

## *Ancestors of William Edgar McNett*

### *Generation No. 1*

**1. William Edgar McNett**, born 18 Apr 1876 in Jefferson Twp., Franklin County, Ohio<sup>1</sup>; died 20 Aug 1957 in Berlin Twp. , Delaware County, Ohio. He was the son of **2. Edgar McNett** and **3. Rosella Searles**. He married **(1) Daisy Lillian Rust**<sup>2</sup> 09 Mar 1906 in Lewis Center, Ohio<sup>3</sup>. She was born 20 Jun 1884 in Berlin Township, Delaware County, Ohio<sup>4</sup>, and died 07 Jan 1935 in Berlin Twp. , Delaware County, Ohio. She was the daughter of Charles Melvin Rust and Mary Ellen Stover.

#### Notes for William Edgar McNett:

After his bankruptcy, Edgar moved with his family to Jefferson Twp., Franklin County where William was born April 18, 1876. They later moved to Delaware County settling in Orange Township on the North Road. Throughout his early adult life, he was associated with the creameries in Lewis Center , Westerville, and LaRue (He was living at 416 Park Street in Westerville in the 1910 census). The Westerville Creamery was apparently the main creamery as others on maps of the day in Richwood and in LaRue bore the "Westerville" name. There are conflicting reports of when he was at each location and when he moved to LaRue where he became a stationary engineer. (The date was prior to the birth of daughter, Pauline, who was born May 11, 1911). He traveled back and forth from LaRue to Lima, Ohio where he studied and became an electrical engineer, an entirely new line of work. He filled that capacity at the LaRue power plant in the years before power was brought to that village from the Marion, Ohio plant. The WWI Draft Registration Sept. 12, 1918 lists his occupation as a Stationery Engineer working for Johnson & Miller. His occupation listed as engineer in light plant in the 1920 census. In 1920, sometime after the census in January ( he lived at 196 South Section Street in LaRue, Montgomery twp., Marion County) , the family moved back to Delaware County and the Peachblow community, to help his wife's ailing parents farm their land. His daughter, Thelma was born in the Rust home on Old State Road in Berlin Twp. (The house still stands among million dollar homes in the Alum Creek Dam area, now a suburb of Columbus). This is where they were living in April, 1930 at the time of the census.

He lived in rural Delaware County for another fifteen years before electricity that he had provided for families in LaRue came to the rural areas of Ohio. His occupation the remaining years of his life was farming in the Berlin Township area of Delaware County. He and his family worked the land and made a home on Peachblow Road, tenant farmers, giving half of all earned to the landlord in exchange for a roof over their heads. He kept a simple journal of income and expenses is evidence of the trust the two men had in each other. His sons later were able to buy the farm, where they remained throughout their lives. I remember, as a boy, hearing people say....." If Will McNett says it, it must be so".

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FROM THE LARUE CENTENNIAL HISTORY 1952 "Larue In Review"

In 1904 power for the electric street lights was being supplied by contract with J. A. Slanser. Again the "younger generation" was hearing about the "old days" when street lighting consisted of candles, protected by glass shades atop crude poles. They could remember the kerosene lamps and the Old Lamplighter". Scheduled to be turned on at dusk (depending upon

the season and the weather) the electric service depended, too, upon the Scioto, for during high water the plant in the Lumber Company was flooded. In all cases the current was turned off at 12 midnight.

In 1922 this plant was abandoned and a public utility came to LaRue.

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Written by his daughter, Thelma....."Dad was a humorous, outspoken man. He spoke his opinion of circumstances; be they domestic, family problems, or politics. In fact, I think he enjoyed a good argument on government affairs. Dad was a typical Irishman with a quick, springy walk and twinkling blue eyes. He joked a lot and usually brought a chuckle to those he talked with. His favorite pastime was playing the fiddle, holding it low on his shoulder and rotating the bow in a circular movement. it was different than the position others used and I was fascinated by it. I treasure the memory of playing the guitar with him as he fiddled the old fiddle tunes. In memory, I can see him wearing his dark derby hat, cocked over one eye. He was spry and slender and very straight. Dad was popular with the younger generation, for he joked a lot with them. He had a shrill whistle that I can almost hear now. He sang also; I recall mornings when we were still in bed, hearing him as he sang loud and clear, "Precious Memories, How they linger" as he walked to the barn to start his day. He lived, the last of a large family and no doubt had many precious memories of his people. Dad was a loving and compassionate person; alert to every pain and suffering we had. He was a gentle man, yet quite manly and stern. Dad's ways with the animals was gentle as well. I recall him coming in after a hard day in the field, the horses plodding wearily in front of him. No brutal beatings or kicks were ever inflicted upon them. No harm to man or animal, he loved the country, farming, & communing with his neighbors."

Obituary        From the Delaware Gazette, 8/21/1957....."Mr. William McNett, 81, died Tuesday afternoon at his home on Peachblow Road. He was born and reared in Center Village and had been a resident of the Peachblow Community for fifty years. Funeral services were held on at 2 p.m. Friday, from the Doty Funeral Home. The Rev. Eugene Price, Pastor of Peachblow United Brethren Church and the Rev. Roger Bell, former pastor conducted the services. Active pallbearers were Wilbur Hall, Willis Kiser, Robert Evans, William Mantor, David Taylor, and Wilbur Tuller. Honorary pallbearers were Wayne Colflesh, Clifford Norris, Willis A. Vaughn, George Paykoff, Elmer Miller, and Clifford Gooding. Burial was made in Cheshire Cemetery."

Obituary  
From the Delaware Gazette, 8/28/1957.....William McNett, son of Edgar and Rosella McNett, was born on April 18, 1876 and departed this life, August 20, 1957, at his home on Peachblow Road, at the age of 81 years, four months and two days. Death came at noon on Tuesday, culminating an extended illness. Mr. McNett was the last of a family of ten children. He was born near Center Village and while a young boy, moved with his family to Delaware County. On March 11, 1906, William McNett was united in marriage to Daisy Rust. To this union were born seven children; Melvin, Louise, Pauline, Helen, Robert, Lowell, and Thelma, all of whom survive. Throughout his life, Mr. McNett was associated with the Lewis Center, LaRue, and Westerville Creameries. Later, he became a stationary engineer, which capacity he filled at the LaRue power plant in the years before power was brought to the village from Marion.

In the year 1918, he moved back to Delaware County and Peachblow where he resided for the

rest of his life, his occupation being farming. Here he labored, tilling the soil and living close to nature which he loved so much.

On January 7, 1935, his beloved wife departed this life at the early age of 50. After this, his interests began to wane, but he continued to educate and keep his family together. His love and devotion for their well-being was first in his mind and attentions throughout the years. Mr. McNett was a good neighbor and friend, devoted husband, loving father and grandfather. His influence will always be felt in the lives of his children, by his friendliness, cheerfulness, his smile and his wonderful understanding.

Now the laborer's task is o'er  
Now the battle day is past,  
Now upon the farther shore,  
Lands the voyager at last.  
There the tears of life are dried,  
There it's hidden things are clear,  
There the work of life is tried  
By a juster Judge than here.

#### Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all of our neighbors and friends for the many acts of kindness and service in tender ministrations during our bereavement at the death of our beloved father, William McNett. Thanks also, to the doctor for his kind and efficient service during the extended illness, to the ministers for their words of comfort, those who provided the beautiful music, and to the funeral home for their kind and considerate care and efficient service.

Miss Pauline McNett

Mrs. Louise Viers

Mrs. Thelma Collins

Mrs. Helen Case

Robert, Melvin and Lowell McNett

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#### REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Delaware County Deed Book Vol. 124, pages 56-7....December 21, 1904 William McNett purchased from L. D. Anderson for \$1000. five acres being part of Lot No. 15 in the subdivision of the 2nd quarter of the 3rd township of the 18th Range U.S.M. Lands. Witnesses were Ellis R. Case & Hillie Case. Ellis R. Case also signed as Notary.

Deed Book Vol. 184, page 594....Quit Claim Deed.....November 19, 1934 Daisy McNett sold to William McNett for one dollar and other considerations 24 acres of land. (This is the Ellen Rust land on Peachblow Road) This land passed from William McNett to their children with the settling of his estate. His daughters signed a quit claim deed transferring the 24 acres jointly to Melvin, Robert & Lowell McNett. (Warranty Deed # 80247 Delaware Co. Records Office)

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#### CENSUS RECORDS

1880 census.....Jefferson Twp., Franklin County....age four. The family having moved from

Harlem Twp. to Franklin county following his father's bankruptcy. His father's occupation  
Apirian (Beekeeper)  
1900 census.....Orange Twp., Delaware County, Ohio in the home of his parents, his  
occupation, farm laborer.  
1910 census.....Westerville, Blendon Twp., Franklin County. Married, two children,  
occupation Buttermaker in the Creamery.  
1920 census.....LaRue, Montgomery Twp., Marion County, Ohio. Engineer in Light Plant.  
William 42, Daisy 35, Melvyn 12, Louise 11, Pauline 9, Helen 7, Robert 5, Lowell 2.  
1930 census.....State Road, Berlin Twp., Delaware County, Ohio in the Rust family  
homestead. William a farmer 52, Daisy L. 45, Melvin 23, Louise G. 21, Pauline M. 19, Helen  
E. 17, Robert W. 14, Lowell R. 12, Thelma E. 7.

More About William Edgar McNett:  
Burial: 23 Aug 1957, Cheshire Cemetery

Notes for Daisy Lillian Rust:  
DCHS/DCGS Record of Births, Probate Court page 234.  
Daisy Rust born June 20, 1894 in Berlin Twp. Parents Charles M. Rust & Ellen Stover.

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Daisy

was a devoted wife and mother. She died at a young age, a victim of cancer. She was a  
devout Christian and instilled those values to those she left behind. She joined Peachblow  
Church, the church built by her grandparents, at the age of twelve and served there as organist  
for many years. Peachblow Church Records show that she was in regular attendance and  
faithful in her giving.

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From the Delaware Gazette....."Daisy L. McNett the daughter of Charles and Ellen Rust  
was born on June 21, 1884, and departed this life on January 7, 1935. She gave her heart to  
God at an early age, having united with the Peachblow United Brethren Church at the age of  
twelve years, and served as organist of the Sunday School for a number of years.  
She was united in marriage to William McNett on March 11, 1906. To this union were born  
seven children, all of whom survive. Although in poor health for several years, Mrs. McNett  
was always of a pleasant disposition and faced the battles of life with a smile. She was a  
devoted wife and a kind and loving mother, no sacrifice too great for her to make for the  
benefit of her family.

She leaves to mourn, the husband, William McNett; four daughters, Louise, Pauline, Helen  
and Thelma; three sons, Melvin, Robert, and Lowell; one brother, Vinton, and numerous other  
relatives and friends."

Sunset and evening star  
And one clear call for me,  
And may there be no moaning  
of the bar,  
When I put out to sea.  
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound and foam  
When that which drew from out  
the boundless deep  
Turns again home.  
Twilight and evening bell,

And after that the dark;  
And may there be no sadness of  
farewell  
When I embark.  
For though from out our bourne  
of time and place,  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have crossed the bar.

