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THE DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD RISLEY

228 GEORGE RISLEY (Nathaniel⁴, Jonathan³, Richard², Richard¹) was born in 1763 at East Hartford, CT and baptised at the 1st Congregational Church on 28 May 1769, son of Nathaniel and Ruth (Cadwell) Risley. After his father's death in 1777 his mother married Eli Hawes, we find George at Medway, MA on 5 June 1780 when he enlisted for service in the Revolutionary War at age 17. He served as a private for 6 months in the Continental Army and was discharged 31 December 1780. After the war he returned to East Hartford, CT where he married and began his family, about 1795 he was residing in Orleans Co., VT. He had returned to CT by 1830 and was living at Somers, CT with his family. George married about 1784. The mother of his children is given as Jerusha in the baptismal records, his wife is later identified as Susannah Easton. George died before 1840, apparently. The first five children were born at East Hartford, the three younger children were born in Vermont.

George's children were:

- 659 George, baptised 18 February 1787
- 660 William G., baptised 14 September 1788
- 661 Abigail, born in 1790; m. ? Sibley
children
- 662 Phelps, baptised 15 July 1792;
- 663 Clarissa, baptised 1 June 1794; Samuel Amadon,
children
- 664 Anna, born in 1796; m. Harlin Hurlbert, 1 Aug
1816 children
- 665 John Edward, born in 1798
- 666 Susan, born in 1800; m. Charles H. Northam, 13
October 1828 children

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References: Pension File S17051 Nat'l Archives, Wash. DC; Mass Sol. & Sail. Rev. War Vol. p.354; Geneal. Notes 24 Fams. EH, C.Olmstead, 1854, p.283; 1st Cong. Ch.E.Hartford, Ct.1699-1912, Index pp.715-728, Ct.St.Lib.Hartford; Vital Recs. Index, CT, abstracted for Risleys; 1790 Fed.Cen., E.Hartford, Hartford, Co., CT; 1800 Fed.Cen., Greensboro, Orleans Co., VT, op cit 1810, p.454; Risley Fam. Hist., Risley, 1909,p.64 #103; R.F.A. Family records.



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544 LEVI RISLEY (Elijah⁵, Moses⁴, Jonathan³, Richard², Richard¹) born 14 June 1805, at Cazenovia, Madison Co., NY a son of Elijah Sr and Pheobe (Bills) Risley, he died 29 June 1889, Chicago, IL. He was married, 24 December 1834, at Forrestville, NY to Sophia Ann Darling who was born 15 January 1811, Rutland, VT and died 4 April 1891, Chicago, IL. Levi went to Fredonia Chautauqua Co. NY with his father and brothers. He was noted for his honesty and his ability in the field of horticulture. In partnership with his brothers the Risley Seed Company, of Fredonia was formed and it became a most successful business. In 1859, Levi removed to Cedar Rapids, IA where he purchased a large farm, in 1876 he sold the farm and moved to Chicago, where Levi and Sophia lived the rest of their lives. They are buried in the family plot in the Forest Home cemetery, in Chicago, the stones for them at Fredonia are memorial only. The children were all born at Fredonia, excepting Alice.

Levi and Sophia's children were:

- 1137 Alice Darling, born 14 October 1833, Pine Grove, PA
m. James Thomas Cushing, 19 December 1854;
died 1 January 1895, Chicago, IL 1 child
- 1138 Caroline Philena, born 3 March 1835
died 16 March 1835, Fredonia, NY
- 1139 Sophia French, born 14 September 1836
died 12 August 1840, Fredonia, NY
- 1140 Lucinda Rowley, born 10 October 1838; m. Daniel
Gilman Edgerly, 17 January 1860, Cedar Rapids,
IA; died 27 April 1898 Los Angeles, CA 1 son
- 1141 Susan Whellock, born 15 May 1843; m. Portus Baxter
Weare, 2 January 1866, Cedar Rapids, IA;
died ca. 1923 Los Angeles, CA 2 children
- 1142 Ellen, born 17 December 1846
died 8 April 1862, Cedar Rapids, IA
- 1143 Edith Darling, born 15 May 1851; m. James Francis
McNamee, 15 May 1872, Cedar rapids, IA;
died 13 October 1898, Chicago, IL 1 son

References: Hist. Trinity Episcopal Ch., Fredonia, NY, 1822-1968, Rev. M.A. Garland, 1968, p.19; Edith R. McNamee Family Bible recs. courtesy Judith A. Tracy; 1850 Fed. Cen. Fredonia, Chautauqua Co. NY; 1860, 1870, Fed. Cen Cedar Rapids, Linn Co., IA; Recs. Pomfret Pioneer Cem. Fredonia, NY; Risley Fam. Hist., E.H.Risley, 1909 p.75 No. 236; R.F.A. Family Records.

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549 GEORGE WILLIS RISLEY (David⁵, Moses⁴, Jonathan³, Richard², Richard¹) Born 3 April 1810, New Hartford, Oneida Co., NY, a son of David and Cynthia (Gillette) Risley, he died 28 September 1880 at Joliet, IL. He was married at New Hartford, NY 4 October 1836 by Rev. C. W. Bradley to Sarah Eunice Dakin, who was born 4 November 1814, at Jaffrey, NH a daughter of Samuel and Polly (Farrer) Dakin. She died 11 June 1892 at Joliet, IL. Her grandfather, Amos Dakin performed patriotic service during the Revolutionary War in NH. George and Sarah moved to Shanandoah Valley, VA where they remained but a short time and where Samuel was born. About 1855 the family moved to Joliet, IL where they lived the rest of their lives. The children were born at New Hartford, NY, excepting the youngest.

George and Sarah's children were:

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| 1150 | Martha D., born
Randall; died | 1837; | m. Hon. S. W.

