

THE ROSS FAMILY

OF GUILFORD COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA ?

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(Continued From April Issue)

ROWAN CO., N.C. MARRIAGE BONDS:

ROSS:	(date of bond)	
John	13 Apr 1785	Rachel Hill
John	30 Sep 1796	Catherine Bullen
James	24 Aug 1795	Elizabeth Patterson
John	12 Aug 1811	Rebecca Ellis
Thomas	19 Dec 1810	Catherine Youst
James	15 Apr 1841	Charlotte Burnam
James	13 Aug 1812	Peggy Youst (Bondsman, Jno. Ross).

ORANGE CO., N.C. MARRIAGE BONDS:

ROSS:		
James	7 Apr. 1791	Anne Dening
Thomas	22 Jan 1783	Sarah Hall
Thomas W.	7 Apr 1843	Mahala Glenn
William	7 Sep 1829	Polly Hobbs

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"The History of Wilson County" by the Historical Assn. of Wilson County, lists Henry Ross on the first court; first son of the county, and an early justice of the peace.

"NORTH CAROLINA LAND GRANTS IN TENNESSEE"

page 30	David Ross, 200 acres, 1787, Sullivan Co.
page 170	Henry Ross, 274 acres, 1790, Davidson Co.
84	James Ross, 274 acres, 1786, Davidson Co. (assigned by James Ross, Pvt.)
103	Joseph Ross, 640 acres, 1789, Davidson Co.
109	Samuel Ross, 640 acres, 1790, Sumner Co.
87	William Ross, 1,000 acres, 1786, Davidson Co.
88	William Ross, 640 acres, 1784, Davidson Co.
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(These sold their grants to others)--

page 151	Abram Ross,	1787, Davidson Co.
54	David Ross, 100 acres,	1788, Hawkins Co.
	(lived near Thomas Jackson No. 2585).	

Devises

Devisors

A309 - May 1791

John, wife Mary (see prior ref. to this).

A136 May 1810 -

Rebeckah: Gowdy, Jane

A210 Sept. 9, 1809 -

Mary

Kerr, Elizabeth

Elizabeth

William

(Note: Mary was wife of Edward Ross).

A229 November 1775 -

Mary

Mitchel, Robert

(Note: Wife of James Ross).

A238 Nov. 1798 -

Susannah

Mileham, Walter

... (Thomas?)

Lewis (should be Levin?)

A318 Feb. 1802 -

John

Ross, Mary

A322 Nov. 1810 -

Russell, Margret

Russell, Wm.

Ross, Susannah

(Note: Wife of Thomas Ross)

A345 Nov. 1793 -

Joseph

Shary, William (Note: Should be Wm. Shaw).

Benjamin (Note: brother of Joseph)

Jean (Younger sister)

Susana (Younger sister)

(Sarah Shaw) (Older sister)

Grizzeld (Older sister)

Thomas (Son of Grizzeld?)

A389- May 1806 -

Ruth

TAYLOR, Mary

Lydia

A392 - Aug. 1814 -

Mary

Touchstone, Jonas

(Note: Mary was daughter of Jonas)

Jonas (Grandson of Jonas)

C447 - Feb. 1867 -

Levi

Ross, Louisa E.

Mary J.

Judith

Jane H.

D331 - Feb. 1867

Benjamin

Brown, Jane

Phipps, Ransom

Caroline

B574 - Nov. 1837

Ann

Cummings, Robert

C103? - Nov. 1841 -

Amanda

Lindsay, William

C129 - Aug. 1842

Hannah

Perry, Ebenezer

D331 - Feb. 1867 -

Benjamin

Phipps, James M.

D204 - May 1864 -

Iredell

Woodyard, Abram

(To Be Continued)

AUSBOURNE

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM AUSBOURNE SR. & HIS WIFE SYRINE

ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES.



CERTIFICATE OF DISABILITY FOR DISCHARGE.

(To be used, in duplicate, in all cases of discharge on account of Disability.)

William J. Ausbourne, private of Captain *Wm*
Rogers Company, (*1st*) of the *1st* Regiment of United States
Foot Vols. was enlisted by *Oran Rogers* of
the *same* Regiment of *at Cascade Wyo*
on the *3rd* day of *October* 1861, to serve *3* years; he was born in
in the State of *Canada* is *20* years of age, *5* feet *10*
inches high, *dark* complexion, *grey* eyes, *light* hair, and by occupation when
enlisted a *Farmer* During the last two months said soldier has been unfit for duty *days*.
(Here consult directions on Form 13, p. 325, Medical Dept. Gen. Reg.)

STATION: *Hd. Qs. Louisville Ky*
DATE: *January 28 1863*

Geo Abbott
May 22 1863
Commanding Company.

I Certify, that I have carefully examined the said *William J Ausbourne* of
Captain *Oran Rogers* Company, and find him incapable of performing the duties of a soldier because of
(Here consult par. 1260, p. 284, and directions on Form 13, p. 325, Med. Dept. Gen. Reg.)

Phthisis

William McElldown

DISCHARGED, this *28th* day of *January* 1863, at *Louisville Ky*
Asst Surg Surgeon in charge
Hospital No 7
Wmunchy
Feb. 23 1863 Commanding the Post.

NOTE 1.—When a probable case for pension, special care must be taken to state the degree of disability.
NOTE 2.—The place where the soldier desires to be addressed may be here added.

Town—

County—

State—

[A. G. O. No. 100 & 101.]

(DUPLICATES.)

Cascade

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Abstract of wills, filmed by James Black at Greensboro, N.C.
1943, Guilford Co., N.C.:

- p. 137 Rebeckah Ross: James Gowdy bequeath to Rebeckah Ross, dau of John Ross, his desk.
- p. 210 9 Sep. 1809. Mary Ross: Elizabeth Kerr wills possessions to dau Margaret, son David (bondsmen to mar of James Ross and Lucy Ray), dau Isbell, son James, dau Catherine, son John, dau. Mary Ross (wife of Edward?)
- p. 229 Nov 6, 1775. Mary Ross. Will of Robert Mitchell. Mary named as dau., given 5 pounds.
- p. 238 Sept. 1, 1798. Walter Milcham, wife Ann. Dau. Sarah, dau Catherine Williams. Three grandchildren: Susannah Ross, Thomas Ross and Levin Ross.
- p. 345 William Shaw. Do leave to my two beloved brothers (that is Joseph Ross and Benjamin) all my clothes to be equally divided between them. Also my beloved mother and my 2 young sisters Jean Ross and Susanna, they are to be given three pounds to be equally divided among them; the rest of my estate to be equally divided between my two older sisters, that is Sarah Shaw and Grizzeld, and Grizzeld's youngest boy named Thomas Ross, those three to have equal shares. 9 Sep. 1793. (Note - this must be Jean Ross, widow of James Ross, Sr., who md Jean Shaw 1778?)
- p. 322 William Russell. To wife Margaret. Beloved dau. Susanna Ross, 5 shillings. (Note - this must be father of the Susanna who md. Thomas Ross). He appointed his trusty friend, Thomas Ross as exec. A witness was James Ross. 21 Aug. 1810.
- p. 392 2 March 1815. Jonas Touchstone. Wife Sarah; dau. Mary Ross, to receive balance of estate, one mare, one cow, one bed and furniture. Grandson Jonas Ross to receive \$100 at discretion of my wife. (Mentions land on Haw River).

SETTLEMENT OF ESTATES, 1820-53, GUILFORD CO.

- p. 2 Levi Stephens, administrator of Levi Ross. Names listed - Geo. W. Ross, a note, also Jonas T. Ross. Mentions guardians of L. E. Ross.
- p. 62 Levi Stephens, adm. of George W. Ross, dec'd Aug. Term 1843.
- p. 119 May term 1846, Frederick Fentriss, adm. of estate of Levin Ross, dec'd. Names Peggy Ross, widow. James (N.) Ross, Martha Ross, Levin G. Ross.
- p. 312 Feb. Court 1849. Estate of James Ross, dec'd. (son of Levin).
- p. Levi Stephens, adm. of James or Jonas T. Ross, dec'd. To Wm. Ross, former admin., taxes paid by Geo. W. Ross \$2.46.

Mrs. Leo Palmer sent the following: Wills Guilford Court House: Will Book D, page 331. 1867.

BENJAMIN ROSS, of Guilford Co., N.C.

