

**THE
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FAMILY**

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A History of the
Emigrant Hans Waggoner
and His Descendants

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INTRODUCTION

It is a matter of regret that so many incidents and experiences of our family must be forever forgotten, because in the early days many important dates, events and facts were not, to our knowledge, recorded, or, if recorded, are no longer available. Any attempt now to write a comprehensive history of the numerous members of our large family, and particularly with reference to those of more remote generations, will result in a sketch which will be incomplete at best.

However, we have endeavored to make the most of what is available, and have been able to trace the story of our family for a period of approximately two hundred years and to record something of the lives of more than a thousand of the descendants of Hans Waggoner, our emigrant ancestor.

This vast number of descendants will suggest at once the scope of the work which it was necessary to cover, and while it may be apparent to the reader that we have overlooked items which should have been included, we believe it will be found, upon investigation that the oversight was not intentional, but was simply due to fact that in searching out innumerable points, a few escaped our notice. It has been our constant aim to be accurate in all that we have written, and where mistakes do occur, we must beg indulgence.

As to our sources of information, we are fortunate indeed in having preserved for us such rare document as the Revolutionary War pension papers of our ancestor, Isaac Waggoner; and in the fact that the lives of many of the older members of our family were chronicled in the official histories of those regions of the Republic in which they lived.

Neither are we unmindful of the spirit of family solidarity which received new emphasis in the Waggoner Reunions of a few decades ago. These Reunions resulted incidentally in a body of data which became the basis for much of the recent history of our family. It was during this period that opportunity was had for consulting with older members of the family, such as Uncle Gilbert Waggoner, Aunt Narcissa Waggoner and Aunt Nancy

Edwards, and it is our good fortune that there were those who could and did keep this knowledge alive and pass it on.

More recently we have had the efficient and generous contributions of Elder Thomas Edwards, and the splendid cooperation of Aunt Hannah Daugherty, the last surviving grandchild of Isaac Waggoner. We have also been able to make good use of short newspaper sketches, bearing on our family history, prepared a few years ago by Francis M. Waggoner and Martha Jay Scott. And very recently we have had the help of Nellie Boling Edwards, as a representative on the field, in making available to us data which was important.

With such inspiring cooperation, what might have appeared a tremendous task became a genuine pleasure, and we wish to take this opportunity of rendering our words of sincere appreciation.

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Since the writing of the Waggoner family history by John Garland Waggoner and Clem Boling in 1923 and very recently at our Waggoner Family Centennial held at Freeland Grove in Sullivan, Ill., in July 1928, new interest in our family history has been awakened. A History committee was selected at that meeting. Because of our long residence here in Moultrie County, the sacred ground of the early Waggoners, we were selected. We have tried to meet that demand and, we have had splendid cooperation from all whom we have been able to reach. While the work is not complete, it is the best we can get at this time. We thank you for your sincere assistance which has contributed much to the success of the work.

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Sullivan, Illinois.

JULY 1, 1929.

CHAPTER I
HANS WAGGONER

We have been able to trace our family back to Hans Waggoner who landed in Charleston, South Carolina, about 1730. He was a man of sturdy character and industrious habits, and came from Germany or Holland; our traditions favor the former country, our characteristics, the latter. So the Waggoners are probably of German stock. The history of South Carolina for this early period shows that in July, 1729, Carolina was purchased by the king of England and formed into two separate colonies, and immediately after this South Carolina received large accessions of emigrants from Germany and elsewhere.

Hans Waggoner was first married about 1760. We have no knowledge of the ancestry nor of the history of his first wife, except that she bore him two children, namely, George and Isaac, our ancestor.

The date of birth of this George Waggoner is not recorded, but he is believed to have been the older brother. At least, he died first, about 1813, and his brother, Isaac, was the administrator of his estate and one of the heirs of his property. George Waggoner was a farmer—a cotton-raiser of considerable wealth for that day. He was a large land-owner on the Santee River in York County, South Carolina, and had several slaves. In the first census of the United States taken in 1790, his name is included in the section described as Camden District, York County, South Carolina, as follows:

Name of Head of Family	Waggoner, George
Free White Males of 16 yrs. and upward, including heads of families	1
Free White Males under 16 years	1
Free White Females, including heads of families	3
All other Free Persons	—
Slaves	6

A study of the United States censuses of 1790, 1800 and 1810 indicates that this George Waggoner had in all one son and four daughters, but we have no record of the lives of these children. His wife was not living at the time of the 1810 census, and he is described at that time as being "of 45 and upwards." The number of slaves he owned had increased to eight by 1810.

According to the pension claim which he filed with the United States Government, Isaac Waggoner, our ancestor, was born September 11, 1761, in Craven County, South Carolina, (later called Fairfield County) two counties south of York County, the residence of his brother, George Waggoner. These facts establish the residences of the

two brothers in the north central part of the state, and suggest that the Hans Waggoner family also resided in this section of the state, at least, at that time. The detailed history of Isaac Waggoner will be taken up later.

Following the death of his first wife, Hans Waggoner married a Mrs. Fair, who had one son, Isham, by a previous marriage, who died of consumption years later at Isaac Waggoner's home in North Carolina, and within the memory of Aunt Narcissa Waggoner. Of Hans Waggoner's second marriage three children were born, namely John, Suka and another daughter who married a Mr. Hill.

John Waggoner came to Kentucky perhaps a little earlier than our people came to Illinois. As our people came, they seem to have made a considerable stop, somewhere in Kentucky, probably with John and his people. One of John's sons and a son-in-law visited our people in Illinois about 1863. They seem to have had the two-fold purpose of visiting and looking at the country with a view to moving. They did not move, but corresponded with our people for some time. This ceased, and we do not know even in what part of the state they lived.

Suka, one of Hans Waggoner's daughters, married Mr. Ned Moberly. They had a son Ned, who visited our people in North Carolina. Aunt Narcissa remembered him and his visits very well. His father was described as a rich farmer, cotton-raiser and slave-owner of South Carolina.

The other daughter of Hans Waggoner married a Mr. George Hill and lived near Columbia, South Carolina. They later moved to Georgia. Mr. Hill often visited our people in North Carolina. He was not a religious man and was described as being singular, peculiar and wily.

Hans Waggoner died on the Santee River, South Carolina, (some say the Yadkin River) some time prior to 1790. At least his name does not appear in the 1790 census. He left each direct heir \$300, which was a considerable sum for that day.

At this point it might be interesting to note some observations gained from a study of the first census of the United States taken in 1790. This census shows there were Waggoners in at least three of the thirteen states. In South Carolina the names of Isaac and George only are given as the heads of Waggoner families. In North Carolina there were nine Waggoner families. In Pennsylvania there were seventy-nine Waggoner families, including six George Waggoners and fifteen John Waggoners. Each of these Waggoner families averaged about six persons, so there were approximately five hundred Waggoners in America in 1790.

Letters have been addressed to the County Clerks of all North and South Carolina counties showing Waggoners as residents in 1790, but to date we have not learned of any Waggoners living in those counties at this time.

The entire population of South Carolina in 1790, including slaves, was 249,073, and Chester County, in which Isaac Waggoner resided in 1790, had 6866.

CHAPTER II Isaac Waggoner

Isaac Waggoner was born in what is now Fairfield county, South Carolina, on September 11, 1761. We know little of his boyhood days, except that when he was nineteen years old he enrolled for service in the war for independence.

We have been in correspondence with the Revolutionary War Section of the Bureau of Pensions, Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C., regarding Isaac Waggoner's Revolutionary War Service, and have the following official letter bearing on that matter:

"Rev. War Section.

Department of the Interior
Bureau of Pensions, Washington
October 4, 1922.

Mr. C. M. Boling,
N. Y. Talking Machine Co.
521 W. 57th St.
New York City
Sir:

In response to your letter of the 6th ultimo, you are advised that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S. 32578, it appears that Isaac Waggoner was born September 11, 1761, in Craven County, South Carolina, (later called Fairfield County) where he was living when he served in the South Carolina Militia, as a private as follows: for two months, from April 1781, under Captain Parrott and Colonel Bratten for four months, from June 1781, under Captain Henry Hale and Colonel David Hopkins; for four months, from May 1782, under Captain John McCool and Colonel David Hopkins.

He was allowed pension, on his application executed June 6, 1836, while living in Shelby County, Illinois. He died in 1838, exact date not stated, leaving ten children, whose names and that of his wife are not on record.

Very respectfully,
(Signed) Hays Haymaker,
Chief Clerk."

Following this, we arranged for photographed copies of all the papers on file at Washington with respect to Isaac Waggoner's Revolutionary War

service and from them we summarize his service, as follows:

In April, 1781, when he was nineteen years of age, he stood a draft in the South Carolina Militia, and was drafted into the service as a private militiaman for four months at Fairfield County (South Carolina), under the following officers, Captain Parrott, Colonel Bratton, General Sumter. Soon after being drafted, his company marched from Fairfield County to Friday Ferry on the Congoree River—about sixty miles. He served at said Ferry for two months, being in camp and employed in guarding the Ferry to keep the enemy and Tories from crossing the Congoree River. At the end of two months their services being no longer required, he with his company was discharged, on condition and subject to be drafted again immediately or whenever called upon, and returned home. He received only a verbal discharge.

About the last of June, 1781, after he had been home only about two weeks, he was again called as a private, under Captain Henry Hale, Colonel David Hopkins, General Richard Winn. He and his company marched to Orangeburg—about seventy-five miles, where there was an old fort, and was employed most of the time in garrison and the balance of the time on guard, in all four months. On their march to Orangeburg his company had a skirmish with the Tories, who attacked them about three miles from Orangeburg and fired upon them from swamps, but were repulsed and driven back—his company lost one man killed, one wounded and one horse killed. Received written discharge at end of this four months' service.

In May, 1782, again called upon as a private for four months under Captain John McCool, Colonel David Hopkins, General Richard Winn, with General Francis Marion in command a part of the time. Company marched to Orangeburg—seventy-five miles—thence to Four Holes Bridge, forty-five miles, and while on the route they joined General Greene's army which was on its march, or retreat, from old Fort Ninety-Six. They separated from Green's army at or near the Four Holes Bridge where he, his company and others lay in camp and were employed in guarding the bridge and were there two months. They then marched to Lawrence Ferry on the Santee River, forty miles, where they were ensconced for two months and employed in watching and guarding the Ferry and the enemy to keep them back. Obtained written discharge for this service.

South Carolina was a scene of warfare during the Revolution, and many of the most hotly contested battles of the war occurred within its limits. The British held the colony during 1780-1781, but

General Morgan defeated the Tory, General Tarleton, at Cowpens (near Isaac Waggoner's home) and the victory of Eutaw Springs, September 3, 1781, terminated active war within the state and caused the withdrawal of the enemy to Charleston, and contributed much to the successful issue of the contest. Isaac Waggoner states in his affidavit filed with the Pension Bureau that he was near Eutaw Springs at the time of the battle but was prevented from being in the engagement by his other duties.

For those descendants of Isaac Waggoner who are interested to become members of the Societies of the Sons of the Revolution, or Daughters of the Revolution, or organizations of a similar character, a copy of the official letter from the Pension Bureau given herein and an authenticated pedigree of descent from Isaac Waggoner is all that is necessary in filing application.

It is not known what part, if any, Isaac Waggoner's father, brothers and older members of the Waggoner family took in the War of the Revolution, but there is a tradition in our family that at Fort Moultrie, on Sullivan Island, South Carolina, protecting Charleston Harbor, there was a battery during the Revolutionary War known as the Waggoner battery which helped to repulse the British fleet.

Physically, Isaac Waggoner was a man of good proportions, weighing about 150 pounds, and had much the same features as Gilbert Waggoner, his son, whom many of the older members of the Waggoner family will remember.

Soon after returning from the army, Isaac Waggoner married Emsey Holeyfield, a daughter of William Holeyfield. She was somewhat younger than her husband, and was described as a small woman, spare built, resembling very much her granddaughter Aunt Nancy Edwards. She was of a retiring disposition, but of strong moral and spiritual character. She was long a member of the Baptist church, and died in the family home in Whitley Township, Moultrie County, Illinois (present Leggett farm) in 1831.

In the 1790 census, Isaac Waggoner is listed as follows:

State of South Carolina—Camden District Chester County	
Name of head of family	Waggoner, Isaac
Free white male of 16 years and upward, including heads of families	1
Free white males under 16	1
Free white females including heads of families	2
All other free persons	—
Slaves	—

This indicates he had one son at the time (probably William) and one daughter. They were now living in Chester County, adjoining Fairfield

County, Isaac's place of birth, on the north.

Sometime between 1790 and 1800, Isaac Waggoner and family, with his wife's people, moved to Rutherford County, North Carolina.

Extracts from the Censuses of 1800, 1810 and 1820 for Rutherford County, North Carolina, are given below:

Name of head of family	Isaac Waggoner		
	1800	1810	1820
Free White males:			
Under 10 years of age	3	4	2
Of 10 and under 16	1	1	1
Of 16 and under 26, including heads of families	0	0	0
Of 26 and under 45, including the heads of families	1	1	0
Of 45 and upwards, including the heads of families	0	0	1
Free white females:			
Under 10 years of age	2	2	1
Of 10 and under 16	1	1	0
Of 16 and under 26, including heads of families	0	2	1
Of 26 and under 45, including the heads of families	1	1	0
Of 45 and upwards, including the heads of families	0	0	1
Slaves:	0	0	0
Looms	0	1	0
Quantity in yards of homespun annually made in family		200	0
Value in dollars (of homespun)		100	0
Number of persons engaged in Agriculture			2

The 1810 census will probably strike present-day Waggoners as unusual in that it shows that the Isaac Waggoner family made two hundred yards of homespun annually.

The Waggoners of Rutherford County, North Carolina, were farmers, owning their own land, but were not wealthy. They were honest, industrious and a highly-respected people.

Martha Scott, daughter of Amos Waggoner and granddaughter of Isaac Waggoner, had this to say about her grandfather: "It has been remarked of our grandfather, that he was a most happy man. His disposition was such, and he had such good control of his temper, passions, or whatever you please to call it, that he got along evenly and peaceably with every one. He was quiet—no quick outbursts of passions—a good Christian man. 'He overcame evil with good.' I have dear remembrances of my dear old grandfather and his happy disposition. I hope and expect to meet him in the better world 'when the mists have cleared away.' " Isaac Waggoner was a Baptist, and the older Waggoners generally, with few exceptions, were Baptists. They were a people of humble,

steadfast faith in God and trust in His great mercies.

In all, fourteen children were born to Isaac and Emsey Holeyfield Waggoner, two of whom at least were born in South Carolina, according to the census of 1790. There were eight sons and six daughters. William, the oldest, died at the age of seven years and was probably buried in South Carolina. The others were John (usually called Jack) Isaac, Jr., George, Joel, Amos, Elisha, Gilbert, Nancy, Susan, Celia, Polly, Jemima and Emsey. An account of the various branches of Isaac Waggoner's family will be given later.

CHAPTER III

First Migration of Waggoners to Illinois

Isaac Waggoner was a studious reader and was said to have had many books for that day. Among his books were the Bible, Pilgrim's Progress, The Holy War, and a Geography, or a history of the various states. His wife sometimes chided him for reading so much, saying, "If you have your geography, you are satisfied." Here he learned about the West and its possibilities, and decided to move to Illinois. All of his sons, except George, opposed the move, but they all finally came. Isaac Waggoner would not own slaves. This opposition to slavery was undoubtedly a primary cause of the migration.

Preparatory to moving, Isaac Waggoner sold his farm of 500 acres for \$3.00 an acre. That same year (1827) a charter was issued to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, but it was not until July 4, 1827, that work was actually begun on the first passenger railroad in America. But it was not ready for business until nearly two years later, and its location was not suited to the wants of our people. So other means of transportation had to be provided.

The following persons constituted the first group of Waggoners who started to Illinois in 1827; Isaac Waggoner and wife, Emsey Holeyfield Waggoner, and their four children, Alvin, Robert, Celia and Sally; Isaac's son, Amos, and his wife, Narcissa Jay Waggoner and their three children, Martha Joy, Isaac Vestal and James Monroe; Isaac's daughter, Polly, and her husband, Noah Webb, and their two little girls, Syuthia and Jemima; Isaac's son, Gilbert, and his wife, Patsy Bailey Waggoner (Gilbert and his wife had not been married long and were both young. Gilbert's wife was a slim bit of a girl at this time and was only about fourteen years old); Isaac's son, Elisha, and Isaac's daughter Emsey. Twenty-one persons in all!

They left their old North Carolina home about November 22, 1827. For the journey, our ancestor,

Isaac Waggoner, secured an old-fashioned four-horse wagon with scoop-bed, and he had another horse in addition to the four-horse team. His sons, Amos and Elisha, did most of the driving of this big wagon, which was covered. The driver had a saddle on the rear, left hand side wheel horse, which he rode, having a single line on the front lead horse by which he guided the leading span of horses. The other wagon, or surry, which in those days was called "a carry-all", pulled by two horses, was driven by Isaac Waggoner, with the same kind of lines that are used today to drive a two-horse team. Isaac Waggoner and his wife rode in this surry and frequently they would take the children in to ride with them. The large wagon was full of household goods and there was not much room for passengers. There were also two or three saddle horses in the caravan. Gilbert, Isaac's son, had a beautiful bay horse which he and his wife rode. Amos had a blind horse, which his wife would ride sometimes. Those who were old enough walked most of the way. Martha Waggoner Scott (daughter of Amos) and one of the twenty-one pioneers said of this journey: "I do know there was a lot of walking done. We did not meet many travelers. No railroads then and but few other good roads. Once in a while we would meet the stage coach with a few people in it. They traveled in a hurry, always sounding their bugle in time for us to give them the road." Thus the little band moved over the hills and mountains, facing the northern winds and snows, but the record gives no account of complaints of the hardships.

The route taken to Illinois by these pioneers was as follows: They crossed the Blue Ridge mountains through Hickory Gap east of Knoxville, Tenn. Near Knoxville, they made a stop for a month or so with some people by the name of Lodge. Whether these were relatives or simply old friends, we have been unable to learn. They moved on through Tennessee and by Hopkinsville, Kentucky, to the Ohio River, which they crossed at Ford's Ferry, a few miles south of Mount Vernon, Illinois. The river was about a mile wide at this point, and they were rowed across on a boat run by a horse tread-wheel. Isaac's wife was an exceedingly timid woman and so dreaded to try it that she cried. Near McLeansboro, Illinois, at a place called Hamilton, Isaac was taken ill with typhoid fever, from which he almost lost his life and this sickness delayed the company two or three weeks, but about the last of March, 1828, they reached what was later to become Section 7, Township 12, Range 6 of what is now Whitley Township, Moultrie County, Illinois. They settled on the farm now owned and occupied by Tommy Leggett, lying on the south side of the road between the present Whitfield school house and Whitfield church.

Martha Waggoner Scott had this to say of the region where they settled: "The country was wild. Land was not on the market yet. We thought the prairies would never be settled. We had lots of sickness for years, mostly bilious fever, ague, or chills and fever."

Isaac Waggoner, with the assistance of his sons, George, Amos, Elisha and Gilbert, and his son-in-law, Noah Webb, immediately built a log cabin on what is now the Leggitt farm. This log cabin was located back in the field, probably not far from the cemetery, where it stood for several decades. Later it was moved down near the present frame house on the farm, which was constructed about forty years ago, and used as a barn, and then it was finally torn down. This was the home of Isaac Waggoner, his wife, and unmarried son and daughter, Elisha and Emsey. But all of little band of pioneers made their homes there until each built a cabin for himself and family. Here they also made preparations for a crop of corn the coming season. The first settlers did not put much ground in cultivation the first year, the average number of acres being about ten. The prairie was broken for the Waggoners with ox-teams by Samuel Linley, son-in-law of John Whitley, using a sod plow which would cut and turn over a sod about eighteen to twenty inches wide.

CHAPTER IV

Temporary Settlers whom the Waggoners found in Moultrie County when they arrived.

The following paragraphs from the "Combined History of Shelby and Moultrie Counties, Illinois," published in 1881, gives a record of the people whom the Waggoners found in Moultrie county when they arrived in 1828. Incidentally, the publishers of this volume from which we shall quote acknowledge material assistance in its preparation from J. H. Waggoner (grandson of Isaac Waggoner), Gilbert Waggoner (son of Isaac Waggoner), Gideon Edwards (son-in-law of Isaac Waggoner), and Alvin Waggoner (grandson of Isaac Waggoner).

"The honor of first settling in the territory comprising Moultrie county belongs to John Whitley. He with his wife and sons John, Sharp, Mills, Randall, William, Josiah, his son-in-law, Samuel Linley, and two or three daughters, settled in Section 12, T. 12, R. 6, at the point of timber which has ever since been known as Whitley's Point, in the fall of 1826. This farm is now (1881) owned by J. M. Edmonds. Here he erected the first cabin and broke the first prairie in what is now Moultrie county. All his sons but Josiah were married, and some had children; when they came and settled in the same vicinity, as did also the son-in-law, Samuel

Linley. William Price, a single man, came a short time after their arrival and married one of Whitley's daughters, and located near the old gentleman. The senior Whitley was a native of Maryland, and it is thought came from Kentucky here. He and all his sons were very fond of sport, great horsemen, and always kept a number of fine thoroughbred Kentucky race horses. They would frequently ride some distance to settlements and race for money; in fact gambling in general seemed to be their chief occupation. The sons were all large, athletic men, and inclined to fight at the slightest provocation. It is said they and some of the Waggoners had an interesting combat at one time. Mills and Sharp Whitley and Samuel Linley emigrated to Texas about 1836 or '37, and John, Randall, and William died several years ago in Missouri, whence they had moved. Josiah, the last known of, was living in Bond county, this state. The elder Whitley moved up the Okaw river in Coles county, about 1838, where he died a few years later, and his wife soon followed him in death. Although none of their descendants live in the county, the name of Whitley, united as it is to township and stream, resists decay. Hal McDaniel, a native of Tennessee, who either came with the Whitley's or about the same time, squatted a mile west of them on Whitley Creek. He had a wife and four or five children, but remained here only a short time. The next settlement was made on the place now owned by Caleb Evans, in Section 1, T. 12, R. 5, in the extreme southern part of the county, by two brothers, Samuel and Jonathan Anderson. They left here about 1834.

"The next arrival was of a different class. They were permanent settlers, and today their descendants are as numerous in this locality as any family that ever settled here. We will mention the Waggoners *****"

(The Volume then gives in great detail the early Illinois history of the Waggoner family).

CHAPTER V

Early Governmental Organization of Region later known as Whitley Township, Moultrie County.

Illinois, as a state, was ten years old at the time the first Waggoners arrived from the South. The region in which they settled had become Shelby county the year before (1827). Moultrie county was organized in 1843 from parts of Shelby and Macon counties, and the Waggoners are believed to have had some influence on the Commissioners in the naming of this new county and its county seat after the South Carolina Revolutionary General, Moultrie, for whom the fort on Sullivan Island, in Charleston harbor, was named, and with which the

name of Waggoner had been traditionally associated, as related elsewhere.

Before Moultrie county was organized, government affairs of the territory in which the Waggoners resided seem to have been transacted at Nelson Station in what is now East Nelson Township. Taxes were paid there and court was held there. It was also the home of most of the early doctors. Mustering days were also held there.

CHAPTER VI

The Second Caravan of Waggoners

Most of the Waggoners who did not start to Illinois in 1827 collected their effects together and started in the fall of 1828. This second company consisted of John Waggoner (son of Isaac Waggoner), his wife, and daughter, Rachel, and her husband, Harmon Smith, and their children, Malinda and David Smith. Others of John's children in the group were Leah, Lisby, William, Martin, Edward M., Sally, Nancy M. and John, who died a few weeks after arriving in Illinois. Others in the company were Isaac, Jr., (son of Isaac Waggoner), and wife and children, Eda, Arina, Patsy, Liza, Delphus, Hazel, Anonymous and James S. Twenty-four in all!

The equipment for the transportation of this company of twenty-four people was entirely in keeping with the times and circumstances of the travelers. John Waggoner had three horses, one of which was fully packed. Another horse, "Dick", was partly packed and carried John's wife, and John, Jr., who was then about five years old. The third horse, "Bet", was a young horse that carried the young men alternately, usually with Nancy, John's daughter, then about seven years old, riding on behind. Isaac, brother of John, had one horse well packed. Harmon Smith had one wagon and supposedly a two-horse team. All who were able, walked and carried bundles or pillow-cases full of "truck."

John and most of the company moved on through Hickory Gap to a place near Knoxville, where they rested nine days. Harmon Smith, his family, and some of John's family delayed to finish picking Mr. Smith's cotton. They finished their task and hurried to join the rest of the caravan at Knoxville. They all journeyed on, following it seems, about the same route that the company the year before had followed, and reached Illinois early in 1829. They were way-worn and weary and heartily accepted the cordial welcome of the former pilgrims.

CHAPTER VII

Other Members of the Waggoner Family Who Moved to Illinois.