3 children |
| 1151 | Willis F., born | 1839; | |
| 1152 | Cynthia Gillette, born 10 March 1841;
Risley [No.1145], 4 May 1864; died 26
April 1905 | m. John G.
8 children | |
| 1153 | Mary Mumford, born
died 29 October 1924 New Hartford,
NY | 1844; | |
| 1154 | Sarah L., born
died 30 May 1901 | 1845; | m. Frank Calais
4 children |
| 1155 | Sophia H., born
died 16 November 1939, New Hartford,
NY | 1848; | |
| 1156 | Samuel Dakin, born
(?); died | 1851;
1909, KS ? | m. Margaret
6 children |

References: Risley Family Record by Gene P. Risley; Risley Family History, E.H. Risley, 1909, p.90 #241; Samuel Dakin Family Bible Records, Family Bible records of Ivan C. Risley; 1860 Federal Census, Troy, Will Co., IL, p.108 family 831; 1850 Fed. Census, Utica, Oneida Co., NY entry 441(AIS); Family Bible Recs. Geo. W. courtesy George R. Larie; R.F.A. Family Records; Risley Family Desc. John G. & Cynthia, Gene P. Risley, Wichita, KS, 1964; 1850, 1860 Fed. Cen. Joliet, Will Co., IL.

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304 RUFUS WRISLEY (David⁵, David⁴, Samuel³, Richard², Richard¹) was born 17 February 1784, at Gill, Franklin Co., MA, son of David Jr and Hannah (Severance) Wrisley. He died, 30 August 1844 at Bernardston, Franklin Co., MA. He married first, 20 November 1802, at Gill, MA, Tryphena Slate, a daughter of Ebenezer and Martha (Green) Slate, who died 20 March 1813, at Gill. Rufus married second, about 1815, Abigail Nichols, a daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Baldard) Nichols, who died 28 June 1867, at Greenfield, MA. Rufus received 25 acres of his father in law's farm at Gill in Lot 58 which he transferred to Bethuel Slate in 1814. By 1820 Rufus was living at Bernardston township where he lived for the rest of his life. The children were all born in Franklin county, there may have been others.

Rufus and Tryphene's children were:

- 743 Emery D., born 14 June 1803; m. Polly Wrisley[No. 631], 2 December 1830, Benson, VT;
died 17 May 1881, VT 1+ child ?

Rufus and Abigail's children were:

- 744 Charles Edwin, born 1816; died 1818
- 745 Charles Edwin, born 10 October 1819; m. Eunice M. Baxter, 29 April 1841, Quincy, MA;
died 22 August 1875, Quincy, MA children
- 746 Mary Phila, born 6 March 1834;
died 18 March 1900, Greenfield, MA
- 747 Martha E., born 1836; m. Horace C. Arms,
4 April 1865, Bernardston, MA.
died 25 september 1893, Greenfield, MA
children

Charles Edwin was a Stone Carver and Mason, he placed the cap stone on the Bunker Hill Monument at Boston, MA

References: History of the Town of Gill, MA, Vol. IV, Genealogies J-Z, Ralph M. Stoughton, 1960, (Wrisley) Fam.14; op cit, 1978, p.122; 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850 Federal Census enumerations for Bernardston, Franklin Co. MS (AIS); Cem. Incriptions, Gill, MA; R.F.A.Family records.

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467 JAMES RISLEY (John⁵, John⁴, Jeremiah³, Richard², Richard¹) born 7 June 1811 at Petersburg, Pike Co., IN a son of John and Margaret (Tibbs-Ashby) Risley, he died 10 April 1888 at Velpin, IN. He married 7 September 1831, Martha Miller who was born 7 August 1808 and died 3 October 1893, at Velpin, IN. James lived all of his life in Pike Co. The town of Velpin was built upon a farm he once owned. He was a Baptist in religion, a liberal voter in his politics and a successful farmer. The children were all born on the homestead near Velpin, IN. Son Marcus L. was killed in the Civil War.

James and Martha's children were:

- 1090 Mariah, born in 1832; m. James Martin
died children
- 1091 Hannah, born in 1834; m. William Elliot Chappel
died 2 children
- 1092 Eunice, born 25 December 1835; m(1) James M.
Campbell, 29 July 1858, m(2) January
1864; died 4 March 1871 5 children
- 1093 Margaret, born in 1839
- 1094 Elizabeth, born in 1841; m. William Roberson
died children
- 1095 Marcus Lafayette, born in 1843
died 31 December 1862, Stone River,
TN Pvt Co. G 42 IN Inf. Civil War
- 1096 Polly, born in 1845
- 1097 Martha, born 28 July 1847; m. Phillip D. Allburn,
3 December 1869; died 30 December 1906
Velpin, IN children

References: History of Pike & Dubois Cos. IN, 1885, pp.451-2; Descendants of John Risley, Lela R. Maness 1956, Corr. & Adds. 1981, pp.7-20; Pike Co. Marriage Recs., Petersburg, IN; Family recs. [Martha R] courtesy Blanche G. Lee, Princeton, IN; Census Pike Co. IN; R.F.A. Family records.

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551 JONATHAN RISLEY JR (Jonathan⁵, Nathaniel⁴, Jonathan³, Richard², Richard¹) born 9 January 1777, at East Hartford, CT and baptised at the First Congregational Church of East Hartford on 2 March 1777 a son of Jonathan and Pheobe (Damon) Risley, he died 4 April 1827, Sangerfield, NY. He married 4 February 1802 Lucy Benton who was born about 1777, a daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (Stevens) Benton, sister of Ann (Benton) Risley who married Jonathan's brother Benjamin, she died at Sangerfield, NY and most probably rest with Jonathan in the West Hills Cemetery, between Sangerfield and North Brookfield, with Jonathan Sr and Pheobe. Jonathan came to NY shortly after his father and his marriage in 1802 settling at North Brookfield and Saquoit, NY where all the children were born. Jonathan was a successful farmer.

Jonathan and Lucy's children were:

- 1168 Lucy, born 6 April 1803; died 28 May 1830
- 1169 Hiram, born 28 May 1804; b. Betsey Greenleaf;
died 1 February 1862, Columbus, NY 6 children
- 1170 Pheobe, born 28 October 1805; m. John Wilcox 3 children
- 1171 Mary, born 28 December 1806; died 2 December 1850
- 1172 Ansel, born 17 May 1809; died 22 October 1830
- 1173 Caroline, born 5 September 1810; m. Samuel Dexter, 4
November 1827; died 18 January 1855 Delhi, NY 7 children
- 1174 Malinda, born 3 July 1812; m. Whipple,
died 25 April 1873 children
- 1175 Diana, born 26 April 1815; m. Alonzo Abbey,
died 13 July 1886 sans progeny
- 1176 Jonathan 3rd, born 4 May 1818; married 20 January
1842; died 5 November 1860 sans progeny
- 1177 Eliza, born 14 August 1822; died 14 May 1851

References: First Cong. Ch. Recs., East Hartford, 1699-1913, SLI(974.62 fEa751c re), Ct. St.Lib.Hartford, Ct. Index p.721 [Vol.1soc. p.41]; Risley Cem. Inscript., H.R. & K.Small, 1986, pp.13, 15, 18; Early CT Probate Recs., Ct.St.Lib. 1792 No.488, Ebenezer Benton; Risley Family History, E.H.Risley, 1909, p. 91 #243; Dexter Fam. Bible Recs.; R.F.A. Family recs.