Heirs: Son, William, dau. Jane Brown, Ransom S. Phipps and wife Carolyn, son James M., son Joseph Ross. Filed Feb. term of Court 1867.

Wit: W. R. Smith, Lewis Shepherd and W. R. Shepherd.

Will of Levi Ross, 24 June 1856

Heirs: Grandau. Elizabeth Ross and Mary Jane Ross, \$200 in cash, each. Daus. Judith Ross and Jane Harris; slaves, and given land.

Exec: Martin Harris, son-in-law.

Wit: Robert C. Lindsay and Levi Stephens

LEVEN ROSS, 26 June 1844. (Levin G.) (wife Eliz. Neely, dau. of Robert).

Heirs: Addison, Hannah, James N., William, Martha Ross, John Hardin and wife Betsy Ann, Frederic Fentriss and wife Mariah, William Hendrix and wife Matilda, Thomas Hendrix and wife Sally, Levin Ross. (Hannah is also named Hannah Jane).

Descendants of Andrew (Jackson?) Ross and Ann Cummins (Kimmins) will meet in Salt Lake City, Utah on the 21st June from 12:00 noon to 4:30 p.m. at the North Shelter of the Liberty Park. There will be a business meeting at 1:30 to take up the business of the family organization and discuss future research plans.

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TAX LISTS OF 1783 FOR BALTIMORE
AND HARFORD COUNTIES TO BE
PRINTED

During the preparation of the Guide to the Manuscript Collections of the Maryland Historical Society (The Society, \$15.00) it became apparent that the Society held many manuscript tax, debt, militia and other lists which were hitherto unrecorded. They may be the originals or copies of originals, but they are, as far as is known, unique. Readers are now using them heavily and unless they are microfilmed they will become unreadable in a very few months. It is therefore with

great pleasure that the Society announces an arrangement with Mr. Wister Brown, President of Microsurance Inc., of Philadelphia, whereby all lists will be microfilmed and then printed up in book form by Rhistoric Publications, a division of that company.

The whole project has the blessing and cooperation of Dr. Morris Radoff, Archivist and Records Administrator of the State of Maryland, Hall of Records.

Because of the absence of any census records for Maryland between 1776 and 1790, the publication of the tax list of 1783, the most complete for Maryland, will prove an invaluable aid to economists, genealogists, historians and sociologists. Unlike the census records, the tax lists give each householder by name,

the exact number of his dependents under and over the age of 16, the numbers of his slaves, the types of taxable property, and the value. The plan is to make hard cover publications of the actual tax list, but it is important to note that the copy will be facsimile and not a transcription. Indexes will be included where they already exist, and there will be notes by the Society's staff concerning the nature of the document and any peculiarities or omissions in the original text.

Initially the tax lists for 1783 for Baltimore and Harford Counties will be issued in two volumes. Approximate prices are \$30.00 a volume prepublication, or \$35 after 1 June 1969. Orders and inquiries may be sent to the Librarian or to Rhistoric Publications, 302 North 13th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

Any organization or person holding tax lists or indexes in typescript or other form are asked to communicate with the Society as quickly as possible.

It is regretted that the originals will not be available for study while they are being processed. However, there are microfilms and photostat copies at the Hall of Records in Annapolis which may be used in the interim.

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GUILFORD CO., N.C. MARRIAGE RECORDS

ROSS:	(date of bond)	
Jane	11 May 1831	David Brown (dau. of Benjamin?)
Jane	16 July 1828	Martin Harris (dau. of Levi?)
Sally	30 July 1834	Thomas Hendrix (dau. of Levin?)
Sally	16 Apr. 1822	John Harrel
Sally	29 Feb. 1832	John Jackson
Sarah	22 May 1810	James Denney
Sarah	7 Jan. 1840	Elisha Forbis
Susannah	28 Oct. 1814	Alexander McCann
Susannah	13 May 1799	David Williams (dau of James Sr.)
Elizabeth	30 Dec. 1840	Thomas Beard
Elizabeth	13 Apr. 1843	Moses McCuiston
Elizabeth Ann	17 Oct. 1831	John Hardin (d. of Levin Ross?)
Margaret	18 Nov 1800	James Sprout (Bondsman—James Ross)
Agnes Ross	22 Feb 1798	James Flack (Bondsman—Thomas Ross)
Aaron	26 Apr. 1825	Polly Weatherly
Addison S.	20 Dec. 1854 (md 21.)	Nancy Letitia Hendrix
Andrew	29 Dec. 1800	Anna Cummins (Bondsman—James Ross)
Edward	28 Apr. 1802	Marey Keer
Edward	26 Oct. 1819	Betsy Minnor (Bondsman—James Ross)
George W.	25 Feb. 1841	Elizabeth Caulk
Harmon	6 Jan. 1843	Phebe G. Merrideth
Henry	26 Oct. 1786	Ann Anderson
Jackson	3 Mar. 1842	Eliza Hodgins
James	1 June 1811	Lucy Ray
James (Sr.)	31 Aug. 1778	Jean Shaw
James H.	31 July 1865	Margaret F. Kernodle
James M. or W.	20 Nov 1856	Irdel Woodyard
John	10 Nov 1799	Mary Bishop
Joseph	6 Feb. 1802	Sary Canaday
Joseph G.	7 Feb. 1843	Nancy Brown
Lavin (Levin)	5 Nov 1823	Margaret Denney (Bondsman—Col. Wm. Dickey)
Levan G.	22 Mar 1843	Esther Dicks
Levi Jr.	7 Dec. 1840	Pameatha Lawrence
Reuben	4 Apr. 1832	Julian Whittington (Bondsman—Wm. N. Jackson)
Robert N.	28 Nov 1854	Perlina E. Brittain
Thomas	1 Nov 1800	Susannah Russel (Bondsman—James Gowdy)
William	26 Aug 1812	Lisa Baines
William P.	20 Oct 1865	Catharine McDaniel
William D.	21 July 1852 (md 22)	Elizabeth Hendricks
Yancey	2 Jan 1845	Eliza Gladson

(We desire to place each of these Ross marriages. Was Reuben of 1790 related to these other Ross families? No will is found for Reuben in Guilford Co., and he is not on the 1810 census there. A will for a Reuben was found in Ashe Co., No. Car. for the year 1820, naming a wife Mary, children: Washington Troy, John, Thomas, Andrew, Wilborn, Alfred, Anna, Prudence, Rebecca and Elizabeth. (These were by his second wife, Mary. Children by his first wife were Lavin or Sarin (unreadable) (could this be Levin?), Edward, William, James, Mary and Sary. (Book A, page 98, Ashe Co.). By the naming of these children, it would appear that Reuben may be related to our John Ross. Also, the 1800 census of Guilford shows Reuben to be a widower. (Further follow-up work in Ashe Co. has not been done, as yet).

Old's "Abstracts of No. Car. Wills" lists—
page 224 Orange Co. 1793 James Ross, Margaret (wife).

Rowan Co.	1786	James Ross, Jean (wife), Joseph Benjamin. (In this the James S who married Jean Shaw in Guilford in 1778?)
Anson Co.	1793	Hugh Ross, Margaret (wife); Daniel, Hugh, Mary, Jean and Katharine; Margaret Campbell (dau).
page 41 Brunswick	1765	Charles Ross, Hannah (wife).
page 111 Edgecombe	1760	William Ross, Daniel.
	1761	Daniel Ross, Andrew.
	1761	Andrew Ross, Sarah, Judith, Ann,
	1781	Daniel Ross, Sarah and Daniel.
page 123 Gates	1785	John Ross, Bethany (wife), Susanna, Solomon, Sarah and Mary.
page 182 Martin	1794	John Ross, James, Henry and Luke. (Same names as our line).
page 188 Mecklenburg	1789	Anthony Ross, John and Jean.
	1767	Nickerson Ross, Hannah, James, Elizabeth.
page 201 New Hanover	1767	Alex. Ross, Elizabeth.
	1777	Ann Ross, Walter, Susanna; Mosely, John, Sampson, James, Wm. and Thomas.
	1795	Walter Ross, Halsey, Susanna, Wm. H., Ann, Henry; Mosely, Wm., Livingston, Ann.
page 325 Wilkes	1792	John Ross, Catherine Mahaffey (friend).

