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A History of the Richardson and Barker Families, their
origination in England, their emigration to America and their
relationship in North Carolina and Indiana

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While residing in Washington, D.C. the past five years, as a member of the United States Marine Band, it has been my privilege to continue some genealogy studies of the Richardson and Barker Families that I had started while a graduate student at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, in 1964.

With the great amount of information available in the Library of Congress and with the assistance of others familiar with genealogy studies, I have been able to establish the probable origin of the name Barker in England about 1227 and also to trace the direct and continuous history of the Barker Family from 1682, when Samuel Barker came with William Penn from England to America, up to my own generation. Likewise, I have been able to trace the Richardson name, probably originating from "Richard the Lion-Hearted" (1137-1199), and definitely recorded in 1801. Our particular branch of the Richardson Family was started in America by Christopher Richardson in about 1800.

It has been of special interest to me to note through this study that the names of both my father and mother, John and Margaret, appeared early and were used often in both families and that there were marriages of Barkers and Richardsons in England as early as the 1700's.

From my father, John Lorin Richardson, and my grandfather, John Thomas Richardson, deceased, I had been able to secure some very complete records of the Craven-Barker-Richardson Families in Hendricks County, Indiana, which traced all three families to Daniel and Elizabeth Nichols Barker in Randolph County, North Carolina.

From my mother, Margaret Barker Richardson, deceased, and my grandfather, Elbert Jeremiah Barker, deceased, I had been able to secure information that traced this particular branch of the Barker Family through my great grandfather, Isaac Newton Barker, born in Wayne County, Indiana, to his grandfather, Isaac Barker, born in North Carolina, and who migrated to Wayne County, Indiana, about 1833, after spending some time in Ohio.

I was very much surprised when I put the Richardson and Barker family records together to discover that through my father I am a descendant of Daniel and Elizabeth Nichols Barker, six generations removed; and through my mother I am a descendant of the same Daniel and Elizabeth Nichols Barker, six generations removed. Samuel Barker my great, great, great, great grandfather on my father's side (Richardson) was a brother of Nicholas Barker, my great, great, great, great grandfather on my mother's side. Thus, I am equally "Barker-bred" from both sides of my family.

Richardson Family History

One of my associates early in this study was thoroughly convinced that Christopher Richardson, who according to our early Richardson family records emigrated from Germany to Yadkins County, North Carolina, and whose son, Daniel Richardson, married Dorcas Barker in 1829, actually originated in England, and had probably emigrated temporarily to Germany prior to coming to America. Therefore much additional time was spent in extensive study and research of the genealogical records in the library of Congress and other records that have come to my attention and I now feel certain that I have established the following logical connection between the Richardsons in England and the North Carolina branch of the Richardson Family in America.

Most authors agree that the name Richardson originated from "The Son of Richard" and probably traces directly to "Richard the Lion-Hearted", famous English king of Norman origin. There are several ancient Richardson families, but in the publication, "Richardson Family Records", by S. A. Perry, four major ancient English Richardson families are listed as follows: 1, Richardson of Aber-Mirant of Knockshinnock Co. dunfries, Scotland; 2, Richardson of Finden Place - Yorkshire, England, 1561; 3, Richardson of Rich Hill - 17th century in the Co. of Armagh; and 4, Richardson of Popular Vale, whose names and dates strongly indicate that this is the ancestral family of Christopher Richardson who founded our branch of the Richardson family in North Carolina.

This particular English family claims descent from the Richardson of Monningham, Norfolk, 1531, and settled, it is stated, in Ireland, temporarily, during the reign of Queen Elizabeth, in 1666. (Reported by S. A. Perry and also by Catherine Richardson Abbott in "The Richardson Family 1774-1964" Washington, D.C. Library)

- 16-1. "Simon Richardson, xxx was granted, by King Charles II, considerable lands in the Counties of Monaghan, Cavan, and Tyrone, Ireland -- he and his wife Katherine Burgh had three sons: 1, Francis, a judge in Ireland; 2, Henry, high sheriff co. Monaghan; and 3, Edward.
- 17-2. "Edward Richardson, Esq., married Miss Coot, and had a son, Francis
- 18-3. "Francis Richardson, Esq. Capt. of dragoons. He m. 1704, his cousin, Katherine Richardson, and d. 1764, leaving issue - his 2nd son, Edward
- 19-4. "Edward Richardson, Esq. b. 1707 m. 1732, Catherine, dau. of Thomas Baillie, Esq. of Dublin. They had five sons: 1, Francis; 2, Simon, b. 1742; 3, Edward; 4, John, and 5, Christopher, b. 1762.
- 20-5. "Christopher Richardson, b. 1752, m. Susanna, dau of Edward Dawson, Esq. of Kilerow and c. Monaghan. Christopher was justice of peace and deputy lieutenant of the North Riding of Yorkshire. He died in 1805. They had: 1, Christopher, b. 1780; 2, Edward, b. 1784, who served in Peninsular War; 3, Francis who d. young; 4, Samuel, b. 1787, lieut. 11th regt., killed in Pyrenees, 1813; 5, John" (record incomplete

6. It is apparent that these brothers became restless and began adventure work. Therefore, it is quite logical and rather conclusive, because of names and dates, to assume that Christopher Richardson, b.1780, is the Christopher Richardson who may have emigrated by way of Germany to Yadkins County, North Carolina, and become the father of six children, one of whom was Daniel.
7. Daniel Richardson, born 1803, and married Dorcas Barker, 1829, and started our branch of the Richardson Family in America. After their marriage in North Carolina, they rode on one horse to Hendricks County, Indiana. The other five children stayed in N.C. Dorcas Barker was the daughter of Jeremiah Barker, son of Samuel Barker, who was a brother of Nicholas Barker, from whom my mother's Barker Family descended. Details will be found in the Barker Family history later in this study. Daniel and Dorcas Richardson were the parents of eight:
 1, Alfred H. m.(1) Sarah Round, (2) Hannah Jones; 2, William B., m. Mary Murd; 3, John T., m.(1) Hester Larimore, m.(2) Rosely Lambert; 4, Christopher - d. age 4; 5, Lovey Caroline, m. Solomon Scotten; 6, Daniel Wesley, m. Mary Ann Carter; 7, Emaline, m. Ira Bray; and 8, Jeremiah, m. Hannah York.
8. Daniel Wesley Richardson, born 11/3/1837, in Hendricks Co. Indiana, married Mary Ann Carter, born 1840, in Hendricks Co. They were the parents of four children: 1, Amanda, d. young; 2, Emma, m. John Baylis; 3, John Thomas, b.8/12/1837, m. Elizabeth Catherine Thompson, 10/12/1837; 4, Ora, m. Obadiah Johnson. Daniel Wesley died in a train accident on the way to Buffalo, N.Y., 9/17/1876.
9. John Thomas and Elizabeth Richardson were the parents of five children:
 1, Pearl Amanda, b. 11/10/1888, m. John Benjamin Edmondson 8/13/1911
 2, Wesley Thomas, b. 9/3/1890, m. Edna Kennedy 2/21/1915; d. 8/18/55
 3, Inez May, b. 8/28/1892, m. Richard Dean Canan 10/9/1921; d. 11/21/53
 4, Elsie Glenden, b. 1/21/1895, m. Charles C. Culbertson 10/3/1925; d. 2/3/69
 5, John Lorin, b. 5/13/1903, m. Margaret Barker 6/10/1934; she d. 6/18/1966
10. John Lorin Richardson married Margaret Barker 6/10/1934. She was born 5/29/1909 and died 6/18/1966. She was the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. L. J. Barker, Thorntown, Indiana. John and Margaret were the parents of one child, John Barker Richardson, born 8/6/1941. He is a representative of the 27th generation of the Barker Family shown in this genealogy study, being equally related to the Barkers through both father and mother. Major ancestors and dates shown on forms attached.

Comments: Members of the Barker Family were among the early pioneers to enter government land in Liberty Township, Hendricks County, Indiana. The first to take out papers was in section 23 on Nov. 19, 1828, adjoining land now owned by John L. Richardson. Considerably more land was entered by Barkers shortly afterwards in sections 22, 26, and 27. The Richardsons also were early pioneers in the same area. When Daniel and Dorcas Barker Richardson arrived in Indiana from North Carolina in 1829, they put up a cabin one mile north of Center Valley and entered land in section 22, in 1830. It cost \$1.00 per acre, and Daniel paid a large part of it by working on the original National Road (now U.S. 40) at 35¢ per day. Wild beasts were very prevalent at that time. The farms remain in the Richardson family to the present time. Many Richardsons and Barkers are buried in the Center Valley Cemetery near the area where they settled, pioneered and lived.

