

Descendants of PHILIP KARNS, SR.

Generation No. 1

1. PHILIP² KARNS, SR. (KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born Bet. 1750 - 1760 in [est. date]¹.

Notes for PHILIP KARNS, SR.:

Official records have not been found to prove that Henry and Abraham actually belonged to Philip Karns, Sr. However, the Census for the County indicates that probably is true, both by the number of children counted in the census and because no other Karns families were found at that time in that place. No other information is available to us at this time about Henry or his family. For Abraham, a small amount is listed both about him, his wife and their children. Hopefully other researchers will find or already have found other evidence regarding these two Karns boys, and we welcome all other information.

More About PHILIP KARNS, SR.:

OCC: BLACKSMITH

Children of PHILIP KARNS, SR. are:

- + 2 i. **PETER [KERN]³ KARNS, born 05 Nov 1779 in PA or VA; died 12 Nov 1866 in Bedford Co., PA.**
- + 3 ii. **JACOB KARNS, born Abt 1785 in PA; died 07 Mar 1848.**
- + 4 iii. **PHILIP KARNS, JR., born Abt 1790.**
- 5 iv. **HENRY KARNS².**

Notes for HENRY KARNS:

While it appears [census] Henry is the son of Philip Karns, Sr., no positive proof has been found on further information. Hopefully the records will be found at a later time. [JL]

- + 6 v. **ABRAHAM [KARNS] KERNS, born Abt 1788; died 16 Sep 1838 in Bedford, Bedford Co., PA.**

Generation No. 2

2. PETER [KERN]³ KARNS (PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 05 Nov 1779 in PA or VA³, and died 12 Nov 1866 in Bedford Co., PA⁴. He married **SARAH BOTTENFIELD** Abt 1802. She was born 10 May 1787 in PA⁵, and died 30 Dec 1853 in Bedford Co., PA⁶.

More About PETER [KERN] KARNS:

ADDR: Resided near Mt. Pleasant, PA

Burial: by Brush Creek on Thomas Dibert Farm 4 1/2 mi S. of Everett, on Menchtown RD.

MISC-1: German Immigrant⁷

OCC: Tailor

More About SARAH BOTTENFIELD:

Burial: By Brush Creek on Thomas Dibert Farm 4 1/2 mi S. of Everett, on Menchtown RD.

More About PETER KARNS and SARAH BOTTENFIELD:

Marriage: Abt 1802

Children of PETER KARNS and SARAH BOTTENFIELD are:

- + 7 i. **ANNA MARIA "Mary"⁴ KARNS, born 1803 in Clearville, Bedford Co., PA.**

- 8 ii. **GEORGE KARNS**, born 15 Sep 1805 in Clearville, Bedford Co., PA⁸.
- + 9 iii. **HANNAH [KERN] KARNS**, born 06 Mar 1808 in Clearville, Bedford Co., PA; died 14 Aug 1886.
- + 10 iv. **DAVID 'ADAM' KARNS**, born 21 Mar 1810 in Clearville, Bedford Co., PA.
- 11 v. **JAMES KARNS**, born 11 Mar 1812.
- 12 vi. **CATHERINE KARNS**, born 16 Jul 1815 in Clearville, Bedford Co., PA⁹. She married **DANIEL SPARKS**; born 1812 in PA.
- + 13 vii. **ADAM KARNS**, born 25 Nov 1818 in Clearville, Bedford Co., PA; died 21 Nov 1892.
- + 14 viii. **JOHN P. KARNS**, born 12 Feb 1820.
- + 15 ix. **SIMON KARNS**, born 06 May 1822 in Clearville, Bedford Co., PA.
- + 16 x. **ELIZA KARNS**, born Abt 1833 in Clearville, Bedford Co., PA.

3. **JACOB³ KARNS** (PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born Abt 1785 in PA¹⁰, and died 07 Mar 1848. He married **MARGARET HEFT** Abt 1815¹¹, daughter of PETER HEFT and EVA SCHOCH. She was born 31 Jan 1795 in PA^{12,13}, and died Abt 1868 in PA.

More About MARGARET HEFT:

Burial: John Layton Cemetery, Bedford Co., PA
REL PREF: Lutheran

More About JACOB KARNS and MARGARET HEFT:

Marriage: Abt 1815¹⁴

Children of JACOB KARNS and MARGARET HEFT are:

- + 17 i. **SAMUEL⁴ KARNS**, born Abt 1817 in PA.
- + 18 ii. **ELIZABETH KARNS**, born 30 Sep 1821; died 27 Mar 1885.
- + 19 iii. **JOHN HEFT KARNS**, born 08 Dec 1823 in Bedford Co., PA; died 24 Apr 1889 in Monroe Twp., Bedford Co., PA.
- 20 iv. **ELIZA KARNS**, born Abt 1824¹⁵. She married _____ (name in question) LAUDERBAUGH; born¹⁵.
- + 21 v. **JULIAN KARNS**, born 04 Aug 1828 in Bedford, Bedford Co., PA; died 30 Sep 1886 in , Bedford Co., PA.
- + 22 vi. **CANDACY KARNS**, born Sep 1831 in PA; died 13 Apr 1887 in Elk Point, ,SD.
- 23 vii. **JACOB KARNS, JR.**, born Abt 1832 in PA.

More About JACOB KARNS, JR.:

Burial: Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church Cemetery

- + 24 viii. **SARAH KARNS**, born 1837; died 24 May 1912 in PA.
- + 25 ix. **LUCINDA KARNS**, born 04 Mar 1839; died 26 Apr 1902.

4. **PHILIP³ KARNS, JR.** (PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born Abt 1790¹⁶. He married **MARY EATON**.

More About PHILIP KARNS, JR.:

Military service: War of 1812

Children of PHILIP KARNS and MARY EATON are:

- + 26 i. **DANIEL⁴ KARNS**, born Abt 1810.
- + 27 ii. **ASENATHA KARNS**.
- 28 iii. **DAVID KARNS**.
- + 29 iv. **JABEZ WILLIAM KARNS**, born 05 May 1832 in Bedford Co., PA; died 25 Aug 1913 in West Providence, Bedford Co., PA.

6. ABRAHAM [KARNS]³ KERNS (PHILIP² KARNS, SR., KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born Abt 1788, and died 16 Sep 1838 in Bedford, Bedford Co., PA¹⁷. He married **NAOMI** _____.

Notes for ABRAHAM [KARNS] KERNS:

ABRAHAM [KARNS] KERNS and his wife Naomi lived just across from the square in downtown Bedford, Bedford Co., PA. This home is very well kept and in the early 1990s was listed on the Tour of Historical Homes in the Bedford area. It is a large two story home with a large extension on the back that very possibly was used for servant quarters. The home is located at 233 S. Richard St., Bedford.

Not far from it in the downtown area, the graves of Abraham and Naomi and three of their children are marked by stones in the Methodist Church Cemetery, located at Juliana and John Streets. The cemetery dates back to the early years of PA history and many of the stones are well-worn with time and the elements.

Lack of finding proof records makes it impossible to be positive Abraham is the son of Philip, Sr. Hopefully the records will be found at a later time. [JL]

More About ABRAHAM [KARNS] KERNS:

ADDR: Home now on Historical Tour built in 1834 located at 233 S. Richard, Bedford, PA

Children of ABRAHAM KERNS and NAOMI _____ are:

- 31 i. **MARY⁴ KERNS, born 1820; died 1835 in Bedford, Bedford Co., PA¹⁷.**
- 32 ii. **CAROLYN SUSAN KERNS, born 12 Nov 1822; died 11 Dec 1822 in Bedford, Bedford Co., PA¹⁷.**
- 33 iii. **ABRAHAM KARNS, born 1827; died 1828 in Bedford, Bedford Co., PA¹⁷.**

Generation No. 3

7. ANNA MARIA "Mary"⁴ KARNS (PETER [KERN]³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 1803 in Clearville, Bedford Co., PA¹⁸. She married **JACOB SNYDER**. He was born 1803 in PA¹⁹.

Notes for ANNA MARIA "Mary" KARNS:

ANNA MARIA "MARY" KARNS lived in East Providence Twps. #132,379, Gapsville #12, #13. She married JACOB SNYDER, a farmer, in Bedford Co.

Children of ANNA KARNS and JACOB SNYDER are:

- 34 i. **REBECCA⁵ SNYDER, born 1825¹⁹.**
- + 35 ii. **JOHN SNYDER, born 23 Jan 1830 in PA; died 28 Sep 1901.**
- 36 iii. **ROSANNA SNYDER, born 1839 in PA¹⁹.**

9. HANNAH [KERN]⁴ KARNS (PETER [KERN]³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 06 Mar 1808 in Clearville, Bedford Co., PA²⁰, and died 14 Aug 1886. She married **(1) JACOB BOTTENFIELD** Aft. 1830, son of HANS BOTTENFIELD and EVE SCHAKA. He was born 1795, and died 1836. She married **(2) ANDREW SHEELY** Aft. 1833.

More About HANNAH [KERN] KARNS:

Burial: Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Bedford Co., OK

More About JACOB BOTTENFIELD:

Burial: Bloody Run, Everett, Bedford Co., PA

More About JACOB BOTTENFIELD and HANNAH KARNS:

Marriage: Aft. 1830

More About ANDREW SHEELY and HANNAH KARNS:

Marriage: Aft. 1833

Children of HANNAH KARNS and JACOB BOTTENFIELD are:

- + 37 i. **ADAM KARNS⁵ BOTTENFIELD**, born 01 Mar 1832 in , Snake Spring Twp., Bedford Co., PA; died 16 Aug 1895 in Breezewood, East Providence Twp., Bedford Co., PA.
- + 38 ii. **M. ELIZA BOTTENFIELD**, born 1833 in , Bedford Co., PA; died 1907.

Children of HANNAH KARNS and ANDREW SHEELY are:

- + 39 i. **CATHERINE⁵ SHEELY**.
- 40 ii. **MARIA 'JEN' SHEELY²⁷**. She married **MARION MORTIMORE**.
- + 41 iii. **SARAH A. SHEELY**.
- + 42 iv. **MARGARET SHEELY**, born 03 Mar 1845; died 30 Dec 1882.

10. DAVID 'ADAM'⁴ KARNS (PETER [KERN]³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 21 Mar 1810 in Clearville, Bedford Co., PA²². He married **CATHARINE SHUSS**.

Child of DAVID KARNS and CATHARINE SHUSS is:

- + 43 i. **MARY⁵ KARNS**, born 20 Jan 1837.

13. ADAM⁴ KARNS (PETER [KERN]³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 25 Nov 1818 in Clearville, Bedford Co., PA²², and died 21 Nov 1892. He married **HANNAH BURGER TEETER^{23,24}** 03 Mar 1846, daughter of JOHN TEETER and SUSANNA BURGER. She was born 11 Feb 1821 in Morrison's Cove, Bedford, Bedford Co., PA, and died 19 Jan 1896 in Everett, Bedford Co., PA.

Notes for ADAM KARNS:

ADAM KARNS engaged in an automobile business.

More About ADAM KARNS:

OCC: Automobile Business

More About ADAM KARNS and HANNAH TEETER:

Marriage: 03 Mar 1846

Children of ADAM KARNS and HANNAH TEETER are:

- 44 i. **CLAYTON⁵ KARNS**.
- 45 ii. **LAURA ALICE KARNS**.
- 46 iii. **SARAH A. KARNS**.
- 47 iv. **SUSAN KARNS**.
- + 48 v. **ALEXANDER McNEAL KARNS**, born 09 Mar 1859; died 06 Apr 1929.
- 49 vi. **ABRAHAM LINCOLN KARNS**, born Abt 1861. He married **SARAH "SADIE" A. FELTON** 31 Mar 1886 in Everett, Bedford Co., PA--Ceremony by Rev. W. G. Campbell²⁵.

More About ABRAHAM LINCOLN KARNS:

ADDR: Everett, Bedford Co., PA

OCC: Blacksmith

More About ABRAHAM KARNS and SARAH FELTON:

Marriage: 31 Mar 1886, Everett, Bedford Co., PA--Ceremony by Rev. W. G. Campbell²⁵

14. JOHN P.⁴ KARNS (PETER [KERN]³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 12 Feb 1820²⁶. He married **ELIZABETH LOUDERBAUGH**. She died 26 Oct 1859 in PA²⁷.

Children of JOHN KARNS and ELIZABETH LOUDERBAUGH are:

50 **i. WILLIAM B.⁵ KARNS**, born Abt 1850. He married **ADA GRISSINGER** 16 Nov 1898.

Notes for WILLIAM B. KARNS:

WILLIAM B. KARNS and family seem to be active in the Mt. Pleasant Evangelical Lutheran Church for in the church records, it is listed:

On the 27th of Nov. 1870 a communion was held and the meeting protracted until Dec. 11, 1870 when on this day the following persons (the result of the meeting and revival) were admitted to the church.

William B. Karns is included in that list. On August 16, 1885, he is listed in the group of confirmations and adult baptisms.

Another entry in the same book: Marriages by G. C. Probst on November 16, 1898, at my home, Mr. Wm. B. Karns and Miss Ada Grissinger, both of Fulton County, PA.

On May 31, 1889 the Jackson Mill Bridge was washed about 200 yards downstream by the Johnstown Flood. William B. Karns and John G. Rohm, Jr. reset the bridge at a cost of \$675. A picture of that bridge which has the inscription " KARNS - ROHM" hangs on a wall in our home today. [JL]

More About WILLIAM B. KARNS:

OCC: Bridge Builder

More About WILLIAM KARNS and ADA GRISSINGER:

Marriage: 16 Nov 1898

+ **51** **ii. MARY ELIZABETH KARNS**, born 21 Aug 1852.

15. SIMON⁴ KARNS (PETER [KERN]³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 06 May 1822 in Clearville, Bedford Co., PA²⁸.

Child of SIMON KARNS is:

52 **i. CHARLES ALBERT⁵ KARNS**, born Abt 1853²⁹.

16. ELIZA⁴ KARNS (PETER [KERN]³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born Abt 1833 in Clearville, Bedford Co., PA³⁰. She married **JOHN MILLS**.

Child of ELIZA KARNS and JOHN MILLS is:

53 **i. JACKSON⁵ MILLS**.

Notes for JACKSON MILLS:

The Jackson Mills Covered Bridge is very likely named for our Jackson Mills

since he lived near the bridge which has painted on the front gable: KARNS - ROHM

17. SAMUEL⁴ KARNS (JACOB³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born Abt 1817 in PA³⁷. He married **ELIZABETH** _____. She was born 1817 in PA³⁷, and died 1899.

Notes for SAMUEL KARNS:

Samuel was the administrator of his father's estate.

SAMUEL and ELIZABETH KARNS LINE:

Families married into this line were Calhoun, Clark, Mellott, Morris.

More About SAMUEL KARNS:

Burial: Crystal Spgs. Christian Cem, Fulton Co

More About ELIZABETH _____:

Burial: Crystal Spgs Christian Cem, Fulton, Co

Children of SAMUEL KARNS and ELIZABETH _____ are:

- 54** **i. MARY⁵ KARNS, born 20 Apr 1841; died 21 Mar 1878.**
- + 55** **ii. JOHN F. KARNS, born 1843; died 1887.**
- + 56** **iii. FREEMAN KARNS, born 1844; died 1876.**
- 57** **iv. ELIZABETH KARNS, born 1846³⁷.**
- 58** **v. OLIVER KARNS, born Jul 1848; died Jul 1883.**
- 59** **vi. ANNE KARNS³², born 1851.**
- 60** **vii. MARGARET KARNS, born 26 Dec 1854; died 28 Mar 1881.**

18. ELIZABETH⁴ KARNS (JACOB³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 30 Sep 1821, and died 27 Mar 1885. She married **JACOB FELTON**, son of JACOB FELTON and CATHERINE CLINGERMAN. He was born 17 Oct 1821³³, and died 07 Nov 1902.

Child of ELIZABETH KARNS and JACOB FELTON is:

- + 61** **i. ANTHONY KARNS⁵ FELTON, born 17 Jan 1848; died 02 Feb 1915.**

19. JOHN HEFT⁴ KARNS (JACOB³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 08 Dec 1823 in Bedford Co., PA³⁴, and died 24 Apr 1889 in Monroe Twp., Bedford Co., PA³⁵. He married **RACHEL HIXSON** 06 Aug 1846, daughter of JOHN HIXSON and MARY FORNEY. She was born 15 Mar 1824 in Clearville, Bedford Co., PA³⁶, and died 16 Apr 1893 in PA³⁷.

Notes for JOHN HEFT KARNS:

!Pioneer Lineage, Vol III, pg 83 [submitted by Harold C. SMITH] - named as father of Maria M. KARNS. !Data from Harold SMITH, Oct95 - gave date of birth, approx year of death. Listed father as Jacob KARNS. Listed eleven children.

...[DPC]

1850 PA Census: Bedford Co. Monroe Twp. p. 139, lines 28-31
Series M432, roll 751, dwelling 163, family 163, 19 October 1850

John KARNS, 26, Farmer, b. Pa.

Rachel, 23, b. Pa.

Simon, 4; Hiram, 1

1860 PA Census: Bedford Co. Monroe Twp. P.O. Bloody Run, p. 404, lines 8-15
Series M653, roll 1072, dwelling 206, family 207, 27 June 1860

John H. KARNS, age 36, Farmer, \$600 Real Estate / \$160 Personal Estate, b. Penna.
Rachel, age 26, b. Penna.
Simon, age 13, attending school; Hiram, age 10, attending school
Jacob, age 7, school; Alva, 6, school; Emily, 4; Albert, 2

1870 PA Census: Bedford Co. Monroe Twp. P.O. Clearville, p. 568a, lines 6-17
Series M593, roll 1304, dwelling 88, family 86, 9 June 1870

John H. KARNS, age 46, Farmer, \$2,000 Real Estate / \$1,000 Personal Estate, b. Penna.
Rachel, age 46, Keeping House, b. Penna.
Simon H., age 22, Farm Laborer, \$1,200 Real Estate / \$100 Personal Estate
Hiram H., age 20, Farm Laborer, attending school
Jacob, age 17, attending school; Alva, age 15, attending school
Emily, age 14, attending school; Albert, age 12, attending school
Maria, age 9, attending school; Harriett, age 8, attending school
Mary M., age 6, attending school; Martha J., age 4

1880 PA Census: Bedford Co. Monroe Twp. ed 229, p. 32, lines 43-49
Series T9, roll 1098, dwelling 279, family 284, 30 June 1880

John H. KARNS, age 56, married, Farmer, b. Penna., parents b. Penna.
Rachel, age 56, wife, married, Keeping House, b. Penna., father b. Virginia, mother b. Maryland
Emily, age 24, dau; Albert, age 22, son; Harriet, age 17, dau
Mary, age 16, dau, in school; Martha, age 13, dau, in school

Census information per Michael S. Caldwell

More About JOHN HEFT KARNS:

Burial: Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church Cem., Bedford Co, PA

Military service: Served as Private Unassigned in 1864 [Civil War]³⁸

MISC-1: Date of birth recorded in "Descendants of Johannes "Hans" Diehl as 1-8-1824

Notes for RACHEL HIXSON:

Title: Jean Ladd, (jladd@ionet.net)

Page: lineage sent to author 31 March 1998

Title: 1870 PA Census: Bedford Co. Monroe Twp. (Series M593, roll 1304)

Page: P.O. Clearville, p. 568a, lines 6-17, dwelling 88, family 86, 9 June 1870

Text: "Rachel, age 46, Keeping House, b. Penna." [Michael S. Caldwell]

More About RACHEL HIXSON:

Burial: Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Ch Cem., Bedford Co, PA

More About JOHN KARNS and RACHEL HIXSON:

Marriage: 06 Aug 1846

Children of JOHN KARNS and RACHEL HIXSON are:

+ 62 i. **SIMON HIXON⁵ KARNS, born 16 Jun 1847 in near Clearville, Bedford Co., PA;**

died 09 Mar 1913.

