MINNIS FAMILY

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Ireland and America

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INTRODUCTORY

In compiling the history of the Minnis family, I have had recourse to family Bibles, Carroll County records, newspaper files, records from the United States War Department, reports from Virginia and Pennsylvania state libraries, Blount County, Tennessee, records and data furnished by members of the various branches of the family.

I trust this collection may prove an incentive to further research by the descendants of one, who so freely shed his blood to perpetuate the principles of liberty in these United States, a blessing which each living descendant now enjoys. May each honor a worthy ancestor by lives that shall be worthy of imitation by generations yet to follow.

I wish to express my appreciation for especial assistance from the following members of the family: Col. John Beman Minnis, Knoxville, Tenn.; Miss Helen A. Minnis, Ellinwood, Kansas.; J. L. Minnis, St. Louis; Thomas Dee Minnis, Bogard, Mo.; Mrs. Myrtle Minnis Chapman, Norborne, Mo.; William Briscoe Minnis, R. B. Minnis, Mrs. Emma Chandler, Mrs. Anna Trotter West, Miss Blanche Minnis, James B. Henderson, Mrs. D. B. Russell, Mrs. James Lewis and others of Carrollton, Mo., who have furnished pictures and records for this collection, for without cooperation a work of this kind is impossible.

It will be noticed in the notes there are several by

the name of Minnis who were contemporary with John Minnis during the Revolutionary period. The short time given this research has not enabled me to place the others. If relationship exists, it is not now known, the older members of the family say John Minnis had brothers in America; so far we have not found their records.

May the interest and patriotism of all be awakened, that the resting place of their revolutionary ancestor may be honored, and the memory of his brave deeds perpetuated by his descendants, who are now scattered north, south, east and west, over this broad, beautiful land of ours.

ELIZABETH AUSTIN, Compiler

Carrollton, Missouri, Jan. 1, 1912

EXPLANATORY

In the record of the Minnis family, JOHN MINNIS, the Emigrant, is taken as the basis for numbering, as follows:

Children--Roman numerals, I, II, III, etc.

Grandchildren--Numbers 1, 2, 3, etc.

Great grandchildren--Numbers, (1), (2), (3), etc.

Great great grandchildren--Letters, a, b, c, etc.

Great great great grandchildren--Letters, (a), (b),(c), etc.

Great great great great grandchildren--Letters, aa, bb, cc, etc.

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JOHN MINNIS, THE EMIGRANT

Ulster, the most northern province of Ireland, is composed of nine counties, Antrim, Armough, Caven, Donigal, Down, Fermanagh, Londonderry, Monaghan and Tyrone.

In the County Down, John Minnis, the Colonist, and founder of this branch of the Minnis family in America, was born about the year 1754, but of Scotch-Irish stock, his parents were Samuel and Mary (Bittles) Minnis of Ireland.

Some time previous to the Revolutionary War, John Minnis, then a young man, emigrated to the New World and settled within fifteen miles of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The records of the War Department, Washington, D. C., show he was sergeant in Capt. John Clark's company, 13th Pennsylvania Regiment, commanded by Col. Walter Stewart. H[I]s name appears on the company muster roll of September, 1777, dated October 12, 1777. But it affords no information relative to the period of his service. The report of State Librarian, Revolutionary Soldiers of Virginia, page 311, shows his bounty warrant was 4,267. He received a wound in the face and carried the mark till death.

It has been well said, "It is to the fighting blood of the Cavaliers, and to the strength and stability of our Scotch-Irish ancestors, who have been called the backbone of the American Revolution, that we owe the fact today that we stand a world power among the great nations of the "earth."

Tradition says, and is well authenticated, that John Minnis was with the mob which threw the tea overboard in Boston harbor, that he was in the Battle of Bunker Hill, was at Valley Forge and Yorktown, that he werved throughout the war and for some time was an orderly under Washington.

Subsequent to the close of the Revolutionary War, he returned to Ireland, where he married Nancy Susan McCammon, of County Tyrone, about 1788, daughter of Samuel and Susannah (Anderson) McCammon, who were Scotch.

Mr. Minnis was a brave soldier and served well his adopted country, both on the battlefield and on the wild frontier as an active and fearless pioneer during the early days of Tennessee and bore an influential part in the settlement and development of the section of the country in which he established his home.

Mr. Minnis, with his wife, returned to America and settled in Blount County, East Tennessee, where entered six hundred acres of land on Pistol Creek and Nine Miles Creek, in said county. They were accompanied to America by three brothers of Mrs. Minnis, John McCammon, Samuel McCammon and

Thomas McCammon, who also settled in East Tennessee.

John and Nancy (McCammon) Minnis had issue:

I. Samuel, b. 1790.

II. Thomas, b. 1791.

III. Robert, b. about 1793.

IV. John Wein, b. 1794.

V. James Mathew, b. 1797.

VI. William, b. 1799.

VII. Susan, b. 1801.

VIII. Nancy, b. 1804.

John Minnis was heir to large estates in Ireland, the papers pertaining to which were in the custody of his eldest son, Samuel.

With regards to his property in Tennessee, it is found of record in the register's office of Blount County, Tennessee, record of deeds, Book "P", page 84, that James M. Minnis conveyed to Robert Minnis, his undivided interest in the lands of which his father died seized, situate on "Nine mile" creek, on the 29th day of June, 1838.

Also, on page 89, of same record, that John Minnis gave to William Minnis a power of attorney to sell his interest in same estate.

In Book "N," page 241, there is a record of power of attorney from Thomas Minnis to William Minnis to sell his interest in same property. Dated October 5, 1838.

The dates in all three entries are in the year 1838.

Therefore John Minnis, emigrant, died prior to June 29, 1838, at which date his son, James M. Minnis, disposed of lands inherited from his father, John Minnis.

In notes on the Minnis family it will be seen from the record that one "Minnis" served at Valley Forge. This is supposed to have been John Minnis, emigrant. We also have the following Revolutionary record from the Pennsylvania State Library:

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, U. S. A.

December 28, 1912.

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby certify that one JOHN MINNIS was a private in Captain John Murray's Company, Second Battalion, Pennsylvania Riflemen, Samuel Miles, Colonel.

See p. 326, Volume Two, Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth Series.

LUTHER R. KELKER,

Custodian of the Public Records.

In testimony whereof I hereby affix the seal of this department.

(Seal).

I.

SAMUEL MINNIS.

I. Samuel Minnis, the eldest son of John and Nancy

(McCammon) Minnis, emigrants, was born in Blount County, Tennessee, Jan. 9, 1790, and lived near Dalton, Whitfield County, Georgia. Died Sept. 2, 1866. Married Mary Pickens of Knox County, Tennessee, b. 1790, d. June, 1875. Issue:

1. John.
2. James Pickens
3. Susan
4. Jane
5. Robert
6. Samuel
7. William
8. Thomas
9. Suticia.

II.

THOMAS MINNIS.

II. Thomas Minnis, son of John and Nancy (McCammon) Minnis, emigrants, was born in Blount County, Tennessee, Oct. 23, 1791. He was a soldier of the War of 1812, enlisting at two different times, and serving in all nine months. He was principally employed against the Indians in the South, but was on the way to New Orleans to re-enforce Jackson at the time peace was declared.

In May, 1817, he married Parmela Warren, daughter of Rev. Chas. H. Warren, a local preacher of the Methodist Church, son of Robert and Parmela (Love) Warren, who were

English. The wife of Rev. Chas. H. Warren and mother of Parmela Warren Minnis, was Sarah Ernest, daughter of Henry Ernest and Mary Stevens.

Mrs. Minnis was born in Tennessee. In October, 1820, Thomas Minnis and wife removed from Tennessee to Missouri, and settled first in Howard County, having been among the early pioneers of that part of the state. He left Howard County for Carroll in 1824. The family reached the spot where they made a permanent location (in Section twenty-five, Township fifty-three, Range twenty-four) on the fourth of March, taking up five hundred acres of Government land, which in due time he developed into a fine estate. His granddaughter, Mrs. Emma Minnis Chandler, is now living upon a part of the original grant.

In his new home Mr. Minnis was recognized as a man of ability. In October, 1834, he was appointed justice of the peace. February, 1835, the County Court made him assessor of the county, to which position he was again appointed. In August, 1836, he was chosen sheriff of the county, being the second person elected to that office by the people. In 1838 he was a representative for the county in the State Legislature, and in 1840 was re-elected to the same body. In the same year he was appointed Assistant United States Marshal, and in that capacity took the United States census for that year of Carroll County. For several

years he was a member of the Carroll County Court, serving first in 1844. He was Judge of the County Court for nearly twenty years, and was said to have had a more comprehensive knowledge of the law than any man of his day in the county. He was a prominent Democrat and influential in political circles. In religion he was a devout Methodist, of which church his wife was also a zealous and faithful member.

The first marriage recorded by Thomas Minnis as a justice of the peace was filed of record February 19, 1835, Book A, page 5.

Contemporary with Mr. Minnis in filing marriage licenses, we fin Reuben McCaskie, Johnathon Eppler, William Martin, Rev. Sashal Woods and others. In 1857, we find Thomas G. Dobbins, James Trotter and Thomas Minnis judges of the County Court.

Judge Minnis filled every trust to the best of his ability, with an honest endeavor to serve the best interests of his constituents. As a public officer no stain rests on his record. His death occurred April 26, 1863, and his remains rest in the cemetery at the old homestead, where he made his home for a quarter of a century.

Mrs. Minnis was a woman of devoted Christian character, charitable and hospitable. She was warmly attached to the interest of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and her home was frequently the place for holding the early Methodist

meetings before the building of churches. She passed to her heavenly rest August 12, 1865. Issue:

1. Charles.
2. John Pinckney.
3. Nancy Jane.
4. James Monroe
5. Warren Barton.
6. Sarah Ann.
7. Robert Hancock.
8. Mary Bell.
9. William Briscoe.
10. Eliza, dying in childhood.
11. Amelia, died young.
12. Martha Frances.

CHARLES MONROE MINNIS.

1. Charles Monroe Minnis, the oldest child of Thomas and Parmela (Warren) Minnis, was born in Blount County, Tennessee, January 28, 1818. He came with his parents to Howard County, Missouri, in 1820, where he grew to young manhood on his father's farm. In 1834 the family located in Carroll County, Missouri. Here Mr. Minnis followed agricultural pursuits, having a large farm in Section twenty-five. He was a member of the County Court for a number of years, a member of the A. F. and A. M., and an influential man in his section of the country. He married first

March 12, 1840, Martha A. Caskey, daughter of John and Sarah Caskey. Issue:

(1) Susan Jane, b. June 5, 1841.

(2) Sarah Frances, b. Oct. 1842.

(3) Thomas C., b. ____ 1844.

(4) James D., b. 1846.

(5) John W., b. 1848.

(6) Mary B., b. 1850.

(7) Nancy E., b. 1852.

(8) Leonidas, b. 1854.

(9) Parmela Lovie, b. 1856.

(10) Eliza Ellen, b. 1858.

(11) Robert A., b. 1861.

Mrs. Minnis died June 20, 1862. Mr. Minnis married second, Nancy W. Wooden, daughter of Isaac and Rebecca Wooden, January 17, 1864. Issue:

(12) Isaac W., b. May 7, 1866.

(13) George E., b. Oct. 17, 1867.

(14) Warren B., b. March 7, 1870.

(15) Anna M., b. June 28, 1871.

(16) Samuel N., b. March 31, 1873.

(17) Lutitia, b. Oct. 27, 1875.

(18) Clarence, b. Nov. 10, 1876.

(19) Marvin Monroe, b. Dec. 9, 1878.

