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MEETS DEATH BY DROWNING

Joseph A. Sutherland, of Silver Lake, the Victim - - One of the County's Honored Citizens.

It is with regret that we note the unfortunate death of Joseph A. Sutherland, which occurred down the Laurel last Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The circumstances surrounding his death are about as follows: He was returning from a business trip in Virginia to his home at Silver Lake, this county. The heavy rains of Tuesday and Wednesday swelled all the streams and made them dangerous to cross. Mr. Sutherland lost his life in attempting to cross White Top Creek at the Cornett ford. Before he had gone far his horse stumbled and threw him. A couple of fellows were fishing on the opposite side of the creek and saw the accident and heard the unfortunate man cry for help, but instead of rendering assistance themselves the fishermen hurried to inform others of the accident and before assistance arrived the body had washed down the stream quite a distance and was found lodged behind a drift, nothing being visible except the white locks of his head which floated above the surface of the water.

This, indeed, is sad news and will be the cause of genuine sorrow in many homes throughout this entire section of the country, as the deceased had a large circle of friends and was well known by all classes of people. Mr. Sutherland was one of our best farmers and largest stock dealers and had amassed a handsome fortune. He was an honest, plain, frank man, and a consistent Christian, being a valuable member of the M. E. church, however, he was liberal toward the various denominations throughout the county and always gave liberal support to laudable undertakings.

The deceased was born in this county August 7, 1841. He credibly filled the positions of Trustee and Sheriff of Johnson county and has also served as Chairman of the county court. He was twice married, his first wife being Mrs. Sarah Wills. To this union was born one child, a son, Clinton, who died from the effects of a burn at the age of nine years. The handsome M. E. church at Silver Lake known as Clinton's Chapel, was named in memory of this little boy and Mr. Sutherland gave a large amount for the erection of the church. His second wife, who survives him, was Miss Nannie Wright, a sister of James W. and R. F. Wright, of this city. To this union have been born six children -- three girls and three boys, all of whom are living.

A very large number of people from the surrounding country assembled at the home of the deceased Saturday morning to attend the funeral service. Owing to the immense throng of people there were no services held at the family residence. It was near noon when the funeral procession formed and followed the remains to Clinton's Chapel, where public service was held. This large building was filled with sympathizing friends and the occasion was very pathetic. Rev. G. S. Bales preached the funeral sermon and he was followed by Rev. J. L. Griffitts and N. R. Wills, who made brief and pointed talks in memory of the deceased, after which the Masonic fraternity took charge of the remains and conveyed them to the family cemetery, where with the beautiful and impressive ceremony of the order, all that was mortal of Joseph A. Sutherland was consigned to the tomb and his body gently covered with the clods of the valley.

FROM HISTORY OF TENNESSEE

J. A. Sutherland, farmer and stock raiser, was born in the County (Johnson, Tenn.) Aug. 7th. 1841 the son of Joseph and Sarah (King) Sutherland. The former born in Grayson County, Va. July 9th. 1788, the son of Alexander a native of Scotland who came as a British soldier of the Revolution and first fought at Bunker Hill.

After the war, he left the army and settled in Virginia, where he married Margaret Bryant of Irish descent. She was the Mother of two sons and seven daughters. Our subject's father first married Susan Robinson, by whom he has six children. She died in North Carolina, and, Nov. 16, 1824, he married Sarah, a daughter of John and Nancy (Collet) King. She was born in North Carolina Nov. 10, 1803 and was the Mother of three sons and seven daughters. She died Aug. 1st. 1874 and the father Jan. 10, 1867.

Our subject was reared in the County and although beginning life as a poor man, he is now a prosperous gentleman.

He went to Indiana in 1863 and enlisted in the Federal Army, serving with Sherman on his famous march, Oct. 14, 1874. He married Sarah D Wills. The Mother died in 1886 and their only son in 1887.

Our subject is a Mason and Methodist and has served as Sheriff and Treasurer of the County.

SUTHERLAND GENEALOGY --- BRYANT (BRYAN)

SEPTEMBER 10, 1962

OUR TRIP WAS LIKE A DREAM, THRILLING TO THE LAST MINUTE BEFORE WE BOARDED THE PLANE. WILLIE MAC TALKED WITH ME AGAIN ON THE TELEPHONE WHILE WE WERE AT TRI-CITY AIRPORT. HONESTLY, IT WAS RARE, WHEN RAY CAUGHT UP WITH US --- WHEN I LOOKED BACK AND HE WAVED US OFF THE ROAD, I SAID, "BOB, WE'RE PINCHED - FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE --- WHAT FOR?" YES, I THOUGHT I WAS BEING SO PARTICULARLY CAREFUL, AND TO LEAVE AN IMPORTANT TABLET OF NOTES IN THE SEAT OF HIS CAR INDICATES THAT OSIE ALICE McDOWELL INGALLS MAY BE YOUR "STUPID COUSIN". I WAS CHAGRINED AND APPRECIATED THE THOUGHTFULNESS OF RAY TO CHASE US AND DELIVER THE TABLET.

BEFORE MY NOTES GET "COLD" AND BEFORE MY MIND GETS CLUTTERED WITH MY DAILY CHORES, I AM DOING RESEARCH BEFORE THE PERSONAL LETTERS. HOWEVER, BOB AND I CAN'T SAY ENOUGH TO LET YOU AND THE RAMBOS KNOW HOW DEAR YOU ARE TO US FOR MAKING THE FIRST VISIT TO THE REGION OF MY ANCESTORS SUCH A HAPPY, WARM AND GRACIOUS ONE --- CHERISHED MEMORIES FOREVER IN OUR MINDS AND HEARTS.

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MRS. EDWARD COWAN (FORMERLY MAY MALOTT) TOLD ME THIS IN 1955 --- WHEN I MET HER FOR A BRIEF INTERVIEW IN THE HOTEL AT TERRE HAUTE.

"THE DUKE OF YORK GAVE LAND GRANT TO THE SUTHERLANDS. THE KING OF ENGLAND GAVE THE LAND IN THE NEW LAND TO THE DUKE OF YORK IN PAYMENT OF DEBT. THE DUKE OF SUTHERLAND'S SON MARRIED A MAIDEN BELOW HIM IN RANK, SOCIALLY AND FINANCIALLY. SHE MAY HAVE BEEN A SCULLY MAID. THE 1,100 ACRES WERE GIVEN TO THE SON OF THE DUKE, SO THAT HE COULD ESTABLISH HIMSELF IN THE NEW COUNTRY OF AMERICA. THE 1,100 ACRES WERE TO BE INHERITED AS A WHOLE --- COULD NOT BE DIVIDED FOR 100 TO 200 YEARS. JOHN SUTHERLAND DIDN'T APPROVE. AFTER THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR, HE SAID THE LAND SHOULD BE DIVIDED BETWEEN THE CHILDREN."

WHAT PROOF CAN WE FIND THAT ALEXANDER SUTHERLAND --- WHOSE WIFE WAS MARGARET BRYANT (BRYAN) WAS GIVEN THIS LAND BY THE DUKE OF SUTHERLAND? WHAT IS THE TRUE STORY OF ALEXANDER'S OWNERSHIP OF HIS LAND?
WHO WERE ALEXANDER'S PARENTS?
WHO WERE MARGARET BRYANT'S PARENTS?

PAGE 322 - HISTORY OF LAWRENCE, ORANGE AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES, INDIANA.
ILLUSTRATED 1884 - GOODSPEED BROS.

PROF. E. F. SUTHERLAND, GENERAL MERCHANT, IS A NATIVE OF MONROE COUNTY, IND. BORN NEAR THE VILLAGE OF HARRODSBURG, DECEMBER 28, 1852, IS THE OLDEST SON LIVING OF F. B. AND ELIZABETH SUTHERLAND, WHOSE MAIDEN NAME WAS SELLERS. THE SUBJECT OF THIS BIOGRAPHY IS OF ENGLISH, IRISH, AND SCOTCH EXTRACTION. THE FATHER OF MR. SUTHERLAND WAS BORN IN ASHE COUNTY, N. C. MARCH 7, 1821. HIS PATERNAL GRANDFATHER WAS JOSEPH SUTHERLAND, A NATIVE OF GRAYSON COUNTY, VA. BORN 1790. HIS MOTHER WAS BORN IN LAUREL COUNTY, KY. SEPT. 24, 1823. HIS GREAT GRANDFATHER WAS ALEXANDER SUTHERLAND, OF SCOTTISH NATIVITY, AND WHO CAME TO AMERICA PRIOR TO THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR, IN WHICH HE WAS A SOLDIER, AND WAS AT THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL. THE GREAT GREAT GRANDFATHER OF THE SUBJECT OF THIS SKETCH WAS GRAND DUKE OF SCOTLAND.

