

COSBY

Cosby Family

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COSBY LINEAGE DERIVATION OF THE SURNAME COSBY

The family name Cosby is of Saxon origin, being derived from the name given to the village or seat of Robert, of Cossibey, who was the progenitor of numerous lines of Cosbys in England and America. The line of descent follows:

- 1 Robert, (1) of Cossibey.
- 2 John, (2) of Cossibey.
- 3 Robert Cossibey, (3) of Hermaston, Lincolnshire, England, was living in 1516. He married Isabel, daughter and heiress of Ralph Page, Esq., of Great Leake, Nottinghamshire, and his wife Isabel, daughter and heiress of John Blake, of Hermaston. His son and heir,
- 4 John Cosbie, (4) married Mabel, daughter of Argard, of Foston, Nottinghamshire. They had two sons, namely, Richard Cosbie, of Great Leake, whose only daughter, Bridget Cosbie, became the wife of William Towers, Gent., of Thunock, and Francis Cosbie, mentioned next.
- 5 Francis Cosby (or Cosbie), (5) born in 1510 and died in Ireland in 1580, became the patriarch of the family in Ireland. He was a man famed for personal courage as well as civil and military talents. When young he served in the wars of King Henry VIII in the Low Countries and was not undistinguished. His abandonment of his native soil arose from the downfall of Sir Edward Seymour, Earl of Hertford and first Duke of Somerset, the Lord Protector of England, who had fallen into disfavor and was afterwards beheaded. His daughter, Mary Seymour, niece of Jane Seymour, third wife of King Henry VIII, married first Andrew Rogers and married secondly Henry Peyton, then married Francis Cosby. Three sons were born of the third marriage, namely, Henry Cosby, (6) who died in England, Alexander Cosby, (6) and Arnold Cosby, (6).

After the disgrace and execution of the Duke of Somerset, in 1552, his immediate connections were excluded from and deprived of all hope of preferment. Francis Cosby (5) with his two surviving sons by Mary Seymour, and with his second wife, Elizabeth Palmer here in the

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land of his adoption (Ireland) soon found the opportunity of establishing a reputation which he had despaired of effecting in the land of his birth (England). He became an active member of the Pale against the inroads of the Irish, his vigilance, zeal, and success attracting the attention of the Government. He was appointed by Queen Mary, under Her Majesty's sign manual, dated February 14, 1558, General of the Kern, a position of great trust and importance in those times.

In 1559 he represented the borough of Thomaston in Parliament, when he was constituted by Queen Elizabeth as Sheriff of the County of Kildare, being denominated in his patent, dated January 24, in the first year of Her Majesty's reign, "of Even" now "Minster Even," which place he held under an old grant from the Crown, and was invested at the same time with the extraordinary and unenviable privilege of exercising martial law under his own authority solely, and of dealing out punishments, even the most penal, as he should deem meet.

O'Hart, in his *Irish Pedigrees*, states that "after Leix had formed into a county the following seven families were the chief English settlers during the reigns of Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth and were called the seven tribes, namely, Cosby, Harrington, Bowen, Rush, Harpole, Hitherington, and Hoveden."

General Francis Cosby fell in the battle of Glensalure, at the head of the Kern which he valiantly led to the charge although then 70 years of age (1580).

Francis Cosby's sons by his first wife, Mary Seymour, the daughter of the Duke of Somerset, were:

- i Henry Cosby, (6) who died in

England.

- ii Alexander Cosby, (6) inheritor of the estates (mentioned below).
- iii Arnold Cosby, (6) who served under Robert, Earl of Leicester with great reputation in the Low Countries (1586), with the celebrated Sir Philip Sydney. He received from Queen Elizabeth a pension of three shillings per day until he should be otherwise provided for in the army of the Kingdom.

By his second wife, Elizabeth, Palmer, there was an only child, iv Catherine Cosby, (6) who married Archibald Morre, Esq. There were no children of this marriage.

- 6 Alexander Cosby, (6) Esq., of Stradbally Abbey, married Dorcas Sydney, daughter of William Sydney, Esq., of Oxford in Kent. She was second cousin to Sir Henry Sydney, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and a cousin of Sir Philip Sydney. This lady had been one of the maids of honor to Queen Elizabeth and through her influential connections at Court obtained grants so extensive, at that period, that the family were the territorial lords of more than a moiety of Queens County. Dorcas Sydney bore Alexander Cosby fifteen children and after his death she married Sir Thomas Zouche.

