

WILL OF ELIZABETH VANCE, November 12, 1781

Frederick County, Virginia, Record Book 1, Page 9

"IN THE NAME OF GOD, Amen, this 12th day of November A.D. 1781, I, Elizabeth Vance of the County of Frederick and the state of Virginia, being old and weak in body but of sound and perfect memory and knowing the uncertainty of this life and being desirous to settle things in order, do make this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following"...(and there follows the usual disposition of body and revoking all former wills , etc.)

"ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son William Vance that plantation or tract of land whereon he, the said William Vance, now lives."

"ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son James David Vance my negro man named Tom."

"ITEM: I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Gilkerson my negro wench named Rose, together with her bed and bed clothes, spinning wheel and one chest. I likewise give and bequeath my wearing apparel to be equally divided betwix my two daughters, that is Mary Willson and Sarah Gilkerson."

"ITEM: I give and bequeath the remaining part of my personal estate to be equally divided into three shares, the one I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Vance, another share to my son William Vance and another to be equally divided betwix my grand-children: vis. James Willson and Elizabeth Willson, James part of which to be paid at my decease if at age and Elizabeth's part to be kept in the Executors' hands for the use of said Elizabeth Willson to be paid to her when they think proper; and it is my will and desire that Samuel Vance, John Gilkerson and William Vance shall be my Executors (etc.). In witness (etc.)."

ELIZABETH VANCE her mark X

Probated October 4, 1785

Witness: William Chipley, Sarah Chipley, Elizabeth Chipley, Sarah Bell

NOTATION BY W.D. VANDIVER

"The will being probated October 4, 1785, it is probable that she died in 1785, or some 34 years after her husband, James Vance, died. They had been married in Ireland before coming to America in 1735. She was the daughter of Samuel and Mary Gamble Glass, heroic pioneers, settlers of the Shenandoah Valley and founders of the Openquon Congregation of the Presbyterian Church."

by Alice Henkle Rupe (from Peola Tucker Stuart's records)

Buried Treasures

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RIFLE AND LIGHT INFANTRY TACTICS

From an 1861 Manual belonging to
George W. BAILEY

Following are selected pages from a small (3-1/2" by 5") manual that belonged to my Great Grandfather, George W. BAILEY, Private, Company C, 51st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers. It is interesting to realize that prior to World War I orders had to be relayed to the soldiers by the bugler and drummer.

Contributed by Alma HORTON SHEWFELT

RIFLE AND LIGHT INFANTRY TACTICS

FOR
THE EXERCISE AND MANOEUVRES

OF

TROOPS WHEN ACTING AS LIGHT INFANTRY
RIFLEMEN.

PREPARED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE
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SCHOOLS OF THE SOLDIER AND COMPANY;
INSTRUCTION FOR SKIRMISHERS.

PHILADELPHIA:

J. B. LIPPINCOTT & CO.

1861.

Esther Vance Shirley of Virginia

by Virginia Roach

Vance
Family

The only true fact I know of Esther Vance, daughter of James Vance 1762) of Frederick County, Va. is that she was his daughter, and she married Walter Shirley Jr. of the same county, but that later became Jefferson County, now W Va. She was a 4th Great Grandmother on my maternal side. This information has always been in my family during my life. James Vance (D. 1762) names daughters Esther and Margaret, and sons John and Samuel in his Will (Fred. Co. Will Book III, page 30)

According to my family history, Esther (and she is often referred to as Hester in my family, though I understand that in early days the name was frequently used interchangeably) was born ca 1738, m. ca 1759 and d. in 1784. She and Walter Shirley Jr. were the parents of 8 children, the youngest being my 3rd Great Grandmother, Mary Shirley, b. 11 Jan. 1781, who married Dr. Hugh Barton in 1799 in Greenville, Tenn. (area now Sullivan County). Other children of Esther Vance and Walter Shirley Jr. were:

1. James; m. Susanna and they moved to Chillicothe, Ohio. 2. David; m. Carolyn Knight or McKnight. 3. Samuel. 4. Laurence m. Elizabeth Hay and they also moved to Ohio. 5. Margaret: m. Michael Wysong (lived always in area). The Wysong family also has a written family history containing information on the early Shirley family. (The Story of Smithfield by Robert Bates). 6. Nancy: m. John Campbell. 7. Elizabeth: m. Samuel French. 8. Mary.

Walter Jr. was b. ca 1730, the son of Walter Shirley and Dorcus Avis. The first Walter d. 1755 and names 6 children in his Will: sons Walter Jr.; Jarvis, James and Robert, and daughters Sarah and Dorcus. The Shirley family claim to be descended from royal blood through Sir Robert Shirley, Lord of Ferrers and Elizabeth Washington. This has never been proved.)

We do know that Jarvis and Walter Shirley Jr. both served in a Militia group known as Rutherfords Rangers in the French and Indians Wars around the Frederick County area. This Robert Rutherford was recommended by George Washington to form and train men for the purpose of fighting the Indians like Indians, until a peace was signed in the War on Feb. 10, 1763. Pay to these soldiers varied from a few shillings to a few pounds, and after the peace, they were further compensated by land warrants for their service to the Crown. (Story of Rutherfords Rangers found in Jefferson County W. Va. Hist. Soc. Vol. IV Dec. 1938) Walter Jr. applied for and received 80 A. for this service in March 1780 (French and Indian Bounty Warrants Va. Land Office Vol. IV, page 357). He had previously been willed 200 A. of the 800 A. his Father Walter Sr. had bought of Lord Fairfax in 1750 and 1751 (Deeds to Walter Sr. dated 13 Oct 1750, Book G. page 438 Northern Neck Va. Land office; and June 20, 1751, Book H, page 3) Walter Sr. Will is dated Aug. 11, 1755 (Fred. Co. Will Book I, page 175)

Esther and Walter lived on their land described in his Fathers Will as: 200A. lying and being in Frederick County on the Glade Branch joining a large spring called the Pond joining Nathaniel Thomas and the Widow McKays land. This land now directly joins the northern part of the Charlestown W. Va. racetrack.

A fact which might further prove that this line of descent is indeed true, is that Margaret Shirley Wysong, dau. of Ester and Walter Shirley Wysong named a daughter Esther Vance Wysong, b. 16 Oct. 1796 and she in turn, after her marriage to Aquilla Davis, named a daughter Esther Ann Vance Davis, b. 31 March 1827. These families all lived in Charlestown. In my own family, both the names Vance and Shirley have been used in almost every generation since, and both names are ones of which the family is very proud.

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It has long been the tradition in my family that Esther and Walter's last daughter, Mary, b. 11 Jan. 1781 was only 3 years old when her Mother died in 1784. She was then raised by an Aunt, a Mrs. Snapp. I have always assumed this Aunt to be the Margaret named in her Fathers Will. Of course it is possible he could have had another daughter, already married at his death and not named in the Will. I have done a great deal of research on the Snapp family trying to find if this was indeed James other daughter Margaret who raised Mary. I originally thought she was suppose to have married a John Snapp, but have finally settled on a Laurence Snapp Jr. (B. 1740) who did have a wife named Margaret. None of the Snapp descendants I have corresponded with have known just what her maiden name was. The story goes that when the Snapps had a daughter marrying and going to East Tenn. in early 1799, she wanted a sister to go with her as a companion in this new land. None of her sisters would do this, but Mary Shirley consented to go and stay with her for a year. During that year, in the Greenville, Tenn. area, she met the young Dr. Hugh Barton, just graduated from Philadelphia Medical School and married there in late 1799. A daughter of the Laurence Snapp, another Margaret, did marry a Dr. Elkanah Dulaney at Woodstock on 7 Feb. 1799 and they moved immediately to the Tenn. area that became Sullivan County. If this was the cousin Mary went to Tenn. with, it seem likely that it was through them that she met her future husband Dr. Hugh Barton.

To further all this speculation, Laurence Snapp Sr. in his Will referred to land he had bought belonging to a Samuel Vance and said that this is land where John Vance used to live (Esthers' brothers?) Thus the families seemed to know each other. Laurence Snapp and several other of his children later moved to Sullivan County, Tenn. also. There (from April 1995 Vance Newsletter, page 45) there are land transaction when Samuel Vance (who the Vance Assc. believes to be Esthers brother) bought from Jeremiah Harris, 200 A. of land with Elkanah R. Dulaney and Laurence Snapp being witnesses on 11 Sept. 1802. And on 17 May 1803, this Samuel Vance sold land with Phillip Snapp (another of Laurence sons) being witness. On 19 Feb. 1805 he sold another 80A. to Samuel Evans (his son-in-law) and Elkanah R. Dulaney was again a witness. These families had to be close.

Mary Shirley and Dr. Hugh Barton soon moved to Clinton, Anderson County, Tenn. just north of Knoxville, and Dr. Barton both practiced medicine and served as Court Clerk from 1810 until his retirement in 1834. He was also a trustee of the Academy there. Their children all married very prominent people, several migrating down to northwestern Alabama, now Colbert County. After Dr. Hugh's retirement they too followed their children there and Mary died 29 Dec. 1852 and Hugh on 19 Feb. 1856. They are buried in the large Barton-Rutland family cemetery just outside the town of Barton, AL.

Mary Shirley and Hugh Bartons' 12 children (Grandchildren of Esther Vance) were: 1. Armstead, b. 2 Oct 1800, m. Amanda Cook d. 29 May 1847. 2. Roger b. 1802 Md. Eudora Barry d. 4 March 1855. 3. Eliz b. 15 Nov. 1804 m. Wlm. Dickson. 4. Arthur Crozier, b. 8 Nov 1806 unmarried, d. 1893. 5. Hannah B 2 Feb. 1809 died in infancy. 6. Clark Gilbreath b. 11 Apr 1811, D 15 Dec 1827. 7. Margaret b. 7 May 1813 M Rutland, d. 3 Oct 1855. 8. Hugh, B 8 Jan 1817 M Jane Harris, D 1900. 9. Hannah Marie b. 29 March 1815, m. Edward Caroloss and later her sisters widower, J. W. Rutland, d. 10 March 1890. 10. John, b. 2 Feb. 1819, D 25 March 1864 (Civil War). 11. Louisa Vance b. 10 March 1822 m. George Warren d. 10 Jan 1901. 12. (my ancestor) James Shirley B 2 Apr. 1826, m. Martha E. Petty, D 17 July 1890

VIRGINIA STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES LAND OFFICE MILITARY CFT. BOX 61

*Joseph Vance is entitled to the Report
was a soldier of the Virg^a Line on Cont^l
for three years service*
Thos. Merivether

#938 (fragmentary)

Copy of Military Warrant from Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives

Land Office Military Warrant #938 was issued to Joseph Vance for one hundred acres for three years service as a soldier in the In the Virginia Continental Line. Dated 20th day of June 1783

Military Warrant # 966 was issued to Dennis Boush/Bush for one hundred acres for three years of service, as a soldier, in the Virginia Continental Line. Dated 20th of June 1783.

Dennis Boush/Bush assigned Warrant #966 to Joseph Vance 2 July 1783

Joseph Vance assigned Warrant's #'s 966 and 938 to Andrew Vance 8 December 1785.

Bureau Of Land Management Records - Springfield, Virginia
200 hundred acres was surveyed for Andrew Vance 28 Sept 1798 in Goshen Township, Clermont County, Ohio on the head waters of O'Bannon Creek, situate between the Little Miami and the Sciota Rivers, north-west of the River Ohio., The 200 acres was on two military warrants, to wit; on #938 for one hundred acres, in favor of Joseph Vance, who assigns the same to Andrew Vance; on # 966 for one hundred acres in favor of Dennis Bush who assigns the same to Joseph Vance, who assigns the same to Andrew Vance.

Need to identify this Joseph Vance and Andrew Vance... Research of Lee Woerdeman
805 1st Ave. West, Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577-2606

David Graham and Theodocia Vance
Research of Margaret Vance Webb & Mary Vance Norfleet

"David G. Vance was the leading hotel keeper of the town of Jonesboro from 1800 to 1819" as remembered from his childhood, by General A. E. Jackson, in **The History of Washington County, Tennessee** by Goodspeed. The inn was built by William Patterson Chester after 1797 and was later leased to David Graham Vance, who operated the inn until his death. The Chester Inn, as it is now called, is a landmark in the town of Jonesboro, Tennessee and now houses the National Storytelling Organization headquarters.

David Graham Vance was the second son of Dr. Patrick Vance and his wife, Miss (Mary) Graham, according to William Balbirnie. (*See VFA Newsletter, July, 1987, p. 55-58*) David, born before 1780, was likely named after his maternal grandfather. David and his brothers, Hugh and William Kirkpatrick Vance were raised in Rockbridge County, Virginia. Sometime before 1804, David married Theodocia, her maiden name unknown.

David settled in Washington County, TN, and his name begins to appear in official records by 1805. The following Washington County deeds were found for David G. Vance:

- 2 June 1806. D. G. Vance purchased a Negro boy, Anthony, from Jacob Summer for \$300. Witness: John A. McKinney, Thomas Stuart (DB 8, p. 323)
- 8 May 1807. David G. Vance purchased lot # 61 in Jonesboro from Mathew Aiken for \$50.00. Witness: Lewis Wary, Enoch Hincloe (DB 7, p. 298)
- 13 January 1809. David G. Vance purchased a Negro woman, Rachel from William P. Chester for \$430. Witness: Manly Stuart, Wm. K. Vance (DB 12, p. 82)
- 15 September 1809. David G. Vance to Francis Preston of Washington County, VA. Deed of mortgage. For \$500 in cash and lots 14 & 18 in Jonesboro sold by John A. McKinney to David G. Vance on 15 September 1809. David G. Vance to pay Francis Preston, \$2500 in gold or silver on or before 5 September 1812. Witness Hugh Brown, Poler Paison (DB 12, p. 168)
- 10 July 1810. David G. Vance to John McAlister. Deed of Trust. Debts due firm of King & McAlister; Carter Store; claim on John & James Johnson; debt owed John & Joseph Blair. Security given: Negro boy, Toney, and women, Rachel & Patsy; lot 61 bought from Mathew Aiken. (DB 13, p.151)
- 1811. David G. Vance lived on lot adjoining Russell Bean on Main Street, Jonesboro.
- 16 September 1815. David G. Vance sold to John McAlister part of lots 14 & 18 in Jonesboro. Witness: William Smith, R. J. Chester (DB 13; p. 33)
- 6 March 1822. David G. Vance sold to James V. Anderson, lot 61 in town of Jonesboro for sum of \$60. (DB 17, p. 343)

David G. Vance is also listed on the 1809; 1811; 1814; 1815; 1818 through 1824 tax lists with a varying number of Negroes and town lots but always owning 50 acres. There is no record of David purchasing or disposing of the 50 acres in Washington County, Tennessee deeds.

David fought in the War of 1812. He is listed as Assistant Wagon Master under Brigadier General N. Taylor. Another reference lists his brother, William K. Vance, as Sergeant under Colonel John Williams and Captain David G. Vance.

In 1816, David was listed as a Justice of the Peace. According to Goodspeed, the first school in Jonesboro was begun in 1812 and in union with the Presbyterian Church, a building was erected to house the school in 1816. D. G. Vance was added as a trustee of the school in 1817. David G. Vance was the mayor of Jonesboro in 1822. (DB 17, p. 216)

David died before 17 October 1823, when the inventory for his estate was filed in Washington County. Theodocia Vance was the administrator of the estate. Theodocia Vance bought all of the personal property at the estate sale held on 24 January 1824, with the exception of the "Se?to Family Bible" bought by Wesley Roberts and part of a keg of tobacco bought by Ezekiel Lyons. In a separate sale held 10 July 1824, William P. Chester bought Charles (Negro slave) for \$6.01 and Theodocia Vance purchased Rachel (Negro Slave) for \$22.00. (Washington Co., TN Inventories of Estates, Book O, p. 24-26; 28-35.)

Two lawsuits were filed against Theodocia Vance. William P. Chester Jr. versus Theodocia Vance, administrator of David G. Vance. The plaintiff produced receipt for payment of fifty-six dollars and sixty-two and on half cents as security for David G. Vance, deceased. The court entered a judgement against the defendant, who was ordered to pay \$56. 62 ½ plus interest from 7 October 1824 and costs. (10 July 1826) In the second lawsuit, 1828, the president, directors and company of the State Bank versus Theodocia Vance. A demurer was entered, and after argument of counsel being heard, the Court sustained and the defendant, Theodocia Vance recovered from the plaintiff her costs. (A demurer is a plea for dismissal of a lawsuit on the grounds that even if the statements of the opposing party are true, they do not sustain the claim because they are insufficient or otherwise defective.) (Washington County, TN Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, 1828-9, p. 47 & 66.)

After David's death, Theodocia continued to operate the inn and was issued a permit to keep a "Public House at the Sign of the Bell" in 1823. Since two of her daughters joined the Kingsport Presbyterian Church on October, 1828, it is possible that Theodocia moved her family to Sullivan County at that time. The 1830 Sullivan County, TN census lists Theodocia as age 50 to 60, was living in with one male, age 20 to 30, and two females, age 15 to 20 and one female, age 10 to 15. No further records of Theodocia have been found beyond this date.

The known children of David Graham and Theodocia Vance, as listed in Balbirnie, were:

Theodocia Vance, born ca 1804 in Tennessee, married Frederick A. Ross on 16 December 1823 in Hawkins Co., TN. Frederick A. Ross was born ca 1795 in Virginia and was a Presbyterian minister, one of the early pastors of the Kingsport Presbyterian Church in Sullivan County, TN. (See *VFA Newsletter*, Jan, 1992, p. 10-13.) Theodocia Ross transferred her membership from the Hebron Presbyterian Church to the Kingsport Presbyterian Church in 1824. Their children, all born in Tennessee, as listed on the 1850

Hawkins County, TN census were: David Ross, born ca 1829; William H. Ross, born ca 1830; James Ross, born ca 1831; Frederick Ross Jr., born ca 1833; Manning Ross, born ca 1835; George Ross, born ca 1841; Fanny Ross, born ca 1847; and Charles Ross, born 1850. There were other children as the 1830 census shows three sons under age five; one daughter under age 5, and one daughter aged 5 to 10. One other son may have been named Ephraim A. Ross.

Maria L. Vance, married Green Kennedy Cessna on 15 February 1825 in Washington Co., TN. Maria Cessna died between the birth of her last child in 1838 and 5 September 1842, when Green K. Cessna married Mrs. Nancy Reed Shaw in Nacadoches Co., TX. Green Kennedy Cessna was born ca 1805 in Tennessee and died before 1867 in Leon County, TX. Maria and Green's children as listed in the 1850 Nacadoches County, TX census and other records were: Eliza J. Cessna, who married John C. Tomlinson on 18 February 1847 in Nacadoches Co., TX; Theodocia Cessna, born ca 1830; Susan Cessna, born 16 April 1831 in NC; Walter Cessna, born ca 1834 in GA; James Cessna, born ca 1836 in GA; and Green Kennedy Cessna Jr., born ca 1838 in GA.

James Harvey Vance was born 5 February 1807 in Washington Co., TN and died 16 May 1884 in Hawkins Co., TN. James was the Clerk of the Courts for Hawkins County, TN from 1850 to 1862. On 3 April 1848, James married Lucy Reynolds in Hawkins County. Lucy was born 12 November 1826 and died 3 October 1883. Both are buried in Sanders Cemetery, Hawkins Co., TN. James and Lucy had one known child, David born about 1858.

Susan Amanda Vance was born ca 1811 in Washington County, TN and died 22 February 1822 in Clay County, MS. Kingsport Presbyterian Church records indicate that Susan was admitted on examination in October, 1828. Susan married Joseph Robert Howorth on 30 June 1831. Joseph, a doctor, was born in 1806 in SC and died 12 July 1883 in Clay County, MS. Susan and Joseph were the parents of ten children: Benjamin Marion Howorth; David Graham Howorth; Theodocia Eliza Howorth; Elizabeth Cates Howorth; Maria Louisa Howorth; Sarah Caroline Howorth; Joseph Corprew Howorth; James Henry Howorth; Robert Howorth; and Emma Eliza Howorth. A copy of the Joseph R Howorth Family Bible records was located in the Mississippi Genealogical Society and follows this article.

Caroline Vance was born about 1812 in Washington Co., TN and married Edward A. Myers about 1831. Caroline was listed as "Carl Vance" when admitted on examination to the Kingsport Presbyterian Church in October, 1828. Edward was born about 1805 in TN. In 1850, Caroline and Edward A Myers were living in Scott County, VA. Edward was listed as a farmer. Their children, all born in Tennessee, as listed on the census were: Eliza Myers, born ca 1832; Mariah Myers, born ca 1835; Theodosia Myers, born ca 1837; Emma Myers, born ca 1838; Susan Myers, born ca 1843; Rosa Myers, born ca 1845; Cordelia Myers, born ca 1847; and Edward Myers, born ca 1849.

William H. Vance was born in 1819 in Washington Co., TN and died 7 June 1821, aged 1 year, 7 months. William is buried in the Old Jonesboro Cemetery, Jonesboro, TN.

One other daughter was possibly named Eliza Vance, who was admitted on examination to the Kingsport Presbyterian Church on April, 1832. If Eliza was the daughter of David and Theodocia, she would account for the 10 to 15 year old female listed with Theodocia on the 1830 Sullivan County, TN census.

JOSEPH R. HOWORTH BIBLE

FAMILY RECORD

MARRIAGES

Joseph R. Howorth and Susan A. Vance were married on Thursday the 30th of June 1831.
Benjamin M. Howorth and Louisa Collins were married on Thursday the 1st day of Jany 1857.
J. R. Howorth and Mrs. M. E. Brown were married on the 13th of Sept. 1859.
David G. Howorth and F. A. Glen were married 13 of Decb. 1859.
Benj. M. Howorth and Julia Fleming were married July 3rd 1862.
Alexander Ellettwin & S. C. Howorth were married Oct. 1st 1868.
James A. Randle and Emma E. Howorth were married Oct. 2nd 1873.

BIRTHS

Benjamin Marion Howorth, first son of Joseph R. & Susan A. Howorth was born June the 1st 1832.
David Graham Howorth, second son of J. R. & S. A. Howorth, was born Nov. the 2nd 1833.
Theodocia, first daughter of J. R. & S. A. Howorth was born the 5th of Aug. 1835.
Elizabeth Cates, second daughter of J. R. & S. A. Howorth, was born on Thursday the 23rd of Feb. 1837.
Maria Louisa, third daughter of J. R. & S. A. Howorth, was born on Tuesday the 4th of Dec. 1838.
Sarah Caroline, forth daughter of J. R. & S. A. Howorth was born on Monday the 6th of Dec. 1841.
Joseph Corprew Howorth, third son of J. R. & S. A. Howorth, was born Saturday 8th of Oct. 1843.
James Henry Howorth, third (sic) son of J. R. & S. A. Howorth, was born Thursday 5th Aug. 1845.
Robert Howorth, fifth son of J. R. & S. A. Howorth, was born on Sunday the 13th of December 1847.
Emma Eliza, sixth (sic) daughter of J. R. & S. A. Howorth, was born 15th Dec. 1849.

William Howorth was born the 22 of January 1862.
Susie Elinor Randle, first daughter of J. A. & E. E. Randle was born Aug. 14, 1874.

DEATHS

Theodocia Eliza our first daughter, departed this life on Saturday morning Oct. 1836, aged 1 year & 2 months.
Elizabeth Cates Howorth, our second daughter, departed this life on Saturday morning the 26th of Sept. 1840, aged 3 years 7 months and 3 days.
Robert fifth son of J. R. & S. A. Howorth departed this life on Monday evening the – October 1852, aged 4 years & ten months
Mrs. Susan Howorth, wife of J. R. Howorth. departed this life February 22, 1855, Age 43 years & 11 months.

Mississippi Genealogical Society

OHIO ABSTRACTS

Research of Mary A. Yoder. 605 Pine St., Normal, IL 61761

Vance- Ohio-anywhere

Vance- Clark Co O Mg Book 5 1855-1863- NONE.

Vance- Clark Co O Mg Book 6 1863-1866-NONE.

Vance, Abraham m Mary Ennis 7.29.1816 Greene Co Oh Mgs
1815-1818.

Vance, Adaline m Ira H Compton 10.29.1840 Clark Co Oh
Mg Book 2 1832-1845, (Pg 52- also 1860 Cen Clark
Co Oh).

Compton, Ira H	45 m Oh Auctn
, Adaline	37 f Pa
, Elmina	19 f Oh Teach
, Eliza A	14 f Oh
, David M	10 m Oh
, Emma C	5 f Oh
, Edward	3 m Oh
, Adaline	3 f Oh

Vance, Alexander b Shenandoah Co, Va 1812; to O with his
father's family 1815; to Gallipolis 1832; mar 1832 Miss
Shepard, d/o Col. Luther Shephard. Dec Hon. John L. b,
Gallipolis 1839. He was a C.W. soldier & Congressman.
Early Gallia Co, O Histories.

Vance, Alfred m Margaret Arbuckle, p 140 Carroll Co O
Mg Index 1840-1849.

Vance, Anna m. Levi Humble 2.18.1819, Sam. McMillen, JP,
Clark Co, O Mgs 1818-1821. Book 1-A (pg 2).

Vance, Andrew Cleremont Co O Original Proprietors.

Vance, Arthur to Eleanor Blair - Brown Co O Mgs Index
Mar 3.1818-June 1819.

Vance, Benj. W. to Susanna Taylor 3.12.1833 Peter Ridenour,
JP Allen Co O Mgs 1831-1837.

Vance, Benj W 1833 tax list Allen Co O #2 Amanda Twp.

Vance, Chrisly 8.23.1819 granted license to keep tavern on
road to Mt Vernon (2) Licking Co O Common Pleas Court
Record 1819-1822 (Journal).

Vance, Christina Clark, Wm W. b 1828, s/o James & Rachel
(Watkins) Clark. He m. Christina Caldwell b 1835, d/o
Jacob & Christina (Vance) Caldwell. They had Joseph,
Jacob, Mary, Elmer, Eva, Alpha, John, Arthur & Stella.
Gallia Co O Pioneer Families.

(Vance) Christena Caldwell: Wm. W. Clark & Christena

Caldwell were m in this Twp in 1852, both were born here. Wm. W. was s/o Jos & Rachel (Watkins) Clark. Christena was d/o Jacob & Christena (Vance) CALdwell. Wm. W. in C. War. Among 1st members of ths church (Morgan Christian Church Cem, Gallia Co Oh). William W. Clark 1828-1903 Christina 1834-1911.

Vance, Cynthia d 1857 ae 29 w/o J.K. Adams Co O
Scott Twp- Seaman Cem.

Vance, Daniel Lake Twp area, Logan Co O 1818 Electors.

Vance, David Justice of Court of Common Pleas, Co of Jefferson, Oh Land off. July 29, 1797. Also on list of appointments made for Co Jyly 31, 1797.

Vance, David Jefferson Co N.W.T. 1800, First Records of Steubenville Land Office, Northwest Territory.

Vance, David m. Jennie Runyon 2.22.1806 Champaign Co Oh
Mgs 1805-1820. By Rev John Thomas. Pg 2

Vance, David-[WB 6A, 90 CHampaign Co O Guardianship p55] 1
Dec 1821 William Kenton GDN Nancy Anderson 16
yr; Crawford Anderson 13 yr; Lewis Ward Anderson 11
yr; Sarah Anderson 10yr, heirs of James Anderson,
dec'd. Surities: DAVID VANCE, Jesse Johnston.

Vance, David m Polly Wilson 27 Mch 1817 pg 70, Champ. Co, Oh
Mgs 1805-1820, by John Hughs.

Vance, David m Margaret Woolsey 12.31.1839 Clark Co Oh
Mg Book 2 1821-1832, (Pg 315).

Vance, David 1810 Tax list Belmont Co, Oh Colerain Twp.

Vance, David GDN of William Vance 17 yr and Wilson Vance
15 yr heirs of Joseph C Vance, dec'd. Sureties:
Francis Dunlap, John Reynolds & John Runyan
18 Oct 1810. [MB2-83 pg4 Book 1 Champaign Co
O Guardianship]

Vance, David 45 w1/2 19 91 Trans. to Nathl Drake & P.J.
Ireland Preble Co O 1821 Land Tax Duplicate. Non-
resident.

Vance, David Ohio Postmasters Sep 1833 list.

