

**Gant
Flexon
Thomas
Genealogy**

as of 1993

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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Amy Hawkins (nee Mosley).....born Nov. 19, 1915
Paul Petersen Thomas.....born Aug. 22, 1917
Ruth Thompson (nee Mosley).....born April 26, 1920
Helen Joy (nee Taylor).....born Feb. 28, 1924
William Flexon Thomas.....born July 30, 1926
Eleanor Rowand Trenoweth (nee Thomas)..born Nov. 27, 1927
Robert Roy Thomas.....born June 20, 1929
Kenneth Cooper Thomas.....born Sept. 16, 1929
Howard Russell Adams Jr.....born Oct. 26, 1930

The Gant and Flexon Family Genealogies are on file at the Gloucester County Historical Society Library in Woodbury, N. J. The Thomas Family Genealogy will also be placed there when completed.

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GANTTOWN

This family settlement, now entirely abandoned by the GANTS, was a flourishing place in 1870, when Samuel Gant, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, were living there. The patriarch, Samuel Gant married MARIA KING, April 1, 1815. Ten children were born to them: RICHARD, WILLIAM, SAMUEL, BATHSHEBA, ANN, REBECCA, JESSE, DAVID, ELI AND MARY JANE, all of whom grew up and married excepting David who died young. RICHARD GANT, father of the founder of GANTTOWN, lived somewhere near SQUANKUM, (Williamstown) where he was one of the original members of the Methodist Church, erected 1804. He died April 7, 1805.

SAMUEL GANT, the first of the family in GANTTOWN, purchased 103 acres of land on the "Southeast side of STEPHEN BRANCH", near the head of JOHN WILLIAMS MILLPOND, January 22, 1822, from Edward Parker. The territory was a part of the Richard Arell Survey of 402 acres conveyed to John Williams by his father, Israel Williams, August 4, 1783. Israel bought from Arell, and Parker from John, August 6, 1794. Samuel Gant added to this property thirty five acres more, in 1834, and in 1835 he obtained twenty nine additional acres on Stephens Branch.

As his sons grew up and married they settled on parts of the homestead tract and nearby, Richard purchasing twenty one acres of his father, in 1851; Samuel buying eight acres in 1857, while William, Jesse and Bathsheba, living in homes of their own adjoining the homestead, did not buy the lands upon which they built until after their father's decease. They purchased of commissioners Benjamin C. Tatem, Samuel D. Sharp, and John C. Samllwood, who were appointed by the Orphans Court to sell the property of Samuel Gant. At this time Samuel Gant's real estate consisted of ninety three acres of the homestead tract, and forty five acres in two tracts in Monroe Township. At the commissioners sale, March 22, 1875, William Gant bought fourteen acres; Jesse fourteen acres, and Bathsheba, five acres, all from the homestead tract where they had been living a number of years previous to their father's decease.

RICHARD GANT, the oldest son of Samuel and Maria Gant, was not content with a small farm, and on March 17, 1858, he bought eighty acres of Richard C. Stafford, the land lying between the two forks of the headwaters of Stephens Branch. This with the tract purchased from his father, seven years previous, made him a fine farm. He built a large barn, added to the capacity of the house, set out a large apple orchard, and opened a large stone quarry, on the northern side of the place. He became the wealthiest and most prominent member of the GANT family. (His generation).

After a new road had been opened from Glassboro to Prosser's Mill all the GANT homes and farms lay on Public roads. Samuel Jr., having moved out on the Fries Mill road. In earlier times only old woods roads ran through the Gant properties. On top of the hill, adjoining RICHARD GANT'S stone quarry, stood a little house where there was a well fifty feet deep, walled up with stone. From here CHARLES and ABIGAIL FLEXON moved with their large family, March 25, 1872, to a point near DOWNER. Mrs Flexon being the daughter of Richard and Margaret Gant, and grand daughter of Samuel and Maria Gant.

BATHSHEBA, daughter of Samuel and Maria Gant, married as her first husband, the Reverend William Darrow, member of the New Jersey Methodist Conference. All the GANTTOWN GANTS, of the first and second generation, and some of the third generation were prominent Methodist and religious workers.

ELI GANT, the youngest son, was the exception. He married AMY NICHOLSON, daughter of Joseph Nicholson of Cross Keys. He located there and became the last tavernkeeper in that village. Nevertheless none of the Gants were more popular than, "UNCLE ELI" and his son EDWARD D. GANT yet lived at Cross Keys. He like his ancestors, is the father of a large family, and as such is respected and trusted by his fellows.

ANN, REBECCA, and MARY JANE GANT moved away from GANTTOWN after their marriage. Richard Gant Jr., son of Richard succeeded

his father on the stone quarry place, in 1877, but he too, has left the old town, and now lives at HARDINGVILLE.

Robert McLaughlin succeeded to the Samuel Gant homestead, by purchase, and his brother James McLaughlin bought the Richard Gant homestead.

Jesse Gant died on his small farm, his son Clement, succeeding. Clement died, but his mother, who is aged, is still living in Haddonfield in her ninety third year of age. She makes her home with her son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Montreville Pedrick.

(This must have been written in 1921. Clement Gant's mother, Hannah J. Gant died in 1923 at age 95 years).

The "Gauntt, Gaunt, Gant" family...came from England to Barnstable, Massachusetts about 1650, then to Long Island, N.Y... to Monmouth County, N.J., then to Burlington County, N.J.

One "branch" came to Ganttown in the early 1800's.

This Lineage from....

"Burlington - A Provincial Capitol"
Historical Sketches by George DeCou

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THE FAMILY'S OF

RICHARD GANT

and

ABIGAIL GANT

SAMUEL GANT SR.. 1790 - 1874

and

ANNA MARIAH KING 1797 - 1874

GAUNT, GANT FAMILY

RICHARD GANT B. ____ D. April 7, 1805

May 8, 1805 Inventory of Richard Gant's estate... \$89.17

ABIGAIL GANT B. 1775 D. ____ Age 95 when 1850 census was taken.

(Believed to be Richard's wife)

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SAMUEL GANT SR. (GAUNT) son of Richard Gant.

1790 - 1874 Age 84 Buried in Turnersville Methodist Cemetery

1st wife---ANNA MARIAH KING married April 1, 1815

1797 - 1860 age 63

Samuel and Anna Mariah Gant moved to Ganttown Jan. 22, 1822.

2nd. wife---MARY LACROY of Swedesboro, N.J. Feb. 19, 1863.

Children -- 10

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1. RICHARD M. GANT M. June 11, 1833 MARGARETTA DEHART 6
1816 - 1870 1814 - 1878
Children - 9 Priscilla, Abigail, William, Robert, Richard,
Peter, Samuel, Margaretta and Amanda.
2. WILLIAM GANT M. ELIZABETH GARDNER 137
1817 - 1903 1822 - 1873
Children - 10 Harriet, Joseph, Caroline, Mary Ann, Elizabeth,
Eli, Anna, Henrietta, William and Howard.
3. BATHSHEBA GANT
4. ANNE J. GANT
5. SAMUEL GANT JR. M. May 20, 1852 HANNAH CRAVER 140
1825 - 1900 1830 - 1886
Children - 7 Priscilla, Mary, Sarah, David, Anna, Henry,
Ella.
6. JESSIE KING GANT M. July 7, 1853 HANNAH J. CASPERSON 143
1828 - 1895 1828 - 1923
Children - 5 Fanny, Mary, Clara, Clement and Eva.
7. REBECCA GANT
8. ELI GANT M. April 29, 1858 AMY COLLINS NICHOLSON 145
1832 - 1902 1837 - 1899
Children - 5 Mary, Lizzie, Charles, Annabel and Edmund.
9. DAVID GANT
1835 died young
10. MARY JANE GANT

THE FAMILY OF

RICHARD M. GANT 1816 - 1870

and

MARGARETTA DEHART 1814 - 1878

Richard, 1st child of Samuel Gant
and Anna Mariah King

GAUNT, GANT - DEHART FAMILY

RICHARD M. GANT, 1st child of Samuel Gant Sr. and Anna Mariah King

B. February 1816

D. November 17, 1870 at age of 54 years 9 months.

Married - MARGARETTA DEHART June 11, 1833 by Jacob Fisler.

B. 1814 at Williamstown, N.J.

D. February 5, 1878 at the age of 64

Buried in St. John's Methodist Cemetery, Turnersville, N.J.

Epitaph on Richard's tombstone

His tools are past his work is done
and he is fully blest

He fought the fight the victory won
and entered into rest

Richard was a farmer and owner of a stone quarry.

Clerk of Washington Township from 1845 to 1847 and 1863 - 1864.

1850 Census of Washington Township --- worth \$250.00

CHILDREN 9

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1. PRISCILLA GANT M. MOSES PEASE
1833 - 1919 1824 - 1889
Children - 8 Rachel, Catherine, Willamanda, Mary, Louella,
John, Emma and Moses

2. ABIGAIL GANT M. CHARLES FLEXON SR. 12
1836 - 1916 1830 - 1909
Children - 12 James, Richard, John, Margaret, Hannah,
Elizabeth, Anna, Mary, William, Charles,
Sara, Still born child (Not Named)

3. WILLIAM DEHART GANT
1838 - 1860 at the age of 22

Buried at St. John's Methodist Cemetery Turnersville, N.J. ^{N5}

4. ROBERT H. GANT ^{31 Jul} ^{according to his daughter's} ^{He married Abigail K. Hewitt 6 9 Apr 1843} ^{Ganttown 108}
1841 - 1863 ^{and they had one child} ^{synth A}
CO. D 12 N.J. Regiment (CIVIL WAR) Vol. Infantry ^{6 1862}
Died from stomach wounds received in the Battle of
Gettysburg, PA.

Buried in St. John's Methodist Cemetery, Turnersville, N.J.

5. RICHARD GANT M. CATHERINE HOPE BECKLEY 114
1845 - 1934 1851 - 1918
Children - 6 Robert, Frederick, Elmer, Laura, Alice and
George

6. PETER D. GANT M. ANNA LIZZIE FISLER 1st. 127
(Twin of Samuel) 1855 - 1874
1848 - 1923
Children - 1 Mary Ella

- M. MARY ELIZABETH ROUN 2nd.
1858 - 1892
Children - 4 Margaretta, Richard, Ellis, Infant girl
died at child birth
- M. MARY ANN GURLING 3rd.
1868 - 1926
Children - 5 Viola, Florence, Robert, Russell, Edna
7. SAMUEL EDWARD GANT M. ADALASA CARTER CASPERSON 130
(Twin of Peter) 1854 - 1939
1848 - 1917
Children - 4 Walter, Mary, Samuel, Loia
8. MARGARETTA GANT M. BROOKS HURFF 135
1850 - 1922 1848 1920
Children - 2 Elwood, Joseph
9. AMANDA P. GANT
1853 - 1870 at the age of 17. Buried at St. John Methodist
Cemetery, Turnersville, N.J.

THE FAMILY OF

PRISCILLA GANT 1833 - 1919

and

MOSES PEASE 1824 - 1889

Prscila, 1st child of Richard M. Gant

and Margaretta DeHart

GANT - PEASE FAMILY

PRISCILLA GANT, 1st child of Richard Gant and Margaretta DeHart

b. July 20, 1833

d. April 2, 1919 at age of 85

Married - MOSES PEASE November 15, 1849

b. January 23, 1824

d. December 26, 1889 at the age of 65

Buried in Cross Keys Methodist Cemetery

CHILDREN 8

1. RACHEL PEASE M. Oct. 20, 1870 GEORGE FISLER

Children - 9

1. Richard Gant Fisler M. Eva Tomlin Jones 1st.
1875 - 1932 1914

Children..1. Vera Estella M. Stanley J. Belh Jr.
2. Alda Alberta M. William Irvin

M. Amy Collins Gant 2nd.

1. Edythe Mae M. Norman F. Fowler

2. Joseph Fisler

3. George Fisler M. May Pierce
1. Emerson Fisler

4. Harry Fisler M. Ella Pierce

5. Priscilla Fisler M. Harry Watson

6. Martha Fisler M. Isaac Murphy

7. Moses Fisler

8. Mary Fisler

9. Hugh Fisler

2. CATHERINE GANT PEASE M. DAVID MCCLURE

1859 - 1945

1861 - 1913

Children - 7

1. Bertha McClure M. Herbert King

2. James Ford McClure M. Minnesota Tyler

3. Ella Barton McClure
1885 - 1908

4. William B. McClure
1887 - 1908

5. Raymond McClure
1889 - 1975

6. Oscar Tombleson McClure
1891 - 1903
7. Mary Emma "Mamie" m. Elmer D. Kleinschmidt
1894 - 1978 10-29-1913
Children 1. Evelyn m. Ralph Oldfield
2. Robert m. Janet Neorle
3. Willmanda T. Pease m. Hugh Oldfield
1861 - 1940 10-18-1882 1862 - 1954
Children - 3
1. Lydie Brewer Grover
1884 - 1964
2. Blanche Grover m. Arthur Denney
1888 - 1977
3. Myrtle Griver m. Charles Haig
1894 - 1977 1892 - 1961
4. Mary Pease m. Samuel E. Tombleson
5. Louella Pease m. Charles Christopher Lewis
1866 - 1936 1861 - 1929
Children - 2
1. Roy Lewis m. Matilda Fox
2. Leon Lewis m. Anna Collins
6. John L. Pease m. Emma B. Wick
1869 - 1911 3-11-1892 1870 - 1928
7. Emma L. Pease m. Elmer Crane
1871 - 1954 12-24-1892 1871 - 1953
8. Moses Albert Pease (died young, 6 yrs. of age)

THE FAMILY OF

ABIGAIL GANT 1836 - 1916

and

CHARLES FLEXON SR. 1830 - 1909

Abigail, 2nd. child of Richard M. Gant
and Margarette DeHart

GANT - FLEXON FAMILY

ABIGAIL GANT 2nd child of Richard M. Gant and Margarett DeHart.

b. February 21, 1836 at Fries Mill, N.J.

d. August 17, 1916 at the age of 80 at Downer, N.J. (Cancer -
Stomach)

Married December 14, 1854 by Joseph Ashbrook.

Husband - CHARLES FLEXON SR. (German descent)

b. April 12, 1830 (Easter) in Germantown section of
Philadelphia, PA.

d. 1909 at the age of 79 at Downer, N.J. from old age.

Both buried at Methodist Church, Cross Keys, N.J.

Married and lived near Gant Town (near Turnersville), N.J.
before moving to a new home at Downer, N.J. March 25, 1872.
They had nine children at this time. Their new home was near
Scotland Run on the side nearest Williamstown, N.J., the East
side.

Abigail and Charles had 12 children and raised 10 to adulthood.
All the children were delivered at home by Abigail herself
without a doctor. She delivered many babies for other people
through the years.

Refer to page 19 for an interesting account of Charles
Flexon Sr., "With the Indians in Florida".

Refer to page 22 for a letter from Charles Flexon Sr. to
one of his friends while serving in the Civil War.

Charles Flexon Sr. served in the Civil War Co. D 12th Reg.
N.J. Infantry.

Refer to page 25 for picture of Charles Flexon Sr. and
Abigail Gant Flexon.

Refer to page 31 for picture of Abigail Flexon on steps
of Downer Methodist Church.

Refer to pages 32 for picture of family outing summer of
1908.

Refer to pages 33 to 34 for picture outside of Downer
School taken in 1898 and where they lived at that time.

Refer to pages 17 & 18 for information obtained from the
Flexon Family Bible.

Refer to pages 26 & 27 for recollections of the Charles
Flexon Sr. family as told to Bertha Flexon by Hannah Flexon
Langly.

Refer to pages 23 and 24 for article about Billy Flexon's
"Veteran Car Agent Still Has 1st Auto".

Refer to pages 28 to 30 for recollections of Della Flexon Terry as told to Ruth A. Gibe "As I remember Charles and Abigail Flexon".

Children - 12

1. James D. M. Sara Jane
b. October 8, 1855 b. November 27, 1848
d. February 22, 19... d. February 12, 1902
Buried at M.E. Church Cross Keys, N.J.
Owner livery stables in Gloucester, N.J.
Children - 3 Walter, James, Margaret
2. Richard Gant M. 1st Emma Elizabeth Batchelor
b. September 24, 1857 (from Bridgeton and Turnersville, N.J.)
d. Fall 1931 b. November 6, 1862
d. April 4, 1902
2nd Margaret (Maggie) Mickle
(from around Palatine, N.J.)
b. 1872
d. 1943 Buried at St. John's Cemetery, Turnersville, N.J.

Richard was a farmer, glassworker, preacher.

Children - 10 Orilla Creese, Mary Abigail, Amanda Gant, Clara Izzard, Bertha, Wilmer Johnson, Rev. Richard Gant Jr., Harold

3. John M. Jessie Ida Southward (from
b. 1860 Bridgeton or Clayton, N.J.)
d. 1937 b. 1868
d. 1945

Both buried at M.E. Church, Cross Keys, N.J.

John was a farmer, lumberman, storekeeper

Children - 6 Howard, Rev. Henry, Harriet, Edward, Della, Floyd

4. Margaret (Maggie) G. M. Samuel Jacob Thomas (from around
(Twin to Hannah J.) Pitman, N.J.)
b. March 7, 1863 b. 1861
d. January 9, 1919 (flu) d. August 26, 1936 (His mother was Mary F. Thomas who died May 4, 1899)

Both buried at Methodist Church, Downer, N.J.

Children - 9 Romal, Samuel G., Bertha, Roy, William, Lottie, Ernest, Mary, Bernice

5. Hannah J. M. Dalvin D. Langley (from Langley
(Twin to Maggie) Corner, Glassboro, N.J.)
b. March 7, 1863 b. 1860
d. 1953 at age of 89 d. 1911

Buried at Methodist Church, Cross Keys, N.J.

Children - 3 Mary F. (Mamie), Theresa, Lottie 1887-1889

6. Elizabeth M. Oliver A. Hawkey (Mason and farmer)
 b. March 15, 1865 b. 1861
 d. 1929 with liver complications d.
- Both buried at Methodist Church, Downer, N.J.
 Had about 11 children, four lived to adulthood.
 Children - Frank, Bessie, Eva
7. Anna Mariah M. Charles E. Carvin
 b. October 14, 1866 b. 1862
 d. April 6, 1940 d. 1915
- Buried at Methodist Church, Downer, N.J.
 Children - 5
1. Abigail M. George Ingersoll
 a. One child - Blanche b. d. December 9, 1992
2. Reba M. Gardner Cheesman
3. Josephine M. Rosco Cheesman
4. James M. Catherine Marshall
5. Mildred M. Charles Jones
8. Mary Francis
 b. July 7, 1869
 d. April 6, 1887 (18 years of age - died of Scarlet Fever).
 Buried at Methodist Church, Cross Keys, N.J.
9. William Gant M. Ida M. Rouse (from around Williamstown, N.J.)
 b. October 27, 1871 b. 1875
 d. 1953 (stroke and it's complications) d. 1928
- M. Elsie Pedrick
- Children by 1st marriage - 2 Helen, Walter (Organist).
 Children by 2nd marriage - 0
- William Gant was a Ford Auto Dealer at Williamstown, N.J.,
 for many years (See article page 23)
- Both buried at Methodist Church, Williamstown, N.J.
10. Charles S. Jr. M. 1st Ella Otis from Aura, N.J.
 b. January 24, 1874 b. 1880
 d. December 11, 1956 d. 1920
 Died from complications
 and old age at the age
 of 82.
- Children by 1st marriage - 4 Hannah A. (1897-1897),
 Helen M. (1906-1926), Edwin, Eleanor.
- M. 2nd. Mary E. Rau, Phila., PA.
 10-1-1921 d. June 6, 1952
- Children by 2nd marriage - 0

GANT - FLEXON

RECORDS FROM THE FLEXON FAMILY BIBLE

PHILADELPHIA:

WHILT & YOST

309 MARKET STREET

ABOVE EIGHTH, NORTH SIDE

1854

FAMILY RECORD

LEFT HAND SIDE OF RECORD

JAMES D. FLEXON	BORN OCT 8 1885(1855)
RICHARD G. FLEXON	BORN SEPT 14 1857
JOHN FLEXON	BORN JUNE 25 1860
HANNAH AND MAGRET	BORN MARCH 7, 1863
ELIZABETH FLEXON	BORN MARCH 15 1865
ANNAMAIRER FLEXON	BORN OCT 14 1866
MARY FLEXON	BORN JULY 5 1869
WILLIAM G FLEXON	BORN OCT 27 1871
CHARLES FLEXON	BORN JANUARY 24 1874
SARAH J. FLEXON	BORN APRIAL FIRST 1876
WALTER LEON FLEXON	BORN FEBRUARY 17, 1903
HELEN MINERVA FLEXON	BORN DECEMBER 26, 1907

COMMENTS NOT ON THE BIBLE RECORD PAGE

WALTER AND HELEN FLEXON ARE CHILDREN OF WILLIAM G. FLEXON.
SPELLING IS AS SHOWN ON THE RECORDS

GANT - FLEXON

RECORDS FROM THE FLEXON FAMILY BIBLE

WHILT & YOST
PHILADELPHIA

1854

FAMILY RECORD

RIGHT HAND SIDE OF RECORD

CHAS FLEXON SR

ABIGAL GANT

BORN EASTER

BORN FEBUARY 21, 1836 *80 yrs*

APRIAL 12, 1830

DIED AUGUST 17 1916

79 yrs
Died early spring 1909
WALTER FLEXON AND MILDRED RENNEBAUM

WILLIAMSTOWN, N.J., FEB. 17, 1926

HELEN FLEXON AND WILLIAM NORBURY

HANNAH FLEXON AGE 89

OCT. 31, 1924

DIED HANUARY 1952

CHARLES FLEXON, JR AGE 82

DIED DEC 11, 1956

COMMENTS NOT ON BIBLE PAGE

THE NAME NORBURY COULD BE NORBERY WRITING NOT CLEAR

HANNAH FLEXON IS HANNAH FLEXON LANGLEY

WALER FLEXON AND HELEN FLEXON CHILDREN OF WILLIAM GANT FLEXON
WHO WAS THE SON OF CHARLES AND ABAGAIL GANT FLEXON

ABIGAIL SPELLED THIS WAY EXCEPT IN THIS RECORD OF THE BIBLE
WHERE IT IS SPELLED ABIGAL.

WITH THE INDIANS IN FLORIDA

Interesting Account of Experience of Charles Flexon, Sr., one of Downer's oldest citizens.