BARKER FAMILY HISTORY

The probable origin of the name Barker is believed to have started when the principal visitations of Shropshire commenced the pedigree of Barker with Randolph de Coverall who in the reign of Edward II married Margaret, dau. of Peter Pigot, of Willaston, and then passing over the immediate generations (which have been supplied from the Court Rolls of the manor of Warfield and Claverly by the industry of Mr. Joseph Morris) proceed with William Barker, alias Coverall, who married the heiress of John Goulston, of Goulston.

The explanation of this change seems to be as follows: The manor of Calverhall, or Coverall, is in the parish of Aderly and in the time of Edward II formed part of the possession of Bartholomew de Badlesmere upon whose attainder (meaning conviction) and execution the undertenants of the manor would share in his disgrace fall.

William de Calverhall seems to have fled southward and reappeared in Warfield under the name of Le Barker, a name either derived from dealings in oak bark or from some unknown relationship with one already bearing the name; for this surname appears in the Close Roll of 12 Henry III (1227) and also as a tenant in Stanton Lacy in 1272. The name Calverhall after being dropped by the family for more than 200 years, appears to have been reassumed as an alias upon their resuming connection with the north of this county, where, besides land in Goulston, they possessed estates at Wolverton, Colhurst etc., upon which the elder branches settled, while the younger according to the custom of the manor, continued to hold Aston in County Salop.

This English prologue fits in with the following information taken from the Barker Genealogy, by E. F. Barker, 1927, and the Colonial Barker families of the U.S. by Jessé Barker, 1899a, the Library of Congress identification nos. are C5 and C5 respectively:

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.3 26	.3 26
1927	1899a

In presenting the order of descent the latter reference is used first. It should be noted that ¹⁾best death dates are actually burial dates and places.

1. Randolph de Calverhall, a tenant in fee at the manor of Calverhall which he held from William de Dunstanville in the year 1200.
2. William Fitz Ralph de Calverhall, of Blencminister and tenant in fee of William de Dunstanville 2d anno 1219.
3. William de Calverhall 1240-1255
4. William de Calverhall 1284 m. Alina ?
5. Randolph or Richard de Calverhall 1319 m. Margaret, dau. of Peter Pigot of Willaston, County Salop
6. William Le Barker of Mallon in the parish of Warfield, Temp. Edward III.
7. Rodger Le Barker of Mallon m. Alice ?
8. William Barker of Mallon d. 13 Henry IV (1411) m. Margery, dau. of Ma. and Joan Thorwood.

9. Henry Barker, 5 Henry IV (1402), of Mallon d. 17 Henry VI (1453)
m. Margery, heiress of Stephen Lovestick, of Mallon.
10. William Barker of Mallon, prior to 4 Henry VI (1435), d. 20 Edward IV (1480) m. Ann, dau. of John Colyison Rowlowe, of Rowlowe, County Salop.
11. John Barker (second son) 22 Henry VI (1443) m. Elizabeth Greene, dau. and coheir of William Greene, of Aston.
12. John Barker, of Aston, died 23 Henry VIII (1531). Had an Uncle George, probably the first son of John Barker and E. Greene. Married Margaret ?
13. Humphrey Barker of Aston m. ? d. ?
14. William Barker (alias Coverall) of Aston d. 10/30/1590. 1st m. Margaret, dau. and heiress of John Goulston, of Goulston Parish, she d. 11/23/1578. Issue of 1st marriage: John, William, Francis, Randalph, Richard.
Mary ?
15. Richard Barker of Aston Manor, d. 2/12/1609. 1st m. Joyce? 2nd. xxxxxx? 3rd m. Agnes Hatton at Claverly 11/24/1578, dau. Lord Leighton.
16. Richard Barker of Aston, son of Richard and Agnes Hatton Barker Bapt. 10/20/1579 d. 4/25/1633, m. Dorothy Whorwood, b. 1593, d. 11/2/1625.
17. John Barker of Aston, son of Richard and Dorothy, bapt. 4/11/16. m. Mary ?, she d. 7/20/1682. Issue: Mary (1633); Elizabeth (1635) John (1641); Francis (1643); Margery (1644); Samuel*** (2/25/1648); Anne (1651); Sarah (1653); Joseph (1656); Jeremiah (1660)

*** 18. Samuel Barker, son of John and Mary, Bapt. 2/22/1648, at Claverly. He was doubtless the same Samuel Barker who came with William Penn to America and started the Barker Family of Delaware, North Carolina & Indiana.

Sir William Penn had a claim upon the Government of England of 15,000 pounds. This was not settled before his death, so was inherited by his son William. In 1681, the sum was paid by granting the son large territories in North America (the present state of Pennsylvania).

In 1682, William Penn came to America on the ship "Welcome" and with him came his friend Samuel Barker, who belonged to the Society of Friends.

"Penn sailed with a hundred comrades from Deal (near Dover) in the "Welcome" on the 1st of Sept., 1682 ... He landed at Newcastle on the Delaware on the 27th of October, his company having lost one-third of their number by small-pox during the voyage." (Encyclopaedia Britannica, ed. 11, vol. 21, p. 102.

On March 27, 1685 a grant was made by Wm. Penn to 200 acres of land and purchased by Samuel Barker. It was located in what is now New Castle County, Delaware, and was called Barkers Bridge. Here the homestead was built and remained in the family until the death of William Barker, a great-grandson of Samuel, in 1840.

There is no record known as yet to whom or when Samuel Barker was married. He died in July 1720, and was buried in Old Swede's Churchyard in Wilmington, Delaware. Jesse Barker's history stops with Samuel Barker and E.F. Barker's history starts at this point.

The issue of Samuel Barker: Name of mother unknown
 Joseph b. 1/22/175 m. Johanna, dau. of Gov. Joshua and Mary Clayton.
 Daniel b. 1764 d. 1788; Mary b. 9/25/1708, m. William Richardson

19. Daniel Barker (second son of Samuel Barker) Farmer; m. Elizabeth Nichols
 Issue: John at Barkers Bridge, Del.
 Doreas
 Robert b. 1738
 Elizabeth
 *Nicholas b. 5/8/1737 d. 3/24/1826, my g-g-g-g-grandfather (mother)
 *Samuel b. 1739 d. 10/27/1803, my g-g-g-g-grandfather (father's side)
 John b. 1741

A genealogy of the Craven and Barker Families published by the World-Journer, Bloomington, Indiana, 1913, for John A. Craven (Registrar, Indiana University) and sent to all members of the Craven-Barker-Richardson Association with the compliments of Oscar H. Craven, states that Robert, Nicholas, Samuel and John (sons of Daniel) migrated to North Carolina at the time Peter Craven (who came from England) Family and five other families moved to Deep River, N.C. Apparently this move was made a short time before the Revolutionary War as Jeremiah Barker (son of Samuel Barker), was born in Randolph County, N.C. in 1773 and died there Oct. 31, 1825. Also the "Ancestor's Service - Roster of N.C. Soldiers in Am. Rev. - N.C. - Rev. Army Accounts, Vol LL Book ZZ p 46-73, Folio page 1 lists #444 Samuel Barker, private, Hillsboro, May 1, 1798".

The Richardson Family records are complete in regard to Samuel Barker's descendants, and Dr. Kenneth Grobel, a great, great-grandson of Nicholas, prepared in 1941 an order of descent from Nichols. Since the Samuel descendants lead to my father, and the Nicholas descendants lead to my mother, I shall carry both families forward in this study. (JBR)
20-B denotes descent from Nicholas Barker; 20-R (Richardson) from Samuel Barker

- 20-B Nicholas Barker, farmer
 b. 3/8/1737 at Barkers Bridge, Del., son of Daniel and Elizabeth (record in Cane Creek Monthly Meeting, N.C., Enc Quak. Gen I 346
 m. when? where? to Hannah Allen of Chester Co. Pa b. 7/10/¹⁷⁴¹; d. 10/10/1824
 d. 3/24/1826, Holly Spring Monthly Meeting, N.C.
 Children - Emery b. 1/19/1784, Guilford Co. N.C.
 Elizabeth 3/13/1738
 Abner 8/11/1763
 John 4/7/1771
 Isaac 12/4/1773
 Enoch 9/6/1776
 Nicholas 9/11/1779 d. 10/25/1795

- 20-R Samuel Barker, farmer, son of Daniel and Elizabeth Nichols Barker
 b. 1739 at Barkers Bridge, Del., d. at Ashboro, N.C. (Census) 10/27/1803
 m. (1) Margaret Greenfield (died) m. 4/25/1763
 m. (2) Rebecca Woolson ~~1772~~ ?
 Children - born at Ashboro, N.C. Randolph County
 Joshua b. 1755
 Bishop b. 1757
 James b. 1759
 Samuel b. 1770
 William b. 1771

Jeremiah 1773

Jeremiah b. 1773 d. 10/31/1835

Dorcas b. ?