#### Card of Thanks

During the extended illness of Mother, we want to say thank you for the many acts of kindness and service in tender ministrations, only loving friends and neighbors could possibly think of. At the hour of service we are grateful to Rev. C.A. Riggs for his kindly tribute to Mother and his tender admonitions to us; the beautiful songs of hope and comfort, the considerate care of those in charge, and the presence of so many of our friends. William McNett & Children

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#### From her Memorial

Record....After several months of illness following an operation in August, she departed this life peacefully on the evening of Jan. 7th, 1935. Her life is mirrored in this tribute; "She has achieved success who has lived well and laughed often; who has filled her niche and accomplished her task; who has left the world better than she found it; who has looked for the best in others and given the best she had; whose life was an inspiration; whose memory a benediction." This book contains her biography and lists all children and their birthdates. (Written by Louise McNett Viers)

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Delaware Gazette, 1/10/1935.....Funeral Services for Mrs. Daisy L. McNett who died Monday evening were held at the Peachblow U.B. Church Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock, with Rev. C.A. Riggs officiating. Arrangements were by Clase-Mohr Funeral Home, Delaware, Ohio. The Clase-Mohr duo sang "Above the Bright Blue" and "Jesus Savior Pilot Me" The Athletic Club of the Berlin Schools acted as escort and assisted with flowers. Pallbearers were Floyd Griffith, Frank Kiser, Rollin Jacobus, Ashton Conklin, Carroll Conklin and Howard Durfey. Burial was made in Cheshire Cemetery.

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From the writings of her daughter, Thelma....."She was born June 21, 1884 at the home on the State Road, where she lived until she married at twenty two. She was a blond, fair complected little girl with big blue eyes. Mama went to a one room brick school house, walking to school on the Peachblow Road (this school was later used as a home for several families, and today stands alone empty of human lives, but filled with memories). I remember mama as a kind and gentle soul, very soft spoken, gentle voice, serious at times, but often very humorous. She was very compassionate and loving. When a child, she attended Peachblow Church, later becoming organist there.....

Laughter and humor were two qualities Mom and Dad shared, and I fondly recall memories when dad would play his fiddle and mama played the piano. I watched her gold ring as it clicked against the keys. It was then that I knew I would play the piano someday. Mama sewed, making me dresses that I dearly loved. She loved pretty flowers, goldfish, church hymns. I still picture her in the kitchen, preparing bread for her family, singing a favorite song

as she worked. No other raisin pie ever tasted the same as her's or the fried chicken heaped on the platter. The depression times tried their souls, and that's the only time I remember Mama and Dad arguing, and it was always over lack of money and worries of raising a large family. I remember by far the times of fun and laughter between them and the family. The stress of the depression and ill health overcame her and she died at the young age of fifty. At the tender age of twelve, I lost my mother."

More About Daisy Lillian Rust:

Burial: Jan 1935, Cheshire Cemetery

Cause of Death: Cancer

Death Certificate: Jan 1935, 111/7774

Marriage Notes for William McNett and Daisy Rust:

Delaware Gazette, 3/12/1906....."Mr. William McNett and Miss Daisy Rust of Lewis Center were married at the Lewis Center parsonage Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock by Rev. C.M. Hartshorn. Mr. McNett is in charge of the Lewis Center creamery. Miss Rust is the daughter of Mr. C. Rust, who lives on the State Road. They will go to housekeeping at Lewis Center."

More About William McNett and Daisy Rust:

Marriage 1: 09 Mar 1906, Lewis Center, Ohio<sup>5</sup>

Marriage 2: In the parsonage by C.M. Hartshorn

*Generation No. 2*

**2. Edgar McNett**, born 01 Jun 1833 in Chautauqua County, New York; died 02 Mar 1920 in Orange Twp., Delaware County, Ohio. He was the son of **4. Ezra McNitt** and **5. Hulda Ellis**. He married **3. Rosella Searles** 07 Apr 1860 in Delaware County, Ohio<sup>6</sup>.

**3. Rosella Searles**, born 01 Jan 1841 in Harlem Twp., Delaware County, Ohio; died 03 Dec 1921 in Orange Twp., Delaware County, Ohio. She was the daughter of **6. Ira Washington Searles** and **7. Phoebe Sebring**.

Notes for Edgar McNett:

In the census of 1850, Edgar age 17 was living in Chautauqua County, New York in the home of Alexander Merchant (Martha, Alexander's wife was the sister of Edgar's mother Huldah) ; near his uncles David, James and Adam Jr., aunt Abigail Hitchcock, and John Ellis family. Edward Ellis age 71 from Mass. lived in the home of John Ellis.

By 1859 Edgar McNett is back in Ohio where he bought 94 acres near Center Village in December . He bought an additional 20 acres adjacent in December 1862. These were all sold in 1864.

The 1860 census shows Edgar had real estate valued at \$3500. and personal property \$800. He was living with William and Ruth Price in Harlem Twp. (Ruth was Rosella's aunt on the Sebring side).

Edgar had a small general store on Rich Street in Centerville which he lost in bankruptcy in 1870. His debts and liabilities were \$2596.88. The property, located on lot #17 in Centerville, appraised at \$500, was sold at public auction November 4, 1870. William Barr is listed as debtor with Edgar on

some notes. ( Barr was his partner in the business). Sometime after 1874 they left Harlem Twp. (John was born in Harlem Twp. in 1874). We find Edgar and Rosella in Jefferson Twp., Franklin Co., Ohio in the 1880 census (somewhere between Blacklick and Havens Corners). Ella was the only member of the family not living in Franklin County ( She was noted as being "away keeping house"). She was in the home of Ann Maxwell in Etna Twp., Licking County.

Listed in the personal property at the time of the bankruptcy were 14 stands of bees & 16 bee hives valued at \$172. His occupation listed in the 1880 Census was Apiarian (Beekeeper)

According to family tradition, sometime after 1884 the family moved to the Lewis Center area where he farmed, had a large strawberry patch and kept bees to help provide a lively-hood for his growing family. They lived on the North Road, near the junction of Berlin and Orange Townships.

The 1900 census has them listed in Orange Twp. along with sons John and William and daughter, Nellie. Their occupations listed as farmers. Their property, adjacent to that of Apollos Justice. His daughter, Leva married John McNett.

In 1910 they were still in Orange Twp. Edgar and Rosella with daughters Eva and Nellie, both daughters died a year later of typhoid fever. The sisters died one week apart, Nellie on her birthday.

In the census of 1920 Edgar and Rosella were living alone in Orange Township.

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## REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Delaware County Deed Book Vol. 26, page 425-26.....August 5, 1845 Diadatus Keeler (guardian of Edgar McNitt) sold 35 acres of land Edgar received as part of the estate of Ezra McNitt, to Rhoda Keley for \$300. This was in Section 4, Township 3, Range 17. Deed Witnessed by Daniel Hunt & Joshua Hammons. Daniel Hunt J.P.

Delaware County Deed Book Vol. 44, page 303.....September 3, 1859 Edgar McNitt purchased for the sum of \$3290. from James & Nancy Cockrell, 94 acres of land in Harlem Township, being part of lots nine & ten in section two, township three, range sixteen USM Lands .

Deed Book Vol. 47, page 6-7.....December 12, 1861 Edgar McNitt purchased from C.B. Paul for the sum of \$500. twenty acres of land , being the north west part of lot two, section two, township three. range sixteen.

Deed Book Vol. 51, pages 60-61.....June 5, 1864 Edgar sold to Silas Adams for the sum of \$5100. two tracts of land. One containing 94 acres and "being the same premises conveyed to said Edgar McNitt by James Cockrell & wife Sept. 3, 1859." The other tract "containing 20 acres of land , being the same tract conveyed to Edgar McNitt by C.B. Paul and wife December 12, 1861" Witnesses to deed are J.Q. Adams & Lorenzo Adams.

Deed Book Vol. 51, page 216.....September 23, 1864 Edgar purchased from William Brown & wife Lot No. 51 & Lot No. 54 in the town of Centerville, Harlem Township for \$550.

Deed Book Vol. 52, pages 598-9....March 27, 1865 Edgar McNitt & wife sold Lot No. 51 to John McClorg for \$460.

Deed Book Vol. 52, page 283-4....April 4, 1865 Edgar purchased for \$700., " Lots 16 & 17 in the town of Centerville, Harlem Township as described in the Recorder's office on the plat of the town recorded in Record of Plats Vol. 1, page 83."

Deed Book Vol. 61, pages 534-5....February 25, 1869 Edgar McNitt sold Lot 54 to Arza Elmer Cooper for \$50.

Deed Book Vol. 69, page 480 .....March 4, 1876.....Remaining property in Centerville belonging to Edgar McNitt sold to Austin D. Mann for the sum of \$650.

Delaware Journal Herald, 3/2/1920....."Edgar McNett of Lewis Center passed away at his home early Tuesday morning. He leaves behind, his wife, several children, and many relatives and friends. No arrangements as yet have been made for the funeral." Delaware Journal Herald, 3/9/1920....."The funeral of Edgar McNett was held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence near Lewis Center. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Phipps of the Lewis Center M.E. Church. 'Just as I am Without One Pleas,' 'Safe in the Arms of Jesus', and 'Home of the Soul' were sung very beautifully by Mrs. Rolla Willis. Burial was made at the Cheshire cemetery. The pallbearers were William Gooding, Frank Smith, George Perkins, and Ned Jocelyn. The funeral was in charge of the Morrison undertaking establishment."

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Delaware Journal Herald 12/4/1921....."Mrs. Rosella McNett, aged 80 years died at her home between Cheshire and Galena at 1 o'clock Saturday morning as the result of complications of disease. Funeral services will be held at the Cheshire M.E. Church at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. Burial will be made in the Cheshire cemetery."

See notes in Obadiah Searles' and Edgar McNett's file for further information regarding Rosella.

#### More About Edgar McNett:

Burial: 04 Mar 1920, Cheshire Cemetery

Cause of Death: Heart Trouble and senility<sup>7</sup>

Census: 1870, Merchant

Death Certificate: 02 Mar 1920, OHS #21268<sup>7</sup>

Funeral Home: 02 Mar 1920, C.W. Morrison & Son

Informant: 02 Mar 1920, Mrs. Rose McNett

Marriage Bond: 07 Apr 1860, Lewis Center, Ohio

Occupation: 1860, Farmer

#### Notes for Rosella Searles:

See notes in Obadiah Searles' and Edgar McNett's file for further information regarding Rosella.

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More About Rosella Searles:

Burial: 06 Dec 1921, Cheshire Cemetery

Cause of Death: Cerebral Hemorrhage<sup>7</sup>

Death Certificate: 03 Dec 1921, OHS #67704<sup>7</sup>

Funeral: 06 Dec 1921, Lewis Center Methodist Church

Funeral Home: 06 Dec 1920, C.W. Morrison & Son

Informant: 03 Dec 1921, Emma E. Wilson, Westerville

Marriage Notes for Edgar McNett and Rosella Searles:

G.H. Purdy, J.P.

Recorded June 30, 1860 J. Ramsey P.J.

More About Edgar McNett and Rosella Searles:

Marriage: 07 Apr 1860, Delaware County, Ohio<sup>8</sup>

Children of Edgar McNett and Rosella Searles are:

- i. Frank Ellis McNett, born 09 May 1861 in Harlem Twp., Delaware County, Ohio; died 18 May 1862 in Harlem Twp., Delaware County, Ohio.
- ii. Ella May McNett, born 25 Sep 1862 in Harlem Twp., Delaware County, Ohio; died 13 Jan 1940 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio<sup>9</sup>; married David Potter Connell 1880 in Ohio; born 17 Feb 1860 in Reynoldsburg, Ohio; died 05 Feb 1940 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.

Notes for Ella May McNett:

1880 Census....."Ellie" McNett, 17 living in the home of Ann Maxwell in Licking County, Etna Township. She is listed as a servant. Her future husband, David Connell lived nearby. Ann was born in Scotland, and lived one farm from that of James Connell, David's father. James parents born in Scotland. (She could be a sister of James ?)