(20) Hugh M., b. Dec. 19, 1879.

(21) Dick, b. Feb. 13, 1881.

Four other children of this union died prior to 1881. After the death of his second wife, Mr. Minnis married Mrs. Susan (Mills) Bristow, daughter of Abraham N. and Jane Meriwether Lewis (Poindexter) Mills, m. 1829 in Albemarle County, Virginia, and in 1833 moved to Montgomery County, Missouri, and granddaughter of Robert and Barbara Mills, who reared their family in Campbell County, died near Bedford, Va. In 1852 Susan Mills married Joel Trotter of Carroll County, Missouri. After his death she married second S. G. Bristow. Being again left a widow she married Judge Charles Minnis, whom she survives. Her picture appears in this book with that of Mr. Minnis. She makes her home at Roosevelt, Oklahoma, and is in her eighty-first year. There were no children by this marriage. Mrs. Minnis has children by a former marriage. Several children and grandchildren living in Carrollton, Mo. She is described as a woman of lovely character and wonderful executive ability.

(1) Susan Jane Minnis, b. June 5, 1841; m. John Richeson, May 17, 1863: died April 19, 1908. Issue:

a. Robert A., b. 1864

b. Altha A., b. 1865

c. Rosella, b. 1867

d. Lovie E., b. 1872

e. Mattie J., b. 1875

f. Samuel C., b. 1883.

a. Robert A. Richeson; b. March 12, 1864; m. Minnie Tomlin, October, 1886. Issue:

(a) Howard

(b) Alva

(c) Vesta

(d) Dora

(e) Elmer

(f) Leroy

(g) Florence

(h) Iva

(i) Infant (died)

(j) Cecil

(k) Jewell

b. Altha A. Richeson; b. Dec. 11, 1865; d. Jan. 25, 1868.

c. Rosella Richeson; b. Dec. 25, 1867; m. J. C. Daugherty Jan. 1889. Issue:

(a) Ralph Lee

(b) Harry E.

d. Lovie E. Richeson; b. Feb. 11, 1872; d. Jan. 20, 1875

e. Mattie J. Richeson; b. April 28, 1875; m. J. A. Robertson, Sept. 17, 1907. Issue:

(a) Thela J.

(b) Infant (died)

f. Samuel C. Richeson; b. March 1, 1883; m. Anna Wells,

June 12, 1909.

(2) Sarah Frances Minnis; b. Oct. 1842; d. 1887

(3) Thomas C. Minnis; b. 1844; m. Emma Kerby, 1883.

Issue:

a. Cora E.

b. Edna

c. Golda P.

d. Myrtle

e. Estelle

f. Izora

g. Floyd

h. Claud

(4) James D. Minnis; b. 1846; m. Roxie Stern, 1869.

Issue:

a. Mattie

b. William

c. Annabelle

(5) John W. Minnis; b. 1848; m. Martha Johnson 1880.

Issue:

a. George

b. Della

c. Viola

(6) Mary B. Minnis: b. 1850; m. George McClanathan.

Issue:

a. Frank

b. Altha

c. Edith

(7) Nancy E. Minnis; b. 1852; d. 1873

(8) Leonidas Minnis; b. 1854; d. 1874

(9) Parmela Lovie Minnis; b. 1856; m. Thomas Nutt 1886. Issue:

a. Senora

b. Roy

(10) Eliza Ellen Minnis; b. 1858; m. Robert Imhoff Jan. 29, 1886. Issue:

a. Della A.

Robert Imhoff was the grandson of George Imhoff, one of the founders of Fort Wayne, Ind. George Imhoff lived to be one hundred and four years old and was the son of Michael and Mary A. (Breckenridge) Imhoff, and grandson of Edelyn and Elenor (Duncan) Breckenridge, who were cousins of John C. Breckenridge of Kentucky, once candidate for the presidency. Eliza Minnis Imhoff died June 11, 1882. Robert Imhoff married, second, Oct. 8, 1889, Eliza Rice, a popular school teacher of Carroll County, Missouri, daughter of L. B. and Sarah Rice, of the same county. L. B. Rice served under Captain Charles Minnis in the Civil War. To this union one child was born, Sciota, who is teaching in the public schools of Jackson County, Missouri.

a. Della A. Imhoff; m. William S. Barr, of Richmond,

Mo., July 29, 1902. Issue:

(a) Harold W. S.

William S. Barr, b. July 25, 1878, is the son of Jas. A. Barr, who was born in Pennsylvania, but emigrated to Ray County, Missouri, when quite young and there married Mary Jobe, making their home at Richmond, the county seat of Ray County. He is the eldest of ten children. His mother died July 31, 1899, and his father makes his home in St. Joseph, Mo., with a daughter, Mrs. Harry C. Mathews. Harold W. S. Barr was born in Carrollton, Mo., Oct. 6, 1905. He resides with his parents in Moberly, Mo., his father being in the Wabash railway service.

(11) Robert A. Minnis, b. 1861, d. January, 1883.

(14) Warren B. Minnis, b. March 7, 1870; lives at Collinsville, Texas, R. F. D. 1.

(No other record received of the family of Judge Charles Minnis.)

JOHN PINCKNEY MINNIS

2. John Pinckney Minnis, second son of Thomas and Parmela (Warren) Minnis, was born in Blount County, Tennessee, October 2, 1819. The following year his parents moved to Howard County, Missouri, living one mile southeast of Glasgow, near a little creek called Howard. Thus John P. Minnis became a pioneer of this state, coming when Missouri

was a territory. In 1834 he accompanied his parents to Carroll County, where the most of his long, useful life has been spent. He served in the Mormon War, being with the Carroll County soldiers at Far West. During the late Civil War, Mr. Minnis was a lieutenant under Deigel, of which company Standley was captain.

April 21, 1840, John Pinckney Minnis was united in marriage to Ann Beatty, daughter of William Beatty, at the old Beatty home near Wakenda Creek, by the Rev. Sashel Woods. The Beattys were from Blount County, Tennessee.

For some years after marriage he lived six miles north of Norborne, Mo., then moved to Gentry County. Two or three years later he returned to his former home in Carroll. Later moved to DeWitt. While here he lost his wife and daughter Margaret, both of whom lie buried near that city. From DeWitt he moved to Wright County, from Wright to Republic, Green County, Missouri. Some years after he went to live with a daughter at Wewooka, Indian Territory. This place was the capital of the Seminole Indian Reservation, but afterward becoming a part of the state of Oklahoma. Mr. Minnis hunted wild game only a few short years ago over territory now covered with fertile fields and dotted with large cities.

About eight years ago he came to Norborne, Carroll County, Missouri, to make his home with his son, Rev.

Thomas Minnis.

John Pinckney Minnis, when a young man, joined the Presbyterian church, later, as there was no Presbyterian organization near, he joined the Methodist church. He was well versed in Bible history and enjoyed religious discussions. In politics he was a Democrat and served as Justice of the peace of Prairie Township for several years. Living to be nearly ninety-four years old, and blind, he was nevertheless remarkably active and took great pleasure in telling of the past. He died September 3, 1912.

To John Pinckney Minnis and Ann (Beatty) Minnis were born seven children:

(1) Thomas William

(2) Martha Catherine

(3) Robert (died, aged 16)

(4) Julia Ann

(5) Margaret Emeline

(6) Harvey

(7) Lovie

(1) Thomas William Minnis was born in Carroll County, Missouri, February 26, 1841. He was raised on a farm. During the Civil War he enlisted in the Union army and served three years. For many years he was engaged in agriculture and stock-raising, owning a farm of nearly three hundred acres. He was married February 8, 1859, to Emeline

Templeman, born near Litchfield, Ky., daughter of Edward and Nancy (Stone) Templeman. Issue:

a. Leroy Douglas

b. Robert Edward

c. James Louis

d. Nancy Ann

e. Myrtle Ellen

f. Effie May

g. Alcoena Glenn

a. Leroy Douglas Minnis married, first, Dovey Keltner (no issue), second, Lelia Hatcher. Issue:

(a) Ethel Lee

(b) Hazel Augusta

(a) Ethel Lee Minnis, m. Aug. 14, 1912, John Gordon Deitch.

(b) Hazel Augusta Minnis, m. Aug. 14, 1912, William Henry Deitch.

b. Robert Edward Minnis m. Lura Keltner. Issue:

(a) Nola

(b) Jasper

(c) Myrtle

(d) Marie

(e) Edward

(a) Nola Minnis m. Leslie George. Issue:

aa. Clara Jean

c. James Louis Minnis.

(The following sketch is from the "History of St. Louis" by Walter Stevens):

"James Louis Minnis, general solicitor of the Wabash Railroad Company, general counsel of the pacific Express Company, and with high repute in professional circles as a corporation lawyer, was born November 6, 1866, in Carroll County, Missouri, his parents being Thomas W. and Emeline (Templeman) Minnis. At the usual age he entered the public schools, which he attended until he became a student in the William Jewell College, where he spent three years, leaving that institution in 1885. His law studies were pursued with James F. Graham of Carrollton, Mo., as his preceptor, and he was admitted to the bar at Carrollton in December, 1887. He then began the practice of law in his native city, where he continued until November, 1904, when, seeking a broader field of labor, he came to St. Louis and here entered upon general practice. On the first of April, 1906, he was appointed general attorney of the Wabash Railroad Company, and on the 6th of January, 1907, he was appointed general counsel of the Pacific Express Company. On the 31st of October 1907, he was appointed general solicitor of the Wabash Railroad Company and still retains the last two named connections. His attention has largely been given to railroad and corporation law and he has taken part in much of the

important litigation that has entered the local courts since he became a citizen of St. Louis. Conscientious and thorough in research he rapidly scans the field of any controversy with which he becomes professionally involved and his associates at the bar concur in the statement that he marshals authorities and precedents with remarkable skill and shrewdness. In speech he presents arguments clearly and with most effective arrangement, giving due regard to accumulative force and effect and reasons with consummate logic, arriving unequivocally at conclusions which are inevitable and incontrovertible.

The official positions which Mr. Minnis has filled have been in connection with the execution or framing of the laws. On the 6th of November, 1888, he was elected prosecuting attorney of Carroll County for a term of two years and in November, 1895, was elected representative for Carroll County in the General Assembly for a term of two years. His political allegiance has been given unswervingly to the Republican party and he was elected a delegate from the second congressional district of Missouri to the National Republican convention in 1896. He was also elected delegate at large from Missouri to the National convention in 1900. He served for many years as chairman of the Republican central committee of Carroll County and was for many years a member of the Republican state committee, but, while

keeping in close touch with the important issues of the day, he has ceased to be a working factor in the ranks of the party because of the demands made upon his time and attention professionally.

Mr. Minnis was married at Carlisle, Ky., to Martha A. Standley, and they have three sons and a daughter, Milton Standley, Marie Louise, James Louis, and Wells Blodgett. Mr. Minnis is a member of the St. Louis and University clubs here and is well known in the city and state. He has been and is distinctively a man of affairs and one who has wielded a wide influence; a strong mentality, an invincible courage and a most determined individuality have so entered his make-up as to render him a natural leader of men and a director of opinion."