- + 63 ii. **HIRAM HIXSON KARNS**, born 09 Aug 1849 in Clearville, Bedford Co., PA; died 1928 in Englevale, Crawford Co., KS.
- + 64 iii. **JACOB "JAKE" H. KARNS**, born 24 Oct 1852 in Clear Ridge, Bedford Co., PA; died 09 Jun 1932 in Bedford Co., PA at his home.
- + 65 iv. **ALVA [ALVAH] HIXON KARNS**, born 25 Jun 1854 in , Bedford Co., PA; died 13 Mar 1939 in Bellingham, Whatcom Co., WA.
- + 66 v. **EMILY KARNS**, born 17 Mar 1856 in Providence, Bedford Co, PA; died 08 Apr 1891 in Monroe, Bedford Co., PA.
- + 67 vi. **ALBERT KARNS**, born 31 Dec 1857 in Clear Ridge, Bedford Co., PA; died 1941.
- + 68 vii. **MARIA M. KARNS**, born 22 Sep 1860 in Clear Ridge, Bedford Co., PA; died 03 Apr 1938 in PA.
- + 69 viii. **HARRIET KARNS**, born 24 Jun 1862 in Clear Ridge, Bedford Co., PA; died 09 Feb 1932.
- 70 ix. **MARY M. KARNS**, born Abt 1864.

Notes for **MARY M. KARNS**:

Title: 1870 PA Census: Bedford Co. Monroe Twp. (Series M593, roll 1304)
Page: P.O. Clearville, p. 568a, lines 6-17, dwelling 88, family 86, 9 June 1870
Text: "Mary M., age 6, attending school" ...[MSC]

- + 71 x. **MARTHA JANE KARNS**, born 03 Jun 1866 in Clear Ridge, Bedford Co., PA.

21. JULIAN⁴ KARNS (JACOB³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 04 Aug 1828 in Bedford, Bedford Co., PA³⁹, and died 30 Sep 1886 in , Bedford Co., PA. She married **HENRY MEARKLE** 28 Aug 1851⁴⁰, son of HENRY MARKLE and LOVIS STECKMAN. He was born 25 Apr 1822 in Bedford, Bedford Co., PA⁴¹, and died 09 Oct 1905 in , Bedford Co., PA.

Notes for **JULIAN KARNS**:

!Ref 961 [Ruth (MEARKLE) CLARK] - gave years of birth and death.

!CRAWFORD Book, pg 27 [Obit of Julian (____) MEARKLE - Everett Press, 13 Oct 1886] - gave date of death, age 58y 1m. [DPC]

Notes for **HENRY MEARKLE**:

Libby Prison

by Robert W. Waitt

Official Publication #12, Richmond Civil War Centennial Committee, 1961- 1965

The most famous prison of the Civil War was located in Richmond, Virginia, on the western half of a block bounded by Cary and Dock Streets at 20th. It consisted of three tenement (loft style) buildings, each 110x44 feet, 4 stories high.

They were built between 1845 and 1852 by John Enders Sr., a founder of the tobacco industry of Richmond. Enders was killed instantly when he fell from a ladder thru a hatch in the construction of the central building. Previously he had been a leader in developing real estate in the dock area and with his in-laws, the Ege family, owned much property there. Several of his slaves burned down all the buildings between 21st and 22nd Street when they found that his will did not set them free as they had expected.

Captain Luther Libby leased the west building on 3 year terms from the Enders family and erected the now renowned sign, L. LIBBY & SON, SHIP CHANDLERS. Libby was a native of Maine and with the outbreak of war, since most of his business was with Northern ships, he closed down the operation. He continued to maintain the lease which had started in 1854.

Following the Battle of First Manassas (Bull Run) so many prisoners were coming into Richmond that

these buildings were among a number which were commandeered for prisoner and hospital use. General Winder gave Libby only 48 hours to vacate the premises. Some say because he was suspected of Union sympathy, tho a son served with the Confederacy. At any rate, so rapidly was the building converted to its new use that the sign was not removed and thus the name LIBBY PRISON came into use.

It is alleged that the first Union prisoner to enter the prison was Mr. Philander A. Streater of Holyoke, Massachusetts. More than 50,000 men passed thru this prison while it was used by the Confederacy. The three buildings were connected by inner doors, but the different buildings went by the designations of East, Middle and West.

The prisoners were not kept on the ground floors. The west ground floor was used as offices and guard-rooms and the middle as the kitchen. There are prisoner references to rooms called by them, "Streight's Room", "Milroy's Room", and Chickamauga Room". The cellars contained cells for dangerous prisoners, spies and slaves under sentence of death, and a carpenter shop.

For most of the time, its commandant was Major "Dick" Turner. Its capacity was reported as 1, 200, though it is certain that at times this was exceeded.

Many escapes occurred. The most spectacular was one, led by Colonel Thomas E. Rose (77th Penna. Vols.) assisted by Major A.G. Hamilton (12th Kentucky) on 9 February '64, in which 109 officers tunneled their way out. 48 were recaptured and 59 were able to reach Union lines, but 2 drowned. Rose was one of the unlucky, finding himself back in Libby. He was later exchanged on 30 April 1864. The only tools which they had to use in the long tunnel digging were an old pocket knife, some chisels, a piece of rope, a rubber cloth and a wooden spittoon. They constructed the 53' long tunnel, of which there are no remains, in 17 days.

Miss Elizabeth Van Lew, the Union agent in Richmond, was a frequent visitor to Libby, bringing food and reading material. It is stated that she obtained much valuable information from the men there and passed it thru her efficient agents to the Union. She is also credited with arranging for a number of men to escape, tho no tunnel existed between the prison and her Church Hill home, as has been said. In the Van Lew Collection at the New York Public Library there are several items made by the Libby prisoners and given to Miss Van Lew. One is a well carved little wooden book with the inscription "E. V. L. - A Friend In Need."

The best known prisoner housed in Libby was the eccentric Union Cavalry Commander, General H. Judson Kilpatrick, who led the unsuccessful raid on Richmond.

Following the occupation of Richmond (3 April 1865), the Federal authorities used the prison until 3 August 1868 as an incarceratory for former Confederates. The West Building was sold to the Southern Fertilizing Company and the other two continued as property of the Enders family, being owned by Mrs. George S. Palmer.

The buildings were purchased in 1888 by a Chicago syndicate, composed of W. H. Gray, Josiah Cratty, John A. Crawford and Charles Miller, and the architectural firm of Burnham & Root, for \$23,000. The Richmond firm of Rawlings & Rose handled the negotiations.

The famous Philadelphia architect, Louis M. Hallowell, came to Richmond to supervise the removal operations. The work commenced in December 1888, and as the building was taken apart each board, beam, brick, timber and stone-cap was numbered and lettered in such a manner that there was not the least trouble about placing these parts correctly together again. The removal of Libby from Richmond to Chicago was a project never before equaled in the history of building moving and one that was not to be surpassed for many years later.

The contract for hauling the material was given to the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company, which kept box cars on side-tracks of the old York River Line near the building. As soon as a carload was ready, it was sealed and sent on its way to Chicago – an amazing total of 132 twenty-ton cars.

In the meanwhile massive stone walls of native artesian stone, quarried within the city limits of Chicago,

had been erected on the block of Wabash Avenue, between 14th and 16th Streets, which had been selected as the famous old prison's new home. These stones now form part of the wall of the Chicago Colliseum and probably are the basis for the false story that that structure is built from Libby Prison remains.

The enterprise was incorporated as the Libby Prison Museum Association, T/A GREAT LIBBY PRISON WAR MUSEUM, on 4 February 1888, with a capitalization of \$400,000, to which was added the extensive Civil War collection of Charles F. Gunther, a wealthy candy manufacturer. The cost of dismantling and moving was in excess of \$200,000. The re-erection was completed in September 1889.

Altho the Museum was in Chicago during the year of the Columbian Exposition (1893 World's Fair), it had no connection with that Fair, and was never considered as a Fair attraction. It was quite some distance from the Exposition Grounds. The Museum was highly profitable and continued so until 1899. At that time the venture was disbanded and the Colliseum erected on the site.

Many of the bricks were disposed of as souvenirs and to builders. A large number went to the Chicago Historical Society, along with the collection and other parts of the building. The Society constructed the north wall of their Civil War Room from these bricks. This building is located at North Avenue and Clark St., Chicago.

The beams, timbers and most of the wood were sold to an Indiana farmer named Davis and he used these to build a massive barn on his farm at Hamlet (La Porte County) Indiana. The barn still stands and is owned by his daughters, Miss Ella J. Davis and Mrs. Charles Dowdell of Chicago. Most of the timbers still show the stenciled words "Second Floor M" or "Third Floor E.," together with the pathetic names and initials carved by the men while in prison. Miss Davis has presented the City of Richmond recently with a gavel made from this wood.

With the exception of the above mentioned relics, all that is known to remain of the old prison are: a door and keys in the Confederate Museum, Richmond; some miscellaneous items in several institutions in Vermont and Massachusetts; and its major records in the National Archives, Washington, with some minor records in Vermont.

The City of Richmond has located an interpretive sign on the Libby Prison site at 20th and Cary Streets, now occupied by a salvage company.[1963-64]

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Recollection of Libby Prison.
LIBBY PRISON

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The Libby prison was a large brick tobacco factory, three stories high, owned and used by the manufacturer whose name it bears. It was opened by the Confederate authorities as a hotel for the reception of Federal troops, who persisted in marching "on to Richmond," wearily to tramp into the capital of the "Old Dominion," were generously allowed to make the journey in railway cars.

The first installment of Federal troops, gathered from the panic-stricken field of Manassas (of Bull Run), about 1,000 in number rather reluctantly filled its chambers within a week after the 21st of July, 1861. Some four hundred others, wounded were elsewhere provided for in extemporized hospitals. The accommodations furnished these gentlemen were not equal to those ordinarily found in a first-class hotel. They had not been expected in such numbers, and due preparation had not been made of their reception. There was not a Confederate official in the land who had any experience in taking to many inconveniences and privations, which a suddenly improvised commissariat and superintending staff could not at once remedy.

They slept upon the floor on their blankets, if they had been thoughtful enough to bring any, and ate their rations from their fingers, or spread them out on boxes or barrel-heads. Knives, forks and spoons were not abundantly supplies. But all this was better than sleeping on the bare ground without blankets and masticating scant and course rations while on the march, as multitudes of soldiers in both armies were often compelled to do.

Something like order, however, was soon arranged, and the prisoners, by orders of the Confederate authorities, were as well fed and better sheltered than the soldiers of the Confederate armies in the field.

Prison are always uncomfortable places for subjective, if not for objective, reasons. I never have happened to meet one from either side who, while prisoner of war, was satisfied with his accommodations or victuals. It is not human nature to be contented under physical restraints, and it is among the privileges and luxuries of prisoners to grumble; and he is a hard-hearted jailer who will attempt to deprive them of these alleviations. Feather-beds are hard and tenderloin steaks are tough behind iron gratings, and the kindest and most liberal commissary never satisfied prisoners. No external conditions can soothe the spirit's chafing; and as these men did not have soft couches, nor juicy roasts, they had a right to croak, and they exercised it.

Among those earliest introduced into Libby prison was Congressman Ely, of Rochester, N. Y., who, with other civilians, had taken a holiday excursion in carriages to witness a battle and congratulate the Federal victors. He amused himself by writing a diary of his observation and experiences, which he afterward published in a volume ill-natured enough to be amusing, and in which so humble a personage as myself was singled out for special censure. All that I am conscious of having done to deserve this honorable mention, was in a good-humored way, to reply to arguments urged to convince me that the Southern States had no right to secede, and that the United insurrection. Of course the prisoners, having little else to do, were fond of talking, and so I imagined that I was gratifying them by responding and improvising a cheerful debate to help them while away the time which hung so heavily on their hands. I sometimes ventured to keep the ball rolling in a spirit of pure benevolence, perhaps just tintured with a grain or two of improve reconciliation with their lot. If I ever uttered an ill-natured or abusive or churlish word to a prisoner I would sorrowfully repent of if it I could only remember it. It may be that occasionally I did not sufficiently allow for the irritable sensitiveness of men whose anticipations had been so suddenly and disastrously checked. The sensitiveness put its own somber interpretation upon words which were never meant to offend. For example, one of the chaplains, a clergyman of my own faith, asked me if I could lend him a volume of Hamilton's Logic. The next day I carried it to him, and presented it to him with the remark that it required brains to master Hamilton's Philosophy. He published afterward in a northern paper that Dr. B. had insulted him by intimating that he (the chaplain) had not brains enough to comprehend Hamilton's Philosophy. He did not tell his readers, however, that he had accepted the volume, though tendered with so rude with so rude an insult. It was simply an irascible interpretation of what, in another mood, he would have accepted as a compliment.

Among the Manassas prisoners were ten field officers. One of these was the notorious Michael Corcoran, Colonel of the Sixty-ninth New York regiment. He had been as far as his known biography reports, proprietor of a drinking saloon in the Bowery of New York city, and was quite prominent among the political manipulators of the Tweed school. He aided in enlisting a regiment of New York rough, of which he was elected Colonel. He led his regiment to the field of Manassas and thence led or followed many of his boys in a forced march "on to Richmond." Walking through the prison one day, in company with a gentlemanly Federal officer, he asked me if I would be introduced to Colonel Corcoran. "Where is he?" I asked. He pointed out a rough, coarse-looking man in his shirt sleeves, sitting in a corner, with a crowd of cronies around him playing cards on the head of a barrel, accompanying the shuffle of the cards with boisterous oaths and coarse jests. "Excuse me," I said, "I will not interrupt the gentlemen in their sports." I never was introduced to him, and never, that I can call to memory, interchanged a word with him.

Soon after the war I visited some of my kinfolks in Albany, New York, and from some of my old friends met a rather cool reception. I soon found out that the reason for the cold shoulder was a communication to an interviewer, made by the redoubtable Colonel, and published in one of the daily papers, setting forth, among other instances of his sagacity and valor, that an impertinent minister, named Burrows, had preached a discourse of Libby prison, in which he fiercely abused the prisoners for invading the sacred soil of

Virginia, and intimating that they all ought to have been shot on the field instead of being allowed to occupy such luxurious quarters. This assault, according to his own showing, so aroused the ire of the doughty Colonel, that regardless of consequence, he sprang to his feet, leaped to the pulpit, shook his fist in the preacher's face, and declared his instant determination, if such insult were repeated, to kick the parson down stairs. This slashing fire-eater was, to be admired and worshiped as an intrepid hero by the credulous interviewer and some of his readers.

It seemed a pity to spoil a fiction so sensational and narrated "with circumstance," but a card published in the papers, over my own signature, set the matter right with the good people of Albany, by assuring them that I had never preached in Libby prison on any subject while Colonel Corcoran was there; that I had never spoken to him nor he to me on any subject, and that the whole statement [was a result of a] flimsy brain. The close of Colonel Corcoran's life, as I have learned, was characteristic. In December 1863, having meanwhile been exchanged and having joined his regiment, while drunk he curbing his steed into madness, he was violently thrown from his back and had his neck broken.

The prisoners very naturally, like Sterne's starling, wanted to get out, and occasionally some would escape by digging tunnels, evading guards, bribing sentinels, scaling the roof and other ingenious devices. They were very anxious to fit up a schedule for exchanges, and wrote piteous appeals to official at Washington and to friends everywhere changes. But to exchange prisoners would be to recognize belligerent rights to the Confederacy, and that the United States Government particulars of that controversy. It has been proven with the clearness of demonstration, that the Confederate authorities were willing and anxious to exchange man for man, officer for officer, at every period during the whole war, and sometimes when a large balance parole not to serve until regularly exchange. The obstacles to exchanges were uniformly created by the United States authorities. The prisoners of Libby soon came to understand this, and while some dolefully declared themselves willing to suffer if their Government thought best, the multitude muttered curses both loud and deep against the officials who prevented their liberation. They claimed that they were prisoners by their own Government. The controversy was forced to a crisis by the action of the Federal authorities in relation to captured privateersmen. During the summer of 1861, the privateers fitted out by authority of the Confederate Government became quite troublesome by interfering with the commerce of the United States. A number of merchantmen were taken and sent into confederate or neutral ports or destroyed. In anticipation of such a mode of carrying on the war, President Lincoln on April 18, 1861, had issued a proclamation declaring that all persons taken on privateers that had molested a vessel of the United States should "be held amenable to the laws of the United States of the prevention and punishment of piracy."

The schooner Savannah, formerly a United States pilot boat, on a cruise from Charleston harbor, was captured by the United States brig Perry, and Captain Baker and fourteen of the crew were sent in irons to New York to be tried as pirates. It was proposed to hang them. Great commotion was excited in Libby prison on the 6th of November, 1861, by an order to General Winder to select thirteen of the Federal officers of highest rank, and confine them in cells, to be dealt with in the same manner as the crew of the Savannah should be. The name of Colonel Corcoran was the first drawn out of the urn, to be held as a hostage for Captain Smith, of the privateer Jefferson Davis, who had been condemned to be hung in Philadelphia. Colonel Corcoran was given to understand that he would be hung on the day after authentic information was received that Captain Smith had been put to death. Thirteen others, drawn by lot, were placed in close confinement to await the issue of the hanging of the crew of the Savannah. They were as finally settled-Captains Ricketts and McQuade, who had drawn fatal numbers, on account of their wounds being substituted by others-Colonel Lee, Congswell, Wilcox, Woodruff and Woods; Lieutenant-Colonels Bowman and Neff; Majors Potter, Revere and Vogdes; Captains Rockwood, Bowman and Keffer. None of the privateers were executed, and the hostages were subsequently released and exchanged.

An interesting episode took place in relation to Colonel E. Raymond Lee, of Boston, in connection with these transactions. A few days before he had been designated, at the request of the prisoners, to go North on parole to procure clothing, blankets, etc., for their use during the approaching winter. The papers had been prepared, and he expected to leave on his humane errand the next morning. But on that ominous morning the order for the lost selection came.

Colonel Lee was one of the hostages. General Winder, a West Point classmate and personal friend of

Colonel Lee, with a sad heart entered the prison and said to him: "Colonel, everything is changed. I come to tell you that I am ordered to place you and thirteen other officers of highest rank in close confinement as hostages for an equal number of so-called pirates. I am sorry so say, Colonel, that if these men hang so must you."

Colonel Lee met the disappointment like a brave man, simply saying: "I left home thinking, it possible that I might die on a battle-field; but if my country thinks that I can serve best by dying at the hangman's hands, I can meet even that death without a shudder." The stringent measure checked the thirst for the "pirates" blood. As Colonel Lee was leaving Captain Warner--the humane and efficient commissary of the prison--who had won the confidence and esteem of the prisoners by his assiduous and kindly endeavors to promote their comfort--instructed to Colonel Lee \$80 in specie, to be transmitted to his (Captain Warner's) wife, then living in Central City, Illinois. He learned by letter through the line that his wife had not received the money. After the war the Captain, being in Boston, called on Colonel Lee, was received with great kindness and hospitality. He accompanied the Captain to a Boston bank, and drew out the identical leathern purse with its inclosure of \$78 in gold, and four silver half dollars, explaining that by a mistake in memoranda it had been forwarded to Central city, Ohio, instead of Illinois, whence it had been returned by express to the Colonel, and deposited in bank awaiting the owner's claim.

Many interesting incidents connected with my visits to the prisoners occur to me while writing. I remember a handsome boy, about sixteen years old, brought in wounded from Ball's Bluff, I think. His leg had been amputated above the knee. To my inquiries he answered, "I ran away from Rochester, N. Y., to get into the army. I had had happy home; was a Sunday-school boy, and always went to church, and only to think I have lost my leg, and may be I'll die and never get home again." He was among the first exchanged.