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637 WHITING RISLEY (Nehemiah⁶, Benjamin⁵, John⁴, John³, Richard², Richard¹) baptised 13 August 1786, at East Hartford, CT, a son of Nehemiah and Martha (Beaumont) Risley, he died 8 August 1853 at Rockville, Tolland Co., CT. He married at Wapping, Hartford Co., 26 November 1811, Nancy Goodale who was born about 1782, a daughter of Capt. Walter and Sabra (Bissell) Goodale of Wapping, CT. Whiting and Nancy lived at Vernon, East Windsor and Rockville where their children were born and married.

Whiting and Nancy's children were:

- 1378 Selden N., born 28 May 1813; m. Louisa Belknap, 19 June 1838 E.Windsor;
children
- 1379 Nancy A, born 5 September 1814; died 12 October 1814
- 1380 Amelia N. born 18 August 1815; m. Bickford Abbott, 21 May 1835 E.Windsor; died 2 April 1888
children
- 1381 Maria S., born 10 March 1817; m. William W. Davis, 2 April 1840 E.Windsor
children
- 1382 Eliza A., born 11 September 1818; died 25 February 1826 unm.
- 1383 Stephen G., born 1 May 1820, Rockville; m(1) Elizabeth King 19 September 1849, m(2) Emerette Scott; died 2 August 1891 7 children
- 1384 Boliver Bissell, born 5 August 1825; m.Elizabeth Lines 28 October 1850
children
- 1385 Washington B. born 5 August 1825; m. Charlotte A. Dewitte, 4 October 1849, New Haven, CT
children
- 1386 Carlisle T., born 6 Apr 1828; died 8 August 1832
- 1387 Benjamin F., born 20 December 1830; m. Ellen J. Risley
children
- 1388 Thomas J., born 20 December 1830; died 20 January 1831

References: 1st Cong. Ch.Recs,E.Hartford 1699-1913,(SLI) pp715-728; Vital records for E.Hartford, Venron, New Haven, East Windsor, Glastonbury, Rockville, CT; 1850 Fed. Cen. Hartord abd Tolland Cos. CT; R.F.A. family records.

FAMILY ALBUM



Above left- Theodore B. (Risley) Dixon dau Sherwood & Bernice Risley, sister of Barbara R. Seibert.



Above right- Raymond, Charlotte Lake, George Lake & wife, Lane, Charley, Marion Risley brothers of George D. Risley; George D. and Mabel (Myers) Risley seated front.

Below left- Alfred L. Risley 1832-1915 son of George E.D. & Mariah (Blakeslee) Risley, grt gndson Elijah & Deborah (Waters) Wrisley of Gill, MA. I.O.O.F lapel pin. ca. 1880-5

George D. Risley ca. 1880, son of Alfred L. & Mary (Bingham) Risley, taken Horseheads, NY. Courtesy of Robert F. Risley Sr.





Reunion Group - East Hartford '91

Ruth Ann Risley Pride holding rifle and powder horn her Great Grandfather Jackson Risley carried in the Civil War



Bingham Risley age 3 wks, son of Sherwood B. & Bernice (Brines) Risley, Mt Carmel, IL courtesy sister Barbara R. Seibert.

Clara Risley Davis #954 R.F.H. m. John A. Davis, living Butte, MT 1909



← RIZLEY REUNION- Frank Rizley family
Jack Helmar, Beatrice Reeves, Wilene, Left
Jason, Jessica Ross, Tammy Reeves, Wayne
Edith Ann, Jacque Rizley, Carl Rizley,
Ida Gale, Wincell, Shanne, Dylan Adams,
Betty Graham

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309 CALEB WRISLEY (Eleazer⁵, David⁴, Samuel³, Richard², Richard¹) was born 12 June 1774, at Gill, Franklin Co., MA, a son of Eleazer and Anna (Pierce) Wrisley, he died 23 September 1848, at Waterbury, VT. He married, 9 August 1795, at Bernardston, MA, Dorcas Dickinson who was born about 1776, a daughter of Moses and Prudence (Frizzell) Dickinson, she died 5 February 1847 at Waterbury, VT. Caleb removed to Vermont between at 1810 and 1813 settling at Waterbury and remaining there. The first four children were born at Gill, MA the others were probably born in Vermont.

Caleb and Dorcas's children were:

- 772 Elvira, born 31 August 1795; m. Ezekiel Maxfield,
12 January 1814, Waterbury, VT; ? children
- 773 Justus Smith, born 21 November 1797; m(1) Abigail
Sprague, m(2) Mary Cady, m(3) Sarah Pierce;
died 5 August 1865, Orange, VT 8 children
- 774 Caleb Sanford, born 8 Oct 1799; m(1) Sally Richardson,
m(2) Clara Chatterton; died 29 september 1880,
Waterbury, VT ? children
- 775 James M., born ca. 1810; m. Sarah B. Griswald, 9
March 1830, Johnson, VT children
- 776 John E., born ca. 1814; m. Adeline Barrett, 6 Febru-
ary 1837; died 18 March 1888 Waterbury, VT
- 777 Moses Dickinson, born ca 1815; m(2) Lucy Arbuckle,
15 April 1832, Montpelier, VT; died 13 March
1868, Waterbury, VT 9 children
- 778 Hiram W., born ca 1820; m. Hannah M. Straw, 3 October
1843, Stowe, VT;
- 779 Miranda, born ca. 1822; m. Matthew Sherman, 24
January 1845, Waterbury, VT
- 780 Dwight, born ca 1824; m. Thenna (?);
died 23 November 1857, Waterbury, VT

References: History of Gill, MA, Genealogies J-Z, Ralph M. Stoughton, 1960, Fam.No.17; History of Gill, MA, R.M.Stoughton, 1793-1943, 1978 p.28; Church, Cemetery, Vital Recs. Gill, MA, Town Clerk; 1840 Fed. Census, Waterbury, Washington Co. VT, op cit 1820 & 1830; 1800 Fed.Cen. Hampshire Co., MA; R.F.A. Family records; Family records courtesy John F. Blake Jr, Layman Wrisley, May W. Sumner, John E. Wrisley.

