

SECTION II – MANUSCRIPT

THE STOOPS FAMILY OF VIRGINIA, KENTUCKY, AND INDIANA

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Preface

In reviewing the contents of the vertical file in the Genealogical Library of the Palm Beach County Genealogical Society, the writer came across a typed copy of an original manuscript titled *Genealogy of the Family of Col. James Stoops* by Richard Johnson Stoops, Lebanon, Oregon, September 1909. Mrs. Lucille S. Yontz (10 August 1909 – 4 October 1989), member of the Society, had written that the document had been published originally as a booklet distributed only to family members and might be the only copy in existence. James Stoops was the great great grandfather of Mrs. Yontz.

The writer went on line and was fortunate in having Ardis Pierce reply to her request for information. Ardis wrote that the article is available at both the Allen County Library and the LDS Library in Salt Lake City and sent her valuable packets containing family group sheets, two certificates, David Stoops' will, and the first four generations. She indicated that although the first four generations are supported by little documentation, they may be factual. Other information in this article has been provided by the James Stoops manuscript. Credit is also extended to the following researchers who added much to Ardis' records—she, in turn, expanding theirs: Ernest Stoops, E-mail: Dtsess@aol.com; Jean Meachem, Seattle, WA; Mary D. Stoops, Chicago, IL of the Newberry Library, and Ed Stoops, e-mail: ed@smart.net. Ardis' e-mail address is ardis@voyager.net, and her husband, Wayne H. Loney, is a Stoops descendant. Please be certain to see her query following this article.

The Stoops Family

1. CHRISTOPHER¹ STOOPS was born at Cleveland Hills, Yorkshire, England in 1612 and died in Virginia or Maryland in 1672. He married SARAH _____, date of death not known.¹

¹ Sources of information: Mary D. Stoops, November 1951; Ernest Stoops: Came in ship "Safety" out of Gravesend, England to Norfolk 1635. See Hotten's Immigrants.

Children:

- i. JOHN WILLIAM², b. abt. 1634; d. as an infant.
- ii. PHILIP, b. in VA in 1636; d. in MD in 1677; m. SARAH JONES.
- iii. LEONARD, b. after 1637.

2. PHILIP² STOOPS was born in Virginia in 1636 and died in Maryland in 1677. About 1663 he married SARAH JONES, born about 1640, died about 1683, daughter of Robert Jones and his wife, both born about 1615. Philip's surname at the time of his marriage was spelled "Stope."

Children:

- i. MARY³, b. 1664.
- ii. SARAH, b. 1665.
- iii. JOHN, SR., b. 1666; d. in Cecil Co., MD. He m. twice: MARY HOLEAGER and MARY _____.

3. JOHN³ STOOPS, SR. was born in 1666 and died in Cecil County, Maryland. There, in 1704, he married MARY HOLEAGER, born about 1670, died after July 1712, daughter of Phillip and Jeane Holeager, both born about 1640. [The surname might be spelled Holeadger or Holegar.]

John's will, located in Cecil County, Maryland, names his wife Mary, sons Philip and Leonard, and "all my children." He was a landed proprietor and peace commissioner for Cecil County in 1702.

Children:

- i. THOMAS⁴, b. abt. 1704; m. MARY ENGLISH.
- ii. JOHN, JR., b. Cecil Co., MD in 1705; d. Cumberland Co., PA, in 1757; m. REBECCA CUMMINS.
- iii. PHILLIP, b. abt. 1707; d. 1757.
- iv. LEONARD, b. abt. 1709.
- v. WILLIAM, b. Saint Stephens Parish, Cecil, MD, 18 Feb 1706.
- vi. BENJAMIN, b. Saint Stephens Parish, Cecil, MD, 11 May 1710.
- vii. MARY, b. Saint Stephens Parish, Cecil, MD, 20 July 1712.

4. JOHN, JR.⁴ STOOPS was born in Cecil County, Maryland, in 1705 and died in Cumberland, Pennsylvania in 1757. In the Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, on 1 June 1726, he married REBECCA CUMMINS, born in Pennsylvania about 1710, died 1803.

Children:

- i. ROBERT⁵, b. at Hopewell Twp., York Co, PA on Oct 1740; d. at Rockbridge Co., VA Oct 1797; m. twice: CATHERINE STUMS, RACHEL MILNER.
- ii. MARY, b. 1746; m. WILLIAM BARBER.
- iii. SARAH, b. 1750; m. ANDREW TUCKER.
- iv. JAMES, b. Cecil Co., MD abt. 1754; d. near Pittsburgh, PA either in either in 1787 or 1813; m. JEAN “JENNIE” SHERER.
- v. ELIZABETH, b. 1770; d. 28 July 1852; m. JOHN CLIFFORD.

5. ROBERT⁵ STOOPS was born at Hopewell Twp., York, Pennsylvania on 1 October 1744 and died at Rockbridge County, Virginia, on 3 September 1797. In 1765 he married (1) CATHERINE STUMS, born before 1745, died before August 1786. At Rockbridge County on 10 August 1786, he married (2) RACHEL MILNER (surname probably Milar), born about 1754, died after 1797. Robert Stoops' will² was made 26 September 1797 and probated 3 October 1797. Quoting from the Family Group Sheet: “It shows he was a shoemaker; names wife Rachel and ‘her children by me’ as Thomas, Betsy, Nancy, James, and one unborn; one shall have the plantation until the youngest child is of age, then it is to be sold and 1/3 is for the wife during her lifetime; 1/3 equally divided among children by her, at her death to be given by ‘my children by her’; wife and children by ‘me’ to get house, furniture, clothing, bed, grain, 3 cows and 1 horse; to sons David and John Stoops.”