Another poor boy I call to mind to weak to talk much, and yet who did talk a little and hopefully, had both arms and both legs amputated. In a few days death ended his sufferings.

Something like yellow fever for a few weeks was endemic among the prisoners, and among our own troops too. The city Alms-house, a splendid building by the way, was appropriated as a hospital for these cases. Sitting one day by the cot of a New York soldier, upon whose brow death had stamped his seal, I kneeled to pray for his departing soul, when a gush of black vomit struck me full in the face and breast, and the prayer was interrupted by the poor fellow's apologies and assurances that he could not help it. I wiped his face more tenderly than I did my own and held his hand for half an hour later, when his spirit passed away.

A prisoner for a few weeks who excited considerable interest and amusement was Miss Dr. Mary Walker. She had a room to herself in Castle Thunder, and sometimes was permitted to stroll into the streets, where her display of Bloomer costume, blouse, trousers and boots secured her a following of astonished and admiring boys. She was quite chatty, and seemed rather to enjoy the notoriety of her position. She claimed to be a surgeon in the Federal army, and I believe, had some sort of commission, or permission perhaps as hospital nurse to travel with the army.

Captain Gibbs, commandant of Castle Thunder, had generally at his heels "the monstrous savage Russian bloodhound" as he was very unjustly stigmatized by the Federal soldiers who took him prisoner at the evacuation and who turned some profitable pennies by exhibiting him in New York and New England as a specimen of the cruel devices of Southern officials to worry and torture prisoners.

There was absolutely nothing formidable about the dog but his size, which was immense. He was one of the best-natured hounds whose head I ever patted, and one of the most cowardly. If a fise or a black-and-tan terrier barked at him as he stood majestic in the office-door, he would tuck his tail between his legs and skulk for a safer [place], and he was quite a playfellow with the prisoners when permitted to stalk among them.

In 1863--my memoranda are lost--I was sent for to visit a prisoner in solitary confinement named Webster, who was about to be tried by court-martial as a spy. He was quite reticent as to his antecedents until after the trial, which resulted in a death sentence. Then he talked with me quite freely about his career. He had been recognized by some of the guards as his having been an enlisted Confederate soldier at Island No. 10,

Named eight brothers and two sisters, children of Henry.

!CRAWFORD Book, pg 27 [Obit of Julian (____) MEARKLE - Everett Press, 13 Oct 1886] - named as husband.

!Ref 938 [Jerry MOWER, ltr of 17Dec92] - Listing of MEARKLE family. Listed as son of George and Nancy (SHAFFER) MEARKLE. Listed 13 children. [DPC]

More About HENRY MEARKLE:

Burial: Stevens Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery, Bedford Co., PA

More About HENRY MEARKLE and JULIAN KARNS:

Marriage: 28 Aug 1851⁴²

Children of JULIAN KARNS and HENRY MEARKLE are:

+ 72 i. SUSAN "Ann" B.⁵ MEARKLE, born 18 Aug 1852 in Bedford, Bedford Co., PA; died 08 Jun 1938 in , Bedford Co., PA.

+ 73 ii. JANE "JENNIE" S. MEARKLE, born 27 Oct 1853; died 29 May 1883 in , Bedford Co., PA.

74 iii. LOUIS K. "Lou" MEARKLE, born 14 Jun 1855; died 20 Apr 1930. He married _____ 10 Jan 1882.

More About LOUIS K. "Lou" MEARKLE:

Cause of Death: Cancer; Suicide

INTERESTS: Invented Folding Paper Cups, Nickel Candy Machine, Restaurant Conveyors

OCC: Teacher, Councilman, Gold Prospector

More About LOUIS MEARKLE and _____:

Marriage: 10 Jan 1882

75 iv. GEORGE B. "Joe W." MEARKLE-BOUSE, born 21 Sep 1856 in Monroe Twp, Bedford Co., PA; died 02 Jan 1939 in Oklahoma City, OK Co, OK.

More About GEORGE B. "Joe W." MEARKLE-BOUSE:

Burial: Memorial Park Cemetery, Kelley & Memorial Rd., OKC, OK

INTERESTS: Changed name to Joseph W. Bouse in OKC

MISC-1: Never Married

OCC: Carpenter⁴³

76 v. MARY "MOLLIE" MEARKLE, born 20 Jan 1858 in Monroe Twp., Bedford Co., PA; died 11 Aug 1897. She married AMOS A. WILLIAMS 04 Jul 1887 in Crystal Spring Camp Ground, Fulton Co., PA by Rev. J. R. King⁴⁴; born Abt 1857 in Monroe Twp., Bedford Co., PA⁴⁵.

More About MARY "MOLLIE" MEARKLE:

Burial: Serv. in Stephens M.E. Chapel, Bedford Co., PA

More About AMOS WILLIAMS and MARY MEARKLE:

Marriage: 04 Jul 1887, crystal spring Camp Ground, Fulton Co., PA by Rev. J. R. King⁴⁶

+ 77 vi. AMOS K. MEARKLE-BOUSE, born 25 Mar 1859 in Monroe Twp., Bedford Co., PA; died 13 Mar 1937 in Oklahoma City, OK Co, OK.

+ 78 vii. HARRY "Henry" L. MEARKLE, born 26 Feb 1861; died 20 Feb 1936.

79 viii. PORTER K. MEARKLE, born 18 Apr 1863; died 03 Aug 1885.

More About PORTER K. MEARKLE:

Burial: Service in Stephens M.E. Chapel, Bedford Co., PA

OCC: Farmer

More About JOSEPH STECKMAN and CANDACY KARNS:

Marriage: 03 Jan 1856

Children of CANDACY KARNS and JOSEPH STECKMAN are:

- 85 i. **JAMES C.⁵ STECKMAN, born Abt 1856 in IL.**
- 86 ii. **LAURA STECKMAN, born Abt 1860 in IA. She married J. W. ELLIS.**
- 87 iii. **DEMO STECKMAN, born Abt 1864 in IA. She married W. KENNEDY.**
- 88 iv. **JOHN W. STECKMAN, born Abt 1868 in IA.**

24. SARAH⁴ KARNS (JACOB³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 1837, and died 24 May 1912 in PA. She married **JACOB SHOWALTER** 25 Jan 1866. He was born 22 Sep 1838, and died 11 Dec 1907.

More About SARAH KARNS:

Burial: Steven's Methodist Cem., Bedford Co, PA

More About JACOB SHOWALTER:

Burial: Stephens Methodist Chapel Cemetery, Bedford Co., PA

More About JACOB SHOWALTER and SARAH KARNS:

Marriage: 25 Jan 1866

Children of SARAH KARNS and JACOB SHOWALTER are:

- 89 i. **HENRY SHERIDAN⁵ SHOWALTER. He married ALICE MILLS.**
- 90 ii. **LAURA M. SHOWALTER. She married WM. H. GROVE.**
- 91 iii. **EMIA C. SHOWALTER. She married JOHN SMITH.**
- 92 iv. **MINNIE SHOWALTER. She married FRANCIS MORRIS.**
- 93 v. **WILLIAM SHOWALTER. He married AMANDA MILLS.**
- + 94 vi. **SAMUEL RANSOM SHOWALTER, born 18 Aug 1876; died 01 Feb 1951 in Clearville, Bedford Co., PA.**

25. LUCINDA⁴ KARNS (JACOB³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 04 Mar 1839⁴⁷, and died 26 Apr 1902. She married **SAMUEL LEACH** 09 Feb 1860. He was born Sep 1838, and died 1914.

More About LUCINDA KARNS:

Burial: Everett PA Cemetery

Notes for SAMUEL LEACH:

FAMILY NAMES married into the SARAH KARNS and JACOB SHOWALTER and LUCINDA KARNS and SAMUEL LEACH families were: Dickens, Carbaugh, Chamberlain, Clapper, Diehl, Dougherty, Jay, Mearkle, Mellott, Mills, Smouse, Stern, Thompson, Ward, Yetter, Morris.

More About SAMUEL LEACH:

Burial: Everett PA Cemetery

More About SAMUEL LEACH and LUCINDA KARNS:

Marriage: 09 Feb 1860

Children of LUCINDA KARNS and SAMUEL LEACH are:

- 95 i. **LAURETTA C.⁵ LEACH. She married R. F. DICKEN.**

- 96 ii. MARGARET A. LEACH. She married E. L. THOMPSON.
97 iii. LEACH INFANTS [2] DIED INFANCY.
98 iv. R. LINCOLN LEACH, born 1862; died 1930. He married MARTHA MILLS 18
Aug 1889.

**More About R. LEACH and MARTHA MILLS:
Marriage: 18 Aug 1889**

- 99 v. SHERIDAN S. LEACH, born 13 Nov 1864; died 11 Dec 1944. He married SOPHIA SMOUSE.
+ 100 vi. JOHN WESLEY LEACH, born 11 Aug 1869 in Mann Twp.; died 12 Feb 1929 in Riverside, Everett, PA.
101 vii. SAVANNAH LEACH, born 31 Dec 1870; died 25 Aug 1911. She married G. P. DOUGHERTY.
102 viii. LILLIE LEACH, born Jul 1873.
103 ix. CORA LEACH, born 28 Feb 1879; died 07 May 1915.
104 x. JENNIE LEACH, born 28 Feb 1879; died 04 Jan 1936.

26. DANIEL⁴ KARNs (PHILIP³, PHILIP², KARNs>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1)⁴⁸ was born Abt 1810. He married MARY (ENSLOW) ENSLEY 20 Jun 1842 in Brush Creek, Fulton Co., PA⁴⁹, daughter of GEORGE ENSLEY and SARAH SCHOOLEY. She was born 1810 in East Providence Twp., Bedford Co., PA, and died in Pattonville, Bedford Co., PA.

Notes for DANIEL KARNs:

Captain Daniel Karns was a charter member of the Methodist church as was also his wife. He was not a shouting Methodist however. He was in his quiet way an exemplary Christian. It was always said of him that he was the most deliberate man in town. He was never in a hurry. On one occasion a man rushed into his cabinet shop and said: "Mr. Karns, your house in on fire." He replied: "All right, I will be right over as soon as I light my pipe."

His children were all devoted Christians and held in high esteem by those who knew them.

.....from Historical Sketches of Morrison's Cove

In 1847, Daniel Karns, a cabinet maker, came to Loysburg. Certainly in that day all furniture used by the settlers was handmade, much of it homemade. Daniel Karns was a mechanic and made furniture out of the rough lumber he bought and seasoned. It was all hand work. The planing mill was not invented. Not until 1876 was a planer to surface boards to be found in the cove. Daniel Karns went to the centennial exhibition at Philadelphia. He came home and built a planer.

My father, William Karns, was afraid that Daniel might infringe on a patent he had undoubtedly gotten some ideas from what he had seen at the exposition, but "Uncle Dan" said, "Nobody seeing my machine would ever suppose I had attempted to copy the ones I saw." Then smiled and said, "I believe mine is much better than what I saw."

His machine worked, but for thirty years he had planed all the lumber that went into furniture by hand. When work was slack in the shop, dry lumber that had been stacked two or three years under cover, and was thoroughly seasoned, ash, walnut, cherry, oak and poplar, was brought into the shop and the men had real work pushing planes to surface this seasoned lumber. Some of it was very hard and only the best of steel bits would be of any use in this difficult work. When the lumber was surfaced it was piled away in the shop to be used as needed.

Some of this lumber was used to make coffins which were all made to order when people died. As soon as a person died a measure was taken and a stick was cut the length and width taken. If you saw someone

traveling toward Loysburg, or Pattonville as then called, carrying a straight stick, you might reasonably conclude he was going to order a coffin, and the stick was the length and a notch somewhere on it indicated the width of the coffin. I remember seeing a great bundle of such coffin measures tied together and stowed away. Just why they were kept I do not know.

When two young people decided to get married they would sometimes go to the cabinet shop to order furniture; a table, chairs, a bedstead and if rather prosperous a full bedroom suite. Always an order was given for a piece of furniture that we never see on sale these days, a doughtray. A young woman who could not bake bread had no business to get married. A doughtray in a home was a pretty good index as to a woman's housekeeping.

If the doughtray was clean and sweet, she was a housekeeper. If it smelled sour as if it had not been properly cleaned after a baking it was soon noised about among the neighbors. You could not have good bread without a clean doughtray. We must look elsewhere now pretty generally to find something to judge the housekeeping qualities of the ladies. A doughtray in these days might help solve some of our problems.

We have in our summer home at Rockford some of the furniture that my uncle and my father made in the cabinet shop.

A number of men worked for my uncle and learned the trade of cabinetmaker. Among them were Daniel and William Lingenfelter. The latter came to Altoona and became a valuable man in the Pennsylvania Railroad company's shops, where he was a foreman in the cabinet shop.

Daniel Karns had two sons who followed their father's business, cabinetmaking and undertaking. George W. Karns succeeded his father in business at Loysburg. I think he was one of the finest wood workers I ever knew. The ceiling in the Loysburg Methodist Church is a sample of his skill. When you go to church at Loysburg, look at the wood work. He made the pulpit also, and then made to order quite a number of pulpits for other churches.

He had three children, James, an engineer on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Stella, wife of Professor William A. Benner, a Broad Top teacher, and Miss Sadie, a trained nurse who for a long term of years has been in the employ of Birmingham seminary.

John Karns was the finest looking man in South Woodbury township. He lived at New Enterprise and was well liked by all who knew him. He died while yet a young man. However, he has a number of descendants in Altoona.

Here is the home in which I was born. It is the oldest house in Loysburg. That doesn't mean I am as ancient as the house but I assure you I am no "coy maiden."

How old am I? Well next August ninth will be my birthday and if you work this problem you will have my exact age. Now here is the problem: $2\frac{1}{2}$ times $\frac{1}{3}$ of my age plus C. W. Dittmar's age plus the difference between our ages equals $143\frac{1}{2}$ years. What is the age of each? Respectfully referred to the two justices of the peace, I. S. Kegarise and J. H. Snowberger.

P. S. I am afraid there is a missing quantity and unless Wenar supplies it it can't be worked. I would supply it but don't want to embarrass my friend who is very sensitive about his age.

This house, where William Karns and his wife, Sarah Chamberlain Karns, my parents lived for a number of years is now the farm house occupied by William Guyer, who owns part of what once was the Aaron farm.

A few days ago I walked through the house where my Uncle Daniel Karns had lived. The house was built in 1802-03. The one end is of stone and the walls are two and one-half inches thick. The house was remodeled a few years ago by the present owner, William Bossler, and is one of the most comfortable homes though it is 130 years old. It is in such good condition, that if kept under roof, it will last a thousand

years.

(Source: Excerpts from: All Trades Needed, Historical Sketches of Morrison's Cove by C. W. Karns, Mirror Press, pps. 51, 52,54,56, 58.)

Daniel Karns, son of Philip Karns, an early settler of Southampton township, came to South Woodberry about 1847. He has followed the furniture business for about forty years. Mr. Karns married Mary Enslow and is the father of Jane, George W., John S. and Harriet. John S. has been engaged in the furniture business in New Enterprise for the last five years. George W. and his father are cabinetmakers and furniture dealers in Pattonville.

(Source: The History of Bedford, Somerset and Fulton Counties, Waterman, Watkins and Co., 1884, p. 306.)

RELIGIOUS LIFE OF THE COVE:

Many of the pioneers of Morrison's Cove were members of the Church of the Brethren. they were largely an agricultural people and were attracted to the cove by the excellent soil and the many fine springs and streams. Among those who came were ministers who very early organized congregations of the people and established preaching places. Indeed, many of their houses were built in such fashion that a good sized congregation might assemble and be comfortably seated for the public service and worship.

Rev. James A. Sell writes in "History of the Church of the Brethren In the Middle District" as follows: It is possible that our pioneers came from Franklin county, as large numbers trace their ancestry to that county. The first of this migration was in 1750-1760. In 1785 a tract of land containing 269 acres located on Three Spring Run, a branch of Yellow creek, was conveyed by the commonwealth of Pennsylvania to Samuel Ullery and Jacob Brumbaugh. The signature of Benjamin Franklin, President of the Supreme Council of the Executive is on this document. The consideration was six pounds, nineteen shillings and five pence.

Rev. Sell says: So far as is known, this Samuel Ullery was the first minister in this church. Jacob Brumbaugh was also a minister. One hundred acres of this land was conveyed by Samuel Ullery to Jacob Brown in 1822 and 1841 title passed to Samuel Brown. In succession it passed from Samuel Brown to Daniel S. Snowberger, Christian Snowberger, Samuel Werking, Gilbert Werking and now is vested to A. P. Baker. The Yellow Creek congregation was organized in 1796 with a few members. They met for worship in the homes, and not until the year 1840 did they erect a house of worship.

This building was located where the present New enterprise church now stands. It was 40 by 65 feet with a kitchen 20 by 34 feet. Doubtless the congregations were large as the size of the building would indicate. In 1876 a division of the territory left the New Enterprise congregation – officially the Yellow Creek congregation – with ministers as follows: Daniel Snowberger, Leonard Furry and Joseph Z. Replogle. The deacons were: George Brumbaugh, Samuel Teeter, David L. Replogle, Isaac Replogle, Sr., Jacob Furry and Abram Sollenberger.

I am not an authority on church history and do not assume to define doctrines and politics, but from what I read I have concluded the Church of the Brethren is quite democratic in its attempts to determine the right course of procedure in questions that arise among its members. I see in their history many meetings were held and votes were taken on questions affecting the membership.

One question was: Is it right for brethren to bail criminals out of prison? The answer was formulated: Brethren should not do this, at least, before consulting the church. Another answer to a question of conduct was relative to a common practice of those days: It is wrong to take part in playing ring during intermission at spelling schools. At the same meeting it was decided to invite Daniel P. Saylor to come and preach for a week or ten days and to pay his expenses.

For some reason unknown, the records of the congregation were consigned to the flames so that no record exists prior to May 9, 1875. Doubtless much of interest was thus destroyed.

From 1865-1882, or a little later, there were three elements in the church, each holding divergent views from the other. They are classified by one of their own historians as Old Order? Progressive and Conservative. The Progressives were said to be the disturbing factor, as progressives always are to the church or state. The Old Order and the Conservatives were anxious to maintain the status quo, but the progressives demanded many changes in policy and practice.

In the history of Methodism we can see the same thing. Once we were "the plain people," and we still have a rule, now almost totally ignored, forbidding the putting on of gold and costly apparel.

The progressives wanted more freedom in dress, an educated ministry, church schools of higher grades of learning and other less important changes in polity and practice. They were led by intelligent, but I am afraid too impulsive brethren. Like most reformers they wanted these changes immediately. I believe all these changes have come in the mother church and the necessity for the Progressive movement has largely disappeared. I am not judging but stating facts as I gather them.

Some of the finest men I have known have gone out of the mother church in that movement, perhaps just a little too impatient for progress. I believe there never was any difference in doctrine, and now but little in any other important matter. I have said in another article, there ought to be one church in Loysburg. I now say: I wonder if there still exists any reason for more than one church in New Enterprise.

The present commodious church building was erected in 1878, and remodeled and divided into Sunday school rooms in 1915. Until 1918 this church had no paid minister, but in that year the congregation decided to have a supported pastor. Their first paid pastor was Rev. H. Stover Kulp, who remained but one year and then accepted a call to the First Church of the Brethren in Philadelphia. They then called Rev. George E. Yoder, who served successfully from 1919 until 1927. The present popular pastor is Rev. D. O. Cottrell, who serves the churches located at New Enterprise, Salemville, and Waterside. It is all called New Enterprise congregation.

The names of the bishops who have presided over the Yellow Creek congregation are Samuel Ullery, John M. Holsinger, Jacob Miller, Daniel Snowberger, Leonard Furry and Joseph Z. Replogle. Since 1899, when the name became ?New Enterprise? the bishops have been Charles L. Buck, and David T. Detwiler. The last has been a minister for forty-six years, and a bishop for twenty-one years.