The following is from a St. Louis paper of December 10, 1912:

Moriarty-Minnis Engagement

Mrs. J. L. Minnis of 6 Beverly Place gave a luncheon yesterday afternoon in honor of her daughter, Miss Louise Minnis, whose engagement to Mr. Joseph Sauvageau Moriarty was made known formally. The table, which was laid with covers for twenty, was attractively decorated with great yellow chrysanthemums, with central knots of violets and the whole tied with streamers of yellow and violet ribbon, the color scheme being in honor of Williams College,

Connecticut, of which Mr. Moriarty is a graduate. In the center of the basket of flowers was a cluster of love birds and butterflies. The happy secret was not disclosed until the conclusion of the repast, when the guests were gathered in the library. A graphophone record made by Mr. Milton Standley Minnis, brother of the bride to be, revealed in a well-chosen address the prospective wedding. Miss Minnis is young, not yet having made her debut. She was to have been formally presented this winter, but she chose matrimony instead of a debut. She is tall and slender, with a gracefully proportioned figure, and has wavy brown hair and blue eyes. Mr. Moriarty is the son of the late Stephen Moriarty, his mother having come from the fine old French-Canadian family of Sauvageau. The twenty girls present were: Misses Genevieve Rea of Kansas City, Mo.; Alline Bollin, Ina Morris, Ethel Sulton, Lillian Mollet, Marvel Langan, Annie Laurie Warmack, Louise Hemmingway, Stella Lampell, Grace Pingree, Carmelita Anderson, Mary Rook, Helene Wrape, Virginia Linn, Helen Bolland and Louise Edwards; Mrs. Andrew Kauffman.--Globe Democrat.

Mrs. Minnis is the daughter of Milton and Victoria (Peyton) Standley. Her paternal grandfather, James Standley, was a pioneer of Carrollton. Her great grandfather, John Standley, entered the land on which Carrollton is built. Mr. Minnis, while practicing at the Carrollton bar, was

connected with the Taylor, Godwin and many other cases of more than local interest.

d. Nancy Ann Minnis; m. William Hook from Corridor, Ia. Issue:

(a) Verla Ray

(b) Thomas

(c) Lewis

(d) Neil

(e) Emma

(f) Ella

(g) Dorothy

e. Myrtle Ellen Minnis; m. William Henry Chapman, whose parents were from England. No issue. Mr. Chapman has a grandfather's clock brought by his father from England, which is over two hundred years old.

f. Effie May Minnis; m. David Moran Carson, a native of Missouri, but now living at Jackson, Tenn. Issue:

(a) Imogene

(b) David Minnis

g. Alcoena Glenn Minnis; m. Ora Rafferty, now of Tonkawa, Okla. Issue:

(a) Donald Lowrey

(b) Ora Arthur, Jr.

Mrs. Emeline (Templeman) Minnis died July 12, 1911, was a member of the Baptist church, a devout Christian,

faithful wife and loving mother--a woman who endeavored to instill high ideals in the minds of her children. Thomas Minnis is a minister of the Baptist church.

(2) Martha Catherine Minnis; m. James H. Bristoe (son of Levi Bristoe, who married a Miss Goodson). Issue:

a. John

b. Willie

c. Harvey (died in youth)

d. Newell

(3) Robert Minnis (died aged 16)

(4) Julia Ann Minnis, m. John French (lives in Newburgh, Ore.). Issue:

a.--son

(5) Margaret Emeline Minnis, M. Lloyd Elliott (live near Dewitt, Mo.)

a. James, moved to Texas.

(6) Harvey Minnis, m. Lou Brock (Stafford, Kan.) Issue:

a. James, m.--

b. Ora, m.--

c. Wesley, m.--

d. Eddie, m.--

(7) Lovie Minnis, m. Leroy Sampson (Wewooks, Okla). Issue:

a. Pearl, m. Steve Douglas (2 children).

b. Grace, m. James Killingsworth.

c. Ethel, m.--

d. Rector

e. Marjorie

MRS. NANCY MINNIS GRAHAM

3. Nancy Jane Minnis was the third child of Thomas and Parmela (Warren) Minnis. She was born in Howard County, Missouri, August 1821. At the age of thirteen she moved to Carroll County, Missouri, with her parents, living on the home place west of Carrollton.

March 29, 1846, she was married to William Harvey Graham, who was born in Marion County, Kentucky, December 18, 1821. He moved to Carroll County in 1838. Mr. Graham was engaged in farming near Bogard Mound and later in a woolen mill in Carrollton.

In 1871 they moved to Texas. The marriage ceremony of Mr. and Mrs. Graham was performed by Rev. B. H. Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham became active Christian workers in early life. Both were very pious and their home was the home of the ministers of the early day. Their house often was the place for holding preaching services. Their lives were living sermons, hospitality, charity, love and devotion to the Savior were their characteristics. They have left the example of beautiful, noble lives to their descendants.

In 1850 Mr. Graham went to California gold fields with about sixty others. In the party were John R. Graham, Harry McCall, Rev. John Dunlop, John M. Braden, William B. Minnis, Warren Minnis and Robert Minnis. Few of this large party are now living.

Mrs. Graham died September 21, 1907, and Mr. Graham died November 22, 1908. Issue:

(1) Parmela Harriet

(2) William T.

(3) Georgie Anne

(4) Sarah Frances

(5) Lavinia Jane

(6) Lucretia

(7) Charles Fletcher

(8) Malinda Justina (Jessie)

(1) Parmela Harriet Graham, deceased

(2) William T. Graham, Greenville, Texas, married Ella Staples, daughter of James Staples of Brunswick, Missouri. Issue:

a. Jessie

b. Fannie

c. Lulu

d. Bettie

e. James Staples

f. Bertha (deceased)

g. Mary (single)

h. Nancy Jane (single)

(a) Jessie Graham married John Douglas (Austin, Texas). Issue:

(a) Francis

(b) Fannie Graham married Dan Upthegrove (Dallas, Texas). Issue:

(a) Ella May

(b) Elizabeth

(c) Daniel

(c) Lula Graham married Oliver Herndon (Greenville, Texas). Issue:

(a) Hester Lena

(b) Graham

(c) Ella

(d) --(deceased)

(e) --(deceased)

d. Bettie Graham married Ernes Thompson (Hillsboro, Texas). No issue

e. James Staples Graham (Dallas, Texas) married Theresa Lee. No issue.

h. Nancy Jane Graham and (g) Mary Graham are still at home.

g. Bertha (deceased)

(3) Georgia A. Graham married Seth Green. Mr. Green

is dead, and his widow lives in Dallas, Texas. Issue:

a. Albert

b. Harvey

a. Albert Green married and lives in Denver, Colorado.

b. Harvey Green married Jessie Ford.

(4) Sarah Frances Graham married J. T. Liner (Knoxville, Tenn.) Issue:

a. Anna Graham

b. Tula Crow

c. Samuel

(a) Anna Liner married Darwin Shelby (Memphis, Tenn.) The family now lives in Hillsboro, Texas (except Mrs. Shelby).

(5) Lavinia Jane Graham married J. M. Bolen. Mrs. Bolen is dead, the other members of the family reside in Dallas, Texas. Issue:

a. Lela May, m. J. Harvey Coleman

b. William Harvey (married)

c. Jessie Allen (single)

(6) Lucretia Graham (no data)

(7) Charles Fletcher Graham married Etta Fox (Hillsboro, Tenn.) Issue:

a. William

b. Etta Jess

c. Fletcher

(8) Malinda Justina (Jessie) Graham married A. E. Graham of Denton, Texas. Mr. Graham is quoted by the press as having been one of the most metropolitan business men of Texas. He being the founder of Graham Mercantile Combination Company of eighteen of the leading dry goods establishments in Texas and Oklahoma and was also identified with various banking interests in Denton, Collins, Grayson and Franklin counties and with lumber interests in Denton. And during the many years of his business career few men within the domain of Texas have done so much for the state's development. Mrs. Graham is popular in church and social circles and was formerly a partner with her brother in the mercantile business. They have no children. A. E. Graham died 1912.

JAMES HORACE MINNIS

4. James Horace Minnis, son of Thomas and Parmela (Warren) Minnis, was born in Howard County, Missouri, August 20, 1822, coming to Carroll County with his parents in 1834.

He remained at the old homestead in Trotter until attaining his majority, then for several years he worked at the tailoring trade, later going into the mercantile business in Carrollton as a member of the firm of Ely, Minnis & Company, and for about thirty years was one of the leading

merchants of the county. Disposing of his interest in the store he returned to the farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Mr. Minnis was a man of genial, social nature, won and kept his friends; a man of integrity and ability. He married December 11, 1849, Mrs. Malinda Toberman New. Mrs. Minnis was born in Pendleton County, Virginia, April 14, 1827. She was the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Campbell) Toberman. When eight years of age she moved with her parents to Illinois, where they remained five years, after which they came to Carrollton, Missouri. This was in 1845. The following year Malinda Toberman married William New, who died about one year later. One child was born of this union, whose only son, Dr. James Nes, lives in Kansas City, Missouri.

John Taberman was the son of Henry and Sarah (Smith) Toberman. Elizabeth Campbell was the daughter of James and Malinda (Harrison) Campbell. Malinda Harrison was a Virginian and a near relative of President William Henry Harrison.

James Minnis was at one time assessor of Carroll county and made the first plat the county ever had. For fifty years Mr. Minnis was one of the pillars of the Southern Methodist Church. A man of strong character and great ability. How strange after a long and happy life together,

that death should claim husband and wife within a few hours of each other. Their unfaltering trust was in God and "all was well." And while their spirits passed to the great beyond, their bodies were tenderly laid to rest in the same grave.

Mrs. Minnis died February 21, 1906, and Mr. Minnis died February 23, 1906. Their funeral was held February 25th, conducted by Rev. Warren Whiteside, interment at Oak Hill Cemetery. Issue:

(1) Eliza Jane, b. Sept. 24, 1850. (Died aged 4 years.)

(2) George, b. June 17, 1853. (Died aged 1 year.)

(3) Frank Ernest, b. May 27, 1856.

(4) Henry James, b. Sept. 27, 1858.

(5) Lewis McCammon, b. Aug. 3, 1861.

(6) Sam Horace, b. Dec. 28, 1863.

(7) Emma Bell, b. Apr. 18, 1866.

(8) Ralph Toberman, April 13, 1873.

(3) Frank Ernest Minnis was born in Carrollton, Missouri, and was educated in the public schools of his native town. After the family moved to the country he assisted his father with the work on the farm until attaining his majority. He engaged in agriculture on his own responsibility and now owns one of the best improved farms in the county.

Mr. Minnis is one of the influential Democrats of the county, having held a number of important offices. He served as trustee of Trotter Township for twelve years and was judge of the County Court from the Western district for two terms of two years each. It was during his term of office that the present handsome Court House was built. In all positions of public trust Mr. Minnis looked to the interest of the people he served and was an honored and popular official. In 1885 he was married to Joanna P. Smith, born in Boone Center, Ohio, daughter of Jacob and Susan (Shride) Smith, both of Piqua County, Ohio. Issue:

a. Walter Shride

b. Roger

c. Smith

d. Frank Ernest, Jr.

e. Horace

f. Homer

a. Walter S. Minnis is in business in California, b. Roger Minnis, c. Smith Minnis, e. Horace Minnis, f. Homer Minnis, are still at home. d. Frank E. Minnis, Jr., was killed by a horse when ten years of age. Mrs. Frank E. Minnis died December 28, 1910. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Mr. Minnis being a member of the official board.

(4) Henry J. Minnis was born in Carroll County,

Missouri, married November, 1838, Ollie Vene Smithpeter, daughter of William and Mary (Doak) Smithpeter of Tennessee. Issue:

a. Maud Smithpeter

b. Mabel Doak

c. Roscoe

d. James

a. Maud and d. James Minnis at home. b. Mabel Doak Minnis married December 14, 1911, Clyde Glaze. They live at Larned, Kansas. c. Roscoe Minnis married at Meade, Kansas, December 25, 1906, Effie Breckenridge. Issue:

(a) Johnnie Effie

(b) June Inez

They now reside at Middlewater, Texas.