NOTE: THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL, THE FIRST SEVERE ENGAGEMENT OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, FOUGHT JUNE 17, 1775. THE BATTLES OF LEXINGTON AND CONCORD, ALTHOUGH IMPORTANT IN THEIR EFFECTS, HAD BEEN, FROM A MILITARY POINT OF VIEW, MERE SKIRMISHES. THE AMERICAN ARMY WAS NOT YET ORGANIZED; WASHINGTON HAD ONLY RECEIVED HIS APPOINTMENT AS COMMANDER IN CHIEF ON JUNE 15, AND DID NOT ASSUME COMMAND UNTIL JULY 3. AS PART OF A GENERAL PLAN FOR DRIVING THE BRITISH FROM BOSTON, HOWEVER, AND IN ANTICIPATION OF AN EXPECTED MOVEMENT BY THE BRITISH GENERAL, CAGE, COL. WILLIAM PRESCOTT WAS SENT WITH 1000 MEN ON THE NIGHT OF JUNE 16 TO FORTIFY BUNKER HILL. EARTHWORKS WERE THROWN UP ON BREED'S HILL, NEAR BUNKER HILL, AT CHARLESTOWN. ON DISCOVERY OF THE EARTHWORKS IN THE MORNING, THE POSITION WAS FIRED UPON WITH CANNON FROM THE BRITISH SHIPS AND FORTS. A FORCE OF 3000 BRITISH TROOPS WAS LANDED, AND A CHARGE ON THE WORKS MADE AT 3 P. M. MEANWHILE GENERALS WARREN AND POMEROY HAD ARRIVED WITH REINFORCEMENTS, BRINGING UP THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS TO ABOUT 1,500 MEN. UNDER INSTRUCTION OF PRESCOTT TO RESERVE THEIR FIRE TILL THEY COULD "SEE THE WHITE OF THE ENEMIES' EYES", THE GARRISON WAITED UNTIL THE BRITISH TROOPS WERE NEAR THE WORKS, WHEN THEY OPENED FIRE WITH SUCH DEADLY EFFECT THAT THE ENEMY WAS DRIVEN BACK IN CONFUSION. A SECOND CHARGE WAS SIMILARLY REPULSED; BUT, THE POWDER OF THE AMERICANS BEING EXHAUSTED, ON THE THIRD CHARGE, AT 4:30 P. M., THEY WERE COMPELLED TO FALL BACK, FIGHTING WITH MUSKET AS CLUBS, MAKING GOOD THEIR RETREAT ACROSS CHARLESTOWN NECK. CHARLESTOWN WAS BURNED BY THE BRITISH DURING THE BATTLE. THE BRITISH LOSS WAS ESTIMATED AT 1050; THE AMERICAN AT 450. WARREN, THE AMERICAN GENERAL, FELL AT THE BEGINNING OF THE RETREAT. WHILE THE NUMBER OF TROOPS INVOLVED WAS SMALL, THE BATTLE WAS FAR-REACHING IMPORTANCE IN GIVING CONFIDENCE TO THE REBELLING COLONISTS, PROVING THAT AMERICAN MILITIA, SCARCELY ORGANIZED, COULD WITHSTAND BRITISH REGULARS.

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IN MY RECORDS I ALSO HAVE THAT ALEXANDER SUTHERLAND WAS 17 YEARS OLD WHEN HE FOUGHT AT THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL.

WOULDN'T THIS MAKE THE DATE OF HIS BIRTH 1758?
WHERE WAS HE BORN?

WHERE CAN A LIST OF THE BRITISH SOLDIERS BE FOUND?

THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE HISTORY OF THE SUTHERLAND FAMILY - OUR ANCESTORS - TO PROVE BEFORE A BOOK CAN BE PUBLISHED.

DO YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS?

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STORY OF EMMET SUTHERLAND --- CONTINUED.

IN THE PIONEER DAYS OF INDIANA THE SUTHERLAND FAMILY CAME TO MONROE COUNTY, AND THERE REMAINED UNTIL OUR SUBJECT WAS ABOUT TWELVE YEARS OF AGE, WHEN HE REMOVED TO PERRY TOWNSHIP, LAWRENCE COUNTY, AND THE MAJOR PART OF MR. SUTHERLAND'S LIFE WAS HERE SPENT. HIS EARLY LIFE WAS DEVOTED TO THE SERVICE OF HIS FATHER AND IN ATTENDANCE AT THE COUNTRY SCHOOL. MR. SUTHERLAND HAD SO FAR ADVANCED WITH HIS STUDIES BY THE FALL AND WINTER OF 1872-73, THAT HE WAS CAPABLE OF TEACHING SCHOOL, AND DURING THIS TIME HE TAUGHT HIS FIRST TERM. DURING THE SUMMER OF 1873 HE ATTENDED THE BEDFORD MALE AND FEMALE COLLEGE, AND IN THE SPRING OF 1874 HE ENTERED THE NORTHERN INDIANA NORMAL SCHOOL, AT VALPARAISO. IN 1879 HE GRADUATED FROM THAT INSTITUTION. IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS GRADUATION HE ACCEPTED A POSITION IN THE SOUTHERN INDIANA NORMAL SCHOOL AT PAOLI, AND IN 1880 HE BECAME SUPERINTENDENT- NORMAL SCHOOL AT PAOLI, REMAINED FOR THREE YEARS AND THEN RESIGNED HIS POSITION TO ENGAGE IN THE MERCANTILE BUSINESS IN SPRINGVILLE, INDIANA, IN WHICH HE STILL CONTINUES. DURING THE WINTER OF 1883-4 HOWEVER, HE SUPERINTENDED THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT ORLEANS, ORANGE COUNTY, INDIANA. THE MERCANTILE BUSINESS HAS BEEN A SUCCESS. HE HAS INVESTED ABOUT \$3,000 AND ADOPTED THE CASH SYSTEM. THE MARRIAGE OF MR. SUTHERLAND TOOK PLACE AUGUST 19, 1877, TO MISS EMMA PEARSON, A NATIVE OF LAWRENCE COUNTY, INDIANA, DAUGHTER OF WILLIAM L. AND AMANDA J. (MOORE) PEARSON. TO THIS UNION HAVE BEEN BORN: LOLA M., AND EUGENE F. MR. SUTHERLAND IS A STAUNCH REPUBLICAN, AND CAST HIS FIRST PRESIDENTIAL BALLOT FOR U. S. GRANT. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE I.O.O.F. MR. AND MRS. SUTHERLAND ARE MEMBERS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

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TENNESSEE COUSINS
BY WORTH RAY.

ALEXANDER SUTHERLAND, WAS A NATIVE OF SCOTLAND (ACCORDING TO TRADITION) WHO CAME TO AMERICA AS A BRITISH SOLDIER, DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND SERVED WITH THE BRITISH ARMY. HE WAS THE FATHER OF JOSEPH SUTHERLAND, OF GRAYSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA, WHOSE WIFE WAS SARAH KING. THE MOTHER OF JOSEPH SUTHERLAND WAS MARGARET BRYANT. SARAH KING WAS A SECOND WIFE OF JOSEPH SUTHERLAND, AND THE DAUGHTER OF JOHN KING AND WIFE NANCY COLLET. J. A. SUTHERLAND, SON OF JOSEPH AND HIS LAST WIFE, MARRIED SARAH WILLS. HE WAS A SOLDIER IN THE NORTHERN ARMY. HIS WIFE SARAH WILLS DIED IN THE YEAR 1886 AND THEY WERE THE PARENTS OF ONLY ONE CHILD, A SON, WHO WAS BORN SHORTLY AFTER THEIR MARRIAGE IN JOHNSON COUNTY, AND WHO ALSO DIED IN THE YEAR 1887. HE WAS A ONE TIME SHERIFF AND COUNTY TREASURER OF JOHNSON COUNTY.

NOTE: MRS. JUSTIN C. RAMBO'S MEMORABLE (TREASURES IN HER LITTLE-BIG TIN BOX, OLD BIBLE, AND NEWSPAPERS AND LETTERS) --- WHICH SHE SO GRACIOUSLY ALLOWED ME TO PERUSE WHILE A HOUSEGUEST IN HER HOME --- CONTAIN MANY DETAILS OF PROOF OF LINEAGE.

JOSEPH SUTHERLAND FROM DEED - ALEXANDER SUTHERLAND. RECORDED AND EXAMINED.
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GRAYSON COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE - JANUARY 23, 1816.