Alexander Cosby appears to have been engaged most of his time in clan warfare with the O'Moores, the hereditary princes of Leix. Camden, in his *Life of Queen Elizabeth* recites that he was once taken by Rory Oge O'Moore near Leighlin, and that he was rescued by Harpole when bound to a tree, but not before being badly wounded by Rory Oge's knife. The feud with the O'Moores endured in all its lawless violence until it came to an issue in 1596, when Anthony O'Moore, the chief of the clan bearing his name, demanded a passage over Stradbally bridge and made preparations to force it, but the demand, being deemed by Cosby to be a challenge, was promptly denied. The attempt being made by the O'Moores, on the 19th of May, 1596, the Lord of Stradbally, at the head of his Kern and accompanied by his eldest son and heir, Francis Cosby,

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DECENDANTS OF CHARLES COSBY,⁷ THE EMIGRANT

*From ancestors who stood equivalent
with mighty kings.* — Pericles.

JOHN COSBY⁸ (Charles⁷), born in 1623 in Ireland, came to Virginia with his father and became the owner of extensive tracts of land in York, King and Queen, and New Kent Counties, granted him for the transportation of 48 persons. He married twice. His second wife, Sarah —, survived him and her will was probated in York County on July 21, 1740. He died in 1696. Children:

- i Mary Cosby,⁹ who accidentally set fire to her garments in infancy and was burned to death November 30, 1657. She was evidently the daughter of the first wife, name not known.
- ii A daughter (name not known) who married a Mr. Jackson.
- iii Mary Cosby⁹ (named for her sister who was burned to death), married Mr. Ayles.
- iv Elizabeth Cosby,⁹ married Mr. Wooding.
- v Charles Cosby⁹ (mentioned below as 9e).
- vi John Cosby⁹ (mentioned later as 9f, page 315).
- vii James Cosby⁹ (mentioned later as 9g, page 330).
- viii Margaret Cosby,⁹
- ix Sarah Cosby,⁹

Descendants of Charles Cosby⁹
and Jane Meriwether.

CHARLES COSBY⁹ (John⁸ Charles⁷), married Jane, daughter of David Meriwether. He lived to be over 90 years old and lived in New Kent and King and Queen Counties. It is known that he left two sons.

- i James Cosby,¹⁰ born about 1703 and died in 1783. He lived in York County. His children were a John Cosby,¹¹ married Judith Burt, daughter of Richard Burt. He died prior to 1754, when his children, Charles,¹² John,¹² James,¹² and Mary Cosby¹² were recorded as orphans.
- b William Cosby,¹¹
- c Charles Cosby,¹¹
- ii David Cosby¹⁰ (mentioned next as 10B.)

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Decendants of David Cosby¹⁰ and
Mary Garland Overton

DAVID COSBY¹⁰ (Charles,⁹ John,⁸ Charles⁷), born in 1703 and died in 1770. His will was proved September 10, 1770. He removed to that portion of Hanover County which in 1742 became Louisa County and was one of the first vestrymen of Fredericksville Parish. He married in 1725 Mary Garland Overton, born in 1705 and will probated February 14, 1785, daughter of Captain James Overton and Elizabeth Garland. She was said to have been the most beautiful girl in Virginia of that day. Their children were:

- i Charles Cosby,¹¹ born in 1726 (mentioned later as 11a, page 303).
- ii David Cosby,¹¹ born in 1728 (mentioned later as 11b, page 310).
- iii John Cosby,¹¹ born in 1731 (mentioned later as 11c, page 313).
- iv James Cosby,¹¹ born in 1734.
- v Elizabeth Cosby,¹¹ born in 1736; married in 1755 Maj. John Minor, of "Topping Castle", Louisa County, Va.
- vi Overton Cosby,¹¹ born in Hanover County in 1740, and died November 23, 1806, in Urbanna, Middlesex County, Va. He was clerk of Middlesex County in 1800.
- vii Mary Cosby,¹¹ born about 1747; married William Callis, of Middlesex County, Va. They had two sons:
 - a Garland Callis,¹²
 - b William Overton Callis,¹² of Cuckoo, Louisa County, Va., married Martha Winston whose daughter, Sarah Callis,¹³ married Julian M. Kean, of Richmond, Va., son of Dr. Andrew Kean, and had the following children:
 - (1) William A. Kean,¹⁴ married Miss Hart.
 - (2) Chloe Kean,¹⁴
 - (3) Susan Kean,¹⁴ married first

Mr. Boston; secondly Mr. Graves.