Jemima, daughter of Isaac Waggoner, who married Mr. William Walker in North Carolina,

moved to Illinois in 1830, bringing with them their children, Celia, Isaac, Nancy, John and Mart. They settled on the J. H. McCormick place in Section 14, Whitley Township.

Joel, another son of Isaac Waggoner, came to Illinois in 1830 with his family but his wife was so dissatisfied with the new country that they soon returned to North Carolina and later moved to Arkansas.

CHAPTER VIII

Arrival of Certain Other Pioneers in Illinois Country

The Little, Edwards and Armantrout families, members of whom intermarried with the Waggoners, arrived in the Illinois country a few years after the Waggoner's and we note their arrivals, as follows:

One of the first settlers of Whitley Township was Mr. Wright Little. He located there in 1829, near Isaac Waggoner's and lived there until his death. His daughter, Jane, married William H. Waggoner (grandson of Isaac).

Two brothers, natives of Kentucky, John W. and Gideon Edwards, in company with two other Kentuckians, Isham and Jeduthun Hardy, settled in Whitley Township in 1830, and, historically, stand prominent among the early settlers. Gideon Edwards married Emsey, daughter of Isaac Waggoner.

In the fall of 1831, Philip Armantrout, a native of Virginia, settled with his family on what is now Section 9 of Whitley Township. Two of his daughters married grandsons of Isaac Waggoner.

CHAPTER IX

Early Times in Illinois

The conditions of this Illinois country in 1828 and the hardships with which the settlers were confronted are set forth in a decidedly interesting way in the following essay read at the Waggoner Reunion, June 19, 1880, by Miss Elvira Edwards (great granddaughter of Isaac Waggoner) and printed in the Shelbyville Democrat (Shelbyville, Illinois) of July 1, 1880:

"Some fifty-two years ago Isaac Waggoner with his family, accompanied by several of his married children and their families, bade adieu to home and friends in the sunny South and began his journey in pursuit of a home in the Northwest. After several weeks of laborious and disagreeable travel, weary and way-worn, this little company of pioneers reached the infant settlement of Whitley's Creek early in April, 1828. After looking around for a short time most of them located in this vicinity where we are now assembled (on what is now the

Tommy Leggitt farm) but some settled farther up the creek.

"The country at that time bore little resemblance to its present appearance and was essentially different from the one they had just left. The timbered portion was almost an unbroken forest at that time, the marks of the ax being few and far between. The prairie was a desolate waste with scarcely anything to recommend it to the favorable consideration of the new-comers, except the richness of its soil, a great portion of it in the spring season of the year being covered in water. When the water was dried up by the heat of the sun the ground was literally covered with shells. As the season advanced the lovely wild flowers sprang up in great variety and profusion, some red, some blue, pink, purple and yellow, which gave to the prairie a much more pleasing appearance than it had in early spring. The grass in the summer season on the low land grew to the astonishing height of eight or nine feet, but on the high and rolling land it was not so tall. Concealed beneath the prairie grass lay an immense number of snakes, among which the rattlesnake was the most formidable. After the frost of autumn killed the grass and it had become dry, it was usually set on fire by hunters, movers or some one else, and when the wind was high it burned with a speed almost equal to that of the railroad train. The roar of the advancing flame as it swept fiercely on in its resistless course, the waves of fire rolling mountain high, the clouds of smoke ascending towards Heaven, formed a scene at once beautiful, sublime and terrible. The early settlers of Whitley's Creek suffered great inconvenience from the ferocious animals that infested the country. The prairie wolves were numerous and the howl of the large timber wolf was frequently heard by the inhabitants. The catamount was occasionally seen in the woods, and the thickets abounded with wildcats. The panther though seldom met with would sometimes break the silence of night with her awful scream. Under these circumstances it was impossible to keep sheep or raise pigs or even calves without the greatest vigilance. The impudent prairie wolf, though not very large, would sometimes show a disposition to attack a man, and it was dangerous for children to pass to a neighbor's house unless accompanied by a faithful dog. An incident occurred about the year 1832 or '33 which it may not be amiss to relate. Four or five of the Whitley Creek citizens went by invitation to help raise a house in Shelbyville, for John D. Bruster. In order to reach the place at an early hour they started long before day, and according to the custom of the country took their axes with them. They

reached the Okaw bottom just at the dawn of day. Sharp Whitley and a comrade were riding a little in advance of the rest of the company, when Whitley's dog commenced a tremendous barking near by. Whitley and his friend approached the place and perceived in the dim light the form of some animal sitting on the trunk of a bending tree. Whitley alighted from his horse with his ax in his hand and at the same time the beast which proved to be a panther, sprang upon the dog killing him instantly; Whitley at the same time struck the panther a sure blow with his ax, severing the backbone of the animal. The panther uttered one dreadful scream and expired.

"At the time of the arrival of the Waggoners on Whitley's Creek the settlement consisted of John Whitley, four or five of his married sons, one son-in-law, named Linley, and one or two other families. The Waggoners built for themselves houses, such as earlier settlers lived in, which were of a very rude character indeed. It could not well be otherwise, for there was not a lumber yard nor a saw mill probably, within fifty miles. The houses or cabins were usually built of round logs, sometimes smoothed a little with the broad ax, the floor was of hewed puncheons, the door shutters were made of shaved boards and hung with wooden hinges, the chimneys were of sticks and clay, the back, jambs and hearth of dirt. The fire place was from six to ten feet wide.

"The dress of the early inhabitants was not uniform. Some of the men and boys wore clothing made of dressed deer skins, but the greater part wore clothing made of linen and cotton with filling of wool for winter. The dress of the women and girls was generally of home made cotton with a calico dress for Sunday. Some of them had the luxury of a linsey dress for winter. The culture of flax was introduced at a very early day and cotton was grown very soon after, and strange as it may seem, was cultivated for a few years with considerable profit. The production of wool gradually increased until the supply was almost equal to the demand. The wheel and loom were brought into use as soon as there was anything to be spun or woven. The women and girls thus furnished with material and machinery for making cloth, applied themselves diligently and resolutely to the task and in a few years the people of the new settlement were furnished with better clothing, than during the first years of their sojourn in their new home. There were at that time no cotton factories nor any machines for carding wool in this part of the state. It was admitted by all impartial persons in those days that the women worked harder than the men. We must now go back

in our sketch and give a more full account of the hardships endured by the pioneers of this county. For some years after the arrival of the Waggoners the people labored under great inconveniences in regard to getting grain ground, there being no grist mill nearer than one on the Embarrass River, a few miles east of Charleston. There were no hand mills even and consequently they had to resort to the use of the pestle and mortar to convert the corn into meal. This was sometimes called 'Armstrong's Mill.' After beating a gallon of corn in the mortar for two hours they would get about a half gallon of meal, the remainder being hominy and part bran. Bread made of beaten meal was not of the best quality, being rather clammy, still it was a luxury after living on hominy for several days. There were no school houses near, neither were there any houses of worship.

"The nearest Post Office was about twenty miles distant and if a letter had traveled four hundred miles it cost twenty-five cents to get it out of the office. Many other matters of interest in connection with the disadvantages surrounding the early settlers might be mentioned, did not the limits of this brief essay forbid. Let us be thankful that those disadvantages have in a great measure passed away and that we are now enjoying the privilege of an age of high civilization and improvement."

CHAPTER X

The Church of the Early Waggoners in Illinois

The following paragraph is taken from the volume, "Combined History of Shelby and Moultrie Counties, Illinois", published in 1881:

"The Old School Baptist church of Whitley was organized about fifty years ago (1829), and was the first established in this part of the county. The first pastor was William H. Martin. The following were the first members: Isaac Waggoner and wife, Caleb Shaw and wife, Rachel Smith (granddaughter of Isaac Waggoner), William Walker (son-in-law of Isaac Waggoner) and John Edwards and wife. The only surviving early members now living (1881) are Margaret A. (Peggy) Shaw, and Narcissa Waggoner (daughter of George and granddaughter of Isaac Waggoner)"

The foregoing refers to the Church organized in 1829 by the Waggoners, Martins and other Baptists. The first church building in Whitley Township was the one built by this congregation in 1835 on Section 8—Lynn Creek Baptist church. It was a hewed log structure, with puncheon seats and floor. This log building was replaced by a frame building about 1860. This frame building does not stand now, but the old cemetery in which the church buildings stood is still used as a burying

ground.

Isaac Waggoner and many of his descendants made this church their regular place of worship. In addition to the persons named above, the following were known to have been members of the Lynn Creek Baptist church: Isaac, Jr., Elisha and George sons and Polly Webb, Jemima Walker and Emsey Edwards, daughters, of Isaac Waggoner, and several of George Waggoner's sons and daughters. Gilbert, Elisha and Isaac, Jr., are among the older generations of Waggoners buried in the Lynn Creek cemetery. This cemetery is not situated on a public highway, but is back in the field on the present Hostetter farm, in Section 8, approximately one-half mile east of the Whitfield school house and about a quarter of a mile south of the road running east and west.

Most of the Waggoners who died previous to 1850 were buried in the graveyard on Isaac Waggoner's private property, described in a later chapter. However, following Isaac Waggoner's death and the passing of the farm to other hands, the grave yard was closed for burying and the Lynn Creek cemetery was generally used by the family.

CHAPTER XI

Isaac Waggoner is pensioned by the United States Government for Revolutionary War Services

It should be borne in mind that the United States Government passed no general pension laws until 1818, when it granted pensions to those who had served nine months or more in the Continental Army or Navy, but not to state troops, militia or minute men. However, by Act of Congress of June 7, 1832, pensions were granted to all officers and soldiers, whether Continental, State or Militia, who had served one or more terms. In the days of the Revolution, before there was a strong, centralized federal government, a very large proportion of the troops fought under state organizations. This was the experience of our ancestor, Isaac Waggoner.

It is thought that the steps which our ancestor took to be pensioned by the United States Government will be interesting to all descendants; consequently, we shall insert at this point exact copies of all affidavits and letters in his pension case, the originals of which are on file in the Pension Bureau at Washington, D. C., but photographed copies of which we have in our possession. The following typewritten copy is taken directly from these photographed copies:

"DECLARATION

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June, 1832
 State of Illinois)
 Shelby County)

On this sixth day of June, 1836, personally appeared before the County Commissioners'

Court of said County, Isaac Waggoner, resident of Shelby County, aged seventy-four years on the 11th of September, 1835, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832—That in the month of April in the year of 1781, he stood a draft in the South Carolina Militia, and was drafted into the Service as a private militiaman for four months (as he thinks) at the County of Craven (now Fairfield) in the said State of South Carolina—under the following named officers to-wit, Captain Parrott (his Christian name he cannot recollect) was the Captain of his company. Col. Bratton was the colonel commanding the regiment, and Gen. Sumter in chief command (the Christian names of Col. Bratton and Gen. Sumter he cannot recollect)—the particular name or number of his regiment he cannot now remember; That soon after being drafted, he with his company marched from Fairfield Co., to Friday? Ferry on the Congoree River, about sixty miles—that he served at said Ferry two months, being in camp and employed in guarding the Ferry to keep the enemy and Tories from crossing the Congoree River—that at the end of the two months, their services being no longer required, he with his company were discharged (on condition and subject to be drafted again immediately or whenever called upon) and returned home—he thinks he obtained only a verbal discharge and not a written one.

That afterwards in the same year near the last of June (having been home only about two weeks from the before mentioned tour—he was again called upon and stood another draft and was drafted as a militiaman (private) in the South Carolina Militia, at Craven County (now Fairfield), under Captain Henry Hale in the regiment of Col. David Hopkins and under command Gen. Richard Winn. As soon as drafted his company with himself were marched to Orangeburgh about 75 miles where there was an old fort and was employed most of the time in garrison and the balance of the time was out of the forte and near it on guard—at which time he served the full term of four months. On his march from Fairfield to Orangeburgh his company had a skirmish with the Tories, who attacked them about three miles from Orangeburgh and fired on them from the swamps, but were repulsed and driven back—his company lost one man killed, one wounded, and one horse killed—at the end of four months he with his company were discharged, his time of service being expired, at which time he obtained a written discharge from his Captain, which has

been lost for many years and cannot now be found or obtained.

That afterwards in the year 1782 in the month of May in the same county above named he was again drafted in the South Carolina Militia as a private for the term of four months under John McCool who was Captain of his company in the regiment of Col. David Hopkins, under the command of Gen. Richard Winn—during this tour he thinks Gen. Francis Marion was along a part of the time either in command or otherwise—he marched this time from Fairfield to Orangeburgh 75 miles, thence to the Four Holes bridge 45 miles and while on the route, they joined Gen. Greene's army which was on its march or retreat from old forte Ninety Six—he separated from Greene's army again at or near the Four Holes bridge, where he, his company and others lay in camp and were employed in guarding the bridge—and were there two months—they then marched to Lawrence's Ferry on the Santee River 40 miles, where they were ensconced for two months and employed in watching and guarding the Ferry and the enemy to keep them back—that having served his term of service (four months) out he was again discharged and obtained a written discharge which has been lost many years and cannot be possessed to be transmitted herewith—

He further states that he served the full term of ten months, at the times, places and under the officers named in the above declaration as stated therein—that the corps in which he served was regularly embodied and called into service by competent authority, being by the authority of the State of South Carolina or United States, as he then understood, and supposes now—and that during his term of service above stated, he was not employed in any civil pursuit or business except in the army and the service of his country—

He also states that he was not in any general battle, but was in the engagement or skirmish above named—he was near the battle of Eutaw Springs at the time but was prevented from being in the engagement by his other duties.

He further states that he has no other witness or evidence to prove his services except his own oath and traditionary evidence—that his only witness, personally knowing to his services, has been dead some years and there is no one of his company near him or in this state, or elsewhere, now living who can testify for him—that he left South Carolina many years since, and has not been there for some years and upon proper inquiry cannot ascertain that any one of his company is still living to give evidence in his behalf—

He further states that some three years since he made application at the War Department for his pension but failed to obtain it for some reason why he cannot now state, that he did not immediately renew his application, because he thought he could do without it, and therefore did not trouble himself to preserve his former papers or to know what became of them—since then circumstances have made it necessary for him to renew his application, and the reason why he does not send herewith his former papers, is that he supposes they either were retained at the War Office or were returned to his attorney who kept them and has since moved out the country so that he cannot now get them to send with this declaration—

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

(Signed) Isaac Waggoner.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court before me.

(Signed) Jos. Oliver, Clk."

To continue the declaration:

"The following interrogations being propounded by the Court to the applicant were answered as follows to wit:

1st and 2nd—Where were you born and in what year? and have you a written record?

Ans.—I was born in Craven County (since Fairfield) in the State of South Carolina on the 11th of Sept. 1761. I have no written record that I know of, nor never had.

3—How were you called into Service?

Ans.—I was drafted each time.

4th—Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans.—I was living in Craven County South Carolina. After the war I moved to Rutherford County North Carolina and since then for the last eight years I have resided in Shelby County, Illinois.

5th—Name some of officers of the troops with which you served.

Ans.—The names of some of the officers with the troops where I served were Gen. Sumter, Gen. Greene, Marion—Col. Hopkins Washington, Gen. Pickens, Col. Bratton—Captain Parrott—Hale—McCool—He does not recollect the particular names or numbers of any regiments except those in which he served—his services were generally either in camp or field or in garrison in guarding fortes, Ferries, bridges and in small skirmishes with the enemy and Tories.

6th—Did you ever receive a discharge from the services?

Ans.—For the first term I received a verbal discharge only. For the second and third terms I received written discharges from the Captains of my companies, which have been lost many years and cannot now be found.

7th—The names of persons in my neighborhood to whom I am known and who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution, are Samuel D. Hepton, a clergyman, Noah Webb, Edward Jay, William Walker and many others.

(Signed) Isaac Waggoner.

The above put and answered and sworn to in Open Court before me

(Signed) Jos. Oliver, Clk.

State of Illinois)
Shelby County)

We, Samuel D. Hepton a clergyman residing in the County of Shelby and Edward Jay and Noah Webb—residing in the same county hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Isaac Waggoner who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration—that we believe him to be seventy-four years of age that he is reputed in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

(Signed) Samuel D. Hepton

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Noah X Webb

mark

Edward G. Day

Sworn and subscribed the days and years above said before me.

(Signed) Jos. Oliver, Clk.

State of Illinois)
Shelby County)

Noah Webb being duly sworn saith that he formerly resided in Rutherford county North Carolina in the neighborhood where Mr. Isaac Waggoner formerly lived and lived there for a number of years—that it was generally believed there that said Waggoner was a soldier of the Revolution, that he has heard one Isam Fair a Revolutionary soldier state that said Waggoner was a soldier of the Revolution, that he (Isam Fair) had served with him in the war, and were members of the same company, that he has heard him relate many circumstances relative to the war and to Mr. Waggoners and Mr. Fairs being in the war together. That he has heard many other citizens of said neighborhood speak of Mr. Waggoner having been a Revolutionary soldier and he thinks it was believed by the citizens generally.

(Signed)

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Noah X Webb

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Sworn to and Subscribed in open court before me.

Jos. Oliver, Clk.

State of Illinois)
)ss.
Shelby County)

Edward Jay being duly sworn saith that he was born and raised in Rutherford County North Carolina and lived there about twenty-five years in the neighborhood where Mr. Isaac Waggoner formerly lived, that it was generally believed by the citizens of that place that said Waggoner was a soldier of the Revolution—that he has always heard old people and others speak of his having been in the war—that since coming to this state within eight years past, he has heard one Samuel Little, a revolutionary soldier, who is now if alive, supposed to be in Texas talk of Mr. Waggoner having been a revolutionary soldier—that he (Little) and said Waggoner lived near each other in the time of the Revolution and was knowing by hearsay and otherwise to his having been in the Revolution and firmly believed that he was justly entitled to a pension.

(Signed)

Edward G. Jay.

Sworn to and Subscribed in open court before me.

Jos. Oliver, Clk.

State of Illinois)
Shelby County)

William Walker being duly sworn saith that he formerly resided a number of years in Rutherford County North Carolina in the neighborhood where Mr. Isaac Waggoner formerly lived—that it was always believed and reputed by the citizens of the county and neighborhood that said Isaac Waggoner was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he states in the above declaration and that no doubt ever existed in the minds of the people on the subject but that he was entitled to his pension—that he the said Walker resides now in the neighborhood with said Waggoner and that it is believed by the people in the neighborhood that said Waggoner is a soldier of the Revolution and is entitled to a pension.

(Signed) William Walker.

Sworn to and Subscribed this 6th of June 1836 before me.

(Signed) Jos. Oliver, Clk.

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogations prescribed by the War Department that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he states—and the Court further cer-

tifies, that it appears to them that Samuel D. Hepton who has signed the preceding certificate is a clergyman resident in the County of Shelby and that Noah Webb, Edward Jay and William Walker who signed the above certificates and affidavits are residents in the County of Shelby and are credible persons and that their statement is entitled to credit.

(Signed)

Lemuel Dazey
Aaron McKinzie.

I, Joseph Oliver, clerk of the County Commissioners Court of Shelby County do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of Isaac Waggoner for a pension.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office this 6th day of June 1836.

Seal with Ribbon (Signed) Jos. Oliver, Clk.

Shelbyville, Ill., Aug. 11, 1836.

Sir:

I received a letter from the War Department relative to the papers of Isaac Waggoner for a pension under the Act of June 7, 1832, which states that there is no evidence in the departments of drafts for four months as he describes in his papers, that the militia were called out only on short tours, that his statement requires explanation—In answer to this, I can only state that Mr. Waggoner has stated in his declaration all that he can state, and that he cannot give any further explanation, because he has stated all the facts as they occurred according to the best of his recollection—I have heard him relate his story a number of times, and he has always been very correct in it, and from his manner and character for truth and veracity I have no doubt but that all his statements are true—I have also frequently conversed with his neighbors who are all of the opinion that he served ten months in four months drafts as he states. Mr. Waggoner is now very old but retains a good memory—he has all the firmness and pride of a soldier of the Revolution still about him—he is very conscientious in all his statements, and under all circumstances it is entirely impossible for him either to amend or alter his papers or even to explain them further than what they explain themselves. If the evidence of the Militia service is not in the department, it is not the fault of Mr. Waggoner and does not make his statement in his papers the less correct.

The reason as I have been informed that he did not soon apply for his pension, is that being possessed of a soldier's spirit, and being

always till lately in good circumstances he felt above asking for a pension as long as he could maintain himself, but at length being reduced to poverty, by the persuasion of his friends he was induced to make application, which was done a year or two since and failed, after which time, feeling indignant at the ungrateful treatment (as he imagined) of his government he could not be for a long time prevailed upon to renew his application. However, at length being urged by necessity and almost starvation, and by the strong importuning of his friends, he has again renewed his application, which is now on file in the Department.

He has certainly made application once before, although you state there is no evidence in the office of it. He employed an attorney who made out his papers, sent them on and had returns from them, and afterwards informed Mr. Waggoner that he had failed to get his pension. There must be some mistake in the office about it.

In Conclusion, if Mr. Waggoner obtains his pension at all, it must be from the papers now on file, as he is both unable in strict accordance with truth and unwilling to make any further statement in the matter, and therefore I have to request that you will re-examine his papers more strictly and allow him such a part of his claim as may appear just and due him. If he should only obtain a part, it would be better than for him to suffer in his old age, but still I am confident he is justly entitled to his whole claim and that it ought not be denied by a just and liberal government.

Yours,

(Signed): Daniel Gregory.

I. L. Edwards, Com. Pensions.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
Second Comptroller's Office
August 23rd, 1839.

Sir:

Under the act of the 6th of April, 1838, entitled "An act directing the transfer of money remaining unclaimed by certain Pensioners, and authorizing the payment of the same at the Treasury of the United States," seven of the ten children of Isaac Waggoner, a pensioner on the Roll of the Illinois Agency, at the rate of Twenty-Six Dollars and sixty-six cents per annum, under the law of the 7th June, 1832, have been paid at this Department, from the 4th of Sept., 1837 to the 4th of March, 1838.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed)

Albion K. Parris, Comptroller

To the Commissioner of Pensions, Present."

The foregoing represent all the papers on file at Washington with respect to Isaac Waggoner's

pension. However, we arranged for an acquaintance in Washington, D. C., to visit the Pension Bureau personally and from the records of the department he was able to learn for us that Isaac Waggoner's pension of \$26.66 per annum became effective as of March 4, 1831, upon which date the bill granting the pension had become a law, and that the first payment amounting to one hundred forty-four dollars and some cents was made on a voucher dated September 4, 1836 and covered the time elapsed up to that date. As one of the foregoing documents indicates, the last payment was made in 1839 to seven of the children, after Isaac Waggoner's death.

CHAPTER XII

Early Births and Deaths in the Waggoner Settlement. The Graveyard on Isaac Waggoner's Farm

Speaking of the early days of what is now Moultrie county, the following from "The Combined History of Shelby and Moultrie Counties" is interesting, as recording early births and deaths in the community in which the Waggoners settled:

"Following are the names of some who were born in 1829: William, son of George and Bethany Waggoner, (Elisha E.) son of Amos and Narcissa Waggoner. . . . John, Jr., a young son of John Waggoner, was the first death as near as can be ascertained. This was in a very early day (1829—Author's note) The first place of interment was the private property of Isaac Waggoner on the farm now owned by T. Leggitt. The old man Waggoner and several of his family are buried there."

One of the first burials in this ground was that of Emsey Holeyfield Waggoner, wife of Isaac, who died in 1831, after she had been in the Illinois country three years.

This graveyard was located about a half a quarter south and a short distance west of the present house on the T. Leggitt farm. According to members of the Waggoner family now living and who have been in this graveyard, there were probably as many as fifty graves in this burying place. As was the custom in graveyards in pioneer communities in those days, no tombstones were ever erected, but markers of wood were set up, and while the graveyard does not seem to have been fenced in, it was protected.

Luther Waggoner (88-year-old great grandson of Isaac Waggoner) and his wife (a Whitfield), now residents of Bruce, Moultrie county, but who for decades lived on the corner across from the Whitfield church recall a time when Polly Ann Carter, daughter of Amos Waggoner, came to their house about forty years ago, on her way to visit the grave of her grandfather (Isaac) and she took with her small stones from the creek to put on the grave. Mrs. Luther Waggoner also stated

that she had been in the Leggett graveyard, and that boxes resembling chicken coops had been erected over certain of the graves.

Mrs. Luther Waggoner also states that the graveyard and the farm on which it was situated passed out of the Waggoners' hands to a Mr. Europe Lilly who owned the so-called Leggett farm at the time of the death of Amos Waggoner (son of Isaac) in 1854 and he refused to allow them to bury Amos Waggoner or any one else in that graveyard. This probably marked the end of this graveyard as a burying ground, and was a great disappointment, for at that time it was practically the Waggoner burying ground. The following Waggoners are known to have been buried in this graveyard on the present Leggett farm: Isaac Waggoner, Emsey Holeyfield Waggoner (wife of Isaac), Jemima Waggoner Walker, daughter of Isaac Waggoner, Emsey Waggoner Edwards, daughter of Isaac Waggoner, and Emsey Waggoner, (wife of John Waggoner), who died in 1849. It is also believed that her husband was buried in this graveyard.