ORANGE CO., N. CAR. MARRIAGE BONDS:

Andrew Ross 29 Aug. 1782 Alice Pratt

ROCKINGHAM CO. MARRIAGE BONDS:

Levy Ross 9 Nov. 1824 Judith Everett
Reuben Ross 18 Jan. 1796 Henney Bivens (Bondsman—Robertson Ross)

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GUILFORD CO., No. Carolina

Index to early Ross deeds, 1771-1833. (Exact date not given in index).

GRANTEE:

Book:	Begins:	Grantee:	Page:	From:
A	1771	Henry	284	Robert Mitchell
		James	285	Robert Mitchell
		Henry	502	State of No. Car.
	(22 Oct 1782)	John	267	State of No. Car. (200 acres Kenedy's Cr.)
		James	202	James Barr
	(22 Oct 1782)	John	271	State of No. Car. (300 acres Hay Stack Cr.)
	(22 Oct 1782)	John	270	State of No. Car. (250 acres Reedy Fork)
D	1785	Henry	129	Power of Atty.-Sarah Carnahan.
	1785	Henry	323	William Wray
		James	504	David Kerr, Jr.
E	1788	Reuben	480	Valentine Arnett
G	1799	Jean?	201	Robert Peasley
		Thomas	249	Smith Rumbley
H	1802	Reuben	87	James Coots
J	1806	Levin	104	Reuben Ross
		Thomas	339	William Bradbury
K	1809	Andrew	281-2	Grant from Commissioners
		Benjamin	327	John Mills
L	1812	Edward	110	Henry Fryer
		Levi	163	Levin Caulk
		Levi	232	William McGee
		Levin	257	William McGee
M	1815	Thomas	285	Jehu Hancock
		Thomas	35	Andrew Ross
		Levin	206	Andrew Wilson
N	1818	James	5	Grant
		Levin	233	Deed
O	1819	Benjamin	304	Jane Ross
Q	1824	Thomas	227	(Deed in Trust-Adam Scott)
		Levi	275	Deed from Sheriff
R	1824	Levi	300	Deed
S	1826	Aaron	117	
		Levin	184	
		Levin	232	
		William	428	

GRANTOR:

A	1771	Henry	310	Thomas White
		James & wife	437 or 9	Joseph Huskins
B	1779	James	284	James McMurray
		James	345	F. Familton (H. Hamilton)
		James & wife	391	Isaac White
C	1783	James & wife	156	Archibald Campbell
E	1788	James	102	Joseph Hoskins (final deed of this James?)
G	1799	Reubin	370	James Denny
H	1802	Joseph	76	Joseph Close
		Henry	246	Joel Bevill
I	1806	Henry	57	James Cole
		Reubin	104	Levin Ross (his son?)
		Thomas	475	Thomas Wortham?
		Reubin	252	Latham Donnell (final deed)
L	1812	Edward	46	Edon Donnell
		Edward	71	Ralph Gorrell
		Jane	198	John Smith
		Edward	256?	M. Miner

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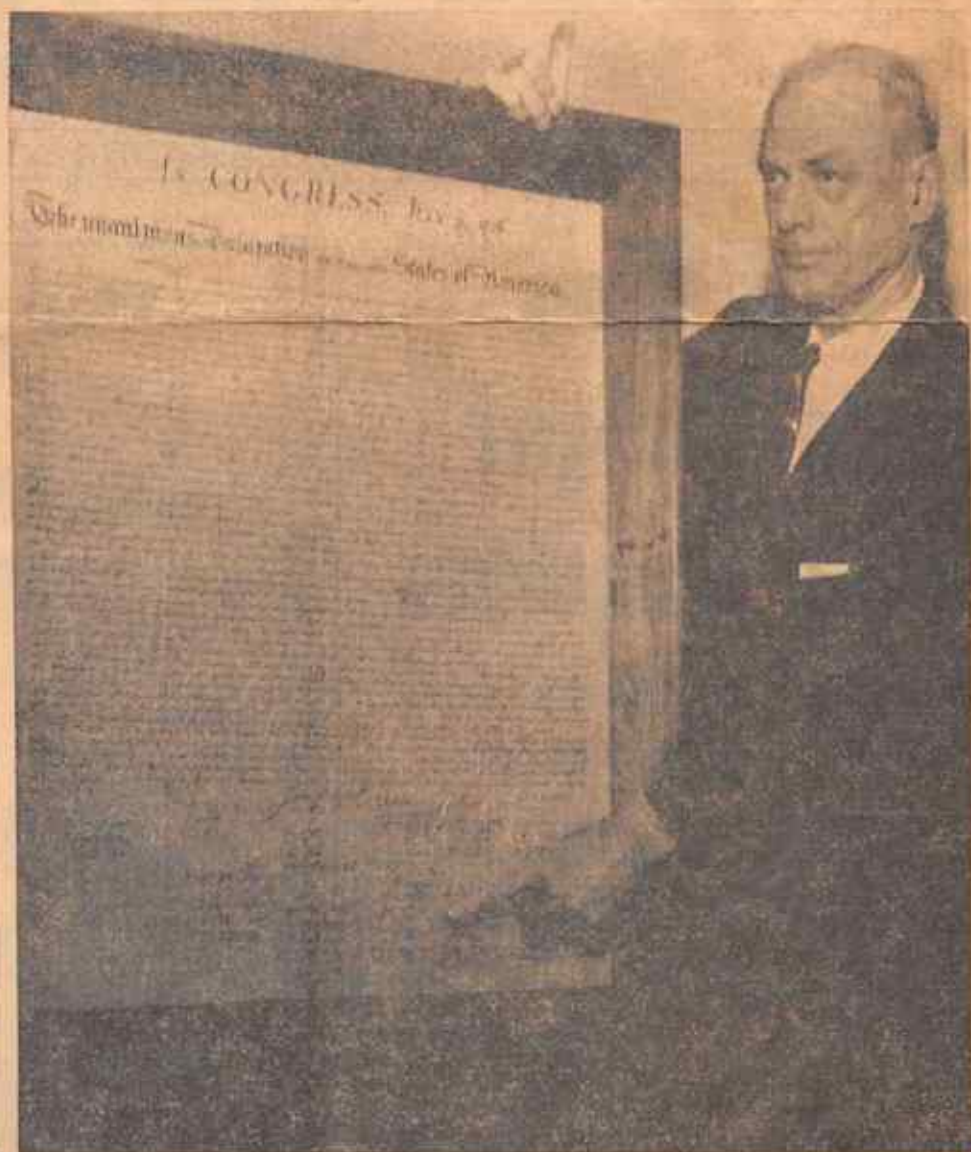
BUENA PARK — Traditions were made to be broken — or so it often is said — and another apparently has been at least temporarily cracked.

For the past 190 years, one of only a few dozen original copies of the Declaration of Independence has been handed down from generation to generation.

But with the donation of one of those original copies to the new Independence Hall at Knott's Berry Farm by Dewitt Mott, it appears as if the document has found a more permanent home.

Mott, who is the descendent of not one, but two, of the original signers of the Declaration of Independence, has been in possession of the copy since about 1940. It had been passed on from parent to child over eight generations.

He is one in a long line of possessors that began with George Ross — or "Geo. Ross" as he always signed his name — one of the lesser-known persons who inked his signature to the Declaration of Independence.



DIRECT DESCENDANT — Dewitt Mott points to the signature of George Ross, one of the original 56 signers of the Declaration of Inde-

pendence and Mott's ancestor. The copy of the declaration Mott is holding has been passed through about eight generations of his family.

(News Tribune Photo)

FIFTY-SIX SIGNED

Fifty-six men signed that document, giving Americans the right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Not among that number was the "Father of Our Country," George Washington.

Ross was a lawyer and a jurist. He was born in Delaware in 1730 and moved to Pennsylvania, where he died at the age of 49.

In 1788, he was elected a member of the Pennsylvania Assembly. Six years later he was elected a delegate to the Continental Congress.

Ross was one of eight delegates from Pennsylvania elected by their constituents to sign the Declaration of Independence, which originally was known as the "Unanimous Declaration of the 13 United States of America."

He left the Continental Congress in 1777 under ill health and died less than two years later.

Before he died, though, Ross, Washington and Robert Morris were delegated to interest Betsy Ross in sewing an American flag.