Vance, David Query:

Need data on ancestors etc of Amos Smith, s/o Wm & Rachel
(Jarret) Smith, b Grant Co In, 1 Jan 1779; d same place
15 Nov 1852; m 1805 Elizabeth Ashby, b Nelson Co Ky d
Grant Co In May 1862. Elizabeth b ca 1788, d/o Bladen &
Catherine (Van Meters) Ashby. Ch of Amos & Elizabeth:
1) Rachel b Troy, Maimi Co, Oh ca 1806, m 3 July 1830

Andrew Debolt, need Debolt ancestry; 2) Eleanor m Thos. Wiley; 3) Sarah m DAVID VANCE; 4) Charles W. m Pauline Baldwin; 5) Esther m Ambrose Cain; 6) Amy m Wm Cox; 7) Catherine m Isaiah Cox; 8) Amos, Jr m Elizabeth Mays; 9) Mary or Polly m James Rhoads; 10) Elizabeth m Daniel Newell; 11) John m. Elizabeth J. Dawson; all b Oh. Have much data on Ashbys. Helen E. Blais, Box 222, North Powder, Or 97867. (2nd query also-same content). (Van Meter and Ashby Family quite prominent in Nelson and Hardin Co Ky area- History of Hardin Co lists more about the 2 Families- this is the area that my Father's families are from and have much on the area-mgs etc- Mary Yoder).

Vance, David E1817 GR WB C & D P 64.
Ohio Wills & Estates 1850 An Index.

Vance, David [p67, WB6A-90, Champaign Co O Guardianship]
1 Dec 1820, William Kenton GDN of Nancy
Anderson, Crawford ANDerson, Lewis ANDerson,
Sarah Anderson heirs of James ANDerson.
Sureties: DAVID VANCE & Jesse Johnson.

Vance, David E1823 CH CPMB 8 P 173.
Ohio Wills & Estates 1850 An Index.

Vance, David E1839 Ch CPMB 15 P 247.
Ohio Wills & Estates 1850 An Index.

Vance, David 1860 Cen Clark Co Oh- 400/412 So. Charleston
David 46 m Oh farmer (1814)
Margaret 36 f Oh(1824-nee Woosley m 12.31.1839)
Thomas 16 m Oh (1844)
Jane 14 f Oh (1846)
Ephrain 12 m Oh (1848)
Benjamin 10 m Oh (1850)
Elizabeth 5 f Oh (1855)
Lavinia 2 f Oh (1858)
(see also Vance, Epharain- 1860 Clark Co Oh)

Vance, David Will pg 241; Champaign Co Oh
Wife [no name] the farm of 138 acres in Mad River Twp
S27; son Jonn Vance 1/5; son David C Vance 1/5; dau
Elizabeth Arrowsmth [wife of Miller P] 1/5; dau Mary
Bridgeman [wife of Issac] 1/5; son Adam P Vance 1/2 of
1/5 and John M Vance grandson 1/2 of 1/5. Miller P
Arrowsmith executor; Witness: Isaac Neff and William
Dement. Will signed 12 June 1874. (Will Abstracts of
Champaign Co O Books A-F 1810-1888- Champ Gen Soc 1966).

Vance Duncan M. Will pg 303 Probated 5 Sep 1878 Urbana
Wife Phebe A Vance all real estate and personal
property. Wife Phebe Vance executrix. Witness: Henry
Helps and W.R. Warnock. Will signed 12 May 1878.

William Houston Vance
of Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Mississippi
son of Patrick Vance of Pennsylvania and Tennessee
by Kathleen Mason

Research of Catherine Rossiter, 1857 Maxwell Road, Carson City, Nevada 89706-1419

Campbell Kith and Kin by Grace S. Fassnacht

Dates and locations submitted by James Alton Vance in above named book.

Census Records of Alabama - Mary Vance-Shaw

Land Records in Mississippi Territory, and Deed Index in Pontotoc Co. Mississippi - Kathleen Mason

Records of Clarence Vance in McClung Library, Knoxville, Tennessee - Margaret Webb & Kathleen Mason

Alabama Records Book Vol 14 by Gandrud, submitted by Wanda Kelly

William Houston Vance was born June 16, 1787 in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania and died September 30, 1860 in Pontotoc, Mississippi. His parents were Patrick Vance and his second wife Elizabeth Houston, who moved from Pennsylvania to Knox County, Tennessee in the mid 1790's. William Houston Vance married Elizabeth Campbell, daughter of James Campbell on May 1, 1807 in Jefferson County, Tennessee. She died in Jefferson County in 1825.

William Houston Vance was named in his father's will dated 24 August 1801 in Knox County, Tennessee. He and his brothers David, Patrick and Robert were to receive proceeds of sale of land, and pay sister Sarah Campbell forty dollars and sister Elizabeth Davis forty dollars.

His brother Patrick Vance deeded to him 86 acres, land in Jefferson County, Tennessee, deed dated October 12, 1803. William H. Vance sells this land to Elizabeth Vance, Book P page 89 & 90 on March 4, 1812, recorded April 18, 1819. The land was on the Holston River.

In a deed registered November 28, 1816, in Jefferson County, Tennessee, dated August 1, 1815, William H. Vance of Madison County Mississippi Territory deeds to Able Ricketts 86 acres of land being 'said William H. Vances divided part of a tract of land owned by Patrick Vance, Senr., deceased and left by the said Patrick to him the said William.'

The 1830 census of Alabama shows William H. Vance in Madison County, pg. 12 and his son P. A. Vance was in nearby Franklin County, pg. 050. This area is sometimes known as the Mississippi Territory of Alabama. He and his wife had 2 sons and 3 daughters at that time. His brother Samuel is listed in the 1830 census p. 686.

The Huntsville Land Office Register of Receipts 1820-1841 Book 400 Cherokee School Lands records shows that on February 9, 1831 William H. Vance had purchased land in Madison County, Alabama, Sec. 3 T6 R 3E. His son Patrick Anderson Vance's name is recorded on June 16, 1832 as having claimed land in Jackson County, Alabama, Sec. 29 T 5 R 3E

Jan 31, 1831 William H. Vance married Eleanor Corlew. Ref. Misc. Ala. Records Book Vol 14, Madison City, Al. by Pauline Jones Gandrud. Record in same book shows Wm. Huston Vance and wife Eleanor sold property to Wm. Whittenker. Also in same book is "Orphans Court Book 13, p. 170", shows record Wm. H. Houston's children receiving property from James Vance. He has not been identified. William's daughter was listed as Jane Lawer..did she marry a Lawer then later a Buford?

1837 William H. Vance listed as tax payer in Pontotoc Co. MS.

1840 Mississippi census lists William H. Vance, page. 60.

1850 Mississippi census, Ponotoc County, son Archibald with him.

The 1860 census of Pontotoc County, Mississippi lists Green P. Vance pg. 795, P. A. Vance, page 764 (eldest son of William Houston Vance), The 1870 census lists Alice, pg. 324, Anderson, pg. 24, and

Minerva pg. 320. Lafayette County (where son M. D. Vance lived) lists: Kenny Vance, pg. 534, J. W. Vance, pg. 505, M. D. Vance pg. 614. So, some of the family was still in the general area at that time.

Deed Index, Pontotoc County, Mississippi - Grantor, Grantee, Date, Book, Page: It is quite evident that these transactions indicate some of his relatives also came to Pontotoc County..note the name Kennedy and William Houston Vance had a brother-in-law named Kennedy. The deeds are not always filed promptly.

Vance, Wm. H., J. H. Henderson, Oct. 14, 1853, 9, 388.
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Vance, A. C., Jno Tutor, Jan. 5, 1856, 11, 445
Vance & Kennedy, Robt. Elonn, June 19, 1856, 11, 445
Vance & Kennedy, Carol Pritchard, July 7, 1856, 11, 457
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Vance, E. C. Etal, N.Y. Mop. L. Co., March 25, 1852, 12, 339
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Vance, M. D., Wm. S. Zinn, Dec. 21, 1868, 20, 507
Vance, G. P., W. F. Skinner, Feb. 17, 1871, 21, 315

The children:

1. Jane Vance, shown in Orphan's Court as a Jane Lawler. Also said to have married a Buford.
2. Patrick Anderson Vance, born January 31, 1810 in Jefferson County, Tennessee. He died July 15, 1889 in San Saba, McCulloch County, Texas. He married Susan Cravens in Jefferson County, Tennessee October 11, 1829. She died August 15, 1845 in Pontotoc, Mississippi. Secondly he married Narcissa Bumgardner. July 3, 1856 in Pontotoc. Soon after the Civil War he moved his family to Texas. His children were by marriage #1: (1) Daniel McDuff Vance b. Dec. 12, 1830. His wife was Margaret A. _____. Daniel served as several years as mayor of Oxford, Mississippi. (2) Patrick Acklin Vance, born Pontotoc, Mississippi June 6, 1857. He married Lela Glosbrenner, and they moved from Texas to Fresno, California, where they had a large vineyard. (3) Samuel Baxter Vance b. March 7, 1859 in Pontotoc. He and his family also later moved to Fresno County, California. He married #2 Mary Etta Lake at Camp San Saba, California and #2 Maimie Word at the same place. He had nine children. (4) Elizabeth Vance b. June 27, 1861 in Pontotoc, Mississippi, married March 3, 1880 in Camp Saba, Texas John Tyler Simpson. They had 7 children. (5) William Harrison Vance b. 1863, died 1868. (6) Sarah Ann Vance born March 9, 1866 in Pontotoc, Mississippi, married March 3, 1883 in Mason, Texas, John Marion Stukes. They had five children, and the children lived in

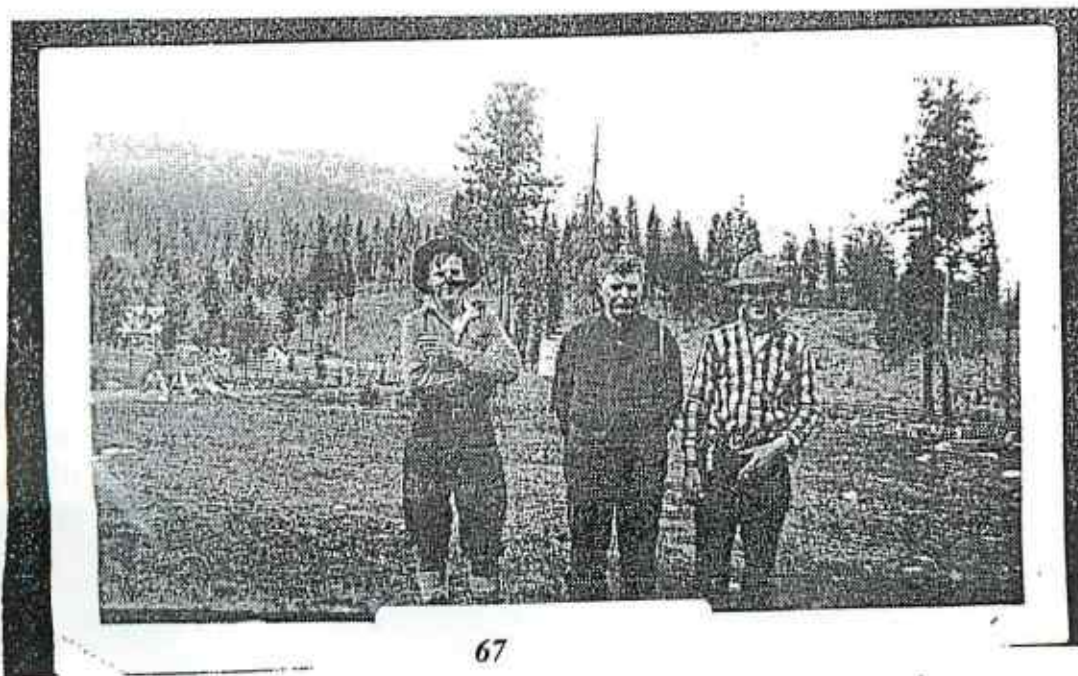
Texas. Sarah Ann Vance Stukes did a lot of research on her ancestors and we are deeply indebted to her for those facts she preserved that have not been found elsewhere. (7) Edna Rebecca Vance b. December 14, 1868, married C. H. Appleton. They lived in San Saba, Texas.

3. Enoch Harvey Vance, born in Jefferson County, Tennessee in 1812, married #1 Elizabeth Massey, #2 - name unknown. Children: (1) Elizabeth Vance, married William Allison. They lived in Arkansas. (2) Hugh Vance married ____ McGhee. No further information. (3) James Anderson Vance married three times. Wife #1 and #2 died and he married Lucy Agnes Benham. They had three children, and one lived in Bakersfield, California. (4) Samuel Vance, married twice and had by #1 Enoch Houston who removed to Oklahoma, and Emma Vance - no record. (5) Robert Vance, name of wife unknown, had three daughters. (6) Enoch Houston Vance who was a lawyer in Little Rock, Arkansas. He married ____ McGhee and had one daughter Eva. (7) Thaddeus Benham Vance married Clair Blair, and they had six children.
4. Amanda M. Vance married ____ Skelton/Shelton. She was named in her grandfather James Campbell's will.
5. Elizabeth Vance married ____ Brazelton
6. Green Pryor Vance married Jane Sinclair. About 1872 they moved to Grant Co. AR as did the children: (1) Hester Elizabeth b. 1844 m. John J. Hardin; (2) Martha Jane b. 1846 m. George Swaim/Swim; (3) Amelia Catherine b. 1848 m. Daniel W. Veazey; (4) Sarah Francis b. 1850 m. James Reese; (5) James Anderson b. 1852 m. Sarah G. (Jennie) Hitt; (6) Wm. Franklin b. 1854 d.y. (7) Mary b. 1856 d.y.; (8) Minerva E. b. 1859 m. Francis M. Whitaker; (9) David Prior b. 1862 m. Julie Adams.
7. John Vance - no record.
8. Archibald Vance, married Minerva Sinclair, sister to Jane, wife of Pryor Vance.
9. Lydia Vance

MONTANA

Submitted by Ada Powell

James D. (Jim) Vance served for many years as an assistant forest ranger in the Bitter Root Forest area. He was long recognized as one of the best mountaineers and guides in that area. In the Selway-Bitter Root wilderness there is a **Vance Point**, and a **Vance Mountain** named for Jim Vance. Photo below shows Jim Vance in the middle. He was the uncle of Ada Powell.



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Research of Robert Seeberger

Compiled by Virginia Lovett

Jacob C. Vance

Remembrances of J.C.Vance

My Father's name was Alexandre Vance who married Eliza Puckett.

In 1850 my Father, Mother and their six oldest children moved to Missouri but my Father took sick and they came back to Kentucky and bought a farm near Knox's Creek in Hart County.

Guy Vance, son of Brother George, owns the farm at present.

And three more children were born to them after they moved there.

The names of their children were Hester who married Rev. Robert Garrett; Nancy who married Jim Gentry; Catheryn who married Tom Campbell; Tom who married Narcissus Miller; William who married Neppie Jenkins; Sallye who married Jim Shannon; George who married Elizabeth Shelton and Martha Hood; J.C. Vance (the writer) who married Ella Ireland and Elvira Brashears; Silas Lee Vance who never married.

We had a happy home and had a good life.

I want to record some of our ways of living and some of my experiences that were typical of that age.

We raised tobacco, corn, sorghum cane, oats , flax, cotton and wheat.

The tobacco was the old dark tobacco and we cured it by fire.

We would hang tobacco in the barn, then drag in poles and build a fire and keep it burning for days, until tobacco was cured, (and the best sweet potatoes I ever ate were the ones we roasted in these fires).

We would then strip our tobacco, pry it in hogsheads and ship it to market in Louisville. My Father would go along to market with tobacco. He would sell it for five or ten cents a pound, and while there he would buy our years groceries consisting of sugar, coffee, soda and salt and have them shipped to Munfordville or Upton and then he would haul them home in a wagon.

When I was small, we raised just enough wheat to enable us to have biscuits on Sunday for dinner.

I will tell of the progress of harvesting and threshing wheat that I experienced in my coming up.

At first I remember we cut the wheat with a reaping knife with one hand, grabbed the bunch we cut with other hand, and stacked it in bundles, then someone followed to tie the bundles.

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Next came the scythe and cradle. The cradle was a frame built off from the scythe which caught the wheat as we cut it with the scythe. We stacked it in bundles and a man followed to tie the bundles. Then it was put into small shocks to dry out for threshing.

Then came the dropper machine which was drawn by horses. It would cut the wheat and drop it in bundles, ready to be tied.

The next step of progress was the binder which was drawn by horses, and this machine cut the wheat and tied it in bundles.

We used this kind of machine until the combine came into use.

The first method of threshing wheat that I can remember was tramping the grain out with horses. We would haul bundles of wheat to a barn with a plank floor and ride our horses over it until grain was tramped out. I can remember riding "Old Nell" and tramping out wheat when I was four years old and it was a lot of fun.

Then came the "bread mill". It had a platform built of slats on which two mules stood and treaded and that would make the machine run that threshed the wheat.

The next machine was called a "groundhog" which was worked by eight horses in a circle. A man fed the machine, and one stood in front, kept straw raked back to another and then to another down a line of men back to where there were men to stack the straw.

The next machine was a "Separator" that threshed the wheat and cleaned it. It was run by horsepower, then later a steam engine.

I was about twelve years old when people began to use this machine and with this method we began to raise more wheat. We continued using this kind of thresher until the combine came to take its place.

We raised enough corn to make our cornbread and feed our stock.

After preparing the soil for planting corn we laid off the rows with a one horse plow, checking it both ways. The rows were about four feet apart.

Then came a job for boys and girls to drop the corn. We planted three grains to the hill and covered it with a hoe. The one who covered always tried to keep up with the one who planted.

Then came the one horse drill which drilled the corn in rows.

The next machine was a "check-rower" which checked out the drilled corn and we still use this machine for planting except we no longer use the checker.

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For our sorghum cane we planted it much as we do now. When it was ripe we cut it and stacked it.

We had little neighborhood machines that were run by horses that would grind out the juice and would catch the juice in a box with wooden sides and a copper bottom, and then cooked it in another box of some kind over a furnace made by digging a pit in the ground.

This sorghum was our chief sweet.

We had no clothing factories then so we made our own cloth.

For our linen we grew the flax, would break it by hand, carry it to the yard, use a flax hackle, draw out the lint and tow (the coarse and broken part of flax), leaving clean flax ready to spin.

We spun it on a little spinning wheel, which was run by a foot tread because they had to use both hands to handle the flax. It was spun into a linen thread from which we made towels and bed ticks, and they would last for years.

For our cotton cloth we would pick the cotton, take the seed out with a gin that was run by hand. We would card it by hand and spin it into thread that we wove into cotton.

We raised a lot of sheep. We would shear the sheep, then pick the burrs and trash out of the wool, working everybody on the place.

We then sent it up to a carding machine which was located at Grissom, Ky. where it was carded into rolls.

We spun these rolls into yarn which was used to weave our cloth for woolen clothes and to knit our socks.

All the clothing was made by hand as there were no sewing machines then. If we wanted to change the color of any cloth we used hickory bark for our yellow and walnut bark for our browns.

My sisters wove beautiful blankets and coverlets, and from our worn out clothes they wove carpets and rugs.

We used the sheep for meat also and my sisters would make our gloves from the hide of the sheep.

We would also use cows for meat and when we killed a beef my Father would take the hide to Etna Furnace where there was a Tanner and have it tanned and then he would make our shoes from it. We would use the tallow to make candles. We had candle molds that would make six candles at a time. These were our lights until the coming of the kerosene lamps.

We had no matches in those days so if our fires went out, my Father

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... would take a piece of tow, sprinkle it with a little gun powder (which was made at Powder Mills near our home), put a flint rock in the tow, strike it with a piece of steel until sparks would fly into the tow and set it on fire. We tried hard to keep fire by covering it with ashes.

We had no cook stoves in those days. Everybody did their cooking by the open fire. We boiled in iron kettles and baked in skillets with lids. The bread and potatoes baked in these were the best ever. When I was about five years old, we bought our first stove.

We had lots of hickory nuts, chestnuts, walnuts and popcorn to eat.

In our part of the state the timber grew very large. Our forests were composed of oaks, beach, hickory, sugar maple, gum, sycamore and sassafras.

When we built a house we would cut trees, then neighbors would come in and we would have a "log rolling" and a good time.

Some of the trees were very large. I remember once Uncle Jim Vance lost a cow and after she had been gone several days, they found her in a hollow log, thirty feet from the entrance.

I remember one tree that measured 42 feet around. Uncle Lee Vance calculated the lumber in it and he said it would build two cottages.

I have a few sad memories of my childhood. We lost our Mother when I was six years of age, but my Father kept us together and my sisters helped him rear the younger ones.

I remember the battle at Munfordville in the Civil War before she died. It was on Sunday morning, the Confederates were camped at Uncle Rob Puckett's Spring and they got orders to take Munfordville. I remember seeing them pass our house, and they said they were going to give those Germans that were at Munfordville some sour kraut but they got defeated themselves.

My Mother stood in the door as we listened to the firing of the guns. My Mother just slumped down and said, "Men are dying."

I started to school when I was six years old in an old log school house at Knox's Creek with seats made of split logs. My teacher's name was Mr. Schooner. I was very bashful and would not try to recite my lessons for several days. My Father sent word to the teacher to punish me and make me talk. The teacher said, "No, he would always hate me." But I finally began to talk.

I remember the last day of school we had an "Exhibition". During the day we marched to the church, in pairs. It was a distance of a half a mile. We marched to music of two flutes and a drum. Uncle Lee Vance and Uncle Jim Vance, my Father's brothers, played the flutes and Gaither

Jacob C. Vance (continued)

Milby beat the drum. A large number of people were present to see the march and that night the house was full of people to see the "Exhibition".

One thing that impressed me so much was a song that was sung by the Burgh twins. These two girls looked just alike and had voices alike.

One of the men in the community played the clown, and he furnished a lot of amusement to the little folks. He sang a comic song. I remember that at the end of every verse he would say, "His nose stuck out a 'feet'. And once a boy lit a piece of paper and threw it at him and he sat down on it to put it out.

That was one kind of recreation in our day. Another day that furnished a lot of fun was "rat killing day" when neighbors would gather and bring dogs to kill rats.

I remember once we had a big Newfoundland dog and he caught a rat then laid down on the hole from which the rat had come. He would stick in his paw and pull out the rats and kill them. He killed fourteen rats that day.

It was always a happy time when cousin Willie Puckett (Red Puckett) or some of the other neighbor boys came to spend the day or we visited them. We would roam the woods and hunt nuts or bird nests. Would go swimming in Green River and our bathing suits never went out of style or grew too small.

Sometimes we would take a canoe and ride on the river and many times we would dive out of the canoe.

We always looked forward to the August election. We went with Father to Powder Mills which was the voting place (and only men could vote). If we had as much as fifty cents in our pockets we were very thankful and with it we would buy ginger cakes and cider.

My Father had a way of playing us out of bed. He would awaken us, saying, "Who will get the goose eggs this morning?" We would dress and run a race to get the eggs. One morning Brother George and I ran the race to get the eggs and we had to crawl through a hole in the barn to get the eggs and an old gander grabbed George. I don't remember who got the eggs but I remember George got a lot of blue spots from bites of the gander.

The geese and ducks were our dependence for feather beds and pillows.

I guess I had better tell some "fish stories".

One of our neighbor boys, Jim Buck Clapton, and Boss Vance (my cousin) were swimming and holding on to a canoe. A Jack fish grabbed Jim Buck and he went on crutches for several days. If he had not been holding

Jacob C. Vance (continued)

to the canoe the fish would probably have drowned him but the fish got away.

Another time, Uncle Lee Vance and Anderson Bomer were fishing in a canoe in Green River, which was very shallow in that place. Uncle Lee got out and waded, pushed the boat with a pole. On looking up he saw ahead of them two large Jack fish. He hastened to get near them with his pole, struck them across the back. One fish got away from him but he straddled the other one and they pulled it in the boat and it weighed 29 pounds.

I remember a very intelligent dog that we once owned. My Sister Catheryn, Sister Sallye and Brother Billy were teachers in the County and on Friday evening they would come home and every Friday evening the dog would meet them at the same place on the road, for he seemed to know it was his day to squirrel hunt, as Billy would take him for a hunt as soon as he could after getting home.

I also remember the day when wild pigeons came in great flocks. My Brother Tom made a sling shot and sometimes we would throw rocks into them and bring down some. They roosted up about Hammondsville and they fed around ATKINSONS Creek during the day. They had to fly over our place to get there. One time Uncle Lee shot into them and killed 36.

Another time Uncle Lee and Tom, my oldest brother, went to the roost, shot into them, and killed several, put them in sacks and went into a barn to hide while the pigeons settled back on the roost. They lay down and went to sleep and some hogs came and ate the pigeons they had in their sacks.

I also remember a Vance "Bear Story". All the Vances liked to hunt and one day while my grandfather was out hunting he saw a bear run into a cave. He peeled bark from a scaly bark hickory tree, made a torch and started the fire in it, went into the cave to try to kill the bear. He got nearer than he meant to. The bear pawed the fire out of his torch but he escaped, and backed out of the cave, relighted his torch, cocked his gun, went in again and this time he shot the bear and killed it. (According to another version of this story, the man who killed this bear was a great-great grandfather of Jacob Vance.)

Another thing that meant so much to the boys in our family was when our farm work was all up. Father would say, "Boys, the work is up now. You can find some work and make you some pocket change." We would do so, would get 50 cents a day working for neighbors. Seems a small amount but John Lewis was not there to take a part of it.

Our home was a meeting place for the young people of the community, and that meant a lot to us.

My Father was Superintendent of the Union Sunday School at Knox's Creek Church for a number of years and he was a good singer.

Jacob C. Vance (continued)

When I was about 12 years old my Father's brothers and sisters had their last reunion at our house.

Uncle John was a Methodist preacher, Uncle Jim was a Doctor, Uncle Lee (a veteran) was a Surveyor for the County and a very successful farmer. Their conversations were of great interest to me, so much so that I sat up until 12 o'clock that night, for not only did they interest me with their talk, they sang a lot. All of them could sing and one would start a song and the others would join in.

I remember the visits of my Grandmother Vance when she would come and spend a week. My Father sang a lot and sometimes when he would sing, Grandmother would shout.

On one occasion after all Grandmother's children had gone into homes of their own except Uncle Lee, the woods near the house caught on fire. They fought the fire but it got ahead of them and they saw it spreading toward the house and knew they were helpless. Grandmother fell on her knees and prayed for God's help. A cloud appeared, rain came and extinguished the fire.

I guess I had better stop here. I can say of myself. I am 88 years old, have been a farmer all my life and enjoyed the work. I am now retired and have been living with my oldest daughter at Upton, Ky. for over a year. I feel perfectly welcome there, and I think it would be the same thing if I were to go to any of my children's homes. "But there is no place like home."

I say with John Wesley, "Vile and full of sin I am, Thou art full of Truth and Grace."

And these verses of scripture give me hope. "We know that if this earthly tabernacle is dissolved, we have a house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

"Now we see through a glass darkly but then face to face. Now we know in part, then shall we know, even as also we are known."

(These interesting facts and observations were written about 1948.)

Virginia Lovett
3907 Billtown Road
Jeffersontown, KY 40299



Kathleen's Korner

I bring you greetings from our Irish cousin, Glynis Vance Armstrong. Many of our members have visited in the home of William and Glynis. (See NL April 1998) William was recently elected as an Assembly Member for the Unionist Party at Stormont. Glynis commented that they see him quite often on television. Their eldest daughter Sandra, who married last year, is working for him full time. Because of such a heavy work schedule, William no longer has time to run the farm, so William Junior now does that.

The second son Philip has joined the Royal Air force and loves it. He is 6' 3" tall now. Sandra and Glynis attended his Passing Out Parade outside of London. He is now stationed in central England, and hopes to see the world. The youngest daughter Juli (whom we remember as a darling friendly toddler) is attending Enniskillen College studying Beauty Therapy. Glynis was correct when she insisted we had to come to their home for a visit and tea - you have an entirely different experience by visiting in a home in a foreign country. They truly were wonderful hosts and warmed the hearts of all the Vances.

Most of our VFA members have been very helpful since 1985 by submitting documents, family lines, and other information for our newsletter. We still have items yet to be printed. These will be passed on to Mary Norfleet, who becomes the Senior Historian in July. Grace Dotson and Virginia Lovett continue to research, submit articles, and work with our members trying to solve problems. I know you will continue to give them the wonderful support that you have given to me during these years. My interest shall remain with you, and I will still be trying to conclude some current projects, as well as attempting to conclude some research on my sundry other lines.