The following were called to the ministry in the local church: Samuel Ullery, John Holsinger, Isaac Ritchey, Sr., Jacob Snyder, Isaac Ritchey, Jr., Jacob Coughnour, Martin Miller, David Brumbaugh, John M. Holsinger, Andrew Snowberger, Jacob Miller, John Eshelman, Leonard Furry, Daniel Snowberger, Christian Holsinger, John B. Replogle, Joseph Z. Replogle, Samuel A. Moore, John L. Holsinger, Charles L. Buck, David M. Straley, Rhinehart Z. Replogle, Levi F. Holsinger, Levi T. Stuckey, George P. Myers and David Detwiler.

Those who have gone out to serve other congregations are Harvey S. Replogle, Edgar M. Detwiler, Edward Holsinger, Guy Beach, Kenneth Bechtel and Orville Holsinger.

Thus we see this church has sent forth six choice young men as ministers of the gospel. Certainly many splendid laymen have also gone out, and by their lives, their devotion to the church and their manifest interest in all good things, have helped to make this world a better place in which to live. The names we have here recorded are common throughout this part of Pennsylvania, and represent a considerable portion of the best people we have. The heritage of a good name is not to be despised.

Who can measure the influence of the multitude of good people who have received their religious training under these leaders! They are to be found in all walks of life. Many are in Blair county and adjoining counties. The community served by this church is not increasing, but decreasing in population, but the church has increased in membership, and there are really but few people in South Woodbury township that

do not belong to some church. There is also a spirit of brotherliness that is indeed commendable.

The pastor of the Progressive church, Rev. E. S. Flora, lives at Riddlesburg and serves a church there. Adam Beech is secretary of the congregation. This church is sincerely trying to help in evangelizing the world at home and abroad. The proximity of the mother church with her large congregation hinders this smaller number as invariably the crowd goes with the stronger denomination. Nevertheless they are to be commended for their fidelity to their faith. They are good people laboring to help make the world better, out of their smaller number may come some great and good men and women.

Source: Historical Sketches of Morrison's Cove, Rev. C. W. Karns, Mirror Press, 1933, pp 163-6.
[Unedited copy-JL]

Cove Methodist Protestant Church, Colerain Twp.

History: The cove appointment of the Methodist Protestant church was taken up by the Rev. Nicholas Dorsey in 1837. The old log church known as the Union meeting-house, built on land given by William Cessna, was the meeting place for many years, and in this old church many happy scenes were witnessed and many anxious hearts found the peace which they sought. In 1842, under the pastorate of Rev. Richard Adkinson, the house was enlarged and improved. Here the society worshiped until 1870, when, under Rev. George D. Edmunston, the new brick church was built at a cost of two thousand six hundred dollars. The lot on which the church stands was given by Mrs. Rebecca Shaeffer. The house was dedicated by Rev. J. J. Murray, D. D., and Rev. Henry Nice. Membership in 1883, about thirty-five.

(Source: The History of Bedford, Somerset and Fulton Counties, Pa., Waterman, Watkins & Co., 1884, p. 358-9.) [Unedited copy-JL]

Methodist Episcopal Church, Loysburg

History: The Methodist Episcopal Church. Morrison's Cove had not many settlers when the Methodist itinerant preacher found his way here. This territory was then part of the Baltimore conference, and the preachers traveled far and wide. They preached almost every day and every evening. They distributed tracts and were colporteurs for the Bible house, giving Bibles in homes where people had no money, and selling them to the folks who could pay for them.

The oldest available records show that a Methodist Episcopal church was built in Loysburg in 1853. Among the members whose names can be found were Captain Daniel Karns, Mary Ensley Karns, Mrs. John Chamberlain and Miss Sara Chamberlain.

The house of worship was dedicated in 1900, having been begun in 1898 under the pastorate of Rev. J. B. Brenneman and completed under the pastorate of Rev. J. K. Lloyd and dedicated by Rev. Richard R. Gilbert, D. D. The building committee was composed of H. B. Aaron, James Little, George W. Karns, J. S. Biddle, Henry Brown and the pastors.

More About DANIEL KARNs:
ADDR: 1847: Pattonville, PA and Loysburg, PA
OCC: Cabinetmaker; Undertaker

More About MARY (ENSLOW) ENSLEY:
MISC-1: Twin sister of Martha Ensley⁵⁰

More About DANIEL KARNs and MARY ENSLEY:
Marriage: 20 Jun 1842, Brush Creek, Fulton Co., PA⁵¹

Children of DANIEL KARNS and MARY ENSLEY are:

- + 105 i. JOHN S.⁵ KARNS.
- 106 ii. JANE KARNS⁵², born 1847.
- + 107 iii. GEORGE WASHINGTON KARNS, born 1850; died 1910.

27. ASENATHA⁴ KARNS (PHILIP³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) She married JOSHUA PENNEL.

Child of ASENATHA KARNS and JOSHUA PENNEL is:

- + 108 i. ELIZABETH⁵ PENNEL.

29. JABEZ WILLIAM⁴ KARNS (PHILIP³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 05 May 1832 in Bedford Co., PA⁵³, and died 25 Aug 1913 in West Providence, Bedford Co., PA⁵⁴. He married MARTHA CRAWFORD⁵⁵ 20 Jul 1870 in Southampton, Bedford Co., PA.

More About JABEZ WILLIAM KARNS:

Burial: Clearville Cemetery, Bedford Co., PA

More About JABEZ KARNS and MARTHA CRAWFORD:

Marriage: 20 Jul 1870, Southampton, Bedford Co., PA

Child of JABEZ KARNS and MARTHA CRAWFORD is:

- 109 i. C. ELLA⁵ KARNS, born 11 May 1883.

30. WILLIAM⁴ KARNS (PHILIP³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) He married SARAH CHAMBERLAIN, daughter of WILLIAM CHAMBERLAIN.

Notes for WILLIAM KARNS:

RELIGIOUS LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY: LOYSBURG REFORMED CHURCH

This house of worship was erected in 1882, forty years after the congregation was chartered. It is a commodious brick structure and was erected while Rev. Dr. Peightal was pastor. When they began the new building all the charter members of the congregation were yet living. Some of the early members included: Mr. and Mrs. Adam Haderman, Mr. and Mrs. John Dittman, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lingenfelter, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Ritchey, John and Samuel Nicodemus, William and Eliza Snyder and John Wolfe. The church cost \$1,500, but much material and labor were donated. Daniel Lingenfelter and John and Samuel Nicodemus were carpenters. William Snyder was a mason and bricklayer. John Dittmar burned brick and "all had a mind to work." So the church was built. Just a few weeks before the dedication, John Nicodemus died. S. B. Fluck of Woodbury, was a member of the old Union Sunday school though quite a small boy.

The congregation soon grew to 100 members and four young men went out from this church as ministers, namely: David Dittmar, Harry Dittmar, David Shoemaker and Joseph Shoemaker. Elmer Butts died while in college, preparing to enter the ministry. James Eberle was raised in this church, but went to Ohio when quite a young man and attended a Methodist college and became a Methodist minister.

(Source: adapted from information in Historical Sketches of Morrisons Cove, 1933, Mirror Press, pp. 77-80.)

Methodist Episcopal Church, Everett, West Providence Twp.

History: This organization was formed, in 1809, under the ministerial labors of Rev. John Gilwatt, who was

the first circuit preacher on the Bedford circuit. The original society was composed of eight members, viz.: Charles Ashcom, class-leader, and family; Mrs. Fishburn and family; Mrs. Anna Barndollar and family. Bishop Asbury, who visited Bedford circuit in 1810, writes as follows, concerning this class: "In passing through Bloody Run, I preached at Barndollar's. The Lord has seven in this family who fear and worship Him."

The church was served by the ministers traveling Bedford circuit until 1844, when East Bedford circuit was formed. Rev. J. Gamble preached on the latter circuit for two years, and was succeeded by James Stevens, 1846; Jacob Gruber, 1847; H. Hoffman, 1848; C. Graham, 1849; W. A. McKee, 1850; A. Bland, 1851; W. H. Bellman, 1852; D. Shoaf, 1853-4, during whose administration the parsonage at Bloody Run was built; G. W. Bouse, W. H. Stevens, 1856; J. A. Coleman, W. H. Stevens, 1857; J. A. Coleman, G. T. Gray, 1858; R. W. Black, J. W. Buckley, 1859; C. Cleaver, H. Linn, 1860; C. Cleaver, J. G. Moore, 1861; J. C. Clarke, ___ Greenley, 1862; J. C. Clarke, J. A. McKindless, 1863; J. B. Polsgrove, W. R. Whitney, 1864. In 1865 the name of the charge was changed to Bloody Run, and Polsgrove and Rev. Crowel returned as supplies; W. G. Ferguson, T. T. S. Richards, 1866; W. G. Ferguson, W. Case, 1867. (The church had so prospered that the last quarterly conference of the year asked for a division, and Ray's Hill circuit was formed.) G. W. Van Fossen, 1868-70; A. M. Barnitz, 1871-3; J. Donahue, 1874-6; James Curns, 1877-9; W. G. Ferguson, 1880-2.

The congregation at Tatesville is a part of Everett charge, and both number three hundred and fifty members. The church has no debts and its property is valued at ten thousand dollars (in 1884). Rev. W. G. Ferguson is the only pastor who has served the charge two terms. He preached his farewell sermon March 4, 1883.

The first church edifice in the town was erected by the Methodists in 1810 or 1812. It stood nearly opposite the present Presbyterian church. The next was built in 1839, and is now occupied by the Reformed congregation (in 1884). The present Methodist Episcopal church was built in 1859-60, and presented to the congregation by Jacob Barndollar, Sr. The society is now contemplating the erection of a new and handsome church.

(Source: The History of Bedford, Somerset and Fulton Counties, Pa., Waterman, Watkins & Co., 1884, p. 318-9.) [Unedited copy]

More About WILLIAM KARNS:

ADDR: Loysburg, PA

OCC: Cabinetmaker with shop in Loysburg, PA. He also was a carpenter.

Children of WILLIAM KARNS and SARAH CHAMBERLAIN are:

- + 110 i. CHARLES WESLEY⁵ KARNS, born 1858.
- 111 ii. WILLIAM EMERSON KARNS. He married EDITH BOGENRIEF.

Notes for WILLIAM EMERSON KARNS:

From Hazleton PA Newspaper, Apr. 2, 1936

Rev. W. Emerson Karns, head of the Methodist Home for the Aged at Tyrone the past 16 years, died at the institution. He was well known in the Hazleton section, where he often spoke in Methodist churches. The funeral was held yesterday morning, with services at the home and with interment at Tyrone. [JL--from information by Dalice Fadden (dfadden@ptd.net).

More About WILLIAM EMERSON KARNS:

OCC: Teacher; Methodist Minister

REL PREF: Methodist

More About EDITH BOGENRIEF:

**INTERESTS: Talented Musician; works with W.C.T.U. on county and state level
OCC: Official matron of the Methodist Home for the Aged in Tyrone, PA**

112 iii. _____ KARNS. She married E. E. TRUAX.

More About _____ KARNS:

ADDR: 1933: Colliers, WV

Generation No. 4

35. JOHN⁵ SNYDER (ANNA MARIA "Mary"⁴ KARNS, PETER [KERN]³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 23 Jan 1830 in PA⁵⁶, and died 28 Sep 1901⁵⁷. He married **HANNAH RITCHEY**. She died 06 Dec 1907.

Child of JOHN SNYDER and HANNAH RITCHEY is:

+ **113 i. DANIEL⁶ SNYDER, born 04 Mar 1868; died 17 Mar 1899.**

37. ADAM KARNS⁵ BOTTENFIELD (HANNAH [KERN]⁴ KARNS, PETER [KERN]³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1)⁵⁸ was born 01 Mar 1832 in , Snake Spring Twp., Bedford Co., PA, and died 16 Aug 1895 in Breezewood, East Providence Twp., Bedford Co., PA. He married **SARAH ANN PEE** 20 Jan 1853 in Breezewood, East Providence Twp., Bedford, CO, daughter of ANDREW PEE and MARY MELLOTT. She was born 27 Apr 1827 in Breezewood, Bedford Co., PA, and died 02 Jun 1912 in Breezewood, Bedford Co., PA.

Notes for ADAM KARNS BOTTENFIELD:

ADAM KARNS BOTTENFIELD together with his brother-in-law JACOB PEE built the Jackson Mill Bridge in 1875 for \$1248.00.

More About ADAM KARNS BOTTENFIELD:

ADDR: Resided near Breezewood in Bedford Co., PA

Burial: Union Memorial Cemetery, West Providence Twp., Bedford Co., PA

Military service: Civil War Veteran: Co. G 186th PA Infantry, Private.

More About SARAH ANN PEE:

Burial: Union Memorial Cemetery, Mench, West Providence Twp., Bedford Co., PA

More About ADAM BOTTENFIELD and SARAH PEE:

Marriage: 20 Jan 1853, Breezewood, East Providence Twp., Bedford, CO

Children of ADAM BOTTENFIELD and SARAH PEE are:

+ **114 i. MARY AMANDA⁶ BOTTENFIELD, born 27 Oct 1853 in , Bedford Co., PA; died 06 May 1933.**

+ **115 ii. HANNAH ANN ELIZA BOTTENFIELD, born 21 Mar 1856 in , Bedford Co., PA; died 19 Jan 1940.**

+ **116 iii. JACOB SCOTT BOTTENFIELD, born 07 May 1858 in , Bedford Co., PA; died 26 Jun 1941.**

+ **117 iv. WILLIAM HARRISON BOTTENFIELD, born 1860 in , Bedford Co., PA; died 1932 in Gapsville, Bedford Co., PA.**

+ **118 v. SARAH 'Sadie' CATHERINE BOTTENFIELD, born 1862 in , Bedford Co., PA.**

+ **119 vi. ADAM PEE BOTTENFIELD, born 30 Jul 1864 in , Bedford Co., PA; died 12 Jul 1960 in , Bedford Co., PA.**

+ **120 vii. JOHN ANDREW BOTTENFIELD, born 1867 in , Bedford Co., PA; died 1954.**

+ **121 viii. MELINDA ALICE BOTTENFIELD, born 22 Oct 1871 in , Bedford Co., PA.**

38. M. ELIZA⁵ BOTTENFIELD (HANNAH [KERN]⁴ KARNS, PETER [KERN]³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 1833 in , Bedford Co., PA, and died 1907. She married **JOSIAH ZEMBOWER** Aft. 1851. He was born Aft. 1826 in Everett, Bedford Co., PA.

More About JOSIAH ZEMBOWER and M. BOTTENFIELD:
Marriage: Aft. 1851

Children of M. BOTTENFIELD and JOSIAH ZEMBOWER are:

- 122** i. **INFANT⁶ ZEMBOWER.**
- 123** ii. **EMMA ZEMBOWER.**
- 124** iii. **FRANK ZEMBOWER.**
- 125** iv. **WATSON ZEMBOWER.**
- 126** v. **RUFUS ZEMBOWER.**

39. CATHERINE⁵ SHEELY (HANNAH [KERN]⁴ KARNS, PETER [KERN]³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1)⁵⁸. She married **ALEX MORTIMORE**.

Children of CATHERINE SHEELY and ALEX MORTIMORE are:

- 127** i. **CRUMMEL⁶ MORTIMORE.**
- 128** ii. **MYRTLE MORTIMORE.**

41. SARAH A.⁵ SHEELY (HANNAH [KERN]⁴ KARNS, PETER [KERN]³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1)⁵⁸. She married _____ **NEVITT**.

Child of SARAH SHEELY and _____ NEVITT is:

- 129** i. **SON⁶ NEVITT.**

42. MARGARET⁵ SHEELY (HANNAH [KERN]⁴ KARNS, PETER [KERN]³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1)⁵⁸ was born 03 Mar 1845, and died 30 Dec 1882⁵⁸. She married **SAMUEL S. FOOR⁵⁹**.

More About MARGARET SHEELY:
REL PREF: Christian Church

Notes for SAMUEL S. FOOR:

URL: <http://www.pa-roots.com/pabios/index.html>

The URL title: Bedford County Genealogy Project Biography

Background Information:

John Foor (Fuhr) was b. 1744 Philadelphia Co, s/o Johann Lenhart Foor, who emigrated to America from Germany in 1742. He furnished a pack horse for the Braddock Expedition during the French and Indian War in 1755. John Foor married 1774 Philadelphia Co., served in Washington's Army during the Revolution under Capts. Drine and Shnyder, and came to Bedford Co., Providence Twp., about 1788. His son, Leonard, was b. 1779 and married 1810, having 8 ch. The eldest son, David, was b. 1811, married about 1835. David's youngest son was Simon Jasper Newton, b. 1847, m. Hannah Manspeaker 1865 and their son, A. F. Foor of Everett, was b. 1873.

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The FOOR family is an old one in this county, the fifth generation now living here (in 1884). John FOOR, the progenitor, was a German, who lived some years near Philadelphia, and thence emigrated to this county

and settled while most of this part of the state was a wilderness. His children were Jacob, John, Leonard, Richard, Abraham, Mary and Catharine. The property on which Samuel S. and William H. H. FOOR now live (1884) is the ancestral homestead of the family. Their father, David FOOR, left it in early life, but returned when middle-aged and died here. He was the father of five sons and two daughters. Four of the sons enlisted in 1861 for three years, or during the war. Three of them returned, but one, Francis, died in a rebel prison. S. S. FOOR was the first three-years man that enlisted from East Providence. He married Margaret SHEELY, daughter of Andrew SHEELY, of West Providence township. She died in 1882, having borne nine children, four of whom are living. Mrs. FOOR was a most exemplary Christian woman, and her loss was deeply felt. The FOOR families were among the first supporters of the Christian church in this township (East Providence).

(Source: The History of Bedford, Somerset and Fulton Counties, Pa., Waterman, Watkins and Co., 1884, pp. 324-5.)

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Household Record 1880 United States Census

Samuel S. FOOR Self M Male W 42 PA Farmer PA PA
Margret S. FOOR Wife M Female W 36 PA Keeping House PA PA
Sarah J. FOOR Dau S Female W 14 PA PA PA
Hannah C. FOOR Dau S Female W 12 PA PA PA
Zilla C. FOOR Dau S Female W 10 PA PA PA
Virginia FOOR Dau S Female W 7 PA PA PA
John B. FOOR Son S Male W 5 PA PA PA
Albertha C. FOOR Dau S Female W 6M PA PA PA

Source Information:

Census Place East Providence, Bedford, Pennsylvania
Family History Library Film 1255098
NA Film Number T9-1098
Page Number 274A

More About SAMUEL S. FOOR:

Military: First three-year term to enlist from East Providence Twp., Bedford Co., PA. Three brothers were also in the Civil War. Francis died in a rebel prison.

Children of MARGARET SHEELY and SAMUEL FOOR are:

- 130 i. JENNIE⁶ FOOR⁵⁹.
- 131 ii. CLARA FOOR⁵⁹.
- 132 iii. HANNA FOOR⁵⁹.
- 133 iv. BLAIR FOOR⁵⁹.
- 134 v. VIRGIE FOOR⁵⁹.
- 135 vi. BERTHA FOOR⁵⁹.
- 136 vii. CROMWELL FOOR⁵⁹.
- 137 viii. DAUGHTER ? FOOR⁵⁹.
- 138 ix. DAUGHTER ?? FOOR⁵⁹.

43. MARY⁵ KARNs (DAVID 'ADAM'⁴, PETER [KERN]³, PHILIP², KARNs>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1)⁶⁰ was born 20 Jan 1837. She married DAVID STEELE 20 Feb 1856⁶⁰. He was born 05 Oct 1828 in , Bedford Co., PA, and died 18 Aug 1894.