- (4) Ann Ferrell Kean,¹⁴ married Dr. Lewis Pendleton, son of Dr. William J. Pendleton and his wife, Catherine M. Harris, daughter of Frederick and Catherine (Snelson) Harris. No children.
- viii Ann (Nancy) Overton Cosby,¹¹ born about 1748; married William Tompkins (1736-1779), son of Robert Reade Tompkins, who was a son of Christopher Tompkins (1705-1779) and his wife, Joyce Reade (born in 1706 and died 1771), granddaughter of Col. George Reade and his wife, Elizabeth Martiau. Joyce Reade's father is believed to have been Col. Reade's youngest son Thomas who married Lucy Gwynn, daughter of Dr. Edward Gwynn, of Abingdon, Ware Parish, Gloucester County, Va. Lucy Gwynn's mother was Lucy Bernard, daughter of Col. William Bernard, who was an emigrant to Virginia about 1635, age 27, and his wife, Lucy Higginson (1627-1676), daughter of Captain Robert Higginson and his wife, Jeanna Tokesley, of London, Eng. Lucy Higginson married first Lewis Burwell, who died in 1653; she married third Col. Philip Ludwell, who after her death married in 1676 Lady Frances (Culpepper) Berkeley, widow of the Colonial Governor, William Berkeley, Col. William Bernard's other daughter, Elizabeth, married Thomas Todd, of Toddsbury, Gloucester County, Va. Christopher Tompkins (mentioned above) was a grandson of Humphrey and Hannah (Bennett) Tompkins, married in Gloucester County in 1649. William Tompkins and Ann(Nancy) Overton Cosby¹¹ had four children:
 - a Richard Tompkins,¹² married his first cousin, Catherine Tompkins, daughter of Robert Reade Tompkins and Ann Dickinson. (See No. 10f-iii, page 327.)
 - b William Overton Tompkins,¹²
 - c Mary Overton Tompkins,¹² married her first cousin, Lancelot Minor, of "Minor's Folly", in Louisa County, Va. He was

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THIRD IN A SERIES

Descendants of Charles Cosby¹¹ and Elizabeth Wingfield

Charles Cosby¹¹ (David,¹⁰ Charles,⁹ John,⁸ Charles⁷), son of David Cosby¹⁰ and Mary Garland Overton, was born in 1726 in Hanover County, Va. He lived in Louisa, then in Spotsylvania County, Va., and later removed to Elbert County, Ga., where he died in 1802. His will was proved August 2, 1802. He married first, December 14, 1759, his cousin, Elizabeth Wingfield, and married secondly, in 1762, Elizabeth Sydnor. The children of the first marriage were:

i Charles Cosby,¹² born in 1760; married Rebecca Wood. Their children were:

a John Cosby,¹³

b Edward Cosby,¹³

c Wingfield Cosby,¹³

d Charles Cosby,¹³ married December 13, 1785, Elizabeth Smith.

e Austin Cosby,¹³

f Duke Cosby,¹³ married December 20, 1792, Amelia Harris, daughter of Robert and Mezpina (Walton) Harris, of Louisa County, Va. Their children were:

(1) Robert S. Cosby,¹⁴ born in 1793; married in 1821 Frances A. Hughes, & died in 1888. They had:

1 Mary Cosby,¹⁵

2 Joseph Cosby,¹⁵

3 Charles Cosby,¹⁵ married Sarah H. Hancock.

(2) Louisa Cosby,¹⁴

(3) Austin Cosby,¹⁴

(4) Rufus Cosby,¹⁴

(5) Amelia Cosby,¹⁴ married Michael O'Roach.

g Meredith Cosby,¹³

h Elizabeth Broadnax Cosby,¹³ married in 1777 Asa Hall.

i Rebecca Wood Cosby,¹³

ii Garland Cosby,¹² born in Hanover County, Va., about 1761. He served in the Revolution 1776-1781. In March or April, 1776, being then 15 years old, he enlisted for twelve months in a Minute Regiment commanded by Col. Samuel Meredith, in the company commanded by Capt. James Dabney, and was discharged December 25, 1776. In 1777 he enlisted in Capt. David Anderson's company and was made orderly

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sergeant. He marched with the company to Williamsburg and joined Colonel Grayson's regiment and soon thereafter became regimental quartermaster. In 1781 he again enlisted as a volunteer in a company of militia commanded by Captain Hughes, of Louisa County, and was made lieutenant and marched to Cloucester County Va., to join Colonel Campbell's command and was promoted to captain. His best service was in a regiment commanded by Capt. Innis. He moved to Fayette County, Ky., and lived there six years and then moved to Henderson County, Ky., where he died prior to 1842. He married June 27, 1782, Molly Poindexter, from Virginia, a sister of George Poindexter who served on the staff of Gen. Andrew Jackson in the War of 1812 and was afterwards Governor of Mississippi. Their children were:

a Stith Poindexter Cosby,¹³ born November 27, 1783.

