

# Jacob Lambert and Mary Callahan of Ohio

## and Their Descendants

The Lambert line in America from which Jacob<sup>1</sup> descends begins with his grandfather, Adam,<sup>B</sup> who sailed in 1764 from Rotterdam on the ship *Boston*,<sup>1</sup> and settled in Pennsylvania. A patriot farmer who contributed to the cause of the American Revolution,<sup>2</sup> Adam settled in Augusta County, Virginia immediately after the Revolution with a Virginia land grant<sup>3</sup> and raised thirteen children.<sup>4</sup> His fifth child, Francis,<sup>4</sup> Jacob's father, a soldier in the War of 1812,<sup>5</sup> moved to Licking County Ohio before 1820, and raised Jacob and his fourteen brothers and sisters there on a farm.<sup>6</sup> Early settlers, to include this Lambert family who moved to Ohio, came mainly from the middle states, and preceded both the Erie Canal and railroads.

The Mary Callahan line in Ohio descends perhaps from Thomas Callahan, who was in Burlington Township, Licking County where he was listed on the 1820 census<sup>7</sup> with a family of eight children, including a female of Mary's age.

This genealogy tells the story of Jacob and Mary, their three sons, and fourteen grandchildren. One son, a farmer, migrated from Ohio to Illinois and, finally, to Nebraska during a time of American westward expansion. The other two brothers went into the hardware business in Ohio together, and then parted, one moving back east for a time to Pittsburgh, and ending up in Kansas City, and the other brother moving to Iowa, where he spent much of the remainder of his life on a farm. They all met the tough challenges of contributing to America's growth in the mid-to- late 1800s, which included the deaths of many of their children before they were grown. With the exception of Jacob, the entire Lambert clan was literate, as reflected in census records. All were in school when they were of school age, and one of his grandchildren even made it to college in the 1870s.

This Lambert research did not meet with unusual difficulties. Licking County, Ohio, lost all of its court records in a fire in 1875, seriously hampering research for land records. Other counties found excuses for not filling requests. However, this research capitalized on numerous other resources to make up for this loss of availability of records.

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<sup>1</sup> Ralph Beaver Strassburger, LL.D., *Pennsylvania German Pioneers Vol 1, 1727-1775*, edited by William John Hinke, PhD (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co, Inc., 1980) 702.

<sup>2</sup> Thomas Lynch Montgomery, editor, *Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth Series, Vol VII* (Harrisburg: Harrisburg Publishing Company, 1906), 1145.

<sup>3</sup> Virginia State Land Office Grant No. 33, 1795-1796, Reel 99, Archives of the Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, p. 78.

<sup>4</sup> Adam Lambert inventory, Augusta County Will Book 12:443, County Clerk's Office, Staunton, Virginia.

<sup>5</sup> [Anonymous], *Standard Historical Atlas of Jasper County, Iowa* (Davenport: The Huebenger Survey and Map Publishing Co., 1901), 32.

<sup>6</sup> Francis Lambert household, 1810 U. S. census, Augusta County, Virginia, page 362, line 11; National Archives micropublication M252, roll 66.

<sup>7</sup> Thomas Callahan household, 1820 U. S. census, Licking County, Ohio, population schedule, Burlington Township, page 44, line 30; National Archives micropublication M33, roll 94.

There is an almost complete lack of published material on Jacob Lambert's line, other than the official records, making this genealogy the first to document the lives of Jacob Lambert and Mary Callahan of Ohio and their descendants. It will be a welcome addition to the many county histories where Jacob's children and grandchildren settled and raised their own families.

----- FIRST GENERATION -----

**1. Jacob<sup>I</sup> Lambert** was born on 13 July 1804 in Augusta County, Virginia,<sup>8</sup> the second child of Francis Lambert and his wife Elizabeth Van Fossen. He died 22 November 1894 at the age of 90 at Newton, Jasper County, Iowa.<sup>9</sup> No state record of his death exists, as the state of Iowa did not record deaths until 1896.<sup>10</sup>

Jacob had four wives:

- **Mary Callahan** was born on 13 September 1806, as recorded in an old Lambert Bible,<sup>11</sup> likely in Virginia or New York. The 1880 U. S. census of one of her sons states that she was born in Virginia,<sup>12</sup> the 1880 U. S. census of her second son states that she was born in New York,<sup>13</sup> and the 1880 U. S. census of her third son states that she was born in Ohio.<sup>14</sup> As there is no evidence in the census records that her family was in Ohio before 1820, that leaves

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<sup>8</sup> Jacob Lambert obituary, *The Newton Record*, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa, 23 November, 1894, page 1, column 4.

<sup>9</sup> City of Newton, Iowa – Burial Permit and Record, Union Cemetery, City Clerk's Office, Newton, Iowa, 22 November 1894.

<sup>10</sup> Jacob Lambert, State of Iowa Certificate of Vital Record, Notification of [Death] Record Search no. S0238332C (2005), Department of Public Health, Des Moines.

<sup>11</sup> Letter from Marjorie Boydston (Lambert) Lampe (Mrs. W. T. Lampe; Open Door Estates; Apartment E108; South Hampton, PA 18966) to Larry Patrick Cornwell, February 1978; held in 2005 by Cornwell (7725 Halcyon Forest Trail; Montgomery, AL 36117). The late Mrs. Lampe was a great-granddaughter of Mary Callahan. She had a handwritten record of the Lambert Bible entry which gave Mary Callahan's birth date. The author's attempts to find the Bible through an heir of the son of his second wife met with negative results. The Bible in question was traced to Reuben Kettle Lambert's grandson, who stated that there was no genealogical information in it.

<sup>12</sup> Thomas Lambert household, 1880 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Rock Creek, enumeration district [ED] 291, supervisor's district [SD] 1, page 635, dwelling 27, family 27; National Archives micropublication T9, roll 750.

<sup>13</sup> Frank Lambert household, 1880 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Rock Creek, enumeration district [ED] 94, supervisor's district [SD] 3, page 61, dwelling 614, family 646; National Archives micropublication T9, roll 346.

<sup>14</sup> H. E. Lambert household, 1880 U. S. census, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Pittsburgh, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, 20<sup>th</sup> Ward, enumeration district [ED] 146, supervisor's district [SD] 9, pages 7-8, dwelling 62, family 62; National Archives micropublication T9, roll 1094.

New York and Virginia as one of her possible states of nativity. Her father most likely was Thomas Callahan, the only Callahan in the Licking County, Ohio censuses for 1820,<sup>15</sup> 1830,<sup>16</sup> and 1840<sup>17</sup> of the right age to be her father. The fact that she named her first child Thomas Callahan<sup>2</sup> Lambert lends credence to this theory. (Her second child was named Francis,<sup>2</sup> likely after Jacob's father.) Listed as Mary Callihan, she married Jacob Lambert on 29 December 1825 in Licking County.<sup>18</sup> Jacob married for the second time on 13 October 1834,<sup>19</sup> suggesting that Mary perhaps died before that date. Deaths were not recorded in Licking County, Ohio before 1875 or in Knox County before 1867. Additionally, the Licking County courthouse burned in 1874, and "all records except for a few marriages were destroyed."<sup>20</sup>

- **Mercy Bartlett** and Jacob Lambert married on 16 October 1834 in the neighboring county to the north, Knox County, Ohio by a justice of the peace.<sup>21</sup> She appeared with him in the 1850,<sup>22</sup> 1860,<sup>23</sup> and 1870<sup>24</sup> censuses for Licking County, age 50, 60, and 70 respectively, which cited her birth c 1800 in Virginia (1850, 1860) or Vermont (1870). Because her eldest son with Jacob was given the middle name of Kettle, and a Kettle family of the right age lived nearby, perhaps her maiden name was Kettle, and her first husband was a Bartlett.

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<sup>15</sup> 1820 U. S. cens., Licking Co, Oh., p. 44, line 30.

<sup>16</sup> Thomas Calahan household, 1830 U. S. census, Burlington Township, Licking County, Ohio, page 429, line 19; National Archives micropublication, roll 134.

<sup>17</sup> Thomas Calahan household, 1840 U. S. census, Bennington Township, Licking County, Ohio, page 315, line 23; National Archives micropublication, roll 408.

<sup>18</sup> Licking County Marriage Records: 217, County Clerk's Office, Newark, Ohio.

<sup>19</sup> Knox County Marriage Book C: 94, Knox County Records Center, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

<sup>20</sup> Letter from Pam Cannon; Deputy Clerk; Probate Court Office; Licking County; Courthouse Square; Newark, OH 43055 to Larry Patrick Cornwell, 01 February 2005; held in 2005 by the author.

<sup>21</sup> Knox County Marriage Book C: 94. [Richard DeLauder, compiler, *Marriage Records of Knox County, Ohio 1808-1875* (Mt. Vernon: Knox County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society, 1995), shows Mercy's name as "Nancy."]

<sup>22</sup> Jacob Lambert household, 1850 U. S. census, Licking County, Ohio, population schedule, Bennington Township, page 252, dwelling 1189, family 1206; National Archives micropublication M432, roll 702.

<sup>23</sup> Jacob Lambert household, 1860 U. S. census, Licking County, Ohio, population schedule, Bennington Township, page 322, dwelling 356, family 344; National Archives micropublication M653, roll 999.

<sup>24</sup> Jacob Lambert household, 1870 U. S. census, Licking County, Ohio, population schedule, Bennington Township, page 9, dwelling 129, family 132; National Archives micropublication 593, roll 1232.

Jacob's third marriage was to Rachel Hopkins before the 1880 census,<sup>25</sup> suggesting that Mercy perhaps died before the taking of that census.

- **Rachel Hopkins** and Jacob Lambert married sometime after the 1870 census and before the 1880 census, when she appears as his wife. No marriage record exists in Licking County.<sup>26</sup> She was born 18 September 1812 in Ontario, New York, the daughter of Matthew Hopkins and Lucy Wright.<sup>27</sup> She was listed as age 66 in the 1880 census, born in New York, both parents born in New York.<sup>28</sup> Her obituary stated that she died 03 December 1883 of liver trouble, aged 71 years, 2 months, and 15 days, in Knox County, Ohio.<sup>29</sup> She was too old to have children by Jacob, and none by her were listed in his obituary.<sup>30</sup>
- **Phildelia (Schoonover) Cunningham** married her second husband Jacob Lambert on 14 November 1885.<sup>31</sup> She was born 29 May 1815<sup>32</sup> or 20 May 1814 in Genessee County, New York<sup>33</sup> and died 06 December 1899 in Newton, Jasper County, Iowa. The comments section of her burial record stated that she was the “daughter of J. and Esther (Handy) Schoonover; first husband was Levi A. Cunningham; 2<sup>nd</sup> husband his 4<sup>th</sup> wife of Jacob Lambert.<sup>34</sup> She was too old to have children by Jacob, and none by her were listed in his obituary.<sup>35</sup> She was buried in the Union Cemetery in section 3, lot 80, block 2 on Saturday, Dec 9, 1899.<sup>36</sup> Union Cemetery is located at 1601 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street North, in Newton, Jasper County,

<sup>25</sup> 1880 U. S. census, Knox Co., Ohio, population schedule, Milford F. P., ED 144, SD 5, p. 82D, dwelling 167, family 171.

<sup>26</sup> Letter, Pam Cannon to Larry Patrick Cornwell, 01 February 2005.

<sup>27</sup> Rachel Lambert entry, Knox County Deaths, Book 1: 350, Knox County Records Center, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

<sup>28</sup> 1880 U. S. census, Knox Co., Ohio, population schedule, Milford F. P., ED 144, SD 5, p. 82D, dwelling 167, family 171.

<sup>29</sup> Mrs. Jacob Lambert obituary, *The Morrow County Sentinel*, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, 13 December 1883, page 3, column 2.

<sup>30</sup> *The Newton Record*, 23 November 1894.

<sup>31</sup> Phildelia (Schoonover) Lambert obituary, *The Newton Record*, Newton, Iowa, 14 December 1899, no page number or column number.

<sup>32</sup> Ibid.

<sup>33</sup> Gen. James B. Weaver, Editor-In-Chief, *Past and Present of Jasper County, Iowa* (Indianapolis: B. F. Bowden & Company, 1912), 946.

<sup>34</sup> City of Newton, Iowa – Burial Permit and Record, Union Cemetery, City Clerk's Office, Newton, Iowa, 09 December 1899.

<sup>35</sup> *The Newton Record*, 23 November 1894.

<sup>36</sup> City of Newton, Iowa – Burial Permit and Record, 09 Dec 1899.

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The first census record for Jacob was the one taken for his father's family in 1810 in Augusta County, Virginia, including him as one of three free white males under 10, when he was six years of age.<sup>37</sup>

According to Jacob's obituary in 1894, he had been a member of the Methodist Church for 80 years, thus establishing his religious upbringing from at least 1814, at age 10 in Virginia.<sup>38</sup>

Jacob's parents moved from hilly Virginia to Ohio, which was becoming populated with settlers mainly from the middle states. They moved there before the Erie Canal or railroads were constructed in the state, and settled where the land is undulating plains, with beds of clay, limestone, and sand. At the time, the land was covered by a dense forest, and contained many species of wild animals. Farmers of the period likely cleared and plowed the land with oxen, planted wheat or corn, and built a log home.

The second census record for Jacob was the one taken for his father's family in 1820, in Washington Township, Licking County, Ohio, including him as one of two free white males between sixteen and eighteen, when he was sixteen years of age.<sup>39</sup> Even at that early date, there were 11,861 residents listed there. By 1840, that number had almost tripled, to 35,096.

Jacob Lambert and Mary Callahan's marriage record in Licking County, Ohio stated, "I hereby certify that on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of December A. D. 1825, the Marriage of Jacob Lambert and Mary Callihan was solemnized by me in due form of law. Given under my hand this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January A. D. 1826, Nathan Steward, J. P."<sup>40</sup> They chose to reside in neighboring Knox County, to the north, and were there on 04 December 1826 when their first son Thomas Callahan Lambert was born,<sup>41</sup> and the family was listed in Pike Township, Knox County in the 1830 census.<sup>42</sup> Thomas, along with his younger brother Francis William Lambert, born 21<sup>43</sup> or 23 December 1829<sup>44</sup> were the only two children (both males under five) living with the family in 1830.<sup>45</sup>

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<sup>37</sup> Francis Lambert household, 1810 U. S. census, Augusta County, Virginia, page 362, line 11; National Archives micropublication M252, roll 66.

<sup>38</sup> *The Newton Record*, 23 November 1894.

<sup>39</sup> 1820 U. S. cens., Washington Twp., Licking Co., Oh., p. 18, line 4.

<sup>40</sup> Licking County Marriage Records: 217.

<sup>41</sup> Thomas Callahan Lambert obituary, *Fairbury Gazette*, Fairbury, Nebraska, 13 July 1911, page 4, column 2.

<sup>42</sup> Jacob Lambert household, 1830 U. S. census, Pike Township, Knox County, Ohio, page 199, line 9; National Archives micropublication, roll 134.

<sup>43</sup> Francis W. Lambert obituary, *Morrow County Union Register*, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, 03 April 1907, page 2.

<sup>44</sup> Francis W. Lambert, death certificate unnumbered (1907), Iowa Department of Public Health, Des Moines.

<sup>45</sup> 1830 U. S. cens., Pike Twp., Knox Co., Oh, p. 199, line 9.

Jacob Lambert and Mercy Bartlett's record of their marriage read as follows: "The state of Ohio Knox County, I hereby certify that on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October A. D. 1834 Mr. Jacob Lambert and Miss Marcy Bartlett were legally joined in marriage by me a justice of the peace. Given under my hand this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November A. D. 1834. Francis Popham, J. P."<sup>46</sup>

Jacob Lambert's name next appears in public records in his father Francis' will, dated 09 July 1837, filed in Knox County, Ohio. Francis lists his 15 children by name, "to share and share alike," excepting Jacob as getting "ten dollars only."<sup>47</sup>

Sometime between 1830 and 1840, the family moved to Bennington Township, Licking County, Ohio where the 1840 census for that location lists the Jacob Lambert family with one male 10-15 [Thomas Callahan, age 13], three males 5 and under 10 [Francis William, age 10, Henry E., 9, plus William Bartlett, age about 4, brought to the marriage by Mercy Bartlett]. Also listed were one male under 5 [Reuben Kettle, 1], one male 30-40 [Jacob, 36], one female under 5 [Catherine, 3], one female 15 & under 20 [unidentified], and 1 female 30-40 [Mercy, 39].<sup>48</sup> The female aged 15 & under 20 who did not appear on the 1830 census with Jacob suggests that perhaps when Jacob married his second wife in 1834, she brought this girl with her along with her son William Bartlett. Jacob's neighbors included Elias Kettles, Richard Wells, Lloyd Wells, Thomas Dixon, and Thomas Callahan, all who had family members who married into Jacob's family.

On 09 June 1841, Isaac Trotter and his wife Katharine of Licking County, Ohio sold 70 acres to Jacob Lambert for \$181. The land was located in Licking County "off the south end of the lot No five (5) of Section four (4) Township four (4) Range fourteen (14)."<sup>49</sup>

The 1850 census for Bennington Township, Licking County, Ohio lists the Jacob Lambert family as Jacob Lambert, age 46, value of real estate owned \$1800, born in Virginia; Mercy, age 50, born also in Virginia; Francis W, 20, born in Ohio; Catherine, 13, born in Ohio, and Rueben K., 11, born in Ohio.<sup>50</sup> Thus, in nine year's time, the 70 acres that Jacob bought in 1841 had appreciated in value almost 1000%.

Jacob farmed 77 acres with \$90 worth of farming implements and machinery in 1850. He owned three horses, three milk cows, one other cow, thirty sheep, nine swine, all worth \$215. In the previous year, he had produced 160 bushels of wheat, 400 bushels of Indian corn, 120 pounds of wool, 20 bushels of Irish potatoes, 300 pounds of butter, six tons of hay, 50 pounds of maple sugar; had made \$10 for "home manufactures," and made \$60 for slaughtered animals.<sup>51</sup>

Jacob helped organize a church in Bennington Township, Licking County, Ohio, in 1850. It was

<sup>46</sup> Knox County Marriage Book C: 94.

<sup>47</sup> Francis Lambert will (1837), Knox County Will Book A: 321, Probate Court, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

<sup>48</sup> Jacob Lambert household, 1840 U. S. census, Bennington Township, Licking County, Ohio, page 312, line 22; National Archives micropublication, roll 408.

<sup>49</sup> Licking County Deed Book MM: 256-257, Recorder's Office, Newark, Ohio.

<sup>50</sup> 1850 U. S. cens., Licking Co., Oh., population schedule, Bennington Twp., p. 251, dwelling 1189, family 1206.

<sup>51</sup> Jacob Lambert, farmer, 1850 U. S. census, Licking County, Ohio, agriculture schedule, Bennington township, page 529, line 12; National Archives microcopy 11159, roll 6, Family History Library microfilm 1602330.

called "Lambert's Chapel," and was located in the eastern part of the township, a little north of Lake Fork, on the Calvin Stout property. Prior to 1850, meetings were generally held in Jacob's home. Other original members included Elias Kettle and Richard Wells.<sup>52</sup> As discussed, Jacob's second wife's maiden name was likely Kettle. As will be discussed, Jacob's eldest son married a Wells.

The 1860 census for Appleton, Bennington Township, Licking County, Ohio lists Jacob Lambert, 56, value of real estate \$3000, value of personal estate \$550, born in Virginia, and Mercy Lambert, 60, born in Virginia.<sup>53</sup> His land continued to appreciate in value, from \$1800 in 1850 to \$3000 in 1860.

The 1870 census for Appleton, Bennington Township, Licking County, lists Jacob Lambert, 65, farmer, value of real estate \$3850, value of personal estate \$700, born in Virginia, and Mercy Lambert, 70, keeping house, born in Vermont.<sup>54</sup> Vermont is clearly written, but the previous two censuses listed her as being born in Virginia. Their daughter Catherine Dixon, 33, and Catherine's husband, Augustus Dixon, were living with them.<sup>55</sup> The land valued at \$3000 in 1860 was valued at \$3850 in 1870. His personal estate had increased from \$550 to \$700 in ten year's time.

On 01 September 1876, Jacob Lambert and his wife Rachel Lambert of Licking County, Ohio, sold their 70 acres to Joshua Van Rhoden for \$5000. The land was as described in the 1841 purchase, but contained an additional seven acres, the location described as, "beginning at the South East Corner of Lot Number 12, thence West 12 rods, thence North 90 48/100 rods, thence East 12 rods, thence South 90 48/100 rods to the place of beginning."<sup>56</sup> Jacob signed the sale document with his mark, indicating perhaps that he was unable to write. Or, as will be discussed, perhaps he couldn't write because he had lost an arm.

Likely around the time of the sale of their land, Jacob and Rachel moved back to adjacent Knox County, Ohio. The 1880 census for that location, Milford, reflects that Jacob Lambert was a white male, age 76, farmer, married, living with Rachel Lambert, 66, married, keeping house. Jacob was shown with the disability of "arm off." He was listed as being born in Virginia, as were both his parents. Rachel was listed as being born in New York, as were both her parents.<sup>57</sup> We know this is the correct Jacob Lambert, as he was the only one of that name in Ohio of the right age in the 1880 census, and the disability listed matches his obituary<sup>58</sup> which reported that he had an arm amputated.

Jacob was listed as a member of the Methodist Church in Middlebury Township, Knox County, Ohio

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<sup>52</sup> N. N. Hill, Jr., compiler, *History of Licking County, O.*, (Newark, Ohio: A. A. Graham & CO., publishers, 1881), 400.

<sup>53</sup> 1860 U. S. census, Licking Co., Oh., population schedule, Bennington Twp., p. 322, dwelling 356, family 344.

<sup>54</sup> 1870 U. S. census, Licking Co., Oh., population schedule, Bennington Twp., p. 9, dwelling 129, family 132.

<sup>55</sup> Ibid.

<sup>56</sup> Licking County Deed Book III: 71, Recorder's Office, Newark, Ohio.

<sup>57</sup> 1880 U. S. census, Knox Co., Ohio, population schedule, Milford F. P., ED 144, SD 5, p. 82D, dwelling 167, family 171.

<sup>58</sup> *The Newton Record*, 23 November 1894.

in 1881.<sup>59</sup>

Jacob's third wife, Rachel, died on 03 December 1883,<sup>60</sup> likely prompting his move to Newton, Jasper County, Iowa. Her obituary helps describe both hers and her husband's longstanding forbearance with physical issues. It read:

-- On Monday, the 2d inst. [*sic.*, she died the 3rd], Mrs. JACOB LAMBERT, residing at Lock, Knox county Ohio, died after several weeks of severe suffering, at the age of 71 years. Mrs. LAMBERT was formerly a resident of our town, and will be remembered as a woman of excellent qualities, and a kind and good citizen. She leaves an aged husband, several grown up children, and a large circle of relatives and acquaintances to mourn her demise."<sup>61</sup>

Rachael Lambert's record of death in the Knox County Probate Court recorded that she had died on 03 December 1883, she had been married, had lived to be 71 years, 2 months, and 15 days old, place of death was Milford, place of birth was Ontario, NY, her occupation was wife, her parents were Mathew Hopkins and Lucy Wright, she was white, her "disease, direct or indirect cause of death," was "paralysis," and her place of residence was Milford."<sup>62</sup>

Less than three months earlier, a neighbor, Levi Cunningham, had died on 22 September 1883. Levi's widow, Fidelia (Schoonover) Cunningham became Jacob's fourth wife on 14 November 1885. She came into the marriage having raised eight children,<sup>63</sup> many of whom lived in the vicinity.

Jacob Lambert died nine years later. His obituary was published in *The Newton Record*:

Died at his home in this city, Thursday morning, November 22, at 6:55 o'clock, at the ripe old age of 90 years, 4 months and 9 days.

Jacob Lambert, or as he was familiarly known, Father Lambert, was born in Gustra [Augusta] County, Virginia, July 13, 1804. While but a boy he moved with his parent[s] to Licking County, Ohio, where he resided until about twelve years ago, when he came to Newton, where he has since lived. He was one of a family of fourteen brothers and sisters, of whom there are but two living. His fourth wife, who was a Mrs. Cunningham, and four sons, one daughter, ten grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren survive to mourn their loss of a kind husband, good and loving father and grandparent. Father Lambert had been a member of the Methodist Church for eighty years. The funeral services will be held today from the Methodist Church, Rev. Brooks officiating.

Father Lambert was a man of great physical strength and energy. His constitution was so strong that it resisted all attempts of being put under in influence of chloroform or ether, even during the amputation of his arm. He was a good father and good citizen and

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<sup>59</sup> N. N. Hill, Jr., compiler, *History of Knox County, Ohio*. (Mt. Vernon, Ohio: A. A. Graham & Co., publishers, 1881), 520.

<sup>60</sup> Knox County Death Book 1: 350.

<sup>61</sup> *The Morrow County Sentinel*, 13 December 1883.

<sup>62</sup> Knox County Death Book 1: 350.

<sup>63</sup> Phidelia (Schoonover) Lambert obituary, *The Newton Record*, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa, 14 December 1899, no page or column number. Subsequent citation will be *The Newton Record*, 14 December 1899.



a man respected by all. 'He has trod the path we must all follow; there is another link of friendship broken, yet we cherish a hope that at some future period those broken links may again be united in a blessed hereafter.'<sup>64</sup>

According to his burial permit and record, Jacob Lambert died at Newton, Jasper County, Iowa and was buried in Union Cemetery there on Friday, 23 November 1894. This cemetery is located at 1601 West 4th Street North, in Newton. His plot is in section 6, lot 80, block 2. The comments section of the record reflected that he was the "son of Francis & E. (VanFausen) Lambert; 2<sup>nd</sup> husband of Phidelia (Schoonover) Cunningham Lambert his 4<sup>th</sup> wife."<sup>65</sup>

Phidelia Lambert was enumerated in the 1895 Iowa census for Newton, Jasper County, indexed under "Phidita Lambert," age 79, birthplace New York.<sup>66</sup>

Phidelia continued to live in her home in southeast Newton until her death in 1899. Her obituary appeared in the *The Newton Record*:

#### **Death of an Aged Christian**

Grandmother Lambert, one of the best old ladies in this city, passed away last Friday morning, at her home southeast of town. Mother Lambert on Thanksgiving Day was one of the guests of honor at a large gathering of relatives at the home of her daughter, Mr. H. V. Van Epps, and the following Sabbath was in her accustomed pew in the M. E. Church, little thinking that her life was so near to close. She was in her eighty-fifth year, but still retained much of her youthful spirits and vigor. The funeral services were held in the M. E. Church on Saturday afternoon, conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. C. Willets, who preached an excellent discourse from the text, "They return at evening." Mrs. T. M. Rodgers, Miss Lettie Earley, Jas. Hayter and Horace Shepherd sang the old hymns so dear to Mother Lambert during her lifetime. Lulu Hayter accompanied on the organ.

Phildelia Schoonover was born in Genesee County, N. Y. May 29, 1815. When she was quite young her parents moved to Portage Co., Ohio, where she grew to womanhood and on March 8, 1836 [*sic.*, 1833 according to her first husband's biography],<sup>67</sup> was married to Levi A. Cunningham. They lived for several years in Noble Co., Ind., and Muscatine Co., Iowa, moving to this city Feb. 26, 1873. Eight children were born to them, six of whom survive. Father Cunningham died Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1883. She was again married Nov. 14, 1885 to Jacob Lambert, of this city, who died Nov. 22, 1893 [*sic.*, 1894, as discussed earlier].

Mother Lambert joined the M. E. Church when she was twenty-five years of age, and during all the years of her life was a faithful Christian and an ardent lover of the church of her choice. She loved her children and they in turn gave her every tender care and

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<sup>64</sup> *The Newton Record*, 23 November 1893.

<sup>65</sup> City of Newton, Iowa – Burial Permit and Record, 22 Nov 1894.

<sup>66</sup> Phidita Lambert household, 1895 Iowa state census, Jasper County, population schedule, Newton, page 90, State Historical Society of Iowa, Des Moines.

<sup>67</sup> Newton Township Biographies, *1878 History of Jasper County, Iowa*, on-line <<http://iagenweb.org/jasper/history/1878/bios/newton-a.k.htm>>, Levi Cunningham biography downloaded 14 August 2005. His biography is important, because it records his and Fidelity's children's names: Esther J., Levi P., Dorleska C., Amanda A., Olive R., Mary A., and William J. W. One more child, Anna Miller, was listed with them in the 1860 and 1870 censuses for Muscatine County, Iowa, and as their daughter in the 1880 census for Newton, Jasper County, Iowa, as will be discussed.

attention due an aged and almost idolized mother. Her daughter, Mrs. A. C. Van Epps, who resides in Omaha, arrived in time to see her mother alive and receive her parting blessing.<sup>68</sup>

Jacob Lambert and Mary Callahan were the parents of the following three children, all born in Ohio:

- + 2 i. THOMAS CALLAHAN<sup>2</sup> LAMBERT, born 04 December 1826 in Knox County, Ohio, died 05 July 1911 in Endicott, Jefferson County, Nebraska.<sup>69</sup> He married 25 September 1849, Rebecca Jane Wells.<sup>70</sup>
- + 3 ii. FRANCIS WILLIAM LAMBERT, born 21<sup>71</sup> or 23<sup>72</sup>, <sup>73</sup> December 1829 in Licking County, Ohio,<sup>74</sup> died 18 March 1907 in Manilla, Crawford County, Iowa.<sup>75</sup> He married 10 March 1859 in Morrow County, Ohio, Phoebe Ann Brokaw.<sup>76</sup>
- + 4 iii. HENRY E. LAMBERT, born 20 March 1831 in Ohio, died 12 February 1915 in Independence, Jackson County, Missouri.<sup>77</sup> He married 25 January 1853 in Knox County, Ohio, Hannah Jane Runyan.<sup>78</sup>

Jacob Lambert and his second wife Mercy Bartlett were the parents of two children:

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<sup>68</sup> *The Newton Record*, 14 December 1899.

<sup>69</sup> Thomas Callahan Lambert, death certificate no. 6751 (1911), Nebraska health and Human Services, Lincoln.

<sup>70</sup> *Fairbury Gazette*, 13 July 1911.

<sup>71</sup> *Morrow County Union Register*, 03 April 1907.

<sup>72</sup> Francis W. Lambert, Iowa state death certificate, unnumbered.

<sup>73</sup> Francis W. Lambert tombstone, Nishnabotny Cemetery, Crawford County, Iowa (1 mile W of Manilla on Iowa Route 141, and \_ mile north, visible from Route 141, stone in northcentral portion of the cemetery); photographed by the author, June 2004.

<sup>74</sup> *Morrow County Union Register*, 03 April 1907.

<sup>75</sup> Francis W. Lambert, Iowa state death certificate, unnumbered.

<sup>76</sup> Morrow County Marriage Book 1: 402, County Clerk's Office, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

<sup>77</sup> Henry E. Lambert, death certificate no. 4641 (1915), Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City.

<sup>78</sup> Knox County Marriage Record Book F, 1847-1856: 355, County Clerk's Office, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

- i. CATHERINE D. LAMBERT, born 14 July 1837, died 08 May 1913.<sup>79</sup> She married, circa 1860, Augustus Dixon.<sup>80</sup>
- ii. REUBEN KETTLE LAMBERT, born 28 June 1839 in Licking County, Ohio, died 07 September 1918 in Newton, Jasper County, Iowa.<sup>81</sup> He married 23 February 1860,<sup>82</sup> Cynthia Adeline Benjamin.<sup>83</sup>

Stepchildren of Jacob Lambert born of his second wife Mercy (Kettle) Bartlett by her first husband were:

- i. [UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE], born between 1820 and 1825,<sup>84</sup> likely in Ohio. The only time she appeared in any records was in the Jacob Lambert household in the 1840 U. S. census for Bennington Township, Licking County, Ohio, as a female 15 and under 20. The Licking County Courthouse burned in 1874, destroying “all records except for a few marriages” (footnote Pam Cannon letter) in which she possibly appeared. All other members of the household are accounted for; she likely came into the household with her mother and brother.
- ii. WILLIAM BARTLETT, born circa 1836.<sup>85</sup> By process of elimination, he was one of the three males 5 and under 10 in the 1840 U. S. census for Bennington Township, Licking County, Ohio, in the Jacob Lambert household. Although there were numerous William Bartletts in Ohio throughout the remainder of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, none fit his profile. He appears with his half-sister, Catherine Dixon, in the 1910 census for Bennington Township, Licking County, Ohio, age 72, widowed, born in Ohio, father born in New York, mother born in Vermont, identified as the head of household, and Catherine

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<sup>79</sup> Catherine Dixon tombstone, Patterson Cemetery, Burlington Township, Licking County, Ohio (Ohio Route 65 at Township Road 32, north of Johnstown, Ohio); stone read by Mary Newland, 03 September 1997.

<sup>80</sup> Augustus Dixon household, 1900 U. S. census, Licking County, Ohio, population schedule, Bennington township, Newark City, enumeration district [ED] 162, supervisor’s district [SD] 210, page 5B, dwelling 116, family 114; National Archives micropublication T623, roll 1293.

<sup>81</sup> Reuben Kettle Lambert, death certificate no 50 2207 (1918), Iowa Department of Public Health, Des Moines.

<sup>82</sup> [Anonymous], Standard Historical Atlas of Jasper County, Iowa (Davenport: The Huguenberger Survey and Map Publishing Company, 1901), 6A.

<sup>83</sup> Newton Union Cemetery Burials Through 2003, on line <<http://www.newtongov.org/pdf%20files/union%20cemetary%20burials%20through%202003.pdf>>, Lambert data downloaded 02 December 2004.

<sup>84</sup> 1840 U. S. cens, Bennington twp., Licking Co., Oh., p. 315, line 23.

<sup>85</sup> William Bartlett household, 1910 U. S. census, Licking County, Ohio, population schedule, Bennington township, page 6-A, dwelling 140, family 141, National Archives micropublication T624, roll 1203.

Dixon, age 74, widowed, identified as his half-sister, born in Ohio, father born in Pennsylvania, mother born in Vermont. They shared the same mother.

Stepchildren of Jacob Lambert born of his fourth wife Fidelia (Schoonover) Cunningham by her first husband Levi Cunningham were brought into Jacob's family as adults, and were:

- i. ESTHER JANE CUNNINGHAM, born March 1834, in Ohio,<sup>86</sup> likely Portage County.<sup>87</sup>  
She married 29 January 1855 in Muscatine County, Iowa, Aretus Schoonover.<sup>88</sup>
- ii. PRICE LEVI CUNNINGHAM, born circa 1835,<sup>89</sup> likely at Portage County, Ohio.<sup>90</sup>

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<sup>86</sup> Esther J. Schoonover household, 1910 U. S. census, Jasper County, Iowa, population schedule, Washington Township, Colfax town, enumeration district [ED] 38, supervisor's district [SD] 6, page 14A, dwelling 202, family 211; National Archives micropublication T623, roll 439.

<sup>87</sup> Newton Township Biographies, <<http://iagenweb.org/jasper/history/1878/bios/newton-a.k.htm>>. Levi "was born in Portage Co. Oh., and moved to La Grange Co., In. in 1837."

<sup>88</sup> Muscatine County Small Marriage Book B: 61, County Clerk's Office, Muscatine, Iowa. Her full name was recorded in the marriage record. His last name was spelled Scoonhover in the record.

<sup>89</sup> Levi Cunningham household, 1860 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Ohio, population schedule, Salem township, Richmond post office, page 294, dwelling 992, family 983; National Archives micropublication M653, roll 993.

Sarah Emily's name is listed as "Emily."

<sup>90</sup> Newton Township Biographies, <<http://iagenweb.org/jasper/history/1878/bios/newton-a.k.htm>>.

- iii. He married, circa 1867, Sara Emily [---?---].<sup>91</sup>
- iv. DORLESKA C. CUNNINGHAM, born August 1838 in Indiana,<sup>92</sup> likely Noble County.<sup>93</sup> She married, 01 July 1886, Muscatine County, Iowa, David Daily.<sup>94</sup>
- v. AMANDA M. CUNNINGHAM, born 29 October 1840, Noble County, Indiana,<sup>95</sup> died Newton, Jasper County, Iowa, 13 March 1926.<sup>96</sup> She married, 29 November 1860, in Muscatine County, Iowa, Harmon V. Van Epps.<sup>97</sup>
- vi. OLIVE R. CUNNINGHAM, born May 1844 in Indiana. She married, circa 1860, Zachariah Elias Newkirk.<sup>98</sup>
- vii. MARIA CUNNINGHAM, born circa 1847 in Indiana.<sup>99</sup>
- viii. WILLIAM JOHN WALLACE CUNNINGHAM, born July 1852 in Iowa,<sup>100</sup> likely Muscatine County.<sup>101</sup> He married, 23 October 1874 in Muscatine County, Iowa, Mary F. Wiley.<sup>102</sup>

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<sup>91</sup> Price Cunningham household, 1870 U. S. census, Cass County, Nebraska, population schedule, Salt Creek township, post office Ashland, page 160, dwelling 91, family 91, National Archives micropublication M593, roll 828.

Sarah Emily's name is listed as "S. E." The date of marriage is calculated one year prior to the birth of their first child, Clara, age 2.

<sup>92</sup> David Daly household, 1900 U. S. census, Pueblo County, Colorado, population schedule, precinct 20, Pueblo City, enumeration district [ED] 103, supervisor's district [SD] 2, sheet 16, dwelling 191, family 206; National Archives micropublication T623, roll 128.

<sup>93</sup> *The Newton Record*, 14 December 1899.

<sup>94</sup> Muscatine County Small Marriage Book B: 83, County Clerk's Office, Muscatine, Iowa.

<sup>95</sup> Gen. James B. Weaver, editor-in-chief, *Past and Present of Jasper County, Iowa* (Indianapolis: B. F. Bowden & Company, 1912): 946.

<sup>96</sup> Newton Union Cemetery Burials through 2004, online <<http://www.newtongov.org/PDF%20Files/Union%20Cemetery%20Burials%20through%202004.pdf>>, Amanda M. VanEpps data downloaded 09 September 2005.

<sup>97</sup> Muscatine County Marriage Book A: 75, County Clerk's Office, Muscatine, Iowa.

<sup>98</sup> Elias Newkirk household, 1900 U. S. census, Parke County, Indiana, population schedule, Washington township, enumeration district [ED] 70, supervisor's district [SD] 45, sheet 14A, dwelling 306, family 308, National Archives micropublication T623, roll 396.

<sup>99</sup> Levi Cunningham household, 1850 U. S. census, Muscatine County, Iowa, Montpelier township, page 384, dwelling 56, family 58, National Archives micropublication M432, roll 187.

<sup>100</sup> John W. Cunningham household, 1900 U. S. census, Jasper County, Iowa, population schedule, Newton township, enumeration district [ED] 28, supervisor's district [SD] 6, sheet 9A, dwelling 184, family 186, National Archives micropublication T623, roll 439.

<sup>101</sup> Newton Township Biographies, <<http://iagenweb.org/jasper/history/1878/bios/newton-a.k.htm>>.

<sup>102</sup> Muscatine County Marriage Book B: 621, County Clerk's Office, Muscatine, Iowa.

ix. ANNA MILLER<sup>103</sup> CUNNINGHAM, born circa 1859 in Missouri.<sup>104</sup>

----- SECOND GENERATION -----

**2. Thomas Callahan<sup>2</sup> Lambert** (Jacob<sup>1</sup>) was born near Mt. Vernon in Knox County, Ohio 04 December 1826<sup>105</sup> and died in Endicott, Jefferson County, Nebraska, 05 July 1911.<sup>106</sup> He married, 25 September 1849, **Rebecca Jane Wells**,<sup>107</sup> Rebecca, likely the daughter of Richard and Rebecca Wells,<sup>108</sup> was born in Ohio, 19 October 1829<sup>109</sup> and died in Endicott, Jefferson County, Nebraska on 13 March 1906.<sup>110</sup>

Thomas' family was listed in Pike Township, Knox County, Ohio in the 1830 U. S. census, where he, at age 3, and his younger brother, Francis, were enumerated as two males under five, the only children in the family.<sup>111</sup>

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<sup>103</sup> Levi Cunningham household, 1870 U. S. census, Muscatine County, Iowa, Fulton township, page 116, dwelling 115, family 113; National Archives micropublication M593, roll 413.

<sup>104</sup> Levi Cunningham household, 1880 U. S. census, Jasper County, Iowa, population schedule, Newton township, enumeration district [ED] 94, supervisor's district [SD] 3, page 56, dwelling 569, family 595, National Archives micropublication T9, roll 346.

Although she was listed as "Anna," their "daughter," she was listed in their household as Anna Miller in the 1860 (age 1) and 1870 (age 11) censuses for Fulton Township, Muscatine County, Iowa. Whether formally or informally, they raised her as their daughter, and called her as such.

<sup>105</sup> *Fairbury Gazette*, 13 July 1911.

<sup>106</sup> Thomas Callahan Lambert, Nebraska state death certificate 6751.

<sup>107</sup> *Fairbury Gazette*, 13 July 1911. No marriage certificate is on file at either Licking County or any of its surrounding counties: Coshocton, Morrow, Richland, Holmes, and Knox. The author maintains copies of these court letters advising him of this in his files. The marriage record would have presumably revealed the names of her parents.

<sup>108</sup> Richard Wells household, 1850 U. S. census, Licking County, Ohio, population schedule, Bennington Township, page 251, dwelling 1183, family 1200; National Archives micropublication M432, roll 702. The Richard Wells family was of the right age and location (six households removed from the Jacob Lambert family) to have had a daughter Rebecca. Richard and his wife Rebecca were both born in Maryland. Rebecca's obituary stated she was from Licking County, and the 1900 census for Rebecca states that both her parents were born in Maryland. No other Wells family in Licking County met these qualifications.

<sup>109</sup> Mrs. T. C. Lambert obituary, *Fairbury Gazette*, Fairbury, Nebraska, 23 March 1906, page 5, column 4.

<sup>110</sup> Rebecca Jane Lambert, death certificate no. 1709 (1906), Nebraska Health and Human Services, Lincoln.

<sup>111</sup> 1830 U. S. cens., Pike Twp., Knox Co., Oh., p. 199, line 9.

When Thomas was 13, his father's family was listed in the 1840 U. S. census of Bennington Township, Licking County, Ohio, and he was enumerated as one male 10-15.<sup>112</sup>

Thomas and Rebecca were newlyweds when the 1850 U. S. census was taken, but neither appears in the census index. A 29-page search of Bennington Township, Licking County, Ohio, where both sets of parents lived, and a 29-page search of Chester Township, Morrow County, Ohio, where their first-born was buried as an infant in 1852,<sup>113</sup> did not reveal their whereabouts.