Elizabeth b. ?

21-B Isaac Barker, son of ^{and} Nicholas Hannah Allen Barker

b. 11/3/1773 Randolph Co., N.C.

m. (1) Hannah Davis 10/19/1797, d. 8/12/1808 - int. Friends Burying-ground

m. (2) Mary Cox 8/30/1809 - dau. of Jeremiah & Margery Whitewater, Indiana

Children - Whitewater Monthly Meeting

Isaac and Hannah

Thomas (1799) Jacob (1800) Phoebe (1803) Abel (1805) Mary (1807)

Isaac and Mary Cox

~~Thomas (1810)~~

Joseph (1810) Hannah (1812) Jeremiah 4/1/1813

Margery (7/13/1814) Nicholas (6/23/1813) Ruth (8/16/1820) Isaac (2/2/1822)

All dates from Whitewater Monthly Meeting record

"Isaac Barker and family were granted a certificate to West Branch Monthly Meeting, Ohio, 5/7/1808" --Record in Cane Creek Monthly Meeting, N.C. then in Orange Co., now in Alamance Co. No record has yet been discovered that the certificate was ever presented. Apparently this family came to Wayne County, Indiana, with perhaps a temporary stop in Ohio.

21-R Jeremiah Barker, son of Samuel and Rebecca Woolson Barker

(From this point information is based on Census Records & known information)

b. 1773 at Ashboro, N.C., d. 10/31/1835

m. Mary Beeson about 1794, she was b. 3/10/1773

Children -

Samuel, Beeson, Jeremiah, David, Thomas, Elizabeth, Jane, Dorcas Abraham

22-B Jeremiah Barker, son of Isaac and Mary Cox Barker

b. 4/1/1813, N.C. Came to Wayne Co. Ind. 1833; Boone Co. 1843-57; Iowa 1857-58

m. Jane Herlin, date ?

d. 1/5/1868, Howard Co. Iowa

13 Children: (record not complete)

Isaac M. b. 1/17/1841, Wayne Co., Indiana

22-R Dorcas Barker, daughter of ~~Samuel~~ Jeremiah and Mary Beeson Barker

b. 3/3/1809, Randolph Co., N.C.

m. Daniel Richardson, 1829 in N.C. Came to Hendricks Co, Ind.

d. 6/23/1873, Hendricks Co., Ind.

*Children: This is the beginning of Barker-Richardson Families in this study

See details item #7 Richardson History, page 3

Sixth child, Daniel Wesley Richardson, b. 11/3/1837

23-B Isaac Newton Barker, son of Jeremiah and Jane Herlin Barker

b. 1/17/1821, Wayne Co. Ind; moved 1843 to Boone Co., Ind;

moved with parents to Howard Co. Iowa; 1857; ret to Boone Co. 1862.

m. (1) Jane M. Cox, 1862, she died 10/16/1867

Children - Rachel M.; Charles L.

m. (2) Cyrena A. Brown, dau. Seth and Alice Rich Brown, 12/2/1863

Children: - Perry M.; Murray S.; and Elbert Jeremiah

23-R Daniel Wesley Richardson, son of Daniel and Dorcas Barker Richardson

b. 11/3/1837, Hendricks Co. Indiana

m. Mary Ann Carter, date ?

Children: 4 (see details item #8 Richardson History, page 2

Third child, John Thomas, b. 8/12/1867

- 24-B Elbert Jeremiah Barker, son of Isaac Newton and Cyrene Brown Barker
 b. 9/10/1878, Boone Co. Indiana
 m. 12/25/1900 Della Morris Beasley, dau. of Edward & Mary Ellen Woody Beasley
 Children:
 Marion, b. 1/9/85, died in infancy
 Mildred, b. 5/8/1903, Married Harold S. Spencer, 6/12/1927
 Margaret, b. 5/29/1909, m. John L. Richardson, 6/10/1934, d. 3/12/1966
 Alberta Jean, b. 7/3 1916, d. 1923.
- 24-R John Thomas Richardson, son of Daniel Wesley & Mary Ann Carter Richardson
 b. 8/12/1857, Hendricks Co. Indiana
 m. 10/12/1887, Elizabeth Catherine Thompson, dau. Thomas & Margaret Tate T.
 d. 11/9/1947
 Children: five - see details item #9 Richardson History p. 3
 5th child, John Lorin, b. 5/13/1903
- 25-B Margaret Barker Richardson, dau. Elbert and Della/Barker
 Beasley
 b. 5/29/1909, m. John L. Richardson, 6/10/1934, d. 6/12/1966, Wilmette, Ill.
 One child - John Barker Richardson, b. 8/6/1941
- 25-R John L. Richardson, son of John T. & Elizabeth Thompson Richardson
 b. 5/13/1903, m. Margaret Barker, 6/10/1934
 one child - John Barker Richardson b. 8/6/1941

Thus, as author of this Richardson and Barker Family History, I represent the 11th generation of the Richardson family reported in detail and the 26th generation of the Barker Family reported in detail. As previously mentioned, when I started this study I did not realize that there was a relationship between the two families. However, item #7 of the Richardson story (page 3) and items # 22¹ thru 25¹ of the Barker story show this in detail.

I have made no attempt to list all of the Richardsons or Barkers in the various generations but have concentrated on the specific family branches descending directly to my father and mother. There is sufficient material mentioned to be helpful to any other branch of either family wishing to prepare a similar detailed genealogy.

John Barker Richardson

(1) 15. Daniel Richardson

B 1803, N.C., Yadkin Co. 1829, N.C.

D 6/26/1860, Hendricks Co. Ind.

8. Daniel Wesley Richardson

B 11/3/1837, Hendricks Co. I.

M

D 9/17/1876, On train N.Y.

R

17. Dorcas Barker

B 6/6/1804 D 3/23/1876

Randolph Co. N.C. Hendricks Co. I.

4. John Thomas Richardson

B 9/12/1837, Clayton, Ind.

M 10/12/1837, Monrovia, Ind.

D 10/9/1947, Clayton, Ind.

R

18. James Carter

B 1/1815 M

D 10/1903 R Hendricks Co. I.

9. Mary Ann Carter

B 1840, Hendricks Co. Ind.

D 1829, Clayton, Ind.

19. Jennie Ford

B 2/1814 D 6/1878

2. John Loria Richardson

B 5/13/1903, Clayton, Ind.

M 6/10/1934, Thorntown, Ind.

D

R

20. Thomas Thompson

B N.C. M

D R

(2) 10. Thomas Henry Thompson

B 9/13/1826 Alamance Co. N.C.

M

D 9/4/1898, Hendricks Co.

R Came from N.C. to

Indiana in 1857

21. Sarah Elizabeth Squires

B D

Catherine

5. Elizabeth Thompson

B 5/21/1802, Hendricks Co. Ind.

D 11/14/1930, Clayton, Ind.

22. James Tate

B N.C. M

D R of

(2)-11. Margaret Tate

B 12/25/1825, N.C.

D 3/30/1893, Hendricks Co.

23. Mary Squires, (sister/Elizabeth)

B D

ANCESTORS OF

1. John Barker Richardson

B 6/6/1941, Fort Wayne, Indiana

R 3301 Sprucewood Rd.

Wilmette, Illinois 60091

24. Jeremiah Barker

B 4/1/1813, N.C. M

D 1/5/1883, Iowa R

13. Isaac Newton Barker

B 1/17/1841, Wayne Co. Ind.

M 12/2/1888, Boone Co. Ind.

D 11/3/1901, Boone Co. Ind.

R

25. Jane Berlin

B D 7/4/1876

6. Albert Jeremiah Barker

B 9/10/1876, Thorntown, Ind.

M 12/26/1900, Thorntown

D 3/28/1963, Thorntown

R

(1) 26. Seth Brown came to Ind. 1828

B 3/22/1815, N.C. M

D 12/3/1887, Boone Co. Ind.

12. Cyrena A. Brown

B 4/4/1842, Boone Co. Ind.

D 5/2/1935, Thorntown, Ind.

27. Alice Rich B in N.C./came to Ind in 1810

3. Margaret Barker

B 5/29/1909, Thorntown, Ind.

D 3/18/1966, Wilmette, Ill.

28. William Wesley

B England M

D 1849 R

14. Edward Wesley

B 6/9/1833, Franklin Co. Ind.

M (2) 10/8/1873, Boone Co. Ind.

D /1919, Boone Co.

R

29. Susannah Smith

B England D

7. Della Morris Peesley

B 9/28/1878, Thorntown, Ind.

D

(3) 30. Nathan Woody

B N.C. M 11/1911 1844

D /11/1899 R

(3) 15. Mary Ellen Woody

B 3/8/1848, N.C.

D /1924, Boone Co. Ind.