b Nicholas Cosby,¹³ born February 22, 1785; settled in Indiana.

c Fortunatus Cosby,¹³ born in 1787; settled in Indiana.

d Francis Cosby,¹³ born 1789-90; moved to Henderson Co., Ky., and married Miss Chandler. They had five sons:

(1) John Cosby,¹⁴

(2) Willis Cosby,¹⁴

(3) Garland Cosby,¹⁴

(4) Fortunatus Cosby,¹⁴

(5) George Cosby,¹⁴

e Garland Cosby,¹³ born in 1792. He served in the War of 1812 and died in 1866, aged 75. He married Eulalia Carlin, born in 1800. Their children were:

(1) Albert Cosby,¹⁴ physician, of McLean County, Ky. He was a member of the State Legislature and married and had:

1 Garland Cosby,¹⁵

2 Carma Cosby,¹⁵

(2) Garland Cosby,¹⁴ physician, of Webster County, Ky. He died in 1884, leaving four children.

(3) Napoleon Cosby,¹⁴ of Henderson County, Ky. He left one son and a daughter.

(4) George Cosby,¹⁴ physician, of Evansville, Ind.

(5) James Cosby,¹⁴ died unmarried.

(6) Clay Cosby,¹⁴ of Webster County, Ky.

(7) Emma Cosby,¹⁴ married in 1869 Dr. Nichola Zulliken.

f Eliza Cosby,¹³ born in 1793. While still young her mother died and she and her brother Garland were adopted by their uncle, Gov. George Poindexter, of Mississippi. She married Willis Wilson, lawyer.

The children of Charles Cosby¹¹ and his second wife, Elizabeth Sydnor, were:

iii Anthony Sydnor Cosby,¹² born October 7, 1762, in Louisa County, Va. He served when only a boy in the Revolutionary War as a sergeant, and shortly after the war he went with his father to Wilkes County, Ga., where he patented land. He had a grant of land in Virginia in 1784 for services in the Revolution. He married in 1789 Cynthia Jack, born September 20, 1767, daughter of James and Margaret (Houston) Jack, of North Carolina, James Jack served in the Revolution as a captain and advanced large sums of money to the State of North Carolina for which he was never reimbursed. He died in Elbert County, Ga., December 18, 1822. He moved about 1813 to Mississippi. After the marriage of his daughter Cynthia,¹³ in 1813, Anthony Sydnor Cosby¹² moved to be with her. Their children were:

a Margaret Cosby,¹³ born in 1790,

b Cynthia Jack Cosby,¹³ born about 1792; married about 1813 Archibald McGehee, of Mississippi. They had:

(1) Archibald McGehee, Jr.,¹⁴

c James J. Cosby,¹³ born in 1793; surgeon in the United States Army. He died in 1822 in Pensacola, Fla., of yellow fever. He was unmarried.

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FOURTH IN A SERIES

Descendants of Fortunatus Cosby¹² and Mary Ann Fontaine

FORTUNATUS COSBY¹² (Charles,¹¹ David, ¹⁰ Charles, ⁹ John, ⁸ Charles⁷), born in Louisa County, Va., December 20, 1767, and died October 10, 1846. He graduated at William and Mary College at the age of 19. He married November 1, 1795, Mary Ann Fontaine, born October 14, 1778, daughter of Captain Aaron Fontaine who was born November 30, 1753, and died in April, 1823, and was a soldier in the Revolution. Her mother was Barbara Terrell, daughter of Richmond and Ann (Overton) Terrell of Louisa County, Va. The descendants of this union, through the Terrells of Virginia and the Tyrrell family of England, can trace their ancestry on the maternal side, as well as on the paternal side, to Edward 1. King of England, and the royal houses of Europe as well as to Magna Charta Sureties, through the marriage of Anna Marney to Sir Thomas Tyrell (See No. 125 in Line of Descent from William the Conqueror to Edward I, King of England, page 417 of Addenda; see also No. 124 in Line of Descent from Pepin le Gros to Ralf, Sire de Tirel, page 400 of Addenda.)