THIS DEED FROM ALEXANDER SUTHERLAND TO JOSEPH SUTHERLAND WAS ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE SAID ALEXANDER AND ORDERED TO BE RECORDED, SIGNED - LESLE M. DICKENSON, CO. THIS INDENTURE MADE THE 22ND DAY OF JANUARY 1816 BETWEEN ALEXANDER SUTHERLAND OF GRAYSON COUNTY OF THE ONE PART AND JOSEPH SUTHERLAND HIS SON OF THE SAME PLACE OF THE OTHER PART WITNESSETH: THAT THE SAID ALEXANDER SUTHERLAND FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE NATURAL AFFECTION WHICH HE BEARS TOWARDS THE SAID JOSEPH SUTHERLAND HIS SON, HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED UNTO THE SAID JOSEPH SUTHERLAND AND HIS HEIRS FOREVER A TRACT OF PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE LYING AND BEING IN GRAYSON COUNTY ON THE WATERS OF ELK CREEK CONTAINING AN ESTIMATION FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY ACRES MORE OR LESS BEING PART OF A TRACT OF 750 ACRES. GRANTED TO THE SAID ALEXANDER SUTHERLAND BY PATENT ACTED THE 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER 1816. ***

NOTE: I BELIEVE THIS DATE HAS BEEN COPIED INCORRECTLY BY ME ---
JANUARY 22ND DAY OF 1816 --- DATE OF INDENTURE ---
OCTOBER 19TH 1816 ?????? WOULD THIS BE 1816, TOO?

PLEASE ASK JUSTIN TO RE-READ THIS DEED FOR ME, IF HE HAS THE TIME. I WILL SEND TO GRAYSON COUNTY, AND ASK FOR A PHOTOSTAT, HOWEVER.

DEED CONTINUED: AND BOUNDED AS FOLLOWED TO WIT: BEGINNING AT A GUM ON THE TOP OF A CHESTNUT RIDGE IN THE ORIGINAL LINE SOUTH OF THE MILL NOW BELONGING TO THE SAID ALEXANDER SUTHERLAND AND RUNNING WITH A CONTINUAL LINE MADE AND MARKED BY THE PARTIES NEARLY AN EAST COURSE ACROSS THE LEWAY TO A CHESTNUT ON THE OLD LINE THENCE WITH THE LINES OF THE SAID SURVEY REVERSED AS SET FORTH ON THE PATENT TO THE BEGINNING, INCLUDING ALL THAT PART OF THE SURVEY LYING NORTH WEST OF THE SAID CONDITIONAL LINE, AND THE PLANTATIONS WHERE ON THE SAID JOSEPH SUTHERLAND NOW LIVES TOGETHER WITH ALL AND SINGULAR THE PRIVILEGES AND APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING OR IN ANYWISE APPERTAINING UNTO THE JOSEPH SUTHERLAND AND HIS HEIRS FOREVER TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME FREE FROM THE CLAIM OR CLAIMS OF HIM, - THE SAID ALEXANDER SUTHERLAND, HIS HEIRS OR ANY PERSON OR PERSONS CLAIMING BY THROUGH UNDER THEM OR EITHER OF THEM. IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE SAID ALEXANDER SUTHERLAND HATH HEREUNTO SET HIS HAND AND AFFIXED HIS SEAL THIS DAY AND YEAR FIRST ABOVE WRITTEN.
SIGNED - ALEXANDER SUTHERLAND (HIS SEAL).

BIBLE - IN POSSESSION OF MRS. JUSTIN C. RAMBO.

JOSEPH SUTHERLAND TO SARAH WAS MARRIED NOVEMBER THE 16TH, 1824,
DEPARTED THIS LIFE JANUARY 10, 1865.

JOSEPH SUTHERLAND WAS BORN JULY THE 9TH, 1788.

SARAH SUTHERLAND WAS BORN ON NOVEMBER THE 10TH, 1803 -
DEPARTED THIS LIFE AUGUST 1ST, 1874.

MARGARET B. SUTHERLAND WAS BORN MARCH 11, 1808

SARAH NOV. 16, 1809

ALEXANDER JUNE 7, 1812

THOMAS FEB. 23, 1814

MARY MARCH 14, 1816

JOHN FEB. 13, 1818

FRANCIS B. MAR. 1821

NANCY

ZELPHIA

JANE JUNE 25, 1830

ELIZABETH MAY 9, 1832

CELIE G. OCT. 17, 1835

AMANDA ISOBEL NOV. 17, 1838

SARAH D. AUG. 17, 1841

JOSEPH ASBERRY AUG. 17, 1841

PRESTON JUNE THE 1ST DAY - 1843.

OTHER DATA OF IMPORTANCE IN BIBLE --- BUT WILL NOT COPY THE MARRIAGES AND DEATHS OF THIS
FAMILY AT THIS TIME.

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PHONE CRAWFORD 4451

TWENTY-FIRST AND SPRUCE STREETS,

FEBRUARY 7, 1951.

MY DEAR ALICE INGALLS:-

IT IS ALMOST A MATTER OF IMPOSSIBILITY TO WRITE THE RIGHT THINGS IN A LETTER, BECAUSE
IN TRACING, SO MANY THINGS ARE NON ESSENTIAL.

FRANKLIN B. SUTHERLAND WAS MY GRANDFATHER, LIVED WITH US THREE OR FOUR YEARS AFTER
THEY SOLD THE FARM AND WERE TOO OLD TO LIVE IN THEIR PROPERTY IN SPRINGVILLE. HE WAS A
STUDENT OF HISTORY, LOVED TO READ, AND WAS MOST INTERESTING TO TALK TO. AS A HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT, HE MADE THINGS VERY PLAIN TO ME CONCERNING THE EARLY HISTORY OF OUR COUNTRY. HAD
READ THE BIBLE 33 TIMES EACH TIME NOTING ON MARGIN HIS IDEAS.

I REMEMBER SOME OF HIS STORIES. HIS EARLY ANCESTORS DID COME OVER WITH THE BRITISH
ARMY, AND I BELIEVE THE NAME WAS ALEXANDER. THE FATHER OF THIS ALEXANDER WAS GRAND DUKE
OF SCOTLAND, WHO DISINHERITED HIS SON WHO HAD CHOSEN TO LIVE IN AMERICA AND HAD MARRIED
OUT OF ROYALTY LINE, I BELIEVE GRANDFATHER SAID SHE HAD BEEN A SKULLY MAID IN THE CASTLE
IN SCOTLAND. HIS FATHER RELENDED AND GOT A GRANT OF 1100 ACRES OF LAND GIVEN TO THIS SON.
THIS LAND LAY IN THREE STATES WHEN THE STATES WERE MARKED OFF FOR THE UNION. THEY WERE
PAYING TAXES IN TENNESSEE, NORTH CAROLINA, AND VIRGINIA. THE HOME PLACE - FRONT YARD AND
HOUSE WERE IN TENNESSEE, THE PASTURE LOT AT THE SIDE WAS IN NORTH CAROLINA, AND MUCH MORE
OF THE WOODLANDS WERE IN THAT STATE. THE BARN AND PASTURE LOT IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE WERE
IN VIRGINIA, MUCH OF THE TILABLE LAND AND ORCHARDS WERE IN VIRGINIA. I THINK GRANDFATHER
SAID THERE WAS A CLAUSE IN THE GRANT WHICH WOULD PREVENT THE 1100 ACRES EVER BEING SOLD
IN PARTS OR INHERITED IN PART. THAT PROBABLY ACCOUNTS FOR THE LAW-SUIT.

UNCLE JOE VISITED AT OUR HOME AND WAS THERE ABOUT TWO OR THREE WEEKS WHILE GRANDMA
AND GRANDPA SUTHERLAND LIVED WITH US. AT THAT TIME UNCLE JOE WAS MARRIED TO NANNIE WRIGHT,
AND SHE WAS HIS SECOND WIFE, FIRST WIFE, SARAH, HAVING DIED SEVERAL YEARS BEFORE. THIS
VISIT MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN 1899. AT THAT TIME THEY HAD WITH THEM DAILY, WILEY, FERD AND
VIRGINIA. LATER WILLIE MAC WAS BORN TO THEM.

I VISITED THEIR HOME IN ABOUT 1907 AND MOTHER AND I AGAIN VISITED THEM IN MOUNTAIN CITY - RATHER AT SILVER LAKE, THE STATION NAME FOR THE HOME PLACE, THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN 1909 - AFTER MY FATHER'S DEATH.

AUNT NANNIE WAS A WIDOW AT THAT TIME. UNCLE JOE HAD BEEN DROWNED CROSSING A MOUNTAIN STREAM DURING HIGH WATER. HE WAS THROWN FROM THE HORSE WHEN HORSE STUMBLER IN MID STREAM. BEING BUNDLED IN HEAVY CLOTHES PREVENTED HIM FROM GETTING OUT OF THE SWIFT HIGH WATER.