In 1900 the family was living in Etna Township; farming.

1910 census.....Etna Twp., Licking County, farmer Owned his farm in Etna Twp., Licking County in 1920;

By 1930, in Columbus on Glenmont Ave. He owned their home valued at \$8000.

Columbus Dispatch, 2/6/1940....."David P. Connell age 79, Tuesday, 118 Glenmont Ave. Survived by 4 grandchildren. Funeral Thursday 2 p.m. Palmer Funeral Home. 1078 South High Street. Interment Reynoldsburg Cemetery by Arthur T. Palmer." This was less than a month after the death of his wife, Ella.

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Columbus Dispatch, Jan. 14, 1940....."Ella Connell, 118 Glenmont Ave died Saturday. Survived by husband David; four grandchildren. Body at Palmer Funeral Home. 1078 S. High St. where services will be held Monday 2 p.m. Interment in Reynoldsburg Cemetery by Arthur T. Palmer."

More About Ella May McNett:

Address (Facts Pg): 13 Jan 1940, 118 Glenmont Ave. Cols., Oh

Burial: 15 Jan 1940, Reynoldsburg Cemetery

Cause of Death: Organic Heart Disease....Mitral regurgitation<sup>10</sup>

Death Certificate: 13 Jan 1940, OHS #2441

Funeral Home: 13 Jan 1940, Palmer Funeral Home, Columbus, Ohio

Medical Information: general senility Died in Black Rest Home - 513 E. Town St. Columbus Ohio

Notes for David Potter Connell:

In 1900 the family was living in Etna Township; farming.

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By 1930, in Columbus on Glenmont Ave. He owned their home valued at \$8000.

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Died in Black's Rest Home, 513 E. Town St., Columbus, Ohio.

Informant on death cert. was Harold Hymes.

More About David Potter Connell:

Burial: 08 Feb 1940, Reynoldsburg Cemetery

Cause of Death: Organic Heart Disease....arteriosclerosis general senility.<sup>10</sup>

Death Certificate: 05 Feb 1940, OHS #9726

Funeral Home: 06 Feb 1940, Palmer Funeral Home

Occupation: Farmer

More About David Connell and Ella McNett:

Marriage: 1880, Ohio

- iii. Emma Ethyl McNett, born 16 Jun 1864 in Harlem Twp., Delaware County, Ohio; died 23 Aug 1945 in Franklin County, Ohio; married William Ellsworth Wilson 1890; born 07 Mar 1862 in Ohio; died 24 Dec 1932 in Blendon Twp., Franklin Co., Ohio.

Notes for Emma Ethyl McNett:

Columbus Dispatch, 8/24/1945....."Emma E. Wilson 6364 Sunbury Road , Survived by two daughters Mrs. Sheldon Near, Columbus ; Mary E. of the home; one son Myron G. of Coshocton; one grandson in the U.S. Navy; two brothers, John and William McNett, both of Delaware. Services Sunday at 2:30 p.m., Fichner Funeral Home, Westerville. Friends may call at the funeral home. Interment Central College."

Notes for William Ellsworth Wilson:

1910 census. Harlem Twp., Delaware County, Ohio, farmer married 18 years, 3 children.

1920 and 1930 census....owned a farm on Sunbury Pike, Blendon Twp., Westerville. William was manager of a general store.

Columbus Dispatch, 12/24/1932....."William E. Wilson, aged 69, died Saturday morning at his home at Central College of paralysis. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emma Wilson; a son, Myron Wilson of Coshocton; two daughters, Miss Mary, at home and Mrs. Sheldon Near of Columbus; a grandchild and a brother. Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Central College Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in Central College cemetery by Margarum & Son."

More About William Ellsworth Wilson:

Burial: 26 Dec 1932, Central College Cemetery

Cause of Death: Cerebral Hemorrhage Paralysis of the throat<sup>10</sup>

Death Certificate: 24 Dec 1932, # 76073

Funeral Home: 24 Dec 1932, Margarum & Son

Informant: 24 Dec 1932, M.G. Wilson, Westerville

Occupation: Bet. 1900 - 1920, Farmer

More About William Wilson and Emma McNett:

Marriage: 1890

- iv. Eva D. McNett, born 19 Aug 1866 in Center Village, Delaware County Ohio; died 27 Oct 1911 in Lewis

Center, Orange Twp., Delaware, Ohio.

Notes for Eva D. McNett:

Eva died of typhoid fever.....one week before her sister Nellie. Eva and Minnie are listed in the 1900 census as living in the home of William Ackley, a rooming house in Columbus. They were working as seamstresses.

Delaware Gazette, ..... "Eva McNett was born at Center Village, Ohio August 19, 1866. The greater part of her life was spent in that vicinity. She passed into life eternal October 27, 1911, leaving father, mother, three brothers and three sisters, one whom, Nellie, youngest died a week later. Funeral services were held at the Lewis Center Church conducted by Rev. Frank Easton of Athens. Burial at Cheshire Cemetery.

More About Eva D. McNett:

Burial: 31 Oct 1911, Cheshire Cemetery

Cause of Death: Typhoid Fever<sup>10</sup>

Death Certificate: 27 Oct 1911, OHS #52897

Funeral: 31 Oct 1911, Lewis Center Methodist Church

Funeral Home: 27 Oct 1911, C.W. Morrison & Son

Informant: 27 Oct 1911, Emma E. Wilson, Westerville

Occupation: Seamstress

- v. Minnie Bell McNett, born 06 Dec 1868 in Center Village, Delaware County Ohio; died 16 Jan 1944 in Community Hospital, San Diego, California; married Joseph V. Conry Abt. 1902; born Abt. 1870 in Pennsylvania; died Bef. 1944 in California.

Notes for Minnie Bell McNett:

Minnie is listed in the 1900 census as living in the home of William Ackley, a rooming house in Columbus, working as seamstress. 1910 Census.... 4454 West Congress Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. 1920 Census.... 3323 Collins Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. By 1930 Census Minnie and Joseph were at 3328 Thorn Street, San Diego, California. Her death certificate says she lived in California 16 years at time of death. At the time of her death, her address was 125 Palm Street, Lemon Grove, San Diego County.

More About Minnie Bell McNett:

Burial: 20 Jan 1944, Holy Cross Cemetery, San Diego

Cause of Death: Chronic Myocarditis<sup>11</sup>

Death Certificate: 16 Jan 1944, 44-00626003614

Informant: 16 Jan 1944, Irene Hazeltine

Medical Information: Myocardial Degeneration

Occupation: Seamstress

Notes for Joseph V. Conry:

Living at 4454 West Congress Avenue in Cook County, Illinois; occupation, storekeeper; his parents born in Ireland according to 1910 Census. Still in Chicago in 1920, living at 3323 Collins Avenue; working for a "firm" in cost systems. in 1930 they were in San Diego, California, living at 3328 Thorn Street; his occupation, vault caretaker at a bank. Owned their home valued at \$5000.

More About Joseph V. Conry:

Occupation: 1920, Cost Systems

More About Joseph Conry and Minnie McNett:

Marriage: Abt. 1902

- vi. Edwin (Earl Dale) McNett, born 18 Mar 1871 in Center Village, Delaware County Ohio Ohio; died 28 Jun 1954 in Bremerton, Kitsap County, Washington; married (1) "Waffie" Waif B. Click; born Jan 1870 in Ohio; died Unknown; married (2) Sallie Seymour Guernsey 1907 in Minneapolis, Minnesota; born 14 Feb 1884 in Monroe Twp., Clark Cty. Indiana; died 15 Mar 1965 in Monterey, California<sup>12</sup>.

Notes for Edwin (Earl Dale) McNett:

Known as Earl Dale McNett after leaving Ohio.....No one knows why he changed his name and started a new life. In the 1900 census, Waffie Click (divorced) is found in the home of Ann Jaycox, her mother with her son, Charles C. McNeet.

1909 Minneapolis, Minn. City Directory, Earl D. McNett, carpenter, his address, 3413 Twentieth Ave. South.

In 1910 Earl D. McNett is in Hennepin County, Ward 7 of Minneapolis, Minnesota with wife Sallie S. and son Ralph K. age 10/12. His occupation, house carpenter.

He moved from Minnesota to Tulsa, Oklahoma, and then Ft. Worth, Texas before 1930, when we find him at 2147 Ewing Street in Los Angeles, California where both he and son, Ralph K. are earning their living building homes. He later moved to Bremerton, Washington, where he lived the rest of his life.

In a letter to my uncle, Robert McNett from [Edward] Keith McNett written October 31, 1982. (Keith was living at 629 W. Garland Terrace, Sunnyvale, California) says: "..... my grandfather was very non communicative about his past. I have always wondered what could have been so bad that he didn't want to talk about or see or find out anything about his family.....why would he change his name ? .....He was very inconsistent with the way he stated his age on his marriage license and on the birth certificates for my Dad and my Aunt.....I remember that my grandfather was a difficult man to deal with and he and dad didn't get along at all."

Keith further says "He worked in a munitions plant in Wisconsin during World War I, and after the war moved to Tulsa, Ok., then to Ft. Worth, Tx., then to Los Angeles, and finally to Bremerton, Washington where he lived until he died in 1954. He and my aunt were both born in Minneapolis. My father eventually migrated to Yakima.....where I and my two sisters were all born. I moved to San Francisco Bay area where I've been ever since."

More About Edwin (Earl Dale) McNett:

Address (Facts Pg): 1909, 3413 20th Ave. South Minneapolis, Minnesota

Death Certificate: 28 Jun 1954, #10736<sup>13</sup>

Notes for Sallie Seymour Guernsey:

According to the census of 1930, Sallie and her father were both born in Indiana, her mother in Kentucky.

More About Edwin McNett and Sallie Guernsey:

Marriage: 1907, Minneapolis, Minnesota

- vii. John Leroy McNett, born 18 Mar 1874 in Center Village, Delaware County Ohio; died 01 Jan 1948 in Porter Twp., Delaware County, Ohio; married Leva Rose Justice 13 Dec 1903; born 24 Feb 1878 in Ohio; died 04 Oct 1956 in Porter Twp. Delaware County Ohio.

Notes for John Leroy McNett:

1900 living in Orange Township on the North Road, next door to the Justice family.

The 1910 census has John working as a boiler maker in a railroad shop and living in Columbus.

In 1920, John, Leva, Mildred, and Beatrice were renting a farm near the corner of Bunty Station Road and Stratford Road in Delaware Township. By the 1930 census they were living on Peachblow Road in Berlin Township. Moved to Porter Twp from Peachblow Road 12/20/1946.

From the Delaware Gazette....." John L. McNett, 73, died Thursday morning at his home in Porter Township. He suffered a stroke Sunday and death was due to complications. He was born near Center Village and had lived his entire life in this county. The Porter Township farm had been his residence for the past year. Prior to that time, he lived on a farm on the Peachblow Rd. He was formerly a member of the Modern Woodman's Lodge.....Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the Ramsey-Mohr chapel. Burial will be made in Cheshire Cemetery." "Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in Ramsey-Mohr chapel for John McNett. The Rev Thomas Lasley officiated. During the services, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "Some Glad Morning" were sung by Mrs. Marjory Stith and Miss Georgia Whitt. Pallbearers were Brooks Havens, Willis Vaughn, Charles Draper, Alva Saunders, Mardo Ferris, and Stanley Manter."