COPIES MADE IN 1800

Copies of the original declarative document were made about 1800, Mott said. Somewhere between 30 and 50 were given to the governors of the 13 states or colonies and to the signers or descendants of signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Since that time, Mott said, the copy received by the Ross family has been passed on to the oldest child in the family. Mott, an only child, received it from his mother, the oldest of two daughters.

Only a limited number of copies were directly made from the original document, Mott said, because the ink on the original had begun to bleach.

Though his copy has several deep fold marks on it, Mott said good care was always taken of it.

Because the Mott family moved from California to Iowa to North Dakota and points in between when he was a child, Mott said his mother decided to place her copy in the state historical society in Des Moines Iowa, to save wear and tear.

RETRIEVED DOCUMENT

In 1940, shortly before she died, Mrs. Mott retrieved the copy from the state and turned it over to her son.

It was in a thin, black leather case at the time, Mott said. Each time he opened the case, he said, there was a chance a seam might be split.

Mott's wife put a cardboard backing on the document, though, and the couple framed it.

Now the copy has been bound over to Knott's Berry Farm, where many persons, rather

than just a few, can view it.

"Just reading this gives one a background in history and informs you what is in the declaration and why it's in there," Mott said.

Mott once met a man who said a similar document had been passed through the ranks of his family.

The fate of the other copies is not known to the Mott family, though. Since Mott also is a descendant of John Adams, who also signed the document, there always is that possibility that he could eventually end up with two of the rare statements.

SHORT NOTE ON SETTLEMENT OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

Central Pennsylvania was opened for settlement in the year 1768, and one Samuel Wallis--one time owner of the tract now known as the Major Ross farm just west of Pine Grove Mills-- was among the first to venture into the wilderness.

Wallis journeyed from Philadelphia as far as the west branch of the River Susquehanna and the full beauty of its valley burst upon him causing him to decide not only to acquire as much land as possible in that region but to clear a place in the wilderness for a home.

This home, now notable in many ways, is located fourteen miles east of Williamsport as the first permanent dwelling in central Pennsylvania. It is of colonial type, so perfect in design, so lovely in its setting that architects and lovers of beauty long have made it a study of admiration.

Wallis built this home in 1769 in the beautiful west valley of the Susquehanna for his bride--a woman who had enough faith in the man she loved to have home, friend, and all the refinements of civilization to begin a new life with him in the wilderness of the then little known interior of Pennsylvania.

She was Lydia, daughter of Zebulon Hollingsworth, of Philadelphia. From the refinements of the city she was transplanted in to the wilds of Pennsylvania hinderland, hostile with the threats of Indian Massacres.

Lydia was of a prominent family--Valentine Hollingsworth, the American progenitor--sailed with William Penn from England to the new world in the bark *Welcome* in 1682. Henry Hollingsworth, his second son and grandfather of Lydia, was a man of distinction. When only 19 years of age, he helped Thomas Holme lay out the city of Philadelphia and in an old history is found: "Henry Hollingsworth when surveying planted an apple tree at the end of each mile and wrote to a friend that he had recently planted an orchard nine miles long."

Samuel Wallis took his bride to the manor house on the Susquehanna early in the spring of 1770, and Muncy farms--named from the tribe of Muncy Indians, tribe of Delawares, found in this Valley when invaded by the white man--was soon known up and down the frontier for a gracious and varied hospitality. It was situated between the valley's two highways of travel, the river and the Indian trail, known as the Shawokin Path.

Bishop Ettwein, the Morairan Missionary, records of a visit to Samuel Wallis in 1772, and the famous Seneca Chieftains, Coruplanter and Red Jacket, when on missions of peace, were sometimes honored guests.

During the American Revolution an invasion of British, Tories, and Indians forced all inhabitants from this section. At this time the roof was burned but the rugged walls 30 inches in thickness withstood the onslaught fire.

The Wallis family returned in 1787 having in the meantime repaired the old home. By this time many farms contained over 7,000 acres of land and Samuel Wallis was considered the leading man of the West branch. As he advanced in years and power he became obsessed with what was to be the ruling passion of his life and finally his undoing--Laud Uswger.

As a result of this passion he soon became known as the "Laud King of Pennsylvania". Laud implied power--as finance does today--and cost of the men of the times as Alexander Hamilton, Augustine and Lawrence Washington etc., were engaged in acquiring it. But Samuel Wallis outstripped them all. Not even Lord Thomas Fairfax, who possessed most of Northern Virginia, could watch him.

Later Samuel Wallis lost all his possessions and after his death Muncy Farms was sold to Henry Drinker of Philadelphia. Mr. Drinker sold it to Robert Coleman, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, most noted iron-master and friend of George Washington. Mr. Coleman presented Muncy Farms to his daughter, Elizabeth, wife of Charles Hall, a barrister of Sunbury, Pa. The place was lived in and owned by the Hall family for over 100 years, and finally came into possession of Henry Brock a great-great-grandson of Robert Coleman, the iron master. Henry Gibson Brock at this writing is owner and inhabitator of Muncy Farms.

Thus the history of Samuel Wallis onetime possessor of Ross Farm. (1925)

JOHN ROSS
(Born 1786-Died 1859)

The founder of a direct line of descendents in the United States of America dating from the latter part of the eighteenth century when he in company with two brothers, James and David sailed from Ireland to make their way in the new land of the free.

John Ross is named among the early settlers of Ferguson township, center county, Pennsylvania after its founding in 1791 by Thomas Ferguson. John's early life in this country is not recorded by anyone but it is evident that in some manner he traveled up Big Valley, Pa. where he married Susan McKnitt of a prominent family in that Valley. He apparently lived with the McKnitt for the following two or three years following which period he came into and settled in the newly founded township of Thomas Ferguson. He settled a tract of land just west of Pine Grove Mills. This tract was warranted from the John Barron Jr. Estate to Ephriam Gower in the year 1766, being surveyed for the first time in 1767. The Ephriam Gower was sold by Samuel Wallis after he had bought it of Thomas Ferguson for 300 L (Deed dated September 5, 1791) to James Kerr and he in turn to General Phillip Benner, builder of the old Iron Foundries at Rock, Pa. From him it was sold to Mrs. Hunter Wilson, wife of Samuel Hunter Wilson-parents of Col. Phillip Benner Wilson. Mrs. Wilson disposed of it to James Irvin Ross whose parents John and Susanna Ross came from Mifflin County in 1812 renting of the General Phillip Benner who was the owner at that time. Here John and his wife Susanna remained until 1820 when they purchased a tract of their own of McElroy-just east of Pine Grove Mills--and shortly afterward added to their possessions about 400 acres of adjoining land procured of Samuel Wilson. Ref;--- History of Center and Clinton Co. by John Blair Ly., Bellefonte, 1883.

This land (some 500 acres) purchased by great-grandfather Ross was cleared by he and his men and divided into five fertile farms. During his life he builded buildings of a modern type and completely equipped these farms. These five farms are still divided as he orginally designed and at present are owned by Mr. Millor; Mr. Goss; Mr. Custerborder; Mr. Martz.

John Ross as described to me by his grand-daughter, Mary Agnes (at this writing 78 years of age), was a tall man standing well over 6 feet, a fine looking Irish gentleman, good features, high cheek bones and spoke with that pleasing Irish brogue. He was an even tempered man, kindly, and well like by all who chanced his way. His dealings were always of an honest nature and it was said that the word of John Ross was as good as his bond.

He amassed much land and estate during his lifetime much of which he divided among his many children.

SHORT NOTES CONCERNING THE II GENERATION

JAMES MCCLURE ROSS -- son of John Ross who bought him a farm in Westmoreland County, Pa. where he moved after his marriage to Esther, of Stone Valley. They farmed this land for the remaining years of life. His children were Irvin, David, Miles, Mary Jane, Susan, Ella, Adie--all dead at this writing and nothing further known of their children.

ELIZABETH ROSS--married James McCurdy. They moved to Missouri where they managed and owned a ranch. They became quite wealthy. A large family was born of this union, some of whom were--Clark, Laura, Mary-- all dead at this writing.

ROBERT ROSS--(Born 1813--Died 1863) Married Sarah Starett, his cousin. He moved to Spring Mills, Pa. where he farmed. He died when 50 years of age, following an injury after his horse had run away and thrown him from his carriage. He was wealthy at the time of his death. He was given a small farm by John Ross his father from which he built up his fortune. His Children were--John; Aleck; Robert; Mary Ann; Susanna Agnes; Nancy Starett; Cyrus C.; Elizabeth M. These children are now all dead but Robert Jr. who lives in Kansas. He owns a large wheat belt and Stock Ranch in Kansas. He recently (1925) communicated with the remaining branches of his family in the East. He plans a trip to visit us all sometime in the near future.