Thomas bought 50 acres in Bennington Township, Licking County, Ohio on 30 March 1859.<sup>114</sup> The sellers were Thomas Wells and his wife Emily, who would become Thomas's daughter Hattie's in-laws,<sup>115</sup> and later, the in-laws of their daughter Mary.<sup>116</sup> Thomas paid \$1500 for the acreage, identified as "taken off the west side of lot 6, section 4, of township 4, of Range 14 of the United States military lands."<sup>117</sup>

One year later, Thomas (age 34) and Rebecca J. (age 31) Lambert appeared in the 1860 U. S. census for Bennington Township with their four children. He was listed as a farmer, with his real estate valued at \$11500, an obvious enumerator mistake, as the property had just been bought for \$1500 a year earlier. Their children included Cyrus W., 7, erroneously listed as a female, Mary, 4, Lovina, 3, and Wendall, 6/12. All were born in Ohio, with the first two children having attended school within the year.<sup>118</sup>

On 14 June 1861, Thomas C. Lambert and Rebecca J. Lambert of Licking County sold their property that they had acquired two years earlier to William Weyant, also of Licking County, for \$1600,<sup>119</sup> showing a profit of \$100. The property was described as in the purchase, but added the following:

commencing at the South West corner of Lot No. six (6) at a stone. Thence North two hundred and one rods and twenty three links to a stake or stone. Thence East thirty nine rods and fourteen and a half links to a stone. Thence South two hundred and one rods and twenty three links to a stone. Thence West thirty nine rods and fourteen and a half links to

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<sup>112</sup> 1840 U. S. cens., Bennington Twp., Licking Co., Oh., p. 312, line 22.

<sup>113</sup> [Anonymous], *Morrow County, Ohio Tombstone Inscriptions*, Volume 5 (Mt. Gilead, Ohio: Morrow County Genealogical Society, no date), 82.

<sup>114</sup> Licking County Deed Book 78: 140-141, Recorder's Office, Newark, Ohio.

<sup>115</sup> Jefferson County Marriage Book B: 285; County Clerk's Office, Fairview, Nebraska.

<sup>116</sup> Mrs. T. H. Wells obituary, *Fairbury News and Gazette*, Fairbury, Nebraska, 09 September 1936, page 1, columns 5-6.

<sup>117</sup> Licking County Deed Book 78: 140-141.

<sup>118</sup> Thomas Lambert household, 1860 U. S. census, Licking County, Ohio, population schedule, Bennington Township, Appleton post office, page 327, dwelling 442, family 420; National Archives micropublication M653, roll 999.

<sup>119</sup> Licking County Deed Book 81: 430-431, Recorder's Office, Newark, Ohio.

the place of beginning containing fifty acres of land.<sup>120</sup>

On 05 May 1864, Thomas enlisted as a private in Captain W. R. Nevins' Company (subsequently, Company B), 150 Regiment, Ohio National Guard, infantry, for 100 days. He was described on the company muster and descriptive roll as having been born in Knox County, Ohio, age 37, farmer, enlisting and mustering in, in Cleveland, with hazel eyes, brown hair, light complexion, 5' 10" tall. He mustered out on 23 August 1864. He was given \$27.09 for a clothing account, but he was to pay for coat straps.<sup>121</sup> His obituary confirmed his Civil War service.<sup>122</sup>

A published history of the 150<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Ohio Infantry (National Guard) confirmed that the unit was organized at Cleveland, and mustered in 05 May 1864. The unit moved to Washington, D.C. on 07 May, and assigned to duty as garrison at Forts Lincoln, Saratoga, Thayer, Bunker Hill, Slocum, Totten, and Stevens. It was attached to the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, Haskins' Division, 22<sup>nd</sup> Army Corps, to July 1864 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, Haskins' Division, 22<sup>nd</sup> Army corps, to August. The 150<sup>th</sup> repulsed Early's attack on Washington, D.C. 11-12 July, and mustered out on 23 August 1864. The Regiment lost, during this time, two enlisted men killed and ten enlisted men by disease.<sup>123</sup>

In 1865, Thomas and his family moved to Champaign County, Illinois.<sup>124</sup> Champaign County was ideally situated with railroads to facilitate movement of people and goods, located 128 miles south of Chicago, 160 miles northwest of St. Louis, 106 miles west of Indianapolis, and 90 miles east of Peoria. The land was all prairie, with no groves. There, Thomas bought 40 acres on 18 May 1870 for \$440 from the Illinois Central Railroad Company, described as the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 34 in township 22, north of range 10, east of the 3<sup>rd</sup> principal meridian.<sup>125</sup>

Later that year, the T. C. Lambert family appeared in the 1870 U. S. census for Harwood Township, Champaign County, as T.C., 44; Rebecca J., 42; Cyrus, 19; Mary V., 16; Susannah L., 14; Wendell S., 10; Hatie J., 8; Medora A., 6; and Francis M., 3. All were born in Ohio, except for Francis M., who was born in Illinois. Thomas was shown as a farmer, with his real estate valued at \$7000, and personal estate valued at \$1500.<sup>126</sup> There is unknown rationale for the high value shown for the real estate, for which he paid only \$440 earlier that year.

Thomas bought another 40 acres on 06 March 1871 from Robert and Mary Murray, paying \$1400,

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<sup>120</sup> Ibid.

<sup>121</sup> Thomas C. Lambert, compiled military record (private, Capt. W. R. Nevins' Company (subsequently, Company B), 150 Regiment, Ohio National Guard, Infantry, *Company Muster Roll* (Washington: National Archives).

<sup>122</sup> *Fairbury Gazette*, 13 July 1911.

<sup>123</sup> The Civil War Archives, Unit Regimental Histories, Ohio, 150<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry, online, <<http://www.civilwararchive.com/Unreghst/unohinf8.htm#150>>, data downloaded 15 February 2005.

<sup>124</sup> *Fairbury Gazette*, 13 July 1911.

<sup>125</sup> Champaign County Deed Book 21: 364, Recorder's Office, Urbana, Illinois.

<sup>126</sup> T. C. Lambert household, 1870 U. S. census, Champaign County, Illinois, population schedule, Harwood Township, Rantoul and Harwood post offices, page 133, dwelling 196, family 195; National Archives micropublication M593, roll 193. The household was indexed by ancestry.com as Sambert.



described as the north half of the west half of the southwest quarter of section 34 in township 22, north of range 10, east of the 3<sup>rd</sup> principal meridian.<sup>127</sup>

On 06 August 1874, Thomas and Rebecca sold a tract of land 128 feet wide, described as crossing the west half of the southwest quarter of section 34, township 22, north range 10, east of the 3<sup>rd</sup> principal meridian, to the Havana, Rantoul and Eastern Railroad Company, for the sum of \$1.00.<sup>128</sup>

A month later, on 18 September 1874, Thomas and Rebecca sold 40 acres to John A. Benedict for \$1200, described as the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 34, township 22, north range 10, east of the 3<sup>rd</sup> principal meridian, except for that part of the land already deeded to the Havana, Rantoul and Eastern Railroad Company.<sup>129</sup> This was the same property that Thomas bought on 06 March 1871 from the Murrays. They lost \$200 on their investment.

On the same day, 18 September 1874, Thomas and Rebecca, in concert with Harriet A. Thrapp, their neighbor to the west, jointly sold their combined 80 acres (their 40 acres they bought in 1870 for \$440) to John Lafolett for \$3200.<sup>130</sup> Assuming they split the money evenly, with Thomas and Rebecca taking their half-share of \$1600 (the indenture didn't specify how the money was split), they made a profit of \$1150 on the deal in four year's time. They sold for \$40 an acre.

After spending 10 years in Illinois, Thomas and his family moved to Jefferson County, Nebraska, locating on a farm seven miles south of Fairbury, on Elm Creek, known as the Edgington homestead.<sup>131</sup> On 17 March 1875, Marion and Emma Edgington of Clay County sold 80 acres to Rebecca for \$535, property described as the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 33 and the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 34, all in township 2, north of range 3, east of the 6<sup>th</sup> principal meridian.<sup>132</sup> The two forty-acre plots were adjacent. They paid \$6.67 an acre, perhaps reason enough to move from Illinois where they sold their land for \$40 an acre. Jefferson County is situated on the southeast border of Nebraska, adjacent to Kansas. Fairbury is the county seat, thus providing the Lambert family easy access to the seat of government.

The Thomas Lambert family was enumerated in the 1880 U. S. census for Rock Creek Township, Jefferson County, Nebraska as Thomas, 51; Rebecca J., 50; Wendell S., 20; Hattie J., 18; Dora A., 15; Frank, 13; and Chester, 9. Thomas was shown as a farmer, with all nativities listed consistent with earlier census records.<sup>133</sup> Their daughter, Mary W. Barnes, and her family were listed in the next household enumerated.

In the year before the 1880 census, Thomas Lambert tilled 70 of his 80 acres, as eight of his acres were

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<sup>127</sup> Champaign County Deed Book 31: 10, Recorder's Office, Urbana, Illinois.

<sup>128</sup> Champaign County Deed Book 46: 24-25, Recorder's Office, Urbana, Illinois.

<sup>129</sup> Champaign County Deed Book 34: 608-609, Recorder's Office, Urbana, Illinois.

<sup>130</sup> Champaign County Deed Book 34: 609-611, Recorder's Office, Urbana, Illinois.

<sup>131</sup> *Fairbury Gazette*, 13 July 1911.

<sup>132</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book H: 412, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>133</sup> 1880 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Rock Creek, ED 291, SD 1, p. 635, dwelling 27, family 27.

unimproved woodland, and the other two acres were likely permanent meadows. He had 35 acres planted with Indian corn, which produced 1140 bushels; eight acres of rye, producing 140 bushels; and 30 acres of wheat. He had one acre of Irish potatoes with produced 50 bushels, and a small plot of sweet potatoes which produced 41 bushels. He had an apple orchard on one of his acres. The value of his land, fences, and buildings was estimated at \$1000, and the value of his farming implements and machinery was \$223. He had live stock worth \$260, and spent \$10 on repairing fences and buildings. He paid no money for labor or for fertilizer, and made \$500 in farm production. He realized no money from grasslands or from the sale of any animals, owning only 25 swine and 25 barnyard poultry. <sup>134</sup>

On 19 September 1882, Thomas and Rebecca sold their 80 acres for \$1000 to Harriet A. Thrapp,<sup>135</sup> the same lady with whom they jointly sold their property in Illinois eight years earlier. They made an almost 100 percent profit, selling for \$12.50 an acre the property that they had bought for \$6.67 an acre seven years earlier.

In March 1883, Thomas and Rebecca moved into the nearby town of Endicott in Jefferson County, residing there until Rebecca died.<sup>136</sup> Endicott had a population of about 200 in 1890. It was the junction of two railroads, which facilitated grain and produce shipments from the farms. The Little Blue River flowed near the town, and the banks contained superior building stone. The Methodists had a church there,<sup>137</sup> which the Lamberts most assuredly joined and attended.

Thomas joined the Slocum Post, Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) organization in Endicott as a charter member, and “always enjoyed meeting with the old comrades.”<sup>138</sup>

The Thomas Lambert family was enumerated in the 1885 Nebraska census for Endicott Village as Thos., 58, married, blksmith, 12 months unemployed during the census year; Rebecca, 55, wife, married, keeping house, 12 months unemployed during the census year; Dora, 19, daughter, single, teacher, unemployed 7 months during the census year; Frank, 17, son, single, occupation son, unemployed 12 months during the census year; and Chester, 12, son, single, occupation school, unemployed 6 months during the census year. This family was just three households away from the J. H. Friday family.<sup>139</sup> As discussed later, daughter Lilly Friday would marry Frank Lambert in 1888.

Thomas Lambert was enumerated in the 1885 Nebraska manufactures schedule for Endicott, where individuals making at least \$500 annually were enumerated. He was listed as T. C. Sombert [*sic.*, name was neatly, but wrongly, written], blacksmith, with \$200 invested in the business. From May to November, his ordinary day was 10 hours in the business; from November to May, he averaged 8 hours a day. He was in operation for 9 months full time, with 3 months idle. The value of his material was \$35; <sup>134</sup> Thomas Lambert, farmer, 1880 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, agriculture schedule, Rock Creek precinct, enumeration district [ED] 291, supervisor’s district [SD] 1, page D4, line 1; Archives Branch, FRC Kansas City 1969, Family History Library microfilm 1025178.

<sup>135</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book T: 543, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>136</sup> *Fairbury Gazette*, 13 July 1911.

<sup>137</sup> Nebraska State Gazetteers Business Directory for 1890-91 (Omaha: J. M. Wolfe & Co., 1890), 509-510

<sup>138</sup> *Fairbury Gazette*, 13 July 1911.

<sup>139</sup> Thos. Lambert household, 1885 Nebraska state census, Jefferson County, population schedule, Endicott Village, enumeration district [ED] 439, page 1, dwelling 5, family 5, microcopy roll 29, Family History Library microfilm 499557.

the value of his product, including jobbing and repairing, was \$6.<sup>140</sup>

On 11 August 1887, Rebecca bought three lots in Endicott for \$250 from three couples, Charles J. and Florence L. Bells, George I. and Carrie E. Hodges, and Volney and Jennie E. Kinyon. The property was lots 10, 11, and 12, block 4, in the first addition to the town of Endicott.<sup>141</sup>

Thomas was listed in the Endicott Business Directory for 1890-91 as a blacksmith.<sup>142</sup>

Thomas was enumerated on the veterans schedule for the 1890 U. S. census for Endicott which listed surviving soldiers, sailors, and marines, and widows, etc., outlining his service during the Civil War<sup>143</sup> as stated in his service records.

Rebecca bought three more lots in Endicott on 12 June 1896 from the Lincoln Land Company for \$30. These were lots 1, 2, and 3 of block 4 in the first edition to the town of Endicott.<sup>144</sup>

Thomas and Becka Lambert were enumerated in the 1900 U. S. census for Endicott, where his date of birth was shown as Dec 1826, and hers as Oct 1829. They were shown as having been married for 50 years, and this was the first notice that Rebecca had given birth to nine children, with eight still living.<sup>145</sup> We don't learn of the dead child's name until Thomas' obituary 11 years later. The nativity for Thomas and Becka and their parents was consistent with earlier records. Their daughters Mary Barnes and Dora Shepherd and their families were enumerated in the next dwelling. Thomas' occupation was listed as "invalid," all family members could read and write, and he was shown as owning his own house.<sup>146</sup>

Six years later, Rebecca died on 13 March 1906 in Endicott. Dr. H. E. Potter certified that he had attended her for the past 13 days, and her cause of death was senility.<sup>147</sup> Her obituary summarized her life:

#### **Obituary.**

Mrs. T. C. Lambert, of Endicott, whose death was announced last week, was born October 19, 1829, her maiden name being Rebecca J. Wells. On September 25, 1849 she was

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<sup>140</sup> T. C. Sombert, 1885 Nebraska state census, Jefferson County, manufactures schedule 3, Endicott, enumeration district [ED] 439, page 1, microcopy roll 29, Family History Library microfilm 499557.

<sup>141</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 9: 231, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>142</sup> *Nebraska State Gazetteers Business Directory for 1890-91*, 509-510.

<sup>143</sup> Thomas C. Lambert entry, 1890 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, special schedule – surviving soldiers, sailors, and marines, and widows, etc., Endicott Precinct, enumeration district [ED] 69, supervisor's district [SD] 1, page 2, house 61, family 63, roll 36.

<sup>144</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 22: 293, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>145</sup> Thomas Lambert household, 1900 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Endicott Precinct, enumeration district [ED] 84, supervisor's district [SD] 4, page 2B, dwelling 40, family 42, National Archives micropublication T623, roll 930.

<sup>146</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>147</sup> Rebecca Jane Lambert, death certificate no. 1709 (1906), Nebraska Health and Human Services, Lincoln.

married to T. C. Lambart [*sic.*] and to them were born nine children, seven of whom are still living. She had been a resident of this county for about thirty years, and most of her children and grandchildren are still residents of this county. She was grandmother to twenty children and had seven great grandchildren. She had been a member of the M. E. church since the thirteenth year of her age. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Warthley at Endicott on Thursday of last week.<sup>148</sup>

Her funeral records reported that Rebecca Jane Lambert, 76, died of senility on 13 March 1906 and was buried in the Fairbury Cemetery on 15 March 1906.<sup>149</sup> She was buried in block 107, lot 7, space 5. Fairbury Cemetery records reflect that Rebecca Lambert died 3-14-1906 age 76. Her stone reads, "Rebecca J. Lambert 1906."<sup>150</sup>

On 24 January 1907, all of Rebecca's children and heirs-in-law filed a special warranty deed, selling Rebecca's six lots in Endicott to their father Thomas for \$1.00, recognizing that a mortgage still existed for \$300, and that the taxes had not been paid for 1906. They also filed on behalf of one of her grandchildren who was an heir. All the following were signatories to the deed: Wilbur C. Lambert, Alice Lambert, Wendall S. Lambert, Mary M. Lambert, Francis M. Lambert, Lillie M. Lambert, Chester T. Lambert, Lucy E. Lambert, Dora A. Shepherd, Stephen Shepherd, Mary W. Barnes, Sumerton Barnes, Livonia S. Elliott, and Thomas M. Elliott.<sup>151</sup>

A few weeks later, Thomas, on 08 March 1907, sold all six lots back to his son Wilber C. Lambert and Wilber's wife Alice for \$800.<sup>152</sup>

Rebecca died intestate, but a court decree issued 21 years later settled the details of her estate, which concerned the six lots in Endicott. The decree declared that James J. and Cora M. Harges, through mesne [intermediate] conveyance, became the owners of lots 1, 2, and 3, and that Annie Shepherd, Madge E. Kelley, Roy Shepherd, and John Shepherd, through mesne conveyance, became the owners of lots 10, 11, and 12. The document again cited her heirs at the time of her death, namely, husband Thomas C. Lambert, children Wilber C. Lambert, Wendell S. Lambert, Francis M. Lambert, Chester T. Lambert, Mary M. Barnes, Livonia S. Elliott, and Dora A. Shepherd, and grandson Wendell Lambert Wells.<sup>153</sup>

After Rebecca's death, Thomas went to live with his youngest son, Chester, in Fairbury.<sup>154</sup> There, he was listed in the 1910 U. S. census, erroneously recorded as T. Charles Lambert instead of T. Callahan Lambert, born in Illinois instead of Ohio, mother born in England rather than in this country, and father

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<sup>148</sup> *Fairbury Gazette*, 23 March 1906.

<sup>149</sup> *Funeral Register M-Z, October 1, 1906 to May 13, 1920, Records of C. F. Steele and R. B. Steele, Fairbury, Nebraska*, online <<http://www.rootsweb.com/nejeffer/steele.htm>>, data downloaded 14 November 2004.

<sup>150</sup> Letter from Craig Mahloch, Sexton, (Fairbury Cemetery Association, P. O. Box 408; Fairbury, NE 68352) to Larry Patrick Cornwell, April 2005; held in 2005 by the author.

<sup>151</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 32: 525-527, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>152</sup> Jefferson County Deed Record Number 34: 608, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>153</sup> Rebecca J. Lambert intestate decree, Jefferson County Probate Book 4: 36, County Clerk's Office, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>154</sup> *Fairbury Gazette*, 13 July 1911.

born in Germany rather than in Ohio. However, he was correctly shown as age 83, the father of the head of the household, Chester T. Lambert.<sup>155</sup>

He transferred his membership in the GAR from the Slocum Post in Endicott to the Russell Post in Fairbury. In October 1910, nine months before he died, he went back to Endicott to live with his eldest daughter, Mrs. Mary Barnes.<sup>156</sup>

Thomas Callahan Lambert's death certificate reported that he died on 05 July 1911 of heat prostration in Endicott, Jefferson County, Nebraska. Dr. J. S. Taylor also certified that secondary causes included age and general disability. There was no informant for personal and statistical particulars listed, but the certificate showed that he was a male, white, widowed, born 04 December 1826 in Knox County, Ohio, father's name was Jacob Lambert, who was born in Ohio. He had lived to be 84 years, 7 months, and 1 day old. The certificate noted that his occupation was "smith."<sup>157</sup>

His obituary gave a good summary of his life:

#### **Death of An Old Settler.**

Thomas Callahan Lambert was born December 4, 1926, in Knox County, Ohio, near Mt. Vernon. Passed away July 5<sup>th</sup>, 1911 at the age of 84 years 7 months and 1 day.

He was married September 25, 1849, to Rebecca J. Wells, of Licking County, Ohio, whose death occurred five years ago last March. To this union were born nine children. The eldest Charles, dying in infancy; one daughter, Hattie Wells, passing away seven years ago. The remaining children are Mrs. Mary Barnes, whose permanent home is in Chase County, Neb., C. W. of Endicott, Neb.; Mrs. V. E. Elliott of Auburn, Neb.; Wendell S. of Guide Rock, Neb.; Mrs. Dora Shepherd, of Hiawatha, Kansas, and Frank and Chester of Fairbury, Neb. All were present at the funeral except Mrs. V. S. Elliott of Auburn. There are 24 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Four grandchildren attending the funeral were L. R. and Edith Lambert, William T. Shepherd and Lambert W. Wells.

After the death of his wife he made his home with his youngest son, Chester, in Fairbury until nine months ago, since when he has been with his eldest daughter, Mrs. Mary Barnes at Endicott.

In 1865 he moved with his family from Ohio to Champaign County, Ill. Where he resided ten years, coming to Jefferson County, Neb., in 1875, locating on a farm seven miles southeast of Fairbury on Elm Creek, known as the Edgington homestead, where he lived until March, 1883 when he moved to Endicott, residing there until the death of his wife.

During the Civil War Thomas Lambert served in Co. B., 150<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Ohio volunteer Infantry, going from Cleveland.

He was a charter member of Slocumb Post, G. A. R. in Endicott, changing to Russell Post, Fairbury, five years ago.

He always enjoyed meeting with his old comrades.

Comrads A. Steinmetz., L. W. Saunders and I. E. Beach of Slocumb Post, and E. A. Yontz, Jno. Smalldon and Dodd of Russell Post, acting as pallbearers.

He was converted when but a young man and was always one of the foremost ones in all church work until his hearing failed, which made it impossible for him to do active work, but his Christian faith never wavered and he was ready when the call came. His life

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<sup>155</sup> Chester T. Lambert household, 1910 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Fairbury, enumeration district [ED] 95, supervisor's district [SD] 4, sheet 97B, dwelling 267, family 266.

<sup>156</sup> *Fairbury Gazette*, 13 July 1911.

<sup>157</sup> Thomas Callahan Lambert, Nebraska state death certificate 6751.

was an example of Christian piety in the community where he lived, and he was loved and respected by all who knew him best.

The last years of his life, when eyesight almost failed, also hearing and mind weakened, he waited patiently for his release.<sup>158</sup>

The funeral record recorded that Thomas Callahan Lambert, 84, died of heat prostration on 05 July 1911 and was buried in the Fairbury Cemetery on 08 July 1911.<sup>159</sup> He was buried in block 107, lot 7, space 6, next to his wife. Fairbury Cemetery records reflect that Thomas C. Lambert died 7-5-1911 age 84. His stone reads, "Thomas C. Lambert 1911."<sup>160</sup>

There is no will or record of probate on file in the Jefferson County, Nebraska Probate Office.<sup>161</sup>

Thomas Callahan Lambert and Rebecca Jane Wells were the parents of the following nine children:

- 7 i. CHARLES W.<sup>3</sup> LAMBERT, born 23 June 1850, died 01 March 1852.<sup>162</sup> The 1900 U. S. census reported that his mother had nine children, with eight living,<sup>163</sup> her obituary alluded to him by stating that she was survived by seven of her nine children,<sup>164</sup> his father's obituary referred to him by stating that his eldest child was named Charles who died in infancy,<sup>165</sup> and the records of the Chesterville Methodist Cemetery in Chester Township, Morrow County, Ohio reflect that Charles W. Lambert, son of Thos. & Rebecca, d. 1 March 1852 aged 1 y 8m 7d. The church is located in Chesterville on a hill behind the Chesterville Methodist Church (abandoned when the cemetery was copied and typed in 1993 by Betty J. and Paul J. Meir).<sup>166</sup>
- + 8 ii. CYRUS WILBUR LAMBERT, born 31 December 1851 in Licking County,

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<sup>158</sup> *Fairbury Gazette*, 13 Jul 1911.

<sup>159</sup> *Funeral Register M-Z, October 1, 1906 to May 13, 1920, Records of C. F. Steele and R. B. Steele, Fairbury, Nebraska*, online, 14 November 2004

<sup>160</sup> Letter, Craig Mahloch to Larry Patrick Cornwell, April 2005.

<sup>161</sup> Letter from Jefferson County Probate Office (Fairbury, NE 68352) to Larry Patrick Cornwell, 18 November 2004, held in 2005 by the author.

<sup>162</sup> *Morrow County, Ohio Tombstone Inscriptions*, 82.

<sup>163</sup> 1900 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Endicott Precinct, ED 84, SD 4, p. 2B, dwelling 40, family 42.

<sup>164</sup> *Fairbury Gazette*, 23 March 1906.

<sup>165</sup> *Fairbury Gazette*, 13 July 1911.

<sup>166</sup> *Morrow County, Ohio Tombstone Inscriptions*, 82.

Ohio, died 23 March 1939 in Salem, Richardson County, Nebraska.<sup>167</sup> He married 26 March 1876 in Champaign County, Illinois, Alice A. Mathewson.<sup>168</sup>

- + 9 iii. MARY WILETTA LAMBERT, born 23 February 1854 in Ohio, died 02 September 1926 in Endicott, Jefferson County, Nebraska.<sup>169</sup> She married 25 February 1872 in Champaign County, Illinois, Sumerton Cyphers Barnes.<sup>170</sup> She married 02 September 1913, Thomas Harvey Wells.<sup>171</sup>
- +10 iv. SUSANNA LAVONIA LAMBERT, born 22 March 1856 in Licking County, Ohio, died 12 January 1940 in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.<sup>172</sup> She married 22 March 1876 in Rock Creek, Jefferson County, Nebraska, Thomas Matthew Elliott.<sup>173</sup>
- +11 v. WENDELL SEWARD LAMBERT, born 01 January 1860 in Licking County, Ohio, died 28 November 1943 in Guide Rock, Webster County, Nebraska.<sup>174</sup> He married 10 January 1884 in Jefferson County, Nebraska, Mary Margaret Hunt.<sup>175</sup>
- +12 vi. HATTIE JANE LAMBERT, born 12 January 1862 in Ohio, died 04 March 1904 in Endicott, Jefferson County, Nebraska.<sup>176</sup> She married 26 March 1884 in Endicott, Jefferson County, Nebraska, Thomas Harvey Wells.<sup>177</sup>

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<sup>167</sup> C. W. Lambert obituary, *Fairbury [Jefferson County] News and Gazette*, Fairbury, Nebraska, 30 March 1939, page 5, column 5.

<sup>168</sup> Champaign County Marriage Register: 89, County Clerk's Office, Urbana, Illinois.

<sup>169</sup> *Fairbury News and Gazette*, 09 September 1926.

<sup>170</sup> Champaign County Marriage Registrar (sic.): p. 55, County Clerk's Office, Urbana, Illinois.

<sup>171</sup> Thomas H. Wells obituary, *Fairbury News and Gazette*, Fairbury, Nebraska, 28 January 1937, page 3, columns 1-2.

<sup>172</sup> Mrs. Susanna Lavonia Elliott, death certificate no. L 883 (1940), Nebraska Health and Human Services System, Lincoln.

<sup>173</sup> Jefferson County Marriage Book A: 235, County Clerk's Office, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>174</sup> W. S. Lambert obituary, *Guide Rock Signal*, Guide Rock, Nebraska, 2 December 1943, page 1. Transcribed from the microfilm of the Guide Rock Signal by the Webster County Historical Museum staff, 09 May 2005.

<sup>175</sup> Jefferson County Marriage Book B: 261, County Clerk's Office, Fairview, Nebraska.

<sup>176</sup> Hattie Jane Wells, death certificate no. 2708 (1904), Nebraska Health and Human Services System, Lincoln.

<sup>177</sup> Jefferson County Marriage Book B: 285.

- +13 vii. MEDORA ALICE LAMBERT, born 05 July 1864 in Licking County, Ohio, died 29 August 1946 in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.<sup>178</sup> She married 22 April 1891 in Fairbury, Jefferson County, Nebraska, Stephen Shepherd.<sup>179</sup>
- +14 viii. FRANCIS M. LAMBERT, born 15 February 1867 near Rantoul, Champaign County, Illinois, died 17 December 1945 in Marysville, Marshall County, Kansas.<sup>180</sup> He married 02 August 1888 in Jefferson County, Nebraska, Lillie May Friday.<sup>181</sup>
- +15 ix. CHESTER THOMAS LAMBERT, born 27 December 1870<sup>182</sup> in Champaign County, Illinois,<sup>183</sup> died 19 December 1923 in Fairbury, Jefferson County, Nebraska.<sup>184</sup> He married 27 December 1891 in Marshall County, Kansas, Lucy E. LeRow.<sup>185</sup>

**3. Francis William<sup>2</sup> “Frank” Lambert** (Jacob<sup>1</sup>) was born 21<sup>186</sup>or 23<sup>187</sup>, 188 December 1829 in Licking County, Ohio,<sup>189</sup> died 18 March 1907 in Manilla, Crawford County, Iowa.<sup>190</sup> He married 10

<sup>178</sup> Mrs. Medora Alice Shepherd obituary, *The Fairbury Daily News*, 31 August 1946, page 1, column 5.

<sup>179</sup> Jefferson County Marriage Book C: unpaginated, license 1660, County Clerk’s Office, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>180</sup> Frank M. Lambert obituary, *The Fairbury News and Gazette*, Fairbury, Nebraska, 20 December 1945, page 2, column 2.

<sup>181</sup> Jefferson County Marriage Book B: 509, County Clerk’s Office, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>182</sup> Chester Thomas Lambert, death certificate no. 11917 (1923), Nebraska Health and Human Services System, Lincoln.

<sup>183</sup> Chester T. Lambert obituary, *The Fairbury News and Gazette*, Fairbury, Nebraska, 27 December 1923, page 5, column 3.

<sup>184</sup> Chester Thomas Lambert, Nebraska state death certificate 11917.

<sup>185</sup> Marshall County Marriage Book 1: 463, Marshall County Historical Society, (1207 Broadway; Marysville, KS 66508).

<sup>186</sup> *Morrow County Union Register*, 03 April 1907.

<sup>187</sup> Francis W. Lambert, Iowa state death certificate, unnumbered.

<sup>188</sup> Francis W. Lambert tombstone, Nishnabotny Cemetery, Crawford County, Iowa.

<sup>189</sup> *Morrow County Union Register*, 03 April 1907.

<sup>190</sup> Francis W. Lambert, Iowa state death certificate, unnumbered.



March 1859 in Morrow County, Ohio, **Phoebe Ann Brokaw**.<sup>191</sup> Phoebe, daughter of John Andrew Brokaw and Hannah Caroline Bush,<sup>192</sup> was born in Morris Township, Knox County, Ohio 17 June 1838 and died in Nishnabotna Township, Crawford County, Iowa 22 September 1935.<sup>193</sup>

Francis' family was listed in Pike Township, Knox County in the 1830 U. S. census, where he and his older brother, Thomas, were enumerated as two males under five, the only children in the family.<sup>194</sup>

When Francis was 10, his family was listed in the 1840 U. S. census of Bennington Township, Licking County, Ohio, and he was enumerated as one of three males under 10, along with his brother Henry and stepbrother William Bartlett.<sup>195</sup>

Following the tradition of his father, Francis was a lifelong Methodist, both living exemplary Christian lives. When Francis was ten years of age, he converted at a camp meeting and united soon thereafter with the Methodist Episcopal Church, which was then meeting regularly at his father Jacob's house in Licking County Ohio.<sup>196</sup>

In the 1850 census for Bennington Township, Licking County, Ohio, he was listed with his father's family as Francis W, 20, born in Ohio; along with his half sister, Catherine, 13, born in Ohio; and half-brother, Rueben K., 11, born in Ohio.<sup>197</sup>

When Francis was 27, and his younger brother Henry was 26, they went into business together in Mt. Gilead, Morrow County, Ohio. They established the Lambert Hardware store and jointly purchased lot 23 in Mt. Gilead from James and his wife Margaret Trimble for \$2800 on 01 September 1857.<sup>198</sup> Their business ledger, or daybook, survives to this day in the form of an 8" x 12" preserved account of the

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<sup>191</sup> Morrow County Marriage Book 1: 402.

<sup>192</sup> N. N. Hill, Jr., compiler, *History of Knox County, Ohio* (Mt. Vernon, Ohio: A. a. Graham & Co., 1881), 611.

<sup>193</sup> Phoebe Ann Lambert, death certificate no. 24-5 (1935), Iowa Department of Public Health, Des Moines.

<sup>194</sup> 1830 U. S. cens., Pike Twp., Knox Co., Oh., p. 199, line 9.

<sup>195</sup> 1840 U. S. cens., Bennington Twp., Licking Co., Oh., p. 312, line 22.

<sup>196</sup> *Morrow County Union Register*, 03 April 1907.

<sup>197</sup> 1850 U. S. cens., Licking Co., Oh., population schedule, Bennington Twp., p. 251, dwelling 1189, family 1206.

<sup>198</sup> Morrow County Deed Book 11: 157, Recorder's Office, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

store's daily transactions, naming each customer and listing each item sold with its cost.<sup>199</sup>

"H. E. and F. W. Lambert, Hardware Merchants" appeared in the 1857 business directory for Mt. Gilead, with a map showing its location on Main Street three establishments from the intersection with Marion Street.<sup>200</sup>

A year after their marriage, Francis and Phoebe Ann were enumerated in the 1860 U. S. census for Mt. Gilead as the F. W. Labert household, where F. W., 31, hardware merchant, and Phoebe, 21, were listed with Joseph Kelly, 64, day laborer, who was living with them.<sup>201</sup>

Early in their marriage, Francis and Phoebe Ann had their portrait taken which were encased behind glass and put into a small display box. The picture shows Francis with thick black hair parted on the right, with a black beard covering his face and neck below the mouth. His upper lip and sideburn area are clean shaven. He wore a dark bow tie and white shirt and suit coat for the occasion. Phoebe Ann had black hair, with the ends either in tiny braids or beaded. She wore a light colored dress with prints for the occasion. The dress is noted for its heavy appearing shoulder pieces.<sup>202</sup> In a similar photograph of the day, she is shown with the tops of her bare shoulders showing, with a necklace with cross around her neck.<sup>203</sup> He also had his picture taken separately, wearing clothing appearing to be the same as those in their picture taken together.<sup>204</sup>

In another ledger book that Francis and Phoebe Ann maintained, the entries began in 28 April 1861, ran through the years that the United States was engaged in a Civil War, and ended 31 October 1866. It was well organized and detailed financial accounts of their public and private lives. Francis was apparently a street commissioner for the Corporation of Mt. Gilead, as he kept a diary of expenses, describing them in great detail. For example, he charged 37 cents for "examining and fixing dangerous places." He charged \$1.50 for "1 days work on a cubbert." The typical charge was \$1.50 for a day's work on the "gutery."<sup>205</sup>

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<sup>199</sup> "Daybook," Lambert Hardware Store, Mt. Gilead, Morrow County, Ohio, 24 June 1857 – 22 April 1858, Francis William Lambert, unpublished, owned 2005 by his great, great grandson, Larry Patrick Cornwell.

All photographs and ledger books belonging to Francis and Phoebe Lambert described hereinafter in this life story were inherited by their only child, Carrie Inez Lambert, who, in turn, passed them on to her only child, Francis Lambert Kerr, the author's grandfather. Francis Kerr identified them, and passed them on to his grandson, the author, in the late 1970s. The author has had them in his possession since then.

<sup>200</sup> Harwood & Watson, 1857 Map [and Business Directory] of Morrow Co. Ohio, (Philadelphia: Woodford & Bartlett, 1857), published by the Morrow County Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 401, Mount Gilead, Ohio 43338.

<sup>201</sup> F. W. Labert household, 1860 U. S. census, Morrow County, Ohio, population schedule, Mt. Gilead post office, page 200, dwelling 364, family 364, National Archives micropublication M653, roll 1017.

<sup>202</sup> Francis William Lambert and Phoebe Ann Brokaw portrait, original, encased behind glass in a box 3 \_" x 3 \_". Portrait is of a young couple, dating the photograph to the 1850s.

<sup>203</sup> Phoebe Ann Brokaw portrait, original, encased behind glass in a portrait box 3 \_' x 3 \_". Portrait shows her in her 20s, dating the photograph to the 1850s.

<sup>204</sup> Francis William Lambert portrait, original, encased behind glass in a portrait box 3 \_' x 3 \_". Portrait shows him as in the portrait with his wife, dating the photograph to the 1850s.

<sup>205</sup> "Ledger of F. W. Lambert and Mrs. F. W. Lambert, 1861-1866," unpublished, unpaginated.

Francis also kept an account with the treasurer for the Mt. Gilead Corporation in his ledger. For example, for the period 06 June to 21 December, apparently 1861, the Corporation received \$21.37, and paid out that identical amount. Items purchased included oats, corn, hay, and stone.<sup>206</sup>

Phoebe Ann kept her own record in the ledger. She listed every expenditure, by date and to whom paid, to build a house, likely theirs, from 25 September 1863 to 20 June 1864.<sup>207</sup>

On pages labeled “Act. of F W Lambert as trustee of Gilead,” Francis details charges for conducting the apparent business of the Gilead Corporation, from 09 April 1864 to 27 September 1864, to include transporting residents and buying them items such as liniment, for raising bounty money, and for serving notices on trustees.<sup>208</sup>

The County Recorder for Morrow County reported in March 2005 that he was unable to find a record for the sale of lot 23.<sup>209</sup>

Francis and family moved to Illinois in 1865, and two years later moved to a farm in Jasper County, Iowa.<sup>210</sup> There, Phoebe Ann maintained a personal expense account in the Daybook formerly used in the Mt. Gilead hardware store, beginning 10 December 1866 and ending 07 September 1872. Expenses included those for running a farm and a household, such as \$16.40 for a wagon, \$1 for fixing boots, and \$4 for purchasing overshoes.<sup>211</sup>

In Jasper County, Iowa, Phoebe Ann, with Francis’ half-brother Reuben Kettle Lambert, bought 40 acres from Andrew Kinshaw for \$600 on 15 December 1867. The property was described as the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 11, township 80, north of range 19, west of the 5<sup>th</sup> prime meridian in Jasper County.<sup>212</sup> They paid \$15 an acre.

Phoebe Ann Lambert and her brother-in-law Reuben Lambert bought another 80 acres from Charles Hazen of Lyons, Wayne County, New York, for \$640 on 05 April 1868. The property was described as the east half of the northeast quarter of section 15 in township 80, north of range 19, west of the 5<sup>th</sup> principal meridian, in Jasper County.<sup>213</sup> They paid only \$8 an acre.

A year later, on 25 September 1869, Reuben and his wife Cynthia A. Lambert sold their undivided

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<sup>206</sup> Ibid.

<sup>207</sup> Ibid.

<sup>208</sup> Ibid.

<sup>209</sup> Letter from Morrow County Recorder (48 E. High Street, Mt. Gilead OH 43338) to the author, March 2005.

<sup>210</sup> *Morrow County Union Register*, 03 April 1907.

<sup>211</sup> “Personal Expense Account of P. A. Lambert, 1866-1872,” unpaginated, contained in “Daybook,” Lambert Hardware Store; Mt. Gilead, Ohio and Newton, Iowa.

<sup>212</sup> Jasper County Deed Book 40: 484, Newton, Iowa.

<sup>213</sup> Jasper County Deed Book 45: 630, Newton, Iowa.

share of the 80 acres to Phoebe for \$500,<sup>214</sup> at \$12.50 an acre. These 80 acres were shown as belonging to P. A. Lambert in an 1887 plat book of Jasper County.<sup>215</sup>

The Frank W. Lambert household and the Reuben Lambert household were adjacent in the 1870 U. S. census for Newton Township, Jasper County, Iowa. Reuben's household was dwelling 1, family 1, and Francis' household was dwelling 2, family 2. Frank, 40, was listed as a farmer; P. A., 30, was shown as keeping house, with real estate valued at \$2400, and personal estate valued at \$740. Listed with them was their only child, Carrie I., 8, attending school. All were born in Ohio. Andrew Brokaw, 25, was living with the family as a farm hand.<sup>216</sup> He was one of Phoebe's twelve siblings.

The Frank Lambert household was enumerated in the 1880 U. S. census for Newton Township, Jasper County, Iowa, as Frank, 52 (he was actually 50), farmer; Ann, 41, keeping house; and Carrie, 18, at home. All were shown as born in Ohio, with Franks' father and mother born in Virginia and New York respectively, and (Phoebe) Ann's parents born in New Jersey.<sup>217</sup>

Frank W. Lambert and Phoebe A. Lambert were enumerated during the 1885 Iowa state census for Jasper County, Iowa, Township 80, Range 19, section 15, as Frank W. Lambert, legal country subdivision of E \_ NE \_, age 59, married, farmer, born in Ohio, both parents natives, entitled to vote; and Phoebe A., same residence, age 44, married, born in Ohio, both parents natives.<sup>218</sup>

On 19 October 1892, Francis and Phoebe Ann drafted a closing out sale notice, which listed their farm personal property. They used a page of their old Daybook for this purpose:

I have solde my farme & will make  
a Closeing out Publice Sale.  
The undersigned will offer at Publice Sale  
to close out at his farm 2 \_ miles north  
of Newton Iowa on  
Wednesday Oct 19 [1892 or 1893]  
Beginning at 10. Oclock, A.M. the following property  
15 head of Cattle consisting of 12 Thoughtbred  
shortehorns, six milch cows, four thouroughbreds  
& two Grodes  
Three yearling heifers thorbreds, five young colts,  
three Buls and one heifer thourough & one grode heifer  
8 Head of horses consisting of 2 brood mares & 3 year old  
colt broken single or double; 3 yearling colts, 2 spring colts.  
19 head of hogs consisting of 4 brood sows and 15 shoats.

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<sup>214</sup> Jasper County Deed Book 51: 619, Newton, Iowa.

<sup>215</sup> C. M. Foote & E. C. Hood, surveyors, *Plat Book of Jasper County, Iowa*, (Minneapolis: C. M. Foote & Co., 1887), 17.

