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" A Brief History of the Sapp Family
in the Early Danville Community, 1805-1905"

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Introduction

An interest in our own community has often caused us to be a little curious about its early settlers and anxious to learn more about our family's ancestors. The year-long celebration in 1976 of our country's Bi-Centennial and the television presentation of "Roots" has helped to heighten interest in our particular family's heritage. The main reason for reprinting this treatise is to make it available to anyone concerned about early Ohio and Knox County history.

I have added as an appendix to this history the copy of an original letter written in 1853 describing the concerns of our early pioneers in this county as an "eyewitness" account.

The manuscript of this history is in fine condition and very legible, but a large portion of the first page has been misplaced. The author's grammar and spelling is almost identical with the original text. Only the punctuation is improved to facilitate reading this rambling "narration." Several parenthetical words have been inserted to clarify or complete various remarks. A lengthy set of footnotes has been added to provide necessary background information. The material for these notes has been developed from "A History of Knox County, Ohio," 1881, by N. N. Hill Jr.; "The Sapp Family History," 1910, by J. G. Sapp and H. W. Stanley; and from my personal research notes.

Francis Sapp was born in 1839 near Danville. He married Mary Ann Carney and lived for some time in Zanesville before returning to Knox County around 1880. He bought land in the midst of "Sapp's Settlement," immediately southwest of St. Luke's Cemetery. After gathering information from friends and relatives he spent the years 1898 to 1905 reworking his material and putting it in its final form.

The numerous genealogical details of Francis Sapp's history were incorporated in the more complete family history, "The Sapp Family History," published in 1910. This history by Sapp and Stanley is available only in photocopy form. This lengthy history required ten years of nationwide research to compile. The merit of Francis Sapp's work is indicated in the following quote found in the introduction to this same book: "Thanks are due all contributors for what they have done, but especially to Mr. Francis Sapp, Danville, and others for the cheerful and long continued work which they did."

Francis Sapp died in 1918, but he left a valuable source of information for later generations to enjoy. It was my pleasure to know a few of the people mentioned herein and receive their wholehearted encouragement to undertake this printing endeavor.

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It is an evident fact that the younger generation knows very little in regard to their ancestors and perhaps I am the only one that will endeavor to leave any statement whereby they can trace back to their forefathers. In a very early day¹ there were two brothers who came from Holland to Allegheny County, Maryland. One of these brothers is my Great Grand Father, George Sapp (Sr.), the father of the first four boys I have mentioned: Daniel, George (Jr.), Joseph, and William and I am under the impression that there is another brother, if so I will look after him and give account of him further along.

Daniel Sapp² had a dozen children, of whom Hon. Wm R. Sapp, S. W. Sapp, Dr. Enoch Sapp, and Dr. Silas Sapp have been widely known. Mrs. Warils of Brown Township and Mrs. Stover of Mt. Gilead; others are not known. NOTE - I failed to mention John Sapp, the fifth son of Daniel Sapp. I will refer to him later on.

St. Luke's Parish³ was organized about the year 1814 and was attended for some years by a Dominican Priest, Father (Nicholas) Young of Kentucky afterwards of Somerset,⁴ Ohio.

J. (Jonathan) A. Sapp was the first white child born (March 16, 1809) in Union Township and he was the first one baptized in the Co. of Knox. The parish had increased⁵ so much so that it was necessary to have a church and it was about the year 1820 that the first Catholic church was built.⁶ George Sapp (Sr.), who emigrated from Allegheny Co., Md., in 1805, gave the lot for the church and the cemetery.

Father O'Leary was appointed to attend the mission and he visited it regularly once a month. Father Allerman, also a Dominican, succeeded him in 1834 and attended the mission and in 1838 the first priest was stationed at St. Luke's in the person of Father Lama, afterwards Archbishop of Santa Fe, (N. M.). Father Lama was so good

1. The earliest likely date for the arrival of the first generation Sapp in the U. S. is around 1650 as part of the English Lord Baltimore's Colony in Maryland. According to later research, George Sapp Sr. belongs to the fourth generation.
2. Daniel Sapp came to Knox Co. in 1809 and purchased 600 acres of land in Union Township. Part of the land he farmed and part was laid out as the town of Danville, named after Daniel. He served as a Lieutenant in the War of 1812, acted as the first county surveyor, and later elected as Justice of the Peace.
3. Father Edward Fenwick, a Dominican, was the first missionary priest to travel by horseback throughout the new State of Ohio, ministering to the scattered flock entrusted to his care. Other sources agree that his first visit to Danville was in 1814.
4. St. Joseph's Church, Somerset, was built in 1818, blessed on December 6, 1818, is generally believed to be the oldest Catholic Church in Ohio. St. Luke's ranks second.
5. In December of 1819 Father Fenwick reported that in Knox Co. there were already 30 Catholic families who probably belonged to St. Luke's Mission, known also as Sapp's Settlement. He was consecrated the first bishop of Cincinnati and of Ohio in 1822. While returning to this city after an official tour and visit of his parishes in Northern Ohio the bishop contracted cholera and died suddenly September 26, 1832, in Wooster.
6. The first church was blessed in October of 1822, but how much earlier it was built (probably in 1819) is difficult to say. The parish sacramental records from 1818 to 1829 are preserved at St. Joseph's Church, Somerset. Later records are fully intact at St. Luke's, written in longhand Latin sentences.

that everybody loved him. I was a very young boy when he was pastor here, but had such a high opinion of him. I thought that God would not let him die, but take him to Heaven a live body and soul. Father Lama was called away from here in 1847. It was Father Lama that builtd St. Luke's Frame church in 1840 or 1841. Also he baptized me and called me Francis Sapp in 1839. I have sit upon his knees many times. May he rest in peace. ⁷

Father Boulger was the next resident pastor of St. Luke's. He came here in October 1847 and remained here until September 1851. He was a good priest and a fine speaker. He is dead at this time. May his soul rest in peace.