Robert Stoops served in the American Revolution as private and sergeant, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania Militia under Colonels Johnson and Smith.³

Children⁴ of Robert and Catherine (Stums) Stoops:

- i. ROBERT⁶, Jr., b. Rockbridge Co., VA in 1765, d. 1875; m. (1) ISABEL RALSTON; (2) REBECCA MILAR.
- ii. JEAN, b. Rockbridge Co., VA (South Mountain, MD) in 1767; d. abt. 1842; m. WILLIAM ELLWOOD.
- iii. PHILLIP, b. (New Castle, DE), 17 Jun 1769; m. ANNE McCORMICK.
- iv. DAVID, Sr., b. St. James River near Lexington, Rockbridge, VA 20 Oct 1770, d. Marshall Co, IN 21 Mar 1854; m. (1) ABIGAIL WILLIAMS; (2) ELIZABETH SPEAKS.

² Book 2, page 36, Clerk's Office, Rockbridge County, Virginia.

³ Lineage of Katrina Sue Yontz Archer, NSDAR #622409 of Yorkville, Illinois, *NSDAR PATRIOT INDEX—CENTENNIAL EDITION, PART 3*—Robert Stoops.

⁴ There may have been more offspring by the names of James, Nancy, Betsy, and Thomas. (Family Group Sheet)

- v. JOHN, b. Rockbridge Co., VA in 1772.
- vi. SARAH, b. 1775, d. as a child.
- vii. RACHEL, b. 1778; m. PATRICK NAYLOR.

Children of Robert and Rachel (Milner) Stoops):

- viii. THOMAS, b. 1791, m. ELIZABETH NUNEMAKER.
- ix. ELIZABETH "BETSEY," b. ca 1792; m. 1815, JOHN CLYBURN.
- x. NANCY, b. 1794; m. 1811 TILMON HAMILTON.
- xi. JAMES, b. 1787.
- xii. JANE, b. bef. 1797; m. STROTHER McELHENNY.

6. DAVID⁶ STOOPS, SR. was born at St. James River near Lexington, Rockbridge County, Virginia on 29 October 1770; died in Marshall County, Indiana on 21 March 1854, and was buried in the Bucklew Cemetery, Union Twp., Spear Road, Marshall County, Indiana, March 1854. He was a farmer. In Rockbridge County, Virginia on 15 January 1795, he married in the Presbyterian Church ABIGAIL WILLIAMS, daughter of Thomas (ca 1750-1805) and Jane (ca 1750) Williams. Abigail was born probably in Rockbridge County on 25 September 1779 and died in Marion County, Indiana on 16 August 1822. David Stoops married (2) in Marion County, Indiana about 1825, ELIZABETH SPEAKS, born in North Carolina on 22 January 1802; died at Union Twp., Rutland, Marshall County, Indiana 13 June 1861 and was buried in the Bucklew Cemetery. David's last will and testament is quoted verbatim below⁵ and the names of his children have been taken from the will:

Be it remembered that on the fifth day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, the Last Will and Testament of David Stoops, deceased was produced to be ----- and admitted to Probate.

Therefore come Hugh Brownlee one of the Subscribing witnesses to the said Will who was sworn by and examined under oath by the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Marshall County, Indiana, and said will was duly proved by him: Which said Will, the proof thereof and the testation of said Clerk are in the words and figures following to wit:

"In the name of God, Amen, I David Stoops of the County of Marshall and State of Indiana, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory, blessed be Almighty God for the same – do make this last Will (and) Testament in manner and form

⁵ Pages 136-140. Courtesy of Ardis Pierce.

following to wit: that is to say first, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Elizabeth Stoops, all my Real Estate to wit: Two hundred and forty acres of land lying and being in the county and aforesaid designated and known as the NorthWest quarter and the West hand of the North East quarter of Section Seven Township Thirty two Range Two East in the district of lands subject to sale at Laporte Indiana, To have and to hold together with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging during her Widowhood and natural life if she should survive me. I also give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Elizabeth Stoops all my personal property subject to such division as herein described, for the use and benefit of my heirs.

I also give and bequeath unto my eldest son William Stoops one dollar;

I also give and bequeath unto my eldest daughter Nancy Vincent one dollar;

I also give and bequeath unto my son Robert Stoops, one dollar;

I also give and bequeath unto my son John Stoops on (sic) dollar;

I also give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Stoops on dollar;

I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Jane Barnhill one dollar;

I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Rachel Smith one dollar;

I also give and bequeath unto my Richard Stoops one dollar;

I also give and bequeath unto my son James Stoops one dollar;

I also give and bequeath unto my son David Stoops one dollar;

I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Abigah(1) Stoops. Cow and Calf. one bed and bedding, one new side Saddle.

I also give and bequeath unto my son Noah Noble Stoops the sum of one hundred dollars in cash, also a good horse beast worth (say) Fifty dollars in cash. also twenty pounds of feathers.

I also give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Stoops the sum of one hundred dollars in cash, also good horse beast worth (say) Fifty dollars and a saddle worth fifteen dollars, also Twenty pounds of feathers.

I also give and bequeath unto my son Alfred Stoops, the sum of one hundred dollars in cash, also a good horse beast worth (say) Fifty dollars. and a Saddle worth Fifteen dollars and Twenty pounds of feathers;

I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Stoops, Cow and Calf, one bed and bedding, one new side Saddle.