31. Ruth Hadley

D 11/25/1822, N.C. D 1902

B=Born
M=Married
D=Died
R=Resided

(1) Came from N.C. to Hendricks Co, Ind. 1829; (2) Came from NC to Hendricks Co. 1857

(3) Came from N.C. to Hendricks Co, Ind. 1861

128. Edward Richardson

B 1707, England M 1732

D R

64. Christopher Richardson

B 1752, England

M

D 1825

R

129. Catherine Baillie

B D

55. Christopher Richardson

B 1780, in England

M ? in Germany ?

D in N.C.

R emigrated to Yankins Co. N.C.

130. Edward Dawson

B M

D R Kilerow, Eng.

54. Susan Dawson

B

D

16. Daniel Richardson

B 1808, Yankins Co. N.C.

M 1828, Randolph Co. N.C.

D 8/26/1880, Henricks Co. N.C.

R

B M

D R

PATERNAL

31. Lovy English

B ? in Germany ?

D in N.C.

B

M

D

R

B D

ANCESTORS OF

B

D

B M

D R

John Barker Richardson - Continuation of #16 & 17

B D

B

R

272. Samuel Barker

136. Daniel Barker / came to

B 1704, Del. M America with

D 1750, Del. R Wm. Penn 1682

**68. Samuel Barker

Del.

B 1739, Barkers Bridge/xx3.

M(?) 12/11/1771

D 10/27/1803, Ashboro, N.C.

R

137. Elizabeth Nichols

B ? D ?

34. Jeremiah Barker

B 1773, Ashboro, N.C.

M 1794, "

D 10/31/1825 "

R

B M

D R

69. Rebecca Beeson

B ?

D ?

B D

17. Dorcas Barker

B 6/8/1804, Randolph Co. N.C.

D 6/25/1876, Hendricks Co. Ind.

140. Ben Beeson, Sr

B M

D 6/14/1794 R

70. William Beeson

B 11/11/1743

M(?) 1/10/1770

D after 1774

R

141. Elizabeth Hunter

B D

33. Mary Beeson

B 8/10/1776

D 2/23/1849

71. Elizabeth Norton

B

D 12/30/1809

B M

D R

B--Born

M--Married

D--Died

R--Resided

** -Ancestor's Service -Roster of N.C. Soldiers in American Rev. N.C. Rev. Army Records
 Vol. 11 Book ZZ p.46-77-Folio p.1. # 444 Samuel Barker, Private, Hillsboro, May 1, 1792.

The Daniel Richardson Family.

Daniel, oldest son of Christopher Richardson and Lovey English.

Christopher was born in Germany and came to the United States to North Carolina in 1780. He married Lovey English, some say in Germany, others say in North Carolina. Daniel, their son was born in Yadkins County, North Carolina, June 6, 1808---came to Hendricks Co. Indiana in 1830. He died August 26, 1860, and is buried in the Center Valley Cemetery, Liberty Township, Hendricks County, Indiana--locate on State Road #39, about three miles south of Belleville, which is on U.S. #40.

Daniel Richardson and Dorcas Barker (daughter of Jeremiah and Mary Beeson Barker) were married in 1829, in North Carolina. Their honeymoon was a trip, to Indiana, on horseback. One horse carried them both with all their worldly possessions. It was a long and perilous journey through the wilderness with only ablazed Trail. The dense forests were alive with wild beasts and 'varments' such as wild-cats, panthers, and wolves! One evening as they were riding late to find a place to stay all night, a piercing scream broke the stillness of the forest. Looking up, they saw a wildcat, ready to jump down out of a tree. But the horse was just as quick to sense the danger and sprang to safety.

They entered land (or bought it) in Hendricks County, Indiana in Liberty Township, Near Center Valley where a sister of Dorcas had already settled. This sister, Jane Barker married William M. Craven in 1825. He came to Indiana in 1826 and made arrangements to settle the new land. He returned to North Carolina and in 1828 brought his wife and oldest child to Indiana. He entered land from the goverment in 1829--the deed signed by President Andrew Jackson. Daniel and Dorcas settled on a farm about one mile north of the Center Valley Cemetery. (on the east side of the State Road 39---the house is off the road. a high power line runs through it. 1965

They put up a cabin on this place. Neighbors were few and far between in those days. One man came from Mooresville, one from Mill Creek, others from nearer neighborhoods, making seven in all, who engaged in the work of creating the cabin. The Richardson's expected to close arrangements to purchase this land but they had an opportunity to sell their interest at a profit. They entered 80 acres, now (1930) owned by John T. Richardson and his mother, Polly Cox. The records show this was dated 1830. The land cost \$1.25 an acre and he paid a large part of it from money he received for working on the National Road (now U.S. 40) where his wages were 35 cents a day. In 1831 he entered an adjoining 80 acre tract. This 80 is part of the present Tommy Richardson farm--one mile north of Hazelwood. The original cabin was 1½ miles north of Hazelwood, and nearly ¼ mile east of the Hazelwood-Clayton road.--near a spring. (1968)

On this land they lived in a rail pen until they could get a house built. On this pen they used a quilt for a door. When the cabin was first built it was without floor or door. Dorcas said that when they moved into this cabin she thought she was rich indeed. Then when they got a puncheon floor and a clapboard door with wooden hinges that was riches beyond compare, although wild beasts were numerous and the panthers would often scream at her when she went to the spring for water. This cabin was in the wilderness, no clearing except as Daniel cut the trees--using them to make the house, to make clapboards to make furniture, to split rails, and to make his own farm equipment, wooden plows, and such things.

After a while they built on a room of the same size as the original one--put a brick chimney between, with a stairway on one side of the chimney and a pantry on the other. They added to the height of the house and had two rooms -in the attic. There was a porch all across the south side of the house. If they ever had a carpet I do not remember it, and not

a rocking chair for their tired bodies to rest in.

The above is based on what Aunt Matt Oliphant wrote of her Grandparents. Written about 1934.

I remember my father, Newton Richardson, (son of Wm. B. and grandson of Daniel) telling that one time when his grandfather (Daniel) was coming home from working on the National Road, darkness came and he stayed in the woods all night-with a bright fire to keep the wildcats from attacking him. (Clara Reitzel)

Written 1968 by Clara Reitzel.

The Barker Family

I. Samuel Barker---born in England---came to America in 1682--died July 1720.//

II. Daniel--born 1704,---died-1748. ^{Baptized 2/22/1848/--Wife unknown} married Elizabeth Nicholas

1. Samuel -born 1739,--died October 27,1803.

2. Other children?

III. Samuel Barker--born 1739--died October 27, 1803--
married about 1771 to

(1) Margaret Greenfield
Rebecca Woolson
(2) Rebecca -Woolson---? eight children -born in Ashboro N.Car.
one of whom ,Jeremiah, was our ancestor.

IV. Jeremiah--born 1773--in Ashboro North Carolina--died October 31,1825.

married 1794

Mary Beeson.

children

1. Samuel--born died

2. Beeson --born died

3. Jeremiah -born died

4. David - born died

5. Thomas.-born died

6. Elizabeth--born died

7. Jane --born died

8. Dorcas --born June 8,1804--Yadkins County North Carolina-died June 23,
----- 1876

9. Rahab. born died

10. Andy

V. Dorcas Barker married Daniel Richardson,1829--in North Carolina
September 24,1829

came to Hendricks County Indiana, on their honeymoon

children

1, Alfred. H.--born September 6,i830----died August 11,1888.

2. William Beeson--born December 8,1831----died November 7,1890.

3. John.T.---born September 15,1833---died July 2,1867.

4. Christopher -born died,age 4.

//X//Loretta/Caroline//////////

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5. Daniel Wesley---born November 3,1837---died September 17,1876.

