richard BECKWITH, another from Silas BECKWITH, and yet another from Daniel BECKWITH. Richard, Daniel, and Silas are listed as being born between 1770 and 1780. Silas appears in 1850 in Big Flat, Chemung Co. NY aged 73 years (born c1777). Could they be brothers?

Note also the Henry BECKWITH who based on the "inconsistencies" of age, was probably born c1780. Could he be a younger brother of Richard and Silas?

In The Beckwiths, Paul BECKWITH identifies Richard (born 1776 Watertown CT), Daniel (born 1770 Watertown CT), and Henry (born Watertown NY) as the sons of Silas BECKWITH (#592) born 1746 Lyme CT, moved to Watertown, to Elmira, to Albany, and died at Vincennes

no relationship to the Ashtabula Co. OH
BECKWITHs. Census records do indicate
a birth in the state of NY.

One possibility I have not yet checked
into is the SPRINGSTED connection.
Maybe from the same location in NY?

35C. RICHARD BECKWITH of LeRay, Jefferson Co. NY

Richard BECKWITH Sr. was born
c1768, died 30 Mar 1832 age 64y. He
was married to Lovina —. She was born
c1770, died 22 Sept 1855 age 85y. Both
are buried in Evans Mills Cemetery at
Leray, Jefferson Co. NY.

They appear in NY census records as
follows:

1830 NY Jefferson Co. LeRoy p326

Richard BECKWITH 000000001-00000101

Richard BECKWITH Jr. 0100001-212001

1840 NY Jefferson Co. LeRay p16

Richard BECKWITH 0201101-1111102001

(Lovina w/Richard Jr.)

1850 NY Jefferson Co. LeRay p111 74-74

BECKWITH, Lovina 80F CT

Lovina 55F NH

1850 NY Jefferson Co. LeRay p111 73-73

BECKWITH, Richard 60M NH

William 20M NY

Harriett 26F NY

Emily P. 22F NY

Sarah J. 15F NY

Note that Richard Jr. (born c1790) and
Lovina (born c1795) were both born in
NH. Looking at the NH census for 1800,
there is only one Richard BECKWITH. He
appears in the NH census from 1790
through 1820:

1790 NH Cheshire Co. Alstead town 1-1-2

1800 NH Cheshire Co. Alstead p10 20110-11010

1810? NH Cheshire Co. Alstead p11

11111-01211

1820? NH Cheshire Co. Alstead p302

001210-30210-0100

Based on the location and names of
other BECKWITHs living in Alstead, I
would tentatively place this Richard
BECKWITH as the son of :

1-7-7-1. ANDREW BECKWITH

(Richard-3, John-2, Mathew-1)

son of Richard and Hannah,

born c1733, bp 20 Sept 1740 Lyme CT,

died 20 Sept 1804 [age 71]. Married 1st

14 Dec 1760 Lyme CT to Ruhamah

PECK. Married 2nd pre-1765 CT to

Catharine "Cate" SHAILER, daughter of

Joseph SHAILER of East Haddam CT.

She was born c1747, died 20 Aug 1797

age 50. Both are buried in Alstead NH

Cemetery. Married 3rd 26 Aug 1798

Alstead NH to Eunice HEBARD BINGHAM

ROUNSEVEL. She died 26 Aug 1803 age

58.

Andrew moved to Alstead NH c1767.

Beckwith Notes indicates 9 children:

* 1. Andrew BECKWITH born 31 Dec 1799.

* 2. Benjamin Brooks BECKWITH born 10 June
1786 Alstead NH..

* 3. Bezaleel BECKWITH born 1775-1785.

4. Catharine BECKWITH.

5. Richard BECKWITH.

6. Phoebe BECKWITH.

* 7. Shailer BECKWITH died early?

8. ???

9. ???

Richard Sr.'s children were:

1. a female BECKWITH born pre-1790.

* 2. Richard BECKWITH Jr. born c1790 NH.

3. Lovina BECKWITH born c1795 NH. Living
with her mother in 1850.

4. a male BECKWITH born 1794-1800.

5. a male BECKWITH born 1800-1810.

If this is correct, then who is Richard
BECKWITH of Elmira, Tioga Co. NY?