MOTHER AND I VISITED THE FAMILY CEMETRY. I DO NOT REMEMBER ALL THE NAMES AND DATES ON THE MONUMENTS. AUNT NANNIE WAS NOT SO INTERESTED IN THE SUTHERLAND, RATHER FAVORED HER SIDE OF THE HOUSE, TAUGHT HER CHILDREN TO ALWAYS TELL THAT THEY WERE "WRIGHTS". SHE TOLD ME TO NOT TELL ANYONE THAT I WAS A SCHOOL TEACHER, IT WAS ALRIGHT TO SAY MY FATHER WAS A "MERCHANT", BUT NOT THAT I HAD TO WORK FOR A LIVING.

SOUTHERN WAYS.

IF WILEY IS STILL LIVING HE MIGHT GIVE MORE INFORMATION THAN DAILEY WHO IS THE LAWYER. WILEY PERHAPS LIVES ON THE HOME PLACE, THOUGH I BELIEVE HE HAD A GENERAL STORE ONE HALF MILE FROM THE HOME PLACE. I THINK HE BUILT IT ACROSS THE ROAD FROM THE STORE AT SILVER LAKE, TENN.

NOW FOR MY KNOWLEDGE OF THE F. B. SUTHERLAND FAMILY. CAROLYN, I BELIEVE WAS THE OLDEST - ONE DIED BEFORE HER, THEN, OF COURSE, YOU KNOW YOUR FATHER'S BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

AUNT NAN RAINBOLT HAD ONE DAUGHTER GRACE WHO MARRIED GEORGE RIGGINS - I AM NOT SURE OF THAT NAME. GRACE DIED TWO OR THREE YEARS AGO, IN AN OLD LADIES HOME IN NEW YORK. AUNT NAN DIED IN ODD FELLOWS HOME IN INDIANA. UNCLE MARK WAS BURIED AT SPRINGVILLE - BEFORE DEATH OF GRANDMA AND GRANDPA.

UNCLE EMMET - LIVED AT COLUMBUS, INDIANA AT THE TIME OF DEATH, HAD BEEN IN SCHOOL WORK FOR YEARS - WAS PRESIDENT OF SOUTHERN INDIANA NORMAL AT MITCHELL, INDIANA, SUPT. OF SCHOOLS AT SHOALS, JASPER, AND THEN WENT INTO INSURANCE BUSINESS IN COLUMBUS. GENE THE OLDEST BOY LIVES IN INDIANAPOLIS. MAUD CAN GIVE YOU HIS ADDRESS. GLENN ALSO LIVED IN INDIANAPOLIS, DIED TWO OR THREE YEARS AGO. JESS A. 5246 FLORENCE AVE., BOX 58, LIVES IN BELL, CALIFORNIA. UNCLE ED HAD 3 CHILDREN. I DO NOT REMEMBER THE NAME OF THE OLDEST, MABEL AND PLATTE WERE THE OTHER TWO. PLATTE WAS THE JEWEL IN THAT FAMILY, HAS SOME KIND OF OFFICIAL POSITION IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

MARY ELLEN, MY MOTHER, MARRIED JASPER N. MALOTT APRIL 9, 1879 - DIED SEPT. 12, 1924, WAS BORN SEPT. 13, 1856. MY FATHER WAS BORN FEB. 13, 1856, WAS A HARDWARE MERCHANT FOR YEARS - FIRST ON NORTH SIDE PUBLIC SQUARE, THEN EAST SIDE THE LAST PARTNER WAS CLAY DUNCAN AND I BELIEVE MRS. DUNCAN STILL OWNS THAT STORE. MAUDE, EDITH (DIED JAN. 13, 1933) MAY MARRIED JULY 9, 1919, VERNE AND WAYNE (DIED DEC. 18, 1919) WERE CHILDREN LIVING TO ADULT. MAUD AND MAY ARE THE ONLY KNOWN LIVING. VERNE'S WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.

SARA RETTIE - MARRIED EMMET GRIGSBY AND ADULT CHILDREN - MARY GRIGSBY GRAHAM, BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK, MARTHA B. WILCOX, STAR ROUTE OXFORD, NEW YORK, RUTH G. HOFFMAN, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK.

THE SUTHERLAND FAMILY BIBLE WENT INTO HANDS OF UNCLE EMMET. GENE MAY HAVE IT - WHICH WOULD HAVE DATES. GENE'S ADDRESS -- 205 E. 34TH ST., INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

GRANDFATHER'S SISTER SARA DEBUSK DIED IN COLORADO, THOUGH SHE LIVED MOST OF HER TIME IN ALABAMA. AUNT SARA ALSO VISITED US AS DID ALSO HER DAUGHTER - THAT WAS YEARS AGO AND I REMEMBER FEW DETAILS.

THERE WAS A DAVE SUTHERLAND WHO LIVED IN COLUMBUS, INDIANA, WHO VISITED GRANDPA WHILE HE LIVED WITH US. HE HAD NO CHILDREN, WAS WEALTHY, INVENTED A GAGET TO KEEP SHOE STRINGS TIED OR SOMETHING. I BELIEVE HIS FATHER'S NAME WAS ALEXANDER, THO I AM NOT SURE.

THERE WAS FAMILY DIFFERENCES DURING THE CIVIL WAR TIMES - THAT WAS THE REASON FOR FRANKLIN B., JOHN AND ALEXANDER COMING NORTH. JOSEPH A., WHO INHERITED LAND OR RATHER GOT IT AFTER LAW SUIT WAS ONE OF THE YOUNGER CHILDREN. AT THE TIME OF HIS VISIT TO BEDFORD HE WAS IN EARLY 50s, AND GRANDFATHER WAS IN 70s. UNCLE JOE TOLD OF THE SILVERWARE - WHICH WAS HEIRLOOMS BEING HIDDEN IN THE HILLS BEYOND HOUSE IN THE MOUNTAINS - BY A FAITHFUL SERVANT, BUT AS HE RETURNED FROM BURYING IT WAS SHOT BY A UNION SOLDIER FROM GRANT'S ARMY. THAT SILVERWARE HAS NEVER BEEN LOCATED. SOME DAY - SOMEONE WILL FIND THE HIDDEN TREASURE.

THIS IS RATHER RANDOM TALK - IF I CAN HELP ANY FURTHER, LET ME KNOW. I ENJOYED BOTH VISITS TO THE HOME OF MY ANCESTORS. THERE ARE A LOT OF STORIES WHICH WOULD MAKE GOOD MODERN NOVELS - MAYBE ANOTHER "GONE WITH THE WIND" BUT WHO COULD WRITE IT. MAYBE EDWARD - MY SON WILL SOME DAY - FOR HE IS INTERESTED IN SUCH.

BEST WISHES FROM MAY MALOTT COWAN.

LETTER FROM MR. EUGENE FRANCIS SUTHERLAND - 205 E. 34TH ST., INDIANAPOLIS, IND.
MARCH 3, 1949 - MRS. ROBERT INGALLS, BEDFORD, INDIANA.

DEAR MRS. INGALLS: I REGRET VERY MUCH THAT I AM UNABLE TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUTHERLAND FAMILY GENEALOGY FURTHER BACK THAN MY GRANDFATHER - WHICH YOU ALREADY HAVE MY MOTHER EMMA PEARSON SUTHERLAND DIED IN INDIANAPOLIS - FEBRUARY 1936. THERE WERE SIX CHILDREN, LOLA MAY WHO DIED SHORTLY AFTER BIRTH, AND MYSELF AS MENTIONED IN THE WRITE-UP YOU ENCLOSED. ALSO ALBERT GLENN SUTHERLAND WHO DIED JANUARY 4, 1949 INDIANAPOLIS. JESSE L. SUTHERLAND, NOW LIVING IN ELMBURST, ILLINOIS, WALTER SUTHERLAND DIED AT MITCHELL IN INFANCY. LELAND STANFORD SUTHERLAND DIED AT JASPER, INDIANA - AGE 10. MY BROTHER GLENN, WHO DIED RECENTLY HAD TWO DAUGHTERS LOIS AND FLORENCE. BOTH MARRIED AND LIVING IN INDIANAPOLIS. GLENN'S WIDOW - MRS. FLORA SUTHERLAND NOW IS LIVING WITH HER DAUGHTER - LOIS AT 730 E. MINNESOTA STREET, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA. I DO NOT CONSIDER MAY'S STATEMENT ABOUT FRANCIS B. AND HIS BROTHERS JOHN AND ALEXANDER COMING NORTH BECAUSE OF DIFFERENCES --- CIVIL WAR. FRANCIS WAS HERE TOO LONG BEFORE THE WAR. I DO NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT BROTHERS ALEXANDER AND JOHN COMING TO INDIANA.