The following account of some adventure among the Indians maybe read with interest by some who were more pleasantly situated. It is given by Chas. Flexon, Sr., of Downer, and best rendered by giving it in his own words. As stated in your last issue I was born in Philadelphia in 1830; my mother having died when I was 9 years of age; my father and older brother taking me with them, left Philadelphia and went to New Orleans, where they were in business for about a year. Then we went to Apalachicola, Florida. Here my brother was foreman of a cotton press. My father joining a party of men in the lumber business about 30 miles from Apalachicola, on a branch of a river by the same name. There was an old-deserted and partly destroyed saw-mill at this place. The Indians had killed the former owners and burned their house. Our party was composed of 15 men, one woman and myself. The mill was repaired and a house was built on an open space, where there was no covering for the Indians, within rifle shot. The house was built of four inch planks, placed upright. It was 20 feet square on the ground floor with four port holes on a side, and a well in one corner. The upper story extended beyond the lower one about three feet, with a window on each side and a place on top so that if the Indians closed in on us we could shoot down on their heads. There was a tunnel from the mill to the cellar of the house so that should the men at the mill find it unsafe to go on top of the ground they could go through the tunnel. Another tunnel went from the house to a thicket about a half mile away so that if the house was in danger we could escape through this tunnel. Here we stayed for over a year. We were about twenty miles from any white settlement, and during that time I never saw a white child and the only companions that I had were four large deer hounds. I remember, on one occasion I was left alone with the boss with orders to keep them from the table, but they got the best of me and cleared the table in short order. My father undertook to whip me for my carelessness, but the dogs jumped at him and he had to give that job up, to my great satisfaction. It was very near a year before the Indians troubled us, from the fact that they were in a body on the war path in a distant part of the State. The government had been at war with them for some time, and now it was about over and the Indians disbanded and scattered all over the State in small companies and killed all the white people they could find. It was not very long before our turn came. We were short of provisions and all but one man, the woman and myself, went to Apalachicola to secure a new supply, it took three days to make the trip and when they returned it was late in the evening, so they left the boat at the landing with the goods on, expecting to get them the following morning. But in the night the Indians robbed the boat and sent it adrift. Then they placed themselves in ambush, behind trees, logs and in the grass about one half mile from the river,

Part of the number lay in ambush at the cow pen in which we kept our cows. In the morning two men with a horse and cart started for the boat, I was going with them but was not ready in time. It was best for me that I was not along. When the two men got beyond the ambush the Indians opened fire upon them, one man ran for the house and was killed, the other one ran for the river and escaped, the horse was killed and everything of value taken. The Indians at the cow pen shot at one man and missed him. This gave the alarm, and all the men went for the house and prepared for battle, but the Indians did not dare come from under cover of the woods, for it would have meant death to them to have come within rifle shot, so the day passed without any trouble from them. In the afternoon the men made a search for the two men that started out in the morning. They found the horse dead and also one of the men with ten bullet holes in him. The other man they could not find he got away with but a slight wound in one arm. There was but one Indian that ran after him. He got to the river and swam to where the boat was and went to Apalachicola. The searching party made a stretcher and carried the dead man home. The next day they buried him, my father reading the ceremony at the grave. The next day the man who escaped returned with about 50 men, my brother being one of the number. That was the last time that I ever saw him for he was stricken with a fever and died within twenty-four hours. The party scouted around for a few days, but could not find the Indians, so they left leaving us plenty of ammunition.

Things went all right until our supply of provisions got low again, and the woman and one man and myself were left alone again. The morning after the men had gone the only man which was left, saddled a horse and started after the oxen that were some distance from the house. The woman went to milk the cows and I went with her; while we were there we heard two rifle reports and we started for the house, and when we got there we saw the man coming with the horse running, and he was shouting for us to go in the house, but we waited until he came up. He unsaddled the horse and let it go. we hurried into the house and barred the doors, then the man fell. He had two bullet wounds in his back; the woman dressed the wounds and the man laid on the floor and loaded all the rifles there were in the house. Then we looked through the port holes for the Indians, but they did not know our number and did not trouble us. We three stayed there for three days with nothing to eat, we had plenty of water for the well was in one corner of the house. The third day I was sent into the garden for sweet potatoes after I got them, we found we had no wood to make a fire, so we ate them raw. That afternoon the men returned bringing two new men with them. My father was taken sick and stayed at a place called Old Woman's Bluff. When the two new men saw the way we were situated they would not stay, but went away the next morning taking me with them. We had about thirty miles to go in a boat to Apalachicola. The first night we camped with a band of out-laws, who lived in an old log fort. The next day we got to Old Woman's Bluff when my father had to go to Apalachicola, to the hospital and he left me with the men that carried on the lumber business. They had a barge and would go up the river to the government land and load it with lumber which they would take to Apalachicola and

sell it. They would take me along to cook for them; I had been with them for some months and was playing along the shore one day when two men came along in a boat and told me that my father was dead. I was the only one left bearing my father's name in this country, as far as I have been able to learn; my father came from England. I was sent to Apalachicola to live with some of my brother's friends, but I had a grandmother in Philadelphia who corresponded with the men, who owned the cotton press where my brother was formerly foreman, so she had them send me to Philadelphia to live with her. I lived with her for some time; she had a relative by the name of William Corkrey, living on a farm near Williamstown, N.J., so I went to live with him. I was there three years, and one nice bright morning he sent me out to clear new ground and I did not return for dinner for I had started out for myself.

NOTE: There is still a road called Corkrey Lane near Williamstown as of this date of this retyping - 1993.

LETTER FROM CHARLES FLEXON, SR. TO SOME OF HIS FRIENDS IN THE CIVIL WAR. WRITTEN UPON HIS RETURN FROM THE WAR NO DOUBT. FOUND BY MAMIE BARTON IN HER MOTHER'S PAPERS. HER MOTHER WAS A DAUGHTER OF CHARLES FLEXON. HER NAME WAS HANNAH FLEXON LANGLEY.

Corl
Johnson

March The 3, 1863

Deair freind I take this opertuinity of wrighting to let you know that we are all well at present and hope thede few lines may find you the same I recived your kind letter and was glad to heir from you. You wanted to know what thair was to do their is plenty of choping and spliting poles but evev thing is vry deair and it takes a great dele to liv it dos cost nearly a dolar to get one cors shirt corn is one dolar a bushel flour 42 a hundred and evry thing acordin

Money has got to a great pich you can get \$1.79 in paper for one in gold but I may not get much gold to sell I am a going to plant one acer in onens to feed you sholders on I expect you hav a hard time down their anong the mud I often think about you let me know wether thay are arming the nigers or not ann wether you think the war will close very soon and also hov all the boys is let me know wether William Brown has shaved yet I want you to giv this volintine to Joseph Gant for it was sent to me and I thank he sent it env how you can hav some sport over it it will pay him for some of his slurs no more at present your family is well I will send you paper and I want you to wright soon

Giv my love to all the boys

I remain yours C. Flexon

Along edge of letter was the following)

Double quick file right forold march

As written
Copied from the original letter
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Colonial Place, R. # 3
Bridgeton, New Jersey
April 4, 1959

TAKEN FROM THE COURIER-POST, CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY APRIL 2, 1939

VETERAN CAR AGENT STILL HAS 1ST AUTO

'Billy Flexon Continues Selling At Williamstown; Quit Glass Works
by John Carey

Williamstown, April 2.--Thirty years ago when the hand blown glass industry began to decline in this section, "Billy" Flexon saw a future in automobiles and went into the business of buying and selling them.

"When I bought my first automobile in 1905," said Flexon, as he stood beside one of the earliest models, "I went to an agency in Philadelphia and they agreed to deliver this car as far as Camden. So they brought me over in the car and turned it over to me at Third and Market Streets, Camden. Without ever having a trial lesson I drove it down to my home in Williamstown, and what a thrill that was to me! I paid \$700 cash for the car.

NO LICENSES REQUIRED

"In those days no driver's license was required. But I paid \$1 to get the car registered in Camden and was told that was good as long as the car lasted. That didn't last long, for the legislature soon passed a law requiring registration of both driver and car each year.

"My wife and I enjoyed traveling around the surrounding country in those days. Of course the roads in those days were not like they are today, and we took many a bump in the roads.

"You will notice that these two oil lamps on the front are exactly the same as used on the carriages of by gone days.

"You can see the car is two seated and open to all kinds of weather it has a one-cylinder engine and is steered with a tiller like they use in steering a boat. The driver sits up here on the right side and cranks it by winding a handle similar to the handle on the old time victrolas.

TIMING GEAR SHIFT

"The spark and gear shift are both here on the outer edge of the seat; as you pull up this gear shift handle you can feel the gear shift. This iron handle pulled up from the seat acts as the brake. Remaining one of the iron handles used on old treasure chests. The car still operates and if you will sit up on the driver's seat you can enjoy running it."

William Gant Flexon was born in a cabin on the edge of Bell's Lake, in Washington Township. His parents were direct descendants of the early pioneers of this section. His father was "Charley" Flexon who supplied lumber in and around Williamstown.

An interesting item found in the accounts kept at Ireland's store in Williamstown in 1866 shows that "Charley Flexon, his father, furnished Ireland with five cords of wood for \$3.25; along with the cutting of some logs at the rate of 25 logs for \$1, and in return got one pair of boots for \$2.50, 37 pounds

of flour for \$3 and 25 pounds of wheat flour for \$2.06.

MOTHER BORN IN 1836

His mother, Abigail was a daughter of Richard Gant, well known farmer, who walked five miles each way on Sunday to lead prayer meeting at the Methodist Church. His mother was born in 1836 in that house that still stands at Clayton and Downer Roads, at Fries Mill.

"Billy" was sent to the Red, One-Room Schoolhouse at Downer, taught in those days by Harriet Strang, of Richwood.

"Billy's" first job was at the Bodine-Thomas glass factory in Williamstown, where he served his time as a glass blower. At the start he received 50 cents a day and walked three miles each way to work. He likes to tell how three days after the blizzard of 1886 he still hoofed it to work, from his home in Downer to Williamstown.

GOT FORD CAR AGENCY

"Billy" left the glass works to enter the automobile business, and secured his first contract as a Ford agent on Jan. 1, 1911.

"I sold my first car to George Huber, the well known realtor of this town, on March 18, 1911," said "Billy", as he carefully fingered the pages of his first ledger. "The motor number of that car was 40,650; today the engine numbers on our new cars run way above the 29,000.000 mark. I sold my second car to D. E. Tweed, secretary of the Williamstown B. & L., and well known business man.

"I received my first carload lot on April 22, 1912, which was unloaded at J.V. Sharp's Canning Co. platform siding.

"Among the purchasers were G. L. Pfeiffer, proprietor of the canning factory; Paul Sickler and John Johnson, both of Sicklerville."

STILL GOOD SALESMAN

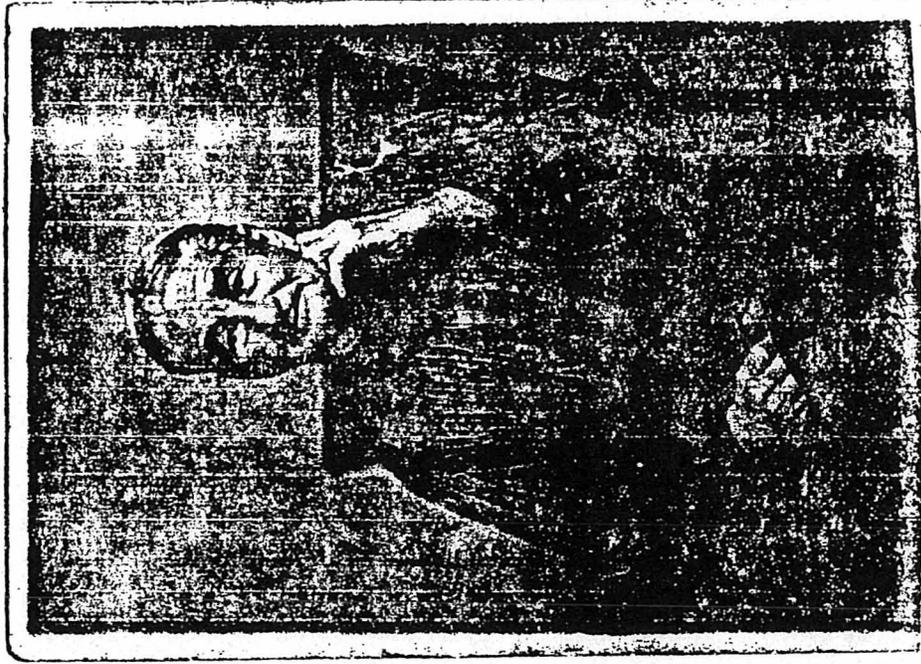
"Billy" Flexon is still a livewire at selling cars. He has served on the Board of Education of Williamstown and President of the Board of Trade for several years, along with serving as superintendent of the Sunday School of the Methodist Church for the past 13 years.

His son, Walter Flexon, is an organist of the Haddonfield Methodist Church, and Summer organist at the Baptist Temple in Philadelphia.

"Billy" Flexon's hobby is collecting old account books of business men who operate in this section back in colonial times, and can relate many interesting stories drawn from those old books, which also include the names of the early pioneers of this section.

This article taken from an old newspaper clipping found by Mamie Barton with her mother's papers.-----July 15, 1954 dating of this typing. The original clipping being sent back to Mamie today.

Ruth Gibe



Abigail C. Gant Helppin
1836-1916



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1836-1916

RECOLLECTIONS OF THE CHARLES FLEXON, SR. FAMILY AS TOLD TO
BERTHA FLEXON GEHRING BY HANNAH FLEXON LANGLEY.

The Flexon family home in Downer, N.J. had a stairway that went up from the kitchen and one from the front room. Under this stair way was a closet. One day Aunt Hannah said she and her twin sister Margaret were left home alone. They heard a terrible thumping in the closet. They thought it was someone trying to come up the stairs. They scooted up one of the stairs to the upstairs. They then listened and it seemed that the "person" was then trying to come up the other stairway so they went back down stairs. Finally they become so afraid that they went out front and sat along the road. Dr. Halsey came along and asked then what was the matter. They told him so he went in side the house to find out the trouble. He did not believe there was anyone inside. He listened and heard the thumping noise also. He finally found that a mouse had been caught in a trap in the closet and made the thumping noise as it was trying to get loose.

Another time Aunt Hannah was left home with the other children while grandfather and grandmother was away. (Charles & Abigail, her parents). The children got into some kind of a "fuss" about the food but Aunt Hannah said she made herself some potato stew. She left the room and when she returned she looked at the stew. She thought she had put a lot of pepper in the stew but found out later the other kids had stirred it with the poker while her back was turned.

Aunt Hannah remembers that the cook house at the end of the porch always had a cloth mosquito netting door with stones in the hem to weigh it down. In this house the summer cooking was done as well as the canning and the cleaning of the meat and other things that went along with hog killing time. All the brothers, children, and uncles etc. would bring their hogs over in the fall. They had a big day. The hogs were killed and the meat processed. The children had a big picnic day and of course there was a big feast for all. Many hands no doubt made the task lighter but I can imagine it was a tiring day for the women. It was also a chance to visit with all the relations.

Aunt Hannah remembers that the family had a donkey. Grandmother Abigail of course made all her bread and for the big family of ten plus others it required several batchs a week. She sometimes set it out on the short walk leading to the cook house to raise. No doubt so it would be in the warm sun. One day the donkey got into it and ate it. The children came out to find the donkey's nose all foaming and white with the dough. They ran screaming they thought he had gone mad.

Aunt Hannah remembers that she and Aunt Maggie, her twin finally had a little room of their own. Granddad Charles made it by dividing a little part off of the large front bedroom. She said that after they had said their prayers they jumped into bed.

One of the girls happened to glance to the side of the bed and saw a hand and arm creeping over the side of the bed. They jumped out of bed and ranscreaming into their parents room. They all came back but found no one in the room. After that she said after they said their prayers they always looked under the bed. The joker before had been their brother Willie. He had scared them so before he thought he would try it again. He was under the bed another night and then they had said their prayers they looked under the bed and saw a man. They gave one big leap an landed right in the middle of the bed. The mattress an all the bedding came right down on Willie. He never tried to scare them again.

Hannah said that her father was in the habit of going to bed as soon as it was dusk. He also got up when it was dawn. In those days pajamas were unknown. The men folks slept in their shirts unless of the richer class that they mighthave had nightshirts. Her father slept in his shirt. One night the Downer boys (I suppose with the help of the Flexon boys also) came down after Dad Charles had gone to bed. They raked a pile of leaves near the house so that the smoke would go into the window of the room where Charles was sleeping. The smoke soon came into the window. The boys had taken Dad Charles pants so as the smoke came into the window he woke up thinking the house was on fire. He jumped up hollering "Fire" but could not find his pants. While the boys were having hysterics of laughter he was at the head of the stairs hollering "Fire" and "Abigail the house is on fire" just dancing around but not daring to come down without his pants. He was very mad when he found out it was a joke.

Charles, Sr., was very fond of apple dumplings however he wanted no apples in them. One time Abigail put a quarter under the dumpling, when Charles, Sr., found it he was very pleased.

Collected by Ruth A. Gibe
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April 4, 1959

RECOLLECTIONS OF DELLA FLEXON TERRY TO RUTH A. GIBE
NORTH MIAMI TRAILER PARK, MIAMI, FLORIDA. AUGUST 26, 1946
"AS I REMEMBER CHARLES AND ABAGAIL FLEXON"

Grandma and Grandpa fought over money--she saved every cent to buy eight acres. He called it the Devil's Acres. She raised flowers on it and sold. Us kids picked magnolias and ferns for her--she maybe gave us a cent or two. She made bunches of flowers--put them in barrels--Henry (Della's Brother) took them to the station for her--she done quite good on them. She had cow and chickens--sold butter and eggs. I remember Grandpa--he sat back of the stove--he shook bad--his hands--when Grandma would clean--he would come to our house every day to sit by the stove. Josie Carvin Cheesman lived with them for years -- she might know a lot. She lives at Turnersville, N.J. Grandpa teased Josie a lot and quoted a little rhymn to her that went with her'mother's name of Annie Maria and Josie would cry. I went to stay to Grandma's a lot with Josie--Grandma would have 6 or 10 cakes in a row in cellar--every kind--ready for company. But us kids would always get the stale one--and rows of home baked bread in cellar--but you always took on one end-- the stale end--to keep plenty for company. She always was ready for a big crowd.

Her milk was in a row as was her cake and bread--you always took the oldest--most times the milk curdled in my coffee it was so old. I always took coffee for we always had the oldest bread. (which was so hard--it had to be dunked.)

She seemed so happy when she had company which was often. Your Grandfather (Richard Gant Flexon Sr.) used to go there and stay every summer--why not write to Clara (Richard's Daughter) she should know lots--or Josie.

All of us school kids went in Grandma's--she would put her ear down (she was almost completely deaf) we would say something-- (maybe mama is washing today) then we go out and through orchard--she said-- I know why--you come in to take my apples and pears but I don't care--come in. She loved the news we gave her--Papa said she knows more than a person that can hear. We took her shrubs (a flower) going in--gave our news took her apples and pears going out-- and she loved it. She always went with us swimming--she put her feet in (Ruth thinks in might have been the little Downer stream near the house) we loved to have her. She was wrinkled and brown and smiling always--and little dark brown small eyes--she was short and thin--natural curly hair--not much of it. I never saw her mad--I was there a lot. She came up the road every day to see her children. (John, Richard, Annie, Jennie and Lizzie had home right near her).

She had a sister P. (Siller) married a Pease at Cross Keys. Grandma was over there--there was a fire (at home in Downer) Grandpa got on roof--his kids handed up water--he had all Grandma's quilts on roof--he poured water on roof--everything went but house--she came home--expected no home--there was house. Grandma was from Ganttown (which is near Cross Keys and Turnerville or in that neighborhood)--Grandpa was a sound boy at Ganttown. They say when Indian attacked--Grandpa found his grandparents at Phila.

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Lottie Taylor--Lorraine Ave--Pleasantville has that in her bible--maybe she or her daughter Helen--would give you details. (a copy of the article mentioned in in these papers, called "With the Indians in Florida") Grandma had a sister Mag.--(maybe Margaret that married a Hurff--at Hurfville--a brother Peter--Richie--Sammie--I know all of Uncle Richies children--they live at Hardingville. Uncle Peters girl lived with grandma a long time(Viola).

Grandma was a Poor fish sign. Grandfather was born on Easter that is all Aunt Hannah knows, why not write Clara--she lived there every summer for years--she should know a lot. Grandpa was very stooped he never worked from when I knew him. He had heart trouble (also a rupture from the Civil war) and shaking palsey, (Palsy) He got a pension.

Grandma was a worker you know what a poor fish sign is between Feb. 20 to March 20. Grandma was lovely to us kids. She made lots of rugs and quilts. We had one she give mama. She made fruit and flowers in natural color.

Henry took her to Phila. to have her hearing cured--by faith, coming home on train--she got to giggling--Henry said--whats the matter--she said--I knowd they couldnt do it--

Henry is very busy--but he worshipped Grandma if he only had time--he could tell you a lot 652 BLVD. COL. HTS. PETERSBURG VA.
 Della

838 Union St.
 Glassboro(N.J.)

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"AS I REMEMBER CHARLES AND ABAGAIL FLEXON"

P.S.

Grandpa was an inventor--he's invent something papa (John) said I'd have some money saved up--maybe \$25--then he'd borrow it to have his invention patented. Papa never got it back--(this was when pap was single) Papa said if Grandpa had followed the things up--he had some good inventions.

He would go at something new never bother with the other thing. He was very poor on paying his bills. Papa could get no credit when he got married because his father was so poor pay.

Mama brought the book she was reading with her when she got married. She laid it down to eat. Grandpa picked it up and put it in the stove. He said--no trash read in my house.

He would only let them have one rocking chair--he said that was to rock the babies in.