<sup>216</sup> Frank W. Lambert household, 1870 U. S. census, Jasper County, Iowa, population schedule, Newton post office, page 370, dwelling 2, family 2, National Archives micropublication M593, roll 398.

<sup>217</sup> 1880 U. S. census, Jasper County, Iowa, population schedule, Newton Township, ED 94, SD 3, p. 61, dwelling 614, family 646.

<sup>218</sup> Frank W. Lambert household, 1885 Iowa state census, Jasper County, population schedule, Newton, page 13 ( pencil, left page) 44 (stamped, right page), line 16, dwelling 81, family 87, reel 71, Iowa Historical Society, Polk Co, Des Moines, Family History Library microcopy 1021482.

Agricultural Implements

1. McCormick Mower 1. Hay Rrake 1. farm wagon  
1 buggy 1 sled 1 harrow. 1 set double harness, 1 single  
set harness 20 or 25 tons of hay in stack and chickens all  
thourbreeds White leghorns and white plymoth-rock.  
And other articles to numerous to mention

Free Lunch

Terms of credit of 12 months will be given on all sums  
of over \$5.00 without intrest if paid when due if not so paid  
6 per cent from date purchaser given bankable note. Sums  
of \$5.00 and under cash 5 per cent off for cash.<sup>219</sup>

Sometime before moving from Newton, they had their formal portraits taken. Francis is shown with a six-inch long white beard with close cropped white hair,<sup>220</sup> and Phoebe Ann is shown with dark curly hair, wearing a tight-fitting bodice.<sup>221</sup>

Phebe A. Lambert and F. W. Lambert, her husband, sold 87 of their 90 acres to Charles W. Mason on 25 February 1893 for \$3000. The three acres not sold were described as: "Begin at the North East corner of said Section 15 Tp 80 Rg 19, run West to center of Slough, thence down the center of slough in a south-easterly direction to where the center of said slough intersects the East line of the NE<sup>4</sup> NE<sup>4</sup> said Sec. Tp and Rg. Thence North to beginning."<sup>222</sup> Perhaps their farm home was situated on these three acres. They sold the 87 acres for about \$34.50 an acre.

The Francis Lambert family moved to Manilla, Crawford County, Iowa, where Phoebe Ann bought lot 6 in block 30 for \$1050 on 19 April 1893.<sup>223</sup>

Francis W. and Phebe A. Lambert were enumerated during the 1895 Iowa state census for Manilla as Francis W. Lambert, 65, married, born in Ohio, religious belief Meth.[odist]; and Phebe A. Lambert, 55, married, born in Ohio, religious belief Meth.<sup>224</sup>

The 1900 U. S. census for Manilla, Nishnabotny Township, Crawford County, showed Francis W. Lambert, born Dec 1829 and Phebe A, born Jan 1839, having been married 41 years. She was shown as the mother of one child, one living. Both were shown with a birthplace of Ohio, his father was born in

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<sup>219</sup> "Draft Handbill Announcing Closing Out Sale, 19 October [1892 or 1893]," Francis William Lambert, unpaginated, contained in his Daybook, Newton, Iowa,

<sup>220</sup> Francis William Lambert portrait, original, with photographer's imprint on the front, "Bates, Newton, Iowa." Photograph is 4 1/8" x 6 3/8", card stock, brown tone.

<sup>221</sup> Phoebe Ann Brokaw portrait, original, with photographer's imprint on the front, "Bates, Newton, Iowa." Photograph is 4 1/8" x 6 3/8", card stock, brown tone.

<sup>222</sup> Jasper County Deed Book 54: 614 , Newton, Iowa.

<sup>223</sup> Crawford County Deed Book L: 113, Denison, Iowa.

<sup>224</sup> Francis W. Lambert household, 1895 Iowa state census, Crawford County, population schedule, Manilla, page 15 (pencil, left page) 50 (stamped, right page), line 7, dwelling 102, family 102, microcopy 140, volume 315, Iowa State Historical Department Museum, Archives, Des Moines, Family History Library microfilm 1020194.

Phoebe's name is in the Ancestry.com census index as Thebe and on the census page as Phebe.

Virginia and mother born in Ohio, her parents were born in New Jersey. They were listed as literate, owning their own home.<sup>225</sup> It is doubtful that Francis' mother was born in Ohio (in the 1880 census, he had reported that she was born in New York),<sup>226</sup> as there is no evidence that her family was in Ohio before 1820.

A picture of Francis and Phoebe Ann in front of their Manilla home shows him seated with his leg wrapped around a walking stick, with Phoebe standing at his side. He is wearing a hat and sporting a long white beard.<sup>227</sup>

Francis died on 18 March 1907 in Manilla, Nishnabotna Township, Crawford County, Iowa, of senility and paralysis, complicated by pneumonia, the latter for which he had suffered seven days. C. L. Kerr, his son-in-law, served as the informant for the personal and statistical particulars on the death certificate. He stated that Francis was a white male, born 23 December 1829 in Ohio, was married, and had lived 77 years, 2 months, and 26 days. His father was Jacob Lambert, born in Virginia, and his mother's maiden name was Calahan, born in Ohio. He was buried in the Nishnabotny Cemetery near Manilla on 20 March 1907 by undertaker J. B. Alfred of Manilla.<sup>228</sup> His stone reads, "Francis W. Lambert Dec 23, 1829 – Mar 18, 1907."<sup>229</sup>

His obituary appeared in the *Morrow County Union Register*:

#### **Death of Francis W. Lambert.**

S. D. Brokaw has sent from Manilla, Iowa, a copy of the Times published there which contains the following account of the death of Francis William Lambert, who at one time resided in Mt. Gilead:

Francis William Lambert was born in Licking county, Ohio, December 21, 1829, died in Manilla, Iowa, March 18, 1907, aged 77 years, 2 months and 28 days. He was converted at the age of ten years at a camp meeting and united soon with the M. E. church at the Lambert appointment, which was at his father's house. He was married to Pheba Ann Brokaw. To this union was born one daughter. He removed with his family to Illinois in 1865 and two years later moved on to Jasper county, Iowa, where they lived on a farm for twenty-six years. From there he removed to Manilla, where he has resided for the past twelve years. He is survived by his wife, daughter, Mrs. C. L. Kerr, one sister, Mrs. Dixon, of Appleton, Ohio, and three brothers, T. C. Lambert of Endicot, Neb., H. E. Lambert of Kansas City and R. K. Lambert, of Newton, Iowa. He has always lived an exemplary christian life and there were none who enjoyed a higher degree of respect and esteem among their acquaintances than did Mr. Lambert, and his death casts a vale of sorrow over the home which for so many years he presided over, with tender care and devotion, as husband and father. He met the cares of his life

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<sup>225</sup> Francis W. Lambert household, 1900 U. S. census, Crawford County, Iowa, population schedule, Nishnabotny Township, enumeration district [ED] 67, supervisor's district [SD] 10, sheet 16B, dwelling 298, family 302; National Archives micropublication T623, roll 427.

<sup>226</sup> 1880 U. S. census, Jasper County, Iowa, population schedule, Newton Township, ED 94, SD 3, p. 61, dwelling 614, family 646.

<sup>227</sup> Francis William Lambert picture, original, shown with wife Phoebe Ann Brokaw and Mae Breckenridge. Photograph is 4" x 3", card stock, brown tone.

<sup>228</sup> Francis W. Lambert, Iowa state death certificate, unnumbered.

<sup>229</sup> Francis W. Lambert tombstone, Nishnabotny Cemetery, Crawford County, Iowa.

unflinchingly; he lived aright and now has the triumph of eternal reward.<sup>230</sup>

Phoebe Ann continued to live alone for a few years after Francis died. She was enumerated in the 1910 U. S. census for Manilla as P. A. Lambert, 69, owning her home.<sup>231</sup> The remainder of the census did not differ from what was reported in 1900.

On 16 June 1913, Phebe A. Lambert, shown as a widow of Crawford County, Iowa, sold lot 6 in block 30 in Manilla to her married daughter Carrie L. Kerr for \$1500.<sup>232</sup>

By 1920, she had moved in with her daughter Carrie and son-in-law Calvin L. Kerr in Manilla, where she appeared in the 1920 U. S. census as Phoebe A. Lambert, 80, mother-in-law of the head of the family.<sup>233</sup> The remainder of her information was unchanged from the previous two censuses.

A June 1928 news clipping described the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for Phoebe Ann:

**Mrs. Ann Lambert's 90<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday Sunday, June 17**

One of the pleasant social events of the week was held Sunday, June 17, when the G. D. Brokaw home was thrown open to the Brokaw relatives in order that they might help his sister, Mrs. Ann Lambert, celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Mrs. Lambert, a daughter of John A. and Caroline Bush Brokaw, was born in Marrow [*sic.*] county, Ohio June 17, 1838. Of the family of thirteen children, Mrs. Lambert and Mr. Brokaw are the only surviving members. Mrs. Lambert came to Manilla from Newton, Iowa about thirty-three years ago and has since made this her home. Since the death of her husband she has been making her home with her daughter, Mrs. C. L. Kerr. She takes an active interest in church work and social life and even though she is approaching the century mark in life, she enjoys every day to the utmost.

Thirty-two relatives were present to help Mrs. Lambert celebrate her natal anniversary and the home was decorated with roses and peonies in her honor. At noon a delicious two-course luncheon was served, the guests being seated at small tables. Out of town relatives present for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Lon Wright of Columbus, Ohio, Mrs. Wright being a niece; Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Brokaw of Sioux City, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Lowenberg and son, Morris Van, of Iowa Falls and Mrs. R. A. McCarty of Newton. The guest list included five nieces, two nephews and several great nieces and great nephews. Mrs. Lambert enjoyed the occasion immensely and looks forward to meeting

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<sup>230</sup> *Morrow County Union Register*, 03 April 1907.

<sup>231</sup> P. A. Lambert household, 1910 U. S. census, Crawford County, Iowa, population schedule, Nishnabotny Township, enumeration district [ED] 75, supervisor's district 10, sheet 2B, dwelling 36, family 37; National Archives micropublication T624, roll 399.

<sup>232</sup> Deed Record Town Lots 3: 628, Crawford County Recorder's Office, Denison, Iowa.

<sup>233</sup> Calvin L. Kerr household, 1920 U. S. census, Crawford County, Iowa, population schedule, Nishnabotny Township, town of Manilla, enumeration district [ED] 82, supervisor's district [SD] 10, sheet 1A, dwelling 4, family 4; National Archives micropublication T625, roll 485.

all her relatives with same enthusiasm on her next birthday.<sup>234</sup>

A June 1933 news clipping described Mrs. Ann Lambert's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. It cited the fact that she had the distinction of being the oldest person living in Manilla. The article commented on her youthfulness:

**Mrs. Ann Lambert  
Observed Her 95<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday Saturday**

Mrs. Ann Lambert, who has the distinction of being the oldest person living in Manilla, celebrated another birthday Saturday, June 17, when she observed the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her birth. During the day many of her neighbors and friends called to extend congratulations and best wishes. She also received a number of nice gifts as a memento of the occasion.

Mrs. Lambert makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Kerr. Despite the fact that she lacks but five years of the century mark, she is till hale and hearty. Advancing years have not impaired her mental facilities and she thoroughly enjoys visiting her friends, and that includes everyone who knows her. Just to show that 95 years means nothing in her young life, Mrs. Lambert attended church services Sunday morning. She did not choose to excuse herself on account of age, the heat or the usual other alibis.

The Times extends congratulations to Mrs. Lambert and the publisher hopes he will be on hand to also congratulate her five years hence, when she attains the century mark.<sup>235</sup>

A 20 June 1975 news clipping entitled, "40 Years Ago June 20, 1935," reported that *The Times* "extends congratulations to Mrs. Anna Lambert, who celebrated her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday June 17. She is the oldest person in Manilla, is still hale and hearty and a most interesting person to converse with."<sup>236</sup>

Phoebe Ann died three months later, on 22 September 1935, of senile dementia. According to her death certificate, Dr. Edward M. Mark had treated her for that condition since 01 July 1935. Her death certificate further reported that she had lived in Manilla for 42 years. The informant was her son Francis L. Kerr, who also reported that she was a female, white, widowed, wife of F. W. Lambert, born 6-17-1838 in Ohio, parents John A. Brokaw and Caroline Bush, both born in New Jersey; she had lived 97 years, 3 months, and 5 days and was a housewife. The licensed embalmer was Gilbert J. Disburg of Manilla,

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<sup>234</sup> "Mrs. Ann Lambert's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Sunday, June 17," undated clipping from unidentified newspaper, in family papers of author, 2005, given to him by Francis Lambert Kerr, the grandson of Mrs. Lambert, in the late 1970s.

The style of writing, the typeface, and the fact that Mrs. Lambert had lived in Manilla for 33 years, all imply that the news item was published soon after the event in *The Manilla Times*.

<sup>235</sup> "Mrs. Ann Lambert Observed her 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday Saturday," undated clipping from unidentified newspaper, in family papers of author, 2005, given to him by Francis Lambert Kerr, the grandson of Mrs. Lambert, in the late 1970s.

The style of writing, the typeface, the fact that Mrs. Lambert had lived in Manilla for 38 years, and the comment by the publisher that the paper was called *The Times* all imply that the news item was published soon after the event in *The Manilla Times*.

<sup>236</sup> "40 Years Ago June 20, 1935," undated clipping from unidentified newspaper, in family papers of author, 2005, given to him by Francis Lambert Kerr, the grandson of Mrs. Lambert, in the late 1970s

The style of writing, the typeface, the fact that Mrs. Lambert had lived in Manilla for 40 years, and the article's headline, all imply that the news item was published on 20 June 1935 in *The Manilla Times*.



Iowa.<sup>237</sup> Burial was two days later in the Nishnabotny cemetery near Manilla, where she was laid to rest next to her husband Francis. Her stone reads, “Ann Lambert, June 17, 1838 – Sept 22, 1935.”<sup>238</sup>

Her obituary best summed up her life and the influence she had on others:

**Mrs. Ann Lambert Passed Away Sept. 22; 97 Years Old**

This week Manilla mourned the death of its oldest citizen, Mrs. Ann Lambert, who passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. L. Kerr, at 4:30 a.m., Sunday, September 22, 1935, at the age of 97 years, 3 months and 5 days.

Despite her advanced years, Mrs. Lambert had enjoyed splendid health until recently. During the past few weeks her health failed rapidly and she was under the care of a nurse.

Funeral services were conducted from the C. L. Kerr home Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock and were in charge of Rev. D. I. Hower of the M. E. church. Interment was in Nishnabotny cemetery.

The casket bearers were Harry McCracken, John Vennink, J. C. Dyson, Harry Barrow, Harry Schram and Robert Flint.

Mrs. Lambert had been a resident of the Manilla community more than 40 years and was highly regarded by all her acquaintances. She was especially fond of younger people and children, all of whom knew her as “Aunt Ann.” She was never too busy to converse with the juveniles. She was a close reader of magazines and periodicals that pertained to pertinent facts of the day and was well versed on present day political and other subject of world-wide interest.

Another of her achievements was her ability to do tatting, needle work, and other elaborate fancy work after she had passed her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Her skill along that line was the marvel of women many years younger.

Phoebe Ann Brokaw was born in Knox county, Ohio, June 17, 1838 and passed away at Manilla Iowa, September 22, 1936 at the age of 97 years, 3 months and 5 days.

At the age of 19 years she was united in marriage to Francis W. Lambert, who preceded her in death in 1907. One daughter, Mrs. Carrie Kerr, was born to this union. During the last 22 years of her life Mrs. Lambert had made her home with her daughter

The family moved from Ohio to Illinois in 1865 and to Jasper county, Iowa, two years later. About 1893 Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Kerr moved to Manilla and shortly thereafter Mr. and Mrs. Lambert also moved to this community where they lived the balance of their lives.

During her entire life Mrs. Lambert was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Besides her daughter she is survived by a grandson, Francis L. Kerr, and three great-grandchildren, Madelyn, Rachel and Donald Kerr.

During the services at the home Mrs. Chas. Buffinton and Miss Verna Turpin sang two selections and Mrs. Lucile Simmerman was the accompanist.<sup>239</sup>

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<sup>237</sup> Phoebe Ann Lambert, Iowa state death certificate 24-5.

<sup>238</sup> Ann Lambert tombstone, Nishnabotny Cemetery, Crawford County, Iowa (1 mile W of Manilla on Iowa Route 141, and \_ mile north, visible from Route 141, stone in north central portion of the cemetery); photographed by the author, June 2004.

<sup>239</sup> “Mrs. Ann Lambert Passed Away Sept. 22; 97 Years Old,” unidentified clipping from unidentified newspaper, in family papers of author, 2005, given to him by Francis Lambert Kerr, the grandson of Mrs. Lambert, in the late 1970s.

The style of writing, the fact that she was cited as “a resident of the Manilla community more than 40 years,” the size of the article (14 column inches), and the fact that *The Manilla Times* was the only newspaper published at that time in that town, all imply that the obituary was published soon after her death in late September or early October of 1935.

This article immediately followed the obituary:

**HERE TUESDAY TO ATTEND SERVICES - MRS. LAMBERT**

Out-of-town relatives here Tuesday to attend funeral services for Mrs. Ann Lambert were: Jay Brokaw and daughter, Margaret, Mrs. Mina McCarty and Harry Longfellow, all of Newton; Mrs. R. C. Saunders of Chicago, Ill., Dr. and Mrs. John Griffin and Mrs. W. L. Junkin and son, Jack, of Des Moines, Janet Brokaw of Sioux Falls, S.D.

Mrs. Saunders remained here to spend a few days visiting relatives and friends while most of the others returned to their homes immediately following the services.<sup>240</sup>

Francis William Lambert and Phoebe Ann Brokaw were the parents of one child:

- + 16 i. CARRIE INEZ<sup>3</sup> LAMBERT, born 28 April 1862 at Mt. Gilead, Morrow County, Ohio, died 09 October 1936 in Manning, Carroll County, Iowa. She married 17 December 1884 in Newton, Jasper County, Iowa, Calvin Leonidas Kerr.<sup>241</sup>

1. **Henry E.<sup>2</sup> Lambert** (Jacob<sup>1</sup>) was born in Ohio 20 March 1831, and died in Independence, Jackson County, Missouri, 12 February 1915.<sup>242</sup> He married 25 January 1853 in Knox County, Ohio, **Hannah Jane Runyan**,<sup>243</sup> the daughter of Margaret Runyan.<sup>244</sup> Hannah was born in October 1831 in Ohio<sup>245</sup> and died 05 October 1907 in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri.<sup>246</sup>

At age 9, Henry was enumerated with his father's family as one of three males ages 5 and under 10 in the 1840 U. S. census for Bennington Township, Licking County, Ohio.<sup>247</sup> These children were Francis William, age 10; Henry E., 9; plus William Bartlett, their step-brother, age about 4, brought to their father's second marriage by Mercy Bartlett.

Henry was apparently out of his father's household by the time of the 1850 U. S. census, as he was not

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<sup>240</sup> "Here Tuesday to Attend Services – Mrs. Lambert." See previous footnote.

<sup>241</sup> Carrie Inez Lambert obituary, *The Manilla Times*, Manilla, Iowa, 15 October 1936, no page or column number.

<sup>242</sup> Henry E. Lambert, Missouri state death certificate 4641.

<sup>243</sup> Knox County Marriage Book F: 355.

<sup>244</sup> Margaret Runyan household, 1850 U. S. census, Knox County, Ohio, population schedule, Mt. Vernon, Ward 4, pages 247-248, dwelling 506, family 539; National Archives micropublication M432, roll 700.

<sup>245</sup> Henry Lambert household, 1900 U. S. census, Jackson County, Missouri, population schedule, Kansas City, Ward 5, enumeration district [ED] 45, supervisor's district [SD] 5, pages 13-14, dwelling 229, family 301; National Archives micropublication T623, roll 861.

<sup>246</sup> Hannah Jane Lambert entry, Kansas City, Missouri Deaths, Microfilm roll C19510: 137, no. 27079, Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City.

<sup>247</sup> 1840 U. S. cens., Bennington Twp., Licking Co., Oh., p. 312, line 22.

enumerated with his father's family in Licking County, Ohio.<sup>248</sup> Page by page searches of the census returns for Licking County, Knox County, and Morrow County yielded no results. He is not in the 1850 census index for Ohio.

After marrying Hannah in 1853 in adjacent Knox County, H. E. Lambert moved one more county away and purchased a lot in Mt. Gilead, Morrow County, from Luther Cone for \$25. It was described as beginning 160 feet north of the southwest corner of In Lot 39 and on Rod Alley, then north 41 feet on the north side of the In Lot 22, then easterly with the plat of said [unintelligible] about 81 feet to the corner of the lot sold by L. Cone to T. P. Gliddens, then southerly on T. P. Gliddens west line 41 feet, then westerly about 81 feet to the place of beginning being a fraction of Lot north of Germans Stable, deeded by Ely Wheeler to Luther Cone.<sup>249</sup> This very small lot, 41' x 81', was about 3321 square feet.

When Henry was 26, and his older brother Francis was 27, they went into business together in Mt. Gilead, Morrow County, Ohio. They established the Lambert Hardware Store and jointly purchased lot 23 in Mt. Gilead from James and his wife Margaret Trimble for \$2800 on 01 September 1857.<sup>250</sup> Their business ledger, or daybook, survives to this day in the form of an 8" x 12" preserved account of the store's daily transactions, naming each customer and listing each item sold with its cost.<sup>251</sup>

"H. E. and F. W. Lambert, Hardware Merchants" appeared in the 1857 business directory for Mt. Gilead, with a map showing its location on Main Street three establishments from the intersection with Marion Street.<sup>252</sup>

The County Recorder for Morrow County reported in March 2005 that he was unable to find a record for the subsequent sale of lot 23.<sup>253</sup>

On 05 March 1859, H. E. Lambert purchased lots 57 and 58 in Mt. Gilead from Thomas H. and his wife Anne E. Darymple for \$300.<sup>254</sup>

Henry's family was enumerated in the 1860 U. S. census for Mt. Gilead as Henry E, 28, hardware merchant, with real estate valued at \$3300 and personal estate valued at \$6400; Hannah, 28; Jacob J., 6;

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<sup>248</sup> 1850 U. S. cens., Licking Co., Oh., population schedule, Bennington Twp., p. 251, dwelling 1189, family 1206.

<sup>249</sup> Morrow County Deed Book 11: 158, Recorder's Office, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

<sup>250</sup> Morrow County Deed Book 11: 157, Recorder's Office.

<sup>251</sup> "Daybook," Lambert Hardware Store, Mt. Gilead, Morrow County, Ohio, 24 June 1857 – 22 April 1858, unpublished, owned 2005 by Francis' great, great grandson, Larry Patrick Cornwell.

<sup>252</sup> Harwood & Watson, 1857 Map [and Business Directory] of Morrow Co. Ohio, (Philadelphia: Woodford & Bartlett, 1857), published by the Morrow County Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 401, Mount Gilead, Ohio 43338.

<sup>253</sup> Letter, Morrow County Recorder to the author, March 2005.

<sup>254</sup> Morrow County Deed Book 12: 296, Recorder's Office, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

and Jeannie, 4. All were born in Ohio.<sup>255</sup> Henry and Hannah were charter members of the Universalist Church in Mt. Gilead, formed in 1860.<sup>256</sup> He was also listed as a trustee and treasurer of the original congregation.<sup>257</sup>

On 12 June 1861, Henry was appointed guardian for 14-year-old Elizabeth Slater in Morrow County.<sup>258</sup> S. E. Bartlett's name is in the guardianship record. An Elizabeth Slater, 14, was a member of the Simon C. Bartlett household in the 1860 U. S. census a year earlier in Auglaize County,<sup>259</sup> three counties to the west. The only clue to Elizabeth's relationship to Henry is the Bartlett last name. Henry's father Jacob married, for his second wife, Mercy Bartlett, in 1834, so perhaps Elizabeth was her relative.

Henry E. and Hannah J. Lambert sold their two lots 57 and 58 (now renumbered 343 and 344) in Mt. Gilead to Lowel B. Harris for \$3000 on 30 January 1872.<sup>260</sup> In 13 years, the lots had appreciated to ten times their purchase price.

By 1880, Henry and Hannah and their four children had moved to Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, where Henry was engaged in manufacturing, according to the 1880 U. S. census. He was listed as living at 47 Shady Lane in the 3<sup>rd</sup> district, 20<sup>th</sup> ward, as H. E., 48; with wife H. J., 48; daughter C. C., 5; son J. J., 27; J. J.'s wife Mary, 31; and Henry's grandson H. J., 2. Son J. J. was shown as a salesman, while Henry's daughter-in-law was depicted as lame. All were born in Ohio, with Henry's father born in Virginia and mother born in Ohio, and Hannah's parents born in New Jersey.<sup>261</sup>

Henry and Hannah were back in Mt. Gilead by 1885, as they were there to deal with three family tragedies within two years. First, their nine-year-old daughter Carrie died on 28 February 1885, following the earlier deaths of a brother and sister. All were laid to rest in Mt. Gilead's cemetery.<sup>262</sup> Then, Henry's three-year-old grandson, Charles M. Lambert, died on 09 January 1887 in Pittsburgh. Henry and Hannah went there to bring the body back to the family plot for burial.<sup>263</sup> Just two months later, on 17 March 1885 Henry E. Lambert household, 1860 U. S. census, Morrow County, Ohio, population schedule, Mt. Gilead, page 194, dwelling 260, family 260; National Archives micropublication M653, roll 1017. Ancestry.com indexed the family as Lamberte.

<sup>256</sup> [Anonymous], *History of Morrow County and Ohio* (Chicago: O. L. Baskin & Co., 1880), 303.

<sup>257</sup> *Ibid.*, 311.

<sup>258</sup> Guardianship Record, Morrow County, Ohio, 12 June 1861, County Clerk's Office, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

<sup>259</sup> Simon C. Bartlett household, 1860 U. S. census, Auglaize County, Ohio, population schedule, Wapakoneta, page 341, dwelling 541, family 550; National Archives micropublication M653, roll 931.

<sup>260</sup> Morrow County Deed Book 24: 600, Recorder's Office, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

<sup>261</sup> 1880 U. S. census, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Pittsburgh, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, 20<sup>th</sup> Ward, ED 146, SD 9, pp. 7-8, dwelling 62, family 62.

<sup>262</sup> Carrie Lambert obituary, *The Morrow County Sentinel*, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, 19 March 1885, page 4, column 7.

<sup>263</sup> Charles M. Lambert obituary, *The Morrow County Sentinel*, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, 20 January 1887, page 4, column 9.

1887, Henry's daughter-in-law died in Pittsburgh of heart disease, and was brought back to the grieving family in Mt. Gilead for burial by her husband Jacob.<sup>264</sup>

After this string of three deaths in the family, Henry and Hannah moved to Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri about 1888.<sup>265</sup> There, they were enumerated in the 1900 U. S. census for Ward 5, with Henry Lambert as head, insurance agent, born March 1832 in Ohio, renting a home at 2839 Bell Street; Hannah J., wife, born October 1831 in Ohio; Jacob J., son, widowed, insurance agent, born February 1854 in Ohio; and Henry J., grandson, single, beef checker, born September 1877 in Ohio. Henry and Hannah had been married 48 years. Henry's parents were both born in Virginia (his mother was reported as born in Ohio in the 1880 census), and Hannah's parents were both born in New Jersey. Hannah was shown as the mother of four children, with only one living.<sup>266</sup>

Sometime prior to October 1907, the family moved to 911 Euclid Avenue in Kansas City. There, on 05 October 1907, Hannah Jane Lambert died of senility. Her physician was Dr. Carl A. Nyland.<sup>267</sup> Her obituary described her suffering for over a year; yet another tragedy in Henry E. Lambert's life:

**Death of Mrs. H. E. Lambert.**

Mr. J. J. Runyan, on Wednesday received the sad news of the death of his sister, Mrs. H. E. Lambert, aged 77 years, which occurred in Kansas City, Mo., last Saturday afternoon at 3:30. Mrs. Lambert has been a terrible sufferer for the past year or so, demanding constant care for some months past. The deceased's maiden name was Hannah Jane Runyan. She was united in marriage to H. E. Lambert, June [*sic*, January] 25, 1853. The remains will be brought to this place [Mt. Gilead] for interment about the middle of next month.<sup>268</sup>

Henry E. and his son Jacob J. Lambert had moved out of their home by the 1910 U. S. census, as William and Margaret Wann were living at that address then.<sup>269</sup>

Henry died on 12 February 1915 in the Independence, Missouri Sanitarium, where he had been a patient for two days. Dr. Charles E. Nickson of Mt. Washington certified that he had attended Henry for the past four days, and that Henry died at 12:40 a.m. of lobar pneumonia. Contributory to his death was senility. His residence was shown as Ravenwood Station, the address of the informant, Henry J. Lambert, on the death certificate. Other information on the death certificate showed that Henry was widowed, born 20 March 1831 in Ohio, and was a retired contractor. Henry's parentage and places of birth were

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<sup>264</sup> Mary Lambert (Mrs J. J. Lambert) obituary, *The Morrow County Sentinel*, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, 24 March 1887, page 4, column 7.

<sup>265</sup> Henry E. Lambert, Missouri state death certificate 4641.

<sup>266</sup> 1900 U. S. census, Jackson County, Missouri, population schedule, Kansas City, Ward 5, ED 45, SD 5, pp 13-14, dwelling 229, family 301.

<sup>267</sup> Hannah Jane Lambert, Kansas City Deaths, Microfilm roll C19510: 137, no. 27079.

<sup>268</sup> Mrs. H. E. Lambert obituary, *The Morrow County Sentinel*, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, 14 October 1907, page 1, column 5.

<sup>269</sup> William Wann household, 1910 U. S. census, Jackson County, Missouri population schedule, Kansas City, Ward 8, enumeration district [ED] 104, supervisor's district [SD] 5, page 86B, dwelling 137, family 156; National Archives micropublication T624, roll 787.

“unknown” to the informant, Henry J. Lambert, who was his grandson.<sup>270</sup>

The Independence Sanitarium is now known as the Independence Regional Health Center. The Center’s records “don’t go back that far,” and they didn’t have Henry’s records from 1915.<sup>271</sup>

Notices of Henry’s death appeared in both the *Kansas City Times* and the *Morrow County Sentinel*. The *Times* reported that Henry E. Lambert was 83, a retired contractor, had died at the Independence Sanitarium on 12 February 1915, and that he had previously made his home with his son [*sic*, grandson] Henry J. Lambert, in Ravenwood. It also stated that the body would be sent to Mt. Gilead, Ohio, for burial.<sup>272</sup> The *Sentinel* article, titled “Buried at River Cliff,” reported that Henry’s body was brought to Mt. Gilead and interred in the River Cliff Cemetery. It further reported that, “Mr. Lambert was engaged in business here several years ago, latter [*sic*.] going to Kansas where he died recently.”<sup>273</sup>

The River Cliff Cemetery in Mt. Gilead, Ohio has a single card on the Lambert family plot burials. The “E. H. Lambert” card listed the following Lambert family members buried in section 1, lot 1, deed number 100340: Mrs. H. J., Jennie, George, Carrie, Mary, Charles M., and E. H.<sup>274</sup> When asked about a record of the sale of the burial plot, the Morrow County Recorder wrote that he “did not find anything for Henry E. Lambert.”<sup>275</sup>

In summary, the names on the burial card may be interpreted as belonging to the following Lambert family members:

- Mrs. H. J. Lambert: Mrs. Hannah Jane Lambert, Henry’s wife. Her obituary stated that her body would “be brought to this place [Mt. Gilead] for interment” from Kansas City.<sup>276</sup>
- Jennie Lambert: Likely the “little sister” mentioned in nine-year-old Carrie’s obituary, who predeceased Carrie and was buried in the cemetery at Mt. Gilead.<sup>277</sup>
- George Lambert: Likely the unnamed deceased brother who died as a child, mentioned in Carrie’s

<sup>270</sup> Henry E. Lambert, Missouri state death certificate 4641.

<sup>271</sup> Memo of telephone conversation, Leona Lee (Director, Health Information Management, Independence Regional Health Center; 1509 West Truman Road; Independence, MO 64050), (816) 836-6619 and Larry Patrick Cornwell, 22 February 2005; held in 2005 by the author.

<sup>272</sup> Henry E. Lambert obituary, *The Kansas City Times*, Kansas City, Missouri, 13 February 1915, page 2, column 4.

<sup>273</sup> Henry Lambert obituary, *The Morrow County Sentinel*, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, 18 February 1915, page 1, column 5.

<sup>274</sup> Burials and Transfers record, (Mr. Tim Oldfield, Sexton, River Cliff Union Cemetery, 201 East Marion Street, Mt. Gilead, OH 43338), digital photograph of record taken 02 July 2005 by the author. The cemetery sexton pointed to an empty area near the cemetery office, and stated that was where section 1, lot 1, was located. He stated that he had probed the ground for buried stones, without result. He thought that the cemetery record was incorrect, and that the Lambert plot was located elsewhere in the cemetery.

<sup>275</sup> Letter from Morrow County Recorder (48 East High Street; Mt. Gilead, OH 43338) to Larry Patrick Cornwell, July 2005, held in 2005 by the author.

<sup>276</sup> *The Morrow County Sentinel*, 14 October 1907.

<sup>277</sup> *The Morrow County Sentinel*, 19 March 1885.

- obituary as being buried in the family plot.<sup>278</sup>
- Carrie Lambert: Nine-year-old daughter of Henry E. and Hannah Jane Lambert, who, according to her obituary, wanted to be buried in the family plot next to her “little sister and brother” who predeceased her.<sup>279</sup>
  - Mary Lambert: Wife of Jacob J. Lambert, who was the son of Henry and Hannah. Her obituary stated that her remains were placed in the Mt. Gilead city vault [pending burial].<sup>280</sup>
  - Charles M. Lambert: Grandson of Henry and Hannah, son of Jacob J. Lambert, who died in Pittsburgh, whose remains were “placed in the city vault. His final resting place will be in the family lot in the cemetery at this place [Mt. Gilead].”<sup>281</sup>
  - E. H. Lambert: Henry E. Lambert. His obituary stated that his body was sent to the River Cliff cemetery from Kansas City and interred.<sup>282</sup>

Henry E. Lambert and Hannah Jane Runyan were the parents of four children, three who of whom died in childhood:

- + 17 i. JACOB J.<sup>3</sup> LAMBERT, born February 1854 in Ohio,<sup>283</sup> died after the 1910 U. S. census,<sup>284</sup> married, perhaps 1876, Mary, last name unknown.<sup>285</sup>
- 18 ii. JEANNIE LAMBERT, born ca. 1856 in Ohio,<sup>286</sup> died perhaps by 1865.<sup>287</sup> Jeannie appears as a four-year-old in the 1860 census, and is described in the obituary of her nine-year-old sister Carrie in 1885 as her “little sister,”
- thus drawing one to the conclusion that Jeannie, although born earlier, also died before she was nine.

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<sup>278</sup> Ibid.

<sup>279</sup> Ibid.

<sup>280</sup> *The Morrow County Sentinel*, 24 March 1887.

<sup>281</sup> *The Morrow County Sentinel*, 20 January 1887.

<sup>282</sup> *The Morrow County Sentinel*, 18 February 1915.

<sup>283</sup> 1880 U. S. census, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Pittsburgh, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, 20<sup>th</sup> Ward, ED 146, SD 9, pp. 7-8, dwelling 62, family 62.

<sup>284</sup> 1900 U. S. census, Jackson County, Missouri, population schedule, Kansas City, Ward 5, ED 45, SD 5, pp 13-14, dwelling 229, family 301.

<sup>285</sup> 1880 U. S. census, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Pittsburgh, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, 20<sup>th</sup> Ward, ED 146, SD 9, pp. 7-8, dwelling 62, family 62.

<sup>286</sup> 1860 U. S. census, Morrow County, Ohio, population schedule, Mt. Gilead, p. 194, dwelling 260, family 260.

<sup>287</sup> *The Morrow County Sentinel*, 19 March 1885.

- 19 iii. GEORGE LAMBERT, born unknown date, died before 28 February 1885.<sup>288</sup> George's name appeared on no census record, but his name is on the burial record of the other members of his family. Although unnamed, he was mentioned in his sister Carrie's obituary in 1885 as a brother having predeceased her.
- 20 iv. CARRIE C. LAMBERT, born 26 June 1875<sup>289</sup> in Ohio,<sup>290</sup> died 28 February 1885 in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.<sup>291</sup> Her obituary is a moving tribute to her life, and suggests the enormous pain that the surviving members of her family went through when she died:

LAMBERT. – At the residence of her parents in this city, Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, CARRIE LAMBERT, aged 9 years, 8 months and 2 days.

Carrie was an only daughter and greatly beloved, not only by the family, but, by her bright and cheerful life, endeared herself to all who knew her; and during her long and severe sickness she was a model of meekness and patience. As Mr. and Mrs. Lambert are called on to walk the course of life beneath this cloud and shadow, which can never in this life be quite taken away, they may rest assured they have the profound sympathy of all. For the present her body rests in the new vault in our cemetery [*sic*] but in compliance with her own request, expressed during her sickness, her final rest will be in the cemetery at Mt. Gilead, Ohio, by the side of her little sister and brother, who preceded her to the house and home of the good Father above. – *Oskaloosa (Iowa) Herald*.<sup>292</sup>

----- THIRD GENERATION -----

8. **Cyrus Wilbur<sup>3</sup> Lambert** (Jacob<sup>1</sup>, Thomas Callahan<sup>2</sup>) was born 31 December 1851 in Licking County, Ohio; and died 23 March 1939 in Salem, Richardson County, Nebraska.<sup>293</sup> He married 26 March 1876 in Champaign County, Illinois, **Alice A. Mathewson**,<sup>294</sup> daughter of Brown Mathewson and

<sup>288</sup> Ibid.

<sup>289</sup> Ibid.

<sup>290</sup> 1880 U. S. census, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Pittsburgh, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, 20<sup>th</sup> Ward, ED 146, SD 9, pp. 7-8, dwelling 62, family 62.

<sup>291</sup> The Morrow County Sentinel, 19 March 1885.

<sup>292</sup> Ibid.

<sup>293</sup> *Fairbury News and Gazette*, 30 March 1939, 30 March 1939.

<sup>294</sup> Champaign County Marriage Register: 89.



Maria Williams. Alice was born 12 July 1853 in Cincinnati, Ohio; and died 15 December 1907,<sup>295</sup> likely, Endicott, Jefferson County, Nebraska.<sup>296</sup>

The 1860 U. S. census for Bennington Township, Licking County, Ohio showed Cyrus W. Lambert in his father's household, age 7, born in Ohio, and incorrectly listed as a female.<sup>297</sup>

In 1865, at age 13, Cyrus moved with his father's family from Licking County, Ohio to Champaign County, Illinois.<sup>298</sup>

On 02 May 1870, at age 18, he enrolled in the University of Illinois at Urbana in Champaign County just three years after it was founded.<sup>299</sup> He registered for a philosophy course in the summer, and received a grade of 99. That fall, he took English and geometry, with no credit. In the spring of 1871, he took English, algebra, and physics, receiving credit for English and algebra. For the summer term, he took English and algebra, receiving credit in English. In the fall of 1871, he took English and bookkeeping, receiving credit for both, and in the spring of 1872, he took English, bookkeeping, and drawing, receiving credit for all three. In the fall of 1872, he took English and French, but did not get credit for either course. In the spring of 1873, he took English, French, and drawing, receiving credit for French, and in the summer of 1873, he took English, French, and botany, receiving credit in English.<sup>300</sup> In all, he took 21 courses, and received credit for 11. His obituary claimed that "he was a graduate of Champaign university in Illinois."<sup>301</sup>

While Cyrus was attending the University of Illinois, he was enumerated in the 1870 U. S. census for Urbana. Wilber Lambert, 18, born in Ohio, was shown as a student, living with the John C. Denton family.<sup>302</sup>

Cyrus Wilbur moved with his parents and siblings to Jefferson County, Nebraska in 1875 by wagon,<sup>303</sup> but went back to Compromise Township, Champaign County, Illinois a year later to marry

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<sup>295</sup> Alice M. Lambert, death certificate no. L-516 (1907), Nebraska Health and Human Services, Lincoln.

<sup>296</sup> Her death certificate does not reveal her place of death. However, her husband, "of Endicott, Nebraska," was the informant.

<sup>297</sup> 1870 U. S. census, Licking County, Ohio, population schedule, Bennington township, post office Appleton, p. 52, dwelling 442, family 420.

<sup>298</sup> *Fairbury Gazette*, 13 July 1911.

<sup>299</sup> Alice Poehls, Registrar, "Cyrus Wilbur Lambert," e-mail message from <poehls@ad.uiuc.edu> (Office of Admissions and Records: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: 901 West Illinois Street; Urbana, IL 61801), downloaded 22 April 2005, page 1.

<sup>300</sup> Cyrus W. Lambert, official transcript no. 236 (1870-1873), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana.

<sup>301</sup> *Fairbury News and Gazette*, 30 March 1939.

<sup>302</sup> John C. Denton household, 1870 U. S. census, Champaign County, Illinois, population schedule, Urbana City, page 419, dwelling 280, family 282; National Archives micropublication M593, roll 193.

<sup>303</sup> *Fairbury News and Gazette*, 30 March 1939.

Alice A. Mathewson, 22, of Compromise Township. They were married by a minister of the gospel, G. M. Goodspeed.<sup>304</sup> There, she had been enumerated with her parents Brown and Maria Matteson in the 1870 U. S. census as Alice Matteson, 17, teacher, born in Ohio. Her father, 60, a farmer, was born in Rhode Island. He had real estate valued at \$200, and personal estate valued at \$900. Maria, 55, was born in New Jersey.<sup>305</sup> They were five dwellings away from the Thodore Barnes household of which “Suneter” Barnes, 25, was a member.<sup>306</sup> Sumerton Barnes would later become Alice’s brother in law when he married Cyrus Wilbur’s younger sister Mary.<sup>307</sup>

Cyrus Wilbur and Alice moved to Rock Creek, Jefferson County, Nebraska, where his young family was enumerated in the 1880 U. S. census. His first name was erroneously recorded as William, age 28, farmer, born in Ohio, both parents born in Ohio. His wife, Alice, 26, was keeping house. She was born in Ohio, with both parents shown as born in Rhode Island. Their son, Richard, 2, was shown as having been born in Nebraska.<sup>308</sup>

The 1885 Nebraska state census showed this Lambert family of Rock Creek, Jefferson County, as N. M. [*sic*] Lambert, 32, farmer, born in Ohio, both parents born in Ohio; Alice, 31, wife, keeps house, born in Ohio, parents born in Rhode Island; Richard, 7, son, born in Nebraska, and Edith, 5, daughter, born in Nebraska. They were living with Cyrus’ brother Wendell’s family.<sup>309</sup>

C. W. Lambert of Steele City, Jefferson County, was listed in the Nebraska State Gazetteer Business Directory for 1890-91.<sup>310</sup>

On 26 August 1895, C. W. Lambert bought a lot in Endicott, in Jefferson County, for \$50 from the Lincoln Land Company. The property was described as commencing at the southeast corner of lot 18 in block 8 in the original town of Endicott, then northwesterly in the east line of lot 18 to a point 14.38 feet south from the north line of lot 18, then in a southwesterly direction parallel with the northerly line of lot 18 65 feet, then southeasterly, parallel with the east line of lot 18, to the south line of lot 18, then east to

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<sup>304</sup> Champaign County Marriage Register: 89.