(5) Lewis McCammon Minnis married Annie Kulp. Issue:

a. Martha

b. Melinda

Lewis M. Minnis died, his widow has remarried and now lives at Judsonia, Arkansas.

(6) Sam Horace Minnis was born in Carroll County, Missouri. Mr. Minnis is popular and a man of financial ability. He married Nov. 16, 1887, Ida Standley, daughter of Robert and Martha (Goodson) Standley and granddaughter of James and Mary (Trotter) Standley. Martha Goodson was the daughter of James Madison and Clarissa (Trotter)Goodson.

Mary Trotter and Clarissa Trotter were sisters. Mr. and Mrs. Minnis have a pleasant home on West Benton Street, Carrollton, Mo. He is the newly elected Police Administrator on the Democratic ticket. Issue:

a. Opal Louise

b. Robert Standley

c. Emma Martha

d. David McAnally

e. Dorothy Virginia

a. Opal Louise Minnis was married October 6, 1909 to William Eads Cason, son of Herbert Errickson and Willie (Eads) Cason and grandson of L. H. and Martha (Errickson) Cason, both natives of Howard County, Mo. His grandfather, George Cason, was a native of Virginia, but came to Missouri at an early day, becoming one of the state's prominent pioneers. Mrs. Willie (Eads) Cason was the daughter of William Eads, a prominent educator and lawyer of Carrollton, Missouri, whose father, Rev. Martin Eads, was a distinguished minister of the Methodist Church in Virginia. The second wife of William Eads and mother of Mrs. H. E. Cason was Laura Blackwell, a man prominent in the early official and business life of Carroll County, a Virginian by birth, and whose father, Colonel Joseph Blackwell, was an officer in the Revolutionary War.

Mr. and Mrs. William Eads Cason live in Carrollton,

Mo.; they have one child, Louise, born September 11, 1910.

b. Robert Standley Minnis, c. Emma M. Minnis, d. David M. Minnis and e. Dorothy V. Minnis are still at home.

(7) Emma Bell Minnis married Dec. 12, 1897, John Chandler, b. March 4, 1861, son of Quint and Elizabeth (Simpson) Chandler and grandson of James and Virginia (Cabell) Simpson of Kentucky. Quint Chandler was from Marion County, Ky., son of Richard Chandler, Jr. and his wife, Isabella McNeil of Kentucky. The Chandlers came from Virginia to Kentucky, thence to Missouri. The mother of Richard was a Miss Edmonson.

They live on the farm homesteaded by Mrs. Chandler's grandfather, Thomas Minnis, in 1843. Issue:

a. Frances.

b. James Richard

(8) Ralph (single)

John Toberman, father of Mrs. James Minnis, was born in Virginia in the year Washington died. He lived to be ninety years old and was a pioneer in Indiana, Iowa and Missouri. His father, Henry Toberman, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He served under both Washington and Wayne and received a bayonet wound at the capture of Stony Point. He enlisted at the beginning of the war and served seven years, until its close.

WARREN BARTON MINNIS

5. Warren Barton Minnis was born November 29, 1823, in Howard County, Missouri. He moved with his father to Carroll County March, 1834. For many years he lived on the farm entered by his father, Judge Thomas Minnis, from the government; this farm is about four and one-half miles northwest of Carrollton. He resided a short time at Bogard, but in 1877 moved to his farm, just west of the city limits. In 1900 he moved to Carrollton. He died at his home on North Folger Street August 23, 1902. His wife, Sarah Ann Campbell, born May 7, 1827, in Ohio, died November 17, 1900. They were married November 9, 1848, having celebrated their golden wedding after many years of happiness. Mr. and Mrs. Minnis were loved and respected for their many virtues. They were always ready to help those in need; their home was ever that of hospitality. Issue:

(1) Pamela Catherine

(2) Mary Susan

(3) Smith (single)

(4) Carty

(5) Dick (died in infancy)

(6) Martha Frances (single)

(7) Malinda

(8) William (died aged 3 years)

(9) Charles Warren (died aged 1 year).

(1) Pamela Catherine Minnis married February 25, 1800, Daniel Brown Russell, son of Daniel Russell, who was born 1802, in Cabell County, West Va., son of Jeffrey Russell, a native of North Carolina, who served in the Revolutionary Army under General Lee. Daniel Russell, Sr., married in 1829, Lucy Lane, daughter of Carr Lane of Fairfax County, Va., whose line of ancestry is connected with that of Sir Walter Raleigh. Her father was a soldier of the Revolution. Daniel Russell, Sr., died in Carroll County, Mo., September 22, 1881, and Daniel Russell, Jr., died July 7, 1904. Issue:

a. Lena

b. Ernest Barton

c. Lucy

d. William

b. Ernest Barton Russell, m. Dec. 14, 1911, Jeanette Morrow, b. July 4, 1889, at Norborne, Mo., daughter of Albert Lewis Morrow, b. Oct. 8, 1855, died Aug. 14, 1899, and his wife, Lavinia A. Squires, daughter of Walter Otis Squires, b. Oct. 8, 1824, in Adair County, Kentucky, and his wife, Frances Evelyn Hancock, daughter of Stephen Hancock, one of the pioneers of Carroll County, Mo. W. O. Squires came with his parents to Carroll County in May, 1842, he was a veteran of the Mexican war. A. L. Morrow was the youngest son of Samuel and Jeanette Morrow of

Newark, New Jersey, was graduated from Princeton University, was admitted to the bar, but upon coming West engaged in the teaching profession; principal of the Dobson School, Carrollton, Mo., for several years, was superintendent of the Norborne public school and County School Commissioner, later practiced law in Norborne, Mo.

c. Lucy Russell married Fred Durwald Cobb, born December 29, 1883, died January 27, 1911, son of David Cobb, b. in Porter County, Ind., Oct. 8, 1838, and his wife, Laura Adella Lane, b. in Hardin County, Iowa, Feb. 22, 1858, m. March 3, 1880. They came to Carroll County, Missouri, 1865. David Cobb died at his home, four miles north of Carrollton, Mo., Feb. 16, 1912.

d. William Brown Russell married Sarah Ellen Busby April 21, 1909, daughter of Isaac Jackson Busby, b. Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 1, 1852, and his wife, Charlotte Boyd, b. June 29, 1853, and granddaughter of John Boyd, b. Van Wert, Ohio, Aug. 1, 1824, and his wife, Reece Thorp, b. Warren County, Ohio, March 6, 1828, married 1849. John Boyd and wife came to Missouri after the Civil War, locating in Carroll County, near "Old Baum's Mill," until Mrs. Boyd's death, when Mr. Boyd moved to Saint Edward, Boone County, Neb., where he died June 25, 1903. Issue:

a. Marjorie, b. July 19, 1910

(2) Mary Susan Minnis married January 6, 1886, George

Robert Starnes, born 1851, in Coffee County, Tennessee, son of James M. and Jane (McCarry) Starnes. Jane McCarry was born July 24, 1820 in Huntsville, Alabama. She was the daughter of George McCarry, born in Ireland, and his wife, Melvina McDaniel. Bob Starnes, as he was familiarly known, came to Carroll County in 1859. For several years he was engaged in farming, later he moved to Carrollton and for many years was in the livery business. Mr. Starnes was one of Carrollton's most prominent and popular business men and was senior member of the grocery firm, Marshall & Starnes. He died Dec. 21, 1911. Issue:

a. Bessie, m. Nov. 6, 1912, John Edwin Hoban of Carrollton, Mo., formerly of Ohio.

(4) Carty Minnis married Miss Tiederman. Issue:

a. Emma

b. Louise

(7) Malinda Minnis married Thomas Roger Hanson Hamilton of Carlisle, Nicholas County, Kentucky. They lived in Carrollton, Missouri, several years, but at present reside at Sapulpa, Okla. Issue:

a. Nellie

b. Warren Minnis

c. Bertha

d. Mary Howse

MRS. SARAH MINNIS BRADEN

6. Sarah Ann Minnis, sixth child of Thomas and Parmela (Warren) Minnis, was born in Howard County, Missouri, March 10, 1825. Came with her parents to Carroll County, Missouri, in 1834. Living at the home place, just west of Carrollton, until her marriage to John N. Braden.

Mr. Braden was born in Adair County, Kentucky, July 2, 1824. He emigrated to Missouri in 1836. Here he resided almost continuously during his life. In 1850 he joined the tide of emigrants to the gold fields of California, where he resided a short time, afterward returning to Carroll County. Mr. Braden was a Christian gentleman; for sixty years he was a member of the Methodist Church, honest and charitable. Mr. and Mrs. Braden resided on a farm near the village of Coloma for nearly forty years, later moving to Carrollton. This worthy couple lived to celebrate their golden wedding. Issue:

(1) Martha Jane

(2) Amelia Frances

(3) James William

(4) Lovie B.

(5) Letitia

(6) Thomas Minnis

(1) Martha Jane Braden, born June 11, 1852, married

first April 8, 1869, James McCall, no issue. She married second in 1878, Dr. William C. Baird, who was born in Lincoln County, Missouri, July 9, 1838. His father was James A. Baird, born in Kentucky, 1803, and died 1876, in Lafayette County, Missouri. His mother was Martha A. Briggs Baird, born in Kentucky, and died 1866 in Lafayette County, Missouri. Dr. W. C. Baird is the most popular man in his section of Carroll County. He studied medicine under Dr. G. P. Herndon, graduated from Rush Medical College, and attended medical lectures at the Missouri Medical College in St. Louis, also attended lectures in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Baird is the oldest physician in the county, having been in active practice for forty-eight years. He has also been a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for the past thirty years. There are no children by this union. Dr. Baird has seven children by a former marriage.

(2) Amelia Frances Braden, born Nov. 9, 1853, married John C. Rogers Feb. 4, 1875. No issue.

(3) James William Braden is a bachelor and a member of the well known and prosperous book firm, Braden & Orchard of Carrollton, Missouri.

(4) Lewis B. Braden married Sept. 18, 1857, Marion J. Trussell Issue:

a. Ralph

b. Ruth (died in childhood)

c. Leah

d. Jessie

a. Ralph Trussell married Bessie McClanahan. Issue:

(a) Mildred Frances

(5) Letitia Braden married June 2, 1886, James Milton Lewis. Issue:

a. William Ernest (died in infancy)

b. Joe Shelby, married Violet Valberg of Oklahoma City, Dec. 20, 1911.

Joe Shelby Lewis is a graduate of the Carrollton High School and was a University student; at present has a lucrative position in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. J. M. Lewis is with the Home Mercantile Co. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have a pleasant home on North Main Street, Carrollton, Missouri; both communicants of the Southern Methodist Church. Mr. Lewis having been twenty years a steward of that church.

(6) Thomas Minnie Braden married Leslie McCall. Issue:

a. Lena, m. John Hiderman (one child)

b. Lura

c. Linus Bolen

d. Harry

e. Jack

Mrs. J. N. Braden died November 17, 1900, and the following Sabbath her funeral was held at the Memorial Methodist Church, Carrollton. The funeral of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Warren B. Minnis, was held at the same time and place. Rev. Thompson Penn. R. A. Austin and T. L. West officiating at this double funeral in the presence of a large concourse of friends and relatives. J. N. Braden died March 19, 1905. The Braden home in the early day was the home of the itinerant Methodist ministers, and for years the preaching was held at their house, as there were no churches between Carrollton and Chillicothe. The pure Christian life of Mrs. Braden was a benediction to those who knew her and a heritage to her children.