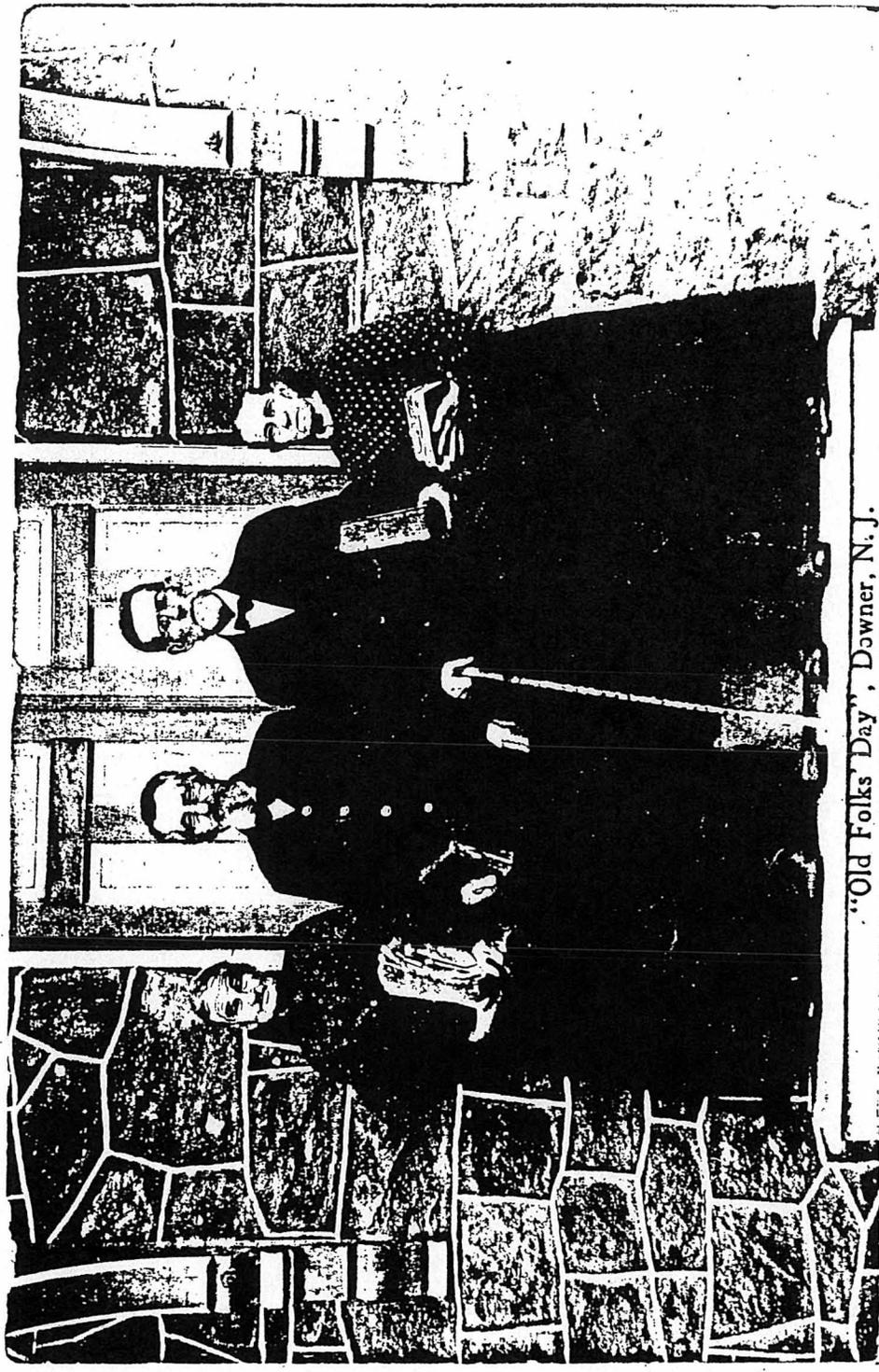
Hattie says they both could read and write. I never saw them read--

Grandpa always sat in a straight chair right up close to stove.

(They all say he always sat in a chair facing the back, straddled the seat, perhaps because of his rupture)

Grandma growled him for spilling food when he ate.

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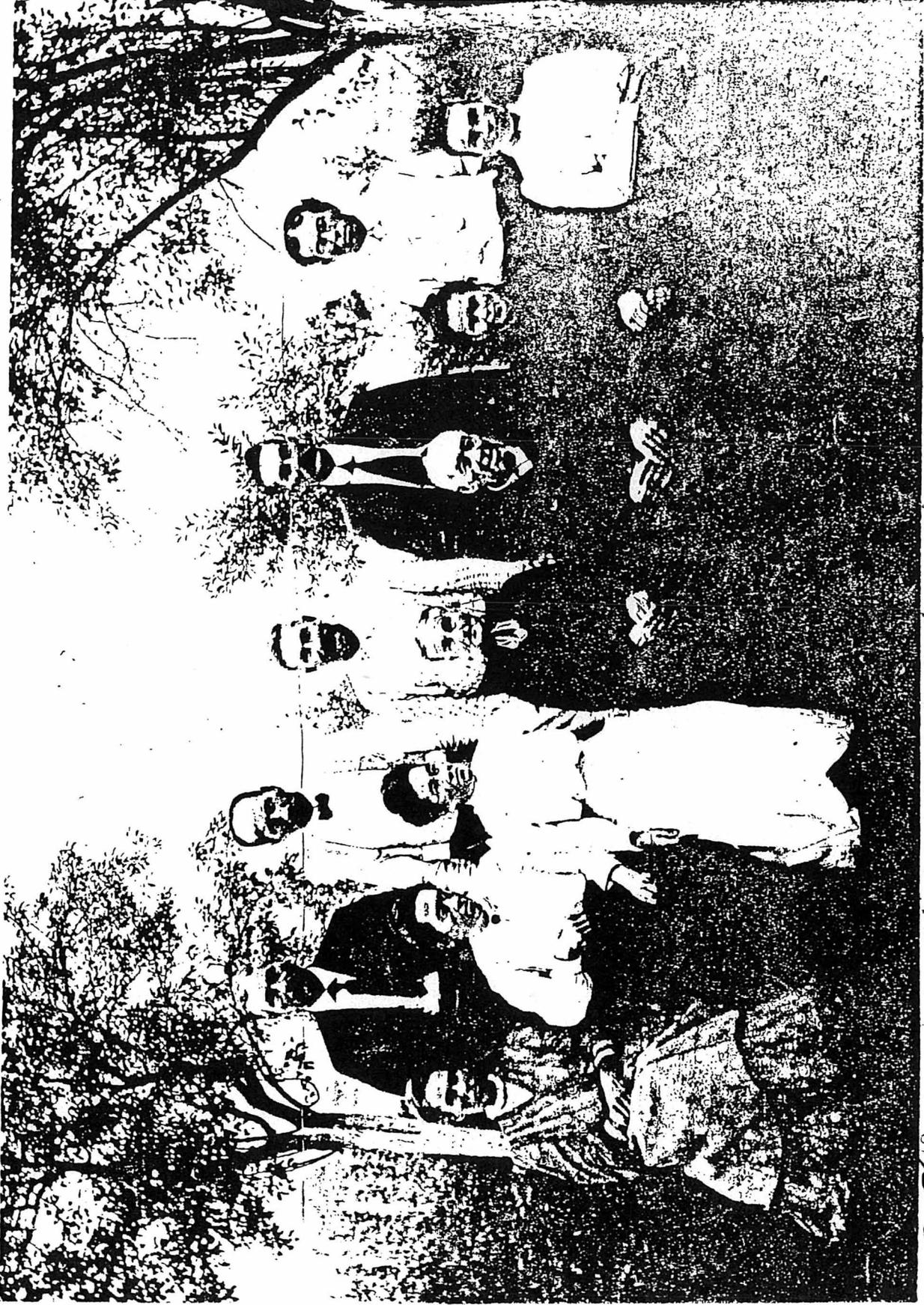
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Rev. White - Mrs. White

Abigailgart Flexon
Arthur Downer

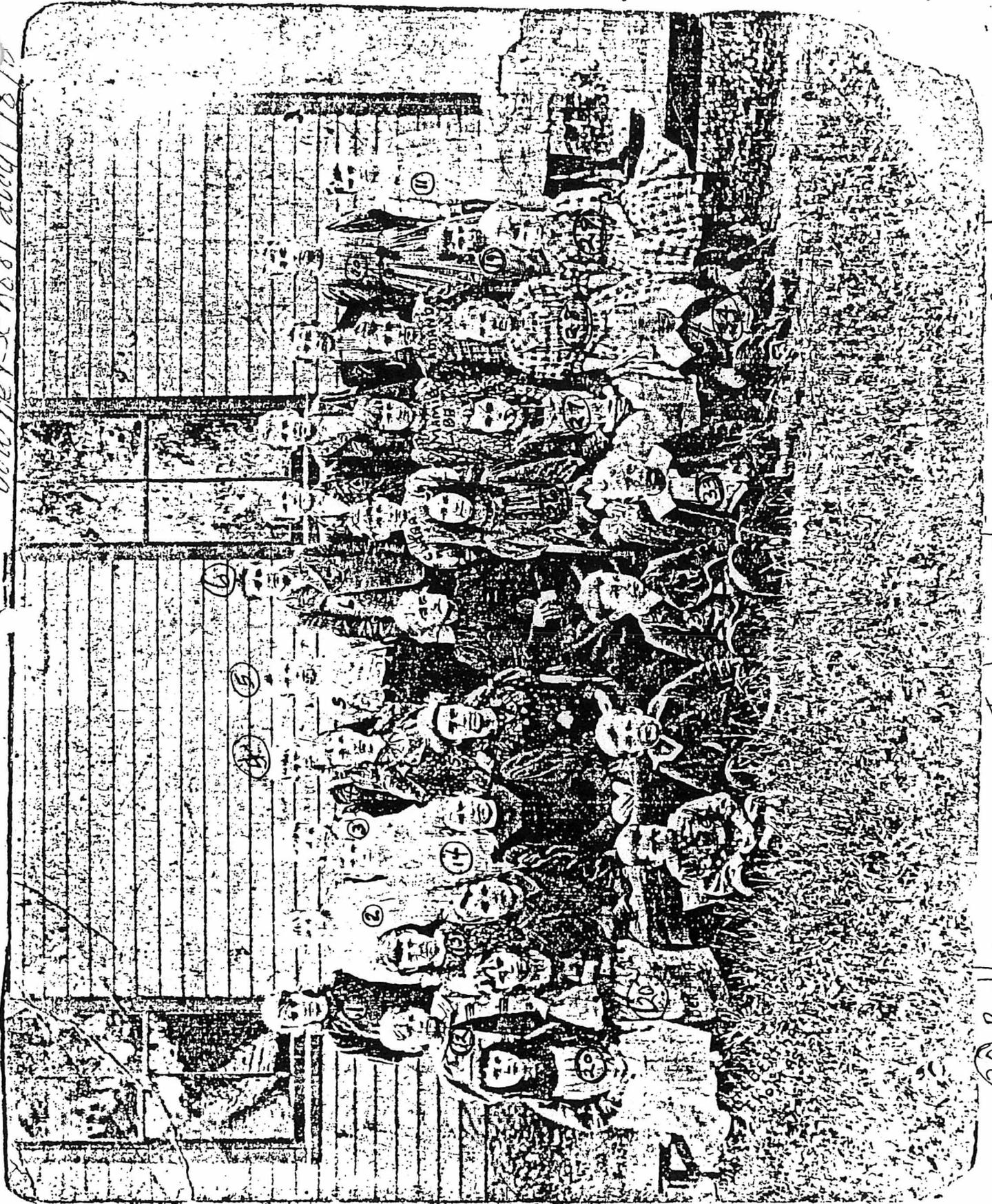
about 1911 or 1913

Taken at a birthday gathering at their home in Downer, N.J. for Abigail Flexon age 72.



1908 (Summer) - Abigail - Charles Flexon, Elizabeth
James - Richard - John - William - Charles Jr. - Elizabeth - Sara Jane

Dawson School about 1870



(20) Beatha

Teacher

Clara

Mamie

Amanda

NAMES OF THE STUDENTS IN THE PICTURE OF DOWNER SCHOOL-1898 (1898)
REACHER MRS. HARRIET STRANG OF MULLICA HILL N.J.

Where they lived in 1898

TOP ROW L TO R.

- 1-Elsie Gant lived half house with Richard G. Flexon
- 2-Helen Young-first Downer Homestead right next to Scotland Run
Glassboro side
- 3-Hattie Flexon-John Flexon homestead-Flexon Hill
- 4-Laura Thomas-third Downer house corner of Fried Mill and Glassboro Rd.
~~Mark~~
- 5-Mark Armstrong-Armstrong homestead house next to school
~~George Metz~~
- 6-George Metz _____
- 7-Sammie Thomas- house in Downer Row houses(I think Lottie said next to
the old store and P.O. by R.R.
- 8-Russell Downer-Will Downer home in the store Bldg.
- 9-Henry Flexon-John Flexon homestead
Josephine Downer-
- 10- Josephine Downer- Think they lived in the second Downer Homestead
(Later we knew the O'Brien's and the Onley family)
- 11-Reba Carvin- Carvin Homestead(the only house still standing in 1986
of the Flexon family family in Flexon Hill right side
toward Williamstown. It was the last house before Robanna
Corner.)

SECOND ROW R. L.

- 12-Ethel Downer- Store House and P.O.
- 13-Sara Huntsinger- lived in the old Huntsinger Homestead on the now
Whitney Ave.
- 14-Lettie Young- First Downer House
- 15-Romal Thomas- last house Downer Row homes
- 16-Clara Flexon-Richard G. Flexon Homestead-Flexon Hill
- 17-Mamie Langley- lived with her grandmother-Agigail Flexon, first
house by Scotland Run on Williamstown side on rightgoing
(eastside) toward Williamstown.
- 18-Amanda Flexon-Richard G. Flexon house
- 19-Arthur Downer- ~~brother to Laura Downer~~ P.O. + store

THIRD ROW L.R.

- 20-Albertha Thomas- last house in the row (Downer)
- 21-Bertha Flexon- Richard G. Flexon home
- 22 _____ Stevenson
- ? 23-Maggie Thomas-Third Downer House? *I dont know Maggie Thomas lived
for Thomas children*
- 24-Annie Thomas- third Downer House - on corner
- 25-Mrs. Strang _____
- 26- _____ Stevenson
- 27-Abbie Carvin-Carvin homestead
- 28-Maggie Steward _____ think mother Bertha said in the house
- 29-Esther Steward- _____ we knew as the Johnson Farm on Downer
Road. the third house from Scotland Run
toward Glassboro, N.J.(west side of, run)
Either that or Row + Stevenson's lived in
Johnson house

BOTTOM ROW L. R.

- 30-Roy Thomas- Downer Row
- 31-Willie Downer- Store home and P.O.
- 32-Walter Huntsinger-Huntsinger Homestead
- 33-Eddy Thomas-
- 34- _____ Thomas

JULIA 1870
 THOMAS
 ROMAL
 SAMUEL
 ALBERTHA
 ROY

DOVER, N.J.
 ONE ROOM SCHOOL



Mamas
 School
 Class
 picture

Uncle
 Aunt
 Mamas

Aunt Romal's teacher
 on left

on right
 Albertina

THE FAMILY OF

RICHARD GANT FLEXON 1857 - 1931

and

EMMA ELIZABETH BATCHELOR 1862 - 1931

Richard, 2nd. child of Abigail Gant Flexon
and Charles Flexon Sr.

FLEXON - BATCHELOR FAMILY

RICHARD GANT FLEXON, 2nd child of Abigail Gant and Charles Flexon Sr.

b. September 24, 1857

d. Fall 1931 at his home in Downer, N.J. of heart condition and complications.

Richard was a glassworker (gaffer), Preacher, and farmer.

He was born in a log cabin near Bell's Lake, Turnersville, N.J. in Washington Township, Gloucester County, N.J.

Married - 1st wife-EMMA ELIZABETH BATCHELOR from Bridgeton, N.J. on March 13, 1880

b. November 6, 1862

d. April 4, 1902 at N. Pearl St., Bridgeton, N.J.
Died of complications of pregnancy and gall stones.

2nd wife- Margaret (Maggie) Mickle from Palatine, N.J. in 1903 (no children)

All buried at St. John's Methodist Cemetery, Turnersville, N.J.

All records of birth taken from Family Bible.

Children - 8

1. Orille Cresse (after Uncle Silas Batchelor's wife's maiden, Cresse)

b. November 17, 1880

d. April 1, 1881 age 4 mo. 15 days

Buried at St. John's Methodist Cemetery, Turnersville, N.J.

2. Mary Abigail

b. November 11, 1882

d. January 24, 1883

Buried at St. John's Methodist Cemetery, Turnersville, N.J.

3. Amanda Gant *

m.

James Broadwater (glassworker from around Center Grove, N.J.)

b. April 3, 1884

d. Fall of 1930

b. August 16, 1882

(Complications of a gallstone operation)

* Buried at Downer Methodist Cemetery, Downer, N.J.

Children - 1

1. Harry Leroy Broadwater

b. November 3, 1908

d. Spring 1940 at Phoenix, Arizona
from T B of the lungs

Married and had one daughter, Betty

4. Clara Izzard (supposedly) m. Harry Johnson (Auto Painter)
 after Dr. Izzard
 b. November 1, 1885 b.
 d. March 2, 1953 in Florida d. Fall of 1932 of
 from cancer and complications pneumonia and heart
 complications

Both buried at Downer Methodist Church Cemetery,
 Downer, N.J.

Children - 4

1. Emma m. 1st.
 2nd. Walter Fisler (1 child
 Donald, died young of cancer)
 3rd.
 4th.
2. James (died when a baby)
3. Eldridge m. 1st. Esther (2 Children)
 2nd. (0 Children)
 3rd. Betty (2 Children)
4. Richard m. (2 girls)

5. Bertha (named after m. Joseph Gehring (from Elmer
 Albertha Thomas) 12-4-1904 & Bridgeton)
 at Bridgeton, N.J.
 b. April 13, 1888 b. June 18, 1886
 At Richard Flexon d. August 18, 1956
 farm Downer, N.J. (Died coronary
 thrombosis)

Joseph buried at Overlook Cemetery Bridgeton, N.J.

Children - 6

1. Ruth Aureda m. Jerome L. Gibe from
 b. July 18, 1908 Bridgeton, N.J.
 at Downer, N.J. b. February 12, 1908
 d. December 7, 1961 (Cancer)

Children - 0

2. Dorothy Pearl m. 1st. Charles Tyson Bennett
 b. July 26, 1910 (Glassboro, N.J. Bright's
 Disease)
 Children - 3
 1. Eldridge Leroy m.
 2. C. Tyson, Jr. m.
 3. Gordon Don m.
 2nd. Malvern Wood
 (No children)
 3rd. Emerson Souder
 (No children)

Jennie. She was a little hard of hearing, Harold would get her talking and untie her apron string, then she would go and as she walked her apron would fall down. She always knew it was Harold. He was very fond of cocoanut cream kisses and would bring in the things if his sister Bertha (who lived in the other side of the farm house) would make them for him. His mother died when he was about 3 years old.

All the Richard Gant Flexon family are buried in St. John's Methodist cemetery at Turnersville, N.J. in the same lot, father, Mother Issac Bachelor, Emma, Richard, two girls, the two boys, Margaret the second wife of Richard. Clara, Henry, Amanda, son Harry, James Johnson (baby), are buried at Downer M.E. Church, Downer, N.J. and I think there is a place for James Broadwater, the husband of Amanda.

THE FAMILY OF

MARGARET GANT FLEXON 1863 - 1919

and

SAMUEL JACOB THOMAS 1861 - 1936

Margaret, 4th. child of Abigail Gant
and Charles Flexon Sr.

FLEXON - THOMAS FAMILY

MARGARET (AKA Maggie) GANT FLEXON, 4th child of Abigail Gant and Charles Flexon Sr. (Twin of Hannah J.)

b. March 7, 1863
d. January 9, 1919

Husband - SAMUEL JACOB THOMAS (from around Pitman N.J.)

b. 1861
d. August 26, 1936 age 75

Samuel's mother, Mary F. Thomas, passed away May 4, 1899.
Samuel's brother, Charles Thomas, b. 1859 d. 1903
All of the above are buried in Downer Methodist Cemetery, Downer, N.J.
See page 43 for Brief History of Samuel Jacob Thomas' Life

Children - 9

1. Romal Stuckard * m. Howard Lafferty
b. June 14, 1882 b.
d. September 6, 1921 d.

*Buried in Downer Methodist Church Cemetery, Downer, N.J.

Children - 2 John Howard, Margaret (Peggy) May

2. Samuel Goldsmith m. Lola Cunningham Rowand
b. October 30, 1885 1910 b. June 26, 1887
d. March 2, 1935 d. November 15, 1961

Both buried in Downer Methodist Church Cemetery, Downer, N.J.

Children - 6 Earl Rowand, Paul Peterson, Charles Samuel, William Flexon, Eleanor Rowand, Kenneth Cooper

3. Albertha* m. 1st. Ernest Scott Mosley**
b. March 27, 1888 b.
d. August 31, 1971 d. Dec. 26, 1933
* Buried in Southlawn Cemetery Petersburg, Va.
** Buried in Blandford Cemetery Petersburg, Va. 2nd. Charles Julian**
b. March 26,
d.

Children 1st marriage-7 Bernice May, Elizabeth, Earl Francis, Carl, Amy, Grace, Ruth

4. Roy Chitwood
b. May 14, 1890
d. October 9, 1926

Buried in Downer Methodist Church Cemetery, Downer, N.J.
Served in the U.S. Army during World War I

5. Lottie Hannah (AKA Charlotte) * m. 1st. Stanley Harold Taylor**
b. January 2, 1894 b. July 16, 1892
d. May 21, 1991 d. October 24, 1952

Children - 1 Helen

2nd. Max Mille ***
b. November 28, 1894 in
Berlin, Germany
d. January 5, 1983

- * Buried in Riverview Cemetery, Portland, Oregon
** Buried in Williamstown Methodist Cemetery, Williamstown, N.J.
*** Buried in Tuckahoe Methodist Cemetery, Tuckahoe, N.J.

6. Bernice May
b. March 14, 1896
d. October 13, 1898

Buried in Downer Methodist Church Cemetery, Downer, N.J.

7. William Flexon
b. July 4, 1899
d. January 11, 1919

Buried in Downer Methodist Church Cemetery, Downer, N.J.
Served in U.S. Army during World I

8. Ernest Camp m. Olive Parent
b. April 4, 1901 b. June 8, 1910
d. September 12, 1991 d. December 27, 1985

Both buried in Manahath Memorial Park, Glassboro, N.J.