JOHN ROSS II--lived in Pine Grove Mills, Pa. nearly all of his lifetime. Just before his death he moved to Petersburg, Pa. where he was buried. He married Leah Durst from Center Hall, Pa., a descendant of a long line of Merchants in that Valley. Her people were quite wealthy and they received a goodly portion from the Durst Estate. They had no children.

MARY ANN ROSS--married James Myton of Shavers Creek (Stone Valley), this Myton family was of little account in this community and little is known of this particular James Myton. They lived in Shavers Creek Valley all of their lives. Their Children were--Clark; Agnes; Albert; Louisa; MacCalister; Benner; Leah; Erma.

MATILDA ROSS--married James Clark of Westmoreland County Pa., a very religious man and a good husband and father, John Ross gave them a farm home on which they lived their entire lifetime. They had 13 children, some of whom were -- Martha; Joseph; Frank; John; Thomas; Jane; Arna.

JAMES IRVIN ROSS--(Born Oct. 24, 1826--Died Feb. 3, 1901) the third son of John Ross, Sr., and the grandfather of the writer, was born on the old Ross Homestead east of Pine Grove Mills, Pa. Oct. 24, 1826. He spent his youth helping his father control his then large estate. During this time he was given a common school education as was the custom in those days.

He married Mary Caven, daughter of John Caven (Born November 27, 1827--died August 22, 1901), of Ligonier, Pa. Her family was of good stock, wealthy farmers and respected in the community in which they lived. James Irvin bought the Wilson farm now owned by my mother Mary Etta daughter of James Irvin. His father John Ross helped him pay for the farm but he was aggressive and paid much of it himself.

James Irvin, my maternal grandfather, was a short stock man, very gruff in his manner and speck, head of his home and a man who saved with great diligence so that his children might have a start in life. It is said he was never happy and was unusually gruff until he had had his breakfast followin which his attitude changed at once. Following his morning meal he would light a cigar and joke with those about him.

He was a great lover of horses and drove the finest team of road horses in the sections in which he lived. He was known as Major Ross and his bearing and attitude justified the name. This title clung to him from the time when he was a Major in the famous Penns Valley Dragoons. He served as a 1st Lieutenant during the Civil War, but was in no active service.

In his later life he was overseer only of his farms and acted as manager and boss both of which he could aptly do. Late in life he wore a closely clipped beard, had a head of bushy white hair and dressed similar to the old English Squires of previous times.

James Irvin was a good business man, who drove a hard bargain. His memory is something worth speaking of. It is said he could read and repeat whole passages. He was known for his ability to entertain and he loved nothing better being at his best at the breakfast table. He was a great smoker consuming an average of 9 cigars daily. He was very liberal and always thinking of other peoples comfort often forgetting his own and family's is his eagerness. His friends were always first and even on his death bed he always insisted that those who came to see him should stay to dinner.

In the year 1882 James Irvin, wife Mary, and son Elmer were stricken with severe typhoid fever and following this illness he was forced to give up farming. They moved to Petersburg, Pa. where they engaged in the general merchantile business. In 1883, James Irvin contracted Malarial Feber from the swampy lands along the Junita River. This illness was repeated so often that he was forced to move across the mountain again to Pine Grove Mills where they lived for the following four years. In 1888, James Irvin and family, moved to Lemont, Pa. and set up a coal, grain, and general merchantile business which soon proved very successful. He built the grain elevator still in use today by his son Elmer Caven. The store occupied the building at the cross-roads in Lemont today the home and store is owned by Elmar Caven. He is retired and has had a very successful business career. Besides owning the business above he has much real estate and many stocks and bonds of recognized value today.

Mary Caven, wife of James Irvin was godly woman in every sense of the word. She was known throughout the valley for her hospitality and kind manner to all who happened their way. She carried an air of good will and true motherhood everywhere. Her character may be illustrated by saying she often repeated to her children. "If you know no good about a person say nothing". She thought always of the welfare of family and friends.

The hospitality of the James Irvin Ross family is something of which I am proud to write. I am told by everyone that no traveler ever passed the old Ross threshold without food and rest if he were in need of such things. During religious meetings held frequently in those days long tables were set in the old fashioned turkey platter reposed in a tempting manner at each end of the tables. All the good things accompanied these dinners of plenty in the good old fashioned style of the country folk of the day: The preparation of the food was just as Famous as the bill of fare and Mary Caven had the reputation of being an excellent cook as well as a good mother and tidy housekeeper. A reputation much to be envied in those past days when woman's work was in her home exclusively.

After the death of the parents the farm was retained and divided among the children. Inaddition the grain elevators, home, and store room at Lemont were among the possessions at the time of James death. These real estate holdings were of much value at the time and thus were factors in making Major Ross one of the most prosperous mon in the valley.

James Irvin died of Pneumonia at the age of 74 years in Feb. 1901. Mary Caven followed him into the shadow of death six months later from strangulation of a right feudral hernia. She was 73 years of age at the time of her death in August, 1901.

The children to this union were--Louisa, Sarah Alice, Martha Agnes, Adie Zeliah, John Hale, Laura Leah, Idelia, Elmer Caven, Mary Etta.

Post Humous--Under the beaching, "An old Landmark Gone" a Bellefoute County paper gives a life account of Grandfather Ross. Extracts from it are given the original being found in the old Ross family Bible.

"Major Ross, as he was familiarity known, had many friends being unusually hospitable, clever and genial. He loved a good joke and could tell one. Under the most adverse circumstances he could always see the bright side of life."

His military career dates away back in the early fifties when he was commissioned major of the Penns Valley Dragoons, a crack troop of the date. He served as a 1st. Lieutenant in Co. H.P.V.M. during the Civil War.

He was born on the old Ross homestead just east of town (Pine Grove Mills) October 24, 1826. June 1, 1848, he married Miss Mary Caven of Westmoreland, Pa.

In 1887 he located in Lemont, Pa. and erected extensive grain elevators and coal sheds and made the venture a success.

His old place of residence is one of the finest in the section. The large and beautiful home and its grand surroundings indicate the taste and good judgement displayed in the adornment of his presence.

He was a Republican in politics, but never sought an office.

He was a life long member of the Presbyterian Church.

He was a member of Cap't. J. O. Campbell Post 272 G. A. R.

DAVID ROSS---son of John Ross Sr., married Barbara Neff from Center Hall, Pa. She was of a poor, unknown family and David's father was very displeased with the match, but she later proved herself to be a woman of character and a good wife and mother. He was a farmer, but was quite unsuccessful. Later he moved to Arlington, Kansas where he was more successful and in later life had a grain and feed business in that territory. Some of his children were---Blanchard; Neff; Agnes; Florence; Curt.

MARTHA ROSS---married George Gray of Stormstown, Pa. He was from good stock and well-to-do family. He was a good man and because a large farm owner in Stormstown He lived to be 92 years of age. Their children were---Alice; Bell; Agnes; Anna; Irvine.

This completes the second generation and gives the root families for the many branches throughout this country. Short interesting notes will suffice for the remaining branches.

MCCLURE'S FAMILY---nothing known of this family.

ELIZABETH'S --- moved west in early life.

ROBERT'S---John Ross II married Mary Alexander of Center Ha.. She was a scion of an old and wealthy pioneer family. They had three children, Sadie; Frank; Lettie; all dead at this writing.

Aleck Ross moved west when young and his history is lost. He married a Rhinehardt from Center Hall.

ROBERT ROSS II--- early migrated west and settled in Kansas. He married a quakeress, Minnie Bell Gause. He owns a large wheat belt and stock ranch in Kansas. He is still living (1926) and expects to come East for a visit soon.

MARY ANN---married James Krape. They lived on a farm near Pine Grove Mills. Their children were Anna; Oscar; George; John. Anna married Calvin King and is now living in Spring Mills, Pa. Of the remaining children nothing is known at this time.

Agnes---died when young. John Ross II married, but had no children.

MARY ANN ROSS (MYTON) FAMILY---

Clark Ross Myton---died when young of fever.