A few years later, Willis Whitfield, father of Mrs. Luther Waggoner, purchased the farm which had been owned by Europe Lilly and gave it to his son, Isaac Whitfield. This Isaac Whitfield married the woman who, after his death, married Tommy Leggett, Sr., (about 1869) and thus the farm has become known as the Leggett farm.

Roscoe Boling, great great grandson of Isaac Waggoner, married the daughter of this Tommy Leggett, Sr., about sixteen years ago and for a few years following their marriage lived with the Leggett's and helped tend the farm. He states he remembers distinctly the mounds of this graveyard, though he did not realize at the time who were buried there, and that the fields gradually encroached on the burying ground until finally the whole ground was plowed over and he doubts at this time (1923) whether any trace of the spot would be left. He thinks a slight elevation might still be noticed to mark the little silent city of our beloved dead.

Isaac Waggoner lived on the present Leggett farm from the time of his arrival in Illinois in March, 1823, until the time of his death, August 24, 1838. At his death, the farm seems to have passed to his son, Elisha. Members of the family now living can remember when Elisha Waggoner lived on this farm. In this connection we are informed that it was brought out at the time this farm was sold two or three years ago to settle the Leggett estate that eastern capitalists who had been approached for a mortgage loan on this farm, wanted to be assured that heirs of Elisha Waggoner did not have an interest in the title to this farm to this day.

CHAPTER XIII

The Part Waggoners Played in the Early Official Life of Moultrie County.

As stated previously, Moultrie County, Illinois was organized in 1843. The following paragraphs from "The Combined History of Shelby and Moultrie Counties" bearing on the early official life of Moultrie county will be interesting to Waggoners:

"The first election for county officers was held on the first Monday in April, 1843, at which time the population of the county was less than 2,000. The first officers elected were John A. Freeland, Clerk of the County Commissioners' Court; Isaac Walker Clerk of the County Commissioners' Court; Isaac Walker (grandson of Isaac Waggoner) sheriff; A. B. Lee, Coroner; John A. Freeland, Recorder; Hugh Allison, Surveyor; David Patterson, Probate Justice; John Perryman, Treasurer and School Commissioner."

"The first marriage license was issued by John A. Freeland the 11th day of April, 1843. The contracting parties were David Strain and Mrs. Susan A. Ball. She lived in Shelby county, but the groom lived in Moultrie. They were married by, and at the house of, Squire Amos Waggoner, the father of J. H. Waggoner. . ."

Amos Waggoner later became Associate County Judge and died while holding this office in 1853. Isaac Walker, first sheriff of Moultrie county, died while in office, 1844. Isaac V. Waggoner, (grandson of Isaac Waggoner) was elected County Treasurer and County Assessor in 1855, and served until March, 1859, when he died. J. H. Waggoner (grandson of Isaac) was elected County Treasurer in 1861 and served until 1863. Later he served as Circuit Clerk of Moultrie County for sixteen consecutive years 1865 to 1884.

A. E. D. Scott. (Great grandson of Isaac Waggoner) and Louis K. Scott, his brother, filled the offices of County Treasurer 1877 to 1879- 1882 to 1886 and County Clerk 1898 to 1906.

Township organization in Moultrie county was effected in 1866. The first supervisor for Whitley Township was Alvin Waggoner, grandson of Isaac Waggoner.

CHAPTER XIV

Waggoner Reunions

Before we proceed to the detailed historians of Isaac Waggoner's descendants, we shall give an account of the Waggoner Reunions which were held for years, the first in 1880 and the last in 1898:

The first Waggoner reunion was held June 18, 1880, about three miles northeast of Windsor, Illinois, on what was then known as the Whitfield farm, the farm on which Isaac Waggoner settled, lived, died and was buried. The minutes of that

meeting state that the reunion was called by the united wish of many of the family but the preparation and care that rendered the day so pleasant and happy were largely due to Luther Waggoner and Thomas Edwards, assisted by H. P. Phillips and the Harriscn boys. They arranged seats and secured Gibler's band from Mattoon and prepared the program of exercises. There were probably five hundred people present.

Joseph H. Waggoner, Circuit Clerk of Moultrie county, was elected temporary chairman and John Garland Waggoner was elected Secretary. After devotional exercises and music and some appropriate remarks by the chairman, Elder Thomas Edwards gave a brief history of the family, with statistics as far as they were attainable. There were known at that time to be about three hundred fifty-five members of the Waggoner family, descendants of Isaac Waggoner. A brief, interesting essay was read by Miss Fannie Scott, great granddaughter of Isaac Waggoner, entitled, "Fifty-two Years." The essay follows:

"We see today around us many smiling faces which we hope are the index to happy hearts—hearts filled with love and friendship. Laughing, thoughtless youth, vigorous manhood, infirm age, are here represented. As we are gathered here today, friends separated perhaps for long years meeting as one family, let us look for a moment at the past. The young think of the good old times with wonder, the old with memories saddened, yet not altogether sorrowful; saddened by the thought of the many friends who have crossed the river, yet gladdened by the remembrance of their love and their friendship.

Eighteen Hundred and Twenty-eight!

"Illinois has been a state but ten years; only a few small villages within its limits, its great resources hardly realized. Lonely woods, wild prairie with nothing to break the level of its vast expanse, the hunting-ground of wandering tribes of Indians—this is the home to which our grandfathers came.

Eighteen Hundred and Thirty-eight!

"The years have brought many changes! Already much has been done to better the condition of our settlers. Many have come from distant states and settled on neighboring farms. There is no longer any fear of Indians even by the most timid woman. They have even got used to chills and fever. The desperate home-sickness, which was so hard to bear during the first few years, has somewhat worn away in the absorbing cares of pioneer life. New ties have been formed, friendships lasting as life itself. Altogether life is quite bearable, and the hearty,

generous hospitality of those good old times is proverbial.

Eighteen Hundred and Forty-eight!

"Boys have grown to be stalwart men. Little girls of ten years ago are now married. More land is cultivated, better houses are built, the country is becoming thickly settled.

Eighteen Hundred and Fifty-eight!

"Our state has made rapid strides in wealth and prosperity. Railroads are building, cities springing up with astonishing rapidity. The gold excitement of the Pacific Slope does not hurt Illinois for her wise men have learned that the plow is the best mining implement;—so the Waggoners stay in Moultrie county.

Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-eight!

"The saddest ten years our country has ever known! Fellow-countryman, friends, brothers arrayed against each other in deadly warfare. The red battlefield, the gloomy prison, the weary waiting and sickening suspense of loved ones at home—all the horrors of war pass before our minds like some terrible dream. But it is past, let malice and hatred be put away, and kindness and charity reign in their stead.

Eighteen Hundred and Eighty!

"We have celebrated our centennial with great rejoicing and much self-glorification. Truly we have great reason to rejoice, but the question must arise, does our moral and spiritual growth correspond with our spiritual? We hope that in some measure it does. Let us as a family perform well our part in the battle of life. May the name of Waggoner ever be the synonym of truth and virtue, while we live hoping to meet in a grand reunion above."

An essay was also read by Miss Elvira Edwards on "Early Times in Illinois" which has been inserted elsewhere in this history.

Thomas Edwards introduced his statistical report with these happy remarks: "Our great grandfather, Isaac Waggoner, was an honest, industrious farmer, and in religion, a Baptist. We, his descendants, claim no 'blue blood' of kings, none of John Smith, or Pocahontas, or other F. F. V.'s, no heritage of royalty, or wealth, but that of honest industry and true moral worth. Patriotic hearts swell with emotion at the thought that our ancestors formed part of that heroic band that won the independence of our glorious Republic." He stated that the number of original North Carolinian Waggoners who came to Illinois, now living, was eleven.

The Secretary gave a short address on the characteristics of the family and its greatest wants. He explained that our great family was getting scattered, that we wanted to keep a record of our

Israel and hand it down to our children—we have an honorable history, worthy of preservation. By inheritance and practice, we are farmers. Our ancestors were pioneers in the civilization of this great West. However, the professions have been enriched by their children. Medicine, law, teaching, ministry and journalism, as well as public office, have engaged their talents. In war and peace, in civil and religious affairs, they have made liberal contributions.

Dr. E. E. Waggoner, editor of the Shelbyville Democrat, made a very pleasing and instructive address, closing with a motion to organize a permanent society, to be known as the "Waggoner Family. The motion unanimously carried, and Alvin Waggoner was elected President and John Garland Waggoner, Secretary. The following committees were appointed:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Gilbert Waggoner
Luther Waggoner
Joseph H. Waggoner
Robert Waggoner

COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS:

Thomas Edwards
Hezekiah Waggoner
Francis M. Waggoner

It was decided to hold the Reunions annually.

Several of the neighbors and friends added much pleasure to the occasion by short speeches, congratulating the Waggoners on their worthy history and happy fellowship.

The next Reunion of which we have an account was held near Gilbert Waggoner's home on October 4, 1882. There seems to have been a very large and enthusiastic meeting held in 1881, but we have no record of the proceedings.

The 1882 Reunion was called to order about eleven a. m., by singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name", followed by prayer by Elder Jesse Shields.

Elder Thomas Edwards delivered the obituary address and made the report. Those passing away recently were: Narcissa Jay Waggoner, born May 7, 1805, married Amos Waggoner March 23, 1822, baptized 1825, died July 17, 1881 and buried at Sullivan. A. H. Edwards born in Barren County, Kentucky, July 13, 1807, married June 1, 1847 to Nancy M. Waggoner, obeyed the Gospel and united with the Christian church on Whitley Creek in 1843, an Elder of the church 25 years, died August 29, 1881. H. P. Phillips, born December 1, 1825 in Washington county, Tennessee, married Matilda O. Waggoner 1847, died March 8, 1881. Celia Waggoner, born in North Carolina, 1824, united with the Baptist church 1845 and died April 26, 1882. John Waggoner, (son of Gilbert) born Jan-

uary 9, 1838, married Susan Dutym, joined the Baptist church, died June 12, 1881. Cynthia Scott (daughter of Davis and Sally Harrison) born December 22, 1852, married April 1875, a member of the Baptist church, and died October 4, 1886. Riley Waggoner (son of James W.) born March 1, 1857, died August 22, 1881. Clauda Wright, born March, 1882, died July 7, 1882. The report was followed by the song, "Go Bury Thy Sorrows."

Hon. Charles Voris made a short talk and adjournment was taken for dinner and sociability.

During the afternoon short speeches were made by Mr. Benjamin Moberly on the olden times and the progress of the State. Mr. Gordon Boling made a pleasing address, also Mr. Robert Peadro. Uncle Gilbert Waggoner made some feeling closing remarks. After the song, "Sweet by and by" the benediction was pronounced by Elder J. W. Mathers. The happy meeting closed to meet under God's gracious providence one year hence.

The report of the Reunion of 1883, as reported in the Shelbyville Democrat, is here submitted:

"The descendants of Mr. Isaac Waggoner who moved his family from N. C. to what is now Moultrie County, in 1827-28 held their annual reunion on the farm of Mr. Gilbert Waggoner who is the only living son of Isaac.

Aug. 25, 1883—The meeting called to order and Dr. E. E. Waggoner was called to the chair, in the absence of Mr. Alvin Waggoner, the President. The music was conducted by Elder Thomas Edwards assisted by a large number of relatives and friends. The singing was good and greatly added to the enjoying of the day. The songs were all religious and well selected. The members of the family seem, to the best of present information, to be about 500. Many of these are scattered in this and other states. But many were present with their friends—a crowd of twelve or fifteen hundred. Prayer was offered by Eld. Thos. Edwards and then the minutes of the two preceding meetings were read and approved. John Garland Waggoner delivered an address of about thirty minutes on family traits, history and the country's progress, closing with some thoughts on the growing influence of religious principles in the world. After the appointment of a committee on nomination of officers, consisting of Messrs. Gilbert Waggoner, F. M. Waggoner, Robert Waggoner and Thos. Edwards, the meeting adjourned for dinner and sociability. These two hours were among the most pleasant hours of the day. About 2:30 p. m. the people reassembled, when Hon. Chas. Voris, of Windsor, was called and responded in a ten minutes speech making many happy hits and good suggestions on our country's blessing and prosperity. He was followed

by Dr. B. B. Everett, a friend and acquaintance of the Waggoners for forty years. He is nearly seventy-five years old and very feeble, but it seemed to cheer and enliven him to meet his many old friends. His talk was full of kind words and good wishes to family and friends. Eld. P. P. Warren responded to a call from the chairman to speak, which he did in a very happy manner, referring to Waggoners tenacity to what they regarded as religious truth, with many other things of interest. Mr. Donta Patterson was called out and made some very feeling remarks about his enjoyment of such reunions and especially of this one with a people with whom he had been more or less associated for many years, closing by showing the great progress the country had made, especially in temperance reform. The committee on nominations reported as follows: For Pres. Dr. E. E. Waggoner, of Shelbyville; Vice Pres., Mr. Robert Waggoner, of Gays; Secretary, Eld. J. G. Waggoner of Greencastle, Ind. The Historical Committee consists of Messrs. Thomas Edwards, Dallas, Ira, George R., Joseph H., Wm. B., Henry Waggoner, John Walker, Mrs. Lizzie Aldridge and Miss Emsey Hardin. The executive committee consists of F. M. Martin, T. M. L. and Hezekiah Waggoner and W. A. Harrison. The report was approved.

In conclusion J. G. Waggoner made a short speech in behalf of Uncle Gilbert emphasizing the counsels as from the oldest Waggoner among us, referring to the duties of industry, honesty, sobriety and truthfulness as indispensable qualities to be a true Waggoner, also the duties to neighbors, to the sick and to the orphans. Of parents to children and children to parents, husbands to wives and wives to husbands, closing with an appeal to be true to God under whose protection and help so many blessings and so much property has attended our happy family. After singing "Sweet by and by" the assembly was dismissed with a short prayer commending all to the care of God for another year."

The Reunion of 1884 was held on Uncle Gilbert Waggoner's farm. In the absence of the Secretary, Elder Thomas Edwards, prepared the minutes from which we gather facts as follows: "The day was beautiful and pleasant and at an early hour the people from different directions began to gather. Several hundred were present by eleven a. m., when the meeting was called to order by Pres. Dr. E. E. Waggoner, of Shelbyville. After a song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name", Eld. Thomas Mathers led in prayer. Eld. Thomas Edwards gave a brief address and submitted his obituary report. Those of our family who have recently passed

away are, Mrs. Sarah E. Waggoner (wife of John Garland Waggoner), daughter of Mr. Hiram Cox, born Feb. 7, 1849, and died in Pittsfield, Illinois, June 14, 1884. Mrs. Elizabeth Snyder, daughter of Gilbert Waggoner, died at her home in Butler County, Kansas, May 21, 1884. She was born Mar. 20, 1840, and married William Snyder November 15, 1860. After a song of sympathy, the meeting was adjourned for dinner. During the intermission an artist photographed a group of about all the Waggoners present. At two p. m., the crowd was called together by music, by the Sullivan String Band. Short speeches were made by Hon. Walter Headen of Shelbyville, Hon. Charles Voris of Windsor, Elder G. W. Dalby of Bruce and Mrs. Lizzie Aldridge of Windsor. Music by the band and songs by the assembly were interspersed through the exercises. By motion the past officers were re-elected as follows: Dr. E. E. Waggoner, President, Robert Waggoner, Vice President and J. G. Waggoner, Secretary. One of the most pleasant reunions we have ever had closed with some timely suggestions by Dr. E. E. Waggoner, a song by the assembly and prayer by Eld. Thomas Edwards."

The Reunion of 1885 was held on Uncle Gilbert's farm, with a great crowd of people, a delightful day of good fellowship and able addresses. The Secretary spoke from the following notes: "History and characteristics of our family; our religion and industry; our country, its liberty, resources, education and religion; dangers, conflicts of capital and labor, city life and lawlessness cheapness of human life and intemperance; Christianity, the remedy for all our ills. He also spoke briefly in behalf of Uncle Gilbert, the patriarch of our family, 87 years old and a Christian for 60 years. He spoke of the growing faith, the longing for the house over there, of the friendships of life and the happy manner of closing our long journey.

The Reunion of 1886 is thus presented in the Shelbyville Democrat: (Issue of Sept. 2, 1886).

"The Waggoner family held their 6th annual reunion in the grove near the Waggoner church last Saturday. There was probably the largest crowd ever present at one of these gatherings and it was an occasion of appropriate respect to the oldest family in the oldest settled township in the county. Though the Whitleys and other transient settlers arrived in this part of the county in 1826-27, the Waggoners were the first permanent settlers of the township and they came before any settlements were made in other parts of the county. The first members of the family arrived in March, 1823, about 8 months before the Bones and Kennedys settled in Marrowbone township which is next to Whitley in the order of settlements. It being the oldest family in the county and very few of its

members having moved away, while it is related by marriage with all the other old families, make these reunions very large affairs. There is said to be about four hundred descendants of Isaac Waggoner now living, most of whom reside in the county.

We are sorry that we have not space to mention other members of this large family but we have not: and besides it would be giving a history of nearly every other family in the township for none have lived for any considerable time here without having one or more members married into the numerous crowd of Isaac Waggoner's descendants. Thus the Martins are about half Waggoners and it is difficult to always distinguish between the grandchildren of Philip Armantrout and those of George Waggoner. The same is true in a less degree, however of other families. Thus, Elder Thomas Edwards, Elder J. G. Waggoner, Miss Elvira Edwards, Mrs. David Harbaugh, Mrs. Robert Armantrout, Mrs. Burt Hunt, Miss Malinda Smith, James and William Smith, Mrs. W. T. Martin, Mrs. Joseph Munson, Mrs. John Jones, Mrs. Samuel Brown, Marion, Herschel, Frazier, John and Charley Phillips, Mrs. Dock Garrett, and Wesley, Allen, Posey and Frank Harrison are some of the grandchildren of John Waggoner or, as he was familiarly known, Uncle Jackie Waggoner. It will be observed that, with one exception, none of these bear the Waggoner name. The list would be doubled were it made complete and we only name these to give some idea of the extent of the family and its relations and show why the reunion we are about to describe should be such an immense affair.

A large crowd gathered on the grounds early in the day. After devotional exercises Elder Thomas Edwards made a few remarks and was followed by Mr. W. H. Garrett who in a very entertaining speech portrayed the advancements made in the industries and all other departments since 1827 when the Waggoners drove from North Carolina to what is now Whitley Township, Moultrie County, Illinois. Elder G. W. Dalby made a short but characteristic speech full of warmth and earnestness. An adjournment for dinner was then ordered.

At two o'clock the crowd again gathered around the stand and were addressed by Hon. Chas. Voris of Windsor who was followed by Mayor W. H. Shinn of Sullivan. Both were very good speeches and were well received. Mr. Shinn said that he could not see why he had been asked to speak unless the committee wanted a variety and had chosen Mr. Garrett to represent the farmers, Rev. Dalby to give the occasion a religious aspect, himself to represent the legal fraternity and for fear something

would be wanting, had selected Ex-Senator Voris who was an all purpose horse, perfectly at home in a circus or a prayer meeting, and who suited equally well in a greenback caucus, a republican convention or a democratic mass meeting. After Mayor Shinn's speech other short speeches were made, some general business was attended to and the meeting adjourned.

It was a very pleasant and profitable day to all present. One of the most enjoyable features of the program was the music, both vocal and instrumental. The crowd was estimated all the way from one to two thousand."

The secretary did not get the minutes of some interesting meetings between 1886 and 1897.

This clipping from a Sullivan newspaper is an account of the Reunion of 1897:

"The Waggoner reunion near the Baptist church that goes by that name was held yesterday and was attended by a very large crowd of people. Speeches were made by Mayor Brosam and J. T. Grider in the forenoon, after which there was an adjournment for dinner. In the afternoon speeches were made by Elder Query of Indiana, Elder T. F. Weaver of Sullivan, Elder B. F. Peadro, Messrs. M. A. Mattox of Sullivan, J. A. Waggoner of Whitley, L. H. Craig of Chicago and others. In addition to the speaking the crowd was entertained with good music, both vocal and instrumental. Measured by the pleasure and enjoyment, as well as the size of the crowd, this was one of the most successful of the annual reunions of this pioneer family. It has been sixty-nine years since the Waggoners came from North Carolina and settled on Whitley creek. The Whitleys had come two years before and there were at that time two or three other families in what is now Moultrie county. But all of these earlier settlers were of a roving disposition and soon moved away leaving the Waggoners as the first permanent settlers of the county. Uncle Gilbert Waggoner is the only one yet living who was grown when he came from North Carolina. Uncle Alvin was then four or five years of age and there are one or two others yet living who were small children at the time this early settlement was made."

The last Reunion of which we have an account was held August 24, 1898. Alvin Waggoner, Jr., the Assistant Secretary, furnished the minutes from which we gather the following facts: There were present about three hundred Waggoners, besides a great many friends. Orations were delivered by Alvin Waggoner, Jr., on "The American Boy", by Rev. A. J. Hill on "The Flight of Years", Rev. A. E. Keller on "The Waggoner Family". The old officers were reelected.

The obituary report showed the recent death of William H., the son of George Waggoner. He was born 1828 and died September 2, 1897. Alvin Waggoner, Sr., was born September 29, 1820, and died April 9, 1898.

These were very happy, helpful, inspiring meetings, and did much to keep alive our family spirit and to inform our younger folks of the history and character of our people. For their influence and inspiration we thank our good Father and our loving people.

It may be of some interest to know how the announcements of the Reunions were made. Besides notices in the various newspapers, a formal announcement was usually made. Here is what was on a dodger, 9x12, well spread out, announcing the 1890 Reunion:

"The Eleventh Annual Reunion of the Waggoner Family will be held in the grove of Gilbert Waggoner, near the Waggoner church, Wednesday, September 24, 1890. Speeches will be made by Hon. John R. Eden, Judge James Hughes, Hon. T. N. Henry, S. W. Wright, Jr., Elder A. H. Harrold, Elder G. W. Dalby, Dr. E. E. Waggoner, W. H. Garrett and others. A good program in the way of amusements and music has been prepared. A cordial invitation is extended to every one to attend this Reunion. Bring your baskets well filled and enjoy a day with us."

CHAPTER XV.

Isaac Waggoner's Daughters

Unfortunately, our history of Isaac Waggoner's daughters is not as complete as that of his sons but what data we have concerning the daughters will be presented first.

There were six daughters in all, namely: Nancy, Susan, Celia, Polly, Jemima and Emsey. We are unable to arrange them in the order of their ages, except that we know Emsey was the youngest, and was a single girl of approximately sixteen years of age when the family moved from North Carolina to Illinois. A study of Isaac Waggoner's family in 1790 (see Page 5) indicates that one of his daughters had been born at this time, but which one we do not know. In any event all of Isaac Waggoner's children were born in either South or North Carolina.

NANCY: Nancy married Mr. Dennis Carrol. They never came to Illinois and seem never to have left North Carolina. Their descendants in 1880 seem to have been forty-five.

SUSAN:—Susan married Mr. Robert Harding. They never came to Illinois, but made their home in Barrottsville, Dawson County, Georgia. She was

a widow, still living in 1880, and carried on correspondence with her brother, Gilbert. She was the only living daughter of Isaac Waggoner at that time. Her descendants at that time were said to be 54.

CELIA:—Celia married Mr. Elijah Walker. We seem to have no record whatever of the history of this branch of the family.

POLLY:—Polly married Mr. Noah Webb in North Carolina and they had two children, Cynthia and Jemima, at the time they came to Illinois with the first caravan of Waggoners in 1827. They seem to have spent the first year in Illinois in the log cabin on the present Leggett farm, with Isaac Waggoner and the other pioneers, but the following year they settled in a small cabin, about 200 yards west of the present Whitfield church, on the west side of the road running north and south, and after a year or so they moved from this place. In all they seem to have raised a family of six or seven children. They worshipped at the Lynn Creek church. They later moved to Osage County, Missouri, and it is said that they are all dead—that no descendants are living.

JEMIMA:—Jemima married Mr. William Walker (a brother of Elijah Walker) in North Carolina, and they came to Illinois with the third group of Waggoners in 1830, settling on the farm known generations afterward as the J. H. McCormic place, Section 11. They brought with them their children, Celia, Isaac (afterwards first sheriff of Moultrie County) Nancy, John and Mart. Jemima was buried in the cemetery on Isaac Waggoner's land.

EMSEY:—Married Gideon Edwards in Illinois in 1831, and they were the parents of two daughters, Elizabeth, who married Dr. Aldridge of Windsor, and Narcissa, who married a Mr. Tremble. Elizabeth Aldridge passed away October 18, 1922, at Bryan, Oklahoma, at the age of ninety years, the last grandchild of Isaac Waggoner, with the exception of Aunt Hannah Daugherty. Both daughters raised considerable families. Emsey died when her daughters were small and was buried in the Leggett graveyard. Her husband married a second and third wife, each of whom bore him children. Subsequently, he moved to Coles County, where he died in 1864. He filled several public offices, being County Judge of Coles County, Illinois, at the time of his death.