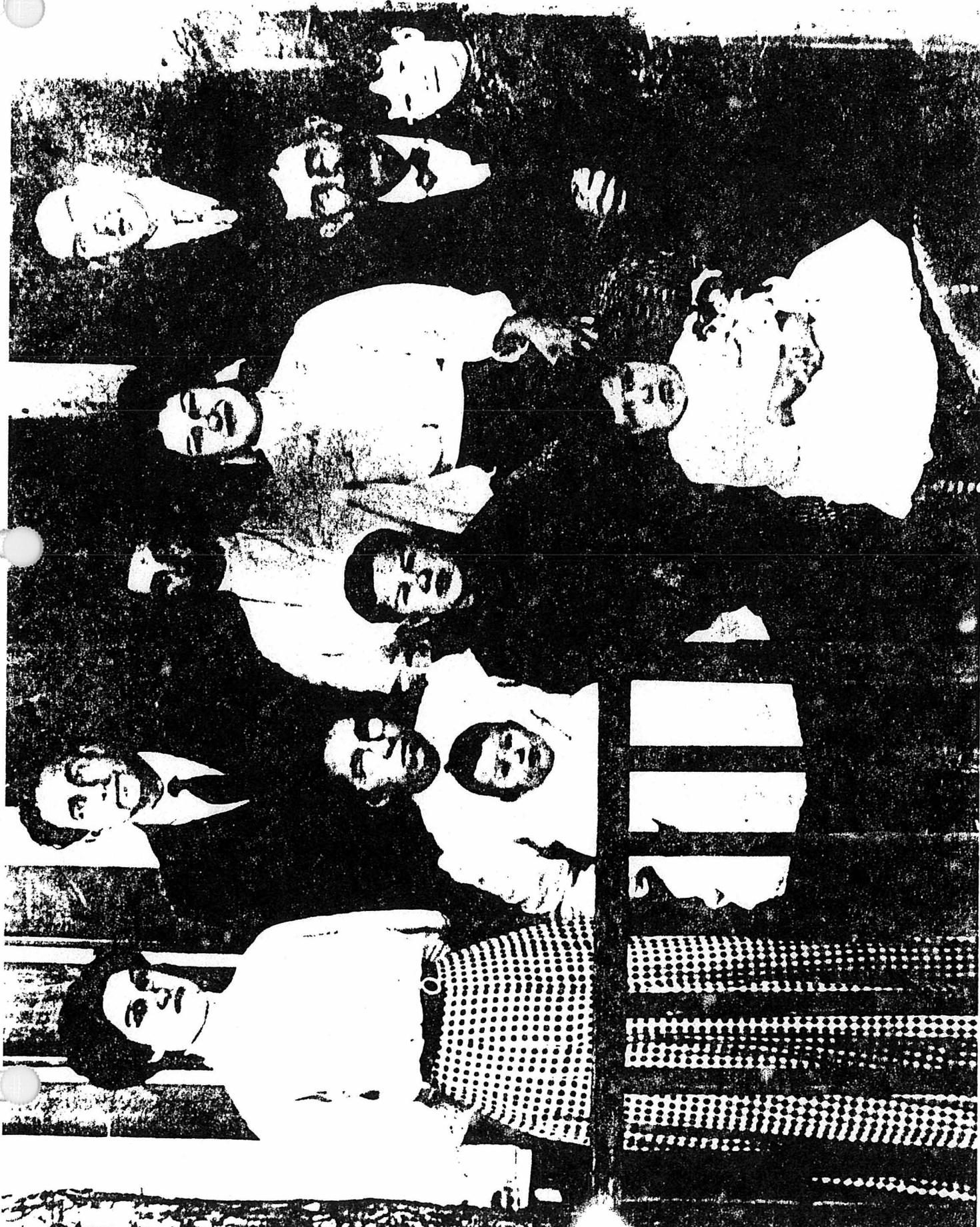
Children - 1 Robert Roy

9. Mary Abigail m. Howard Russell Adams
b. March 10, 1905 b. 1903
d. September 15, 1967 d. 1965

Both buried in Union Cemetery, Hackettstown, N.J.

Children - 1 Howard Russell Jr.

1st. Row - Maggie Thomas (Grandmom) holding Bernice Mosely, Ernest Thomas, Mary Thomas in chair, Samuel J. Thomas (Grandpop), William Flexon Thomas. Back Row - Albertha Mosely (nee Thomas), Howard Lafferty, Romal Lafferty, (nee Thomas), Lottie Thomas, Samuel G. Thomas. Taken while living on 1st. Avenue, Pitman, N.J. about 1910. Roy Thomas not shown.



BRIEF HISTORY OF SAMUEL JACOB THOMAS

Samuel Jacob Thomas and his family lived in the last house of Downer Row next to the old store by the Post Office and the Railroad Station in 1898. Downer Row was a group of houses owned by the Downers on the east side of Fries Mill Road between Downer Methodist Church and the railroad just a short distance down the road. The railroad, now abandoned ran from Mullica Hill, N.J. to Williamstown, N.J.

Abigail and Samuel J. Thomas had nine children and raised eight to adulthood.

The family moved to the Pitman Glassboro area shortly after 1898 when Samuel went to work for the Atlantic Electric Company. They lived in various locations before he took a position running The Pitman Grove Water Works located on West Avenue between Lake and Cleveland Avenues. At this time they moved into the house next door to the pump house on Lake Avenue owned by the Association. He worked there until he retired and passed away in 1936.

THE FAMILY OF

ROMAL STUCKARD THOMAS 1882 - 1921

and

HOWARD LAFFERTY

Romal, 1st. child of Maggie Flexon
and Samuel J. Thomas

THOMAS - LAFFERTY FAMILY

Warehouse
with Woodbury foreman
MacArthur
wooding boy
loading
plant (?)

ROMAL STUCKARD *, 1st child of Margaret (Maggie) Flexon and Samuel Jacob Thomas.

b. June 14, 1882
d. September 6, 1921

Husband - HOWARD LAFFERTY

b. 25 Feb 1882, Philadelphia
d.

Gray eyes
black hair
in 1918 Draft reg
was living at 12 First Ave
Pittman

* Buried in Downer United Methodist Church Cemetery, Downer, N.J.

Children - 2

1. John Howard
b. ~ 1915

m. Ann
b.
d.

2. Margaret (Peggy) Mae
b. January 7,
d.

m. Phillips
b.
d.

Children - 3

1.

2.

3. Scott

AK 1901 census 4 boards
at John Johnson's
426 Academy St
Glassboro
workers of a
Snapping Wk Boy
in 9 months of year

1890 census
remained Louisa
Howard 15
Eula 16
Eulphie 13
Howard 16
Morgan

THE FAMILY OF

SAMUEL GOLDSMITH THOMAS 1865 - 1935

and

LOLA CUNNINGHAM ROWAND 1887 - 1961

Samuel G., 2nd child of Maggie Flexon
and Samuel J. Thomas

THOMAS - ROWAND FAMILY

SAMUEL GOLDSMITH THOMAS, 2nd child of Margaret (Maggie) Flexon
(a twin) and Samuel Jacob Thomas a (Moldmaker) from Pitman, N.J.
b. October 30, 1885
d. March 2, 1935 age 49 (Arteriosclerosis)

Married - December 10, 1910

Wife - LOLA CUNNINGHAM ROWAND from Camden, N.J.

b. June 26, 1887
d. November 16, 1961 age 74 (Heart problems)

Both buried in Downer Methodist Cemetery, Downer, N.J.
See page 45 for brief history of Samuel G. Thomas' Life
Children - 6

1. Earl Rowand * m. 10-23-1954 Maria Elizabeth Truitt
(Pharmacist)
b. January 16, 1916 Camden, N.J. b. March 12, 1921
d. March 26, 1974 age 58 d. August 15, 1984 age 57
(Prostate Cancer) (Kidney Failure)

* Served in the U.S. Army during World War II.
Buried in Money Family Cemetery, Delaware City, Del.

2. Paul Peterson m. 11-24-1945 Grace Irene Horner
(Computer Technican)
b. August 22, 1917 Greensburg, Pa. b. September 6, 1921

Children - 4 Kenneth Wayne, Paul Barry, Barbara Irene,
Sandra Lynn

3. Charles Samuel
(Chemist)
b. July 16, 1922 at Camden, N.J.
d. April 2, 1987 (Heart attack)

Buried in Downer Methodist Cemetery, Downer, N.J.

4. William Flexon
(Electrical Engineer)
b. July 30, 1926 at Pitman, N.J.

Served in the U.S. Navy during World War II

*Buried in Downer Meth Cem
Downer NJ*

5. Eleanor Rowand* m. 8-16-55 Charles Henry Trenoweth**
(Statistican)
b. November 27, 1928 Pitman, N.J. b. October 19, 1911
d. October 15, 1992 age 64
(Arteriosclerosis)

* Buried National Cemetery, Bourne, Massachusetts (Cape Cod)
** Charles Trenoweth served in the U.S. Merchant Marine
during World War II and was a Captain for many years.

Children - 1 Charles Thomas Trenoweth

6. Kenneth Cooper m. Martha Eva Guenette from
(Drafting Teacher) 11-19-1955 Runnemedede, N.J.

b. September 16, 1929

b. January 29, 1932

Served in the U.S.Navy during the Korean War.

Children - 1 Susan Lola

BRIEF HISTORY OF SAMUEL G. THOMAS' LIFE

Samuel Goldsmith Thomas was a mold-maker learning his trade as an apprentice at the Whitney Glass Factory in Glassboro, N.J. See page 45A for a copy of his apprenticeship papers.

He met Lola Cunningham Rowand from around 6th and Newton Avenue in Camden, N.J. She came to Pitman to the Methodist Camp Meeting for two weeks every summer. Her family became summer residents and lived on Holly Avenue, then 12th Avenue and Broadway across from Ballard Park where the Borough Hall now stands.

They were married in 1910 and established their first home on Snyder Avenue in Pitman, N.J. When the glass industry closed in this area they moved to Shingle-house, Pa.; Bellaire, Ohio; and Greensburg Pa. where other glass industries were located before returning to Camden, N.J. living on Princess Avenue for a few years. They then moved back to Pitman in 1923 settling in a new home at 29 Woodlyne Avenue which cost \$4300 with a \$2000 mortgage.

When the Depression hit in 1929 he was out of work in the Machinist trade so he took a job with the Pitman Grove Water Works. He also drove a horse drawn trash wagon for the Pitman Camp Meeting Association. He passed away in 1935 at the age of 49 from arteriosclerosis.

Moving and travel in this time period was mainly by train.

This Indenture, Made the 4th day of October

A. D., nineteen hundred 02, between Samuel G Thomas

aged 17 years on the 30th day of October, nineteen hundred

02 of Glasboro in the county of Gloucester

and State of New Jersey, party of the first part, and Samuel F Maggi

Thomas

of Glasboro county of Gloucester and State of New Jersey

(father and mother of the said party of the first part), parties of the second part, and

J. O. Whitney of Glasboro in the county of

Gloucester and State of New Jersey, party of the third part

WITNESSETH, That the said party of the first part has of his own free will and accord, with the consent of his said father and mother, testified by their being parties to and signing and sealing this Indenture, bound himself as an apprentice to said party of the third part in the art, trade and occupation of a glass blower, with him to serve as an apprentice until the said party of the first part shall attain the age of twenty-one years, during which term the said apprentice, his master faithfully shall serve, his secrets keep, his lawful commands and the lawful commands of his agent, manager and employee everywhere obey. He shall do no damage to his said master nor see it done by others, but he, to the utmost of his power, shall forthwith give warning to his said master of the same. He shall not waste the goods of his said master, nor lend them unlawfully to any. He shall not absent himself from his said master's service unlawfully. He shall not during said term, join or become a member of any labor organization. At all times and in all things as a faithful, industrious and obedient apprentice he shall behave and demean himself towards his said master, and his said agent, manager and employee.

And the said party of the third part in consideration of the faithful services of the said apprentice in the art of glass blowing, shall give said apprentice during said term an opportunity of perfecting himself in the art of glass blowing, as said art is carried on in the glass factories in New Jersey, and during said term find and provide for the said apprentice or furnish him with the means to find and provide for himself good and sufficient clothing, diet, and lodging, the moneys to be advanced therefor not to exceed the third part of the wages of an ordinary workman for the same class of work, but subject in all respects to the stipulations hereinafter mentioned to which said party of the first part hereby assents and agrees.

And this Indenture also Witnesseth that in consideration of the premises the said parties of the second and third parts hereby covenant and agree with each other as follows, that is to say: The said parties of the second part covenant and agree to and with the said party of the third part:

1.—Whereas the services of the said party of the first part for and during the said term, while he is acquiring the art and trade of glass blowing is an inadequate return for his tuition, clothing, diet and lodging or advances therefore to be made as aforesaid, and for his waste of metal; that the said party of the first part shall continue with the said party of the third part to serve as a glass blower for the further term of 11 more or 4 days making with said term of apprenticeship a period of 1200 actual working days, upon the same terms as provided during said apprenticeship. five years

2.—That in case said party of the first part shall absent himself from the service of the said party of the third part without previous written permission from him or his authorized agent or manager, except only in case of sickness of said party of the first part, when a regular physician's certificate of his said illness is produced if requested, or shall join any labor organization during his term of service, the said party of the third part may cancel this Indenture, discharge said apprentice and retain any funds in his hands agreed to be paid to said party of the first part and not paid to him, as a compensation to the party of the third part for the tuition of the said party of the first part and his waste and damage to the property of said party of the third part.

3.—That the said party of the first part shall and will in all things, do, keep and perform all things in this Indenture mentioned on his part to be done, kept and performed, and shall serve the said party of the third part during the full term of said ~~1200 actual working days~~ ^{five years}.

4.—If the said party of the first part shall, during said term of service, absent himself from the service of the said party of the third part from any cause whatever, said party of the first part hereby agrees to continue serving the said party of the third part under the terms of this Indenture, until he shall have made up any and all lost time.

And the said party of the third part hereby covenants and agrees that he the said party of the third part will at the expiration of said entire term of 1200 actual working days, if the said party of the first part shall have faithfully done, kept and performed all duties, services and agreements by him or by his said father and mother agreed that he shall do, keep and perform, and shall have not absented himself from the service of the party of the third part without the previous written permission from him or his authorized agent or manager except only in case of sickness of said party of the first part when a regular physician's certificate of his said illness is produced when requested, nor be a member of any labor organization during his term of service, pay to the said party of the first part one-half the full wages of a skilled workman of the same class of work to be computed from the commencement of the term of service until the expiration of said 1200 actual working days, deducting what may have been previously advanced and paid to the said party of the first part or to his use for clothing, diet, lodging or otherwise.

If at end of first six months his work is not satisfactory, said J. P. WHITNEY shall have privilege of laying off said Samuel G. Thomas

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties of the first, second and third parts have hereunto set their hands and seals. Dated the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered
in the presence of

W. A. Zimmerman
to Samuel G. Thomas
John P. Whitney
Edward Lezard

Samuel G. Thomas [SEAL]
Samuel G. Thomas [SEAL]
Maggie G. Thomas [SEAL]
J. P. Whitney [SEAL]

CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, CEMETERY,

UNDER THE ACT OF INCORPORATION,

APPROVED FEBRUARY 26th, 1855.

This certifies that *Eliza Thomas*

of the city of Camden, in the County of Camden, and State of New Jersey, is the Proprietor of the Lot No. *Three hundred and ninety six* in the Camden Cemetery, being a tract of two acres and ninety-five hundredths of land, situate in the township of Newton, in the County and State aforesaid, recently purchased for the use of the white inhabitants of the said city of Camden, as a Burial Place; and a part of which tract was duly authorized to be divided and sold to white inhabitants of said city of Camden, in lots of eight feet by sixteen feet each. Which said Lot No.

396 shall be held by the said *Eliza Thomas*

heirs and assigns forever, subject to the following restrictions, to wit:—that the same shall be used only for the burial of white persons; and shall never be transferred to any person or persons other than white inhabitants or ~~inhabitants of the said city of Camden~~ and that the said Lot and the Proprietor of them for the time being shall be liable for, and pay all taxes not exceeding twenty-five cents per year for each Lot, which may be assessed thereon, by the Committee having charge of the said Cemetery, for preserving it in suitable fence and condition.

In Witness Whereof, we the President, Secretary and Treasurer, of the said Camden Cemetery, do hereunto set our hands and seals, this *Twenty sixth* day of *October* in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and *sixty four*

John S. Bundick

L. S.

William Calhoun

L. S.

Joseph J. Read

L. S.

For value received. I hereby transfer, assign and set over, unto *Samuel G. Thomas* his heirs and assigns present and assigns, all the right, title and interest in the above, and all advantages to be derived therefrom. Witness hand and seal this *29th* day of *April* day of *1864* Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and sixty *four*

SEALED AND DELIVERED IN THE PRESENCE OF

George W. Kelley *Eliza Thomas*

THOMAS - MELVIN FAMILY

KENNETH WAYNE THOMAS, 1st child of Paul Petersen Thomas and Grace Irene Horner from Pitman, N.J.

b. June 28, 1948 at Woodbury, N.J.

Married - November 18, 1978 at United Methodist Church, Hammonton, N.

Wife - LINDA LEE MELVIN from Folsom, N.J.

b. July 3,

Children - 1

1. Lindsay

b. November 1, 1985 at Woodbury, N.J.

THOMAS - GERRITY FAMILY

BARBARA IRENE THOMAS, 3rd child of Paul Petersen Thomas and Grace Irene Horner from Pitman, N.J.

b. December 2, 1954 at Woodbury

Married - October 19, 1974 at the Chapel of All Faiths, Mantua, N.J.

Husband - ROBERT N. GERRITY from Pitman, N.J.

b. October 11, 1955

Children - 2

1. Thomas Barry Gerrity

b. March 30, 1975 at Woodbury, N.J.

2. Heather Michelle Gerrity

b. May 26, 1977 at Woodbury, N.J.

THOMAS - ELLIOT FAMILY

SANDRA LYNN THOMAS, 4th child of Paul Petersen Thomas and Grace Irene Horner from Pitman, N.J.

b. June 29, 1956 at Woodbury, N.J.

Married - June 20, 1981 at Downer Methodist Church, Downer, N.J.

Husband - ROBERT ELLIOT from Elmer, N.J.

b. February 1, 1951

Children - 2

1. Curtis Barry

b. August 23, 1985 at Woodbury, N.J.

2. Keith Allen

b. July 17, 1987 at Woodbury, N.J.

LIFE in the 30's and 40's

Life seemed so much simpler before B G (big government) with all the regulations and free handouts. Neighbors helped each other and families took care of their own. I have very few memories before I was seven years old. That was 1935 when my father died in the height of the Great Depression. My oldest brother Earl was nineteen and my youngest brother Kenneth was only five. There were six of us children. We managed just fine in our little house with one bathroom. The upstairs was one room where the five boys slept.

You did not go to the hospital in those days. When my father got sick the neighbors and relations helped by taking the younger ones home with them except for Kenneth who had whooping cough at the time. I was in bed supposedly asleep when my Auntie Sue came home. I overheard her calling everyone to tell them Sam Thomas had died. I cried myself to sleep that night. After the funeral when Auntie Sue was taking me home she started to tell me that someone wouldn't be there. I told her that I already knew, but I never told her how I knew.

Now days the government has its level of income to define poverty. We didn't have much money, but we didn't live in poverty. Poverty is a state of mind. We always had enough to eat and plenty of love. The neighbors and people in town were so generous. We had a barber who lived on our street who cut our hair for nothing. Mr. Carter, who lived in back of us owned a laundry. When he saw my Mother washing clothes by hand, he told her to send it to the laundry and he did it quite a few years at no charge. The Kiwanis Club took care of my first pair of glasses when I was seven and a tonsilectomy for Kenneth and I. Whenever any of the service clubs in town had a Father and Son Banquet, they always knew where to come for a son if they didn't have one.

My grandfather Rowand came to visit quite often for extended stays. He did not have a home of his own. One of my earliest memories is of my Mother saying that we children should not ask Granddaddy for any money as he had lost all of his when the banks failed. I didn't know what it meant at that time.

Before TV children had to be more inovative and use their immagination. My brother Bill was only one year older than I, and Kenneth was two years younger. There was always someone around for company. I guess Bill and I were too close in age as we never got along very well as kids, but Kenneth and I got along great. We spent hours cutting pictures from old magazines and pasting them with flour and water paste on old school note books. Oatmeal boxes had a lot of play value as cradles for dolls or turrets for castles. My brother Charles picked up soda bottle caps on his paper route. We kept them in an oatmeal box. They were great for building walls and castles. Earl had a job in the local drug store. He brought us home the old displays and signs. We played drugstore with them. The old windup victrola was good for a number of hours of amusement. Being the youngest in the family we had lots of toys. A good many of them were hand-me-downs. We had cast iron Model T's

and toy dirigibles that belonged to Earl and Paul. Loia Gant Fulton only had one son. We got a lot of his books, Halloween costumes, etc., and when Aunt Dilly died we inherited all her furniture. One of Bill's friends who lived in our neighborhood, Richard Guant was also a distant relation.

Big Little Books were popular in the thirties. They were maybe 4" by 4" and 1" thick. They had comics on one side of the page and a continuing story on the other about Popeye, Mickey Mouse, etc. The neighborhood kids pooled their books and had a lending library in one of the garages. After supper it was hide and go seek under the streetlights. We lived across the street from the high school which had a lot of window wells. It was a fun place to play. The boys would go out on the roof of our house to watch the football games at the stadium.

In the thirties the government was just beginning to get into things. The WPA was started to give people jobs, but as far as I can see it just took them from the private sector. WPA stood for Works Project Administration but we said it stood for We Play Around or We Poke Along. The WPA built the athletic stadium at the high school. The older folks talked about how much time was spent leaning on shovels. In third grade I started piano lessons. They were given free by the WPA in order to give a piano teacher work. The teacher continued to teach me awhile even after the program stopped.

Times were tough. We had people coming to the door with suitcases full of notions (shoelaces, needles, thread) just to make a few dollars. It was a very labor intensive society in the thirties. We had a milkman that came everyday but Sunday, a bread-man, an egg-man, a huckster that sold fruits and vegetables. We were the last ones in the neighborhood to have an ice box. In the summer we liked to see the ice man come so we could get chunks of ice to suck on. My Mother cooked on a kerosene stove because that was cheaper so we also had an oil man every week. Even the insurance man came to the house to collect the premiums. Mail was delivered twice a day and at Christmas at least three times. The small grocery stores delivered your order also.

My Mother was a wonderful person. She never complained about the lack of money and never did anything to discourage the boys from furthering their education. It took my brother Earl six years to go through Pharmacy College. He had to work a year after he got out of high school to get money enough for tuition. Then he took a year off between the Sophomore and Junior year for the same reason. Bill, Kenneth, and I emptied our savings accounts, about twenty five dollars each to help meet his expenses. After he graduated he paid us back. Paul went to Banks Business College during the day and worked at the Camp Meeting Pump House to meet his expenses.