6. Lovey Caroline--born 1840----died September(?),1914.

7. Dorcas Emmaline -born died

8. Jeremiah Dennis--born died

VI. William Beeson Richardson -born December 8,1831--died Nov.7,1890--

married Nov.24,1850 to

Mary C. Hurd--born Oct.30,1830 ---died March 13,1904.

children

1. Catherine born

2. Martha

3. Joshua Newton -born January 16,1859,--died June 1,1930

4. Elizabeth Dorcas -born

5. William ~~W~~ A born

n 6. Ella

7. Emma

VII. Newton born January 16,1859.--died June 1, 1930
married August 22,1881,to

Luemma Allen--born August 16,1865--died May 12,1943.
children

1.(Omar) Alva --born June 4, 1882---died January 1,1960

2. William Allen--born September 7, 1884---died May ,1959.

3. Mary Alice---born April 12, 1887---died December 20,1963

4. Mabel E.----born June 26,1891

5. Walter Newton---born January 24,1894----~~died/December/~~
died May 21, 1955.

6. Willis ---born July 7,1896---Died December 24, 1964

7. Clara Opal --Born June 3, 1899---

VIII. Clara Richardson married Albert Reitzel--January 14,1923

Albert Reitzel-born May 28,1895--died June 27,1964
son of John E. and Catherine Cullen Reitzel of
Hazelwood,Hendricks County,Indiana

IX. ClaraRichardson married Thomas Albert Reitzel--January 14,1923.

children

- 1.Katherine Luemma--born October 15,1923
2. John Newton -born November 24,1926
- 3.--Shirley Anne --born March 23,1928
Alice-- born and died March 23,1928.
4. Richard Albert--born January 10,1930.
5. Rachel Sarah -born April 10,1933
6. Patricia Joan --born September 27,1934
7. Sharon Clare --born June 3,1942

Christopher Columbus Richardson and Lovy English were married in Germany, came across the ocean and settled in North Carolina I would judge in the latter part of 1700. Daniel Richardson, their son, was born in North Carolina in the year 1808. He married Dorcas Barker of the same place. Their honeymoon was a trip on horseback to Indiana. One horse carried them both with all their worldly possessions. It was a long and lonesome journey through the wilderness with just a blazed path through a dense forest which was full of wild beasts and varmints such as wild cats, panthers and wolves. One evening as they were riding late to find a place to stop overnight they heard a scream and looking up they saw a wild cat ready to jump down! Their horse saw the danger and got out of the way. Many things like that my Grandmother used to tell us. I don't know how much money they had when they got through but they bought or entered (I don't know how much) but 160 acres or more of good land. The farm is still in the name, or part of it. In the woods, with not a stick out off, they made their home. First just a rail pen, then a one room log house without floor or door. When they got a floor and clapboard door they were rich! Grandfather had to do all the work of clearing the ground, making rails for the fence, for it was a long time before his boys were large enough to help him. After a while they built on a room the same size of the one they had, put a brick chimney between with a stairway on one side of the chimney and a pantry on the other, for they had added to the height and had two rooms upstairs. We would call it an attic now. A porch went all the way on the south side. See what our forefathers have done for us. We would not think it possible to live that way. If they ever had a carpet I don't remember it; not a rocking chair for their tired bodies to rest in.

There were eight children born to them. Names: Alfred Hadley, William Beeson, John Thomas, Christopher (who died when he was small), Daniel Wesley, Caroline (who married Solomon Scotten), Emaline (whose husband was Ira Bray) and Jeremiah Denis who is living in Kansas and who is the only one living of the eight. They are all buried in the Center Valley Cemetery. They were members of Friendship Church at Center Valley. He was trustee when he died. His sons were to take his place, first John T. then William and after him, J.N.R. After my grandfather lost his health he rode horseback back to North Carolina. They had gone there for a year some years before in a covered wagon taking the family. He was a handsome man as I always remember him. He had a high forehead, blue sparkling eyes, light hair and curls. I remember him letting us comb his hair after he had come home from Carolina. He was sitting on the porch and we had gone over there to see him. (It was near enough that we could walk over there.) We tried to make the curls stay down but they would not. He was a beautiful man but not old. I have children older than he was, 52 years. We don't want to make Willis vain but he is like him in looks. The hundred years have made great changes you all know. We were there the morning he died. I was fanning him while Grandmother was feeding him when he went to sleep as it were, so quiet and peaceful. He had not been in bed long, he had sugar diabetes. It is all so plain to me how they dressed him and where they laid him. He had a winding sheet - fine white muslin. It made him look so different. I expect \$25 would have covered the cost of his burial - quite different now.

Uncle Wesley was married then. When he was home the grandchildren loved him so they would wait any time to get to eat at Uncle Wesley's place. We did not even want the plate washed. My father, William, used to tell us that Sunday morning was the only time they had biscuits for breakfast and they were so glad when Sunday morning came. Now we are enjoying the fruits of their labors. None of us would want to go back to the hardships of a pioneer life such as they had to go through. Two of the sons were volunteers in the Civil War. Great Grandsons were in the World War. William B. of Indiana and Jerry of Kansas were in the Civil War. One grandson, Clarence, Uncle Jerry's son, was in the World War. They were all born in Hendricks County. Daniel's children.

August 9, 1927

June 27, 1931

By request I will try to write a sketch of my recollections of my early life, my ancestors, and other subjects that may come in my mind.

I was the second of seven children born to William Richardson and Mary (Hurd) Richardson. His father was Daniel Richardson whose father was Christopher Columbus Richardson. His wife's name was Lovy English. They emigrated from Germany to Yadkin County, North Carolina. My Grandfather Richardson was married in North Carolina to Dorcas Barker and they came to Indiana on horseback riding one horse. They passed through many places where there were thick forests full of wild beasts such as panthers, wolves and bears. I have heard Grandmother tell of them. They settled in Hendricks County, Indiana, where they died on the farm they bought or entered.

My Mother's father's name was Joshua Hurd. His wife's name was Elizabeth Milner. Her father's name was John Milner; her mother's Mary Mullens. They were all born in Kentucky but came to Indiana when my mother was eight years old. They settled in Montgomery County, Indiana where most of them died. John Milner, mother's grandfather, died in Linn County, Iowa, aged 100.

My father and mother were married in Hendricks County, Indiana, where they lived and died, father aged 59 years, lacking one month; mother 73. There I spent my early life and there is where I met my first husband, John B. Hadley. We were married in 1872 and had three children James William, born July 13, 1873; Walter Linden, born February 23, 1875, and Luther Wesley, born April 2, 1877. On August 28th of that year, my husband, John B. Hadley, died, aged 27 years and three days. I spent two years at my father's house where they all helped me take care of my three little boys. When Wesley was 15 years and 6 months, he was killed hauling gravel on the first gravel road that was built through Forest, Indiana.

In 1879 I was married to Albert G. Oliphant. His father's name was William Oliphant. His mother's name was Mary Graves. Her father's name was Richard Germichael. Grandfather Oliphant's name was Thomas and his wife's name was Nancy Lister. Children born to Albert G. and Martha J. Richardson, his wife, were:

Romer Newton, born April 30, 1880

Ora May, born May 16, 1882

Kemmen Analy, born August 31, 1884

John Thomas, born July 2, 1866
 Twins, Pearl (boy) and Ruby (girl) born November 13, 1890;
 died when 16 and 18 days old.
 Mary Elizabeth, born September 5, 1897

My early life was spent in Henricks County on the farm. A common school education is all I had and compared with the schools of today it was common. Four months and sometimes three, was all we had. We walked two miles to school. Sometimes our dinner would be frozen so hard we could hardly eat it. We had fun skating on the ice, playing Black Man, Darts Base, and Whip Cracker, Needle's Eye and other games.

We did not dress to go to church to compare with the way they dress to go to school now. Our winter dresses and undershirts were made from the wool that was taken from the sheeps' backs. I have had to stay at home to hold the sheeps' heads down while father cut off the wool. I dont know why he did not tie them down. I remember one time I had to stay at home for that and when I went to school next morning the teacher asked me why I was not at school. I told her and they all laughed at me and I cried. I was about eight years old. After they got the wool off the sheeps' backs, it would have to be washed. It was a dirty hot job. It took barrels of water. Then it would have to be picked. All the burra and stick-tights would have to be picked out of it. Sometimes they would have wool pickings and ask in the neighbors, have a good time and a good dinner or supper. The wool was then taken to what they called the carding mill where it was made into yarn or thread then wovea into cloth, ready for use. Some of it was made into blankets, coverlets and jeans - that was for men's clothing. Of course it was colored to suit the taste, blue, green, yellow and black made into beautiful plaid. A dress of that, a nice white or light apron, and a breakfast shawl is what we wore to school. Can you imagine how we looked?

And our shoes were made from pure leather for we knew just how we got it. Calf skin was for the women and children, but cow skin or horse hide for the men and for the soles. I have seen the Tan Yard. I think they dug deep trenches, put in a layer of oak bark and then the hides till they got it full. Some kind of acid was used in the tanks then they let it stand for some time. It was not a good smell for a good many miles out. I think they would have to scrape or get the hairs off then rub it smooth and color the upper leather. Father commonly had two of these hides and he would take them to the shoemaker. Then we would have to stand on paper while he measured our feet for shoes for the girls and boots for the men and boys. Sometimes we would have to wait till near Christmas for our shoes. Oh how stiff and squeaky they were, but we were proud of them and thankful to get them.

Many times I have helped to gather corn, shucking the down row, and helped to load the oats and put back the hay into the mow. I wish I could have done more.

I am now nearly 68 years old but the past seems like an open book. Part of it I would love to remember: my home, the fireside where we could all spend the long winter evenings. No picture shows, no place to go except once in every month or two a spelling school and church. We would walk two miles or more to church. Often the meetings would continue for four or five weeks. Interest was so great that we could

hardly wait for the time to go. I think people paid more respect to the church then. I suppose it was because it was such a sacrifice to go and there is no acceptable service without sacrifice.