May I thank all the officers that I have worked with, as well as the constant support that I have received from our Historians, Grace, Virginia and Mary. Bruce and I have enjoyed the past four years while he was President/Editor as we worked on the Newsletter and DataBase. Often I call or write a member to go to a library or archives and check something that we need. Without hesitation, the request is submitted quickly. It has been an asset to have an artist in residence - Betty Silfies. She has enhanced so many photos, maps, plats, as well as our coat of arms. Our newsletter looks so much nicer with her talent assisting us.

While on a recent visit my thirteen year grandson Jonathan Mason, walked up to me and said "Grandmother, would you please show me what you do?" Of course, he was referring to my genealogy projects that he had heard so much about. So, he got a little him a special book just for generation, as well as for to you, and all other more about your ancestry, and before us.

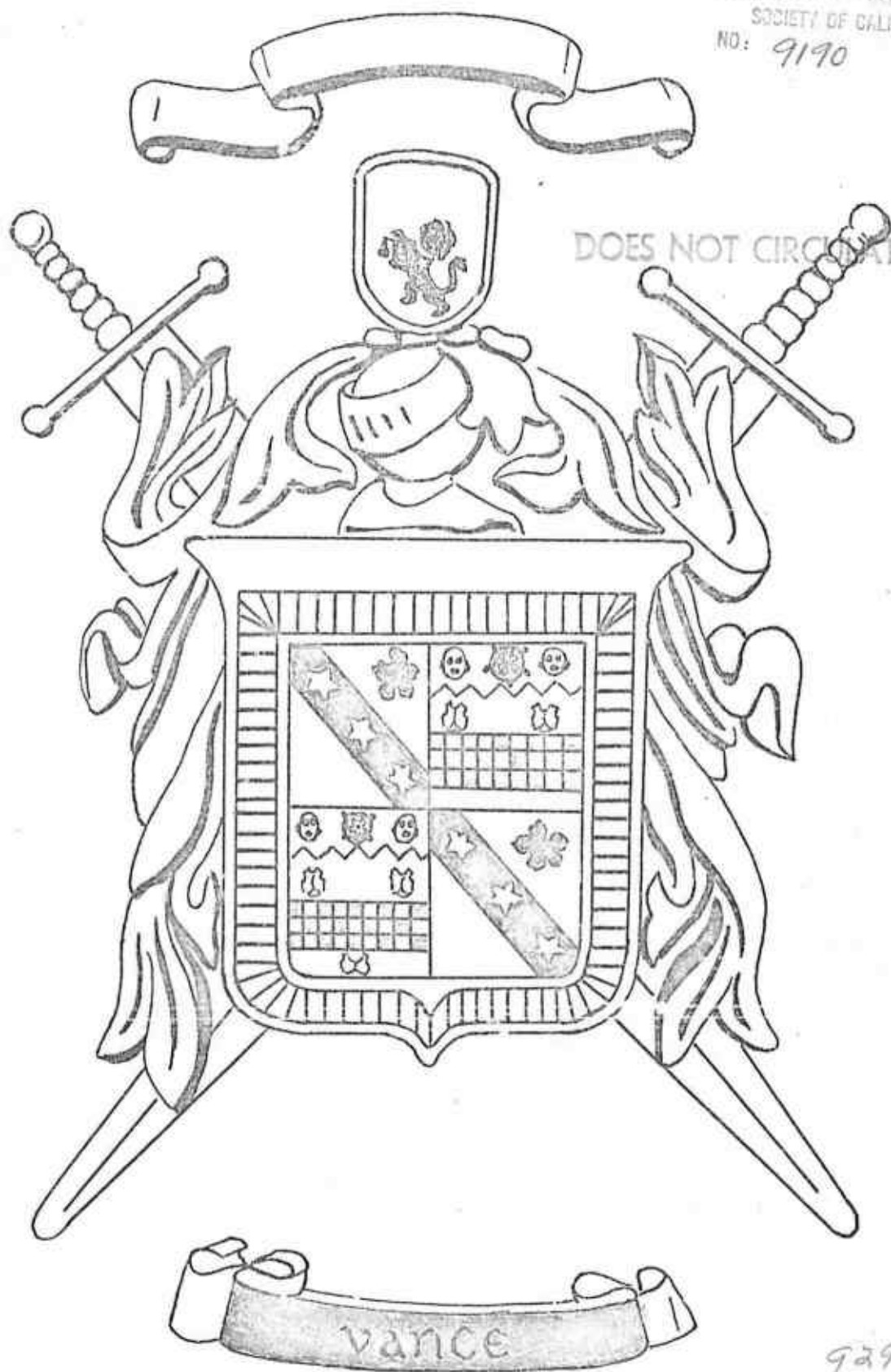


Jonathan Mason

Blessings on your household, each of you.
I shall miss you,
but I will still be around.

See you in Columbus!

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THE COAT-OF-ARMS

Blue: Loyalty and splendor

Red: Valor, patriotism, military fortitude, creative power.

Crest:

Lion: Courage, majesty, generosity.

Scales or balances: Power or authority to determine.

Helmet: Wisdom and security in defense.

Mantling: Surrounds the shield.

Bend: (stripe from upper left to lower right) high honor, represents the scarf or shield suspender of a knight commander.

Star: Symbol of virtue, learning, and works of piety, honor and achievement in service of the State.

Squares in Chequy (from chess or checkerboard) symbols of wisdom and signify constancy and equity.

Swords: Symbolize military honor and virtue in battle.

I had a yen last summer
To make a "family book";
I scanned me o'er my many notes,
And now "Please take a look."

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Ethel Vance

Ethel Vance

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SECTION I

HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF THE VANCE FAMILY

ORIGIN

The Anglo-French and Latin surname of Vance or Vans is the plural of Van (N) meaning "Dweller by the Winnowing-Fan". According to records, the name of Vance has been called one of "the most ancient and distinguished families in European genealogy. The name is spelled as Vance in the United States and Ireland; as Vans in Scotland, and anciently Vaux in Scotland and England and De Vaux in France. O'Hart's "Irish Pedigrees", says that this name was at one time De Vans; was modernized Vans and more lately Vance. In Scottish heraldry, it is recorded that few of the ancient names of Scotland can trace their origin to a more distinguished foreign source. (O'Hart gives the pedigree of Joseph Vans of Wigton, England whose son George married his cousin Grace Vans in Scotland in 1660 and settled in County Tyrone, Ireland.)

SCOTCH DATA

In Scotland, the name Vaux or Vans (modernized Vance) has ever subsisted since its first introduction in the early part of the 12th century, when the family became ennobled by the title of Lords Vaux, of Dirleton Castle, in East Lothian, which title became extinct about the close of the 15th century. A younger brother of Lord Vaux of Dirleton settled in Wigtonshire and his family (from which sprung most of the Irish Vances) has ever since subsisted, being the Vans of Barnbarroch, which has all along been a family of great distinction, giving to the state many belted knights, bishops, judges, secretaries of state, ambassadors, members of Parliament and etc. A great genealogist says "though not elevated to the peerage, the Vaux, Vans or Vance family from its first establishment has been in rank of the first order of Barons, holding their estate, in capite by Royal Charter, conferring upon their possessors all the rights and important privileges of free baronies according to the most extensive sense of the word, as used in Scottish law".

On the Continent of Europe, the de Vaux family have been Dukes of Andrea, Princes of Joinville, Taranta and Altamara--Sovereign Counts of Orange and Provence, and Kings of Vienne and Arles as well as Lords de Vaux in Normandy.

In 1066, three brothers Hubert, Rundolph and Robert, the sons of Harold de Vaux, Lord of Vaux in Normandy, accompanied William the Conqueror to England and their descendants became Lords de Vaux of Pentney and Brevon in Norfolk of Gilliesland in Cumberland and of Harrowden in Northamptonshire.

EARLY AMERICAN SETTLERS AND PROMINENT DESCENDANTS

The Virginia Vances were of Scotch-Irish descent. They emigrated to Virginia through Pennsylvania, from the North of Ireland and settled upon the Opeckon, three miles South of Winchester, Virginia. Charles Vance of Pequa, was an elder of Donegal Presbytery, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania in 1739. He moved to Virginia, located near Martinsburg and married Rachel Alexander. It is believed that a James Vance was the head of the Frederick County, Virginia family and that David Vance, one of the eight justices of the county, November 14, 1743, was his son.

Major William Vance commanded a company of Frederick County, Virginia troops under Lord Fairfax in 1756. He resided in Winchester, Virginia, married and had issue six children. He moved to Washington County, Pa., in 1780 and died in 1788 aged seventy years. He gave his name to Vance's Fort in Cross Creek twp., Washington County, Pa. He was the grandfather of Hon. Joseph Vance, member of the United States Congress 1821-1835 and 1843-1847 and Governor of Ohio 1836-1838.

Thomas A. Vance born in 1803 came to Braintree, Vermont about 1820 and moved thence to Lempter, N.H. in 1850 where he died June 6, 1854. He married December 1, 1824 Maria S. Fay and had issue:

(1) Sarah M. born July 15, 1825 (2) Laurinda A., born October 16, 1826 (3) Rosette S. born April 7, 1829 (4) Marshall A. born December 13, 1830 (5) George B. born June 13, 1834--married first July 4, 1855 to Ruth S. Sanborn and second August 31, 1861 to Maria Young. He resided at Manchester, N.H. (6) Mary J. born October 22, 1838.

Samuel Vance or De Vans came from Scotland to Derry in the North of Ireland with his wife, Margaret Loughlin to Winchester, Virginia in 1764. They had six sons and three daughters: (1) John (2) Robert (3) Samuel--2nd. (4) Andrew (5) David (6) James (7) Margaret (8) Elizabeth and (9) Sarah. Their son Samuel Vance--2nd., of Clarksville, Tenn., was born in Abington, Va. in 1784 and died in Tenn. in 1823. He moved to Clarksville in 1807, was a merchant there and went yearly by boat to New Orleans to sell tobacco and other produce and then sailed to New York and Philadelphia, Pa. to buy goods which were brought over the mountains to Pittsburgh and shipped there by water to Clarksville. He did a prosperous business and left a large fortune. By his wife, Elizabeth Little Brown he had issue: (1) Morgan (2) William (3) Samuel--3rd. (4) Elizabeth and (5) Margaret who married George Childress the Minister to the United States when Texas was the Lone Star State.

Joseph Vance of Martinsburg, Berkley County, Virginia married in 1763 Rachel Alexander. They settled on a plantation near Honeywood Mills, on the Potomac-Martinsburg, Virginia. They had four sons namely: (1) Samuel born in 1767 and died 1831--married in 1806 Rosanna Brown. They resided in Stonevalley, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania. (2)--(3)-- and (4) John, Alexander and Joseph--all married and moved to Ohio.

Hon. John Luther Vance--was born in Gallipolis, Ohio, July 19, 1839. In 1876 he was elected member of the United States Congress. He married October 4, 1866 to Emily F. Shepard. They had: (1) Crewset born April 30, 1869 (2) John born November 30, 1871 (3) Frank Rives born March 25, 1875.

Reuben Alexander Vance--M.D. married February 7, 1875 Amelia Cooper--issue three children: (1) Edwin born in 1877 (2) Clarence born in 1878 and (3) Henrietta born in 1884.

Alanson A. Vance--journalist, publisher was born January 25, 1826 in Newton, New Jersey. In 1852 he became editor and owner of the Jerseyman of Morristown, New Jersey; was postmaster of this city in 1861-75; and was chosen freeholder from the first ward of Morristown in 1895. He contributed extensively to current literature and was one of the foremost journalists in the east.

Arthur Turner Vance--journalist, editor and author was born October 10, 1872 in Scranton, Pa. He was editor in chief of the Woman's Home Companion of New York City. He is the author of "THE REAL DAVID HARUM".

James Isaac Vance--clergyman and author was born September 25, 1862 in Arcadia, Tenn. He received a thorough education; graduated from King College and from the Union Theological Seminary of Virginia; and received the honorary degrees of A.M. and D.D. He filled pastorates in the Presbyterian Church at Wytherville, Alexandria and Norfolk, Virginia; was pastor at Nashville, Tenn. and in 1900 became pastor of the North reformed church of Newark, New Jersey. He is the author of "THE YOUNG MAN FOUR-SQUARE"; "THE COLLEGE OF APOSTLES"; "ROYAL MANHOOD"; "THE RISE OF A SOUL"; "CHURCH PORTALS"; "SIMPLICITY IN LIFE" and "A YOUNG MAN'S MAKE-UP".

Hiram Albert Vance--educator and author was born July 22, 1860 in West Frankfort, New York. In 1889 he became professor of English at the University of Nashville. He is the author of several works in German. He died in 1906 in Nashville, Tenn.

John Vance--soldier, and congressman was born July 19, 1839 in Gallipolis, Ohio. He entered the Volunteer Army as a Captain and rose to the rank of Colonel. In 1875-77 he was a representative from Ohio to the forty-fourth Congress.

John Vance--congressman was born in Pennsylvania. In 1821-23 he was a representative from Ohio to the Seventeenth congress. He died in Urbana, Ohio.

Joseph Vance--agriculturist, state legislator, congressman and governor was born March 21, 1786 in Washington County, Pa. He served frequently in the legislature of Ohio. In 1821-35 and 1843-47 he was a representative from Ohio in the 17th to the twenty-third, the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth Congresses. He was the twelfth governor of Ohio in 1836-38. He died August 24, 1851 near Urbana, Ohio.

Joseph Anderson Vance--clergyman and author was born November 17, 1864 in Sullivan County, Tenn. In 1899 he was pastor of the Hyde Park Presbyterian Church of Chicago, Illinois. He is the author of "RELIGION AND MONEY"; "AMERICAN PROBLEMS" and "THE TRUE AND FALSE IN CHRISTIAN SCIENCE".

Louis Joseph Vance--playwright, and author was born September 19, 1879 in Washington, D.C. He is the author of "TERENCE O'ROURKE"; "GENTLEMAN ADVENTURER"; "THE PRIVATE WAR"; and "THE BRASS BOWL".

Robert Vance--soldier, agriculturist and congressman was born April 24, 1828 in Buncombe County, North Carolina. He was a captain of a company in the confederate service in 1861; and was appointed Brigadier General in 1861. In 1873-85 he was a representative from North Carolina to the forty-third Congress and continued in this office to the forty-eighth Congress. In 1885 he was appointed assistant commissioner of patents in the department of the Interior. He died November 28, 1899 in Alexander, North Carolina.

Robert B. Vance--physician and congressman was born in 1790 in Buncombe, North Carolina. In 1823-25 he was a representative from North Carolina to the eighteenth Congress. He died in October, 1827 in North Carolina.

Robert Johnston Vance--journalist, legislator and congressman was born March 15, 1854, in New York City. He was the editor of the New Britain Herald; was city clerk for nine years and a member of the Connecticut Legislature in 1886. In 1887 he was a representative from Connecticut to the fiftieth Congress. He died June 1901, in New Britain, Conn.

children: (1) Celeste (2) Mildred and (3) Ernest.

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VANCE FAMILY OF VIRGINIA
from

Early Families of the Shenandoah Valley (A History of Old Frederick County)
by T.K. Cartmell (County Court Clerk of Frederick County)

Early land grants (Van Meter) in old Frederick County list:
David Vance, May 20, 1742, 100 acres on both sides of the "Opequon Run".

James Vance, June 25, 1742, 150 acres on both sides of a small meadow near
Opequon Presbyterian Meeting House. Part of this grant was located in the
lower and western parts of Rockingham County.

David Vance took oath as a justice of the court on Friday, November 11, 1743
in Frederick County, Va.

James Vance served on the first Grand jury at the May term in 1744.

Alexander Vance served on a surveying committee in the early settling of
this territory.

In November 1753 a treaty with the Indians was in progress. The Grand jury
failed to appear due to forays in the mountainous section - in western parts.
The jury was excused, among them William Vance. They presented claims to the
Court for public services for themselves and detachments sent under their
command on an expedition to protect the outlying settlements. The court
allowed their payment. Some of the officers mentioned figured in the
Revolution.

Capt. Daniel Morgan and his company marched from Winchester, Va. in the summer
of 1775 with orders to report at headquarters of the Northern army, then
organized at Boston by the Commander in Chief, General Washington. Capt.
Morgan was of Frederick County, and first of that section to receive a Captain's
commission. Private Thomas H. Vance is listed in his company.

Robert Vance served as Justice of the Court during the period from 1795-1813.

During the war of 1812-1814 under Capt. Thomas Roberts, James Vance served
in Cavalry Company 4.

At the Old Opequon Presbyterian Church is found the name Vance on markers.

DAVID VANCE-- often written Vaunce by the first county clerk. The first of the
name was one of the Hite party - settled South of where Winchester now stands,
reared a large family, who intermarried with many prominent families, namely:
Glass, Hoge, White and others. Their descendents are found in Va., Ky. and
Tennessee, North Carolina and several western states. Some became prominent in
affairs of the State and church. David was one of the first justices forming
the first court, in 1743.

Old county records show numerous transactions in land - in the old county
office fully 100 entries, made from the arrival of the emigrant. Several of

the descendents left wills - Andrew Vance in 1743, David in 1745, Elizabeth, James, John, James 2nd, Robert and William all of which are recorded in county court clerk's office - and show names of children, etc. and much can be learned of the location of many of them. In 1753 Samuel Vance, son of Andrew, sold his land and settled in Ky. Joseph, son of David settled on 450 acres in Hampshire County, devised to him by his father David and John inherited the home farm near Hillman's Toll Gate on the Valley Pike. The old stone mansion stood on the East side, a few hundred yards South of the gate and was in good condition prior to the Civil War which was destroyed by Federal Soldiers in 1863, to avenge the killing of a number of a scouting party in a skirmish with T.K. Cartmell's company of the cavalry. (This same Cartmell is the author of this book.)

A score of dismounted cavalry Confederates used the house as an impromptu fort and wrought havoc on the advancing cavalry, while the main body of the Confederates engaged the Federals on their flank. The old house was regarded as an historical landmark - it being held as one of the numerous places where youthful George Washington frequently visited his friend James Vance, who in 1778 enlisted in Company 7 under Daniel Morgan, and later held a commission. James married Eliza, second daughter of Samuel Glass, the emigrant we have some evidence that 3 brothers came with Hite: Samuel, James and Andrew, though it has been considered by many of the descendents that James and Andrew were sons of David. Andrew died in 1753, and owned land as early as 1742. Hon. Zebulon Vance the distinguished North Carolinian was a descendent of the emigrant, likewise two prominent Presbyterian devines.

William Vance was among the earlier settlers of the valley beyond the mountains north of Harrisonburg (about 1738-44).

Zebulon Brevard Vance of Tennessee

Daniel Vance married Nancy E. Brevard, daughter of Zebulon Brevard, a French Huguenot. Daniel Vance was born February, 1811, died January 27, 1845. His children were: Thomas Jefferson born April 23, 1835, Sarah Sharpe Vance born February 25, who married Isaac Turner. Hall Vance was killed in battle at Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Daniel Vance married Elizabeth Brewer.

Edward Vance married Caroline Brevard. Their children were: Eliza Ann born November 11, 1840, Mary Ellen born January 31, 1846, died February 5, 1847, Joseph Thomas Vance. born May 6, 1848, Zebulon Brevard Vance born December 31, 1850, Sarah Caroline born December 20, 1852 and James Hall born May 28, 1843, died 1862.

SECTION II

OUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY

The first given name we know is that of Thomas who married Hannah Tuman, presumably in Ireland. Of that union there were many children. Perhaps as many as fourteen. Daughters who came to Canada were:

A. Hannah (Vance) Morrison

1. Hannah Maria (Morrison) Craig: (1) James (2) Albert (3) John Thomas: Violet (daughter of John Thomas) (4) Etta Jane (Craig) Schlappi (5) Alice Marie (6) Samuel Francis (7) Fannie Ellen (Mrs. Roy Alexander) (1) Philip C. Alexander (2) Jean Marie Alexander.

She lived in Manitoba and later came to Hamilton, Canada.

Hannah (Morrison) Frazier:

Robert Frazier, William Frazier, Mary Ellen (Frazier) married Neil McClure, (1) Maggie (McClure) Mrs. Clarence Vance (2) Jennie (Vance) Walker (3) Nellie: Manitoba and (4) Alec: Manitoba.

Maggie and Clarence lived in Pontiac.

Sam, Mary Ann (Vance) Thomas Munn
Chester and Warren Thomas

B. Jane (Vance) Mrs. Sam Sinclair--Antrim Co.

1. Hannah Maria Sinclair
2. Mary Jane Sinclair (Mrs. Hineball)
Jennie (Hineball) McRoberts.
Maggie
3. Frances (Sinclair) Mrs. John Crawford
Catherine, Ellen (Mrs. George Stevens)
Duncan, Jane, Neil-son, Jack
Duncan is still living--his daughter is Louise Roberts.
4. Elizabeth (Sinclair) Mrs. Peter Murray
(1) Ethel (Murray) Larson: Bruce, Bethel and Elwood Larson.
(2) Grace (Murray) Russell: Novella, Versil, Ronald, Ivan
Kenneth, Keith, Audrey, Ardendean, Duane, and Adrian (3) Lilly
(Murray) Russell: Ilo, Gordon Marvin and Leslie (4) Myrtle (Murray) Cook
- (5) Anna (Murray) Brown: Elizabeth, Eleanor, John Norman and Virginia.
5. Bert Sinclair
Adam, Alex, Mildred (Mrs. Harold Aenis); Joann, Nancy and Tom.
6. Jimmie Sinclair
7. Lillie Sinclair (Mrs. Harry Hyde)
8. Tom Sinclair
9. Adam Sinclair

C. Mary Jane (Vance) Mrs. Anthony Leonard--lived near Durham and Interskillen.

1. George Leonard (married Murilla Mason)
Mary Leonard (Mrs. Clarence Champion)
Lizzie and Jennie of Toronto
Frances Leonard (Mrs. Wilcox) of Western Canada
2. Thomas V. (married Louise Scythes of Toronto)
Lottie Leonard (Mrs. Jim McQueen, Ottawa)

3. Richard Henry Leonard
4. Elizabeth Leonard (Mrs. Walter Geddes)
Mary Geddes (Mrs. Jim Park)
Ella Park--Toronto; Bella, Allan Park
Lizzie Geddes (Mrs. Jack Laidlaw of Pittsburgh)
Maggie Geddes and Ebenezer Geddes on farm near Hanover in 1936.
5. Johanna Leonard
6. Mary Jane Leonard (Mrs. Robert James Ball). She was 81 when we visited her in Hanover in 1936. Her husband was a member of Parliament in Ottawa when living.

Father enjoyed the countryside and noticed the streams he played in and fished as a boy.

The family:

Milton Leonard Ball--Hanover, Austin Elmer Ball--Hanover.
Ethel May Ball (Mrs. William Taylor) son Jas. Robert studying in England in 1936. Elma Lillian Ball--Teacher
Stanley Stafford Ball--Doctor
Mabel Lottie Ball--with her mother

- D. Elizabeth (Vance) Henderson--William of St. Annis, Ontario
- E. Sarah (Vance) Mrs. William Fee
Edward, Alec, William, Frank
They lived on a large farm in Gray County, Ontario
- F. Fannie (Vance) Frazier, Mrs. John
- G. _____ (Vance) Mrs. Rickards, son Henry lived at Stayner, near Collingwood, Ontario in 1935.
- H. Thomas Vance--had a son John who had a son Clarence who married Maggie McClure and lived in Pontiac--Willie, Robert and Maggie were their children.
- I. Henry (family in next chapter) came to Canada around 1850. We do not know about his other brothers.



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vance
(Henry and Susan Leary)



George and Mary L. (Washburn) Vance
married 1885 in the Burns Schoolhouse



Mr. and Mrs. George Vance
in 1941



Mr. and Mrs. William Washburn
(William and Hannah Whitney)

SECTION III

Grandpa Washburn's mother was Susanna (Sager) Washburn. She died in 1880.

The Washburn's: William and Hannah M. (Whitney) Washburn

Born: 9-16-1836

Born: 4-5-1839

Deceased: 9-20-1916

Deceased: 6-14-1908

Sarah C. Washburn Bargy

Peter Bargy

Born: 7-5-1861

Deceased: 12-18-1936

Maude, Claude, Lottie, Rena, Ada, and Lloyd.

Mary Loretta Washburn Vance

George Vance

Born: 1-20-1863

Born: 7-13-1857

Deceased: 7-18-1948

Deceased: 3-18-1942

Henry, Ernest, Richard, Ethel, Vernon, George, Mary, Clara, Roy.

William

Mae Barber Washburn

Born: 2-12-1865

Bennie, Ruth, and Pansy

Isaac

Margaret O'Brien Washburn

Born: 11-23-1870

Frank, Ralph, Gladys, Vern, Gordon, Mary, Beatrice, Velma, Ferna.

Sammie

Born: 10-23-1874

Thelma and Velma

SECTION III-PART A

Grandpa Washburn's father was Samuel who was born in Utica, New York. His mother was Susanna (Sager) Washburn. She died in 1880. William, Grandpa Washburn, had five brothers; Samuel and Sanford (twins); Frederick, Willet, and George. There were two sisters; one married a man named Emmons and the other a man named Tyler. They lived on the east side of Torch Lake (Antrim County) near Camp Hayo-Went-Ha.

William Washburn married Hannah Whitney in Canada. Her father, William Whitney, had come from Massachusetts and owned a large farm in Ontario, Canada. They had a milk house which few farmers had in those days. He owned a team of horses that were used only to draw the buggy "with a fringe on top". When they went to church he rode on a horse beside or before the buggy. He wore a high hat and long coat tails.

In the summer of 1966 Mary and I went to Canada. At Stratford-on-Avon we saw one of the Shakespear plays: Falstaff. As we walked up there a lady came from her neat little house and invited us in for tea. She was delightful.

The next day we drove out in the country and located a Mr. Henry Whitney. We called him "Uncle Henry", since he looked so like Mother's brother, Uncle Willie. He told us of a time when he went for berries, a number of miles from home. The horses were out of hay, so he and his friends went in a hay field and helped themselves to a bundle of hay. No one seemed to be about and they planned to stop on the way back and pay the farmer for it. When, lo and behold, they were facing a large man who said "What are you doing?" They told him their intentions and he invited them to the house for tea and cookies. They talked and discovered both names were Whitney and probably were cousins. His name was Isaac Whitney.

Grandma had at least two brothers. Their names were Isaac and Alfred. Uncle Isaac Whitney visited us at the home farm when I was a little girl. I remember him as a large man with long, snow-white whiskers.

Grandma had two sisters also. They were Aunt Tassie (Whitney) McNally and Aunt Mary Ann (Whitney) Smatts.

Mother was born in Coddington, Ontario January 20, 1863. She came to Michigan when she was eighteen years old. Grandpa and Aunt Tassie (Sarah Catherine) had come before that. I do not know when Grandma and the three boys came. Mother remembered picking wild berries when she was a girl.

Grandpa Washburn had quite a sense of humor. One day he saw some furniture advertised at a reasonable price, he thought. So he sent money for it. When it arrived he was notified of it. He hitched a team of horses to the wagon and went to the R.R. station. He learned it was at the post office and went there. Lo! It was a small box containing doll furniture! He laughed about it as much as anybody.

Grandpa was very respected by the neighbors and served as road commissioner. His farm was east of Central Lake and a little to the south of the main road. When Ethel was born, Dr. Chamberlain, of Eastport, stopped to tell Grandma that "Minnie has a little girl and she's as broad as she is long". Imagine a doctor these days going twenty miles to help a mother in distress and then stopping to tell the grandmother of the arrival of a little one, the first girl to George and Minnie Vance.

Grandma was well loved by her grandchildren. She could make the best sugar cookies, and had such a pleasant home. I well remember the fruit trees, the barn with a flowering vine running up over it, and the watering trough in the lane. Beside her flower bed there was a little gate leading to the lane. It was good to have Grandpa and Grandma come to our house as they usually had a bag of dates for us.

Grandma left us in 1908 and it was good to have Grandpa come and visit us from time to time. He was very fond of Roy and they planted an apple tree at the fence near the old granary. He would tell us of times when he went to Prince Edward Island to work. His desire was to go without an illness. He had his wish. He was at cousin Maudie's, walked out in the yard, and fell dead. That was in 1916.

They are resting in the little cemetery just south of Central Lake - waiting the Lord's return.