The first time Mother applied for Aid to Dependant Children she was turned down because she still had some of my Father's insurance money left. The second time Charles was over sixteen and she was only able to collect sixteen dollars apiece for us

three younger children or forty-eight dollars a month for a very short time. I can remember the social worker came to the house. Since Paul was working and living at home he was expected to support us. Everytime he got a raise the payments were cut back until we received nothing. My Mother was great at stretching the dollar. We wasted nothing. Mother was a very good seamstress. My favorite article of clothing was the snowsuit she made me by cutting down two coats that someone had given her. She made my doll a snowsuit to match. When shirt collars became frayed they were ripped off, reversed and sewed back on the shirt. Old sheets were used for ironing covers. We even saved the Christmas wrapping and reused it the next year after we ironed it out. You could buy rubber soles in the Five and Ten Store to resole your own shoes. When the boys became old enough to have paper routes they bought their own clothes.

We ate things in those days because it was what we could afford. Now it turns out that these things were good for us. As a kid I was always embarrassed to go to the store and buy Good Luck or oleo as everyone else used real butter. Good Luck did not come in quarters. It was white and came in a solid pound. There was a little yellow bean in it that you broke with which to color it. It was some kind of law the Dairy Industry had passed so people would not confuse oleo with butter. For ten cents we could go to the dairy which was a block away and buy a great big kettle of skimmed milk. No one drank skimmed milk then. We had oatmeal every morning winter and summer. We brushed our teeth with baking soda. Milk was 16¢ a quart, bread 12¢, oleo 21¢. I thought the neighborhood kid with whom we played was rich. Eddie Bill bragged his father made \$100 a month. His father at that time was a Janitor at the high school.

When I was in the seventh grade I contracted Scarlet Fever. In those days whenever anyone had a communicable disease the Health Department came around and put a sign on your door to quarantine the house. No one was to go in or out of that house. In the case of Scarlet Fever it was a time period of three weeks. Earl and Paul moved in with a kindly neighbor for three weeks as they had to work. By that time Charles was away at college. Bill and Kenneth had a ball with three weeks of no school. Someone came to the window, took a grocery order and brought the groceries back. After I got better the room where I slept had to be fumigated.

I was thirteen and a Freshman in high school when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on December 7th 1941. I was still very young and self centered. I became perturbed when they kept interrupting my favorite Sunday night radio line-up of Jack Benny, Charlie McCarthy, and Fred Allen. Little did I realize the historic significance of the event. The next day the school brought a big console radio into the auditorium. All of the students went in there to listen to Franklin Delano Roosevelt declare war.

Earl tried to enlist in the Navy but was turned down because of flat feet. Later he was drafted into the army. Earl was a graduate pharmacist but the Army sent him to X-ray technician school. After he got out of that school, the Army decided they didn't need X-ray technicians so they switched him back to pharmacy. Earl was assigned to a hospital ship unit which brought the wounded back to this country. They followed the fighting - Africa, Italy, England, France, Korea. He brought a whole ship load of boys home from England who had gone bananas just waiting for the invasion on D-Day. My brother Paul was not in the service. He was deferred as he was the main support of our family. Every one was patriotic and did what they could to help the war effort. Houses that had boys in the service hung in their windows a white flag bordered in red with a blue star for each boy in the service. Charles was still in college. The students had to go the whole summer of 1942 so they could graduate six months early. This only lasted one semester but they lengthened our school day by one period so we could take a non-credit course called Victory Courses. I took Spanish, Bill took radio. Then they tried year round day-light saving to save fuel.

My memory isn't too clear on rationing as I didn't do any shopping at that time. I think each person in the family had a ration book. We were only allowed so many pounds of meat a month, so many pounds of sugar and so many pairs of shoes. We didn't have a car. They labeled each car A, B, or C according to how necessary the cars were. Doctors and ministers were C. Tires were also rationed.

Bill graduated from high school on D-day. They blew the fire whistle early in the morning to let people know the invasion of Europe had begun. Bill took a service test for electronics while he was still in high school. Evidently he must have done very well. When he went into the Navy he spent the duration of the war going to school. Boys who finished half of their Senior Year were given diplomas. We had ten boys in our class of seventy two that enlisted. We could not go to Washington, D. C. because of the war and they would not allow more than fifty people to travel in a group. The sixty plus students had to split into two groups and we went to New York by train. Peace came to Europe in the Spring of 1945. We had the day off from school. VJ day was not until August. When it happened Church Bells rang, fire whistle blew and everyone ran out into the street. I guess in some spots the celebration went on all night. After four years of war - what a wonderful feeling. You would have had to be there to appreciate the elation. We had two days off from work.

I could go on and on with my recollections. I tried to include small things that related to the history of the times and that you wouldn't find in History books.

Eleanor Thomas Trenoweth
Written Oct. 1992 just
before my 65th birthday.

RECOLLECTIONS OF KENNETH COOPER THOMAS

My first recollection is when I was about five years old, I was moved upstairs to the boys dormitory and still given the old iron crib to sleep in. One time shortly afterwards I messed my pants and was put to bed early up there all by myself for punishment. My father drove a horse and wagon picking up trash for the Pitman Grove. He would pass by our house on the way to the dump, pick me up and take me with him the rest of the trip. I thought I was big stuff sitting up there next to him driving the horse. He was quite a walker and would take us for long walks. When you would complain about being tired, he would say "see the stand pipe, I will carry you when we get there". The standpipe happened to be two blocks past the house. His walking must have rubbed off on the rest of us because we have all been walkers.

Shortly after I was five years of age I came down with the whooping cough, so they moved me back downstairs as there wasn't any heat upstairs.

My father became sick with his heart and they had him sleeping in the living room on a davenport that opened into a double bed. One morning when I came out, the bed was all put away and my father wasn't there. Mother told me Jesus had come during the night and had taken Daddy up to Heaven. Eleanor had went home with Auntie Sue, Bill was at Dick Guant's house and I don't remember where the older brothers were. Mother had the viewing at the Mathis Funeral Parlor on North Broadway in Pitman instead of at home, which was common in those days, as she felt there would be too many memories for the children. They took me to the Funeral Parlor to see my Father and about all I can remember is that I couldn't understand why Mother was crying so much. I was there for just a very short time, then they sent me home with either Carl or Earl Mosley to baby sit me. Aunt Lottie often told a story about me that happened at the luncheon after the funeral. Paul was sitting in my father's spot so it wouldn't be empty. Out of the clear blue sky I said to my mother, "Can I have Paul's seat after he dies", though it was sad times it brought a little laughter.

We lived about a block and a half from the Grammer School. Our milkman that worked for Rileys Milk would pick me up quite often in his horse and wagon and take me to school on his way back to the milk house. Eleanor was deathly afraid of dogs at that time so I always had to walk with her till she was past all of the dogs. In those days Pitman schools had a 1st grade, then high 1st, then on to second. I went from 1st to 2nd grade which was a mistake as I was much younger then the rest of the class.

Mother would always take us to Grandpop Thomases to see the parade and fireworks on the 4th of July as the parade went by the front of their house and the fireworks were on the ballfield behind. For a special treat whe would take us to the Grangers Fair that was held at Alycon Park every year. I wouldn't go on the merry-go-round with the rest of the kids as I was afraid of it. That sure changed in later years, I went on everything.

When we were a little older she would take us each summer on the Wilson Line, an excursion boat from Philadelphia to Wilmington and back. We went to Camden by train, then to Philadelphia by

ferry-boat, and walked from there to the pier. She would pack a picnic lunch as she couldn't afford to buy it on the boat.

My older brothers always commented about me getting things at a younger age. I started wearing long pants about 3rd grade and they had to wear knickers till they went to high school.

One summer Aunt Lottie took us to Mamie Barton's summer house at Iona Lake for the day. Aunt Hanna told me, if I had you for a few weeks I could fatten you up. I always was so skinny you could count all my ribs and I think they thought I wasn't getting enough to eat. We might not have had steak but we never went hungry.

In the thirties the government had food give away programs. Miss Atkinson, the Principal of the Summit Avenue School would have me load cans of things in her car and then drive me home with them. I always dislike having to do this, not wanting other kids to know that we didn't have too much. Mother, being too proud to let people know what she was receiving would take the labels off the empty cans before putting them out for trash.

Our Mother was Episcopalian and our father was Methodist. I was baptised in the Episcopal Church. Our Father always took us to the Methodist. I think this came about as Mother would always go to the early service at the Episcopal Church then be home in time to get everyone ready for Sunday School. Even though she was Episcopalian she was quite involved in the Methodist Church as well. She was a choir mother, belonged to class 22, involved in Bible School, and delivered the Upper Room to shut-ins. She received the flowers for the most children quite a few times on Mother's Day.

Although I don't remember the various Aunts and Uncles living with us, I've heard the stories of Aunt Bert, Uncle Ernest, there six kids, Aunt Mary, Uncle Howard, Uncle Ernie, and Aunt Olive staying with us for a time. They said, when the Mosley's were here, kids had to sleep crosswise on the beds. When we had a lot of people for dinner we would put the ironing board between chairs in order to seat everyone. Mother would always offer anyone who came in what we had to eat. If they didn't eat she would sit and visit and let the dishes go till they left. She always said, "there was plenty of time for that", and she always valued everyone's visit.

Today (1993), we are very conscience about recycling because of its effect on our environment, it is not new but an update of what was done back in the thirties and forties. Then it was done for economical reasons, and shortages of materials. There were rag men who would come around and buy old rags, you could take fat back to the American store and they would pay you 2¢ a lb., junk men would come around for scrap metals and during World War II towns had bins in town for deposit of scrap metals to help the war effort, soda bottles were returned for 2¢, milk bottles were returnable, bread wrappers were made of wax paper and saved to wrap sandwiches for lunches, brown paper bags saved for lunches, scrap paper and wood was saved to start the coal fires, garbage was picked up at the back door for feeding pigs, the Salvation Army would go into your cellars for the old newspapers, and oil was spread on the streets to settle dust. All of this left very little trash to be disposed of, but of course there wasn't the population back then, or the products and the technology that we have today presenting a much different problem.

When Paul and Grace were going together I must have been about fourteen. Paul had an operation and was home recuperating. One night Grace came over to see him, the only ones home were me and Mother. Mother was in the back room ironing and I was doing homework when I got a bright idea. I went out to the living room, turned out all the lights, then went and shut the doors to the backroom. A knock came at the door and since we couldn't hear it Grace answered the door and who should be at the door but her father. To top it off she was supposed to be at prayer meeting. Mother was so embarrassed, I bet she could have killed me.

Paul and Grace were married when I was fifteen in 1945. I wasn't going to shave but Paul made me as I had never shaved and had peach fuzz. I was an usher and wore a cutaway, the first formal attire for me. In those days young fellows didn't wear black socks, they were for older people. I wore red socks and no one noticed it till we went down the aisle. Grace's cousin Janet Gaunt (nee Horner) notice it, and to this day she always kids me about it when we see each other.

I was sixteen when I graduated from High School in 1946 which was so young that I didn't know what I wanted to do. I went to work at the White Star Laundry for Seventy five Cents per hour while I was trying to see what direction I was heading. I finally decided to join the Navy and see the world but it didn't work out that way. I spent four years on dry land at San Diego Naval Air Station, at least it was a wonderful climate and place to be stationed.

There were nine years before anyone else got married, then in just a little over a year three more of us were married, Earl in October 1954, Eleanor in August 1955, and myself in November of 1955.

As of this writing three out of the six members of our family have passed away, all before the age of 65. One thing we thank God for is that none of them had a lengthy illness.

Written February 1993
by: Kenneth C. Thomas

THE FAMILY OF

ALBERTHA THOMAS 1888-1971

and

ERNEST SCOTT MOSELY

Albertha, 3rd child of Maggie Flexon
and Samuel J. Thomas

THOMAS - MOSLEY FAMILY

ALBERTHA THOMAS, 3rd child of Margaret (Maggie) Flexon, a twin,
and Samuel Jacob Thomas.

b. March 27, 1888 at Downer, N.J.
d. August 30, 1971 at Petersburg, Va. age 83
Buried in Southlawn Cemetery, Petersburg, Va.

1st Marriage - October 27, 1906 at her home on Lake Avenue, Pitman, N.J.

1st Husband - ERNEST SCOTT MOSLEY

b. November 14, 1887
d. December 26, 1933 at Petersburg, Va. age 47
Buried in Blandford Cemetery, Petersburg, Va.

2nd Husband - Charles Julian

b. June 26,
d. at Petersburg, Va.
Buried at Southlawn Cemetery, Petersburg, Va.

See page 68 for "Recollections of Albertha Thomas Mosley".

Children - 7

1. Bernice Mae m. Orlie Nathaniel Hathaway (Jack)
b. April 19, 1908 b.
d. Jan. 30, 1982 d. December 4, 1975
at Miami, Fla. age 76 at Miami, Fla.

Children - 4 William Ernest, Betty Mae, Jean Carrol, & Jackie

2. Elizabeth
b. October 28, 1910
d. 1911 (a SIDS baby)
Buried in Harleigh Cemetery, Camden, N.J.

3. Earl Francis m. 1st Mildred Prichystal
b. March 15, 1910 b.
at Pitman, N.J. d.
d. October 18, 1985 at
College Park, Md. age 75

Children - 1 Samuel J.

2nd. Betty
b.

Children - 3 Amy, Scott, & Kelly

4. Carl Normington m. Helen Long
b. January 19, 1913 at Ocean City, N.J. b. February 5, 1914
d. August 14, 1990 at Laurel, Md. age 77 d. February 6, 1993 at Laurel, Md. age 79

Children - 2 Carl, Jr., & Peggy

5. Amy m. Albert Hawkins *
b. May 15, 1915 at Petersburg, N.J. b. June 5, 1913
d. August 13, 1989 at Dinwiddie, Va. age 76

* Buried in Southlawn Cemetery, Petersburg, Va.

Children - 3 Charles Albert (Buddy), Earl, & Judy/Dianne

6. Grace m. 1st Vincent Raymond Beechy Jr.
b. July 7, 1918 at Pitman, N.J. b.
d. Sept. 30, 1987 at Miami, Fla. age 69 d. 1970 of lung cancer
buried at Miami, Fla.

Children - 2 Vincent Raymond III, & Catherine Dale

- m. 2nd Frank Swickle
b. July 1, 1918
d.

Children -1 Frances

7. Ruth m. Ernest Southal Thompson
b. April 27, 1920 at Pitman, N.J. Norfolk, (Tommy)
Va. b.
d. December 3, 1970
Buried in Arlington
National Cemetery

Children - 2 Sharon Dale, & Robert

MOSLEY - HATHAWAY FAMILY

BERNICE MAE HATHAWAY, 1st child of Albertha Thomas and Ernest Scott Mosley.

b. April 19, 1908 at Pitman, N.J.
d. January 30, 1982 at Miami, Fla. age 76

Married - July 23, 1927

Husband - ORLIE NATHANIEL HATHAWAY (Jack)

b.
d. December 4, 1975 at Miami, Florida

Children - 4

1. William Ernest

b. July 29, 1929
d. December 3, 1930

2. Betty Mae

b. April 15, 1931

m.

Stamtas Bowers

b.

Children - 1

1. Jack

b.

Stamtas is a Mission Secretary and a graduate of the University of Miami.

Jean Carrol

b. April 1,
Easter Sunday

m.

William Perrine

b.

Jean and William are retired living at Boone, N.C. (1993)

Children - 3

1. Jack Lee

b. August 12, 1953

2. David Willian

b. October 9, 1957

m.

Katherine

b.

3. Paula Jean

b. June 3, 1959

m.

Randy Allen Hicks

b. October 3, 1962

Children - 3

1. John William

b. February 25, 1986

2. Michael Alan

b. February 23, 1989

MOSLEY - PRICHYSTAL FAMILY

EARL FRANCIS MOSLEY, 3rd child of Albertha Thomas and Ernest Scott Mosley.

b. March 15, 1910 at Pitman, N.J.

d. October 18, 1985 at College Park, Md. age 75

1st Marriage - MILDRED PRICHYSTAL

b.

d.

Children - 1

1. Samuel J.

m.

Ann

b. Prince George, Va.

b.

d.

Samuel died young of a coronary thrombosis.

Children - 2

1. David

b.

2. Daniel

b.

David is a Southern Baptist Minister in Indianapolis, Ind.

2nd Marriage - BETTY

b.

Children - 3

1. Amy

b.

Children - 1

1. Jamie

b.

2. Scott

b.

3. Kelly

b.

MOSLEY - LONG FAMILY

CARL NORMINGTON MOSLEY, 4th child of Albertha Thomas and Ernest Scott Mosley.

b. January 19, 1913 at Ocean City, N.J.
d. August 14, 1990 at Laurel Md. age 77

Married - HELEN LONG

b. February 5, 1914
d. February 6, 1993 at Laurel, Md. age 79

Helen was a Captain in the Salvation Army and played in the band.

Children - 2

1. Carl Normington Jr. m. 1st
b.

Children - 3

1. b.

2. b.

3. b.

m. 2nd Virginia
b.

Children - 0

Carl N. Jr. is a CPA and has his own firm in Laurel, Md. (1993)

3. Peggy m. Rudy Lobbion
b. b.

Children - 2

1. Amanda (rubella baby)
b.

2. Jessica
b.

2. Earl m. Linda Jones
b. b.

Earl and Linda are both school teachers, Earl is also a coach. Earl played for the Detroit Lions, was traded to Baltimore then injured his leg which ended his professional football career.

Children - 2

1.

2.

3. Judy Dianne (adopted) m. 1st. Gerald Ernest
b. Spain, Jr.
b.

2nd.

Children - 2

1. Gerald Ernest Jr. m. Edna Jo Pecht
b. b.

Married at Washington St. Methodist Church, Petersburg, Va. Edna is in her last year of Nurses Training to become an RN and will graduate April 1993.

Gerald is employed by United Parcel Service (1993)

2. Janet Louise m. David Shoaf
b. b.

Lives in Mechanicsville, Va. (1993)

Children - 1

1. Dianne Elizabeth
b. December 12, 1991

MOSLEY - BEECHY FAMILY

GRACE MOSLEY, 6th child of Albertha Thomas and Ernest Scott Mosley.
b. July 1, 1918 at Pitman, N.J.
d. September 30, 1987 at Miami, Fla.
Buried in Miami, Fla.

1st Marriage - VINCENT RAYMOND BEECHY JR.

b.
d. 1970 from cancer of the lungs.

Children - 2

1. Vincent Raymond III (Bucky) m. Elaine from Miami, Fla.
b. December 12, b.

Vincent is a graduate of Morris Hill College in N.C.

Children - 1

1. Evelynn
b.

Evelynn lives in Port Orange, Fla.

2. Catherine Dale m.
b.

Children - 2

1.
2.

2nd Marriage - FRANK SWICKLE
b. July 1, 1918
d.

Children - 1

1. Frances m.
b.

Children - 4

1.
2.
3.
4.

Frances and children live in Miami, Fla.

MOSLEY - THOMPSON FAMILY

RUTH MOSLEY, 7th child of Albertha Thomas and Ernest Scott Mosley.
b. April 27, 1920 Pitman, N.J.

Married - at Norfolk, VA.

Husband - ERNEST SOUTHAL THOMPSON (Tommy)

b.

d. December 3, 1970

Buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.
Retired from the U.S. Navy as a Chief Boatswain Mate.

Children - 2

1. Sharon Dale
b.

m.

Steward Sierien from N.J.
b.

Both Sharon and Steward are school teachers (Physical Ed.)

Children - 2

1. Tommy
b.

1993 graduate of Appalachia State University.

Entering the U.S. Navy for a tour of service and then plans to
become a member of the FBI.

2. Rebecca Route
b.

2. Tommy

RECOLLECTIONS OF ALBERTHA (THOMAS) MOSLEY

One day Mama was over at Jean's house. Betty was there too. The girls said, "Nanny tell us about when you were a little girl and growing up."

This story is as she told it with Jean and Betty trying to get it all down on paper. They had a lot of fun that day, and would like to share it with you. I just added a few things I could remember, and we left space for you to do the same.

Sis (Bernice Hathaway, nee Mosley)

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL

December 1978

I was born before anybody. The year was 1888; my parents gave me the name of Albertha Thomas. It was a country town named Downer, New Jersey. My Mother's maiden name was Margaret Gaunt, and my Father's, Samuel Jacob Thomas, who was born in Dover, Delaware. My Father was three days old when Lincoln was shot. I was the third child. My oldest sister was Romalda Stuckard. Samuel Goldsmith Thomas my older brother. Then me, then Little Hanna, and Roy Chetwood, and William Flexon and Ernest Calm and Mary Abigail and Bernice May. That was the family of Samuel J. Thomas.

My Grandparents were wealthy people, but my Grandfather had too big a heart. He was also Samuel Jacob Thomas. He had a friend who wanted to go into business who took most of his money, and my Grandfather signed the note . . . the business was a bust.

During the Civil War, my Grandfather sold supplies to the soldiers. He earned most of the money back that he had loaned out. I had several Uncles in the Civil War, who were killed. My Grandfather was in the Civil War. He got home on furlough long enough to create and then went back. Therefore, he had twelve children.

My Grandmother's name was Abigail Gant, very vivacious. There never was a party without my Grandmother. She was the life of the party. She died at the age of 87. She kept her love of life and sense of humor, and could tell the weirdest stories, until the very last. An extremely good sense of humor. Grandfather died a lazy death, but with 12 children, he couldn't have been too lazy. He and his wife never got along too well, she said that the only reason that she married him was to get rid of him. She was a little deaf, and used to get upset with Grandfather, and always said that "Whatever he is saying, it's a lie, I only married him to get rid of him."

My Grandfather on Mam^a's side was Charles Flexon .. They came to the U. S. from Holland, and landed in Florida. During the uprising of the Indians, they tried to escape, and there were seven of them holed up in a shanty. My Grandfather's Father was killed by the Indians, and that left him and his brother. After they got away from the Indians, my Grandfather made his way to New Jersey, his brother to Philadelphia. They never saw one another again. At that time, my Grandfather was 12. He got a job on a farm. He married the farmers daughter.

When I was young, I had long black curls, and my brothers delight was to grab the curls as I went by. Why I never got a "whip lash", I'll never know. Sometimes it didn't hurt, but it always hurt the most, when I saw my Mother coming after my brothers with a strap. My brother always told me that he was born before the Indians, and I believed him!