Agnes Ross Myton---married Amos Caven, a brother of Mary Caven. No children were born to them.

Albert Myton---married Kate Greenwalte. He became very wealthy, owning such real estate in and about Huntington, Pa. He also owned a beautiful home in Huntington, Pa. They had but one child, Agnes, who died at the age of 19 years of heart failure. She was never married. Kate Myton died in 1926.

Louisa Myton---married Westley Gregory. They became wealthy owning many farms in and about Petersburg. They had one child, a son Ralph, who is married and lives in the old home in Petersburg at this time (1926). He is a very prosperous merchantile at this time.

Mac Calister Myton--married Callie Henderson. They built up a fortune during their lifetime which was spent in Petersburg, Pa. They had no children.

Benner Myton married Margaret Robb. He was a farmer for much of his life, but now lives in Washington D. C. in retirement. He inherited fortunes from the above named brothers. Seven children were born to them--Maunie: James; Graham; William; Caroline; Jay; Myrtle. These children are all married and living in Washington D. C. with the exception of James who lives in Petersburg, Pa.; and William who lives in Wilson town on a farm.

Leah Myton died when young of Tuberculosis without ever having been married.

Emma Myton married Alexander Gilliam. They have lived in Huntingdon, Tyrone, and now Petersburg, Pa. They also have a home in Florida where they spend their winters. He has been very successful in the wholesale merchantile business. They have no children.

MATILDA ROSS (CLARK) FAMILY--

Nothing is known of this family except Anna Clark who married a Mr. College. They had one child, Mintie College. They live in Ligionier, Pa.

JAMES IRVIN ROSS FAMILY--

Louisa--died at birth.

Sarah Alice--married David Weaver. They lived at Pine Grove Mills, Pa. where Mr. Weaver was in the merchantile business. They had four children--George, Walter, Morris, Foster.

Martha Agnes--married Levi Krebs from Pine Grove Mills, Pa. They farmed for awhile and then lived a retire life in Pine Grove Mills. He died in August, 1900 of cancer of the stomach. Since then Martha Agnes has lived with George and Mary Etta (her sister) Glenn of State College, Pa. She is still living and has been the source of nearly all of this family information. She is a genial, good woman who used to carry me astride of her back when I was very small while she did her early morning tasks. Levi and Agnes had no children.

Adie Zellah--married Daniel Lowder of Oak Hall, Pa. They farmed during her lifetime. They lived in the beautiful old stone house just east of the Oak Hall Roller Mill. It is truly a beautiful home and was always kept in splendid condition. She died of Diabetes Mellitus at the age of 54 years. Their children were; Ralph, Joel, Clarence Ross, Elmer Stuart, Mary Florence(died when young of Diabetes)

John Hale--married Adelia Messar from Pine Grove Mills. They farmed for a few years at Pine Grove and then moved to Linden Hall, Pa. where he was a merchant and Flour Miller for the remainder of his life. He is still living at this writing (1926) as is also his wife Adelia. Their children were--Ella, Charles, Earl, Irene, Ruth, Paul, Lynn, William.

Laura Leah--married James Irvin Lytle from State College, Pa. He was a son of Lytle and a member of one of the old pioneer families of Pennsylvania. Early in life he was a coal and grain dealer in Lemont, Pa. Later they moved to State College where they lived a retired life. They built the first modern fraternity house in this college town at present occupied by the Ply Signa Kappa Fraternity. They built three large fraternity houses and own much real estate in State College and a fine residence on South Banard Street. James Lytle served as a volunteer in the Civil War when he was but 16 years of age. They are both living today and are quite active. Their children are--Irvin Ross, Mary Agnes, Preston Kay.

Elmer Caven--married Gertrude Irvine of Jacksonville, Pa. They lived in Lemont where Elmer carried on his father's coal, grain, and merchantile business very successfully. He is quite wealthy and owns much real estate in this Valley. They had one child born to them - Edith Irvine.

Mary Etta (the Writer's Mother) -- married George Glenn of the Branch. He was the son of Andrew Glenn a well thought of and pioneer family in the old strip of country in Center Country, known as the Branch. He was a school teacher for eight years in the Branch School. He was prepared for this work by attending sessions in the famous West Chester Normal School.

After marriage he lived in the large corner home on the Right as one turns up to the Lemont Railroad Station. Four years later they moved to State College where George entered the United States government service as a Postal Clerk. He was promoted to Assistant Post Master in the first class office in State College which position he has held for the past five years. (See Glenn geneological record)

JAMES ROSS--(Born 1794 (Ireland) -died 1869(America) another brother of John Ross, Sr. in whose company with David sailed from Ireland and landed in America in the early nineteenth century.

James Ross located in Ferguson township in 1821 and the next year in Patton township, near the gray church. There he lived and farmed in a prosperous manner until the year 1870 where he died at the age of 75 years. (History of Clinton and Center Counties James Blain Lynn 1883)

James Ross built the old Ross church in Loveville. He contributed the land, material and aided in its building so that the populace of the valley might have a suitable place in which to worship. Their children were--Betty; Selia Jane; Mary; Louisa A.; George.

Generation II

GEORGE ROSS--married Polly Works. Their children were 1. Elizabeth, 2 John T.; 3. Sarah, 4. George Milton, 5. James P., 6. Albert A., 7. Robert S., 8. Ella, 9. Laura, 10. Luella.

Generation III

ROBERT S. ROSS--married Saide Dickison and lived on a truck farm near Warriore Mark, Pa. They have a beautiful home and are very hospitable people. They had four children born to them---Edna, Lester, Robert Dickison, Virginia.

BUILDING OF THE ROSS CHURCH--

as related to me by Robert S. Ross, Grandson of James Ross.

"The wife of James Ross was a very religious woman making it her main life interest. A church was needed in the community and no funds seemed available in the country side for such use. Thus James Ross came to donate the land of the Ross Church and cemetery. Again in lieu of funds he furnished nearly 400 L to build the structure and his wife boarded all the help employed in the construction. The congregation pledged themselves to pay the 400L as years went by. This was never carried out and James Ross and wife are the sole founders of that quaint spot known today as "The Ross Church". I visited the Ross Church in the summer of 1926 and found it to be a very pleasant spot overlooking much fertile farming lands. It was in good repair, but the tomb markings of James had fallen over. This was propped up and his tomb marked for repair and resetting of the stone.

DAVID ROSS--

The third of the brothers who emigrated from Ireland with James and John finally came to settle in Potter County along the foot of Mitdany Mountain near Linders Hall. He married Mary Pollanna Lewis. He owned three farms in this region all of which he personally directed in the clearing of forest lands. He built a beautiful brick home at the foot of Mitdany Mountain and recently owned by Mr. Ripka. His farms were all well equipped and all boasted of fine brick homes. Of the children there were---John, William, James, Elizabeth, Ann, Sally, Ella.

Generation II

JOHN ROSS--son of David, married Mary Ora Myton. They moved to Kansas where John engaged in Merchantile business. His wife became a missionary among the American Indians. He died in Kansas, his wife is still living at this writing. They had two children---Sydney who died in childhood and Walter who now lives in Los Angeles, California.

JAMES ROSS--son of David married Elizabeth Sechrist. They lived on a farm near Linden Hall. Late in life they moved to Boalsburg where they built a home.

JAMES ROSS(CONT)--They were a very delightful couple. James dressed very well in an old gentlemanly style. Elizabeth was a very religious woman beautiful even in old age and of the type of real motherly woman fast disappearing in our so-called civilized day.

ELIZABETH ROSS--married a Mr. Koch who was stabbed to death by a negro in Bellefonte, Pa. His wife died soon afterward from the shock of the death of her husband. They left one child Nora who married Dr. James Smith-- a well known physician of Artcona, Pa.

ANNA ROSS--married Samuel Gregory of Manor Hill, Pa. They lived on a farm at Manor Hill all their lives. They children were Mary Jane and Ross.

SALLY ROSS--married Dr. White, a dentist, and moved to Kansas. They had four children--Anna; Denoise.

ELLA ROSS--married David Kline--a lumber dealer. They moved to Kentucky where he had large lumber interests. He lost everything in a fire and then moved to California where Ella died. Mr. Kline is still living in California.