Rev. Father Julius Brent⁸ was the next pastor. He came here in 1851 and for 23 years he was the pastor of St. Luke's and St. Vincent de Paul's, Mt. Vernon. His sisters kept house for him; Emma at Danville and Fanie at Mt. Vernon. Emma continued in charge of his house until her death in 1873. Emma was my Godmother. May her soul rest in peace. After Emma's death, Father Brent became resident pastor of St. Vincent de Paul's, Mt. Vernon. He died suddenly in 1880. May his soul rest in peace.

Father Moitrier⁹ was apointed in 1876 to take charge of the parish and ruled it for over 12 years. He built a very nice church, also a priest's residence.¹⁰ Father McDermott succeeded him and is our present pastor.

The second boy is named George Sapp (Jr.), my Grand Father. He married Catherine Arnold, daughter of Archable (Archibald) Arnold of Maryland and emigrated to this county in the year 1805 with his wife and three children in sacks on horseback with their mother. The remainder of the family were borned at what was knowen as the George Sapp homestead near St. Luke's old church. Grand Father was formerly a protestan(t) and became a Catholic in some years and perhaps about the time Father Lama came here.

Rev. Father Lama was the first priest I ever knew and he it was that made the conversion of Grand Father Sapp, for which I think him the most lovely priest I ever knew. He also baptized me and had it not been for him, we, in all probability, would be outside the pale of the Catholic Church. May God have mercy on his soul and (on the soul of my) Grand Parents.

7. A tremendous biography of Fr. Jean Lamy was recently published: "Lamy of Sante Fe, His Life and Times," by P. Horgan.
8. Father Brent was born in London in 1827. In 1835 his father moved the family to Danville, where the entire family became converts of Father Lamy. Father Brent later became pastor.
9. Father Moitrier helped with the design, building, and decorating of the third and last church to stand within the cemetery grounds. The new brick and stone church was dedicated in 1877 by the first Bishop of Columbus, Bishop Sylvester Rosecrans, who called it "The Gem of the Diocese." After this third church burned, the present brick church was built in the city limits of Danville, and dedicated in 1895.
10. The former rectory was a large three floor house. This home was remodeled and is now owned by the Eddie Lyons family.
11. Father McDermott remained until May of 1905, when Father Otto Trogus succeeded him. In 1912 Father Clement Teipe received the pastorate of St. Luke Parish, residing in Danville.

Great credit is due Grand Father and Grand Father Sapp. Had it not been for them emigrating to or near Danville and also running the risk of losing their lives at a time when the country was interly new and not one white person nearer than three miles. Indians, bear, panther, and wolves were as plentiful as ever they were. I have heard Grand Father talk of the hard and troublesome time of that early day, and yet he was protected by God for the beginning of a St. Luke's Parish and Church, otherwise it might never have been. He donated the land for the church and cemetery and helped to build two or three churches on the same. He raised a large family of two boys and eight girls and a noble family they were and have all passed away, except one.

My Grand Father, George Sapp,¹² has frequently told me when I was yet a boy about his hunting bear. He has, while hunting, come across an old bear and her young cubs and he would run towards them and hallow and make all the noise possible and by so doing the cubs would run up a tree and the mother bear would run away for some distance and then Grand Father would shoot the cubs and then would have some good meat. At one particular time, Grand Father and a friendly Indian went out to watch a deerlick on a bright moonlight night and on the way to the lick they made an agreement to not talk any after They arrived at the Lick. And also each one would climb separate trees on the west side of the lick so that They would have the lick between them and the moon, when it came up, in order that They would have full view of the Lick and surroundings. They were up in the trees waiting patiently when to their surprise They heard something climbing a tree over the Lick and could not Tell what it was until the moon gave sufficient light for Them to discover what it might be and it proved to be a panther perched upon a limb waiting for Mr. Deer. They all three kept quiet and it was not long untill They heard and seen the Deer, but as soon as the Deer came to the Lick the panther leaped upon Him and killed him quickly and then the Indian shot the Panther and made the remark to Grand Father that was the way to watch a Deerlick.

Grand Father had to undergo a great many hardships that younger generations know very little about. Just think for a moment a Family moving out in a woods without provision of any kind except perhaps a little corn and that had to be eaten in the way of hominy or pound it upon a Hominy Block until it was fine anuff to make a Johnny Cake and made up with water only; perhaps without any Salt as they had to go to Zanesville on Horseback after a bushel of Salt and there being no road, just merely a path, it made Travelling slow and when Grand Father had to leave home after any of the necessarys. Of course it was a natural consequence that Grand Mother and the little family would be left alone,¹³ alone in the wild woods of old Knox County.

12. George Sapp Jr. came to Knox Co. in 1805 from Cumberland, Md., where he was a carpenter. From family tradition George asked the renoun Indian scout, Lew Wetzel, for the location of an area having an abundant supply of springs, hardwood trees and good farmground. He purchased the first piece of land in Union Township in 1806, the present area around St. Luke's Cemetery.
13. While George Jr. was away fighting in the War of 1812 as an Ensign with Captain Greer's Company of Volunteers, his wife, Catherine, would take the children and stay overnight in the Blockhouse, which was near the present Danville Park.

I have always had a great respect and love for my Grand Parents and I have never forgot them and hope I never will. I remember those early settlers in my prayers and there is scarcely a day passes that I do not offer up some Prayer for my Parents and Grand Parents as I know well there is many Grand Children that never think of saying a Prayer for the repose of their souls. May God have mercy on their Souls. May they rest in peace.

Grand Father was a soldier in the war of eighteen and twelve¹⁴ and received a land warrant for one hundred and Sixty acres of land. He sold or traded His right away when I was young. The early settlers were at war continually with the Wolves. They were a pest, so much so that the county paid one fifty for wolves or the killing of them. Grand Father received Bounty frequently for killing them. Also I see from History where he was elected "Justice of the Peace" in the year 1809 and re-elected in 1812 and also in the ninth Term of Common Pleas.