HISTORY OF TENN., EAST TENN. EDITION, 1887.
WILL, GRAYSON COUNTY, VA. 1843 - OF ALEXANDER SUTHERLAND.
ANNIE LAURA WORELL, ROANOKE, VIRGINIA.

ALEXANDER SUTHERLAND'S WILL RECORDED IN GRAYSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA
1843 - NAMES HIS WIFE PEGGY AND FOLLOWING CHILDREN:

JANE SUTHERLAND
PHILLIS SUTHERLAND
PEGGY SUTHERLAND
POLLY SUTHERLAND
BARBARA SUTHERLAND
PHEBE SUTHERLAND
THOMAS SUTHERLAND
JOSEPH SUTHERLAND

THIS WAS SENT TO ME BY MR. ELIJAH T. SUTHERLAND, RINGGOLD, VIRGINIA.
HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO WRITE A BOOK ON THE SUTHERLAND - SUTHERLIN - SOUTHERLAND FAMILIES IN AMERICA --- RECORDS BURNED, AND HE IS NOW TOO OLD TO START AGAIN, HE SAYS. HE IS STILL LIVING, HOWEVER, AND HAS SENT ME INFORMATION ON THE McDOWELL LINEAGE.

SOMEWHERE I HAVE A RECORD THAT ALEXANDER LIVED TO BE 100 YEARS OLD. I DO NOT HAVE DATE OF HIS MARRIAGE TO MARGARET BRYANT OR WHERE THEY WERE MARRIED.
MR. TUCKER SENT ME A PICTURE OF THE VALLEY IN ELK CREEK, VA. WHERE HE IS BURIED. THE STONES DO NOT SEEM TO HAVE INFORMATION ON THEM. HOWEVER, MR. TUCKER SEEMS TO HAVE AUTHENTIC INFORMATION THAT ALEXANDER AND MARGARET ARE BURIED THERE.

I HAVE NOTATION THAT MARGARET BRYANT SUTHERLAND WAS THE MOTHER OF SEVEN DAUGHTERS AND TWO SONS.

HOWEVER --- THERE WERE EVIDENTLY THREE SONS --- JOSEPH, THOMAS AND JOHN. DAUGHTERS - JENNIE, PHELIN, PHILIS, BARBARA, MARY OR POLLY AND ROSA.

IN FOOT PRINTS ON THE SANDS OF TIME BY DR. A. E. COX -

ANDREW HAMPTON AND HIS BROTHER, WADE HAMPTON CAME OVER FROM ENGLAND AND SETTLED NEAR LEXINGTON, N. C. ANDREW HAMPTON, JR. MARRIED MISS SALLIE MIMA. THEIR SON, GRIGGS HAMPTON MARRIED MISS PHILLIS SUTHERLAND. THEY RAISED NINE SONS AND FIVE DAUGHTERS. MR. HAMPTON'S NICE FARM IS A FEW MILES WEST OF GRAYSON OLD TOWN, WHERE HE AND HIS FAMILY ENJOYED A HAPPY HOME. IT IS A BEAUTIFUL HOMESTEAD.

NOW --- WE WILL TALK ABOUT MARGARET BRYANT - BRYAN --- WIFE OF
ALEXANDER SUTHERLAND.

WHAT IS THE STORY OF MARGARET BRYANT?

MR. FRED SUTHERLAND SAYS HE HAS SOME OLD DEEDS AND PAPERS, HE WILL CHECK AND LET YOU LOOK OVER. MR. SUTHERLAND WAS AT THE SUTHERLAND FAMILY PICNIC SUTHERLAND METHODIST CHURCH, SUTHERLAND COMMUNITY - NORTH CAROLINA. MAILING ADDRESS SEEMS TO BE CRESTON, NORTH CAROLINA, NOW.

MRS. ALEXANDER SUTHERLAND, GRAYSON COUNTY, VA.

THE FIRST BATTLE BY WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN
A STORY OF THE CAMPAIGN OF 1896.

"WILLIAM BRYAN, WHO LIVED IN CULPEPPER COUNTY, VIRGINIA, SOMETIME MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO, IS THE FIRST ANCESTOR WHOSE NAME IS KNOWN TO THE DECENDANTS. WHERE HE WAS BORN AND WHEN IS A MATTER OF CONJECTURE. HE OWNED A LARGE TRACT OF LAND AMONG THE FOOTHILLS OF THE BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS, NEAR SPERRYVILLE. THE FAMILY NAME OF HIS WIFE IS UNKNOWN. THERE WERE BORN TO THE PAIR FIVE CHILDREN, JAMES, WHO REMOVED TO KENTUCKY; JOHN, WHO REMAINED UPON THE HOMESTEAD, AQUILLA, WHO REMOVED TO OHIO; AND FRANCIS AND ELIZABETH ABOUT WHOM NOTHING IS KNOWN."

A COPY OF LETTER WRITTEN TO HON. WILLIAM J. BRYAN BY ALEXANDER C. SUTHERLAND, 1906.

"I SAW IN THE HISTORY THAT MR. BRYAN COULD GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF ALL THE FAMILY THAT CAME AND SETTLED IN EASTERN VIRGINIA, EXCEPT TWO, A BROTHER AND SISTER, FRANCIS AND ELIZABETH. MY GREAT GRANDMOTHER WAS A BRYAN, AND HER NAME WAS MARGARET ELIZABETH, FOR SHORT THEY CALLED HER PEGGY.

WELL, I WILL TRY TO EXPLAIN HOW THIS ALL CAME ABOUT. MY GREAT GRANDFATHER WAS A SCOTCHMAN. HE CAME TO THIS COUNTRY IN TIME OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR, AND WAS FIGHTING WITH THE BRITISH. HE DESERTED THE BRITISH ARMY, AND JOINED OUR ARMY. AFTER THE WAR WAS OVER HE CAME TO WYTHE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND LIVED WITH THE CLOYDS AND MCGAVOCKS, PROMINENT FAMILIES OF SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA. WHILE THERE, HE GOT ACQUAINTED WITH MISS BRYAN WHOSE FAMILY HAD RELATIVES IN EASTERN VIRGINIA. THE ACQUAINTANCE WITH MY GRANDFATHER AND MISS BRYAN GREW INTO MARRIAGE, AND THEY SETTLED IN ELK CREEK IN GRAYSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA, WHICH WAS THEN NEARLY A WILDERNESS. MY GREAT GRANDFATHER'S NAME WAS ALEXANDER SUTHERLAND, I AM A NAME SAKE OF HIS. FRANCIS BRYAN, THE BROTHER OF MY GREAT GRANDFATHER CAME AND LIVED WITH THEM UNTIL HE MARRIED. THE COUNTRY WAS FULL OF GAME THEN, AND HE BECAME A GREAT HUNTER. I AM NOT ABLE TO GIVE THE NAME OF THE LADY HE MARRIED. AFTER HE MARRIED, HE SETTLED IN ASHE COUNTY, N. C. HE RAISED A LARGE FAMILY, I CANNOT STATE THE NUMBER. I HAVE SEEN TWO OF HIS SONS THOMAS AND MORGAN. MORGAN WAS A METHODIST MINISTER. THEY WERE QUICK SPOKEN, ENERGETIC, RESOLUTE MEN. THAT IS NOT SURPRISING FOR OLD UNCLE FRANK BRYAN, WAS THE MOST THROUGH GOING _____ MAN THAT LIVED IN HIS DAY.

MY GREAT GRANDPARENTS HAD NINE CHILDREN, IF NO MORE. MY GRANDFATHER'S NAME WAS THOMAS. JOSEPH AND JOHN WERE THE BOYS. AND THE GIRLS NAMES WERE: JENNIE, PHEBIE, PHILIS, BARBARA, MARY OR POLLY AND ROSA.

ONE THING OF INTEREST I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION, IS THE FACT THAT THE FIRST METHODIST PREACHING EVER DONE IN ELK CREEK IN GRAYSON COUNTY WAS IN MY GREAT GRANDFATHER'S HOME, AND WAS KEPT UP FOR YEARS IN THEIR DWELLING HOUSE.

IN CONCLUSION MY FATHER WRITES: "I WAS 71 YEARS OLD LAST MONTH!" HE WAS BORN AUGUST 16, 1835.

NOTE: RENE, PLEASE ASK THOMAS TUCKER TO TELL US WHOSE LAND THE LITTLE CEMETERY IS ON --- WHERE ALEXANDER AND MARGARET ARE BURIED. WILLIE MAC IS ALSO INTERESTED IN THIS PLOT. WE ARE ALL DESCENDANTS OF THIS ALEXANDER, AND IF THE MONUMENTS ARE NOT INSCRIBED, WE CAN TAKE STEPS TO HAVE IT PROPERLY DONE. WILLIE MAC SAYS, TOO, THAT THESE GRAVES MUST BE TAKEN CARE OF. SURELY WE CAN FIND DEFINITE PROOF OF BIRTH AND DEATH DATES, AND HIS STATUS IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

WRITTEN FOR MRS. JOE BURNS BY W. E. COX, SR.,
RT. 1, GALAX, VIRGINIA.