SECTION III-PART B

Grandpa Vance was one of the boys of Thomas and Hannah (Tuman) Vance. He was born in 1820 in Longford County, Ireland. He married Susan Leary who was born in Killkenny, Ireland on December 21, 1814. She was a teacher and spoke of being in Munster, Killarney, Limerick and Cork. After their two oldest sons were born, William in 1848 and Thomas in 1849, they decided to leave Ireland and come to Canada where the boys could have a piece of land--a scarce commodity in Ireland.

They left Ireland in 1850. During the six weeks (nearly) coming across the ocean he had plenty of time to think. He decided he would abandon his habit of smoking as it was costly and not too nice a habit, and throw his pipe in the ocean, which he did. He never went back to it. They settled in Ontario, Canada near Durham, not far from Guelph. He became a farmer but did not forget how to be an officer of the law.

There four more boys were born: Henry in 1852, John in 1853, George (our father) in 1857, and Isaac in 1858.

We were in Ontario with Father and Mother in August of 1936 and visited his cousin, Mary Jane (Leonard) Ball--Mrs. Robert James Ball. Hon. Ball was a representative in the Parliament in Ottawa for several years. One day we drove past the place where Grandpa's house had stood. There is a nice little creek near by. On that drive we went around a corner and Father said, "This looks just as it did seventy years ago". On another road we passed a pasture field where the cattle were grazing on a far hill. In the valley between was Sam's Creek. Father climbed over the fence and went down to the creek where the boys had played and fished many years before. He seemed years younger.

Another day we went to visit the daughter of Mr. Fee, a cousin. A friend of his, also a playmate of the boys, was there. His name was Mr. Alward. On still another day we went with Austin and Mabel, cousin Mary Jane, and their Mother to visit with another girl, Ethel (Mrs. William Taylor) in Toronto. Their son, James Robert, was studying in England. Alma, another sister who was a teacher, was there. And another son, Dr. Stanley Ball, came in for a little time.

One evening we went to a cousin's home and she had this poem:

Pleasantness of Religion
Is not theirs a glorious choice,
Who have made the Lord their strength?
Clouds may darken, storms may rise,
But their ark floats safe at length.
Heirs of better things to come
Than this world's poor wants and cares
On their journey to that home
Which their Saviour's love makes theirs.
Death's grim terrors, Satan's power
By their faith are trodden down.
Children, Why delay one hour?
You may also share the crown.

This poem was on a card in Elizabeth (Leonard) Geddes' Bible, given to her in 1856.

The family came from Canada to Detroit when Father was about 8 years old. There were many soldiers in the city after the close of the Civil War. They lived in Dearborn about three years. The boys worked for Dr. Snow in his onion fields. Then Grandpa decided to go farther north so they took the train to Traverse City and a boat to Norwood.

Around 1871 the family came to Echo Township, Antrim County, where Grandpa homesteaded a farm of 80 acres. They discovered that Antrim County in Michigan is much like Antrim County in Ireland. There are many hills, lakes and rivers. Cousin Beulah, (Uncle John's second daughter) remembered hearing that Grandpa named the Jordan River. The Jordan Valley is beautiful and the river flows into the "South Arm" of Lake Charlevoix. The main town is situated on the east side and so is called East Jordan, once a large lumbering town. For many years a little steamer called "The Hum" plied the lake down to Charlevoix, a beautiful ride to a beautiful spot on or by the Little Traverse Bay at Lake Michigan. Grandpa's farm was up on the hills between Jordan River Valley and the head of Six Mile Lake.

Cousin Beulah also remembered her father speaking of Grandpa Vance being a quiet-spoken, gentle and kind hearted man. It was her opinion that the six boys were like their father. Grandpa and Grandma lived with Uncle John's family one winter at Afton (east of East Jordan) where Uncle John had a mill. He brought an organ home one day and they learned that Grandma was a very sweet singer. Uncle John used to say he would rather sing than eat. Uncle Isaac liked to sing, too, as did Father.

Because the boys had no sister, they had to tease their Mother and she responded to that in a jolly way. One day they hitched the horses to a sleigh she was in and saw to it that they had it tipped over into a snow bank. She came up laughing.

After homesteading the farm, they built a log house (I presume) down on the flats not far from the road and near a nice trout stream that was making its way to Six Mile Lake. At least there were bushes there that gave us beautiful yellow roses. By the time we came along, they had built a frame house up on the corner. Grandpa planted willow trees and lilac bushes and maple trees along the road. The trees still stand and are beautiful in the Fall. He planted an orchard also. One evening Uncle Isaac reported some boys taking pears from the tree. Grandpa ordered them to sit down by the fence. Then he had Uncle Isaac bring a lot of pears. He made the boys sit there and eat pears until they came out of their ears. They never bothered again.

Grandma was really fun to tease and Grandpa never missed a chance. One morning when the fire was built he called up-stairs a bit gruffly, "Susan get up!" She answered, "Oh, Henry, you should say it nice and pretty 'Susan get up!'" Quick as a wink he answered, "All right, nice and pretty Susan, get up!" You can imagine the amusement it caused for those boys. Susan (Leary) Vance, a teacher, came from a wealthy, cultured family. Her parents died after she came to Canada. A brother maneuvered to get the estate and she got nothing. Grandpa felt to blame for it, as he said he kept her from her inheritance. He felt bad about it but she was happy.

Father used to tell how Grandma Vance had to bake her bread in one large loaf. It was placed in a large iron kettle which was put in a bed of coals in the fireplace. When it was done she broke pieces off, and buttered them. My! How they enjoyed eating that new, fresh bread!

A letter from Harriet (Carpenter) Smith in West Virginia told me that she

met a lady who looked enough like Ava Belle (Watson) Carpenter to be a sister. Ava Belle is a daughter of Nettie (Vance) Watson. A lady from Michigan wrote for information on the family. Her name was Ethel Louise (Vance) Russ. She had a brother, Joseph La Fayette Vance, killed in Tarawa in World War II. Their Grandfather's name was Joseph Samuel Vance who came from Ireland to Bristol, Tennessee in the late 1700's.

I received a letter from a retired Presbyterian minister in Ashland, New Hampshire. He had an uncle in St. Joseph, Michigan. The minister's name was John G. Vance. He sent several poems he had written. I met a lady in Washington, D.C. whose maiden name was Vance. I was told by different people that each one of them knew an Ethel Vance. And so it goes.

When first in Washington, I met an elderly man from North Carolina. He saw our family picture after he learned my name. He said, "Your Father looks enough like Governor Vance to be a brother". When he was a boy he played with the Governor's children. Later Zebulon B. Vance became a Senator and a statue of him stands in the Rotunda at the Capitol Building.

Grandpa Vance loved to read and study his Bible. He was familiar with the history of the Israelites and the teachings of the Old Testament. He memorized Scripture and could recite many whole chapters.

In 1892 when Grandpa was seventy-two years old and very healthy--no need for glasses and he had his own good teeth--he met with an accident on a hill about a half mile from our home. The tongue of the wagon broke and frightened the horses. He placed a basket of eggs on the bank at the west side of the road. He finally freed the horses from the wagon and started them for home. That brought help for him but he died in a few days from internal injuries. But, not before he said, "My life is hid with Christ in God." Colossians 3:3.

Three years later Grandma Vance died after a long illness from a stroke. She was well loved and left many to mourn her going. They are resting in Jones' Cemetery south and west of East Jordan on a hill about two and a half miles north of the home farm. They are waiting the return of the Lord.

THE VANCE BROTHERS



John R. William Isaac George Henry B.
Thomas

The Vance brothers of Echo Township, Antrim County

Sons of Henry and Susan (Leary) Vance who came from Canada to Antrim County, Michigan about 1868. They had previously migrated to Canada from Ireland with the two oldest sons, William and Thomas. They were almost six weeks crossing over.

SECTION IV

Father: Henry Vance - 1820

Mother: Susan (Leary) Vance - 12-21-1814

William - 1848

Julia (Cole) Vance

Thomas - 1849

Rose (Willard) Vance

Henry - 1852

Amanda (Barkley) Vance

John - 1853

Jennie (Schofield) Vance

George - 1857

Mary L. (Washburn) Vance

Isaac - 1858

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SECTION IV - A

Uncle William:

1. Luella (Vance) Stockton George Stockton
 Frank, Jr. and Nellie
2. Katie Vance - Died at 18 years of age as she said, "Oh, I see
 Jesus."

While in East Jordan, Uncle William worked in a lumber yard. They went to Eureka California about 1900.

Uncle Thomas:

1. Susie Belinda (Vance) Aenis James Aenis
 a. Raymond M. Lillian Carey
 Vernon Leroy, Kenneth, Marlin, and Lawrence George.
 b. Rose (Aenis) Miles Wm. Miles
 Paul Aenis, Richard Clayton, Marian Louise, Dale, Alice
 Marjorie, Verna Lou, and Susan.
 c. Harold James Aenis Mildred (Sinclair) Aenis
 JoAnn, Nancy Jane, Thomas Adams.
 d. George Thomas (deceased as teenager)
 e. Robert Theodore
 f. Ethel Marjorie (Aenis) Macaluso Samuel Macaluso
 1. Marshall James Macaluso Mary Ethel (Zuber) Macaluso
 Mark Edward and Marla Sue
 2. Samuel Owen Macaluso Cora Lynn (Carper) Macaluso
 Samuel Jeffrey and Rachel Elizabeth
 3. Elizabeth Anne (Macaluso) Clark David John Clark
 Julia Elizabeth and David John II
 g. James Lawrence Aenis Margaret (James) Aenis
 Errol, Sally, Valerie and Melanie
2. Nettie (Vance) Watson Robert Watson
 a. Lulu Marg. (Watson) Asquith Henry Edsel Asquith
 James William, Keith Vance, and Janet Sue.
 b. Lila May (Watson) Carpenter Nathan Carpenter
 Jacqueline, Judith Ann, and Robert Nathan.
 c. Evan
 d. Avabelle (Watson) Carpenter David Edgar Carpenter
 Marilyn Lucille, and Allen David
 e. Lucille Agnes (Watson) Peebles Kenneth Peebles

Stanley Kenneth, died at 3 years, Bonnie Lou, and Nancy Jean Peebles.

- f. Kenneth Vance Watson Jacqueline (Arnold) Watson
Jerolyn, Graydon, and Julie Ann
- g. Doris Jean (Watson) Danielson Wesley T. Danielson
David Wesley and Deborah Jean
- 3. Fannie May (Vance) Vandeventer Henry Ellis Vandeventer
 - a. Thelma Nettie (Vandeventer) Leroy Beal
 - 1. Leon Beal Shirley (Murphy) Beal
 - Laura Kay and Dennis Leon
 - 2. Patsy
 - 3. Robert Howard
 - Thelma Nettie (Vandeventer) Emanuel J. Cihak (second husband)
 - b. Dorothy (Vandeventer) Balanger Eugene Balanger
 Dennis Eugene
 - c. Ruth (Vandeventer) Daybold Kenneth L. Seybold
 Douglas Lavern (deceased), Judith Elaine and Kenneth.
 - d. Forest T. Vandeventer Frances (Loeb) Vandeventer
 Forest Theodore Jr., Sandra Jean, Debora Ann, and Mark Dean.
 (second wife) Sandy Vandeventer
 Three children
 - e. Henry Vandeventer, Jr. Carol (Bacon) Vandeventer
 - 1. Rodney Joe Vandeventer Mary (Mundia) Vandeventer
 - Bradley Lee
 - 2. Doreen Marie (Vandeventer) Dick _____
 Bobby Sue
 - 3. Kimberly
 - 4. Anthony George
 - f. David Carlton Vandeventer Christine (Holton) Vandeventer
 - 1. John Henry
 - 2. Cynthia Kay (Vandeventer) Stoneham Danny Paul Stoneham
 - 3. Kathleen Sue (Vandeventer) Apsey Allen Lee Apsey
 - 4. Timothy Carleton
 - 5. Kevin Lynn
 - 6. Terry Lee
 - 7. Coleen May

Uncle Thomas had a farm in Echo Township, Antrim County and lived there all his life.

Uncle Henry:

- 1. Arthur Vance Fannie (Martinek) Vance
Dorothy and Gordon
Arthur and three children died of a fever in the South.

2. Mary Enetta (Vance) Fitzsimons
George Fitzsimons

Orrin Fitzsimons
Irma () Fitzsimons

Uncle Henry lived in Bakersfield.

Uncle John:

Aunt Jennie (Uncle John's wife) was a Schofield and could trace her family back to Martin Luther.

1. Earl Vance (deceased when young)

2. Vera May (Vance) Smith

Clyde A. Smith
Arthur Stoel

a. Dorothy May (Smith) Stoel
Carolyn Maude (Stoel) Foster
Betty Jean (Stoel) Noverr
Shirley Ann (Stoel) VanDam

b. Carlton Howard Smith
Carlton H. Smith II
Donald R. Smith
Jeanne Kay (Smith) Hice

Mary Ann (Lilak) Smith

c. Clayton Arthur Smith
Debra Smith
Randall Smith
Linda Smith
Gail Smith

Kathryn (Besemer) Smith

d. Mary Carol (Smith) Warner
Marian (Warner) Pasche
Larry E. Warner
Judy E. (Warner) Lapp
James Warner

Jasper Warner
William Pasche

e. Marjory Jean (Smith) Taylor

Millard Taylor
Deceased 1949

Marjory Jean (Smith-Taylor) Warner Harley Warner
Dawn Norris Warner, Paxton Warner, Stanley Warner and Robert Warner.

f. Helen (Smith) Smith

Charles Smith
Billie Jo Smith, Virginia Smith, Sandra Smith, Richard Smith,
Roberta Smith and Becky Smith.

3. Beulah (Vance) Clark

Clark
Ruth () Clark

a. John Clark

Michael, Cheryl and Tom Clark
Tomis now #73 on U.C.L.A. Football team.

4. Ruth (Vance) Jordan

John Jordan

a. Carol (Jordan) Conn

Wendell Wheaton

b. Florine (Jordan) Wheaton

Frank Mechalis

c. Roberta (Jordan) Mechalis

5. Delita Leary (Vance) Fusch

Otis Fusch

a. Mervin Fusch

b. De.mer Fusch

c. Eleanor Jean (Fusch) Lane

Marshall Lane

d. Marilyn (Fusch) Miller

Thomas Miller

e. Shirley (Fusch) Myles

Uncle John lived in Santa Clara and SanJose. He was a miller in Michigan.

Father, George Vance

See B of this section.

Uncle Isaac, teacher and carpenter. He helped put up the buildings for the World's Fair of 1904 in St. Louis, Mo. Going from there to San Francisco, he worked on the World's Fair buildings in 1906 and went through the great earthquake. He had prune-plum orchards near Morgan Hill.

SECTION IV-B

George and Mary L. (Washburn) Vance

They were married August 16, 1885 in the old Marsh schoolhouse at the close of the Sunday morning service. The building still stands at the top of a hill east of Central Lake now called the Burns schoolhouse. They went to live on his farm in Echo Township near the District 6 school. That building is called the Vance Chapel now, and is in use. He had lived there three years before marriage. He had a white teapot of bone china. Mother gave it to me and I gave it to Ardis as his middle name is George. I said, "Now, Ardis, see that you have a grandson, George, to whom you can pass this". Little Jamie was standing by and said, "I'll remember that. I'll tell my wife."

Childhood was a pleasant time for us. The house was small with a lean-to kitchen where many a delicious meal was prepared. Mother was quick about doing things. She could prepare a meal in short order if extra company came in, even at meal time. A can of food from the cellar or something from the garden added made plenty for all.

Father cleared his 80 acres which he bought from a Mr. O'Brian. Later he bought and cleared another. A brush fence was made (real high) around a portion, so a crop could be grown. One year turnips were growing inside the fence and the deer jumped over and ate the turnip tops off.

I remember when he would be up very early and take a load of logs to the mill in East Jordan. In the afternoon he would go to the woods to get another load ready for the next morning. From Uncle Eszac he bought Grandpa's 80 acres which was already cleared. Grandpa Washburn gave Mother a 40 acre piece across the road from where Grandpa Vance's house stood on the corner. That was cleared partly and used as sheep pasture.

We were real amused one day at a lamb in pasture. He had been abandoned by his mother and we fed him milk from a bottle until he was old enough to go to pasture. He was almost a nuisance about the house when he could get inside. He loved to jump up on a chair--his name was Billy Bunkus. Well, one day driving past the pasture we saw him with the others. They ran away from the fence toward the trees but, when we called "Billy Bunkus" he turned around and said, "Baaah!" We got real enjoyment out of that episode. Of course, we never knew when he went to market and we did not want to know.

We had from time to time many horses. They were work horses and also used on the road hitched to wagon or buggy. There was old white Sandy with a pink nose. He was a tease and would come up to an apple in the pasture, but when we would reach for the forelock to put a halter on he would turn and run. Perhaps he would come several times before he would walk demurely to the barn. King was gray and very thin and nervous. He was hard to ride (a sharp back) when we could get on him. Little black Maud and Queen made a good team. Little black Prince was lively and loved to go. Big red Prince and Danger were very large and slow. Crystal, dappled, was real intelligent, as George and Mary discovered when she would not go to town but turned for home, knowing a big storm was coming. She was right; there was no school for three days. Sometimes, she would play lame on the road so we would not urge her to go fast. We thought a stone was lodged in her foot. But when she got home she could run gleefully to the pasture. A team of sorrel horses, Maude and Belle, were sturdy and dependable. One time we went with them to the huckleberry bushes, many miles away, each with a colt tagging along. Father did not like us to

ride the horses in the field on Sunday afternoons for, he said, they, too, needed a rest.

I have many memories of the days when I walked to Laura (Schofield) Thompson's home in South Arm to take music lessons. One day, after picking up the mail, I was starting out of town (I remember the very spot) when some rowdy boys and girls walked on the other side of the street calling out, "You're a country hick, etc.." I knew they were very discourteous so I did not give them any answer. Later I took lessons from Miss Ada Matthews, near the Fair Grounds while Father made his Saturday visit in town. Frankie and I played when the lesson was over. In summer the pansies by the woodshed were beautiful. Each week Miss Matthews saved the Sunday School paper for me to take home.

One time a couple of the boys were with me, perhaps Vern and George, when on walking toward the Jordan River Bridge road there were cows feeding along by the fence. One disliked something about me so she started charging. I ducked under the wire fence and walked inside to the corner.

The four of us had fun teasing George. He was the youngest. We would say: "Georgie, Porgie, puddin' and pie
Kissed the girls and made them cry."
Would he go after us? Yes; he chased us around through the barn, into the granary, and above the sheep pen. The boys liked to tease me by saying, Ethel Vance, East Jordan, Mich.
Stuck her nose in the pickle dish.

We liked to experiment. Someone told us that if you would take a hair from a horse's tail, put it in a pan of water, and set it in the sunshine, a snake would appear. We fixed a place on the roof of the lean-to kitchen to put the dish. We watched through many sunshiny days but no snake ever appeared!

Another experiment, which was a little more rewarding, was tried with enthusiasm. We suspected that sweet-corn cobs might have the possibility of giving us some syrup. After mother cut the kernels off to dry, we put the cobs in a large kettle in the yard, covered them well with water, put a fire under the kettle and cooked them a good while and then put the sweet water in a kettle on the stove to boil down. I guess Mother stopped it before we had real syrup, at least I do not remember the end of the experiment.

Our work in summer was pulling weeds to feed the pigs, keeping the garden clean and picking wild berries in the woods. Nearly every year Mother canned one hundred quarts of them. Besides that she canned many quarts of plums, pears, peaches and cherries from the four orchards on the farm. The grape vines went up in a big old cherry tree, so it was fun to pick them. Mother also made pickles and chow chow. A large barrel with brine held the green tomatoes for pickles in the winter.

It was fun to stand by the barn and yell as loud as possible to hear the echo from the woods across the road. In the barn was a good place to jump into the hay mow from the high beams. One time we fixed a nail in the end of an old broom stick, cut the head off and sharpened it real good on the grindstone. Each of two boys had one and they speared apples from the old Dutch apple tree. That is, until Father came along and stopped it and punished the boys. I felt bad about it for I had something to do with suggesting the game.

Another game that was fun was playing hide and seek in the corn field. The one being chased could turn right or left and be hidden from view. We were very careful about the corn stalks for if we knocked one down that would mean a couple of ears lost. Father did not like us to play that game either. But, he would send us out in the wheat or oat field to pull out any yellow mustard that showed its head.

One game (or work) not so pleasant was picking potato-bugs off the potato plants. Each took two rows, walking between them with a pail having kerosene in the bottom. The bugs were put in the pail to be burned later. One summer we had a turkey gobbler who chose his two rows walking along with us. He had no pail to carry because he picked the beetles and swallowed them! On the return he took two other rows. We surely did not want that Tom Turkey--full of potato bugs--for our Thanksgiving dinner that year!

The boys loved to play with Rover's cute puppies in the yard after supper. I must tell you about years later when Mary's and Vern's eight youngsters played "Run, sheep, run" on the hills across the road. We could hear them yelling and calling to one another long after dark. That was really fun for them even after playing all day. Mary and the children and I spent a part of my vacation from Washington in August each year.

One time when we were at George's his four children and Mary's four climbed up on the chicken coop and sat on the ridge pole for a picture. Another time at the home farm Vern's four and Mary's four sat up on the big gate leading into the barn yard. Robert yelled down, "Aunt Ruth, do you want us to sit here in the order we was borned?" They had their picture, arranged or not.

When we were children Rev. George A. Weaver was a missionary for the American Sunday School Union. He lived in Petoskey and had five counties under his supervision, organizing and visiting the Sunday Schools in the school houses. Father helped in three of them, sometimes two on a Sunday, the Murray school and the Bennett school, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. He was usually the superintendent. I remember going with him one Sunday to visit a group in a school house east of East Jordan on top of the hill. Father was a good Bible teacher. We were always glad to see Mr. Weaver come for he drove a team of Indian ponies.

When I was about twelve I went with Father to the Bennett school house. Rev. Yost, Methodist minister of East Jordan preached, and I saw the Lord Jesus suffering on the cross for me and invited him into my heart to be my Saviour. The school house still stands.

We had an early telephone in the neighborhood and also an Edison gramophone. A number of years the school teacher lived at our house. About 1901 or 1902 a new part was built on the house. Uncle Isaac Vance helped with that. It gave us much more room, and, one winter around that time, Grandpa and Grandma Washburn lived with us. They enjoyed the records on the gramophone with us. One was an Indian song and one was "Uncle Josh". An organ was bought for Henry and he took some lessons.

One winter Ernest had pneumonia and that was a rather sad time. We had a black and white stub nosed dog, Sport, who kept strangers away, especially if they were carrying something. But before that when the boys did not want me to play with them they would say, "If we had a dog we would 'sic' him after you so you would leave us alone". Well, I'd just think up another game to play to get back in their good graces.

Father was always kindly but yet stern. The harshest thing I ever heard him say to Mother was one day when dinner was late, "Well, Minnie, couldn't you have started dinner a little earlier?"

I remember him putting me on his knee and singing to me--

"I love Jesus this I know
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak but He is strong."

or

"I think when I read that sweet story of old
When Jesus was here among men
How He called little children as lambs to His fold
I should like to have been with Him then."

or

"Oh, how I love Jesus,
Oh, how I love Jesus,
Oh, how I love Jesus
Because He first loved me."

or

"I am so glad that our Father in Heaven
Tells of His love in the Book He has given;
Wonderful things in the Bible I see
But this is the dearest that Jesus loves me."

In winter we had fun bringing wood in the house for the two heaters and the cook stove. We would pile the wood on "Old Jack" (heavy sled Father built for us) a few feet from the kitchen door and then pull it a long distance into the orchard and around the house on roads we had built for it. Of course, a few feet would have been sufficient.

The stationary engine at the barn was very interesting to the boys. A number of machines were hitched to it by belts, such as a corn stalk cutter. A hole in the floor allowed the fodder to drop down in front of the mangers for the horses and cows. A few more machines were a corn sheller, a grinder, a fanning mill and a buzz saw for cutting wood.

Evenings in the winter and especially holiday afternoons were spent with checkers and flinch. We often popped corn and ate it with apples from the cellar. It was a happy day for me when Mary arrived but I had to wait so long for her to be of any help to me or side with me. Mother sat many times and played 'Flinch' with us. Father would rather read. One evening Mother went with us to East Jordan to see the stage play "Uncle Tom" at the old Opera House. Louise Holliday, daughter of the owner, trained young people for little plays. One time I was in one called "The Husking Bee". I remember only one person in it and now I cannot recall his name.

Henry left the farm to go work on the railroad when I was about 10 years old. The big engines were so attractive to him. He would come home with his papers and pictures of big engines as he studied his engineering by correspondence

course.

Mary enjoyed her bread and milk after supper. She would climb up on her chair saying, "I'sc sweepy tard", and wait for the warm milk to come in from the barn. When Clara came along she too liked the bread and warm milk. Ernest would feed one while I fed the other. When they were beginning to talk (after Roy came) Mary called me "Ah toe" and Roy "Ah poo". Before I could talk very well we had a hired man whose name was Herbert. I called him "Ho bo". He was so nice to me. When I would go to the field to call him to dinner he would put me on the horse's back to ride to the barn. One time later he came one Sunday morning to see us. I wanted to give him something real nice, so I put a few green tomato pickles on a saucer for him.

Mary said so many cute things. A couple of them were "Please cut the fingernails off my toes" and "Itch me where it scratches". Mary surprised all of us one day, especially me, when she said, "no man can tell what Ethel might do". Roy and Mary could get much of what they wanted from the folks and it tickled those of us who were older and not always so privileged. One day Mother told Roy he should come right home after putting the cows to pasture for she wanted him to turn the churn. He came home just at dinner time and said he had fun with such a playful frog in the creek! We had little butter for dinner that day. One winter he rigged up a harness for one of the calves to draw him around on a sleigh. He called it his "can't afford".

Another good summer game for all of us was with a baseball. We played "one old cat", "ante-I-Over-the woodshed" or just plain catch. When we were teens coming home late we would listen for the clock to strike and then, when all was quiet again except for Father's snoring, we could get through the dining room safely, if we missed the squeaky board. Once we found a lovely pan of baked beans and helped ourselves. Mother never scolded, as I remember. Her baked beans were really very tasty. So was her dried corn. Dr. Vardon would come by and eat corn from the drying plates.

Aunt Tassie (the only real aunt we had) would call Vern her 'hankachee' boy. Of course he meant handkerchief. She also was amused at his stocky and fat, short feet. When Mary's youngsters would purposely say something shocking Uncle Vern would say "Oh, pshaw". That was what they wanted.

My three years in high school in Central Lake were very pleasant ones. I lived in the John Cameron home and worked for my room and board. They were very lovely to me. Mrs. Cameron told the boys I would be like their sister would have been, had she lived. She was Burton's twin sister. Little John, about 7 years old, liked to come in the kitchen behind me with a big "war whoop" when I was studying and washing dishes. His mother soon put a stop to that.

Will, I remember, always was watching the sports section in the Grand Rapids Press to see who won in baseball. He could name the players and their scores for the season. Mrs. Cameron would say to us at breakfast, "What will it be: open faced, cross barred, or kivered?" The fellow who answered first got his wish for apple pie at lunch. I went to church with the Cameron's at the Congregational Church and taught a class of girls.

When I was graduated the boys named the new colt "Val" because I was valedictorian that year, 1910.

While I was in high school, Ernest and Blanche were married and lived on the second 30 acres. Maurice was born the year before my graduation. After high school and before going to Washington I taught school three years. Ernest and Blanche had three boys by that time. They liked to walk the mile to Grandma's house. One Sunday when Maurice and Howard were about seven and five, they came over when, in Spring, the crust on the snow was quite slippery. Maurice came in laughing as he said, "The ice slipped Howard, but it never slipped me". Merritt, the youngest of the three was quite a pudgy little fellow who walked straight. He was a cute little guy, always smiling. The boys liked to tease him, calling him a little Polock. He'd straighten up and say, "He no Polock". "All right, you're a Honyock". "No, me no Honyock".

Before I went to Washington two brothers, Selby and James Milton Vance, were spending summers at Sequenota near Charlevoix. Selby and his wife came to the home in Echo to visit a number of times. He and Father wondered if they might be cousins. The brother was an instructor in a college in Wooster, Ohio while Selby was teaching in the Presbyterian Seminary in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. I went to Washington in January of 1919, out of the snow banks of Michigan. I was dressed in long underwear, a heavy clip, a woolen dress, wool hose, heavy leggings and over-shoes. It was like the middle of March down there so I was pretty warm all day. I went to the place to be sworn in then went to find Ellen Crawford. She had been loaned to another office and was not there, but home because her sister, Jane, was sick. I would have gone to the address I had but someone in that office remembered she had moved to the Government Hotels. They were way back between the Station and the Capitol. When I found her she called Col. Sanctuary about my having a room. He said "No" the one being opened then had no electricity. The few girls there were using candles. She said, "My cousin is smart enough to use a candle, too." So he let me in at Room 112 of the L-M building.