David J. 18 M laborer OH
Buel F. 10 M OH

1860 OH Ashtabula Co. Colebrook p159
1510-1350
BECKWITH, P.G. 60 M farmer CT
Annie 65 F PA
Buel 19 M OH

All these census listings are included to show that Perry G. BECKWITH (Jr.) lived in Ashtabula Co. OH until his death c1872. According to his will he had no sons Nelson BECKWITH or Halsey P. BECKWITH. Therefore, he cannot be the Perry G. BECKWITH referred to in Paul BECKWITH's book!

To make matters worse, in pension file applications, the descendants of William Whitney BECKWITH (a son of David BECKWITH of Attica, Genesee Co. NY), state that the Perry G. BECKWITH who lives in the same county (Huron Co. OH) is no relation!

From census records, we do know:

1830 OH Huron Co. Ridgefield Twp. p378
BECKWITH, Parry 200001-000001 (4)

1840 OH Huron Co. Bronson p352
BECKWITH, P.G. 0030001-1000002 (7)

1850 OH Huron Co. Bronson Twp. p152
2067-2110
BECKWITH, Perry G. 65 M farmer NY
Dilly 50 F NY
Charles 24 M laborer OH
Perry 21 M laborer OH
Ira 17 M farmer OH
Lovina 14 F OH
SPRINGSTEAD, Perry I. 5 M OH
Christiana 52 F NY

1850 OH Huron Co. Norwalk Twp. p1 1-1
BECKWITH, Charles 21 M ostler OH
(boarder at hotel)

1850 OH Huron Co. Norwalk Twp. p9 88-90
BECKWITH, Perry 21 M ostler OH
boarding w/others at Samuel A. Sergeant's

1860 OH Huron Co. Bronson Twp. p318
2005-1947
BECKWITH, Ira 26 M farmer OH
Delia 60 F NY
Perry G. 65 M NY
Lovina 24 F OH

1880 OH Huron Co. Bronson Twp. 35-140-7-3
BECKWITH, Ira 47 M OH
SPRINGSTEAD, Cor. tenant 30 OH
Lovina sister 44 OH
Richard H. nephew 6 OH
Adelina R. niece 1 OH

1900 OH Huron Co. Clinton 82-21-9-92
BECKWITH, Ira Feb 1833 OH
w/Andy J. Rhineberger-as uncle

Based on these and later census records, it appears that Perry G. BECKWITH of Huron Co. OH was born c1795 NY and died 15 Mar 1874 Bronson OH. He married 15 Sept 1824 in Huron Co. OH to Della SPRINGSTED.

Perry G. (c1795-1874) m. Delia SPRINGSTED
1. Charles BECKWITH c1826 OH.
2. Perry BECKWITH c1829 OH, died 8 Sept 1895 Bronson OH, a widower.
3. Ira BECKWITH Feb 1833 OH. It appears that Ira never married.
4. Lovina BECKWITH c1836 OH. Married-----
SPRINGSTEAD.
a. Richard H. SPRINGSTEAD c1874 OH.
b. Adelina R. SPRINGSTEAD c1879 OH.
Probably married Andy J. RHINEBERGER.

The question, now, becomes Who were the parents of Perry G. BECKWITH of Huron Co. OH? Surely he was not a son of David BECKWITH of Genesee Co. NY. I see no reason why the descendants of William Whitney BECKWITH, a son of David, would lie in saying he was not related to them! And there appears to be

4. Lawrence 1968 OH
5. Sarah 1971 OH

35A-5-1-4. Raymond L. (1928-) m. Nancy HURD

1. Michael 1951 OH
2. Christine 1954 OH
3. Lewis 1955 OH
4. Sherry 1956 OH
5. Thomas 1957 OH
6. Deborah 1959 OH
7. Raymond 1961 OH.

Harvey BECKWITH Sr. (9520 A SW 84th Terrace, Ocala FL 34481) is a descendant of Franklin Robert BECKWITH.

35B. Perry G. BECKWITH of Huron Co. OH.

In his book The Beckwiths, Paul BECKWITH identifies Perry Green BECKWITH as son of David and Abigail (WHITING) BECKWITH of Geneseo, Cayuga Co. OH. Perry is said to have been born in 1796 in Hartford CT, enlisted in the Revolutionary Army in 1814, served in Grierson's Co., Porter's Reg., New York Line, died at New Lyme OH; married 1st Delia SPRINGSTER in 1824, born Lyme CT, died New Lyme OH; married 2nd wife ROCKWELL, born Lyme CT, died New Lyme OH. Children by 1st wife were: Perry G. (who had sons Dr. Nelson-a dentist in NYC in 1888, and Halsey P.-living in Jefferson Co. in 1888. Children by 2nd wife were: Alvin, Edward C., Ezra M., Samuel R., Esther, and Elijah.