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339 SUSANNAH RISLEY (Reuben⁵, Job⁴, Samuel³, Richard², Richard¹) born 1 March 1773 at Bolton, CT, a daughter of Reuben and Mercy (Miller) Risley, she died 20 August 1848. Susannah married about 1795, Jerijah Loomis, who was born at Bolton, CT on 21 July 1769 and died 15 February 1846, at Bolton, CT where all of the children were born. Jerijah was a successful farmer.

Sussannah and Jerijah's children were: LOOMIS

1. Tirzah, born ca 1797; died 29 March 1803
2. Sarah, born October 1799; m. Judah Strong, 8 September 1818; died 4 October 1825, Bolton, CT
2 children
3. Electa, born 11 February 1801; m. Joseph Wadsworth, 29 Jan 1824; died
2 children
4. Tirzah, born 16 March 1803; m. Jacob Sanders, 21 September 1826;
lived Homer, NY children
5. Sophronia. born January 1805; m. Judah Strong, 7 September 1826; died
Bolton, CT 6 children
6. Hannah, born 14 Decemb1r 1807; m. Ira Giles, 1 November 1832; died 30 November 1855, Stockbridge, NY children
7. Jerijah Jr, born 16 January 1809; m.
children
8. Mercy, born September 1812; m. Wadsworth,
died Stockbridge, NY 2 children
9. Fidelia, born June 1814; m. Lysander Chapman
Earleville, NY

References: First Congregational Church records, Glastonbury, CT, Index p.103 [Vol.2 p.38] Ct.St.Lib. Hartford; Descendants of Joseph Loomis in America, E.S.Loomis, 1908, Nos.1057, 2646-2654; R.F.A.Family Records.

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443 JOHN RISLEY (David⁵, John⁴, Jeremiah³, Richard², Richard¹) born 4 November 1798, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, a son of David and Sarah (Crooks) Risley. He died at Oaktown, Knox Co., Indiana in 1876. John came to White Oak Springs and Palmyra township, IN in 1801 or 1802 with his father. He removed to Clay Co., IN in 1824 settling at Bowling Green where the family lived until 1855 when he returned to Oaktown, Knox Co., IN. He married about 1828 to Susan Zenor, who died in April 1840, at Bowling Green. John did not remarry. The children were all born in Clay Co. Son John Ewing Risley became a very prominent attorney of national stature, he was appointed Minister to Denmark by President Cleveland in 1893. It has been said that John was given the sword which his grandfather carried during the Revolutionary War which he presented to his eldest son Lemuel G., unfortunately the relic has since disappeared.

John and Susan's children were:

- 1044 Lemuel G., born 3 April 1831, Bowling Green, IN;
m(1) Mary E. Poteet, m(2) Mary A. Shugart;
died 1917 Shelly, MI 4 children
- 1045 Caroline, born in 1833, Bowling Green, IN; m.
Alexander Brighton; died ?
children
- 1046 James, born 1837, Bowling Green, IN; m. ?
died ?
- 1047 John Ewing, born 1 January 1839, Bowling Green,
IN; m. Mary Caroline Voorhees, 1863
died 1 son
- 1048 Mary, born in 1835, Bowling Green, IN
died in infancy

Lemuel G. served in the 85th Regiment IN Infantry during the Civil War as a 2nd Lieut. in Co. H.

John E. Risley was a prominent attorney in NY City and U.S. Minister to Denmark.

References: 1850 Fed. Cen. Clay Co., IN; 1870 Fed Cen. Knox Co. IN; Mss Family Recs. fam. of David Risley by Roger A. Risley, w/add resch by F. Patricia Alloway and Joyce R. Golden; Deed recs. Clay Co. IN; R.F.A. Family records

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553 ELIZUR RISLEY (Jonathan⁵, Nathaniel⁴, Jonathan³, Richard², Richard¹) born at East Hartford, CT 22 December 1778, baptised at the First Congregational Church of East Hartford, 3 January 1779, twin son of Jonathan and Pheobe (Damon) Risley, he died 13 September 1841, Madison, NY. He married, 21 October 1800, at Owego, NY, Amelia Matson, born 6 August 1781, at Glastonbury, CT, daughter of Thomas Jr and Mary (Goodrich) Matson, she died 17 March 1868, age 87, at Madison, NY. Elizur and Amelia are buried in the Cole Hill Cemtery at Solsville, NY. Elizur came to New York with his father and brothers in 1792 and he located at Madison where he lived the rest of his life and was a sucessful farmer. Thomas Matson Jr was a soldier in the Revolutionary War serving as a Private in the Conn. Militia in 1779. He arrived at Owego, Tioga Co. NY by 1800, emigrating from Glastonbury, CT. He died at Owego, 12 March 1818. The children were all born at Madison, NY.

Elizur and Amelia's children were:

- 1184 Caroline Louisa, born 21 March 1802; m. Elizur Risley
[No. 1161] 18 November 1823; died 19 January
1845, Hubbardsville, NY 8 children
- 1185 Fanny E. born 3 November 1803; died 11 March 1884,
age 80, Madison, NY unmarried
- 1186 Sherman B., born 18 July 1805; m. Susan ?
died Buffalo, NY
- 1187 Susan Amelia, born 7 August 1807; m. Welcome Chapman;
died 18 February 1888, Fountain Green, UT
10 children
- 1188 Ruby S., born 3 June 1809; m. Ebenezer Talcott,
died 12 April 1861 Ronald, MI 7 children
- 1189 Franklin, born 5 October 1811; died 27 September 1822
- 1190 Allen, born 4 September 1813; m. Adelia J. Crowfoot;
died 19 August 1893 2 children
- 1191 Clarinda C., born 27 April 1816; m. Leonard Abbert
died 1888 2 children
- 1192 Harriet P., born 18 April 1819; m. Samuel Niles
Ionia, MI ? children
- 1193 Laura A., born 12 March 1821;
- 1194 E. Goodrich, born 4 October 1822 died 3 July 1823
- 1195 Charles F., born 26 September 1824; m. Ann E. Thurston
died 19 February 1896 4 children