The train station was our play house, and one day we were playing, and I was "Aunt Hattie", my girl friend was "Uncle Sam". She decided that it was time for Aunt Hattie to go to bed because it was almost train time. She took every stitch off of me, and the train came, and my Aunt came over with the mail bag, and I ran out there, as naked as a jay horn to watch the train run by. My Aunt screamed for my Mother (Maggie). My Mother picked up the strap on the way. She didn't know who it was for, but she always brought the strap. We were not allowed to play in the station any more, but I did... and got a licking every time.

Then came school days . . . It was a one room school house, which is still standing, there were about 25 students of all ages. My teacher was Mrs. Strang. Mrs. Strang taught grades 1 through 12. We had about an hour to play before school started. My Mother always believed the cleanliness

was next to Godliness and our drawers were always made of bleached Gold Flour bags, sometimes the printing came out and sometimes it did not. The boys used to tie a rope loop in the tree, and they would put one foot in the loop and raise us up to the top of the tree. They wouldn't give me as many turns as they gave Reba. I said, "Russell, why can't I go up, you are always giving Reba all the turns?" He said, "Oh shut up, her drawers are prettier than yours." "Yours have Gold Medal printed across the seat."

One day two of the boys didn't come to school, and we heard that they were sick, so at noon time, we swallowed our lunch whole, and we all decided to go see how Geroge and John were. We had to go two miles, through the woods, and we found George and John walking on stilts. We told them, we thought you were sick, and they told us that they just didn't know their lessons for that day. We got back to school about 2 o'clock. After we were seated, the teacher started fussing. I was only about five years old. I got up from my seat, in the back row, walked up to the teacher, stood there, looked at the teacher. She looked at me, and I told her, "Shut Your Mouth." There was a hush in the school room. She then grabbed the ruler and I got hit. The teacher used to stay at different houses nearby, because her home was in Pittman. It was her week to stay at our house, and I had to sleep with her. My brothers almost broke their necks to get home to tell Mother before I got there. Did my Mother ever give me a whipping! My Father never whipped us. That was the first and last time of ever talking back to a teacher. Most of the students never graduated ...they quituated.

My cousin, Edward Thomas, was one of the dumbest things in school. I hated him. We were moving one day and his folks were helping us, and he couldn't say Laura, (his sister) he said "Waura". He was standing in the doorway calling Waura,

and I happened to pass him, and the devil jumped in me. I hit him, broke his arm, and ran and hid in the pig pen. Shit and All. My dear brother, Samuel, found me. I heard my Mother say, "Are you sure she went this way, well, I am sure she didn't get in that filthy pig pen." I can see Sam, standing there peeking and pointing at me and shouting, "Here she is, here she is!" Aunt Lizzie felt so sorry for me, she told me that I could carry the sugar bowl down to my new home. I ate most of the sugar on the way, tears and snot running down my face. Oh Lordy, those days! After we arrived to our new house, Mama whipped me so hard, Aunt Lizzie took the strap away from her. I got blamed for everything, but there was seldom anything that I got blamed for that I hadn't done.

When my school days were over, I went to work as a maid. My work was mostly kitchen work. I never stayed at one place very long. My abilities in the kitchen were the same then as they are now. Perhaps that is why I never stayed in any one place too long.

My brother Sam was the model child. Always good at putting the finger on somebody else ... usually me. But as we grew older, Sam and I were unseparable. He always was my escort and was very fussy about who I went out with. He used to make me so mad. I used to like to cut up and have fun, but Sam was always serious.

At 17, I went into nurses training. They didn't usually take them that young, but they needed nurses so bad, and it didn't do any harm that Papa knew the Matron at the Hospital, and between them both, they got me in. We immediately started on a case with a Senior nurse.

My first case. My patient asked for a bed pan, and I had never seen a bed pan. I told the Nurse, and she told me where it was, and how to put it under him. (He was an

Italian railroad man, who couldn't speak much English) I got him on the pan and went to pull the sheet up over him and saw something, I thought was his night shirt. I told him to wait a minute, while I got his nightshirt out from under him. I grabbed and yanked, and he yelled, " That ain't my night shirt you've got!" I let go in a hurry, it seemed that I had grabbed a very personal part of his anatomy. The other men in the Ward were hysterical. Then I had to write up charts. Instead of "back rubbed", I wrote, "buck rubbed with alcohol." The man had been sitting up all day, and I wrote, "soup all day." One of the men asked for a urinal. I didn't know what that was. The Doctor and the Supervisor were there. The Supervisor was an old maid. She said, "Miss Thomas, come here, don't you know what a urinal is?" She pointed to a box full of them. I told her that I thought they were flower vases. The next day, the Doctor sent me a flower vase. The Doctor said that he would rather come on the ward where I was than eat. My first fatal patient had fallen off of a roof and had a bad concussion. The Doctor told me to stay right by him and keep ice caps on his head. I had to go refill the ice cap. When I came back, he had his eyes open. I said, "Oh, I knew you would feel better with this ice cap." I put my hands on his face and realized that he was dead. I let out a scream and flew out of there. The Matron came running and I could hardly tell her that he was dead. The only classes we had were spelling classes, once a week, which I needed very badly. Our training, in those days, was like an apprenticeship.

Daddy came home from Church one night. I was 16, and he told me that he had met the nicest boy from Camden. His family had sent him down to his Grandmothers because his brothers had the measles. His name was Ernest Scott Mosley. My brother brought him out to the house, and from then on, that

was it! Ernest, at the age of 16, was in college, Temple University. He told me that there was no need for me to go on with my Training, as we were going to get married. I told him that I wanted to finish, but the studies were getting tñough, and Ernest was getting persistant, so I said the fatal word, quit training and got married. I don't think his parents ever forgave me. I was 18½, Ernest was 6 months older than me.

We were married on Friday, October 27th, at my home. My brother Sam was the best man, and Sam's girl, was the maid of honor. I wore a long white silk dress, about two inches from the floor. We couldn't get all the people in the house, so my girl friends made me promise to leave the shades up, so they could watch from the yard. My Mother in-law thought that was terrible. During the ceremony, one of the girls outside yelled, "Albertha, move over, we can't see."

I didn't see Ernest after they pronounced us man and wife. They had a big buffet dinner prepared. They boys had kept Ernest away from me, and they said they weren't going to let him get on the train. My girl friends walked with me to the train station. Ernest still wasn't there. The Conductor held up the train until Ernest arrived. The boys decorated the train with ribbons and flowers. We finally left.

We arrived at our destination at Camden, and went to my sisters over night, because we couldn't get another train to Salem, New JERSEY. That night, in the middle of the night, a cat ran across my stomach, and I let out a scream that could be heard for miles. My brother in-law came banging at the door, yelling, "Ernest, what are you doing to Bert?" Ernest answered, "I don't know, but she is scaring me half to death."

That night, when we arrived back home in Pittman, the gang

was there at the station to meet us. While we had been at my sisters, Ernest had a chip of wood fly up and hit him in the face, and he had a terrible black eye. Naturally, that was the first thing the gang saw when we got off the train. They never stopped teasing us about Ernest getting a black eye on his honeymoon. Ernest told them that he was never going to tell them, as they wouldn't believe him anyhow.

Ernest quit college when we got married and got a job at a Chemical Company. He worked there for years.

We lived with Pappa & Mamma until the babies started coming, thick and fast. Bernice & Elizabeth were born while we were still with Mama & Pappa. I didn't want any children and was quite annoyed when they started coming.

I was pregnant with my third child when we rented a house in Pittman. It was a three bedroom house, which we paid ten dollars a month for. Ernest was then earning about \$13. 00 a week. We had been living there for about six months when Earl Francis was born. Earl was born at seven o'clock one morning. I woke up with pain, and Ernest wanted to know if the baby was coming, and I said, "No, he is not due for two weeks." I let out a yell, and the last I saw of Ernest, was his back, as he ran down the steps for Mama. A Dr. Izzard delivered Earl, with Mama nearby. Dr. Izzard also delivered me. Dr. Izzard was our family doctor. He would come in, visit, and tell all the gossip, and collect a little new gossip and then leave.

One afternoon, on the day before Earl was born, I had just got my house all fixed up and Ernest suggested I take a nap, and he would take care of Bernice & Elizabeth. Well, I wanted a picture hung on the wall, and Ernest told me to lay down honey, and that when I woke up, the picture would be hung.

So...Honey layed down, and when Honey woke up, her Honey was still reading and the picture was still on the floor. So, Darling hit the ceiling, through the picture clear ⁴⁰acerss the room and started cussing. When Sweetheart came up the stairs and saw her in such a turmoil, he tied her to a chair, gagged her for cussing, and told her that when she could act like a lady, she could get out of the chair. I had the urge to commit murder and think I would have been forgiven. He left me in the chair until I nodded my head that I wouldn't cuss anymore, and then let me up. The picture was hung, and I didn't hang it. Four hours later, I was in hard labor with Earl. The doctor, knowing me from a little child, said "What gives, your leg is all black and blue?" And when Ernest started to explain about not hanging the picture, the doctor told him, "Never mind, I know what Albertha is like."

Three months later, we moved out of that house and rented it for the summer. We moved on Broadway and started a Paint and Paper hanging store. We stayed there all summer. We lived in two rooms in the back of the store. Bernice stayed home with my Mother and Father. After the summer, we moved back into our house.

We then bought a three bedroom house. This house was in back of the Methodist Church in Pittman.

Elizabeth died of a heart attack while still a baby. I got up one Sunday morning, NEW Years day, gave her her bottle, and then put her back to bed, went back to bed myself, just got comfortable, when Ernest got me up to sing at the Church. Ernest grabbed the baby and started to run, and said, "Oh my God, the baby is dead." This was our first sorrow.

We stayed in that house all winter and rented for the summer and decided to open up another store. We rented another house on Broadway. Everytime Bernice saw a sign on a house, she would check it and say, "Yep, it's empty." We moved so often. This was another Paper Hanging store. The front room was a great big room, which was our store.

We stayed there all summer, then Ernest's Father persuaded us to move to Ocean City and help him. He was a contractor. We moved there and my Father in-law didn't like Ocean City for a woman with three children. He said she had too much time on her hands, to walk and get into trouble. By now, we had Bernice, Earl and Carl. Father was trying to persuade Ernest to move out into the country. Petersburg, New Jersey. This was nine miles off shore. He said that any woman with three children had no business in the city.

We moved there into an old house, which had been built before the Revolutionary War. The fireplace held a whole trunk of a tree. It was a beautiful place, but I hated it. I was lonesome.

Father bought my husband a motorcycle for transportation. He didn't buy anything for me, but he didn't know Albertha. I learned how to ride the motorcycle. I was expecting Amy, when we got a letter from Lottie that she was getting married. So...the three kids, Ernest, and a very pregnant Albertha got on the motorcycle and rode 80 miles to Pittman for the wedding. Lottie was so embarassed that she almost died.

My Father, in the meantime, had become angry with Lottie and said that he wasn't going to give her a wedding or buy her a wedding dress. Since I was my Father's pet, I talked him in to it, so he came in the house and wanted to know how long it would take me and Lottie to go to Philadelphia. He said,

"If your Mother will keep the kids, I will give you five dollars to buy her a wedding outfit." Lottie said, " I am not going, what can you get for five dollars?" So, my Father raised it to ten. We went to Philadelphia, and I had an Aunt who was a Supervisor at Gimbals store, and I told her what we needed, so she told us that she would help us. She got us material for a dress, petticoat and stockings. Lottie said, "Now for the shoes, I guess we will have to go to the cellar for them." A friend made the dress and it was lovely. Ernest did the decorating, and Lottie was married at home. She had a very simple, sweet wedding. They had their house already to go in to at Pleasantville, NEW Jersey.

Ernest rode the motorcycle back home, but my Father made me and the kids go back home on the train.

Amy was born while we lived in Petersburg, New Jersey. The house was at a cross roads, and I got acquainted with the neighbor who lived across the road. We were very good friends, so I named Amy after her. We had a horse, my Father had bought for \$25.00. Ernest used to borrow a wagon, so I could go for my doctor visits. It took nine hours to get to Ocean City to the doctors. (While still pregnant with Amy) It was at this time I told Ernest that either we moved back to Pittman, or I was going to leave him. So, he went back to Pittman and got a job in the Powder Mill (during the beginning of the war). We bought a house in Pittman and Ernest did very well at the mill, and so did I, as I had had my own way, as usual.

I was pregnant with Grace and very upset over another baby. I was having some very bad thoughts, when there was a knock at the door. A good Christian friend of mine was there, and she told me that for some reason, she just had to come and see me. I told her how I was feeling, and then we

prayed. Naturally, I changed my mind. After that, our little Grace was called the "prayer baby." A Dr. Odgen delivered Grace. Or rather, he came to deliver Grace, but by the time the doctor arrived, Grace had been born.

We sold our house and moved on 2nd and Broadway, and then we decided to buy another house and open up a grocery store. Just before we went into that business, Ruth was born. We did very well at the grocery store, and if it hadn't been for friends who liked to eat too much, we would probably still have been there. They would just come in and take out bags of food, and Ernest would never say a word. The Preacher was another "free loader"... he was always in the store for food.

Ralph called us and said that he had a good job for Ernest in Florida. So we packed our bags and the following day started for Florida. I called my cousin Emma and she said she would keep Bernice, so Bernice could finish school.

We had a one h.p. truck. We put enough food to last us about three or four weeks in the truck, and then we told Papa. Papa didn't want us to go. Ernest collected money from people who owed us. I told Pappa that if it was the Lord's will, Ernest would get the money. I told Pappa that we needed about fifty dollars, and Ernest came home with \$49.00. Papa said, "That's close enough." The next morning at 4 o'clock we left.

I had on a green sweater, it was during the first of World War One. Women wore cuolettes. I had a pair of coulettes, green sweater and a red hat, and was all set to go. We had a long box, and in that box, we had bed clothes, linens, and two bikes tied on the top of the truck, along with two mattresses. Ernest and I slept on a cot on the ground.

Earl, Amy and Carl slept on the floor in the truck. Grace slept on the front seat, and Ruth slept with her Father and me.

The first day out, we pulled a gear, and had to stop in Maryland and have it repaired. We didn't have enough money to stay in a hotel, so the man told us that we could stay by his Service Station, as he couldn't fix it that day. They fixed it the next day to the tune of \$39.00, which left us \$21.00 to get to Florida on ... with five kids! There were several people who still owed us money, and the Preacher had promised to collect it. He managed to get fifty dollars together and sent it to us while we were still in Maryland.

We left for Richmond that night. We stopped and camped along the road side. Carl threw a (who always managed to do something) ball, and it broke the front windshield of the truck. There was no back to the front seat, so we all had to sit humped.

Carl had a kidney infection, and so we had to stop at what seemed to be every three minutes. The other kids would hollar, "Daddy, he has to go again."

We stopped at an old school house the next night out, and I washed out their underwear.

The next day, we were out of money and Ernest took his watch, which was a graduation gift, and traded that in for a tank of gas, and that took us for another days ride. Then we drove another day and ran out of gas and money, so we then traded the boys bikes for gas and money.

Then the next day was uneventful. All we had to deal with was 19 flat tires. We fixed them all but the 19th and I think it said, "I'll be darned if you'll fix me," and went rolling across a meadow. We finally reached the point, where we just stuffed the tires with leaves from the trees.



Mama + Pop.



Lottie Ann + Mary.



Bucky Mama + Grace
in Tampa Fla.

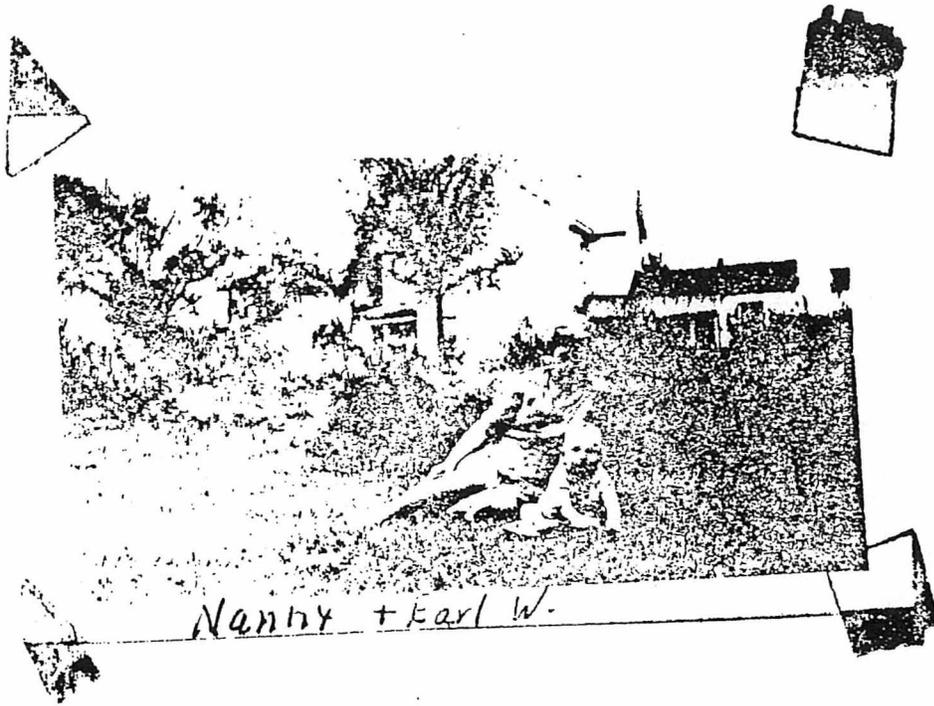


Grace Mama
Bucky Kathy

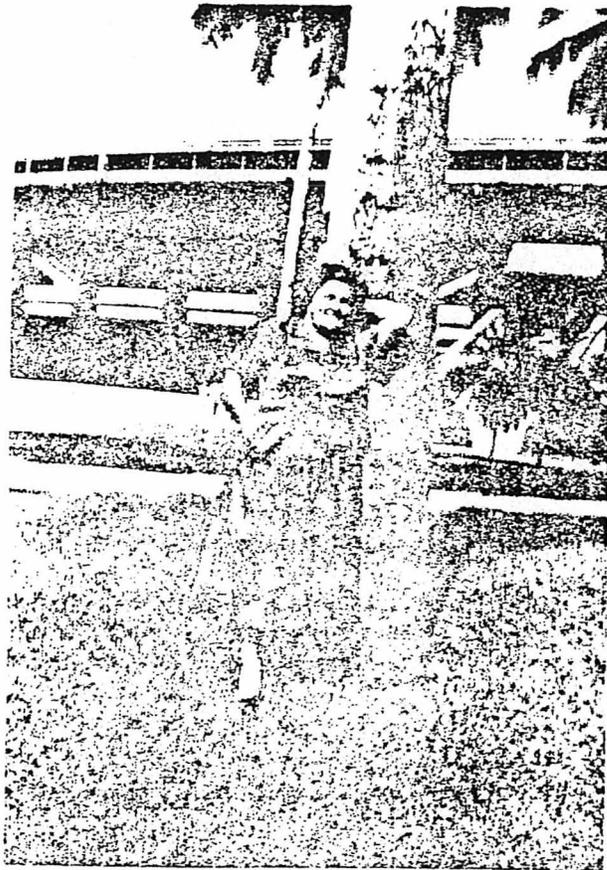


Mama and her family all but one
Earl - Amy - Ruth - Bernice - Carl

Grace was in Fla.



Nanny + Earl W.



Bernice



4 Generations
Bernice Betty Mama
& Jack &

THE FAMILY OF

LOTTIE HANNAH THOMAS 1894 - 1991.

and

STANLEY HAROLD TAYLOR 1892 - 1952

Lottie, 5th child of Maggie Flexon
and Samuel J. Thomas

THOMAS - TAYLOR FAMILY

LOTTIE HANNAH (AKA Charlotte) THOMAS, 5th child of Margaret (Maggie) Flexon and Samuel Jacob Thomas from Pitman, N.J.

b. January 2, 1894

d. May 28, 1991 at age of 96 at Portland, Oregon. *

1st. Marriage - September 23, 1914 at home, Lake Ave. Pitman, N.J.

1st Husband - STANLEY HAROLD TAYLOR

b. July 16, 1892

d. October 24, 1952 age 60 **

2nd. Marriage - November 11, 1961

2nd. Husband - MAX MILLE

b. November 28, 1894 at Berlin, Germany

d. January 5, 1983 age 84 ***

* Buried in Riverview Cemetery Portland, Oregon.

** Buried in Methodist Church Cemetery, Williamstown, N.J.

*** Buried in Methodist Church Cemetery, Tuckahoe, N.J.

Children - 1 by 1st marriage.

1. Helen

m.

John Edward Joy

b. February 28, 1924 12-25-52 b. December 17, 1929

Children -2 Judith Lynn, & John Edward Jr.

TAYLOR - JOY FAMILY

HELEN TAYLOR, only child of Lottie Hannah Thomas and Stanley Harold Taylor from Pleasantville, N.J.

b. February 28, 1924

Married - December 25, 1952 at Atlantic City, N.J.

Husband - JOHN EDWARD JOY

b. December 17, 1929

* John served in the U.S. Army from 1948 to 1971 during the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

Children - 2

1. Judith Lynn m. Dave Faust
b. October 7, 1953 b. June 8, 1953

Children - 3

1. Rebecca Joy
b. February 13, 1982
2. Sara Marie
b. September 6, 1984
3. Rachael Lynn
b. September 20, 1990

2. John Edward Jr.
b. October 24, 1955

THE FAMILY OF

ERNEST CAMP THOMAS 1901 - 1991

and

OLIVE PARENT 1910 - 1985

Ernest, 8th child of Maggie Flexon
and Samuel J. Thomas

THOMAS-PARENT FAMILY

^{Camp}
ERNEST ~~COOK~~ THOMAS, 8th child of Margaret (Maggie) Flexon and Samuel Jacob Thomas from Pitman, N.J.

b. April 4, 1901

d. September 12, 1991 age 90 yrs at Pitman, N.J.

Married - ?

Wife - OLIVE PARENT from Millville, N.J.

Both buried at Manahath Memorial Park, Glassboro, N.J.