CHAPTER XVI

John Waggoner

(Written especially by his grandson and namesake, John Garland Waggoner)

John Waggoner, familiarly called "Jack", was the oldest son (except William who died in South

Carolina at the age of seven years) of Isaac Waggoner.

Like many of the Waggoners, Grandfather was fortunate in securing a noble companion to be our grandmother. Emsey Padget, it is supposed, was born in South Carolina about 1790. Her father was John Padget, who, when an old man, was called "Grancer Padgett." His name appears in the 1790 census under Cheraw District of South Carolina, in the northeast section of the state not far from the region in which great grandfather Isaac Waggoner resided at the time. At that time his family consisted of three sons under sixteen years of age and five females, not described. John Padget was a Baptist minister of considerable eminence. It is related that at the time of his marriage his father told him to come over and he would give him a plow-boy, but the son replied that if he would give him a horse he would come but that he could not accept a boy, because he believed slavery wrong. He never came to Illinois, but sometime after our people settled here, Mr. James Niles came from Carolina and reported that there was but one Scripture against Grancer Padget, that is, "Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you." He also was a soldier of the Revolution, a fellow-soldier of great grandfather Isaac Waggoner.

It is not strange that the faith of grandmother Emsey Padget, the preacher's devoted daughter, like the faith of Timothy's grandmother Lois and mother Eunice, should rest like a holy benediction upon her children to the second and third generations. These seven of her descendants have devoted their lives to the ministry and missionary work of the Kingdom of God:—Henry Clay Waggoner, Thomas Edwards, Mary Edwards, Susan M. Menges, William H., Harvey G., and John G. Waggoner. Nearly all of her other offspring are devoted Christians.

Grandmother is the only one of my ancestors whom I can remember. I was only five years old when she passed away (1849) at the old family home, and was buried in the Leggett cemetery. Grandfather John Waggoner died in 1844, and it is supposed he was also buried in this same graveyard.

My memory of grandmother is not very clear. She impressed me as being a fine-looking old lady. She wore a white cap and sat and sewed much of the time. She made a suit of jeans clothes for Mr. Dave Reed, a well-to-do farmer, who lived directly west some two miles.

Grandfather cleared the land and built him a home about one and a quarter miles directly east of his father's the first house on the north side of the county road, after crossing Lynn Creek. The house was built of small logs, perhaps ten inches in diameter at the larger end, and hewed a little

to about six inches. The house of one room was about 18 feet wide and 20 feet long. The ceiling, if there had been any, was about eight or nine feet high. The joists were poles, on which some boards were laid which served as the resting place of such articles as were not in constant use. The cracks in the walls were stopped with chinks of wood and with mud plastered over the holes. The floor was of puncheons made of split logs. These were not fastened down, so that beneath them was a fine place to keep apples and potatoes for winter use. This was very impressive to a boy. The roof consisted of boards about two and a half feet long, resting on rafters which ran the other way from present custom and were weighted down by small logs laid upon them.

The fireplace was in the east end of the house, with dirt hearth and mud jambs about a foot thick and admitted a backlog about four feet long. The chimney at the base was a frame of split timbers and continued upward with split sticks plastered with mud. About the last duty of the householder at night was to look up the chimney to see that it was not on fire. On the hearth and over the fire were cooked all the food for the family, large, or small. The utensils were few and simple, consisting of a long-handled frying pan, a skillet with cover in which to bake bread and a kettle to be suspended above the fire, or set on it in which to boil meat and vegetables. I was some twelve years old before I ever saw a stove, and it was some two years later when one came into our home. It was kind of a neighborhood curiosity, there being but one other in the range of my knowledge.

The two doors were made of split boards, nicely shaved, about six and a half feet long, and were hung with wooden hinges. They were fastened with a wooden latch placed on the inside. The latch was lifted from the outside, by pulling a string that had been fastened to the latch and passed through a hole to the outside. Thus the significance of the expression of welcome and hospitality, "The latch string is always on the outside."

Soon after grandmother's death, Uncle A. H. Edwards and family moved into this building, which was their home until 1855, when he built a new house just south of the old one. The old building was used for many years as a shop in which Uncle finished his leather, for he was a tanner. I was quite a lad when I helped tear down this memorable old building which was my childhood home, and where grandfather and grandmother rounded out their lives.

THE FAMILY

All grandfather's twelve children were born in North Carolina, except Aunt Matilda.

AUNT RACHEL, the oldest child, married Harmon Smith and had considerable family before

leaving North Carolina. They settled on a farm about a mile north of Uncle George Waggoner. Malinda, their oldest child, never married but lived to a good old age. She was kind and motherly to the younger children after her parents died and raised them to honorable manhood and womanhood.

DAVID SMITH was a farmer. He lived in Whitley Township, Moultrie county. He was the father of two children. Harmon born Jan. 11, 1848 who married Lou Florence. They lived on a farm in Sec. 12 Whitley Township for many years. They were the parents of one daughter, Maye. She married Henry Walker. They live near Windsor, Ill. They were the parents of four children Ward Smith Walker, born March 3, 1899. Hazel Walker, born Feb. 26, 1901 and Florence Walker born Jan. 9, 1912, Helen Walker died at the age of five years. Ward married Ruth Blythe of Gays, Ill. They live at Los Angeles, Calif. Hazel married Charles T. Southwell of Florida. They live at Coral Gables, Florida. They have one daughter Hannah Lou. Florence is a senior in the Mattoon High School.

Mrs. Lou Smith died Oct. 14, 1900. She is buried at Smyser cemetery.

Mr. Harmon Smith, some years later married Ella Hoke of Sullivan, Ill. Harmon Smith died Apr. 12, 1913. He is buried at Smyser cemetery. Mrs. Ella Smith died Jan. 1929.

Nancy Smith lived with her aunt Mrs. Betsey Harbaugh, her parents having died when she was a child. Later she married Cassus M. Davis, son of Green Davis, pioneer farmer of Whitley township. Cassius Davis and wife lived in Whitley where they became the parents of nine children, as follows: F. V. (Lora) Davis lives near Windsor, Ill. He married Mary Edwards, daughter of Martin Edwards of Whitley township. They have four children Fred, Ethel, Mabel and Harmon. Fred married Alta Brady. They live at Windsor, Illinois.

Ethel married Lloyd Thompson. They live at Sheloyville, Illinois. Mabel and Harmon live at home.

(2) Lillie Davis married Wm. H. Johnston. They live at Montrose Missouri. They have seven children living and two dead. Those living are Lola, May, Howard, Theta, Violet, Fred and a baby daughter.

(3) Bertha Davis Married Wm. Snapp. They live at Guthrie, Oklahoma.

(4) Anna Davis married Walter McArthur. They live at Vernon, Texas. They were the parents of three children, Archie, Mary and Maud. Mr. McArthur is deceased.

(5) Maud Davis married Charles Holland. They lived at Guthrie, Oklahoma, until her death in August 1914. They were the parents of six

children, Chesley, Elsa, Vernon, Erma and a son and a daughter whose names we were unable to obtain.

(6) Henry Davis died at Gays in Aug. 1902, while quite a young man.

(7) Jesse Davis lived in Whitley, where he was married to Edna Davis, also of Whitley Tp. They now live at Jefferson, Iowa.

Ray Davis married Rose Haslett. They live at Guthrie, Oklahoma. They have one daughter Ruby.

(9) Herschel Davis married May J. "Dollie" Waggoner. They lived at Guthrie, Okla., until her death Jan. 21, 1918. She left four children, Clarence, Grover, Ernest and Dorothea.

Mr. Cassius Davis and wife died many years ago in Whitley and are buried in Waggoner cemetery.

BETTY SMITH married Mr. David Harbaugh. They became the parents of two children and made their home about a mile south of Sullivan. They later moved to Sullivan, where they both lived to an advanced age. Mrs. Harbaugh died Oct. 21, 1907, aged 79 years. Mr. Harbaugh died Oct. 18, 1912, aged 92 years. They are buried in Greenhill cemetery.

The children are:

(1) Frank M. Harbaugh who married Ella Lowe. He practiced law in Sullivan for many years. He also conducted an extensive loan business besides overseeing his farming. Mr. Harbaugh has now retired from business. They still live in Sullivan.

(2) Lucreta married Robert M. Peadro, a prominent attorney of Sullivan. They were the parents of five children, Earl, Bernice, Roy, Dickie and Irtys.

Earl studied surveying and Civil Engineering, graduating from the U. of I. He lives at Tyler, Texas, where he holds a good position with the St. Louis and Southwestern railroad. He married Nelle Potts of Lovington, Ill., they have one daughter Heien aged 10 years.

Bernice is a graduate of the Sullivan High school, of the University of Illinois, later she received a Master's Degree at Columbia University. She has lived in New York City, since her graduation.

Roy has been living at Monmouth, Illinois for several years. He married Helen Lepper of Monmouth about two years ago (1927) They live at Monmouth.

Dickie Peadro, attended the Sullivan school, where he was known as a likeable boy. He was accidentally killed while leading a cow. His death occurred on Oct. 22, 1899. He was about 10 years of age at the time of his death.

Irtys Peadro is a farmer. He lives on the Harbaugh homestead 1 mile south of Sullivan, a part

of which he owns. Irtys married Pauline Fischer of Ina, Jefferson County, Illinois. They have one son Robert.

Leander Harbaugh son of David and Betsy Harbaugh, lived only a few years. He died on Sept. 22, 1858 at the age of six years.

Robert M. Peadro died Jan. 1, 1911. Lucretia Peadro died in May 1919. They are buried in Greenhill cemetery.

KILLIS SMITH left home rather early in life and was a great wanderer. He married Isabel Aldridge. They were the parents of six children.

(1) Lulu married Ivan Hand. They lived near Bethany, Ill. They were the parents of three children, two sons, a daughter. Mrs. Lulu Hand died about 1896.

(2) Artie married Ross Cox. They are the parents of four children. Three are deceased. A son Cecil 15 years of age lives with his parents at St. Paul, Minnesota.

(3) Killis married Lola Johnson. They were the parents of two children, Leo and Eloise. Leo Smith lives in Mattoon, Ill., where he is engaged in the Life Insurance business. Eloise is the wife of Carl Thatcher. They also live in Mattoon.

(4) Nina was reared in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Hawkins, who lived near Coles, Ill., Later they moved to Sullivan. She married Jesse B. Tabor. They lived on the farm in East Nelson township for many years, later moving to Sullivan. They have six children. 1. Harold married Betty Carlin. They live in Decatur where Harold is in the automobile business. 2. Irma married C. R. Carter. They live at Houston, Texas. Mr. Carter is in the Oil business. 3. Corma married H. B. Clup. They also live at Houston, Texas. Mr. Culp is manager of the National Biscuit company at Houston. 4. George married Evelyn Lehmen. They live in Chicago where he is in the employ of a large Theatre Co. 5. Hazel married Paul Temple. They live in St. Louis. Mr. Temple is in the Insurance business. They have one daughter, Ann Tabor Temple. 6. Purvis lives at home with his parents. He is assisting his father, as manager of The Sullivan Grain Co.

(5) Dorsey E. Smith married James Saults. They were the parents of three children. Later she married Mr. Hasselkuss of Chicago, where the family reside. The three children are two sons, Harry and Harvey Saults and one daughter Nana (Saults) Orth.

(6) George Smith lives at Pleasant Hill, Missouri. He is in the employ of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Co. His wife Mollie Smith died on Aug. 13, 1928. They were the parents of two children, a son Killis and a daughter Leota. Killis Smith is in the Insurance Business in Kansas City, Mo.

JAMES SMITH stayed in the old home and helped to raise his father's younger children. He

married Miss Ruth Martin. They continued in the old home and became the parents of one child, Vena, who married Logan Holmes. They lived in the South. They were the parents of three children, Ruby, Clarence and Ruth.

Ruby the eldest daughter married Fred A. Parker. They live at Nashville, Tenn. They have two children, Lola L., and Frederick A. Jr.

Clarence M. Holmes, the son, is married and has one daughter. They live at Knoxville, Tenn.

Ruth Holmes, the younger daughter died when quite young.

James and Ruth Smith both lived to be old residents of Whitley township where they died. They are buried in Mattoon cemetery.

Logan and Vena Holmes are also deceased. They are also buried at Mattoon.

WILLIAM SMITH married Sarah Edmonds. They established their home north of the old family residence and were the parents of several children. Eileen the eldest married Henry Throneberry. They moved to Mississippi or Tennessee. They had two children Myrtle and Morton. They live at Memphis, Tenn. Mr. and Mrs. Throneberry are now deceased.

Shirley Smith resided at the old home with his mother until her death. He still owns the old homestead. Orval and Otto died while young men.

William and Sarah Smith are buried in Graham Chapel cemetery as also are their two sons.

Emsey Smith was born Feb. 4, 1836 in what is now Whitley township Moultrie county, Ill. She was the daughter of Harmon Smith and Rachel Waggoner Smith, who came from North Carolina to Illinois with the second caravan of Waggoners in 1829. Malinda and David were born in Carolina, and were very small children, when their parents came to the west as it was then called. Mr. Smith settled just north of Whitley Creek in what is now section 2 of Whitley township. Here their family grew up, attended such meager schools as the new country afforded, and on this farm Harmon and Rachel Smith continued to live until their passing.

Emsey Smith married Robert Armantrout. They made their home near Coles Station. They were the parents of six children: 1. Francis K. born Apr. 9, 1860, died at the age of 4 years. 2. Malinda Mabel, born May 18, 1862 married Wm. Henry Gearheart of Coles County, Illinois. They lived near Coles Station. They were the parents of two daughters Merle born Nov. 13, 1885 and Corma Louise born Nov. 1, 1893. Corma married Roscoe G. Storm. They live in Mattoon, Ill. The Gearheart family moved to Mattoon where Mr. William Henry Gearheart died on June 21, 1924. Mrs. Gearheart and daughter Merle live at 3009 Western Avenue Mattoon, Ill. 3. George Grant "Gid"

Armantrout was born Sept. 2, 1865. He married Jessie Spillman. To this union four children were born. Robert Gerald born Nov. 27, 1889. He married Annie Fugate. They have three children. Ruth Ann born June 6, 1912. Robert born May 17, 1915 and Emma born Oct. 10, 1918. They live on the home place one half mile west of Coles. Fred born June 29, 1891, married Fern Donnelly. They were the parents of one daughter Pauline born May 24, 1913. Fred Armantrout died Aug. 16, 1913.

Fern Armantrout only daughter of G. G. Armantrout was born June 12, 1894. She was married to Forest Ashworth of Coles county. They have three children, Allene born June 11, 1921. Forest Ray born July 14, 1923 and Barbara June born May 30, 1925. They live in Mattoon, Ill.

Russell Armantrout youngest son of G. G. Armantrout, was born May 30, 1896. He married Cora Curry of Whitley township. They have three sons, Dale born Nov. 29, 1915. Burl born May 27, 1917 and Ward born Oct. 11, 1919. They live on a farm three miles east of Charleston, Ill.

G. G. Armantrout was killed in an interurban accident near Charleston, Ill., Sept. 7, 1907.

Hattie D. Armantrout was born Jan. 29, 1868. She was the fourth child of the family. She grew to womanhood on her father's farm at Coles. She was married to Wm. H. Crum an attorney of Springfield, Ill. They lived in Springfield for many years. They were the parents of two children: Irene, born Nov. 28, 1892, and Chester born Feb. 16, 1894. Irene married E. Mark Murphy. They have one daughter Martha born Sept. 23, 1925.

Mrs. Hattie Crum died in Springfield, Ill., on May 19, 1909.

Irtis B. Armantrout was born Mar. 27, 1870. He died Feb. 13, 1872.

Claudia Pearl Armantrout youngest daughter of Robert and Emsey Armantrout was born Sept. 22, 1873. She married Thomas L. Pierce, son of David Pierce, a pioneer of Whitley Township. They lived on a farm near Coles. They were the parents of six children as follows:

1. Irma Pierce was born Oct. 12, 1893. She married Mark H. Walker. They live at Danville, Ill.

2. Glen Pierce was born Oct. 25, 1895. He married Esther Lea. They live in Mattoon, Ill., where Mr. Pierce is engaged in the insurance business. They have one daughter Carol Jean, born Mar. 2, 1918.

3. Ralph Pierce, born Jan. 28, 1898. He married Freda Bradley. They live at Springfield, Ill. They have one son Tommy Pierce, born Apr. 17, 1925.

4. Clarence Pierce was born Feb. 24, 1900. He married Lucile Lashbrook. They live at Mattoon. They have three daughters: Betty Jane born Oct.

10, 1921; Martha Lou born Feb. 25, 1923; Frances Ann born May 14, 1925.

Bernice Pierce, youngest daughter was born Dec. 21, 1904. She married Hartley Earl Rardin. They live at Woodstock, Ill.

Charles Pierce youngest son was born Aug. 2, 1907. He resides at Milwaukee, Wis.

Mrs. Pearl Pierce died in Mattoon, Ill., Mar. 9, 1927. She is buried at Dodge Grove cemetery.

Robert Armantrout died Aug. 12, 1898. Emsey Armantrout died July 10, 1920. They are buried in Dodge Grove cemetery Mattoon.

Malinda Smith, the oldest child of Harmon and Rachel Smith, died Oct. 20, 1907 at the advanced age of 83 years. She was one of the last of the original Carolina emigrants. She is buried at Dodge Grove cemetery.

LUTICIA married George Lilly. They made their home about a mile west of Graham church, on the main road between Mattoon and Sullivan. They raised a considerable family:

1. Leonard, the eldest child was born Dec. 5, 1865. He grew to manhood at his parents' home in East Nelson township. He married Blanch Taylor of Mattoon, Ill. They were the parents of two daughters, Laverna Blanch, age 13 and Gussie Berdina, age 11. Leonard Lilly died May 12, 1922.

2. Rosa Lilly was born Jan. 11, 1864. She was married to G. R. Ridgway, a Baptist minister. They live in Allenville, Ill. They are the parents of four children. Huron the oldest son, born Nov. 10, 1894 lives at Port Gibson, Miss., where he is a practicing veterinarian. Thomas L., the second son was born Mar. 1, 1898. He married Mary Standerfer of East Nelson township. They have one daughter Doris age 11 years. They live on a farm near Allenville. Fern, the daughter, was born Dec. 8, 1899. She married Melvin Wiley. They live on a farm in East Nelson township. Oral, the youngest son was born Feb. 7, 1902. He lives at Bloomington, Indiana, where he is engaged in railroad work.

3. Hubert B. Lilly was born on the Lilly homestead in 1872. He grew to manhood and married Drucilla Layton, daughter of Theodore Layton of East Nelson township. They live on and own a part of the old Lilly home place east of Allenville. They have one son Lloyd Lilly. Lloyd married Bessie Henry. They have two sons, Lloyd Junior and Burton Wayne. They live on the Lilly farm east of Allenville.

4. Morton J. married Nettie Robinson. They live in Sullivan. They are the parents of four children: Olive, Mabel, Herman and Melvin. Olive is a successful school teacher. Mabel is attending Normal school and the boys are at home.

5. Pleasant Lilly, son of Geo. T. and Luticia Lilly, died when a young man. He was buried at Graham Chapel.

Mrs. Sarah L. Lilly died July 11, 1910. Geo. T. Lilly died Dec. 28, 1919. They are buried at Graham Chapel cemetery.

RACHEL married Burl Hunt and they made their home some two miles northeast of the Whitley Creek Christian church. They raised a family of three children, only one of whom, Frank Hunt, survives. Rachel is the only surviving child of Rachel and Harmon Smith at this writing (1923). On October 3, 1922, Rachel and her husband celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary. Burlington Hunt was eighty years old last May sixth, having been born in Kentucky but living near Smyser church since he was nine years old. For many years he was a member of the Baptist church at Coles Station. He died Dec. 24, 1922, and was buried at Smyser Cemetery. Frank Hunt married Nora Basham. They own and farm the old homestead in East Nelson township. They have two children. Howard married Evelyn Gilbreath. Florence married Harold Hinton. They live near Bement, Ill.

Burlington and Rachel Hunt's daughter Dora (Hunt) Hallowell was killed in the Mattoon cyclone 1917. She left one son Clarence L. Hallowell. He is married and lives on a farm near Galton, Ill. His wife before her married was Grave Low of near Allenville, Ill. They have four children: Donald, Clifford, Theodore and Freda.

UNCLE ASA WAGGONER, the second child, died at the age of eighteen years.

UNCLE LIZBY WAGGONER was the father of one son, Martin V. Waggoner. We called him "little Martin" on account of his size and to distinguish him from his uncle Martin. He was a soldier in the Civil War. He married Sarah Miller of near Mattoon. They were the parents of three children. Two sons and one daughter: William G. lives in Mattoon, where he has conducted a grocery store for many years. One of the daughters married a Mr. Fuller of near Mattoon. They still live in that community. The other son Frank Waggoner lives in Missouri.

After Mr. Waggoner's death, Mrs. Sarah Waggoner married Z. N. Luby of Mattoon. She is now a member of the Illinois Masonic Home, Sullivan, Ill., as was also Mr. Luby until his death a few years ago.

William G. Waggoner, married a Miss Hill of Mattoon. They have two daughters, Gladys and Helen. Gladys married a Mr. Kramer of Mattoon where they reside.

CELIA WAGGONER married a Mr. Price. They became the parents of William Price who was a brave soldier in our Civil War and fell on the battlefield. He and his cousin, Martin Waggoner, used to visit us when I was a small boy. They were fine young men. Their parents must have

died when they were small, as I have no remembrance of them.

AUNT LEAH married Mr. Jack Bateman. They moved in an early day to Van Zandt County, Texas. Posey Bateman, their oldest son, made quite a visit to our Whitley Creek people in 1886. He was rather a small man and resembled the Waggoners. Cousin Thomas Edwards says his talk resembled very much that of Luther Waggoner. He was quite gray and somewhat bald. From him, Cousin Thomas gathered some facts about our Texas relatives and wrote me as follows: "Four children of Aunt Leah Bateman are living, viz.: Posey, married but no children, is a member of the Predestinarian Baptist church. His postoffice is Ranger, Eastland County, Texas. Abram Bateman is married and has no children and belongs to the Christian church. Mary Daily has four or five children but her residence is unknown to Posey. Emsey Miller, a grass widow, has one daughter and lives near Posey.

UNCLE MARTIN WAGGONER'S family is as follows: Matilday Roberts (dead) but left several children; Lisby Waggoner is living and has several children, two or three of whom are married. His post office is Will's point, Van Zandt County, Texas; William Waggoner (living) has several children and has the same post office; Margaret and Mauda, both dead, but left some married daughters.

UNCLE WILLIAM Waggoner was a rather small man, badly marked by smallpox. (He was one of the best-humored men I have ever known) he was married in what we call a runaway match to Nancy Walker. They raised a large family. I believe Luther is the oldest child. He married Miss Lizzie Whitfield, and they have raised quite a family, namely: Mary, Willis, William, Zachary and Nannie. Of these Nannie married Henry M. Hagan, a former Ash Grove boy—now a prominent attorney in Chicago, and they have a son now attending school in the East and a son, Carl, deceased, buried at Ash Grove cemetery.

Mary married Colbert Baker, son of W. K. Baker of near Bruce, Ill. They lived on a farm in the Baker neighborhood in Whitley township for a number of years. Later they moved to Sullivan where they lived for many years. They were the parents of four children: William K. Lydia Elizabeth, Martin Luther and Joseph Colbert.

1. William K. married Minnie Harris of Sullivan, Ill. They have three children: Willie K., Jas. Colbert and Charlotte. Willie married Geneva English. They live in Decatur. James Colbert is attending school at Eureka. Charlotte lives with her parents in Sullivan.

2. Martin Luther Baker married Mabel Brown of Denver, Colorado. They have three children Martin Luther, Evelyn and Joseph. They live at Denver, Colorado.

3. Jos. Colbert Baker married Ruth Batman of Sullivan, Ill. They were the parents of two daughters Mildred and Virginia. Some years later Mr. Baker married Grace Majors of East St. Louis. They are the parents of four children Genevieve, Carl, Joseph and Mary Lou. They live at East St. Louis.

4. Lydia Elizabeth Baker died at the age of five years.

Colbert Baker died Feb. 5, 1908. He is buried in Greenhill cemetery, Sullivan.

Willis E. Waggoner was born in Whitley Twp. where he grew to manhood. He married Margaret Edwards of Whitley. They lived at Bruce for many years, where Mr. Waggoner ran a store. In 1924 they moved to Decatur, Ill. They were the parents of seven children. A son Luther True and a daughter Ina died in childhood. The other children are Fern who is the wife of Neal Brackney. They have six children John Willis, Marie, Dean, Louise, Eugene and Ruth. They live in Sullivan.

4. Ruth married Rex Garrett of Whitley. They have three children, Margaret, Ivan and Norma Jean. They live on the Garrett homestead in Sec. 8, Whitley Township.