<sup>305</sup> Brown Matteson household, 1870 U. S. census, Champaign County, Illinois, population schedule, Compromise Township, Rantoul post office, page 87, dwelling 93, family 92; National Archives micropublication M593, roll 193.

<sup>306</sup> Thodore Barnes household, 1870 U. S. census, Champaign County, Illinois, population schedule, Compromise township, Rantoul post office, page 87, dwelling 98, family 98; National Archives micropublication M593, roll 193.

<sup>307</sup> Champaign County Marriage Registrar [*sic*]: 55.

<sup>308</sup> William Lambert household, 1880 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, town of Rock Creek, enumeration district [ED] 291, supervisor’s district [SD] 1, page 634B, dwelling 15, family 15; National Archives micropublication T9, roll 750.

<sup>309</sup> Windel Sambert [*sic.*] household, 1885 Nebraska state census, Jefferson County, population schedule, Rock Creek precinct, enumeration district [ED] 440, page 16, line 36, dwelling 7, family 7, microcopy 499557, Family History Center, Salt Lake City.

<sup>310</sup> [Anonymous], Nebraska State Gazetteer (Omaha: J. M. Wolfe & Co., 1890), unpaginated, reprinted on <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~nejeffer/1890lr.htm>>, downloaded on 26 July 2005.

the place of beginning.<sup>311</sup> Endicott was the small town that Cyrus Wilbur's parents had retired to in March 1883, about five miles from Steele City.

The Cyrus W. Lambert family was enumerated in the 1900 U. S. census for Rock Creek Precinct, Jefferson County as Cyrus W., head, born December 1851, born in Ohio, both parents born in Ohio; Alice A, wife, born July 1853, Born in Ohio, father born in Rhode Island, mother born in New Jersey. They had been married 24 years, and she was the mother of three children, with three living. Listed with them were their three children, all single: Lewis R., born April 1878; Edith E., born October 1880; and Ruth M., born April 1890. All the family members were literate, and he was shown as a farmer, owning his farm.<sup>312</sup>

On 22 April 1904, C. W. and his wife Alice A. Lambert sold their lot in Endicott that they had purchased in 1895 to Charles H. Pusey for \$225.<sup>313</sup> They made a 450 percent profit on the lot in nine years, having paid only \$50 for the lot in 1895.

On 24 January 1907, after Cyrus's mother Rebecca died, all of Rebecca's children and heirs-in-law filed a special warranty deed, selling Rebecca's six lots in Endicott to their father Thomas for \$1, recognizing that a mortgage still existed for \$300, and that the taxes had not been paid for 1906. They also filed on behalf of one of her grandchildren who was an heir. All the following were signatories to the deed: Wilbur C. Lambert, Alice Lambert, Wendall S. Lambert, Mary M. Lambert, Francis M. Lambert, Lillie M. Lambert, Chester T. Lambert, Lucy E. Lambert, Dora A. Shepherd, Stephen Shepherd, Mary W. Barnes, Sumerton Barnes, Livonia S. Elliott, and Thomas M. Elliott.<sup>314</sup>

Just weeks later, Thomas sold all six lots back to his son Wilber C. Lambert and Wilber's wife Alice on 08 March 1907 for \$800.<sup>315</sup>

On 15 December 1907, Cyrus' wife Alice died. Dr. H. E. Retter certified that he had treated her for the past 19 days, and that she had passed away at 5 p.m. of pneumonia. Undertaker C. W. Steele of Fairbury arranged the funeral, and burial was at the Steele City Cemetery. C. W. Lambert of Endicott, Nebraska served as the informant for the personal and statistical particulars. He reported that she was a female, white, married, born on 12 July 1853, and lived to 54 years, 5 months, and 3 days. Her birthplace was Cincinnati, Ohio. Her parents were Brown Mathewson, born in Rhode Island, and Maria Williams, born in Ohio.<sup>316</sup> Her tombstone is located in the first edition of the east side of the cemetery and is inscribed "Alice Lambert born 1853 died 1907." It is located in the plot of her husband's brother, Francis M. Lambert, and his family.<sup>317</sup>

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<sup>311</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 22: 57, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>312</sup> Cyrus W. Lambert household, 1900 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Rock Creek Precinct, enumeration district [ED] 92, supervisor's district [SD] 4, page 13A, dwelling 262, family 262; National Archives micropublication T623, roll 931.

<sup>313</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 30-618, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>314</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 32: 525-527.

<sup>315</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 34: 608.

<sup>316</sup> Alice M. Lambert, death certificate no. L-516.

<sup>317</sup> Letter from Richard Bugbee (578 County Hwy #8; Steele City, Nebraska 68440) to the author, 22 May 2005.

Alice died intestate, and 20 years later, on 20 January, 1927, the Jefferson County Court declared that fact, naming her heirs at the time of her death as Wilber C. Lambert, husband, L. R. Lambert, son, Edith Sheeley, daughter, and Ruth Lambert, daughter.<sup>318</sup>

The Cyrus Wilbur Lambert family was enumerated in the 1910 U. S. census for Endicott Precinct, Jefferson County, Nebraska as C. Wilbur, head, 57, widowed, house carpenter, working for himself, and fully employed during 1909; his daughter, Edith E., 29, single, with no trade; Ruth M., 19, single, public school teacher, and Wendel J. Wells, nephew, 6. All were literate, and he owned his home.<sup>319</sup>

Cyrus' nephew, Wendell Wells, had come to live with him for a time after the death of Cyrus' sister Hattie Jane Wells in 1904.<sup>320</sup> Hattie had died just days after Wendell's birth. By the time Wendell was 15, he was back living with his father, who had remarried in 1913.<sup>321</sup>

On 26 April 1919, Wilber C. Lambert sold three of his six lots in Endicott (lots 10, 11, and 12) to Alex Shepherd for \$1100.<sup>322</sup>

That same year, on 10 November 1919, Wilber sold the remaining three lots in Endicott (lots 1, 2, and 3) to James J. Hargis, for \$500.<sup>323</sup>

Cyrus W. Lambert was enumerated in the 1930 U. S. census, living alone, renting a farm home in Endicott Precinct, 78, widowed, at work as a truck farmer. He was not listed as a veteran.<sup>324</sup>

Cyrus Wilbur Lambert died at 11:50 p.m. on 23 March 1939 in Salem, Richardson County, Nebraska, of chronic myocarditis, likely at the home of his daughter Edith Sheeley, who lived there at the time. Contributory cause was senility. (Richardson County is located three counties to the east of Jefferson County, at the extreme southeast corner of Nebraska, bordering on both Missouri and Kansas.) Cyrus had spent his last 14 days in Salem. Edith served as the informant for the information on his death certificate, and reported that he had been a farmer all his life, and was a male, white, widower, wife's name was Alice A. Lambert, his date of birth was 31 December 1851, and he had lived to be 87 years, 2 months, and 23 days old. His parents were Thomas Callahan Lambert and Rebecca Wells, both born in Ohio. The

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<sup>318</sup> Alice Lambert intestate decree, Jefferson County Probate Book 4: 37, County Clerk's Office, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>319</sup> C. Wilbur Lambert household, 1910 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Endicott Precinct, enumeration district [ED] 91, supervisor's district 4, p. 27A, dwelling 32, family 32; National Archives micropublication T624, roll 848.

<sup>320</sup> Hattie Jane Wells, Nebraska state death certificate 2708.

<sup>321</sup> Thomas H. Wells household, 1920 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Endicott, enumeration district [ED] 99, supervisor's district [SD] 4, page 6B, dwelling 89, family 90; National Archives micropublication T625, roll 991.

<sup>322</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 50: 6, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>323</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 50: 275, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>324</sup> Cyrus W. Lambert household, 1930 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Endicott precinct, part B, enumeration district [ED] 48-7, supervisor's district [SD] 11, page 4B, dwelling 89, family 89; National Archives micropublication roll 1283.

undertaker was W. P. Shildneck of Salem, and he was buried in the Steele City Cemetery in Jefferson County.<sup>325</sup>

His obituary was published in *The Fairbury News and Gazette*:

**C. W. Lambert, 87, Died at Salem Thursday**

Funeral services for Cyrus W. Lambert, Jefferson county resident since 1875, were held from the Methodist church at Endicott Sunday, Rev. C. F. Luscher officiating. Mr. Lambert, an uncle of Claude L. Lambert, prominent Fairbury businessman and president of the Fairbury Chamber of Commerce, passed away at Salem Thursday, March 23, 1939, at the age of 87 years, 2 months and 23 days. Burial was at Steele City.

Cyrus Wilbur Lambert was born in Licking county, Ohio, Dec. 31, 1851, and came to Nebraska by wagon in 1875. The family located in Jefferson county, where he had made his home since. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge, and was a graduate of Champaign university in Illinois.

He married Alice A. Mathewson March 26, 1876, and three children were born to them. A daughter, Mrs. Arch Lambert of Yuma Colo., passed away May 29, 1924.

Surviving are a son, L. R. Lambert of Cambridge, Idaho; a daughter, Mrs. Edith Sheeley of Salem; two brothers, F. M. Lambert of Lincoln and W. S. Lambert of Guide Rock; two sisters, Mrs. T. M. Elliott and Mrs. Steven Shepherd, both of Lincoln; and 11 grandchildren.<sup>326</sup>

Cyrus Wilbur Lambert and Alice A. Mathewson were the parents of the following three children, all identified in the 1880 U. S. census:<sup>327</sup>

- i. LEWIS RICHARD<sup>4</sup> LAMBERT, born April 1878.
- ii. EDITH E. LAMBERT, born October 1880.
- iii. RUTH MARGARET LAMBERT, born 25 April 1890.

**9. Mary Willetta<sup>3</sup> Lambert** (Jacob<sup>1</sup>, Thomas Callahan<sup>2</sup>) was born 23 February 1854 in Ohio; and died 02 September 1926 in Endicott, Jefferson County, Nebraska.<sup>328</sup>

- She married 25 February 1872, in Champaign County, Illinois, **Sumerton Cypers Barnes**,<sup>329</sup> son of Thodore Philip Barnes and Nancy Cyphers Sumerton. Sumerton was born 22 January 1844 in

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<sup>325</sup> Cyrus Wilbur Lambert, death certificate no. K3126 (1939), Nebraska Health and Human Services, Lincoln.

<sup>326</sup> *Fairbury News and Gazette*, 30 March 1939.

<sup>327</sup> 1880 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Rock Creek, ED 291, SD 1, p. 634B, dwelling 15, family 15.

<sup>328</sup> Mary Willetta Wells, death certificate no. 8933 (1926), Nebraska Health and Human Services System, Lincoln.

Although her death certificate recorded 1853, her age on it was calculated originally as 72 years old (born in 1854), but the 2 in 72 was struck out, a 3 added to the 7, and the 1853 date was placed in the date of birth block. As outlined in this life story, her age as listed in the 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, and 1910 U. S. censuses gave her age commensurate with an 1854 birth year. Both published obituaries, later quoted, gave her birth year as 1854.

<sup>329</sup> Champaign County Marriage Registrar [*sic*]: 55.

Morrow County, Ohio; and died 22 February 1907, in Blanche, Chase County, Nebraska.<sup>330</sup>

- Her second husband was **Thomas Harvey Wells**, whom she married on 02 September 1913. He was the widower of Mary's sister Hattie Jane (Barnes) Lambert.<sup>331</sup> He was born in September 1858<sup>332</sup> or 02 September 1859 in Licking County, Ohio and died 25 January 1937 in Endicott, Jefferson County, Nebraska. He was the son of John Thomas Wells and Emily Horner.<sup>333</sup>

The 1860 U. S. census for Bennington Township, Licking County, Ohio showed Mary Lambert in her father's household, age 4, born in Ohio.<sup>334</sup>

Mary Wiletta Lambert was 11 years old in 1865 when her family moved from Licking County, Ohio, to Champaign County, Illinois.<sup>335</sup> There, she married Sumerton Cyphers Barnes two days after her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday in 1872. His family had moved there from Warren County, in western Illinois, where they had appeared in the 1860 U. S. census. He was enumerated as Somerton, 16, in the household of T. P. and Nancy Barnes.<sup>336</sup> In the 1870 U. S. census for Compromise Township, Champaign County, the Thodore and Nancy Barnes household showed Suneter Barnes, 25. Their post office was Rantoul,<sup>337</sup> and Rantoul was the post office for Mary's family, even though the Lambert family was in adjacent Harwood Township at that time.<sup>338</sup> They were married by a minister of the gospel, John J. Roberts. Sumerton's name was spelled Summerton C. Barnes on the marriage license.<sup>339</sup>

Mary and Sumerton Barnes moved with, or soon after followed, her parents and siblings, who moved

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<sup>330</sup> Sumerton Cyphers Barnes, death certificate no. 1566 (1907), Nebraska Health and Human Services System, Lincoln.

<sup>331</sup> *Fairbury News and Gazette*, 28 January 1937.

<sup>332</sup> Thomas H. Wells household, 1900 U. S. census, Thayer County, Nebraska, population schedule, Hubbell, enumeration district [ED] 165, supervisor's district [SD] 4, page 4A, dwelling 74, family 77; National Archives micropublication T623, roll 941.

<sup>333</sup> Thomas H. Wells, death certificate no. H-1013 (1937).

<sup>334</sup> 1870 U. S. census, Licking County, Ohio, population schedule, Bennington township, post office Appleton, p. 52, dwelling 442, family 420.

<sup>335</sup> *Fairbury Gazette*, 13 July 1911.

<sup>336</sup> T. P. Barnes household, 1860 U. S. census, Warren County, Illinois, population schedule, Spring Grove, page 300, dwelling 2068, family 2080; National Archives micropublication M653, roll 234.

<sup>337</sup> Thodore Barnes household, 1870 U. S. census, Champaign County, Illinois, population schedule, Compromise township, Rantoul post office, page 87, dwelling 98, family 98; National Archives micropublication M593, roll 193.

<sup>338</sup> 1870 U. S. census, Champaign County, Illinois, population schedule, Harwood Township, p. 133, dwelling 196, family 195.

<sup>339</sup> Champaign County Marriage Registrar [*sic*]: 55.

to Rock Creek Township in Jefferson County, Nebraska in 1875,<sup>340</sup> where they were enumerated as next-door neighbors to her parents in the 1880 U. S. census for that area.<sup>341</sup> Jefferson County is situated on the southeast border of Nebraska, adjacent to Kansas. Fairbury is the county seat, thus providing the Barnes family easy access to the seat of government.

The Summerd and Mary W. Barnes household was enumerated as Summerd, 36, farmer, born in Ohio, both parents born in Ohio; Mary W., 26, keeping house, born in Ohio, both parents born in Ohio; Nancy J., 7, daughter, born in Illinois, both parents born in Ohio; Alice A., 5, daughter, born in Illinois, both parents born in Ohio; Grace, 4, daughter, born in Nebraska, [interestingly, and obviously, incorrectly] both parents born in New Jersey; and Thomas, 2, son, born in Nebraska, both parents born in Ohio.<sup>342</sup>

On 31 December 1882, S. C. Barnes bought lots 1 and 2 in block 21 in nearby Endicott, Jefferson County, for \$100 from John E. and wife M. Abbie Smith of nearby Gage County, Nebraska.<sup>343</sup> They were followed by Mary's parents in March 1883, who also bought lots in Endicott.<sup>344</sup> Endicott had a population of about 200 in 1890. It was the junction of two railroads, which facilitated grain and produce shipments from the farms. The Little Blue River flowed near the town, and the banks contained superior building stone. The Methodists had a church there,<sup>345</sup> which the Barnes and Lamberts most assuredly joined and attended.

There, the S. C. and Mary Barnes household was enumerated in the 1885 Nebraska state census, with S. C., 44, married, laborer, born in Ohio; Mary, 31, wife, keeping house, born in Ohio; [no first name], 12, daughter, born in Illinois; Alice, 10, daughter, born in Illinois; Grace, 9, daughter, born in Nebraska, and Thomas, 7, son, born in Nebraska.<sup>346</sup> Nancy J.'s name was likely inadvertently left off by the enumerator.

On 18 January 1889, Sumerton C. and his wife Mary W. Barnes sold the two lots that they had purchased in 1882 to Harriet A. Matherson for \$150.<sup>347</sup> They made a 50 percent profit on the deal.

The Sunerter and Mary Barnes household was enumerated in the 1900 U. S. census for Endicott, Jefferson County, Nebraska as Sunerter, born Jan 1844, married 28 years, born in Ohio, both parents born in New York; Mary, born Feb 1854, married 28 years, born in Ohio, both parents born in Ohio; and

<sup>340</sup> *Fairbury Gazette*, 13 July 1911.

<sup>341</sup> Summerd Barnes household, 1880 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Rock Creek, enumeration district [ED] 291, supervisor's district [SD] 1, page 635, dwelling 28, family 28; National Archives micropublication T9, roll 750.

<sup>342</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>343</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 7: 367, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>344</sup> *Fairbury Gazette*, 13 July 1911.

<sup>345</sup> Nebraska State Gazetters Business Directory for 1890-91 (Omaha: J. M. Wolfe & Co., 1890), 509-510

<sup>346</sup> S. C. Barnes household, 1885 Nebraska state census, Jefferson County, population schedule, Endicott village, enumeration district [ED] 439, pages 4-5, line 49, family 38; Family History Library microfilm 499557.

<sup>347</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 13: 16, Fairbury, Nebraska.

Nanny, a sister of Sunerter, born Nov 1872, single, born in Illinois, both parents born in Ohio. Sunerter was listed as a farm laborer, renting his home. Inexplicably, Mary was shown as the mother of no children, with none living. The Barnes were dwelling with Mary's sister Dora Shepherd and her family of husband and three children, and listed in the next dwelling to Mary's and Dora's parents, Thomas and Becka Lambert.<sup>348</sup>

On 24 January 1907, all of Mary's siblings and heirs-in-law filed a special warranty deed, selling their mother Rebecca's six lots in Endicott to their father Thomas for \$1, recognizing that a mortgage still existed for \$300, and that the taxes had not been paid for 1906. They also filed on behalf of one of her grandchildren who was an heir. All the following were signatories to the deed: Wilbur C. Lambert, Alice Lambert, Wendall S. Lambert, Mary M. Lambert, Francis M. Lambert, Lillie M. Lambert, Chester T. Lambert, Lucy E. Lambert, Dora A. Shepherd, Stephen Shepherd, Mary W. Barnes, Sumerton Barnes, Livonia S. Elliott, and Thomas M. Elliott.<sup>349</sup>

Sumerton Cyphers Barnes died at 1 a.m. on 22 February 1907 in Blanche, Chase County, southwestern Nebraska, about 250 miles to the west of Jefferson County. Dr. E. M. Steward of nearby Imperial, Nebraska certified that Sumerton died of double pneumonia, of which he had suffered for seven days. Charles W. Eckerd, Sumerton's son-in-law, served as the informant for the information on the death certificate. He reported that Sumerton was a man, white, born 22 January 1844, and had died at age 63 years, 1 month. He had been married, had been born in Marrow [*sic.*, Morrow] County, Ohio, father was Philip Barnes, born in New Jersey and mother was Mary L. (Mary L. crossed out) Nancy Cyphers Summer[?]. The undertaker was L. W. Smith of Imperial, place of burial was Blanche. The date of burial was 23 February 1907.<sup>350</sup> (Two of Sumerton's married daughters, Nancy McCreight and Alice Eckerd, lived next door to each other in Enterprise Precinct, and he was likely staying with one of them at the time of his death.<sup>351</sup>)

Sumerton was buried in the Blanche Cemetery, Chase County, Nebraska. The records there record him as Summerton C. Barnes, born 1/22/1844, died 2/22/1907. The cemetery is located in the "SW4, SW4, about midway along the west side of section 5, township 8 north, range 36 west."<sup>352</sup>

Three years later, Mary W. Barnes was enumerated in the 1910 U. S. census for Enterprise Precinct, living with her daughter Nancy J. and her husband Charles J. McCreight. Mary was shown as the mother-in-law of the head of the family, 56, widowed, five children born, four living. Also living with the family was Mary's brother-in-law Thomas H. Wells, 50, widowed, farm laborer,<sup>353</sup> the husband of her deceased  
<sup>348</sup> Sunerter Barnes household, 1900 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Endicott Precinct, enumeration district [ED] 84, supervisor's district [SD] 4, page 2B, dwelling 41, family 43; National Archives micropublication T623, roll 930.

<sup>349</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 32: 525-527, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>350</sup> Sumerton Cyphers Barnes, Nebraska state death certificate 1566.

<sup>351</sup> Charles J. McCreight household, 1910 U. S. census, Chase County, Nebraska, population schedule, Enterprise Precinct, enumeration district [ED] 49, supervisor's district [SD] 6, page 196B, dwelling 32, family 32; National Archives micropublication T625, roll 840, part 2.

<sup>352</sup> Blanche Cemetery, online, <<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~chasecountyne/cemeteries4.htm>>, Barnes data downloaded 19 April 2005.

<sup>353</sup> 1910 U. S. census, Chase County, Nebraska, population schedule, Enterprise Precinct, ED 49, SD 6, p. 196B, dwelling 32, family 32.



sister Hattie Jane.

Mary's father, Thomas Callahan Lambert, lived with her for the last nine months of his life, from October 1910 to July 1911.<sup>354</sup>

Three years later, on 02 September 1913, Mary and her brother-in-law Thomas married on his birthday.<sup>355</sup> No record of their marriage is on file in either Chase County<sup>356</sup> or Jefferson County, Nebraska,<sup>357</sup> where they later settled.

The Thomas and Mary Wells household was enumerated in the 1920 U. S. census of Endicott, Jefferson County, Nebraska, as Thomas, 60, farmer working on his own account, born in Ohio, father born in Maryland, mother born in Ohio; Mary, 65, born in Ohio, both parents born in Ohio; and Thomas' son Wendell, 15, born in Nebraska, both parents born in Ohio. Thomas was shown as owning his home, free of mortgage.<sup>358</sup>

Mary Willetta (Lambert) Barnes Wells, widow of Sumerton Cyphers Barnes and wife of Thomas Harvey Wells, died at 6 p.m. on 02 September 1926 on the thirteenth anniversary of her second wedding, in Endicott, Jefferson County, Nebraska. Dr. H. E. Harvey of Fairbury certified that the cause of death was "probably carcinoma of stomach." He had attended her from 29 July to 02 September. The informant, T. L. Barnes of Wauneta, Nebraska, her son, reported that Mary was female, white, widow (widow crossed out, married written in), wife of Thom Wells, born Feb 23, 1853, aged 72 (2 crossed out, 3 written in) years, 6 months, and 9 days. She was retired, born in Ohio, of Thom. Lambert, born in Maryland. Her mother's maiden name was Wells, and she had been born in Maryland. The undertaker was O. W. Rose of Fairbury, date of burial was 05 September 1926, and location of burial was the Wauneta, Nebraska cemetery.<sup>359</sup>

The Wauneta Funeral Home record of her burial recorded much of the same information as on the death certificate. The funeral was held on 06 September 1926. There was a \$50.00 charge for hearse and attendant, paid by check from Tom Barnes.<sup>360</sup>

Mary's obituary was published in the *Fairbury News and Gazette*:

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<sup>354</sup> *Fairbury Gazette*, 13 July 1911.

<sup>355</sup> *Fairbury News and Gazette*, 28 January 1937.

<sup>356</sup> Debra Clark, "Request for Copy of Marriage License," e-mail message from <ccclerk@chase3000.com>, (Chase County Clerk; 912 Broadway/P. O. Box 1299; Imperial, NE 69033) to author, 13 May 2005.

<sup>357</sup> Sandra Stelling, "RE: Copy of Old Marriage License," e-mail message from <soscou33@nol.org>, (Jefferson County Clerk; 411 Fourth Street, Fairbury, NE 68352) to author, 12 May 2005.

<sup>358</sup> Thomas Wells household, 1920 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Endicott, enumeration district [ED] 99, supervisor's district [SD] 4, page 6B, dwelling 88, family 90; National Archives micropublication T625, roll 991.

<sup>359</sup> Mary Willetta Wells, Nebraska state death certificate 8933.

<sup>360</sup> Kermit B. Karns, "WELLS," e-mail message from <kbk@chase3000.com>, (Imperial, NE 69033) to author, 20 May 2005. He reported that the cemetery information came from Wauneta Funeral Home Records Book B: 183.

### Death of Mrs. Wells

Mrs. T. H. Wells passed away after a lingering illness at the home of her daughter Mrs. Chas. McCreight in Endicott, Nebraska, September 2, 1926, at the age of 72 years, 6 months and 10 days. Mrs. Wells, whose maiden name was Mary Lambart [*sic.*], was born February 23, 1854 in Licking county, Ohio. When a small child her parents moved to Champaign county, Illinois, where she grew to womanhood. February 25, 1872 she was married to S. M. Barnes. Five children were born, one son dying in infancy and one daughter, Mrs. Eckerd, passing away in 1922. Mr. Barnes died February 23, 1907. In 1913 she was married to T. H. Wells of Endicott.

Surviving are the husband her two daughters, Mrs. Nancy McCreight of Endicott, and Mrs. Grace Colpitts of Stanford, Oregon, one son, Thos. Barnes of Wauneta, Nebr., and one step-son Bert Wells of Endicott, all of whom were present at the time of her death.

The deceased was a charter member of the Methodist church at Endicott, being a faithful worker. She was also a member of the Golden Rule Sunday school class.

Funeral services were held from the M. E. church in Endicott Saturday afternoon conducted by Rev. W. H. Clark of Fairbury, and the body taken to her old home at Wauneta, Nebr., where short services were held Monday and interment made in the family lot at the Blanche cemetery.<sup>361</sup>

Mary's obituary in the newspaper where she once lived, Chase County, was more detailed:

### Obituary.

Mary Wiletta Lambert, daughter of Thomas C. and Rebecca J. Lambert, was born Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1854, in Licking county, Ohio. When a small child, came with her parents to Champaign county, Illinois, where she united in marriage to Summerton C. Barnes February 25<sup>th</sup>, 1872.

Three children were born in Illinois, Nancy J., now Mrs. Chas. J. McCreight, of Endicott, Nebr., one son who passed away at birth, and Alice M. Eckerd, of Wauneta, Nebr., who died Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1922.

The family came to Jefferson county, Nebr., November 1875. Two children were born here. Grace J. ColL.Pitts [*sic.*], Stanfield, Oregon, and Thomas L. Barnes, of Wauneta.

The family ymoved [*sic.*] to Chase county Nebr. in 1893, where her husband passed away Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> [*sic.*], 1907. She was again united in marriage to Thomas H. Wells, Sept., 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1913.

She passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Chas. J. McCreight, at Endicott, Nebr., Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1926, at the age of 72 years, 6 months and 19 days. All of her living children were at her bedside at the end.

In early girlhood she united with the M. E. church in Illinois and remained a constant and faithful member to the time of her death, being the oldest member of the M. E. church at Endicott.

She was a kind and loving mother, a good neighbor and friend. he [*sic.*] leaves to mourn her loss, her husband, a stepson, Bert Wells, three children, sixteen; grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Two sisters, Mrs. Dora Shepard [*sic.*], of Lincoln, who was present at her death, and Mrs. V. S. Elliott, of Lincoln[,] C. W. Lambert, of Endicott, W. S. of Guide Rock and Frank M., of Lincoln, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the M. E. church at Endicott, conducted by the Rev. Clark, of Fairbury, Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 1926. Burial was at Blanche,

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<sup>361</sup> *Fairbury News and Gazette*, 09 September 1926.

The Thos. H. Wells household in the 1930 U. S. census of Endicott precinct, Jefferson County, Nebraska showed Thomas, 70, married, age 50 at first marriage, engaged in truck farming, not a veteran, and his son Wendell, 26, single. Thomas' birthplace was listed as Ohio, father born in Maryland, mother born in Ohio. Wendell's birthplace was listed as Nebraska, both parents born in Ohio.<sup>363</sup> Of course, Wendell was not married, he was a widower. Also, he was 24 at his first marriage, not 50.

Seven years later, Thomas Harvey Wells died at 2 p.m. on 25 January 1937. Dr. I. N. Morgan of Steele City, Jefferson County, certified that he died of pneumonia, for which he had been suffering since 01 January. His half-brother, State Senator Frank S. Wells of Fairbury, was the informant. He reported that Thomas was a widower, having been married to Hattie J. Wells. His date of birth was recorded as 02 September 1859. He was retired from his profession as a railroad employee. He was born in Licking County Ohio of John T. Wells, born in Baltimore Maryland; and Emily Horner, born in Licking County, Ohio. Interment was in the Fairbury Cemetery on 28 January 1937.<sup>364</sup>

The obituary for Thomas H. Wells appeared in the *Fairbury News and Gazette*:

#### **THOMAS H. WELLS FUNERAL THURSDAY**

Thomas H. Wells of Endicott died Monday, Jan. 25, at his home near Endicott, at the age of 77 years, 4 months and 23 days. A resident of Jefferson county 57 years, he worked for the Burlington railroad for many years.

Funeral services were held at Endicott this (Thursday) afternoon, in charge of Rev. J. E. Filing. Interment was in the Fairbury Cemetery.

Thomas Harvey Wells, son of J. T. and Emily Wells, was born in Licking county, Ohio. He moved from Licking county to Putman county, Ohio, and from there to Jefferson county, Nebr., arriving in October, 1879.

He married Hattie J. Lambert march 26, 1884. One son, Burt, was born to them. Mrs. Wells died in 1904.

He married Mrs. Mary Barnes Sept. 2, 1913. She died several years ago.

Surviving are his son, Burt of Endicott; and four half-brothers, State Senator Frank S. Wells of Fairbury, R. H. of Omaha, Robert of St. Joseph, Mo., and Chas. of Blue Springs.<sup>365</sup>

Although the obituary reported only one son born to Thomas and his first wife Hattie, the evidence is otherwise. That evidence will be presented in the life story of Hattie Jane Lambert.

Mary Wiletta Lambert and Sumerton Cyphers Barnes were the parents of the following five children. The first four were enumerated in the 1880 U. S. census,<sup>366</sup> the last one was mentioned in his

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<sup>362</sup> Mary Wiletta Lambert obituary, *The Imperial Republican*, Imperial, Nebraska, 11 September 1926, no page or column number.

<sup>363</sup> Thos. H. Wells household, 1930 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Endicott precinct, enumeration district [ED] 48-7, supervisor's district [SD] 11, page 3B, dwelling 71, family 71; National Archives micropublication roll 1283.

<sup>364</sup> Thomas H. Wells, Nebraska state death certificate H-1013.

<sup>365</sup> *Fairbury News and Gazette*, 28 January 1937.

<sup>366</sup> 1880 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Rock Creek, ED 291, SD 1, p. 635, dwelling 28, family 28.

mother's obituaries:<sup>367</sup>

- i. NANCY J<sup>4</sup> BARNES, born 28 November 1872.
- ii. ALICE A. BARNES, born ca. 1875.
- iii. GRACE J. BARNES, born ca. 1876.
- iv. THOMAS L. BARNES, born 1877.
- v. [UNNAMED SON] BARNES, born ca. 1883, died at birth.

**10. Susanna Lavonia<sup>3</sup> Lambert** (Jacob<sup>1</sup>, Thomas Callahan<sup>2</sup>) was born 22 March 1856 in Licking County, Ohio; and died 12 January 1940 in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.<sup>368</sup> She married 26 March 1876 in Rock Creek Township, Jefferson County, Illinois, **Thomas Matthew Elliott**, son of Matthew Elliott and Anna Wilson.<sup>369</sup> Thomas was born 18 September 1843, likely in Meigsville Township, Morgan County, Ohio;<sup>370</sup> and died 11 May 1929, in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.<sup>371</sup>

Throughout her life, Susanna Lavonia's name was spelled variously, such as Lovina, Susannah L., Vonie, Voine S., L. S., Leavinia, Lavinia, Livonia S., Livona, and Susanna Livonia. In the 1860 U. S. census, she was listed as Lovina Lambert, age 3.<sup>372</sup>

Just four years later, on 01 November 1864, her future husband, Thomas M. Elliott, joined and enrolled by Capt. Fithian in Company F, Twenty-eighth Infantry Regiment of Illinois Volunteers in Danville, for a period of one year's service. He was described on the muster roll as 21 years of age, 5' 8" tall, dark hair, gray eyes, dark complexion, farmer, born in Ohio.<sup>373</sup>

For that period of time, the 28<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry saw a great deal of action. It was in Memphis, Tennessee from 20 November 1864 until January 1865. From there, it went on an expedition to Moscow from 21-31 December 1864. In 1865, the Regiment moved to Kennersville, Louisiana 03-06 January, then on to New Orleans 12-15 February. The Regiment was in a campaign against Mobile, Alabama and its defenses 17 February to 12 April, and was present for the siege of Spanish Fort and Fort Blakely, Alabama, 26 March to 08 April. It assaulted and captured Fort Blakely on 09 April and occupied Mobile

<sup>367</sup> *Fairbury News and Gazette*, 09 September 1926.

<sup>368</sup> Mrs. Susanna Lavonia Elliott, Nebraska state death certificate L 883.

<sup>369</sup> Jefferson County Marriage Book A: 235.

<sup>370</sup> Matthew Elliott household, 1850 U. S. census, Morgan County, Ohio, population schedule, Meigsville township, pages 318-319, dwelling 1277, family 1287; National Archives micropublication M432, roll 715.

Thomas was enumerated as the sixth of eight children, all born in Ohio.

<sup>371</sup> Thomas M. Elliott, death certificate no. 5847 (1929), Nebraska Health and Human Services System, Lincoln.

<sup>372</sup> 1860 U. S. census, Licking County, Ohio, population schedule, Bennington township, p. 327, dwelling 442, family 420.

<sup>373</sup> "Muster and Descriptive Roll of Company F (as organized) Twenty-eighth Infantry Regiment of Illinois Volunteers, 1864-1865;" Secretary of State, Illinois State Archives, Springfield, Illinois.

on 12 April. It moved to Whistler's Station on 13 April and performed duty until July. The Regiment moved to Brazos Santiago, Texas on 02-03 July, and on to Clarksville, Texas on 07 July. From there, it went to Brownsville, Texas from 02-03 August, and performed duty there until March, 1866.<sup>374</sup> In Brownsville, Thomas was mustered out on 21 October 1865 by Maj. Bullard.<sup>375</sup>

In 1865, at age 9, after her father Thomas had completed his duty as a soldier in the Civil War, Lavonia moved with her father's family from Licking County, Ohio to Champaign County, Illinois.<sup>376</sup>

In the 1870 U. S. census of her father's household, she was listed as Susannah L., 14.

At age 19, in 1875, Lavonia moved with her parents and siblings to Jefferson County, Nebraska in 1875 by wagon,<sup>377</sup> The following year, on 22 March, she married Thomas M. Elliott, who had, by then, moved to Ford County, Illinois. The wedding ceremony was performed by E. J. Fulford, minister of the M. E. Church. Lavonia's parents, Thomas C. and Rebeca Lambert, were present at the marriage.<sup>378</sup>

The couple made their home in Fairview, Russell County, Kansas, where the Thomas and Vonie Lambert household were enumerated in the 1880 U. S. census where they were listed as Thomas, 34, farmer, born in Ohio; and Vonie, 24, wife, keeping house. Thomas and Vonie and their parents were all born in Ohio. Their son, Ray, 3, was born in Nebraska.<sup>379</sup>

On 25 February 1889, Livonia S. Elliott of Russell County, Kansas purchased lots 8 and 9 in block 34 "in the town of Calvert, now Auburn," Nemaha County, Nebraska, from Henry Grovenburgh of Nemaha County for \$1200. Livonia agreed to assume the mortgage of \$150 and due on 25 February 1890.<sup>380</sup>

Thomas was listed on the special schedule for surviving soldiers, sailors, and marines, and widows, etc. in the 1890 U. S. census for Auburn, Nemaha County, Nebraska, as a corporal in Company F, 28<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry, having enrolled on 01 November 1864, and having been discharged on 31 October 1865, for a total service of 11 months and 30 days.<sup>381</sup>

On 26 December 1896, Livonia S. Elliott of Nemaha County, Nebraska purchased lots 6, 7, and 8 in

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<sup>374</sup> The Civil War Archives, Unit Regimental Histories, Illinois, 28<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry, online <<http://www.civilwararchives.com/Unreghst/unilinf3.htm#28th>>, data downloaded 17 June 2005.

<sup>375</sup> "Muster and Descriptive Roll of Company F (as organized) Twenty-eighth Infantry, 1864-1865."

<sup>376</sup> *Fairbury Gazette*, 13 July 1911.

<sup>377</sup> *Fairbury News and Gazette*, 30 March 1939.

<sup>378</sup> Jefferson County Marriage Book A: 235.

<sup>379</sup> Thomas Elliott household, 1880 U. S. census, Russell County, Kansas, population schedule, town of Fairview, enumeration district [ED] 289, supervisor's district [SD] 3, page 41A, dwelling 71, family 74; National Archives micropublication T9, roll 395.

<sup>380</sup> Nemaha County Deed Book: 436-437, Auburn, Nebraska.

<sup>381</sup> Thomas M. Elliott entry, 1890 U. S. census, Nemaha County, Nebraska, special schedule – surviving soldiers, sailors, and marines, and widows, etc., Auburn, enumeration district [ED] 242, supervisor's district [SD] 3, page 5, house 418, family 419, roll 38.

block 35 “in that part of town of Auburn, formerly known and described as the original town of Calvert,” from the Lincoln Land Company Corporation for \$60.<sup>382</sup>

On 29 March 1899, Livonia S. Elliott and her husband Thomas M. Elliott of Nemaha County sold lots 6, 7, and 8 in block 35 to James Taylor of Nemaha County for \$200, thus realizing a more than 200 percent profit in a little over two year’s time.<sup>383</sup>

The T. M. and L. S. Elliott family was enumerated during the 1900 U. S. census for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward, Auburn, Nemaha County, Nebraska, as T. M., head, born Sep 1844 in Ohio, father born in Virginia, mother born in Ohio, father born in Ohio, occupation unreadable, not employed for six months; L. S., wife, born Mar 1855 in Ohio, father born in Virginia, mother born in Ohio. They had been married for 25 years. She was the mother of five children, with; four children living. They owned their own home, free of mortgage. Their children were listed as Elmer and Elbert, both born in Jul 1882 in Kansas; Anna R., born in Apr 1885 in Kansas, and Hattie L., born Sep 1896 in Nebraska.<sup>384</sup>

On 24 January 1907, after Lavonia’s mother Rebecca died, all of Rebecca’s children and heirs-in-law filed a special warranty deed, selling Rebecca’s six lots in Endicott to their father Thomas for \$1.00, recognizing that a mortgage still existed for \$300, and that the taxes had not been paid for 1906. They also filed on behalf of one of her grandchildren who was an heir. All the following were signatories to the deed: Wilbur C. Lambert, Alice Lambert, Wendall S. Lambert, Mary M. Lambert, Francis M. Lambert, Lillie M. Lambert, Chester T. Lambert, Lucy E. Lambert, Dora A. Shepherd, Stephen Shepherd, Mary W. Barnes, Sumerton Barnes, Livonia S. Elliott, and Thomas M. Elliott.<sup>385</sup>

They were still in Auburn for at the time of the 1910 U. S. census, where the Elliott family consisted of Thomas M., head, 66, married for 34 years, born in Ohio, father born in Virginia, mother born in Ohio, producing his own income, owning his own home, and a survivor of the Union Army; Leavinia, wife, 54, married for 34 years, mother of six, with five living, born in Ohio, father born in Pennsylvania, and mother born in Ohio. Their children were Elmer, 27, single, born in Kansas; and Hattie, 13, single, born in Nebraska. Elmer was listed as an engineer, working on his own account with electric lights.<sup>386</sup>

About 1912, Thomas and Lavonia moved to Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska,<sup>387</sup> likely about the time when they sold some of their property in Auburn. On 23 September 1912, Livonia S. Elliott and her

<sup>382</sup> Nemaha County Deed Book: 24 May 1897, Auburn, Nebraska.

<sup>383</sup> Nemaha County Deed Book: 164, Auburn, Nebraska.

<sup>384</sup> T. M. Elliott household, 1900 U. S. census, Nemaha County, Nebraska, population schedule, Auburn, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward, enumeration district [ED] 91, supervisor’s district [SD] 156, page 23A, dwelling 513, family 524; National Archives micropublication T623, roll 935.

<sup>385</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 32: 525-527.

<sup>386</sup> Thomas M. Elliott household, 1910 U. S. census, Nemaha County, Nebraska, population schedule, Auburn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, enumeration district [ED] 114, SD 1, page 61B, dwelling 351, family 351; National Archives micropublication T624, roll 852, Part 1.

<sup>387</sup> Thomas M. Elliott obituary, *Nemaha County Herald*, in family papers of Max Elliott of Paxton, Illinois; photocopy sent to author, February 2005. This source is hereinafter cited as: *Nemaha County Herald*, undated.