ROBERT HANCOCK MINNIS

(7) Robert Hancock Minnis, son of Thomas and Parmela (Warren) Minnis, was born in Howard County, Missouri, December 27, 1826. Came to Carroll County with his parents when a child and his after life was passed continuously in this county. He married, 1854, Bethiah Miles, b. Nov. 6, 1836, daughter of William Miles, b. in North Carolina, d. 1844, and his wife, Eliza Lovell, b. in Tennessee, d. Nov. 30, 1878.

Mr. Minnis was a prominent farmer and stock man.

After a long and useful life he and his good wife celebrated their golden wedding. Mr. Minnis died June 26, 1905, at his residence, 710 West Seventh Street, Carrollton, Missouri, loved and respected by all. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. M. H. Moore of the Memorial Methodist Church at the home, and the remains were interred at Oak Hill Cemetery. Issue:

(1) William Eliza

(2) Margaret Calistine

(3) Jefferson Davis

(4) Mary Roberta

(5) Frances Emmaline

(6) Henry Smith (Hal)

(7) Blanche

(1) William Eliza Minnis, b. Dec. 23, 1855, m. April 29, 1886, May Standley, son of William and Sarah (Maggard) Standley and grandson of John Standley, who came from Wilkes County, North Carolina, to Carroll County in November 1819, and entered large tracts of land, donating to the town of Carrollton the most of the land upon which the city is built. William Standley, b. Jan. 29, 1822, was married in March 1845 to Sarah Maggard, who was born in Monroe County, Virginia, May 19, 1826. The Standleys were among the most prominent of the early settlers of Carroll County, Missouri. Issue:

a. Joseph William, b. Dec. 29, 1887, d. Jan. 4, 1888.

b. Grace May, b. March 29, 1889, d. Aug. 3, 1889.

c. Ray H., b. July 26, 1890

d. Sarah, b. Aug. 18, 1891

e. May L., b. Nov. 17, 1892

f. Patti, b. Dec. 17, 1893

g. Robert T., b. Jan. 15, 1895.

Ray Standley graduated from the Carrollton High School in 1811 and is now attending the State University. May Standley graduated from the High School 1912.

(2) Margaret Calestine Minnis, b. Jan. 23, 1858, m. Fletcher Trotter Dec. 24, 1885, son of Judge James Trotter, b. in Augusta County, Virginia, March 4, 1805, and his second wife, Mrs. Jane Beard (daughter of Major James Fletcher of Lafayette County, Mo.), married 1847. Judge James Trotter was the son of James and Mary (Beard) Trotter, who emigrated from Virginia to Cumberland County, Ky., 1806. James Trotter, Sr., served in the war of 1812 and died in the army while his regiment was stationed on the northern frontier, near Canada. Mr. Fletcher Trotter is the senior member of the firm of Trotter & Minnis of Roe, Arkansas. They have no children.

(3) Jefferson Davis Minnis, m. Oct. 30, 1901, Joe Dan (Cannon) Williams, b. Dewitt, Ark., daughter of

Daniel S. and Joanna V. (Gaylor) Williams, formerly of Holly Springs, Miss., but later of Dewitt, Ark. Mr. Minnis is a member of the firm of Trotter & Minnis, dealers in merchandise, live stock and land. The other members of the firm are his brother, Hal Minnis, and brother-in law, Fletcher Trotter. They are located at Roe, in the Grand Prairie district of Arkansas and are doing a lucrative business. Issue:

a. Jewel Aline, b. August 14, 1902, at Roe, Arkansas.

(4) Mary Roberta Minnis, b. June 5, 1864, m. first Billy Barrier, 1881. Issue:

a. Gladys May, b. May 10, 1882

b. Katie Edith, b. Aug. 8, 1884, d. Sept. 11, 1899

c. James William, b. Aug. 4, 1886.

Married second Charles Barrier, live in Iowa.

d. Agnes Lynn

e. Robert Fletcher

f. Mary Frances

g. Margaret Calestine

a. Gladys May Barrier, m. George Milhouser; at present in Ottumwa, Iowa. Issue:

(a) Charles Roscoe

(b) George Adrian

(c) James William Barrier, m. Jessie Wagner of

Ottumwa, Iowa. Issue:

(a) Zelda Ruth

(5) Frances Emmaline Minnis, b. Feb. 7, 1868, in Ray County, Mo., m. (first) October 20, 1886, to Ira Lindsey Parker, born in Knox County, Mo., Dec. 31, 1860, son of Richard Jones Parker, b. in Marion County, Mo., May 31, 1837, and his wife, Mary Catherine Kelly, b. in Kentucky, July 17, 1837. Ira Lindsey Parker died Aug. 20, 1890. Issue:

a. Ruth Calestine Parker, b. August 25, 1887, in Hale, Mo. Graduated from the Carrollton High School in 1905. Soon after graduation she moved with her mother to Spokane, Washington, where on June 5, 1907, she married Grant Dixon, b. March 16, 1882, son of Henry Reed White and Charlotte (Keene) Dixon, both of prominent old Maryland families. Issue:

(a) Henry Richard

(b) Frances Elizabeth

(c) Dorothy May

December 5, 1901, Frances Minnis Parker married (second) John W. Hartis of Carroll County, Missouri. They reside at 2524 East First Avenue, Spokane, Washington. No issue.

(6) Henry Smith Minnis, familiarly known as

"Hal", b. Nov. 1, 1871, m. Rose Reynolds 1897. Hal Minnis is the junior member of the firm of Trotter & Minnis of Roe, Arkansas. Issue:

a. Ruth Calestine (deceased)

b. Hal Fletcher

c. Robert Gillem (deceased)

(7) Blanche Minnis, b. January 14, 1876, is still with her mother at the old homestead and is an active and earnest worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Her beautiful character is shown in her tender care of her aged mother and keeping a cheerful welcome for the absent members of the family when they return to the old home.

MARY MINNIS CARY

(8) Mary Ball Minnis was born March 16, 1828. She was the eighth child of Thomas and Parmela (Warren) Minnis and was born in Howard County, Missouri, coming to Carroll County in 1834. Here she met and married William Cary, born November 23, 1826, son of Nathaniel and Sophia (Cary) Cary. Issue:

(1) Alice (died in girlhood)

(2) Sophia

(3) Thomas Minnis (died in childhood)

(2) Sophia Cary, second daughter of William and Mary Ball (Minnis) Cary, was born in Carroll County, Missouri, where she grew to womanhood, and January 9, 1879, she was married to James William Faris of the same county. Mr. Faris was the son of James Madison and Caroline (Trotter) Faris of Kentucky. Caroline Trotter Faris was the daughter of William and Sarah Trotter. Issue:

a. Clyde H.

b. Ulah

c. Frank M.

d. Harry G.

e. Mary (twin)

f. William (twin)

g. Caroline

a. Clyde Faris married Jane Helpinstine. Issue:

(a) William A.

(b) John R.

Clyde Faris and family live at Meadville, Penn.

b. Ulah Faris married Fin. C. Reed, son of Ed Reed, and now lives in Minneola, Kansas. Issue:

(a) Ethel

(b) James

(c) Edward W.

(d) _____

The other children of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Faris are still at home.

The grandparents of Mr. Faris were James, Jr. and Sarah (Deering) Faris (both from Kentucky).

James Faris, Jr. was the son of James Faris, Sr. and his wife, Mary Murry (from Ireland).

James Faris, Sr. was born 1746, and his wife in 1759.

Mary Ball Minnis Cary died January 16, 1860. William Cary died September 19, 1869.

The Cary family came from Tennessee to Missouri. Nathaniel Cary's great-grandfather came from Ireland to Virginia. Nathaniel and several brothers went from Virginia to Tennessee and from this state to Carroll County, Missouri. Nathaniel coming to Missouri about 1817, being one of the early and most prominent pioneers of Carroll County.

WILLIAM BRISCOE MINNIS

(9) William Briscoe Minnis, ninth child of Thomas and Parmela (Warren) Minnis, was born April 19, 1830, in Howard County, Missouri, and received his early educational training in the primitive log cabin schoolhouse common to the period in which he spent his childhood and youth. He was reared on a farm, and there gained habits of industry and thrift, and on leaving home in 1853, entered the store of R. G. Martin, in the town of Carrollton, Mo., where he remained until 1869, when he formed a partnership with James Tull (for many years clerk of the Probate Court) in the mercantile business. Afterwards he went in business with Messrs. Painter and Shanklin. Their mercantile establishment being the building now occupied by the First National Bank, and called the Centennial Building. The firm bought the ground for this building for $5,500. Wesley D. Shanklin of this firm lately died in that city and was vice president of the First National Bank. Samuel L. Painter, the other member, now deceased, was the father of William Painter, one of the editors of the Carrollton Democrat and lately elected lieutenant governor of Missouri. This firm continued in business for many years, building up a flourishing trade throughout the country. Next Mr. Minnis was in business with James R. Clinkscales. In partnership with his sons and several

other parties, he organized about 1890, the New York Store, and for several years looked after the management, later retiring from the active responsibility; the management passing to his three sons. On November 29, 1860, Mr. Minnis was married to Sena Hulse, b. April 27, 1833, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Calloway) Hulse, of Howard County, this state, but formerly of Kentucky. She died January 14, 1912, after many years of patient suffering, which was borne with Christian fortitude seldom equaled. She was a good wife and mother, her husband and children in her hours of affliction, ministered to her every want with tenderest love and devotion. Issue:

(1) Edward

(2) Rector Barton

(3) Luther

(4) Kate

Mr. Minnis' long experience in merchandising proved very successful from a financial point of view and with a comfortable competence, he is now spending the closing years of a long and active life in quiet, but surrounded by the loving care of children and grandchildren.

In 1850 Mr. Minnis went to California with the company of Captain Jonathan Miles, sixty-three in number, few of wom are left; Columbus Gillet, Bosworth, Mo., and Morton Kendrick, Marceline, mo., being among those living.

William B. Minnis was on the Union side during the Civil war, serving for a time as revenue collector for the army. In politics he was a Prohibitionist, and in religion a Methodist, to which church his wife also belonged.

(1) Edward Minnis married Lelia L. Warner, October 17, 1893, born in Keokuk, Iowa, and daughter of Jennie (Fleming) Warner, born in St. Louis, Mo., July 28, 1848, and John T. Warner, born in Belleview, Mo., September 13, 1846, son of David Warner, born in Baltimore, Maryland, October 16, 1812. His ancestors were natives of Maryland, and his wife, Susan (Hughes) Warner, born in Caledonia, Mol, September 28, 1823. Her ancestors were natives of Missouri. The parents of Jennie (Fleming) Warner were John Fleming, born in Paisley, Scotland, November 11, 1804. (His ancestors were natives of Scotland) and Annie (Dawson) Fleming, born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 4, 1828. Her ancestors were Pennsylvanians. Edward Minnis, manager of the New York Store, is one of the influential business men of Carrollton. Previous to the organization of this store, he was in the grocery business. He and his charming wife have a cozy cottage on West Benton Street. They have no children.

(2) Rector Bartin Minnis is also identified with the New York Store, doing the buying for the firm and

attending to the correspondence. He is an accomplished business man, popular in business and social circles. Mr. Minnis was married February 24, 1891, to Fannie Quarles. Issue:

a. John Clayton

b. Edward Luther

c. Caroline (died Sept. 23, 1909)

d. William Quarles (died in infancy)

Mrs. Minnis is the daughter of John Clayton Quarles, born in Lebanon, Tennessee, who married Martha Sanderson, of Richmond, Missouri. Her grandfather was William Trigg Quarles, of Virginia, who married Susan Clayton, of Kentucky. William Trigg Quarles was the son of Roger and Elizabeth (Trigg) Quarles, Virginians. Martha Sanderson was the daughter of Edward Sanderson, a Scotchman, and his wife, Rosa Graham, of Frankfort, Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Minnis have two talented sons, John Clayton Minnis being quite a musician and for several years organist at the Memorial Methodist church. Edward Minnis inclines to the mercantile profession and is a high school student. Their home on North Folger Street is one of hospitality. Their only daughter died in girlhood, a lovely child, a ray of sunshine to the home. A flower transplanted to the Heavenly Father's Kingdom. Mrs. Minnis is an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal

Church, South, her two sons are also communicants of this church.