When I was a girl 14 years old, just the age Thalia is now, I was converted. I was two days in darkness and despair but when it seemed that I was sinking down, a bright light seemed to come before me. They told me I lay as one dead, but like the song quick as thought, I felt Him mine. My Savior stood before me. I saw the brightness round me shine and shouted Glory Glory. It seemed like a new world. Everyone looked so beautiful. Even the next morning, the sun was so bright, the birds sang so sweetly, that I was sure there would be no more trouble for me. But it was not long till doubts and fears arose and now "doubts and fears alternately rise" but hope is mingled with my sighs. That has been nearly 54 years. Still trusting in His Grace!

It may seem strange that I should write all this but it seems to me that religion is not held as sacred as in the past. I see no reason why this second birth should be changed for we have the same way coming into this world - which is the first birth. I know there are different ways of conversion - some so gradual we hardly know when or how they come, but we know because we hate the things we once enjoyed and love the things we hated such as the songs. We could see no meaning in them but now there is sweetness in every line and the precious promises in the Bible, we claim then now. But with me it was a sudden change, like with Paul. The brightness that shone around me was as the noonday sun. Some may say it was delusion, but if it was, let it so remain, for it has been as a lamp to my pathway or a spring of water in a weary land, blessed hope.

When I was 16 years old, I joined the Regular Baptist Church called Friendship, in Hendricks County, Indiana. I was baptised in the Creek known as McCrackens Creek with others. Among them was my uncle Wesley Richardson and wife. He was killed in a railroad accident years ago. G. W. Nilhon and wife were there. My sister Kate was baptised that day by Elder Foynter who is now dead. It was the 7th day of March. There was thin ice that morning but we did not mind it. It was like the song, "Christians if your hearts are warm, ice and snow can do no harm." That day was the first time John B. Radley, my first husband, had ever seen me. Although he was a Quaker and they as a people don't believe in Baptism, he said he fell in love with me and thought if the preacher let me drown he would be in there after me.

Oh for a faith that will not shrink, that in the hour of grief and pain can lean upon his God. Now when I look back over my past life at all the troubles of this life, I can see more plainly that His strong arm was underneath me, supporting me. "When troubles like a gloomy cloud have gathered thick and thundered loud, He near my soul has always stood, His loving kindness Oh how good!" I have had much comfort in prayer and could name many times when sickness was in the family that my very breathings were for their recovery. They said that they could feel they were borne on the wings of prayer. There is power in prayer. Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees. Oh for a closer walk with God! A calm and Heavenly frame, a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the lamb.

My first husband lived only 3 years after we were married. We, Grandpa O and I, have been living together nearly 42 years. We lived on a farm till five years ago. Children all married and doing good. Some doctors, some preachers, some lawyers or teachers of law. All doing good; I think I can say as did Cornelia, "These are my jewels" - precious jewels they are though absent. Some are in Minneapolis, some in New York, some in Bluffton, Indiana and the rest of them here in Frankfort. The same God cares for them that I can hold them up at the throne of Grace asking to take care of them for my arms are too short. He is ever ready and willing to bless them and us. Now what can I more except a prayer for my dear children. Should I go first, that He will keep you as He has us, that your children, as ours, may grow up to honor their father and mother, that their days may be long. Oh how we do hope that the name they bear will never be disgraced but will continue. Remember you bear the name of your Grandpa. I see in the future great things for them, good teachers, good parents. Christian parents, nothing lacking - a great and good future. A prospect for a home beyond the skies where we can meet and partings are no more - without the loss of one of our band. One little jewel has gone before - little Philip Cliphent Walsh, Chalmer and Mary's little baby. This may be all I will write but remember your Mother and Or ndmother loves you all.

Just passed my 68th birthday with my sister Emma and her husband. She brought a good dinner of fried chicken, salad, cottage cheese, pickles, Jelly, pie and a lovely an ol food cake with my name printed on it. Hossers and Mary were here. Jims were at Lake George. Charleys had not been home long enough to be rested. Had a good letter from Herman this week - though many miles away they are near to us all the time. Although 'tis hard to have them so far away I am willing to make the sacrifice for we feel 'tis best for them and we know 'twill not always be so. Will the circle be unbroken without one missing link?

When we gathered at the fireside all at home was our happiest time but we did not know it - were looking ahead for something better. That time is here and we are happy but in a different way. Then we were looking forward to the time when all our children would be settled in life and they are and as far as we know they are happy, living lives of usefulness to others. It was always the desire of my heart for all of them to make useful men and women and they have. Some are doctors, some lawyers, some preachers, and one farmer. All are worthy. Like my Grandmother said on her deathbed, "I have lived to see all my children married and some of my grandchildren. And there is not an ugly one nor an idiot." So you see I can say the same. I want my children to call me blessed for they are indeed my jewels, precious jewels, like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

Since writing last I have visited my only brother and two of my sisters. My youngest sister, Emma, was with me. We surely did have a lovely time together.

We realize that these meetings will soon be over for we are all getting old - the oldest 70 years and the youngest nearly 54. One by one they crossed the river, members of our household band: first my father then my youngest brother, Billy, next was Ella then our dear mother. Such a good mother. She was always kind and good. How proud she would have been of her children and grandchildren! We all love them so very much. You can never know until you have grandchildren of your own. Now Good Night.

After more than a year I will write a few more lines. I have nothing new. Just living we too. Sure we are enjoying great peace and comfort! All our children are as well as they could expect to be. Homer has bought the Palmer Hospital and seems to be getting along all right. Walters have moved to Lafayette. I want to write here that Walter Linden Jr. is more like his Grandpa, John B. Hadley, than any of the Hadley children. Nixon is more like his own father. Such a lot of nice grandchildren. Gleon Swayze is in his second year at Wabash College. Thelma is in her last year in high school in New York City. Charles Albert, John Thomas and Helen are doing good. Homer Newton and Nixon are in the first year of high school. Weyns and Billy Boy are up with their classes while Donald and Malcolm are sweet babies at home.

Education is all right but it sends our children away from us. It is a great sacrifice to give them up to spend their lives helping others. I wonder sometimes how I would feel if they were all settled close to us making a good living. I wonder if I would not be happier than having them so far away, seeing them maybe once a year. I wonder if they ever think how they will feel when theirs are scattered like ours are. But I want to be submissive to what is for their good and peace of mind, for our race is almost run. Hope to look back to than forward to, just waiting for the summons to come up higher. May we hear the welcome words, "Well done."

September 20, 1925

You will see that it has been some time since I have written anything. I had thought I would write no more but I have again been through the valley. But the Lord was with me and I am still here. The first day of June my dear son, J.W. Hadley, passed away to the Great Beyond. He had been sick for a long time and he was so discouraged that it was not possible for him to live and God in mercy took him, but oh we can hardly give him up yet. We know he is better off safe in the arms of Jesus, safe on his gentle breast. Had he lived till July 13, he would have been 50 years old. But our loss is his gain for he is done suffering and toiling to help others when he was so sick. I feel we were not worthy of him for he had always been so good and kind to all of us and to every one. Everyone speaks his praise. He gave his life for others. He has a wife and three dear children that it seemed needed him so much but God has promised to take care of the widow and the orphans. We do hope and pray that their lives may be as useful and good as their dear father's was. 'Tis so hard to break the tender cord where love has bound the heart, tis hard to speak the words, must we forever part, but just in this world for we have a sweet hope that we will meet again. It can't be long for I am now past 70 years, my three score and ten.

If in this life only we have hope in Christ. We are almost miserable but we have a home prepared for us where we will meet and greet our dear ones gone before and the dear Savior who died for us.

I visited the grave of my dear son, J.W.H., Saturday, September 15, and as I stood by the grave I prayed for something to comfort me, when the verse of a song I had learned nearly 60 years ago came to my mind. "I came to the spot where the white Pilgrim lay and pensively stood by his tomb, when in a low whisper a voice seemed to say, 'How sweetly I sleep here alone'. The tempest may howl and the loud thunders roll and gathering storm may rise, yet calm are my feelings, at rest is my soul, the tears are all wiped from my eyes".

How may God continue to comfort and keep us and may we trust Him though He slay us for he is able to keep and save all who put their trust in Him. If the circle is broken here twill not be in Heaven for I know and trust Him in whom I have believed.