The style of writing, the comment that the remains were “brought to Auburn Saturday,” where he was buried, suggest that the article was published soon after his death which occurred on 11 May 1929.

husband Thomas M. Elliott of Nemaha County sold fractional lots 3 and 4 in block 27 of Howe, Nixon & Willson's Addition to the city of Auburn to Peter Berlet of Nemaha County for \$2400.<sup>388</sup>

The Elliott family was enumerated in Lincoln during the 1920 U. S. census as Thomas, head, owning a mortgaged home, age 75, born in Ohio, father born in Virginia, mother born in Ohio, with no profession; Livonia, wife, 63, born in Ohio, father born in Pennsylvania, and mother born in Ohio. Their daughter Hattie, 22, single, was living with them.<sup>389</sup>

On 11 May 1929, Thomas M. Elliott died in Lincoln. Dr. J. Roy Shake certified that he attended Thomas from 29 April 1929 until the time of his death at 8:10 p.m., that there was no operation or an autopsy. Cause of death was listed as senility, with contributory cause of cystitis, which he had had for 14 days. The undertaker was Castle Roper & Matthews, and burial was on 13 May 1929 in Auburn, Nebraska. E. C. Elliott [a son] of Sioux City, Iowa was the informant. Thomas' address was shown as 4611 Holdrege Street in Lincoln, having lived in Lincoln for 17 years. His wife was Livona Lambert, and he was born on 18 September 1843, dying at age 85 years, 7 months, and 23 days. He was a retired farmer, birthplace Ohio, son of Matthew Elliott, who was born in Ohio. The maiden name of his mother was Wilson, and she had been born in Ohio.<sup>390</sup>

His obituary appeared in the *Nemaha County Herald* six days after his death, and well summarized his life:

#### **CIVIL WAR VETERAN BURIED IN SHERIDAN**

The remains of Thomas M. Elliott, who died at his home in Lincoln, were brought to Auburn Saturday for interment in Sheridan cemetery. Mr. Elliott, who was 85 years old, lived in Auburn twenty years before moving to Lincoln seventeen years ago. He was one of the charter members of the Avenue M. E. church and was a man who was very highly regarded. He is well remembered by many people of this community to whom his death has brought regrets and the members of the family have the sympathy of all these old friends.

Mr. Elliott was born in Illinois and was one of the young men who served their country during the great conflict of the Civil war. He enlisted in an Illinois regiment and served until the close of the war, making an enviable record as a soldier. He came to Nebraska in 1878 and shortly afterward was married to Miss Lambert. Besides his wife, the children who survive are Ray of Lincoln, Elbert, who lives in Missouri, Elmer, of Sioux City, Iowa, Mrs. Anna Tettit [*sic*] of Lincoln and Miss Hattie Elliott, also of Lincoln. He is also survived by one brother, who is 93 years old and a sister, both of whom live in Illinois. Funeral services were held in Lincoln at 10:00 o'clock Monday morning, after which the remains were brought to Auburn.<sup>391</sup>

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<sup>388</sup> Nemaha County Deed Book: 474, Auburn, Nebraska.

<sup>389</sup> Thomas Elliott household, 1920 U. S. census, Lancaster County, Nebraska, population schedule, University Place, enumeration district [ED] 47, supervisor's district [SD] 1, page 8B, dwelling 203, family 214; National Archives micropublication T625, roll 995.

The name in ancestry.com is indexed "Relistt."

<sup>390</sup> Thomas M. Elliott, Nebraska state death certificate L 883.

<sup>391</sup> Thomas M. Elliott obituary, *Nemaha County Herald*, Auburn, Nebraska, 17 May 1929, no page or column number.

Thomas was buried in section 2, row 9, lot 177 of the Sheridan Cemetery in Auburn, Nebraska.<sup>392</sup> His stone reads, “Thomas-M.-Elliott Sept-18-1843 May-11-1929.”<sup>393</sup>

Lavonia continued to live at 4611 Holdrege Street in Lincoln with her single daughter Hattie L. Lambert, and the two of them were enumerated there in the 1930 U. S. census. Lavonia S. Elliott, mother of the head of household, was shown as age 74, widowed, born in Ohio, father born in Pennsylvania, mother born in Ohio, with no occupation. Her daughter Hattie L. was the head of household, age 33, single, born in Nebraska, parents born in Ohio, occupation bookkeeper in a printing office. She owned her home valued at \$3000, and had a radio.<sup>394</sup>

On 12 January 1940, Lavonia died in Lincoln. Dr. E. R. Ryerson of 2011, South, 10, certified that he had attended her from 09 October 1937 until the time of her death at 12:20 a.m. The onset of her demise began six days earlier, on 06 January. The principal cause of death was cerebral apoplexy, myocardial degeneration, and general arteriosclerosis. There was no operation and her disease was not related to her occupation. The undertaker was Umberger’s Mortuary of Lincoln, and the body was sent to Auburn for burial on 15 January 1940. Her daughter Hattie Elliott of Lincoln served as the informant, reporting that Susanna Lavonia Elliott resided at 4611 Holdrege in Lincoln, and that she had resided in Lincoln for 28 years. She was the widow of Thomas M., was born on 22 March 1856 in Licking County, Ohio, and died at 83 years, 9 months, and 20 days. Her occupation was housewife. Her father was Thomas Callahan Lambert, born in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and her mother was Rebecca Jane Wells, born in Licking County, Ohio.<sup>395</sup>

Lavonia was buried in section 2, row 9, lot 177 of the Sheridan Cemetery in Auburn, Nebraska.<sup>396</sup> Her stone reads, “Livonia-S.-Elliott Mar-22-1856 Jan-12-1940.”<sup>397</sup>

Lavonia’s obituary gave a factual account of her life:

#### **DEATH AT LINCOLN OF FORMER RESIDENT**

Mrs. Susanna Lavonia Elliott, 83, a former resident of Auburn died at Lincoln, Friday. The news of her passing was received with regret by many friends, who knew her well

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<sup>392</sup> Suzzy Thomas, “Cemetery Records – Elliott – Sheridan Cemetery,” e-mail message from <suzzyt@hotmail.com> (2001 29<sup>th</sup> Street; Auburn, NE 68305) to author, 18 April 2005.

<sup>393</sup> Thomas M. Elliott tombstone, section 2, row 9, lot 177, Sheridan Cemetery, Auburn (Nemaha County), Nebraska, scanned copy of photograph in possession of author, 2005. Original photograph in possession of Max Elliott, 351 South Market Street; Paxton, IL 60957, a great-grandson of a brother of Thomas Elliott, William Henry Harrison Elliott.

<sup>394</sup> Hattie L. Elliott household, 1930 U. S. census, Lancaster County, Nebraska, population schedule, Lincoln, enumeration district [ED] 55-77, supervisor’s district [SD] 8, page 3A, dwelling 64, family 64; National Archives micropublication roll 1286.

<sup>395</sup> Mrs. Susanna Lavonia Elliott, Nebraska state death certificate L 883.

<sup>396</sup> Suzzy Thomas, “Cemetery Records – Elliott – Sheridan Cemetery,” e-mail message from <suzzyt@hotmail.com> (2001 29<sup>th</sup> Street; Auburn, NE 68305) to author, 18 April 2005.

<sup>397</sup> Livonia S. Elliott tombstone, section 2, row 9, lot 177, Sheridan Cemetery, Auburn (Nemaha County), Nebraska, scanned copy of photograph in possession of author, 2005. Original photograph in possession of Max Elliott, 351 South Market Street; Paxton, IL 60957, a great-grandson of a brother of Thomas Elliott, William Henry Harrison Elliott.



when the family resided here. She was a good neighbor and a devoted wife and mother.

Mrs. Elliott was the widow of the late Thomas Elliott, a retired Civil War veteran. They moved to Auburn about fifty years ago, and lived here over twenty years. During this time they reared a family of two daughters and three sons, all of whom attended the Auburn schools and are graduates of the Auburn high school. They owned several different residence properties in the city. Mrs. Elliott had been gone from Auburn for about twenty-eight years.

She leaves to mourn her passing her children: Miss Hattie Elliott, at home; Mrs. L. K. Pettit of Lincoln; Elmer C. Elliott of Sioux City, Ia; Elbert M. Elliott, Cabool, Mo.; and Raymond H. Elliott, Lincoln. It will be recalled that Elmer was at one time employed at the Auburn light plant, and Raymond was an employee of the local telephone office. She is also survived by two brothers, Frank M. Lambert, Lincoln; Wendell S. Lambert, Guide Rock; one sister, Dora M. Shepherd, Lincoln and five grandchildren.<sup>398</sup>

Susanna Lavonia Lambert and Thomas Matthew Elliot were the parents of the following five children:

- i. RAYMOND H.<sup>4</sup> ELLIOTT, born June 1877.<sup>399</sup>
- ii. ELMER C. ELLIOTT, born 17 July 1882.<sup>400</sup>
- iii. ELBERT M. ELLIOTT, born 17 July 1882.<sup>401</sup>
- iv. ANNA R. ELLIOTT, born April 1885.<sup>402</sup>
- v. DORA M. ELLIOTT, born 22 March 1891.<sup>403</sup>
- vi. HATTIE L. ELLIOTT, born 17 September 1896.<sup>404</sup>

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<sup>398</sup> Mrs. Susanna Lavonia Elliot obituary, *Lincoln Star*, Lincoln, Nebraska, undated, unpaginated, no column number.

The mention that she died “Friday” indicates that the article was published within the following week, 13-19 January 1940.

<sup>399</sup> R. H. Elliott household, 1900 U. S. census, Box Butte County, Nebraska, population schedule, town of Alliance, enumeration district [ED] 6, supervisor’s district [SD] 6, page 24B, dwelling and family numbers blotted out on this and subsequent pages; National Archives micropublication T623, roll 917.

<sup>400</sup> 1900 U. S. census, Nemaha County, Nebraska, population schedule, Auburn, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward, ED 91, SD 156, p. 23A, dwelling 513, family 524. Obituary from an unknown newspaper, unknown date, gives his date of birth as 17 July 1884, but that conflicts with the 1900 census which reports Jul 1884, age 17 for both him and his twin brother.

<sup>401</sup> Ibid.

<sup>402</sup> Ibid.

<sup>403</sup> Dora M. Elliott tombstone, section 2, row 9, lot 177, Sheridan Cemetery, Auburn (Nemaha County), Nebraska, scanned copy of photograph in possession of author, 2005. Original photograph in possession of Max Elliott, 351 South Market Street; Paxton, IL 60957, a great-grandson of a brother of Thomas Elliott, William Henry Harrison Elliott.

<sup>404</sup> Hattie Elliott, no. 506-05-8500, Social Security Death Index, [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com). The SSDI component of this website is drawn from the Social Security Death Benefits Index of the U. S. Social Security Administration.

**11. Wendell Seward<sup>3</sup> Lambert** (Jacob<sup>1</sup>, Thomas Callahan<sup>2</sup>) was born 01 January 1860<sup>405</sup> in Appleton,<sup>406</sup> Licking County, Ohio; and died 28 November 1943 in Guide Rock, Webster County, Nebraska.<sup>407</sup> He married 10 January 1884 in Jefferson County, Nebraska, **Mary Margaret Hunt**, daughter of Richard Wesley Hunt and Melissa McCall.<sup>408</sup> Mary was born 15 December 1859,<sup>409</sup> in Wenona, Marshall County, Illinois;<sup>410</sup> and died 12 October 1929, in Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska.<sup>411</sup>

In 1860, Wendell was enumerated with his father's family during the U. S. census for Bennington Township, Licking County, Ohio, listed as Wendall, age 6/12, born in Ohio.<sup>412</sup>

Wendell Seward Lambert was just five years old in July 1865 when his family moved from Licking County, Ohio, to Champaign County, Illinois.<sup>413</sup> At the time, he was the fourth of six children in the family.

Wendell was enumerated with his father's family during the 1870 U. S. census for Harwood Township, Champaign County, as Wendell S., age 10, born in Ohio, having attended school within the year.<sup>414</sup>

At age 15, in 1875, Wendell moved with his parents and siblings to Jefferson County, Nebraska, by covered wagon.<sup>415</sup> There, he was enumerated with his father's family during the 1880 U. S. census for Rock Creek Township, as Wendell S., 20, farmer, born in Ohio.<sup>416</sup>

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<sup>405</sup> Wendell Seward Lambert, death certificate no. P11420 (1943), Nebraska Health and Human Services System, Lincoln.

<sup>406</sup> Jefferson County Marriage Book B: 261.

<sup>407</sup> Wendell Seward Lambert, Nebraska state death certificate P11420.

<sup>408</sup> Jefferson County Marriage Book B: 261.

<sup>409</sup> Mary Margrete Lambert, death certificate no. 10093 (1929), Nebraska Health and Human Services System, Lincoln.

<sup>410</sup> Jefferson County Marriage Book B: 261.

<sup>411</sup> Mary Margrete Lambert, Nebraska state death certificate 10093.

<sup>412</sup> 1860 U. S. census, Licking County, Ohio, population schedule, Bennington township, p. 327, dwelling 442, family 420.

<sup>413</sup> Wendell Seward Lambert, Nebraska state death certificate P11420.

<sup>414</sup> 1870 U. S. census, Champaign County, Illinois, population schedule, Harwood Township, p. 133, dwelling 196, family 195.

<sup>415</sup> *Guide Rock Signal*, 02 December 1943.

<sup>416</sup> 1880 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Rock Creek, ED 291, SD 1, p. 635, dwelling 27, family 27.

Four years later, ten days after his 24<sup>th</sup> birthday, he married Mary Margaret Hunt of Endicott on 10 January 1884.<sup>417</sup> They were married by Rev. L. M. Hunt, Minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at the bride's father's residence in Jefferson County.<sup>418</sup> She was just 16 days younger than Wendell. She had been residing at the home of her parents, where the family was enumerated in the 1880 U. S. census for Newton Township, adjacent southeast to Wendell's residence in Rock Creek Township. She was listed as Mary M. Hunt, 20, school teacher, born in Illinois, father born in Ohio, and mother born in Pennsylvania. There were no siblings living with her at the time.<sup>419</sup>

The "Windel Sambert" family was enumerated in the 1885 Nebraska state census for Rock Creek Precinct, Jefferson County, as Windel, 25, married, farmer, born in Ohio, both parents born in Han.; Mary, 25, wife, married, born in Illinois, father born in Ohio, mother born in Pennsylvania; Melissa, 1/12, daughter, single, born in Nebraska. This family was listed in the same household as Wendell's brother Cyrus's family.<sup>420</sup> Numerous documents of the day were created with the capital letter L looking like the letter S, and indexes recorded the names accordingly. Windel's parents were shown as born in "Han." Earlier entries by the same enumerator spelled out Hanover. Perhaps the enumerator was careless, and assumed the father came from Germany, as there was another German Lambert family in the area.

"In the late 1800s, they with their 2 oldest children, lived for a few years on their timber claim in Phillips county, Kansas."<sup>421</sup> This county borders with Nebraska, and is west of Jefferson County, Nebraska, from where they had come. On 28 December 1887, Wendell S. Lambert of Phillips County, Kansas paid \$200 for the northeast quarter of section 28, township 1 south of range 17 west, containing 160 acres, at \$1.25 an acre. He received a certificate of register from the receiver's office at Kirwin, Phillips County, Kansas<sup>422</sup> On 24 March 1890, Wendell was granted the land in accordance with the Act of Congress of 24 April 1820, entitled, "An Act making further provision for the sale of Public Lands"<sup>423</sup>

On 13 July 1892, Wendell S. and his wife Mary M. Lambert of Jefferson County, Nebraska sold their 160 acres in Phillips County, Kansas to Emory B. Colby of Jefferson County, for \$1000. Wendell and Mary had taken out a loan, using the collateral of the value of the acreage, on 01 June 1891, with \$600 left to pay, plus 7 percent interest. Plus, they owed taxes for 1891.<sup>424</sup>

On 03 September 1892, Mary M. Lambert of Jefferson County bought one-half lot in Endicott, Jefferson County, from Oliver and his wife Catherine Kelly of Jefferson County for \$100. It was described

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<sup>417</sup> *Guide Rock Signal*, 02 December 1943.

<sup>418</sup> Jefferson County Marriage Book B: 261.

<sup>419</sup> Richard W. Hunt household, 1880 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, town of Newton, enumeration district [ED] 289, supervisor's district [SD] 1, page 624, dwelling 69, family 76; National Archives micropublication T9, roll 750.

<sup>420</sup> Windel Sambert household, 1885 Nebraska state census, Jefferson County, population schedule, Rock Creek precinct, p. 16, line 36.

<sup>421</sup> Wendell Seward Lambert, Nebraska state death certificate P11420.

<sup>422</sup> Phillips County Final Receipt Book A: 432, Registry of Deed's Office, Phillipsburg, Kansas.

<sup>423</sup> United States Patent Record Book C: 284, Registry of Deed's Office, Phillipsburg, Kansas.

<sup>424</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book W: 320-321, Fairbury, Nebraska.

as the south half (50 feet) of lot 1 in block 15 in Endicott.<sup>425</sup>

In August 1897, Wendell and Mary moved to Guide Rock, Webster County, Nebraska, three counties, or 100 miles, to the west of Jefferson County on the Kansas border.<sup>426</sup> This description of Guide Rock appeared in *The Nebraska State Gazateer* for 1890-1891:

**Guide Rock** is located near the southeast corner of Webster county, five miles north from Kansas and three miles west of the Nuckolls county line. No town in the valley is possessed of greater natural advantages. Here may be found a superior never-failing water-power for manufacturing purposes. Excellent wagon-roads leads [*sic.*] to the town in long, level stretches that make it a natural market for a large scope of country. The Republican Valley line of the B. & M. R. R. gives direct access to Denver, Kansas City, Omaha, Lincoln and Chicago markets, and the Chicago & Northwestern and C., R. I. & P. both have surveys through town. The territory that may naturally and through preference be considered a seeking a market here, may be outlined as extending half the distance in any direction to equally good towns. On the west it is to Red Cloud 13 miles, east to Superior 14 miles. The town has a population of 600, a High School building, Baptist, Methodist Episcopal and Congregational churches. There are here a bank, the Pioneer Bank, two grain elevators, two hotels, the Guide Rock House and the Occidental, and one newspaper, the Guide Rock Signal, S. B. Newmeyer, publisher.<sup>427</sup>

On 04 August 1898, Wendell S. and Mary M. Lambert of Webster County, Nebraska sold their one-half lot in Endicott, Jefferson County, to George R. Williamson of Jefferson County, for \$60,<sup>428</sup> thus losing \$40 on their investment.

The "Warnell" S. and Mary M. Lambert family was enumerated in the 1900 U. S. census for Guide Rock Township, Webster County, Nebraska, as Warnell S., head, born Jan 1861, age 39, born in Ohio, both parents born in Ohio, rail road laborer, 0 months not employed, who rented his home; Mary M. wife, born Dec 1860, age 39, born in Illinois, father born in Ohio, mother born in Pennsylvania. They were married 17 years, and she had four children, with four living. Of interest is the list of their children, beginning with Malissa, shown as being born Apr 1886, age 14.<sup>429</sup> Her name had appeared in the 1885 Nebraska state census, taken on 15 July 1885, as age 1/12,<sup>430</sup> so, of course, the 1900 census was wrong. Other children were Archie W., born Sep 1888; Gertrude W., born Jun 1892; and Lura G., born Jul 1894.

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<sup>425</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 21: 349, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>426</sup> Mrs. Wendell S. Lambert obituary, *Guide Rock Signal*, Guide Rock, Nebraska, 17 October 1929, page 1, columns 2-3.

<sup>427</sup> Nebraska State Gazetteer, (Omaha: J. M. Wolfe & Co, 1890), <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~newebste/webstbus.html>>, Guide Rock data downloaded 14 August 2005.

<sup>428</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 19: 457, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>429</sup> Warnell [*sic.*] Lambert household, 1910 U. S. census, Webster County, Nebraska, population schedule, Guide Rock township, enumeration district [ED] 198, supervisor's district [SD] 169, page 151A, dwelling 4, family 4, National Archives micropublication T624, roll 856, part 1.

<sup>430</sup> Windel Sambert [*sic.*] household, 1885 Nebraska state census, Jefferson County, population schedule, Rock Creek precinct, p. 16.

Three of the children were born in Nebraska, Archie had been born in Kansas.<sup>431</sup>

On 07 October 1905, Mary M. Lambert of Webster County bought two lots in the village of Guide Rock, Webster County, from Ella V. Van Woert, “a single unmarried woman,” for \$360. The property was described as lots 9 and 10 in block 15 in Vancer Addition to the Village of Guide Rock.”<sup>432</sup>

On 24 January 1907, all of Wendell’s siblings and heirs-in-law filed a special warranty deed, selling their mother Rebecca’s six lots in Endicott to their father Thomas for \$1.00, recognizing that a mortgage still existed for \$300, and that the taxes had not been paid for 1906. They also filed on behalf of one of her grandchildren who was an heir. All the following were signatories to the deed: Wilbur C. Lambert, Alice Lambert, Wendall S. Lambert, Mary M. Lambert, Francis M. Lambert, Lillie M. Lambert, Chester T. Lambert, Lucy E. Lambert, Dora A. Shepherd, Stephen Shepherd, Mary W. Barnes, Sumerton Barnes, Livonia S. Elliott, and Thomas M. Elliott.<sup>433</sup>

Two years later, on 12 October 1909, Mary M. and husband W. S. Lambert of Webster County, Nebraska sold their two lots in Guide Rock to Hastings J. Milner of adjacent Nuckolls County, Nebraska for \$1800,<sup>434</sup> thus making a 400 percent profit on their investment.

The Wendell and Mary Lambert household was enumerated in the 1910 U. S. census for Guide Rock village, Webster County, Nebraska as Wendell, head, 50, born in Ohio, father born in Ohio, mother born in New Jersey, cement work laborer working on his own account, owing a mortgaged home; and Mary, wife, 50, born in Illinois, father born in Ohio, mother born in Pennsylvania. They had been married for 27 years, with 4 children born and 4 living. Their children were Malissa, 25, Archie, 21, Gertrude, 17, and Lura, 15. Three had been born in Nebraska, except for Archie, who had been born in Kansas.<sup>435</sup>

The Wendell S. and Mary N. Lambert household was enumerated in the 1920 census for Guide Rock Precinct, Webster County, Nebraska as Wendell S., head, owning his home free of mortgage, age 60, born in Ohio, father born in Ohio, and mother born in New Jersey, with no profession; Mary N., wife, 60, born in Illinois, father born in Ohio, mother born in Pennsylvania, with no profession. Living with them was their daughter Gertrude W. 26, single, born in Nebraska, working a typesetter in a printing office.<sup>436</sup>

On 18 September 1920, Mary M. Lambert of Guide Rock, Webster County, Nebraska purchased lots 1, 2, and 3 in block 12 in the Vancer Addition to the village of Guide Rock from Willis H. and his wife

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<sup>431</sup> 1900 U. S. census, Webster County, Nebraska, population schedule, Guide Rock township, ED 168, SD 160, p. 5B, dwelling 109, family 115.

<sup>432</sup> Webster County Deed Record, filed 09 October 1905, Red Cloud, Nebraska.

<sup>433</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 32: 525-527, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>434</sup> Webster County Deed Record No. 10: 602, Register of Deeds, Red Cloud, Nebraska.

<sup>435</sup> Wendell Lambert household, 1910 U. S. census, Webster County, Nebraska, population schedule, Guide Rock township, enumeration district [ED] 198, supervisor’s district [SD] 169, page 151A, dwelling 4, family 4, National Archives micropublication T624, roll 856, part 1.

<sup>436</sup> Wendell S. Lambert household, 1920 U. S. census, Webster County, Nebraska, population schedule, Guide Rock precinct, enumeration district [ED] 203, supervisor’s district [SD] 5, page 4A, dwelling 104, family 104, National Archives micropublication T624, roll 856, part 1.

Nellie M. Bradford of Clark County, South Dakota, for \$1200.<sup>437</sup>

Mary died on 12 October 1929 at 7:15 p.m. in the Mary Lanning Hospital in Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska,<sup>438</sup> about 30 miles to the north of Webster County. Dr. O. H. Hahn of Hastings certified that he had attended her from 24 September 1929 until the day of her death, and that she died of acute appendicitis and paralytic ileus, which had an onset of 20 September 1929. There had been an appendectomy performed on 24 September, but no autopsy after her death. The disease was not in any way related to her occupation. Mrs. S. H. Munson, a daughter, served as the informant for the personal information on the certificate. Mary's middle name was spelled Margrete, and she was listed as having a date of birth of 15 December 1859 in Illinois, the daughter of Richard Hunt, born in Illinois, and Malacsa Mc Call, born in Pennsylvania. Mary had lived 69 years, 9 months, and 28 days. Originally, the number 8 was typed in for the number of months, but it was crossed out. Her occupation was house wife. Place of burial was Guide Rock on 14 October 1929, the undertaker was Livingston Bros in Hastings.<sup>439</sup>

She was buried in block 4, lot 57 of the Guide Rock Cemetery. Her cemetery record shows her as "Lambert, Mary M. – 1859 - D1929."<sup>440</sup>

There was no will or record of probate for Mary in Webster County.<sup>441</sup>

Mary's obituary appeared on the front page of *The Guide Rock Signal* for 17 October 1929:

#### OBITUARY

Mary Margaret Hunt, daughter of Richard and Malissa Hunt, was born on December 15, 1859, at Bloomington, Illinois.<sup>442</sup> [Bloomington, McLean County, is two counties or 40 miles south of her reported birth place listed on her marriage license, Wenona, Marshall County.<sup>443</sup>] Most of her girlhood was spent in Illinois and Missouri.

When 16 years of age, Mary Hunt came west with her parents, locating near Endicott, Nebraska. At Endicott she was married on January 10, 1884 to Wendell S. Lambert. Four children were born to them; Malissa Fanders, Diller, Nebraska; Arch Lambert, Yuma, Colorado; Gertrude Lambert, Guide Rock, Nebraska; Lura Munson, Omaha, Nebraska.

Deceased taught school many years. Early in their married life Mr. and Mrs. Lambert spent a few years on a homestead near Phillipsburg, Kansas. They have been residents of Guide Rock many years, and here their children grew to maturity.

Mary Hunt came from pioneer stock, her ancestors being in the front ranks as the tide of emigration flowed westward. They settled in Guide Rock in August 1897.

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<sup>437</sup> Webster County Deed Record No. 17: 326, Register of Deeds, Red Cloud, Nebraska.

<sup>438</sup> Mary Margrete Lambert, Nebraska state death certificate 10093.

<sup>439</sup> Ibid.

<sup>440</sup> Letter from Secretary, Guide Rock Cemetery (Guide Rock, NE 68942) to the author, May 2005.

<sup>441</sup> Letter from Bonna Vance, Deputy (Webster County Clerk; Court House – 621 North Cedar; P. O. Box 250; Red Cloud, NE 68970) to the author, March 2005.

<sup>442</sup> *Guide Rock Signal*, 17 October 1929.

<sup>443</sup> Jefferson County Marriage Book B: 261.

Mrs. Lambert passed away at the Mary Lanning hospital in Hastings, Nebraska, at 7 o'clock on Saturday evening, October 12, following a very serious operation on September 24. Her husband and children rallied quickly to her side and everything that medical skill or money could do was done for mother, but the Master called and she went to her great reward.

Funeral services were held from the family home in Guide Rock on Tuesday, October 15, conducted by the Rev. E. E. Humphrey of the Baptist church. Interment in the Guide Rock cemetery. She has long been a member of the Baptist church.

Deceased leaves to mourn her departure, her husband, four children, as above named; 11 grandchildren; two brothers, John Hunt, Salem, Oregon; George Hunt, Cambridge, Idaho; an aunt, Mrs. C. A. Dixon, Wenona, Illinois; two uncles, Rev. S. Hunt, Lawton, Oklahoma, L. W. Ong, San Diego, California.

For five years Mrs. Lambert has mothered a family of motherless grandchildren who will cherish her memory as mother as well as grandmother. She was a great lover of outdoor things, and an unknown authority on many phases of nature study; by that we mean her knowledge as unheralded, but really she could have ranked with those who are known as authorities. She took great pleasure in walking the prairie or woods and talking and communicating with wild creatures. She knew their habits. She has many fine and valuable specimens of butterflies, taken and mounted with her own hands.

She was religious; her God was in the outdoors. She worshipped as readily and happily in the wide open spaces as within the four walls of a church. Her God was with her everywhere, anywhere. She served God and her fellowman, she believed she could best serve God by serving those about her. Her life is proof of this. Unselfish or generous are hardly the words to express her character – she was magnanimous.

She loved children and young folks. The writer has had to smile on several occasions when Mother Lambert found herself among several boys or young men. That smile was contagious and the young friends readily responded to her magnetic personality and good cheer. Her life could not be other than an inspiration for those with whom she came in contact.

Thus another useful life is ended, another human chapter is closed. We cannot express sorrow here, or burden the bereaved with woeful expressions of sympathy. In reality, there is nothing sad. Mother Lambert has gone to her reward, to be with her Heavenly Father, the great reward for her faithful stewardship, that which God in His Holy Word has promised, and where all may eventually go if they choose to do so. Therefore we are constrained to rejoice, rather than to sorrow, although briny tears of parting may blind us for a time.

The Signal joins with the entire community, every friend and relative, in extending sympathy to the bereaved.

Out of town relatives and friends who attended the funeral were: -- Mr. and Mrs. Detric Fanders and Wendell Fanders of Diller; Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Munson of Omaha; Arch Lambert of Yuma, Colorado; C. W. Lambert and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McCreight of Endicott; Mrs. J. D. Fanders of Fairbury [*sic.*]; Theodore Senior of Diller; Mrs. Mattie Clark of Filley; Mrs. Vinnie Chss II [*sic.*] and Lloyd Cassell of Edgar.<sup>444</sup>

The article was immediately followed with these two articles:

#### **Card of Thanks.**

W. S. Lambert and family desire to express their deep gratitude to the host of friends for their many kindnesses during the illness and the death of their dear wife and mother.

#### **In Memory of An Honored Sister.**

Guide Rock Lodge No. 158, Degree of Honor is bowed with grief at the death of Sister Mary M. Lambert. She had been a valued and honored member since Janary [*sic.*] 10,

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<sup>444</sup> *Guide Rock Signal*, 17 October 1929.

1899. She was a Past President.  
One by one, the rose leaves fall,  
To wither and decay,  
One by one, the Master's call  
Spirits our friends away.  
One by one, our Order's best  
Cross to the unknown shore,  
Where, in mansions of the blest,  
They dwell forever more.  
But in our hearts we'll sver [sic.] keep  
A tender memory  
Of her who lies in gentle sleep  
From care and sorrow free.<sup>445</sup>

Wendell S. Lambert, his daughter Gertrude W., and two grandchildren were enumerated in the same dwelling in the 1930 U. S. census for Guide Rock village, Guide Rock Precinct, Webster County, Nebraska as Wendell S., head, owned his home valued at \$3000, not living on a farm, widowed, age 70, born in Ohio, parents born in Ohio, occupation carpenter in the building industry, not actually at work; Gertrude W., daughter of the head, 38, single, born in Nebraska, printer in a newspaper, the block not annotated as to whether she was actually at work; Della G., grand-daughter, 8, born in Colorado; and Paul C., grandson, 6, born in Colorado.<sup>446</sup>

On 18 September 1931, Wendell S. Lambert sold his three lots in Vances Addition to the Village of Guide Rock, Nebraska, to his daughter Gertrude Lambert, for the sum of one dollar and other valuable considerations.<sup>447</sup>

Wendell continued to live in Guide Rock, and was mentioned as being from there in 1939 and 1940 in the obituaries of his siblings Cyrus<sup>448</sup> and Lavonia.<sup>449</sup>

At 12:30 a.m. on 28 November 1943, Wendell died at his home<sup>450</sup> Dr. H. O. Reed of Guide Rock certified that he died of uremic coma, which had its onset just two days earlier. Contributory causes were cardio renal disease and age. He died at the age of 83 years, 10 months, and 27 days in Guide Rock, Webster County. His daughter, Gertrude W. Lambert of Guide Rock, served as the informant. She reported that her father was the widower of Mary Margaret Lambert, was born on 01 January 1860 in Licking County, Ohio, had retired in 1936 after working with cement and as a carpenter, and was the son of Thomas C. Lambert and Rebecca Wells, both born at Mt. Vernon, Ohio. The undertaker was Burr &

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<sup>445</sup> Ibid.

<sup>446</sup> Wendell S. Lambert household, 1930 U. S. census, Webster County, Nebraska, population schedule, Guide Rock precinct, enumeration district [ED] 91-10, supervisor's district [SD] 10, page 1A, dwelling 2, family 2, National Archives micropublication T624, roll 856, part 1.

<sup>447</sup> Webster County Deed Record No. 19: 268, Register of Deeds, Red Cloud, Nebraska.

<sup>448</sup> *Fairbury News and Gazette*, 30 March 1939.

<sup>449</sup> *Lincoln Star*, undated.

<sup>450</sup> *Guide Rock Signal*, 2 December 1943.



Ely, and burial was at Guide Rock on 30 November 1943.<sup>451</sup>

Wendell was buried in block 4, lot 57, next to his wife. His cemetery record shows him as “Lambert, Wendell Seward – 1860 - D1943.” Later, their daughter Ruth and their son Archie W., along with their spouses, would be buried in the same plot, recorded as “Gertrude Crary – 1892 - D 3-30-1989,” “Edwin Robert Crary – 1883 - D1967,” Archie W. Lambert – 1888 - 1960,” and “Ruth Lambert – 1890 – 1924.”<sup>452</sup>

There was no will or record of probate for Wendell in Webster County.<sup>453</sup>

Wendell’s obituary appeared on the front page of the *Guide Rock Signal*:

**W. S. Lambert Laid to Rest Tuesday**

Wendell Steward [*sic.*] Lambert, son of Thomas and Rebecca Lambert, was born January 1, 1860, in Licking County, Ohio. His father served during the Civil War. In July 1865, the family moved to near Rantoul, Illinois. In 1875, they came by covered wagon to Nebraska, locating on a farm near Endicott.

On January 10, 1884, Mr. Lambert was married to Mary Margaret Hunt of Endicott. In the late 1880’s they with their 2 oldest children, lived for a few years on their timber claim in Phillips county, Kansas, later returning to Endicott. In August, 1897, Mr. and Mrs. Lambert and their four children moved to Guide Rock. Mrs. Lambert passed away October 12, 1929.

Mr. Lambert passed away at his home here at 12:27 o’clock on the morning of Sunday, November 28, 1943. He is survived by one brother, Frank Lambert, and one sister, Mrs. Dora Shepard, both of Lincoln; four children, Mrs. Lissa Fanders of Diller, Nebraska; Arch Lambert of Yuma Colorado, Gertrude of the home, and Mrs. Lura Munson of Lincoln, Nebraska. Included in the family circle is Mattie Clark of Deshler, who has given a real daughter’s loyalty and care.

There are five granddaughters: Gretchen Fanders of Beatrice, Alice Lambert of Yuma, Colorado, Mrs. Della Boehner of Frederick, Colorado; Mrs. Donna Burge of Lincoln, and Mrs. Billie Wenrick of Lincoln. Mrs. Wenrick’s husband was killed overseas August 1<sup>st</sup> of this year.

The six grandsons are: Sgt. Wendell Fanders, stationed at Boise, Idaho, Arch Jr. and Paul Lambert of Yuma, Colorado, S.Sgt. Gorden Fanders, Neil Munson CM 3<sup>rd</sup> class and Pvt. Russel W. Lambert. The later [*sic.*] three are serving in our armed forces overseas.

The funeral service was held from the home at two o’clock on Tuesday afternoon November 30, with sermon by Rev. C. E. Humphrey. Mrs. Grace Moranville sang, “My Jesus, As Thou Wilt,” and “I’ve Done My Task” with Miss Nedra Ohmstede playing the piano accompaniments. Pall bearers were Howard Hunter, L. W. Ely, Frank Newmeyer, Perry Miner, Elmer Watt and Eddie Ohmstede. Interment was made in Guide Rock cemetery.

Mrs. W. B. Smith, of Red Cloud, Mary Moore, Gay Darwin, and Mrs. Eddie Ohmstede had charge of the flowers.

Relatives who came from out of town were Arch Lambert, Alice and Paul Lambert of Yuma Colorado, Claude Lambert of Fairbury, Lewis Munson of Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs.

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<sup>451</sup> Wendell Seward Lambert, Nebraska state death certificate P11420.

<sup>452</sup> Letter, Secretary, Guide Rock Cemetery to the author, May 2005.

<sup>453</sup> Letter, Bonna Vance to the author, March 2005.

Dedric Fanders of Beatrice and Mrs. Mattie Clark of Deshler. Mrs. Munson was unable to come because of illness in the home.<sup>454</sup>

Wendell Seward Lambert and Mary Margaret Hunt were the parents of the following four children:

- i. MELISSA JANE<sup>4</sup> LAMBERT, born April 1885.<sup>455</sup>
- ii. ARCHIE WILBUR LAMBERT, born September 1888.<sup>456</sup>
- iii. GERTRUDE W. LAMBERT, born June 1892.<sup>457</sup>
- iv. LURA GWYNNA LAMBERT, born July 1894.<sup>458</sup>

**12. Hattie Jane<sup>3</sup> Lambert** (Jacob<sup>1</sup>, Thomas Callahan<sup>2</sup>) was born 12 January 1862 in Ohio; and died 04 March 1904 in Endicott, Jefferson County, Nebraska.<sup>459</sup> She married 26 March 1884 in Jefferson County, Nebraska, **Thomas Harvey Wells**, son of John Thomas Wells and Emily Horner.<sup>460</sup> Thomas was born in September 1858<sup>461</sup> or on 02 September 1859, in Licking County, Ohio; and died 25 January 1937, in Endicott, Jefferson County, Nebraska.<sup>462</sup>

Hattie Jane Lambert was just three years old in July 1865 when her family moved from Licking County, Ohio, to Champaign County, Illinois.<sup>463</sup> At the time, she was the fifth of six children in the family.

Hattie was enumerated with her father's family during the 1870 U. S. census for Harwood Township, Champaign County, as Hatie J., age 8, born in Ohio, having attended school within the year.<sup>464</sup>

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<sup>454</sup> *Guide Rock Signal*, 02 December 1943.

<sup>455</sup> 1885 Nebraska state census, Jefferson County, population schedule, Rock Creek precinct, page 16.

<sup>456</sup> 1900 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Rock Creek Precinct, ED 92, SD 4, p. 13A, dwelling 262, family 262.

<sup>457</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>458</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>459</sup> Hattie Jane Wells, Nebraska state death certificate 2708.

<sup>460</sup> Jefferson County Marriage Book B: 285.

<sup>461</sup> Thomas H. Wells household, 1900 U. S. census, Thayer County, Nebraska, population schedule, Hubbell, enumeration district [ED] 165, supervisor's district [SD] 4, page 4A, dwelling 74, family 77; National Archives micropublication T623, roll 941.

<sup>462</sup> Thomas H. Wells, Nebraska State death certificate H 1013.

<sup>463</sup> *Guide Rock Signal*, 17 October 1929.

<sup>464</sup> 1870 U. S. census, Champaign County, Illinois, population schedule, Harwood Township, p. 133, dwelling 196, family 195.

At age 13, in 1875, Hattie moved with her parents and siblings to Jefferson County, Nebraska, by covered wagon.<sup>465</sup> There, she was enumerated with his father's family during the 1880 U. S. census for Rock Creek Township, as Hattie J., 18, at school, born in Ohio.<sup>466</sup>

In October 1879, Hattie's future husband Thomas Harvey Wells and his family moved from Licking County, Ohio, to Jefferson County, Nebraska.<sup>467</sup> There, Thomas' family appears on the 1880 U. S. census for Rock Creek Township, where Thomas H. Wells, 20, is listed as a farm laborer living in his parents' home.<sup>468</sup>

On 26 March 1884, Hattie at 22 years of age, Thomas at 24, the couple married in Endicott, Jefferson County, Nebraska. George M. Jones, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, performed the ceremony. Witnesses were the groom's father, John Wells and the bride's mother, Mrs. Tom Lambert.<sup>469</sup>

The Thomas H. and Hattie J. Wells family was enumerated during the 1900 U. S. census for the village of Hubbell, Hubbell Precinct, Thayer County, Nebraska. Thomas, head of household, was born Sep 1858, age 41; and Hattie was listed as his wife, born Jan 1862, age 38. They had been married for 16 years, they and their parents were all born in Ohio. Thomas was shown as a union foreman, renting his home. Their son, Homer, was born Apr 1885 in Nebraska, age 15, and attending school.<sup>470</sup> Hubbell is just across the Jefferson County line into Thayer County, and was only a few miles separation for Thomas and Hattie from the rest of the Lambert clan.

In 1890, Hubbell was a thriving town of 500 people. According to the *Nebraska State Gazetteer*, Hubbell was on the Republican Branch of the B. & M. Railroad, in the southeastern part of Thayer County, 15 miles from Hebron, the county seat. There was a newspaper, a bank, an elevator, and two stone quarries there. Coal had been discovered. There were three churches: Presbyterian, Methodist, and Cumberland Presbyterian. The list of businesses included restaurants, general stores, a furniture store, a shoemaker, a variety store, physicians, a post office, a millinery, drug stores, a harness business, a meat market, a barber, and a jeweler.<sup>471</sup>

On 09 October 1900, Hattie J. Wells bought 14.83 acres in Endicott from her brother Chester T. and his wife Lucy E. Lambert for \$700. It was described as that part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 4, township 1 north, of range 3 east of the sixth principal meridian lying south and east of the Republican Valley R. R. containing 11.33 acres, and also the north 3 \_ acres of the east 10 acres of

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<sup>465</sup> *Guide Rock Signal*, 02 December 1943.

<sup>466</sup> 1880 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Rock Creek, ED 291, SD 1, p. 635, dwelling 27, family 27.

<sup>467</sup> *Fairbury News and Gazette*, 28 January 1937.

<sup>468</sup> John T. Wells household, 1880 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Rock Creek, enumeration district [ED] 291, supervisor's district [SD] 1, page 636A, dwelling 42, family 43; National Archives micropublication T9, roll 750.

<sup>469</sup> Jefferson County Marriage Book B: 285.

<sup>470</sup> 1900 U. S. census, Thayer County, Nebraska, population schedule, Hubbell, ED 165, SD 4, p. 4A, dwelling 74, family 77.