More About John Leroy McNett:

Address (Facts Pg): 1948, R.R. Condit, Ohio

Burial: 04 Jan 1948, Cheshire Cemetery

Cause of Death: Heart Disease, Left cerebral hemorrhage<sup>14</sup>

Census: 1920, Stratford, Delaware Twp.

Death Certificate: 01 Jan 1948, OHS #2119

Funeral Home: 01 Jan 1948, Ramsey-Mohr Funeral Home

Informant: 01 Jan 1948, Mrs. Leva McNett

Medical Information: Heart disease and hypertension.

Occupation: Farmer

Notes for Leva Rose Justice:

Delaware Gazette....."Mrs. Leva McNett, 78, died Thursday at the home of her son, Don McNett, in Porter Township after an illness of eight months. Visitation will be in the Slack Funeral Home in Sunbury. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Sunbury Baptist Church with the Revs. M.R. Walter and J.R. Arthur in charge. Burial is to be made in the Cheshire Cemetery."

Aunt Leva was an outstanding baker and cook. She was well known for her birthday cakes, decorated with love and caring for family and friends.

More About Leva Rose Justice:

Burial: Oct 1956, Cheshire Cemetery

Funeral Home: Wm. Slack Funeral Home, Sunbury

Occupation: Dressmaker

More About John McNett and Leva Justice:

Marriage: 13 Dec 1903

- 1      viii. William Edgar McNett, born 18 Apr 1876 in Jefferson Twp., Franklin County, Ohio; died 20 Aug 1957 in Berlin Twp., Delaware County, Ohio; married Daisy Lillian Rust 09 Mar 1906 in Lewis Center, Ohio.
- ix. Rolland McNett, born 27 Aug 1878 in Jefferson Twp., Franklin County, Ohio<sup>15</sup>; died 28 Nov 1878 in Jefferson Twp., Franklin County, Ohio<sup>16</sup>

More About Rolland McNett:

Cause of Death: "Summer Complaint"<sup>17</sup>

- x. Nellie Maud McNett, born 03 Nov 1884 in Jefferson Twp., Franklin County, Ohio; died 03 Nov 1911 in Lewis Center, Orange Twp. Delaware, Ohio.

Notes for Nellie Maud McNett:

Nellie is listed in attendance book of the Peachblow Sunday School in 1897 & 1898.

Nellie died of typhoid fever... on her birthday, one week after her sister Eva, at the age of 27. Nellie was a school teacher, teaching in a one room school house on Gregory Road in Berlin Township.

Delaware Gazette, Nov. 7, 1911....."The funeral of Miss Nellie McNett, the second of two sisters to die as a result of typhoid fever, was held Sunday at the Lewis Center M.E. Church, Rev. Mr. Smith of Africa conducting the service, Rev. Frank Easton of Athens assisting. The pall bearers were Bertha Justice, Ruth Leonard, Elsie Knight, Laura White, Leota and Estelle Conklin. The funeral of Miss McNett's sister, Eva, was held at the same hour a week previous."

More About Nellie Maud McNett:

Burial: 05 Nov 1911, Cheshire Cemetery

Cause of Death: Typhoid Fever<sup>18</sup>

Death Certificate: 03 Nov 1911, OHS #58406

Funeral: 05 Nov 1911, Lewis Center Methodist Church

Funeral Home: 03 Nov 1911, C.W. Morrison

Informant: 03 Nov 1911, Emma E. Wilson, Westerville

Occupation: School Teacher

### *Generation No. 3*

**4. Ezra McNitt**, born 1802 in Buckland, Franklin, Mass.; died 1839 in Genoa Twp., Delaware County, Ohio. He was the son of **8. Adam (McKnight) McNitt** and **9. Margaret Clark**. He married **5. Hulda Ellis**.

**5. Hulda Ellis**, born 13 Sep 1804 in Stockton, Chautaugua County, New York; died Abt. 1838 in Stockton, Chautaugua, New York. She was the daughter of **10. Edward M. Ellis** and **11. Patty (Fay) Unknown**.

Notes for Ezra McNitt:

Jemima, wife of David McNitt was probably a sister of Hulda Ellis who married Ezra McNitt. Martha Ellis married Alexander Merchant, in whose home we find Edgar McNitt in 1850. Daniel Ellis, son of Edward Ellis born in New York married Lucinda Searles, daughter of

Mercy and Peter. (I believe they are all siblings)

Adam mentions Ezra in an 1820 pension application, saying that if it weren't for his hard work on the farm, they would all have been in bad shape. Ezra is not mentioned in Adam's estate in 1850, having died in 1839; however, Edgar is listed as only "heir at law" to a portion equal to that of Adam's sons and daughters. His portion assigned to "Diaditus Keeler, guardian of Edgar McNitt"

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#### WESTERN NEW YORK LAND TRANSACTIONS 1825-1835 (from Ancestry.com):

Nov. 1, 1828... Lot 13 STR 412....Vol. 506...page 153

Feb. 23, 1829.. Lot 13      412      507...      143

Nov. 1, 1830 Lot 13      412      508      124

Nov. 5, 1831 Lot 13      412      509      124

Ezra owned land in Genoa Township, Delaware County and that same land was left to Edgar in settlement of his estate in 1841. The land was sold by Diadatus Keeler, guardian of Edgar to pay for Edgar's support by Keeler. At some point Edgar returned to Chautauqua County New York, where we find him in the home of Alexander Merchant.

Delaware county Deed Book Vol. 21, page 81.....February 5, 1839 Ezra McKnitt bought 35 acres from Henry B. and Rebecca Carver for \$275. "Being part of section four, township three, range seventeen." (Genoa Township)

Olentangy Gazette, Delaware Ohio Vol. no.39, January 4, 1840....."Claims against the estate of Ezra McNitt, late of Genoa Twp., Delaware County dec'd. James McNitt and Bennet Carr administrators." DCGS Abstracts of Misc. Del. Co. Newspapers 1821-1857.

Olentangy Gazette, April 29, 1853..... Settlement of estates..... Benjamin Carr, administrator of Ezra McNitt estate.....Hearing on Saturday 18th of June, D.T. Fuller, Probate Judge." DCGS Abstracts of Misc. Del. Co. Newspapers 1821-1857.

Mentioned among others in the settlement of Ezra's estate.....Martha Ellis \$7.00 for sewing; Rachel Ellis for taking care of child \$36.00; Ruben Bates for work \$9.75A. B. Searles for \_\_\_\_ \$15.00. (Probate Records DCHS/DCGS)

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#### DCHS/DCGS Newspaper Abstracts 1821-57

1854 September 29

Died in Genoa Twp. Delaware County on the 17th inst Col. Diadatus Keeler, aged 59 years. Resident of this county 37 years, member of Presbyterian Church. Bereaved widow and surviving children.

#### Notes for Hulda Ellis:

Jemima, wife of David McNitt was probably a sister of Hulda Ellis who married Ezra McNett. Daniel Ellis, son of Edward Ellis born in New York married Lucinda Searles, daughter of Mercy and Peter. Also Martha Ellis married Alexander Merchant, in whose home we found

Edgar in the census of 1850. (I believe they are all siblings).

Child of Ezra McNitt and Hulda Ellis is:

- 2 i. Edgar McNett, born 01 Jun 1833 in Chautauqua County, New York; died 02 Mar 1920 in Orange Twp., Delaware County, Ohio; married Rosella Searles 07 Apr 1860 in Delaware County, Ohio.

**6. Ira Washington Searles**, born 21 Aug 1818 in Delaware County, Ohio; died 11 Apr 1841 in Delaware County, Ohio. He married **7. Phoebe Sebring** 06 Jul 1839 in Delaware, Ohio<sup>19</sup>.

**7. Phoebe Sebring**, born 06 Apr 1817 in Genoa Twp. Delaware County Ohio; died 17 Jul 1894 in Harlem Twp. Delaware, Ohio. She was the daughter of **14. Obadiah Sebring** and **15. Esther Bailey Sutton**.

Notes for Ira Washington Searles:

Although I've not found documented evidence, I believe Ira's father is probably Ira Searles, son of Peter and Mercy born in 1794, New York. Sebring Collections says he may be the son of Moses Searles; however, the names of Peter & Mercy's other sons and daughters as well as McNett connections make the connection to Ira more likely.

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#### CENSUS RECORDS

1840 census.....Berkshire Twp., Delaware, Ohio.....one male under 5, one 20-30, one female 20-30. (Listed immediately below Adam McKnight)

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Documents below transcribed from DCHS/DCGS Probate Records :

#### IRA SEARLES ESTATE

State of Ohio Delaware County

Personally appeared before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and for the said county, John Smothers, John Vantassel, and Josiah Sebring and was duly sworn according to law, truly and honestly to appraise the estate and property exhibited to them of the estate of Ira Searles, deceased, and perform the other duties required by law in the premises. And also to set to the widow of said deceased such provision and other property as they shall think reasonable for the support of herself and children twelve months from the time of the death of said deceased according to the best of their knowledge and abilities.

John Vantassel

John Smothers

Josiah Sebring

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of July A.D. 1842

Alexander Smith J.P.

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Provisions set off to the widow and two children under the age of fifteen years of age:

one cow & calf appraised at 12.00

Joint note Oliver Mullen & Barney Searles 4.00

do James W. Wells 25.00

do Abram McNett & G.D. Nash 1.62  
do John Misner & William Schanck 25.00  
do G. D. Nash 2.71  
do John Sebring & Wm. Sebring 25.50

Set by us this 16th day of July 1842, the sum of one hundred and four dollars and seventy four cents.

John Smothers  
Josiah Sebring  
John Vantassel  
Attest, Alexander Smith

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A true and accurate inventory of the goods and chattels, rights and credits, moneys and affects of the estate of Ira Searles as shown is by A. Smith & Phebe Serles Administrators.

Note William Sebring & John Sebring 1.58  
do John Vantassel 1.50  
do George W. Wells 21.00  
Account against Lewis Serles to 13 bushels of wheat  
at fifty six cents per bushel 7.28  
do to Lewis Serles 2.95  
One note jointly Lewis Serles & Asahel B. Serles 10.50  
No money on hand  
Book account against Lewis Searles, the amount of 12.50

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"The Sebring Collections" page 363 names the children of Milan Searles and the children of Rosella Searles & Edgar McNett.

More About Ira Washington Searles:  
Burial: Apr 1841, Curtis/Copeland Cemetery

Notes for Phoebe Sebring:  
CENSUS RECORDS

1850 census.....Genoa Twp., Delaware County, Ohio, a young widow and her two children living next to her mother (H)ester Sebring and four of her sisters, Lydia, Ruth, Phebe, Ellen.

1860 census.....Genoa Twp. Milton, 20, Rosella 18, Lydia, 44.

1870 census.....Harlem Twp., land value, \$2500., personal property, \$1464. son, Milan & sister Lydia in the household.

Widows Pheobe and her sister Lydia Sebring were living together in 1880 census. next to the home of Milon Searles, Phoebe's son.

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## REAL ESTATE RECORDS

Recorded July 26, 1864.....Delaware County Deed Book Vol. 51, pages 11-16. Partition of Obadiah's Sebring's land. "the same land owned by Obadiah Sebring, deceased, which



descended to his heirs and was divided by mutual consent by Leonard Curtis, James Hughes & John Vantassal with the assistance of Jay Dyer as surveyor." signed by John & Ellen Budd, Wm. & Mary Sebring, Lydia Sebring, Wm., & Ruth Price, Phebe Sarls. Witnessed by Mary Smith & Edgar McNett.