5. Mabel married Paul Edwards. They have two daughters, Rose Mary and Zelma Paulina. They live in Whitley township.

6. and 7. Rex and Fred Waggoner live in Decatur.

Willis E. Waggoner died in Decatur on Nov. 30, 1924. Mrs. Margaret Waggoner died in Decatur, Ill., Apr. 4, 1929.

William A. Waggoner son of M. L. Waggoner of Whitley was born in Whitley township near Bruce, where he grew to manhood. He was married to Effie Bridges. They have two daughters, Iva and Helen. Iva is the wife of Alonzo Newton. They live in Detroit Mich. Helen married Norman Landers.

Zachary Waggoner the youngest son of M. L. Waggoner was born and raised in Whitley township. He married Emily Cuthbert. They were the parents of two children, Martin Luther and Mary.

Zachary Waggoner died June 22, 1928. He is buried at Whitfield cemetery.

Luther Waggoner died at his home in Bruce, Ill., on March 16, 1924, at the advanced age of ninety years. He is buried at Whitfield cemetery.

Luther's wife "Aunt Lizzie" is still living at the extreme age of ninety-four years making her home with her daughter Mary Baker in Sullivan.

Uncle William had four daughters, Malinda, Jane, Celia and Nancy and four sons, Luther, John T., William Edward, and Henry Clay

Malinda Waggoner, eldest daughter of William Waggoner, was born in Whitley township. She was married to Robert Scott. They lived in East Nelson Township near W. T. Martin's where Mrs. Scott died about one year after her marriage. She is buried at Lynn Creek cemetery.

Jane Waggoner, the second daughter of William and Nancy Waggoner was born Sept. 5, 1835. She was married to W. T. Martin. They lived on a farm in Section thirty of East Nelson township for many years. Mrs. Jane Martin died there on May 30, 1893. They were the parents of nine children:

1. Nancy married Martin T. (Bud) Waggoner. Their home was in Whitley township near the Waggoner church. They were the parents of two daughters, Rusha and Belle. Rusha is one of the prominent school teachers of Moultrie county where she has always lived. She married Robert M. Tull of Windsor, Ill. They lived in Sullivan until Mr. Tull's death in 1928. Belle was also a successful teacher. She married Fred Allison. They are the parents of one daughter Carlisle. They live in Sullivan.

Martin T. Waggoner died Nov. 1, 1911. He was buried at Whitfield. His widow, Mrs. Nancy Waggoner now resides in Sullivan.

2. Francis M. Martin, was born Nov. 17, 1858 in Moultrie county, Ill. He taught school, later becoming a prominent farmer of East Nelson township. He married Marcia Graven June 12, 1879. They were the parents of eight children: Walter, Etta, Nellie, Edwin, Roy, Fred, Carl and Eathel.

Walter died Dec. 10, 1900 at the age of eighteen years. Etta married Allen Sutton of Girard Ill. They were farming in Macoupin County, where they have resided since their marriage. They have three daughters, Minnie, Mary and Martha.

Nellie married Ora Williams of Sullivan, Ill., moved to South Dakota where they lived for several years. They were the parents of seven children. Everett, Olive, Daisy, Francis, Estol, Percy and Vivian. Mrs. Nellie Williams died April 2, 1922.

Edwin married Orpha Darst of Sullivan, Illinois. He taught school and farmed in East Nelson Township for several years, later moving to Okolona, Miss., where he is engaged in farming and stock raising. They have two sons Glen and Charles

Roy taught school and farmed later becoming a prominent dairyman and Jersey cattle breeder. Roy married Gertrude Temple of Charleston, Illinois. They live in East Nelson Township.

Fred R. Martin lives near Okolona, Miss., where he is a prominent stockman and farmer. Fred married Lucy Wilson of Okolona, Miss. They have three daughters, Pauline, Grace and Gladies.

Carl A. Martin was a veteran of the World War. He served with distinction overseas, in which service he was severely wounded and from which

he has not fully recovered. Carl was married to Bessie Burchard of Sullivan, Illinois in 1926. They have one son, George A. They live in Sullivan.

Carrie Eathel Martin, youngest daughter of Frances M. Martin, married John E. Martin of Sullivan, Illinois. Mr. Martin is a veteran of the World War, in which service he has an enviable record. They have three children: Marcia Rose, Mabel Eathel and John. They live in Sullivan.

Marcia Martin died at her home in Sullivan on January 28, 1928. She is buried in Greenhill cemetery.

Francis M. Martin continues to live in Sullivan

3 Sarah Martin was born Jan. 29, 1864. She married Albert Baugher. They lived on a farm in Whitley Township. They were the parents of three sons and one daughter: Edward, Ollie Emmet and Eva.

Ollie married Alice Edwards. They live on a farm in Whitley Township. Mr. Baugher is the present Highway Commissioner of Whitley Township. They are the parents of six children: Alma, Vernon, Dale, Franklin, Ellen and Eugene.

Alma married Mark Buckalew. They live in Whitley Township. They have two sons: Floyd Edwin and Donald.

Edward married Millie Scroggins. They were the parents of four children: Bonnie, Shelby, Beulah and Forrest. The family lives in Decatur, Ill.

Beulah Baugher married Mr. Garver of Decatur, where they live. They have one daughter.

Emmet, third son of Albert and Sarah Baugher, was killed by a train, near his home at Middlesworth, Illinois, when was sixteen years of age.

4 John Dawson Martin was born March 28, 1861. He married Katherine Janes. They lived on a farm in East Nelson Township. They were the parents of four children: Minnie, Katherine, J. Willard and Rose.

Minnie taught school in Moultrie County, later she was married to Dr. John E. Cashin. They have two children: Robert and Jean Elizabeth. They live at Omaha, Neb., where Dr. Cashin holds a Government position in the Veterans Bureau.

Katherine, the second daughter married Clayton Hutton. They live at Mattoon, Illinois. They have one daughter, Dorothy.

John Willard Martin lives at Sedalia, Mo., where he conducts a restaurant. They have three children, Walter, Guy and Monroe.

Rose Martin was a Moultrie County teacher. She married Scott Waggoner of Whitley township. They now live on a farm at Webster City, Iowa. They have six children viz: Altabelle who lives in Sullivan, Fred M., Opal L. Carl W. Don E. and Bonnie Rosalie all living at home.

Mr. J. D. Martin's second marriage was to Harriett Hall. They lived at Janesville, Ill., until

her death which occurred in 1900. Mr. Martin now lives in Sullivan, Illinois.

5 Mary E. born Nov. 22, 1866, married Jas. L. Lane. They lived on a farm in East Nelson Township. They were the parents of eleven children: Maude L., Claude F., Charles A., Elvira J., Elsie A., Oleta F., Jas. Orville, Oscar M., Walter M., Roscoe W. and Donald L.

Maude L. born March 18, 1886, married James Weaver. They lived in East Nelson Township. They the parents of three children: Lane, Dorothy and Dean. After Mr. Weaver's death she married Jerome Jeffries. They have two sons: Junior and Benton. They live at McGath, Minn.

Claude F. was born December 3, 1887. He married Georgia Hunter. They were the parents of three children, Fern, Hugh and Violet. After her death Mr. Lane married Myrtle Williamson. They are the parents of five children, viz: Dale, Earl, Mabel, Ella, and Nettie. Mr. Lane lives in West Whitley where he is an extensive farmer and stockman.

Charles A. was born Seb. 17, 1890. He married Vica Leeds. They are the parents of four children, Charles, Orris, Louise and Wilma. They live in East Nelson Township where Mr. Lane farms and keeps stock quite extensively. Mr. Lane is the present Supervisor of East Nelson Township.

Elsie A. was born Dec. 13, 1895, married John McDaniel. They live on a farm in Sullivan Township. They have two sons, Forrest and Carrol.

Oleta F. was born Feb. 5, 1900. She married Harry Leeds. They are the parents of one son, Harold. They live at Windsor, Illinois.

James Orval was born March 16, 1902. He married Loverna Hall. They live at Beloit, Wis.

Oscar M. was born September 4, 1904. He married Leota West. They live at Beloit, Wis.

Walter M. was born Nov. 14, 1906. He married Oleta Waggoner. They live in East Nelson Township. They are the parents of two sons, Leon and James.

Roscoe W. was born Feb. 26, 1909.

Donald L. was born Jan. 30, 1913.

Roscoe and Don reside at home with their mother in Sullivan.

James L. Lane died Dec. 6, 1919—Aged 61 years. (He is buried at French Cemetery).

6 Violet J. Martin was born Jan. 27, 1872. She was married to Albert Pickett Hostetter. They lived at Hodge, Missouri. They were the parents of four daughters, Bessie, Grace, Cora and Lula.

Grace Hostetter married a Mr. Lynn. They are the parents of seven children, Allen, Earl, Henry, Georgia, Mary, Ida Belle and an infant son.

Cora Hostetter married Mr. Smith. They have six children, Beulah, Classie, Alice, Eileen, Emmet and Bessie.

Lulu Hostetter married a Mr. Johnson. They have two children, Zelma Irene and Herbert.

Violet Hostetter died at Hodge, Mo., April 16, 1899. Mr. Hostetter lives in Missouri, as does also his daughters and families.

7 Elizabeth Martin was born Aug. 17, 1876. She married William Sutton. They live on the W. J. Martin homestead in East Nelson Township. They are the parents of eight children. Oral, Myrtle, Olive, Edna, Gladys, Clarabelle, Otis and Beulah.

1 Oral married Della Johnson. They live at Springfield, Illinois. They have three children: Doris, Leon, and a baby daughter.

2 Myrtle married Riley Burcham of Allenville, Illinois. They live in Decatur, where Mr. Burcham is a city mail carrier. They have two children, Joy and Lee.

3 Olive married Alpha Luttrell of Bruce. They had one daughter, Sybil. Mr. Luttrell died in 1919. Her second marriage was to Jack Thomas of Girard, Ill. They live at Girard. They have a son, Jack, Junior.

4 Edna married Leon Enos. They live at Carlville, Illinois.

5 Gladys married Ben Rudanovich. They live at St. Louis, Mo. They have two daughters, Irene and Louise.

6 Clarabelle lives with her sister Gladys, in St. Louis, where she is employed.

7 and 8 Otis and Beulah Sutton live at home with their parents in East Nelson Township.

8. William I. Martin was born Nov. 20, 1869. He married Ida Thompson. He is an extensive farmer of East Nelson township, where they have always lived. They are the parents of seven children: Sarah Jane, Verna, Ernest, Mabel, Leroy, Harold and Herman. The children all live at home except Ernest who is married and lives on a farm in Sullivan township. His wife was Merle Myers. They are the parents of three children, Ruth, Donald and Marjorie. Ernest is one of Moultrie county's leading teachers.

Leroy teaches in the Princeton, Ill., High school which position he has held for four years.

Mabel, Harold, and Herman are successful teachers of Moultrie County.

9. Dora Martin, youngest daughter of W. T. and Jane Martin was born Jan. 22, 1880. She was married to John C. Thompson. They are farmers. They now live on a farm near Macon, Ill. They have five children, two sons and three daughters: 1. Floyd married Eva Stomborough. They live in Decatur, where Mr. Thompson is city mail carrier. 2. Homer Thompson the second son married Margaret Casey. They also live in Decatur, where Mr. Thompson is bookkeeper for the Standard Oil Co. They have two children, Marjorie and Billy. 3. Merle Thompson married Hamilton Yates in July

1928. They lived in Decatur, Ill., until his death, April 1929. 4. Opal Thompson married Otis McLain. They live near Macon, Ill. They are the parents of two children, Norma Jean and Johnnie. 5. Loveta Thompson married Delmar Cherry. They live at Macon, Ill.

Celia Waggoner was born about 1840. She married Simeon Bundy. They lived for many years on a farm in Whitley township. They were the parents of five children, Edgar, Frank, Albert, Anna and Rosa.

Edgar married Mollie Monroe. They have lived for a number of years on their farm south of Sullivan in Sullivan township. They have one son Oral E., who is also a farmer and stockman. His wife before her marriage was Viola Jones of Shelbyville, Ill.

Frank married Eivira Martin. He was an extensive farmer of Coles County, Illinois. They were the parents of four children. Hazel, Herschel, Ruby and Lucile. Frank Bundy died near Mattoon, Ill., in May 1909. Hazel married Harry Perryman. They live in Chicago. Herschel Bundy lives in Chicago, where he is manager of an A & P grocery store. Ruby married Don Nodden. They live at Waukegan, Ill., where Mr. Nodden is in the grocery business. Lucile lives at home with her mother in Chicago.

Anna married Albert Myers. They have lived in Sullivan for many years. They are the parents of two daughters, Grace and Hortense. Grace married Fred Foster. Mr. Foster is a farmer. They live northeast of Sullivan. Hortense married Oscar Sheeks. They live in Mattoon, Ill.

Rosa married Harve H. Hawkins. They farmed in Whitley township where Mr. Hawkins served as Supervisor. In 1922 he was elected County Treasurer. He then moved to Sullivan where they have since resided. In 1926 he was elected a member of the State Legislature.

They are the parents of two children, Fern and Homer. Fern is the wife of Russel Kinkade. They live near Windsor, Ill. They have three children: Pauline, Madonna Jean, and Richard Harvery.

Albert Bundy married Frantie Bragg. They live on a farm near Mattoon. They have one daughter Oleta.

Mrs. Celia Bundy died in January 1879. Simeon Bundy died May 19, 1928. They are buried at Whitfield.

Nancy Matilda Waggoner married Henry Ethridge. They lived in Moultrie County, later moving to Decatur. They were the parents of four children: Frank, William, Rose and Laura.

Frank married Lillie Hill. They lived in Decatur, now reside in St. Louis, as does his brother, William.

Rose married Allie Bryner. They also reside in St. Louis.

Laura married Joseph Yeagel. They live in Decatur, and are the parents of three children: Grace, Dorothy and Carl. Grace married a Mr. Barnes. They live in Decatur. They have two children, a son and daughter.

Several of the Ethridge family were musicians.

Henry Ethridge and his wife Nancy Ethridge, died many years ago.

John T. married Elizabeth Rutherford and they had three sons, Joseph H. of Sullivan, Alvin of Walla Walla, Washington and Luther Waggoner of Los Angeles. John T. Waggoner died years ago and is buried in Lynn Creek cemetery. John T's widow died November 28, 1922, aged 84 years. She had been a member of the Predestinarian Baptist church since 1860.

Joseph H., married Hannah Patterson, daughter of Donty Patterson, pioneer farmer and business man of Sullivan. They were the parents of one daughter Lelia now the wife of Guy Bupp of the Bupp Transfer Co., of Sullivan.

Mrs. Waggoner died in Sullivan, Ill., Dec. 21, 1919 and is buried in Greenhill cemetery.

J. H. Waggoner followed the restaurant and later the meat business in Sullivan in which he was quite successful. He still resides in Sullivan.

Alvin married Eunice Bastian. They lived in Sullivan for several years. They moved to Walla Walla, Washington about thirty-five years ago. They were the parents of five children: Ollie, Virgil, Homer, Bess and Letha, all of whom live at Walla Walla. Mrs. Eunice Waggoner died in 1927.

Luther married Rose Patterson of near Sullivan. They later moved to Evansville, Ind., where they lived for many years. During this time Mr. Waggoner was conductor on the Evansville and Terre Haute Railroad. They had one daughter, who lives in Missouri.

Mr. Waggoner later went to California. He is now living at Hollywood, Calif., where he conducts a real estate business.

Amos married Ollie Hagerman at Sullivan, Illinois. They were the parents of one daughter, Minerva Waggoner who is now the wife of Mack Storm. They live in Decatur, Ill.

Amos Waggoner afterward went to Oklahoma where he died.

Sarah Waggoner, only daughter of John and Elizabeth Waggoner, married Henry Niles. She always lived in Whitley township, now residing at Bruce, Ill. She was the mother of four children:

Nancy married a Mr. Stevens, and resided in Macon County until her death in 1908, leaving a large family of children. She is buried in French cemetery.

Newton Niles married Osie Osborn. They live in Allenville, Ill. They have no children, but are rearing an adopted daughter. Mr. Niles is the present Assessor of East Nelson Township.

Odd Niles is married and resides in Mattoon, Ill.

Cenia married Wilbur Rose. They live near Windsor, Ill.

William Edward Waggoner was born in Moultrie County, Ill., Feb. 16, 1845. He married Nancy Kennedy. They removed from Moultrie County, Illinois to the State of Washington near Walla Walla where Mr. Waggoner became a large wheat grower. They were the parents of four children: Icy, Walter, Oscar P., and Shelby.

Icy married John R. Miller. They are the parents of six children. Carrie (Miller) King lives at Castle Rock, Wash. Faye (Miller) Williams lives at Walla Walla, Wash. Amsey Miller, Oakland, Calif., Ralph, John and Gordon Miller of Walla Walla, Wash.

Walter L. Waggoner married Ethel Buroher. They were the parents of two children, Gladys (Waggoner) Hull and Walter Waggoner.

Oscar P. Waggoner married Arnett Gerkin. They were the parents of five children as follows: Emerson, Evelyn, Edward, Emily and Kinney. They live at Walla Walla.

Shelby Waggoner, youngest son of William Edward Waggoner died at the age of 18 years.

Walter L. Waggoner is also deceased.

Nancy (Kennedy) Waggoner died Sept. 4, 1900. She is buried at Walla Walla, Wash.

William Edward Waggoner's second marriage was to Elizabeth M. Kistler of Piatt County, Illinois. They lived at Walla Walla, Wash. Mr. Waggoner's former home. Mrs. Elizabeth Waggoner died May 6, 1920. She is buried at Walla Walla.

William Edward Waggoner was a Union soldier serving almost three years in the Civil War. He has made frequent visits to his relatives in Moultrie county. Although in eighty-four year he attended the Waggoner Family Centennial in Freeland Grove, Sullivan, Ill., in the summer of 1928. While here he fenced and fixed up the old Lynn Creek Cemetery in Whitley township, where his parents and many of the pioneer Waggoners are buried.

Henry Clay Waggoner, youngest son of William and Nancy Waggoner, was born June 4, 1854 in Whitley township, Moultrie county, Ill. He was a Baptist minister of considerable ability. He preached in the various primitive Baptist churches of Moultrie and Shelby counties. Later he moved to Hennessey, Okla., where his widow and several of his children are yet living.

Mr. Waggoner was twice married. His first wife was Minerva Scott. To this union four children were born, Marion and John both died when

small. 1. William H. Waggoner a son lives in Oklahoma. He is the father of eight children, two dying in infancy. Six children are living, Emma, Frank, Della, Clyde, Elza and Clarence.

Cynthia Ann, only daughter of Henry Clay Waggoner by his first marriage, married George Creecy. She is the mother of twelve children: Mabel, Neta, Agnes, Arthur and Verbal are deceased. Those living are: George, J. R., Carl, Gladys, Forest, Eunice and Happle. Cynthia Creecy and family live at Loveland, Colorado.

Henry Clay Waggoner's second marriage was to Sera Elva Atteberry in Moultrie County, Ill. Soon after their marriage they emigrated to Oklahoma, and their eight children were brought up in the new western country. They are:

1. Harmon Clay Waggoner, who is the father of ten children, nine of whom are living: Elmer Eugene, Rutha Eva and Ruba May (twins) Elva Elvira, Ira Marie, Opal Bell, Emmett Harmon, and Lesley Eldon and Wesley Aldon (twins). Audra Lincoln is deceased. Mr. Harmon Waggoner and family live at Cleo Springs, Okla., R.F.D. No. 2.

2. George Calvin Waggoner is married and has five children, two of whom died in infancy. Those living are Viola May, Lathyeran, and Freddie Lee. They live near Hennessey, Okla.

3. Luther Erval Waggoner is married and is the father of six children: Marvin E., Marion Neva, Emma Delores, Thelma, Lawrence L., and Luella May.

4. Nancy Elizabeth Waggoner married Mr. Charteir. They have six children, two died in infancy. Those living are Raymond, Edward, Fern Ethel and Merle.

5. Alva Garland Waggoner is married and has a family of six children, two died in infancy. Those living are Darvin, Agnes, Nathan and Wilma.

6. Audra H. Waggoner is married and has three living children: Eugene, Marie and Pearl.

7. Eddie Lester Waggoner is 33 years of age and unmarried. He lives with his mother. Mr. Waggoner is a farmer. They live near Ames, Okla.

8. Ruth Eva Waggoner died when small.

Henry Clay Waggoner died near Dumond, Oklahoma Feb. 15, 1909.

Uncle William Waggoner and family kept the boarding house in Mattoon when his was about the only house and boarded the railroad men as they graded and laid the track for its first railroad. He was born in North Carolina in 1828 and died August 30, 1868 and is buried at Lynn Creek cemetery.

AUNT SALLY married Davis Harrison. By a previous marriage to Miss Simms, daughter of Garland Simms and sister of my mother, he had two children. The older, Edward Cornelius, married Rebecca Turner, daughter of John Turner, whose wife was sister to my own mother. Rebecca died

recently and left no children. Edward lived with an adopted daughter in San Antonio, Texas, until his death. James Harrison married Amanda Armantrout. Both are dead but left several children. Uncle Davis Harrison and Aunt Sally raised Edward and James and as the family lived near us, they were my most intimate playmates and companions when we were boys. Aunt Sally was the mother of six children, as follows: Wesley, Allen, Posey, Frank, Anna and Cynthia. These all married and most of them have families and are now quite scattered. Aunt Sally was rather tall, a devoted Baptist and a fond mother.

Anna married S. F. Garrett. They lived on his farm in Whitley township until her death. She was buried at Smyser cemetery. Mr. S. F. Garrett now lives in Sullivan.

Cynthia married T. H. Scott. They were the parents of one son, Andrew Claud Scott. He lives in Boston where he is engaged in teaching. Claud married Alma Kesmer. They are the parents of two children, Thomas and Bettie.

Cynthia Scott died Oct. 4, 1880. She was buried at Lynn Creek cemetery.

Wesley Harrison moved away from Moultrie county to Missouri. I think he is now deceased.

Posey Harrison married Amanda Rose, who was a Moultrie county teacher. They lived in Sullivan for a time. Later they moved to Hutchinson Kansas, where they were living a few years ago. They had two sons,

Allen Harrison married a Miss Rose a sister to Posey Harrison's wife. She died leaving one daughter Neva.

Later, Allen Harrison married Miss Boyd of Whitley township, Moultrie county. They live at Las Animas, Colo.

Frank Harrison the youngest son of Davis and Sally Harrison, married a Miss Nash of East Nelson township. They moved to Cameron, Missouri, some years ago.

EDWARD MOBERLY WAGGONER, my own dear father, was born in Rutherford County, North Carolina, Feb. 7, 1817. Their home was just east of where the Graham Chapel now stands, about half way between Mattoon and Sullivan. He was about eleven years old when, he, with the second caravan of Waggoners, came to Illinois, and walked practically all the way. He was married in the spring of 1843 to Susan Adaline, daughter of Garland Simms, who came in an early day to Illinois from Owen County, Kentucky, and settled in the Graham neighborhood. He and grandmother Simms and my father and mother and many others were buried a little southeast of the Chapel in a private cemetery on father's farm. The place is located by the little mounds and sunken places, but none has ever been able to help me locate the special graves of any of them.

On April 22, 1844, their first and only child was born. They called him John Garland, after the names of his two grandfathers. The sills of the old house where I was born were in place on the south side of the road a little east of the Graham Chapel and nearly opposite the graveyard, when I can first remember visiting the place. The building seems to have been one-story, about sixteen by eighteen feet and was probably divided into two rooms. After the death of my sainted mother on May 28, 1845, my beloved Aunt Nancy took me in her lap on horseback to her mother's home where love, care and training were given with affectionate attention. My father lingered about his old lonely home until March 11, 1846, when he, too, passed away. When my aunt was married she kept me with her and in her own home, where I had the blessings as of an own mother and after she had children of her own, I lost no place of affection and seemed beloved by her, her husband and children as well as if I had been her own son. I entered school at seven and each winter had such school advantages as the country community afforded, and later spent three months in Mount Zion Seminary, near Decatur, and later four years in Eureka College, graduating in 1872. In the meantime, I taught several schools, obeyed the Gospel at fifteen, was licensed to preach at twenty, by the Church of Christ at Princeton at twenty-three, preached my first sermon in March, 1865, at the Panther Creek church near Eureka. Preached at Pecria, Forrest and several other places while in college, held pastorates in Princeton, Harristown, Shelbyville, Greencastle, Indiana, Pittsfield and Eureka, Illinois, Buffalo, New York, Canton and Lanark, Illinois. Have been twice married, first to Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. Hirman Cox of Mattoon. She was born February 7, 1849, and died in Pittsfield June 14, 1884. We were the parents of five children, the youngest of whom, Sarah Elizabeth, Jr., died when one and a half years old.