If one reads the corrections to the Mathew BECKWITH of CT lineage as printed in the last issue of the newsletter, based on information uncovered by Hubert S. "Beck" BECKWITH, it will be

obvious that two different Perry Green BECKWITHs have been confused, if not three!

Peregrine "Perry G." BECKWITH who died c1842 in Ashtabula Co. OH left wife Polly, and children (in order as listed in will): Celinda GEE, Elijah BECKWITH, Perry G. BECKWITH, Alvin BECKWITH, Johanna NORTON, Edward C. BECKWITH, Ezra M. BECKWITH, and Samuel BECKWITH. So obviously the children listed by Paul BECKWITH as by Perry G. BECKWITH's second wife were by a different Perry G. BECKWITH.

It remains, then to determine if the Perry G. BECKWITH identified by Paul BECKWITH is Perry G. BECKWITH, son of Peregrine "Perry G." BECKWITH, or another different Perry G. BECKWITH.

The will of Perry G. BECKWITH of Colebrook Twp., Ashtabula Co. OH, dated 10 Jan 1872 identifies his heirs as son David J. BECKWITH, daughter Anna L. MOSES, daughter Lydia L. BECKWITH, and nephew Buel F. BECKWITH. Most of his land was bounded by Elijah BECKWITH.

1830 OH Ashtabula Co. New Lyme p145
 BECKWITH, P.G. 110100001-010110001 (8)
 BECKWITH, P.G. 100001-110001 (5)
 BECKWITH, E. 020001-20101 (7)
 BECKWITH, J. 1001001-021101 (8)
 BECKWITH, A. 000001-20001 (4)
 (all on the same page- Perry G. Sr, Perry G. Jr., Ezra, Alvin!)

1840 OH Ashtabula Co. Colebrook p219
 BECKWITH, Perry G. 0100001-001101 (5)

1850 OH Ashtabula Co. Colebrook Twp. p512
 2035-2109
 BECKWITH, Perry G. 50 M farmer CT
 Anna 50 F PA
 Lydia L. 23 F OH

35A-Franklin Robert BECKWITH of KY.

Franklin Robert BECKWITH was born c1836 [c1824 or Oct 1820] VA. He died 8 May 1891 and was buried in Highland Cemetery at Ft. Mitchell KY. He married c1860 to Sarah Ann Hunter who was born 20 Mar 1839 Boone Co. KY. died 15 Mar 1915.

Franklin's ancestry is not known. It is thought by Harvey BECKWITH's family to be from Barnes BECKWITH and Sir Marmaduke BECKWITH of VA. The middle name of one child (Jenning) would seem to indicate this. However, another child has the name of Elbert which is almost exclusively limited to descendants of George BECKWITH of MD.

I have been unable to find Franklin in 1850 in either VA or KY. One problem is with his birth year. IN 1860 he is listed as age 36 (c1824), in 1880 age 60 (c1820) and in 1900 as age 80, born Oct 1820. However, in his letter of 5 Aug 1994, Harvey BECKWITH indicates a birth year of c1836!

The only person I find that comes close to fitting any of these dates is Frank BECKWITH age 12 VA (c1838) in 1850 in Spotsylvania Co. VA with parent(?) Barnes (c1810 VA) and siblings: Bettie (c1832 VA), Jackson (c1834 VA), Newton (c1836 VA), and Hays (c1840 VA).

Family sheets from Harvey Beckwith of Ocala FL dated 5 Aug 1994

1860 KY Boone Co. Taylor Port Dist. Hebron PO p74/316 367-368

1880 KY Kenton Co. No. 4 Kocks

1900 KY Clampet Co. Newport 724 Lindsey St. 10-27-11-8

35A. Franklin Robert BECKWITH (1836?-1891)
m. Sarah Ann HUNTER

1. Wallace 1878-1880

*2. Robert Frank 1861

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3. Ollie Frances 1863-1945 m. Clifford MILLER

* 4. Charles Jennings 1865

* 5. Elbert Louis 1869

6. Anna (1873-1883)

2nd Generation

35A-2. Robert Frank (1861-1918)

m. Mary Jane Lester KINNEY

* 1. Robert Lester 1896

35A-4. Charles Jennings (1865-1946)

m. 1) Tracy SHERER 2) Maggie HARLOW

35A-5. Elbert Louis (1869-1946)

m. Anna Maude COLEMAN

* 1. Raymond Louis 1898 KY

3rd Generation

35A-1-1. Robert Lester (1896-1972)

m. Alpha SUTER

* 1. Robert N.