January 1st, 1811 George Sapp was appointed Administrator of George Sapp cenior deceased; Daniel Sapp and John Greer securities. I have heretofore said that my Great Grand Father's name was George Sapp and the above statement goes a good ways toward proving my assercion to be correct. I have other evidence in reference to Him. My father, J. A. Sapp, has told me that his Grand Father's name was George. Also Basil Critchfield¹⁵ has told me the same, consequently My Great Grand Father was George Sapp cenior, and my Grand Father was George Sapp (Jr.) of whom I have said emigrated from Md. in 1805.

My Father was J. A. Sapp and My Mother was Mary (Durbin) Sapp and now it is necessary that I should give my name, it being a very familiar one, Francis Sapp, and my wife's name being Mary Ann (Carney) Sapp, two most beautiful names. It is necessary that I should give the names of the George Sapp family. I have heretofore said that he had ten children, two boys and eight girls. The boys were Levi and Jonathan A. Sapp. For short it is written J. A. Sapp. The Girls were, as I knew them, Peggie, Delila, Liddie, Rachel, Betsy, Martha, Fanny, and Ann.

Levi married Mary Colopy and raised a family of ten children, six boys and four girls. The Boys were William, George, Dr. Leo, Dr. John, Osten, Dr. J. B., and Solomon Sapp. The last named Boy is the fourth Boy. The Girls are Saryann, Lousinda, Martha, Manda.

William had one Son, a lawyer, Dwite E. Sapp of Mt. Vernon. George Jr. had one boy, Julius, and six girls. Dr. Leo had one girl and she died young. Solomon had one Boy and two Girls. Dr. John, Osten, and J. B. have no children. Saryann married James Bradfield and raised a large Family. Lousinda married John Durbin and had a large Family. Martha married Leroy Hunt and has no children. Manda married Wernett and had a small Family.

Levi died at the age of 72 and his wife Mary Sapp died aged 86. Of his six sons mentioned above, three of them reside in Cleveland and have no children. George has one Son, William one Son, Solomon one Son. Levi and Mary, the father and mother of the above Family, are lying in St. Luke's Cemetery near by the Old Church, also by the side of George and Catherine, the father and mother of Levi and Mary.

14. After the close of the War of 1812, there was a large influx of settlers from Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia.
15. The Critchfields settled here prior to 1814 and the name was very common one-hundred years ago in Knox County.

I have mentioned J. A. Sapp as a second son, a brother of Levi. George Sapp, my Grand Father, being the Father of two boys, of whom I have previously spoken of, and also that he emigrated from Allegheny Co., Md. in 1805 and to Union Township in 1808 and lived there the remainder of his life. I well remember the day he died. George Sapp died November 27, 1862, aged 85 years, 7 months. Catherine Sapp, wife of George Sapp, died June 15, 1852, aged 74 years, 3 months, 7 days. May they rest in peace.

J. A. Sapp was the first child bornd by Catherine Sapp after they emigrated to their new home. I say that he was the first white child bornd in Union Township up to that date and My Grand Parents named him J. A. Sapp after Jonathan A. Arnold.

J. A. Sapp was bornd in an early day and at a time when there was not any cradle for rocking babies. Consequently he had a bresh heap for his resting place. He alwys was a resident of Knox County. He married Mary Durbin of Allegheny County, Md., daughter of Eliza Durbin, and had eleven children, of whom I will give their names: Simeon of Taylor County, Iowa; Catherine and Francis and Susan died young. William is next in order, then Francis. They named me after my brother who died when little. He is a bright angel in Heven. Edmund Sapp died at the age of 23. Saryann died very young, angel in Heven; Susanna, John B., and Timothy. Simeon Sapp of Taylor County, Iowa, married Susan Willis and had six children, tow boys and six girls. The two youngest became Sisters at the Academy in Conception, Mosouri.¹⁶ The other two girls are in Iowa. Eugene Sapp lives in Taylor County, Iowa, he being the youngest son of Simeon. Romanis was in Seeattle, Washington Territory, and got married there some two years ago and the last account I had of him was in Spokine. Simeon Sapp is sixty years of age.

William married Olive R. Ebersole of Fostoria, Seneca County, mooved to Michigan and died there at the age of thirty-four. He left three children, two boys and one girl. They mooved to Pine Grove, Iowa. The names of the boys is Albertis J. Sapp and Orro Sapp or something like that. I forgot the girl's name.

Francis Sapp married Mary A. Carney of Fostoria and had six children, four girls and two boys. Emma Cecilia married Edward Burns of Toledo, Ohio. Mary Frances became a Dominican Nun at St. Mary of the Springs, Columbus, Ohio. She is known as Sister M. Hildegarde.¹⁷ She has been teaching school at Stewvenille, Ohio for the past three years. Isabel married Lama Blubaugh and is on a farm near Jeloway, Ohio. Charls Raymond, William Edward and Anna Alena is at home with Father and Mother on the Farm, known as the J. A. Sapp Homestead.

I have to give account of the three youngest children of J. A. Sapp. Susan married Frank Durbin and went to Taylor County, Iowa and had a large family. John B. Sapp married Matilda Larbarger and had five children. This was a very unhappy union. John took his five children to Taylor County, Iowa, leaving his wife in Danville, where she went that evening. Timothy Sapp married Rachel Blubaugh and has a little family, one boy and probily a girl or two. They are in Butler County, Kansas. Now I have finished the J. A. Sapp family.

16. The misspellings of names and places has been retained where possible to preserve the unpretentious and full flavor of the author's pen.

17. Sister M. Hildegarde was born June 4, 1874, and died in Foo-chew, China, during the Japanese Occupation in 1938.

J. A. Sapp was born July 25, 1809 and died February 4, 1886, aged 77 years. May he rest in peace. Mary Sapp, wife of J. A. Sapp, was born March 15, 1811, and died January 6, 1888, aged 77 years. They are buried nearest Old Church on the west.

