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ABIJAH CONGER 1782 and his family, along with his sister Emily Conger Talmadge, and her family, settled at the Brainard Mission Station for Cherokee Indians, now the site of Chattanooga, Tennessee. They were Presbyterian Missionaries.

ALBERT MARCUS CONGER 1843 was a guard at the White House after his release from prison during the Civil War.

ALGER ADAMS CONGER 1875, Civil Engineer, helped develop hydraulic lines in connection with the Panama and New York Barge Canals.

ALGER ADAMS CONGER 1938 plays the Bagpipes with the Granite State Highlanders of Gilford, New Hampshire.

ARTHUR BLOOMFIELD CONGER 1843, his son ARTHUR MC CREA CONGER 1887 and grandson STEPHEN MC CREA CONGER 1922, represent three generations of Princeton University graduates.

BENJAMIN CORTIS CONGER 1840 was an Honor Guard for Abraham Lincoln as he lay in state at Springfield, Illinois.

BENJAMIN FOREST CONGER 1902 is in Mexico as a volunteer with the Inter-American Boy Scout Committee.

BRISTOL ERO CONGER 1874 built a school for his own family near Tifton, Georgia, which accommodated 40 brothers, sisters, cousins and 2 uncles. His cousin, Isaac Conger 1882, was the teacher.

CHARLES CONGER 1819 went south and was married there when the Civil War broke out. He was taken prisoner while in the Confederate Army, and his brother, Capt. George Parker Conger 1815, with the Union Army, refused to see him.

CHARLES CURTIS CONGER 1851 married Abbie Grant, niece of Ulysses S. Grant.

CHARLES HENRY CONGER 1917 and wife Velma (Early) adopted son Don Charles born in 1947 and twin daughters Jane Lynn and Janet Lou born 1948.

CLARENCE EUGENE CONGER 1927 is one member of the family who took the time to look in the dictionary for the name CONGER. He wrote, "It's a species of marine eel, 'Leptocephalis conger'. Being a marine animal, and since submarines are named after such, there is a submarine named CONGER. My friend in the reserves has even seen it in his convoy. He said it has a distinguished WW II record."

He continued, "Various eels have their peculiar traits, etc. The one thing differing a Conger from the Moray or Electric eels is its wough. An article on eel fishing pointed that out with no further description. Whether others have a cough or not was not mentioned."

CLEMENT ELLIS CONGER 1912 was Deputy Chief of Protocol for 8 years. He is now the Chairman, Special Fine Arts Committee, Department of State, and Curator of the White House.

CLAUDE CONGER 1906, Lt. USN, while in service, set three world records; as Scuba Diver, in Aviation, and co-holder of Deep Sea Diving.

DAVID LOUIS CONGER 1921, as a member of the 8th Air Force, led his Squadron over Europe on "D-Day". He completed 30 combat missions as a Lead Pilot in B-17's and B-



24's, and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf clusters.

DOUGLAS CONGER 1912 wrote in response to the CALL FOR CONGERS that "it is a shame that I could not trace my lineage no further back than DeKalb county, Tennessee. On the other hand, I have the lineage of my bulldogs traced all the way back to England."

EDWARD AUGUSTIN CONGER 1882, Federal District Judge, was a friend and neighbor of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in Dutchess county, New York.

EDWARD COCHS CONGER 1848 enlisted for the Civil War at age 16. Two of his sons, GARTH MASON CONGER 1891 and HENRY LAWTON CONGER 1901 enlisted for World War I when each was 15 years old.

EDWIN HURD CONGER 1843 was the United States Minister to China during the Boxer Rebellion.

ELIAS CONGER 1854 and wife Sarah (Garner) lost their first six children on October 2, 3, 4, 5, 9 and 16, 1892, in Clarkson, Nebraska.

ELIAS MILTON CONGER 1812 lost his hearing at age three resulting from measles, and never learned to talk. He married a deaf mute, Mary Jane Hatton.

ELISHA CONGER 1820, son of John Conger 1798, married his first cousin JANE CONGER 1824, daughter of Isaac Conger 1802.

ELMER CONGER 1885 was killed by his brother ALBERT PRIOR CONGER 1875 in a hunting accident. Albert never married.

ELMER BRONSON CONGER 1875 was the first mayor of Peninsula, Ohio, in 1901, serving in that position for 28 years.

EVERTON JUDSON CONGER, Colonel, was with the party which captured Booth and Harold, the assassins of President Abraham Lincoln.

FRED MASON CONGER 1928 is 6'3" tall--is he the tallest Conger?

GEORGE DUFFIELD CONGER 1857 was the head of the Anti-Saloon League of Washington State.

GEORGE PARKER CONGER, 1815; Captain, led the posse in capturing the raiders of St. Albans, Vermont, in 1864.