35A-5-1. Raymond Louis (1898-1973)

m. Elizabeth Margaret YOUNG

* 1. Harvey Elbert 1920 OH

2. Marie 1922 KY m. Robert MOORE

* 3. Leslie N. 1924 OH

* 4. Raymond L. 1928 OH

5. Elizabeth Louise 1934 OH-1934

4th Generation

35A-1-1-1. Robert N. m. Elizabeth GARDNER

1. David

2. Sandra

35A-5-1-1. Harvey Elbert (1920-)

m. Phyllis Esther DeFRISCO

1. Harvey Elbert Jr. 1943 OH-1946

2. Richard A. 1947 OH

3. Elizabeth A. 1948 OH

4. Esther M. 1950 OH

5. Harvey E. 1952 OH

6. Mary A. 1954 OH

7. George P. 1958 OH

8. Virginia M. 1960 OH

35A-5-1-3. Leslie N. (1924-) m. Mary EFANTE

1. Ann Lisa 1961

2. Kenneth 1963 OH

3. Kathryn 1965 OH

1-1-2-3-1-2-6-1-2-3. Jessie (Jan 1875-) m. Louella — (1874-)
1. Winston BECKWITH Nov 1896 MS.

1-1-2-3-1-2-6-1-2-6. George Robert (12 Nov 1886-10 July 1956)
m1. Idella E. — (1894-1916)
m2. Willie V. — (1896-1918)
m3. 1 Dec 1917 Annie Belle DUNCAN (1895-)

1-1-2-3-1-2-6-1-2-9. Clifford (31 May 1893-30 Apr 1970)
m. Ida S. — (1899-)

1-1-2-3-1-2-6-1-2-10. Claude (1896-) m. 29 Dec 1915 Viola LONG
(Viola remarried 3 June 1950 to Thomas
J. CASTILON of Winona MS)

1-1-2-3-1-2-6-1-2-12. Berry Benford (14 Jan 1899-13 Jan 1968)
1. Ruby Earlene BECKWITH 5 May 1936 m1) —, div. Jan 1958.
m2) 1 July 1959 Carroll Co. MS to Verbie LOWERY, son of
Ralph HANSBROUGH and Mary WILSON, born 15 Aug 1926.
2. Linda Sue BECKWITH 31 Dec 1949 MS. Married 10 June 1967
Carroll Co. MS to Bobby Jene ALLRED, son of Jesse Franklin
ALLRED and Rosa BRASHER, born 29 Mar 1947.

CORRECTIONS TO MATHEW BECKWITH OF CT (see

1-6-1-5. Joseph (1715-1809) m1) Sarah WILLEY
m2) Mrs. Mary SCOVILLE/SCOVILLE
8b. Ephraim BECKWITH born 1761 CT.
9b. Chauncey BECKWITH born 1768 CT.

1-6-1-5-8. Ephraim (1761-1826) m. Carolina Wood
1. Simeon Wood BECKWITH born 29 Mar 1785 East Haddam CT.
2. Elizabeth Conkling BECKWITH born 12 Sept 1787 East Haddam
CT.
3. Ephraim A. BECKWITH born 1797 East Haddam CT.
Of Orange Co. NY (1830), NYC (1840), Sussex Co. NJ
(1850), Orange CO. NY (1860).
4. Charles Wood BECKWITH born 1 Dec 1812 Orange Co. NY
Of Orange CO. NY (1840), Rock Co. WI (1850), Douglas Co.
OR (1860).

(STANSEL); and Eugene (of Minter City MS 1915).

8th Generation

1-1-2-3-1-2-8-1. Isaac Newton (c1830 AL-3 Mar 1863)

m. 29 Aug 1850 Matha J. SEALES

- * 1. Thomas Benjamin BECKWITH Dec 1852 MS.
- 2. Lycurgus BECKWITH c1854 MS.
- 3. Essie Christi(a)na BECKWITH 1860 MS.