I also give and bequeath unto my son Henry Stoops, the sum of one hundred dollars in cash, and one good horse beast worth (say) Fifty dollars, and a Saddle worth fifteen dollars and Twenty pounds of feathers;

I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Stoops. One Cow and Calf one bed and bedding, one new side Saddle;

I also give and bequeath unto my son Madison W. Stoops, one hundred dollars in cash, also a good horse beast worth (say) Fifty dollars, and a Saddle worth Fifteen dollars, also Twenty pounds of Feathers.

I also give and bequeath unto my son Elijah Stoops the sum of one hundred dollars in cash, also a good horse beast worth (say) Fifty dollars, and a Saddle worth fifteen dollars also Twenty pounds of feathers.

I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Catherine Stoops, one Cow and Calf, one Bed and bedding and one new side Saddle.

I also give and bequeath unto my son Anderson Stoops, the sum of One hundred dollars in cash, also a good horse beast worth (say) Fifty dollars and Saddle worth Fifteen dollars, also Twenty pounds of Feathers. All of which several sums and items to be made out of my personal Estate if sufficient: and further my will is that, after the decease of my Wife all my Real and personal Estate, goods and chattels of whatever kind be sold and each Legatee has recieved their protion according to my Will and Testament the remainder to be equally divided between all and each of my aforementioned children.

And lastly, I appoint Moses N. Leeland of Marshall County Indiana Executor, and my beloved wife Elizabeth Stoops Executrix jointly, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the fifteenth day of January 1849.

His
David + Stoops
mark

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Hugh Brownlee
Matthew A. Wilson

Signed, sealed and declared by the above named David Stoops to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the present of the Testator.

David Stoops Will & Proof Cont:

State of Indiana)	In the matter of the Estate of
Marshall County		David Stoops.”

The following article⁶ appeared in *The Plymouth Daily Pilot*, Tuesday, October 11, 1927:

“Dedicate Marker at Grave of David Stoops—Fine Service and Memorial at Family Reunion Held Sunday at Wabash Park—At the annual reunion of the David Stoops family, which was held at the Wabash park in Wabash, Ind. on the third Sunday in August, the family gave money to buy a new marker for the grave of David Stoops, to replace the marble slab erected in 1854. This old slab had fallen and was broken in two pieces. David Stoops moved to Marshall county in 1847 and purchased the farm now owned by Willis Thornburg. Here the Stoops home was established when Madison Stoops our fellow townsman was ten years old. There was a family of thirteen children, of which Madison Stoops, is now the only surviving member. Mr. and Mrs. David Stoops, with one son and one daughter are buried in the Bucklew or Rutland cemetery near the old home place. On Oct 9 a part of the descendants accepted an invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Thornburg to gather at the old home and enjoy a picnic dinner on the spacious veranda. After dinner the party went to the cemetery and dedicated the new marker with appropriate ceremonies. The marker is a beautiful red granite bearing the inscription: ‘David Stoops Born 1770 Died 1854’ Those in attendance at the dinner and ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. Madison Stoops, Plymouth; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Stoops, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Stoops,

⁶ The three articles sent by Ardis Pierce provide additional information regarding David Stoops.

Wabash, Mr. and Mrs. George Stockberger and children, Culver; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wolff and children, Niles, Mich; Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Thompson and son Eugene, Tyner; Mr. and Mrs. Ward Henderson, Plymouth. A thing of interest on the old home place was the apple trees planted by David Stoops, one of which measured eight feet in circumference.”

Plymouth Pilot, 21 August 1922, page 2:

“Stoops Reunion—The Stoops family held their 22nds annual reunion at Centennial park on Sunday, with an attendance of over one hundred. This was the first time they had met in Plymouth. Several relatives live near Wabash and other cities in that part of the state, for that reason the reunions were held there. Madison Stoops of this city is the oldest representative of the family and in his honor they gathered here. They were so well pleased that they will return here next year. Mr. Stoops’ father, David Stoops, came from Alabama and settled where Brookville now stands in 1808, when Indiana was yet a territory. Later, he bough a farm in Marion county, the Claypool Hotel in Indianapolis now stands on the ground he owned. From there he came to Marshall county, in the year 1848, when Madison Stoops was ten years of age, which makes him a resident of this county for 75 years. There were by actual count, one hundred and twenty who did justice to a bountiful dinner spread at the noon hour, there being an abundance of fried chicken and everything that goes to make a perfect picnic dinner. After the dinner hours the business meeting opened with the reading of the minutes of last year’s meeting. Prayer was offered by Dr. A. A. Thompson, after which the officers were elected. Madison Stoops was further honored by being made honorary president, he being the oldest one present. Pauline Mathias, six months old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mathias of Argos, was the youngest. The next reunion will be held at the Centennial park the third Sunday in August, 1923. Those in charge are Lewis Stoops, president and Miss Eunice Stoop, secretary and treasurer, both of Wabash, Inc. A committee on arrangements was appointed consisting of Byron Carpenter and A. Stockberger of Argos, and Mrs. Anna Stoops of Plym. Relatives were here from Wabash, Connersville, LaGro, Indianapolis, Argos, Brookville, Huntington, Donaldson, South Bend, Bremen, Tyner, Mishawaka and Plymouth, Nappanee, Indiana and some from Niles, Mich, Penrose, Calif. and Chicago, Ill. It was a day that will be remembered by all present.

History of Indianapolis and Marion County, page 63:

“Two parcels of land which consisted of 80 acres each were purchased July 1821 in town 16 North, Range 3 East section 32. This is now part of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. David Stoop’s land included the NW section of the Speedway and includes the fourth turn. The land was purchased for \$1.25 per acre in 1821.”