Father and Mother came to Washington to be with me the winter of 1928-29. They came right after the election day. On New Year's Eve we were at the church - Old Metropolitan, a few blocks from the Capitol - and Father struck up a conversation with an Indian, Mr. Soldier. He said he had enjoyed playing with Indian children in Canada. Mr. Soldier was there to arrange for the Indian section in the parade on Inauguration Day for Mr. Hoover. We invited Mr. & Mrs. Soldier to come one evening for dinner at my apartment at 305C St. N.W. They were from the Rosebud Reservation in one of the Dakotas. Mother cooked some dried corn for dinner and Mrs. Soldier said it reminded her of her childhood when they used dried corn. Later they invited us to their room around the corner for the evening. He spoke in Indian to her and she brought a lovely buckskin bag with bead embroidery on it. She handed it to him and he presented it to me.

Father and Mother enjoyed that year very much and so did I. After finding I could buy Geographic tickets for the weekly pictures and lectures we were glad for we all enjoyed our Friday evenings. They did much sight-seeing. One day they enjoyed walking down the Washington Monument. They said they would stop occasionally, sit on a step and watch as they came down for the big blocks of stone, one for each of the forty-eight states.

One day when we had been at Mt. Vernon we stopped in the church at Alexandria where George Washington had worshipped. While there we met Mr. and Mrs. James Milton Vance. It was good to see them and one evening later they had dinner with us.

There was a radio station in Washington called WJSV - Watch James S. Vance.

He was owner of the station and also publisher of the "Menace" Magazine. One day I was with Mr. Collamore and met him. Mr. Collamore was the founder of the American Home Bible Institute. He was chief clerk in the Department of the Navy and graded many Bible lessons from all over the country. He also had a Bible Class in his home teaching different courses from year to year. Mrs. Collamore used to make Martha Washington cream pies for me. Effie, their daughter, was a music teacher and played the organ in their church for many years.

In 1935 on August 16 we celebrated the Golden Wedding for Father and Mother. It was a lovely day and many relatives were there with us in the Tourist Park in East Jordan. The invitations went out on gold paper with a sailboat on the front fold and a verse in the center.



"For fifty years we've sailed life's seas
Since we launched out together;
Sometimes 'twas stormy, most the time
'Twas very pleasant weather.

The Pilot in whose care we've been
Has always stood at hand
To give us peace and joy and cheer'
He'll guide us 'till we land.

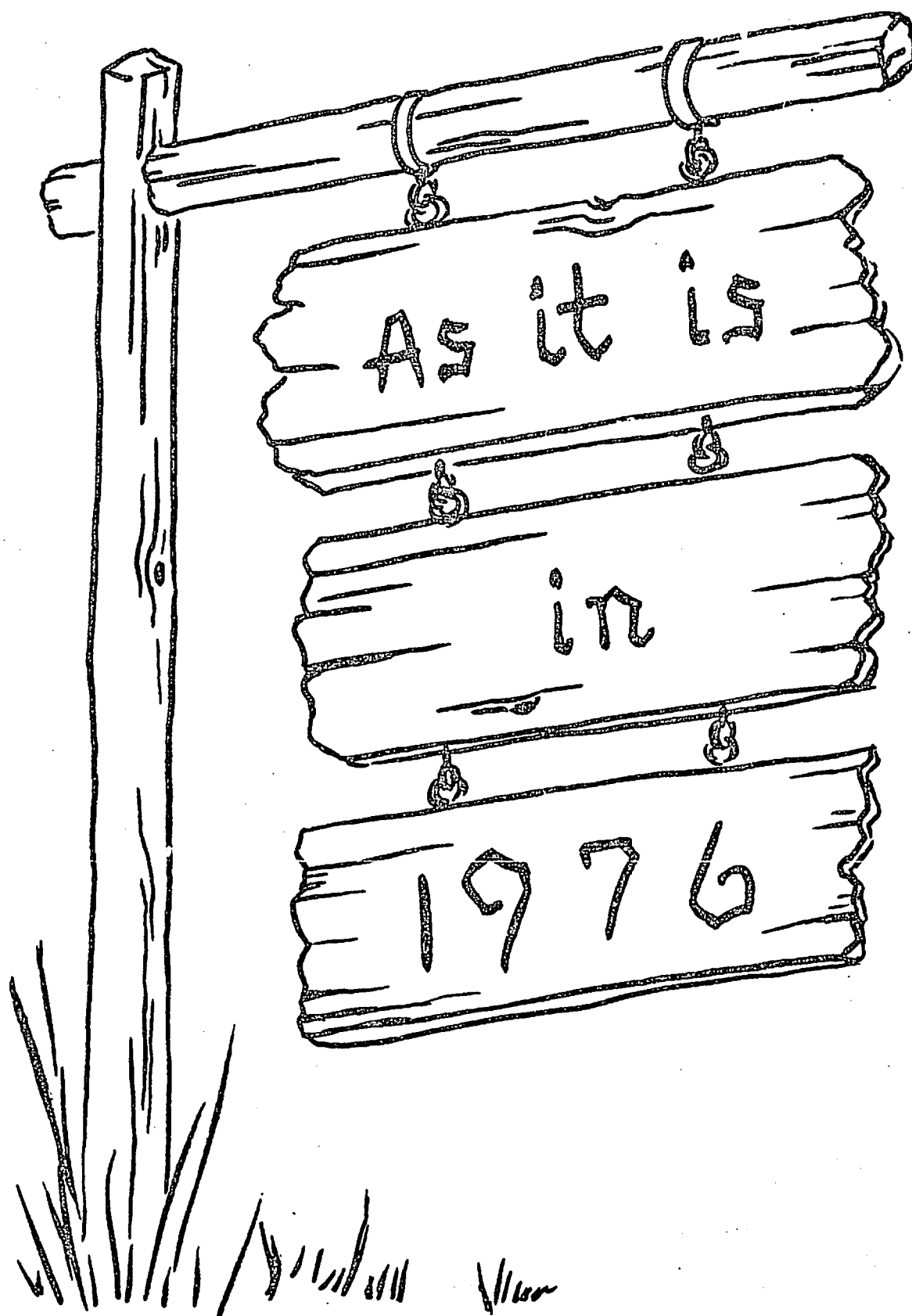
E.V.

They spent the winters 1935-36 to 1941-42 in Miami at their little cottage, 906 N.W. 21st Court. I enjoyed spending about 10 days with them at Christmas time each year. When they were in Miami one winter Ernest and Katherine took them one Sunday to hear a Dr. Vance, Presbyterian minister in Coral Gables, just south of Miami. He looked much like Father and had a little brown mole on his forehead in the same spot as Father's little brown mole!

After I retired and was with Mary the Journal carried a picture of a Dr. Vance (I think his name was George), a dentist who died, in Charlotte where he had practiced.

Father left us in March, 1942 and Mother lived with Mary for six years. She had pneumonia once and Robert was amazed at the way she could change her bed without Mother getting cold. She survived, living until July 1948. They both rest in Jones Cemetery awaiting the coming again of the Lord.

If this seems like an autobiography to any of the family, I would challenge them to write up their memories.





Standing: George A. Vance (Wyoming, Mich.); Mary Carpenter (Lansing, Mich.); Ernest Vance (Mount Dora, Florida); Roy Vance (Lake City, Mich.)

Seated: William Henry Vance (Grand Rapids, Mich.); Ethel Vance (Lansing, Mich.); Vernon Vance (East Jordan, Mich.) The average age of these seven is 82 years.

SECTION V

Mary Loretta (Washburn) Vance
Born: 7-5-1861
Deceased: 7-19-1948

George Vance
Born: 7-13-1857
Deceased: 3-18-1942

William Henry

8-12-1886

Ernest

10-5-1888

Richard

1-2-1890 Deceased: 9-4-1891

Ethel

11-21-1891

Vernon

1-2-1894

George A.

12-7-1895

Mary

11-9-1899

Clara

1-14-1901 Deceased: 5-5-1902

I. Roy

11-16-1902

SECTION V

THE ROOTS:

William and Hannah (Whitney) Washburn
Henry and Susan (Leary) Vance

THE TRUNK:

George and Mary L. (Washburn) Vance

BRANCHES: I ti IX

1. Twigs

A. The Mini-Twigs

a. The Buds

a'. The Mini-Buds

BRANCH I HENRY

William Henry Vance
8-12-1886
Railroad Engineer

Isabel (Sattem) Vance
6-8-1891
Homemaker
Deceased

1. Willard Roy Vance
6-7-1918
Works at Fisher Body

Evelyn J. (Stegehuis) Vance
6-2-1919
Sales Clark at Herpolsheimers

A. Ronald G. Vance
10-1-1940
Works at Alexis Mfg.

Carol (Spenski Allen) Vance
6-26-1939
Housewife

a. Elaine Allen
11-31-1960

b. Jody Lynn Vance
11-23-1975

2. William Henry Vance Jr.
2-21-1922
Truck driver for Kesler
Brass Company

Lucille (VanDenBerg) Vance
7-30-1920
Seamstress

A. Larry James Vance
12-7-1944
With Grand Rapids
Police Force and
student at Grand Valley
College.

Mary J. (Bremer) Vance
9-27-1948
Runs Bath Boutique Shop

B. Sharon E.A. (Vance) Lyden-Williamsen
5-9-1948
Homemaker

Wayne Allen Williamsen
9-9-1947
Custodian for
Wyoming School.

- d. Betty Jo(Patow) Hayes Roy Kenneth Hayes
10-25-1953 1-11-1954
a'. Susan Jo Hayes
7-26-1973
b'. Michael Christian
8-21-1973
- e. Andrew Jay Patow
1-9-1957
- f. David Allen Patow
12-12-1962
- g. James Howard Patow
12-12-1964
- B. Verneita Margaret(Vance) Granger Jack L. Granger
7-17-1933 8-16-1931
Homemaker, Postal Clerk, Alanson Contractor
- a. Christine Orpha(Granger)Krzyszton Michael (Leonard)
11-6-1951 Krzyszton
Waitress at Big Boy 11-26-1948
a'. Michael Dennis Krzyszton
3-26-1960
- b. Jacquelyn Helen(Granger)Ellenberger Peter Allen
10-24-1952 Ellenberger
Michigan Bell Telephone 7-31-1951
Carpenter, trapper,
hunter.
- c. Sharon Margaret(Granger) Mummert Charles Wayne Mummert
1-29-1954 9-11-1950
Homemaker Carpenter
a'. Chad Howard
9-9-1976
- C. Victor Howard Vance Vera Mary (Posch) Vance
12-18-1935 11-7-1939
Post Office, Petosky Librarian
- a. Vickie Lynn
9-16-1962
- b. Michael Howard
2-14-1964
- D. Kenneth Edward Vance Anita Louise (Griffin) Vance
1-5-1938 2-19-1941
U.S. Air Force, Alaska Homemaker
- a. James Jay Vance
9-22-1962
- b. Denise Dawn
10-14-1965
- c. Kathy Kay
7-21-1966 died 7-22-1966

E. Leroy Arthur Vance Connie (Cox) Vance
7-17-1942 5-30-
In Navy

a. Patricia Ann Vance (adopted)
10-6-

F. Karen Sue (Vance) Russell Douglas Alan Russell
3-22-1947 7-19-1945
Homemaker Professional Cook

a. Troy Douglas Russell
9-28-1967

b. Dawn Renee Russell
6-17-1969

3. Merritt Ernest Vance Eleanora Mary (Brandemuhl) Vance
5-14-1912 6-13-1915
Carpenter Homemaker

A. Eugene Vance Kathleen May (Kelly) Vance
4-28-1935 4-17-1945
Aviation technician Beautician

a. Jill Marie Vance
7-30-1965

b. Jackie Lynn Vance
8-13-1966

B. Rose Marie (Vance) Rosania Michael J. Rosania
5-5-1938 1-22-1947
Homemaker Account buyer of plastics

a. Michael C. Rosania
12-18-1968

b. Karie Lyn
12-8-1973

C. Patricia Ann Helen (Vance) Johnston Loran Johnston
5-14-1941 Works making doors.
Homemaker

a. Mille (Johnston) Smith Ronnie Smith
11-24-1958 12-11-1938
Seamstress Works in pickle factory.

b. Marybeth (Johnston) Majerczyk Michael Majerczyk
4-8-1959 Radio Repair man
Homemaker

a'. Bethan Majerczyk
8-16-1975

c. Bradley Johnston
4-28-1964

d. John J. Johnston
11-15-1967

e. Kathy Jo Johnston
11-7-1971

f. Jessie J. Johnston
12-9-1973

- D. Ernest Merritt Vance, Jr. Peggy (Bailey) Vance
 11-16-1944 2-23-1944
 Works for Ford in Novi Sunday School Teacher
- a. David Vance
 5-21-1964
- b. Trina Vance
 10-19-1966
- c. Kim Vance
 7-29-1968
- d. Shaw Vance
 9-21-1972

- E. Robert David Vance Karen
 6-28-1949 9-13-
 Topps Appliance Salesman Secretary

- F. Leonard Stanley Vance Linda Getz
 10-30-1952 6-24-
 Carpenter Artist

- a. Christina Marie
 1-12-1974

Second wife of Ernest Vance Katie D. (Middleton Guthrie) Vance
 4-2-1887
 Homemaker
 Deceased 12-20-1957

1. Mureen H. (Guthrie) Lancaster Thomas Allen Lancaster
 10-16-1907 11-23-1902
 Beautician Barber

- A. Donald Allen Lancaster Barbara (Collins) Lancaster
 7-27-1929
 Auto Mechanic

- a. Richard Allen Lancaster
 2-21-1952
Second wife Mildred (Bradow) Lancaster

- b. Deborah Lynn Lancaster
 7-31-1954

- c. Donna Marie Lancaster
 11-30-1957
 Deceased 1-16-1958

- Third wife Joy (Marney) Lancaster
 Homemaker

- d. Rhonda Renee Lancaster
 5-29-1966

- e. Donald Aaron Lancaster
 6-15-1967

- f. Bethany Dawn Lancaster
 9-4-1968

- g. David Allen Lancaster
 9-12-1969

- h. Stephani Eve Lancaster
 12-17-1970

- i. Daniel Alfred Lancaster
 9-22-1973

- B. Gwendolyn Noreen(Lancaster) Nickle Thomas V. Nickle
 7-27-1931 4-12-1932
 2. Homemaker, Office worker Electrician on jet in
 Air Force, Now electrician
 trouble shooter.
- a. Kevin Ray Nickle
 7-13-1956
 b. Penny May Nickle
 12-18-1957
 c. Thomas Allen Nickle
 2-11-1960
- C. Roger Vance Lancaster Donna Lee (Lundmark) Lancaster
 9-28-1942
 Barber & Taxi driver, artist
 and organizer of International
 Military Collectors Ass'n.
 a. Carl John Lancaster
 3-13-1962
 b. Carla Marie Lancaster
 4-15-1964

Second wife

Janet (Fryant) Lancaster

2. Ella A. (Guthrie) Kanady Everett E. Kanady
 4-2-1911
 Beautician
 Deceased 9-23-1975

- A. Kathleen Marie (Kanady)DeGaetano Louis DeGaetano
 10-31-1931 3-19-1917

BRANCH III RICHARD

Withered and fell off - 1-2-1890 to 9-4-1891

Father used to say, "God wanted a little rose bud for his garden, so
 he took Richard to Himself."

BRANCH IV ETHEL

Ethel Vance
 11-21-1891

A little branch with no twigs

- 1907 - Completed 8th Grade in District #6 of Echo Township.
 1910 - Was graduated from Central Lake High School.
 1910-1911 - Taught school at Torch Lake Village.
 1911 - Entered Michigan State Normal College, now Michigan Eastern
 University.
 1913 - Was graduated in June with a life certificate for teaching.
 1913-1914 - Taught in District #6 of Echo Township.
 1917-1918 - Taught at a new school at Bunker Hill east of Central Lake.
 1918 - Passed Civil Service Examination.
 1919 - In January went to Washington, D.C.
 1921 - Learned of the American Home Bible Institute. Mr. Edward Colla-
 more was founder and president of A.H.B.I. and taught in

- evening school. His daughter, Effie, was a music teacher and organist. She served her church about twenty-five years.
- 1922-1932 - Studied in evening school.
 - 1932 - Received diploma from A.H.B.I.
 - 1923-1928 - Attended evening school at George Washington University - studying Shakespear, Wordsworth and a little Spanish.
 - 1925-1939 - Was Secretary of A.H.B.I.
 - 1927-1939 - Taught in evening school.
 - 1932-1935 - Lived in Bible School - house for four.
 - 1935- Moved to 1509 Rhode Island Ave. - house for ten.
 - 1938 - Three schools joined for Washington Bible Institute.
 - 1941 - Received diploma issued by Evangelical Teacher Training Association.
 - 1946- School moved to 1441 Rhode Island Avenue and became a day school.
 - 1946-1948 - Studied Greek (Koine') at W.B.I.
 - 1954 - Washington Bible Institute became Washington Bible College.
 - 1922-1955 - Most of these years taught in Chinese Sunday School on Sunday afternoon.
 - 1955 - November 21, was retired from U.S.D.A. The last few years there did research for four men who were preparing theses for Ph.D degrees.
 - 1956 - Returned to Lansing March 31 - and have been helping with child Evangelism Fellowship work by grading papers for the Good News Clubbers and helping prepare materials for the Library to loan to teachers of the Good News Bible Clubs.

The years I worked in the Department of Agriculture (N.S.D.A.) were very pleasant and rewarding ones. The last few years were spent in research in the library for four men, at different times, who were working on their theses for the Doctor of Philosophy degrees, one of them being Dr. Ronald L. Mighell. In addition to working for "bread and butter" in the daytime it was my pleasure to help in the office of the Bible School for the evening classes which continued after the daytime school was organized.

After Mr. Collamore died in 1930 three of us girls, Mary Hervey, Lena Lobaugh and I kept the school going for about two years. At that time four young men; Bill Bond, George Miles, Gene Scheele and Glenn Wagner came in to help.

The present campus is at Lanham, Md. and the daytime college has 492 students this fall. There are seventeen foreign students included. They come from all over the United States and eleven foreign nations. The W.B.C. supports a school in Ikwa, Nigeria to train nationals for the ministry.

The evening schools in Adult Education are in seventy-seven classes in twenty locations in six states involving seventy-one teachers, and the enrollment is more than twelve hundred. A class in Beginners Greek enrolled fifty-eight people in Lanham. How the evening classes have grown! The Capital Bible Seminary enrolled eighty-three students this Fall and the faculty includes seven.

In November of 1974 Mrs. Margaret Lallaye and I went to Washington Bible College for a day. On Friday morning we went to Chapel Service. Mr. Miles, president of the college and the Capital Seminary spotted us and came down where we were. He asked me to stand, then announced that "Here is the oldest living graduate of the Washington Bible College".

He asked what year the diploma was given to me. When I said "1932" you should have seen the young necks (about 400 of them) craned around to see a living fossil.

We spent the day, after lunch, meeting faculty members (some of them I had known while at school) and visiting the book store.

In the evening we went to Maryland University for the Founder's Banquet. There were about 750 attending. Mr. Miles again introduced me, telling the guests, "She was my first Bible teacher, using the book of John". The emphasis was on the written Word, but also on the Living Word."

BRANCH V VERNON

Vernon Vance
1-2-1894
Farmer

Ruth (Carpenter) Vance
3-5-1893
Teacher, homemaker

1. Bryce Carpenter Vance
6-16-1920
Traffic Manager and customer contact, Mt. Clemens Mfg. Co., East Jordan, Mi.
Virginia (Vogt) Vance
8-2-1922
Teacher, librarian, homemaker
2. Jane Ellen (Vance) Tennant
8-15-1921
Nurse, homemaker
Wirth Tennant
3-7-1917
Methodist Minister
- A. Carolyn R. (Tennant) Kupferschmidt
6-11-1947
Nurse, homemaker
Lawrence Kupferschmidt
5-23-1945
Teacher, Pharmaceutical Salesman
- a. Bethany Suzanne Kupferschmidt
6-12-1973
- b. Erica Lynn Kupferschmidt
3-13-1975
- B. Mark W. Tennant
7-19-1949
Laboratory technician, crime laboratory, Bridgeport, Michigan.
Deborah (Gillespie) Tennant
10-30-1950
Teacher, homemaker
- a. Nathan Vance Tennant
1-29-1975
- b. Carrie Elizabeth Tennant
10-4-1976
- C. Luann Jane Tennant
6-27-1954
Graduate of Adrian College, Ohio University, studying creative writing.
- D. Mary Louise Tennant
5-29-1958
Albion College, pre-med. major

3. Patricia Ann (Vance Schloop Lloyd M. Schloop
4-16-1923 9-15-1918
Nurse, homemaker Methodist Minister
- A. Paul Vance Schloop Susan (Babcock) Schloop
11-15-1948
Night supervisor, Foundry Elementary teacher, 4th grade
Am. Seating Company
a. Peter Jeffrey Schloop
8-31-1970
- B. Philip Lloyd Schloop Mindy LaPere
5-3-1950 5-31-1950
Board of Education, Graduate of M.S.U.
Detroit, Michigan
- C. Faith Ann (Schloop) Mendorf Robert Mendorf
7-22-1951 7-31-1947
State Industrial Bank Student Kalamazoo Valley State
College.
- D. John Sherman Schloop
2-16-1956
Working in Houston, Texas
- E. Margaret Ruth Schloop
1-8-1961
10th Grade, Creston High, Grand Rapids, Mi.
4. Barton Laverne Vance Barbara Jean (Matthews) Vance
6-5-1925 11-3-1926
Dist. Sales Mgr. Ingersoll Home Economics Graduate,
Rand. homemaker.
- A. David Barton Vance Joyce G. () Vance
4-7-1949 1-23-1950
Law Student, Georgetown Guidance Counselor
University
- B. Alan Bruce Vance
2-23-1952
Apprentice, Leitzke, Designers/
Interiors, Magadore, Ohio
- C. Dale M. Vance
4-8-1957
Student at College of Dupage, Glen Alllyn, Ill.

BRANCE VI GEORGE

George A. Vance
12-7-1895
Farmer, Cabinet maker

Second wife

Vera (McMillan) Vance
4-21-
Homemaker
Deceased 1954
Hazel (Stegenga) Vance
7-17-
Homemaker

1. Bruce Norton Vance Dorothy Mae(Barnum) Vance
6-17-1923 5-26-1926
With Gillock Construction Homemaker
and heavy movers.
- A. Douglas Bruce Vance Linda Ann (Halstad) Vance
3-1-1947 9-13-1946
Teaches Spanish & Gov't. Homemaker
a. Lori Marie Vance
9-9-1973
b. Karen Lynn Vance
11-23-1975
- B. Wayne Lee Vance Carol Lee(Skupnik) Vance
7-2-1949 3-7-1946
Air Force Control Cashier in Grocery store.
Tower Division and
College student.
a. Bradley Richard Vance
- C. Sandra Beth Vance
10-29-1951
Handicapped
- D. Brian Barnum Vance
6-28-1955
Works as plumber
- E. Lawrence Allen Vance
4-11-1960
In school & works at Haan's Foodliner, bagger &
stock man.
- F. Dwight David Vance
4-12-1961
- G. Duane Hugh Vance
4-12-1961
- H. Christopher Todd Vance
9-22-1963

Above three are students.

2. Donna Jean (Vance) Lundberg Donald Lundberg
10-15-1925 7-10-1923
Homemaker Dairy farmer
- A. Dennis Leroy Lundberg Jane (Viery) Lundberg
6-22-1949 4-12-1951
In Navy Homemaker
- B. Donald Duane Lundberg Susan (Heyse) Lundberg
2-7-1951 7-10-1953
U.S.P. Service, Asst. Homemaker
Mgr. at Terminal,
Kalamazoo, Michigan.
a. Christopher Donald Lundberg
3-14-1971

b. Patrick Gaylin Lundberg
6-20-1974

C. Dean Vance Lundberg
12-7-1952
Farmer at home, Pentwater

D. Dick Lundberg
6-9-1956
Working at home, West Shore Community College,
Auto Mechanics.

E. David Lundberg
10-22-1962
In 8th grade at Scottville

F. Danny Lundberg
10-31-1965
In Early Trainable class at the Developmental Center.

3. Janet Rae (Vance) Nelson Fred Nelson
10-6-1927 5-13-1923
Homemaker, Avon Representative,
Postal sub-clerk Truck driver, Conklin District.

A. Evilo Ann (Nelson) Cassady Dennis Lee Cassady
9-25-1947 10-8-1947
Nurse, homemaker Electrician
a. Leonard Dennis Cassady
6-2-1976

B. Scott Kelly Nelson Cynthia Jean (Woldheer) Nelson
4-21-1953 Homemaker and bank manager
Microbiologist, in Research

4. Marilyn Alice (Vance) Stegenga John Raymond Stegenga
9-9-1929 4-10-1929
Nurse, homemaker Truck driver

A. Janet Lee Stegenga
12-25-1965

B. Margo Lynn Stegenga - adopted
3-15-1971
In kindergarten

BRANCH VII MARY

Mary (Vance) Carpenter
11-9-1899
Homemaker, nurse

Oris G. Carpenter
6-19-1894
Farmer, served in Army
Deceased 4-10-1929

1. Robert Burton Carpenter
4-19-1922
Supervisor, Reproduction
Services-Highway Dept.

Sarah L. (Eishop) Carpenter
5-5-1922
Nurse, homemaker

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| A. Mary Ellen (Carpenter) Wahl | William R. Wahl |
| 8-16-1949 | 8-24-1946 |
| Teacher, homemaker | Chief planner for Criminal Justice programs for Tri-county Regional Planning Commission. |
| | |
| B. Robert Charles Carpenter | Hedy (Russell) Carpenter |
| 8-23-1953 | 7-3-1953 |
| Student of Oceanology, works in laboratory | Receptionist, homemaker. |
| | |
| 2. Dorothy L. (Carpenter) Wood | Allan Gordon Wood |
| 6-25-1923 | 8-14-1924 |
| Secretary at Post Oak School, Lansing, Michigan | Yard Foreman, Mississippi Struct. Steel Company. |
| | |
| A. Esther L. (Wood) Reagan | Richard Reagan |
| 9-14-1949 | 6-19-1947 |
| Asst. Administrative Officer, Bureau of Medical Assistance | Instructor: Communications Dept., Lansing Community College. |
| | |
| B. Jacklyn Ann Wood | |
| 2-27-1951 | |
| Bluebird at Ingham Medical Hospital | |
| Deceased, 6-28-1970 | |
| | |
| C. Roger Allan Wood | |
| 1-9-1956 | |
| Works at Sparrow Hospital, Student at Lansing Community College. | |
| | |
| D. Sharon Kay Wood | |
| 11-20-1958 | |
| Senior in Hill Community High | |
| | |
| 3. Marian E. (Carpenter) Hevel | Norman B. Hevel |
| 9-21-1924 | 5-24-1921 |
| Homemaker, paints beautiful oil paintings. | Principal of Elentary School, Washington, Michigan. |
| | |
| A. William Dana Hevel | |
| 3-27-1960 | |
| Junior in High school | |
| | |
| B. James Brian Hevel | |
| 3-11-1962 | |
| In 9th grade | |
| | |
| Both boys like athletics and play in the band. | |
| | |
| 4. Helen M. (Carpenter) Wheeler | Leroy J. Wheeler |
| 10-19-1926 | 10-9-1925 |
| Assistant to Dental Surgeon | Engineer & Maintenance man |
| | |
| A. Richard J. Wheeler | Vickey A. (Rogers) Wheeler |
| 2-5-1948 | 10-10-1949 |
| Service technician | Homemaker, secretary |
| a. Jill Chere Wheeler | |
| 8-1-1976 | |

- B. Sandra Lee Wheeler
8-4-1950
Secretary, graduate of Western Michigan University
- C. Annette Kay Wheeler
10-28-1956
Student at Colorado Southern University & Cashier

BRANCH VIII CLARA

Withered and fell off - 1-14-1901 to 5-5-1902

Father used to say "God wanted a sweet little rosebud so he took our dear little Clara."