Children - 1 Robert Roy

add June 8, 1910
to Grace
1985 age 75
at Pitman N

THOMAS- ? FAMILY
ROBERT ROY THOMAS, only child of Ernest ~~Cook~~ Thomas and Olive Parent

b. June 20, 1929 at Pitman, N.J. Camp

Married - JUNE 1950
? Middl & Eastman
Wife - PEARL HELEN from Bridgeton, N.J.

b. ^{Estilow}
* SERVED IN U.S. AIR FORCE DURING THE KOREAN WAR
Children - 4

1. Debbie ^{with Lynn} M. Jeff Bozarth
b. ~~10/19/44~~ 9 Oct 1951 b.
Children - 1 buried at Hillcrest
(1) Rebecca 31 July 2007

2. Robert ^{La Roy} M. Carol Anne Sprague
b. 4 April 1953 Bitoro MS

3. Roger ^{Lawrence} M. Cindy
b. b.

Children - 3
(1) b. Roger

(2) b. Ryan

(3) b. Joshua

4. DeeDee ^{Diana Blair} M. Steve Newman
Children - b.
(1) Christina

THOMAS – PARENT FAMILY

ERNEST CAMP THOMAS, 8th child of Margaret (Maggie) Flexon and Samuel Jacob Thomas from Pitman, NJ

Ernie had many jobs such as managing an A&P store back when they were as small as a 7 Eleven stores. In the 1940 Census he was listed as an assistant grower at his in-law's florist shop, Parent Florist, on Pine St, in Millville, NJ. Eventually he took a job at the Owens-Illinois cap manufacturing plant in Glassboro, NJ. He retired from that job after a number of years but remained active by helping at his son's greenhouse businesses.

B. April 4, 1901

D. September 12, 1991 age 90 when passed away

Wife: Olive May Parent from Millville, NJ

Olive worked in Vineland in the garment industry. She was a member of the International Lady Garment Workers Union and saw New York City for the first time when the union took her there as part of a strike. Her job at the factory for her final years was "cutting collars." She would trim the overlapping pieces of material around the yoke before the final collar was attached. For years she did that with hand held shears but switched to using a paper cutter before she retired.

B. June 8, 1910

D. December 27, 1985

Both buried at Manahath Memorial Park, Glassboro, NJ

Children - 1

1) Robert Roy B. June 20, 1929 D. September 24, 2002

Graduated from Rutgers University with BS, New Brunswick, NJ

Enlisted in the U.S. Air Force during Korean War, reached rank of 1st Lt after applying to Officer Candidate School. He took training in radar and was sent to Nome, Alaska to help man the DEW Line. Distant Early Warning System.

When he left the Air Force he took a job with IBM in Poughkeepsie, NY in electronics, but they wanted to move him around as much as the Air Force so he went back to college to get his Masters Degree in Horticulture.

While working on the degree he was offered a teaching position at Ambler Junior College (now Temple Junior College) near Ambler, PA.

He was offered a position as a salesman for Fred C. Gloeckner Inc. (the company sells bulbs, seeds, plants, and greenhouse supplies). He kept that position until he retired after 40 years.

Married: Pearl Helen Estilow b July 29, 1930 D. January 29, 2004

Owned and managed Pumphouse Gardens, a retail greenhouse business on Glassboro Rd. near Wenonah, NJ.

Both buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Pitman, NJ

4 children

1) Deborah Lynn

Husband : Jeffery Bozarth

B. October 9, 1951

B. March 6, 1950

D, July 31, 2007 small cell kidney cancer

Worked for Royal Petroleum in PA. as a bookkeeper for 35 years

Married: September 24, 1971

Children 1

Rebecca Helen

Husband : Peter Szkotak

b. May 18, 1978

B. July 9, 1967

Married: October 16, 2004

Children- 3 Peter Jeffery, Payton, and Allison

2) Robert LaRoy

Wife : Carol Ann Sprague

B. April 8, 1953

B August 20, 1951

Married: October 1, 2005

Bob graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a BS in 1975. He pedaled a bicycle across the US in 1976 from Portland, OR to Wenonah, NJ.

In 1979 he took a job at the State University of New York College at Oneonta (SUNY Oneonta) with a migrant farm worker education program. As computer use became more prevalent he rotated into an information technology position and creates and manages web sites among other duties. He is still with the college.

Carol retired as a administrative aid with a related migrant farm worker education program at SUNY Oneonta. Carol has one child.

Aaron Valentine from a previous marriage. Bob and Carol are counted as grandparents to Aaron's three children.

Twins

Morgan, a girl, and Mason, a boy, born Dec. 19th 2001

Dee started working in 1986, alongside her mother at Pump House Gardens until she passed away in 2004. Then on January 1, 2005 she bought the business and is now the owner/operator of Pump House Gardens which will be going into their 25 year of business. Now her daughter works alongside since 2002.

Steve is self employed, as a owner/operator of Steve Newman Trucking since 2005

Children-1

Christina Maria

B. April 22, 1982

Married: June 11, 2004

Husband : Christopher David Hodson

B. April 6, 1982

Children 1

Christopher David Hodson Jr.

B. December 26, 2007

THE FAMILY OF

MARY ABIGAIL THOMAS 1905 - 1967

and

HOWARD RUSSELL ADAMS 1903 -- 1965

Mary, 9th child of Maggie Thomas
and Samuel J. Thomas

THOMAS - ADAMS FAMILY

MARY ABIGAIL THOMAS, 9th child of Margaret (Maggie) Flexon and Samuel Jacob Thomas frpm Pitman, N.J.

b. March 10, 1905 at Pitman, N.J.
d. September 15, 1967 at Washington, N.J.

Married - At Pitman, N.J.

Husband - HOWARD RUSSELL ADAMS

b. 1903 at Glassboro, N.J.
d. 1965 at Washington, N.J.

Both buried in Union Cemetery, Hackettstown, N.J.
Howard was a Prudential Agent for many years.

Children - 1 Howard Russell Jr.

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ADAMS - MARSCHNER FAMILY

HOWARD RUSSELL ADAMS JR., only child of Mary Abigail Thomas and Howard Russell Adams from Washington, N.J.
Prudential Agent for many years.

b. October 26, 1930 at Pitman, N.J.

Married - October 5, 1957 at United Methodist Church, Port Murray, N.J.

Wife - MIRIAM DORIS MARSCHNER from Washington, N.J.

b. May 5, 1936 at Washington, N.J.

Children - 2

1. Kathleen
b. 1962

2. James Howard
b. 1965

m.
6-1986

Jodi Gebel
b. March 25, 1965

Children - 2

1. James Howard Jr.
b. 1987

2. Cody James
b. 1990

ROBERT H. GANT 4th. child of Richard M. Gant and
b. 1841 Margaretta Dehart
d. July 8, 1863 age 22yrs.

Co. D. 12th N.J. REGIMENT CIVIL WAR (VOL. INFANTRY)

Died from stomach wounds received in the Battle of
Gettysburg, Pa.

Buried in St. John's Methodist Cemetery, Turnersville,
N. J.

The following records are from the ...

General Services Administration
National Archives and Records Service
Washington, D.C.

VOLUNTEER ENLISTMENT.

STATE OF
New Jersey



TOWN OF

Woodbury

I, *Robert Gomb*

born in *Washington, Tenn.*

in the State of *New Jersey* aged *21* years,
and by occupation a *Farmer* —
volunteered this *22nd* day of *August* 186*4*

Do HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE to have

to serve as a **Soldier** in the Army of the United States of America, for the period of **THREE YEARS**, unless sooner discharged by proper authority: Do also agree to accept such bounty, pay, rations, and clothing as are, or may be, established by law for volunteers. And I, *Robt Gomb* do solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the **United States of America**, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies or opposers whomsoever; and that I will observe and obey the orders of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the Rules and Articles of War.

Sworn and subscribed to, at *Woodbury*

this *22nd* day of *August* 186*4*

Before *J. S. Scherney*

Robert Gomb

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have carefully examined the above named Volunteer, agreeably to the General Regulations of the Army, and that in my opinion he is free from all bodily defects and mental infirmity, which would, in any way, disqualify him from performing the duties of a soldier.

Alvin Sutherland

EXAMINING SURGEON. *12th 1864*

Robt Gomb

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have minutely inspected the Volunteer, previously to his enlistment, and that he was entirely sober when enlisted; that, to the best of my judgment and belief, he is of lawful age; and that, in accepting him as duly qualified to perform the duties of an able-bodied soldier, I have strictly observed the Regulations which govern the recruiting service. This soldier has *blue eyes, light hair, light complexion, is 5 feet 7 inches high.*

12 Regiment New Jersey Volunteers,
RECRUITING OFFICER.

J. S. Scherney

DECLARATION OF RECRUIT.

I, *Robert Woodbury* do hereby
to VOLUNTEER as a Soldier in the Army of the United States, for the term of THREE YEARS,
Do declare, That I am *22* years and *11* months
of age; that I have never been discharged from the United States service on account of disability or
by sentence of a court-martial, or by order before the expiration of a term of enlistment; and I know of
no impediment to my serving honestly and faithfully as a soldier for three years.

Given at
The *12th* day of *July*

Witness:

Robert Woodbury
No. *411*
Enlisted at *Woodbury*
August 22 18 *62*.
By *Francis J. Gallagher*
Regiment of *1st Regt*
Co. 1st

enlistment; last served in Company ()
Reg't of _____
Discharged _____ 18 _____
Co. 1st 12th July 1862

CONSENT IN CASE OF MINOR.

I, _____ of _____ Do CERTIFY, That I am the _____
said _____ is _____; that the _____
years of age; and I
do hereby freely give my CONSENT to his volunteering as a SOLDIER in the ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES for
the period of THREE YEARS.

Given at
The _____ day of _____

Witness:

CASUALTY SHEET.

Name, Robert Gaunt
 Rank, ? Company D Regiment, 12
 Arm, Inftry, State, New Jersey
 Place of casualty, Action at Gettysburg Pa.
 Nature of casualty, Wounded, ?
 Date of casualty, ?

FROM WHAT SOURCE THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED.

List of Killed, Wounded, and Missing of the 12th N. J. Regiment, Vald.
 Brigade, Division, Company, Letter In this
Command in the Action at Gettysburg Pa.
Dated at Hqs. of the Division, 10 July 1863
Signed Wm. Gaunt, Capt. 12th N. J. Inf.
Comdr. of Brigade.

Died 13 & 15 July 1863.
Ind. 4. 13. No. 37 (Robert Gaunt) wounded in the stomach, since died - R. R. L.
Jan'y 12/85

[Signature]
 Clerk.
[Signature]

FINAL STATEMENT

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OF
Private Robt Grant
 12th Regt of *New Jersey*

VOLUNTEERS.

Disch. July 8. 1863

NOTE 1.—Two of these certificates (or duplicates) are to be given to each Volunteer Soldier or drafted man who may be discharged previously to the discharge of his company, that he may at once receive from the Paymaster the pay, &c., due him, and the captain or other COMMISSIONED officer commanding the company will certify to the act of the delivery of the duplicate certificates; on these certificates the Soldier is "entitled to" his discharge, and should also present his discharge to the Paymaster to have the payment enforced on it. The discharge is to be given back to the Soldier by the Paymaster; the latter only retaining as his voucher the duplicate certificates.

NOTE 2.—If the Soldier is entitled to pay for the use of his horse, the Company Commander will certify to that fact on the back of both these final statements, and also to the time he has pay due for having been so mounted on his own horse.

NOTE 3.—When a Soldier is furnished with final statements, his descriptive list, if he has one, should be taken up by the officer who gives the Soldier these statements, and endorsed with a statement to this effect by the officer. This endorsement should exhibit a full statement of the time for which the Soldier was allowed pay on his final statements, the clothing account, and all other charges against him or in his favor, so as to comprise a complete exhibit of his account. It will then be transmitted to the company commander of the Soldier, who will enter all the data necessary to a full understanding of the Soldier's account on the muster roll upon which the Soldier's discharge is reported. The descriptive list will then be destroyed. The object of this is, that the remaining portion of the Soldier's account may be settled upon the receipt of these muster rolls, and the Soldier receive any pay or advances that may be due him at the time of his discharge, and which may not appear on his final statements from the fact that his descriptive list is incomplete. These accounts for back pay, &c., are settled by the 2d Auditor of the Treasury Department.

NOTE 4.—Charges for loss or injury to ordnance, horse equipments, and other miscellaneous charges, should appear under the heading of "Other Stoppages."

NOTE 5.—Bounty paid by State authorities, and not by the United States, will not be entered on this statement.

NOTE 6.—Amounts due the Soldier and Landress must be entered on the muster roll on which the discharge, death, desertion, &c., is reported, as well as on the final statement, otherwise the amount cannot be collected from the United States.

NOTE 7.—This blank will be used for deceased volunteers and drafted men, as well as for others.

NOTE 8.—When a Soldier dies in Hospital or on detached service, his descriptive list, if he has one, should be sent with his final statements, in duplicate, to the Second Auditor, Washington, D. C.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

April 26 1864

Discharge, with Inventory, sent 2d

Volunteer.

I certify, on honor, that Robert Gant a private of
 Captain James M. Campbell Company (A) of the 22nd Regiment of New Jersey
 VOLUNTEERS, of the State of New Jersey, born in Washington Co., State
 of New Jersey, aged 21 years; 5 feet 7 inches high; Light complexion,
Blue eyes, Light hair, and by occupation a Farmer, having joined the company on
 its original organization at Woodbury N. J., and enrolled in it at the muster into
 the service of the United States at Woodbury N. J., on the fourth day
 of September, 1862, (or was mustered in service as a recruit, by St. J. S. De
W. Sherman, at Woodbury N. J. on the 22nd day of August,
 1862, or was drafted and mustered into the service of the United States from the
 Enrollment District of the State of _____, at _____
 on the _____ day of _____, 186____) to serve in the Regiment, for
 the term of Three Years: and having served HONESTLY and
 FAITHFULLY with his Company in the field to the present date, is now
 entitled to a **DISCHARGE** by reason of _____

The said Compl. Robert Gant was last paid by Paymaster
Maj. Reynolds to include the 25th day of February, 1863, and the
 pay due him from that time to the present date; he is entitled to pay and subsistence for
 TRAVELING to place of enrollment, and whatever other allowances are authorized to volunteer
 soldiers, drafted men, or militia, so discharged. He has received from the United States CLOTHING
 amounting to Thirty five dollars, since the 22nd day of August,
 1862, when his clothing account was last settled. He has received from the United States
Twenty five dollars advanced **COUNTY**.

There is to be stopped from him, on account of the State of United States, or other
 authorities, for **CLOTHING, &c.**, received on entering service, One 26 dollars; and
 for other stoppages, viz: _____

_____ dollars.
 He has been furnished with **TRANSPORTATION** in kind from the place of his discharge to
 _____; and he has been **SUBSISTED** for **TRAVELING** to his
 place of enrollment, up to the _____, 186____.

He is indebted to _____, **SUTLER**, _____ dollars.
 He is indebted to _____, **LAUNDRESS**, _____ dollars.

Given in Duplicate, at Camp near Army Mountain N. J., this 15th day
 of April, 1864.

James M. Campbell
Captain
 Commanding Company.

THE FAMILY OF

RICHARD GANT 1845 - 1934

and

CATHERINE HOPE BECKLEY 1851 - 1918

Richard, 5th. child of Richrd M. Gant
and Margaretta Dehart

GANT - BECKLEY FAMILY

RICHARD GANT, 5th child of Richard M. Gant and Margaretta Dehart

b. ..July 24, 1845 in Ganttown

d. ..! July 2, 1934 age 89 yrs. at home of daughter Laura and son-in-law Edward Harbison in Hurffville, N.J.

Married - CATHERINE HOPE BECKLEY January 30, 1873 by Rev. David Duffield

b. Aug. 13, 1851

d. July 4, 1918 age 67 yrs. at Harding Station, N. J.

Buried in St. John's Methodist Cemetery, Turnersville, N.J.

Catherine, daughter of George H. Beckley, a Blacksmith, and Mariah near Ganttown.

Richard, Farmer, Member of Board of Education of Aura Public School, Elk Township, Gloucester County for several years. Known dates 1897 - 1905.
Member of Aura Methodist Church, Aura, N. J.

Children - 6

1. Robert Gant

b. Oct. 18, 1874 in Ganttown

d. Feb. 8, 1877 age 2 yrs. 3 mo. 21 days.

Buried in St. John's Cemetery, Turnersville, N.J.

2. Frederick Gant

M

Evelyn Q. Garber

b. Dec. 10, 1879

10-23-1906

b. 1883

d. July 9, 1965

d. 1949

Children - 1 Helen Audrey

3. Elmer Gant

M

Rachel Irdell French

b. June 14, 1881

8-17-1904

b. July 21, 1883

d. June 14, 1966

d. Dec. 28, 1960

Children - 2 Thomas French, Kathryn

4. Laura Gant

M

Edward Harbison

b. Oct. 18, 1884

9-22-1906

b. Aug. 14, 1888

d. Jan. 10, 1956

d. Mar. 23, 1969

age 71 yrs 2 mo. 23 days

age 80 yrs. 7 mo, 9 days

Children - 3 Evert Gant, Richard Edward, Lawrence D.

5. Alice May Gant

M

Robert Kincaid Schoch

b. April 10, 1886

10-20-1908

b. May 29, 1886

d.

d. 1939

Children - 2 Evelyn Grace, Eleanore Mae

6. George Beckley Gant

M

Mary Alberta Murphy

b. April 12, 1888

1-12-1915

b. Oct. 24, 1891

d. June 27, 1966

d.

Children - 5 Ella Rae, Harland Tremont, Kenneth A., Inez Rose, George Beckley Gant Jr.

GANT - GARBER FAMILY AND GANT - MCCULLAR FAMILY

FREDERICK (FRED) GANT, 2nd child of Richard and Catherine H. Beckly
b. December 10, 1879 at Cross Keys, N. J.
d. July 9, 1965 age 85 yrs. 6 mo. 30 days in Shady Lane Nursing Home, Clarksboro, N.J.

Married - EVELYN Q. GARBER October 23, 1906

b. 1883

d. 1949 age 65 yrs.

Buried in Cedar Green Cemetery, Clayton, N. J.

Fred, baptised, March 8, 1890 ((Aura Church Records)

Employed by Pitman Public School System several years.

Children - 1

1. HELEN AUDREY GANT	M	HARRY F. MCCULLAH
b. Oct. 24, 1907	1933	b. in California
d. Feb. 1960		d.

Helen, crippled by Polio, died with cancer... buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D. C.

Harry, Retired Commander, United States Navy, lives in Kensington, Maryland with 2nd. wife Dorothea ?

Children - 2

1. Barbara McCullah	M	George Ablard
b. 1937		b.
d.		d.

Children -4

1. Glenna
b. 1958

2. Helene
b. 1961

3. Karen
b. 1952

4. Keith
b. 1965

Live in Silver Spring, Maryland

2. Robert McCullah	M	
b. Dec. 16, 1940		
d.		

1974 Professor of Psychology at Annapolis Military Academy
1975 Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland
Lives in Potomac, Md.

Children - 2

1. Loree
b. 1967

2. Deanne
b. 1971

GANT - FRENCH FAMILY and GANT - SENOR FAMILY

ELMER GANT, 3rd child of Richard Gant Catherine H. Beckley

b. June 14, 1881 at Ganttown

d. June 14, 1966 on 85th. birthday in Elmer Community Hospital
Baptised, March 8, 1890 (Aura Church Records)

Married - RACHEL IRDELL FRENCH August 17, 1904

b. July 21, 1883 in Ewan, N. J.

d. Dec. 28, 1960 age 77 yrs, 5 mo. 7 days in Elmer
Community Hospital, Elmer, N. J.

Rachel, daughter of Thomas Irdell French and Elizabeth
Cassady. Rachel is buried in Friends Cemetery, Mullica
Hill, N. J.

Elmer, farmer and resident of Hardingville, N.J. for
many years.

Children - 2

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|---------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| 1. Thomas French Gant. (French) | M | Reba Kincaid Senor |
| b. Jan. 8, 1907 in Ewan, N.J. | | b. July 5, 1907 |
| d. | | d. |
| Baptised, Aug. 24, 1907 | | |

Reba, daughter of Joseph Senor and Martha Kincaid
Married, March 27, 1931 at the home of Rev. Randolph
Richman Aura, Bridgeton Road, Monroeville, N.J.
French, retired farmer... lives in Hardingville, N.J.

Children - 1

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|---------------------------|---|-------------------|
| 1. Thomas French Gant Jr. | M | Mary Louise Cliff |
| b. Oct. 16, 1933 | | b. May 3, 1936 |
| d. | | d. |

Mary, daughter of William Cliff and Beatrice DeGarmo.
Thomas and Mary were married June 19, 1954 at 2:00 PM
in Siloam Bible Protestant Church, Hardingville, N.J.
by Rev. William Adams.
Thomas ..fruit farmer

Children - 5

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|---------------------------|---|---------------------|
| 1. Mary Louise Gant | M | Nathaniel Lucas Jr. |
| b. Oct. 14, 1956 | | |
| 2. Thomas French Gant III | | |
| b. Mar. 7, 1958 | | |
| 3. Laurene Rachel Gant | | |
| b. Aug. 17, 1962 | | |
| 4. Rebecca Beatrice Gant | | |
| b. July 17, 1962 | | |
| 5. Douglas Edward Gant | | |
| b. Oct. 30, 1974 | | |

GANT - HARBISON FAMILY

HARBISON & LORD
HARBISON & TODD

LAURA GANT, 4th child of Richard Gant and Catherine H. Beckley

b. Oct. 18, 1884

d. Jan. 10, 1956 age 71 yrs. 2 mo. 23 days at home on farm at

Baptised..March 8, 1890 (Aura Church Records) Clarksboro, N.J.

Married.. EDWARD HARBISON Sept. 22, 1906 Aura Methodist Church

b. Aug. 14, 1888

Aura, N.J.

d. Mar. 23, 1969 age 80 yrs. 7 mo. 9 days at Greenbrair
Nursing Home, Woodbury, N.J.

..Edward, son of Samuel and Melvina Harbison

.. Buried in Eglinton Cemetery, Clarksboro, N.J.

Children - 3

1. EVERETT GANT HARBISON
B. Oct. 1, 1907
Baptised, Mar. 8, 1908
d.

MARRIED MARGARET LORD
b. Aug. 23, 1905
d.

... Married, April 18, 1935 in the home of her parents,
Benjamin and Florence Lord, Pitman, N.J. by Rev.
Clarence Dilks

... Lives in Pitman

Children - 3

1. Gary Harbison married
b. 1937
d.

Children - 3

1.

2.

3.

2. Wayne Harbison
b. 1938
d.

3. Nancy Florence Harbison
b. 1942
d. 1949 Bethel Cemetery. Hurffville, N.J.

2. RICHARD EDWARD HARBISON married VIRGINIA TODD
b. Mar. 29, 1913 b.
d. d.

...Feb. 1943 wounded in the North African Campaign, World II

... Married

... Lives in Mount Royal, N.J.