Children of David and Abigail (Williams) Stoops, Sr.⁷

⁷ Source, Mary D. Stoops. The old family record of birth and deaths say children “were born or died at the mouth of the Little Kentucky River.” (Letter from Mrs. Edna Rockefeller of Brookville, IN, descendant. Said letter written to Mr. A. P. Stoops of Mt. Sterling, KY April 1, 1924 and sent to me by his daughter, Lizzie Stoops Pitman – MDS). Elizabeth Clark Allen, the writer’s sister, in her research in Kentucky could find no mention of the site “Little Kentucky River.”

- i. WILLIAM⁷, b. Fayette Co., KY on 2 Apr 1796; d. Brookville, Franklin Co., IN 16 Nov 1867; m. ELIZABETH MARTIN.
- ii. NANCY, b. Fayette Co., KY 13 Nov 1797; d. after 1849; m. WILLIAM VINCENT.
- iii. ROBERT, b. Fayette Co., KY 17 Nov 1799; d. at Franklin Co., IN 5 Aug 1875; m. (1) CATHERINE CARTER; (2) SARAH VINCENT MARTIN.
- iv. JOHN, b. Fayette Co., KY, 3 May 1802; d. IN 22 Oct 1868 or 1869; m. EADY M. MARTIN.
- v. THOMAS, b. KY (prob. Fayette Co.) 13 Nov 1804; possibly d. there; m. LUCINDA THOMPSON.
- vi. JANE, b. Fayette Co., KY 25 Sep 1806; d. 29 Apr 1887; m. ROBERT BARNHILL.
- vii. RACHEL, b. Fayette Co., KY 15 Nov 1808; d. 1873; m. JOHN W. SMITH.
- viii. RICHARD, b. Franklin Co., IN (Brookville) 7 Aug 1811; d. 1888; m. REBECCA MARTIN.
- ix. JAMES (Col.), b. AL 13 Dec 1813; d. Brookville, Franklin Co., IN 17 Jul 1875; m. (1) SARAH STRINGER, (2) MRS. RUTH (HUTCHINSON) SEARREN.
- x. ELIJAH, b. AL 5 May 1815; d. 25 Sep 1815.
- xi. DAVID, JR., b. AL 25 May 1818; d. Wabash Co., IN 8 Mar 1892. (5 Mar 1892, Lagro, IN); m. (1) AMELIA A. HAMILTON, (2) MRS. RUTH (PIERSON) COLLINS.

Children of David and Elizabeth (Speaks) Stoops, Sr.:

- xii. ELIZABETH "ABIGAIL," b. Marion Co., IN 29 Dec 1826; d. Marshall Co., IN 3 June 1864 (11 Apr 1863); m. (1) NICHOLAS L. CARPENTER; (2) GEORGE BROWN.
- xiii. NOAH, b. Marion or Franklin Co., IN 5 May 1828; d. there aft 1854; m. MARGARET SMITH.
- xiv. SAMUEL, b. Wayne Twp, Marion Co., IN 18 Feb 1830; d. Wabash Co., IN 11 Nov 1918; m. SARAH ANN CROW.
- xv. ALFRED H., b. Marion Co., IN 17 July 1831; d. aft 1859; m. (1) ELIZABETH STRONG; (2) MARTHA EATIN.
- xvi. MARY, b. Marion Co., IN 4 Jan 1833; d. 10 Feb 1850; m. MORRIS J. WILLIAMS.
- xvii. HENRY CLAY, b. prob. Marion Co., IN 22 Oct 1834; d. aft 1863; m. REBECCA WILLIAMS.
- xviii. ELIZABETH, b. prob. Marion Co., IN 11 Sep 1836; d. aft 1849.
- xix. MADISON H., b. Marion Co., IN, 3 Jan 1838; d. at Plymouth, Marshall Co., IN 10 Mar 1931; m. (1) MELISSA BLAKE, (2) SUSANNA "ANNA" SHOEMAKER.

- xx. ELIJAH, b. prob. Marion Co., IN 18 Feb 1840 (might be 13 Feb); d. 5 Mar 1854; m. (1) MELISSA BLAKE, (2) SUSANNA "ANNA" SHOEMAKER.
- xxi. CATHERINE, b. prob. Marion Co., IN 30 May 1842; d. aft 1849.
- xxii. ANDERSON, b. Marion Co., IN, 13 Sep 1844; d. Marion, Grant Co., IN 12 Jun 1913, bur. Marion National Cemetery; m. SARAH HAMMA.

7. JAMES⁷ STOOPS was born in Alabama on 13 December 1813.⁸ He died at Brookville, Franklin County, Indiana on 17 July 1875 and was buried in the Brookville Cemetery. At Brookville on 30 April 1835 he married (1) SARAH STRINGER, born near there on 6 February 1819; d. at Wabash, Wabash County, Indiana on 12 February 1854, leaving James with six living children. At Brookville on 10 May 1865, he married (2) MRS. RUTH (HUTCHINSON) SEARREN, born before 1845.

Colonel Stoops⁹ (as he was familiarly called), son of David and Abigail Stoops, came north with his father and family, settling for a short time on Dry Fork a few miles southeast of Brookville, Indiana, thence on to Brookville....

"The colonel was one of the most energetic go ahead men at that day living in the White Water Valley. In politics a Simon pure Democrat, and in all campaigns on his time was a hard worker for the candidate who stood upon the Democratic platform representing the issues as he himself saw it. In the year 1838 or 9, he constructed a dam across the West Fork of White Water, this being done so that boats could continue on their journey in the White Water Canal on to Cincinnati, Ohio. But in the early Summer of 1866, a railroad was laid down the towpath of said White Water Canal, then the canal ceased to be navigable, but furnished power to run mills.