BRANCH IX ROY

I. Roy Vance
11-16-1902
Farmer, Carpenter, and builder
of stone fireplaces.

Marjorie (Ardis) Vance
3-10-1904
Teacher, homemaker

1. Ardis George Vance
4-11-1928
Electric Engineer

Elaine J. (Shackelton) Vance
2-6-1929
Homemaker, poetess

A. Gaylen M. Vance
6-7-1955
Student, travels, works.

Kathy M. (Knight) Vance
10-15-1955
Travels

B. Gloria Jean Vance
11-28-1957
Student in Grace College, Winona Lake, Ind.

C. Carol Ruth Vance
7-5-1961
Student in high school

D. Anita Kay Vance
10-17-1964
Student in junior high school

E. James Alan Vance
10-6-1966
In grade school

When Ardis was 9 years old he rigged up an old cream separator with a platform for a record, an arm with a needle and he had music as he cranked!

This summer, after he worked nearly twenty years for Collins Radio Company in Iowa, he was retired. But it was with the understanding that he would return at call. This Fall he was asked to go to Alaska to check the radio installation to see if it was to blame for the crashing of an airplane on an Aleutian Island.

GOOD-BYE, 1976.

THIS IS HOW WE KNOW — 4
THE BIBLE SAYS SO!



And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life... I John 5:11-12a



These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life... I John 5:13a



Hereby we know that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. I John 4:13



... I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Hebrews 13:5b

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1 HEAVEN — ONLY ONE WAY



Jesus said, "... I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

2

4 CHRIST DIED FOR ME



... Christ died for our sins ... he was buried, and ... he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.

I Corinthians 15:3-4

3

2 I HAVE SINNED



For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23

5 GOD'S WONDERFUL GIFT



For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2:8

3 GOD LOVES ME



For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

6 I RECEIVE THE GIFT



But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.

John 1:12

X

Vance
Fam

John M. Vance
of New Brunswick, Canada and Eureka, California

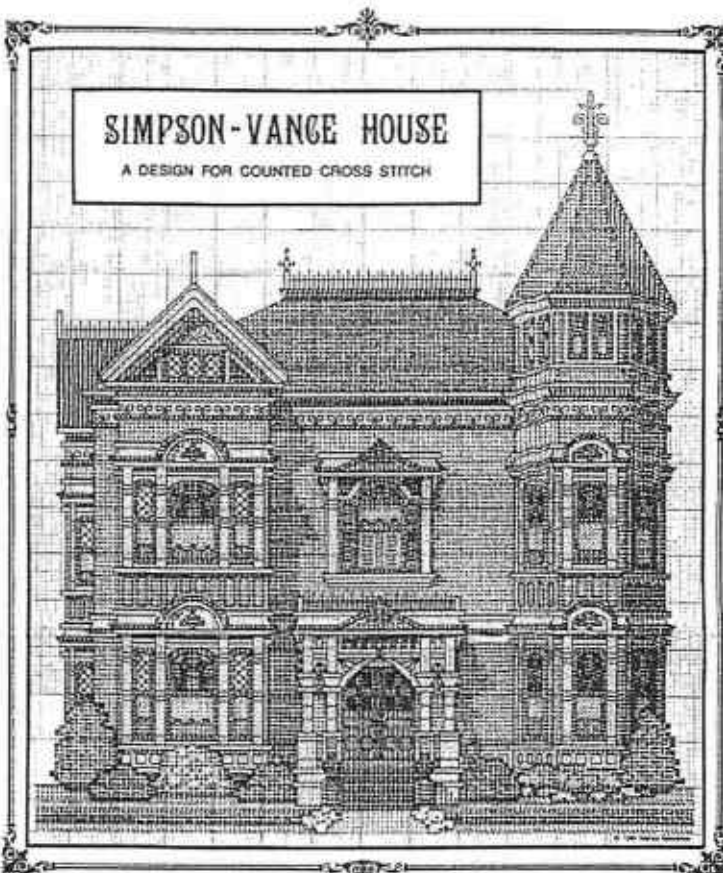
John M. Vance, the son of George Vance and his wife, was born 4 January 1845 in Chipman, Queens County, New Brunswick, Canada. At age 21, John left Chipman and arrived in Humboldt County, California.

On March 11, 1871 in San Francisco, California, John M. Vance married Sarah Jannie Babbitt. Sarah was the daughter of Harry Babbitt and Louisa Chase. The Babbitts were natives of New Brunswick but of English descent. John and Sarah Vance were the parents of Harry, Ida, Etta, and Charlotte. In 1892, John M. Vance took over the management of vast timber and railroad holdings belonging to his uncle, John Vance. That along with other interests made John M. Vance a relatively wealthy man.

John purchased the Simpson-Vance home in Eureka, CA in 1902. The home was originally built for John Simpson, his wife, Elizabeth and their twelve children in 1892. After completely refurbishing the home, the Vance family occupied this home for forty-one years. John M. Vance died at his home, 31 May 1907. His wife, Sarah continued to occupy the home until her death in 1933 and their daughter, Etta, lived in the home until her death in 1943. After Etta's death, the home was used as a boarding house, an art center, and a halfway house for parolees. The Redwood Community Action Agency, a non-profit social service organization, acquired the house in the early 1980's and has extensively restored it from its deteriorated state.

E. C. Mowry, the contractor who built the home, owned a molding mill. His mill apparently provided the original Eastlake ornament used extensively to trim features of the house, notably the octagonal corner tower, gable-topped stacked bays, and elaborate portico. The carved, curved and fancy moldings give an elegant, lacy look to the surface. Cutouts that repeat in a band under the eaves were each milled with an undulating surface. The historic structure is remarkably unchanged from its original design. In 1986, the Simpson-Vance House was listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

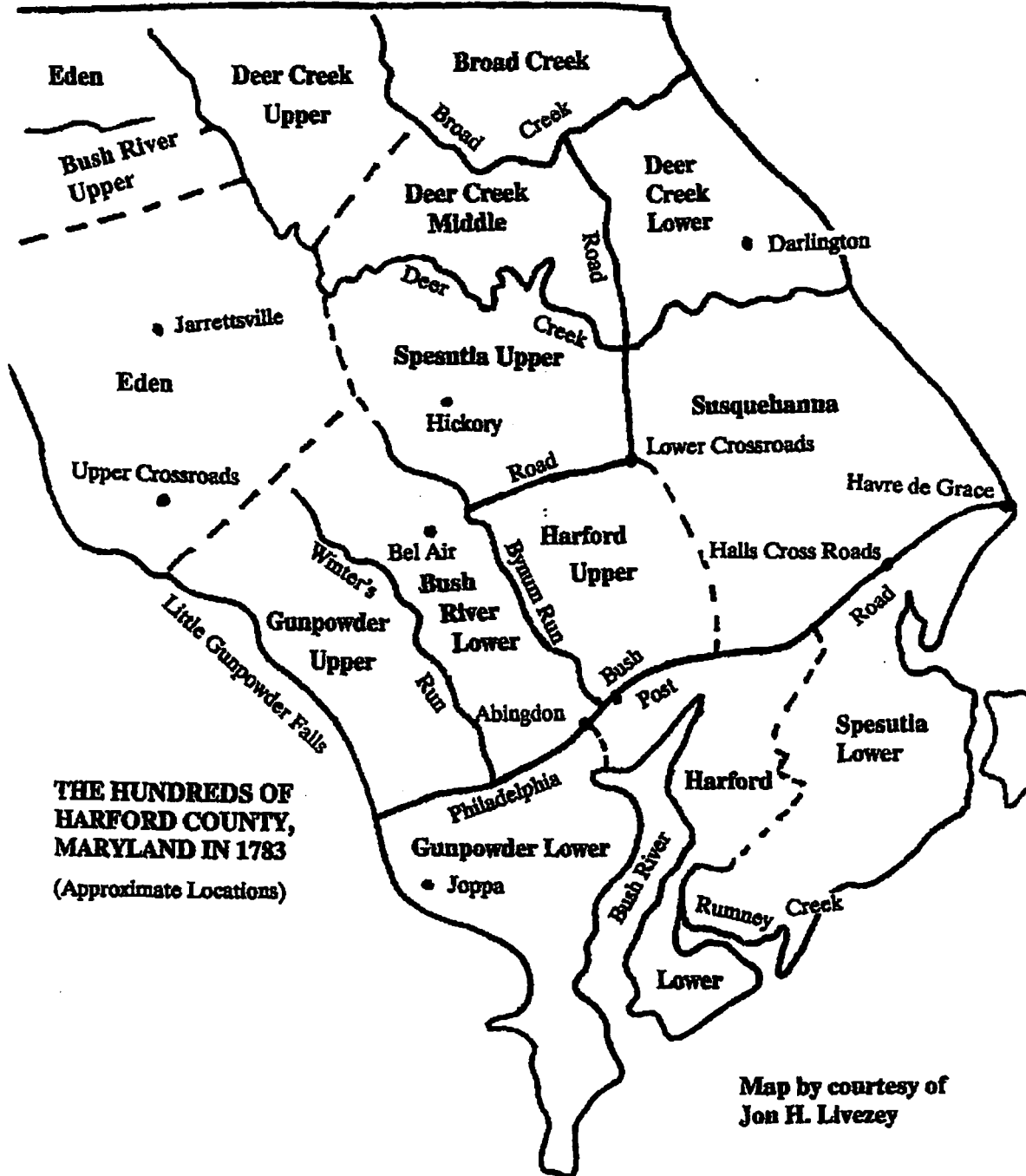
The story behind this article is just as interesting. Fay Morrison, discovered a cross stitch kit for the Simpson-Vance house in a catalogue. She wrote the publisher, who in turn suggested she contact the designer, Nancy Spruance. Nancy provided Fay with the information on John M. Vance and his home. Can anyone provide more information on this family's ancestry?



→ NANCY SPRUANCE DESIGNS ←
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Harford County, Maryland

From Early Harford Countians
by Henry C. Peden Jr.



MARYLAND RECORDS

Research of Glenda Thompson, 8337 Tanager Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46256

Colonial Wills, 1634-1777

Alexander Vance	Will	1755	Somerset Co.	Liber 60	Folio 328
	Will	1755	Somerset Co.	Liber 7	Folio 511
	Will	1755	Somerset Co.	Liber 29	Page 511*
	Will	1755	Somerset Co.	Liber 7	Folio 80
James Vance	Accounts	1764	Cecil Co.	Liber 51	Folio 322
	Inventories	1767	Cecil Co.	Liber 95	Folio 91
	Inventories	1767	Cecil Co.	Liber 14	Folio 3
	Inventories	1767	Cecil Co.	Liber 122	Folio 324/5
	Inventories	1775	Cecil Co.	Liber 16	Folio 55
James Vance	Inventories	1762	Somerset Co.	Liber 77	Folio 294
John Vance	Accounts	1723	Calvert Co.	Liber 5	Folio 304
	Inventories	1722/3	Calvert Co.	Liber 8	Folio 72
Robert Vance	Bonds	1724/5	Kent Co.	Box 3	Folio 401
	Inventories	1724/5	Kent Co.	Liber 10	Folio 375
	Inventories	1725	Kent Co.	Box 6	Folio 28
Thomas Vance	Accounts	1760/1	Worcester Co.	Liber 45	Folio 24
	Accounts	1760/1	Worcester Co.	Liber 46	Folio 253
Thomas Vance Jr.	Accounts	1760	Worcester Co.	Liber 68	Folio 208
Ann Elizabeth Vanse	Inventories	1721	Cecil Co.	Box 3	Folio 46
	Inventories	1721	Cecil Co.	Liber 9	Folio 138
Samuel Vans	Will	1719	Cecil Co.	Liber 16	Page 1*
Samuel Vanse	Accounts	1722	Cecil Co.	Liber 4	Folio 148

*Reference: Maryland Colonial Wills, 1634-1777, James Macgruder, Jr.

Baltimore County Land Record Index

1741	Patrick Vance from Jarett Freeman, Rachels Delight, Number MA-13	Folio 113
1786	David Vance from William Hannah; Lot Number 714	Folio 505
1786	Felty Vance to Ulrick Fiece; 33 acres; conveyance part of Vances Enlargement	Folio 479
1795	David Vance from Simon Perine, Lot on Bottle Alley, Number TT-33	R144, pt 2
1798-1803	William Vance to Walter Dorsey; Number 99	Folio 593

Harford County Early Residents

1788	Ann Vance	Daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Vance , born January 24.
1774	David Vance	Taxable in Spesutia Upper Hundred, living with father, Samuel Vance
1775	David Vance	Private in County Militia
1776	David Vance	Taxable in Gunpowder Lower Hundred, listed with Samuel Vance
1778	David Vance	Over age 18, Gunpowder Lower Hundred
1778	David Vance	Taxable in Harford Upper Hundred
1785	David Vance	Treated in November by Dr. Archer

1774	Edward Van	Security for William Peters; See "Edward Von"
1774	Edward Von	Taxable in Spesutia Upper Hundred
1776	Edward Van	Taxable in Harford Upper Hundred
1777	Edward Vann	Died Intestate by October 31, 1777
1790	James Vance	Head of household of four
1774	John Vance	Taxable in Bush River Upper Hundred
1774	John Vance	Taxable in Spesutia Upper Hundred, living with father Samuel Vance
1775	John Vance	Private in County Militia
1776	John Vance	Taxable in Bush River Upper Hundred, with servant John ?
1778	John Vance	Over age 18, Bush River Upper Hundred
1782	John Vance	Treated on June 21 by Dr. Archer
1783	John Vance	Tax List, Bush River Upper & Edens Hundreds; Land was 'Hugh Cabbins'*
1774	Samuel Vance	Taxable in Spesutia Upper Hundred with his taxable sons, John & David Vance
1775	Samuel Vance	Private in County Militia
1776	Samuel Vance	Taxable in Gunpowder Lower Hundred, with David Vance
1778	Samuel Vance	Taxable in Harford Upper Hundred
1778	Samuel Vance	Over age 18, Gunpowder Lower Hundred
1783	Samuel Vance	Head of household, 6 white inhabitants, Bush River Lower Hundred
1788	Samuel & Elizabeth Vance	Parents of Ann Vance (above)
1790	Samuel Vance	Head of household of 5
1788	Thomas Vance	Over age 18, Gunpowder Lower Hundred
1788	Thomas Vance	Taxable in Harford Upper Hundred
1789	William Vance	Presidential elector in 1789

References: Early Harford Countians, Henry C. Peden Jr., p. 469.

*1783 Tax List of Harford Co., MD.

Wills & Estates

Will of **John Vance**, Harford Co., MD probated July, 1782. Wife **Agnes** and children listed as: **John Jr.**, **William**, **Jane Turner**, **Rebecca Hanna**, **Andrew**, **Eleanor** and **Alice**. Estate File 229, July 20, 1782. Executrix: **Agnes Vance**. No distribution in file. Nearest of kin: Jean Brown & John Brown Sr.

John Brown. Estate File 375, March 7, 1786. Executors: Jean Brown and John Brown. No distribution in file. Nearest of kin were John Smyth and **John Vance**.

Andrew Vance died 14 August 1811. **Mary Vance**, widow; **William Vance**, son; **Robert Vance**, son; **Elizabeth Vance**, daughter; **Mary Vance**, daughter.

Reference: Heirs & Legatees—Harford Co., MD 1774-1801; Heirs & Legatees—Harford Co., MD 1802-1846, both books by Henry C. Peden.

Land Record Index

1775	Edward Vanz to Aquilla Hall, etal.	Liber JLG, Number F-22
1796	Agnes Vance with Shadrach Rudledge	Liber JLG, Number M-549
1799	William Vance from Robert Nesbitt	Liber JLG, Number O-453
1801	William Vance to William Herbert	Liber JLG, Number P-376
1806	Agnes Vance to Samuel Turner	ND 8-485
1806	Agnes & John Vance to Samuel Turner	ND 8-485
1815	Agnes Vance to Mary Vance	Y-416

Marriage Records

David Vance	to	Mary Woolsey	3 October 1781
Elizabeth Vance	to	William Cairns	13 January 1830
Mary Vance	to	Robert Turner	16 November 1852
Rebecca Vance	to	Hugh Hannah	4 February 1781
Samuel Vance	to	Mary Watters	8 October 1798
William Vance	to	Martha Keeth	23 February 1781
William C. Vance	to	Mary Hutchins	7 May 1832

Reference: Harford Co., Maryland Marriage Licenses, 1777-1865, Jon Harlan Livezey & Helene Maynard Davis.

More Maryland Records

Submitted by Della Clevenger

Maryland Census Records 1790

	<u>Males, 16+</u>	<u>Males, -16</u>	<u>All Females</u>
<u>Baltimore County</u>			
David Vantz	1	2	3
<u>Harford County</u>			
Samuel Vance	2	0	3
James Vance	1	0	3

1800

	<u>Males</u>					<u>Females</u>				
	<u>-10</u>	<u>10-16</u>	<u>16-26</u>	<u>26-45</u>	<u>+45</u>	<u>-10</u>	<u>10-16</u>	<u>16-26</u>	<u>26-45</u>	<u>+45</u>
<u>Baltimore City</u>										
William Vance	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
<u>Harford County</u>										
Andrew Vance	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1
John Vance	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
<u>Somerset County</u>										
George Vance	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
William Vance	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	0
William Vance	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0

Harford County Oaths of Fidelity

Harford County was established in 1773, from Baltimore County. A list of 1146 men who took Oaths of Fidelity from Harford County, taken before the Worshipful James McComas, March Court, 1778. Among those named were:

- 27. Samuel Vance
- 28. James Vance
- 26. Jno. Vance

Reference: Maryland Probates & Records, p. 233 & 246. Maryland Historical Society.

CHARLES PATRICK VANCE

Submitted by Robert L. Vance

The following article is condensed from a biography written by Charles P. Vance for his family. A version of this biography, without genealogy, was published 1893 in "History of Texas with Biographical History of Milam, Williamson, Bastrop, Travis, Lee and Burleson Counties" submitted to VFA by Ruby Vance and Mary Beth Gibson. Some information differs from other printed material, and will be noted in brackets. For related articles, see VFA Newsletters, July 1988, p. 65-71 and April 1989, p. 50.-- MVN

Charles Patrick Vance, a pioneer of Taylor, Williamson County, Texas, was born near Williamstown in Grant County, Kentucky, February 21, 1828 and died October 10, 1920 in Houston, Texas.

"My father and mother were both named Vance and it was supposed they were not related. On my father's side, Patrick Vance lived in Virginia and North Carolina, moved to Georgia and later to Union County, Kentucky, about 1780 [1793-1795]. His wife was Lydia [Sarah] Harrington. They had sons, Ely, Jordan, Thomas, John, Charles, Drury and daughters, Lydia and Drucilla.

1. Lydia, the oldest of the family married Ezra Owen in Georgia. He was an officer in the army of the War of 1812; was from Virginia, moved to North Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Missouri, Arkansas and finally to Texas where he died in Lavaca County at the age of 99 [89]. Lydia died in the same county at the same age. They had twelve grown children.
2. Ely married a Cox [Hannah Clark, November 20, 1815 in Hopkins Co., KY]; moved to Arkansas and died there.
3. Jordan married Mary Vance (daughter of Andrew and Ann Vance) moved to Illinois and died there. He was born November 24th 1791 and died August 18th 1831, leaving six children.
4. Charles went to Missouri.
5. John went to Missouri.
6. Thomas married a Fount and moved to Collin County, Texas and died there.
7. Drucilla married a man by the name of Steagall, lived in Union County, Kentucky, leaving one son, William and a daughter.
8. Drury, the youngest son, was my father. Drury married Sally Ann Vance, daughter of John and Sarah Routt Vance in Christian County, KY.

Sally Ann Vance's progenitors came from Frederick County, VA. Andrew died there in December 1753, leaving his wife, Jane and his four sons, Samuel, Andrew, Alexander and John. Alexander died there leaving his interest in land to Andrew and Samuel. In 1785, Andrew and his wife, Ann of Lincoln County, District of Kentucky, made a deed for all the lands in Frederick County, VA devised by him by his father. Ann Vance was the daughter of James Ramey and his wife, Elizabeth and was born February 2, 1752; was married to Andrew Vance October 15, 1768 and died in Christian County, KY, July 11, 1813. Andrew and Ann had the following children:

1. John, born July 27, 1769 [November 20, 1769]; died in Bourbon Co, KY, November 30, 1799 [November 26 1799].
2. Alexander, born November 14, 1771 [March 14, 1771], died December 28, 1772.
3. Samuel, born January 10, 1773, died September 17, 1843.
4. Rachel, born Dec. 6, 1775.
5. Andrew, born August 21, 1778, married Elizabeth Veatch, died November 21, 1831 [March 20, 1831] at Nauvoo, IL.
6. Elizabeth, born June 6, 1781, married Samuel Rawlings.
7. Jane, born May 6, 1785.
8. James, born February 12, 1788, married Jenny Hay and moved to Bloomington, IL and died there.

9. Mary, born May 10, 1791, died September 13, 1829. Mary married Jordan Vance, an older brother of Drury Vance and left six children.
10. Ann, born April 21, 1794, died January 13th 1809.

John Vance, the first son of Andrew and Ann Ramey Vance, married Sarah Routt, daughter of William Routt and Winnifred Byrum, who came from Frederick County, Virginia. Samuel Vance, John's younger brother, married Lucy Routt, the sister of Sarah, on February 7, 1799. (William Routt had six other daughters and one son, George.) John Vance died in 1799, and Sarah Routt Vance married James McCrory. (James and Sarah had two daughters and one son.) After Sarah's marriage to James McCrory, the four children of John and Sarah Vance went to live with their uncle, Samuel Vance in Christian County, KY, where they had moved. One of the children, Andrew, died there, the three remaining children lived with Samuel Vance until their marriage. John Vance and Sarah Routt had the following children:

1. William, born about 1793, married and lived in Tennessee, no children, died about 1840.
2. Andrew, born about 1796 and died when about 16 years of age.
3. Polly [*Molly*], twin, born January 18, 1798; married Lee Malden and moved to Illinois.
4. Sarah Ann, twin, married Drury Vance.

Drury Vance and Sarah Vance were married in 1819 [*20 August 1819, White County, IL*]. My father was born August 20th 1797 and died April 9th, 1870. [*Drury married 2nd, E. J. Smith, November 17, 1864 in Burleson Co., TX.*] My mother, Sarah Ann Vance, born January 18, 1798, died 22 November 1855. My father was a farmer but taught school in the winter time; he also knew the hatters trade and was a surveyor. My father was very strict, and whipped me on the slightest provocation. Although he was a school teacher, he never taught me, and I was a grown man before I ever went to school. My mother taught me to read and write, at home. Drury and Sarah had the following children:

1. William Routt Vance, born September 20, 1820; died August 29, 1909; never married.
2. Mary Jane Vance, born March 4, 1822; married a man by the name of Kridler in 1853 and died without heirs in 1857 or 1858.
3. Elizabeth Vance, born February 17, 1826, married N.O. Harrington and died without heirs in 1853.
4. Charles Patrick Vance, born February 21, 1828; married Anastasia Denoalles LaFayette (Hewlett) Simons on October 4th 1854 [*Burleson County records show date as 3rd*]. Anastasia, widow of Alfred K. Simons, was born February 12, 1832 in Hopkins Co., KY and died 13 October 1891 in Taylor, TX. Charles married second, Mrs. Fannie Gibbons Couch on November 29, 1892. Charles and Anastasia raised five children:
 1. James A. Simons, born January 31, 1852; married Bettie Eubank in Circleville, TX.
 2. Charlie Dick Vance, born August 25, 1855; died October 25, 1867.
 3. John Thomas Vance, born June 21, 1857; married Emily Chew Gibney of Lexington, KY, September 12, 1878.
 4. Sallie Rebecca Vance, born August 14, 1859; married James L. McCarty of Bastrop Co., TX on August 14, 1879 in Williamson Co., TX.
 5. Robert Smith Vance, born November 26, 1863; died November 6, 1890 in Wise County, TX from typhoid fever; married Fannie C. Bradley in Williamson Co., TX on April 22, 1886.
5. Lydia Ann Vance, born January 29, 1831, married Allen Harrington; died May 16, 1908 leaving 4 children.
6. Sally Ann Vance, born February 1834, died in 1840.
7. John Byrum Vance, born January 17, 1838; married Martha Heffington [*23 August 1860 in Burleson Co., TX*]; died May 22, 1916, leaving four children; two others died in infancy. They moved to southern Illinois where they lived for about one year and then to Grant County, KY, where most of the children were born. My mother had numerous relatives in that and nearby counties.

My parents left Grant Co., KY in the year 1832 or 1833, expecting to go to Texas, but went instead to Lincoln Co., TN, where my mother's brother, William Vance lived, expecting that he would go with us. We made a crop in Tennessee and then concluded to go to Alabama with my mother's brother, where we settled in Benton County [*County renamed Calhoun in 1858*]. Father bought land there and opened up a farm and lived there until 1839. He then sold out and started to Texas; Uncle William went back to Kentucky. Our trip was through Memphis, TN and Little Rock, AR, through unsettled, swampy country, and the roads were through water and mud. We would often travel not more than two or three miles a day, and it was lots of fun seeing the drivers double their teams in order to pull one wagon through the mud a few miles and come back after the second one. After passing Little Rock and while in camp one night, Father lost one of his carriage horses that pulled Mother and the young children. When he was looking around to buy a horse to replace the dead one, he found his sister Lydia Owen. They had not met or heard of each other for twenty or twenty-five years. And his sister and family prevailed on him to stop in Arkansas a few years until the Texas Republic was better established and peace was made with the Indians and Mexicans. So Father bought a farm in Jefferson Co., AR and remained in that country until he moved to Texas in 1845.

I lived at home on the farm until 1843, but I often felt I would like to have more freedom than was my lot at home. I remember very well the day I left home. I was plowing and I did not plow the rows straight enough to suit my father. He looked at my job and said if I didn't do it better, he would give me a licking. He then took the plow to show me how it should be done and I lit out when his back was turned. I tied up a few clothes in a bundle that night and by daylight, I was twenty miles away with as sore feet as a boy ever had."

Charles found work at a saw mill in Arkansas Bottom, in a cypress swamp, floating cypress logs to the bayou with a long spiked pole. Later that year, Charles and two other young men, hunted bear south of Pine Bluff, Arkansas. They sold the hide, meat and oil, netting about one hundred dollars for each month they hunted. Charles worked on farms until the fall of 1846, when he decided to go to Texas.

"I was twenty or twenty-five days making the trip. I reached Houston County, Texas and found Father and Mother and family on a farm near Crockett. The country between Pine Bluff and Crockett was very thinly settled, often thirty or forty miles between houses. This country was full of wild game and I was fond of hunting. I put in the fall and winter, killing deer, bear and bee hunting. I made a crop next year with Father, spent all of my money, and left home in 1847 to join a company of Rangers that were organized in Walker County.

The Rangers were to be stationed on the frontier of Texas to keep back Indians. The company was to be mustered into State service at Austin. We had to wait there a week or so before we were received, and as I had but little means, I engaged to help pull corn for a Mr. Tonahill. The second night, I was taken sick with typhoid fever and lay sick for six or eight weeks. I was unconscious most of the time. The Tonahill family had not learned my name, but they nursed me through this bad spell. I was anxious to repay them for their kindness when I became able to work, Mr. Tonahill prevailed on me to stay with him and take charge of a team of oxen, giving me half of what I could make. Not being accustomed to driving oxen, I came near making a failure the first night when I stopped to camp. I could not unyoke and hobble them. There were ten yoke of oxen--more than I had ever managed before. A stock man who lived some distance from where I had camped could see me, so he mounted his horse and came to my rescue and taught me how to manage that long team. Needless to state, I have always had a warm place in my heart for that man. I made my headquarters at Mr. Tonahill's for over a year, while there made money to pay my doctor's bill and the Tonahills a very light sum for their trouble. I never met better people in my life. During my stay with the Tonahills, the Texas Legislature was in session, and at spare times, especially at night, I found myself in the Halls listening to Members introducing their

bills, resolutions and making speeches. The big majority of these men were uneducated, but men of good minds. Their pay was then two dollars per day, and many of them camped out and cooked their own meals, many of them dressed in Buckskin."