GANT - SCHOCH FAMILY & SCHOCH - CLEVINGER FAMILY

ALICE MAY GANT, 5th child of Richard Gant and Catherine Beckley
b. April 10, 1886 At Harding Station, Elk Township, Gloucester
County, N.J.

Baptised, March 8, 1890 (Aura Church Records)
d.

1st marriage... ROBERT KINCAID SCHOCH Oct. 20, 1908 (Aura Church
b. May 29, 1886 Records)
d. 1939 Buried in St. John's Cemetery
Turnersville, N.J.

2nd marriage... J. Oscar M. Messec
b. 1883
d. 1956 Buried Chestnut Grove Cemetery, Elmer, N.J.

Children - 2

1. EVELYN GRACE SCHOCH	married	1st. BERTRAM CLEVINGER
b. July 19, 1911	1931	Div. Sept, 1, 1949
d.		2nd HOWARD MORLEY
		b. 1906
		d.

Children - 3

1. Jeannette Clevenger	married	William Englund
b. July 25, 1933		
d.		

Daughter Joanne England
b. Sept. 15, 1958

2. Sandra Clevenger	married	Richard Fowler
b. April 13, 1937		
d.		

3. Richard Clevenger	married	Mary Ann
b. Aug. 19, 1938		
d.		

Children - 2

1. Todd Clevenger
b. Jan. 30, 1967

2. Jason Clevenger
b. June 1, 1970

1977 Evelyn and Howard live in Florida

GANT - SCHOCH FAMILY and SCHOCH - HENDERSON FAMILY

2. ELEANORE MAE SCHOCH married 1st. NORMAN HENDERSON
b. Sept. 25, 1914 1-12-1934 b. 1903
d. d. Feb. 28, 1968 age 65 yr

...Norman, buried in Friends Central Cemetery, Linwood, N.J.

Children - 4

1. Eileen Henderson married Milton Purcell
b. Dec. 23, 1934
d.

Son..Milton Edward Purcell Jr.

2. Joan Henderson married William Reed Griner
b. May 25, 1936

Children - 5

1. William Reed III
b. 1959

2. Barry Mary
b. 1961

3. Steven
b. 1963

4. Timothy James
b. 1965

5. Joy Rebecca
b. Dec. 31, 1975

3. Robert S. Henderson AN USN (Navy Air)
b. April 12, 1938
d. Nov. 25, 1957 age 19 yrs. 7 mo. 13 days

...Robert lost his life on an Aircraft Carrier
...Buried in Friends Central Cemetery, Linwood, N.J.

4. Rodney Henderson married Lynne Miller
b. Dec. 10, 1940 1959

Children - 1 Rodney Jr.
b. 1960

2nd. Husband...Edmund Adkisson September 1974

Eleanore and Ed. live near Somers Point, N.J.

GANT - MURPHY FAMILY and GANT - HARRELL FAMILY

GEORGE BECKLEY GANT, 6th child of Richard Gant and Catherine Beckley
b. April 12, 1888 at Harding Station, Elk Township, Gloucester
County, N.J.

d. June 27, 1966 age 78 yrs. 2 mo. 15 days in Community Hosp. Elmer, N.
Baptised, March 8, 1890 (Aura Church Records)
Buried in Cedar Green Cemetery, Clayton, N.J.

Married... MARY ALBERTA MURPHY Jan. 12, 1915 in Aura Methodist by
Rev. George Reynolds

b. Oct. 24, 1891

d.

Baptised, July 13, 1902

M. Alberta, daughter of Charles Sheppard Murphy and
Mary Ella Johnson
George, a farmer for many years

Children - 5

1. ELLA RAE GANT married HENRY GRADY HARRELL
b. June 5, 1916 at Hardingville b. June 26, 1907
d. d.

...Grady, son of E. Tilson Harrell and Cora Lindsey, born in
Mt. Sterling, Haywood County, North Carolina. Moved
to New Jersey January 1922 a Farmer

...Grady and Rae married Dec. 19, 1936 in Aura Methodist Parsonage
by Reverend Albert Layton.

Children - 2

1. ROBERT TILSON HARRELL married NANCY JANE HAMILTON
b. Aug. 20, 1938 b. Feb. 3, 1938
d. d.

...Nancy, daughter of Francis John Hamilton and Esther of
Eshleman of Vineland

...Bob and Nancy were married Oct. 23, 1960 in Trinity
Episcopal Church Vineland, N.J. by Rev. James W. Heilman

Children - 2

1. Robin Joy Harrell
b. May 12, 1962

2. Susan Jane Harrell
b. April 5, 1965

... Robin and Susan, born in Community Hospital, Elmer, N.J.

2. GEORGE KENNETH HARRELL married JUDITH ANN LOVELACE
b. Feb. 22, 1946 b. Sept. 2, 1943
d. d.

GANT - MURPHY FAMILY, GANT - WALKLET FAMILY, and GANT - LEWIS FAMILY

4. SUSAN INEZ GANT

B. June 23, 1968 Des Moines, Iowa

d.

...1976, attends Cornell College, Mt. Veron, Iowa

3. KENNETH A. GANT

MARRIED

PATRICIA JANE WALKLETT

b. May 16, 1919

b. Jan. 31, 1927

d.

d.

...Married, April 21, 1951 in St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Haddon Heights by Rev. Peter Sturtevant and Rev. Harland Gant.

...Pat. daughter of Russell B. Walklett and Erma Zane of Haddon Heights, N.J. A B Degree, New Jersey College for Women, New Brunswick, N.J. Master Degree.. State University College, Potsdam, N.Y.

...Kenneth.. B S Degree.. Glassboro State College 1943-1946.. 37 months served in World Warr II Master Degree, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J. Doctor of Education, Temple University, Phila., Pa. 1972 Director of Graduate of Graduate Studies.. State University College Potsdam, N.Y. 1973 Dean of Graduste Studies, State University College 1977 Acting V. President, State University College

Children - 1

1. MELINDA ELLEN GANT

b. Jan. 22, 1964

4. INEZ ROSE GANT

MARRIED

CARL RAYMOND LEWIS

b. April 23, 1921

b. Dec. 24, 1917

d.

d.

...Married Sept. 6, 1947 in Pitman Methodist Church, New Brunswick N.J. by Rev. Harland T. Gant Sr.

...Inez,,, Attended Steelman Business School, Camden, N.J. Secretary to Judge Dzick and Judge Rizzi for years.

...Carl Army Reserve Administrator... Pedricktown, N.J.

5. GEORGE BECKLEY GANT JR.

b. April 30, 1925 at home of parents, on farm 2 miles south of Aura, N.J.

d. June 4, 1926 age 13 months (pneumonia on measles)

Buried in Cedar Green Cemetery, Clayton, N.J.

THE FAMILY OF

PETER DEHART GANT 1848 - 1923

and

ANNA LIZZIE FISLER 1855 - 1874 1st.

MARY ELIZABETH ROUN 1858 - 1892 2nd.

MARY ANN GURLING 1868 - 1926 3rd.

Peter, 6th. child of Richard M. Gant
and Margaretta Dehart

THE GANT - FISLER - ROUN - GURLING FAMILY

PETER DEHART GANT, 6th child of Richard M. Gant and Margaretta Dehart
b..Aug. 13, 1848 at Cross Keys, N. J.
d..Mar. 11, 1923 age 74 yrs. Buried in Mt. Pleasant Cem. Millville, N..

1st. wife... ANNA LIZZE FISLER July 30, 1871
1855-1874 Buried in Turnersville M. E. Cemetery

Daughter... Mary Ella married Samuel F. Parks
1872-1928 7-3-1888 1870-1952
Cedar Green Cemetery
Clayton, N. J.

Children - 8

1. Estelle May ... Harry Hall Skinner
Children - 2 Allan, Harry
2. Rose ... C. Orville Kersey Sr.
Children - 2 Charlette, Orville Jr.
3. Harry ... Della Owens
4. Mary ... Walter Herbert
Children - 1 Walter
5. MARY L. ... Elmer N. Early
1888-1958 1885-1951 Cedar Green Cem.
Clayton, N.J.
Children - 5 Albert, Alice, Mary, Elmer, Harry
6. Samuel Jr. ... Catherine Giberson
Children - 1 Samuel III
7. Gertrude
8. Jesse

2nd. wife... MARY ELIZABETH ROUN January 28, 1878
1858-1892 Buried in Turnersville M. E. Cemetery

Children - 4

1. Margarette ... Charles Gang Mt. Pleasant Cem.
1879-1915 1875-1952 Millville, N. J.
2. Richard ... Emma Kane
1882-1938
3. Ellis T. ... Eleanor (Nellie) Vanaman
1885-1947 1890-

Children - 2

1. Dorothy ... Frank Kovar

Children - 1 Eleanor

2. Eleanor ... Lewis Dare
Children - 2

1. Dorothy

2. Virginia

4. Infant girl and Mary Elizabeth died May 7, 1892

3rd. wife ...MARY ANN GURLING birthplace .. England
1868-1926 Buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Millvill

Children - 5

1. Viloa ... Ralph J. Cox Buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery
1898-1967

Children - 4

1. Dorothy

2. Paul Shaw

3. Charles

4. Ralph Jr.

2. Florence
1900-1964

3. Robert

4. Russell

5. Edna

THE FAMILY OF

SAMUEL EDWARD GANT 1848 -1917

and

ADALASA CARTER CASPERSON 1854 - 1939

Samuel, 7th child of Richard M. Gant
and Margaretta Dehart

GANT - GRAY FAMILY

WALTER CASPERSON GANT, 1st child of Samuel Edward Gant and Adalasa Carter Casperson.

b. September 15, 1879
d. June 11, 1971 age 91 yrs. 8 mo. 26 days

Married - Violet Morgan Gray

Buried in Bethel Memorial Park, Pennsauken, N.J.

Children - 1

1. Marie Ella Gant * m. Paul Mayer
 b. April 23, 1908 1933 b. May 13, 1910
 d. Oct, 13, 1986 78 yrs.

* Buried in Bethel Memorial Park, Pennsauken, N.J.

Children - 1

1. Paul Robert Mayer m. Etta Woochele
 b. April 1, 1940 b. June 4, 1940
 at Camden, N.J. at Phila., Pa.

Married - April 30, 1966 at St. Jacobus Luthern Church, Phila., Pa.

Children - 3

1. David Robert m. Della Thankfull Claxton
 b. Feb. 28, 1967 b. Oct. 10, 1961
 at Phila., Pa.

Married June 6, 1992 at St. Andrews Methodist Church, Cherry Hill, N.J.

2. Anna Marie
 b. October 4, 1969
 at Phila., Pa.

3. Paul Gustave (still born)
 b. August 14, 1970

GANT - FERNANDEZ FAMILY

SAMUEL EARL GANT 3rd child of Samuel Edward Gant and Adalasa
Carter Casperson

b. April 24, 1889

d. Feb. 28, 1963 age 73 yrs. 8 mo. 4 days

Buried in Locustwood Memorial Park, Cherry Hill, N.J.

Married - LINDA FERNANDEZ

Children - 2

1. Earl Chester Gant M Margaret Alexander

b. Oct. 2, 1914

d. July 18, 1964 age 49 yrs. 9 mo. 16 days

Buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Gloucester, N.J.

Children - 1

1. Margie Gant M Walter Ashe

Children - 3

1. Regina Ashe (twin) of Lynn Ashe

b. Aug. 13, 1961

2. Lynn Ashe (twin) of Regina Ashe

b. Aug. 13, 1961

3. Walter Ashe

2. Edna Ruth Gant M Edwin Gildner

b. April 26, 1919

d.

Children - 2

1. Edwin Gildner

2. Lynn Gildner

GANT - FULTON FAMILY

LOIA ADALASA GANT 4th child of Samuel Edward Gant and Adalasa
Carter Casperson

b. April 6, 1891

d. April 7, 1988 at Tavistock, N.J. age 97

Married - SAMUEL EMMETT FULTON January 1, 1916

b. April 15, 1890

d. May 17, 1988 at Tavistock, N.J. age 98

Both buried at Eglington Cemetery, Clarksboro, N.J.

Children - 1

1. Robert Edward Fulton M Florence Patricia Fish
 b. July 18, 1920

Children - 2

1. Robert Edward Fulton
 b. September 10, 1953
 d. June 24, 1973 age 19 yrs. 9 mo. 14 days, Auto accident
 Buried in Calvary Cemetery, Merchantville, N. J.
2. Patricia Ann Fulton M
 b. October 19, 1956

Children - 2

1.

2.

THE FAMILY OF

MARGARETTA GANT 1850 - 1922

and

BROOKS HURFF 1848 - 1920

Margaretta, 8th child of Richard M. Gant
and Margetta Dehart

GANT-HURFF FAMILY

MARGARETTA (MARGARET A.) GANT 8th child of Richard M. Gant and
1850-1922 age 72 Margaretta Dehart

Husband... BROOKS HURFF July 28, 1870
1848-1920 age 72 Buried in Bethel Cemetery,
Hurffville, N.J.

Children... 1. Elwood Brooks married Laura Etta Doran
1871-1950 Aug. 20, 1890 1873-1961 Bethel Cem.

Children..1. Vera Naomi ... J. Leroy Wentzell
1891-1966 9/20/22 1891-1975

Children..1. Ruth Marie

2. Dorothy Mae

3. Elizabeth

2. Joseph David Amanda B. Williams
1875-1952 June 1, 1899 1878-1955

No Children

Buried in Bethel Cemetery, Hurffville

THE FAMILY OF
WILLIAM GANT 1817 - 1903

and

ELIZABETH GARDNER 1822 - 1873

William, 2nd. child of Samuel Gant Sr.
and Anna Mariah King

WILLIAM GANT FAMILY

WILLIAM GANT 2nd. child of samuel Gant Sr. and Anna Mariah King
1817-1903

Wife... ELIZABETH GARDNER
1822-1873

Children..10

1. HARRIET GANT Married WILLIAM APPLEGATE
1842- Dec.8, 1860

2. JOSEPH A. GANT
1843-1920

3. CAROLINE ZANE GANT ... JOB CHEW
1845-1921 Nov.9, 1865 1838-1909

Children..1. Ann Elizabeth ... Samuel Edgar Wilmer
1868-1942

2. Elwood Richmond ... Frances Diamont Fisler
1870-1952 1871-1914

Children..Demar, Merrill, Elwood, Francis, Rebecca

4. MARY ANN GANT
1847-1922

5. Elizabeth Gant
1849-

6. ELIZABETH KING GANT ... 1st. SALLIE C. WILSON
1851-1927 Sept.2, 1877 1851-1914 Bethel Cem.
Mar.14, 1918 2nd. ANNA REBECCA WARNER
1856-1937

Children.. 1. Lily Etta
1878-1901

2. John Wilson ... 1st Georgianna Batten
1880-1942 1883-1908 Bethel Cem.
Oct.6, 1910 2nd. Irene Althea Nicholson
1890-

Children..1 John Carlton ... Mary Eva Ware 1-30-19
1912 1912-

Children.. Marion Lee, Mary Eileen,
John Glendon

2. Frances Lily
1915-1920

3. Dorothy Mae ... 1st Aubry Green
1922- 2nd Robert War-
burton from Wyo.
Daughter.. Frances Althea Green

7. ANNA MARIAH GANT
1853-1860

8. HENRIETTA W. GANT married JACOB SWOPE SKINNER
1855-1882 Mar. 30, 1878 1852-1894 Richwood M.E.
Cemetery

Children... 1. Clarence
1878-1879

3. Etta W.
1882-1882

2. Dwight Wallace ... Hannah Loutweda Price
1880-1933 May 28, 1902 1880-1966
Wenonah Cem.

Children.. 1. Ethelynn 1912-1949

2. Virginia Elva ... Paul Minotty
1918- 1913-

9. William Jr. ... Mary Emma Brown
1860- Dec. 11, 1881

10. Howard W. Gant ... SUSAN R. DARLINGTON
1862- Nov, 8, 1886

Children... 1. Leslie ... Genova Morgan

Children.. Halford, Marie, Elwood, Mildred
Retta, Leslie, Leonard (twins)

2. Retta Harrison ... James Livingston Clarke

Son.. Howard Wesley

3. Viola ... Andrew Conn

4. Roy

THE FAMILLY OF

SAMUEL GANT Jr. 1825 -1886

and

HANNAH CRAVER 1830 -1886

Samuel, 5th. child of Samuel Gant Sr.
and Anna Mariah King

THE SAMUEL GANT JR. FAMILY

SAMUEL GANT JR., 5th. child of Samuel Gant Sr. and Anna Mariah King
1825-1900 age 75

1st. wife ... HANNAH CRAVER May 20, 1852 Buried in Turnersville
Cemetery

Children ..

1. Priscilla Gant married MATHIAS HUNTSINGER
1853 Sept. 27, 1877 1853

Children.. Samuel, Herbert, James

2. Mary A. GANT
1855-1858

3. SARAH ELIZABETH GANT ... JAMES H. STETSER
1857- Jan. 1, 1878

Children.. Nettie, Ada, Frank

4. DAVID H. GANT ... MARY JEANETTE CARVIN
1859-1926 Nov. 17, 1886 1856-1918

Buried in Turnersville Methodist Cemetery

Children..1. Elsie Jane ... Richard Brown
1887-1955 1866-1961

Children.. Edith, Doris, Carlton, Gladys

2. Hannah ... John M. Kirstein 1st.
1890-1951 Jan. 1, 1908 1887-1918

Children.. Pearl, Vera, Lester

2nd. husband.. John Peter Ehret
son.. Donald Ehret

3. Samuel ... Katherine Finger
1892-1950 Apr. 8, 1917 1896-

Children.. Samuel Edward, Philip, Marian, Rose,
William

4. Joseph Dyer ... Caroline May Poole
1894-1954 Nov. 11, 1922

Children.. Joseph, Allen

5. Anna J.
1896-1934 Turnersville Cemetery

5. ANNA MARIAH GANT ... GEORGE M. CASPERSON 1st.
1860-1932 1856-1885 Turnersville Cem.

Son... Oscar George ... Edna Beckett Hillcrest Cem.
1884-1962 1882-1951

Son.. Geo. Huntly ... Frances Leeney

2nd. husband.. John Henry Johnson Nov. 7, 1888
1861-1901 Turnersville Cem.

Daughter.. Verna ... Carl Blaine Prickett
1889-1974 1884-1943 Hillcrest Cem.

6. HENRY CRAVER GANT ... MARY WOODROW
1862-1891

Son.. Victor Leon 1890-1891

7. Ella Gant 1871-1872

2nd. marriage... Mar. 2, 1889 Mary Jane Whitar Craver
1842-1931

THE FAMILY OF

JESSE KING GUANT 1828 - 1895

and

HANNAH J. CASPERSON 1828 - 1923

Jesse, 6th. child of Samuel Gant Sr.
and Annah Anna Mariah King

THE JESSE KING GUANT FAMILY

JESSIE KING GUANT, 6th. child of Samuel Gant Sr. and Anna Mariah King
1828-1895

Wife... HANNAH J. CASPERSON July 7, 1853
1828-1923 Turnersville Methodist Cemetery

Children... 5

1. FANNY P. GUANT 1853-1861

2. MARY J. GUANT married MONTREVILLE PEDRICK
1856-1930 1851-1911

Children... Ella, Eva, Ida May, Jesse, Anna

3. CLARA VILOA GUANT 1858-1862

4. CLEMENT LEE GUANT ... ANNA PERCE SHARP
1863-1904 1871-1955 Turnersville Cem.

Children.. 1. Sarah Autumn 1890-1965

2. Clarence Brewer M 1st. Jennie Letitia Mason
1894- 2-14-1920 1901-1942 Hillcrest Cem.

Son...Richard Morehouse ... Janet Horner

Children... Edward, Constance, Paul Richard

2nd. wife... Catherine Lee Miller...M June 19, 1943
Son... Clement Lee... Brenda Lou Ware

Son Clement III

3. Diademia Perce ... Clarence Russell Briant
1896- 1922 1900-
5. EVA LINDA GUANT ... SAMUEL PROSSER SHARP
1861-1929 1885 1852-1931 Turnersville Cem.

Children.. Dora, Hannah, Mary Fels

This family kept the "U" in GUANT. The name was first spelled GAUNTT then GUANT, finally GANT. The "GANT" family originally lived in Barnstable, Massachusetts....moved into Burlington County in the 1600's, the one branch settled in GANTTOWN, Washington Township in the early 1800's.

THE FAMILY OF

ELI A. GANT 1832 - 1902

and

AMY COLLINS NICHOLSON 1837 - 1899

Eli, 8th child of Samuel Gant Sr.
and Anna Mariah King

THE ELI A. GANT FAMILY

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1832-1902

Married... AMY COLLINS NICHOLSON April 29, 1858

Buried in Cross Keys Methodist Cemetery

Children...

1. MARY ELLA GANT 1858-1866

2. ANNABEL M. GANT married ROBERT STILLE
1861-

Children.. Harry, William, Edmund, Cora, Russell, Eleanor

3. LIZZIE S. GANT ... GEORGE GUANT Methodist Cem.
1863-1936 1850-1902 Williamstown, N.

Daughter.. Stella

5. CHARLES STEWART GANT ... LOIS CrossKeys Cem.
1870-1922

Son.. Clifton

4. EDMUND BREWER GANT ... CAROLINE ELIZABETH SCOTT
1868-1944 1871-1960 Cross Keys Cem.

Children.. 1. Ada Taylor ... Daniel Adam Oldt
1895- 1894-

Children.. Raymond, Elizabeth, Daniel

2. Florence Scott ... Clayton Schenck
1896-1969 -1922

3. Clara Virginia ... Earl Eugene Mitchell
1897- 1892-1957

Children.. Doris, Lois, Earl Jr.

4. Amy Collins ... Richard Gant Fisler
1899-1966 1875-1932

Daughter.. Edythe Mae

5. Charles Stewart ... Helen Ethel Caraker
1900- 1869-1969

6. Bertha Bell
1902- School teacher.. retired

7. Nelson Miles ... Alda Marguerite Sahms
1904- 1915-

Children.. Elaine, Blanche, Paul

8. Edna May ... Harry Albrecht
 1906-1958 1903

Children.. Harry Jr., William E.

9. Mabel Nelson ... George R. Peltz
 1908- 1903-

10. Alice Halsey ... Charles Stites Schenck
 1910- 1905-1959

Children.. Janet, Charles Jr., Eleanor