William Hiram, our oldest son, has never married. After graduating from Eureka College and from the Divinity School of Yale University, he devoted himself to holding missionary institutes, which he has continued to do for more than twenty-five years. Edward Franklin, our second son, after finishing high school and taking considerable work in Eureka College, decided on a business career. After working for the McCormick Harvesting Company of Chicago a number of years, he was sent West to superintend the business of the International Harvester Company of Washington and part of Montana. Later he became president of the Spokane Fuel and Ice Company, which position he held until the time of his death in Spokane, May 26, 1920. He married Miss Nellie McKibbon of Chicago February 16, 1898. She is a noble woman and was a devoted wife. To them were born a daughter

Margaret, and a son, Edward Franklin, who with their faithful mother still live in Spokane, Washington. Franklin is now a student in Oregon State College.

We asked the Lord for a son whom we might train for His service and Harvey Garland was given us, being born October 16, 1874. He completed his high school work and graduated from Eureka College, was ordained to the Christian ministry and served as pastor of the churches at Mt. Morris, Thompson, Pleasant Plains, Hamilton and Macomb in Illinois, and at Allerton, Iowa, and Memphis, Mo. He passed away at Dixon, Illinois, in his third year of pastorate there, June 1, 1922. After twenty-five years of happy, useful service he went back to our Father's house. His sermons were Biblical, earnest, encouraging and practical. His work was constructive, permanent, well-organized and aggressive. All departments of the church had his careful study, prayers and help. The young, the old, the sick, the poor and infirm—all had his careful attention. The larger interests of the Kingdom of God were included in his broad vision. He was a leader and superintendent of the Intermediate department of the Union Sunday School Association of Illinois for some years. He faithfully attended the conventions of the church, both local and international. He led the churches which he served to contribute liberally to the National Benevolent Association, Home and Foreign Missions, and our Colleges. He married Jennie Daisy Corpe, December 29, 1897. She was a most devoted, helpful and loving companion in all of his work. They were the parents of six children. The oldest, Mary Daisy, graduated from Eureka college and married Mr. Z. Ray Reedy who is in his third year as Superintendent of the public schools of Hamilton, where she is also a teacher. The other children are John Garland, Jr., who finished high school and entered Eureka College this fall; Carol D., Wilma Sue, Phyllis G. and Shirley, who are doing good work in the grades.

Susan Mathena was born in Harristown, Illinois, August 1, 1877. After finishing high school she graduated from Eureka College and became the wife of Mr. Melvin Menges, October 27, 1897. Mr. Menges had graduated the previous year from Eureka College, was a promising young minister of the Church of Christ, and when married was preaching at Stanford, Illinois. After some two years they were called by the Christian Foreign Missionary Society to go as missionaries to Cuba. They went and stayed about fourteen years and did a fine constructive work both at Havana and Metanzas, but were forced by health conditions to return to the States. He first took the pastorate of the church at Zamoine, Pennsylvania, and is now the pastor of the church at Jennings, Louisiana.

They are the parents of two sons, Paul Stanford and Hugh Waggoner Menges.

My second marriage was to Miss Ann Augusta daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fouke of Shelbyville, Illinois, January 28, 1886. She at once entered whole-heartedly into my work as pastor of the large Eureka church to which I had been called recently. Her domestic qualities were unexcelled, and her motherly love, care and help to my children is beyond my expression of gratitude. Few men, if any, have been so blessed in happy and holy companions as I. Truly they were gifts from the Lord and I praise Him for them.

Margaret Waggoner, daughter of Edward Franklin Waggoner, married Albert Gusey. They are the parents of one son William. They live at Portland, Oregon.

Mary Daisy Waggoner, daughter of Harvey Garland Waggoner, married Ray Reedy. They have two children: Rhae Jeanne Reedy and Garland Waggoner Reedy.

John Garland Waggoner Jr., married Neva Reichel.

Carol D. Waggoner married Gerald Deweesee.

Paul Stanford Menges married Myrtle Hinson of Tampa, Florida.

Rev. John Garland Waggoner the oldest member of the family now living was present at the Waggoner Centennial, July 1928. He delivered a good sermon and took a prominent part on the program. He resigned as secretary of the Family records which position he had held since its beginning in 1880. Rev. John Garland Waggoner died at Canton, Ill., his home on March 6, 1929. He is buried at Eureka cemetery.

John Garland Waggoner Jr., son of Harvey Garland Waggoner, graduated from Eureka College and the Hartford Theological Seminary. He is now a minister in Connecticut.

Carol "Waggoner" Deweesie a daughter of Harvey G. Waggoner is also a graduate of Eureka College.

Wilma Waggoner, daughter of Harvey G. Waggoner attended Eureka College. She is now a nurse in John Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, Md.

Phyllis Waggoner, daughter of Harvey Garland Waggoner, is in her second year in Eureka College.

Shirley Waggoner is attending first year high school.

Paul and Hugh Menges sons of Sue "Waggoner" Menges are now living in Chicago, where they are in business.

AUNT NANCY MOBERLY WAGGONER was born in Rutherford County, North Carolina, April 13, 1821, and was the last remaining of the twelve children of John and Emsey Padget Waggoner. She

came to Illinois when a child of seven or eight years, walking most of the hundreds of miles to the West, where she did her part in establishing a home for the family. She was married to Alexander H. Edwards, a well-educated Christian gentleman, recently from Barren County, Kentucky, on June 1, 1847. They became the parents of six children, only two of whom lived to mature years. Thomas Edwards, the oldest child, was born in 1849. He had a great thirst for learning and eagerly read and appropriated the instruction from such books as were in his reach in that early day. He grew up on his father's little farm and helped in the tanyard with his father until grown. He taught school awhile, then entered the ministry, serving as efficient pastor of the churches at Shelbyville, Tuscola and Mackinaw in Illinois and in Gilroy in California. He was married early to Miss Mary Martin, a most estimable young lady, living a few miles east of Mattoon. They were the parents of one daughter, Mary, but the loving mother passed away when Mary was a small child. But her father kept her with him. His father died August 29, 1881, after which Aunt Nancy made her home with Thomas. Miss Elvira Edwards is the other living child of Aunt Nancy. She became a young lady of the most excellent qualities, both natural and acquired. She obeyed the gospel in early life and was a most excellent Bible school teacher and an enthusiastic friend and worker for missions. She has been an important factor in her brother's home, ever since she entered it. She has been and still is a teacher among the Chinese of San Francisco, California.

While Cousin Thomas was preaching at Tuscola, his mother was declining in health and after about two years of patiently enduring affliction, she entered into the rest prepared for the people of God, on the Lord's evening August 11, 1889. She was full of faith, gentle devotion, of a quiet, retiring disposition given to hospitality and of generous helpfulness to the poor. I write of her as of my own mother for such she was to me. Her memory will always be precious to me, nor can I ever be too grateful for her love and care. She rests beside her faithful and loving husband in the old Smyser church graveyard. At this church thirty-five years before her death she accepted the Christ whom she faithfully served.

Sometime after Aunt Nancy's death, Thomas, Elvira and Mary went to California and after several years of service for the church at Gilroy, they moved to San Francisco, where they still live. They are all deeply interested in the Chinese of the city.

Through the support of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, and independently, they are devoting themselves without reserve to the spiritual uplift and education of these people.

JOHN WAGGONER who was the babe when the Waggoners came to Illinois, died a short while after they arrived in the new country.

MATILDA, the youngest of the twelve children of John and Emsey Padget Waggoner, was born in the old family home on Lynn Creek about 1830. She was married to Henderson P. Phillips who had recently come from Tennessee, and they became the parents of nine children as follows:

Janie, John, Garland M. (Doc), Icaphenia, Herschel H., Frazier, Rusha Belle and Charlie:

Janie married Joel Munson. They moved to Kansas where they lived for several years on a farm in the western part of the state. They became the parents of five children, viz: Mary, Alice, Emma, Elvira and Hugh. Emma died while they were living there, 1873 and is buried in that state. The Munson family returned to Illinois about 1882 soon after the death of Mrs. Munson's father Henderson Phillips, who died March 8, 1881. The Munson's moved on the Phillips homestead in Whitley township where they lived and reared their family.

Mary the eldest daughter married Hueston Maxedon of Whitley. They lived on a farm near Windsor for many years. They became the parents of two children: Guy and Ollie. Ollie died when a young girl of 12 to 14 years. Guy married Nellie Levins. They live on a farm near Windsor.

Mary Maxedon died in April 1925. She is buried in the Whitfield cemetery.

Alice married William H. Merkle of Whitley township. They lived on a farm in Whitley township for several years. They now are residents of Windsor.

Elvira taught school in Moultrie county for several years. She married Cicero Gilbreath. They lived for some years at Allenville, where Mr. Gilbreath conducted a store. They now live on the Joel Munson homestead in Whitley. They are the parents of five daughters, viz: Gladys, Grace V., Bernice Beulah, Evelyn and Oma Leah.

Gladys married Orval Bragg. They live in or near Bruce. They have four children, Helen Jane, Don Ciceo, Robert Earl and Duane Franklin.

Grace married V. E. Hawbaker. They have been engaged in the restaurant business in Sullivan for several years but have lately moved to Newton, Ill., where they own an extensive apple and peach orchard.

Bornice married Everett Hawbaker. They live on a farm near Windsor, Ill. They have two daughters, Dorothy June and Wanda Joan.

Evelyn married Howard Hunt, son of Frank Hunt of Whitley. Oma lives at home with her parents.

Hugh Munson married Gertie Fleming, daughter of S. T. Fleming of East Nelson and later for

many years a resident of Sullivan. They lived on a farm in Whitley township. They were the parents of one son Bruce Munson.

Hugh died in 1900. He is buried at Whitfield cemetery.

Bruce Munson married Faye Young, daughter of Stape Young of Whitley. They live on a farm near Gays. They have two sons, David and Lyle.

Janie Munson died Jan. 10, 1913. Joel Munson died Jan. 16, 1921. They are buried in Whitfield cemetery.

John Phillips married Etta Goode. They moved to Kansas, where they lived for many years. They were the parents of six children: James, Esther, Edward, Jack, Annabel and Ida. John Phillips and wife are now deceased. Mr. Phillips died in 1921.

Garland M. (Doc) Phillips married Jane Lilly. They too moved to Kansas. They were the parents of one daughter June. Mrs. Phillips died in Kansas several years ago. Later Mr. Phillips died in South Dakota and is buried there.

Icaphenia married John Jones of Whitley. They lived on a farm in Whitley township. They were the parents of three children: Clara, Newton and Nettie.

Clara Jones married Tim Edwards of Whitley township, where they continue to live. Mr. Edwards is a prominent farmer and stockfeeder. They have three sons: Alva, Paul and Ralph Edwards.

Alva married Nora Davis. They live on "The Avenue" in Whitley township.

Paul married Mabel Waggoner. They live in Whitley township on the Avenue. They have two daughters, Rosemary and Pauline.

Ralph lives at home.

Newton Jones married Retha Fleming. They live in Shelbyville, Illinois.

Nettie Jones married George Simpson. They live at Britton, Michigan. They have one daughter Laveta who is the wife of Don Armantrout of Gays, Illinois.

John and Icaphenia Jones are both deceased. They are buried in Whitfield cemetery.

Herschel H. Phillips married Dora Curry. They lived in Mattoon, Ill., where Mrs. Phillips died. They were the parents of three children: William, Sigel and Mabel. Mr. Phillips the only surviving member of the family is living in the home of his daughter Mabel Cole in Indianapolis.

Frazier Phillips married Mollie Curry. They moved to Minnesota, where they lived for many years. They were the parents of four children: Robert, Bertha, Lola and Elmer. Mr. Phillips died in 1925. His wife is also deceased.

Rusha Phillips married Frank Malone. They lived in Mattoon, Ill. They were the parents of two children: Charlie and Lucy. Later Mrs. Malone

married Thomas Lawler. They were the parents of two children: Goldie and Robert. They lived in Indianapolis for many years where Mr. Lawler was employed in the Railroad train service. Mrs. Lawler is now dead. She is buried in Indianapolis.

Belle Phillips married Samuel Brown. They were the parents of two children, Charles and Minnie.

Mrs. Belle Brown died several years ago. She is buried at Smyser cemetery.

Charlie Phillips, the youngest of the family, lived in Whitley. He died when a very young man, about 1891. He is buried at Smyser.

Henderson Phillips died March 8, 1881. His wife had died some years before. They are buried at Smyser cemetery.

CHAPTER XVII

Isaac Waggoner, Jr.

ISAAC, JR., the third son of Isaac, Sr., was reared in the Carolinas, and married Miss Nancy Smith. He, his wife, and their eight children, Eda, Arina, Patsy, Liza, Dolphus, Hazel, Anonymous and James S. came to Illinois in 1828 with the second Caravan of Waggoners. Isaac, Jr., was a Baptist and worshipped at the Lynn Creek church. He made his home about three miles south of Sullivan. As was the case with all his brothers, except George, Isaac, Jr., was a Democrat in politics. He died July 18, 1854, and was buried in the Lynn Creek graveyard. One of the first marriages recorded in what is now Sullivan township, Moultrie county, was that of Dolphus Waggoner, son of Isaac, Jr., and Miss Womack in 1843. Most of Isaac Jr.'s descendants died or moved away, and by 1880 few were left in Moultrie County.

Dolphus Waggoner, a son of Isaac Waggoner, Jr., lived in Moultrie county south of Sullivan on a farm until his death in 1846. They were the parents of one son William, who was a baby when his father died. He was reared by his mother's people, the Womacks in Shelby county. He was a soldier in the Civil War of '61. After returning from the war he was married to Mary Elizabeth Miller of Shelby county, Illinois. They lived on a farm near the old Liberty church. Later they lived in Moultrie county. They were the parents of six children: Margaret M., Beverly W., Abner, Otto, Norwood and Pearl. Abner and Otto died in infancy.

Margaret M. was an accomplished dressmaker of Sullivan for a number of years. She and her mother later moved to Normal, Ill., where she continued her work. Mrs. Waggoner died at Normal, Ill., Oct. 24, 1903. Later Margaret M., married George Yeglian of Colorado Springs, Colorado. They now live at Los Angeles, Calif.

Beverly W. Waggoner went from Illinois to Arkansas, where he died Oct. 13, 1904.

Norwood Waggoner attended the Sullivan public school, later moving with the family to Normal, Ill., where he died Feb. 3, 1904. He was buried in Greenhill cemetery, Sullivan. His parents were buried in Greenhill.

Pearl Waggoner moved to Normal, Ill., with the family. She attended the Normal school for a time. She married Y. W. Williamson in 1907.

CHAPTER XVIII

George Waggoner

(Written especially by his great grandson, Clem Morton Boling)

GEORGE WAGGONER, the fourth son of Isaac and Emsey Holeyfield Waggoner, was born December 12, 1794. The exact place of his birth is not known. His father's family lived in Chester County, South Carolina, at the time of the United States Census of 1790, and in Rutherford County, North Carolina, at the time of the 1800 Census. It has not been definitely established in what year Isaac Waggoner and family moved to North Carolina.

In any event, the larger part of George Waggoner's youth was passed in North Carolina, and on July 3, 1819, he married Miss Bethany Haney. Little seems to be known of the Haney's, except that, according to the Census of 1790, there were four Haney families residing in North Carolina, but none in the counties immediately adjoining Rutherford County. Bethany Haney was born July 8, 1803, and hence was married on her sixteenth birthday. Aunt Hannah Daugherty, the only surviving child of George and Bethany Haney Waggoner, says of her mother, "She was a noble woman in every respect. I can well remember her kind and sympathetic ways. She was always encouraging to her family, enduring the hardships of a new country with fortitude, and in sickness and distress was never found wanting." She was a Baptist, and worshipped regularly at the Lynn Creek church, the church of the early Waggoners in Illinois, until the time of her death, October 20, 1851.

George and Bethany Haney Waggoner were the parents of twelve children, namely: Alvin (1820), Robert (1822), Celia (1824), Sally (1826), William H. (1829), Elizabeth (1833), Isaiah (1835), Hezekiah (1838), Narcissa (1840), Hannah (1842) and Ira (1845).

The first four of these children were born in Rutherford County, North Carolina, and made the trip to Illinois with the first caravan of Waggoners in 1827, as related elsewhere. In this connection, it should be noted that George was the only one of Isaac Waggoner's sons who originally favored moving from North Carolina to Illinois.

Shortly after their arrival in Illinois, great grandfather, George Waggoner, bought land in

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what is now Section 11 of Whitley Township, Moultrie County, approximately four miles east of the settlement made by his father. Here he immediately constructed the log cabin, one room of which is standing on the old farm to this day. This old house will soon be a hundred years old, and is one of the very oldest buildings in the county. The cabin consisted of two rooms, built of walnut logs, with walnut weatherboarding, with a double chimney in the middle and fireplaces in each room. The kitchen was a log building about twenty feet from the other house.

A few years later, great grandfather entered forty acres of land from the United States Government. When I was in the home of my uncle, Philip G. Waggoner, in Mattoon, Illinois, in August, 1922, I was shown the original land patent covering this particular forty acres of land, said patent being drawn in favor of George Waggoner, dated 1838, and signed by Martin Van Buren, then President of the United States. The United States Land Office where land in this part of the country was entered at that time was located at Vandalia (then the capital of Illinois), and great grandfather went there on horseback to negotiate the entry. This was years before the first railroad was constructed in this territory, so no short trip was involved.

This Waggoner Forty is in a very historical part of Moultrie County. It was near here (in Section 12) at what has ever since been known as Whitley's Point that the first settlement was made by John Whitley in 1826, on the farm later known as the Mrs. Anna Edmunds farm. The first school in Moultrie County was taught by Samuel Anderson in 1828 near great grandfather's cabin in section 11. The first post-office was established in a very early day at Whitley's Point in Section 12 at Daniel Ellington's store, about a half-mile from the George Waggoner homestead. Daniel Ellington was the first postmaster and mails were received once a week, on Saturdays. In 1855 this post office was moved to Summit, now Gays.

Aunt Hannah Daugherty gives this description of her father, George Waggoner: "He was an unusually healthy man, even in old age. He was of medium size. He was a very industrious man and withstood without complaint the difficulties and hardships of pioneer life. He was a member of the Baptist church and worshipped at the Lynn Creek church. I have attended services with him there many times. He was always interested in politics, but never held public office. He belonged to the Whig, later Republican party. All of his brothers were Democrats. Some of the Presidents of the United States for whom he voted were William Henry Harrison, Zachary Taylor, Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant. He heard Abraham Lincoln plead law in Sullivan in 1846 and attended the Lincoln-Douglas debate at Charleston on Septem-

ber 18, 1858. Father did not belong to any lodge or secret order. He did not use tobacco in any form. He did not have a large collection of books, but read a good deal for that day. Some of his books were: Pilgrims Progress, History of the New World, History of Christ and the Apostles, Watt's Hymn Book, History of the Religious Denominations and the Family Bible dated 1829."

When great grandmother died, October 20, 1854, she was buried in her present grave, but the Waggoner graveyard had not been established at that time. Great grandfather immediately took steps to lay out the cemetery and the graveyard was surveyed and laid out in the fall of 1854, and the deed for the land—about one acre—was recorded December 1, 1854. This burying ground was a part of the George Waggoner farm and is located approximately three miles north of Gays, Illinois. George Waggoner died June 10, 1875, at the age of eighty-one years, and is buried beside his wife, both graves being marked by appropriate stones. Since that time, nine of their children have been buried in this cemetery. Several of the younger generations of Waggoners are also buried there, as are also a good many other people who are not members of the Waggoner family. Any one who wishes to be buried there may be, without cost for the ground, so I am informed. After the death of Aunt Sally, the last maiden daughter of George Waggoner, in 1916, the old homestead was sold to Uncle Philip Waggoner and proceeds divided amongst two score or more heirs. The family then decided it would be a good thing to donate money for the purpose of establishing the Waggoner Cemetery Association. This was done in December, 1917, and the Association has a principal endowment of \$1,000 at the present time, the income from which is used to keep up the cemetery, under direction of a Board of Trustees, of which Philip G. Waggoner is the present Chairman.

It may be of interest to record that at the death of George Waggoner in 1875, he willed the old homestead of forty acres, together with another ten acres which he had acquired, described as laying along the highway of Ebenezer Noyes, to his maiden daughters, Celia, Narcissa and Sally.

Members of the family will also be interested to know that Aunt Hannah has a picture of great grandfather, George Waggoner. *

Children of George and Bethany H. Waggoner

Alvin: Alvin, the oldest child, was born September 29, 1820, in Rutherford County, North Carolina, and was a lad of seven when his family migrated to Illinois. He married Mary A. Armantrout, (born in Moultrie County, Illinois, in 1833) daughter of Philip Armantrout, and they resided in Section 11 of Whitley Township. To them were born eight children, six of whom lived to maturity.

George D. Waggoner, oldest son of Alvin Waggoner, was born in Moultrie County November 3, 1853, and died at Hot Springs, South Dakota, August 14, 1913, from an operation for appendicitis. I am indebted to his widow, who was Ada Feree of Knox County, Ohio, for the following sketch concerning their family:

"George D. Waggoner was the father of seven children, two dying in infancy. Alvin Waggoner, our oldest son, is a lawyer, with offices at Philip and Rapid City, South Dakota. He married Hattie Brown of Edwards County, Illinois. Alvin was born November 23, 1879. They have one daughter Ruth, nine years old. Owen Waggoner, second son of George D. Waggoner, was born April 13, 1883. He and his wife were killed in the tornado at Mattoon, Illinois, May 26, 1917. They left three little children, Francis, eight years old, Lucile, two years old, and baby Alvin, five months old. Francis and Lucile make their home with their grandmother Waggoner. Baby Alvin's home is with his mother's sister, Maude Martin. Mary Waggoner, oldest daughter of George D. Waggoner was born August 31, 1885. She married Earl See March 18, 1903. He died March 16, 1918. One year after his death, she married Otis See, and they live in Moultrie County. Bessie Waggoner, daughter of George D. Waggoner was born Jan. 18, 1888, died at Philip, South Dakota, Aug. 16, 1918. George D. Waggoner Jr. son of George D. Waggoner, was born Apr. 12, 1892, and died February 18, 1910 at Philip, South Dakota."

Ada Waggoner, widow of George D. Waggoner, died at her home in Whitley township on May 25, 1927. She was buried at the Waggoner cemetery.

Cousin Anna Jones has contributed the following concerning the other five children of her father, Alvin Waggoner:

"Mrs. Anna Jones, born June 17, 1855. She was married to John R. Jones Dec. 9, 1900. To this union no children were born. However, they reared an orphan, Chlorine Simer, from a small child and sent her to Sullivan High school, from which she was graduated with the class of 1922, and is now at Lagrange Business College.

John Jones died in 1918. Mrs. Jones lives on her farm near Gays, Ill.

Bethany Waggoner was born Dec. 19, 1858. Was married to Frank P. Davis, Feb. 22, 1875. To this union were born six children, namely: Joseph, Charles M., Reuben, Daisy, Nellie and Cyrus A.

Charles M. (Todd) Davis lives on a farm near Coles. He married Seraphe Fulton. They have one son Otis who is a graduate of the Sullivan High school and one daughter Betty who is about ten years of age. Otis married Nita Best. They reside in Mattoon, where Mr. Davis is in the employ of Mattoon Ice Cream Co.

Reuben married Carrie Powers. They live on a farm near the Graham Chapel. Mr. Davis in addition to his farming is a stockman of considerable note. They have two daughters, Ruth and Lois. Both are graduates of the Sullivan township high school. Ruth married Willis Hoskins. They live on a farm in East Nelson township.

Daisy married Fred Bell. They moved to South Dakota, where they lived several years. They were the parents of two sons, Bernard and J. T., Bernard is married and has one daughter Katherine Daisy. They live at Wessington Springs, South Dakota. Mr. Bell is now deceased. A few years after his death Mrs. Bell married Meivin Cummings. Their home is in Wessington Springs, South Dakota.

Nellie Davis married Frank Bell of Coles county. They also moved to South Dakota, where they still reside. They are farmers. They live near Wessington Springs. They have five children viz.: Frank P., Betty Ione, Billy Wayne, Robert and Nellie.

Cyrus A. (Hutch) Davis married Lillian Perry. They live on a farm north of Coles, Ill. They are the parents of five children: Helen, Franklin P., Robert E., Charlotte and Richard.

Franklin P. Davis died Dec. 22, 1927 and was buried at Gays, Illinois.

Mrs. Betty Davis and son Joseph live at the old homestead just south of Coles.

Philip P. Waggoner was born September 29, 1864. Never married. Died Dec. 4, 1896.

Jay Waggoner was born Aug. 2, 1867. Was married to Nettie Osborn. To this union were born seven children: Pearl, Ethel and Earl—the others dying in infancy.

Pearl married Henry Carlyle. They live at Gays, Ill., where Mr. Carlyle carries mail on a rural route.

Ethel married Charles Pickering. They lived in Gays. They were the parents of two daughters, Nellie Peari born May 19, 1914 and Katherine Pauline born March 20, 1921. Ethel Pickering died at Gays Sept. 8, 1922, age 24 years.