Charles continued to haul freight with ten yoke of oxen, relating one experience on a trip to Austin with a companion. "One night we were surrounded by Indians, but camped in a thicket and tied our horses and stock and used our wagons for breast works, the Indians were afraid to tackle us and left before daylight." Charles later worked for a short time, on a stock ranch in Burleson County on the West Yegua, where his cousin, Shadrack B. Owen also worked. A.M. [Andrew Marion] Dodd, who had married another cousin [Lydia E. Owen], employed Charles to help build a home and clear twenty acres of land at Lexington, Burleson County. Dodd opened a store and employed him as a clerk for a time. Charles bought a couple of horses and a wagon, and engaged in peddling goods for a year through the counties of Williamson, Milam, Burleson, Bastrop and Travis. Mr. Dodd moved to Long Point, Washington County and offered to make Charles a partner if he would help run the business. After a year, he sold his interest in the store to Dodd and built his own store in Milam County on the San Gabriel River. Charles continued to run the store as well as peddling goods until the fall of 1854. After his marriage to Anastasia Simons, he moved to Lexington, Burleson County and opened a general merchandise business and bought and sold beef cattle and hogs. The cattle were shipped to Galveston and New Orleans, and the hogs sold to sugar farmers on the Colorado and Brazos Rivers.

After a severe drought in 1857-9, Charles contracted for 15,000 acres of land in Bee County and leased more. He had four to five hundred head of cattle and took 4000 more on shares for three Porter brothers of Burleson County. Charles was preparing to move his family to Bee County when the Civil War began, and decided not to move them until the war was over. All of his ranch hands, including his brother, John, left in 1861 to join the Confederate Army. Charles had a crippled left arm and was refused for duty. Charles stayed in Bee County until August of 1863, when he joined a regiment of State troops who were to take cattle to the Confederate troops across the Mississippi River. He was stationed in Beaumont for the winter of 1863, and after illness and a fall from a horse, was discharged. He returned to Burleson County and was elected County Commissioner, in charge of collecting tithes for the widows and orphans, until after the war. When the Civil War ended, Charles went to Bee County and found that most of his livestock had been stolen by the Mexicans and the area was in a state of lawlessness. Charles and the Porters decided to sell out, Charles trading his remaining herd of cattle for horses, only to learn the horses were worth little.

In the fall of 1865, Charles and his partner, A.J. Nisbet, opened a general store in Lexington, Burleson County and operated the business until 1872, when poor health forced him to sell out. Charles went to Lampasas for his health and opened a wholesale and retail grocery store with D.C. Thomas; a flood in September 1873, washed away his whole business and most of the town. He also purchased a dry goods store in Circleville, Williamson County and put his stepson, James A. Simons in charge. While in Lampasas, Charles purchased and ran the newspaper, *Lampasas Dispatch* until 1876; a relative, R.E. Owen, was in charge of printing the paper and after 1876, took over the paper. In 1876, the I. & G. N. Railroad opened up the town of Taylor, where Charles bought lots and opened a store under the firm name of C.P. Vance & Company, with his stepson, J.A. Simons and son, Tom. Charles sold his interest in the store in Taylor to his son-in-law and stepson, Simons and McCarty in 1883. Charles owned several farms in Burleson County and continued to engage in the buying and selling of livestock and real estate.

Charles' wife, Anastasia, died in 1891, and a few days after her death, Charles' home, known as the "Vance Mansion", burned. Charles married Mrs. Fannie Gibbons Couch in 1892, and established their home in Taylor in one of the four houses built on the site of his former home. In 1914, Charles and Fannie moved into an apartment in the home of his daughter, Sallie McCarty in Houston, TX. Charles died in Houston on October 10, 1920 and is buried in the Taylor City Cemetery, Taylor, TX.

Taylor City Cemetery *Taylor, Texas*

The names and dates of burial were obtained from the Sexton, Rudy Kaspor, at the Taylor City Cemetery; the dates of birth and death were copied by Robert L. Vance from the markers. There are apparently three unrelated Vance families buried in this cemetery.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Birth</i>	<i>Death</i>	<i>Burial</i>
W. R. (<i>William Routt</i>) Vance	20 September 1820	31 August 1909	2 September 1909
M.A. Vance	20 October 1889	21 October 1889	21 October 1889
R.S. (<i>Robert Smith</i>) Vance	26 November 1863	6 November 1890	7 November 1890
Drury Vance	20 August 1797	9 April 1870	9 April 1870
Sallie Ann Vance	18 January 1798	22 November 1855	22 November 1855
C.D. (<i>Charles Dick</i>) Vance	5 August 1855	25 October 1867	25 October 1867
C.P. (<i>Charles Patrick</i>) Vance	26 February 1828	10 October 1920	20 October 1920
Mrs. C.P. Vance	no dates on marker		
C.E. (<i>Charrie Elizabeth</i>) Simons	5 April 1856	26 October 1878	26 October 1878
A.K. (<i>Alfred K.</i>) Simons	4 March 1827	14 July 1853	14 July 1853
Fannie G. Vance	1844	1927	1927
Maude McCarty	1 June 1880	5 March 1892?	5 May 1892
Sallie Vance McCarty	1859	1942	23 March 1942
J.L. (<i>James L.</i>) McCarty	1854	1921	1921
Fannie Bradley Brown	1864	1950	13 June 1950

All of the above are buried in Block 3, Lot 5, 1st Addition, and are related to Charles Patrick Vance. Mrs. C.P. Vance was likely Anastasia D.L. Hewlett Simons Vance who was born 12 February 1832 and died 13 October 1891.

May Grigsby Vance	18 October 1873	4 March 1939	4 March 1939
Bertha Vance	no marker		13 August 1913
Lee D. Vance	no marker		24 October 1951
Sarah Vance	4 September 1841	6 August 1911?	7 August 1910
I.W. (<i>Isham W.</i>) Vance	13 March 1835	25 July 1906	25 July 1906

All of the above are buried in Block 14, Lot 2, 2nd Addition. *Isham W. Vance was born in Cannon Co., TN, son of Thomas M. Vance and Eleanor Richards; his wife was Sarah Moore. David Lee Vance, their son, was born 25 March 1867 in Cannon Co., TN and died 24 October 1951. Lee married Mary (May) Grigsby Gafford, 24 March 1907 in Williamson Co., TX.*

Irvin Vance	no marker		14 September 1980
Francis Jane Vance	28 February 1879	15 August 1955	1 September 1955
Geneva Frances Vance	4 March 1923	13 March 1999	

All of the above are buried in Block 32, Lot 2, 3rd Addition. *Robert L. Vance spoke with Miss Geneva Vance in July, 1998. Miss Vance was born in Cantwell, Missouri, her father was James Joshua Vance and her mother was Frances Jane Kirby. Her grandfather was Ezekiel Vance. Irvin Vance was her brother, and another brother, Kirby Vance, deceased, was a retired Judge of Williamson County.*

*The Bible Record of
Harrison Ramey Vance and Mary R. Fitzgerald
Submitted by Bess Copeland*

Family records from the Bible of Mary R. Fitzgerald Lofton Vance, wife of Harrison Ramey Vance. Harrison was the oldest son of Jordan Vance and Mary Vance. The bible is now in the possession of Bess Copeland, granddaughter of Emaline Vance Inman.

Births

*Harrison R. Vance was born March the 7th 1813
Mary R. Fitzgerald was born July the 5th 1817
Lewis J. Lofton son of Benjamine and Mary R. Lofton was born August the 8th 1830
George W. Lofton was born September the 22nd 1832
Jordan Vance was born January the 8th 1836
Sarah Jane Vance daughter of Harrison R. and Mary R. Vance was born January the 31st 1837
Thomas M. Vance was born January the 2nd 1839
Elizabeth Ann Vance was born January the 14th 1842
James C. Vance was born September the 22nd 1844
John G. Vance was born February the 28th 1847
Francis M. Vance was born March the 19th 1849
Martha E. Vance was born March the 29th 1851
Amanda Isabelle Vance was born September the 5th 1853
William H. H. Vance was born February the 13th 1857
Joseph David Alexander Vance was born May the 28th 1860*

Deaths

*Benjamin Lofton departed this life 1834
Jordan Vance departed this life January the 12th 1836 Aged 4 days
Thomas M. Vance departed this life 1844
Sarah Jane Byrne departed this life February the 28th 1856 Aged 19 years one month
Harrison R. Vance departed this life April the 4th 1861 Aged 48 years and 27 days
Maria Ribern Vance departed this life April 19, 1895, age 77. 9 months and 15 days*

Marriages

*Benjamin Lofton and Mary R. Fitzgerald were married on June the 20th AD 1829
Harrison R. Vance and Mary R. Lofton were married on the November 20th AD 1834
Patrick Byrne and Sarah J. Vance were married September the 21st 1854
Peter L. Henry and Elizabeth A. Vance were married December the 12th 1860
Adrean R. Buckley and Frances M. Vance were married July the 5th 1861
James C. Vance and Margaret C. Gardener were married July the 23rd 1867
Jesse F. Inman and Martha E. Vance were married March the 28th 1869*

BEYOND THE RIM OF THE BLUE RIDGE

Written by Gertrude Nelson Rogers, Submitted by Bryant W. Rogers

April in the late seventeen-nineties was showery, as are most Aprils in Virginia, but the sun peeped through the moss-hung forests around the little village of Yorktown and the wanderlust kept tugging at the heart of young Buryman Nelson—a lad of nineteen. He was in love with pretty Mary Lee. She was the daughter of a prosperous planter and it was necessary to obtain the consent of her parents to a long and dangerous journey before they could be married and pioneer into the dark Indian countries of the West.

Little is known of the wedding other than that the old court records of Yorktown show that they were married. And with the prayers and best wishes of their families and friends they packed their worldly goods into a small wagon and drove toward the sunset. It is easy to imagine the love and happiness in the faces of these two as they said good-bye to all childhood associations—for youth is ever hopeful of adventure and in their innocence and youth and ignorance of lurking danger, they felt sure that Providence would protect them.

They arrived in Washington County, Tennessee, six months later and immediately began to “build in” for the winter. Their first home was a cabin of two rooms built in a clearing and near one of the old stockades. They shared the hardships of their few scattered neighbors and raised their crops and on May 7th, 1800, was born to them a son. They called his name Daniel.

Daniel grew to manhood, helping his father on the farm and often journeying across the mountains into North Carolina. On one of these trips he met and married Dorcas H. Ellis and took up residence in the little town of Knoxville, Tenn. Unto them were born five sons and one daughter. Daniel Nelson was a mine promoter and died January 2, 1847—only forty-seven years old.

Daniel Buryman Nelson the second son of Daniel and Dorcas Nelson, was born in Knoxville, August 7, 1832, and was just fifteen years old when his father died. Being a very precocious lad he immediately assumed the responsibilities of “man of the family”. He moved his mother and six children to Strawberry Plains, Jefferson County, so that they would be near Mossy Creek College—and the children could go to school. His one ambition was an education and he had one of those rare mothers—so necessary to great, good men. The others were sent to school while he stayed home, attended to the farm work and studied nights. With the scraps of weeks and a few occasional unbroken months, Daniel Buryman, frail of body, but a giant mentally and at heart, succeeded in graduating with his class in law from Mossy Creek College at the early age of twenty.

What hardships he must have endured to accomplish this. What long hours of study! After a hard day in the field, by a flickering oil lamp, he must have studied far into the night only to be up at daybreak feeding the stock and taking care of an invalid mother. But he had the best fighting blood of old Virginia coursing through his veins and the most devout religious training from early childhood. Nor was it strange then, after all of his hard work with the law, that he should eventually turn to the ministry for his lifework?

He fell in love with Sarah Ann Vance. This child, barely sixteen, with her brown eyes and raven black hair, had captured the heart of the studious, hard working young man. They were married July

12, 1855, in the beautiful home of the prosperous Vances. No doubt the Vances were hard to convince that their adored, luxury-loving daughter should marry a poor struggling lawyer. But young Daniel Buryman Nelson's jaw was not square without cause and his steel gray eyes had won under harder obstacles than this. They won this time.

The young couple started their first housekeeping in a small home in the little town of Strawberry Plains, Sarah Ann managing without a servant and Daniel Buryman teaching school to make the meager ends meet, while he studied for the ministry.

In rapid succession were born three little daughters. Louisa Jane, July 26, 1856; Mary Alice, January 16, 1858; Eva Victoria, January 10, 1860. The young folks were "getting on"! Daniel Buryman had become a merchant—going to New York twice a year to buy goods—riding horseback to Richmond, Virginia. All the time he was keeping up his studies and hoping some day to be a minister.

They had taken into their home a young orphan boy who wanted to go to school. He helped with the work during his leisure hours to pay for his "keep". Sarah Ann becoming especially tried with the boy, said: "Daniel Buryman, this boy will never be any good. He is freckled faced, his nose is turned up and he is as lazy as they make them." Daniel Buryman said: "There is some good in every one. Let's keep him." And they did. That young, freckled faced, turned-up nosed boy was destined to become one of the finest and most influential Baptist ministers the State of Tennessee ever produced.

Then came the Spring of 1861. Just as everything seemed made for laughter and happiness and the sun shone brightly on the little homestead in the mountains of Tennessee—like a clap of thunder out of a clear sky the first guns of the war between the States was heard. The war was on in earnest before the news reached the isolated regions beyond the Blue Ridge. There was much argument in the Nelson home. The Vances were all slave holders. The Nelsons had never owned a slave in the State of Tennessee. Sarah Ann did all the talking. She thought it "pure impudence" that a Yankee would try to take away her life-long beloved "Mammy"; that all the men should take their guns and go shoot them on sight—and send them about their business. Daniel Buryman was a peace-loving, religious man, and did not like the idea of killing anyone. So he taught his school, tended his store and loved his home.

Armies were gathering everywhere. And when the first troops marched down out of Ohio, swept across Kentucky and fired upon his beautiful Tennessee—he was up and away! The home had to be closed. Another little girl had arrived, Sarah Katherine, January 19, 1862. So Sarah Ann took her four little girls and went back to the home of her father. Daniel Buryman joined the 31st Tennessee Infantry. He was held in Eastern Tennessee as a recruiting officer until October, 1863. He was then sent on a secret errand into North Carolina in the Autumn before his first son was to be born.

John Daniel was born March 16, 1864, and Sarah Ann had her first trials to be borne without her husband. He had been gone a year—no letter—no message. Sarah Ann's Irish heart was sore. Not knowing whether the father was dead or alive—the mother with five little ones set her head and heart to work to find him. Jefferson County, Tennessee, was swarming with enemy troops. No rebel was allowed to cross the border. The poor were starving, the wealthy had seen their homes burned—their cattle killed and carried away; horses stolen and the fruit trees all cut down. The few remaining faithful slaves were too old or too frightened, or both, to help much. What could a young mother, scarcely twenty-five years old, with five small children do in the face of such opposition? Friends

begged, parents pleaded, and the authorities threatened, all to no avail. Sarah Ann laid her plans deftly. She had questioned every returning soldier for months. Finally one told her Daniel Buryman was Superintendent of the secret Nitre Plants in the vicinity of Asheville, North Carolina.

She went to Knoxville to get a pass to cross the border. This was refused and she was threatened with arrest if she tried to leave without one. So she went back home to plan—but not to give up. By October, she heard of a “Yankee” who owned a wagon and team of horses. She went to find him and succeeded in bribing him with twenty dollars in gold to go to Knoxville and get a pass for “himself and family” to cross into North Carolina. He did this and on a frosty night Sarah Ann packed her five little ones, some bedding and food into the wagon and slipped away.

The road led over the almost impassable Cowee mountains. The woods were swarming with outlaws and deserting soldiers. So Sarah Ann, though she had never fired a gun in her life, put one in the wagon. She sewed her money, all in Confederate bills, into a belt which she wore under her clothes. They crossed the river by ferry. It was great excitement for the youngsters. Going on so long a journey and seeing so many new things was entertainment enough and they had been promised to “see Daddy” if they would be good. For two weeks they drove at night, hiding in the bushes off the road during the day. They met a few returning soldiers but for the most part were not disturbed. Sarah Ann washed the children’s clothes in the creeks and cooked for them over an open fire by the roadside. At night they could hear the timber wolves howl and occasionally the screech of a wild cat. She took turns with the driver guarding the sleeping children.

And then, when she thought the worst of the journey over—and just as they crossed the rim of the Ridge and descended the side that is blue in the evening, every child developed whooping cough! Anxious days went by, when Sarah Ann did not dare drive on. The little babe at her breast—the tiny boy just seven months old—was very ill. With every breath the little life threatened to flicker out and return up the “trace” to the rim and on into the stars. Sarah Ann prayed and sometimes sang softly—and in time the tiny babe grew stronger and again they were driving eastward. They reached the small settlement of Hot Springs, North Carolina and stopped over night at a tavern called “The Rumbaugh House”. At sun-up they were driving again and the great Smoky Range was dropping behind them.

They reached the home of Captain Walker in the late afternoon of the next day, were persuaded by this kind old gentleman to stop for a rest. He succeeded in convincing Sarah Ann that her journey farther would be useless. He knew Daniel Buryman Nelson—had seen him when he first came into North Carolina—but had no idea where he was now—or where the secret nitre plants were located. So Sarah Ann allowed her faithful “Yankee” to return into Tennessee with his team and wagon and she settled down in the hospitable home of the Walkers “to wait”. A month went by and no news of the men at the front made the waiting almost impossible. Winter was coming on and one day more than a month after the kind hearted Walkers had taken her in—like a story out of a fairytale book—her soldier man came down the road on his big black horse, wearing his shabby grey uniform and infantry cap!

It would be hard to imagine the meeting or the surprise of Daniel Buryman when he saw his little girls playing in the yard. And there was Sarah Ann standing in the door with her little son, whom he had never seen, in her arms. It was a glad reunion. Being impossible for them to return to Tennessee, they settled in a cabin on the Forks of Pigeon River, Haywood County, North Carolina, with practically no furniture, no chairs to sit on and only the food they could buy from the far distant

neighbors. The winter was a hard one and the little family huddled closer together before the one open fire.

Then came the memorable spring of 1865! Soldiers with bleeding feet and gaunt, hungry faces straggled in from Virginia to report that Robert E. Lee had surrendered. Sarah Ann's belt of Confederate bills would buy food no more. Daniel Buryman had two dollars in U.S. currency. They were afraid to spend this for if some of the children became ill they would need medicine. So ever resourceful, Sarah Ann made a pair of trousers for her soldier husband out of an old skirt of her own and he went back to his teaching in a little country school, receiving twenty-five cents a pupil each month.

It was Daniel Buryman's plan that he carry their precious two dollars each day so that it would not be lost or stolen. One morning, Sarah Ann, watching him off to his school, saw a little Negro boy crying, fall at his feet. She watched him lift up this small boy and pat him gently on the shoulder. When he returned that late afternoon, Sarah Ann's intuition was strong. She knew his great heart, so she said "Daniel Buryman where is that two dollars?" He replied, "I met a small piece of humanity this morning who was crying because he was hungry, and I have been hungry myself so many times I just gave him the money!" Sarah Ann made a garden that spring of 1865, and Daniel Buryman's school prospered and the children kept well; and as Sarah Ann told her grandchildren long afterwards, "We didn't need that two dollars after all."

One of their nearest neighbors was Col. John Cathey, a grand old Southern gentleman and a wealthy planter. He became a good friend of the young Nelsons, and encouraged and helped them to prosper.

In June, 1866, Daniel Buryman Nelson was ordained a Minister of the Gospel at Locust Field Baptist Church in Haywood County, North Carolina. His life's dream was realized.

In September, 1869, he bought a farm on the beautiful French Broad River in Henderson County, North Carolina. The house faced Mt. Pisgah with "the Rat" crawling up its side and the place was called Mt. Carmel Farm.

Daniel Buryman worked ten years for the American Missionary Society and established many churches and Sunday Schools throughout the mountains. He was in turn pastor of the Hendersonville Baptist Church and Fern Hill Baptist Church in Asheville, North Carolina for years.

He was grand chaplain of his state's lodge and worshipful master of his home lodge. He lived to raise to manhood and womanhood thirteen children. He died August 28, 1895, at his Mt. Carmel farm. He was buried with Masonic honors in the little cemetery on the outskirts of Hendersonville. Sarah Ann survived him just six years. She rests by his side.

Sarah Ann Vance was born 9 August 1837 in Strawberry Plains, Jefferson County, TN to John W. Vance (11927) and Rebecca Branson. John W. Vance was the son of David Vance (4165) and Margaret Taylor; David Vance was the son of Patrick Vance (4141) and Sarah Taylor. Sarah Ann Vance Nelson died 3 December 1901 in Hendersonville, NC.

The author of this article, Gertrude Nelson Rogers, was the 10th child of Sarah Ann Vance and Daniel Buryman Nelson.

OHIO ABSTRACTS

PART II

Research of Mary A. Yoder

- Vance, **Duncan M.** Will. Probated 5 Sep 1878, Urbana. Wife, **Phebe A Vance** all real estate and personal property. **Phebe Vance** executrix. Witness: Henry Helps; W R Warnock. Will signed 1878. (Will Abstracts of Champaign Co OH Books A-F, p. 303., Champaign County Genealogical Society, 1996)
- Vance, **Elaseph** Married **John Davis**, 1-10-1799 by Moses Baird. (Adams Co OH Marriages 1798-1803, p.116)
- Vance, **Elisha** 1824 Case #367. (Miami Co OH Index to Guardians 1807-1840)
- Vance, **Eleanor** Married **Jacob Rudisill**, 4-18-1822. (Clark Co OH Marriage Book 1-B, p. 22)
1850-1860 Census of Champaign Co, IL--ancestors of Mary A. Yoder
- Vance, **Elizabeth** Married **Turner Davis**, 8-7-1798. (Adams Co OH Marriages 1798-1799)
- Vance, **Eliza** Married **Alexander Beaty**, 11-10-1836 by Rev Wm Gray. (Allen Co OH Marriages 1831-1837)
- Vance, **Elizabeth** Married **Thomas Fairfield**, 5-5-1830. (Clark Co OH Marriage Book 1-B, p. 225)
- Vance, **Elizabeth** Query: Alben Worthen b 1788 d 1833 Licking Co OH, m 1811 **Elizabeth Vance** b. 1793 VA, d. 1838 Licking Co OH, 1st marriage in Washington Twp, Licking Co OH. Need parents & birthplace of both. Loraine Panico, 2260 Ashley Dr, Columbus OH 43224
- Vance, **Elizabeth** Estate 1815. (Champaign Co Minute Book 5, p 167 & 9, p. 347. Ohio Will & Estates, 1850, An Index)
- Vance, **Elizabeth** 11-11-1815. David Hanah appointed administrator of estate of **Elizabeth Vance**, dec'd. (Champaign Co OH Common Pleas, Court Records, Minute Book 5, p. 167)
- Vance, **Ellery** Married **Uriah Humble**, 9-3-1818, Sam McMillen, J.P. (Clark Co OH Marriages 1818-1821)
- Vance, **Epharin** **Vance, Epharin** 76 M PA Farmer
Vance, Jane 76 F PA
Nigh, Barbara 20 F OH
Nigh, Ephraim 16 M OH
Nigh, Mary 12 F OH
Nigh, Sarah 10 F OH
(399/411, South Charleston Twp, 1860 Census, Clark Co OH)
- Vance, **Ezekiel** 1811, Book Y, p. 18; Section 5, Township 9, Range 7 & Section 11, Township 9, Range 7. (Guernsey Co OH. US Land Entries 1800-1820)
- Vance, **Ezekiel** 1825 Tax List. See also Vance--John Sr., John Jr. & Robert. (Guernsey Co OH)
- Vance, **Ephraim V.** 1818 Tax List Military Title. (Clark Co OH)
- Vance, **G.** Died 1793. Rocky Springs Cemetery, Church of the Cumberland Valley. Between Chambersburg & Strasburg, Franklin Co OH. ("History of Northwest Ohio" by Winter)

- Vance, **George** Died 1881, age 61, of Newark OH, born Lewbam (?) OH.
- Vance, **George** 1810 Tax List. (Pickaway Co OH)
- Vance, **George** Captain Nesbits Company. (Preble Co OH Soldiers of the War of 1812)
- Vance, **George A.** Died 1879, age 48, of Harrison Twp; born Union Twp.
- Vance, **George N.** Married **Margaret Beach**, 7-7-1823. (Clark Co OH Marriage Book 1-B, p. 53)
- Vance, **Hugh** Query: Seek parents of **Hugh Vance** who m. 17 Feb 1870 Mary Elizabeth Hinton, b. 27 Feb 1846, Hillsboro, OH, d. 21 July 1915. Also of **John Vance** of Rockingham Co VA. Marjorie O. Regan, 32 ½ N. South St., Widmington, OH 45177.
- Vance, **Isaac** 1833-1912. Wife **Catherine Vance**, died 1886, age 38. **Milford Vance**, died 1874, age 26. (McCoy Cemetery ?)
- Vance, **Isaac** Died 7-1-1871 in Middleport, age 71 years, 4 months. Born Allegheny Co PA. (Meigs Co OH Death Records 1867-1872, p. 42)
- Vance, **James** Will. (Book A. Knox Co OH Will Index 1808-1840)
- Vance, **James** 1810 Tax List. (Springfield Twp, Hamilton Co OH)
- Vance, **Jane** Married **James Pringle**, 8-30-1824. (Clark Co OH Marriage Book 1-B, p. 80)
 Pringle, James 77 M VA Farmer
 Quinley, Sarah 72 F KY
 Calhoon, Eliza 24 F KY
 (451/464, Madison Twp, 1860 Census, Clark Co OH)

 Pringle, James B. 44 M VA Trader
 Pringle, Susan 44 F OH
 Pringle, Mary 18 F OH
 (398/410, South Charleston, 1860 Census, Clark Co OH--next door to Epharin Vance)

 Pringle, David 49 M OH Farmer
 Pringle, Margaret 37 F OH
 Pringle, Susan 16 F OH
 Pringle, Mary 15 F OH
 Pringle, Thomas 13 M OH
 Pringle, James 11 M OH
 Pringle, Isaac 9 M OH
 Pringle, William 7 M OH
 Pringle, Ann 2 F OH
 Nelson, Geo 23 M PA Farm Laborer
 (450/463, Madison Twp, 1860 Census, Clark Co OH)
- Vance, **Jane R.** 1836 Estate. (Champaign Co OH Court Pleas Minute Book 15, p. 210. Ohio Wills & Estates, 1850, An Index)
- Vance, **Jane** Mentioned in will of **Mary L Corwin**. Probated 2 Apr 1787. List two brothers, no names and a cousin, **Jane Vance** to receive all the property. Witness: I W Goddard and **Mary G Vance**. Signed 15 Jan 1878. (Will Abstracts of Champaign Co OH Books A-F, p. 335. Champaign County Genealogical Society, 1996)

Vance, **Jennie** Married **John Taylor**, 2-9-1809 by Rev John Thomas. (Champaign Co OH Marriages 1805-1820, p. 9)

Vance, **John** Listed in a lottery of donation land in the town of Losantville (now Cincinnati), January, 1789. Many of the early settlers were murdered or captured by the Indians.

Vance, **John** 2-18-1793. **John Vance** of Cincinnati to Levi Woodward. (Hamilton Co OH Deed Records, Deed Book D-1, p. 106)

Vance, **John** County of Hamilton, Officers Appointed August 22, 1797, 1st Regiment Militia. (Military Appointments & Orders in the Northwest Territory)

Vance, **John** Pre-empted lands, Symmes Purchase 1801.