More About DAVID STEELE and MARY KARNs:

Marriage: 20 Feb 1856⁶⁰

Children of MARY KARNs and DAVID STEELE are:

- + 139 i. EMMALINE "EMELINE"⁶ STEELE.
- 140 ii. ELMIRA LUCILLE STEELE, born 17 Jul 1877 in , Bedford Co., PA; died 1922.

141 iii. **ELIZABETH STEELE**, born 17 Jul 1877 in , Bedford Co., PA; died 20 Nov 1963 in Palatine, IL. She married **JACOB KUNTZ GARLICK**; born 02 Jun 1884 in Emmaville, PA; died 29 Apr 1923 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL.

142 iv. **SOPHIA ACHE STEELE**, born 11 Aug 1880 in , Bedford Co., PA; died 06 Dec 1931 in Elgin, IL.

48. ALEXANDER McNEAL⁵ KARNS (ADAM⁴, PETER [KERN]³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 09 Mar 1859⁶¹, and died 06 Apr 1929. He married **HANNAH B. BUSSARD** 18 Aug 1884 in Bedford Co., PA, daughter of JOSEPH BUSSARD and MARIA MENCH. She was born 13 May 1857 in West Providence, Bedford Co., PA⁶², and died 31 Jan 1931.

More About ALEXANDER McNEAL KARNS:

OCC: Country Blacksmith--Buggies, wagons, A. M. Karns and Sons Co.

More About ALEXANDER KARNS and HANNAH BUSSARD:

Marriage: 18 Aug 1884, Bedford Co., PA

Children of ALEXANDER KARNS and HANNAH BUSSARD are:

143 i. **ALEXANDER⁶ KARNS**.

More About ALEXANDER KARNS:

MISC-1: Died at Birth

+ 144 ii. **ANNE KARNS**.

+ 145 iii. **WILLIAM CHESTER KARNS, SR.**, born 04 Feb 1887 in Everett, Bedford Co., PA; died 14 Apr 1979 in Everett, Bedford Co., PA.

146 iv. **EDNA KARNS**, born 1891; died 24 May 1912.

More About EDNA KARNS:

OCC: Teacher

+ 147 v. **MARIE KARNS**, born 26 Jan 1895; died 14 Dec 1974.

+ 148 vi. **PHOEBE KARNS**, born 23 Jun 1898; died 15 Oct 1976.

51. MARY ELIZABETH⁵ KARNS (JOHN P.⁴, PETER [KERN]³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 21 Aug 1852. She married **ANDREW JACKSON PEE** 03 Jul 1870, son of JACOB PEE and _____ SHOAF. He was born 10 Aug 1850, and died 19 Jan 1940 in , Bedford Co., PA.

More About ANDREW JACKSON PEE:

Burial: Mattie PA Cemetery

More About ANDREW PEE and MARY KARNS:

Marriage: 03 Jul 1870

Child of MARY KARNS and ANDREW PEE is:

+ 149 i. **SIMEON JASON⁶ LEE [PEE]**, born 21 Apr 1879.

55. JOHN F.⁵ KARNS (SAMUEL⁴, JACOB³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 1843, and died 1887. He married **MARY E. BUSSARD**, daughter of JOSEPH BUSSARD and MARIA MENCH. She was born Jul 1848 in West Providence, Bedford Co., PA⁶³, and died May 1896.

Children of JOHN KARNS and MARY BUSSARD are:

150 i. **ALBERT⁶ KARNS**.

- 151 ii. **JENNIE KARNS.**
- 152 iii. **JOSEPH B. KARNS.**
- 153 iv. **WALTER B. KARNS.**
- 154 v. **GEORGE BUSSARD KARNS, born 10 Jul 1874.**
- 155 vi. **EMERY KARNS, born 04 Jan 1875; died 29 Jun 1876.**
- 156 vii. **AMANDA B. KARNS, born 01 May 1876; died 07 Oct 1954.**
- 157 viii. **MYRTLE KARNS, born 1877; died 1914.**
- 158 ix. **EMILY J. KARNS, born 14 Nov 1880; died 14 Apr 1883.**
- 159 x. **ELLA KARNS, born 27 Nov 1882; died 11 May 1883.**
- 160 xi. **MINNIE KARNS, born 02 Nov 1886.**

56. FREEMAN⁵ KARNS (SAMUEL⁴, JACOB³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 1844, and died 1876.

Children of FREEMAN KARNS are:

- 161 i. **CALVIN⁶ KARNS.**
- + 162 ii. **ASA KARNS.**
- 163 iii. **REUBEN KARNS.**
- 164 iv. **JULIAN KARNS.**

61. ANTHONY KARNS⁵ FELTON (ELIZABETH⁴ KARNS, JACOB³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 17 Jan 1848, and died 02 Feb 1915. He married **AMANDA CATHERINE DERR**. She was born 05 Jul 1855, and died 25 Feb 1929.

Child of ANTHONY FELTON and AMANDA DERR is:

- + 165 i. **LIZZIE MAY⁶ FELTON.**

62. SIMON HIXON⁵ KARNS (JOHN HEFT⁴, JACOB³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 16 Jun 1847 in near Clearville, Bedford Co., PA⁶⁴, and died 09 Mar 1913. He married **ENGLEBERT "Bertie" MEARKLE** 20 Jul 1871 in , Bedford Co., PA, daughter of GEORGE MEARKLE and NANCY SHAFFER. She was born 07 Nov 1852⁶⁵, and died 12 Mar 1912.

Notes for SIMON HIXON KARNS:

- !Duke Obits, pg 2311 [Obit of Erastus M. KARNS] - named as father.
- !Duke Obits, pg 2316 [Obit of Marshall KARNS] - named as father.
- !Duke Obits, pg 2309 [Obit of Albert KARNS] - named as father.
- !Duke Obits, pg 2313 [Obit of Ira KARNS] - named as father.
- !Duke Obits, pg 4001 [Obit of Nettie (KARNS) SNYDER] - named as father.
- !Duke Obits, pg 28 [Obit of Hattie (KARNS) AKERS - listed as father, Simon H.
- !Data from Harold SMITH, Oct95 - gave date and place of birth. Listed eleven children.
- !Kay WILLIAMS' HOWSARE Book, pg 44 - this page is a copy of a page of marriages from some other source. Listed "Simon H Karns to Bertha Meakle (Englebert) on 7/20/1871"....[DPC]

1880 PA Census: Bedford Co. Monroe Twp. ed 229, p. 33, lines 21-26
Series T9, roll 1098, dwelling 284, family 289, 30 June 1880

Simon H. KARNS, age 32, married, Farmer, b. Penna., parents b. Penna.
Bertie, age 27, wife, married, Keeping House, b. Penna., parents b. Penna.
Hattie, age 8, dau, in school; Leister, age 6, son, in school
Alice, age 4, dau; Nettie, age 1, dau

1900 PA Census: Bedford Co. Monroe Twp. Summit School District, ed 24, p. 1a, lines 1-9
Series T623, roll 1376, dwelling 1, family 1, 1 June 1900

Simon KARNs, Head, June 1847, age 52, marr. 30 yrs, b. Penna., parents b. Penna., Farmer
Berbit*, Wife, Nov 1852, age 47, marr. 30 yrs, 11 children / 11 still alive, b. Penna., parents b. Penna.
Rachel, dau, Nov 1880, age 19, school; Albert, son, May 1883, age 17, school; Ira, son, Aug 1885, age 14,
school
Erastus, son, Feb 1888, age 12, school; Walter, son, Oct 1890, age 9, school
Irvin, son, July 1893, age 6, school; Marshall, son, Dec 1896, age 3

More About SIMON HIXON KARNs:

Burial: Rockhill Cemetery, Clearville, PA

OCC: Musician, Music Teacher, Church Choir Director, Farmer, Justice of Peace, and credited with an
1890 Census of Bedford Co., PA Veterans⁶⁶

Notes for ENGLEBERT "Bertie" MEARKLE:

ENGLEBERT MEARKLE died at age 59. SIMON H. KARNs and Englebert were laid to rest in the
Rockhill Cemetery, Bedford Co., Clearville, PA. Simon was 65 at the time of his death.

!Duke Obits, pg 4001 [Obit of Nettie (KARNs) SNYDER] - named mother as
Englebert.

!Duke Obits, pg 2311 [Obit of Erastus M. KARNs] - named as mother, Englebert.

!Duke Obits, pg 2316 [Obit of Marshall KARNs] - named as mother, Engelbert.

!Duke Obits, pg 2309 [Obit of Albert KARNs] - named as mother, Engelbert.

!Duke Obits, pg 2313 [Obit of Ira KARNs] - named as mother, Elberta.

!Duke Obits, pg 28 [Obit of Hattie (KARNs) AKERS - named as mother, Enselbert.

!Ref 938 [Jerry MOWER, ltr of 17Dec92] - chart of MEARKLE family lists her name as Alberta
(Englebert) MEARKLE "Bertie". Listed 11 children.

!CRAWFORD Book, pg 5 [Wedding of Berta MEARKLE and Simon KARNs - Bedford Co.
Press, 26 Jul 1871] - gave date of marriage, by Rev. COOPER.

!Data from Harold SMITH, Oct95 - gave dates of birth and death.....[DPC]

More About ENGLEBERT "Bertie" MEARKLE:

Aka (Facts Pg): Berta, Bertha, Enselbert, Elberta, Alberta

Burial: Rock Hill Cemetery, South of Clearville, PA

More About SIMON KARNs and ENGLEBERT MEARKLE:

Marriage: 20 Jul 1871, Bedford Co., PA

Children of SIMON KARNs and ENGLEBERT MEARKLE are:

+ 166 i. **HATTIE V.⁶ KARNs, born 13 May 1872 in Monroe Twp., Bedford Co., PA; died 23 Dec 1958 in Meyersdale, Somerset Co., PA.**

+ 167 ii. **LESTER KARNs, born 1873 in Clearville, Bedford Co, PA; died 02 Jul 1950 in Bedford Co, PA.**

+ 168 iii. **ALICE E. KARNs, born 04 Dec 1875; died 22 Jan 1944 in Clearville, PA.**

+ 169 iv. **NETTIE KARNs, born 20 Aug 1878 in Monroe Twp., Bedford Co., PA; died 12 Jul 1961 in Everett, Bedford Co., PA.**

+ 170 v. **RACHEL KARNs, born 21 Nov 1880 in Bedford Co., PA; died 14 Jan 1955 in Elkhart, KS.**

+ 171 vi. **ALBERT KARNs, born 1883.**

- + 172 vii. **IRA KARNS, born 04 Aug 1885; died 18 Jun 1959 in Harrisburg, PA.**
- + 173 viii. **ERASTUS M. KARNS, born 24 Feb 1888; died 26 Apr 1973 in Everett, Bedford Co, PA.**
- + 174 ix. **WALTER KARNS, born 1890.**
- + 175 x. **IRVIN MEARKLE KARNS, born 23 Jul 1893 in , Monroe Twp., Bedford Co., PA; died 16 Dec 1958 in Pottsville, PA.**
- + 176 xi. **MARSHALL KARNS, born 1896; died 1980.**

63. HIRAM HIXSON⁵ KARNS (JOHN HEFT⁴, JACOB³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 09 Aug 1849 in Clearville, Bedford Co., PA⁶⁷, and died 1928 in Englevale, Crawford Co., KS. He married **MARIAH [MARIA] TEETER SHAFFER** 04 Aug 1870, daughter of ISAIAH SHAFFER and SUSAN TEETER. She was born 1853⁶⁷, and died 1928 in Englevale, Crawford Co., KS.

Notes for HIRAM HIXSON KARNS:

1905 History of Crawford County Kansas

H. H. Karns, of Englevale, is one of the most extensive farmers in this part of the county, and has the further distinction of being the founder of the town of Englevale. He has been in the county since 1880, and while his individual prosperity has greatly increased in these twenty-four years, his own success has visibly affected all the interests in this section of the county, and he has added much to the sum total of general wealth and public progress and upbuilding.

Mr. Karns was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, August 9, 1849, being a son of John H. and Rachel (Hixson) Karns, both of that state. His parents passed all their lives in the state of Pennsylvania, and his father died in 1895 and his mother in 1897.

Mr. Karns enjoyed all his educational privileges at the common schools where he was reared, and the first twenty-one years of his life were spent on the home farm. He then began farming on his own account, and continued his operations in that industry in his native state for several years. In 1880 he sold out and came to Crawford county, Kansas, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land and proceeded to develop a farm. His landed estate now comprises eight hundred acres, and in this as in every other of his undertakings his spirit of progressiveness and enterprise has accomplished excellent results. In 1891 he started the town of Englevale, and in partnership with L. H. Lashley engaged in the lumber, grain and hardware business. He sold out these mercantile interests in 1892 and returned to the farm. In 1902 he opened a coal shaft on his place, and on August 17, 1903, leased it to the Pittsburg Coal Company, which now operates it on a royalty basis. On March 1, 1903, he bought the David Dick place, and a part of it he laid out into town lots, since which time eleven new houses have been erected on this addition to the town.

Mr. Karns is a Populist in politics, and has served in the office of justice of the peace. He affiliates with Lodge No. 481, I. O. O. F., and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal church. He was married August 4, 1870, to Miss Mira Shaffer, a daughter of Isaiah and Sarah Shaffer, of Pennsylvania, but both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Karns are the parents of the following children: Ida, wife of C. A. Strawalley, weigh boss at the coal shaft; Scott, a farmer in this township; L. B. is now partner in the Pittsburg Coal Company at Englevale, and he is also interested in the large mercantile establishment of the village; Harry is general superintendent of the Pittsburg Coal Company and is also interested in the mercantile trade; and Jessie, Sadie, Irvin, Pearl, Clarence and Hattie, still at home.

Pages 597-598 from A Twentieth century history and biographical record of Crawford County, Kansas, by Home Authors; Illustrated. Published by Lewis Publishing Company, Chicago, IL : 1905. 656 p. ill. Transcribed by Carolyn Ward, in November, 2003.

(MSC)

!Ref 938 [Jerry MOWER, ltr of 7Sep94 - SHAFFER family group records] - listed as husband of Maria.

!Data from Harold SMITH, Oct95 - gave date of birth and marriage. Listed eleven children....[DPC]

Title: 1850 PA Census: Bedford Co. Monroe Twp. (Series M432, roll 751)

Repository:

Call Number:

Media: Book

Page: p. 139, lines 28-31, dwelling 163, family 163, 19 October 1850

Text: "Hiram, 1"

Title: 1870 PA Census: Bedford Co. Monroe Twp. (Series M593, roll 1304)

Page: P.O. Clearville, p. 568a, lines 6-17, dwelling 88, family 86, 9 June 1870

Text: "Hiram H., age 20, Farm Laborer, attending school"

...[MSC]

More About HIRAM HIXSON KARNS:

ADDR: Englevale, KS

Burial: Englevale, KS

EDU: Common Schools of PA

INTERESTS: Interest in growth & public progress

MISC-2: Populist

OCC: Farming; Lumber; Grain; Hardware; Coal

REL PREF: Methodist Episcopal Church

Notes for MARIAH [MARIA] TEETER SHAFFER:

!Ref 938 [Jerry MOWER, ltr of 7Sep94 - SHAFFER family group records] - gave dates of birth, marriage, and death.....[DPC]

More About MARIAH [MARIA] TEETER SHAFFER:

Burial: Englevale, KS Cemetery

More About HIRAM KARNS and MARIAH SHAFFER:

Marriage: 04 Aug 1870

Children of HIRAM KARNS and MARIAH SHAFFER are:

- + 177 i. **IDA AGNES⁶ KARNS, born 27 Jul 1871 in Bedford Co, PA; died 01 Jun 1941 in Ford Co, KS.**
- + 178 ii. **SCOTT S. KARNS, born 02 Dec 1873 in PA; died 01 Jan 1942 in Pittsburg, KS.**
- + 179 iii. **LEVI BOWDIE KARNS, born 1876; died 1940 in , Englevale, KS.**
- + 180 iv. **HARRY I. KARNS, born 1878; died 1923 in Pittsburg, KS.**
- + 181 v. **JESSIE KARNS, born 1881 in Englevale, KS; died 1940.**
- + 182 vi. **SADIE KARNS, born 13 Mar 1884; died 13 Mar 1912.**
- + 183 vii. **IRVIN IRA KARNS, born 06 Aug 1886 in Englevale, Crawford Co., KS; died 12 Apr 1958 in Pittsburg, Crawford Co., KS.**
- + 184 viii. **ANNA PEARL KARNS, born 27 Apr 1889 in Englevale, Crawford Co, KS; died 14 Mar 1960 in Frontenac, Crawford Co, KS.**
- + 185 ix. **CLARENCE KARNS, born Abt 1894; died in Englevale, KS.**
- + 186 x. **HATTIE MILDRED KARNS, born 08 Feb 1896 in Englevale, KS; died 19 Nov 1969 in Cimarron, KS.**

64. JACOB "JAKE" H.⁵ KARNS (JOHN HEFT⁴, JACOB³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1)⁶⁸ was born 24 Oct 1852 in Clear Ridge, Bedford Co., PA⁶⁹, and died 09 Jun 1932 in Bedford Co., PA at his home. He married _____ . She died Mar 1930.

Notes for JACOB "JAKE" H. KARNS:
Bedford, PA "Bedford Gazette" issue of Friday, 10 June 1932, p. 4, col. 2

JACOB H. KARNS

Jacob H. Karns a well-known resident, of Bedford, died at his late home yesterday morning at 1:15 o'clock of complications. He was born October 24, 1852 and was a son of John and Rachel Hixson Karns. His wife preceded him to the grave 15 months ago. He is survived by these children: Lawrence, of Bedford, Mrs. H.A. Justice, of Duncansville, Harry, of Long Island, Va., Herbert and Foster of Queen Bay, Va., and Augustus of Bedford Valley and two sisters, Mrs. Anthony Smith, of Indian Springs and Mrs. Martha Nickam, of Mt. Dallas. Two brothers in Kansas and 20 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be held at the Bedford M.E. Church tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment at Burning Bush Church yard

...[MSC]

Title: 1870 PA Census: Bedford Co. Monroe Twp. (Series M593, roll 1304)
Page: P.O. Clearville, p. 568a, lines 6-17, dwelling 88, family 86, 9 June 1870
Text: "Jacob, age 17, attending school" ...[MSC]

More About JACOB "JAKE" H. KARNS:
Burial: Burning Bush Church Yard
REL PREF: Bedford M. E. Church

Children of JACOB KARNS and _____ are:

187 i. LAWRENCE⁶ KARNS.

More About LAWRENCE KARNS:
ADDR: Bedford Co., PA

188 ii. _____ KARNS. She married H. A. JUSTICE.

More About _____ KARNS:
ADDR: Duncansville, PA

189 iii. HARRY KARNS.

More About HARRY KARNS:
ADDR: Long Island, VA

190 iv. HERBERT KARNS.

More About HERBERT KARNS:
ADDR: Queen Bay, VA

191 v. FOSTER KARNS.

More About FOSTER KARNS:
ADDR: Queen Bay, VA

192 vi. AUGUSTUS KARNS.

More About AUGUSTUS KARNS:
ADDR: Bedford Valley, PA

65. ALVA [ALVAH] HIXON⁵ KARNS (JOHN HEFT⁴, JACOB³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 25 Jun 1854 in , Bedford Co., PA, and died 13 Mar 1939 in Bellingham, Whatcom Co., WA⁷⁰. He married **(1) SALOME MEARKLE** Abt 1878 in , Bedford Co., PA, daughter of GEORGE MEARKLE and NANCY SHAFFER. She was born 28 Nov 1859 in Monroe Twp., Bedford Co., PA, and died 16 Sep 1896 in Bedford Co., PA⁷¹. He married **(2) GRACE GEARY** 1917 in Ford Co, KS.