Delaware County Land Deed Vol. 93, page 111-112..... October 30, 1888, Part of Sec 2, Twp. 3, Range 16. Sold to Milon Searles "in consideration of the sum of one dollar and affection for me.....reserving the rents and use for the rest of her natural life."

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Delaware Journal Herald, July 12, 1894....."Mrs. Phebe Sarls who has been sick for some time is still in very critical condition." Delaware Journal Herald, July 24, 1894....."Mrs. Phebe Serles died Thursday last week. Rev. Lile of Albany preached the funeral sermon at Harlem."

More About Phoebe Sebring:

Census: 1880, Harlem, Delaware, Ohio

More About Ira Searles and Phoebe Sebring:

Marriage: 06 Jul 1839, Delaware, Ohio<sup>19</sup>

Children of Ira Searles and Phoebe Sebring are:

- i. Milon Milton Searles, born 09 Oct 1839 in Genoa Twp. Delaware County Ohio; died 23 Nov 1929 in Harlem Twp, Delaware County Ohio; married (1) Mary Wynard 20 Nov 1863 in Delaware, Ohio; died Unknown; married (2) Emma/Anna Walker Abt. 1871; born 03 Mar 1851 in Trenton Twp., Delaware County, Ohio; died 25 Dec 1902 in Harlem Twp., Delaware County, Ohio.

Notes for Milon Milton Searles:

1880 census wife & five children ages 7 mo.-8 yrs., farmer, next home, his mother Phoebe and her sister, Lydia Sebring.

1900 census.....Harlem Twp., Delaware County, Ohio, farmer, wife, Emma and 7 children.

1910 census.....Harlem Twp., Delaware County Ohio, farmer, widower, four children including grandson, Chester, age 2 (son of Elmer)

\_Living with his son, Charles B. Searles family in Harlem township in 1920 census, age 79.

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#### REAL ESTATE RECORDS

Delaware County Deed Book Vol. 68, page 544, December 15, 1875...Milon Searles purchased 51 3/4 acres of land for the sum of \$2070. from Albin Wright, executor of the estate of William Sebring. Being in Harlem Township, Range 16, Township 3, Section 2, USM Lands.

Living with his son, Charles B. Searles family in Harlem township in 1920 census, age 79.

More About Milon Milton Searles:

Burial: 26 Nov 1929, Fancher Cemetery

Cause of Death: Pneumonia/ Old age<sup>20</sup>

Census: 1880, Harlem, Delaware, Ohio

Death Certificate: 23 Nov 1929, OHS #69987

Informant: 23 Nov 1929, Charles Searles

Occupation: Farmer

Notes for Emma/Anna Walker:

Emma's parents both born in New York.

More About Milon Searles and Emma/Anna Walker:

Marriage: Abt. 1871

- 3 ii. Rosella Searles, born 01 Jan 1841 in Harlem Twp., Delaware County, Ohio; died 03 Dec 1921 in Orange

*Generation No. 4*

**8. Adam ( McKnight) McNitt**, born 15 Sep 1763 in Rutland, Worchester Co., Mass.; died 25 Jun 1848 in Berkshire, Delaware County, Ohio. He was the son of **16. David (McNutt) McNitt** and **17. Martha Patrick**. He married **9. Margaret Clark** Jan 1781 in Ashfield, Franklin Co., Mass..

**9. Margaret Clark**, born Abt. 1767 in Ashfield, Massachusetts; died Abt. 1817 in Stockton, Chautauqua County, New York.

Notes for Adam ( McKnight) McNitt:

Adam was a private in the Revolutionary War. He enlisted January 31, 1781 in Shelburne, Mass., and served in Colonel Benjamin Tupper's 10th Mass. Regiment for a term of twenty three months, three days and was pensioned May 21, 1818 in Chautauqua County New York. (Chautauqua is situated on Lake Erie, in the south west corner of the state.) He is noted in his enlistment as being 5 ft. 7 in. light complexion and light color hair. He married Margaret Clark of Ashfield, then only fourteen. They remained in Massachusetts until 1812, when they moved to Stockton in Chautauqua County, New York. Some of their children followed them there. (Adam is listed as making one of the earliest purchases of land in Stockton. In 1816 Calvin Hitchcock, Edward Ellis, and Adam McNitt are listed as purchasing land in Township 4, Range 12). Margaret died there at the age of fifty, the mother and grandmother of nearly eighty persons. Three years later, Adam married his second wife, a widow, Mercy Searles of Ellery, New York. They moved to Granville, Licking County, Ohio by 1830; by 1834, according to land deed records, to Bennington Township in Licking County, and then to Genoa Township, Delaware County by 1838 with several of their children. Some of them moved on to Cumberland and Cole counties in Illinois, and beyond. David and James remained in New York. Adam and Mercy are buried in Sunbury, Ohio. His tombstone reads, "Adam McNitt, Patriot of the Revolution". His wife's tombstone reads Mercy McNett, wife of Adam. The 1840 census lists him as McKnight, living in Genoa Twp. His Revolutionary War Pension application names him as McKnight and McNitt in later pension record. So, the spelling of the name changed from McKnight to McNitt to McNett during their lifetime. Peter V. Searles and his wife Jane are buried near Adam and Mercy in the Sunbury Cemetery.

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## REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION

Adam's application for his Revolutionary War pension benefits filed June 30, 1820 says that he was almost destitute and listed his real & personal property.....He says ".....my son who lives with me & myself have partly cleared about 20 acres.....we have built a log house .... in which we reside, also a small log barn. I am infirm and unable to labor.....My son Ezra who is about 18 years old lives with me, and is the whole support of the family.....My daughter Molly is 12 years old and attends to the domestic affairs of the house.....her mother being dead.....We are poor and were it not for the exertions and industry of my son Ezra we could not get a subsistence. We subsist principally on bread and the milk we get from two cows that feed on the herbage that grows in the surrounding woods". He further said "...we sleep on straw beds.....and we have no chairs nor tables we sit and eat on stools made with planks which we have split out of logs ourselves."

He listed personal property including 1 yoke of oxen, 2 yearling heifers, 1 calf.....also 5 small hogs which run in the woods, 10 fowls.....also listed meager personal tools, cooking items, etc. Ezra 18, Prudence 14, Molly 12, Harriet 8, Alvina 7 lived with Adam, now a widower in that small log house. Adam married Mercy Searles a year later, in November 1821. She, a widow with young children as well. Combining their meager resources, they remained in New York for another nine years before moving to Ohio. By the time they were in Ohio, they had somehow overcome their poverty and were able to make significant land purchases. Adam bought land in Licking County , Ohio as early as 1830.

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#### WESTERN NEW YORK LAND TRANSACTIONS 1825-1835 (from Ancestry.com):

Oct.18, 1813... Lot 13 Section 4 Township 1 Range 2 Ref. 494 page 63  
 Oct. 8, 1816... Lot 13 Section 4 Township 1 Range 2 Ref. 506 page 184  
 Nov. 1, 1828....Lot 12 Section 4 Township 1 Range 2 Ref. 506 Page 166  
 June 2, 1828.... Lot 12 " 4 " 1 " 2 " 506 " 152  
 Feb. 23, 1829...Lot 12 " 4 " 1 " 2 " 507 " 143  
 Mar. 21, 1829..Lot 12 " 4 " 1 " 2 " 507 " 128

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#### LICKING COUNTY REAL ESTATE RECORDS

Licking County Deed Book N, page 370....June 24,1830 Aurelius and Catherine Thrall sold 96 and three fourths acres to Adam McNitt and James Mallory (his son-in-law, husband of Olive Searles) formerly of New York, Lot number five in the first division in the fifth range of lots in Range 13, Township 2, Section 2 (96 acres in Granville Township) for the sum of \$1000.

Deed Book P, page 511.....October, 1831 James B. Mallory sold to Adam McNitt of Licking County for \$500., one equal undivided half of parcel lying in Range 13, Twp.2, Sec. 2, U.S.M. Lands being lot # 5 of lots surveyed by the Licking Land Company. Estimated to contain 96 and three fourth acres.

Deed Book Q, page 348.....November 30, 1832 Jacob Cook sold to Adam McNitt \_\_\_\_\_ acres for \$1000 in Range 14, Twp. 4, Sec. 3 (Bennington Twp.)

Deed Book \_\_, page\_\_\_\_.....Thomas Fry sold to Adam McNitt 31 acres in Range 14, Twp. 4, Sec. 3

One of particular interest is the sale of a parcel of land "on the road between Granville and Hartford in consideration of the sum of one dollar, sold to the Trustees of the Christian Church of Bennington Township to build a meeting house for the worship of God". This is also mentioned in the History of Licking County. It says "....they were enabled to erect a frame church building; this church was dedicated August 16, 1835, Rev. I.N. Walters preaching the dedicatory sermon."

This transaction is recorded in Licking County Deed Book W, pgs 528-8.....  
 November 10, 1835, a part of lot no. 2, sec. 3, township 4, range 14. Abram C. Been, Jesse Vanfossen, & Elijah Lake were listed as Trustees of the Church.

Deed Book W, pages 688-9.....December 3, 1835, Adam McNitt sold 12 acres being part of lot 2, sec. 3, twp. 4, range 14 for \$142.

Deed Book CC, pages 422-23, May 9, 1836, Benjamin G. Carroll and Hannah his wife sold Adam McNitt of Licking County, for \$331., land in Licking Co. lying in the south half of lot 25, in section 4 of the 4th township, 14th range U.S.M. containing 75 and one half acres.

Deed Book CC, pages 423-424.....July 6, 1836, Adam McNitt and Mercy his wife sold the above to Lewis Searls for \$302. This same lot was afterwards sold by Lewis Searles, October 11, 1837, to Martin Light of Licking County for \$900. This is recorded in Deed Book CC, page 425. Witnessed by P. Searles & Abram McNitt

Deed Book CC, pages 363-4.....October 9, 1837 Adam McNitt sold to Jeremiah Shumway for \$2000. Lot no. 2. Sec. 3, Twp.4, Range 14. Witnessed by Lewis Searles & B.G. Carroll.

There are other transactions, mostly in Bennington Township, involving James and Olive Searles Mallory; Abraham and Louisa McNitt; Peter Searles, Asahel Searles; and Lewis and Lucy Searles all giving proof of the family in Licking County prior to moving to Delaware County sometime before 1839.

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#### DELAWARE COUNTY REAL ESTATE RECORDS

Delaware County Deed Book Vol. 19, page 70.....May 15, 1839 Adam bought 190 acres extending from the Genoa/Harlem Twp. line west to Big Walnut Creek from David C. Carpenter and Sarah Carpenter, Alvah Smith and Katherine Smith for \$2000. being the north part of section four, township three, range seventeen and designated on the plat made by James Eaton as the east part of lot one. Witnessed by Peter V. Searles & H. Scovell.

Ira W. and Phebe (Sebring) Searles were living in adjacent property in the 1840 census.

Deed Book Vol. 27, page 664.....This property was sold to John Roberts in June 1842. William Sebring had property just north of this location, and Josiah Sebring had property just south. Witnessed by Alexander Smith & Asahel Searles.

Deed Book Vol. 26 page 476.....September 4, 1841 Adam McNitt sold 43 acres in Genoa Twp. to John Vantassel for \$430. Witnessed by Lewis Searles & Evy Adams

Deed Book Vol. 26, page 631.....October 8, 1845 Adam bought 95 acres in the Sunbury area from Stephen Bennet for \$2200. "part of lot no. eight in the east tier of lots in section one, in township four, and range seventeen." That is apparently where he resided until his death in 1848. Deed witnessed by Caleb Roberts & Lenora S. Brown.