"Colonel Stoops was engaged for a few years in the dry goods business at Brookville, leaving there in the year 1848, and went to America, Wabash County, Ind., and there entered into the dry goods business again, with a branch store at Kokomo, Indiana. He met with many streaks of hard luck, and at one time was swindled out of a large sum of money by one John M. Myers, who at one time was a partner in the above business. So in the year 1850 he moved to Wabash, Wabash County and took charge of the 'Old Indiana House,' and there engaged in the hotel business for a short time, then moved to the 'Central House' of said Wabash, but meeting with no success, quit in 1853.

"Shortly after his wife died, he with five children moved back to Brookville, destitute of worldly goods, but yet full of vim, he struggled on, and at the outbreak of the Civil War in the year 1861 when at the age of 48 years, he enlisted in Company H, 52nd Ind. Vol. Inf. and was badly wounded at Fort Donaldson in February 1862.

⁸ Family Group Sheet, 26 Feb 2001. The date of birth given by Richard Johnson Stoops was 16 December 1813.

⁹ The following paragraphs are quoted from the Stoops manuscript by Richard Johnson Stoops, 1909.

ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES.



CERTIFICATE OF DISABILITY FOR DISCHARGE.

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

James Stoops of Captain *Frederick Deike's*
Deike's Company, [76], of the *52nd* *Infantry* Regiment of United States
 was enlisted by *Capt. F. Deike* of
 the *52nd* Regiment of *Infantry* at *New Brookville Ind*
 on the *16th* day of *October* 186*1*, to serve *3* years; he was born
 in *Franklin* in the State of *Indiana*, is *40*
 years of age, *5* feet *8 1/2* inches high, *Fair* complexion, *Blue* eyes,
Grey hair, and by occupation when enlisted a *Soldier*. During the last two
 months said soldier has been unfit for duty *60* days. *(Here consult directions on Form 12, p. 269, Mod. Dept. Gen. Reg.)*
on account of Chronic Diarrhea & Diabetes
occasioned by exposure at Fort Donelson

STATION: *Germantown Penn.*

DATE: *July 27th 1862* *J. Deike* Captain Commanding Company.

I CERTIFY, that I have carefully examined the said *James Stoops* of
 Captain *F. Deike's* Company, and find him incapable of performing the duties of a soldier
 because of *(Here consult par. 1134, p. 245, and directions on Form 12, p. 269, Mod. Dept. Gen. Reg.)* *Chronic Diarrhea*
and Diabetes

A. B. Costerline Asst Surgeon Acting Surg.
in 52nd Inf Regt

DISCHARGED this *17th* day of *August* 1862, at *Memphis Tenn*
O. A. Kilbuck
Regt. Commanding the 4th Div.
Dep't. Tenn

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—*Brookville* County—*Franklin* State—*Indiana*

[DUPLICATES.]

In the autumn of 1862, he returned to his home in Brookville when in the early part of 1865 he was married again at Brookville, Indiana to Mrs. Ruth Searren, a widow with one child, a son. To this union were born three children, one son Arthur and two girls, Mary and Cora. All are married and doing well. Colonel James Stoops died July 27th 1875, full of faith in the salvation of his soul, he having made that faith known at a protracted meeting at the Presbyterian Church of Brookville in 1858.... He was buried in the Brookville Cemetery by the side of a son, John M. Stoops, died February 9, 1870, at the age of 22 years in Arcola, Illinois.”

Children¹⁰ of James and Sarah (Stringer) Stoops:

- i. MARTHA EMALINE⁸, b. Franklin Co., IN 21 Mar 1836, d. 8 Feb 1909, bur. Maple Grove Cemetery; m. at Franklin Co., IN 24 Sep 1857, MILTON EADS QUICK, b. bef. 1837, d. ca 1890. bur. Maple Grove Cemetery, son of Cyrus Quick (1806-1860) and Hannah Clayton Quick (1806-1881). Col. Stoops writes “They lived at Panther Run, five miles southeast of Brookville. She took her sister Queen Victoria Stoops, who was but seven years old, into her home and cared for her as one of her own until she was able to care for herself. These Panther Run hills did not prove very fertile, only furnishing a meager sustenance. So she after a few years with her family moved to the western part of the state of Indiana, and after a few more years of struggling, for which we all want and some do not get, she returned to Brookville, but remaining there only a short time, settled in Union Co, Ind., near Goodwin cross roads.... Martha E. Quick, long since confessed to love the Lord Jesus Christ, and joined the German Baptist Church (commonly known as the Dunkards). She was most charitable in all things, believing everybody should serve God according to the dictations of their own hearts.... She did not attend the yearly meeting held in Los Angeles, California, in 1907. She never recovered from the sickness which prevented her going to the above meeting, yet she never murmured, but calmly endured the suffering which followed with Christian fortitude always cheerful with a kind word for all whom she chanced to see. The angel of death called her home Feb. 8th 1909, in her seventy-third year. She died having the faith which only will

¹⁰ The following note and information about the children are included in the 26 February 2001 Family Group Sheet provided by Ardis Pierce: “Nine children from first marriage, however, only four lived to marry and have homes of their own.” Soon after ... his wife died he with his five children returned to Brookville, without worldly goods. He was constable.... In 1861, age 48, he enlisted in Co. H. 52nd Ind. Vol. Inf. and was badly wounded at Ft. Donaldson, Feb 1862, returning home that autumn. He joined the Presbyterian church of Brookville in 1858. Census Wabash Co. in 1850 shows him 36 merchant, \$1,200 real estate b. Ala; Sarah 31 b. Ind; Martha E. 14; Mary E. 12; Margaretta 10; Richard 8; John M. 1; all children born Indiana. Mary, Margaretta and Richard had attended school during the year.”

bring the soul into that everlasting life of joy and happiness. She was buried by the side of her husband in Maple Grove Cemetery, Brookville, Ind.”