Fortunatus Cosby¹² removed to Kentucky in 1796 with his father-in-law, Capt. Aaron Fontaine, and settled on Harrod's Creek, and moved to Louisville in 1802. Two of their children were:

- i Elizabeth Sydner Cosby¹³ born in 1799 and died January 17, 1841; married Hon. Charles Wynn Thurston, son of Col. John Thurston who served under Gen'l George Washington in the French and Indian Wars and subsequently became an Episcopal minister. At the outbreak of the Revolution he put aside his cassock and became a colonel of cavalry.
- ii Fortunatus Cosby,¹³ born May 2, 1801, at the home of his grandfather, Captain Aaron Fontaine, on Harrod's Creek, Ky. He entered Yale University with the class of

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1821 but was called home on account of illness, after which he took his degree at Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky. About 1823, with his cousin Debney Carr Terrell, a great-nephew of ex-President Thomas Jefferson, he visited at Monticello. In 1850 he went to Washington, having an appointment in the Treasury Department, and remained until 1861 when he was appointed by President Lincoln as United States consul at Geneva, Switzerland. He sailed for his post in September, 1861. When his nomination was submitted to the Senate for confirmation some doubt was expressed as to his loyalty as he was from a Southern State and had a son-in-law in the Confederate Army. The Senate adjourned without acting on his nomination and his appointment lapsed. However, he was immediately reappointed and finally confirmed and commissioned on February 18, 1863. He only served until October 10, 1863, and afterwards remained abroad until after the close of the Civil War. He died in Louisville, Ky., June 15, 1871. He married in Louisville, May 8, 1825, Ellen Mary Jane Blake, second child of Martin and Mary (Loring) Blake, of Boston, Mass. She died April 27, 1848. Their children were:

- a Robert Todd Cosby,¹⁴ born April 18, 1826, and died July 4, 1853. He was a distinguished poet.
- b Ellen Blake Cosby,¹⁴ born January 1, 1828; and married November 21, 1850, John Slaughter Carpenter, of Louisville, member of the Kentucky Legislature

1871-1873. She died in 1911, aged 83. Their daughter,

- (1) Ellen Blake Carpenter,¹⁵ born November 12, 1851, and died September 2, 1905.
- c George Blake Cosby,¹⁴ born in Louisville, Ky., January 19, 1830, and graduated at West Point Military Academy in 1852 and served in the Fifth Cavalry under Col. Albert Sydney Johnston and Lieut. Robert Edward Lee. This was the "crack regiment" of the Army, most of the officers having been selected by Jefferson Davis, then Secretary of War, on account of distinguished service. He resigned at the outbreak of the Civil War and joined the Confederate States Army and became a general. After the close of the Civil War he retired to Canada for some months but later went to California. He married at Fort Mason, Texas, Antonia Johnson, niece of Major General Richard T. Johnson, U. S. A., and daughter of Dr. John Milton Johnson, of Paducah, Ky., Medical Director, C. S. A. He died June 29, 1909, at Oakland, Cal. Their children were:
 - (1) Edith Cosby.¹⁵
 - (2) George Blake Cosby, Jr.,¹⁵ born September 7, 1866, at Chico, Calif.; married April 30, 1902, Mary Elizabeth O'Neill.
 - (3) Elsie Cosby.¹⁵
 - (4) Anita Cosby.¹⁵
 - (5) Elizabeth Reavis Cosby,¹⁵ born May 18, 1881; married in 1909 Theodore Joseph, of Leipsic, Germany.
- d Mary Fontaine Cosby,¹⁴ born in Louisville, Ky., March 7, 1833, and died at Nantucket, Mass., September 27, 1881. She married first, April 20, 1859, Lieut. Lucius L. Rich, graduate of West Point Military Academy in 1853.

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OND WOOD BARKLEY &
J. ROGERS

CHILDREN OF LEWIS MAXIMILIAN RICH BARKLEY &
LIZZIE BURKHALTER

Lewis Maxmillian Rich Barkley, born Nov. 8th 1878 in Marquez, Leon Co., Texas. Married Lizzie Burkhalter, Marquez, Texas, Nov. 25, 1900. She was born in Jewett, Texas, Dec. 4th, 1880.

Luta Leoline Barkley was born April 11th, 1880 in Marquez, Leon Co. Married John Herman Wahl in Marquez, Texas June 1, 1904. Mr. Wahl was born in Marshall, Michigan April 10, 1878

Lucile Barkley was born November 1st, 1886, in Marquez, Leon Co., Texas. Married Ralph B. Johnson Dec. 28, 1913 in Marquez, Tex. Ralph was born in Marquez, Tex. Jan. 4, 1889

Rogers David Barkley was born June 9, 1892 Marquez, Leon Co., Tex. Married Lillian Ivy Greer Jan. 11, 1925. She was born April 12, 1900 at Marquez, Leon Co., Tex.