<sup>471</sup> *Nebraska State Gazetteers Business Directory for 1890-91*, 509-510.

the south east quarter of the north east quarter of section 4, for a total of 14.83 acres.<sup>472</sup>

At 7:40 p.m. on 04 March 1904, just five days after giving birth to her second son, Wendell, Hattie Jane Wells died in Endicott, Jefferson County, Nebraska, at age 42 years, 1 month, and 20 days. Dr. H. E. Potter of Endicott certified that she had suffered from lobar pneumonia for four days, and that contributory causes of death were confinement and LaGrippe [influenza]. He further certified that he had been treating her since 11 February. C. W. Lambert [her brother] of Steele City, Nebraska served as the informant on her death certificate. He stated that she was married, born in Ohio, and the daughter of Thos Lambert and Jane Wells, both born in Ohio. She had been a housewife. The undertaker was Steele of Fairbury, and she was buried on 06 March 1904.<sup>473</sup> She was buried in block 107, lot 7, space 3 of the Fairbury, Jefferson County, cemetery. Her parents were buried nearby in spaces 4 and 5.<sup>474</sup>

On 02 July 1904, Tom Wells, parent, and his student son Homer were enumerated on the school census report for district 7, Endicott Public School. Tom was listed on line 22, with Homer's date of birth shown as 23 April 1885. Homer was age 19, and the first male in the family.<sup>475</sup>

Thomas Harvey Wells, now a widower, eventually moved to Enterprise Precinct, Chase County, Nebraska, to live with his wife's sister Mary Wiletta (Lambert) Barnes, who was widowed on 22 February 1907 when her husband Sumerton Cyphers Barnes died.<sup>476</sup> There, Thomas was enumerated in the 1910 U. S. census in the Charles J. McCreight household.<sup>477</sup> Charles' wife, Nancy J., was Mary's daughter.<sup>478</sup> Thomas H. Wells, brother-in-law, was shown as age 50, widowed, born in Ohio, father born in Maryland, mother born in Ohio, working out on his own account as a farm laborer, fully employed during 1909.<sup>479</sup>

On 02 September 1913, Thomas and his sister-in-law Mary married on his birthday.<sup>480</sup> No record of

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<sup>472</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 19: 461, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>473</sup> Hattie Jane Wells, Nebraska state death certificate 2708.

<sup>474</sup> Letter, Craig Mahloch to the author, April 2005.

<sup>475</sup> Tom Wells, parent, 1904 school census, Endicott Public Schools, District 7, Jefferson County, Nebraska, line 22.

<sup>476</sup> Sumerton Cyphers Barnes, Nebraska state death certificate B-652.

<sup>477</sup> 1910 U. S. census, Chase County, Nebraska, population schedule, Enterprise Precinct, ED 49, SD 6, p. 196B, dwelling 32, family 32.

<sup>478</sup> *The Imperial Republican*, 11 September 1926.

<sup>479</sup> 1910 U. S. census, Chase County, Nebraska, population schedule, Enterprise Precinct, ED 49, SD 6, p. 196B, dwelling 32, family 32.

<sup>480</sup> *Fairbury News and Gazette*, 28 January 1937.

their marriage is on file in either Chase County<sup>481</sup> or Jefferson County,<sup>482</sup> Nebraska, where they later settled.

The Thomas and Mary Wells household was enumerated in the 1920 U. S. census of Endicott, Jefferson County, Nebraska, as Thomas, 60, farmer working on his own account, born in Ohio, father born in Maryland, mother born in Ohio; Mary, 65, born in Ohio, both parents born in Ohio, and Thomas' son Wendell, 15, born in Nebraska, both parents born in Ohio. Thomas was shown as owning his home, free of mortgage.<sup>483</sup>

Mary Wiletta (Lambert) Barnes Wells, widow of Sumerton Cyphers Barnes and wife of Thomas Harvey Wells, died at 6 p.m. on 02 September 1926 on the thirteenth anniversary of her second wedding, in Endicott, Jefferson County, Nebraska. Dr. H. E. Harvey of Fairbury certified that the cause of death was "probably carcinoma of stomach." He had attended her from 29 July to 02 September. The informant, T. L. Barnes of Wauneta, Nebraska, her son, reported that Mary's father was Thom. Lambert, born in Maryland, and her mother's maiden name was Wells, also born in Maryland. The undertaker was O. W. Rose of Fairbury, the date of burial was 05 September 1926, and location of burial was the Wauneta, Nebraska cemetery.<sup>484</sup>

The Wauneta Funeral Home record of her burial recorded much of the same information as on the death certificate. The funeral was held on 06 September 1926. There was a \$50.00 charge for hearse and attendant, paid by check from Tom Barnes.<sup>485</sup>

Mary's obituary appeared in the Fairbury Jefferson County, paper:

#### **Death of Mrs. Wells**

Mrs. T. H. Wells passed away after a lingering illness at the home of her daughter Mrs. Chas. McCreight in Endicott, Nebraska, September 2, 1926, at the age of 72 years, 6 months and 10 days. Mrs. Wells, whose maiden name was Mary Lambart [*sic*], was born February 23, 1854 in Licking county, Ohio. When a small child her parents moved to Champaign county, Illinois, where she grew to womanhood. February 25, 1872 she was married to S. M. Barnes. Five children were born, one son dying in infancy and one daughter, Mrs. Eckerd, passing away in 1922. Mr. Barnes died February 23, 1907. In 1913 she was married to T. H. Wells of Endicott.

Surviving are the husband her two daughters, Mrs. Nancy McCreight of Endicott, and Mrs. Grace Colpitts of Stanford, Oregon, one son, Thos. Barnes of Wauneta, Nebr., and one step-son Bert Wells of Endicott, all of whom were present at the time of her

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<sup>481</sup> Debra Clark, "Request for Copy of Marriage License," e-mail message from <ccclerk@chase3000.com>, (Chase County Clerk; 912 Broadway/P. O. Box 1299; Imperial, NE 69033) to author, 13 May 2005.

<sup>482</sup> Sandra Stelling, "RE: Copy of Old Marriage License," e-mail message from <soscou33@nol.org>, (Jefferson County Clerk; 411 Fourth Street, Fairbury, NE 68352) to author, 12 May 2005.

<sup>483</sup> Thomas Wells household, 1920 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Endicott, enumeration district [ED] 99, supervisor's district [SD] 4, page 6B, dwelling 88, family 90; National Archives micropublication T625, roll 991.

<sup>484</sup> Mary Wiletta Wells, Nebraska state death certificate 8933.

<sup>485</sup> Kermit B. Karns, "WELLS," e-mail message from <kbk@chase3000.com>, (Imperial, NE 69033) to author, 20 May 2005. He reported that the cemetery information came from Wauneta Funeral Home Records Book B: 183.

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The deceased was a charter member of the Methodist church at Endicott, being a faithful worker. She was also a member of the Golden Rule Sunday school class.

Funeral services were held from the M. E. church in Endicott Saturday afternoon conducted by Rev. W. H. Clark of Fairbury, and the body taken to her old home at Wauneta, Nebr., where short services were held Monday and interment made in the family lot at the Blanche cemetery.<sup>486</sup>

Mary's obituary in the newspaper where she once lived, Chase County, was more detailed:

#### OBITUARY

Mary Wiletta Lambert, daughter of Thomas C. and Rebecca J. Lambert, was born Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1854, in Licking county, Ohio. When a small child, came with her parents to Champaign county, Illinois, where she united in marriage to Summerton C. Barnes February 25<sup>th</sup>, 1872.

Three children were born in Illinois, Nancy J., now Mrs. Chas. J. McCreight, of Endicott, Nebr., one son who passed away at birth, and Alice M. Eckerd, of Wauneta, Nebr., who died Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1922.

The family came to Jefferson county, Nebr., November 1875. Two children were born here: Grace J. Coll.Pitts [*sic.*], Stanfield, Oregon, and Thomas L. Barnes, of Wauneta.

The family ymoved [*sic.*] to Chase county Nebr. in 1893, where her husband passed away Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> [*sic.*], 1907. She was again united in marriage to Thomas H. Wells, Sept., 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1913.

She passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Chas. J. McCreight, at Endicott, Nebr., Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1926, at the age of 72 years, 6 months and 19 days. All of her living children were at her bedside at the end.

In early girlhood she united with the M. E. church in Illinois and remained a constant and faithful member to the time of her death, being the oldest member of the M. E. church at Endicott.

She was a kind and loving mother, a good neighbor and friend. he [*sic.*] leaves to mourn her loss, her husband, a stepson, Bert Wells, three children, sixteen; grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Two sisters, Mrs. Dora Shepard [*sic.*], of Lincoln, who was present at her death, and Mrs. V. S. Elliott, of Lincoln.[.] C. W. Lambert, of Endicott, W. S. of Guide Rock and Frank M., of Lincoln, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the M. E. church at Endicott, conducted by the Rev. Clark, of Fairbury, Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 1926. Burial was at Blanche, Nebraska.<sup>487</sup>

The Thos. H. Wells household in the 1930 U. S. census of Endicott precinct, Jefferson County, Nebraska showed Thomas, 70, married, age 50 at first marriage, engaged in truck farming, not a veteran, and his son Wendell, 26, single. Thomas' birthplace was listed as Ohio, father born in Maryland, mother

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<sup>486</sup> *Fairbury News and Gazette*, 09 September 1926.

<sup>487</sup> Mary Wiletta Lambert obituary, *The Imperial Republican*, Imperial, Nebraska, 11 September 1926, no page or column number.

born in Ohio. Wendell's birthplace was listed as Nebraska, both parents born in Ohio.<sup>488</sup> Of course, Wendell was not married, he was a widower. Also, he was 24 at his first marriage, not 50.

Seven years later, Thomas Harvey Wells died at 2 p.m. on 25 January 1937. Dr. I. N. Morgan of Steele City, Jefferson County, certified that he died of pneumonia, for which he had been suffering since 01 January. His half-brother, State Senator Frank S. Wells of Fairbury, was the informant. He reported that Thomas was a widower, having been married to Hattie J. Wells. His date of birth was recorded as 02 September 1859. He was retired from his profession as a railroad employee. He was born in Licking County Ohio of John T. Wells, born in Baltimore Maryland; and Emily Horner, born in Licking County, Ohio. Interment was in the Fairbury Cemetery on 28 January 1937.<sup>489</sup>

The obituary for Thomas H. Wells summarized his life:

#### **THOMAS H. WELLS FUNERAL THURSDAY**

Thomas H. Wells of Endicott died Monday, Jan. 25, at his home near Endicott, at the age of 77 years, 4 months and 23 days. A resident of Jefferson county 57 years, he worked for the Burlington railroad for many years.

Funeral services were held at Endicott this (Thursday) afternoon, in charge of Rev. J. E. Filinger. Interment was in the Fairbury Cemetery.

Thomas Harvey Wells, son of J. T. and Emily Wells, was born in Licking county, Ohio. He moved from Licking county to Putman county, Ohio, and from there to Jefferson county, Nebr., arriving in October, 1879.

He married Hattie J. Lambert March 26, 1884. One son, Burt, was born to them. Mrs. Wells died in 1904.

He married Mrs. Mary Barnes Sept. 2, 1913. She died several years ago.

Surviving are his son, Burt of Endicott; and four half-brothers, State Senator Frank S. Wells of Fairbury, R. H. of Omaha, Robert of St. Joseph, Mo., and Chas. of Blue Springs.<sup>490</sup>

Thomas was buried in the Fairbury Cemetery, in block 107, lot 7, space 2, between his first wife Hattie J. Wells and his son Wendell Albert Wells. The cemetery record states "Thomas H. Wells, age 77, 1859 – 1/25/1937"<sup>491</sup>

Although the obituary reported only one son born to Thomas and his first wife Hattie, the evidence is otherwise. First, the 1900 U. S. census for Hubbell, Thayer County, Nebraska reported that their son, Homer, was born Apr 1885 in Nebraska, age 15, and attending school.<sup>492</sup> Second, both Tom and Homer were enumerated on the 1904 school census for Jefferson County, Nebraska. Tom, as parent, was listed on line 22, with Homer's date of birth shown as 23 April 1885. Homer was age 19, and the first male in the

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<sup>488</sup> Thos. H. Wells household, 1930 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Endicott precinct, enumeration district [ED] 48-7, supervisor's district [SD] 11, page 3B, dwelling 71, family 71; National Archives micropublication roll 1283.

<sup>489</sup> Thomas H. Wells, Nebraska state death certificate H-1013.

<sup>490</sup> *Fairbury News and Gazette*, 28 January 1937.

<sup>491</sup> Letter from Jefferson County Probate Office (Fairbury, NE 68352) to Larry Patrick Cornwell, 18 November 2004, held in 2005 by the author.

<sup>492</sup> 1900 U. S. census, Thayer County, Nebraska, population schedule, Hubbell, ED 165, SD 4, p. 4A, dwelling 74, family 77.

family.<sup>493</sup>

It appears that either Homer was disinherited by his father, or his brother Wendell lied to the judge when it came time to claim their mother's property in 1943. Homer had moved out of state before 1910, and apparently was in no position to claim his mother's property in 1943, after his father Thomas died. Homer Wells had gone to Licking County, Ohio, his ancestral home, where he was enumerated during the 1910 U. S. census there, in 4<sup>th</sup> ward, Newark, as age 25, born in Nebraska, both parents born in Ohio, employed as an inspector on the railroad. He was living there with his wife of three years, Isa, 23, born in Ohio, who had no children.<sup>494</sup>

On 07 September 1943, County Judge Samuel Gallamore of Jefferson County, Nebraska issued a decree on the behalf of Hattie's second son, Wendell Lambert Wells, stating:

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA.  
In the Matter of the estate of Hattie J. Wells, Deceased.  
DECREE

This cause coming on to be heard this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1943, and being advised in the premises the Court finds as follows:

1. That Hattie J. Wells, a resident and inhabitant of Jefferson County, Nebraska, died intestate in the month of March, 1904, leaving as her only heirs at law her husband, Thomas H. Wells and a son Wendell Lambert Wells.
2. That at the time of the death; of the said Hattie J. Wells she was seized in fee of the following described real estate situated in Jefferson County, Nebraska, to wit:  
That part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE   , NE    of Section 4, Township 1, Range 3 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P. M. lying South and East of the Republican Valley Railroad; also  
The North 3    acres of the East 10 acres of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE   , NE   ) of Section 4, Township 1, Range 3, containing 14.83 acres.
3. That no application has been made in the State of Nebraska for the appointment of an administrator of the estate of Hattie J. Wells; that more than two years have elapsed since the death of the said Hattie J. Wells.
2. The Court further finds that the heirs at law of the said Hattie H. Wells were Thomas H. Wells, her husband, and Wendell Lambert Wells, her son, who were the sole and only heirs at law of the said Hattie J. Wells.
3. The Court further finds that due and legal notice of the time and place for the hearing on said petition has been given to all persons in said estate, both creditors and heirs, as required by law, and upon being submitted to the Court it finds that the allegations of the petition are true.

WHEREFORE IT IS ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the said Thomas H. Wells and Wendell Lambert Wells are the sole heirs of the said Hattie J. Wells, deceased, and as the husband and child of the said Hattie J. Wells, deceased, the said real estate descends to them in equal shares.

BY THE COURT (signed) Samuel Gallamore, County Judge<sup>495</sup>

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<sup>493</sup> Tom Wells, parent, 1904 school census, line 22.

<sup>494</sup> Homer Wells household, 1910 U. S. census, Licking County, Ohio, population schedule, 4<sup>th</sup> ward, Newark, enumeration district [ED] 89, supervisor's district [SD] 15, page 229B, dwelling 335, family 345; National Archives micropublication T624, roll 1204.

<sup>495</sup> Hattie J. Wells intestate decree, Jefferson County Probate Book 5: 622, County Clerk's Office, Fairbury, Nebraska.



One month later, on 18 October, 1943, Wendell again went before the judge and had him issue the following decree, awarding all of the property that he and his father had inherited from his mother, since his father was deceased:

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, NEBRASKA.  
In the Matter of the estate of Thomas H. Wells, Deceased.  
DECREE

This cause coming on to be heard this 18 day of October, 1943, and being advised in the premises the Court finds as follows:

1. That Thomas H. Wells, a resident and inhabitant of Jefferson County, Nebraska, died intestate on the [blank] of [blank], leaving as his only heir at law Wendell Lambert Wells, a son.
2. That at the time of the death of the said Thomas H. Wells he was seized in fee of the following described real estate, situate in Jefferson County, Nebraska:  
That part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE \_\_, NE \_\_ of Section 4, Township 1, Range 3 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P. M. lying South and East of the Republican Valley Railroad; also  
The North 3 \_\_ acres of the East 10 acres of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE \_\_, NE \_\_) of Section 4, Township 1, Range 3, containing 14.83 acres.
1. That no application has been made in the State of Nebraska for the appointment of an administrator of the estate of Thomas H. Wells; that more than two years have elapsed since the death of the said Thomas H. Wells.
2. The Court further finds that the heirs at law of the said Hattie H. Wells were Thomas H. Wells, her husband, and Wendell Lambert Wells, her son, who were the sole and only heirs at law of the said Hattie J. Wells.
3. The Court further finds that the heirs at law of the said Thomas H. Wells was Wendell Lambert Wells, a son, who was the sole heir at law of the said Thomas H. Wells.
4. The court further finds that due and legal notice of the time and place for the hearing on said petition has been given to all persons in said estate, both creditors and heirs, as required by law, and upon being submitted to the Court it finds that the allegations of the petition are true.

WHEREFORE IT IS ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the said Wendell Lambert Wells was the sole heir of the said Thomas H. Wells, deceased, and the said real estate descended to the said Wendell Lambert Wells in fee.

BY THE COURT (signed) Samuel Gallamore, County Judge.<sup>496</sup>

Hattie Jane Lambert and Thomas Harvey Wells were parents of the following children:

- i. HOMER C.<sup>4</sup> WELLS, born 23 April 1885.<sup>497</sup>
- ii. WENDELL LAMBERT WELLS, born 29 February 1904.<sup>498</sup>

**13. Medora Alice<sup>3</sup> “Dora” Lambert** (Jacob<sup>1</sup>, Thomas Callahan<sup>2</sup>) was born 05 July 1864 in Licking County, Ohio;<sup>499</sup> and died 29 August 1946 at her residence at 2954 Apple Street in Lincoln, Lancaster

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<sup>496</sup> Thomas H. Wells intestate decree, Jefferson County Probate Book 5: 628, County Clerk’s Office, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>497</sup> Tom Wells, parent, 1904 school census, line 22.

<sup>498</sup> Letter, Craig Mahloch to the author, April 2005.

<sup>499</sup> *The Fairbury Daily News*, 31 August 1946.

County, Nebraska.<sup>500</sup> She married 22 April 1891 in Fairbury, Jefferson County, Nebraska, **Stephen Shepherd**, son of Johnathan Shepherd and Sarah Leatherman.<sup>501</sup> Thomas was born on 04 November 1843<sup>502</sup> in Will County, Illinois; and died 11 February 1928, at his residence at 5043 Greenwood Street in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.<sup>503</sup>

Medora Alice Lambert was just one year old in July 1865 when her family moved from Licking County, Ohio, to Champaign County, Illinois.<sup>504</sup> At the time, she was the fifth of six children in the family.

Medora was enumerated with her father's family during the 1870 U. S. census for Harwood Township, Champaign County, as Medora A., age 6, born in Ohio, having attended school within the year.<sup>505</sup>

At age 11, in 1875, Medora moved with her parents and siblings to Jefferson County, Nebraska, by covered wagon.<sup>506</sup> There, she was enumerated with his father's family during the 1880 U. S. census for Rock Creek Township, as Dora A., 15, at school, born in Ohio.<sup>507</sup>

Her future husband also was enumerated in the 1880 U. S. census in adjacent Newton Township, living alone, as Stephen Shepherd, age 36, farmer, born in Indiana, with both parents having been born in Ohio.<sup>508</sup> (His birthplace of Indiana jibes with the 1885 census, but with neither his marriage record nor later census returns.)

Dora was enumerated with her parents and two younger siblings in the 1885 Nebraska state census of Endicott, Jefferson County, as Dora, 19, daughter, single, teacher, born in Ohio, 7 months unemployed

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<sup>500</sup> Mrs. Madora Shepherd, death certificate no. 7863 (1946), Nebraska Health and Human Services System, Lincoln.

<sup>501</sup> Jefferson County Marriage Book C: unpaginated, license 1660.

<sup>502</sup> Thomas H. Wells household, 1900 U. S. census, Thayer County, Nebraska, population schedule, Hubbell, enumeration district [ED] 165, supervisor's district [SD] 4, page 4A, dwelling 74, family 77; National Archives micropublication T623, roll 941.

<sup>503</sup> Stephen Shepherd, death certificate no. 1952 (1928), Nebraska Health and Human Services System, Lincoln.

<sup>504</sup> *Guide Rock Signal*, 17 October 1929.

<sup>505</sup> 1870 U. S. census, Champaign County, Illinois, population schedule, Harwood Township, p. 133, dwelling 196, family 195.

<sup>506</sup> *Guide Rock Signal*, 02 December 1943.

<sup>507</sup> 1880 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Rock Creek, ED 291, SD 1, p. 635, dwelling 27, family 27.

<sup>508</sup> Stephen Shepherd household, 1880 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, township 1, range 3 east, enumeration district [ED] 289, supervisor's district [SD] 1, page 624D, dwelling 77, family 84; National Archives micropublication T9, roll 750.

this census year.<sup>509</sup>

While she was still single, she began teaching in the Endicott area schools, and taught for a total of eight years.<sup>510</sup>

Meanwhile, Stephen Shepherd, Dora's future husband, was enumerated in the 1885 Nebraska state census for Endicott Precinct, Jefferson County, as Stephen Shep., age 39, married [*sic.*], farmer, born in Indiana, both parents born in Ohio.<sup>511</sup> His name may have been abbreviated because he was listed just below the John Shepherd family. Although shown as married, he was living alone, and there is no evidence he was married, as discussed later, other than the census enumerator's mark.

Stephen Shephard was also enumerated in the 1885 Nebraska state census, agriculture schedule, as Stephen Shephard, owner, 20 acres of tilled land, 60 acres of unimproved land, real estate value \$960, farming implements worth \$20, livestock worth \$480, the estimated value for all farm products, sold, consumed, or on hand for 1884 was \$135, he had 15 acres of mown acreage in 1884, and 45 acres of hay harvested in 1884. In 1884, he spent no money on building and repairing, fertilizer, labor, or fencing.<sup>512</sup>

On 22 April 1891, Medora A. Lambert, 26, and Stephen Shepherd, 47, both a resident of Endicott, were married in nearby Fairbury, Jefferson County by Rev. A. Cornish.<sup>513</sup>

On 28 January 1894, Stephen and Dora A. Shepherd bought lot 11 in block 9 of the original town of Endicott from John A. and Mary A. Secrest, all of Jefferson County, for \$150.<sup>514</sup> Just a year later, on 19 February 1895, they sold the same lot to James A. Wells, all of Jefferson County, for \$150.<sup>515</sup>

The Stephen and Dora Shepherd family was enumerated during the 1900 U. S. census for Endicott Precinct, Jefferson County as Stephen, head, born Nov 1845, age 54, born in Illinois, both parents born in Ohio, retired merchant, owning his home; and Dora, wife, born Jul 1864, age 35, mother of 3 children, with 3 living, born in Ohio, both parents born in Ohio. They had been married 9 years. Their three children, all born in Nebraska, were son William, born Sep 1892, age 7; daughter Sarah R., born May 1892, age 8; and daughter Ona May, born Aug 1900, age 8/12.<sup>516</sup> The Stephen and Dora Shepherd

<sup>509</sup> 1885 Nebraska State census, Jefferson County, population schedule, Endicott Village, p. 1, line 17.

<sup>510</sup> *The Fairbury Daily News*, 31 August 1946.

<sup>511</sup> Stephen Shep. household, 1885 Nebraska state census, Jefferson County, population schedule, Endicott Precinct, enumeration district [ED] 439, page 9, line 43, family 8, microcopy roll 29, Family History Library microfilm 499557.

<sup>512</sup> Stephen Shephard household, 1885 Nebraska state census, Jefferson County, agriculture schedule, Endicott, enumeration district [ED] 439, page 5, line 10, microcopy roll 29, Family History Library microfilm 499557.

<sup>513</sup> Jefferson County Marriage Book C: unnumbered page, license 1660.

<sup>514</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 18: 491, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>515</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 20: 559, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>516</sup> Stephen Shepherd household, 1900 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Endicott Precinct, enumeration district [ED] 84, supervisor's district [SD] 4, page 2B, dwelling 41, family 44, National Archives micropublication T623, roll 930.

family was living in the same dwelling as her sister Mary Barnes and her family. Both families were living in the dwelling next to Dora's and Mary's parents. Stephen had actually been born in Nov 1843, he was age 56, according to most earlier and later records; Sarah R. could not have been born four months prior to her brother William, and Ona May was obviously born in 1899, as August 1900 had not yet come.

The Jefferson County Farmers listing for 1890-91 showed Stephen Shepherd as a farmer from Endicott.<sup>517</sup>

On 20 June 1900, Dora's and Stephen's infant daughter, Livonia May, died. She had lived only 10 months and 5 days.<sup>518</sup> Three days later, on 23 June 1900, Stephen Shepherd purchased lot 5 in block 9 in the Fairbury Cemetery from George H. and his wife Ellen M. Turner, for \$10.<sup>519</sup> Stephen and Dora would later occupy this space, along with their two single daughters.<sup>520</sup>

On 24 January 1907, all of Dora's siblings and heirs-in-law filed a special warranty deed, selling their mother Rebecca's six lots in Endicott to their father Thomas for \$1.00, recognizing that a mortgage still existed for \$300, and that the taxes had not been paid for 1906. They also filed on behalf of one of her grandchildren who was an heir. All the following were signatories to the deed: Wilbur C. Lambert, Alice Lambert, Wendall S. Lambert, Mary M. Lambert, Francis M. Lambert, Lillie M. Lambert, Chester T. Lambert, Lucy E. Lambert, Dora A. Shepherd, Stephen Shepherd, Mary W. Barnes, Sumerton Barnes, Livonia S. Elliott, and Thomas M. Elliott.<sup>521</sup>

Stephen Shepherd, parent, was enumerated in the Endicott Public School census with his two children, Wm. T, age 15, and Rebecca, age 12, report filed 03 July 1908.<sup>522</sup> This census helps establish Rebecca's true age, as it was obviously reported incorrectly in the 1900 U. S. census, where she was shown as being four months younger than her brother William.<sup>523</sup>

On 17 March 1910, Stephen Shepherd purchased 80 acres in Bourbon County, Kansas from W. C. and his wife Loula R. Gunn of Fort Scott in Bourbon County for \$1 and other valuable considerations. The property was described as the west half of the northeast quarter of section 3 in township 25 of range 24 east of the sixth principal meridian. The sale was subject to a mortgage for \$1000 payable to the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company with an interest rate of 5 percent per annum after 01 February 1910.<sup>524</sup> Bourbon County is located 210 miles southeast of Jefferson County, Nebraska, in southeast Kansas, on the Missouri border.

The Stephen and Dora A. Shepherd family was enumerated in Mill Creek Township, Bourbon County,  
<sup>517</sup> Nebraska State Gazetteers Business Directory for 1890-91, 509-510.

<sup>518</sup> Letter, Craig Mahloch to the author, April 2005.

<sup>519</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 26: 189, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>520</sup> Letter, Craig Mahloch to the author, April 2005.

<sup>521</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 32: 525-527, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>522</sup> Stephen Shepherd, parent, 1907 school census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, district 7, lines 109-110.

<sup>523</sup> 1900 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Endicott Precinct, ED 84, SD 4, p. 2B, dwelling 41, family 44.

<sup>524</sup> Bourbon County Deed Record F: 582, Fort Scott, Kansas.

Kansas during the 1910 U. S. census. Stephen was listed as the head, age 66, born in Illinois, farmer, working on own account, owning his own farm. He was not a survivor of the Union or Confederate Army or Navy, was not blind in both eyes, and was not deaf and dumb. Dora A. was listed as his wife, age 46, born in Ohio. Their parents had been born in Ohio, and Stephen and Dora had been married 19 years, with 3 children born, 2 living.<sup>525</sup>

On 28 September 1910, Stephen and his wife Dora A. Shepherd of Fort Scott in Bourbon County sold their 80 acres to Owen C. Simpson of Fort Scott, for \$1 and other valuable considerations. The sale was clear of encumbrance except for two mortgages, one for \$1000, and one for \$500, both due 01 February 1914.<sup>526</sup>

In 1911, Stephen and Dora moved to Hiawatha, Brown County, Kansas.<sup>527</sup> Hiawatha is only 85 miles from Jefferson County, on the Nebraska border, nearer their Nebraska home than they were in southeast Kansas.

From Brown County, Kansas, the family moved to Illinois Township in Nemaha County, Kansas, sometime before the 1920 U. S. census, where the Stephen and Dora A. Shepard family was enumerated as Stephen, head, owning his mortgaged home, age 75, born in Illinois, farmer engaged in general farming; Dora A., wife, 55, born in Ohio. Both sets of parents were born in Ohio. Living with them were William T., son and renter, 27, born in Nebraska, farmer engaged in general farming; and Pearl, daughter-in-law, 27, born in Kansas. Pearl's father had been born Ohio, and her mother had been law, born in Kansas.<sup>528</sup> Nemaha County is the next county to the west of Brown County, and still nearer the Lambert relatives across the Nebraska border.

Dora and Stephen's daughter Rebecca S. Shepherd was left behind in Brown County, Kansas, where she was enumerated in the 1920 U. S. census for Fort Scott City. She was shown as a boarder in the home of Grace Hanson at 1135 Oregon Street, age at last birthday 23 (again, establishing her birth date ca. 1896, as her census was taken on 12 January 1920), born in Nebraska, father born in Illinois, and mother born in Ohio. She was employed as a telephone operator.<sup>529</sup>

Later, in 1920, Stephen and Dora moved to Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska,<sup>530</sup> just 50 miles from her Nebraska Lambert relatives in Jefferson County. There, they bought a home and resided at 5043 Greenwood Street, where Stephen died at 5:20 p.m. on 11 February 1928. Dr. R. W. Huffman of 2613 North 49<sup>th</sup> Street in Lincoln certified that he had attended Stephen from 22 October 1927 to his date of

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<sup>525</sup> Stephen Shepherd household, 1910 U. S. census, Bourbon County, Kansas, population schedule, Mill Creek township, enumeration district [ED] 52, supervisor's district [SD] 2, page 225A, dwelling 112, family 112, National Archives micropublication T624, roll 432, part 3.

<sup>526</sup> Bourbon County Deed Record F: 28 September 1910, Fort Scott, Kansas.

<sup>527</sup> *The Fairbury Daily News*, 31 August 1946.

<sup>528</sup> Stephen Shepherd household, 1920 U. S. census, Nemaha County, Kansas, population schedule, Illinois township, enumeration district [ED] 125, supervisor's district [SD] 1, page 1B, dwelling 19, family 19, National Archives micropublication T625, roll 540.

<sup>529</sup> Grace Hanson household, 1920 U. S. census, Brown County, Kansas, population schedule, 4<sup>th</sup> ward, Hiawatha City, enumeration district [ED] 22, supervisor's district [SD] 101, page 13A, dwelling 53, family 59, National Archives micropublication T625, roll 525.

<sup>530</sup> *The Fairbury Daily News*, 31 August 1946.

death, and that the cause of death was senility and abdominal dropsy, duration five years. [Dropsy is an edema, or swelling, often caused by kidney or heart disease.] Dr. Huffman did not list any contributory causes, but did annotate on the death certificate that, "Wash. D. C. Query – Was heart or kidney disease present?" Dr. Huffman's answer was, "Not that I know of. Saw only once, then too late to do anything." Dr. Huffman further certified that there had been no operation or autopsy.<sup>531</sup>

Dora Shepherd of 5043 Greenwood Street served as the informant for the personal and statistical particulars on the death certificate. She reported that he was born on 04 November 1843 in Will County, Illinois, son of Jonathan Shepherd and Sarah Leatherman, both born in Ohio. Stephen had been a farmer, and had died at age 84 years, 3 months, and 7 days.

This notice appeared eight days later in *The Lincoln Sunday Star*:

#### **Deaths**

Stephen Shepherd, 84, died at 5:20 Saturday afternoon at his home, 5043 Greenwood street. He is survived by his wife, Dora; one sister [*sic.*, daughter], Rebecca Shepherd, and one brother [*sic.*, son] William T. Shepherd. The body is at the home in charge of Henry Brown and will be taken to Fairbury for interment.<sup>532</sup>

The following day, the following announcement appeared in *The Lincoln Star*:

#### **Deaths**

The body of Stephen Shepherd, who died Saturday afternoon at his home, 5043 Greenwood street, was taken to Fairbury Monday for funeral services and burial.<sup>533</sup>

Stephen was buried in the Fairbury Nebraska cemetery on 13 February 1928<sup>534</sup> in block 9, lot 5, space 6, five spaces from his infant daughter Livonia.

Dora Shepherd and her daughter Rebecca were enumerated in the 1930 U. S. census for Lincoln, Ward 2, Lancaster County, Nebraska, as Dora, head of household, owning her home worth \$1800, without a radio, living in town, age 65, widowed, age at first marriage 28, born in Ohio, father born in Pennsylvania, mother born in Ohio, with no occupation; Rebecca, daughter, without a radio, age 33, single, born in Nebraska, with no occupation.<sup>535</sup>

About 01 June 1940, Dora's daughter Rebecca died, and was buried next to her infant sister in block 9, lot 5, space 2. Her cemetery record reflects that she was born in 1896 and died in 1940 at age 44.<sup>536</sup>

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<sup>531</sup> Stephen Shepherd, Nebraska state death certificate 1952.

<sup>532</sup> Stephen Shepherd obituary, *The Lincoln Sunday Star*, 12 February 1928, page A6, column 2.

<sup>533</sup> Stephen Shepherd funeral and burial notice, *The Lincoln Star*, 13 February 1928, no page number, column 5.

<sup>534</sup> Letter, Craig Mahlock to the author, April, 2005.

<sup>535</sup> Dora Shepherd household, 1930 U. S. census, Lancaster County, Nebraska, population schedule, Lincoln Ward II, enumeration district [ED] 55-46, supervisor's district [SD] 8, page 4A, dwelling 77, family 72, National Archives micropublication roll 1286.

<sup>536</sup> Letter, Craig Mahlock to the author, April, 2005.

Before Dora's own death in 1946, her third and only remaining child, William T. Shepherd, would die.<sup>537</sup>

Madora Alice Lambert died at 9:15 p.m. on 29 August 1946 at her residence at 2954 Apple Street in Lincoln. Dr. Charles Harms certified that he had attended her for the past four days, and that the immediate cause of death was right lower lobar pneumonia, duration of five days, due to age and upper respiratory infection. He made no other notes on the death certificate. The informant, Mrs. Pearl Shepherd, Dora's daughter-in-law, reported that Mrs. Madora Shepherd was widowed, had been married to Stephen Shepherd who had died in 1928, was born 05 July 1864 in Licking County, Ohio, and was aged 82 years, 1 month, and 24 days. Her father was Thomas Callahan Lambert who had been born in Knox County, Ohio; her mother was Rebecca J. Wells, born in Licking County, Ohio. Mrs. Pearl Shepherd's address was 5043 Greenwood in Lincoln [where Madora had lived prior to moving to 2954 Apple Street]. The funeral director was Umberger's Mortuary in Lincoln.<sup>538</sup>

Dora was buried in the Fairbury Nebraska cemetery on 03 September 1946<sup>539</sup> in block 9, lot 5, space 5, next to her husband Stephen.<sup>540</sup>

Madora Alice Lambert's obituary appeared on the front page of *The Fairbury Daily News*:

**Mrs. Madora Shepherd to Be Buried Here Tuesday Afternoon**

Burial services will be held at the Fairbury cemetery at 4 p.m. Tuesday for Mrs. Madora Alice Shepherd, 82, former Endicott school teacher who passed away at Lincoln Thursday.

Services will be held in Lincoln at 1 p.m. Tuesday, and the body will [sic.] be brought to Fairbury for the burial service. Arrangements are being made by the Traum Funeral Home.

Mrs. Shepherd, formerly Madora Alice Lambert, was born in Licking county, Ohio, July 5, 1864. While in her infancy, the family moved to Rantoul, Ill., where they lived for 10 years and later moved to Endicott.

Prior to her marriage to Stephen Shepherd [sic.] April 22, 1891, she taught school in the Endicott vicinity for eight years. In 1911, they moved to Hiawatha, Kas., and to Lincoln in 1920. Her husband passed away in 1928, and her three children also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter-in-law Mrs. Pearl Shepherd of Lincoln, and two grandsons, William Earl Shepherd of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Roland P. Shepherd of Lincoln.<sup>541</sup>

Madora Alice Lambert and Stephen Shepherd were the parents of the following children:

- i. WILLIAM T.<sup>4</sup> SHEPHERD, born September 1892.<sup>542</sup>

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<sup>537</sup> *The Fairbury Daily News*, 31 August 1946.

<sup>538</sup> Mrs. Madora Shepherd, Nebraska state death certificate 7863.

<sup>539</sup> Ibid.

<sup>540</sup> Letter, Craig Mahloch to the author, April 2005.

<sup>541</sup> *The Fairbury Daily News*, 31 August 1946.

<sup>542</sup> 1900 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Endicott Precinct, ED 84, SD 4, p. 2B, dwelling 41, family 44.

- ii. SARAH REBECCA SHEPHERD, born May<sup>543</sup> 1896.<sup>544</sup>
- iii. LIVONIA MAY “ONA” SHEPHERD, born 15 August 1899.<sup>545</sup>

**14. Francis M.<sup>3</sup> “Frank” Lambert** (Jacob<sup>1</sup>, Thomas Callahan<sup>2</sup>) was born 15 February 1867 near Rantoul, Champaign County, Illinois; and died 14 December 1945 in Marysville, Marshall County, Kansas.<sup>546</sup> He married 02 August 1888 at the bride’s residence in Fairbury, Jefferson County, Nebraska, **Lillie May Friday**, daughter of John H. Friday and Rebecca J. Foreman.<sup>547</sup> Lillie May was born on 16 December 1867 in DeLisle, Darke County, Ohio; and died 10 October 1945, at 3050 T. Street in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.<sup>548</sup>

Frank was enumerated with his father’s family during the 1870 U. S. census for Harwood Township, Champaign County, as Francis M., age 3, born in Illinois.<sup>549</sup>

At age 8, in 1875, Frank moved with his parents and siblings to Jefferson County, Nebraska, by covered wagon.<sup>550</sup> There, he was enumerated with his father’s family during the 1880 U. S. census for Rock Creek Township, as Frank, 13, at school, born in Illinois.<sup>551</sup>

His future wife, Lillie May Friday, was enumerated in the 1870 U. S. census in Fairbury, Jefferson County, Nebraska with her parents, John H. and Rebecca Friday, listed as Lillie M, 2, daughter, born in Ohio.<sup>552</sup> She had made the trip from Ohio to Nebraska as an infant.

Lillie May Friday was enumerated in the 1880 U. S. census in Steele City, Jefferson County, Nebraska

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<sup>543</sup> Letter, Craig Mahloch to the author, April 2005.

<sup>544</sup> Ibid.

<sup>545</sup> Ibid.

<sup>546</sup> *The Fairbury News and Gazette*, 20 December 1945.

<sup>547</sup> Jefferson County Marriage Book B: 509.

<sup>548</sup> Mrs. Lilly May Lambert, death certificate no. R 9588 (1945), Nebraska Health and Human Services System, Lincoln.

<sup>549</sup> 1870 U. S. census, Champaign County, Illinois, population schedule, Harwood Township, p. 133, dwelling 196, family 195.

<sup>550</sup> *Guide Rock Signal*, 02 December 1943.

<sup>551</sup> 1880 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Rock Creek, ED 291, SD 1, p. 635, dwelling 27, family 27.

<sup>552</sup> John H. Friday household, 1870 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Jenkins precinct, Fairbury post office, page 48, dwelling 22, family 22; National Archives micropublication M593, roll 830.



as Lilly M., 12, daughter, at school, born in Ohio.<sup>553</sup>

Frank Lambert was enumerated with his parents and two siblings in the 1885 Nebraska state census of Endicott, Jefferson County, as Frank, 17, son, unemployed for 7 months during the census year, born in Illinois.<sup>554</sup>

Just three dwellings away, Lillie May Friday was enumerated with her parents and siblings in the 1885 Nebraska state census of Endicott Village, Jefferson County, as Sally, 17, daughter, single, born in Ohio.<sup>555</sup> Frank and Lilly would marry three years later.

On 02 August 1888, Frank, 21, and Lilly, 20, married at the bride's residence in Jefferson County. Clergyman H. C. Hannan of the Methodist Episcopal Church performed the ceremony. Witnesses were the fathers of the couple, T. C. Lambert and John Friday.<sup>556</sup>

Their infant daughter Leona died in 1900, apparently before the U. S. census, and was buried in the Steele City cemetery in Newton Township, Jefferson County, where her stone reads, "Leona Lambert born 1899 died 1900." She was the first to be buried in the family plot, located in the first addition to the east side of the cemetery. Later, her parents and two sisters would be buried in the plot with her.<sup>557</sup>

The Francis M. and Lilly M. Lambert family was enumerated in the 1900 U. S. census for the village of Diller, Pleasant Precinct, Jefferson County, Nebraska. (Diller is just eight miles east of Endicott.) Francis M., head of the family, was 33, born in Feb 1867 in Illinois, and was fully employed as a railroad sec. foreman. He rented their farm home. Lilly M., wife, was 32, born in Dec 1867 in Ohio. They had been married 11 years, and had three children, two living. Both sets of parents had been born in Ohio. Francis' and Lilly's children were Plonia R., daughter, born Apr 1891, age 9; and Zola W., daughter, born Sep 1896, age 3. Both were born in Nebraska; Zola was at school.<sup>558</sup>

On 21 May 1906, Frank M. and Lilly M. Lambert bought 13 and 14 in block 12 of Ashby & Freeman's Addition to Fairbury, Nebraska from George Y. and his wife Eudora Smith, all of Fairbury. They paid \$1300 for the lots, described as a part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 15, township 2 north, range 2 east of the 6<sup>th</sup> P. M.<sup>559</sup>

<sup>553</sup> John H. Friday household, 1880 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Steele City, enumeration district [ED] 290, supervisor's district [SD] 1, page 626D, dwelling 44, family 44; National Archives micropublication T9, roll 750.

<sup>554</sup> 1885 Nebraska State census, Jefferson County, population schedule, Endicott Village, p. 1. line 17.

<sup>555</sup> J. H. Friday household, 1885 Nebraska state census, Jefferson County, population schedule, Endicott village, enumeration district [ED] 439, page 1, line 29, microcopy roll 29, Family History Library microfilm 449557.

<sup>556</sup> Jefferson County Marriage Book B: 509.

<sup>557</sup> Letter from Richard Bugbee (578 County Hwy #8; Steele City, Nebraska 68440) to the author, 22 May 2005.

<sup>558</sup> Francis M. Lambert household, 1900 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Pleasant precinct, village Diller, enumeration district [ED] 92, supervisor's district [SD] 4, page 9B, dwelling 173, family 173; National Archives micropublication T623, roll 931.

<sup>559</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 34: 33, Fairbury, Nebraska.