Earl married Helen McKibben. They lived in Mattoon. They had one son Robert Earl who was 5 years old Sept. 14, 1928. Later he married Edna Williams of Westfield, Ill. They live in Mattoon where Mr. Waggoner is employed by the James & Shinn Contracting Co.

Jay Waggoner lives in Mattoon. He is employed by James & Shinn, Bridge and Road Contractors of Mattoon, Ill.

Charles C. Waggoner was born June 2, 1863. Was married to Cora Hagan Nov. 27, 1915. He lives in section 22 Whitley, where he is engaged in farming and stock raising.

All six of these children were Republicans. They did not belong to any church but gave of

their means to the church. George D., was the only one who held lodge membership. He was a member of the Odd Fellows."

Alvin Waggoner was an enterprising farmer and public spirited man. He was a Republican, and enjoyed the distinction of being the first supervisor ever elected by and for Whitley township in the spring of 1867. He was not a member of any church but worshipped with the Baptists. He died April 9, 1899, and is buried in Waggoner cemetery. His sickness was of short duration. He had a stroke of paralysis and only lived five days.

ROBERT: Robert Waggoner, my grandfather, was the second oldest child of George and Bethany Hancy Waggoner, and was born in Rutherford County, North Carolina, Oct. 18, 1822, and was a boy of five when the family left North Carolina on their long journey to Illinois. His Illinois home from the beginning was in the old homestead in Section 11, Whitley Township, Moultrie County. As a boy, he attended school, as did all his brothers and sisters, at a schoolhouse situated about a quarter of a mile north of the present location of the Waggoner cemetery, on the north side of Whitley Creek. This school building is no longer in existence, its place having been taken by the Brick schoolhouse, some distance south of this site.

Grandfather was not a member of any church, but leaned to the Baptists and attended at Lynn Creek church, and in later years, after his marriage, at the Waggoner church, organized about 1880.

For seven successive summers, from 1842 to 1849, Grandfather and his older brother, Alvin, worked at the lead mines at Galena, Illinois, going in the spring and returning in the fall, spending the summers hauling lead from Galena to Chicago and Milwaukee with their yokes of oxen. Physically Robert Waggoner was about five feet, eight inches tall and weighed about one hundred eighty pounds.

On January 15, 1851, Robert Waggoner married Margaret J. Armantrout, daughter of Philip Armantrout, a native of Virginia, who settled with his family in Section 9 of Whitley Township in 1831, after having lived for a few years in Green County, Ohio. Grandmother—"Granny", as she was affectionately known to her children and grandchildren—was born in Green County, Ohio, August 12, 1826, and was a child of five when her folks came to Illinois. Grandfather and Grandmother were married at the home of great grandfather, Philip Armantrout in Section 9.

Soon after his marriage, Grandfather located on what has ever since been known as the Grandfather Robert Waggoner place in Section 15, on "The Avenue." "The Avenue" is an extension of Western Avenue, Mattoon, Illinois, and runs in an east to west direction for about ten miles—from

Mattoon to the western edge of Moultrie county.

John Garland Waggoner had this to say about Grandmother: "She was a very large woman and a good cook, as I can personally testify, for I worked for Cousin Robert and lived in the family for some time." Grandmother was a member of the Waggoner (Primitive) Baptist Church and worshipped there regularly until the time of her death, Jan. 11, 1903. She is buried at Waggoner cemetery.

Of grandfather Robert Waggoner, John Garland Waggoner says, "Robert Waggoner was probably the most able financier of the Waggoner family." Certainly he was able to accumulate a great deal of land, and at the time of his death owned 580 acres of as good land as there was in Moultrie County. Among other things, Grandfather was celebrated as a raiser of registered Poland-China hogs.

He was a Republican, but took no active part in politics. He had quite a few books, including "The Combined History of Shelby and Moultrie Counties, Illinois". Grandfather died March 21, 1888, of pneumonia, and is buried at Waggoner cemetery.

Robert and Margaret Armantrout Waggoner were the parents of seven children, namely: Alvin, Robert, George, Roxa, Elzy, Mary and Phillip.

Alvin J., the oldest, was born Jan. 1, 1852. On Dec. 24, 1883, he married Miss Eliza S. Hostetter, a native of Whitley township, born November 26, 1854. They had no children of their own, but adopted two orphans, Maude Merkle and Zion Buckalew. Maude Merkle married James Hostetter, and died Nov. 9, 1912, at the age of thirty-three years and was buried in Whitfield cemetery. Mr. Buckalew is still living in Moultrie County and is about forty-three years old. Uncle Alvin—"Bub" as he was generally known—did not belong to any church but often attended the Separate Baptist church. He was a Republican in politics and at different times held the offices of Road Commissioner and Assessor. He was a member of the Odd Fellow Lodge. Uncle "Bub" died December 30, 1920, and is buried at Whitfield cemetery. He left a great deal of land and a large personal estate. His widow Aunt Eliza now lives in Sullivan.

Robert was the second oldest child of my grandfather. Born in 1854. After his marriage, he lived for years across the road from Grandfather's place. At present he makes his home a few miles south of Mattoon, Illinois. As a young man, Uncle Bob was quite active in the Masonic Lodge. In politics, he is a Republican. He is the father of seven children, namely: Walter, Fay, Frieda, Glen, Phillip, Vivian and Blanche. Of these, Fay is married and has five children.

Her husband is Russell Fuller. They live in Mattoon. The children are Everett, Theodore, Robert, Jessie and Marie.

Walter is employed at the Big Four shops in Mattoon. His wife's name was Mary Spaulding.

Frieda married Thomas Arvine. They live at Etna, Ill. They have two sons, Dewey and Robert.

Glen married Ruth Coen. They live on a farm near Dorans, Ill. They have four children, Delores, Virginia, Dale and Carl.

Blanche married Jesse Dailey. They live near Mattoon, Ill. They have one son, Robert Jesse.

Philip has employment with the Illinois Central R. R. Co., at Mattoon. He makes his home with his parents.

Vivian, has a position with the Mattoon Telephone Co., She also lives with her parents.

George, third child of Robert Waggoner, and namesake of his grandfather, was born April 3, 1855. He has never married, but after all his brothers and sisters married and left the old home, continued to live with and care for grandmother until she died in 1903. He still lives on and is the owner of the old Robert Waggoner farm. Uncle George is a very successful farmer. In politics, he is a Republican. (George Waggoner died in Sept. 1924.)

Roxa, the fourth child, was born Feb. 2, 1857. In later life she was a member of the Smyser Christian church but as a girl worshipped with her mother at the Waggoner Primitive Baptist church. On October 23, 1879, Aunt Roxa married Isaac B. Hortenstine and they made their home in Section 15, on "The Avenue." Uncle Isaac died March 17, 1914 and Aunt Roxa died June 3, 1914, and they are buried at Smyser cemetery. They were the parents of two children, Margaret, born September 18, 1888, and Anna, born September 25, 1891. They attended Brick School. Margaret has never married but has made her home with her married sister on the old home place, two miles north of Gays, Illinois. Both are members of the Gays Christian church. Anna married Henry C. Fleenor of Bristol, Virginia, on December 5, 1912. They have four children, Margaret, born October 25, 1913, Virginia and Genevieve, twins, born April 14, 1916, and Mary Ruth, born Jan. 17, 1922.

Elzy, fifth child, was born June 2, 1860. In 1884 he married Miss Minerva Osborne, and in 1885 their son, Robert, now of Rogers, Arkansas, was born. Robert married Kate Huddleston in 1909. They are the parents of four children: Margaret, George, Robert and Raymond, twins.

Robert Waggoner has lived in Texas and Arkansas most of the time since 1903. He grew up in the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Waggoner in Whitley township on the Avenue.

Aunt Minerva died soon after 1885 and was buried in Waggoner cemetery. In 1894 Uncle Elzy married Miss Mary Ella Pierce, and to this union one daughter, Coralie, was born, in 1895. Uncle Elzy made his home on the farm adjoining Grand-

father Robert Waggoner's place on the north until about five years ago, at which time he moved near Coles Station, where he died May 27, 1922. He was a member of the Smyser Christian church and was a Republican in politics. Aunt Mary continued to live on the farm near Coles Station until her death in November 1925.

Cousin Coralie married Frank Curry. They lived in Whitley township until Mr. Curry's death in 1918. They were the parents of two children, Thelma and Robert.

Later Mrs. Curry was married to Rev. George Wilbur, a Baptist minister. They live near Coles on the Elza Waggoner place. They have two children David and Dora, twins.

Mary Jane, my mother (sixth child of Robert and Margaret Armantrout Waggoner) was born Jan. 7, 1862, at the old Robert Waggoner place in Section 15 on "The Avenue." As a girl, she attended school, as did all her brothers and her sister, at Smyser school. This school house is located about a mile and a half north of the Robert Waggoner place. She worshipped at Lynn Creek Baptist church with her mother until the Waggoner church was erected about 1880, at which time Grandmother transferred her membership there, and mother accompanied her.

On December 19, 1883, she was married to Morton Boling at the residence of Elder Thomas Edwards in Whitley. Morton Boling was born May 14, 1864, in Richland, Rush County, Indiana, the youngest child of Gordon and Sarah Trees Boling. In 1873 the Gordon Boling family migrated to Whitley township, Moultrie County, Illinois, and settled on the farm now owned and occupied by S. A. Walker, on the northeast corner of Section 30, one-half mile south of Boling school house. My great, great grandfather, Thomas Boling, served in the Revolutionary War with the Virginia troops, and later moved to Kentucky, where his grandson, Gordon, was born.

Soon after their marriage mother and father settled on the forty-acre farm adjoining the Boling school ground on the north and later added to this farm until they held in all 220 acres entirely surrounding the Boling school house. Their first house was a two-room frame building which father's older brother, John C. Boling had built in 1872 on the site of the present dwelling house on the farm. In this house their five oldest children were born, and the new house was built in 1894, at which time the original house, to which one room had been added, was moved a half-quarter mile north of its first location.

My parents attended church at Waggoner church for some time, but later worshipped at the Methodist church in Windsor. Neither mother nor father joined the Methodist church but supported

it financially and in other ways. They always took a great interest in the Boling school and father was frequently one of the directors.

At the time of her marriage mother was small and weighed about one hundred and ten pounds but she was a rather large woman in later life and weighed one hundred eighty or ninety pounds. My first remembrance of her is as a boy of about five years old when my first teacher, Hugh Hilsabeck, persuaded her to allow me to accompany him on a visit to the Boling school. Mother was always very active and industrious, and I do not recall that she was ever bothered with sickness. She reared a large family, nine children, and had all the duties of the wife of a large farmer and stockraiser. Our home seems always to have been the rendezvous of the neighbor's children, to the parents of whom mother was familiarly known as "Molly." She was of a very jovial disposition, but was very strict in her convictions of right and wrong. She took a rather active part in lodge affairs, being a member of the Rebekahs and Eastern Stars. Mother died of paralysis October 25, 1905, and is buried in the family lot in the Windsor cemetery. I was a boy of ten when mother passed away, but I can now appreciate distinctly how great was the loss of the family and community. Mother's funeral was perhaps the largest ever held from Boling community. There was a great gap in the family for years, but we continued to live on the farm until 1911, when the farm was sold and father retired and moved to Windsor, where he resides at the present time. Mother's last week of life formed an impression in my memory which has never left. She must have had some premonition of the stroke which was to end her life, as evidenced by her solicitude for the future welfare of her family. As a special instance of this, I recall particularly that she expressed the desire that nothing should be allowed to interfere with the school work of sister Ave, who had shown special aptitude in her studies. Her whole attitude in her studies. Her whole attitude was one of absolute fearlessness of death.

Nellie Mabel, oldest child of Morton and Mary Waggoner Boling, was born December 24, 1885. As a girl, she frequently accompanied her mother to the Waggoner church and later became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Windsor, about 1904. On January 17, 1904, she was married to Eden Edwards of Boling school district. After their marriage they made their home in Cripple Creek, Colorado, where Eden had employment with a gold mine company in some above-ground capacity. They returned to Illinois shortly after mother's death in 1905 and for a time lived with father's family. It was during this time that their oldest child, Mary Genevieve, was born—April 12, 1906. Later they lived in the little house to the north, where Vivian Louise was born November 8,

1908. They afterwards made their home in Windsor, where Anra Mabel was born Jan. 5, 1911. All three daughters are members of the Methodist church, and the two older ones are now in high school. Nellie was Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star lodge in Windsor during 1922 and is at present Treasurer of that society. She is also secretary of the Ladies Aid and of her Sunday school class at the present time. A small son Bobby, died in Dec. 1928.

Roscoe Conkling, the second child, was born December 27, 1886. On December 28, 1905, he married Olive Leggett, daughter of Tommy Leggett, Sr., owner at that time of the farm on which great, great grandfather Isaac Waggoner settled in 1828. They have one son, Russell, born February 25, 1907, now a junior in the Windsor High School and the president of his class. Roscoe's made their home with the Leggett family for a few years and have since lived east of Windsor. Roscoe is a member of the Masonic Lodge, and is a very successful farmer. In appearance and characteristics he takes very much after the Waggoners. Russell is now employed in Chicago.

Gordon the third child, was born Dec. 27, 1887, and died at the age of 1 year and 27 days. He is buried at Windsor.

Dorris Nancy, fourth child, was born February 2, 1890. On Feb. 16, 1909, she married Harry Ramsey and they made their home near Stewardson, Ill. They had two children, Marie, born April 11, 1911, and Lester, born Sept. 6, 1912. Mr. Ramsey died in 1912, and Doris soon after this made her home with father until July 3, 1914, when she married Richard Warner. They live east of Windsor and have four children, Roscoe, born Nov. 4, 1916, Aileen, born Aug. 5, 1918, Virginia, born August 25, 1920, and Richard, Jr., born Jan. 4, 1923. Mr. Warner is now deceased.

George Benton, fifth child, was born October 18, 1892. George stayed at home until about eighteen years of age and then went to South Dakota. After a year or so there, he returned to Illinois and has since been engaged in railroad work. He is now in the employ of the Santa Fe System and makes his headquarters at Chicago, his address being 2922 West 38th Street, Chicago. He is married and has two children, Georgia and Rosemary.

Clem Morton, born January 5, 1895. I attended Boling district school, as did all my brothers and sisters. Following this, I attended high school at Windsor and was graduated with the class of 1910 and 1911. The next two years I spent at Sparks Business College, Shelbyville, Illinois, and was awarded first honors with the class of 1912-1913. Among other studies pursued at Sparks was that of Stenotypy, a system of phonetic writing accomplished by means of the Stenotype—a machine which was just making its appearance in the busi-

ness world at that time. I happened to be one of the first three or four students to enroll for this work at Sparks—one of the pioneer schools in the Stenotype movement—and on the basis of progress made I was chosen by the St. Louis manager of the Stenotype Company to enter a training class at Indianapolis to prepare with eight other students selected at large from the entire country, to participate in the international contest of the National Shorthand Reporters Association to be held in August 1914, at Atlantic City, New Jersey. From that time up to August, 1914, I went through a course of training which was designed to fit us to compete in this great contest. The result of the contest was that I was awarded the world's championship medal by the National Shorthand Reporters Association for having written solid matter, from dictation at the rate of 220 words a minute for five consecutive minutes with the great accuracy of any reporter competing. This medal I hold to this day, and the record has not been lowered. Following this contest I traveled in various territories of the Stenotype Company, covering in all about twenty-five states, visiting various educational institutions and generally promoting the interests of the company, and was finally made district manager of their New England territory in 1916, with offices in Boston. While I was in Boston I was a member of the Rotary club, representing the Stenotype classification. I served with the Stenotype Company approximately five years, and in addition to my regular work with the agencies, the schools, took the opportunity of making verbatim reports of the public speeches of prominent men, including the following: Ex-Ambassador Gerard, General Leonard Wood, Ex-president Taft, W. J. Bryan, Wm. G. McAdoo, Josephus Daniels, John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Ex-Gov. Allen, Ex-Senator Beveridge, Billy Sunday, Will Hays, Senator James Watson, Senator Willis, Ex-Gov. Whitman, Dr. Frank Crane, the late Mayor Mitchell of New York, Ex-Secretary Lansing, Bruce Barton and others.

On December 26, 1917, I was married in Shelbyville to Miss Augusta Christman, daughter of Mr. Ferdinand Christman. She is a graduate of the Shelbyville High School and was assistant librarian at the time of our marriage. She is a member of the Methodist church. Our first child, Gordon Christman, was born July 20, 1920 in New York City. The second son Lawrence Howe was born Feb. 19, 1923 in New York City.

Early in 1918 I resigned my position with the Stenotype Company to enroll for service in the World War, and the following is my war record as given in the volume entitled "Shelby County, Illinois, in the World War 1917-1918":

"Clem Morton Boling, Windsor, Illinois. Enrolled in U. S. Naval Reserve Force March 12, 1918

as yeoman first class; first assignment, reporter, General Court-Martial, Boston Navy Yard; made chief petty officer May 1, 1918; commissioned Ensign July 25th; under instruction United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, until September 15th; assigned to Naval Base, Montreal, Canada, until December 5th, helping fit out naval overseas transportation vessels; acted as Division Officer, Receiving Ship, Boston, during December and part of January, 1919, supply officer, Officer-Material school, Harvard University, from January 15th until discharge May 1, 1919."

In the summer of 1919 I made arrangements to report the Centenary celebration of the Methodist Episcopal church denomination at Columbus, Ohio, and while there met Dr. S. Earle Taylor, the Director-General of that movement and who was later to become General Secretary of the Interchurch World Movement. He invited me to come to New York in the capacity of secretary to him, my chief work to be the reporting of the various meetings which they were to hold across the country. I spent almost a year at this, attending all of their meetings. It was in this connection that I experienced one of the most fascinating events of my career, that is, the privilege of being on the trans-continental tour which Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. conducted in the interests of the Interchurch World Movement, and which took us to most of the larger cities of the country. My work with the Interchurch World Movement was finished in August, 1920, and I became Secretary to the President of the New York and Chicago Talking Machine Companies, the largest wholesale distributors in this country of Victrolas and Victor records. I am engaged in this work at the present time.

I am a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and am Progressive-Republican in politics. (Mr. Boling now resides in Chicago where he is engaged in the Stenotype work.)

Ava Catherine, seventh child of Morton and Mary Waggoner Boling, was born September 20, 1897. On November 11, 1916, she married Mr. Harrac Reynolds of Windsor, and they have one child, Catherine, born September 12, 1917. They now reside in Windsor, Illinois.

Helen Esther, eighth child, was born April 15, 1900. She married Mr. Quimba Lemmons in December 1916 and they have two children, Mary Elizabeth, born in 1917 and William, born November 18, 1918. Mr. Lemons is a native of Ash Grove Township, Shelby County, and they live in Ash Grove at this time.

Clark, the ninth and youngest child of Morton and Mary Waggoner Boling, was born July 30, 1902. "Budd", as he is generally known to family and friends married Bessie Patterson. They have

two children Clark Jr., and John Morton. They live near Stewardson.

Philip G., youngest child of Robert and Margaret Armantrout Waggoner, was born August 2, 1865. On September 10, 1888, he married Miss Melissa Fitzwater of Boling school district. With the exception of a few years spent in Iowa, they lived on the farm adjoining Grandfather Robert Waggoner's place on the east, until about two years ago, when they moved to Mattoon, Illinois, where they own property at 2701 Western Avenue. To them were born seven children: William G., born September 16, 1889. Member, Smyser Christian church. Served during the World War, as follows: Enlisted in the Navy May 1, 1917, as apprentice seaman and discharged as boatswain's mate, first class, Sept. 25, 1919, having seen service on USS Antigone, Buitzenzorg, Princess Matokita and Leviathan. At present he is in business in Colorado; Edna L., born March 12, 1891. Member Christian church. Married Ota D. Curry November 12, 1916. Mr. Curry enlisted for service in the World War, September 21, 1917, and arrived in France July 6, 1918. He served valiantly through three of the biggest battles of the World War, on the Marne, at St. Mihiel and Argonne and died of pneumonia at Coblenz Dec. 23, 1918. His body was brought back to America several months later and was buried at Gays, Ill. Edna his widow, has been a teacher in the Moultrie County schools and at present is taking special work at Illinois State Normal at Charleston. (She later moved to Champaign, Ill., where she taught in the Public schools. In August 1928 she was married to William B. Harvey of Los Angeles, Calif., in which city they now reside.) Helen L., born Nov. 11, 1894. Member, Christian church. Married Mr. C. Carnine of Whitley and they have three children, Edna C., Clem and Philip Raymond. They make their home on Uncle Philip's home place on "The Avenue" and also farm the original Waggoner homestead forty, now owned by Uncle Philip. They are both active in the religious life of the community; Philip Bert, born March 13, 1897. At the age of fifteen he won a championship in connection with a contest in a Cornrowers' Club for boys fostered by Congressman McKinley, the prize for which was a trip to Washington, D. C. Bert was brilliant in his studies and did good work in the Sullivan High school, graduating in 1919. He began his college work at the University of Illinois in the fall of 1919. He made splendid progress and gave every promise of an unusual career, when his health suddenly failed, forcing him to give up his school work, and after a few months illness he died, October 3, 1920. George, deceased. Margaret, deceased; John G., born August 19, 1905. John lives at home with his parents and is a student in the Mattoon High school. (He now lives

in California where he is an electrician. Physically Uncle Philip is the largest of his family and weighs more than two hundred pounds.

CELIA: Celia, the third child of George and Bethany Haney Waggoner, was born November 6, 1824 in Rutherford County, North Carolina, and was a child of three when the family migrated to Illinois. She became a member of the Lynn Creek Baptist church at the age of twenty-one, but never married. She died April 26, 1882, at the old homestead, and was buried at Waggoner cemetery.

SALLY: Sally the fourth child, was born October 31, 1826, and was just a little over a year old when the family left North Carolina for Illinois. She lived on the old George Waggoner homestead in Section 11 for eighty years—from 1828 to 1908, and was never married. For the last twenty years of her life she was an invalid, being afflicted with rheumatism so severely that she could not walk a step, but she bore it with untiring patience, never complaining, and was tenderly cared for all those years by her sister, Narcissa, in a most endearing manner. Aunt Sally was blessed with wonderful eyesight and in her extreme old age was able to read the Bible and the daily papers without glasses. After Celia's death in 1882, Sally and Narcissa continued to live on the old homestead until 1908, at which time Narcissa's health failed and it became necessary for them to go to their sister Hannah's to live. Sally died December 11, 1916, at the age of ninety years, the last of the first group of Waggoners which left North Carolina in 1827, and was buried at Waggoner cemetery.

WILLIAM H: William the fifth child, was born in Illinois March 12, 1829. He married Miss Jane Little, daughter of Wright Little, one of the first settlers of Whitley Township. William was not a member of any church. In politics he was a Republican. He had only one child, who died years ago, and no descendants are left. William Waggoner and wife lived on their farm in Section 7 of Whitley township near the Whitfield church, from the time of their marriage until Mr. Waggoner's death September 2, 1897. He was buried in Smyser cemetery.

William Waggoner's reared a girl named Pearl Tipton from a small child until her marriage to Thomas Meacham. She lives at Findlay, Ill.

Mrs. Jane Waggoner died in 1898 at the home of Mrs. Meacham. She is buried at Smyser.

ISAAC: Isaac, the sixth child was born March 19, 1831. He married Miss Elizabeth Robinson and to them were born eight children: Zion, George, Rufus, Martha Thomas, Sarah Yocum, Lincoln and Ira.

Zion Waggoner married Cassie Osborne. They lived on a farm near Gays for several years. Later

they moved to Chicago, where they still live. They have one son Harry. He married Leona Weaver of Olney, Ill. They live in St. Petersburg, Florida. They have three sons.

George Waggoner became a machinist working in the Railroad shops at Mattoon for many years. Later he moved to Chicago where he still lives. He married Ida Jones of Effingham, Ill. They have one daughter Margaret, who is now a student at the State University, Urbana, Ill.

Rufus Waggoner, the youngest of the family lives in Mattoon, Ill. He married Mrs. Allie Hampton of Mattoon.

Martha Waggoner married Alonzo Thomas. They lived at Gays for many years. They were the parents of two children Mina and Amos.

Mina married John West. They live in Mattoon, where Mr. West is employed in the Big Four Railroad Co. shops. They have three sons, Archie, 21 years of age, Sam 19 years of age and Frank 15 years of age. Archie is in Portland Ore., where he is in the employ of the P. & G. soap Co. Sam is employed in Chicago. Amos lives in Vermillion, Ill., where he is a telegraph operator. He is 39 years old.

Mr. Alonzo Thomas died at Gays about 1890.

Martha Thomas died in Mattoon in 1918. She was buried in the Dodge Grove cemetery.

Sarah married Thomas Yocum. They lived at Gays. They were the parents of two daughters, Zella and Hazel. Zella married William Jackson of the Gays community. They have three children. Roy born in 1912. Mabel born in 1917 and Alice Fern born in 1923. They live at Gays.