Notes for ALVA [ALVAH] HIXON KARNS:

BEDFORD COUNTY during the childhood of the John Heft Karns children -- from Tales of the Allegheny Hills

Civil War Veterans from Bedford County

As a point of interest, I wanted to know more about the 'Hopewell Rifles'. In reviewing Bates History of Pennsylvania Volunteers, vol. 1, page 774, we found the names of all who were members of Company 'F' 8th Reserve in the 37th Regiment of the Pennsylvania Reserves. No where is there mention of the title of Hopewell Rifles. It seems this was just a title given to these men.

Most of these men were mustered into service near Pittsburgh June 28, 1861. Although some were sworn in on June 11 for a three year term. Following the names of each member, under the column of 'Remarks' is the date of promotions, date of discharge, date of death and reasons for, and if the member remained in service, the name of his new unit. The 37th Regiment was made up of companies 'A through K'. Counties represented included Allegheny, Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Greene and Washington. As previously recorded the companies were mustered out May 24, 1864.

In addition to the 37th Regiment, men from Bedford County were mustered into Company 'G' 13th Regiment on April 25, 1861 under Captain John J. Filler.

In Volume 11 is listed the famous 55th Regiment. Companies 'D, H, I, and K' were made up of Bedford County men. Company 'H' was mustered December 4, 1861 with George Mullin and John A. Livingston, captains. Company 'I' was made up of Bedford and a few from Blair counties. They were mustered in on September 20, 1861 with David Madara and Benjamin Rough, Captains. Company 'K' was mustered November 5, 1861. Joseph Filler and Hezekiah Hammer were Captains. Company 'D', mustered in on October 12, 1861, had Thomas H. Lyons and Solomon Metzger as Captains.

The 76th Regiment contained Company 'E'. These Bedford County men were under three Captains Henry Rice, C.R. Miller and R.P. Pickington. Date of mustering in was October 9, 1861.

In Volume III, page 616, we found listed Regiment 101, Company 'D'. It, too, was made up of Bedford County soldiers under Alexander Comper as Captain. They were mustered in on February 13, 1862. Company 'G' consisted of men from Allegheny and Bedford Counties. This unit was mustered in February 20, 1862. William Sprague and David Mullin were Captains. (vol. III, page 616).

If additional recruits were mustered in units beyond the 105th Regiment, we could not identify them as the names and locations of recruitments were not identified by counties. Readers interested in looking up the names and units may go to the County Library and refer to the references mentioned. Also, we might mention that Waterman's History of Bedford-Somerset and Fulton Counties, 1884, pages 137 to 171 inclusive lists the names of men from Bedford County who served in the Civil War. We must state, however, that these four books cannot be removed from the Library. They are available for references only.

Mr. Frear, Editor, was fortunate in obtaining a copy of a discharge of one Richard Wolf, Company 'H', 55th Regiment P.V.I. Mr. Wolf entered the Service of the U.S. February 29, 1864 for the term of three years or during war under Captain John A. Livingston and Col. Richard White.

He was assigned to duty in '4th' Brigade, 1st Division, 24th corps Army of the Potomac and participated in

the following battles:

Old Town Creek, May 9, 1864
Proctor's Creek, Va., May 13, 1864
Dury's Bluff, May 16, 1864
Bermuda Hundred, Va., June 1, 1864
Petersburg, Va., June 15, 1864
Cemetery Hill, Va., July 30, 1864 f
Chapins Farm, Va., Sept. 29, 1864
Signal Hill, Va., Dec. 10 1864
Hatcher s Run. Va., Feb. 5 7, It SS
Fall of Petersburg, Va., April 2, 1865
Rice's Station, Appomattox C.H., Lee's Surrender.

He was mustered out with the company August 30, 1865.

Mr. Frear was also loaned a copy of the Military Register of Company 'K', 55th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers. This unit was mustered into service at Harrisburg, Pa., November 5, 1861. They re-enlisted as Vet Vols at Beaufort, S.C., January 1, 1864.

The roster included:

Richard White,
Colonel Frank P. Bennett, Lt.
Colonel John H. Filler,
Major George H. Hill, Adjutant
David Merrit, Surgeon
J. Sylvester Ramsey, Asst. Surgeon
F.M. George, Quartermaster

Company officers for Company 'K', 55th Regiment, Penn's Volunteers, 4th Brigade, 1st Division, 24th Corps were:
Hezekiah Hammer, Captain
John Imler, First Lt.

Also included were several hundred names of men from Bedford County whose ranks were from privates to sergeants.

The engagements of this unit were:

North Edisto, S.C., March 29, 1862
Pocotaligo, S.C., October 22, 1862
Old Town Creek, Va., May 9, 1864
Duray's Bluff, Va., May 14-16, 1864
Foster's Plantation, Va., May 20, 1864
Cold Harbor, Va., June 1-3, 1864
Petersburg, Va., June 15-18, 1864
Cemetery Hill, Va., July 30, 1864
Chapin's Farm, Va., September 29, 1864

We are certain there are many stories about the Bedford County Soldiers who served in the Civil War that remain to be told. Through the years many books have been written about the terrible experiences these men endured and recorded in their own personal diary.

If you talk to others about the various phases of the Civil War and how it affected certain communities, there will be comparisons of how one community or another suffered the agonies of war. Its people, its families and industries all suffered untold heartaches. Someone is bound to say 'thank God it never came to Bedford County'. We must point out that the Civil War did reach this county. In fact every county in

Pennsylvania was touched by it. Hundreds of men and boys from every city and hamlet answered the call to arms. Many never returned.

There were instances when the Confederates were within a few miles of our borders. The canal and B & O Railroad east of Cumberland were damaged by General Imboden's raiders. He then turned north into what is now Fulton county. However the residents of Bedford and Fulton counties were previously alerted to the possibility of an invasion.

This came about on June 9, 1863 when the Northern cavalry under Major Pleasanton surprised J.E.B. Stuart's camp at Brady Station, Va. In the heat of battle and the height of confusion many confidential papers were left behind.

One story about this event was that a young soldier spotted several papers lying on the ground. He picked them up and passed them to his superior officer. These papers turned out to be General Lee's orders to invade Pennsylvania. The main points were to be Bedford and Blair Counties.

Bedford County's Morrison's Cove area was well known for its rich farms and iron making furnaces. Blair County also was rich in iron ore and furnaces, but more important it had the rail center and shops in Altoona.

The information on Lee's plans was forwarded immediately to Washington. Pennsylvania's Governor Andrew Curtin, upon receiving this news authorized an order to raise volunteers in Blair and Bedford counties at once. The response to this request and the fear of the invasion had great effect on the peoples of both counties.

Morrison's Cove had natural barriers which other areas did not have. First, there was the narrow valley at McKee. Second, Sloy's gap (Loysburg Gap) and last, the mountain which divided Snakespring and South Woodberry townships. All three points were thought to be very strategic defenses.

Volunteers from all sections of Blair county and almost every available man in the cove came to Pattonville (Loysburg).

In the two gaps, log cribbage and stone barriers were erected along the mountain sides. The large rocks would provide excellent protection to the gunners. Supplies had to be obtained quickly. The Pennsylvania Railroad only extended south of Altoona to Newry. The Huntingdon & BroadTop Railroad came as far as Hopewell. Therefore, arms, ammunition and food supplies that were shipped by rail, now had to be transported by horse and wagon to Pattonville.

The area around Buckstown (St. Clairsville) provided protection to the Cove and to Altoona. Fortifications were built along the mountain side. To provide an additional barrier, fortifications were thrown up south of Bedford near the 'Springs' as well as in the Narrows east of Bedford. Also Raver's Gap and Bloody Run.

General Milroy's army was almost trapped by the Confederates at Winchester Va., with one unit escaping by way of Harper's Ferry and the group with the General managed to outwit the Southerners by going North to Hancock, Md., and then to Bloody Run. The latter was to become within a few days, an important point.

General Milroy remained here with his cavalry while he tried to reorganize his small army, and at the same time obtain food supplies for his men and horses. Farmers from the Cove came to his rescue temporarily. The General, being a strict military man, had very little patience with the local recruits. Many had served time in military service prior to this, but had since terminated their time of enlistment. Therefore, militarily they were not now obligated to obey the General's orders.

A complaint was forwarded to Harrisburg of this matter. Therefore a recruiting officer was immediately dispatched to Bedford County to take the military oath of these men. However, by this time the danger of invasion lessened because all Confederate forces were called at once to the Gettysburg area.

family. Since two of his older brothers, Simon and Albert, had already migrated to the West, in 1904 Alva gathered up his children and prepared for a trip by train to eastern Kansas where his brothers had settled in the Englevale, Kansas area. Alva, now a widower with seven children, believed the Allegheny mountain area and its coal mining was no place to raise a bunch of little boys and their sister. As he looked at the future ahead for his children, he dreamed of a better life for them.

Remaining in Pennsylvania were the two eldest children, John M. and Bessie. John, a teacher, was married to Anna Bussard, and in 1911 they and their four children came to Kansas. Bessie, also a teacher by training, later married Scott Jay and they had four children. When their home burned to the ground she, Scott, and the small children followed her father to Kansas for a new start in 1913. That was the year the grasshoppers ate the hoe handles if the tools were left outside. This was pioneering!

Traveling on the train with five children for several days, taking all the possessions they had, being sure there was enough food to last during the trip, etc., must have taken a lot of courage for this young widower. The children, as well as Alva, must have sensed a great amount of curiosity, adventure, and no doubt some apprehension about the future. We can only guess what they felt as the train chugged along the rails through the mountains of Pennsylvania across the states to the west, and then into the flat lands of Kansas. They settled first near the brothers in Englevale.

After a few years, Alva and the family moved further west into the plains areas of Kansas, including Plains, Dodge City, Greensburg, and Ford. They finally settled north of the Arkansas River at the bend of the road as it turns northwest leading to Dodge City. One of many critical times during these years was the great flu epidemic of 1917. In contrast to many families of that time, all of Alva's family survived. The younger boys lived there with Alva until they were grown.

During that time, Grace Geary came into the home to help with the housework. Later, about 1917, Alva and Grace were married. Several years later they moved to the Bellingham, Washington area where Alva died of apoplexy (a stroke) on March 13, 1939. He was cremated.

Though the miles between the families were not so great, the fact that they were in different schools, attended different churches, and had many responsibilities caused some of the families to have very little personal contact most of the year. There was, however, one event that seemed to bond the family together. In 1915 Alva's family started holding their annual family reunion. Their eastern Kansas cousins sometimes came west to attend and through the next 65 years the reunions continued. In July or August every year the Karns Family Reunion was held. Most of the aunts, uncles, cousins, and sometimes relatives from the Hiram Karns family groups, and occasionally cousins Cromwell and Rachel Snyder, met together for the reunion. It was a happy time when everyone tried to catch up on the news of family activities for the past year.

The families have grown and prospered. Those who are past the middle of their life span now and have known the pioneer fathers know that the younger ones are going to have to do well to outdo the accomplishments of their pioneer grandfathers who believed in work, education, and God.

Written by Jean Ladd, daughter of Elmer Karns, in 1997.

ABOUT TWENTY YEARS EARLIER . . . before Alva came to Kansas

Other brothers of Alvah pioneered in Kansas. Hiram H. KARNs pioneered in Crawford County near Pittsburg, Kansas in 1882 after leaving Bedford County, Pennsylvania. This area was in the heart of the world's largest soft coal mining area near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania., which was about 100 miles west of his home. Coming west he located near Pittsburg, Kansas in the coal mine area there. Hiram brought with him his wife and their four children. In this new country, he sunk a coal shaft, farmed and became a businessman in the town of Englevale, Kansas. Here his family increased to a number of ten. Two of his children, Mrs. A. C. Stwalley, the oldest child and born while the family still lived in Pennsylvania, and

John M., son, July 1881, age 18, at school; Bessie, dau, Nov 1883, age 16, at school
Osie, dau, Nov 1885, age 14, at school; Harry, son, Oct 1887, age 12, at school
Arthur, son, Aug 1891, age 8, at school; Elmer, son, July 1893, age 6, at school
Carl, son, Sep 1895, age 4

.....[MSC]

More About ALVA [ALVAH] HIXON KARNs:

ADDR: PA, KS, Bellingham, WA

Burial: Cremation⁷²

Cause of Death: Stroke

MISC-1: From the death certificate received in the mid-50s, it states that Alva died on March 13, 1939 in the Whatcom County Hospital, Bellingham, WA. His death was caused by Apoplexy after 6 days of illness, having worked the day before he became ill.

OCC: Shoe cobbler

Notes for SALOME MEARKLE:

Salome Mearkle KARNs lived all of her short life in the Bedford County, PA area. She died of pneumonia at age 36. Two of her children, Nancy and Oliver, had died earlier. She left her husband, Alva, and seven other children, the youngest being about a year old. Salome was laid to rest in the Rockhill Cemetery, south of Clearville, PA in Bedford Co. beside her two children.

Ref 938 [Jerry MOWER, listing of MEARKLE family, Dec92] - gave year of birth.

Listed husband and four children.

!Data received from Harold SMITH - received data from Jean (KARNs) LADD, gave dates of birth and death, both in PA. Listed nine children.

More About SALOME MEARKLE:

Burial: Rockhill Cemetery, Bedford Co, Clearville, PA⁷³

Cause of Death: Pneumonia

More About ALVA KARNs and SALOME MEARKLE:

Marriage: Abt 1878, Bedford Co., PA

More About GRACE GEARY:

MISC-2: Grace Geary [Gary] had a son from a previous marriage, Francis Geary.

More About ALVA KARNs and GRACE GEARY:

Marriage: 1917, Ford Co, KS

Children of ALVA KARNs and SALOME MEARKLE are:

193 i. NANCY⁶ KARNs, born 1880 in Bedford Co., PA; died 1881 in Bedford Co., PA⁷⁴.

Notes for NANCY KARNs:

Nancy KARNs died before she was two years old.

More About NANCY KARNs:

Burial: Rockhill Cemetery, Clearville, PA⁷⁵

Cause of Death: Pneumonia

+ **194 ii. JOHN MEARKLE KARNs, born 11 Jul 1881 in Bedford Co., PA; died 17 Jul 1967 in Bucklin District Hospital, Ford Co., Bucklin, KS.**

+ **195 iii. BESSIE BELLE KARNs, born 07 Nov 1883 in Bedford Co., PA; died 18 Jul 1962 in Leoti, KS.**

+ **196 iv. OSA ELLEN KARNs, born 09 Nov 1885 in Bedford Co., PA; died 05 Mar 1970 in**

Middleton, ID.

+ 197 v. **HARRY M. KARNS**, born 15 Oct 1887 in Clearville, Bedford Co., PA; died 10 Sep 1964 in Greensburg, Kiowa Co., KS.

198 vi. **OLIVER M. KARNS**, born 1889 in Bedford Co., PA; died 1892 in Bedford Co., PA^{76,77}.

Notes for OLIVER M. KARNS:

Oliver KARNS died at age two in Clearville, Pennsylvania. He is buried beside his mother and sister, Nancy.

More About OLIVER M. KARNS:

Burial: Clearville, PA in the Rock Hill Cemetery

Cause of Death: Pneumonia

+ 199 vii. **ARTHUR MARTIN KARNS**, born 09 Aug 1891 in Bedford Co., PA; died 07 Mar 1972 in Pratt, Pratt Co., KS.

+ 200 viii. **ELMER MEARKLE KARNS**, born 14 Jul 1893 in Everett, Bedford Co., PA; died 20 Jul 1977 in Bethany, OK.

+ 201 ix. **CARL MEARKLE KARNS**, born 26 Sep 1895 in Bedford Co., PA; died 09 Mar 1977 in Colorado Springs, CO.

66. EMILY⁵ KARNS (JOHN HEFT⁴, JACOB³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 17 Mar 1856 in Providence, Bedford Co, PA⁷⁸, and died 08 Apr 1891 in Monroe, Bedford Co., PA⁷⁹. She married **JAMES HENRY SHAW** 25 Dec 1884 in by Rev. G. C. Probst at the home of the bride's parents, Bedford Co., PA, son of GEORGE SHAW and MAHALIA MOWER. He was born 06 Aug 1859 in West Providence Twp., Bedford Co, PA⁸⁰, and died 01 May 1934 in Monroe Twp., Bedford Co., PA.

Notes for EMILY KARNS:

EMILY KARNS presented herself for confirmation and adult baptism at the Mt. Pleasant Church, Bedford Co., PA, on February 8, 1874, and was received by the church on March 2, 1884.

Her marriage to James Henry Shaw was performed by the Rev. G. C. Probst at the home of her parents, John Heft and Rachel Hixson Karns, on Christmas Day, 1884...CP

!Ref 958 [George POWELL, ltr of 14Sep92 containing data from Rockhill Cem] - gave dates of birth and death, buried in Rockhill Cem., married James H. SHAW....[DPC]

Title: 1870 PA Census: Bedford Co. Monroe Twp. (Series M593, roll 1304)
Page: P.O. Clearville, p. 568a, lines 6-17, dwelling 88, family 86, 9 June 1870
Text: "Emily, age 14, attending school"
-----[MSC]

More About EMILY KARNS:

Burial: Rockhill Cem., Bedford Co., Clearville ,PA

Notes for JAMES HENRY SHAW:

JAMES HENRY SHAW had seen the joys and sorrows of his family. As so often happened in those pioneer days, many of the wives died early.

On Christmas Day of 1884, James was married to Emily Karns, daughter of John Heft and Rachel Karns at a ceremony held at the home of the bride's parents. Rev. G. C. Probst of the Mt. Pleasant Evangelical Lutheran Church, East Providence Township, Bedford Co., PA performed the ceremony. Three children were added to the family by this marriage. James Henry Shaw was saddened when Emily died at age 34. Her gravesite is at Rockhill Cemetery, Bedford Co., Clearville, PA.

James' second wife, Emma Smith, died leaving 3 small children. The youngest was an infant, so Clara

Adah Shaw lived for many years in the home of David and Mary Ellen Mearkle. David was a cousin to James Shaw.

He later married Adaline Mellot. James preceded her in death.

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!Ref 938 [Jerry MOWER, ltr of 27DEC90] - from family group record provided by Jerry Mower.
!FHL #1375325 Census of 1910 lists James H. Shaw, dwelling 21 family 22, Monroe Twp. married 9 years to Adaline. This is his 3rd marriage, her first. Family living with them: Russell L. age 22, Elia E. age 21, Bertha I. age 16, Olive M. age 15, Raymund E. age 8, Mildred L. age 6, Paul G. age 4, Mabel M. age 1.....[DPC]

Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church, East Providence Twp.

History: The Evangelical Lutheran church at Mount Pleasant was organized in 1857, by Rev. G. C. Probst, who has served as pastor ever since. The church edifice was built in 1857, and dedicated in August of that year. The congregation, organized with sixty members, now (in 1884) has about seventy-five members. The church was separated from the Ray's Hill and Ray's Cove charge in 1867.

Mr. Probst has labored long and faithfully in behalf of the Lutheran churches of this county. He now preaches at Mount Pleasant, at Clearville, and at the old log church, four miles from Clearville. Mr. Probst is a native of Germany; was brought up in Frederick county, Maryland; educated at Gettysburg Theological Seminary, and began his pastoral labors at Everett in 1857.

(Source: The History of Bedford, Somerset and Fulton Counties, Pa., Waterman, Watkins & Co., 1884, p. 329

More About JAMES HENRY SHAW:

Burial: Rock Hill Cemetery, Clearville, PA

OCC: Farmer

REL PREF: Christian Church

THE FAMILY REMEMBERS: Grandfather (James Henry Shaw) had a horse named Belle who was trained to stop every time it saw a person outside--to allow time for a chat. Some of the children didn't want to ride Belle on errands to town!