Children, surname *Quick*¹¹: 1. Vallandingham, b. ca 1858; d. in infancy. 2. Charles Leslie, b. 21 Jun 1858; m. Francis Witter. 3. William Endsley, b. 20 Oct 1859. 4. James Cyrus, b. 26 Oct 1861. 5. Laura, b. ca 1866. 6. Robert J., b. ca 1868.

- ii. MARY ELIZABETH, b. ca 1838, IN; d. as a child.
- iii. MARGARETTA “MAG,” b. Brookville, Franklin Co., IN 17 Jan 1840, d. at Gays, IL, 19 Feb 1908; m. at Slavetown, Franklin Co. IN, 1 Dec 1859, WILLIAM WILSON, b. bef 1840, farmer. He was the son of “Uncle Charles” and “Aunt Polly” Wilson. Col. Stoops wrote: “...MAG, as she was called by a legion of friends, was a hard worker, doting wife, kind to all, good neighbor, and above all a true Christian woman, having given herself unto the Lord in her youth. She belonged to the Christian Church in which her husband has long been a ruling elder In the year 1868, she left the scenes of her youth, and went to what was then called the West, and settled near Arcola, Illinois on a prairie farm.... In 1890-91 she with her husband and family moved to a farm near Gays, IL. Here they lived for several years then selling the farm they moved into Gays.... But her last years instead of being the sweetest, were trying ones indeed, as she had been stricken with paralysis immediately after leaving the farm. She furnished a home and the comforts to her brother John M. Stoops, from the time he was a boy of ten until his death at the age of 22 years.... During the years 1903-1906, Mag Wilson furnished a home for her brother, Richard J. Stoops, who, having been left a widower at Brookville, Inc., Jan 29th 1903.”
Children, surname *Wilson*¹²: 1. Charles, b. ca 1860. 2. Harriet May, b. 29 Apr 1866. 3. John S., b. ca 1864. 4. Mary Olive, b. ca 1868. 6. Sarah Alice, b. ca 1870. 7. James, b. ca 1872.
- iv. RICHARD JOHNSON, b. Blue Creek, Franklin Co., IN 30 Apr 1842, d. aft 1909; m. (1) NANCY WARD, (2) LUCY A. SIMPSON. No issue.
- v. JAMES WHITCOMB, b. ca 1844; d. as a child.

¹¹ Family Group Sheet of Martha Emaline Stoops and Milton Eads Quick, 4 Dec 2000.

¹² Family Group Sheet of Margarettta “Mag” Stoops and William Wilson, 3 Dec 2000.

- vi. SARAH, b. ca 1846; d. as a child.
- vii. JOHN MORTIMAR, b. ca 1848; d. Arcola, IL 9 Feb 1870.
- viii. QUEEN VICTORIA, b. at America, Wabash Co., IN 5 Sep 1850; d. 17 Mar 1893 after a brief sickness at the age of 42 years 6 months and 12 days. At Franklin Co., IN on 29 Dec 1870, she m. ISAAC WHITNEY, b. at Arcola, IL abt 1850. “(She) was but a mere child when she was left without a mother. She made her home with her sister Martha E. Quick, until almost fully grown. In the meantime she applied her mind to the accomplishing of an education. Being rather a bright pupil at school, she succeeded, while yet in her teens, and received a license to teach school. In the year 1869, she went to Arcola, IL, to visit her other sister, Margaretta Wilson, and there in that vicinity taught school until Dec. 29th 1870, when she was married to ISAAC W. WHITNEY, son of Asa Whitney, a prosperous farmer.”

After trying city life and again being on a farm, they “returned to Franklin Co., Indiana, near Brookville and settled on the old homestead of ‘Grandmother Whitney,’ it being eight miles east of Brookville in Springfield township.... Queen V., early in life gave herself to the Lord Jesus Christ. Choosing the Baptist belief, she became one of its devoted members, she could always be seen in her pew at church time, unless kept away by sickness. She was beloved by all who knew her, a loving companion devoted mother to her daughters, and a neighbor worthy imitating. She lived a happy and contented life when she was called to that Heavenly home, while in the prime of life, at the age of 42 years 6 months and 12 days.”

Children, surname *Whitney*¹³ : 1. Clarence, b. ca 1871, d. as a child. 2. Jennie, b. ca 1873. 3. Mattie A., b. ca 1875. Richard Johnson Stoops in his manuscript wrote that Jennie and Mattie A. “are married, and have homes and families of their own. Jennie lives at Deedsville, IN and Mattie A lives at the old homestead, east of Brookville, IN.”

- ix. LOUIS, b. ca 1852; died as a child.

Children of James and Ruth (Hutchinson) Stoops¹⁴ :

- x. ARTHUR, b. bef 1874; m. _____.

¹³ Family Group Sheet of Queen Victoria Stoops and Isaac M. Whitney, 3 Dec 2000.

¹⁴ Family Group Sheet, 26 Feb 2001.