From Lynn's History of Centre County

The farm occupied by J. B. Mitchell was purchased by him and his brother. J. H. Mitchell, off John Barron, in 1848. Samuel Wallis sold the Ephriam Gower to James Kerr, and he to Gen. Philip Benner; from him to Mrs. Hunter Wilson, who disposed of it to James Irvin Ross, the present owner and occupant, whose parents, John and Susanna Ross, came from Mifflin county in 1812, renting off Philip Benner, who at that time was the owner. Here they remained until 1820, when they purchased a place of their own off John McElroy, and shortly after added to their possessions about 400 acres of adjoining land procured off Samuel Wilson. Their family numbered nine children, as follows: James McC., Robert, John, James, Irvin, William, Elizabeth, Mary A., Matilda, and Martha. Of the above, James is in Westmoreland county; William in Reno county, Kansas; Robert died in Gregg township; James Irvin married Mary Caven, of Westmoreland county, and has seven children: Alice, Agnes, Ada, Hale, Laura, Elmer, and Mary. Elizabeth is residing in Kansas; Mary Ann married James Myton, and is now living in Huntingdon county; Matilda is the wife of James Clark, of Westmoreland county; Martha, now deceased, was formerly the wife of George Gray

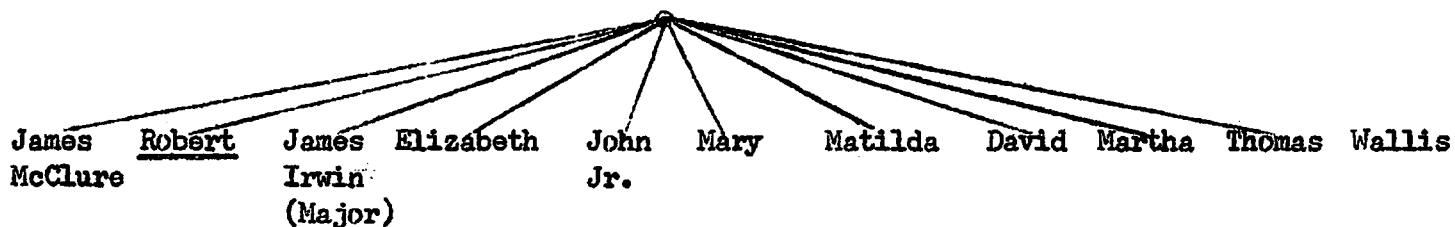
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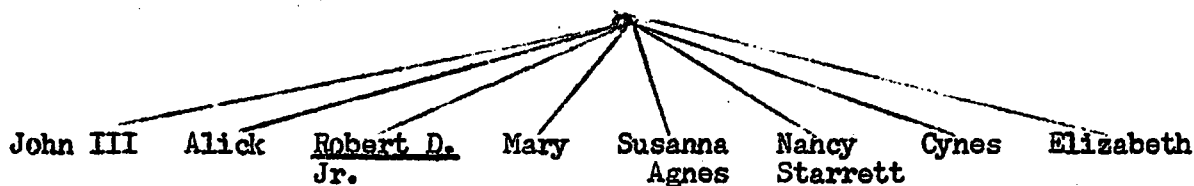
GENERATION I

John Ross, Sr. Born 1789 (Ireland) - Died 1859 - Married Sara McNitt
Sara McNitt Born 1793 (America) Died 1868



GENERATION II

Robert Ross Born 1813- Died 1863 Married Sarah Starett (a cousin)
Sarah Starett Born 1819 - Died 1870



GENERATION III

Robert D. Ross, Jr. Born November 1, 1858 - died July 5, 1947 Married 1885
Minnie Belle Gause Born July 28, 1869- died March 4, 1957



GENERATION IV

Robert Frank Ross, born June 24, 1896--
Eva Cloo Hailo, born November 25, 1900--

Married May 24, 1922

Eugene Hailo Francis Thaine Paul Lindberg Esther May Rutholma Gerald Warron
Dec. 16, 1923 Sept. 27, 1925 June 24, 1927 Nov. 28, 1928 July 12, 1930 Dec. 20, 1932

GENERATION V

Eugene Hailo Ross, born December 16, 1923
Alta (Johnson) Ross, born January 17, 1929

Married November 6, 1949

Connie Loo
Nov. 5, 1952

Gary Eugene
Oct. 2, 1954

Dolbert Wayne
Nov. 19, 1957

Francis Thaine Ross, born September 27, 1925
Dorothy Ellen (White) Ross, born August 3, 1923

Married June 4, 1946

Linetta Marie

Kenneth Eugene

Loretta Marlene

Paul Lindberg Ross, born June 24, 1927
Florence Mac (Winn) Ross, born February 2, 1930 (Patty)

Married June 4, 1950

David Paul
Sept. 4, 1951

Diane Marcilo
April 5, 1954

Keenan Mario
Feb. 25, 1956

Shirley Colleen
Sept. 16, 1958

Lynne Ann
Aug. 14, 1960

Myrna Kayloen
July 20, 1962

Esther May (Ross) Johnson, born November 28, 1928
Robert Fred Johnson, born November 13, 1926

Married June 13, 1948

Robert Allon
Dec. 9, 1949

Janice Kay
Nov. 6, 1951

John Mark
Jan. 23, 1956

Roxie Ann
Mar. 14, 1958

Esther Rochelle
Nov. 9, 1964

Rutholma Joan (Ross) Smith, born July 12, 1930
Milo Smith, born January 13, 1925

Married August 5, 1948

Sylvia Kay
Sept. 26, 1950

Frankie Joseph
Nov. 12, 1951

Joyce June
Mar. 13, 1954

Mildred Eileen
August 25, 1962

Gerald Warron Ross, born December 20, 1932
Patricia (Weaver) Ross, born February 26, 1935

Married June 11, 1961

ADOPTED

Richard
Sept. 2, 1953

Ronnie
Dec. 3, 1956

Loren Allen
Aug. 4, 1962

Gerald Thaine
Sept. 30, 1962
(Died at birth)

GENERATION IV

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GEOLOGICAL RECORD OF ROBERT DAVID ROSS, JR.

Written March 1963

by
Frank Ross

Robert left Centre County, Pennsylvania and came west as a young man, and settled near Carthage, Missouri. He was born November 1, 1858, and died July 6, 1947. He married January 5, 1887 to Minnie Belle Gause, born July 28, 1869, and died March 4, 1956.

Robert was a great lover of good horses as well as all live-stock, for years he raised and sold registered Percherons, along with his farming. Feeling the need of good spiritual influence for their children, they moved in 1913, to Kansas. He purchased a farm being the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 13-28-17 Kiowa county, Kansas, including all machinery impliments and household furniture. This was a Friends settlement and they had a Friends Academy from which all but John graduated.

Seven children were born to Robert and Minnie while in Missouri they are: John Alexander, February 4, 1889; Mable Elizabeth Ross, November 25, 1892; (died 1894) Myrtle Effie May, October 18, 1893; Curtis Orville, February 21, 1895; Robert Frank, June 24, 1896; Irvin Gause, November 2, 1900; Esther Sarah Loraine, May 9, 1907.

John Alexander Ross--married May 30, 1917 to Ethel Laura Israel, (born February 23, 1890--died October 5, 1948). John lives at 2037 Maple, Wichita, Kansas. He is retired, after many years with the Santa Fe Railroad. No children were born to this union.

Myrtle E. M. Ross--married September 1, 1920 to Ernest Charles Binford, (born July 5, 1894). They are retired and live in Haviland, Kansas, after spending long days and years in general farming of wheat, row crops, and livestock for which they were very successful. Now they can enjoy their new home and easier life in their reclining years.

Their five children are Cecil Ross Binford, February 15, 1923; Leona Mary Binford, April 14, 1928; Allen David Binford, May 25, 1929; Pauline Elda Binford, October 12, 1935; Paul Leon Binford, October 12, 1935.

CECIL--married November 16, 1944 to Lois Louise Gossard (born May 6, 1923). They live near Caldwell, Idaho as and irrigation farmer. Their four children are: Marilyn Louise, March 16, 1946; Howard Cecil, November 13, 1947; Jana Lee, November 21, 1953; Chris Randall, July 7, 1955.

LEONA--married December 23, 1951 to Clyde Eugene Miller, (born October 25, 1928). Lives in Seattle Washington. Works with computers in the Engineering Department at Boeing. Their four children are: Renita Ann Miller, July 20, 1954; Rochelle Kay Miller, September 12, 1955; Merril Eugene Miller, March 18, 1958; Dana Lee Miller, December 13, 1959.