(3) Luther Minnis is also identified with the New York Store, having charge of the shoe department and is deservedly popular. He married May 4, 1892, one of Carroll's daughters, Susan B. Grace. Issue:

a. Harry

b. William

Mrs. Minnis is a lady of lovely character, hospitable, charitable, a zealous church worker, being ably assisted in her work by her husband and sons; all being members of the Methodist Church, South. She is a daughter of Stephen Wheeler and Frances Lawson (Blue) Grace. Mr. Grace was a Virginian and son of Jacob Grace and his wife, Barbara Ella Wheeler. Frances Lawson Blue was the daughter of Uriah and Rebecca (Inskip) Blue of Virginia.

(4) Kate Minnis, the fourth child and only daughter of William Briscoe and Sena (Hulse) Minnis, married July 6, 1889, William Selwyn Holliday. Issue:

a. Ruth

b. William, Jr.

Mr. Holliday was a son of Rev. Robert Newton Terrill Holliday, born November 21, 1832, Paris, Tenn., a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He married April 25, 1858, at Waverly, Ill., Sophia Frances Deatherage,

born 1831, Morton County, Illinois, a daughter of Achilles Deatherage, b. Feb. 8, 1799, d. March 26, 1848, and his wife, Malinda Rogers, b. July 12, 1806 in Logan County, Ky., d. March 19, 1879; married February 26, 1828. He moved to Illinois in 1827.

Achilles Deatherage was the son of George Deatherage, b. in Stokes County, North Carolina, d. 1807. He was married twice, first to Nancy Johnson, second to Minnie Bingham.

George Deatherage was the son of George Deatherage, born and died in Stokes County, N. C. He came to America from England and married Sarah Gaines. He was the son of James Death b. 1700, d. 1742, son of Thomas (living 1615) son of Wm. D'Aeth, married in the time of Edward VI, Anne, daughter of Vaugh, of Erith. (Deatherage chart).

The D'Eath family of Flanders, France, went to England with William the Conqueror in A. D. 1060. The D'Eath of Flanders of the 14th century became the Etherage of England in the 15th century and the Deatherage of America in the 16th century. Rev. R. N. T. Holliday was the son of William McK. Holliday, born in Bath County, Ky., December 27, 1807, and his wife, Adelia Coldwell; and grandson of Chas. Holliday.

W. S. Holliday is one of the editors of the Democrat, he and his family are influential members of the Methodist

Episcopal Church, South. Their daughter, Ruth, is a graduate of the Carrollton High School, while Billy, Jr., is just entering the primary department. Mr. and Mrs. Holliday live 209 East Benton Street.

ELIZA MINNIS

10. Eliza Minnis, tenth child of Thomas and Parmela (Warren) Minnis, died in childhood.

AMELIA MINNIS

11. Amelia Minnis, eleventh child of Thomas and Parmela (Warren) Minnis, died in childhood.

MRS. MARTHA MINNIS TROTTER

12. Martha Frances, the youngest child of Thomas and Parmela (Warren) Minnis, was born at the old Minnis homestead, four miles northwest of Carrollton, Missouri, August 24, 1836. All her life was spent in Carrollton and Carroll county. December 22, 1854, she was united in marriage to Alexander Trotter, who was born in Carroll County, Missouri, April 19, 1829, son of John and Miriam (Stanley) Trotter, and grandson of James Trotter, who served in the War of 1812. John Trotter located in Carroll county at a very early date; his wife was a native of North Carolina and died in 1862. His father, and

grandfather of Alexander Trotter, James Trotter, was of Irish descent, but the family lived in Virginia for several generations. James Trotter moved from Augusta county, Virginia, to Cumberland county, Kentucky, in 1806. His wife was Mary Beard. He died during the War of 1812, while with his regiment on the Northern frontier near Canada.

Alexander Trotter was a farmer and stock dealer. In 1849 he joined the rank of those who sought the gold fields of California, but remained only a few years. In 1870 he was one of the organizers of the Carroll Exchange Bank and served as first vice president. Mr. Trotter was one of the county's most prominent citizens, a Democrat in early life but later became a Republican, a Mason, and an active worker in the Baptist church. He died March 1, 1906. Mrs. Trotter, in her earlier life, was a member of the Southern Baptist church with her husband. She was truly a homemaker of a sweet, retiring nature, her chief joy was the home circle, which was broken up for the first time by her death, April 17, 1903.

Issue:

(1) James William (No. 5)

(2) Lewis Calvin

(3) Pete Lafayette

(4) Anna May

(1) James William Trotter married, first, Alice

Timmons. Issue:

a. Anna Stewart

b. Scott

c. Martha

Married, second, Mrs. James (no issue).

Married, third, Cora_____. Issue:

d. Jesse.

a. Anna Stewart Trotter married James Alsop

(2) Lewis Calvin Trotter married March 3, 1880, Margaret Orchard, daughter of Thomas Orchard, born in Cromwell, England, 1830. He was the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Orchard, who emigrated from England to Cleveland, Ohio. The family later moved to Toronto, Canada. In 1849, Thomas Orchard, Jr. came to Carrollton and engaged in the mercantile business, he held various offices in town and county and was a man of honor and integrity. He married November 13, 1850, Miss Christina Brown, a native of Scotland, who survives him. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Trotter (both deceased) left issue:

a. Lewis Alexander

b. Harry Throop

c. Francis Orchard

d. Pete

(a) Lewis A. Trotter married August, 1912, Luella McDonald and lives on a Western ranch near Pana, Kansas.

(b) Harry T. Trotter is assistant cashier at the Carroll Exchange Bank, while (c) Francis graduated from the public school, 1912, and (d) Pete is a high school student.

(3) Pete L. Trotter is a bachelor. He was educated in the Carrollton schools and for fifteen years after leaving school held a position in the Exchange Bank. In 1907 Mr. Trotter was elected vice president of the bank which position he still holds. He is prominent in Masonic circles, a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is recognized as an able financier.

(4) Anna May Trotter married April 12, 1898, Rev. Thomas Leigh West, a noted Baptist minister, a native of the Old Dominion and son of James E. and Mary M. (Johnson) West, and grandson of James West of Hanover County, Virginia. Mary M. (Johnson) West, the mother of Rev. West, was a daughter of William DePriest and Martha (Hope) Johnson of English descent. In August, 1889, Rev. West accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Carrollton, Mo., which position he held until 1897, when he became corresponding secretary of the Board of State Missions and Sunday Schools of the Missouri Baptist General Association. He now has charge of the Baptist Mission work for the state. Rev. and Mrs. West have a beautiful home on North Main Street, Carrollton, Mo.

They have no children. Mrs. West is prominent in church and club work. As president of the Carrollton Magazine Club her review of the club work of 1911-1912 in verse was highly appreciated.

The Trotter family emigrated from the north of Ireland to Pennsylvania, thence to Virginia and from this state to Kentucky, still later to Missouri. They were wealthy, brave and patriotic and were among the first in Kentucky to answer the call to arms in 1812.

III

ROBERT MINNIS

III. Robert Minnis, b. about 1793, son of John and Nancy (McCammon) Minnis, emigrants, married and lived in Bradley County, East Tennessee. Issue:

1. James Crawford
2. Jane Eliza
3. John G.
4. Mary Eliza
5. Nancy Sarah

IV

JOHN WAIN MINNIS

IV. John Wain Minnis, son of John and Nancy (McCammon) Minnis, the emigrants, was born in Blount

County, East Tennessee, February 8, 1794. There he grew to manhood and married, November 14, 1816, Nancy Warren, b. July 8, 1800, daughter of William Briscoe Warren, b. January 23, 1744, in Petersburg, Va., and his wife, Elizabeth Canaday, b. June 8, 1774, in Green county, Tennessee. She moved with her parents to Blount County, Tennessee, 1810. There were nine children in her father's family. The city of Warrensburg was named for him and built on his farm.

John Wain Minnis and his wife moved to Howard County, Missouri, in 1820. Later moved to Saline County, then to Chariton County, later to Sullivan, which county was divided, and Mr. Minnis was left in that part called Linn. He served Linn County for several years as sheriff. He owned a farm and slaves. While in Saline County he was almost broken up by having to pay a security debt of $10,000. In 1850 he and his son, William, started overland with ox teams for California, but enroute both were stricken and died of cholera, he on May 23, and his son on the following day. Mrs. Minnis died near Bogard, Mo., 1897, having been a widow for forty-seven years.

Issue:

1. Elizabeth Adaline
2. Nancy Ann
3. William Warren
4. Pernetia Love

5. Martha Anstis

6. Thomas Dee

7. Parmela Jane

8. Susannah Frances

9. Leonidus Columbus

10. Hugh Cannaday Porter

11. Belzenia Melvin

12. Francis Benton

The records only give the death of William and the descendants of Thomas Dee Minnis.

6. Thomas Dee Minnis, b. February 27, 1829, in Saline County, Missouri, moved with his parents to Chariton County, where he resided for a short time, afterward living in Sullivan County and Purden, Linn County. Married October 22, 1855, Elizabeth Jane Bingham, b. February 27, 1836, died September 21, 1904. She had twelve brothers and one sister. Her parents, William and Mary (Hoover) Bingham, were born in Tennessee. Issue:

(1) Mary Jane, b. Feb. 28, 1857

(2) Martha Ann, b. 1859

(3) Sarah Frances, b. 1861

(4) John William, b. Jan. 24, 1863

(5) George Franklin, b. 1865

(6) James Dee Warren, b. April 15, 1867

(7) Porter Alexander, b. Feb. 28, 1869

(8) Nancy Florence, b. June 9, 1871

(9) Ada Belle, b. 1873

(10) Leonidus Columbus, b. 1875

(11) Altia Elizabeth, b. March 30, 1878

(1) Mary Jane Minnis m. W. H. Gregg, Feb. 8, 1876. Issue:

a. Edward Shanklin

b. Dee William

c. Porter May

d. James Minnis

(2) Martha Ann Minnis m. Algernon Mansur. (Five children).

(3) Sarah Frances Minnis (died young.)

(4) John William Minnis, b. Jan. 24, 1863, in Sullivan County, Missouri, moved with his parents to Iowa for a short time, then moved to Carroll County, Missouri, near Bingham, later located near Mandeville, Mo. He was reared on a farm, attending district school and later going to Avalon College. Married March 12, 1888, Alace Brown, daughter of Theodore and Mary (Fawke) Brown, who were both born in Germany. Alace Brown had three brothers and five sisters. Issue:

a. Pearl Ione, b. Sept. 27, 1890

b. Herman Theodore, b. Nov. 19, 1893

c. Jessie May, b. Aug. 22, 1899

John William Minnis engaged in farming until 1898, when he started a furniture store in Bogard, Mo. He belongs to the following lodges: Masonic, Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen of America, and Knights of the Maccabees. He and his family are members of the Christian church and popular in their community.