7-16-56.

THE FIRST PART OF THIS STORY WAS TOLD ME BY MY MOTHER WHO WAS A GRAND DAUGHTER OF FRANK BRYAN, SR. AND THE STORY ABOUT ELIZABETH BRYAN, FRANK BRYAN'S SISTER WHO CAME TO LIVE WITH HIM WAS TOLD ME BY FRANK BRYAN, JR. ABOUT THE YEARS 1895-1900, WHEN I WAS MAKING A TRIP THROUGH ALLEGHANY COUNTY, N. C. AND AT THE REQUEST OF MY MOTHER I WENT TO HIS HOME AND SPENT THE NIGHT WITH HIM.

I WAS A YOUNG MAN THEN AND NOT MUCH INTERESTED IN WHO I MIGHT BE RELATED TO (SOMETHING I REGRET NOW) AS FRANK BRYAN, JR. WAS AT THAT TIME NEARING THE CENTURY MARK, BUT HIS MIND WAS CLEAR AND HIS BODY STRAIGHT AND HE BORE THE APPEARANCE OF HAVING BEEN A MAN OF GREAT STRENGTH. WE TALKED UNTIL LATE BED TIME AND HE TOLD ME MUCH OF THE HAPPENINGS OF THE EARLY SETTLERS IN THAT SECTION OF THE INDIAN MASSACRE, AND THE MANY FEATS OF THESE EARLY RUGGED SETTLERS, BUT I ONLY RECOLLECT ONE STORY THAT HE RELATED WELL ENOUGH TO REPEAT, WHICH I WILL COME TO LATER.

ABOUT THE YEAR 1770 A FAMILY OF BLAIRS CAME TO THIS SECTION AND BUILT A FORGE ON CHESTNUT CREEK JUST BELOW THE OLD TOWN OF BLAIR AND JUST A FEW MILES DOWN THE CREEK FROM THE PRESENT SITE OF GALAX, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SMELTING AND WORKING THE IRON ORE THAT WAS FOUND IN THAT SECTION. THEY BUILT A DAM ACROSS CHESTNUT CREEK AND USED THE POWER FROM THIS DAM TO OPERATE A TRIP HAMMER TO HAMMER OUT THE IRON BARS THAT WERE PRODUCED FROM THE ORE.

I CAN REMEMBER AS A BOY SEEING WAGONS THAT WERE TIED WITH WAGON TIRE THAT WAS FORGED IN THIS FORGE, AND THE BAND IRON AND OTHER TYPES OF IRONS USED IN THE OLD COX MILL ON CHESTNUT CREEK WHICH WAS BUILT JUST AFTER THE CIVIL WAR CAME FROM THIS FORGE.

SOMETIME AFTER THIS FORGE WAS BUILT, MY MOTHER TOLD ME THAT FRANK BRYAN, SR. AS A BOY CAME TO THIS FORGE AND HIRED (OR BOUND) HIMSELF, WHICHEVER WAS THE CUSTOM OF THAT DAY WAS FOR MINORS TO MR. BLAIR, AND STAYED WITH HIM UNTIL HE WAS 21 YEARS OLD.

WHEN FRANK BRYAN, SR. WAS 21 YEARS OLD, MR. BLAIR GAVE HIM A HORSE, BRIDLE AND SADDLE, SO PUTTING ALL HIS WORLDLY BELONGINGS ON THE HORSE HE MOUNTED THE HORSE AND STARTED OUT TO ESTABLISH A HOME FOR HIMSELF.

HE TURNED HIS FACE TOWARD THE SOUTH AND THE BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS, AND FINALLY SELECTED THE PLACE FOR A HOME AT WHAT IS NOW CHERRY LANE, WHICH IS LOCATED ON U S ROUTE 21 "LAKES TO FLORIDA HIGHWAY" ABOUT HALFWAY BETWEEN THE TOWN OF SPARTA, THE COUNTY SEAT OF ALLEGHANY COUNTY, N C. AND THE PRESENT BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY.

HERE HE ERECTED A CABIN OUT OF CHESTNUT SAPLINGS AND FOR HIS EATING TABLE HE BORED HOLES IN THE LOGS OF HIS CABIN AND DROVE IN STICKS ON WHICH HE PLACED SPLIT PUNCHEONS, PUTTING THE FLAT SIDE UP TO HOLD HIS PLATE AND FOOD. I CAN'T RECALL THE OTHER FURNISHINGS WHICH HE CONTRIEVED FOR HIS CABIN, ONLY I REMEMBER AS MY MOTHER DESCRIBED IT THAT IT WAS VERY PRIMITIVE.

IT IS NOT KNOWN WHO FRANK BRYAN MARRIED, BUT THERE IS A TRADITION THAT HE MARRIED A SISTER OF DANIEL BOONE'S, BUT FROM THE DATES I HAVE IT SEEMS THAT DANIEL BOONE WAS OF AN EARLIER GENERATION THAN FRANK BRYAN, AS THE RECORD STATES THAT DANIEL BOONE MARRIED REBECCA BRYAN, FROM THE YADKIN RIVER SETTLEMENT IN 1756, WHICH FACT PUT HIM IN AN OLDER GENERATION.

THE STORY AS REGARDS ELIZABETH BRYAN, THE SISTER OF FRANK WHO CAME TO LIVE WITH HIM IN HIS NEW HOME WAS TOLD TO ME BY FRANK BRYAN, JR., WHO WAS BROTHER OF MY GRANDMOTHER, PHOEBE (BRYAN) ROBERTS AND THE STORY IS AS FOLLOWS: IN THE CLOSING PERIOD OF THE REVOLUTION, WHEN CORNWALLIS WAS BEING HEMMED IN BETWEEN THE COLONIAL ARMY ON LAND AND THE FRENCH FLEET OFF THE COAST, TWO SOLDIERS FIGHTING UNDER CORNWALLIS DECIDED THAT THEY WANTED TO MAKE THEIR HOME IN AMERICA, AND NOT BEING ABLE AT THAT TIME TO TELL THE OUT-COME OF THE WAR, THEY DECIDED TO DESERT TO THE COLONIAL ARMY AND SO THAT THEY MIGHT SETTLE IN AMERICA. ONE OF THE SOLDIERS NAMES WAS ALEX SUTHERLAND AND THE OTHER AS I RECALL IT WAS EITHER COX OR OSBORNE, BUT THE DIFFICULTY THEY FACED, WAS HOW TO GET OUT OF THE BRITISH ARMY WITHOUT BEING CAUGHT BY A BRITISH GUARD, AND THEY KNEW IF THEY WERE STOPPED BY A BRITISH GUARD, AND SAID THAT THEY WERE BRITISH DESERTERS THAT THEY WOULD END UP BEFORE A FIRING SQUAD, SO ON THE NIGHT DECIDED ON FOR THE BREAK FOR THE COLONIAL LINES, THEY HELD A CONSULTATION ON WHAT THEY SHOULD SAY WHEN THEY WERE HALTED.

AS THEY KNEW THEY WOULD BE HALTED, THEIR DECISION WAS TO TELL THE TRUTH THAT THEY WERE DESERTERS, AND IF THEY WERE SHOT THEY WOULD DIE TELLING THE TRUTH.

HOWEVER, LADY LUCK WAS WITH THEM AND THEY REACHED THE COLONIAL LINES SAFELY, AND WHEN TOLD THAT TO BE SAFE THEY SHOULD GO INLAND THEY CROSSED THE MOUNTAIN, SO ON REACHING ELK CREEK IN N. C. AND LIKING THE COUNTRY THEY DECIDED THAT THEY HAD CROSSED ENOUGH MOUNTAINS SO THEY STUCK OUT THEIR CLAIMS, AND THIS SECTION BEING ONLY EIGHT OR TEN MILES FROM WHERE FRANK BRYAN HAD PTCHED HIS CABIN, IN TIME HE MET AND COURTED AND MARRIED FRANK BRYAN'S SISTER WHO HAD COME TO LIVE WITH HIM, AND ELIZABETH BRYAN BECAME THE WIFE OF THE SUTHERLAND, WHO LOVED AMERICA ENOUGH TO RISK HIS LIFE FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING AN AMERICAN AND LIVING IN AMERICA.