References: First Cong.Ch.Recs. East Hartford 1699-1913, Ct.St.Lib.Hartford, SLI (974.62 fEa751c re) Index p.718 (vol.1 p.45); Risley Cem. Inscript., H.R. & K. Small, 1986, pp.16, 18; Genealogy of Samuel Buck Fam., H.Buck, 1894, pp.32-3; Risley Fam. Hist., E.H.Risley, 1901, pp. 92-3, 115-17; Will of Elizur Risley, 1841, Madison Co. Surrogate, Wampsville, NY; 1800-1850 Fed. Census enumerations, Mad.Co. NY, and Deed recs. Co. Clerk, Wampsville, NY; Bible Recs. of Eva A. (Risley) Cook; R.F.A. family records.

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344 ROGER E. RISLEY (Reuben⁵, Job⁴, Samuel³, Richard², Richard¹) born in 1784 he was baptised 28 June 1787 at the Buckingham Congregational Church, in the section of Glastonubry known as Eastbury, CT, a son of Reuben and Mercy (Miller) Risley and died 3 May 1865 at Manchester, CT. He married about 1810 to Elsie Bissell, who was born in 1788 and she died in 1837. Roger and Elsie are buried in Old Glastonbury Cemetery, in Eastbury, CT where they lived all of their lives. The children were all born at Eastbury. Sons Alonzo B., Wells N. and Franklin B later lived in Manchester and were successful farmers as their father had been.

Roger and Elsie's children were:

- 831 Alonzo B. born in 1811; m. Julia Parkhurst,
died 26 June 1864
no children known
- 832 Eliza Ann, born August 1813; m. Francis Wilson, 18
October 1837, Bolton, CT; died
5 children
- 833 Wells N., born 14 October 1814; m. Lucy Lee Strong
3 November 1846, Manchester, CT; died 6
December 1896, Manchester, CT
5 children
- 834 Maria, born in 1816; m. Edwin Foster, 19 October
October 1842, Hartford, CT; died
2 children
- 835 Franklin B., born April 1823; m. Sarah A. Grey,
10 June 1849, Manchester, CT;
died
2 children

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References: Vital Records for Bolton, Glastonbury, Manchester, Hartford, CT, Ct.St.Lib. Hartford, CT; Congregational Ch. Recs. Buckingham-Eastbury SL1974.62 fG46:Bu2cr, Ct.St. Lib.; Inscriptions Old Galstonbury Cem. East bury, CT; Risley Fam. Hist., Risley, 1909, pp.85, 102-3; 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 Federal Census for Manchester, Hartford Co., CT; Family records of John S. Risley Jr; R.F.A. family records.



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401 GIDEON S. RISLEY (Enoch⁵, Samuel⁴, Jeremiah³, Richard², Richard¹) born 27 October 1801, a son of Enoch and Mary (Blake) Risley at Great Egg Harbor township, Gloucester Co., NY. Thought to have died in Scott or Greene Co. IL prior to 1850. Gideon married first on 2 February 1823 in Galloway township, NJ Amelia Blake, who was born 30 December 1804 a daughter of Edward and Mary (?) Blake, she died 29 August 1843, in Greene Co., IL and gave Gideon 10 children. He married 2nd 6 April 1845, Greene Co., IL Elcey M. Mahone who gave him one son. The first 7 children were born in Gloucester Co. the 4 younger children were born in Scott Co., IL. They came to IL about 1837, Gideon was living in Jersey Co later to become Scott Co in 1840, his destiny is unknown. Sons John Wesley and Ezra Blake were soldiers in the Civil War.

Gideon's Children were:

- 1065 Mark Wesley, born 26 April 1826, died 5 October 1859, IL
- 1066 Edward Lummis, born 17 Aug 1827; m. 21 February 1856, Sarah Ann Davis, Jersey Co. IL; died 19 December 1901 Marshall, OK
7 children
- 1067 Margaret Ann, born 10 May 1829; m. John D. Cooper, died
3 children
- 1068 John Walker, born 11 January 1830, died 2 March 1831, IL
- 1069 Gideon Lewis, born 29 March 1832
- 1070 Enoch Blake, born 2 May 1834; died 8 September 1838 Scott Co., IL
- 1071 John Wesley, born 28 April 1836; m. Caroline Sharp, 17 January 1872, Humbolt, KS; died
children
Civil War 2nd Lt, Bty B, 1st Regt IL LtArty Vols
- 1072 Ezra Blake, born 9 July 1838, Scott Co. IL; m. Martha A. West, 19 April 1877, Rice Co. KS; died 20 December 1899, Pueblo, CO
Civ War Pvt Co F, 1st Rgt, IL LtArty 2 children
- 1073 Enoch Arthur, born 21 June 1840, died 25 August 1843, Scott Co., IL
- 1074 Ranson S. born 29 August 1842
- 1075 Joseph H. born 27 February 1846, Greene Co., IL

References: The Family of Gideon S. Risley, Sandra L. T. Chenault; 1830 Fed Cen. Gloucester Co. NJ, 1840 Fed Cen Jersey Co. IL, Census Microfilms, Annapolis Junct., MD; Inventory estate of Enoch R 1834, Mary 1939, Div. Archives, Trenton, NJ; Recs. for Enoch & Gideon, Atlantic Co. Hist. Soc.; Risley Fam. CT & NJ, Rundstron, ACHS Yr Bk Vol 5 No 4, 1967 p.194; Gloucester Co. Marr. Recs. Craig, 1930, p.158(Gideon); Family records and research by Paul and Margaret Moore, Salinas, KS; Fam Bible recs. John & Doris Risley, Irvn & Sharon Risley, Sandra Chenault, Carolyn R. Hill, Douglas S. Risley; R.F.A. Fam. Records.