(5) George Franklin Minnis, b. 1865, m. Anna Long. Issue:

a. Irene

b. Margaret

(6) James Dee Warren Minnis, b. April 15, 1867, m. Lennie L. Fleming. Issue:

a. Fay

b. Glenn

c. Ernest

d. Ralph

(7) Porter Alexander Minnis, b. Feb. 28, 1869, m. Mary Brady. Issue:

a. Artie

b. Opal

c. Brady

(8) Nancy Florence Minnis, b. June 9, 1871, m. Angus Carrington. Issue:

a. Earl

(9) Ada Belle Minnis, b. 1873, died young

(10) Leonidus Columbus, b. 1875, died young

(11) Altia Elizabeth, b. March 30, 1878, m. A. G. Marshall. Issue:

a. Melvin

V

JAMES MATTHEW MINNIS

V. James Matthew Minnis, son of John Minnis, was born Dec. 28, 1797, in Blount County, East Tennessee. In early manhood, with his brother Samuel, he emigrated to Alabama. For a number of years he followed the trade of a tailor in Moulton, Lawrence County. Before the days of railroads, he often made long journeys to Philadelphia or New York on horseback or stage to procure cloth for his business. About 1839, with his family, he moved to Aberdeen, Miss. There he acquired considerable interests in both land and city property. His later days were given over to the management of his plantation, though he always made his home in the town.

A descendant of Scotch-Irish ancestry, Mr. Minnis was religiously a firm believer in the catechism and articles of faith of the Presbyterian church.

On January 7, 1829, he was married to Ianthe Jane Grugett, b. Nov. 28, 1811, of Edmonson County, Kentucky. Of this union there were eight children, five dying in

early childhood. Mrs. James M. Minnis died at Aberdeen, Miss., Sept. 13, 1855. Mr. Minnis on July 5, 1857, married Miss Cordelia E. Ledger of New York. In 1866 he was stricken with paralysis. For three years he suffered more or less from this affliction and died Sept. 10, 1869, respected by all who knew him. Issue:

1. Frances Cornelia, b. Feb. 7, 1830, d. Oct. 23, 1834.

2. John G., b. May 13, 1832.

3. James, b. May 29, 1834, d. July 11, 1834.

4. William Augustus, b. Oct. 25, 1835, d. Jan. 30, 1838.

5. James Augustus, b. March 17, 1838.

6. Anna Amanda, b. Jan. __, 1841.

7. Elizabeth Jane, b. Aug. 4, 1843, d. Jan. 22, 1844.

8. Henry Alexander, b. Feb. 1, 1848, d. Nov. 11, 1859.

2. John G. Minnis, second child of James and Ianthe Minnis, was born in Lawrence County, Alabama. He was raised in Aberdeen, Miss. He attended a medical school in Nashville, Tenn. On account of poor health, did not practice his profession, but devoted himself to the outdoor life of the plantation. He died unmarried about 1887.

5. James Augustus, fifth child of James M. and Ianthe Minnis, was born in Moulton County, Alabama. When but a year old he was taken by his parents to Aberdeen, Miss., where he grew to manhood. At the breaking out of the Civil War, his sympathies were with the Southern states and he enlisted with the Confederate Army serving through a part of that great struggle. At the close of the war he went north to Quincy, Ill. For a few years he was traveling salesman for a grocery house. At Big Neck, Ill., August 14, 1873, he was married to Miss Jane Acenath Shannon, daughter of James and Jane Shannon, of Blair County, Pennsylvania. Of this union there were six children, five dying in infancy.

Immediately after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Minnis came to Great Bend, Kansas, where Mr. Minnis engaged in the grocery business. They passed through the pioneer stage of Central Kansas, taking philosophically and cheerfully the discouragements of such a time. Though he never amassed riches, he provided a comfortable living for his family. He was kind, hospitable and generous, and held in high regard by his fellow citizens. He was an enthusiastic member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and an active worker in all charitable affairs. He died at Great Bend, May 12, 1883, leaving his wife, one sister, Anna, and a daughter, Helen. Mrs. Minnis

died at Ellinwood, Kansas, February 10, 1905. Issue:

a. Anna Ianthe

b. Grace Edna

c. William John

d. Fred Wilson

e. Helen Augusta

f. Halcyon

e. Helen Augusta Minnis, the only living descendant of James M. Minnis of Aberdeen, Miss., and fifth child of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Minnis, was born at Great Bend, Kansas, May 25, 1879. Though saddened by the death of her father when hardly four years of age, her childhood was singularly happy. Carefully reared by her mother and her father's sister, Anna, she grew to young womanhood in the city of her birth. She graduated from the Great Bend High School and later received her degrees of Bachelor of Science and Pedagogy from Central Normal College. She has been actively connected with the Barton County schools a number of years in the capacity of instructor of Normal institutes and is a member of the executive board of county examiners.

In 1902, with her mother and aunt, she moved to Ellinwood, Kansas to teach in the city schools. For the past six years she has been principal of the Ellinwood High School. Her summers are usually spent in attending

higher institutions of learning or in traveling for pleasure and recreation. She is a member of the Presbyterian church and actively interested in all progressive movements of the church and school.

6. Anna Amanda Minnis was born in Aberdeen, Miss., Jan. 14, 1841. She received her education in the Aberdeen Female Seminary, where she developed a marked proficiency in music. During the closing years of her father's life, she was his constant companion, devoting her entire time to his needs or interests. In December, 1873, she came to Great Bend, Kansas and made her home with her brother, James, and his wife. Hers was a most remarkable character. A semi-invalid all her life, she was always happy and cheerful. Her quick wit and repartee were a source of delight to those about her. At fourteen years of age, she became a member of the Presbyterian church and was an ardent worker in all its departments. After the death of her brother James, she and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Minnis, made their home together. They successfully conducted a millinery store for a number of years in Great Bend. Later they moved to Ellinwood, Kansas to be with the niece and daughter, Miss Helen Minnis, who was teaching in the city schools.

Having lost all her immediate family, she lavished all the wealth of her warm hearted affectionate nature

upon her niece, the last member of her father's house. After a long, lingering illness, she passed away July 26, 1905.

"None knew her but to love her,
Nor named her but to praise."

VI

WILLIAM MINNIS

VI. Rev. William Minnis, D. D., the youngest son of John and Nancy (McCammon) Minnis, the emigrants, was born in Blount County, Tennessee, Dec. 28, 1799, and died at New Market, Tenn., May 5, 1863. He was a Presbyterian minister and married April 8, 1826, Catherine Eliza Coonts, born in Virginia, but of English ancestry. Issue:

1. Sarah Ann
2. Mary Louise
3. Nancy Iantha
4. Catherine Eliza Clementine
5. John Beman
6. William Boza
7. James Hunter

All lived to be grown. In 1912 only two living, Mary Louise and John Beman.

1. Sarah Ann Minnis, m. D. W. Biddle, M. D. Issue:

(1) Ella

2. Mary Louise Minnis, b. August 22, 1829, at Witts

Foundry, Tenn., m. November 26, 1847, Thomas S. Blackburn, b. August 28, 1828, near Dandridge Jefferson County, Tennessee, and died at the same place March 13, 1893. He was the son of James and Katherine (Jamison) Blackburn. Issue:

(1) James Melville

(2) Sarah Ann

(3) Emma Katherine

(4) Julia Elvira

(5) Ellen Jennette

(6) William Minnis

(7) Ida Clementine

(8) Mary Jessie

(1) James Melville Blackburn, b. Jan. 29, 1849, died in infancy.

(2) Sarah Ann Blackburn, b. August 23, 1851, m. Samuel H. Edgar, died March 11, 1912. Issue:

a. Ralph Thomas Edgar, married and lives in Kansas City, Mo.

(3) Emma Katherine Blackburn, b. August 23, 1851, m. Samuel B. Bell. Issue:

a. Thomas Minnis (deceased)

b. Mary Jessie

c. John Calvin

d. Rolph

e. Anna Ernestine

b. Mary Jessie Bell, m. Henry Williams. Issue:

(a) Eureka

c. John Calvin Bell, m. Eva Jones.

(4) Julia Elvira Blackburn, b. Nov. 27, 1853, m. George P. Franklin.

(5) Ellen Jennette Blackburn, b. October 18, 1857, m. Rufus C. Bell. Issue:

a. Estelle Janette

b. Rhea C.

a. Estelle Janette Bell, m. Charles A. Reese. Issue:

(a) Charles A., Jr.

b. Rhea C. Bell, m. Minnie Walker. Issue:

(a) Marjorie

(6) William Minnis Blackburn, b. Dec. 20, 1860, d. in infancy.

(7) Ida Clementine Blackburn, b. Jan. 13, 1864, m. William G. Snoddy, M. D. Issue:

a. Ethel J.

b. Mary Rebecca

b. Mary Rebecca Snoddy, m. Richard Fain Smith, June 27, 1912.

3. Nancy Iantha Minnis, never married.

4. Catherine Eliza Clementine Minnis, m. W. B. Caldwell. Issue:

(1) William

(2) Perez Cowan

5. Col. John Beman Minnis, 603 West Cumberland Avenue, Knoxville, Tenn., m. Nancy Caroline Thornburgh of New Market, Jefferson County, Tennessee, March 28, 1867. Col. Minnis is a retired wholesale and retail grocery merchant. They have no children.

Copy of military record of John B. Minnis, 1861-1865:

John B. Minnis was born in Jefferson County, East Tennessee, July 10, 1838, and was reared at New Market, Jefferson County, East Tennessee. Was enlisted and entered the service at Nicholisville, Ky., November, 1862; appointed and commissioned lieutenant and adjutant Third Tennessee Cavalry, November 24, 1862, and major November 12, 1863. Appointed and commissioned lieutenant colonel same regiment July 4, 1864, and was honorably discharged from the service of Umited States on the 19th day of March, 1865, to accept civil office as a member of the Tennessee Legislature from his native County of Jefferson.

Served as inspector of Tennessee troops on staff of Andrew Johnson, military governor; served and was detailed and acted at different times as acting assistant adjutant general.

He was in several skirmishes and cavalry engagements

enroute from Louisville, Ky., to Nashville, Tenn., in December, 1862, and from Nashville to Murfreesboro near same date. Was in the battle of Stone River, December, 1862, and scoured the country in every direction from Murfreesboro and was in many important expeditions and engagements. Was with Major-General Reynolds at the capture of McMinnville, Tenn. Did service under General Granger at Nashville, Tenn., fighting guerrillas, foraging, etc. Was in the Smith expedition through Mississippi January, 1864.

Mr. Minnis was with Granger at Huntsville, Ala, August, 1864; was wounded and captured by General Forrest at Sulphur Branch Trestle, Ala., September 24, 1864. Was a prisoner until about January 1, 1865, having been exchanged at Camp Chase, Ohio, just in time to reach Nashville, Tenn., and be in the battle at that place, and in the pursuit of Hood to the Tennessee River. Returning to Nashville was detatched from the regiment and served on Military Governor Johnson's staff as inspector of Tennessee troops until his resignation was accepted and he was honorably discharged the 19th day of March, 1865, to accept civil office as a member of the Tennessee legislature of 1865 and 1866.

6. William Boaz Minnis, of New Market, Tenn., m. Augusta Pierce, of New Market, Tenn. Issue:

(1) William Edward

(2) Lucy

(3) Samuel

(4) Mary

(5) Helen Iantha

(6) Ethel

(7) India

7. James Hunter Minnis of New Market, Tenn., m. first, May Burnette; second, Josephine Burnette. Issue:

a. Rhea

b. James Hunter

c. Roy

New Market, Jefferson Co., Tenn.,

January 16, 1856.

Dear Nephew:

I received yours of Nov. 15th. I was much gratified to receive a letter from you. You, of course, wish to know something of myself and family. Thirty years ago I commenced preaching in this county. I just bought a farm near Cheeks roads, and I sold that and bought another on the Sinking Fork of Long Creek, where I was living when your father and mother were in this country. Four years ago I sold that farm and bought another in four miles of New Market.