Lewis Maxmillian Rich Barkley (known as "Rich" Barkley) died May 30, 1945 at Marquez, Tex. (Tombstone in Marquez Cemetery shows he d. Apr 30, 1945) They had 10 children, Perry Wood, Lewis, Herman, Maxwell, Mary Josephine, Rich, Jr., Lois, Elizabeth, Martha, Pauline Perry Wood, Rich, Jr., and Lois have passed away

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Lucile died in Marlin, Texas Oct. 2, 1963. No children.

Rogers David Barkley was a Texas Pvt, US Marine Corps, WW I, died Marquez, Tex. Sept. 29, 1954. Jeanne P. Barkley was his only child.

Perry Wood Barkley, b. Aug 5, 1902, d. 1940 (Marquez Cemetery)

Lewis Burkhalter Barkley, b. April 6, 1904, lvg

Herman Barkley, b. Jan 29, 1906, lvg

Maxwell David Barkley, b. Feb 21, 1908, lvg

Rich Barkley, Jr., b. Nov. 23, 1911, d. Mar 19, 1953 (Marquez Cemetery)

Mary Jo Barkley Covington, b. Dec 16, 1909, lvg

Lois Barkley Alexander, b. Jun 26, 1913, d. Mar 2, 1954 (Marquez Cemetery)

Francis Elizabeth Barkley Prievitz, b. Aug 31, 1916, lvg

Martha Barkley Grace, b. May 4, 1919, lvg

Pauline Barkley Nash, b. Feb 4, 1921, lvg

CHILDREN OF LUTA LEOLINE BARKLEY & JOHN HERMAN WAHL

Harold Barkley Wahl, b. Apr 4, 1907

John Herman Wahl, Jr., b. Jul 5, 1909

Alice Leoline Wahl, b. Jun 15, 1914 (now deceased)

Infant son, b. Jul 26, 1905, Marquez Cemetery

John of Antrim also had a son named Robert, b. 1776 who m. Mary Pallen, b. 1784, d. 1828.



CORNWELL

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AN EARLY STORY ABOUT MICHIGAN CORNWELLS

To seek a home and land made Ariel Ashley Cornwell come to Michigan in 1833 from Cayuga County, Sipio, New York. They came as far as possible on the Erie Canal. Then hired a man with sled and horses to bring his wife and two daughters to Moscow, Michigan on the Chicago "Turnpike". They were on the road six weeks.

Ariel located some land near Liberty, Jackson county, Mich. He bought 80 acres of land from the Government, paying \$1.25 an acre. (This farm is still in possession of the family.) The deed was made of buck-skin and signed by President Van Buren.

He walked from Moscow to his land, blazed trees, in order to put up a log cabin, and back again at night, about five miles. This cabin was in the manner customary to the day — bark for roof, greased paper for windows, a quilt for a door and open fire place with stick chimney where the family cooked. Ariel and his family occupied the cabin until 1859 when he built a very nice frame house which still stands on the homestead. The house was built from lumber off the farm.

Ariel and his family were very fond of fruit so he put seed in his vest pocket before coming to Michigan from New York. He planted them and they survived in Michigan. A pear tree is still standing and bearing fruit in the year 1969, planted about 1834.

As years wore on Ariel Ashley Cornwell and Mary Ann Rathbun Cornwell had ten children, eight of whom lived. They had seven daughters and one son. They made their home in Jackson County, Michigan, so Ariel's brother died in N.Y., Abner Cornwell, leaving about \$20,000 with no wife or children it was up to Cornwell families to settle the estate. Ariel died in 1873 and estate was settled in 1904. It was Ariel's son, Delos, with his sisters consent to go act for them. They left a Will of which I have a copy about 14 pages of "Whereas and wherefors".

When Delos went to New York he took his wife and daughter to Detroit for an outing to stay until his return. Delos was very thrifty in all money deals. (We just got through sorting his papers and his fathers. Everything had a receipt written on little pieces of paper, all his tax receipts, agreements and other bills.)

Delos told the women to stay at the station while he went to hire a room. To their surprise the room was above a saloon in the bad part of town as it was cheaper. They waited until Delos left and left word where they would be and engaged another room which suited them. What did Delos say?

We have many stories about the Cornwell family and its heirs.

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