1-1-2-3-1-2-8-5. Lewis E. (c1836 MS-24 Dec 1867)

m. 9 Oct 1860 Martha R. FULGHUM

— they had no children—

9th Generation

1-1-2-3-1-2-6-1-2. George (c1852 MS-)

1a. Sarah BECKWITH Dec 1869 MS.

- * **2a. Jeff BECKWITH Nov 1871 MS.**

- * **3a. Jessie BECKWITH Jan 1875 MS.**

4a. L./S. BECKWITH c1878 MS. [a female]

5b. John BECKWITH Dec 1883 MS.

- * **6b. George Robert BECKWITH 12 Nov 1886 MS.**

**7b. Walter BECKWITH Jan 1891 MS. Possibly W.B. BECKWITH
born 1892, died 1950.**

**8b. Lillian BECKWITH Feb 1892 MS. Possibly Lillian BECKWITH
born 1887 who married Arthur PARKER (1890-1918), buried
Longview Methodist Church, Carroll Co. MS.**

- * **9b. Clifford BECKWITH 31 May 1893 MS.**

- * **10b. Claude BECKWITH May 1896 MS.**

11b. Edd BECKWITH Jan 1898 MS.

- * **12b. Berry Benford BECKWITH 14 Jan 1899 MS.**

1-1-2-3-1-2-8-1-1. Thomas Benjamin (Dec 1852-) m. Annie — (1858-)

1. Percy BECKWITH Sept 1892 MS.

2. Christine BECKWITH Apr 1895 MS.

3. Norwood BECKWITH Oct 1897 MS.

10th Generation

1-1-2-3-1-2-6-1-2-2. Jeff (Nov 1871-) m. Louisa — (1892-)

1. Edna BECKWITH Jan 1892 MS.

2. Emerlee BECKWITH Dec 1893 MS.

3. Lener L. BECKWITH May 1898 MS.

OH; Marcia T. BECKWITH 10/12 F CA; and Bettie T. BECKWITH 61 F VT.

Notice that the ages and birth places for Elizabeth and Bettie T. are almost identical. Could this be the Betsey T. BUSHNELL who married Russel (Roswell?) BECKWITH in OH? They had at least 8 children: a male (1810-15), a female (1810-20), a male (1815-20), a female (1820-25), Dewitt (c1825 OH), Marion F. (c1829 OH), Byron D. (c1840? OH), and Charles (c1842 OH). The Marion F. BECKWITH fits perfectly. The Byron D. BECKWITH fits nearly perfectly. If these are brothers, it would make sense that their mother would be enumerated with each of them, alternately living with each son!

If these are the correct assumptions, then the line would be Jonah (c1765)- Russel/Roswell (c1792)- Byron De La (c1840)- Byron De La (1884)- Byron De La (1920)- Byron De La (1946). For more information on Jonah BECKWITH, see #33 pages 13-15.

CORRECTIONS TO WILLIAM BECKWITH OF VA (see #29 pages 4-10)

7th Generation

1-1-2-3-1-2-6. Dempsey Richard(?) (1801-1868)

8. Alexander BECKWITH 27 July 1860-13 Feb 1883. Buried in Mission Church Cemetery, Carroll Co. MS.

1-1-2-3-1-2-8. Benjamin F. (1812-1891) m1) Sarah — (c1815-1853)

m2) Martha FIELDING BRYANT (1820-1897)

- 1a. Isaac Newton BECKWITH c1830 MS.
- 2a. James A. BECKWITH c1831 MS. Of TX 1890.
- 3a. Emeline BECKWITH c1834, died 4 Feb 1853 near Columbus MS in her 19th year.
- 4a. Jesse E. BECKWITH c1836 MS. (not mentioned in father's will)
- 5a. Lewis E. BECKWITH c1836 MS. (not mentioned in father's will)
- 6a. Robert M. BECKWITH c1838 MS. (not mentioned in father's will)
- 7a. Sarah Louisa BECKWITH c1842 MS. Married 20 Oct 1863 Lowndes Co. MS to Ebenezer (Burwell?) PETTY. She was of Phoebe Station MS in 1897.
- 8a. Elliner "Ellen" BECKWITH c1844 MS. Married N.E HATCH. Of Pike Co. MS 1890.
- 9b. Blanche Eugene "Blannie" BECKWITH born 24 May 1860, died 19 Dec 1915. Married to William S. MUSTIN (1857-1921). Both buried in Friendship Cemetery in Columbus MS along with six of thier children. Kids: W.F. (1883-1884); M.E. (1884-1884); Julian (1887-1887); Bennie B. (1890-1895); Callie E. (1893-1894); Bently B. (1896-1977); — (m. Arthur