GEORGE PERRIGO CONGER 1884, Rev., conducted funeral services for his mother and father (Willis N. Conger 1858), and performed the marriage ceremony for his brother, Walter 1890.

GEORGE RINGLAND CONGER 1935 directed a master plan for Florida higher education from 1968 through 1970.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CONGER 1850 was the father of 21 children by one wife, all single births. Fourteen reached maturity.

HORACE NEWTON CONGER 1817 was the U. S. Counsul in Hong Kong; Secretary of State of New Jersey in 1868.

ISAAC CONGER 1779 obtained a government grant for about 2,000 acres near Fayette-

ville, Tennessee. He built a brick home about 1810 which later was occupied by his son Sion Iliff Conger 1810, grandson Dixie LaMar Conger 1864, whose widow died there in 1969. It is believed to be the oldest home in Lincoln county. Isaac's great-grandson, John Beall Conger 1905, now owns the home and lives there.

JAMES BOWERS CONGER 1792 is said to have invented the Turbin Water Wheel.

JAMES WATSON CONGER 1919, Captain USN, commanded the carrier WASP for the first manned recovery of The Gemini astronauts in 1965.

JEAN CATHERINE CONGER 1929 lost her hearing in her senior high school year as a result of surgery. She learned lip-reading and was the first deaf student to graduate from Mount Holyoke College. She died while her book "A History of Cats in Life, Art and Mythology" was under publication. She was the only grand-child of Charles Leslie Conger.

JERRY RONALD CONGER 1936 is a quadriplegic, resulting from a broken neck in a diving accident. He types with a mouth stick, as he can't use his hands. He stated: "I am a novelist and short story writer, so far unsuccessful and unpublished, although I prefer to be called a writer." (Box 571, Rosiclare, Illinois 62982.)

JOHN CONGER 1803 built a brick home in 1844 at Peninsula, Ohio. It was restored in 1969 by Elizabeth Conger Bender, his great grand-daughter, who occupies it now.

JOHN CONGER 1817, living in Douglas county, Kansas, operated the first underground station for run-away slaves out of Missouri and missed being burned out by the Quantrill gang by a hair.

JOHN BRAXTON CONGER 1882 offered some sage advice on longevity--to "Just keep on breathing....."

JOHN H. CONGER 1839 lost his left arm in the Battle of the Wilderness; became a guard at Government Park in Washington when President Lincoln was killed.

JOHN JAMES CONGER 1906 and wife Laretta L. (Kelly) died the same day, 23 Sep 1952 leaving eleven children.

JOHN SPENCER CONGER 1819 wrote in his diary on 22 Feb 1847, "The long roll beat, and we sprang to arms to meet Santa Anna, who was advancing with 21,000 men, and we did meet him and gave him a hearty welcome." Feb 23--"Early in the morning the strife recommenced, and the greatest victory of America was won this day. The Mexicans numbered 21,000 and the Americans about 4,500." (read his diary)

JOHN THOMAS CONGER 1861 was bound out at age 6 to work on a farm.

JOHN REMEMBER DANIEL CONGER 1843 painted the DeLinn Mill in Tacoma, Washington, in 1869. Now in a museum, it is the oldest known painting depicting any part of that city.

JOSEPH CONGER 1726 was the first descendant of John (primus) to leave New Jersey prior to 1746.

JOSEPH ALBERT CONGER 1866 homesteaded in Oklahoma. His wife, Catherine Elmira (Russum) discovered isin-glass deposits on their farm which she heated and ground into a fine substance to make plaques to sell for grocery money.

JOSEPH WALLACE CONGER 1863 was born in a log cabin built by his father, ENOS CON-

GER 1814 at Cincinnati, Iowa. Wallace's sons were born there also.

JOSIAH CONGER 1780 and Catherine Runyon eloped on horseback when she was 14 year old. Josiah was a hunting companion of Daniel Boone in Kentucky, whom he claimed a close kin--probably on his mother's side.

JOSIAH CONGER 1840, in the Confederate Army, fought against his brother ELISHA CONGER 1820 of the Union Army in the Battle of Shiloh.

JUDSON WELDON CONGER 1905 enlisted as a private in the army in 1942, at the age of 37.

LEE ROGER CONGER 1921 was one of 5,000 soldiers on the Calvin Coolidge ship that sank off the coast of New Hebrides in 1945. Only three lives were lost.

LONNIE ALLEN CONGER 1917 is Iowa State Chaplain of the GIDEONS (Bible) Assn.

MORDECAIE CONGER 1775 was blinded after an attack of Smallpox at age two.

NOEL WESLEY CONGER 1842 gives a vivid account of his year in the Civil War in his diary and letters to his family.