Delaware County Deed Book, Vol.28, page 643.....May 16, 1846 Adam sold a small portion of this property to Phebe Stanton for five dollars, being one quarter of an acre of land along the road from Sunbury to Berkshire. Witnessed by Caleb & Eliza Roberts.

Deed Book Vol. 32, page 638...This land was bought by Asahel B. Searles in June 1849, from Adam's estate for \$1500 exception of one quarter of an acre situated in the south east corner

between the road leading from Sunbury to Berkshire and the south line of said lot which reserved piece was deeded away by McNitt in his lifetime."

And sold by Searles in April 1853. (Deed Book Vol. 35, pages 149-50)

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## CENSUS RECORDS

1790 census.....In Buckland, Hampshire County, Massachusetts. In his household were 1 free white male over age 16, 2 under age 16, 2 free white females. This would have been Adam, Margaret, James, and David.

1800 census.....same location with one male under ten, two 10-15, one 27-45, one female under 10, one 10-15, and one 27-45.

1810 census....same location. one male under ten, two 10-16, two 16-25, and one over 45, four females under ten, one 10-16, two 16-25, & one 26-45. Listed next is James McNitt with one male 16-25, two females under ten, & one 16-25.

1820 census.....In Chautauqua, Chautauqua County, New York....two males 16-26, one 26-45, one over 45, two females under 10, & two 10-16.

In Chautauqua, Chautauqua, New York is widow Mercy Sarles...two males under ten, one 16-26, one female under ten, one 10-16, one 16-26, & one over 45.

Also in Chautauqua County were the families of David McNitt, Reuben Bates, Calvin Hitchcock, Edward Ellis.

1830 census....I believe Mercy & Adam were in the home of James & Olive Searles Mallary in Granville, Licking County, Ohio. In that household were two males 15-20, one 30-40, one 60-70 (Adam), one female 5-10, one 20-30, & one 50-60 (Mercy).

1840 census....In Genoa Twp. Delaware County, one male 20-30 (Ezra), one male 70-80, and one female 60-70.

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More About Adam ( McKnight) McNitt:

Burial: Jun 1848, Sunbury, Ohio Cemetery

More About Margaret Clark:

Burial: Unknown, Chautauqua County, New York

More About Adam McNitt and Margaret Clark:

Marriage: Jan 1781, Ashfield, Franklin Co., Mass.

Children of Adam McNitt and Margaret Clark are:

- i. James McNitt, born 1786 in Buckland, Franklin, Mass.; died Abt. 1851 in Stockton, Chautauqua County, New York; married Roba Jones 27 Nov 1805 in Buckland, Franklin Co., Massachusetts; born 1787 in Massachusetts; died Unknown.

Notes for James McNitt:

1850 census, Stockton, Chautauqua County, New York. Farmer, property, \$700.

More About James McNitt and Roba Jones:  
Marriage: 27 Nov 1805, Buckland, Franklin Co., Massachusetts

- ii. David McNitt, born 03 Jan 1789 in Buckland, Franklin, Mass.; died 13 May 1860 in Stockton, Chautauqua County, New York; married Jemima Ellis 18 Oct 1814 in Buckland, Franklin Co., Massachusetts<sup>21</sup>; born 09 Apr 1791 in Stockton, Chautauqua County, New York; died 15 Sep 1862 in Stockton, Chautauqua, New York.

Notes for David McNitt:

In Chautauqua County New York by 1820. David and Jemima were parents of six daughters and two sons. It is believed that Jemima is the sister of Hulda Ellis, wife of Ezra McNitt. There was a census in 1845 at Stockton listing heads of household, how many persons living at home, and how many yards of cloth made by each family. It gives Adam Jr. 6 persons and 40 yards of cloth; David 5 persons and 28 yards of cloth; James 5 persons and no cloth produced.

1850 Census, in Stockton Chautauqua Co., New York. Female, Volusia S. McNitt, age 15 living with him and Jemima.

1860 census David, 71 and Jemima, 69 in same location. David a laborer with real estate valued at \$200.

More About David McNitt:

Burial: May 1860, Old Stockton Cemetery

Notes for Jemima Ellis:

Jemima, wife of David McNitt was probably a sister of Hulda Ellis who married Ezra McNett. Daniel Ellis, son of Edward Ellis born in New York married Lucinda Searles, daughter of Mercy and Peter. Also, Martha Ellis married Alexander Merchant, in whose home we found Edgar in the census of 1850. (I believe they are all siblings)

More About Jemima Ellis:

Burial: Sep 1862, Old Stockton Cemetery

More About David McNitt and Jemima Ellis:

Marriage: 18 Oct 1814, Buckland, Franklin Co., Massachusetts<sup>21</sup>

- iii. Sarah (Sallie) McNitt, born Abt. 1790; died Bef. 1850; married Leonard Pike 22 Nov 1806 in Buckland, Franklin Co., New York; born 20 Feb 1784 in Whitingham, Windam, Vermont; died 20 Mar 1868.

Notes for Sarah (Sallie) McNitt:

Died fairly young, leaving three children. Died prior 1850, her share of Adam's estate was noted as "by her heirs".

More About Leonard Pike:

Burial: Unknown, Spragueville, St Lawrence County, New York

More About Leonard Pike and Sarah McNitt:

Marriage: 22 Nov 1806, Buckland, Franklin Co., New York

- iv. Abigail (Naba) McNitt, born 1791 in Massachusetts; died Aft. 1880; married Calvin Hitchcock; born Abt. 1795 in New York; died Unknown.

Notes for Abigail (Naba) McNitt:

Had five children. A widow, she was living in Stockton, Chautauqua County, New York in 1880. Living with her were her three unmarried daughters Abigail, Sally, and Louisa.

More About Abigail (Naba) McNitt:

Census: 1880, Stockton, Chautauqua, New York

Notes for Calvin Hitchcock:

In Chautauqua County New York by 1820 and remained there.

In Stockton, Chautauqua County at the 1850 census, Calvin 55, Abigail 54, Sally 31, Lucy 25, and Loisa 23. Calvin's occupation listed...laborer.

1860 census Calvin, 65, Abigail 67, Abigail 42, Lucy 34, Louisa 32. same location. Calvin, a laborer.

1870 census Calvin, Abigail, Sally, Louisa all in the same location.

By 1880 he had died; Abigail a widow living with her three unmarried daughters.

- v. Abraham (Abram) McNitt, born 1795 in Massachusetts; died Aft. 1850 in Illinois; married (1) Louisa Savage Abt. 1819; born Abt. 1800; died Abt. 1843 in Ohio; married (2) Rebecca Ann Steeples 04 Apr 1844 in Clark County, Illinois<sup>22</sup>; born in Illinois; died Unknown.

Notes for Abraham (Abram) McNitt:

Licking County Deed Book TT, pages 21-2.....October 10, 1837 Abraham McNitt & Louis (Louisa) his wife sold for \$372. to Jacob Robb 31 acres in the "southeast corner of the third quarter in the fourth township in the fourteenth range". Witnessed by Lewis Searls and B.G. Carroll.

Abraham came with his father to Ohio and owned property in Genoa Township, Delaware County in the 1840 census....one male 5-10, one male 10-15, one male 40-50, one female under five, one female 5-10, one female 10-15, one 15-20 and one 30-40.

He later migrated to Illinois along with Reuben and Willard Bates. In 1850, he was near Marshall and Willard Bates. Living with him were three children....Amplis ? G. age 9 months born in Ohio, Martha age 5 born in Illinois, and David 8 months old born in Illinois. Daughter, Mercy living in the adjacent property in the home of Zera Benedict.

More About Abraham McNitt and Louisa Savage:  
Marriage: Abt. 1819

- vi. Adam Jr. McNitt, born 09 Apr 1799 in Worcester, Mass.; died 12 Jul 1857 in Stockton, Chautauqua County, New York; married Marilla Ann Unknown; born 1806 in Rensselaer, New York; died 19 Sep 1873 in Stockton, Chautauqua County, New York.

Notes for Adam Jr. McNitt:  
Western New York Land Transactions, Ancestry.com  
Dec. 12, 1829....Lot 19, Sec 4, Twp. 1, Range 2 Vol.507, page 128.

1850 census...Chautauqua County, New York visit 71, John Ellis is visit 73, Alexander Merchant is visit 66, David McNitt, visit 59. Several Beldon's & Mallory's listed on the same pages.

More About Adam Jr. McNitt:  
Burial: Unknown, Greenwood Cemetery

More About Marilla Ann Unknown:  
Burial: Unknown, Greenwood Cemetery

- vii. Martha (Patty) McNitt, born Abt. 1800; died Unknown; married Unknown Bates; died Unknown.

Notes for Martha (Patty) McNitt:

- viii. Levi McNitt, born 1800 in Buckland, Franklin, Mass.; died Bef. 1850.

Notes for Levi McNitt:  
Western New York Land Transactions (Ancestry.com) :  
Mar. 4, 1830... Lot 25 STR 311....Vol. 508...page 108  
These parcels mention both Levi & John Jr. McNitt :  
Mar. 20, 1824...Lot 45 STR 310...Vol. 510...page 84  
Mar. 20, 1824...Lot 45 STR 310...Vol. 502...page 52

Levi is not mentioned in the land sales settling Adam McNitt's estate. He apparently died prior to 1850.

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- ix. Ezra McNitt, born 1802 in Buckland, Franklin, Mass.; died 1839 in Genoa Twp., Delaware County, Ohio; married Hulda Ellis.
  - x. Susannah McNitt, born 1804 in Worcester, Mass.; died Aft. 1870 in Cumberland County, Illinois; married Reuben Bates; born Abt. 1800 in New York; died Aft. 1870 in Illinois.

Notes for Susannah McNitt:

Had four children. Lived in Illinois with Willard Bates age 28 in 1850.

More About Susannah McNitt:

Census: 1850, Living in home of Willard Bates, age 28

Notes for Reuben Bates:

A Roswell Bates is noted in several records of Chautauqua County, he is buried in the same cemetery as David and Jemima McNitt. He is probably Reuben's father.

Susannah and Reuben are in Genoa Twp. Delaware County by 1840. Two males 10-15, two males 15-20, one male 40-50, one female under five, and one female 40-50.

He is not listed in the 1850 census, his wife, Susannah living in the home of Willard Bates in Cumberland County, Illinois.

1860 census... There is a Rush Bates listed in Hurricane District, Cumberland County, age 63, born in Vermont, a minister, wife Susannah aged 54 born in Massachusetts, Willard age 34, a Teacher and Harvey age 15 born in Ohio. At the same location as Willard Bates family.

1870 census... has a Ruben Bates age 70, a minister, Susannah age 64 born in Massachusetts, Evaline Bates age 33 born in New York, Henry Bates age 25 born in Ohio, and Isabell Linnabary age 12 born in New York.

- xi. Prudence McNitt, born 12 Jul 1807 in Buckland, Franklin, Mass.; died Bef. 1850; married (1) Marvin Davis; died Unknown; married (2) Emulus Davis; died Unknown.

Notes for Prudence McNitt:

Had one son and one daughter. (MacNaughten Saga).

Found Emelus Davis in the 1840 census. Stockton, Chautauqua New York. One male 5-10. one male 15-20, one male 30-40; one female under 5 and one female 30-40. This is one more male, but could be by emelus' first marriage.

- xii. Mary (Molly) McNitt, born 1808 in Buckland, Franklin, Mass.; died Bef. 1880 in Hartfield, Chautauqua Co. New York; married (1) Elijah (Elias) Scofield; born 1807 in New York; died Aft. 1880 in New York; married (2) William Scovill; died Unknown.