On 24 January 1907, all of Frank's siblings and heirs-in-law filed a special warranty deed, selling their mother Rebecca's six lots in Endicott to their father Thomas for \$1.00, recognizing that a mortgage still existed for \$300, and that the taxes had not been paid for 1906. They also filed on behalf of one of her grandchildren who was an heir. All the following were signatories to the deed: Wilbur C. Lambert, Alice Lambert, Wendall S. Lambert, Mary M. Lambert, Francis M. Lambert, Lillie M. Lambert, Chester T. Lambert, Lucy E. Lambert, Dora A. Shepherd, Stephen Shepherd, Mary W. Barnes, Sumerton Barnes, Livonia S. Elliott, and Thomas M. Elliott.<sup>560</sup>

The Frank M. and Lilly M. Lambert family was enumerated in the 1910 U. S. census for Fairbury City in Jefferson County as Frank M., head, 43, born in Illinois, working on his own account as a cement contractor, owning his mortgaged home; and Lilly M. wife, 42, born in Ohio. His parents were both born in Ohio, her father was shown as born in Ohio, her mother born in Pennsylvania. Frank and Lilly had been married 22 years, and had 4 children, 3 living. Their children, all born in Nebraska, were: Ploma, daughter, 19, single; Zola, daughter, 14, single; and Verna, daughter, 7.<sup>561</sup>

On 01 March 1920, Frank M. and his wife Lilly M. Lambert sold lots 13 and 14 in block 12 of the Ashby and Freeman Addition to the City of Fairbury to Allen E. and his wife Emma L. Pennington, all of Jefferson County, for \$2800,<sup>562</sup> more than doubling their investment in 14 years.

F. M. and his wife Lillie Lambert were enumerated in the 1920 U. S. census for Fairbury, Jefferson County, Nebraska. F. M. was listed as the head of the family, owning his mortgaged home, age 53, married, born in Illinois, both parents born in Illinois, laborer in a foundry; Lillie was listed as his wife, age 52, married, born in Ohio, both parents born in Ohio, with no occupation. Their children were Ploma, daughter, age 27; Zola, daughter, age 24; and Verna, daughter, age 17.<sup>563</sup> Both of his parents were actually born in Ohio, as established by earlier documents.

They moved to Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska in 1920, where they became members of the Grace Methodist church of Lincoln. They maintained their membership there for the remainder of their lives.<sup>564</sup>

Their daughter Ploma died in 1929, and was buried in the family plot near her infant sister Leona, in the Steele City cemetery in Jefferson County. Her parents would later be buried there in 1945. The burial plot is located in the first addition to the east side of the cemetery.<sup>565</sup>

The Francis M. and Lilly M. Lambert family were enumerated in the 1930 U. S. census for Ward 8,  
<sup>560</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 32: 525-527, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>561</sup> Frank M. Lambert household, 1910 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Fairbury, enumeration district [ED] 94, supervisor's district [SD] 4, page 80A, dwelling 600, family 634; National Archives micropublication T624, roll 848.

<sup>562</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 50: 577, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>563</sup> F. M. Lambert household, 1920 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Fairbury, enumeration district [ED] 102, supervisor's district [SD] 4, page 24B, dwelling 598, family 651; National Archives micropublication T625, roll 991.

<sup>564</sup> Mrs. Frank M. Lambert obituary, *The Fairbury News and Gazette*, Fairbury, Nebraska, 11 October 1945, page 1, column 6.

<sup>565</sup> Letter, Richard Bugbee to the author, 22 May 2005.

Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, where Francis M. was listed as the head of the household, owning his own home valued at \$4000, had a radio, age 63, age at first marriage 21, born in Illinois, father born in Ohio, and mother born in Pennsylvania, at work as a machinist in a plow factory, and not a war veteran; Lilly M. was listed as the wife of the head, age 62, age at first marriage 20, born in Ohio, father born in Ohio, and mother born in Pennsylvania. She had no occupation.<sup>566</sup> It appears that the reporting of the birthplace of the parents changed from decade to decade because it wasn't important for them to remember.

Mrs. Lilly May Lambert died at her home at 3050 T Street in Lincoln on 10 October 1945. Dr. D. J. Bowman of 400 North 27<sup>th</sup> certified that she had fractured her hip in July, and that he had pinned it on 22 July. He had attended her since 21 July, and stated the cause of death to be hypostatic pneumonia, due to a fracture of the right femur, which happened in the home due to a fall, due to senility. There was no autopsy. Her husband, Frank M. Lambert, was the informant for the personal data on the certificate. She was shown as having lived in the community for 25 years, and lived to be 77 years, 9 months, and 24 days old. Her birthplace was DeLisle Ohio, her parents were John Friday and Rebecca Foreman. The parents' birthplaces were unknown. Burial was at Steele City, Nebraska, the funeral director was Umberger's Mortuary.<sup>567</sup>

Lilly was buried in the Steele City cemetery, where her record states, "Lilly M. Lambert, born 1867, died 1945. She was buried in the first addition of the east side of the cemetery."<sup>568</sup>

Her obituary was published on the front page of the *Fairbury News and Gazette*:

**Mrs. Frank M. Lambert, Early Resident, Died Wednesday in Lincoln**

Mrs. Lilly May Lambert, 77, who came to Jefferson county when she was but three years of age, died Wednesday morning, Oct. 10, at her home in Lincoln. She has been confined to her bed since July, when she fractured her hip in a fall.

Born in DeLisle, Ohio, she came to Nebraska about 1871, her parents settling near Steele City. She later lived at Fairbury, moving to Lincoln in 1920.

She was married Aug. 2, 1888 to Frank M. Lambert, who survives her, as do two daughters, Mrs. Zola Hawk of Marysville, Kas., and Mrs. Verna Baumer of Ainsworth; two sisters, Mrs. G. A. Woods of Diller and Mrs. M. Blair of Huntington Park, Cal., formerly of Fairbury; and four grandchildren. She was an aunt of Claude L. Lambert of this city.

Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, at Umberger's mortuary in Lincoln. Burial will be in the Steele City cemetery, Traum service.<sup>569</sup>

After Lilly's death, Frank went to live with his daughter Zola Hawk in Marysville, Kansas. Within two months, on 14 December 1945, Frank died. His obituary was published on the page 2 of *The Fairbury News and Gazette*:

**Death Comes to Frank Lambert, Former Resident**

Frank M. Lambert, Fairbury resident from 1905 until 1920 passed away at Marysville, Kas., Saturday, Dec. 14, 1945, at the age of 78 years and 10 months.

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<sup>566</sup> Francis M. Lambert household, 1930 U. S. census, Lancaster County, Nebraska, population schedule, Lincoln, enumeration district [ED] 55-35, supervisor's district [SD] 8, page 6A, dwelling 135, family 149; National Archives micropublication roll 1286.

<sup>567</sup> Mrs. Lilly May Lambert, Nebraska state death certificate R 9588.

<sup>568</sup> Letter, Richard Bugbee to the author, 22 May 2005.

<sup>569</sup> *The Fairbury News and Gazette*, 11 October 1945.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Traum Funeral Home, Rev. E. K. Resler of Marysville officiating. Burial was in the Fairbury Cemetery.

Francis M. Lambert, son of Thomas C. and Rebecca Lambert, was born near Rantoul, Ill., Feb. 15, 1867, and came to Nebraska with his parents when he was nine years old, the family settling near Endicott. He married Lilly M. Friday of Steele City Aug. 2, 1888, and four daughters were born to them, two of whom preceded their parents in death. Mrs. Lambert passed away Oct. 10 of this year at Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Lambert moved to Lincoln in 1920, where they had lived until Mrs. Lambert's death two months ago. Since that time, Mr. Lambert had lived at Marysville. Both were long-time members of Grace Methodist church of Lincoln.

He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Zola hawk of Marysville, Kas., and Mrs. Verna Bauman of Ainsworth; and four grandchildren.<sup>570</sup>

No death certificate is available to others than the immediate family, according to the Kansas Office of Vital Statistics. Specifically, "Our policy allows us to release the record to cousins only if the event occurred prior to 1940. Since this event did not occur prior to 1940, we suggest that you contact the immediate family for a copy."<sup>571</sup>

Francis M. Lambert and Lilly May Friday were the parents of the following children:

- i. PLOMA R. <sup>4</sup> LAMBERT, born April 1891.<sup>572</sup>
- ii. ZOLA W. LAMBERT, born September 1896.<sup>573</sup>
- iii. LEONA LAMBERT, born 1899.<sup>574</sup>
- iv. VERNA LAMBERT, born ca. 1903.<sup>575</sup>

**15. Chester Thomas<sup>3</sup> Lambert** (Jacob<sup>1</sup>, Thomas Callahan<sup>2</sup>) was born 27 December 1870<sup>576</sup> in Champaign County, Illinois; and died 19 December 1923 in Fairbury, Jefferson County, Nebraska.<sup>577</sup> He married 27 December 1891, in Marshall County, Kansas, **Lucy E. LeRow**,<sup>578</sup> daughter of George H.

<sup>570</sup> *The Fairbury News and Gazette*, 20 December 1945.

<sup>571</sup> Policy letter from Center for Health & Environmental Statistics (Office of Vital Statistics; Curtis State Office Building; 1000 SW Jackson St.; Ste. 120; Topeka, KS 66612) to the author, undated, received April 2005.

<sup>572</sup> 1900 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Pleasant precinct, village Diller, ED 92, SD 4, p. 9B, dwelling 173, family173.

<sup>573</sup> Ibid.

<sup>574</sup> Letter, Richard Bugbee to the author, 22 May 2005.

<sup>575</sup> 1910 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Fairbury, ED 94, SD 4, p. 80A, dwelling 600, family634.

<sup>576</sup> Chester Thomas Lambert, Nebraska state death certificate 11917.

<sup>577</sup> *The Fairbury News and Gazette*, 27 December 1923.

<sup>578</sup> Marshall County Marriage Book 1: 463.

LeRow and Amanda E. Brass. Lucy was born on 22 December 1871 in Jefferson County, Nebraska; and died 31 December 1933, at 3265 Dudley in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.<sup>579</sup>

The George H. and Amanda E. LeRow family had already located in Jefferson County, Nebraska before the U. S. census was taken in 1870.<sup>580</sup>

At age 5, in 1875, Chester moved with his parents and siblings to Jefferson County by covered wagon.<sup>581</sup> There, he was enumerated with his father's family during the 1880 U. S. census for Rock Creek Township, as Chester, 9, having attended school within the census year, born in Illinois.<sup>582</sup>

Chester Lambert was enumerated with his parents and two siblings in the 1885 Nebraska state census of Endicott, Jefferson County, as Chester, 12, son, at school, unemployed for 6 months during the census year, born in Illinois.<sup>583</sup>

On 13 March 1891, while he was still single, Chester Lambert bought 3 \_ acres from Owen and his wife Mary Flin, all of Jefferson County, for \$350. The property consisted of the north 3 \_ acres of the east 10 acres of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 4 in township 1 north; of range 3 east of the sixth principal meridian.<sup>584</sup>

Later that year, on 27 December 1891, Minister of the Gospel Levi Gottmann, pastor of the Blue Rapids Baptist Church, married Chester and Lucy at the home of her parents in Elm Creek, Marshall County, Kansas. They married on his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, she was 20.<sup>585</sup> The announcement of their marriage appeared in the *Blue Rapids Times*:

**Married.**

Mr. Chester F. [*sic.*] Lambert, of Jefferson County, Neb., and Miss Lucy E. LeRow, of Marshall County, Ks., at the residence of the bride's parents, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>; 1891, Elder Levi Gottmann officiating. The happy couple will, after a few days, go to their future home in Jefferson county.<sup>586</sup>

Blue Rapids is about 40 miles down the Blue River, and southeast from Fairbury, Jefferson County,

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<sup>579</sup> Lucy E. Lambert, death certificate no. D12289 (1933), Nebraska Health and Human Services System, Lincoln.

<sup>580</sup> George H. Lerow household, 1870 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Big Sandy precinct, Big Sandy post office, page 25, dwelling 40, family 39; National Archives micropublication M593, roll 830.

<sup>581</sup> *Guide Rock Signal*, 02 December 1943.

<sup>582</sup> 1880 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Rock Creek, ED 291, SD 1, p. 635, dwelling 27, family 27.

<sup>583</sup> 1885 Nebraska State census, Jefferson County, population schedule, Endicott Village, p. 1, line 17.

<sup>584</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 14: 483, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>585</sup> Marshall County Marriage Book 1: 463.

<sup>586</sup> "Married," *Blue Rapids Times*, Blue Rapids, Kansas, 07 January 1892, page 3.

just across the Kansas border.

On 12 May 1896, Chester and his wife Lucy E. Lambert sold their 3 \_ acres that he had purchased in Jefferson County five years earlier, to Belle Lerow for \$350. They made no profit on the transaction, likely selling the property to one of her relatives.<sup>587</sup>

Two weeks later, on 12 May 1896, Belle Lerow, an unmarried woman, sold the same property back to Lucy E. Lambert. Both were from Jefferson County.<sup>588</sup>

Two weeks after that, on 26 May 1896, Lucy E. Lambert of Jefferson County bought 11.33 acres from Gunder and his wife Julia M. Newton of Gage County, Nebraska for \$450. It was described as all of the land on the east side of the Republican Valley Railroad in the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 4 in township 1 north of range 3 east of the 6<sup>th</sup> P. M. containing 11.33 acres.<sup>589</sup> This property was very near the property that exchanged hands twice between Belle Lerow and Lucy (Le Row) Lambert.

The “Charles F.” and Lucy E. Lambert family were enumerated during the 1900 U. S. census for Yankee Hill, Lancaster County, Nebraska as Charles F., head of the family, born Dec 1871 in Nebraska, age 28, birthplace of father annotated “unknown” and of mother just a line, R.R. laborer, home status (rented or owned) not annotated; Lucy E. wife, born Sept 1872 in Nebraska, age 27, father born in Massachusetts, mother born in Iowa, home status (rented or owned) not annotated, but “H” in block for farm or house. They had been married 8 years, with two children born and two living. Their children were Claudie L., son, born in Nebraska July 1894, age 5; and Leatha, daughter, born April 1898 in Nebraska, age 2.<sup>590</sup> Chester had actually been born in 1870, not 1871; Lucy had actually been born in 1871, not 1872.

On 09 October 1900, Lucy E. and her husband Chester T. Lambert of Lancaster County, sold their two properties in section 4, the 3 \_ acres and the 11.33 acres, to Chester’s sister Hattie J. Wells of Jefferson County.<sup>591</sup>

Soon after, the Chester Lambert family moved from Lancaster County to Endicott, Jefferson County, Nebraska, 40 miles to the south, back to where he had grown up. He gained employment there with the White Piano Company, staying with that company until his death.<sup>592</sup>

On 01 December 1900, Lucy E. Lambert of Jefferson County bought lot 3 and the west half of lot 2 in block 5 of Champion Addition to Fairbury in Jefferson County, from Minnie V. and her husband C. C.

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<sup>587</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 21: 542, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>588</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 21: 543, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>589</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 21: 547, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>590</sup> Charles F. Lambert household, 1900 U. S. census, Lancaster County, Nebraska, population schedule, Yankee Hill, enumeration district [ED] 85, supervisor’s district [SD] 1, page 4A, dwelling 69, family 69; National Archives micropublication T623, roll 934.

Chester T.’s name had been written over, leading the <www.ancestry.com> indexer to misread it.

<sup>591</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 19: 461.

<sup>592</sup> *The Fairbury News and Gazette*, 27 December 1923.

Fortune of Jefferson County, for \$1175.<sup>593</sup>

The City Directory of Fairbury, Nebraska, for 1904 listed C. T. Lambert.<sup>594</sup>

On 24 January 1907, all of Chester's siblings and heirs-in-law filed a special warranty deed, selling their mother Rebecca's six lots in Endicott to their father Thomas for \$1.00, recognizing that a mortgage still existed for \$300, and that the taxes had not been paid for 1906. They also filed on behalf of one of her grandchildren who was an heir. All the following were signatories to the deed: Wilbur C. Lambert, Alice Lambert, Wendall S. Lambert, Mary M. Lambert, Francis M. Lambert, Lillie M. Lambert, Chester T. Lambert, Lucy E. Lambert, Dora A. Shepherd, Stephen Shepherd, Mary W. Barnes, Sumerton Barnes, Livonia S. Elliott, and Thomas M. Elliott.<sup>595</sup>

On 23 April 1909, C. T. Lambert of Jefferson County bought lot 6, block 4 of Champlins Addition to Fairbury from Howard M. and his wife Maria A. Ryburn of Jefferson County, for \$2700.<sup>596</sup>

The Chester T. and Lucy Lambert family were enumerated in the 1910 U. S. census of Fairbury, Jefferson County, Nebraska, with Chester T. listed as the head of the family, age 38, born in Illinois, both parents born in Illinois; Lucy, wife, 38, born in Nebraska, both parents born in Iowa; and their children, Claude, son, 16, single, born in Nebraska; and Letha, daughter, 12, also born in Nebraska. Chester and Lucy had been married 18 years, with two children born, two living. Chester's father, Thomas Callahan Lambert, was living with the family, misidentified as T. Charles Lambert, father, 83, born in Illinois, his mother listed as being English and father German, as opposed to where they were born. Living with the family were two lodgers, Robert Britt, 29 and Sylvia Britt, 25, both born in Kansas.<sup>597</sup> Chester and/or Lucy continued to misreport the birth places of their parents, compared to earlier documentation.

On 22 November 1910, Lucy E. and her husband C. T. Lambert of Jefferson County sold lot 3 and the west half of lot 2 in block 5 of Champlin's Addition to Fairbury to Roxanna Wood of Jefferson County for \$2310.<sup>598</sup> This is the property for which they had paid \$1175 ten years earlier, realizing an almost 100 percent profit on their investment.

On 30 March 1911, C. T. and his wife Lucy E. Lambert of Jefferson County sold lot 6, block 4 in Champlin's Addition to Fairbury to J. C. Kennedy of Jefferson County, for \$3000.<sup>599</sup> This was the property that they had purchased two years earlier for \$2700.

The C. T. and Lucy E. Lambert family were enumerated in the 1920 U. S. census of Fairbury, Jefferson County, Nebraska, where C. T. was listed as the head of the family, renting his home, age 58,

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<sup>593</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 26: 317, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>594</sup> "The City Directory of Fairbury, Nebraska," online <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~nejeffer/1904fair.htm>>, Lambert data downloaded 28 July 2005.

<sup>595</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 32: 525-527, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>596</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 38: 68, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>597</sup> 1910 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Fairbury, ED 95, SD 4, p. 97B, dwelling 267, family 266.

<sup>598</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 40: 328, Fairbury, Nebraska.

<sup>599</sup> Jefferson County Deed Book 40: 541, Fairbury, Nebraska.

wage worker in a piano store, born in Illinois, father born in Illinois, mother's place of birth left blank; Lucy E., wife, 47, born in Nebraska, father born in Illinois, mother born in Illinois. With them was their daughter, Litha, age unreadable, single, born in Nebraska.<sup>600</sup>

On 19 December 1923, Chester Thomas Lambert, of 16<sup>th</sup> and G Street in Fairbury, Jefferson County, Nebraska, died of "cholaugitis" [not in a medical dictionary], secondary cause biliary caleuti [abnormality of the gall bladder]. Dr. W. Welsh of Fairbury certified that he had attended Chester from 16 to 19 December, and that no operation preceded the death. There was no autopsy, but the doctor had conducted a test to determine the cause of death, which revealed pus and calcuti. Mrs. C. T. Lambert, Chester's wife, served as the informant for the personal and statistical particulars on the death certificate. She reported that he had been born on 27 December 1870, and was 52 years, 11 months, 22 days old at the time of his death. He had been a piano salesman, born in Illinois. His parents were Thomas C. Lambert, born in Illinois, and Rebecca Wells, no place of birth given. The undertaker was H. A. Richardson of Fairbury, and place and date of burial was the Fairbury Cemetery on 22 December 1923.<sup>601</sup>

He was buried in block 191, lot 17 east, in space 7.<sup>602</sup>

Chester's obituary appeared in the *Fairbury News and Gazette*:

#### **Funeral of C. T. Lambert**

At the Methodist church Saturday morning, December 22, 1923, at 9:30 the funeral services of Chester T. Lambert was held. John Steidale, First Reader of the First Church of Christ, Scientist of Lincoln conducted the service.

Chester T. Lambert was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Lambert and was born in Champaign county, Illinois, being one of a family of eight children. One sister, Hattie, is dead, but three brothers, Wendell of Guide Rock, Frank of Lincoln, Will of Endicott and three sisters, Mrs. Thomas Wells, Endicott, Mrs. S. Shepherd and Mrs. Thos. Elliot of University Place, all survive and were present at the services.

With his parents when a small boy the deceased came to Jefferson county, the family settling near Endicott. December 27, 1891 he was united in marriage with Miss Lucy LeRow in Marshall county, Kansas. Two children were born to this union, they being Claude Lambert of this city and Mrs. Letha Birkholtz of Omaha and with the wife survive.

Something over twenty-years ago the family moved to Fairbury and Mr. Lambert had been connected with the White Piano Co., since that time.

Mrs. Lambert's father G. H. LeRow and her sister Mrs. C. Moore of Perkins, Okla., and another sister Mrs. W. J. Smith and husband of Esbon, Kansas, were here to attend the funeral.

Interment was made in the Fairbury cemetery.<sup>603</sup>

After Chester's death, Lucy went to live with her daughter, Litha Birkholtz, in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, where they were enumerated in the 1930 U. S. census for that location. Lucy was listed as the mother-in-law of the head of the household, Arthur Birkholtz. She was shown as age 57, widowed,

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<sup>600</sup> C. T. Lambert household, 1920 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Fairbury, enumeration district [ED] 102, supervisor's district [SD] 4, page 19B, dwelling 467, family 518; National Archives micropublication T625, roll 991.

<sup>601</sup> Chester Thomas Lambert, Nebraska state death certificate 11917.

<sup>602</sup> Letter, Craig Mahlock to the author, April 2005.

<sup>603</sup> *The Fairbury News and Gazette*, 27 December 1923.



age 20 at first marriage, born in Nebraska, both parents born in Iowa, with no occupation. Her daughter, Litha, was shown as age 33, born in Nebraska.<sup>604</sup>

At 6 a.m. on 30 December, 1933, Lucy E. Lambert died at the home of her daughter, Letha Birkholtz, at 3265 Dudley in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska. C. K. Elliott of 709 Federal Trust Building of Fairbury certified that he had attended the deceased from 24 December 1933 until the date of death. He listed her cause of death as chr. myocarditis, cardiac decompensation, and pulmonary edema. The date of onset for the first cause of death was 5 yrs. ago, the date of onset for the latter two causes of death was 7 days ago. Contributory causes of importance not related to the principal cause was bronchial asthma, [shown with two questions marks in ellipses after the annotation]. There was no autopsy. The informant for the personal and statistical particulars for the death certificate was Lucy's daughter Letha, who reported that Lucy's husband had been Chester T. Lambert. She had been born on 22 September 1871 in Jefferson County, Nebraska, and had lived to be 62 years, 3 months, and 9 days old. Her parents were George H. LeRow and Amanda Brass, birthplace of both unknown. The undertaker was Hodgman Mortuary of Lincoln, Nebraska.<sup>605</sup>

Lucy was buried in block 191, lot 17 east, space 5, on 02 January 1934.<sup>606</sup>

Her obituary appeared on the front page of *The Fairbury News and Gazette*:

**Mrs. C. T. Lambert Dies In Lincoln**

Mrs. C. T. Lambert, 62, a resident of Fairbury for thirty-three years, passed away Sunday morning, December 31, 1933, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Letha Birkholtz of Lincoln, with whom she had been; making her home recently. Besides her daughter, she is also survived by one son, Claude L. Lambert of Fairbury, and two grandchildren, Wayne and Phyllis Birkholtz of Lincoln.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at Richardson's chapel, conducted by Walter Jones, first reader of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Fairbury. Interment was in Fairbury cemetery.<sup>607</sup>

Chester Thomas Lambert and Lucy E. LeRow were the parents of the following two children:

- i. CLAUDE L.<sup>4</sup> LAMBERT, born 29 July 1894.<sup>608</sup>
- ii. LETHA LAMBERT, born 12 April 1898.<sup>609</sup>

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<sup>604</sup> C. T. Lambert household, 1920 U. S. census, Jefferson County, Nebraska, population schedule, Fairbury, enumeration district [ED] 102, supervisor's district [SD] 4, page 19B, dwelling 467, family 518; National Archives micropublication T625, roll 991.

<sup>605</sup> Lucy E. Lambert, Nebraska state death certificate D12289.

<sup>606</sup> Letter, Craig Mahlock to the author, April 2005.

<sup>607</sup> *The Fairbury News and Gazette*, 04 January 1934.

<sup>608</sup> Claude Lambert, no. 505-32-4241, Social Security Death Index, *FamilySearch* (Salt Lake City, Family History Library, 2000). The SSDI component of *FamilySearch* is drawn from the Social Security Death Benefits Index of the U. S. Social Security Administration.

<sup>609</sup> Letha Birkholtz, no. 505-30-8038, Social Security Death Index, <www.ancestry.com>. The SSDI component of <www.ancestry.com> is drawn from the Social Security Death Benefits Index of the U. S. Social Security Administration.

**16. Carrie Inez<sup>3</sup> Lambert** (Jacob<sup>1</sup>, Francis William<sup>2</sup>) was born 28 April 1862<sup>610</sup> at Mt. Gilead, Morrow County, Ohio;<sup>611</sup> and died 09 October 1936 at the Wyatt Hospital in Manning, Carroll County, Iowa.<sup>612</sup> She married 17 December 1884, in Newton, Jasper County, Iowa, **Calvin Leonidas Kerr**,<sup>613</sup> son of James Elder Kerr, Jr. and Clarissa Ann<sup>614</sup> Beatty.<sup>615</sup> Calvin was born on 11 July 1853,<sup>616</sup> likely Ross<sup>617</sup> County, Ohio; and died 10 August 1936 in Manilla, Crawford County, Iowa.<sup>618</sup>

Calvin Leonidas Kerr was enumerated in the 1860 census of Buckskin Township, Ross County, Ohio, where he was listed with his parents as Calvin L. Kerr, age 6, born in Ohio, both parents born in Ohio.<sup>619</sup>

Carrie's obituary stated her place of birth as "Gilliad" Ohio,<sup>620</sup> but her parents were living in Mt. Gilead, as well established by records of the time. When she was three, in 1865, her family moved to Illinois, then on to Jasper County, Iowa, two years later.<sup>621</sup>

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<sup>610</sup> Carrie L. Kerr, death certificate no. G14-277 (1936), Iowa Department of Public Health, Des Moines.

<sup>611</sup> *The Manilla Times*, 15 October 1936.

<sup>612</sup> Carrie L. Kerr, Iowa state death certificate G14-277.

<sup>613</sup> Jasper County Marriage Book 1: 74, Jasper County Clerk, Newton, Iowa.

<sup>614</sup> Calvin L. Kerr obituary, undated clipping from an unidentified newspaper, in family papers of author, 2005, given to him by Francis Lambert Kerr, the son of Calvin L. Kerr, in the late 1970s. This source is hereinafter cited as: Calvin L. Kerr obituary.

The style of writing, the typeface, and the fact that Calvin L. Kerr had lived in Manilla for 50 years, all imply that the news item was published soon after the event in *The Manilla Times*.

<sup>615</sup> Calvin L. Kerr, death certificate no. G24-110, (1936), Iowa Department of Public Health, Des Moines.

<sup>616</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>617</sup> James E. Kerr household, 1860 U. S. census, Ross County, Ohio, population schedule, Buckskin township, page 251, dwelling 159, family 155; National Archives micropublication M653, roll 1030.

<sup>618</sup> Carrie L. Kerr, Iowa state death certificate G14-277.

<sup>619</sup> 1860 U. S. census, Ross County, Ohio, population schedule, Buckskin township, p. 251, dwelling 159, family 155.

<sup>620</sup> *The Manilla Times*, 15 October 1936.

<sup>621</sup> *Morrow County Union Register*, 03 April 1907.

About that time, in 1865, Carrie had her portrait taken, showing her sitting in a child's chair.<sup>622</sup> Perhaps three years later, about 1868, she again had her portrait taken, this time with a doll. Both the portrait and the doll have been preserved to this day.<sup>623</sup>

Carrie first appeared in official records during the 1870 U. S. census of Newton Township, Jasper County, Iowa when she was enumerated with her parents as Carrie I. Lambert, age 8, born in Ohio.<sup>624</sup>

In 1866, Calvin moved with his parents to Saline County, Missouri,<sup>625</sup> was enumerated with his family in the 1870 census of Miami Township, Saline County, Missouri, as Calvin A. Kerr, 17, born in Ohio, both parents born in Ohio.<sup>626</sup> In 1874, Calvin's father died, and the family moved to Jasper County, Iowa.<sup>627</sup>

Calvin left home in 1878, at age 25, and went to Saunders County, Nebraska where he bought 80 acres from the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company for \$400. The property was described as the east half of the southwest quarter in section 27 of township 14 of range 6 east of the 6<sup>th</sup> Prime Meridian. The property was free of all encumbrances, except taxes for 1878 and thereafter<sup>628</sup>

On 11 April 1879, the County Treasurer's Office issued C. L. Kerr a receipt for \$4.38 for taxes he paid in full for 1878 for the property. This amount included 64 cents for state general tax, 16 cents for state sinking tax, 16 cents for state school tax, 6 cents for state univ'ty tax, \$1.44 for county general tax, \$1.60 for county sinking tax, and 32 cents for bridge tax. At the same time, he paid \$1.47 in personal taxes, to include 22 cents for state general tax, 5 cents for state sinking tax, 5 cents for state school tax, 2 cents for state univ'ty tax, 48 cents for county general tax, 54 cents for county sinking tax, and 11 cents for bridge tax, for a total of \$1.47. His total tax bill, for real estate and personal taxes for the year, came to

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<sup>622</sup> Carrie Inez Lambert portrait, original, identified and dated ca 1865 by her son, Francis Lambert Kerr, in the late 1970s. Photograph is of her in small chair, and is encased behind glass in a portrait box 3 \_" x 3 \_". In family papers of author, 2005, given to him by her only child, Francis Lambert Kerr, in the late 1970s.

<sup>623</sup> Carrie Inez Lambert portrait, original, identified and dated ca. 1868 by her son, Francis Lambert Kerr, in the late 1970s. Photograph is inscribed on verso, "Trader's New Photographic Art Gallery, West Side Square, Newton, Iowa, Duplicates, 25 Cents." Photograph shows her holding a doll, and is 2 \_" x 3 \_", card stock, brown tone.

In family papers of author, 2005, given to him by Francis Lambert Kerr, in the late 1970s. The doll is also in the author's possession.

<sup>624</sup> 1870 U. S. census, Jasper County, Iowa, population schedule, Newton post office, p. 370, dwelling 2, family 2.

<sup>625</sup> Calvin L. Kerr obituary, previously discussed.

<sup>626</sup> James E. Kerr household, 1870 U. S. census, Miami Township, Saline County, Missouri, population schedule, Marshall post office, page 224, dwelling 265, family 277, National Archives micropublication M593, roll 804.

<sup>627</sup> Calvin L. Kerr obituary, previously discussed.

<sup>628</sup> Saunders County Deed Book: 631, Register of Deeds, Wahoo, Nebraska.

\$5.85.<sup>629</sup>

On 22 October 1879, Calvin L. Kerr sold some personal property to his uncle John P. Beatty (his mother's brother) for \$170 and had the transaction notarized in Jasper County, Iowa. The property was described as "one dark bay team of horses, one a mare with white spot on nose and forehead; one a horse small white spot in forehead; also one heifer 2 yrs old light roan color (in Jasper Co, Iowa) and one Furst & Bradley Corn Cultivator," with the condition that the note was void if Calvin would "pay the full amount of principal and interest at the time therein specified, of his note given to one to Forrest Patterson for \$80 and one to Chas. Selshy for \$90, both dated Oct 21, 1879, and payable at Newton Iowa, on which said John P. Beatty is security."<sup>630</sup>

On 18 December 1879, C. Kerr Esq. was given a receipt by the land commissioner for \$24 "to be forwarded immediately to the Land Commissioner of the B. & M. R. R. R. Co. in Nebraska to apply on Con 14 97<sup>2</sup>."<sup>631</sup>

Calvin L. Kerr maintained an 1880 pocket memorandum with blue erasable pencil that recorded his expenses. Included were these expenses, "bought of R. H. Thomas: 50 lbs Flour, 1.85; keg of surep, 2.78; 2 lbs soda, .25; 4 lbs coffee 1.00; butter 1 \_ .20; shugar, .50; beans, .50, and straw latts, .45, for a total of 7.50. On 3 June he paid 1.50 for "one day planting," and paid another 1.50 on 8 June for the same. On entries for 15 July, he wrote: "Boght of R. A. Heaton, 2 2 by 8 = 14; 2 2 by 4 = 16; and 2 1 by 10 = 14," "Boght of R. H. Thomas, 2 \_ butter, .35; 1 cheeze, .15; 6 lbs appels, .35; and 1 \_ lbs crackers, .15," and he bought a brace for .90 and a bit for .30. Finally, on 25 August, he received from Charley Cox, "five sacks oats."<sup>632</sup>

On 01 March 1880, C. L. Kerr mortgaged personal property to George Wepking, both of Saunders County, for \$30. The property was described as "One farm wagon. Wagon been in use two years, also on 20 acres of which my east half, southwest quarter of section 24, town. 14, Range 6." He promised to pay \$30 by 01 October 1880, with 10 per cent interest, to get his property back, or forfeit the property to

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<sup>629</sup> Saunders County, Nebraska, 1878 tax receipt, County Treasurer's Office, Wahoo, Nebraska.

The original tax receipt was inherited by C. L. Kerr's only child, Francis Lambert Kerr, who, in turn, gave it to his grandson, the author, in the late 1970s and was in the possession of the author in 2005.

<sup>630</sup> Jasper County, Iowa, chattel mortgage, 22 October 1879, Newton, Iowa.

The original chattel mortgage was inherited by C. L. Kerr's only child, Francis Lambert Kerr, who, in turn, gave it to his grandson, the author, in the late 1970s, and was in the possession of the author in 2005.

<sup>631</sup> Burlington & Missouri River Rail Road Company, Land Commission Receipt, 18 December 1879.

The original receipt was inherited by C. L. Kerr's only child, Francis Lambert Kerr, who, in turn, gave it to his grandson, the author, in the late 1970s, and was in the possession of the author in 2005.

<sup>632</sup> "Farmers' Pocket Memorandum, 1880," (Moline, Iowa: Kennedy, Steam Printer). The pocket memorandum was stamped on the back with the business name, Gus. States, Valparaiso, Neb." Valparaiso is in Saunders County.

The original pocket memorandum was inherited by C. L. Kerr's only child, Francis Lambert Kerr, who, in turn, gave it to his grandson, the author, in the late 1970s, and was in the possession of the author in 2005.

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C. L. Kerr was enumerated in the 1880 U. S. census for Chapman precinct, Saunders County, Nebraska, as C. L. Kerr, 26, single, farmer, born in Ohio, both parents born in Ohio. He was living alone.<sup>634</sup>

Meanwhile, Carrie was enumerated with her parents during the 1880 U. S. census of Newton Township, Jasper County, Iowa, as Carrie Lambert, 18, single, born in Ohio.<sup>635</sup> She was educated in the area schools, and taught in the rural schools of Jasper County.<sup>636</sup>

About this time, Carrie sat for a formal portrait of her with her parents. It survives to this day.<sup>637</sup>

On 11 October 1880, Calvin's Uncle John P. Beatty signed a "Satisfaction Piece" in Jasper County, Iowa, declaring that the chattel mortgage made on 22 October 1879 involving horses, a heifer, and corn cultivator, was "redeemed, paid off, satisfied and discharged in full."<sup>638</sup>

On 18 October 1880, Calvin L. Kerr of Wahoo Nebraska, mortgaged personal property to W. H. Dickinson of Saunders County, for \$112. The property was described as: "one dark bay mare five (5) years old, one dark bay horse (7) seven years old, one set of good double harness, one lumber wagon in good running order, one two horse Faust & Bradly corn cultivator, one steel tooth harrow, all in my possession on sec 27, t 14 R6 East and free from encumbrance." He promised to pay \$112 by 18 February 1881, with

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<sup>633</sup> Saunders County, Nebraska, chattel mortgage, 01 March 1880.

The original chattel mortgage was inherited by C. L. Kerr's only child, Francis Lambert Kerr, who, in turn, gave it to his grandson, the author, in the late 1970s, and was in the possession of the author in 2005.

<sup>634</sup> C. L. Kerr household, 1880 U. S. census, Saunders County, Nebraska, population schedule, Chapman Precinct, enumeration district [ED] 173, supervisor's district [SD] 1, page 9, dwelling 79, family 84; National Archives micropublication T9, roll 755.

<sup>635</sup> 1880 U. S. census, Jasper County, Iowa, population schedule, Newton Township, ED 94, SD 3, p. 61, dwelling 614, family 646.

<sup>636</sup> *The Manilla Times*, 15 October 1936.

<sup>637</sup> Carrie Inez Lambert portrait, with parents Francis William Lambert and Phoebe Ann Brokaw, ca. 1880, original, identified in the late 1970s by her son Francis Lambert Kerr. Photograph is 5" x 7", card stock, brown tone.

In family papers of author, 2005, given to the author by Francis Lambert Kerr in the late 1970s.

<sup>638</sup> Saunders County, Nebraska, satisfaction piece, 01 March 1880. This document stated that the original chattel mortgage, dated 22 October 1879, had been filed in Saunders County in Liber E, of Records, page 574, on 03 November 1879.

The original satisfaction piece was inherited by C. L. Kerr's only child, Francis Lambert Kerr, who, in turn, gave it to his grandson, the author, in the late 1970s, and was in the possession of the author in 2005.

10 per cent interest, to get his property back, or forfeit the property to Dickinson.<sup>639</sup>

On 21 January 1881, Calvin [*sic.*] L. Kerr of Saunders County, Nebraska, mortgaged personal property to James B. Kerr of Jasper County, Iowa, described as: “one bay mare – spot in forehead. 5 years old. One dark bay horse seven years old. And harness for the team, upon condition, however, that if the said Calvin [*sic.*] L. Kerr shall pay to Clara A. Kerr [his mother] the one promissory note dated Jan 20, 1881 and described as follows, to wit: One for two hundred dollars, payable one year from date and save Harness James B. Kerr as security on said note with 10 percent interest, according to the tenor thereof, then these presents to be void; otherwise in full force.”<sup>640</sup>

On 09 March 1881, Calvin L. Kerr mortgaged personal property to George Wepking both of Saunders County, Nebraska, in the amount of \$23. The property was described as: “one large red cow 3 years old bought of said George Wepking March 9, 1881, also one farm wagon about half worn out – also one white calf with red ears, about 3 months old.” The terms were payment in full due “Eight” from date [perhaps months], with interest at 10 percent. One term was that “in case Note or any part thereof is not paid when due, or in case W. shall in any manner sell, or attempt to sell, or remove said property out of the county of Saunders, then the whole amount unpaid on said Note shall immediately become due and payable, and this sale absolute.”<sup>641</sup>

On 04 February 1882, Calvin L. Kerr mortgaged personal property to James D. Brown for \$250, described as: “One bay horse mule 4 years old named Jack, one sorrel mare 4 years old named Jenny, one dark bay horse 7 years old named Charley, one bright bay mare 6 years old named Nettie.” The note was due on 01 November 1882, with 10 percent interest.<sup>642</sup>

On 08 August 1882, Calvin L. Kerr mortgaged personal property to P. M. Marsh, both of Saunders County, for \$78.60 for “about 300 bushels of oats now in stack &- SW sec 27 – 14 – 6 & 15 acres of

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<sup>639</sup> Saunders County, Nebraska, chattel mortgage, 18 October 1880.

The original chattel mortgage was inherited by C. L. Kerr’s only child, Francis Lambert Kerr, who, in turn, gave it to his grandson, the author, in the late 1970s, and was in the possession of the author in 2005.

<sup>640</sup> Jasper County, Iowa, chattel mortgage, 21 January 1881.

The original chattel mortgage was inherited by C. L. Kerr’s only child, Francis Lambert Kerr, who, in turn, gave it to his grandson, the author, in the late 1970s, and was in the possession of the author in 2005.

<sup>641</sup> Saunders County, Nebraska, chattel mortgage, 09 March 1881.

The original chattel mortgage was inherited by C. L. Kerr’s only child, Francis Lambert Kerr, who, in turn, gave it to his grandson, the author, in the late 1970s, and was in the possession of the author in 2005.

<sup>642</sup> Saunders County, Nebraska, chattel mortgage, 04 February 1882.

A note was straight-pinned to the mortgage, stating: “Nov 8, 1882 Receive eighteen dollars & seventy five cents as int. Receive eighty one dollars & twenty five cents as part principle.”

The original chattel mortgage was inherited by C. L. Kerr’s only child, Francis Lambert Kerr, who, in turn, gave it to his grandson, the author, in the late 1970s, and was in the possession of the author in 2005.

corn now growing on same land.” The note was for 90 days at 10 percent interest.<sup>643</sup>

On 07 November 1882, C. L. Kerr of Saunders County, was elected to the office of Judge Elect for Chapman Precinct of Saunders County, Nebraska.<sup>644</sup>

On 09 December 1882, Calvin L. Kerr of Weston, Saunders County, mortgaged personal property to W. H. Dickinson of Saunders County, for \$224 for “one bay (dark) horse eight years old, one bay mare seven years old, one dark bay horse mule four years old, one fox colored mare mule four years old, being the same mules bought from J. D. Brown of Butler County, one set of good double hamers and one set of new double hamers, one new Newton wagon, and one old lumber wagon \_ worn in my possession on sec 27, T. – 14 – R – 6E in Saunders County Nebraska.” The note was due on 01 June 1883, with 10 percent interest.<sup>645</sup>

Calvin L. Kerr returned to Jasper County, Iowa to live in 1883, after spending five years in Saunders County, Nebraska.<sup>646</sup> On 17 December 1884, he and Carrie Inez Lambert married near Newton in Jasper County. R. A. Carmine joined them in marriage.<sup>647</sup> About this time, Calvin sat for a formal portrait, which survives to this day.<sup>648</sup>

The Calvin L. Kerr household was enumerated during the 1885 Iowa state census for Jasper County, Newton Township, as Calvin L., Township 80, Range 16, Section 23, country subdivision SW \_ SE \_, age 32, married, farmer, born in Ohio, both parents natives, subject to military duty, and entitled to vote;

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<sup>643</sup> Saunders County, Nebraska, chattel mortgage, 08 August 1882.