THE DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD RISLEY

548 HAMILTON DAVID RISLEY (David⁵, Moses⁴, Jonathan³, Richard², Richard¹) born 29 January 1802 at New Hartford, NY, a son of David and Cynthia (Gillette) Risley he was baptised 14 March 1802 in the Presbyterian Church of New Hartford. He died 28 November 1862, at Joliet, Will County, IL. married 7 July 1825 at Clinton, NY, Minerva Blakeslee who was born at Clinton, NY 18 September 1799, a daughter of Enos and Eunice (Alvord) Blakeslee, she died 16 August 1883 at Wilmington, IL. The family removed to Joliet, IL about 1837. Hamilton D. was elected Sheriff of Will County in 1840 and was reelected to the office for two year terms completing his last term of office in 1846. He later engaged in business and banking and constructed the road from Joliet to Oswego, among other projects. The two daughters were born in NY the other children were born at Joliet.

Hamilton and Minerva's children were:

- 1144 Helen M, born in 1826, Clinton, NY; m. Daniel Thompson; died children
- 1145 Elizabeth, born 1831, Clinton, NY; m. Frank Kirkaldie; died 1931/3 Great Falls, MT 5 children
- 1146 John Gillette, born 10 October 1837, Joliet, IL; m. Cynthia Gillette Risley [1152] 4 May 1864; died 10 February 1911, Nickerson, KS [Co D 67 IL Civ.W] 8 children
- 1147 Harvey Blakeslee, born 15 December 1838; m. Mary F. Easton, 10 June 1866, Chicago, IL; died 6 August 1917, Port Washington, WA Civil War sol. [Co A, 1st Regt, IL LtArty] 5 children
- 1148 David M, born Joliet, IL
- 1149 George, born Joliet, IL

References: Blakeslee Genealogy by Ruth L. Mowry; Risley Fam. Hist., EHRisley 1909, p76 No.240; 1850, 1860 Fed.Census, Will Co.IL microfl.N.A.; 1st Presbtrn Ch. recs. New Hartford, NY; R.F.A. Family records; Civ.War Pension File 2512059 [Harvy B], 715098 [John G] Nat'l Archives, Wash.DC courtesy Joyce R. Golden; 1900, 1910 Fed.Cen. Reno Co., KS; The Risley Family, Gene P. Risley, 1965 [John G. family].

THE DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD RISLEY

586 JAMESON RISLEY (Richard⁵, Richard⁴, Jonathan³, Richard², Richard¹) born 13 February 1787, at East Hartford, CT, a son of Richard and Deborah (Cook) Risley, he was baptised at the First Congregational Church of East Hartford on 18 February 1787. He died 30 April 1867, at Chadwicks, Oneida Co. NY. He married about 1816, Anna Adams, who was born 10 December 1798 and died 13 February 1886 at Chadwicks, NY. Jameson and Anna rest in the cemetery at Clayville, NY. Jameson was named for Lt Col. John Jameson who was one of his father's commanding officers in the Revolutionary War. Jameson came to New York with his father about 1792, who settled at Paris and later removed to New Haven in Oswego Co. where he died. Jameson lived on the Red Hill Road at Chadwicks which is a small community between Paris and New Hartford, NY, where he was a successful farmer and where the children were born. The two eldest twin daughters probably died at birth they are buried in the old cemetery at Paris, NY.

Jameson and Anna's children were:

- 1281 a daughter, born and died 14 July 1819

- 1282 a daughter, born and died 14 July 1819

- 1283 Mary Anne, born 2 December 1821; m. Isaac Dingman
19 November 1849; died 1 child

- 1284 George W., born 10 October 1825; m. Amanda C.
Curtis, 5 February 1850; died 30 June 1881
1 child

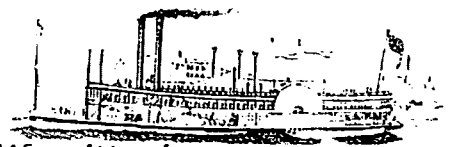
- 1285 John H., born 18 February 1827

- 1286 Lewis Van Rensselaer, born 19 August 1834; m(1)
Catherine Wake, 3 October 1855, m(2) Susie
M. Jones, 23 April 1861; died 18 October
1916, Nashville, TN 6 children

- 1287 Harriet C., born 4 June 1837; m(1) Mr Jamison,
m(2) Allanson Anderson; died ?
? children

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WHEN WE WENT WEST
By Rev. William David Risley



The following is taken from a narrative of the author's life written in the 1920's. He was an ordained Baptist Minister and dairy farmer at Alsea, Oregon where he died in 1946.

I was born near Blairstown, Benton County, Iowa, January 11, 1868, son of John M. Sr and Malinda (Israel) Risley [No. 460 D.R.R.]. The thermometer was 26 degrees below zero, so I can truthfully say that I have had a dislike for cold weather from my birth.

When I was two years old my father moved with the family of which I was the 7th child, from Benton Co. Iowa to Marion County, Kansas, and took a homestead there where for five years he prospered as a cattleman. In 1875, in September, he sold out and came to Oregon bringing his family on an emigrant train by way of Sacramento and San Francisco. On our reaching Sacramento, the terminus of the railroad at that time, the passengers of the immigrant train together with their belongings were transferred to a steamboat which was to convey us down river to San Francisco. The steamboat had not gotten out of sight of the town when it grounded on a sand spit in the river. There the boat stuck and all efforts of the managers to extract her and float her to deeper water were in vain. So from the Claremont, for that was the name of the steamboat on which we had embarked, we were all transferred to a flat boat, which they called a barge. This barge with its precious cargo was turned loose to drift down the Sacramento River with the hope of meeting another steamboat at some point in the river between the capitol city and San Francisco Bay, which would pick us up and carry us to the city of San Francisco.

It was about the middle of the forenoon when our barge was loaded and pushed out into the middle of the stream and we began to move on in our journey westward down the river. The sun shone exceedingly hot and we had no shade except for a few parasols carried by some of the ladies. Trunks, baggage, boxes, bedding, and men, women and children these were all there was on that flatboat. No shelter, no shade, no toilet, nothing to eat or drink, not even a place to sit down, and I well remember that for the most part the people stood up most of the time. It was extremely tiresome to say the least. Imagine our relief and delight to see, just before night fell, the long looked for steamboat come in sight around the bend in the river. How we rejoiced to see that splendid craft come puffing up against the current to our rescue.