Another year and I am still here to add another page to my writing. Death has again visited us and taken from us our dear son, Dr. Homer N. Oliphant, age 44 years and nearly 5 months. Words cannot express our great loss for since the death of Dr. J. W. Hadley, we had thought of him as our support or prop and our stay in our declining years, for he was always ready to help in our conflicts here. He rallied quickly to relieve me. But his sufferings are over for he suffered so - not one hour of ease - but now he is sleeping, oh so sweetly, for he died in the triumph of a living faith singing the sweet songs he loved so well with his brother John. I want to trust the dear Lord and not murmur nor complain beneath the chastening rod, but in the hour of grief and pain will lean upon my God. Heaven is nearer and dearer for so many of my loved ones are there and the time cant be long till we will all be there to meet and greet our dear precious ones who are gone over. What a happy meeting, no more pain, no sorrow nor death, and God will wipe all tears from our eyes.

March 3rd

Since writing the last of this paper I have been called on to give up more of my precious loved ones. On the 24th of last March, my brother-in-law, Will Milow, was called home. He was my oldest sister's husband. They had been married 55 years. On August the 8th, my sister-in-law, Mary Oliphant, died. She was 84 years old. On November 30th, her husband, J. T. Oliphant, died. He was about 84 years old. Then on January the 29th, 1926, just two months after his brother, my husband, Albert G. Oliphant, fell asleep in Jesus. He had not been well for some time but we thought he was better but he was too weak to stand the hard chills and fever that he had. What now can I say? I have said though He slay me yet will I trust Him. I had never thought he would go first but God knew best. He knew that I could give him up better then he could me and I know that he was ready and willing to go for he said in his last sickness he had finished his course. He had fought a good fight and kept the faith. Oh that all his dear sons would follow in his footsteps.

The Lord has promised to be with us in all our troubles. "I will be with you in the 6th trouble and in the 7th I will not forsake". He met death with a smile - there was no terror, just quietly passing to a better place. Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like His. It seems that I dread death less since I saw him die. There was no dark valley. The Savior's blessed peace settled around us and his face was lighted with a sweet smile. "'Tis hard to break the tender cord where love has bound the heart; 'tis hard to hear the word, must we forever part. "

We had been married 46 1/2 years. As we grew older, we were bound together more closely for we had our joys and our bitter sorrows. He was always good and kind, better than I deserved, but we were true and faithful to each other. Oh how lonely the home without him! But God shall wipe away all tears. Weeping may endure for a night but joy come in the morning. He has gone to meet all the dear ones that are gone before. It wont be long till we too will go to dwell in the mansion prepared for us, the beautiful home of the soul!

Another page in my little book. On April the 7th, my oldest sister, Kate, was taken home without warning, but she was fully prepared and anxiously waiting to join her husband who had died just a few days over a year before. She was a dear and sweet sister and I miss her so much for I had counted much on our being together in our lonely hours. But I am left alone, the last of the three couples that had worshipped together in days long past. I want to be reconciled to His will for He doeth all things well. Praise His name forever.

Mothers Day, 1926

Alone 14 weeks today. Since my dear companion went away to live with Jesus and many precious loved ones while I am here a little longer. When I too will join that innumerable company who have gone on to dwell with the dear ones. Oh the loved ones in glory, how they beckon me to come. Just a few more sighs, a few more tears. It wont be long - praise His name forever. Wait and murmur not.

Fifty-four years tomorrow since John B. Hadley and I were married. He has been gone to his eternal home 49 years the 28th of this month, August. The 3rd day of this month I was 73 years old and had been married 47 years to Albert G. Oliphant who died the 29th of last January. The time has seemed long but the dear Lord has been with me holding me up. Oh the precious name of Jesus, how it thrills our souls with joy; and the promises to his saints are so precious to us. He has been my refuge and my stay, my strength and my redeemer. And His wonderful peace has been so sweet to me. Nothing of this world will satisfy like the precious love of Jesus. Just when we need him most.

Christmas. Still here, the first Christmas since my Companion went away. Charles, Ora Day and Wayne were here. It was sweet to have them with me. Herman's are still in New York. Florence in New Mexico with her son - my dear Homer's son. Walters in Lafayette; John's in Rochester; all doing good. Chalmers and Mary here. Olean and wife are spending the holidays with her people. Had a good visit with my sister last week. He is not well and is very lonesome. Wish I had been a better woman. I can't realize that I am still here nearly 11 months. Sometimes I feel like numbing but then I remember how good He has been to us and how gently he took him away and to know that he is free from pain and the cold winters that he dreaded so much. Sleeping so quietly with the two boys - their graves covered with the pure snow, I sometimes feel like singing "Come welcome death, thou end of fears, I'll gladly go with Thee". I've suffered more than three score years and more but His time is best. May we all trust Him and serve Him. Wayne, my grandson, 14 years old, joined the Baptist Church here and was baptized in October. I feel like he will make a good man. He is trying to follow in the footsteps of his Grandpa and more especially His Savior. I hope and think they are all trying to make good men and women. Oh how they need our prayers for there are so many temptations but the Lord is able and willing to save and keep them. Oh dear Lord, keep them, watch over them, for they need Thy tender care. Loss are orphans and widows but Thou art a Father to the fatherless.

This is February the 7th, 1928. Still here to add a few more lines to my imperfect writing. But sometime this may be very interesting to my children and my grandchildren. It seems that most every page has someone's death but this is different. For we have a Birth to give now. It is David Lloyd Hersh, son of Chalmers and Mary Hersh. He was born

at the Clinton County Hospital on January 13th, 1928, on Friday. He is nearly 8 weeks old. He is a fine baby and we love him. He makes it worth while for all of us. Walter Linden Hadley came near leaving us last summer for he had a ruptured appendix. He was very low but he is all right now, looks the best he ever did. We are thankful for that too. I will be 75 years old in August should I live that long. I had a letter today from my sister Dorcas Barnes. She is not well. I hope to see her again - had such a good visit with her last summer. While there I attended the Craven - Barker Reunion. That was my only brother's home. It was sweet to be there, but so many are gone that used to meet with us. I attended the Lambert School Reunion - saw lots of my old schoolmates of over 60 years ago. Last summer Herman and family went to England and Paris, but they are at home now in New York City except their older son, Charles Albert, who is staying with me this winter finishing up High School. He is going to Wabash College next year. Cleon and wife are in New York. I was sorry for them to go so far away but maybe it is best. His mother, Ora Day, is not very well and it is bad for her to be separated from them. I felt so thankful when Hermanns all got across the ocean on this side. I know there are many things I could write but it would just be repeating what I have said before. All of them to be good, keep the name pure and by living a clean life following in the steps of their fathers and the dear Savior who died for them. I don't think I can write much more for my hand gets numb. But I love all of you.

April 7, 1928

The night before Easter Sunday, very stormy cold and snowing. Charles Albert is out tonight. Said he was going to a dance. Oh how I tremble for there are so many dangers seen and unseen. My only refuge is to ask God to take care of him as I have done for years with my own dear ones. He is so near and dear to me. He did look pretty and sweet when he was ready to go. He is so precious to me and he has his Grandpa's name, the sweet name of Albert Cliphant. Oh how I pray that his hope and stay will be in his Father, Grandfather, Greatgrandfather, God, who has ever been so good to us. Some of his Grandfather's last words were, "I have finished my course. I have kept the Faith and there is a home awaiting me." Oh how I long for a faith like that. I want to be perfect, I want to be pure. I want to set a better example for my dear ones. I want to be thankful for the young life that has been given to our care. Oh that we may teach him to live a Christian here. Give us Faith and patience and may we not forget that we were once young. And now we are old we have not seen the Righteous forsaken. And now may the dear eye that never sleeps watch over all my dear ones that are here and some dear fatherless ones who are so far away. If earthly fathers are gone they have a Heavenly Father and a mansion in the sky. In that land of fadeless day where there is no night for the dear ones to be out in, but one bright summer always there storms do never come. Oh how sweet it will be in that beautiful home so far from all sorrow and pain with songs on our lips to meet one another again.

Christopher Richardson and Lovey English were married in Germany. Their children were Daniel; Abram; Peter; Polly, who married a man named Holder; Millie, who married a Cox; and another daughter married a Hardin.

My grandfather, your great-grandfather, was Daniel, who married Dorcas Barker and came from North Carolina in 1829. Grandmother's brothers and sisters were Samuel; Jeremiah; Beeson; Thomas; Jane, who married William Craven (Jen Ralston's grandmother); Rhahab, who married another ^{IRA} Iva Craven.

Abram and Peter never left North Carolina to our knowledge.

Daniel and Dorcas Berker's children were Alfred Hadley, William Beeson, John T., Christopher who died when 4 years of age, Lovey Caroline, Daniel Wesley, Dorcas Emmaline and Jeremiah Dennis.

Daniel was born June 26, 1808 and Died Aug. 26, 1860, aged 52 years and 4 months. Dorcas was born June 8, 1804 and died June 23, 1876, aged 71 years 3 months and 28 days.