- xi. MARY VIRGINIA, b. bef. 1874; m. REV. ERNEST ALBERT GAGLE.
- xii. CORA G., b. bef. 1874; m. WILLIAM C. DIETZ.

8. RICHARD JOHNSON⁸ STOOPS was born at Blue Creek, Franklin County, Indiana, on 30 April 1842. Near Brookville on 25 December 1866, he married (1) NANCY M. WARD, died at Brookville 29 January 1903. Major-General Durbin Ward, Augustus Ward of Ohio, Aquilla Wright, all deceased, were brothers-in-law to the Comrade's wife and all served in the Civil War.¹⁵ At Oregon City, Oregon, on 9 October 1907, he married (2) LUCY A. SIMPSON.

“When his father was the landlord of the old Indiana house and also of the Central house in Wabash, Wabash County, Indiana, he spent much of his time in greasing drovers' boots and shining those of traveling men, doing many other things that only boys of his age could do.¹⁶

“His mother died when he was but 12 years of age, and at the age of 14 he was cast almost nude upon his own resources and began work on a farm for six dollars per month. He saved his money and went to school at Brookville for five years, working night and morning and all Saturday for his board. He then began teaching at Wabash, which he continued until the summer of 1862. When the President called for 600,000 brave hearts to defend the Union, he was engaged as a teacher and farmer in Wabash County, Indiana, and at the age of 20, on August 14, 1862 he there enlisted at Wabash, Wabash County, Indiana as private in Company K, 101st Ind Vol Inf. 2d Brigade, 3 Div. 14th Army Corps, Department of the Cumberland. Among the engagements in which he took an active part were pursuit of Old John Morgan in Kentucky and Tennessee and the battles of Hartsville, Milton, Perrysville, Hoovers Gap and Stone River. He became deaf from typhoid contacted during the war and was discharged.

“On special service he served as company clerk for Capt. John M. McKahan, and also as Acting Sergeant of the guard on picket or on patrol duty. During his service he contracted colds and typhoid fever, was sent to Murfreesboro hospital for some time, then to Nashville hospital, until discharged on account of deafness.... This discharge on the surgeon's certificate of disability took place March 31, 1863 at Nashville, Tennessee. Comrade Stoops¹⁷ returning from service on April 10, 1863, landed at Brookville, Indiana, a mere shadow, having lost seventy pounds of flesh. However, during the summer he so recuperated that by September, same year, resumed his old occupation—that of teacher. The school house in which he resumed teaching was on Panther Run and here he boarded during school days with his sister Martha E. Quick, always returning to his Uncle William Stoops at Brookville on Friday eve. He only missed one day during the term at Panther Run, and again returned to Lagio, Wabash County, Ind. where he engaged in farming on Richard Stoops' farm, near Pleasant View. In September he resumed teaching school in the Taylor District. He returned to Brookville in the latter part of August, 1865, and the 1st of

¹⁵ Brothers-in-law information taken from Mr. Stoops' manuscript.

¹⁶ Mr. R. J. Stoops writes further that in his youthful days, he was quite an expert with bow and arrow, a great wrestler and jumper, having cleared 21½ feet running jump, often jumping across the canal lock of White Water Canal at Brookville, Indiana.

¹⁷ As he called himself in his manuscript.

ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES.



*App'd
W. H. Thomas
Surgeon
Major*

CERTIFICATE OF DISABILITY FOR DISCHARGE.

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

Richard J. Stoops, a corporal of Captain *John M. Mahan* Company, (No. *106*) of the *101st Indiana* Regiment of United States *vol. Infy.* was enlisted by *A. B. Bennett* of the *101st Ind* Regiment of *vol. Inf.* at *Wabash Ind* on the *Sixteenth* day of *August* 186*2*, to serve *Three* years; he was born in *Franklin Co* in the State of *Indiana* is *Twenty one* years of age, *5* feet *7* inches high, *Light* complexion, *Blue* eyes, *Light* hair, and by occupation when enlisted a *Teacher*. 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: *Hospital No. 4. Nashville Tenn*
DATE: *March 2 1863.*

Commanding Company.

I CERTIFY, that I have carefully examined the said *Richard J. Stoops* of Captain *John M. Mahan* 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.) *Pneumonia Pulmonalis - (Chronic)*

G. G. Town
apt Surgeon. U.S.A.
Exchange No. 4
Nashville Tenn

DISCHARGED, this *31st* day of *March* 186*3* at *Nashville Tenn*
A. B. Bennett

Wm. L. ... 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—

September took charge of a school near the Old Baptist church on Little Cedar Creek, four miles southeast of Brookville....

“After a four months’ term had ended here, he went to Dr. J. H. Quick’s neighborhood and taught another four months in the frame school house just below Slavetown and near to the old tollgate on the pike. Here his school averaged 57 pupils, and here it was that he tried to teach Edgar Quick how to write. While Comrade Stoops was teaching in the above named place, men were busy laying ties and rails on the old toepath of Whitewater Canal for a railroad. This was in April, 1866, and it was here that his hearing became bad that he decided to give up teaching. So in June, same year, he engaged as a general agent for the Singer Sewing Machine,¹⁸ continuing in said business about eight years. His deafness increasing, he resumed farming again, which he continued until the year 1900, when he retired, but still lived on the farm.

“Comrade Stoops joined the Presbyterian Church, during a protracted meeting in the early part of 1858. He was Chaplain in Hackleman Post, No. 64 G.A.R. of Brookville, Ind. for ten years. He is now (1909) a member of The John F. Miller Post, No. 47, of Lebanon, Oregon.