Notes for Mary (Molly) McNitt:

Bore five children.

Called Molly in Adam's Revolutionary War Pension application.

Notes for Elijah (Elias) Scofield:

1850 census finds Elias Scofield 42, NY, Mary 41, Mass. and family in Ellery, Chautauqua, New York. A farmer with real estate valued at \$4000. All children born in New York.

1860 census in Chautauqua, Chautauqua, New York.....land valued at \$12000. personal property, \$1500.

1870 census, same location... value of land is \$1400, property \$4000.

1880 census in Chautauqua, Chautauqua County, daughter, Weltha age 22 living with him.

- xiii. Harriett B. McNitt, born 1809 in Buckland, Franklin, Mass.; died Aft. 1880 in New York; married Joseph (Joshua) Totman; born 1800 in Massachusetts; died Unknown.



Notes for Harriett B. McNitt:

Harriett had seven sons & four daughters. A widow, she was living in 3rd Ward Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York in 1880.

More About Harriett B. McNitt:

Census: 1880, Syracuse, Onondaga, New York

Notes for Joseph (Joshua) Totman:

In Chautauqua County, New York by 1830, one male child under five.

In 1860 and 1870, in Stockton, Chautauqua County, a farmer with land valued at \$1000, personal property at \$275.

- xiv. Elvira (Alvina) McNitt, born 1809 in Massachusetts; died Unknown; married Norman Ladd; born 1805 in Connecticut; died Aft. 1880.

Notes for Norman Ladd:

Living in Ohio by 1840 (daughter, Nancy born in Ohio); in Richland Precinct in Clark County, Illinois in 1850 at the time of the census, occupation, laborer; with youngest son age six, born in Illinois; and in Parker, Clark County, Illinois in 1860-1880.

In 1880, Nancy 39, and Sarah 26, unmarried; and grandchildren Margaret and Norman living with them.

In the 1920 census, Nancy and Sarah living next to Norman in Clark County, Illinois.

More About Norman Ladd:

Occupation: 1850, Farmer

**10. Edward M. Ellis**, born Apr 1779; died May 1857. He married **11. Patty (Fay) Unknown**.

**11. Patty (Fay) Unknown**, born 10 Jun 1785 in Vermont; died Unknown.

Notes for Edward M. Ellis:

1850 census, living with son, John's family, Chautauqua County.

Children of Edward Ellis and Patty Unknown are:

- i. Rachel Ellis, died Unknown.
- ii. Jemima Ellis, born 09 Apr 1791 in Stockton, Chautaugua County, New York; died 15 Sep 1862 in Stockton, Chautaugua, New York; married David McNitt 18 Oct 1814 in Buckland, Franklin Co., Massachusetts<sup>23</sup>; born 03 Jan 1789 in Buckland, Franklin, Mass.; died 13 May 1860 in Stockton, Chautaugua County, New York.

Notes for Jemima Ellis:

Jemima, wife of David McNitt was probably a sister of Hulda Ellis who married Ezra McNett. Daniel Ellis, son of Edward Ellis born in New York married Lucinda Searles, daughter of Mercy and Peter. Also, Martha Ellis married Alexander Merchant, in whose home we found Edgar in the census of 1850. (I believe they are all siblings)

More About Jemima Ellis:

Burial: Sep 1862, Old Stockton Cemetery

Notes for David McNitt:

In Chautauqua County New York by 1820. David and Jemima were parents of six daughters and two sons. It is believed that Jemima is the sister of Hulda Ellis, wife of Ezra McNitt. There was a census in 1845 at Stockton listing heads of household, how many persons living at home, and how many yards of cloth made by each family. It gives Adam Jr. 6 persons and 40 yards of cloth; David 5 persons and 28 yards of cloth; James 5 persons and no cloth produced.

1850 Census, in Stockton Chautauqua Co., New York. Female, Volusia S. McNitt, age 15 living with him and Jemima.

1860 census David, 71 and Jemima, 69 in same location. David a laborer with real estate valued at \$200.

More About David McNitt:

Burial: May 1860, Old Stockton Cemetery

More About David McNitt and Jemima Ellis:

Marriage: 18 Oct 1814, Buckland, Franklin Co., Massachusetts<sup>23</sup>

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- iii. Hulda Ellis, born 13 Sep 1804 in Stockton, Chautauqua County, New York; died Abt. 1838 in Stockton, Chautauqua, New York; married Ezra McNitt.
  - iv. Sybel Ellis, born 09 Mar 1806; died Nov 1850.
  - v. Daniel Ellis, born 18 Mar 1808 in Buckland, Franklin, Massachusetts; died 17 Jun 1882 in Stockton, Chautauqua, New York; Stepchild; married (1) Louisa Ware; born 17 Apr 1809 in Buckland, Franklin, Massachusetts; died Unknown; married (2) Lucinda Elvira Searles Abt. 1830; born Abt. 1805 in New York; died Unknown.

Notes for Daniel Ellis:

1860 census....Stockton, Chautauqua, New York

1870 census....Stockton, Chautauqua County, New York.

Notes for Lucinda Elvira Searles:

Jemima, wife of David McNitt was probably a sister of Hulda Ellis who married Ezra McNett. Daniel Ellis, son of Edward Ellis born in New York married Lucinda Searles, daughter of Mercy and Peter. (I believe they are all siblings)

More About Daniel Ellis and Lucinda Searles:

Marriage: Abt. 1830

- vi. Martin Ellis, born 03 Apr 1811; died Unknown.
- vii. John Ellis, born 13 Sep 1813; died Unknown.
- viii. Martha Ellis, born 27 May 1817 in New York; died Unknown; married Alexander Merchant; born 1815 in New York; died Unknown.

Notes for Alexander Merchant:

1850 census, living next to Josiah Merchant, age 51, could be his father.

- ix. Minerva Ellis, born 13 Dec 1819; died Unknown.
- x. John 2nd Ellis, born Oct 1821; died Unknown.
- xi. Betsey Ellis, born 07 Nov 1823; died Unknown.
- xii. Polly Ellis, born 22 Mar 1828; died Unknown.
- xiii. Edward Ellis, born 08 Jul 1828; died Unknown.

**14. Obadiah Sebring**, born 09 Oct 1773 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania; died 13 Dec 1848 in Delaware County, Ohio. He was the son of **28. Fulkard Sebring** and **29. Sophia Leasman**. He married **15. Esther Bailey Sutton** 04 Feb 1802 in Pennsylvania.

**15. Esther Bailey Sutton**, born 09 May 1782 in Pennsylvania; died 31 Dec 1857 in Delaware County, Ohio.

Notes for Obadiah Sebring:

REAL ESTATE RECORDS

Delaware County Deed Book Vol.5, pg. 381, December 9, 1819.....Fulkard sold 100 acres to Obadiah Sebring for \$50. Sec. 4, Twp. 3, Range 17.

Delaware County Deed Book Vol. 10, pages 441-42, October 24, 1829.....Obadiah Sebring sold 50 acres to Henry Sebring for \$100. Genoa Township fourth section, third township, 17th range USM Lands.

Delaware County Deed Book Vol. \_\_ page 492, March 31, 1845....a parcel of land deeded to John & Washington Sebring for one dollar "for the consideration of comfortably supporting him during his natural life and paying unto William Sebring, fifty dollars each.....fifty acres of land in the fourth quarter of the third township in the seventeenth range." Witnessed by Ahab Jinks & Martha Jinks

Recorded July 26, 1864.....Delaware County Deed Book Vol. 51, pages 11-16. Partition of Obadiah's Sebring's land. "the same land owned by Obadiah Sebring, deceased, which descended to his heirs and was divided by mutual consent by Leonard Curtis, James Hughes & John Vantassal with the assistance of Jay Dyer as surveyor." signed by John & Ellen Budd, Wm. & Mary Sebring, Lydia Sebring, Wm., & Ruth Price, Phebe Sarls. Witnessed by Mary Smith & Edgar McNett.

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1810 census....Muncy, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania....3 males under 10, one male 26-44.  
1820 census....Genoa, Delaware, Ohio...three males under 10, two 10-16, one over 45, two females under 10, one 26-45.  
1830 census.....Same location...one male 10-15, one 15-20, two 20-30, one 50-60, one female under 5, one 5-10, one 15-20, one 40-50.  
1840 census....Same location....two males 20-30, one 60-70, one female 10-15, one 15-20, one 20-30, one 50-60.

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Obadiah, his wife Esther, Fulkard Sebring, George Washington Sebring, and his wife Sarah A., and John and Lydia Sebring are all buried in Red Bank Cemetery East of Galena, Ohio. Obadiah was maternal grandfather of Rosella Searles; Fulkard her great grandfather; the others her aunts and uncles. Ira W. Searles, Rosella's father is also buried there.

More About Obadiah Sebring:  
Burial: 1848, Red Bank Cemetery

Notes for Esther Bailey Sutton:  
1850 census.....Genoa, Delaware, Ohio.....Hester 66, Lydia 35, Phebe 33, Ruth 26, Ellen 21 between Washington & Henry Sebring and next farm from Widow Pheobe Searles, Milan & Rosella.

More About Esther Bailey Sutton:  
Burial: 1857, Red Bank Cemetery

More About Obadiah Sebring and Esther Sutton:  
Marriage: 04 Feb 1802, Pennsylvania

Children of Obadiah Sebring and Esther Sutton are:

- i. William Sebring, born 04 Jun 1800 in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania; died 14 Sep 1874 in Delaware County, Ohio; married (1) Abigail Van Tassel 15 Nov 1825 in Franklin County Ohio; born 1802 in Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York; died 18 Sep 1851 in Delaware County, Ohio; married (2) Mary (Price) Marshall 16 Mar 1852 in Delaware, Ohio; born 09 Jun 1813 in Pennsylvania; died 19 Oct 1877 in Ohio.

Notes for William Sebring:  
1840 census.....Genoa, Delaware, Ohio.....one male 10-15, one 30-40, 2 females under 5, one 5-10, one 10-15, one 30-40.

More About William Sebring:  
Burial: Unknown, Copeland (Curtis) Cemetery

More About Abigail Van Tassel:  
Burial: Unknown, Copeland (Curtis) Cemetery , Genoa Twp.

More About William Sebring and Abigail Van Tassel:  
Marriage: 15 Nov 1825, Franklin County Ohio

- ii. Sarah Sebring, born 07 Oct 1804 in Pennsylvania; died Unknown; married John Rutherford 29 Apr 1835 in Franklin County Ohio; born Abt. 1788 in Vermont; died Unknown.

More About John Rutherford and Sarah Sebring:  
Marriage: 29 Apr 1835, Franklin County Ohio

- iii. Henry Sebring, born 06 Sep 1806 in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania; died Bef. Sep 1892; married Mary Morehouse; born Abt. 1806; died Bef. 1880.

Notes for Henry Sebring:  
Pensioned 1891 for service in the Civil War, guarding rebel prisoners at Camp Chase.

1840 census.....Genoa, Delaware, Ohio....two males under 5, two 5-10, one 30-40, one female 30-40.

- iv. Nathan Sebring, born Abt. 1810 in Pennsylvania; died Abt. 1814 in Delaware County, Ohio.

Notes for Nathan Sebring:  
Died as a young child.

- v. John Sebring, born 11 Aug 1812 in Ohio; died Unknown; married Catherine (Katy) Anne Coe 21 Oct 1841 in Delaware County Ohio; born Abt. 1823; died Unknown.