family. His Lyme CT relations were MOORE, BECKWITH, CHAMPION, HUNTLEY, DeWOLF, LAY, CLARK, SMITH, etc.

Several requests have been received regarding the ancestry of Byron De La BECKWITH, the convicted murderer of civil rights activist —. Recently I was able to read Portrait of a Racist ©1994 by Reed Massengill. In this book is quite a bit of information on this man, his parents and grandparents.

ANCESTRY OF: BYRON De La BECKWITH

Byron De La BECKWITH was born c1840 in OH and died May 1904 at Colusa CA. He had married 15 Feb 1882 at Stockton CA to the widow Mary OLIVER BRAY. She died c1889. Both are buried at Woodbridge CA. They had one child Byron De La BECKWITH born Mar 1884 at New Hope CA.

*** This Byron De La BECKWITH moved to CA in 1861. ***

*** He had a nephew, Charles M. BECKWITH who was at with him when he died.

Byron De La BECKWITH, son of Byron De La BECKWITH and Mary OLIVER BRAY, was born Mar 1884 New Hope CA, died 10 Aug 1926. He married 30 Mar 1912 at Colusa CA to Susie Southworth YERGER. She was the daughter of Lemuel Purnell YERGER and Susan Fisher SOUTHWORTH. She was born c1887 MS, died c1932. She was buried in Greenwood MS next to her parents.

Byron De La BECKWITH, son of Byron De La BECKWITH and Susie Southworth YERGER, was born 9 Nov 1920 at Sacramento CA. He moved with his mother to her old home in MS after his father died. He married three times to Mary Louise "Willie" WILLIAMS: 1) 22 Sept 1945 at Hernando MS, divorced Sept 1960; 2) 14 Feb 1961 Greenwood MS, divorced 9 Oct 1962; 3) 30 Oct 1962 Rossville GA, divorced Sept 1965. His fourth marriage was 8 June 1983 at Dunlap TN to Thelma Lindsay NEFF, born 28 May 1929. She had been married twice before: 1) Glenn CAGE in 1928, later divorced; 2) William NEFF in 1938, divorced 1953.

Bt his first wife, Byron De La BECKWITH had one child: Byron De La BECKWITH Jr., born 9 Sept 1946 Greenwood MS.

The "De La" is not the beginning of his last name! It is pronounced "Delay" and is a middle name.

I have been unable to find Byron D. (De La) BECKWITH in the 1850 or 1860 OH census. He should be about 10 in 1850, and 20 in 1860. According to his biography, he moved to CA from OH in 1861. However, in my extracts of 1860 CA census records, I find in Elkhorn Twp., San Joaquin Co. on 20 July 1860, p998, 925-936 with the James C. and Harriet M. SMITH family: Elizabeth BECKWITH 59 F servant VT; and Byron D. BECKWITH 21 M C.S. Teacher OH.

Also in Elkhorn Twp., San Joaquin Co. but listed as Woodbridge PO, same date, p977 768-782: Marion F. BECKWITH 31 M gunsmith OH; Betsy L. BECKWITH 27 F

Rutherford Birchard HAYES (1822-1893), 19th President of the United States.

James Birchard BECKWITH was born 27 Jan 1830 Palmyra NY. He served in the 13 NY Volunteers 1862-1863, and was a graduate of Wesleyan University. He lived at Palmyra NY (1852-57), Fremont OH (1857-1860), Rochester NY (1861), Palmyra NY (1863-1879) and Fremont OH (after 1879). He married 1) 12 Aug 1851 to Mary E. NIXON; 2) 8 Nov 1859 to Caroline E. DOLLISON. Children were Mary Josephine (1854-1879) and Julia Ann (1860, married T. DECKER).