THIS IS THE STORY HE RELATED TO ME BY MY MOTHER AND FRANK BRYAN, JR., AND IN THE MAIN I BELIEVE TO BE VERY RELIABLE, AND IF YOU ARE DESCENDED FROM THIS MR. SUTHERLAND AND ELIZABETH BRYAN AND IN THIS WAY THE CLAIM THAT OUR FAMILIES ARE RELATED WOULD BE ESTABLISHED, AND REMEMBER THAT MY MOTHER ALWAYS CALLED YOUR FATHER COUSIN ALEX.

A SEARCH OF RECORDS IN JEFFERSON, THE COUNTY SEAT OF ASHE COUNTY, MIGHT THROW MORE LIGHT ON THE ABOVE, BUT I FOUND THAT THE MARRIAGE BONDS OF ASHE COUNTY WERE DESTROYED BY FIRE UP TO ABOUT 1856, SO THE MARRIAGE LICENSE OF ALEX SUTHERLAND AND ELIZABETH BRYAN WOULD NOT BE FOUND, BUT LATER DEEDS AND WILLS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN MADE BY DESCENDANTS MIGHT HELP TO ESTABLISH WITH RECORDS THE ABOVE STORY.

I AM ANXIOUS TO KNOW HOW THIS STORY FITS INTO THE MISSING TWO MENTIONED IN WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN'S FAMILY AS GIVEN IN BOOK "THE FIRST BATTLE". I HAD THIS BOOK YEARS AGO BUT LOANED IT WITH THE RESULT THAT I LOST IT, BUT MY RECOLLECTION HAS BEEN THAT FRANK BRYAN, SR., AND HIS SISTER FRANCES FIT WELL INTO THE VACANT PLACE IN THE WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN STORY, BOTH AS TO NAMES AND DATES.

YEARS AGO ON A SUNDAY TRIP THROUGH ASHE COUNTY WITH YOUR SISTER DORA HURT SHE POINTED OUT WHERE THE OLD SUTHERLAND HOMESTEAD WAS LOCATED, AND I REMEMBER IT, IT WAS NOT FAR FROM THE PRESENT SHATLEY SPRINGS, A SUMMER RESORT WITH CABINS, WHERE THE WATER IS SUPPOSE TO CONTAIN RADIUM, AND PEOPLE COME THERE FROM GREAT DISTANCES TO DRINK AND BATHE IN THE WATER FOR THE TREATMENT AND CURE OF EXEMA AND SKIN DISEASES, AND ALSO STOMACH ULCERS.

IT WAS A PLEASURE TO SEE YOU AGAIN AT THE JUBILEE IN OUR CITY AND IT IS A PLEASURE TO PASS THIS STORY OF YOUR AND MY FAMILIES ON TO YOU, WITH THE HOPE YOU MAY GET SOME PLEASURE OUT OF IT.

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I FOUND THE FIRST BATTLE BY W. J. BRYAN IN OUR LIBRARY (SO MANY OF OUR BOOKS WERE PACKED IN BOXES IN THE OFFICE STORE-ROOM, AND THERE IT WAS).

LIFE OF WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN BY HIS WIFE. THE IMPELLING CAUSE WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS ARTICLE NEEDS NO ELABORATION. DURING THE LAST FEW MONTHS, SO MANY CONFLICTING STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE BY WRITERS, FRIENDLY AND UNFRIENDLY, CONCERNING MR. BRYAN'S ANCESTRY, HABITS, EDUCATION, ETC., THAT A SHORT BIOGRAPHY BASED UPON FACT SEEMS A NECESSARY PART OF THIS BOOK. WRITING FROM THE STANDPOINT OF A WIFE, SUGGESTION AND CRITICISM ARE EQUALLY OUT OF PLACE. MY ONLY PURPOSE, THEREFORE, IS TO PRESENT IN A SIMPLE STORY THOSE INCIDENTS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST TO THE GENERAL READER.

MARY BAIRD BRYAN.

BIOGRAPHY

----- ANCESTRY

WITHIN THE LAST FEW YEARS, MR. BRYAN HAS CORRESPONDED WITH A NUMBER OF PERSONS BEARING THE FAMILY NAME. SOME OF THE BRYANS TRACE THEIR ANCESTRY TO IRELAND, SOME TO WALES, WHILE OTHERS HAVE FOLLOWED THE NAME THROUGH IRISH INTO ENGLISH HISTORY. A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH WRITTEN UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF SILAS L. BRYAN STATES THAT THE FAMILY IS OF IRISH EXTRACTION.

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JOHN BRYAN, THE SECOND SON, WAS BORN ABOUT 1790, AND AT AN EARLY AGE MARRIED NANCY LILLARD. THE LILLARD FAMILY IS AN OLD AMERICAN FAMILY OF ENGLISH EXTRACTION AND IS NOW REPRESENTED BY NUMEROUS DESCENDANTS SCATTERED OVER VIRGINIA, KENTUCKY, AND TENNESSEE. TO JOHN BRYAN AND WIFE, TEN CHILDREN WERE BORN, ALL OF WHOM EXCEPTING RUSSELL AND ELIZABETH, ARE DECEASED. THE OLDEST, WILLIAM, REMOVED TO MISSOURI IN EARLY LIFE AND LIVED NEAR TROY UNTIL HIS DEATH, SOME TEN YEARS AGO. JOHN AND HOWARD DIED IN INFANCY. JANE MARRIED JOSEPH CHENEY AND LIVED AT GALLIPOLIS, OHIO. NANCY MARRIED GEORGE BALTZELL, AND LIVED IN MARION COUNTY, ILLINOIS. MARTHA MARRIED HOMER SMITH, AND LIVED AT GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, LATER REMOVING TO MARION COUNTY, ILLINOIS. THE NEXT CHILD, ROBERT, A PHYSICIAN, WAS KILLED IN A STEAMBOAT EXPLOSION WHILE YET A YOUNG MAN. SILAS LILLARD, FATHER OF WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN, WAS BORN NOVEMBER 4TH, 1822, NEAR SPERRYVILLE, IN WHAT WAS THEN CULPEPER, BUT IS NOW A PART OF RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY, VIRGINIA. THE NEXT CHILD, RUSSELL, LOCATED AT SALEM, ILLINOIS, WHERE HE HAS SINCE LIVED. ELIZABETH, THE YOUNGEST OF THE FAMILY, MARRIED ANOTHER GEORGE BALTZELL. SHE EARLY REMOVED TO LEWIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, HER PRESENT HOME.

ABOUT THE YEAR 1828 JOHN BRYAN REMOVED WITH HIS FAMILY TO THE WESTERN PORTION OF VIRGINIA, IN WHAT IS NOW WEST VIRGINIA. HIS LAST RESIDENCE WAS NEAR POINT PLEASANT, WHERE BOTH HE AND HIS WIFE DIED, AND LATTER IN 1834, THE FORMER, 1836.

SILAS, THEN BUT A BOY, WENT WEST AND MADE HIS HOME A PART OF THE TIME WITH HIS SISTER, NANCY BALTZELL, AND A PART OF THE TIME WITH HIS BROTHER, WILLIAM. HE WAS AMBITIOUS TO OBTAIN AN EDUCATION, AND AFTER MAKING HIS WAY THROUGH THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ENTERED MCKENDREE COLLEGE AT LEBANON, ILLINOIS, WHERE HE COMPLETED HIS COURSE, GRADUATING WITH HONORS, IN 1849.