Remember that I said that four brothers emigrated from Allegheny County, Md., to Danville: Daniel Sapp, George Sapp, Joseph Sapp, and William. I also was under the impression that there another brother. So there was another brother, his name being John Sapp. He located himself on the Ohio River, I believe not far from Steuvenille, Ohio. He raised a family, but I cannot give any history of them, so I will proceed with Joseph Sapp. He also had a small family and moved to Illinois and I am unable to give any further account of them.

William Sapp lived in the little village of Danville and died at a good old age. He married and had two or three boys by his first wife. I can only name two, Reason Sapp and Lemi or Lemon Sapp. The fruit of this last marriage was four boys and three girls, Adline, Franklin, Jefferson, and Mary, Napoleon, Ullis and Minty. I will give a little account of Reason Sapp.¹⁸ He went to Michigan and became a preacher. I do not know anything of his family except one boy and I will describe him as marrying the daughter of Governor So and So of Seattle, Washington. Franklin went to Mercer County, Ohio, and had five children. Jefferson had one boy and one or two girls. They left Mt. Vernon and went to Cincinnati about two years after the death of Jefferson. Mary married Matt Trussell and had four children, two boys and two girls. Napoleon married and had some family, three boys and three girls at Mt. Vernon. Ullis was a soldier and died in Libby Prison.¹⁹ Minty married Daniel Campbell.

You will bear in mind that I said on first page that a cousin,²⁰ Adam Sapp, who came here in about eighteen Hundred and 20, was a cousin. I believe that he was a first cousin to the first four boys mentioned. He moved to Brown Township and raised a family of four boys and one girl is all I knew. Their names were Lewis, and Levi, better known as little Levi Sapp, Charley Sapp, and Nelson. The father of these boys was a very large man of wonderful nerve, but a very peaceful man. Lewis went to Indiana and had only a couple of children and I hear that they are all dead. Levi Sapp also went to Indiana. I believe that he had about a half dozen children. I think he married a daughter of old Elius Arnold. Charley Sapp married a daughter of John Porter and raised his family at Gambier. I cannot remember them.

Nelson married Uncle Dave Porter's daughter and from what I can learn only had one boy and I think he is dead. Nelson was a large man and one of the stoutest and best men of the country. He would fight whenever called on, yet he was not quarrelsome. He moved to Illinois²¹ and served the country as a soldier during the Civil War

18. Reason or Rezin Sapp studied Law and later became a licensed minister of the Methodist Church. He presided as the Elder for three consecutive terms in Monroe, Michigan, where he was mentioned as a candidate for bishop in 1864.
19. Ullis or Ulysses died at the Confederate Andersonville Prison on October 28, 1864.
20. This is a direct reference to the misplaced first page. Adam's name occurs in the surviving fragment.
21. Around the Civil War period a large number of people from Danville went west to Iowa, Kansas, and Oklahoma.

and was in the Battle of Bull Run and had to run. Some years after He came home from the war he went to Silver Mining Country of the far west and engaged himself in hunting of all kinds of game for the miners and is there yet to this day, unless he died in the last couple of years. He is now getting old, perhaps someplace in 70. Elizabeth, his sister, married Bur Dial and moved away from here, of whom I cannot give any account of.

Remember Adam and The Cousin spoken of as "Kentucky" George Sapp were brothers and came from Kentucky and were descendants of my Great Grand Father's brother that I have previously spoken of as going to one southern state. Adam and "Kentucky" George lived in Brown Township. I never knew but one boy and that was Hartly. There were others. Jim lived near Mt. Vernon. I think there was a John and a George of the four boys. I will not say much about them. George was a Baptist Preacher and lived in Kentucky. Hartly married my father's sister, Rachel, and raised a large family. James Sapp of Mt. Vernon was the first child. Martha Jane died four years after she married Bur Dial. Then he married another Sapp girl, as I have told you on another page (above). Fannie married Ed Carpenter and have one son. He is in the Mt. Vernon Flouring Mills and is a nice fellow.

Ed Carpenter was a soldier and died during the Civil War. And Fanna married Charles Durbin. Mary Ann is the third child. I should have mentioned her before Fanna, but it makes very little difference. She married a man by the name of Brewer and is lying in St. Luke's Cemetery. Catherine is by her side.

William is in Mt. Vernon. He married Hat (Hattie) Bailly of Brink Haven and had one son, a smart and well-educated boy. Here comes another George Sapp - the Sapps were stuck on that name sure. Well he married a Hess and have six boys and three girls and lives north of Brink Haven.

Clement Sapp is married and has three children, now I remember that there is another girl besides the youngest. Elizabeth married Frank Blubaugh and Janet lives in Kansas. Clarra married a Shaw and lives in Mt. Vernon. In giving the history of Hartly Sapp I have to give his wife (Rachel). She is one of my Grand Father's Daughters. Now I will give account of the other girls.

George Sapp and Catherine, the first emigrants to the vicinity of Danville, just one mile west²² and on a beautiful spot and nearby one of the most beautiful springs God has caused its waters to flow for the benefit of their use and others, is where my Grand Parents picked out for the little log hut. Grand Mother went to a certain spot and said the Grand Father, "George, right here we will build our cabin and live and die." And so She did, but not until God had blessed them with a large family. I have said a noble family, I will say one of the most remarkable Families that has ever been raised in this vicinity. They were kind and agreeable together, truly brothers and sisters.

Now it is my intention to give all the necessary information in reference to those girls of whom I said there were eight. I have already made mention of Rachel Sapp on a previous page, so I will give the name Peggie. I suppose this is a nickname to

22. This once attractive and gushing spring flows about 500 feet south of St. Luke's Cemetery. This site is near the home of John Philip Shults. Its waters flowed into a dam which powered a saw operated by Hilary Blubaugh.