More About John Sebring and Catherine Coe:  
Marriage: 21 Oct 1841, Delaware County Ohio

- vi. Lydia Sebring, born May 1815 in Ohio; died 17 May 1887 in Delaware County, Ohio.

Notes for Lydia Sebring:  
She died unmarried. She lived with her sister, widow Phoebe (Sebring) Searles.

More About Lydia Sebring:  
Burial: 1887, Red Bank Cemetery

- 7 vii. Phoebe Sebring, born 06 Apr 1817 in Genoa Twp. Delaware County Ohio; died 17 Jul 1894 in Harlem Twp. Delaware, Ohio; married Ira Washington Searles 06 Jul 1839 in Delaware, Ohio.
- viii. George Washington Sebring, born 11 Jun 1819 in Genoa Twp. Delaware, Ohio/Delaware Co., OH; died 19 Mar 1908 in Genoa Twp. Delaware, Ohio; married Sarah Ann Baldwin 11 Dec 1842 in Delaware County Ohio; born 14 Dec 1826 in Xenia, Greene Co. Ohio; died 25 Jan 1892 in Genoa Twp. Delaware, Ohio.

Notes for George Washington Sebring:

More About George Washington Sebring:  
Burial: Unknown, Red Bank Cemetery

Notes for Sarah Ann Baldwin:  
DCHS/DCGS Abstracts 1890-94  
February 5, 1892  
Genoa. Mrs. Sarah A. Sebring, wife of W. Sebring died Monday, January 25, 1892 at her home near Maxtown aged 64yr 1 mo 11 da. Cause of death, la grippe. Interment at Red Bank Cemetery Wednesday. Ed Werbling, funeral director.

More About Sarah Ann Baldwin:  
Burial: Unknown, Red Bank Cemetery

More About George Sebring and Sarah Baldwin:  
Marriage: 11 Dec 1842, Delaware County Ohio

- ix. Chauncey Sebring, born Abt. 1820 in Ohio; died Unknown in Delaware County, Ohio.

Notes for Chauncey Sebring:  
Died young.

- x. Ruth Sebring, born 02 Nov 1822 in Ohio; died 11 Oct 1887; married William Price 24 Dec 1855 in Delaware County, Ohio; born 22 Dec 1822 in Ohio; died 09 Jan 1890.

More About Ruth Sebring:  
Burial: Unknown, Curtis Cemetery

Notes for William Price:  
1880 census.....

More About William Price and Ruth Sebring:  
Marriage: 24 Dec 1855, Delaware County, Ohio

- xi. Ellen Sebring, born 30 Aug 1830; died 13 May 1898; married John Budd; born 1830; died 1896.

#### *Generation No. 5*

**16. David (McNutt) McNitt**, born 27 Apr 1731 in Palmer, Hampden Co, Massachussets; died Bef. 1790 in Buckland, Franklin Co. Mass.. He was the son of Barnard (McNutt) McNitt and Jane (Jean) Clark. He married **17. Martha Patrick** 18 Mar 1756 in Rutland, Worchester Co, Massachusetts.

**17. Martha Patrick**, born Abt. 1731 in Palmer Massachusetts; died Unknown. She was the daughter of Robert Patrick and Margaret Unknown.

Notes for David (McNutt) McNitt:

David McNitt moved, in the 1760's, to an area south of the Deerfield River in Hampshire County, then called No-Town because of a confusion in land grants. The residents of No-Town petitioned the General Court of Massachusetts on December 11, 1778, asking that their district be set up as a new township. David McNitt was one of the petitioners. On April 14, 1779 No-Town became the township of Buckland. The 1790 census shows a widowed Martha living in Buckland with four males under sixteen, and four females, These are presumed to be their children, however only three names are known.

More About David McNitt and Martha Patrick:

Marriage: 18 Mar 1756, Rutland, Worchester Co, Massachusetts

Children of David McNitt and Martha Patrick are:

- i. Mary McNitt, born Abt. 1750; died Unknown; married Jedediah Sprague 25 May 1774 in Ashfield, Franklin, Mass; born 09 May 1748 in Stratford, Tolland, Connecticut; died Unknown.

Notes for Mary McNitt:

There is no proof that she is David's daughter, but the close proximity of Buckland and Ashfield makes it likely. In 1781, David's son barnard bought land from a Jonathan Sprague, and he married Elizabeth Sprague.

More About Jedediah Sprague and Mary McNitt:  
Marriage: 25 May 1774, Ashfield, Franklin, Mass.

- ii. Barnabas McNitt, born Abt. 1758 in Rutland, Worchester, Mass.; died Unknown.

Notes for Barnabas McNitt:

Little is known of Barnabas other than he enlisted in the Revolution in Ashfield Township, Massachusetts.

- iii. Barnard McNitt, born 1760 in Massachusetts; died 06 Dec 1840 in Genesee County, New York; married Elizabeth Sprague 30 Sep 1784 in Buckland, Franklin Co., New York; born 15 Mar 1767 in Ashfield, Franklin Co. Mass.; died 1845 in Genesee County, New York.

Notes for Barnard McNitt:

Barnard enlisted from Buckland for service in the 10th Massachusetts regiment in January 15, 1781. He was 5 ft. 8 in. in height, dark complexion, dark hair. His occupation listed as farmer. Served in Col. Benjamin Tupper's 10th Regiment 23 months, 23 days.

More About Elizabeth Sprague:

Burial: Unknown, Thompson Cemetery, Stafford, Genesee, New York

More About Barnard McNitt and Elizabeth Sprague:

Marriage: 30 Sep 1784, Buckland, Franklin Co., New York

- 8 iv. Adam ( McKnight) McNitt, born 15 Sep 1763 in Rutland, Worchester Co., Mass.; died 25 Jun 1848 in Berkshire, Delaware County, Ohio; married (1) Margaret Clark Jan 1781 in Ashfield, Franklin Co., Mass.; married (2) Mercy Unknown Searles Nov 1821 in Ellery, Chautauqua Co., New York.
- v. Sarah (Sally) McNitt, born 25 Oct 1766 in Massachusetts; died 26 Oct 1833 in Ellisburg, Jefferson, New York; married Stephan Lindsey; born 22 Mar 1759 in Stafford, Tolland, Connecticut; died 14 Aug 1846 in Sandy Creek, Oswego, New York.
- vi. Tabitha McNitt, born Abt. 1770; died 1818 in Hanover, Chautauqua, New York; married John Alden 08 Mar 1792 in Goshen, Hampshire, Mass.<sup>24</sup>; born 03 Apr 1770 in Stafford, Conn.; died 08 Sep 1813 in Hanover, Chautauqua Co., New York.

Notes for John Alden:

Descended from John and Priscilla Mullins Alden....the pilgrims.

More About John Alden and Tabitha McNitt:

Marriage: 08 Mar 1792, Goshen, Hampshire, Mass.<sup>24</sup>

- vii. Martha (Patty) McNitt, born 24 Nov 1775 in Buckland, Franklin, Mass.; died 17 Jun 1824 in East Smithfield, Bradford, Pennsylvania; married Asa Farnsworth 15 Nov 1797 in Bradford, Pennsylvania; born 07 May 1775 in Guilford, Windham, Vermont; died 17 Jun 1824 in East Smithfield, Bradford, Pennsylvania.

Notes for Martha (Patty) McNitt:

Bore fourteen children and died at forty.

More About Asa Farnsworth and Martha McNitt:

Marriage: 15 Nov 1797, Bradford, Pennsylvania

**28. Fulkard Sebring**, born Abt. 1745 in Solebury Twp. Bucks County, Pa.; died 22 Sep 1823 in Genoa Twp. Delaware County, Ohio. He was the son of Johannes Sebring and Elinor Auten. He married **29. Sophia Leasman** 1769 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

**29. Sophia Leasman**, died Abt. 1780 in Pennsylvania.

Notes for Fulkard Sebring:

REAL ESTATE RECORDS

Delaware County Recorder Deeds Volume 1 pages 179-80.....November 13, 1813.

Fulkard Sebring purchased 462 acres. from Joseph Dixon of Philadelphia for the sum of \$925. in Range 17, Twp. 3, Sec. 4, Lot. 2.

Fulkard Sebring is listed in "Early Ohio Tax Records" 1814 Tax Record for Delaware County. R17 T3 S4.

December 9, 1819..... Delaware County Deed Book Vol.5, pg. 381.....100 acres Fulkard sold to Obadiah Sebring for \$50. Sec. 4, Twp. 3, Range 17.

Deed Book, Vol. 35, page 166, December 10, 1819....purchased by Fulkard Sebring from James Hogeland, 75 acres located in R17, T 3, S 4 for \$50.

Delaware County Deed Book Vol. 5, page 370-71....December 1819, Fulkard Sebring sold a parcel containing 50 acres to Josiah Sebring, his son and a parcel containing 50 acres to his daughter Phoebe for \$50. each. Both in Section four, Township three, Range seventeen. Deeds both witnessed by Alexander & William Smith. Ralph Smith, J.P.

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## CENSUS RECORDS

1790 census....Bucks County, Pennsylvania, 3 free white males 16 & over, 2 under 16, four free white females.

1800 census....Muncy Twp. Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, 2 males under 10, one 10-15, one 16-25, one over 45, 2 females 16-25, 1 over 45.

1810 census....Muncy, Lycoming, Pennsylvania, one male 10-15, one 16-25, one over 45, one female 16-25, one over 45.

1820 census....Genoa Twp., Delaware County, Ohio...One male over 45, one female 16-26, one female 26-45

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Fulkard served in the Revolutionary War, taking the Oath of Allegiance in Bucks County, Pa. Oct. 29, 1777 and was a private under Captains Paul Kester and Henry Dorrock. He moved to Franklin and then to Delaware County Ohio about 1811, and his descendants lived for generations along the banks of the Big Walnut Creek (also called the Gehenna and Big Belly), Near the boundary between Delaware and Franklin Counties. A large part of this land is now under water, the area covered by Hoover Dam. Fulkard was buried in an unmarked grave in Redbank graveyard. Years later his remains were accidentally uncovered while a grave was being dug for his grandson, George Washington Sebring. Fulkard's remains were attired in his soldier's uniform. The grave was later marked by the Delaware chapter D.A.R. (from "The Sebring Collections" page 320-322)

More About Fulkard Sebring:

Burial: Unknown, Red Bank Cemetery

More About Fulkard Sebring and Sophia Leasman:

Marriage: 1769, Bucks County, Pennsylvania

Children of Fulkard Sebring and Sophia Leasman are:

- i. John Sebring, born 09 Nov 1769 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania; died 22 Sep 1823 in Delaware County, Ohio; married Elizabeth; born Bef. 1775; died Abt. 1839 in Delaware County, Ohio.

More About John Sebring:

Burial: Unknown, Red Bank Cemetery

- ii. Ellen Sebring, born 24 Sep 1771 in Lyconing, Pennsylvania; died Unknown; married James Harrold; born 1771; died 1823.
- 14 iii. Obadiah Sebring, born 09 Oct 1773 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania; died 13 Dec 1848 in Delaware County, Ohio; married Esther Bailey Sutton 04 Feb 1802 in Pennsylvania.
- iv. Elizabeth Sebring, born 04 May 1776 in Lyconin, Pennsylvania; died 17 Oct 1831 in Ohio; married

James Hogeland in Pennsylvania; died Unknown.

More About James Hogeland and Elizabeth Sebring:  
Marriage: Pennsylvania

- v. Phoebe Sebring, born 10 Oct 1778 in Pennsylvania; died Aug 1870 in Ohio; married George D. Nash; died Unknown.

#### *Endnotes*

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