The transfer of the passengers from the barge to the steamboat was a rather exciting experience for some of us at least. The barge was lashed along side the steamer and a gangplank, a two by ten, ten feet long, was placed near the rear of the boats. This, owing to the curvature of the steamer, left an opening between the boats at the gangplank of about five or six feet. To this gangplank there were no bannisters except a big black negro at the barge end and a "green" deckhand at the other end of it. These men by stretching their arms as far as they could reach managed to balance the passengers up the plank which stood at an angle of about 30 degrees because the barge was so much lower than the steamboat. This operation was very dangerous, and it looked all the more so to people from the prairies who were not accustomed to water transportation. Some of these people had never before seen a skiff or a scow to say nothing of a barge or steamboat.

The passengers, some seventy five or a hundred, were so anxious to get off that old barge that they jostled one another and crowded the helpers somewhat in their rush for the gangplank. I shall never forget the language and demeanor of the Captain of that steamboat during the rescue act. He paced nervously back and forth on the uppermost deck and gave commands and directions to the crew as they negotiated the transfer. Interspersed with his commands and direction were fits of anger and vituperous billings gate, cursing and swearing and fuming about in such a manner as I had never seen or heard before from any one. "just throw them overboard Nig if they crowd you," he called out again and again in his stern acid voice to the negro on the barge end of the gangplank. The negro gave us to understand that he would do nothing of the kind, saying, in a low subdued tone so that the captain could not hear, "That would be a pretty way to do." By the sympathetic attitude and kindly efficient help of the negro we were all finally aboard, safe and sound in the big roomy steamboat.

Those words of the sea captain sank into my very soul, and altho is was only seven years of age at that time, they have not faded out in all these years. As I now look back on that scene I am want to consider it as my first and formal introduction to the west.

The hot, blistering, scorching September sun of the Sacramento Valley from 9 AM that day until it sank behind the Goldengate which was upon us, together with the anxiety for our safety, and the longing for something to eat and drink to satisfy the cravings of the inner man, made our transfer from the barge to the steamboat like a transfer from hades to paradise. From the perigatory below to the paradise above, with only a ten inch plank to bridge the gap. My account of this incident would not be complete without mentioning the colored gentleman who served those magnificent sweet potatoes and butter for our supper. This service of supper by that cook is ever recalled by my memory as a colored gentleman of the first order in contrast to the steamboat's captain.

We arrived at San Francisco some time in the night and went to the Golden Eagle Hotel. We remained in the city two weeks seeing the sights and acquainting ourselves with its places of interest, being captivated with what was then called Woodward's Gardens, now the city's park. The last week in September we shipped on board the Steamer Ajax from San Francisco to Portland Oregon. The trip required four days and as many nights. The first half of that trip was awful, the sea was rough and the vessel rolled and pitched, and tumbled and squeaked, and I was nearer scared to death than I ever was before or since. The last half of the trip was more tolerable and became somewhat delightful toward its end. We arrived in Portland about the last of September hungry, tired, and travel worn, but pretty well over our seasickness. At the hotel we were served with the first fied salmon we had ever seen. It was fine, we all liked it, we like it yet.

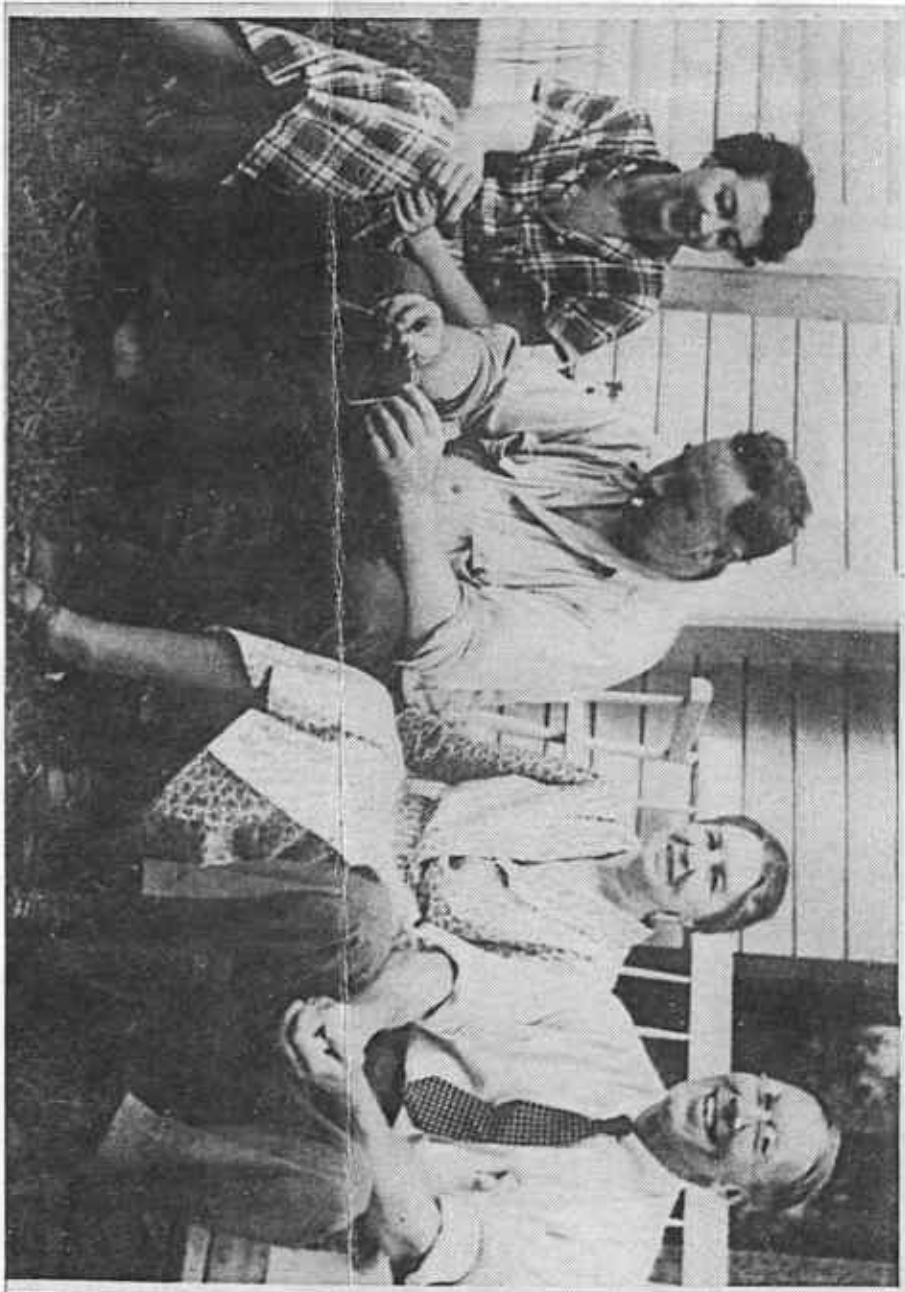
My father rented a dwelling house in Portland and we lived there during the month of October 1875. During this time my father traversed over the greater part of western Oregon, and finally bought a farm of two hundred acres, about two and a half miles northwest of Albany, in Benton County, Oregon. For fourteen years my home was on the farm near Albany. During this time one school year was spent in Albany at the public school, and three years at Corvallis, in the Oregon Agricultural College. Later I spent one year at Monmouth in the Oregon State Normal School and two years at McMinnville in the college at that place. In 1892 I graduated from the classical academic course at McMinnville, and some years later from the philosophical course in the Philomath College with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. Upon finishing this course I went to Berkeley California and entered the Pacific Coast Theological seminary, which I graduated 3 years later receiving a Bachelor of Divinity. I was converted at the age of 17, in October 1885 I was baptised in the Willamette River near Spring Hill and united with the North Palestine Baptist Church.