ALLEN--married September 1, 1949 to Mary Louise McNichols, (born September 30, 1929) Dairy farming near Haviland, Kansas. Children are Sharon Kay, July 3, 1951; Carolyn Louise, December 20, 1952; Shirley Jean, September 7, 1954; Randall Allen, December 22, 1957; Charles David, November 20, 1961.

PAULINE--married Febraury 25, 1961 to Ralph Robert Busby, (June 17, 1932) widower. Lives in Wichita, Kansas as a radio technician for the Police Department. Step-son, Arden Busby, August 3, 1958.

PAUL--married July 7, 1956 to Carol Ann Glines, (born December 6, 1936). Lives near Haviland, Kansas as a dairy farmer and stockman. Their children are: Karen Janelle, March 23, 1957; Kenton Leon, January 14, 1959.

Curtis Orville Ross--born February 21, 1896, never married. Layed at rest in Haviland Cemetery Jan 5, 1961.

Robert Frank Ross--married May 24, 1922 to Eva Cleo Haile, (born November 25, 1900), daughter of William and Dora Haile. They were married in the old home house and lived there one year, while his parents lived in Haviland. In November 1923, they moved to a farm three miles northwest of Haviland. They lived there seven years. In December, 1928, they purchased the present home quarter, Sec. N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ -24-28-17, Kiowa County, Kansas. With the Lord's help and good management and a lot of hard work, we have been able to place ourselves in a position that we should have more time to enjoy the better things of life in our reclining years. At this time I am farming 420 acres to crops and have 21 head of beef cattle and one jersey milk cow. (1963)

Their six children are Eugene Haile, December 16, 1923; Francis Thaine, September 27, 1925; Paul Lindburg, June 23, 1927; Esther May, November 28, 1928; Ruthelma Jean, July 11, 1930; Gerald Warren, December 20, 1932.

Summary of children see pages 13, 14, & page 15.

Irvin Gause Ross--(born November 2, 1900--died June 15, 1964)--married January 5, 1921 to Mazie Louise Williams, (born March 16, 1900--died July 15, 1968), daughter of Osker Williams.

Farmed and retired at Haviland.

Their four children are: Milton Clair, March 14, 1923; Charlotte LaVae, November 8, 1924; Ronald Jay, December 7, 1928; and Naomi Louise, September 8, 1931.

MILTON--married September 21, 1941 to Edith Wynona Vernon, (born August 6, 1922). Farmer and stockman at Haviland, Kansas. Their five children are: Elizabeth Ann, July 20, 1942; Dennis Milton, May 9, 1945; Milota Kay, May 2, 1953; Lorraine Sue, May 21, 1957; Janet Louise, July 26, 1961.

CHARLOTTE LAVAE--married June 7, 1949 to Harold Schlender, (born March 23,). They live in McPherson, Kansas. Harold is a building contractor. Their three children are Gregory Harold, September 16, 1951; Brenton Ross, April 1, 1954; and Debra Jan, November 22, 1959.

RONALD--married May 23, 1948 to Norma Jean Smith (born April 18, 1928). Farmer and stockman near Haviland, Kansas. Their children are: Pamela Kay, November 7, 1949; Patricia Ann, November 7, 1951; Rhonda Jean, October 3, 1956.

NAOMI--married June 18, 1950 to Fred Littlefield, (born January 28, 1926). Fred is the Friends Pastor at Nowberg, Oregon. Their children are: Divonna, December 12, 1953; Danotta Loudell, March 12, 1958.

Esthor Sarah Lorraine (Ross) Ellis--married December 20, 1936 to Willard Dwight Ellis, (born July 22, 1916), son of Ben and Miriam Ellis. Willard is the Pastor of a Presbyterian Church in Elmont, Long Island, New York.

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Eugene Haile Ross--married November 6, 1949, at Wellsford, Kansas, Alta Johnson. Alta Johnson, born January 17, 1929, twin daughter of Anford and Pearl Johnson. They live near Haviland Kansas. Eugene does general farming and livestock operator. They have been in the dairy business for several years, sold there dairy cows last fall and have purchased a few angus bred heifers. (1963)

They are now living near Wellsford, Kansas, farming ____ acres, and cattle raising. They both graduated from the Haviland Academy. They have three children, Connie Lee, Gary Eugene, and Delbert Wayne.

CONNIE--

GARY--

DELBERT--

Francis Thaine Ross--married June 4, 1946, Woodbury Michigan, to Dorothy Ellen White. Dorothy White born August 3, 1923. Friends minister, now pastors at Alva, Oklahoma. After his graduation from Haviland Academy, he entered Cleveland Bible College (1943-1946), receiving his Th. B. degree. While attending college, he was married to Dorothy, daughter of John and Clara White. They received a call from Beaver Friends Church, Beaver, Kansas, and accepted. (1947-1950). Other pastorates have been Walsh Friends, Walsh, Colorado (1950-1954). Mt. Ayr Friends Church, Alton, Kansas (1954-1959), where he received his Master Degree at Fort Hays State College, Hays, Kansas. (1963)

He pastored the Alva Friends Church from (1959-1968) and is now pastoring the First Friends Church, Marshalltown, Iowa. In 1962 he purchased 248 acres of grass and timber land near Wheatland, Missouri. In 1965 he added 103 more joining acres. (1969)

Their three children are Linetta Marie, Kenneth Eugene, Loretta Marlene.

LINETTA--graduated from Alva High School in 1966 and attended Friends University, Wichita, Kansas, 1966-1967. She is now employed as secretary to Petroleum, Inc. in Wichita. *Aug. 9, 1970 married Gregory Lloyd Russell*

KENNETH--graduated from Marshalltown, Iowa at Marshalltown High School, in 1969. Majoring in Auto Mechanics. He is now continuing in his major at Marshalltown Community College.

MARLENE--

Paul Lindberg Ross--married June 4, 1950, Alliance, Ohio to Florence Marie Winn
Florence Marie (PATTY) Winn born February 2, 1930.

He is farming and dairying on a farm south-west of Haviland. (1963)

At present he is farming _____ acres west of Haviland, Kansas, and raising cattle. He graduated from Haviland Academy and attended Cleveland Bible College, where he met and married Patty, daughter of _____.

Their six children are as follows: David Paul, Diane Marcile, Keenan Marie, Shirley Colleen, Lynne Ann, Myrna Kayleen.

DAVID--attended Haviland Academy 1966-1968 and graduated from Haviland High School in 1969. He is now attending Friends Bible College, Haviland, Kansas. His major is sports.

DIANE--

KEENAN--

COLLEEN--

LYNNE ANN--

KAYLEEN--

Esther May (Ross) Johnson--married June 13, 1948, Haviland Friends Church, Haviland, Kansas to Robert Fred Johnson. Fred Johnson born November 13, 1926, son of Lee and Nina Johnson, Vice, Oklahoma.

Esther May is a housewife at present, living at 5530 E. Park Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Her husband is the pastor of the Glenhaven Free Methodist Church in Tulsa. They have held pastorates in the following places:

(1963)

They are now living in Haviland, Kansas where Fred is a professor in Friends Bible College. (1969)

R -- Their five children are Robert Allen, Janice Kay, John Mark, Roxie Ann, and Esther Rochelle.

ROBERT--graduated in 1968 from Haviland Academy and is attending Friends Bible College.

JANICE--

JOHN--

ROXIE--

ROCHELLE

Ruthelma Jean (Ross) Smith--Born July 11, 1930, married August 5, 1948 at Haviland, Kansas to Milo Smith. Milos Smith--born January 13, 1925 near Grant, Nebraska, son of Joseph and Hazel Smith.

They live on a ranch three miles west of Waunetta, Nebraska. Her husband is a farmer and stockman. (1963)

SYLVIA--graduated from Wauneta High School in 1967. She is now attending Nazarene College, Olathe, Kansas.

FRANKIE--

JOYCE--

MILDRED--

Gerald Warren Ross--married June 11, 1961 to Patricia Weaver. Patricia born February 26, 1935, daughter of .

Foreman installing automatic telephone equipment. He has worked with Stromberg Carlson and others. (1963)

At present he is in Mayfield, Ky, a foreman for West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative. He has purchased acres farm.(1969)

RICKY--

RONNIE--

LOREN--