“His wife, who had been afflicted for several years, died January 29, 1903, leaving Comrade Stoops all alone, and yet not entirely alone as he had two sisters then living. He sold all his earthly possessions at Brookville early in the spring, but still called Old Brookville his home and would return every fall from Gays, Illinois, where he was furnished a good home by his sister Margaretta Wilson, he having no desire any more to settle down at Brookville just then and there resigned himself to fate. But while in the fall of 1906, when upon returning from Chattanooga, Tennessee, whence he had gone to attend a G.A.R. reunion on the famous battle field near there, by way of Brookville and Liberty, Ind., at the last named place while visiting his elder sister, Martha E. Quick, by Providence met a widow who lived in Lebanon, Oregon, but was born in Union County, Ind. and first married went West. So Comrade Stoops became enamored with the widow whose name was Lucy A. Simpson. After her return to Lebanon, Oregon he corresponded with her by letter. This was kept up until the last of September, and on the third day of October 1907 he left Gays, Illinois, for the Far West, meeting the widow at Wilsonville, Oregon, and drove to Oregon City on the 9th day of October and were married. He immediately took up his residence in the beautiful little city of Lebanon. He is contented and happy, and is living a retired life. He is the only one living of James Stoops’ first family. Comrade Richard Stoops, at the date of which this brief sketch was written, still lives in Lebanon and says it is quite a pleasure to witness its rapid growth. The climate surely agrees with him, as he has gained in flesh, and during the two years has never had a cold, nor lost a solitary meal. He attends the M. E. Church regularly with his wife, who is an active member.

¹⁸ Ardis Pierce wrote that Miss Martha Stoops (dec’d) of Los Angeles shared an excerpt from an 1873 Brookville American newspaper: “R. J. Stoops is the representative in this place of the Singer Manufacturing co., and is also a dealer in books, stationery, toys, albums, etc. For the past seven years, Mr. Stoops has been engaged in the sale of the popular Singer and that he has been successful in fact that he represents this particular sewing machine.”

“In politics (sic) he is still what he was before the Civil War, a Democrat. His first vote was given to George B. McClellan in Lagro, Wabash County, Indiana in November 1864 and was never known to ‘scratch a nominee,’ always voting a straight ticket.”

He believed that:

“What builds the nation’s pillars high,
And its foundation strong,
What makes it mighty to defy
The foes that round it throng.
Not gold, but only men can make
A people great and strong,
Men who, for truth and honor’s sake,
Stand fast and suffer long,
Brave men who work while others sleep
Who dare while others fly—
They build a nation’s pillars deep
And lift them to the sky.”

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QUERY FROM ARDIS PIERCE

Would like any further information about Nancy Catherine Stoops who was born either 1834 or 1836, probably in Indiana. She died 10 November 1870 or 10 November 1872 near DeWitt, Nebraska. She was buried in a pioneer cemetery in Cuming County, Nebraska; however, death records did not exist at that time. It is believed she was a daughter of Thomas Stoops (b. 1804) and Lucinda Thompson (b. 1801). Nancy Catherine was my third great grandmother who married Henry Loney in Dayton Twp., Tippecanoe County, Indiana in 1863. She had three sons: Charles E., George Wallace, and Ira Herman Loney.

Wayne H. Loney. 14086 Kane Road, Plainwell, MI 49080 or e-mail ardis@voyager.net .

SOME LONG ISLAND GENEALOGY

By Jane McMurtry Allen

The following has been of interest because Elizabeth's and my great grandfather was named Daniel Rapalyea Allen and we have been unsuccessful in finding a relationship between the Rapalyea (Rapelye) family and our direct Allen line. It is probable that Robert and Alletta (Whaley) Allen, parents of Daniel Rapalyea Allen, were friends and admirers of the Rapalyea family and gave their son the middle name of Rapalyea.

In May of 1993, Mary Jane Henney of Mansfield, Ohio mailed me pages from the Snedeker book *Snedeker-Snedecor-Snedeger-Snedaker-Snedicor-Snedegr-Snediker-Snidacor-Snedizar-Families* by Harold Ray Snedeker, copyright 1970, no publisher given. Mrs. Henney also wrote that a new Snedeker book had been written by Walter C. Snedeker of Coral Springs, Florida. She also provided a copy of the Summons issued by the Supreme Court, County of Queens.

ROBERT⁶ ALLEN was born at Newtown, Queens County, New York on 22 May 1784 and died at Hempstead, New York, on 10 August 1834 (aged 50 years, 2 mos, 19 days), of "bilious fever." He was buried in the Old Burial Ground #469, Presbyterian Churchyard, Hempstead, Long Island, New York. At Christ's Presbyterian Church, South Hempstead on 15 October 1807/8, he married ALLETTA LOUISE WHALEY, William P. Kuypers, Minister (*NYGBR* 53:241). She was born at Jamaica, New York on 20 December 1790, died there on 4 February 1851 (aged 60 yrs., 2 mos, 15 days), daughter of David and Elizabeth (Golder) Whaley. She, also, was buried in the Old Presbyterian Churchyard, #470.

Their third child (and second son) was ROBERT, born about 1813, who married at the Dutch Reform Church, Jamaica, on 10 November 1840 ALLETTA B. SNEDEKER of Jamaica (Film 017136, Boca Raton, Florida Family History Library), sponsors David Allen and Martin Suydan. "Alletta Beebe Snedeker, daughter of Abraham Snedeker, married Thursday evening last." (*Long Island Democrat*, 17 Nov. 1840).

The following Summons was issued to "Mrs. Aletta B. Allen, Wife of Robert Allen, New Rochelle":