James' parents were Nathaniel BECKWITH (died 1835) and Sophia BIRCHARD (died 1838). They had several children that died in infancy, and only one child that survived to adulthood- James Birchard BECKWITH.

According to *Bekwith Notes* #6 p44 (published c1907 by A.C. and E.S. BECKWITH), Sophia BIRCHARD's father was Ezra BURCHARD of Lima. This Sophia was James Birchard BECKWITH's mother. Sophia BIRCHARD HAYES was the daughter of Roger BIRCHARD and Drusilla AUSTIN.

Can anyone shed light on the relationship between these BIRCHARDS?

35-2. Harvey E. BECKWITH Sr. (9520 SW 84th Terr., Apt A, Ocala FL 34481) is researching the ancestors of his great-grandfather. Franklin Robert BECKWITH who died in 1901 in Newport KY. He is thought to be a descendant of Barnes BECKWITH and Sir Marmaduke BECKWITH of VA.

Franklin Robert BECKWITH was born c1836, and died 8 May 1901. He is buried in Highland Cemetery at Ft. Mitchell KY. He married Sarah Ann HUNTER who was born 20 Mar 1839 Boone Co. KY, died 15 Mar 1915. She is buried with her husband. Their children were: Wallace BECKWITH (1878-1880); Robert Frank BECKWITH (1861-1918, married Mary Jane Lester KINNEY); Ollie Frances BECKWITH (1863-1945, married Clifford MILLER); Charles Jennings BECKWITH (1865-1946, married first Tracy SHERER, second Maggie HARLOW); Elbert Louis (1869-1946, married Anna Maude Coleman); and Anna BECKWITH (1873-1883).

The name Jennings (or Jennings) is definitely a name used by many descendants of Marmaduke BECKWITH of VA. However, the use of the name Elbert is almost exclusively limited to descendants of George BECKWITH of MD!

35-3. Cornelia Fenenga WARNER (800 Lees Ave., Long Beach CA 90815-5010) is looking for descendants of Frederick BECKWITH and Charlotte M. CROSS. They were married 6 July 1881 in Stark Co. OH. Charlotte was born 10 Jan 1849 Navarre, Stark Co. OH to John CROSS and Eliza HAWKINS. John CROSS was a brother of Ms. Warner's great-great-grandfather.

33-4. Hilda Merritt PFOUTS (1825 Sherwood Ave. NW, Massillon OH 44646-2753) would like information on her g-g-g-grandmother, Elemine (BECKWITH) GOODWILL. She was born c1812 NY, died 19 Jan 1883 in Washington Co. OH. She married 12 Jan 1830 in Ashtabula Co. OH to — GOODWILL.

33-5. William D. PECK (134 O'Shaughnessy Blvd., San Francisco CA 94127-1718) is a g-g-grandson of Charles Lee PECK (1797 Lyme CT, 1872 MO). Charles had a large

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There's not a whole lot to talk about in this newsletter.

- Be sure to read the several queries;
- Several requests the past three years have indicated a need for information on the ancestry of Byron De La BECKWITH, the convicted "Civil Rights Murderer". Included in this issue is information on his ancestry, much taken from a book on the man and the murder, some from my own census research;
- Corrections to the descendency lists for William BECKWITH of VA/MD and for Mathew BECKWITH of CT;
- Descendency lists for Franklin Robert BECKWITH of KY and for Perry G. BECKWITH of Huron Co. OH.

Next issue will contain an every name index to 1996 issues, extracts from the Illinois Department of Public Health Death Index through 1941, plus other miscellaneous BECKWITH and BECKWORTH information.

CORRECTIONS

The obituary of Miriam BECKWITH which appeared in *Beckwith Newsletter* #34 was published in the *New London CT Day* of 25 Apr 1996.

QUERIES

35-1. David SPRUNK (2951 Muirfield Square, Sweetbottom Plantation, Duluth GA 30136) is seeking information on his BECKWITH-BIRCHARD-HAYES lines. His grandmother always talked of how her family was related to President HAYES. She said that her grandfather, James Birchard BECKWITH and President HAYES were cousins. This was because their mothers were sisters. She also noted that they had the same middle name (Birchard) which was supposed to have been the maiden name of their mother.

Mr. SPRUNK has determined that the President's mother was a BIRCHARD: Sophia BURCHARD (1791-1866) who married Rutherford HAYES (1787-1822). Their son was

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