While attending the Oregon State Normal School in March 1890, preparing myself to be a teacher, my home church licensed me to preach the gospel. Three years later, after my graduation from college, this church called me to be its pastor and was subsequently ordained a full-fleged minister of the gospel. I held pastorates in Oregon at Corvallis, North Palestine, and Alsea. And in California at Glenn, in Ocean County. After my North Palestine and Corvallis pastorates I lived seven years in Lincoln Co., Oregon, on Alsea Bay near Waldport. I then moved to California and lived there 3 years returning to Alsea in 1910, where I have since continuously resided. I have officiated at more funerals than any other person in this community. Am somewhat in demand as a funeral orator and preacher. A goodly number having asked me in advance to speak at their funerals.

Owing to the splendid adaptability of the country for dairying, the pure plentiful water, the mild balmy climate, the deep fertile soil and the abundance of suitable feed of an extraordinary kind and quality the product of the dairy cow. Our little farm one half mile west of Alsea we keep 12 head of pure-bred, high grade Jersey cows. Everything raised on this farm is fed to these cows, and all that is sold off of the place is, directly or indirectly the product of these cows. Constant attention to details is absolutely essential to success and certainly pays well in splendid dividends.

NOTE: The preceeding excerpts were taken from a typewritten manuscript by Rev. Risley presented by his grand daughter Jo Risley Haley of Alsea, OR.

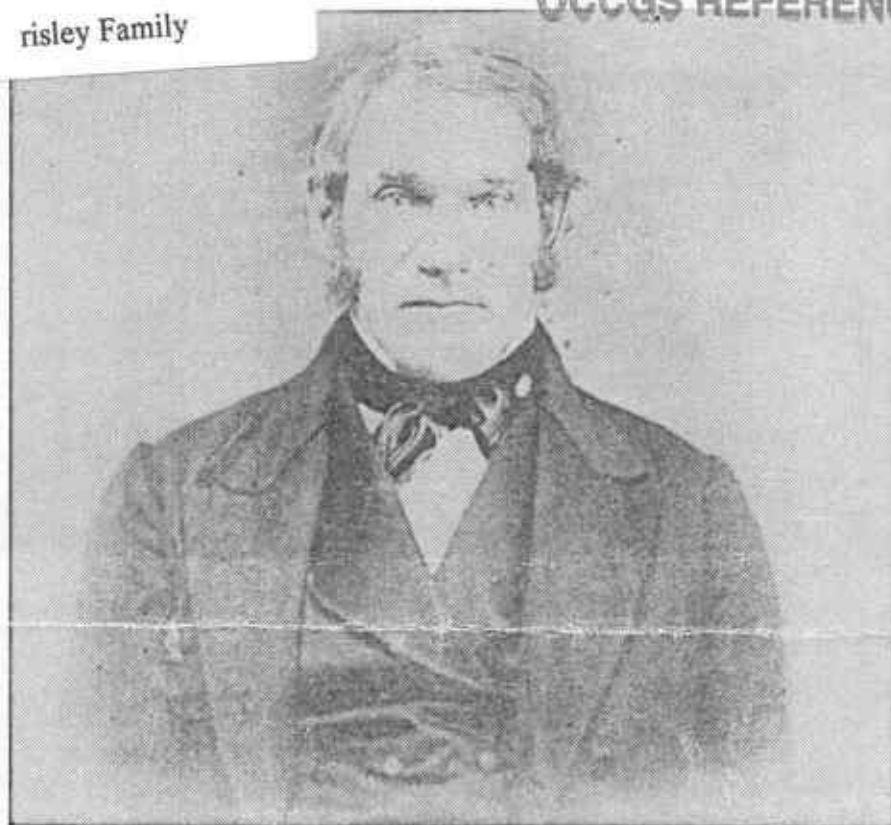




M. SHIRLEY RISLEY [1162 RFH] noted Gansmith, w/dau Jean left, wife Clara and Charles C. Risley [1150 RFH] far right, 1st cou. Taken by Ray C. Risley 1937 son of Charles at Brookfield, NY.



WILLIAM M. WRISLEY [No 777 DRR], son of Moses D. and Lucy (Arbuckle) Wisley, and wife Elizabeth (Black) Wisley front, w/chil L to R George E. 1877-1956, William M. 1872-1953, Lillian A. 1867-1936, Lyman A. 1874-1965. Courtesy Mary W. Sumner, dau Lyman A. Wisley.



ELIZUR RISLEY 1803-1872, son of Benjamin and Ann (Benton) Risley, m(1) Caroline Risley, lived Brookfield, NY [No. 1161 DRR]



WILLIAM M. WRISLEY 1832-1895, son Moses D. and Lucy (Arbuckle) Wrisley, lived Deerfield, MA. [No 777 DRR] Civ. War 1864. Courtesy of his gnd dau Mary W. Summer.

ALBERT RISLEY 1842-1907, son of Elizur above, m. Catherine (Hovey) 1841-1928 right; lived Clark son, NY. Courtesy gnd dau Verna C. Goold.

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