Margaret, let it be as it may be. She married David Horton of Yankee Ridge and after raising a little family mooved to Illinois. I can only name two of them, Levi and Esri.

Delila married Jacob Colopy.²³ Of this union they raised five sons and three daughters; Jonathan A., Edward, and Timothy Colopy and a girl. I think her name is Sary and the two died when in the prime of their life. The next is Joseph and Levi Colopy and Matilda and Delila Colopy. Jonathan married a daughter of James Berry. Of this union they had three children and the mother died after coming in the Church and left a husband and three children to mourn their loss. She was one of the very finest of girls, a good fine wife, and a lovely mother. It was truly a sad affair to lose such a companion as her. After some years Jonathan married a Mrs. Hanigan. She was formerly a Berry, and a first cousin to Jonathan's first wife. She too was a very fine girl, good wife, and affectionate mother.

Joseph Colopy married Mary Jane Durbin.²⁴ Of this union they raised one girl (Elizabeth) and Joseph lost his wife. She was also a nice girl, a good wife. And Joseph, in after years, married Lide Porter and had one son (Joseph).

Levi married Melissa Durbin and had two or three children and they died while little. They have no heirs at all. Levi Colopy is a number one man in every respect and has a good wife. She is a sister to Joseph's first wife. Two brothers married two sisters.

I have just now observed that I have skipped Edward Colopy. He comes in before Joseph. Edward mooved his family of about a half dozen children to Kansas. I think it was a bad move for him. He lost one girl and finally he died. Delila Colopy married John R. Banbury and had one girl (Nettie). They live on Mohicken. Matilda married Gus Gum and lives in Kansas. I do not know how much of a family they have. This is all of the Colopy family.

Another one of Grand Father's girls that I do not know very much about, that one is Lidie or lizabeth. She married Dave Porter and had some family. I only remember one, James Henry. They mooved to Illinois and I do not remember ever hearing anything about them.

Aunt Betsy (Elizabeth) married John Blubaugh²⁵ and raised a family, four boys and two girls. Their names are Bennie Blubaugh, David and Zack Blubaugh, Hilary and Joseph Blubaugh, Rachel and Martha. Aunt Betsy was one of the best old souls that ever lived on Mohicken Hills. I hope she is in Heven. Her husband died and she married again. His last name was Collclessor(Calglessor), the ugliest man I think I ever saw. I never called him Uncle that I remember of. He never got his picture taken. If he had I think it would have bursted the camry. My wife called "Cow Slashers."

Benny Blubaugh, the first boy, married a German woman and raised a family of four boys and three girls. Two of the boys are in Kansas, Dave and Frank. Joseph Blubaugh, the "Squire"²⁶

23. The name was formerly spelled Collopy and this branch of the family came from Virginia prior to the 1820 Knox Co. Census.

X 24. The Durbins were early pioneers of Knox Co., coming from Maryland before 1814, many having large families.

25. John Blubaugh also came from Maryland around 1820. The Baptism of his oldest son, Benj., is recorded at St. Joseph, Somerset on Nov. 3, 1820.

26. The title "Squire" was also known as "Justice of the Peace," one who performed various local legal duties.

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IN
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and James are living north of Brink Haven.

A man by the name of Snow married the oldest girl (Sarah). Frank Logsdon married the second girl (Catherine).²⁷ Chris Swingle married the third girl (Florence).²⁸

David Blubaugh went to California when very young and stayed there many years and finally returned to old Knox County until he concluded to go to Kansas. He never married. Zachariah married and raised a small family of six boys and one girl. Hilary²⁹ married Sarah Ellen Bailes and raised three boys: one Henry, Clem, and Charley Blubaugh.

Hilary Blubaugh went to California when a boy and made considerable of money. Joseph Blubaugh married and raised such a large family I never tried to count them but one and failed. Old Mr. George Gann said the Blubaughs are like quails, run with the shell on their back.

Rachel married Pirer (Vince Piar) and raised four or five children. Martha married Anthony Smithhisler and raised seven sons and then Anthony moved to Kansas and directed his attention to raising wheat.

Martha married Benjamin Draper and moved to Wyandotte County and raised a family of five children.

Aunt Fanny married Edmund Brent, a brother of Father Brent. They raised a family of five boys and three girls, a very nice family, their mother being one of the finest and best of mothers. I never had an aunt that I loved more. She is now living in St. Louis, Mo., and is getting old and in all probability I may never see her again. Her children's names are Edward and Charley, William, Raymond, and Walter. The girls were Cecilia, Alice, and Anna Brent. The last named became a Dominican Sister at St. Mary of the Springs, Columbus, Ohio. She is dead and perhaps in Heaven. May her soul rest in peace.

Edward Brent married a girl by the name of McFarland and lives in Missouri. Charles keeps a cigar store in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. He married a Miss Dawson and have two boys. His wife was formerly a protestan(t), but now a Catholic. William and Raymond are somewhere in the East and I do not know anything of them. Walter and Alice are in St. Louis. Cecilia married James Rolley and has a remarkable large family and live in Columbus.

Aunt Ann married James White and had three boys and one girl: Henry and Allen, Osker and Fanny. Henry and Fanny are in Columbus. Allen is in Pitsberg. Osker is dead and the father and mother are also dead.

Remember I said George Sapp had ten children, of whom I have named all of them and also gave the names of nearly all his grandchildren. I want to numerate them. The number is as near as I can calculate 72 grandchildren. The number of great grandchildren is about two-hundred and fifty.

This Great Old Man of whom I am going to speak about coming here in 1809, came from Holand to Marland. But when he came is not known,

27. The daughter of Frank and Catherine Logsdon is Min (Charlotte), who married Lewis (Lew) Mickley.

28. The daughter of Chris and Florence Swingle is Mary Frances (Mary Peter), who married Peter Durbin.

29. Hilary had a tragic death at age 44, Dec. 1874, when a limb knocked him from a high tree while hunting coon.

about 1770, was born 1745.