The original chattel mortgage was inherited by C. L. Kerr’s only child, Francis Lambert Kerr, who, in turn, gave it to his grandson, the author, in the late 1970s, and was in the possession of the author in 2005.

<sup>644</sup> Saunders County, Nebraska, Certificate of Election, C. L. Kerr, Judge of Elect, 18 November 1882.

The original certificate of election was inherited by C. L. Kerr’s only child, Francis Lambert Kerr, who, in turn, gave it to his grandson, the author, in the late 1970s, and was in the possession of the author in 2005.

<sup>645</sup> Saunders County, Nebraska, chattel mortgage, 09 December 1882.

The original chattel mortgage was inherited by C. L. Kerr’s only child, Francis Lambert Kerr, who, in turn, gave it to his grandson, the author, in the late 1970s, and was in the possession of the author in 2005.

<sup>646</sup> Calvin L. Kerr obituary, previously discussed.

<sup>647</sup> Jasper County Marriage Book 1:74. The original marriage certificate was inherited by C. L. Kerr’s only child, Francis Lambert Kerr, who, in turn, gave it to his grandson, the author, in the late 1970s, and was in the possession of the author in 2005.

<sup>648</sup> Calvin Leonidas Kerr portrait, original, inscribed and signed on verso, “C. L. Kerr,” taken likely around the date of marriage in 1884, with photographer’s imprint on verso, “Cliffords, Newton, Iowa,” Photograph is 4” x 6”, on card stock, brown tone.

In family papers of author, 2005, given to him by Francis Lambert Kerr, C. L. Kerr’s son, in the late 1970s.

and Carrie, same location, 22, married, born in Ohio, both parents natives.<sup>649</sup>

In 1885, Calvin united with the Methodist Church, and remained a member for the next fifty years. In 1887, Calvin and Carrie, with their newborn son, Francis Lambert Kerr, moved to Manilla, Crawford County, Iowa, where Calvin became engaged in selling buggies and harness.<sup>650</sup>

From 09 March 1886 until 24 January 1887, Calvin kept a 3" x 5" pocket account of his spending. Included were items, and their cost, such as "320 feet of Boards, 5.12; Nales, 6 lbs, .25; staples, .25; nales, 1.00; fensing, 10.85; 20 staples, .25; grass seed, 1.00; repairing hous, .50; nales, .25." Another entry was, "Diging Well \$11.20, Brick For Well 1200 = 60¢ for 100, 7.20; pump, 10.60." An unsigned receipt dated 24 January 1887 stated, "Received of C. L. Kerr in improvement on farm Seventy three \$ twenty ¢ in cash, to app. on rent of 1886."<sup>651</sup>

In 1888, Carrie sat for another formal portrait. It survives to this day.<sup>652</sup>

On 16 August 1888, C. L. Kerr signed a promissory note for \$82.50 and due 01 January 1890, with 10 percent interest, against Alexander Mitchell and J. W. Anderson. On 05 January 1891, in the law office of Thos. H. Smith and G. W. Cullison, he received a receipt on Smith & Cullison letterhead stationary for payment of the debt.<sup>653</sup>

On 05 March 1889, C. L. and his wife Carrie L. Kerr of Crawford County, Iowa, sold the 80 acres in Saunders County, Nebraska, that he had purchased ten years earlier, to Vencl Kacirek of Saunders County, for \$1500, \$100 short of quadrupling his investment.<sup>654</sup>

On 29 February 1892, Calvin signed a promissory note to John G. Wirtle of Newton, Iowa, for \$250, at 7 percent interest per annum. F. W. Lambert, his father-in-law, cosigned the note. It was paid off, as

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<sup>649</sup> Calvin L. Kerr household, 1885 Iowa state census, Jasper County, population schedule, Newton, page 7 ( pencil, left page) 38 (stamped, right page), line 19, dwelling<sup>49</sup>, family 49, reel 71, Iowa Historical Society, Polk Co, Des Moines, Family History Library microcopy 1021482.

<sup>650</sup> Calvin L. Kerr obituary, previously discussed.

<sup>651</sup> "Journal of C. L. Kerr," (1886-1887), unpublished, in family papers of author, 2005, given to him by Francis Lambert Kerr, C. L. Kerr's son, in the late 1970s.

<sup>652</sup> Carrie Inez Lambert photograph, inscribed and signed on verso, "Calvin Kerr's wife, C. A. Kerr, 1889, Uncle Calvin and Aunt Carrie, W. C. Kerrs oldest Brother," with photographer's imprint on verso, "O. H. Spencer, Art Photography, Brunner & Jones' Block, Circleville, Ohio. Negatives Preserved, Duplicates can be had at any time, Instantaneous process used exclusively." Photographer's imprint on front, "Spencer's Circleville Ohio. Cabinet Portraits." Photograph is 3 " x 5 " , yellow-green card stock, brown tone.

In family papers of author, 2005, given to the author by Francis Lambert Kerr, Carrie's son, in the late 1970s.

<sup>653</sup> Harlan, Iowa, receipt for payment of debt, 05 January 1891.

<sup>654</sup> Saunders County Deed Book: 210, Wahoo, Nebraska.



PAID was written across the face of the note.<sup>655</sup>

On 15 July 1892, C. L. Kerr of Crawford County, Iowa, bought 80 acres in adjacent Shelby County for \$2400 from Wesley J. and his wife Dora A. Kelley of Shelby County. It was described as the east half of the southwest quarter of section 5, township 81 north range 37 west 5<sup>th</sup> P. M. Iowa. The Kelleys still had a \$1000 mortgage to pay on the land, due 01 September 1896.<sup>656</sup>

According to original tax receipts for each year beginning with 1892, and going through 1908, with the exception of no receipts for 1905, Calvin L. Kerr paid real estate taxes on the 80 acres to Treasurer's Office for Shelby County, Iowa, in the county seat of Harlan. The back of each receipt reported the tax levies for Shelby County. In 1892, for Shelby County, Jefferson Township, there were 25 \_ levies, itemized as follows: state, 2; county, 6; bridge, 3, school, 1; insane, 1; orphans' home, \_; teachers, 9 \_; contingent, 2 \_; with no levies for school house, corporation, or general road. For Calvin's 80 acres, in 1892, the south 40 acres were valued at 280; the north 40 acres were valued at 285. Total taxes for 1892 were \$14.99.<sup>657</sup>

Original real estate tax receipts for the 80 acres beginning in 1893, and to include personal property taxes for years after 1896 were as follows: 1893 -- \$18.01; 1894 -- \$21.06; 1895 -- \$25.55; 1896 -- \$20.94; 1897 -- \$26.27, to include personal property tax of \$2.53; 1898 -- \$20.72, to include personal property tax of \$1.55, poll tax of .25, and dog tax of .25; taxes remained the same in 1899; 1900 -- \$28.35, to include personal property tax of \$2.62, poll tax of .25, and dog tax of .25; 1901 -- a combined tax of \$30.84; 1902 -- a combined tax of \$30.35; 1903 -- a combined tax of \$31.24; 1904 -- a combined tax of \$37.38; 1906 -- a combined tax of \$43.37; 1907 -- a combined tax of \$56.10; and 1908 -- a combined tax of \$67.19. <sup>658</sup>

In 1894, Calvin and family moved to the farm southeast of Manilla, Crawford County, Iowa,<sup>659</sup> and occupied the land that they had purchased two years earlier.

Calvin L. and his wife Carrie L. Kerr, were enumerated during the 1895 Iowa State census for Manilla, Crawford County, Iowa, as Calvin L., 41, born in Ohio, buggy dealer, Meth.[odist], subject to military duty, entitled to vote at general elections; and Carrie L., 32, born in Ohio, Meth.. Enumerated with them was their only child, Francis L. Kerr, 7, born in Jasper County, Iowa.<sup>660</sup>

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<sup>655</sup> Newton, Iowa, promissory note, 29 February 1892.

The original promissory note was inherited by C. L. Kerr's only child, Francis Lambert Kerr, who, in turn, gave it to his grandson, the author, in the late 1970s, and was in the possession of the author in 2005.

<sup>656</sup> Crawford County Deed Book 110: 301, Recorder's Office, Denison, Iowa.

<sup>657</sup> Shelby County, Iowa, tax receipt, 12 July 1892, Harlan, Iowa.

The original tax receipt was inherited by C. L. Kerr's only child, Francis Lambert Kerr, who, in turn, gave it to his grandson, the author, in the late 1970s, and was in the possession of the author in 2005.

<sup>658</sup> Shelby County, Iowa, tax receipts, 1893 – 1904, and 1906 – 1908.

The original tax receipts were inherited by C. L. Kerr's only child, Francis Lambert Kerr, who, in turn, gave them to his grandson, the author, in the late 1970s, and was in the possession of the author in 2005.

<sup>659</sup> Calvin L. Kerr obituary, previously discussed.

<sup>660</sup> Calvin L. Kerr household, 1895 Iowa state census, Crawford County, population schedule, Manilla, Family History Library microcopy 1020194. page 19 (pencil, left page) 49 (stamped, right page), line 1, dwelling 92, family 92, microcopy 140, volume 315, Iowa State Historical Department Museum, Archives, Des Moines, Family History Library microfilm 1020194.

Calvin and Carrie maintained a detailed income and expense account in a bound, 8" x 13", 127- page ledger for the period 03 January 1899 to 23 January 1914. In it, they recorded every household expense, including the cost of each grocery item. Income for the month of January, 1899, for example, included \$10.23 for 64.75 pounds of butter and \$2.42 for 14 dozen eggs. In February, 1899, they received \$125.15 for four head of cattle, and \$233.47 for 35 hogs.<sup>661</sup>

Expenses shown in the ledger for January, 1899 included \$100 for 400 bushels of corn, \$10.15 for dry goods and groceries, \$2.60 for medicine, \$1.60 for shoeing horses, \$1.95 for lumber, \$.10 for beef, and \$.30 for making out papers. In February, 1899, they paid \$.10 for coffee, \$1.50 for clothing, \$2.00 for oil and can, \$2.92 for dry goods and groceries, \$7.70 for clover seed, \$1.50 for coal, and \$.15 for hand medicine.<sup>662</sup>

The Calvin L. and Carrie Kerr family were enumerated in the 1900 U. S. census for Jefferson Township, Shelby County, Iowa as Calvin L., head of family, born Jul 1853, age 46, born in Ohio, parents born in Ohio, farmer fully employed, owned his mortgaged home; and Carrie, wife, born Apr 1862, age 38, born in Ohio, parents born in Ohio. They had been married for 15 years. With them was their son, Francis L., born Jun 1888, age 12. He was born in Ohio, and he was listed "at school."<sup>663</sup> Actually, Francis was born in 1887,<sup>664</sup> and he would have been 13 one week later. Perhaps the census taker, hearing that he was 12, and was having a birthday that month, miscalculated his date of birth by one year.

On 09 January 1907, Calvin received a guarantee on a lightning rod that he purchased for \$50. The guarantee stated that if the building were damaged within a 20 year period by lightning, then the Omaha Lightning Rod & Electric Company would refund his \$50 and remove the lightning rod from the building.<sup>665</sup>

On 01 March 1907, C. L. Kerr of Shelby County, Iowa purchased 80 acres from Martha M. and her husband Miles Woolman of Carroll County, Iowa for \$4800. The property was described as the south half of the northwest quarter of section 5, township 81, range 37, west 5<sup>th</sup> P. M.<sup>666</sup> This acreage joined the 80 acres that Calvin had purchased in 1892 for exactly half of what he paid for this latest purchase.

On 23 March 1907, Calvin L. and his wife Carrie Kerr of Shelby County, Iowa, mortgaged their 80 acres for \$1500. The note was due 01 October 1912, at five percent per annum, payable on the first day of

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<sup>661</sup> "Ledger," 1899-1914, unpublished, page 2.

The original ledger was inherited by C. L. Kerr's only child, Francis Lambert Kerr, who, in turn, gave it to his grandson, the author, in the late 1970s, and was in the possession of the author in 2005.

<sup>662</sup> Ibid., page 3.

<sup>663</sup> Calvin L. Kerr household, 1900 U. S. census, Shelby County, Iowa, population schedule, Jefferson Township, enumeration district [ED] 172, supervisor's district [SD] 9, sheet 7B, dwelling 129, family 133; National Archives micropublication T623, roll 459.

<sup>664</sup> Francis Lambert Kerr, death certificate no. 114-(blank) (1985), Iowa Department of Public Health, Des Moines.

<sup>665</sup> Omaha Lightning Rod & Electric Company, guarantee, 09 January 1907.

<sup>666</sup> Shelby County Deed Book 190: 330, Harlan, Iowa.

October and April in each year.<sup>667</sup> They signed a promissory note, negotiated by J. G. Wadsworth of Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie County, Iowa, with interest coupon notes attached written in amounts of \$37.50, payable twice a year. All the coupon notes were stamped in red, "CANCELLED."<sup>668</sup>

On 18 April 1907, J. G. Wadsworth of Council Bluffs, did "hereby assign, transfer and set over unto the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, a corporation under the laws of New Jersey, located at Newark, New Jersey," the mortgage dated 23 March 1907 signed by Calvin L. and his wife Carrie Kerr.<sup>669</sup> On 05 July 1910, The Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, certified that it received full payment of all sums due on the mortgage.<sup>670</sup>

Calvin L. and Carrie L. Kerr were enumerated in the 1910 U. S. census for Jefferson Township, Shelby County, Iowa as Calvin L., head of the family, age 56, born in Ohio, both parents born in Ohio, farmer, stock and grain; Carrie L., wife, age 47, assisting on the farm, born in Ohio, both parents born in Ohio. They had been married 25 years. With them was their only child, Francis L. Kerr, age 22, single, born in Iowa, assisting on the home farm.<sup>671</sup>

On 16 June 1913, Carrie L. Kerr of Shelby County bought lot 6 in block 30 in the town of Manilla just a few miles from the family farm, from her mother Phebe A. Lambert, a widow, of Crawford County, Iowa, for \$1500.<sup>672</sup> Calvin and Carrie moved into Manilla, Crawford County, Iowa, and resided there with her mother, leaving their farm to their only child, Francis Lambert Kerr.<sup>673</sup>

Calvin maintained an active interest in the farm, evidenced by a 142-page journal he kept from 30 October 1918 until 14 July 1936, less than a month before his death. Early in the journal, he detailed farm transactions, and later in the journal, charitable donations and personal expenditures. Of significance is the entry for 20 May 1919: "Sent J. G. Wadsworth & Co. One Thousand & twenty five dollars (\$1025.00) to

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<sup>667</sup> Crawford County, Iowa, indenture, 23 March 1907, Denison, Iowa. It was recorded in the Shelby County mortgage book 180, page 114, on 15 April 1907.

The original indenture is in family papers of the author, 2005, given to him by Francis Lambert Kerr, the only child of C. L. Kerr, in the late 1970s.

<sup>668</sup> Council Bluffs, Iowa, promissory note, 23 March 1907.

The original promissory note is in family papers of the author, 2005, given to him by Francis Lambert Kerr, the only child of C. L. Kerr, in the late 1970s.

<sup>669</sup> Shelby County, Iowa, assignment of mortgage, 23 March 1907, Harlan, Iowa. It was recorded in the Shelby County Recorder's Office Book 192: 615.

The original assignment of mortgage is in family papers of the author, 2005, given to him by Francis Lambert Kerr, the only child of C. L. Kerr, in the late 1970s.

<sup>670</sup> Shelby County, Iowa, release of mortgage, 05 July 1910. It was recorded in the Shelby County Recorder's Office Book 199: 40.

The original release of mortgage is in family papers of the author, 2005, given to him by Francis Lambert Kerr, the only child of C. L. Kerr, in the late 1970s.

<sup>671</sup> Calvin L. Kerr household, 1910 U. S. census, Shelby County, Iowa, population schedule, Jefferson Township, enumeration district [ED] 172, supervisor's district [SD] 9, page 107A, dwelling 196, family 196; National Archives micropublication T624, roll 423, part 2.

<sup>672</sup> Deed Record Town Lots 3: 628, Crawford County Recorder's Office.

<sup>673</sup> Calvin L. Kerr obituary, previously discussed.

pay balance on the Mortgage on my farm. Located in Jefferson township, Shelby Co. Iowa. C. L. Kerr.” From 20 July 1920 to 09 April 1921, he bought 13 bottles of “kidney medison” at \$2.00 a bottle. He labeled one page, “The Lord’s Money,” and detailed how he distributed \$279.04, which was one-tenth of his income and was taken from his overpayment of income tax. Recipients included the M. E. Church, Salvation Army, Child Savings Institute, Read [*sic.*] Cross, Children Sday, C. H. Riggs Mishenary, Omaha Bible Institute, Negro Mishinary, Near East Relief, Prechers Ade, the Methodist League, ball on Preacher’s salery, church debt, children’s day, religas papor, Penticostal Pob. Co., Christian Witness,” and on and on. Contributions varied from 25 cents to \$25.25. He typically gave \$5 a month to the M. E. Church, and \$1 a week for the pastor’s salary. He listed what people owed him, his certificates of deposit, and detailed grocery lists.<sup>674</sup>

In Manilla, Calvin, Carrie, and Phoebe were all enumerated in the 1920 U. S. census there, as Calvin L. Kerr, head of family, age 66, no occupation; Carrie I. Kerr, wife, 58, no occupation; and Phoebe A. Lambert, mother-in-law, 80, no occupation. All were born in Ohio, and all their parents were born in Ohio.<sup>675</sup> Actually, both of Phoebe’s parents were born in New Jersey, as established by previous and later documentation.

The 1930 U. S. census for Manilla, district 18, listed C. L. Kerr, head of the family, owned his own home valued at \$1500, owned a radio, married, age 31 at first marriage, age 76, born in Ohio, both parents born in Ohio, no occupation; Carrie Kerr, 67, age 22 at first marriage, born in Ohio, both parents born in Ohio, no occupation; and Ann Lambert, mother-in-law, 91, born in Ohio, both parents born in New Jersey, no occupation.<sup>676</sup>

On 19 March 1935, J. E. and his wife Margaret A. Packard of Woodbury County, Iowa; M. C. and his wife Blanche Packard Stone of Minnehaha County, Minnesota; and C. A. and his wife Marjean Packard of Cook County, Illinois sold lots 11 and 12, block 30, Milwaukee Land Company, first addition, town of Manilla, Crawford County, Iowa, to C. L. Kerr of Crawford County, for \$1.<sup>677</sup>

On 10 August 1936, Calvin Leonidas Kerr died at his home “after an illness of a few weeks. Death was attributed to complications resulting from the heat and old age.”<sup>678</sup>

His death certificate stated his place of death as Nishnabotna Township, Manilla, Crawford County, Iowa. Dr. Edward M. Mark of Manilla certified that he attended Calvin from 24 July 1936 to 10 August 1936, and that he died at 3:45 p.m. The principal cause of death was pyelitis [inflammation of the pelvis of a kidney], contributory causes were age, prostatic [prostate] obstruction, and cardiac decompensation [inability of the heart to maintain adequate circulation]. The diagnosis was clinical, with no autopsy.

Calvin’s son, Francis, served as the informant for the personal and statistical particulars. Her reported that Calvin was married to Carrie Kerr, and that he had been born on 11 July 1853 in Ohio. He had lived

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<sup>674</sup> “Journal,” C. L. Kerr, 1918 – 1936, unpublished, 142 pages.

<sup>675</sup> Calvin L. Kerr household, 1920 U. S. census, Shelby County, Iowa, population schedule, Jefferson Township, enumeration district [ED] 82, supervisor’s district [SD] 10, page 1A, dwelling 4, family4; National Archives micropublication T625, roll 485.

<sup>676</sup> Calvin L. Kerr household, 1930 U. S. census, Crawford County, Iowa, population schedule, Nishnabotny Township, enumeration district [ED] 24-18, supervisor’s district [SD] 5, sheet 2B, dwelling 59, family 59; National Archives micropublication roll 650.

<sup>677</sup> Town Lots Deed Record Book 15: 223, Crawford County Recorder’s Office, Denison, Iowa.

<sup>678</sup> Calvin L. Kerr obituary, previously discussed.

to be 83 years, 0 months, and 29 days old, and was a retired farmer. His father was James E. Kerr, his mother was Clara Beatty, and both were born in Ohio. The licensed embalmer was Gidbert J. Disburg of Manilla, and Calvin was buried on 12 August 1936 in the Manilla, Iowa cemetery.<sup>679</sup>

Calvin was buried in the Nishnabotny Cemetery northwest of Manilla. His tombstone reads, "Father Calvin L. Kerr 1853-1936."<sup>680</sup>

Calvin did not leave a will.<sup>681</sup>

Calvin's obituary detailed his life:

**Calvin L. Kerr, Pioneer Citizen, Died Monday**

Calvin L. Kerr, resident of this community for the past 50 years, passed away at his home Monday, August 10, 1936, after an illness of a few weeks. Death was attributed to complications resulting from heat and old age.

Mr. Kerr was one of the types of pioneers who well knew the hardships early settlers encountered. Through his industrious and frugal ways he proved himself a successful farmer, until 1913, when he and his wife retired from active farm work and came to Manilla, where they have since made their home.

Calvin L. Kerr was born in southern Ohio on July 11, 1853, the son of James E. and Clarissa A. Kerr, and departed this life at his home at Manilla on August 10, 1936, at the age of 83 years and 29 days.

In 1866 he moved with his parents to Saline County, Missouri, where they resided until the death of his father in 1874, after which time the family went to Jasper County, Iowa.

When he became of age, Mr. Kerr left home and settled in Saunders County, Nebraska, where he purchased a piece of railroad land. He resided here for five years and then returned to Jasper County, Iowa, in the year 1883.

He was united in marriage to Carrie Lambert at Newton, Iowa, on December 17, 1884. To this union one child, Francis L. Kerr, was born. In 1887 the family moved to Manilla where Mr. Kerr was engaged in the business of selling buggies and harness.

In 1894 they located on a farm southeast of Manilla which is now occupied by the son, Francis Kerr, and his family.

In 1885 he united with the Methodist church which he has actively supported for the past fifty years and in that faith he peacefully passed away at 3:45 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Besides his wife, he is survived by one son, Francis, three grandchildren, Donald, Madelyn, and Mrs. Rachel Hemminger, four brothers, James, William, Samuel, and Edward, all of Seattle Wash., and three sisters, Mrs. Margaret Harrah, of Seattle, Wash., Mrs. Emily Craven of Sacramento, Calif., and Mrs. Marthena Gosslin of Portland, Ore.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 10:00 o'clock at the home with Rev. D. I. Hower conducting the funeral services. Mrs. Harry Frace and Miss Mary Simmerman sang "Saved By Grace" and "Have Thine Own Way Lord." Interment was made in the family lot in the Nishnabotna cemetery.

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<sup>679</sup> Calvin L. Kerr, Iowa state death certificate G24-110.

<sup>680</sup> Carrie Lambert Kerr tombstone, Nishnabotny Cemetery, Crawford County, Iowa (1 mile W of Manilla on Iowa Route 141, and \_ mile north, visible from Route 141, stone in central portion of the cemetery); photographed by the author, June 2004.

<sup>681</sup> Letter from Crawford County Clerk of Probate (1202 Broadway, Denison, IA 51442) to Larry Patrick Cornwell, 01 November 1979; held in 2005 by the author.

Pall bearers were John Vennink, Robert Flint, N. B. McCracken, Dave Kensinger, Francis Hemminger and Nels Nelson.

Those from a distance here to attend the funeral services were Samuel Kerr of Seattle, Wash., Donald Kerr of Council Bluffs, Miss Madelyn Kerr of Des Moines and Mrs. Elmer Sutton of Harlan.<sup>682</sup>

Calvin's son, Francis L. Kerr, of Greeley Township, Shelby County, Iowa, was appointed administrator of Calvin's estate. There was no will. Total itemized receipts (amounts collected that were owed to Calvin) were \$2592.73. Total itemized expenditures to settle debts were \$1505.51. They included \$328.25 paid to W. C. White for funeral expenses, \$365.00 paid to J. F. Bloom & Co. for the monument, and \$367.54 paid to himself for administrator's fees. Calvin's 160 acres was appraised at \$12,000, and lots 11 and 12 in block 30 in Manilla were appraised at \$1,500. Francis' final report was dated 28 September 1937.<sup>683</sup>

Two months after Calvin's death, Carrie died on 09 October 1936 at the Wyatt Memorial Hospital in Manning, in adjacent Carroll County, Iowa. Dr. O. W. Wyatt of Manning certified that he had attended her from 25 September to 09 October, and that she died at 9:38 a.m. of "hypertrophy and acute dilation of heart," with onset of 09 October, and secondary causes of "chronic arthritis (several years) and fracture of hip (17 September 1936)." Dr. Wyatt indicated that the hip fracture happened during a fall in the home, and was not in any way related to her occupation. Carrie's son Francis L. Kerr of Manilla, Iowa served as the informant for the death certificate's personal and statistical particulars. She was the widow of C. L. Kerr, a housewife, and was born on 28 April 1862. She had lived to be 74 years, 5 months, and 11 days old. She was the daughter of Francis W. Lambert and Phoebe Ann Brokaw. All three were born in Ohio. The licensed embalmer was Gilbert J. Disburg of Manilla, and burial was in the Manilla cemetery on 11 October 1936.<sup>684</sup> (Although the doctor certified that her injury occurred at home in Carroll County, her home was actually in adjacent Crawford County.)

Carrie was buried next to Calvin in the Nishnabotny Cemetery near Manilla. Her tombstone reads, "Mother Carrie Lambert Kerr 1862 – 1936."<sup>685</sup>

Her obituary appeared in The Manilla Times for 15 October 1936, and was a good summary of her life:

**Held Services Sunday For Mrs. C. L. Kerr**

Mrs. C. L. Kerr passed away Friday morning at the Wyatt Memorial hospital in Manning. She suffered two bad falls recently and about two weeks ago she was removed to the hospital where she was found to have a fractured hip. Although they had been unable to set the fractured member her condition was considered favorable until Friday morning when embolism caused her immediate death.

Carrie L. Kerr was born April 28, 1862, at Gilliad, Ohio, the daughter of Francis W. and Phoebe Ann Lambert, and passed away October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1936, being 74 years, 5 months and 11 days at the time of her death.

As a child she lived with her parents in Illinois until she was 3 years of age when

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<sup>682</sup> Calvin L. Kerr obituary, previously discussed.

<sup>683</sup> Crawford County Probate File I-184, County Clerk's Office, Denison, Iowa.

<sup>684</sup> Carrie L. Kerr, Iowa state death certificate G14-277.

<sup>685</sup> Carrie Lambert Kerr tombstone, Nishnabotny Cemetery, Crawford County, Iowa (1 mile W of Manilla on Iowa Route 141, and \_ mile north, visible from Route 141, stone in central portion of the cemetery); photographed by the author, June 2004.

they moved to Newton, Iowa. It was there she gained her education in the schools of that district and where she also taught in the rural schools.

She was married to Calvin L. Kerr at Newton, Iowa, December 17, 1884, and two years ago Mr. and Mrs. Kerr were privileged to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary together. After their marriage they continued to reside in Jasper county for three years, when they moved to Manilla, which had since been their home.

One child, a son, Francis L., was born to this union and he with three grandchildren, Madylon [*sic.*, Madelyn], and Donald Kerr and Mrs. Rachel Hemminger, survive her. Mr. Kerr preceded his wife in death about two months ago, having passed away August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Services were held at the home Sunday at 2 o'clock in the afternoon with the Rev. D. I. Hower of Dow City conducting the services. Rev. Jensen read Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar." Interment was made in the family lot in the Nishnabotny cemetery.

Pall bearers were John Vennink, Robert Flint, Newt. McCracken, Nels. Nelson, Francis Hemminger and Dave Kensinger.

Out-of-town relatives here to attend the services were Mrs. Mina McCarty of Newton, Madylon [*sic.*] Kerr of Des Moines and Donald Kerr of Council Bluffs.<sup>686</sup>

Carrie's son, Francis L. Kerr, of R. F. D., Manilla, Iowa, was appointed administrator of Carrie's estate. There was no will. Total itemized receipts (amounts collected that were owed to Carrie) were \$513.06, mostly from the sale of some of her furniture, and from \$16.00 monthly rent. Items sold included two rocking chairs for \$3.00, dresser for \$4.50, swivel chair for \$2.00, bed for \$.50, cobs for \$1.50, stand for \$.75, two plush chairs and four rockers for \$4.50, bed for \$5.00, rug for \$2.50, and sewing machine for \$3.00. Itemized disbursements totaling \$389.15 included \$5.00 for funeral services paid to Rev. C. O. Jensen, \$9.00 to Dr. A. Gelande, \$5.80 paid to *The Manilla Times* for administrator's notices, \$20.00 to the M. E. church for pledge for the year 1936-1937. The remainder was paid to clean and fix up the house, attorney's fees, court costs, etc. Real property value totaled \$5700, to include \$4000 for the undivided 1/3 of the 160 acres, \$500 for lots 11 and 12 in Manilla, and \$1200 for lot 6 in Manilla. Value of cash, certificates of deposit, and accounts receivable totaled \$519.51. Stocks, bonds, notes, and mortgages totaled \$4333.32. Francis' final report was dated 08 November 1937.<sup>687</sup>

Carrie Inez Lambert and Calvin Leonidas Kerr had the following child:

- i. FRANCIS LAMBERT<sup>4</sup> KERR, born 08 June 1887.<sup>688</sup>

17. **Jacob J.<sup>3</sup> Lambert** (Jacob<sup>1</sup>, Francis William<sup>2</sup>) was born February 1854<sup>689</sup> in Ohio,<sup>690</sup> and

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<sup>686</sup> *The Manilla Times*, 15 October 1936.

<sup>687</sup> Crawford County Probate File I-200, County Clerk's Office, Denison, Iowa.

<sup>688</sup> Francis Lambert Kerr, Iowa state death certificate 114-(blank).

<sup>689</sup> 1900 U. S. census, Jackson County, Missouri, population schedule, Kansas City, Ward 5, ED 45, SD 5, pp 13-14, dwelling 229, family 301.

<sup>690</sup> 1860 U. S. census, Morrow County, Ohio, population schedule, Mt. Gilead, p. 194, dwelling 260, family 260.

died after the 1910 U. S. census.<sup>691</sup> He married, 07 November 1876, **Mary Merriman**.<sup>692</sup> Mary was born in 1850 in Ohio,<sup>693</sup> likely Marsailles, Wyandot County,<sup>694</sup> the daughter of Charles and Susan Merriman,<sup>695</sup> and died 17 March 1887 in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.<sup>696</sup>

Mary Merriman was likely born in Marsailles, Wyandot County, Ohio, where her family was enumerated in the 1850 census, apparently just before she was born. Her family, at that time, consisted of Charles, 52, merchant, born in Pennsylvania; Susan Merriman, 42; and all the children born in Ohio: Willis, 21; Enoch, 19; Sarah, 11; Isabel, 9; and Philetta, 5.<sup>697</sup>

In the 1860 U. S. census for Kenton, Hardin County, Ohio, Mary is enumerated in the S. Merriman family where her father is missing, with S. Merriman, 52; Willis, 31, Isabella, 18; Philetta, 14; and Mary, 10. S. Merriman was most likely Mary's mother, as the age is right. All were born in Ohio.<sup>698</sup>

In the 1870 U. S. census for Kenton, Hardin County, Ohio, Mary, 20, was enumerated in the George Merriman household with Susan, 62.<sup>699</sup> George, 44, was perhaps a son of Susan, already out of the house by the 1850 and 1860 censuses.

Jacob was enumerated with his parents in the 1860 U. S. census for Mt. Gilead, Morrow County, Ohio as Jacob J. Lambert, age 6, born in Ohio. Enumerated with him were his parents, Henry E. Lambert, 28,

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<sup>691</sup> Jacob Laubert entry, 1910 U. S. census, Jackson County, Missouri, population schedule, Kansas City, Ward 8,, enumeration district [ED] 103, page 76A, line 25, 1808 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, no dwelling number, no family number; National Archives micropublication T624, roll 787, part 1.

Ancestry.com's index spells his name Laubert.

<sup>692</sup> Hardin County Marriage Records 5: 313, County Clerk's Office, Kenton, Ohio.

<sup>693</sup> 1880 U. S. census, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Pittsburgh, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, 20<sup>th</sup> Ward, ED 146, SD 9, pp. 7-8, dwelling 62, family 62.

<sup>694</sup> Charles Merriman household, 1850 U. S. census, Wyandot County, Ohio, population schedule, Marsailles township, page 353, dwelling 9, family 1835; National Archives micropublication M432, roll 741.

<sup>695</sup> Charles Merriman household, 1850 U. S. census, Wyandot County, Ohio, population schedule, Marsailles township, page 353, dwelling 9, family 1835; National Archives micropublication M432, roll 741.

<sup>696</sup> Mrs. Mary Lambert obituary, *The Morrow County Sentinel*, Mount Gilead, Morrow County, Ohio, 24 March 1887, page 4, column 7.

<sup>697</sup> 1850 U. S. census, Wyandot County, Ohio, population schedule, Marsailles township, p. 353, dwelling 9, family 62.

<sup>698</sup> S. Merriman household, 1860 U. S. census, Kenton, Hardin County, Ohio, population schedule, post office Kenton, page 426, dwelling 113, family 111; National Archives micropublication M653, roll 983.

<sup>699</sup> George Merriman household, 1870 U. S. census, Kenton, Hardin County, Ohio, population schedule, post office Kenton, page 496, dwelling 447, family 442; National Archives micropublication M593, roll 1219.



hardware merchant; Hannah Lambert, 28; and younger sister, Jeannie, 4, all born in Ohio.<sup>700</sup>

He was enumerated in the 1870 U. S. census for the same location, living with his employer, David Poland, 42, grocer; and Charlotte Poland, 34, seamstress; as Jacob Lambert, age 16, “clerks in his shop,” born in Ohio.<sup>701</sup>

J. J. Lambert and Mary Merriman certified on their marriage license that they were at least 21 and 18 years of age, respectively. They were legally joined in marriage by a minister, J. A. Ferguson.<sup>702</sup>

In the 1880 U. S. census for the 3<sup>rd</sup> District, 20<sup>th</sup> Ward, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Jacob, Mary, and their son, H. J. Lambert, were enumerated living with Jacob’s parents and Jacob’s younger sister. Jacob was listed as J. J. Lambert, 27, son, married, occupation salesman; Mary was 31, daughter-in-law, married, occupation “lame,” with a check mark in the column, “maimed, crippled, bedridden, or otherwise disabled.” Their son was listed as H. J. Lambert, 2, grandson. All of Jacob’s family were born in Ohio.<sup>703</sup>

In 1887, Jacob J. Lambert suffered two tragedies, the death of his three-year-old son, Charley, and, two months later, the death of his wife, Mary. Charley’s obituary related his short life:

#### **OBITUARY**

LAMBERT – Died at the home of his parents, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 1887, CHARLES M. LAMBERT, aged 3 years and 12 days.

Charley, as he was called, was a bright and promising boy, and the pride of his parents, but alas, the hand of disease has taken him to rest. His remains were brought to Mt. Gilead, Ohio, by his grandparents and for the present placed in the city vault. His final resting place will be in the family lot in the cemetery at this place.<sup>704</sup>

Mary’s obituary followed, two months later:

#### **OBITUARY**

LAMBERT – Died, suddenly, from heart disease, at her home in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1886 [*sic.*], MRS. MARY LAMBERT, wife of J. J. Lambert, formerly of Mt. Gilead.

The deceased was in her usual health on Wednesday and wrote a long and loving letter to her parents [*sic.*], Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Lamdert [*sic.*], in this place. On the following evening her spirit departed for a better land, there to dwell with her little angel child Charlie, who had preceded her but a few short weeks. Her remains were brought to Mt. Gilead on Saturday by her husband and only child, a bright little fellow of nine

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<sup>700</sup> 1860 U. S. census, Morrow County, Ohio, population schedule, Mt. Gilead, p. 194, dwelling 260, family 260.

<sup>701</sup> David Poland household, 1870 U. S. census, Morrow County, Ohio, population schedule, Mt. Gilead, page 387, dwelling 145, family 148; National Archives micropublication M593, roll 1247.

<sup>702</sup> Hardin County Marriage Records 5: 313.

<sup>703</sup> 1880 U. S. census, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Pittsburgh, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, 20<sup>th</sup> Ward, ED 146, SD 9, pp. 7-8, dwelling 62, family 62.

<sup>704</sup> Charles M. Lambert obituary, *The Morrow County Sentinel*, Mount Gilead, Morrow County, Ohio, 20 January 1887, page 4, column 9.

years, and tenderly cared for by kind friends until Sunday, at eleven o'clock, when the funeral was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Dunbar, at the M. E. Church, after which the remains were deposited in the city vault followed by husband, parents and relatives from Kenton, Ohio, and Indianapolis, Ind., with sad and loving hearts, and a large procession of sympathizing friends.<sup>705</sup>

The 1886 date was an obvious misprint. Her obituary was published in the newspaper in 1887, and also refers the death of her son, Charlie, who had died earlier in 1887. His obituary was published in the newspaper in 1887, as previously discussed. Her parents-*in-law* were Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Lambert, as established by the 1880 census, previously discussed.

Jacob J. Lambert, now a widowed father with one son, moved with his parents to 2839 Bell Street in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, where they rented a home and were enumerated in the same household in the 1900 U. S. census for that location. There, Jacob J. Lambert was listed as the son of Henry and Hannah J. Lambert, born Feb 1854, age 46, widowed, born in Ohio, fully employed as an insurance agent. Henry J. Lambert was listed as the grandson (of Henry and Hannah J.), born Sep 1877, age 22, single, born in Ohio, occupation beef checker, unemployed for one month.<sup>706</sup>

Jacob Lambert was enumerated in the 1910 U. S. census for the 8<sup>th</sup> Ward, Kansas Township, Jackson County, Missouri, living at 1808 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street. His relationship was as "boarder," he was 56, widowed, born in Ohio, both parents born in Ohio. His trade was painter, occupation of contractor, and he was listed as an employer. A "4" was put into the block titled "number of farm schedule."<sup>707</sup>

Jacob's father Henry E. Lambert died in 1915, as previously reported. Curiously, Henry E's death notice in the Kansas City Times for 13 February 1915 stated that he "had previously made his home with his son, Henry J. Lambert, at Ravenwood, [Nodaway County,] Missouri." also previously discussed. Of course, Henry E.'s only son was Jacob J.; Henry J. was Henry E.'s *grandson*. This leads one to speculate as to the whereabouts of Jacob J. Lambert. According to the reference staff at the Missouri State Archives, they had no entry for Jacob Lambert in the 1910-1915 Missouri death indexes.<sup>708</sup>

No record has been found of Jacob after the 1910 census. He was not living with his son, Henry E.

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<sup>705</sup> The Morrow County Sentinel, 24 March 1887.

<sup>706</sup> 1900 U. S. census, Jackson County, Missouri, population schedule, Kansas City, Ward 5, ED 45, SD 5, pp 13-14, dwelling 229, family 301.

<sup>707</sup> Jacob Laubert entry, 1910 U. S. census, Jackson County, Missouri, population schedule, Kansas City, Ward 8., enumeration district [ED] 103, page 76A, line 25, 1808 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, no dwelling number, no family number; National Archives micropublication T624, roll 787, part 1.  
Ancestry.com indexed his surname as Laubert.

<sup>708</sup> Reference Staff, "RE: Request for Death Record, Jacob J. Lambert," e-mail message from <archref@sos.mo.gov> ( Missouri State Archives; P. O. Box 1747; Jefferson City, MO 65102) to author, 30 April 2005.

Lambert, during the enumerations of the 1920<sup>709</sup> or the 1930<sup>710</sup> censuses. The Nodaway County Recorder of Deeds, (where Jacob's father died in 1915), had no record of Jacob J. Lambert having purchased or sold any real property there.<sup>711</sup> And, finally, Jacob J. Lambert is the only family member missing from the River Cliff Cemetery in Mt. Gilead, Ohio, where his parents, siblings, wife, and one son were buried. As previously discussed, family members had faithfully shipped deceased family member's bodies back to Ohio from Pennsylvania and Missouri for burial. Because his body was not shipped back to Ohio after his eventual death, perhaps he died without family members being aware, or was buried in a pauper's grave. As previously discussed, Jacob's only surviving son, Henry J. Lambert, had made the effort to ship Jacob's father back to Ohio, and would likely have made the same effort for Jacob, had Henry been around at the time of Jacob's death. Henry moved to California, perhaps leaving Jacob J. Lambert alone to die in anonymity.

Jacob J. Lambert and Mary Merriman were the parents of two children:

- i. HENRY J.<sup>4</sup> LAMBERT, born September 1877 in Ohio.<sup>712</sup>
- ii. CHARLES M. LAMBERT, born 28 December 1883.<sup>713</sup>

### ----- CONCLUSION -----

The Lambert family members were typical of the pioneers who helped push the America's frontiers westward. For the most part, they were farmers who took advantage of rising land prices to sell high, move westward to buy low, and then repeat the cycle. They were educated and hard working. They entered into community activities, and were appreciated by their neighbors and friends. They were religious, often lending their homes to serve as the center for community worship. They married the girl or boy next door, donated to their churches, paid their taxes, accumulated savings, and raised their families, often with tragic losses before all the children were grown.

Lamberts, for the most part, lived together, worshipped together, farmed together, and shared their grief with one another. When one family lost its mother, another would step in to raise the children. Two brothers went into business together, while a third went off to serve his country in the Civil War. They got involved, were dedicated, and directly contributed to the building of this great nation. Their descendants have every reason to be proud of their Lambert forebears.

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<sup>709</sup> Harry J. Lambert household, 1920 U. S. census, Jackson County, Missouri, population schedule, Blue Township, Precinct 10, enumeration district [ED] 5, supervisor's district [SD] 5, sheet 5A, dwelling 109, family 110; National Archives micropublication T625, roll 923.

<sup>710</sup> Harry J. Lambert household, 1930 U. S. census, Los Angeles County, California, population schedule, Block 723, Los Angeles City, Assembly District, enumeration district [ED] 19-44, supervisor's district 16. sheet 5B, 1242 Tamarind Avenue; dwelling 101, family 106; National Archives micropublication, roll 133.

<sup>711</sup> Letter from Nodaway County Recorder of Deeds (305 North Main; Maryville, MO 64468) to the author, February 2005.

<sup>712</sup> 1900 U. S. census, Jackson County, Missouri, population schedule, Kansas City, Ward 5, ED 45, SD 5, pp 13-14, dwelling 229, family 301.

<sup>713</sup> *The Morrow County Sentinel*, 20 January 1887.