More About JAMES SHAW and EMILY KARNS:

Marriage: 25 Dec 1884, by Rev. G. C. Probst at the home of the bride's parents, Bedford Co., PA

Children of EMILY KARNS and JAMES SHAW are:

- + 202 i. **BIDDIE FLORENCE⁶ SHAW, born 13 Oct 1885 in Everett, Bedford Co, PA; died 17 Jun 1979 in Columbus, Franklin Co., OH.**
- + 203 ii. **RUSSELL LUTHER SHAW, born 08 May 1887 in Monroe Twp, Bedford Co., PA; died 16 Aug 1970 in St. Petersburg, FL.**
- + 204 iii. **ELEA ERNEST SHAW, born 28 Jan 1889 in Monroe Twp, Bedford Co., PA; died 11 May 1961 in Mentor, Lake Co., OH.**

67. ALBERT⁵ KARNS (JOHN HEFT⁴, JACOB³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 31 Dec 1857 in Clear Ridge, Bedford Co., PA⁸¹, and died 1941. He married (1) **LAURA** _____. He married (2) **HULDA HOLLINGSWORTH** Abt 1882, daughter of _____ HOLLINGSWORTH. She was born 1852⁸², and died 1939.

Notes for ALBERT KARNS:

Title: 1870 PA Census: Bedford Co. Monroe Twp. (Series M593, roll 1304)
Page: P.O. Clearville, p. 568a, lines 6-17, dwelling 88, family 86, 9 June 1870
Text: "Albert, age 12, attending school" ...[MSC]

More About ALBERT KARNs:
Burial: Englevale KS Cemetery
OCC: General Mdse Store/Hotel - Englevale, KS

More About HULDA HOLLINGSWORTH:
Burial: Englevale KS Cemetery

More About ALBERT KARNs and HULDA HOLLINGSWORTH:
Marriage: Abt 1882

Children of ALBERT KARNs and HULDA HOLLINGSWORTH are:

205 i. CHESTER ROY⁶ KARNs, born 22 Aug 1883⁸²; died 06 Mar 1962.

**More About CHESTER ROY KARNs:
Burial: Pittsburg KS Cemetery**

+ **206 ii. JOHN E. KARNs.**
+ **207 iii. CATHERINE "KATY" KARNs.**

68. MARIA M.⁵ KARNs (JOHN HEFT⁴, JACOB³, PHILIP², KARNs>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 22 Sep 1860 in Clear Ridge, Bedford Co., PA⁸³, and died 03 Apr 1938 in PA. She married **(1) WILBERT BISHOP**. He was born 28 Sep 1853 in Robinsonville, Bedford Co., PA⁸⁴, and died 14 Oct 1887. She married **(2) ANTHONY S. SMITH** 04 Mar 1889⁸⁵. He was born 1854 in Rainsburg, Bedford Co., PA⁸⁶, and died Sep 1937⁸⁶.

Notes for MARIA M. KARNs:

![GEDCOM from Harold C. SMITH] - Her second husband was Anthony S. Smith.
!Pioneer Lineage, Vol III, pg 83 [submitted by Harold C. SMITH] - gave date and place of birth and death. Indicated that first husband was WILBERT BISHOP.
!Duke Obits, pg 3495 [Obit of Alice (SMITH) RICHTER] - listed mother as Myria KARNs. Also listed following half-siblings: Cleve BISHOP, Clyde BISHOP, Mrs. Maude HEARN, Mrs. Judie KELLER....
[DPC]

A BIRDSEYE VIEW OF THE COMMUNITY WHERE THE FAMILY LIVED:

Robinsonville Methodist Episcopal Church, Monroe Twp.

History: The first church in Robinsonville was built by the Methodist Episcopal congregation in 1880, at a cost of one thousand two hundred dollars, during the pastorate of Rev. J. W. Rhue.

Early meetings were held by various denominations in dwellings and in schoolhouses. Among the first ministers in the township were Revs. Jacobs, Heeps, Comber and Proctor.

An organization of Methodist Protestants has been maintained for several years. The house of worship, known as Stevens chapel, is located in the northeastern part of Monroe township.

(Source: History of Bedford, Somerset and Fulton Counties, Pa., Waterman, Watkins & Co., 1884, p. 388.)
[Unedited copy-JL]

Mt Pleasant Reformed Church

Mt. Pleasant: (near Millerstown) was organized in 1873. The members originally belonged to the Zion German Reformed Church, known as the Hickory Bottom Church, in Bedford County. In 1853 they organized a community Sunday school in Millerstown, from which evolved the present Mt. Pleasant Reformed Church

Title: 1870 PA Census: Bedford Co. Monroe Twp. (Series M593, roll 1304)
Page: P.O. Clearville, p. 568a, lines 6-17, dwelling 88, family 86, 9 June 1870
Text: "Maria, age 9, attending school" ...[MSC]

More About MARIA M. KARNS:
Burial: Clearville, Bedford Co., PA

Notes for ANTHONY S. SMITH:
![GEDCOM from Harold SMITH] - In addition to Annie and Lester he had four other children who died young at the same time as their mother in 1888.
!Duke Obits, pg 3495 [Obit of Alice (SMITH) RICHTER] - listed as father.....[DPC]

This information would indicate that Anthony Smith must have had a previous marriage and the wife and some of the children died.

More About ANTHONY SMITH and MARIA KARNS:
Marriage: 04 Mar 1889⁸⁷

Children of MARIA KARNS and WILBERT BISHOP are:

- + 208 i. JUDIE AVONDALE 'Anna'⁶ BISHOP, born 17 Feb 1881 in Robinsonville, Bedford Co., PA; died 14 Nov 1977 in Flower Hospital, Sylvania, Lucas Co., OH.
- 209 ii. MAUDE AURORA BISHOP, born 17 Dec 1882⁸⁸.
- 210 iii. CLEVELAND 'Cleve' BISHOP, born 1884⁸⁹.
- 211 iv. CLYDE BISHOP, born 16 Aug 1886⁹⁰.

Children of MARIA KARNS and ANTHONY SMITH are:

- 212 i. LUTHER ALBERT⁶ SMITH, born 11 Sep 1889 in W. Prov. Twp., Bedford Co., PA⁹¹; died 24 Sep 1911.

More About LUTHER ALBERT SMITH:
Burial: Union Cem., Clearville, Bedford Co., PA

213 ii. CLARA ALICE SMITH, born 19 Jan 1892 in W. Prov. Twp., Bedford Co., PA⁹²; died 29 Nov 1965 in Hospital, Montclair, NJ. She married (1) MR. WEBBER. She married (2) MR. RICHTER.

More About CLARA ALICE SMITH:
Burial: Mem. Park, Bedford, Bedford Co., PA

214 iii. ROSE 'Rosie' OSCAR SMITH, born 23 Sep 1894 in W. Prov. Twp., Bedford Co., PA⁹³; died 04 Nov 1987. She married (1) NORMAN COOPER. She married (2) ROBERT CRAIG.

More About ROSE 'Rosie' OSCAR SMITH:
Burial: Everett Cem., Everett, Bedford Co., PA

215 iv. EDNA BLANCHE SMITH, born 04 Dec 1896 in W. Prov. Twp., Bedford Co., PA; died 16 Sep 1940. She married HARRY EARL GARLICK 28 Apr 1917; born 05 Jul 1895 in Monroe Twp., Bedford Co., PA⁹⁴.

**More About EDNA BLANCHE SMITH:
Burial: Frame Church, Bedford Co., PA**

**More About HARRY GARLICK and EDNA SMITH:
Marriage: 28 Apr 1917**

+ 216 v. **CRUMMEL CARL SMITH**, born 26 Nov 1898 in Indian Springs, Bedford Co., PA; died 26 Apr 1976 in St. Petersburg, Pinellas Co., FL.

217 vi. **OLIVE LEOTA RUTH SMITH**, born 05 Sep 1900 in W. Prov. Twp., Bedford Co., PA. She married **FLOYD [DIHEL] DIEHL**.

218 vii. **CHESTER RAY ADELBERT SMITH**, born 15 Oct 1902 in W. Prov. Twp., Bedford Co., PA; died 13 Dec 1991 in Green Ln, Bedford, Bedford Co., PA. He married **BESSIE JANE MOCK**.

**More About CHESTER RAY ADELBERT SMITH:
Burial: Memorial Park, Bedford, Bedford Co,PA**

219 viii. **DONALD LLOYD SMITH**, born 03 Sep 1906 in W. Prov. Twp., Bedford Co., PA⁹⁵; died 09 Aug 1988 in Sacred Heart Hospital, Cumberland, MD. He married (1) **ARIETTA MAE GARLICK** 23 Apr 1931. He married (2) **CHLOE M. FORD** 12 Apr 1967.

**More About DONALD LLOYD SMITH:
Burial: Union Cemetery, Clearville, Bedford Co,PA**

**More About DONALD SMITH and ARIETTA GARLICK:
Marriage: 23 Apr 1931**

**More About DONALD SMITH and CHLOE FORD:
Marriage: 12 Apr 1967**

69. HARRIET⁵ KARNs (JOHN HEFT⁴, JACOB³, PHILIP², KARNs>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 24 Jun 1862 in Clear Ridge, Bedford Co., PA⁹⁶, and died 09 Feb 1932. She married **NATHAN ELIAS CLABAUGH**, son of BERNARD CLABAUGH and JANE ROBI[N]SON. He was born 17 Oct 1857, and died 21 Sep 1952.

Notes for HARRIET KARNs:

!Duke Obits, pg 2759 [Obit of Adah (CLABAUGH) MEARKLE] - listed as mother....[DPC]

Title: 1870 PA Census: Bedford Co. Monroe Twp. (Series M593, roll 1304)
Page: P.O. Clearville, p. 568a, lines 6-17, dwelling 88, family 86, 9 June 1870
Text: "Harriett, age 8, attending school"...[MSC]

More About HARRIET KARNs:

Burial: Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church Cem., Providence Twp., Bedford Co, PA

Notes for NATHAN ELIAS CLABAUGH:

!Duke Obits, pg 2759 [Obit of Adah (CLABAUGH) MEARKLE] - listed as father....[DPC]

More About NATHAN ELIAS CLABAUGH:

Burial: Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church Cem., Providence Twp., Bedford Co, PA

Children of HARRIET KARNs and NATHAN CLABAUGH are:

- 220 i. EDNA⁶ CLABAUGH. She married _____ LAYTON.
- 221 ii. BERTHA ELIZIE CLABAUGH, born 13 Feb 1883; died 30 Aug 1883.
- 222 iii. HARRY LUTHER CLABAUGH, born 09 May 1885; died 25 Nov 1885.
- + 223 iv. ADAH R. CLABAUGH, born 21 Oct 1886 in , Monroe Twp., Bedford Co., PA; died 28 Jun 1981 in Clearville, Bedford Co., PA.
- 224 v. ANNIE CLABAUGH, born 1888. She married _____ MELLOTT.
- 225 vi. ACHSAH BELLE CLABAUGH, born 17 Jul 1894; died 24 Feb 1895.
- 226 vii. ALVIN L. CLABAUGH, born 1898; died 1978. He married ETHEL BLANKLEY.

71. MARTHA JANE⁵ KARNs (JOHN HEFT⁴, JACOB³, PHILIP², KARNs>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 03 Jun 1866 in Clear Ridge, Bedford Co., PA⁹⁷. She married WILSON NYCUM⁹⁸ 02 Jun 1886 in Monroe Twp., Bedford Co., PA at the home of the bride. Minister was Rev. G. C. Probst⁹⁸, son of GEORGE NYCUM and REBECCA _____. He was born 1864 in , Monroe Twp., Bedford Co., PA.

Notes for MARTHA JANE KARNs:

!Duke Obits, pg 3200 [Obit of Russell NYCUM] - listed mother as Martha KARNs.

!Duke Obits, pg 3199 [Obit of Luther NYCUM] - listed mother as Martha CARN.

!Duke Obits, pg 1836 [Obit of Ethel May (NYCUM) HARCLERODE] - listed parents as Wilson and Martha (KARNs) NYCUM....[DPC]

Title: 1870 PA Census: Bedford Co. Monroe Twp. (Series M593, roll 1304)

Page: P.O. Clearville, p. 568a, lines 6-17, dwelling 88, family 86, 9 June 1870

Text: "Martha J., age 4"...[MSC]

Notes for WILSON NYCUM:

Duke Obits, pg 3200 [Obit of Russell NYCUM] - listed as father.

!Duke Obits, pg 1836 [Obit of Ethel May (NYCUM) HARCLERODE] - listed parents as Wilson and Martha (KARNs) NYCUM].....[DPC]

More About WILSON NYCUM:

OCC: Farmer

More About WILSON NYCUM and MARTHA KARNs:

Marriage: 02 Jun 1886, Monroe Twp., Bedford Co., PA at the home of the bride. Minister was Rev. G. C. Probst⁹⁸

Children of MARTHA KARNs and WILSON NYCUM are:

- 227 i. EMERY⁶ NYCUM.
- 228 ii. RASTUS NYCUM.
- + 229 iii. RUSSELL BADE NYCUM, born 28 Apr 1905 in Snake Spring Twp., Bedford Co., PA; died 29 May 1968 in Everett, Bedford Co., PA.

72. SUSAN "Ann" B.⁵ MEARKLE (JULIAN⁴ KARNs, JACOB³, PHILIP², KARNs>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 18 Aug 1852 in Bedford, Bedford Co., PA⁹⁹, and died 08 Jun 1938 in , Bedford Co., PA. She married SIMON P. SHAFFER 18 Aug 1870 in , Bedford Co., PA, son of ISAAH SHAFFER and SUSAN TEETER. He was born 1849 in Bedford, Bedford Co., PA¹⁰⁰, and died Nov 1914 in Mattie, Bedford Co., PA.

More About SUSAN "Ann" B. MEARKLE:

Burial: Serv. in Stephens M.E. Chapel, Bedford Co., PA

More About SIMON SHAFFER and SUSAN MEARKLE:

Marriage: 18 Aug 1870, Bedford Co., PA

Child of SUSAN MEARKLE and SIMON SHAFFER is:

+ 230 i. **NETTIE MAY⁶ SHAFFER**, born 06 Jun 1889 in Monroe Twp., Bedford Co., PA; died 10 Jul 1975 in Everett, Bedford Co., PA.

73. **JANE "JENNIE" S.⁵ MEARKLE** (JULIAN⁴ KARNS, JACOB³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 27 Oct 1853, and died 29 May 1883 in , Bedford Co., PA. She married **SAMUEL R. RITCHEY** 25 Dec 1879, son of PHILIP RITCHEY and MARY MIKESELL. He was born 1850¹⁰¹, and died 1928.

More About JANE "JENNIE" S. MEARKLE:

Burial: Service held in Stephens M.E. Chapel, Bedford Co., PA with burial at the Church Cemetery
Cause of Death: Tuberculosis [when Opha was two years old]

Notes for SAMUEL R. RITCHEY:

From 1910 PA U.S. Census:

Ritchey, Samuel R. [Head] age 59
 , Malinda [Wife] 46
 , Philip A. [Son] 22
 , I. Grace [Dau] 20
 , Minnie [Dau] 15
 , Earl H. [Son] 13
 , Martha R. [Dau] 9
 , Norman D. [Dau] 6
 --could be Herman D. (very dim)

More About SAMUEL RITCHEY and JANE MEARKLE:

Marriage: 25 Dec 1879

Child of JANE MEARKLE and SAMUEL RITCHEY is:

+ 231 i. **JULIANN OPHELIA "Opha"⁶ RITCHEY**, born 15 Oct 1881 in Clear Ridge, Bedford/Fulton Co., PA; died 14 Apr 1982 in Morrison Cove Home, Martinsburg, Blair Co., PA.

77. **AMOS K.⁵ MEARKLE-BOUSE** (JULIAN⁴ KARNS, JACOB³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 25 Mar 1859 in Monroe Twp., Bedford Co., PA, and died 13 Mar 1937 in Oklahoma City, OK Co, OK. He married **MARY "Eva" WARREN** Bet. 1893 - 1900. She was born 08 Sep 1860 in Memphis, TN, and died 21 May 1946 in Oklahoma City area, OK Co, OK.

Notes for AMOS K. MEARKLE-BOUSE:

Occ: Homebuilder, Amos Bouse Construction, Bouse and Bouse

Services for Amos Bouse were handled by the Demuth-Garrison Funeral Home in Oklahoma City. Burial was in Fairlawn Cemetery, Oklahoma City [West Half 219, Blk 7] about 50 feet east of the Western St. entrance.

Cause of death at age 77: Heart Trouble

MARY "EVA" WARREN

Res: TN, AR, OK
Rel. Pref: Baptist

Eva, too, was laid to rest beside Amos at age 85 in the Fairlawn Cemetery, Oklahoma City, OK

More About AMOS K. MEARKLE-BOUSE:

Burial: Fairlawn Cemetery, OKC, OK [West Half 219, Blk 7] by gate on Western St.-50 Ft E

Cause of Death: Heart Trouble

OCC: Homebuilder, Amos Bouse Construction Co.; Stock Dealer¹⁰²

More About MARY "Eva" WARREN:

ADDR: TN, AR, OK

Burial: Fairlawn Cemetery, OKC, OK [West Half 219, Blk 7] by gate on Western St.-50 Ft E

REL PREF: Baptist

More About AMOS MEARKLE-BOUSE and MARY WARREN:

Marriage date: Date of marriage between October 8, 1893 and December 8, 1900. Not confirmed.

Marriage: Bet. 1893 - 1900

Children of AMOS MEARKLE-BOUSE and MARY WARREN are:

+ 232 i. **EDWARD FRANKLIN "Frank"⁶ BOUSE**, born 26 Sep 1896 in Oklahoma City ,
OK Co, OK; died 08 May 1963 in Little Rock, AR.

+ 233 ii. **AMOS K. BOUSE, JR.**, born 26 Aug 1902 in Prairie Grove, Washington Co., AR;
died 03 Feb 1981 in Oklahoma City , OK Co, OK.

78. HARRY "Henry" L.⁵ MEARKLE (JULIAN⁴ KARNs, JACOB³, PHILIP²,
KARNs>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 26 Feb 1861, and died 20 Feb 1936. He married **CHARLOTTE
HARWOOD** 01 Jan 1895. She died Jan 1959.

Notes for HARRY "Henry" L. MEARKLE:

HENRY L. MEARKLE, son of HENRY MEARKLE and JULIAN KARNs became a very successful
businessman in Philadelphia. There he amassed a fortune. Several brothers worked for him at different
times.

At the time of his death he left a considerable fortune to his brothers and sisters and their children. [CP]

More About HARRY "Henry" L. MEARKLE:

ADDR: PA

Burial: Arlington Cemetery

OCC: Owner of Philadelphia Window Screen Co.

More About CHARLOTTE HARWOOD:

Burial: Arlington Cemetery

More About HARRY MEARKLE and CHARLOTTE HARWOOD:

Marriage: 01 Jan 1895

Child of HARRY MEARKLE and CHARLOTTE HARWOOD is:

234 i. ALICE⁶ MEARKLE [A].

More About ALICE MEARKLE [A]:

MISC-1: Adopted

80. ANDREW "Andy" CURTAIN⁵ MEARKLE (JULIAN⁴ KARNs, JACOB³, PHILIP²,
KARNs>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 24 Jun 1864, and died 06 Mar 1934. He married **SARAH LULA
HOFFMAN** 28 Dec 1892.

More About ANDREW "Andy" CURTAIN MEARKLE:

Cause of Death: Cancer; Suicide

More About ANDREW MEARKLE and SARAH HOFFMAN:
Marriage: 28 Dec 1892

Children of ANDREW MEARKLE and SARAH HOFFMAN are:

- + 235 i. **HARLAND ORLANDO⁶ MEARKLE**, born 17 Dec 1894; died 08 Apr 1964.
- + 236 ii. **ALTA CORRICE MEARKLE**, born 07 Apr 1900 in Toledo, OH; died 19 Nov 2001 in GA.