My Great Grand Father, George Sapp senior, came to Danville in the year 1809, and died the year 1810, and was buried in the corner of a field west of Danville and nearest by a new street running south on the Smithhisler line.³⁰ I believe his wife, Christena, our Great Grand Mother, is also buried there. In all probability this old couple was the first to die in Danville. There was no Robinson Cemetery³¹ at that time, neither was there a Catholic Cemetery.³² The first person that was buried in the Catholic Cemetery was a man by the name of Johnson. He died somewhere in 1823 or 1825.

I have in mind a number of Sapp that has not been mentioned and several of those are descendants of Daniel Sapp of whom I have spoken of on second page. Honorable Wm. A. Sapp was a lawyer of Mt. Vernon. He was elected representative at one time. I remember he married and had two girls by his first wife, but she did not live long. Her name was Mary Giffin. Consequently it was necessary for a second wife and he was married again, but only had two more children, a boy and a girl. S. W. Sapp I was personally acquainted with. He married a Miss Butler and had two children, a boy and a girl, and his wife died and in after years he married Rebeckey Whitford. His children by his first wife was Mary Ellen and Joseph Sapp. Mary Ellen married Squire Workman. She was a very nice girl and a good wife. Joseph married and lives not far from Cleveland in some town, Cuyahoga Falls, and kept a hardware store and died there two or three years ago. He had some family.

S. W. Sapp raised five or six (children) by his first wife. Dr. Winfield Sapp, Ex-Sheriff Charley, and Walter, and I believe another by the name of Will or Frank and yet another that died some years ago. The three first named are married and are in the implement business at Mt. Vernon. The father of these two boys did not live more than sixty or sixty-five years.

Dr. Enoch Sapp's place of residence was Coshocton. He practised medicine there and had a family, but I am not prepared to state how many. One of his daughters was married to a man by the name of Willcox of Coshocton. And one was married to William Sapp, a dry-goods merchant of Mt. Vernon. He being a son of Levi Sapp, William and his wife were second cousins.

Dr. Silas Sapp practised medicine in some town north of this and had a small family. I do not know how many in number. Remember that Hon. W. R. Sapp, S. W. Sapp, Dr. Enoch Sapp and Dr. Silas Sapp, also John Sapp were brothers and sons of Daniel Sapp. John Sapp, the last boy named, was the father of Mrs. Elias Payne of Danville and also Hon. Fletcher Sapp of Council Bluff, Iowa.

Fletcher Sapp was a lawyer and a man of prominence. He was "State's Attorney" of the state of Iowa two or three times. Also

30. This spot was probably in the upper N. W. corner of Ralph Mickley's field, which is the first hill west of Danville on the road to Amity, the town formerly called Democracy.
31. It was the common practise of several families to have their own private cemeteries, usually situated on a hilltop.
32. St. Luke's Cemetery was started around 1812, not in 1820. In the early 1950's this cemetery was enlarged by land donated by Nettie (Banbury) Shults on the north side.

he was a Colonel³³ in the war with the Indians. He died some years since and left one son and a girl or two to become heirs of his estate.

His sister, Mrs. Elias Payne, is a very fine lady and is much respected by all who know her. She raised a family of five children. The boys are John and William, the girls: Celoria, Elizabeth and Mary. John, the oldest son, married Squire Butler's daughter and had some family. William married Cad Parish and had four children living and two dead. Celoria married Sherman White and had six children, five girls and one boy. Elizabeth married Totton and I believe they only have one girl. Mary married Will Miller. They have about a half dozen children.

Now I wish to direct your attention to Joseph Sapp. He is my Grand Father's brother and my Great Uncle. I was speaking of him on seventh page and said I was unable to give any account of his family, but by investigation find out that I was personally acquainted with one boy, Old Dr. Calvin Sapp. He lived in Danville and practised medicine there, also in the surrounding country. He was a good doctor with wonderful success. He married a Miss Baker and had some family. He finally moved to Gambier in his old days and died there. He has one son that is a doctor and he is practising medicine at Brownsville or Jeloway³⁴ as it is called at the present time. His name is Dr. Clinton Sapp. The young doctor has a sister living in Cincinnati.

The old Dr. Sapp has a brother that resides in Ft. Wain, Ind. I have been informed that he kept a hotel in that town. His name was Dilon (Dalton) Sapp, but as far as giving any other account of him. I am unable at the present time.

I very frequently hear of someone meeting with some Sapp in the far west and in almost every meeting the parties will try to explain how they are connected, but the result is a failure, and in one particular circumstance of the kind I was referred to give the necessary information required. The Sapp Family are so very numerous that they are found in nearly every western state. They were nearly all raised on farms, but at the present time there is but very few of them to be found in that line of business.

My Grand Father, George Sapp, brother to Daniel Sapp, Joseph and William, had as many sisters as there were brothers. One sister by the name of Catherine married a Critchfield, I believe his name was Joseph. And another sister married another Critchfield, perhaps his name was William. At any rate Basil Critchfield, Robert J., Elinesor are descendants of that sister and I presume there are others that I do not know.

Well, the third sister, Betsy, married a Waid, and Kisi White, Anthony White's wife was a daughter. Also there were some boys. I believe another sister married John Mirse. I have often heard my

33. William Fletcher Sapp received his education at the Martinsburg Academy. He studied Law and was admitted to the Bar in 1850. In 1859 he moved to Nebraska for his health, where he became Adjutant General of the Nebraska Territory. He was elected to Congress and eventually to the position of the U. S. District Attorney.

34. Renaming communities occurred often. Howard was previously known as Kinderhook, possibly of Indian derivation.

father speak of old Aunt Polly Mirse. Those four old ladies were aunts of my father and great aunts of mine. NOTE - Mrs. Stanley on this page I have just tuned over, I will explain a little more satisfactorily. John Mirse married Daniel Sapp's sister, Polly Sapp Mirse, and Daniel Sapp's son, John Sapp, married Betsy Mirse, daughter of Polly Mirse. They were first cousins and raised a large Family and intelligent Family, Fletcher Sapp and Louisa Payne and Mrs. Stanley.