Vance, **John** 11-8-1807. Jonas Stanberry & Ann Lucy, wife, of New York, to **John Vance** of Rockingham Co VA. (Knox Co OH Deed Book A, p. 47)

Vance, **John** Will. (Knox Co OH Will Book A, Index 1808-1840)

Vance, **John** 1810 Tax List. (Adams Co OH)

Vance, **John** 1810 Tax List. (Butler Co OH)

Vance, **John** 1810 Tax List. (Poland Twp, Trumbull Co OH)

Vance, **John** 2 Sep 1815. James Johnson, guardian of **John W. Vance**, 17 years, heir of Estate of **John Vance**. Surety: Zephariah Luse. (Champaign Co OH Minute Book 3-132, p. 9)

Vance, **John** Witness. Will of Peter Ozias, dated Aug 21, 1816. Wife, Barbara; children: John, Jacob, Thomas, Phebe, Betsy, Peter. Exec., wife and John Ozias. Witness: Thomas C Scott, **John Vance**, John Ozias. (Preble Co OH Will Abstracts Book 2, p. 8)

Vance, **John W.** 3 Nov 1818. John Anderson guardian of John Smith, heir of James Smith. Surety: **John W. Vance**. (Champaign Co OH Minute Book 6-184, p. 7)

Vance, **John** 1819 Tax List. (Brown Co OH)

Vance, **John** Married **Abigail Simpson**, 1-24-1822. (Clark Co OH Marriage Book 1-B, p. 18)

Vance, **John** Married **Eleanor Donaldson**, 4-30-1837. (Clark Co OH Marriage Book 2, p. 152)

Vance, **Rev John** Married **Mary E. Miller**, 5-11-1857. (Clark Co OH Marriage Book 4, p. 428)

Vance, **John** Appraiser for Griffeth Evans, dec'd 12-24-1849. Silas Thomas, Adm. Property set off for support of widow & 9 children. **John Vance**, Andrew Rea, John Swearingen, appraisers. (Adams Co OH Inventories & Accounts 1849-1852, p. 109)

Vance, **John** Appraiser for will of James Clark, probated 1851. (Winchester Twp, Adams Co OH)

Vance, **John** Died November 16, 1852 in his 55th year; **Lydia Vance**, wife of **J. Vance** d. March 6, 1825, age 34 years, same stone as John. (Columbia State Cemetery, Springfield, Clark Co OH)

Vance, **John Jr.** 1810 Tax List. (Morgan Twp, Knox Co OH)

- Vance, John Sr. 1825 Tax List. (Guernsey Co OH)
- Vance, John Jr. 1825 Tax List. (Guernsey Co OH)
- Vance, John W. Married **Perry Lemon**, 9-6-1808, by Rev John Truitt. (Champaign Co OH Marriage 1805-1820, p. 8)
- Vance, John W. 9-20-1815. Aged 17, chose James Johnston (minister of the Baptist Church) as his guardian. (Champaign Co OH Probate Court Rec's Minute Book 5, p. 132)
- Vance, Joseph First County Officials, December 23, 1776-1781. (Ohio Co, The WV Panhandle Ohio Co formed from Youheogheny Co now extinct)
- Vance, Joseph 1st Saturday after 4th Tuesday December 1799. Daniel Briney vs Robert McMahan--filed March Term 1799. May 10, 1798, they bought a boat. McMahan had 1/3 of boat; he sold his 1/3 to **Joseph Vance**. (Ross Co OH Territorial Court Order Book 1799-1800, p. 200)
- Vance, Joseph Married **Mary Lemen**, 12-17-1807, by Rev John Thomas. (Champaign Co Marriages 1805-1820, p. 6)
- Vance, Joseph 1810 Tax List. (Montgomery Twp, Franklin Co OH)
- Vance, Joseph 1810 Tax List. (Sugar Creek Twp, Greene Co OH)
- Vance, Joseph Capt. **Joseph Vance's** Rifleman Company. Also listed: **John W. Vance & William Vance**. (Clark County Soldiers, War of 1812)
- Vance, Joseph 1814. John Reynolds, guardian of Nancy Evans, 7 years, and James Evans, 10 years. Heirs of Joseph Reynolds, dec'd. Sureties: Elisha Berry & **Joseph Vance**. (Champaign Co OH Minute Book 3-14, p. 17)
- Vance, Joseph 20 September 1814. John Kain, guardian of Martin Reynolds, 18 years; Samuel Reynolds, 16 years. Heirs of Joseph Reynolds. Surety: **Joseph Vance**. (Champaign Co OH Minute Book 2-273, p. 26)
- Vance, Joseph 25 September 1816. Joseph Layton, guardian of Arthur Layton, Carmen Layton, Joseph Layton, Levina Layton. Heirs of Robert Layton. Surety: **Joseph Vance**. (Champaign Co OH Minute Book 3-162, p. 5 & 56)
- Vance, Joseph 2 April 1824. John Wallace, guardian of William S. Lansdale, over age 14. Heir of Richard Lansdale, dec'd. Sureties: **Joseph Vance**, Elisha C. Berry. (Champaign Co OH Minute Book 9-12, p. 56 & 74)
- Vance, Joseph 24 March 1825. **Joseph Vance**, guardian of Nathan Fitch, about 18 years. Sureties: John Wallace; Wallace Gibbs. (Champaign Co OH Minute Book 9/12-198, p. 57)
- Vance, Joseph 24 October 1826. Joseph Wallace, guardian of Abner Riddle, 18 years. Heir of Wm Riddle. Surety: **Joseph Vance**. (Champaign Co OH Minute Book 9/12-408, p. 162)
- Vance, Joseph 11 October 1833. **Joseph Vance**, guardian of Mary Martin, 13 years; Sarah Martin, 12 years. Heirs of Job Martin, dec'd. Surety: Arthur Crutcherfield. (Champaign Co OH Minute Book 13-507, p. 16 & 194)
- Vance, Joseph **Joseph Vance**, guardian of Sally Davis. Heir of John Davis Sr dec'd. Surety: John Thomas. (Champaign Co OH Minute Book 9/12, p. 97)

Samuel Vance - Tuscaloosa County, Alabama

Compiled by Kathleen Mason

Samuel Vance and his wife, **Elizabeth Rockett**, moved to Tuscaloosa Co., AL. He was born 6 July 1785 NC and died ca 1825/6 near Vance, AL. His father was **David Vance** of Mecklenburg Co., NC. Their children were: 1. **David Vance/Rebecca Shuttlesworth** 2. **Milton W. Vance/Elizabeth Davidson Vance** (cousin) 3. **Sarah S. Vance/Robert Dowdle** 4. **John P. Vance** 5. **Jane Vance/J. Smith Taylor** 6. **James Marion Vance/Martha Elizabeth Woods** 7. **William Vance, M.D./#1. Nancy Calfee-Shettlesworth, #2. Virginia R. Goodson.** (Research of Mary Vance Shaw.)

The following documents found on two of **Samuel Vance's** sons, **David Vance** (eldest) and **Dr. William Vance** (youngest). Reference: *Vol. 57, Pg. 31, Alabama Records, Tuscaloosa County*, by Pauline Gandrud.

Phillip Shettlesworth Estate. David Vance and **James C. Shettlesworth**, Administrators. Lists land in **Pickens Co., AL**. Heirs: **Rebecca Vance** (30 acres), wife of **David Vance**, the petitioner; **Mary McDaniel**, wife of **Jordan McDaniel**, over 21, resides in Arkansas; **James C. Shettlesworth** (petitioner), of age. Also the following minors: **John J., Elijah C., Richmond F., Sarah Ann, Joseph R., Mandy C., Phillip T. and William S.** Recorded: *Book 1851-54. Pg. 482. 13 August 1852. Bibb Co., AL.*

Ibid, Pg. 60.

Shettlesworth, Phillip estate. David Vance and **James C. Shettlesworth**, Administrators. Heirs: **Nancy Shettlesworth**, the widow, \$2986.81; **David Vance**, in right of wife **Rebecca**, \$39.43; **Jordan McDaniel & wife**, \$395.27; **James Shettlesworth**, \$218.10; **John J. Shettlesworth**, \$188.76; **Elijah C. Shettlesworth**, \$247.43; **Richmond Shettlesworth**, \$355.27; **Sarah Ann Shettlesworth**, \$237.43; **Joseph R. Shettlesworth**, \$410.27; **Amanda C. Shettlesworth**, \$485.27; **Phillip T. Shettlesworth**, \$435.27; **William S. Shettlesworth**, \$276.76. The last eight named are minors. Recorded: *Book 1851-54. Pg. 767. 6 March 1854.. Bibb Co., AL.*

Alabama Records, Vol. 160. Pg. 91/2.

Estate of David Vance, Bibb Co., AL. On 3 April 1855, **David Vance** died and his brother, **William Vance** was the Administrator of his estate, valued at \$15,200. His wife, **Rebecca**, received her dower. **Wm. M. Wilson** was appointed Guardian Ad Litem for the minor heirs: **Philip Vance, Samuel W. Vance, John M. Vance, Nancy R. Vance and Robert E. Vance.** When **Rebecca** died on 25 October 1860, **William Vance** (brother-in-law) was the Administrator. Son **Philip M.** was of full age and a resident of **Bibb Co., AL**; **Samuel W.** was also a resident of **Bibb County**; **John M.** was a resident of **Texas**. **Nancy and Robert E.** were called minors over 14 years of age; **Nancy** lived in **Bibb Co., AL**, but **Robert E.** resided in **Florida**.

Alabama Records, Vol. 168, Pg. 28.

Tuscaloosa Medical Board grants license to William Vance. (Recorded: *Book 4, pg. 436. 8 December 1857.*) The marriage of **Dr. William Vance**, brother of **David Vance**, to the widow of **Phillip Shettlesworth, Nancy Calfee-Shettlesworth**, created some interesting relationships. This made **Nancy Calfee Shettlesworth Vance**, the sister-in-law and mother-in-law of **David Vance**. **Nancy** was much older than **Dr. William Vance**. They had one daughter, **Albus E. Vance**. After **Nancy's** death, **Dr. William Vance** married **Virginia R. Goodson**. They had no children. **Vance, Alabama** was named after **Dr. William Vance**.

Other children of **Samuel and Elizabeth Rockett Vance** were: (Research of Mary Shaw Vance.)

Milton W. Vance, b. 12 September 1813; m. 3 December 1824 in Bibb Co., AL to Eliza Davidson Vance, b. 4 January 1809 (daughter of John Vance & Martha Davidson). They moved to Todd Co., KY. Their children were:

1. John Vance, b. ca 1837
2. Anne 'Agnes' Vance, b. ca 1840 (twin)
3. Sarah 'Minnie' Vance, b. ca 1840 (twin)
4. Newton Vance, b. ca 1842
5. Mary Vance, b. ca 1844
6. Augustus Vance, b. ca 1846
7. Samuel Manassas, b. ca 1849; all of Todd Co., KY.

Elizabeth Vance, b. ca 1816 NC; m. 29 December 1836 in Bibb Co., AL to Samuel P. Calfee. They lived in the Tuscaloosa County, AL area. Children:

1. Elizabeth Jane Calfee, b. ca 1837
2. Sarah Calfee, b. ca 1839
3. Edney Calfee, b. ca 1841
4. Nancy Rebecca Calfee, b. ca 1842
5. Amanda Edna Calfee, b. ca 1843
6. John Cyman Calfee, b. ca 1845
7. Eliza Caldonia Calfee, b. ca 1846
8. Martha Calfee, b. ca 1846
9. Dolly Ann Calfee, b. ca 1849
10. William Benjamin Calfee, b. ca 1850
11. Samuel Calfee, b. ca 1854
12. Mary Calfee, b. ca 1857
13. Albert Calfee, b. ca 1858; all born in Tuscaloosa Co., AL.

Sarah S. Vance, b. 1817 NC; m. 22 May 1834 in Bibb Co., AL to Robert Dowdle.

John P. Vance, b. ca 1820.

Jane Vance married 2 January 1840 in Bibb Co., AL to J. Smith Taylor.

James Marion Vance, b. 24 April 1823, Asheville, NC.; m. 28 October 1845 in Bibb Co., AL to Martha Elizabeth Woods. James died in 1892. Children:

1. Mary Jane Vance, b. 1847, Tuscaloosa Co., AL
2. John A. Vance, b. 1849/53, Tuscaloosa Co., AL
3. William Robert Vance, b. 22 July 1850, Vance, Tuscaloosa Co., AL
4. James Madison Vance, b. 10 June 1855, Vance, Tuscaloosa Co., AL; m. Margaret Smith*
5. Richard Marion Vance, b. January 1859, Vance, Tuscaloosa Co., AL

*Line of VFA Members, James Dozier Vance and Robert Lamar Vance, who shared their research.

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 Wit: Charles Bilderback, Elizabeth Swearingen, William Nation
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 Bene: Wife: Margaret. Sons: David, William, Moses. Dau's: Elizabeth, Mary.
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 Dated: 1 June 1788 Probated: 9 August 1788
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 Bene: Wife. Sons: David and Joseph. Dau: Mary Marquis
 Acct #: V-6-1791
- Pg. 278 Will Book 3, p. 479 Joseph Vance
 Dated: 19 February 1822 Probated: 27 March 1822
 Exec: Isaac Vance; James Kerr, Esq.
 Wit: James Kerr; Andrew Quinn
 Bene: Father: Isaac Vance. Sisters: Isabela Scott, Hannah, Martha, Margaret.
 Uncle: John Vance.
- Pg. 399 Will Book 5, p. 399 Joseph Vance; Smith Twp
 Dated: 27 May 1826 Probated: 6 November 1832
 Exec: Hugh Lee; William Vance, son
 Wit: Robert Campbell; Joseph Henery (moved to Ohio)
 Bene: Wife: Mary. Sons: William, John. Dau's: Anna Mary, Hannah, Mary, Jennet, Elizabeth.
 Cod: 15 December 1830; Cross Creek Village; no changes in beneficiaries
 Cod: 19 December 1831; no changes
- Pg. 491 Will Book 5, p. 491 James Nelson; Cross Creek Twp.
 Dated: 24 June 1839 Probated: 11 July 1839
 Exec: William Wilson
 Wit: Thomas Mason; William Cunningham
 Bene: Wife: Susannah. Son: John. Dau: Nancy. Other: William Cunningham to take son, John home and care for his education until 21 years old.
 Cod: Same date. Joseph Vance of Smith Twp. appointed guardian for John and Nancy Jane Nelson.
- Pg. 499 Will Book 5, p. 499 John Vance; Somerset Twp.
 Dated: 21 Dec 1839 Probated: 4 February 1840
 Exec: Robert Moore; David Hart
 Wit: David McDonough; Wm. McCullough
 Bene: Wife: Jane. Sons: Joseph, James. Dau's: Mary, Elizabeth, Jane
 Other: Land: Isaac McCullough's line to Thomas Weir's line and heirs of Isaac Vance Jr. (dec'd)

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To Major Richard Taylor, 1779

Head Quarters, Pittsburgh, Nov. 11, 1779

Dear Sir,

I have your favor of the 7th Instant.

I was honored with a packet from his Excellency Gen'l Washington just before I received your letter, and the first contents being of great public Concern & requiring and immediate answer your until this unusual hour of leisure, viz., 10 o'clock at night.

I have attended to the several matters you have represented; the Armourer who lately came from your post, I have ordered immediately to return with his tools, etc.

The Masons of your Reg't will be sent down as soon as the Bridge and Fort wall are finished, but all the Masons will not prevent your Barracks or rather Chimnies from smoking until the Fort is otherwise Constructed. I still hope that after some wet weather the shingles will swell and tighten the roof - I am glad you favored the request of Mr. Eels, he is one of my warriors, and promised to hunt for me, but whether he intends that or hunting for himself a few days will discover. I expect you will be honored with the Delaware Delegates Company in a few days, & have the trouble of their attendants. I had determined not to be at any public expense in future, but Circumstances are altered, and I have a favorite scheme to prosecute, therefore for the present it is right to give them a small matter to nourish them, but as they have informed me that they mean to visit me here you will do well to get quit of them as soon as possible, telling them that I am in haste to see them at this place.

But Indians who do not come express or otherwise on public Business (My warriors only excepted) must pay a reasonable price in skins or meat for what is furnished them, and the meat should be delivered to the Comm'y to be issued in Rations to the troops and the skins stored till further orders. I have ordered a team of good hardy horses, and as soon as can be, some forage.

Our supplies at present are very considerable in almost every view except in the article of Forage, and yet I see a very great necessity for strict economy and therefore the greatest prudence must be used in issues of every kind. Perhaps within six weeks you will have the pleasure of seeing at this place a very considerable reinforcement from the main army and a fine train. The remainder of your Reg't. Will be sent down in a few days and with them a fresh supply of provisions.

Let me hear CAPTAIN VANCE'S success as soon as he returns, endeavor to make yourself and the Troops at you post as comfortable as possible, & believe me to be with regard and esteem, your most obed't,

H'ble Serv't

DAN'L BRODHEAD

Col. Command'g W.D.

P.S. - I hope you gave VANCE orders to burn the hutts which I forgot to mention -D.B.

Directed - Major Rich'd Taylor

[D. Brodhead's Letter Book, p. 146]

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To Major Rich'd Taylor, 1779

Head Quarters, Pittsburgh, Nov. 21st, 1779

Dear Sir,

I am favored with yours of yesterday.

I am glad to hear of CAPT. VANCE'S return, but I sincerely wish he had taken under guard some those fellows who by their unlicenced encroachments on the Indians' Hunting Grounds seem determined to provoke new calamities to the already much distressed Inhabitants of the Frontier.

And as I consider it a duty not to be dispensed with, I desire you will send a party equal to that under the command of CAPTAIN VANCE, give them orders to apprehend any white man who may be found hunting or encamped on the Indians' Lands, & to use all possible means for that purpose.

The party cannot render more essential service to the Country than by apprehending silly people in order that proper examples may be made, and the effusion of blood (consequent) be prevented.

Col. Gibson will have leave to go to Carlisle, & you will receive license to come & see him before he goes. I have authorized him to give you leave for an interview.

You will herewith receive a quantity of flour. The D.C.G. of Issues was much out in his calculation, for a few days ago he made me an estimate of 5000 wt. at your post. I am with great regard,

Your most H'ble Serv't

DAN'L BRODHEAD

Col. Command'g W.D.

Directed, Maj'r Rich'd Taylor

[D. Brodhead's Letter Book, p. 156]

Who was this Captain Vance?

VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS 1784 TO 1811

From National Archives Microfilm #694, Reel 6 & 7.

Andrew Vance	Private. Russell's Battalion, Kentucky Mounted Volunteers, 1794.
Ezekiel Vance	Private. Scouts and Spies, Kentucky. 1790-4.
John Vance	Private. Beard's Company, Knox County Regiment, Hamilton District Militia, Territory South of the Ohio, 1791-2.
Joseph Vance	Private. McGaughey's Company, Knox County Regiment, Hamilton District Militia, Territory South of the Ohio, 1791-2.
Joseph Vance	Captain. Captain Dyal's Company, Kentucky Volunteers, 1792.
Joseph Vance	Private. Huston's Battalion, Kentucky Mounted Volunteers, 1794.
Samuel Cole Vance	Ensign-Lieutenant. Guthrie's Company, 2 Regular US Levies (Lt. Col. Gibson), 1791-2.
Thomas Vance	Private. Doherty's Regiment of Militia, Territory South of the Ohio, 1793-4.

Bits Pieces

Tryon County, NC

20 October 1768. **David Vance** & wife, **Ruth**, of Mecklenburg Co., NC to Thomas Garvin, of same for 5£ proc. money, 100 acres on a branch of Turkey Creek. **David Vance** (seal), **Ruth Vance** (seal). Witness: John Garvin, **Jean (X) Vance**. Recorded April Term, 1769. (DB 1, p. 26/7) *Tryon County (1769-79) was the parent county to all or parts of Rutherford, Polk, Cleveland, Lincoln & Gaston Counties NC and Spartanburg, Laurens, Cherokee, Union, York & Chester Counties SC. Turkey Creek is located in the current counties of York and Chester SC. Who was Jean Vance and what has her relationship to David and Ruth?*

Sullivan & Washington Counties, NC (later TN)

Entry Taker's Report (early land entries):

Jacob Vance	#491	600 acres	6 October 1778
John Vance	#529	200 acres	23 October 1778
David (Davis) Vance	#1915	400 acres	11 October 1779

Tennessee Soldiers of the Revolution; Revolutionary Army Accounts, State Archives, NC:

Jacob Vance	Volume I	Page 34	Folio 4
John Vance	Volume I	Page 2	Folio 4
Davis Vance	Volume I	Page 12	Folio 4

The Revolutionary Army Accounts does not necessarily mean these men actually fought in the Revolutionary War, but may have been paid for supplies provided to the army. The records in the NC State Archives provide only the name of the payee, the payer and the amount paid. Who were these men? Were they related?

Rutherford County, NC

Davis Vance married Nancy Davis, 16 January 1786; John Walker, bondsman; F. Walker, witness. *Is this the same Davis Vance as mentioned above? (See article Davis Vance, NL, Oct, 1998, p. 156/7)*

Washington County, VA

Calvin Vance from Georgia and **George Vance** from Virginia are listed on the Monument of Confederate Dead, erected on the site where they are buried in Emory Cemetery. Emory Cemetery is located near the town of Glade Springs on County Road 816. "High on a Windy Hill" by Catherine S. McConnell.

Rutherford County, TN

1 October 1817. Robert H. Burton & **David Vance**, executors for the last will and testament of **David Vance**, deceased, to **Sarah McLean** and **Priscilla Whitson**, both of the County of Rutherford, for sum of 5 shillings, 'all that tract and parcel of land' in County of Rutherford on the waters of Stones River. Robert H. Burton (seal), **David Vance** (Seal), executors of **David Vance**, deceased. Witness: John Paxton, R. Love, Jno. Hiller. (Deed Book M, p. 126/7) *David Vance was the son of Samuel and Sarah Colville Vance; Sarah McLean and Priscilla Whitson were his daughters and David Vance (executor) was his son.*

Jasper County, MS

From the Paulding Clarion (MS) newspaper, July 22, 1854. B.F. Martin killed **Hudson Vance**.

GEORGE VANCE

By Virginia Lovett

Is it just coincidence that a George Vance is listed on the 1786 list with 150 Acres in Huntington Township, Westmoreland County, PA and not on the 1790 or 1800 censuses? A George Vance is on the 1787/1788 Lincoln County, KY tax list. George stays on the Lincoln Co. tax list until Garrard Co. was formed in 1798 partly from Lincoln, Mercer and Madison Counties. George's land transactions are found in Garrard County, but his initial acquisition must be in on of the parent counties. He stays on the Lincoln County list with his 50 acres of land on Dick's (Dix) River.

1788 George Vance	only his name
1789 George Vance	6 horses
1790 George Vance	4 mares
1791 George Vance	3 horses
1792 George Vance	6 horses, 18 cattle, 8 "each person particular"
1794 George Vance	50 acres 2 nd rate land Dick's River, 1 w male over 21, 4 horses, 9 cattle
1795 George Vance	50 acres, 2 horses, 7 cattle
1796 George Vance	50 acres, 1 white male over 21, 2 horses, 7 cattle
1797 George Vance	"Under the District of William Bryan Commissioner in that part of Garrard County-formerly Lincoln", 1 white male over 21, 2 white males 18 and under 21.
1798 George Vance	50 acres 2 nd rate, Dick's River, 2 w males over 21, 2 w males over 16
1800 George Vance	50 acres Garrard Co., 1 w male over 21, 1 w male over 16
1801 George Vance	50 acres Garrard Co., 1 w male over 21, 1 w male over 16
1802 George Vance Sr.	50 acres Garrard Co., 1 w male over 21, 1 horse
1803 George Vance Jr.	1 white male over 21, 1 w male over 16

This is the end of listings for Garrard Co. Land. There must be another Lincoln County tax list. He is not on the 1810 or 1820 census unless his name is misspelled. (The George Vance on the 1850 census was the son of Jacob Vance.)

Land transaction in Garrard County for George Vance:

Deed Book B, pg. 302, Recorded 13 Feb 1802, Joseph Helm and wife, Susanna to George Vance on the east side of Dick's River - no amount listed.

Deed Book B, pg. 305, Recorded 20 Feb 1802, George Vance sells "Helm's Mill" to George Reynolds, including 50 acres. (Evidently George Vance had not had a deed made when he obtained the 50 acres and mill, and when he was ready to sell to George Reynolds, both the purchase deed and the selling deed were recorded.)

Deed Book C, pg. 170, Recorded 7 September 1802, William Bell sells 20 acres on Dick's River to George Vance.

Deed Book A, pg. 616, Recorded 1804, William Long and wife, Elizabeth sell 23 ½ acres to George Vance.

Deed Book H, pg. 143, Recorded 11 May 1816, George Reynolds sells 46 ½ acres on Dick's River to George Vance.

Marriage bonds of probable children of George Vance:

Polly Vance to John Pope. Obligators, John Pope and Joseph Vance. 10 March 1795, consent by her father, George Vance.

Elinor Vance to Robert Pope. Obligators, Robert Pope and Nathaniel Jurney. 2 February 1799, consent by her father, George Vance.

Betsy Vance to Joseph Henderson. Obligators, Jos. Henderson and John Stone. Attest: Samuel Vance.

John Vance to Betsy Stine. Obligators, John Vance and Armsted Miller, 1 August 1811. Consent by her father Jacob Stine.

Thomas M. Vance to Betsy King. Obligators, Thomas M. Vance and James Davidson. 2 October 1815.

It appears that George Vance was the father of George Jr., Samuel, John, Joseph, Polly, Betsy, and Elinor. However, all but George Jr. may be the children of George Jr.

Whether the Joseph Vance on the bond for Polly in 1795 is the Joseph who had land in Lincoln County, at this date, is a son or brother of George is not determined. Carmen Bussard has followed the Joseph of Lincoln County to Ohio and has written thorough research of him included in the book of her ancestry. (NL, Oct 1998) She has Joseph's wife was Nancy Bradley.

A Thomas M. Vance who removed to Ohio, also bought land in Greene County.

In Lincoln/Garrard County, KY were William and Barbara Vance. Their son, John, married in Warren County, KY when he was about 40 years old. Some of William and Barbara's children married in Garrard County. I wonder if the above John Vance who married Betsy Stine may be William and Barbara's son and a first marriage. These Vances were of German heritage and John married a woman obviously of German heritage. The Jacob Vance there as late as 1840, was their son.

More research is needed on George Vance and his children.

Wilson J. Vance
Congressional Medal of Honor
Submitted by Phyllis Worrall

Wilson J. Vance was born 20 December 1845 in Findlay, Hancock County, Ohio and died 10 November 1911 in Chattanooga, TN. Wilson was a private in the U.S. Army, Company B, 21st Ohio Infantry and entered service at Findlay, Ohio. On the 31 December 1862, Wilson voluntarily and under heavy, while his command was falling back, rescued a wounded and helpless comrade from death or capture at Stone River, Tennessee. His citation for the Congressional Medal of Honor was issued 17 September 1897. Wilson is buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA. Who were Wilson's parents?

VIRGINIANS IN THE REVOLUTION

Research of Mary Vance Norfleet

*The following information is from **HISTORICAL REGISTER of VIRGINIANS IN THE REVOLUTION; Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, 1775-1783** by John H. Gwathmey. The register indicates where records of the following men may be located. It is also noted that in September 1778, the number of Virginia regiments were reduced from fifteen to eleven, thus the same individual may have served in multiple regiments. The Ninth was incorporated with the First; the Sixth with the Second; the Fifth with the Third; and the Eighth with the Fourth. The Seventh was designated the Fifth; Tenth the Sixth; Eleventh the Seventh; Twelfth the Eighth; Thirteenth the Ninth; Fourteenth the Tenth and Fifteenth the Eleventh. From the **Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army**, by Francis B. Heitman, p. 61.*

- Vance, David The Illinois Papers. A collection of rolls of militia and regulars in the Illinois Department now in the State Library, indexed in the State Archives.
A list of militia paid at Romney in 1775. It is probable that these were Colonial troops late in receiving their pay. It is noted that practically all of them immediately joined the army of the Revolution.
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- Vance, John** 6th Virginia Regiment, Continental Line. 8th Virginia Regiment, Continental Line. Old Records Division, Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Washington, D.C.
- Vance, Joseph** Captain Simpson's Co., Augusta Co., VA. Old Records Division, Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Washington, D.C.
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- Vance, Joseph** Morgan's Riflemen. Old Records Division, Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Washington, D.C.
- Vance, Philip** Captain Hopkins' Co., Augusta Co., VA. Old Records Division, Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Washington, D.C.
- Vance, Robert** 1st Lieutenant, 13th Virginia Regiment, Continental Line; December 1776. Captain, August 19, 1778. Regiment designated as 9th Virginia Regiment, Continental Line, September 14, 1778. Resigned December 31, 1780. Awarded 4,666 acres. Old Records Division, Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Washington, D.C.
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- Vance, Samuel** Augusta Co., VA Militia, oath as Captain March 17, 1778; had been serving as Captain August 10, 1777; recorded as Lieutenant Colonel August 21, 1781; oath November 19, 1782. Old Records Division, Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Washington, D.C.
- Vance, Samuel** 8th Virginia Regiment, Continental Line. Old Records Division, Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Washington, D.C.
- Vance, William** Frederick Co., VA Militia; oath as Ensign, August 4, 1779. Old Records Division, Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Washington, D.C.
- Vance, William** Captain, 12th Virginia Regiment, Continental Line, January 3, 1777; regiment designated as 8th Virginia Regiment, Continental Line September 14, 1778; retired February 12, 1781. Old Records Division, Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Washington, D.C.
- Vance, William** Captain Hopkins' Co., Augusta Co. October 16, 1776, ordered to apply to his church to obtain a certificate that it is against the article of his religion to appear under arms at musters. Old Records Division, Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Washington, D.C.