Alfred was born Sept. 6, 1830 and died Aug. 11, 1888. He first married Sarah Round who was born May 14, 1833 and died June 26, 1860. To them was born Mary Emmaline, William Christopher, Lucinda born Feb. 25, 1856 and died Nov. 18, 1857, John Wesley and Sarah Ellen.

Mary Emmaline born March 12, 1852, died Aug. 8, 1930. She married William A. Jones. Their children were Anna, who married Cyrus Chesbro and had three children, Dorothy Irene, Ruby Helen and Damon Roy; Herbert born Sept. 9, 1872, died Aug. 31, 1926; Don, do not have date of birth or death. Herbert and Don were never married and were older than Anna Belle.

William Christopher born Feb. 6, 1854 and died April 14, 1924. He first married Ida Beets, had a baby girl who died in infancy. He later married Ida Hale, to them were born William Chancey, who married Nellie Murphy, to them was born one son Alfred; Ada Ellen who married Roy C. Kendall and to them were born two children, Earl and Winifred; John Ernest who married Edna Mitchell; and Maurice Alfred who married Joann Kelso, to them were born two children, Roseann Kelso and Maurice Alfred, Jr.

John Wesley born Oct. 1, 1857 and died June 14, 1912. He married Jennie Record, to them were born three children, Charles who married Rusha Beasley, who had two sons, Paul and Merrill; Maude who married Morton Lockhart, to them were born two sons, Eugene and Robert; and Glenn Lemoine who died in infancy June 23, 1894. *Son of John & Jennie*

Sarah Ellen born Sept. 1, 1858 and died Feb. 9, 1882. She married Wesley Craven and to them was born one son, William.

On Jan. 14, 1862 Alfred Richardson was married for the second time to Hannah Kenton Jones who was born Nov. 26, 1845 and died May 11, 1934. Their children were Anna

Belle, Alice Ada, Alfred Hendricks, Daniel Vorhees,
Frank Emory, ^{Belle K. Emory born Nov 8-1872 died Nov 6-1877} Earl Hampton and Von Eber.

Anna Belle born Feb.6,1863 and died Aug.25, 1933.
She married George W. Tincher on Oct.20,1886. He died
May 24,1906.

Alice Ada was born May 24,1865.

Alfred Hendricks born Oct.12,1867 and died Nov.4,
1920. He married Nannie Thompson.

Daniel Vorhees born Jan.10,1870. He married Daisy
Elmore who died June/3-1913. To this union were born
a son who lived a few days; Ruth Estelle, who married
Reagan Lewis and has one son, J.D.; and Esther Jane.

Frank Emory born Jan.2,1874. He married Nora Doty
and had two sons, Paul Donald who died in Oct. C, 1918
at Great Lakes Training School; and Ralph Wesley who married
Louine Hubert and had one son Ralph Wesley, Jr. + ^{Barbara Joe}

Earl Hampton born Apr.6,1880. He married ^{born May 1-1883} Jennie Pugh,
who died Feb.4,1925. They had one son, George Earl who
married and has one son, George Earl, Jr. After the death of
his first wife he married Ethel Wingert.

Von Eber born Feb.3,1882 and died Aug.9, 1935. He
married Nellie Wooden and had three daughters, Blanche
Janice; Bernice Geraldine, who married Herschel Reynolds;
and Doris Louise, who died May 30,1934.

The second child of Daniel and Dorcas Richardson was William Beeson born Dec.8,1831 and died Nov.7,1890. He married Mary Hurd, born Oct.30,1831 and died March 13,1904. Their children were Catharine, who married William Milhorn; Martha-Hadley; Oliphant; Joshua Newton; Elizabeth Barnes; William A.; Ella; and Hiatt, all deceased; and Emma still living.

John T. born Sept.15,1833 and died July 2,1867. He first married Hester Larrimore, their children were Elizabeth, deceased; Daniel Morgan, who married Candacy Rushton; Thomas, deceased. His second wife was Molly Lambert and they had one child, Hester Allen.

Christopher, who died when 4 years of age.

Daniel Wesley born Nov.3,1837 and died Sept.17,1876. He married Mary Carter, and their children were Emma Bayless; Amanda, deceased; John T.; and Ora Johnson.

Lovey Caroline born 1840 and died 1914. She married Solomon Scotten. They had one daughter who died in infancy.

Dorcas Emmaline married Ira Bray. Their children are Sarah Caroline-Shirley; Jeremiah; both deceased and Mary Annis Mc Murtry. *Mary died May 21-1942.*

Jeremiah Dennis married Amanda York, both deceased and buried in Kansas. Their children were Minnie, Charley, Myrtle, Mattie, William, Wesley, Arthur, Daniel and Clarence.

THE RICHARDSON FAMILY OF NORTH CAROLINA
and HENDRICKS COUNTY ,INDIANA.

I. Christopher Richardson--b/1780,in Germany.

married in Germany to

Lovey English--b/ in Germany
They came to Yadkins County North Carolina

children

1. Daniel--b/June 6,1808, in Yadkins County North Carolina
d/Aug.26,1860--buried in Center Valley Cemetery ,Hendricks Co.
Indiana

2. Abram

3. Peter

4. Polly-----married a Holder.

5. Millie-----married a Cox.

6. -----daughter,--married a Hardin

II. Daniel--b/June 6,1808----d/Aug.26,1860 (They came to Hendricks County,Ind.)
married in Sept.24,1829. to (on their honeymoon just after)
(their marriage.)

Dorcas Barker -b/June 8,1804 in Yadkins County, North Carolina

died June 23,1876. buried in Center Valley Cemetery,Indiana.

children

1. Alfred H.--b/Sept.6,1830--d/Aug.11,1888.

2. William Beeson--b/Dec.8,1831.---d/Nov.7,1890.

3. John T. --b/Sept.15,1833 d/ July 2,1867.

4. Christopher died ,age 4.

5. Daniel Wesley --b/Nov.1837.---d/Sept.17,1876.

6. Lovey Caroline -b/ 1840---d/ 1914.

7. Dorcas Emmaline --b/

8. Jeremiah Dennis--b/

III. William Beeson Richardson--b/Dec.8,1831---d/Nov.7,1890.

married --November 24,1850 to

Mary E Hurd b/Oct.30,1830 -d/ Mar.13,1904
daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth Milner Hurd.

children

1. Catherine S.--b/Sept.6(?),1851--d
2. Martha Jane --b/Aug.3,1853. --d/
- 3.Elizabeth Dorcas---b/Dec.17,1855 --d/
4. Joshua Newton --b/Jan. 16,1859.---d/June 1,1930.
- 5.William A.--b/Jan.15,1864. --d/April 23,1894.
6. Mary Ella ---b/Dec.22,1865.----- d/Feb.7,1900
7. Brizzilla Emmaline.--- b/Nov.19,1867

IV. J.Newton Richardson b/Jan.16,1859--- d/ June 1, 1930

married Luemma Allen --August 22,1881.
Daughter of George and Mary Weesner Allen

children

1. (Omar) Alva--b/June 4,1882--- d/Jan. 1,1960
2. William Allen --- b/ Sept. 7,1884-- d/ May 1959.
3. Mary Alice b/April 12,1887. - d/Dec.20,1963.
4. Mabel E. b/ June 26, 1891
5. Walter Newton b/Jan. 24, 1894 -- d/ May 21,1955.
6. Willis b/ July 7,1896 -- d/ Dec.23, 1964.
7. Clara Opal b/ June 3,1899.

V. Clara Richardson b/June 3,1899

married Jan.14,1923

(Thomas) Albert Reitzel - b/May 28,1895 - d/ June27, 1964

Son of John E. and Catherine Cullen Reitzel of

Hazelwood,Hendricks County ,Indiana.

V. Clara Richardson married Albert Reitzel

children

1. Katherine Luenma b/ Oct.13,1923
2. John Newton b/ Nov. 24,1926
3. Shirley Anne b/Mar.23,1928
Alice b/ and d/ Mar.23,1928
4. Richard Albert b/ Jan. 10,1930.
5. Rachel Sarah b/Apr.10, 1933.
6. Patricia Joan b/ Sept. 27,1934.
7. Sharon Clare b/ June3,1942.

An infant son died at birth
William b/Jan.26,1925.

Daniel Richardson's family, with the exception of Jeremiah, who is buried in Coffeyville, Kansas, are all buried at Center Valley; as are many of his grandchildren and some of his great-grandchildren, even some another generation down the line. This cemetery was started around the Primitive Baptist Church, and it was around this church that Daniel Richardson and his wife's sister, Jane Barker Craven and a brother settled in the early part of the 1800s, --1826--1835. The sisters were charter members of this church, which was organized in 1832, at the home of William and Jane Barker Craven. Services were held in the Craven home until a log church was erected in 1834.