OWING TO LACK OF MEANS HE WAS OCCASIONALLY COMPELLED TO DROP OUT OF COLLEGE FOR A TIME AND EARN ENOUGH TO CONTINUE HIS STUDIES. AT FIRST HE SPENT THESE VACATIONS WORKING AS A FARM HAND, BUT LATER, WHEN SUFFICIENTLY ADVANCED IN HIS STUDIES, TAUGHT SCHOOL. AFTER GRADUATION HE STUDIED LAW, WAS ADMITTED TO THE BAR, AND BEGAN HIS PRACTICE AT SALEM, ILLINOIS, AT THE AGE OF TWENTY-NINE. ON NOVEMBER 4TH, 1852, HE MARRIED MARIAH ELIZABETH JENNINGS. DURING THE SAME YEAR HE WAS ELECTED TO THE STATE SENATE AND SERVED IN THE BODY FOR EIGHT YEARS. IN 1860 HE WAS ELECTED TO THE CIRCUIT BENCH, AND SERVED TWELVE YEARS. IN 1872 HE WAS NOMINATED FOR CONGRESS UPON THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET, RECEIVING THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE GREENBACK PARTY. HE WAS DEFEATED BY A PLURALITY OF 240 BY GENERAL JAMES MARTIN, REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE. AS A MEMBER OF THE CONVENTION OF 1872, WHICH FRAMED THE PRESENT CONSTITUTION OF ILLINOIS, HE INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT TO BE THE SENSE OF THE CONVENTION THAT ALL OFFICES, LEGISLATIVE, EXECUTIVE AND JUDICIAL, PROVIDED FOR BY THE NEW CONSTITUTION, SHOULD BE FILLED BY ELECTIONS BY THE PEOPLE. BEFORE HIS ELECTION TO THE BENCH, AND AFTER HIS RETIREMENT THEREFROM, HE PRACTICED LAW IN MARION AND ADJOINING COUNTIES. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH, THE CHURCH TO WHICH HIS PARENTS BELONGED, AND WAS A VERY DEVOUT MAN. HE PRAYED AT MORNING, NOON AND NIGHT, AND WAS A FIRM BELIEVER IN PROVIDENTIAL DIRECTION IN THE AFFAIRS OF LIFE. HE WAS A MAN OF STRONG CHARACTER, STERN INTEGRITY AND HIGH PURPOSE. HE TOOK RANK AMONG THE BEST LAWYERS IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS, AND WAS A FLUENT, GRACEFUL AND FORCIBLE SPEAKER. HIS MIND WAS PHILOSOPHICAL AND HIS SPEECHES ARGUMENTATIVE. IN POLITICS HE WAS A DEMOCRAT IN THE BROADEST SENSE OF THE WORD AND HAD AN ABIDING FAITH IN REPUBLICAN INSTITUTIONS AND IN THE CAPACITY OF THE PEOPLE FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT. HE WAS A STAUNCH DEFENDER OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND GAVE FINANCIAL AS WELL AS MORAL SUPPORT TO VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING. HE REGARDED THE SCIENCE OF GOVERNMENT AS HIGHLY HONORABLE AND USED TO SAY THAT THE GUEST CHAMBER OF HIS HOME WAS RESERVED FOR "POLITICIANS AND DIVINES." IT WAS HIS CUSTOM, AFTER HE REMOVED TO THE FARM, TO SEND A LOAD OF HAY AT HARVEST TIME TO EACH PREACHER AND PRIEST IN SALEM. HE WAS BROAD AND TOLERANT IN HIS RELIGIOUS VIEWS. WHILE A PUBLIC MAN DURING A LARGE PART OF HIS LIFE, HE WAS EMINENTLY DOMESTIC. HE DIED MARCH 30, 1880, AND WAS BURIED IN THE CEMETERY AT SALEM. HIS WILL PROVIDED THAT ALL OF HIS CHILDREN SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO SECURE THE "HIGHEST EDUCATION WHICH THE GENERATION AFFORDS."

THE JENNINGS FAMILY.

THE JENNINGS FAMILY HAS LIVED SO LONG IN AMERICA THAT THE DESCENDANTS DO NOT KNOW THE DATE OF THE IMMIGRATION OF THE ANCESTORS TO THE COLONIES NOR IS IT KNOWN POSITIVELY FROM WHAT COUNTRY THEY CAME, BUT THEY ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN ENGLISH.

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TO SILAS LILLARD AND MARIAH ELIZABETH BRYAN WERE BORN NINE CHILDREN. OF THESE, VIRGINIA, JOHN AND MIRAM DIED IN INFANCY. RUSSEL DIED AT THE AGE OF 17. FIVE CHILDREN ARE NOW LIVING, NAMELY: FRANCIS MARIAH, WILLIAM JENNINGS, CHARLES WAYLAND, NANCY LILLARD, MARY ELIZABETH, FRANCIS M. BRYAN (NOW BAIRD) LIVES AT SALEM, ILL., AND CHARLES W. IN LINCOLN, NEBRASKA.

THE BRYANS, LILLARD, JENNINGS AND DAVIDSON FAMILIES ALL BELONGED TO THE MIDDLE CLASSES. THEY WERE INDUSTRIOUS, LAW-ABIDING, GOD-FEARING PEOPLE. NO MEMBER OF THE FAMILY EVER BECAME VERY RICH, AND NONE WERE EVER ABJECTLY POOR. FARMING HAS BEEN THE OCCUPATION OF THE MAJORITY, WHILE OTHERS HAVE FOLLOWED THE LEGAL AND MEDICAL PROFESSIONS AND MERCANTILE PURSUITS.

NOTE: WHO DO WE KNOW THAT MIGHT HAVE RECORDS ON THE SUTHERLAND AND BRYAN FAMILIES IN GRAYSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA?

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MR. THOMAS TUCKER.

W E L L --- WHERE DO WE GO NOW.

WHEN MR. E. C. MACY IN OREGON SENT ME 16 TYPEWRITTEN PAGES ON THE OWEN GENEALOGY, I ALMOST FELL OVER, BUT MANAGED TO LEARN MANY THINGS AND HAVE FOUND THAT THE OWEN - OWINGS, OWING, AND OYNGS WERE VARIOUS SPELLINGS USED BY THE SAME LINEAGE.

I HAVE ALSO FOUND THAT IT TAKES READING AND RE-READING TO ESTABLISH AND PROVE CERTAIN CLUES AND CERTAIN STORIES.

WILL COPY THE FOOT PRINTS ON THE SANDS OF TIME BY DR. A. B. COX ----- YES, YOU KNOW AND I KNOW THAT ALL THIS TYPING WILL MAKE ME A FORGOTTEN BRIDGE PLAYER.

NOW --- WE MUST HAVE PROOF.

THERE MUST BE OLD RECORDS IN POSSESSION OF SOMEONE, OR RATHER SEVERAL DESCENDANTS OF THE SUTHERLAND FAMILY AND THE BRYAN FAMILY --- BUT WHERE? THAT IS OUR TASK. THE REWARDING THING ABOUT RESEARCH IS THAT ONE NEVER KNOWS WHERE THE HIDDEN CLUE OR STORY MAY BE FOUND.

I AM SENDING YOU A CARBON COPY FOR YOU TO GIVE TO SOMEONE YOU THINK WILL BE ABLE TO HELP US. MR. TUCKER SAID MR. CARL NEAL WAS EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN THE ALLIED FAMILIES --- ESPECIALLY THE SUTHERLANDS, BUT THAT HE WAS SO FAR AWAY TO DO THE RESEARCH.

BOB IS REALLY INTERESTED IN ALL THIS WORK BEING PUBLISHED --- WITH OTHER FAMILIES SUCH AS McDOWELL, OWEN, BORST, CLEVELAND, ROBINSON, PITCHER, RICHARD-REICHERT, SINGER, BRYANT-BRYAN, CROOKE, --- FOR THE PRESENT TIME. WHAT SHALL I SELECT FOR A TITLE ---- "WHOSE YOUR COUSIN" HOOSIERS FINDING OUT THEIR ANCESTRAL LINEAGE.

I AM IN FAVOR OF ANY PROJECT WHICH BRINGS GOOD PEOPLE TOGETHER. REALLY, JUSTIN AND HIS MOTHER WERE SUCH WONDERFUL PEOPLE AND SO GOOD TO US, AND YOU RARE PEOPLE --- THE SHOUNS --- THE ADAMS, AND "YOU ALL" SUTHERLANDS AT THE PICNIC. SO LET'S "CARRY ON" THE FAMILY RESEARCH.

AS EVA SUE SAYS ----- SURELY OUT OF ALL THE NAMES --- SUTHERLAND, ROBINSON, BRYAN --- THERE WILL BE FOUND ANOTHER BAR FOR OUR DAR RECORDS. WHO WAS SARAH ROBINSON SUTHERLAND'S MOTHER?????? WHAT RECORDS WILL WE FIND THAT SHOWS THE PARENTAGE OF MARGARET BRYAN SUTHERLAND --- AND ALSO THE PARENTS OF ALEXANDER --- HOW DO YOU FIND THE NAMES OF DUKE'S?????? WE HAVE A LITTLE BIT, OR AT LEAST, I DO, IN RESEARCH IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES, ALSO RIGHT HERE IN OUR DEAR OLD U S A.

BOB HAS GONE TO THE OFFICE, TO PICK UP SOME MAILING ENVELOPES SUITABLE FOR THIS DAY'S WORK OF MINE. DO LET ME HEAR FROM YOU --- CLUES, HINTS, COURTHOUSE RECORDS. BY THE WAY WHERE IS THE COPY OF JOSEPH SUTHERLAND'S WILL. SURELY HE MADE ONE WITH CHILDREN BY SUSAN ROBINSON, AND CHILDREN BY SARAH KING. THAT WILL SHOULD BE IN THE COURTHOUSE IN MOUNTAIN CITY, TENN. WHAT ABOUT DEATH CERTIFICATES IN YOUR COUNTY? ARE THEY IN THE COURTHOUSE OR IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER? THEY OFTEN SHOW WHO PARENTS ARE, AND WHERE THE PARENTS WERE BORN.

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