

Quite naturally while making those overland state "runs", many hardships were endured. I was outside most of the time on the box to the left of the driver, at times facing violent rain, hail, sleet, snow and sand storms. Many frightful electric storms and piercing blizzards were encountered during the summer and winter. Much of the county was a vast wilderness, the state stations on the old trail being from ten to fifteen miles apart. In covering some of my trips across the seemingly boundless plains, several times the stage was lost in terrific storms, miles away from any habitation. Under such obstacles the only alternative was to remain there all night, surrounded by snow drifts.

Once at near the hour of midnight, in the summer of '63, I was caught in the outskirts of a hurricane in the great Platte valley. The stage, hung on thoro-braces, racked like a tiny boat in a raging torrent.

Another time the stage-coach barely escaped an ugly spiral-shaped cyclone twister. Once my coach was stopped by a band of warlike sioux Indians, but after being detained ten or fifteen minutes and after satisfactory explanations were given the chief, the vehicle was allowed to go ahead.

The worst night I ever spent on the old trail was when the stage was detained at a ford, the creek having risen out of its banks in consequence of a cloudburst. The wheels of the vehicle sank in the mud to their hubs and it was impossible for the four horses to move the old coach an inch. In that dismal spot, on the Kickapoo Indian Reserve, I was stuck and there had to remain fifteen hours. I never put in such a night. The mosquitoes were there by the thousands and I had to fight for my life. I was so badly bitten by the blood-thirsty pests that I was practically unrecognizable. My ears were raw, my eyes nearly shut, and my swollen nose looking worse than the most inveterate whiskey-soaked guzzler. My face resembled a raw pounded beefsteak.

Thanking you one and all for indulging me so long, and regretting that I am physically unable to be with you at your annual gathering, but wishing you all a joyful meeting, I remain

Sincerely and truly,

Frank A. Root

9 North Quincy St.

Submitted by Barbara Ramsdell. The writer, Frank A. Root, was a cousin of Barbara's Great Grandmother, Mary Minerva Boyden Torpy.

OBITUARY [no date]

RAY DANIEL CLEVELAND was born at Pontiac, Mich., July 7, 1873. He was married to Anna Aurelia Dewey on February 10, 1897. She passed away less than a year ago. They were residents of Armenia township [PA] and were members of the Baptist church and also of the Armenia Grange for many years. He was for ten years the tax collector of the township. He leaves to mourn his loss three children: Lee Cleveland of Leonardo, N. J., Mrs. Lillian Carright and Marion Cleveland at home. Funeral services were held from the Sylvania Hotel where he and his daughter Marion have been living. Rev. Bumpus of Troy officiated. Interment was in King Hill cemetery, Sullivan. The out of town relatives who attended the funeral were: Prof. Lee Cleveland and Mrs. Cleveland of Leonardo, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Dewey and daughter Jessie; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Dewey and Mrs. Dayton Brown, all of Gaines, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dewey of Wellsboro; Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Wilkinson of Montour Falls, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Seldon Merrill and Mr. Winfield Vassylvn of Blossburg; Mrs. Edward Morgan of Blossburg; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Dewey of Elmira and Mrs. P. H. Dewey of Harrisburg.

From a scrapbook kept by James Wilson, deceased



BLANCHARD

EDWARD GUY BLANCHARD b 1810 (Census), Schoharie Co., NY; d 21 July 1894, Elmira, Chemung Co., NY; buried Elmira; m c 1830/31, Tioga Co., NY, RACHEL (b 1814, Veteran*, Tioga Co., NY; d 16 Sep 1882, Elmira, NY) d/o Stephen and Mary DEN MARK. Edward moved from Schoharie Co. to Spencer, then to Owego, both in Tioga Co., NY; then to the Town of Veteran and to Elmira, NY. He was a farmer. Edward and Rachel's children, all b in NY, were:

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| 1 Oliver b 1832 | 6 Ralph b 1845 |
| 2 <u>SAMUEL ENOS</u> b 1834 (see below) | 7 Rachel b 1847 |
| 3 David b 1839 | 8 George b 1850 |
| 4 Ira b 1841 | 9 Alma b 1856 |
| 5 Edward Guy b 1843 | 10 Berty (Vert) b 1859 |

SAMUEL ENOS BLANCHARD b 1834, Town of Veteran, Tioga Co., NY; d 28 Mar 1894, Coopers Town, Clearfield Co., PA; buried Kyler Town, Center Co., PA; m/1 Celice E. SELLARD; m/2 18 July 1872, Alba, Bradford Co., PA, PHOEBE JANE (b 3 Feb 1855, Pittsburgh, PA; d 2 Nov 1936, Elmira, NY) d/o Henry and Hulda Jane (DANN) FOTHERGILL. Hulda Jane was d/o Abijah and Phebe (PECK) DANN. Samuel was a Corp. in Co. C, 132 Regt.; enlisted 11 Aug 1862; discharged on surgeon's certificate 16 Feb 1863. He was postmaster and his wife Pheobe was his assistant at Peal(e), PA, from 1889 to 1894. Samuel Enos and Phoebe (FOTHERGILL) BLANCHARD's children were:

- 1 Vert Admanson b 10 Oct 1874, Peal(e), Clearfield Co., PA; unmarried
- 2 Ida Belle b 11 Dec 1876, Peal(e), PA; m John PACK
- 3 Jennie Mae b 10 May 1879, Peal(e), PA; d 4 May 1974, Olean, NY; buried Austin, Potter Co., PA; m 10 Oct 1904 James Calvin RENNELLS
- 4 Harry Garfield b 18 Sep 1881, Peal(e), PA; unmarried
- 5 Edward Guy b 2 Feb 1885, Peal(e), PA; d 1942, Elmira, NY; m Ruth WOODS
- 6 Hattie L. b 16 July 1887, Peal(e), PA; d 1938, Sumter, Sumter Co., SC; m Leland BRONSON
- 7 Forrest Henry b 19 Apr 1890, Peal(e), PA; buried Elmira, NY; unmarried
- 8 Samuel Enos b 18 Jun 1892, Peal(e), PA; d Elmira, NY; bur Woodlawn Cem., Elmira, NY; m Mildred G. MUTH (d 16 July 1981, Elmira, NY)
- 9 George Nathan b 10 Sep 1894, Elmira, Chemung Co., NY; d Horseheads, Chemung Co., NY; m Mae SMALL

*The Town of Veteran was in Tioga Co., NY, until 1836; in Chemung Co. from 1836 to 1854; in Schuyler Co. after 1854

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