I have been a little surprised to see how many of the Sapp Family have become doctors. I have eight in number. Eight doctors, six merchant dealers in dry-goods, boots and shoes, three lawyers, and the Sapps were very fairly represented during the Civil War, I have seven in number, and one starved to death in Liby Prison. And there is two preachers and I suppose the two are dead long before this. You will find the Sapps on the look for something easy. Farming is a thing of the past with the greatest number of them. Also had one Sapp, Frank, of Mt. Vernon, a young man in the present war with Spain³⁵ and probibly there are others from some part of the west.

The Sapp Family is and has been from the beginning a very remarkable family free from scrofula and all skin diseases, in fact there being no hereditary diseases of any kind: such things as consumption (TB), Dyspepsia, or Tumors and Cancers. They do not belong in the Sapp Family.

I would like to see every young man of the Sapp Family to be carefull and consider well before choosing a companion to select one of a respectable family and clean of all skin diseases. Generally speaking, young people never make matrimony a study before marriage, but after they have made a grand mistake, then and only then will they be ready to take good advice from those whom are interested in their welfare.

We have such a large nober of relatives that it would be almost impossible to try to give a full account of them. My Grand Mother, Catherine Sapp, was a daughter of Archable Arnold of Allegheny County, Maryland. And also my Grand Mother Durbin, wife of Eligia Durbin, was an Arnold and a first cousin to Grand Mother Sapp. Those two Grand Mothers were brothers children. As far as that goes it is all perfectly right, but my Father and Mother should not ever have married at all. It is not right and contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church. About half of their family died young. I hope the young of whomsoever reads this they will take a word of advise and never marry a cousin.

I cannot remember very much about my Grand Mother Durbin. She was a very nice old lady and a sister of Mrs. Anna Knoll of Wyandotte County and also a sister to my Great Uncle George Arnold and Anthony Arnold. Those two men were very highly esteemed by all who knew them. They were very nice looking and in fact, perfect gentle-

35. The reference to the Spanish American War (1898) is not a conclusive guide to the date of composition, although judging from internal evidence it is the most recent date inferred in the history. The author may not have revised this sentence, even after adding more information to this involved writing.

men. Anthony never married and had a large estate to be divided among his brothers and sisters, two of whom I know nothing about. The Sapps Grand Father's Family and the Arnolds are very near relation. Also my Father's Family of Sapps and the Arnolds and Durbins, in fact all the Durbins are relation. They are so numerous that I would not attempt to give full account of them.

Formily the Sapp Family were protestan(t)s and in fact the largest number of them at this present time belong to protestan(t) churches. Some belong to the Methodist, others belong to the Baptist, and some to the Episcopalian religion, while Grand Father and his descendants are Catholic except a few. Grand Father married a Catholic Lady and one of the best of mothers and a good Cristain. Consequently he had good reason for finding the true Faith, the only thing in the world that I have or could possibly have to be proud of is that my family belong to the one True, Holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church. I thank God a thousand times for permitting me to be bornd of Catholic Parents. May they rest in peace.

I have written all of the important nuse concerning the Sapp Family or at least I have written a sufficient amount to explain all that is really necessary for any of the Sapp descendants to trace back to their forefathers and find out where they belong and how they are connected. If I have accomplished that much, then I have did all that I desired to do from the beginning. Consequently it not necessary to prolong the subject. Therefore I will not say anymore in reference to the Sapp Family hoping that the reader will excuse all imperfections.

In reference to the numerous familys of Sapps that I have been refering to from the beginning to the end was to give the reader a fair and impartial statement of all concerned, and I believe that I have did this with a few exceptions.

I failed to mention a few names, two of those being William Sapps boys by his first wife. I remember I said on page seven he had two or three boys, Rese and Lem. The others are Alven and William. Their familys unknown to me and also there are two or three other boys of the Kentucky family. They are knowen as "Blackhead" George and Frederick Sapp, brothers to Adam Sapp and "Ketucky" George, also Joseph Sapp. I have been informed that those boys are all brothers and I cannot tell anything of them except Frederick. Joseph Sapp formerly lived on a run in Brown Township, and it has allways be called "Jose" or Joe's Run.

Frederick Sapp is the Grand Father of the Brink Haven boys. He married and had three or four boys and one girl. The boys were Robert Sapp, Samuel and Ben. The girl married John Porter and had two children and died soon. The mother of the three boys and girl as I know her, Polly Porter, lost her husband, Frederick Sapp, and then married old Tommy Porter and then raised two children, Henry and Harriet Porter.

Robert Sapp and Samuel raised their familys at Brink Haven and had large familys.

-THE END

The following letter was attached to "A History and Genealogy of the Logsdon-Kelly Families," 1965, by Harry C. Logsdon of Millersburg, Ohio. This original letter was written by Naomi (Mrs. Lawrence) Logsdon to her newly-married son and wife, John and Esther Logsdon, in Owen County, Indiana. Lawrence Logsdon lives 15 mile from his third cousin, John Blubaugh II, married to Elizabeth ("Aunt Betsy") Sapp, daughter of George Sapp Jr. Elizabeth was brought to the Danville vicinity at the age of 5, in 1805, by her parents from their home in Cumberland, Md.

Bladensburg, Knox Co., Ohio
February 2, 1853

Dear Children,

I take this opportunity to inform you that we are all well at present. Thanks be to God for His mercy, hoping that these few lines will find you the same. I received your letter some time in November. It did not come as it otherwise would as it was missent. We have nothing of much importance to write about, but we thought you would like to hear from us.