Last fall I sold that farm for fifty-five hundred

dollars and bought a 2-acre lot in New Market, where we are now living. I am preaching one-half of my time to the people of Westminster church, the church in which I was licensed and ordained. I have been preaching there regularly for nearly thirty-one years. All of the members except three have been received under my ministry.

The other half of my time I preach to the New Market church. My salary at the New Market church is $260 and at Westminster $150.

On the 2nd day of March last, my dear wife, with whom I had lived for thirty years, was called away from earth to heaven. This was truly distressing and I have felt very desolate ever since. All our children are yet living, the four oldest are daughters. Sarah Ann is married to D. W. Biddle, M. D., formerly of Landridge. Last fall he bought my farm in four miles of this place and is living there. He is a pious, clever man and a good physician. They have one child, a daughter, Mary Louisa. The second daughter was married first. She married Thomas S. Blackburn. They are living in the bounds of Westminster church, twelve miles from New Market. They have three children, all girls, the two oldest are twins. He is also a pious, clever man and owns a valuable farm. My two other daughters are yet with me, both grown, Nancy Iantha and Catherine Eliza Clementine. My oldest son,

John Beaman, is pretty well grown. He is a good deal taller than I am. He is going to school at Maryville. The other two little boys, William B. and James Hunter, are going to school at New Market.

We all enjoy good health. East Tennessee is improving very much in every respect. The railroads that have and are being constructed are changing everything. The railroad leading from Knoxville through Virginia is now completed to within two miles of New Market and will soon be completed to the Virginia line. Another road from Kentucky by way of Knoxville and Maryville to the south will soon be under contract. And another up Frenchbroad to North Carolina is already under contract part of the way.

These improvements are giving a new impulse to industry. Great improvements have and are still being made in agriculture. The price of everything is up. Wheat has been from $1.25 to $1.50, flour from $8 to $9 per barrel, corn 40 cents, hogs,gross $5, net $6, horses and mules high.

Land has increased in a few years from five and six dollars per acre to $15, $20, and $25. We have ceased to have a trade and cash price, we have a cash price and market for everything. We think we have the best country in the United States, and, of course, the best in the world.

The temperance cause has done much for the public good. The overwhelming majority have abandoned the use of intoxicating drink as a beverage. In our country it is not seen at musters and elections, and very seldom at public gatherings. We hope our present legislature will pass a prohibitory liquor law.

Your uncle, Samuel Minnis, lives in Georgia, something over a hundred miles from me. I seldom see any of them. I heard a few weeks ago that they were all well. Your uncle, Robert Minnis, lives in Bradley County, some hundred miles from me. I have not for some time heard from him.

I wish you would write to me again, and among other things, tell me who your brothers and sisters married; how many of you are members of the church and what is your age, etc. Give my love to your father and mother and all the friends.

Yours truly,

WM. MINNIS

Note--The above letter was written fifty-six years ago to William B. Minnis of Carrollton, Mo., the youngest child of Judge Thomas Minnis, and was written by Rev. William Minnis, the youngest brother of Judge Thomas Minnis.

James Hunter Minnis, Jr., son of James Hunter Minnis, Sr., mentioned above is with the Furgeson, McKinney Dry

Goods firm of St. Louis, Mo.

VII

SUSAN MINNIS

VII. Susan Minnis, born about 1801, in Blount County, Tennessee, daughter of John and Nancy (McCammon) Minnis, the emigrants, died unmarried.

VIII

NANCY MINNIS HENDERSON

VIII. Nancy Minnis, daughter of John and Nancy (McCammon) Minnis, was born in Blount County, Tennessee, December 5, 1804. Married Joseph Henderson January 8, 1828. They emigrated from Tennessee to Indiana, 1838; came to Missouri about 1840. Five years later they returned to Tennessee; lived for a time in Georgia and in the autumn of 1850 again made Missouri their home, being buried in the latter state. During the Civil War Joseph Henderson was made a prisoner by the noted Bill Anderson. The Hendersons lived in Northwest Carroll. Issue:

1. Susan A.
2. John M.
3. William M.
4. Joseph J.
5. _____ _____

6. ____ ____

7. James B.

1. Susan A. Henderson, b. November 28, 1828, died Dec. 24, 1890, m. William Cunningham, 1852. Issue:

(1) Nancy

(2) Martha (died Dec. 27, 1890)

(3) Bell

(4) Elisa (died Jan. 22, 1872)

(1) Nancy Cunningham, m. Sam Clark May 19, 1892. (No children.)

(3) Bell Cunningham, m. William Caskey.

2. John M. Henderson, b. December 30, 1831, m. Caroline Miles August 14, 1856. Issue:

(1) Cardie, b. June 20, 1857

(2) Roberta, b. Nov. 16, 1862

(3) William M., b. Mar. 15, 1864

(4) Anna B., b. Sept. 4, 1866

(5) John R., b. Mar. 30, 1868

(6) Calestine, b. Aug. 22, 1871

(7) Rosella, b. Dec. 5, 1872

(8) Delana, b. May 18, 1876

(9) Velma, b. Aug. 5, 1879

(10) Infant, b. Aug. 5, 1879

(11) Infant, _____

Of this number seven are living and four are dead.

(3) William M. Henderson, b. March 15, 1864, m. Mattie Baird. Issue:

a. Lelia

b. Janie

c. John C.

d. Fannie

e. Irvine

f. William

g. Rector

h. Rollie

g. Rector Henderson, m. Lidia Botts. (One child)

(6) Calestine Henderson, b. Aug. 22, 1871, m. William Isaacs. Issue:

a. Edgar

b. Bertrand

c. Cecil

d. Johnnie

e. Thelma R.

f. Hugh L.

g. ____ ____

h. _____ ____

Six children living, two died in infancy.

(7) Rosella Henderson, b. Dec. 5, 1872, m. W. E. Davis. (No children.)

(8) Deland Henderson, b. May 18, 1876, m. William

Lewis. (No children.)

(9) Velma Henderson, b. Aug. 5, 1879, m. Jerry Biswell. Issue:

a. Jewell

3. William M. Henderson, b. Jan. 7, 1834, m. Amanda Miles, October 11, 1866. Issue:

(1) Otis M.

(2) Marvin

(3) Anna G.

(4) Lewis T.

(5) Fannie B.

(6) Bessie L.

(7) Cora

(1) Otis M. Henderson, b. Jan. 4, 1869, m. Della Gillim, Sept. 3, 1894. (Two children.)

(2) Marvin Henderson, b. March 12, 1871, m. Nora Conner, Sept. 6, 1893. (One child.)

(3) Anna Gerty Henderson, b. March 16, 1873, m. James Miller. (Three children.)

(4) Lewis T. Henderson, b. July 31, 1875, m. Pearl Parsley. (One child.)

(5) Fannie B. Henderson, b. Aug. 26, 1881.

(6) Bessie L. Henderson, b. Oct. 26, 1887, m. William Forsythe Jan. 2, 1906. (Three children.)

(7) Cora Henderson, m. Jacob Aver Mar. 9, 1894.

(Four children)

4. Joseph J. Henderson, b. Nov. 4, 1835, m. Nancy J. Standley. (No children.)

5. No record

6. No record

7. James B. Henderson, b. Mar. 17, 1843, m., first, Frances McWilliams, April 19, 1866. Issue:

(1) Lillie

(2) Lula

(3) Beva

(4) _____

(1) Lillie Henderson, m. William M. Kopp. (Seven children.)

(3) Beva Henderson, m. Fred Kopp. (Two boys.)

James B. Henderson, m., second, M. T. Hampton. Issue:

(5) Maud

(6) Mamie

(7) Aline

(8) Della

(9) Edith

(10) Etha V.

(11) Frank (served 4 years in U. S. Navy.)

James B. Henderson had thirty-four grandchildren, forty-three great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

NOTES ON MINNIS FAMILY

From the Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, Vol. 36, No. 141, January, 1912. The following is an extract from Orderly Book, 2nd Penn. Cont. Line. Col. Henry Bicker.

Headquarters, Valley Forge, April 17, 1778.

Brigadier for tomorrow, Poor.

Field officers, Col. Bradford and Lieut. Col. Russell.

Brigade Major, _____ Minnis.

Inspector from the 2nd Penn. Brigade.

Headquarters, Valley Forge, April 28:

Brigadier for tomorrow, Varnum.

Field officers, Lieut. Col. Haskill, Major Folbert.

Brigade Major, _____ Minnis.

Inspector from Gen. Woolford's Brigade.

Virginia County Records, by Crozier. Vol. 1, Part 4, 1911. Virginia Revolutionary Soldiers:

Holman Minns, captain Va. Line, June, 1776, to Jan. 22, 1784.

Callohill Minns, captain Va. Line, Feb., 1776, to Jan. 22, 1784.

Virginia Hist. Society Magazine, Vol. XI, Page 264, gives Capt. Francis Minnis, 1st Reg.

Capt. Callohill Minnis, 7th Reg., also Capt. Holman

Minnis, as prisoners at Charleston, S. C., 1781.

Wm. and Mary Quarterly, Vol. 5, Page 62:

Officers receiving land grants prior to Dec. 31, 1784:

Col. George Baylor

Lieut. Col. Wm. Drake

Lieut. Col. Levin Powell

Other officers:

Thomas Bell

Henry Bell

Francis Minnis

Holman Minnis

Wm. Mountjoy, and others.

The above from records of the Revolutionary War, by W. T. R. Saffell, counselor and agent for Revolutionary Claims, published 1894, by Charles A. Saffell, 224 West Fayette St., Baltimore, Mo.

York County, Virginia, marriages:

Aug. 25, 1792, David Jameson, Jr., and Mary Mennis, daughter of Charles Mennis, decd., and Mary, his wife.

Virginia County records, French War, 1760:

Robert Mennis, soldier under Capt. Wm. Christian in

Col. Wm. Byrd's Regt., Rockingham Co., March 28, 1780.

From D. A. R. Lineage Book, Vol. 5, P. 254:

Mrs. Elizabeth Brook Lawson Lahman (Mrs. Robert Benjamin) great grand daughter of Calohill Mennis, and Anne Brooke, his wife. Calohill Mennis in 1776, was ensign in the first Virginia Regiment, and in 1777 had risen to the rank of captain. He was captured at Charleston and when exchanged in 1781 served to the close of the war.

A Dr. Minnis, a relative of the John Minnis family, lived at Aberdeen, Miss. He married Eugenia Alexander. They had two sons named Robert and Paul. Dr. Minnis died several years ago and his sons moved to Mobile, Ala., and engaged in newspaper work. The Alexanders were a prominent and wealthy family.

In the location of the Minnis family, Mr. J. L. Minnis of St. Louis, Mo., reports that two priests from Ireland called upon him during the World's Fair, also a priest by the name of Cornelius Minnis from Brooklyn. Minnises in Illinois, Ohio and Pennsylvania have either written or called upon him. But there is no evidence of their relationship to the "John Minnis" family.

W. Edward Minnis and Samuel P. Minnis have large stores, both at New Market and Jefferson City, Tenn.

They are the sole owners, but continue the firm name of W. B. Minnis & Co., and carry on an immense amount of business in East Tennessee. Both are bachelors.

The name of George F. Minnis, Denver avenue, and that of Edward Minnis are found in the Kansas City Directory.

Albert H. Minnis (groceryman) lives at Valley Junction, Ia.

A Mr. Minnis, a merchant, carrying gent's furnishing goods, lived in Evansville, Indiana. He was an old bachelor of about 78 years in 1902.

Henry L. Minnis, a stockman, lives at Sharpsburg, Illinois.