81. RACHEL K. "Alice"⁵ MEARKLE (JULIAN⁴ KARNs, JACOB³, PHILIP², KARNs>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 27 Jun 1866, and died 22 May 1910. She married **EDWARD WILLIAMS** 26 Nov 1891, son of ALVAH WILLIAMS and WIFE WILLIAMS. He was born Abt 1859¹⁰³.

More About RACHEL K. "Alice" MEARKLE:
Burial: Serv. in Stephens M.E. Chapel, Bedford Co., PA

More About EDWARD WILLIAMS and RACHEL MEARKLE:
Marriage: 26 Nov 1891

Child of RACHEL MEARKLE and EDWARD WILLIAMS is:

- + 237 i. **HENRY⁶ WILLIAMS**.

82. SIMON CALVIN "Sim"⁵ MEARKLE (JULIAN⁴ KARNs, JACOB³, PHILIP², KARNs>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 10 Jan 1868, and died 09 Jun 1941 in Peoria, IL. He married **ESTELLA BOOR** 15 Apr 1895.

More About SIMON MEARKLE and ESTELLA BOOR:
Marriage: 15 Apr 1895

Child of SIMON MEARKLE and ESTELLA BOOR is:

- + 238 i. **CLYDE⁶ MEARKLE**.

94. SAMUEL RANSOM⁵ SHOWALTER (SARAH⁴ KARNs, JACOB³, PHILIP², KARNs>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1)¹⁰⁴ was born 18 Aug 1876, and died 01 Feb 1951 in Clearville, Bedford Co., PA. He married **IDA F. MEARKLE** 04 Feb 1900, daughter of WILLIAM MEARKLE and MARY BENNETT. She was born 20 Feb 1881 in Monroe Twp., Bedford Co., PA, and died 15 Jan in Clearville, Bedford Co., PA.

More About SAMUEL RANSOM SHOWALTER:
Burial: Stevens Chapel, Methodist Church Cemetery, Bedford Co., PA

More About IDA F. MEARKLE:
Burial: Stevens Chapel, Methodist Church Cemetery, Bedford Co., PA

More About SAMUEL SHOWALTER and IDA MEARKLE:
Marriage: 04 Feb 1900

Children of SAMUEL SHOWALTER and IDA MEARKLE are:

- 239 i. **NELLIE⁶ SHOWALTER**. She married _____ MILLIMAN.
- 240 ii. **EMMA SHOWALTER**. She married _____ SPADE.
- 241 iii. **MARY SHOWALTER**. She married _____ WEIBLE.
- 242 iv. **DELLA B. SHOWALTER**, born 15 Sep 1900 in Monroe Twp., Bedford Co., PA; died 06 Sep 1968 in Everett, Bedford Co., PA. She married GRANT MELLOTT 22 Jan 1920; born

03 Aug 1895 in , Fulton Co., PA; died 17 Mar 1980.

More About DELLA B. SHOWALTER:

Burial: Stevens Chapel, Methodist Church Cemetery, Bedford Co., PA

More About GRANT MELLOTT:

Burial: Stevens Chapel, Methodist Church Cemetery, Bedford Co., PA

More About GRANT MELLOTT and DELLA SHOWALTER:

Marriage: 22 Jan 1920

243 v. ANNA BELL SHOWALTER, born 18 May 1911 in Bedford Co., PA; died 27 Jun 1990 in Uniontown, PA. She married HENRY SCOTT CLARK¹⁰⁵ 26 Jun 1926; born 13 Feb 1907 in West Providence Twp., Bedford Co., PA; died 06 Nov 1975 in Uniontown, PA.

More About ANNA BELL SHOWALTER:

Burial: Union Memorial Cemetery, Mench, West Providence Twp., Bedford Co., PA

More About HENRY SCOTT CLARK:

Burial: Union Memorial Cemetery, Mench, West Providence Twp., Bedford Co., PA

More About HENRY CLARK and ANNA SHOWALTER:

Marriage: 26 Jun 1926

+ 244 vi. WILLIAM H. SHOWALTER, born 28 Apr 1915 in Monroe Twp., Bedford Co., PA; died 27 May 1987 in Concord, NC.

245 vii. MINNIE F. SHOWALTER, born 02 Feb 1919 in Monroe Twp., Bedford Co., PA; died 03 Apr 1992 in Everett, Bedford Co., PA.

More About MINNIE F. SHOWALTER:

Burial: Stevens Chapel, Methodist Church Cemetery, Bedford Co., PA

100. JOHN WESLEY⁵ LEACH (LUCINDA⁴ KARNS, JACOB³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 11 Aug 1869 in Mann Twp.¹⁰⁶, and died 12 Feb 1929 in Riverside, Everett, PA¹⁰⁶. He married JENNIE ELLEN CHAMBERLAIN 07 Apr 1898¹⁰⁶, daughter of ALBERT CHAMBERLAIN and EMMA MEARKLE. She was born 29 Sep 1876 in Monroe Twp., Bedford Co., PA¹⁰⁶, and died 20 Mar 1949 in Riverside, Everett, Bedford Co., PA¹⁰⁶.

Notes for JENNIE ELLEN CHAMBERLAIN:

From The Pioneer Historical Society of Bedford Co., PA, Inc. ONLINE

Jennie Chamberlain Leach

Jennie Chamberlain Leach was my husband Conrad's grandmother, the daughter of Albert Chamberlain and Emma Talitha Mearkle. She married John Leach. They raised a family of 7 children, the last of which was my husband's father.

From the names of the books you might wonder what we are referring too. Well, evidently she did not have the money to buy new scrap books to put these in and she used encyclopedias, and catalogues from the store that her daughter Verda's boy friend, later husband, owned in Clearville and an old violin music book.

I have been told that in the early days when you came into town from Clearville, she and her son's, son -in-

law (Pappy Guy) would be on the front porch and they would be playing music. Jennie played the violin and I suppose that is where the violin book came from. My husband loved her very much and talked of her often and others today remember them playing. People told of how others would come to join in the music and the good times that were had.

I first became aware of the books when in 1976 my husband's mother died of cancer and the house was sold to help pay the medical expenses. I spent hours along with my sister in law at that time, Marcia Clark Leach, gleaning over the collection and putting all the families together. This was one of the things that got me interested in research.

In 1979, my husband and I lost our home to fire and hardly anything remained of our life together until that time. But in our bedroom we had a bookcase that Conrad and his father had built when he was a boy of fourteen. In that book case lying on their sides were Jennie Chamberlain Leach's obituary books and their family Bible, all smoke stained and smelly. For a few years I did not have the heart to start all over again with my research but eventually I did.

So today I think that Conrad's grandmother would be pleased to know that these books will be used to help keep our historical society going in small way. Also to allow those that need these obit and an opportunity to do their own family research.

Please note that there are also some marriage listings in the books and a few WW1 letters from over seas, and little bits and pieces of news and poems and crochet clippings.

I hope that everyone enjoys and can benefit from what Jennie saved over the years.....

Gillian K. Leach

The Pioneer Historical Society Research Department will copy an obituary from the collection of Jennie Chamberlain Leach. Over the years, Jennie collected and assembled the obituaries in five notebooks. Each of these notebooks are full of obituaries, have been indexed, and may be copied. They are:

Chambers Encyclopedia
Jewelry Book
Universal Silverware Book
Violin Book
New Book

More About JOHN LEACH and JENNIE CHAMBERLAIN:
Marriage: 07 Apr 1898¹⁰⁶

Children of JOHN LEACH and JENNIE CHAMBERLAIN are:

246 i. MANILLA SAVILLA⁶ LEACH, born 23 Dec 1900 in Clearville, Bedford Co., PA; died 27 Mar 1977 in Fulton Co., PA.

**More About MANILLA SAVILLA LEACH:
Burial: Everett Cemetery, Bedford Co., PA**

247 ii. MELVIN FRANKLIN LEACH, born 19 Nov 1902.

248 iii. ALBERT SAMUEL LEACH, born 02 May 1904 in Monroe Twp., Bedford Co., PA; died 19 Feb 1977 in Martinsburg, PA.

**More About ALBERT SAMUEL LEACH:
Burial: Bethel Church Cemetery, PA**

- 249 iv. **TEDDY R. LEACH, born 24 May 1906.**
- 250 v. **VERA MOE LEACH, born 21 Jul 1908.**
- 251 vi. **VERDA MILDRED LEACH, born 21 Jul 1908.**
- 252 vii. **DONALD BRUCE LEACH, born 19 Aug 1912.**
- + 253 viii. **HOMER DELL LEACH, born 17 Sep 1915 in Riverside, Everett, PA.**

105. JOHN S.⁵ KARNs (DANIEL⁴, PHILIP³, PHILIP², KARNs>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1)

More About JOHN S. KARNs:
 ADDR: New Enterprise, PA
 OCC: Cabinetmaker

Children of JOHN S. KARNs are:

- + 254 i. **ANDREW⁶ KARNs.**
- 255 ii. **_____ KARNs. She married FRANK YOUNG.**

**More About FRANK YOUNG:
 ADDR: 1933: 320 Third Ave., Altoona, PA**

- 256 iii. **_____ KARNs. She married EDWIN PETERS.**

**More About _____ KARNs:
 ADDR: 1933: 2113 Fourth Ave., Altoona, PA**

107. GEORGE WASHINGTON⁵ KARNs (DANIEL⁴, PHILIP³, PHILIP², KARNs>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 1850¹⁰⁷, and died 1910. He married **BELLA BLAKE** 14 Nov 1872. She was born 1853¹⁰⁸, and died 1911.

Notes for GEORGE WASHINGTON KARNs:

After Daniel Karns' death George continued the business at Loysburg and John continued at New Enterprise. Pappa Karns, as George Washington Karns was called by his family, built the family home at Loysburg himself. It was an imposing structure surrounded on three sides by wide overhanging porches. It was the first house in town when approached from the Gap in Jack's Mountain to the Southeast. Directly across the main road into town from the house, Pappa Karns built his workshop where he made his furniture and coffins--usually from walnut, cherry or poplar planks milled from trees which grew on his property. One of those giant black walnut trees still was growing in the side yard of that country home in the 1930.

Pappa Karns [George Washington Karns] was described by his daughters as a tall, strong, quiet, exceedingly stubborn man who always insisted that things be done his way by others. Mamma Karns, on the other hand, barely made five feet and was a bubbly romantic who got Pappa Karns to do her bidding and made him think it was his idea.

George W. Karns was a woodworker and cabinet maker from the vicinity of Loysburg. He made his home in Loysburg following in his father's footsteps as an expert furniture craftsman. In addition he became an undertaker building his own elegant coffins which were upholstered by his daughters, Stella and Sara.

. Notes from William A. Benner

More About GEORGE KARNs and BELLA BLAKE:
 Marriage: 14 Nov 1872

Children of GEORGE KARNs and BELLA BLAKE are:

- 257 i. **SARAH JANE⁶ KARNs, born 1873; died 1964¹⁰⁹.**

More About SARAH JANE KARNs:

OCC: Seamstress making wedding gowns for brides throughout the county, as well as upholstering furniture and caskets. Later, she became a registered nurse serving on the staff of the Grier School for Girls at Birmingham, PA for 35 years

- + 258 ii. **MARY ESTELLA KARNS, born 1876; died 1969.**
- 259 iii. **JAMES KARNS, born 1879.**

More About JAMES KARNS:

MISC-1: Killed in a train accident while working on the South Penn Railroad near Bedford, PA

108. ELIZABETH⁵ PENNEL (ASENATHA⁴ KARNS, PHILIP³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) She married **GIDEON AMICK KEGARISE**.

Child of ELIZABETH PENNEL and GIDEON KEGARISE is:

- + 260 i. **NORMAN⁶ KEGARISE.**

110. CHARLES WESLEY⁵ KARNS (WILLIAM⁴, PHILIP³, PHILIP², KARNS>MEARKLE¹ Vol. 1) was born 1858. He married **IDA MAY WOLFE**.

Notes for CHARLES WESLEY KARNS:

CHARLES WESLEY KARNS - Minister of Methodist Church. A book is in the SLC Library about this family/church.--Author of "Historical Sketches of Morrison's Cove", 1933, originally published in Altoona Mirror newspaper.

More About CHARLES WESLEY KARNS:

OCC: Minister

REL PREF: Methodist

Children of CHARLES KARNS and IDA WOLFE are:

- 261 i. **CARL E.⁶ KARNS¹¹⁰.**

More About CARL E. KARNS:

EDU: Graduate of Altoona PA High School; Dickinson College; 3-yr at Columbia University

Military service: World War I

OCC: Teacher at Hobart College; Biologist with lab in Altoona, PA

- + 262 ii. **CHARLES DONALD KARNS.**

Endnotes

1. Glen Paxton [GP] or [GWP]
2. Kay Leach by phone 2/94
3. 1850 Census, Bedford Co., PA, West Providence Twp., #184.
4. Tombstone Inscriptions, Providence Twp., Bedford Co., PA by C. C. Weaverling. From National Genealogical Society Qtrly, Vol 27.
5. 1850 Census, Bedford Co., PA, West Providence Twp., #184.
6. Tombstone Inscriptions, Providence Twp., Bedford Co., PA by C. C. Weaverling. From National Genealogical Society Qtrly, Vol 27.
7. Jean Ladd [JL]; Timothy R. Bottenfield [TRB], Opelika, AL

8. Bedford Co., PA Will Book 4, page 508
9. Bedford Co., PA Will Book 4, page 508
10. Clara Pendley (CP)
11. 1810 Census-Southampton Co., Bedford Co, PA
12. [GWP] & "Descendants of Johannes "Hans" Diehl" compiled by William Anthony Diehl
13. "Descendants of Johannes "Hans" Diehl" compiled by William Anthony Diehl.
14. 1810 Census-Southampton Co., Bedford Co,PA
15. Notes from Hazel Brambley--not sure!
16. Gillian K. Leach [GKL] by phone 2/94. Check book, "Bloody Run Lutheran Records"
17. Tombstone Inscription on Family Marker in the Methodist Church Cemetery, Juliana & John Sts., Downtown Bedford, PA.
18. Bedford Co., PA Will Book 4, page 508.
19. 1850 Census, Bedford Co., PA, East Providence Twp., #132..
20. Bedford Co., PA Will Book 4, page 508
21. [TRB], [JL].
22. Bedford Co., PA Will Book 4, page 508
23. Michael S. Caldwell[MSC] and Paul R. Swanson [PRS], Sunnyvale, CA
24. [MSC], [PRS] Paul R. Swanson, Sunnyvale, CA
25. "Bedford County Marriage Records, Oct. 1885 - Apr. 1890, compiled by Michael Hengst, 1989, Closson Press, Records located in Bedford County Courthouse, Vol 1, Rec. 98.
26. Bedford Co., PA Will Book 4, page 508
27. "Records of Mt. Pleasant Evangelical Lutheran Church, East Providence Township, Bedford Co., PA" by Mrs. Hugh M. Pendley.
28. Bedford Co., PA Will Book 4, page 508
29. Bedford Co., PA Will Book 4, page 508
30. 1850 Census, Bedford Co., PA, West Providence Twp., #184. Bedford County PA Will Book 4, page 508.
31. 1850 PA Federal Census.
32. 1860 Census - PA.
33. Niswender Ancestry.
34. Clara Pendley (CP) has the will of John H. Karns P4XX-ZQ, along with documented records for families of Simon Karns & Englebert Mearkle.
35. [SK] - Sally Kramer, Annapolis, MD..
36. CP--Has copy of Rachel Hixson's will
37. AFN #P4XR-BR; CP holds copy of her will
38. Bedford County, PA, War Census.
39. AFN: 1J16-ZLR.
40. CP has much info on this family.
41. AFN: MZSP-62.
42. CP has much info on this family.
43. Betty Bouse Ritchie [BBR].
44. "Bedford County Marriage Records, Oct. 1885 - Apr. 1890, compiled by Michael Hengst, 1989, Closson Press, Vol. 2, rec. 393.
45. FROM NEWS CLIPS-Jennie Chamberlain Leach
46. "Bedford County Marriage Records, Oct. 1885 - Apr. 1890, compiled by Michael Hengst, 1989, Closson Press, Vol. 2, rec. 393.
47. ALL INFO ON JACOB KARNS/MARGARET HEFT - CP
48. "Historical Sketches of Morrison Cove" by C. W. Karns, 1933.
49. Family Bible, --Found marriage date in very old dilapidated Bible in 1939, written by a granddaughter of Daniel and Mary Karns.
50. William Logue Letter of 1889 written to J. R. Schooley, --as researched by William Benner.
51. Family Bible, --Found marriage date in very old dilapidated Bible in 1939, written by a granddaughter of Daniel and Mary Karns.
52. [RLR] - Ron Rose
53. LDS.
54. Duke Obits, p. 4034, 2391, Duke Obits, pg 4034 [Obit of S. Belle (KARNS) SPARKS] - named as father. Also named brother Harry S. and sister Mrs. Ella KING. Duke Obits, pg 2391 [Obit of C. Ella (KARNS) KING] - listed as father. .
55. Duke Obits, 4034, 2391.
56. 1850 Census, Bedford Co., PA, East Providence Twp., #132.. Duke Obits
57. Duke Obits.
58. [TRB], [JL].
59. [JL], [TRB].

60. Duke Obits.
61. MKH
62. [AFN #MZRZ-GF]
63. [AFN #MZRZ-BQ]
64. Family Records & AFN P4XR-CS [AS]
65. Family Records , MZSQ-4T
66. Douglas Karns (DK).
67. Stone in Englevale, KS Cemetery
68. Sally Kramer [SK], Annapolis, MD..
69. AFN P4XR-GG [AS]
70. Death Certificate; WA State; Cremation ---JL
71. Rock Hill Cemetery, Clearville, PA. AFN: MZSM-HB
72. Death Certificate.
73. Grave Marker, Courtesy of Clara Pendley..
74. Rockhill Cemetery, Clearville, PA
75. Grave Marker, Courtesy of Clara Pendley..
76. Rockhill Cemetery, Clearville, PA--Grave Marker courtesy of Clara Pendley.
77. Grave Marker,.
78. [SLC--AFN:G8HS-9K] VK (Info from granddaughter in letter - 1956)
79. 4-8-1891 VK [AFN: GBHS-9K]
80. [SLC--AFN:G9P5-CT]
81. AFN P4XR-K0 [AS] Family Records
82. Stone in Englevale, KS Cemetery
83. P4XR-L5
84. AFN P4XR-3K [AS]
85. P4XR-L5
86. P4XT-DD
87. P4XR-L5
88. AFN P4XR-63 [AS]
89. AFN P4XR-78 [AS]
90. AFN P4XR-8F [AS]
91. AFN P4XH-JP [AS]
92. AFN P4XH-KV [AS]
93. P4XH-L2
94. P4XV-2S
95. P4XH-QQ
96. AFN P4XR-MB [AS]
97. AFN P4XR-NH [AS]
98. "Bedford County Marriage Records, Oct. 1885 - Apr. 1890, compiled by Michael Hengst, 1989, Closson Press, Records located in Bedford County Courthouse, Vol 1, Rec. 128.
99. AFN: MZSP-8D .
100. AFN: GBHS-F8 .
101. Tom Clabaugh [TC] <http://my.richnet.net/~Clabaugh/Outline3.html>.
102. Oklahoma City Directory shows Bouse & Bouse [Amos & Joe] Contractors of Sewers and Waterworks [Early Oklahoma City].
103. [BBR]
104. Duke Obits, pg 3818.
105. GORDON BOOK PG 7 & 9; BOOR OBITS PG 20.
106. Scr: Family Bible
107. William A. Benner [WAB], Henderson, NV
108. [WAB] --
109. [WAB].
110. From William Emerson Karns back to Philip Karns, Jr. -- Info supplied from Kay Leach.