We have not been in Holmes County since you moved or heard from any of the folks there, except William and Hannah (Logsdon) were to see us and made some cider and apple butter. William then talked of selling out, if he could so as to move West some place next Fall. We have not seen nor heard from James (Logsdon) since the 20th day of December. Then he was cutting cord wood of Mt. Vernon, for one of the Ewalts and had plenty of work to do. He then talked as usual of going West next Fall.

There is probability that I may pay you a visit next Fall, if everything looks prosperous and life and health continues. I have the money to pay off the morgage on the Banning in Cincinnati. I must either send it or take it myself. I want to raise the money by next Fall, if I can. I wish you would inform me, if you can, how far you live from Cincinnati.

You wrote me that you had landed in Owen County (Ind.) in the south part, next to Greene County, but we want to know more particular in what Township and how near Greene County (Ind.) and whether on the east or west side of the White River. In what direction from the County seat and the distance, and also the distance you live from Bloomfield (County seat of Greene County, Indiana) and more particular just where you place lays. Tell us, too, if you have any spring or springs and what you think of the country. Tell us, also, as near as you can of the surface, the soil, the climate and the health of the country. Also, the Mill privileges, the society. Also write us if there is any Railroad near, made, making, or contemplated, your road privileges and the price of land and the produce and if there is any land to enter. We want all the information concerning your County and the adjoining Counties and everything you think interesting.

We received a letter from Issac (Naomi's brother) that was written on the 4th of January, stating that they were well and had been ever since they had been living there. That they still liked the place, says that they were doing well, says that they have a Railroad handy and expect another one to come within two miles. Says that the soil produces well, had a half-acre of potatoes and after using them until he dug them, had fifty bushels. He raised a good crop of corn and had hogs to kill and still has eight head, five of them are large ones. He has built a large stable and put up a shop and has made fifty dollars in the shop. He has a fine last spring colt and two cows. Has bought a loom and Catherine wove a hundred yards and has fifty more to weave, has twenty-five acres under fence in three fields, has twenty of it cleared, twelve in crops and four more acres deadened. He says that stock hogs are worth three dollars and twenty-five cents per hundred-weight, and pork meat sells for five dollars and fifty cents per hundred. Wheat seventy cents per bushel and corn from thirty to forty cents per bushel, potatoes twenty-five cents and butter sixteen cents.

We, also, received a letter from your Uncle Frisby (Shaffer), dated the 16th of November, stated that they were well and that they liked the country. It is a fine place to raise grain and stock, says that he and another (hired) hand attended 60 acres of corn and raised 35 hundred bushels and tended eighty head of cattle, says that he sold some of the corn at 15 cents per bushel. Says that he sold six hundred dollars worth of cattle and one hundred dollars of hogs. Has most of his corn yet and 60 head of hogs and 50 head of cattle.

He says he bought 347 acres of land which cost him \$500.00. He says, "I attended a land sale and bought 140 acres for \$390.00 and since that I bought a small farm of 147 acres with a good frame house on it, about 70 acres under fence, about 40 acres is good timber, all within 3 miles of a Railroad and five mile from of the depot. We can see the cars running from our place. There is one Railroad three miles west of us and one six miles east of us running thru the County seat which is Bloomington. It is a place of business. There were 4 hundred buildings put up this summer and in a few years it is destined to become a large city. Next summer the cars will run both ways. He continues that land is raising in price. It is worth from 10 to 20 dollars per acre. Unimproved land sells from 3 to 5 dollars per acre and won't be had for that long."

Your Uncle Abner G. Shaffer wrote to you Uncle Daniel Shaffer this winter that he had made himself independently rich by the stock business. Says that he and John Shaffer were in partnership and in one sale of hogs, fourteen hundred head, they made clear of all expenses, forty-five hundred dollars which makes \$2,250.00 each. So you see that the folks in Illinois are getting rich fast. John Shaffer is married to a girl in Illinois.

We will now inform you that there has been much rains since you moved away, especially in December. Much damage has been done by high water, even on Tomica Creek and other small streams. Dave Medrick's dam broke, and so did Derne's and on other large streams and rivers corn and hogs were swept away.

We understand that one man, a renter on the White Woman River bottom lost one thousand bushels of corn and that old John Watson, the thresher, on his way home from Dresden undertook to cross a stream between Dresden and New Castle called the sandy fork of Tomica Creek, said to be dry in some seasons, had raised so much that he got drowned and two of his horses.

It has been a warm winter so far, except a few days in January. The weather now is warm and cloudy and is raining a little. We have eighteen lambs. The weather has been so mild that we have lost none of them. We will now give you the prices of some things here at present. Wheat at this time as far as we know is 80 cents per bushel, some say that Mount Vernon will pay 85 cents. Corn is worth thirty-seven or forty cents per bushel. Butter has been selling in Bladensburg for two months or upwards for 18 cents, depending on the quality until a few past it dropped to fifteen cents. Pork has been selling in Bladensburg for five and one-half dollar per hundred. Stock pigs are still scarce. I suppose they are worth four dollars per hundred or more. Dried apples sell for one dollar per bushel.

So I will write no more now, but remember your affectionate parents. Write to us, son, as convenient.

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Naomi Logsdon's letter is taken from pages 75-76 of the book, "A History and Genealogy of the Logsdon-Kelly Families," by Harry C. Logsdon, 1965.

The following excerpt describes a battle in the War of 1812 when James Logsdon, father of Lawrence, helped to defend the city of Baltimore: (p. 9)

"When the British made their attack on the city of Baltimore in 1814, he (James) along with the other neighbors rushed in to defend the City. After a hard fought battle on land, the British under the command of Gen. Ross were defeated and driven back to their ships with heavy losses, including the death of Gen Ross. While the land battle was going on, the British ships bombarded Fort McHenry at the entrance of the harbor, but failed to capture it. It must have been a thrilling experience for the victorious American soldiers, who at sunrise looked across the harbor and beheld the bullet-pierced American Flag still flying above the uncaptured Fort. This scene, as many of you know, gave rise to the writing of our National Anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner" by Francis Scott Key."