OBEDIAH CONGER 1779 spelled the name CONGAR and his descendants also, until about 1887. It is believed the reason was people pronounced the name "Conjer".

PAUL BERNARD CONGER 1873, son of Frederick Halsey Conger 1849, married his first cousin ALICE HALSEY CONGER 1869, daughter of David Seabury Conger 1842.

Their son, PAUL SIDNEY WOLVERTON CONGER 1897, was born in the "Reform School" at Waukesha, Wisconsin--where both his parents were teachers. Paul is Associate Curator and Custodian of the Department of Botany, U.S. National Museum (Smithsonian Inst.)

ROBERT BARRETT CONGER 1804 attended school with Abraham Lincoln in Kentucky, and his wife Nancy Howell was Lincoln's schoolmate in Springfield, Illinois.

ROBERT LEE CONGER 1918 and wife Mildred have been in the musical entertainment field for thirty years. He plays guitar; she plays piano and organ. They have a record album entitled "Precious Memories", and specialize in gospel music.

ROBERT M. CONGER 1843 was one of three delegates to present the 47th star (for Oklahoma) to the Union Flag at Philadelphia.

ROGER NORMAN HURD CONGER 1909 has published numerous articles pertaining to the history of Waco and McLennan county, Texas.

SAMUEL HAYES CONGER 1796 died in the same house in which he was born, age 76. As the Newark antiquarian for the New Jersey Historical Society, he was the first of the family to collect CONGER family records.

SEYMOUR BEACH CONGER 1876 and son, SEYMOUR BEACH CONGER 1912, were both foreign news correspondents. Beach, Junior, began his career with World Letters, Inc., and helped prepare material for use in geography and social science classes in 1933, and in three years with the organization he visited 89 countries on 6 continents.

STEPHEN CRAWFORD CONGER 1912 once held the Princeton Mile Record.

STIAS DEJMAR CONGER 1855 died in his study with pen in hand, writing a sermon. (Found his impressions of the automobile in his letter written in 1916.)

SIDNEY LAMAR CONGER 1924, although involved in his mortuary and real estate and insurance business in Ardadia, La, still finds time experiment with the native Louisiana irises, two cultivars having received the American Iris Society's "Mary S. Deballon" Award. He is also organist for the funeral enterprise, and has directed church choirs and sings tenor solos.

THERON EDGAR CONGER 1918, his wife Laretta, children Cheryl Ann, Darrell Lee and Mary Jean died 24 Aug 1956. Only daughter Rose Marie survived.

TOM FRED CONGER 1903 and son L. E. CONGER 1930 were killed together in a car accident on 16 Feb 1951.

THOMAS WILSON CONGER 1931, a Methodist, holds a record for attending Sunday School for twenty years without missing. He has published a book on the history of Ruleville, Mississippi.

WARREN ROBERT CONGER 1883 was Scout Master of the troop that went to the Centennial Jamboree in 1947. His troop stood as Honor Guard for the unveiling of the monument of "This Is The Place", erected at the Imigration Canyon in Salt Lake City, Utah. Lots were drawn to pull the ropes, and this honor fell to Warren's youngest twin son, LEO ROBERT CONGER 1930 and a Coombs boy.

WARREN W. CONGER 1842 died at age 88, next to the last member of the Jarvis Post, G.A.R. of St. Albans. He had three separate honorable discharges from the Civil War.

WASHINGTON P. CONGER 1834 died at the age of 99 years and 8 months; his wife Mary (Hands) died three months before reaching 101. They had eleven children.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER CONGER 1826 was blind for many years in later life, but played the organ to accompany himself in singing hymns.

WILLIAM ALFRED CONGER 1914 helped test-drive Jeeps at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, before they were used by the Army in World War II.

WILLIAM ALLEN CONGER 1818 knitted socks for his entire family of nine children.

WILLIAM J. CONGER 1835 made and played violins.

WILLIAM MELTON CONGER 1900 and wife Addie (Steppler) had two sets of twins, CATHERINE JEAN and MINNIE JANE born 1931, and ROBERT ANGELO and ROBERTA ANN born 1934.

WILSON THOMAS CONGER 1842 joined the Civil War at age 18 and lost an arm. The stump was tied with twine.

ZACHARIAH CONGER 1828 once owned the land that is now the prime area of downtown Atlanta, Georgia, where the Henry Grady Hospital sits.

"Conger Street" in Waterloo, Iowa, is named for Patrick Henry Conger 1819, and runs alongside the property he sold in 1875 for \$100.00--the land upon which now sits the vast John Deere Factory.

The forsaken graves of "J. and Mary E. Conger" of Janesville, California, have been adopted by Connie Frehner Money and her children of nearby Susanville, to decorate on Memorial Day.