Hazel married John Robertson. They live in Chicago. They have one son John Jr., 6 years old.

Sarah Yocum died in Gays, Dec. 25, 1895. She was buried in the Old Camp Ground cemetery in Coles county.

Lincoln Waggoner son of Isaac and Elizabeth Waggoner, was born and reared near Gays, Ill. He worked in the Railroad shops at Mattoon for several years, later moving to Chicago, where he continued his trade of boiler maker. He married Margaret True of Mattoon, Ill. They were the parents of one daughter Elizabeth.

Mr. Waggoner died in Pueblo, Colo., in 1910, whither he had gone for his health. He is buried at Mattoon. His widow and daughter live in California.

Ira Waggoner, son of Isaac and Elizabeth Waggoner was born and reared in Whitley township where he lived for many years. He married Rusha Kenny of Whitley township. They were the parents of five children, Joseph, Harry, John, Anna and Essie. Mr. Waggoner later moved to Mattoon where he conducted a grocery store. He died in Mattoon in the year 1917. He is buried in Dodge Grove cemetery.

Joseph is married and lives in Terre Haute, Indiana. They have one daughter Hortense.

Anna married Bert Spaulding. They are the parents of two children, Raymond 19 years old and Eloise 14 years of age. They live in Mattoon, Ill.

Essie married Frank Hashell. They have five children, Frances, Harry, Frank, Jr., Jimmy and Betty Ann. They live in Mattoon.

John Waggoner, worked in the Oklahoma Oil fields for many years. He was the victim of an explosion while at his work and was instantly killed in 1915. He is buried at Mattoon.

Harry Waggoner is employed in railroad work in Terre Haute, Ind., but lives with his mother at Mattoon. Amos Waggoner died in Missouri several years ago. He left two children a son and a daughter.

Isaac was a member of the Lynn Creek Baptist church and was a Republican. He died November 13, 1905, and was buried at Waggoner cemetery by the side of his wife who died in 1874. He spent his entire life in the vicinity of Gays.

ELIZABETH: Elizabeth, the seventh child was born June 4, 1833. She married John D. Daugherty a native of Shenandoah County, Virginia, and they lived in East Nelson township, Moultrie county, where by industry, frugality and honesty they acquired a large farm for that day.

"Uncle John and Aunt Betsy" as they were familiarly known were a true type of plain, honest farm folks. They were members of the Predestinarian Baptist church at Waggoner, where they worshipped regularly. They were the parents of three children, two dying in infancy, one daughter Anna lived.

"Aunt Betsy" died Nov. 25, 1889. She is buried in Waggoner cemetery.

"Uncle John" and Anna moved to Sullivan in the fall of 1891, where Anna attended high school and later the University of Illinois. She taught school in the country districts and in the Sullivan High School. In 1915 she married Leonard Robinson of Sullivan. They went at once to Stevensville, Montana, where they have since lived. Mrs. Robinson is now teaching school in that state.

"Uncle John" Daugherty died April 20, 1912. He is buried in the Waggoner cemetery.

ISAIAH: Isaiah, the eighth child, was born August 17, 1835. He married Miss Phoebe Martin and they were the parents of nine children: Reason, Joseph, Grace (Haney), Bethaay (Divis), Hannah (Clapp), Simeon, Malden, Sophia and Isaiah Jr. Uncle Isaiah united with the Lynn Creek Baptist church in 1865 and with the same denomination in Saline County, Nebraska, whither the family had moved about 1870, living for years at Clarks, Nebraska. He was ordained as a Baptist minister in 1873 and achieved a very successful ministry. He

visited Illinois in 1882 and while there preached in several Baptist churches in the Moultrie County region. In politics, he was a Democrat, the only one of George Waggoner's sons being so affiliated. He died February 22, 1916, and is buried at Polk cemetery, Polk County, Nebraska.

Reason Waggoner was born in Whitley township, Moultrie County, Illinois, Feb. 23, 1866. He was about four years of age when his parents moved West, settling in Polk County, Nebr. He married Emma Krader who had moved to Nebraska from Illinois. They farmed for many years in Central Nebraska. They are the parents of four children: Myrtle Ethel born June 5, 1889; Edith Mae born July 12, 1890; Earl Ervin born Feb. 14, 1903; and Mabel Edna born Sept. 1, 1905. Myrtle Ethel married Clarence Vincent. They are the parents of three children, Evelyn Ardyth born Jan. 25, 1911; Richard LeRoy born Feb. 1, 1915 and Lela Alean born July 15, 1921.

Edith Mae Waggoner married Ross Noble. They are the parents of three children, Cecil Claud born Apr. 17, 1909; Nina Tola born Sept. 27, 1911 and Maurie Marie born March 9, 1918.

Earl Ervin Waggoner married Rosie Johnston. They are the parents of five children, as follows: Fern Adaline born Nov. 18, 1915; Ralph Reason born August 24, 1918; Wallace Earl born Jan. 21, 1921; Phyllis Marie born July 10, 1923, and Doris Irene born Sept. 18, 1925.

Mabel Edna Waggoner married John Edward Gunnerson.

Reason Waggoner and wife now live at Hordville, Nebraska.

Joseph S. Waggoner, was born Oct. 5, 1874. He married Blanch Priest. They live at North Platte, Nebraska. They have two daughters, Phoebe Ella born July 9, 1907 and Bessie May born Oct. 30, 1911.

Grace Waggoner was born Apr. 14, 1881. She married George Haney. They have two sons, Harvey Earl born Aug. 13, 1903 and Richard Isaac born Aug. 8, 1918. They live at Cozad, Neb.

Bethany Waggoner was born in Moultrie County, Ill., June 24, 1862. She married Harry Davis of Osceola, Neb. They were the parents of one son, M. C. (Charley) Davis. He has one daughter, Mildred Maud Davis born Oct. 10, 1903. Her mother died when she was just a baby and she was reared by her grandparents, the Davises. Mildred Maud married C. S. Hastings of Polk County, Nebraska.

Later Charley Davis married again and has two children, Harry W., born Dec. 4, 1915 and Ruth E. born Jan. 12, 1917.

Hannah Waggoner was born in Moultrie county, Illinois May 10, 1864. She married Andrew J. Clapp of Nebraska. They later moved to Oregon City, Oregon. They were the parents of six children: Loren born Nov. 23, 1880, Maud born April

11, 1882, Ralph born April 25, 1885, Nora born July 13, 1888, Alice born Nov. 11, 1893 and Juanita born Jan. 25, 1901.

Loren Clapp lives with his mother in Oregon City. His father died several years ago.

Maud Clapp married William C. McDonald. They live at Oregon City. They are the parents of seven children: Zola born June 6, 1900. Zora born Sept. 3, 1901. Anna born Jan. 23, 1903, John born May 8, 1904, Zelma born Feb. 5, 1906, Alice born Sept. 30, 1911, Essie born Jan. 28, 1918.

Zola married Wilbur C. Smith. Zora C. married Harold Leighton. They are the parents of two sons, Harold Ernest born Dec. 28, 1923 and William Morris born July 11, 1928.

Anna married Laurence Draper. They were the parents of one son William Arthur born Jan. 26, 1921. Later she married Charles Conger.

John McDonald in unmarried.

Zelma married George Everett Anderson. They are the parents of two children: Ethelene Marie born Feb. 25, 1923, and George Everett born Oct. 17, 1925.

Alice married Harry Fink. They have one son, Harry Donald born May 15, 1926.

Essie the youngest of the McDonald family is ten years of age at this time.

Ralph Clapp married Ellen Sheriden. They have three children: Eva Clapp born July 30, 1914, Eleanor Clapp born Nov. 24, 1920, Sheriden Clapp born April 1922.

Nora Clapp married Roy Davidson. They have four children: Merle born Sept. 21, 1907; Gwendolyn; born March 21, 1915, Oral born June 8, 1918, Richard born June 6, 1924.

Alice Clapp married Benjamin Coffman. They have two sons: Jack born April 29, 1918 and Gerald born April 21, 1923.

Juanita Clapp married Clarence Andrews.

Simeon Waggoner was born in Moultrie county, Illinois Dec. 6, 1868. When he was about two years of age his parents moved to Central Nebraska, where he grew to manhood. He married and was the father of twelve children: Delia born Nov. 25, 1893, now deceased; Edna born Sept. 25, 1894; Bessie born July 1, 1896, Jessie born Feb. 26, 1898; Grace born Jan. 25, 1900; George born Aug. 3, 1902, Ralph born April 15, 1904, now deceased; Guy born Oct. 15, 1906; Lloyd born June 25, 1908; Lester born March 2, 1912; Pete born Oct. 16, 1914 and John born April 15, 1920, now deceased.

Edna Waggoner married Leroy S. Easley. They are the parents of three children: Elma S., born July 18, 1914, William L., born Nov. 15, 1918 and Elva Isabelle born May 21, 1920.

Bessie Waggoner married Thomas Burke. They are the parents of two children: Billie born April 12, 1915 and Ida born Nov. 10, 1917.

Jessie Waggoner married Edmund J. Lessard.

They are the parents of two children: Clizbe, born Jan. 18, 1917 and Thelma born Oct. 14, 1918.

Grace Waggoner married Ralph Norton North. They are the parents of three children: Laverne Ralph, born Dec. 31, 1917; Edward Barrett, born July 30, 1919, and Norman Norton born July 10, 1926.

George Waggoner married Isabelle Mac McFagen. They have one son Glenn George born on Sept. 12, 1927.

Guy Waggoner married Freada Raymond. They have three children: Erma born Jan. 18, 1927, Elbrand born July 3, 1928 and a baby May.

Lloyd, Lester and Pete Waggoner live at home with their mother at Brewster, Wash. Their father Simeon Waggoner died. Sophia Waggoner died soon after her marriage June 25, 1907. Isaiah Jr., died when about 21 years of age about 1910.

HEZEKIAH: Hezekiah, the ninth child, was born June 5, 1838. He married Miss Cornelia Bullock, a native of New York, and they became the parents of seven children: (1) Milton has two daughters: Edna married Burt Van Middlesworth. They live on a farm near Gordon, Kansas. They have two children Burt Jr., and Vivian. Inez Jane married Ralph Jarvis. They live at Gays, Illinois, where Mr. Jarvis conducts a hardware store. They have a daughter Betty Jean. Edna and Inez Jane were successful teachers, having taught for several years in Moultrie and Coles counties.

Milton married Mary Eliza Patterson, a native of Grayson County, Ky. She died December 6, 1922, at the family home in Gays, at the age of sixty-one. She is buried in Branchside cemetery in Gays. Milton Waggoner still lives on his farm at the south edge of Gays.

(2) Frances married William G. Pirtle. They have been farming in Piatt county, Illinois for a number of years. They have three sons, Walter, Newton and Raymond. Walter married Hazel Taylor of Cisco, Ill. They have one son Eugene. They live in Cisco. Newton married Bessie Hybert of Rantoul, Ill. They have one son Henry Clyde. They live in Rantoul. Raymond Pirtle the youngest son lives with his parents at Cisco.

(3) Quincy married Grant Armantrout. They have always lived in Whitley township. They have two children, Myron and Jessie. Myron married Helen George. They live at Rock Island, Illinois where is salesman for the American Steel and wire Company of Chicago. Jessie graduated from the Sullivan township high school. Later she went to Chicago where she was in the employ of the Central Union Telegraph Co., for several years. She is now attending a Catholic Seminary at Quebec, Ontario. (Grant Armantrout died at his home in Gays, March 6, 1929. He is buried in Branchside cemetery in Gays.)

(4) Newton Waggoner farmed for a number of years. He married Alice Wilson of Gays, Ill. They have no children, but reared and adopted two orphan children: Charles Irvan Waggoner, who now lives in Mattoon, Ill., where he is employed by the Illinois Central railroad company. He married Velma Reynolds of Charleston, Illinois. The other adopted child was Gertrude Wood Waggoner, who is the wife of Charles William Riley. They live at Armada, Michigan. They have one son, Charles William Jr., age 11 and a baby daughter Dorothy Helen. Newton Waggoner and wife still live in Gays, Illinois.

(5) Ruth Waggoner taught music for a number of years. She lived with her parents. She and her sister (6) Tippi continued to manage the farm and care for their mother, who lived to the advanced age of 82 years. Her death occurred on Jan. 18, 1929. Their father Hezekiah Waggoner died Dec. 27, 1910. They are buried in the Waggoner cemetery. Ruth and Tippi now own the old homestead, about a mile north of Gays, Ill.

(7) Richard O. Waggoner, the youngest of the family is a farmer and stockman of Whitley township. He lives just east of Gays on State Route 16. Richard married Josephine Hortenstine of near Gays. They are parents of three children: Emily Elizabeth, age ten; Robert Richard, age eight, Reta Josephine age three years.

NARCISSA: Narcissa, the tenth child, was born April 21, 1840. She was never married. She worshipped with the Baptists. She lived with her sister, Sally, at the old homestead until 1908, at which time her health failed and they went to live with their sister, Hannah, near Sullivan, where she died February 19, 1911. She is buried at Waggoner cemetery. To Aunt Narcissa, we are greatly indebted for much valuable data concerning the Waggoner family, which the writer obtained by consulting her scrap-book.

HANNAH: Hannah, the eleventh child, was born November 28, 1842. She has always worshipped with the Baptists. She says of her childhood: "In our home no cards or dancing were ever allowed. It was looked on as not creditable, in those days, in our home." On December 7, 1871, she married Mr. Thomas Daugherty, and to them were born seven children, three of them living: Labon, born December 5, 1872, George A., born June 29, 1874, and Mary, born May 1, 1880. Elizabeth Waggoner died at four years of age, the other three in infancy. In 1885 they moved to their present farm in East Nelson township, Moultrie county, on the same premises that William Purvis settled on in 1830. Mr. Daugherty was a Democrat and held various township and school offices. He died March 10, 1888. Aunt Hannah's sons are farmers and

stock-raisers, and George A. served one term as County Treasurer in 1910-1914. They are Democrats.

Aunt Hannah is the only living grandchild of Isaac Waggoner, the Revolutionary War soldier, and is truly a marvelous link with the past. She is more than eighty years of age, but her faculties are as alert and her intellect is as clear as a person of a much younger age. She has a superb memory and her cooperation in the writing of this family history has been an inspiration. I have conferred with her personally and sent her numerous questionnaires and have always found her willing and eager to respond, and her contributions have been important indeed. In this connection, not a little credit is due her daughter, Cousin Mary, for having helped her organize her data. Following the death of her sister, Sally, in 1916, most of her father's books and other personal possessions came to her from the old homestead. When I visited her in the summer of 1922 she very graciously made me a present of a book which had belonged to my great grandfather, and at the same time she gave my sister, Nellie, a towel which had belonged to Aunt Sally. Aunt Hannah Daugherty died March 13, 1925. She is buried in Zoar cemetery, Coles county.

IRA: Ira, the youngest child of George and Bethany Haney Waggoner, was born January 21, 1845. He married Miss Cornelia Montague, daughter of Dr. Montague, pioneer physician, and made his home just east of the old homestead. He was not a member of any church, but was a Republican in politics. He raised a family of four children, as follows: Mrs. Mary Mattox, Mrs. Sally Layton, Richard M. Waggoner and Bert Waggoner (deceased). Uncle Ira lived most of his life in Whitley township. He died Dec. 9, 1891, and is buried in Waggoner cemetery.

(1) Mary Waggoner eldest child of Ira and Cornelia Waggoner was a successful teacher in Moultrie county. She married Miles A. Mattox, who was also a Moultrie county teacher. They farmed for several years, later moving to Sullivan where Mr. Mattox studied law, being admitted to the bar. He practiced law in Sullivan for many years. They were the parents of four children, the eldest son, Clyde died at about 5 years of age.

Laura, the only daughter of the family attended the Sullivan schools, graduating from Sullivan High School. She taught school in Moultrie county. She married Leland Barton. They live in Pana, Ill., where Mr. Barton holds a position as telegraph operator.

John W. Mattox, the third child attended the Sullivan schools. He married Lois Clover of Noblesville, Ind. They live in Indianapolis, Ind.

William, the youngest of the family, grew up

in Sullivan, where he attended the grade school. He is now attending High school at Pana, Ill., where he lives with his sister, Laura Barton and husband.

Mary Mattox died in Sullivan Dec. 26, 1924. She is buried in Greenhill cemetery, Sullivan. Miles A. Mattox still resides in Sullivan, Ill.

2. Wilbert Waggoner, second child of Ira and Cornelia Waggoner lived at the family home in Section 11, Whitley township. After the death of his father he continued to live with and care for his mother. Wilbert died at the family home April 11, 1912. He is buried in the Waggoner cemetery.

3. Sally Waggoner, third child of Ira and Cornelia Waggoner, was born and grew to womanhood at the homestead in Section 11, Whitley township. She married William I. Layton. They were the parents of three children, Vena, Charles and one son who was accidentally killed when a child. Both Vena and Charles are married and live in Iowa, near their parents' home at Atlantic, Iowa.

4. Richard M. Waggoner, fourth child of Ira and Cornelia Waggoner, grew up in the family home in section 11, Whitley. He married Emma Switz of Gays, Ill. They were the parents of three children, Helen, Max and Kenneth.

About the year 1908 Richard Waggoner and family moved to Southern, Missouri where they lived for several years. Helen Waggoner married Mr. Charles Ersham in Missouri. They now live in the old homestead in Section 11, Whitley, which Mr. Ersham now owns.

Max Waggoner was married in Missouri to Miss Florence Gardner. They have two children: Francis Finley, age 6 years and Wilma Helen, age 4 years. They now live on a farm in Whitley township.

Kenneth Waggoner married Bernice Paullus. They live in East St. Louis, Ill., where Mr. Waggoner is employed as shipping clerk in a Packing House. They have two sons, Bobbie Joe and James Donald.

Mrs. Cornelia Waggoner died July 2, 1928. She is buried in Waggoner cemetery.

In addition to their twelve children, great grandfather and great grandmother raised an orphan boy, named Dallas Waggoner. Dallas was a grandson of Isaac Waggoner, Jr. He was about the age of Ira Waggoner with whom he grew up and attended school. He married Julia Turney, a niece of James and Joseph Taylor, pioneer settlers of Whitley township.

Dallas Waggoner and wife moved to Missouri about the year 1875. They were the parents of a son and a daughter who still reside in that state.

Dallas Waggoner died about the year 1910. Mrs. Waggoner is also deceased.

CHAPTER XIX
AMOS WAGGONER

AMOS, son of Isaac and Emsey Holeyfield Waggoner, was born in Rutherford County, North Carolina, October 11, 1804. He and Narcissa W. Jay were married March 28, 1822, and had three children, Martha J., Isaac V. and James M., at the time they left North Carolina in 1827 with the first caravan of Waggoners.

It does not seem to be known where Amos and family spent the first few years in Illinois, but in 1834 he bought out the holding of Samuel and Jonathan Anderson in Section 1, T. 12, R. 5, Moultrie County, (now known as the Misses Evans farm) one-half mile south of Bruce, and built a cabin across the little branch north of where the Evans' residence now stands. At the head of this little branch was a good spring of water, near the cabin, which is still there. Amos Waggoner built a horse mill at this place. Previous to this people in this neighborhood found the most convenient mill at Shelbyville, Illinois. In all Amos had twelve children, five of whom died in infancy.

Amos Waggoner was elected a justice of the peace and officiated as such at the first marriage in Moultrie county, April 12, 1843. The contracting parties were David Strain, a widower of Moultrie county, and Mrs. Sarah Ball, a widow of Shelby County. They came to Amos' cabin on horseback where the ceremony was performed, and afterward went away on their horses in a hand-gallop, a very happy couple.

Amos was also a farmer, stock-raiser and store keeper of a country store in Whitley township; then with his family moved to Sullivan in the early part of 1850, where he kept a hotel, for two years, on the corner where the opera house burned a few years ago. He afterwards owned a wagon repair shop, and also made new wagons, in connection with Owen Seaney, who owned a blacksmith shop. Amos Waggoner died in Sullivan, January 23, 1854, at the age of fifty years. At the time of his death he was Associate County Judge. His widow survived until July 17, 1881, dying in Sullivan at the age of seventy-six years. Her son, Dr. E. E. Waggoner, later writing of his mother's death says, "She was born May 7, 1805. She was a member of the Baptist church. To her I am indebted mainly for whatever is in me that is good. But mother is gone—not dead, for the pure soul of a good, kind and loving Christian mother can never die—gone before to that Heavenly home, that House not made with hands. Thanks be to God for giving mother the power to swallow up death in victory. God bless the name of Mother."

Martha Jay Waggoner, oldest child of Amos, was born January 8, 1823, in North Carolina. She and Andrew Scott were married June 28, 1839 in

Shelby County, Ill. To them nine children were born, as follows:

1. William Henry Harrison Scott, born in Shelby County, Illinois March 10, 1841. He went with his father's family to Missouri where his father died in 1857. A few years later the Scott family returned to Sullivan, Illinois. William H. H. Scott went to Athena, Oregon about 1865, where he was married to Mary M. Gerking in 1867. They were the parents of six children:

Oliver Jean Scott, born March 16, 1869. He died in childhood.

Retta May Scott born July 21, 1871. Married James Potts of Athena. She is now widowed and lives at Athena, Oregon with an adopted daughter.

James Arthur Scott born April 10, 1873. He married Daisy Bryson. They live at Enterprise, Oregon. They have four daughters, Lora, Ruth, Helen and Marion. The two older are married.

Fanny Jay Scott, born Dec. 23, 1874. She married Otis Ingle, who is now cashier of a bank at Orange, Calif. They have two daughters Leota and Lorraine.

Joseph Nathan Scott was born Nov. 12, 1870. He married Estella Preston. They live at Pendleton, Oregon. Mr. Scott is a wheat farmer and State representative. They have one son Joseph Jay, who is a student in the grade school. Two daughters, Margaret Scott, who married Carleton Luck. They live at Portland, Oregon, and Pauline Scott, student in Pendleton high school.

William Rice Scott born Dec. 18, 1879. He married Ethel Garfield. They lived at Seattle, Washington, where Mr. Scott was a prominent physician. He died in 1917 and is buried in Athena, Oregon.

William H. H. Scott died at Long Beach, Calif. March 19, 1909. He is buried at Athena, Oregon.

2. Narcissa Ann Scott, the eldest daughter was born July 4, 1842 in Moultrie County, Illinois. After her father's death she became a strong support for her mother in rearing the family and later in caring for her mother who lived to the advanced age of ninety-two years. Narcissa died June 16, 1923. She is buried in Sunnyside cemetery in Long Beach, Calif.

3. Margaret Jane Scott was born June 2, 1844 in Moultrie County, Illinois. She married James Gerking about 1862. They lived at Silverton, Oregon, where Mrs. Gerking died following the birth of twin daughters in 1865. The daughters are Isabel Gerking and Emma Gerking born Dec. 25, 1864. Isabel married Columbus Rickman of Athena, Oregon. They were the parents of one son and four daughters: Leonard Rickman of Athena, Ore.

Bernice Rickman, eldest daughter married Dr. Thomas W. Grosvenor of Wenatchee, Wash. They were the parents of two sons, Edward R. Grosvenor who is 17 years old and Thomas Howard, age 13.

Dr. Grosvenor died Dec. 11, 1927.

Ione Rickman married Clarence Bradford and lives at Athena, Oregon.

Jessie Rickman married Lynn Upham. They are the parents of three children: Lois Upham age 9, Robert age 6 and Harold, age 3.

Grace Rickman married Roswell Russ. They have two sons, Howard, age 11 and Billy age 9.

Isabel Rickman died August 29, 1916 at Wenatchee, Wash., where she is buried.

Emma Gerking married Oliver J. Cox. They were the parents of nine children: Delvin A., Bernard, Bessie, Gladys, Jay A., Lena, Ollie, Harold J., and Darrol W.

Delvin A. Cox the eldest son married Mae McLaughlin. They live at Longview, Washington. They have three sons, Delvin, Howard and Donald.

Bernard V. Cox, the second son married Ora Long. They live at Night Hawk, Washington. They have four children: Donald, Virginia, Jessie and Robert.

Bessie Cox, the oldest daughter was drowned at the age of 13 years.

Gladys Cox became the wife of Harve E. Young. They live at Medford, Oregon. They have two children Sybil and Robert.

Jay A. Cox married Goldie Barlow. They live at Eagle Point, Oregon. They have two sons, Dale and Jesse and one daughter Irene.

Lena Cox became the wife of Ray Young, a brother of her sister Gladys's husband. They live at LaGrand, Oregon. They have two sons, Wallace and Jack, and one daughter Dorothy.

Ollie Cox, the youngest daughter, married W. L. Shriver of Lexington, Oregon. They were the parents of one daughter Carol. Mrs. Shriver died in the spring of 1929.

Harold J. Cox and Darrol W. Cox, are living at home with their parents at Lexington, Oregon.

4. Mary Elizabeth Scott was born in Moultrie County, Ill., Nov. 29, 1847. She lived in Sullivan with her mother and brothers for several years. She accompanied the family when they moved to California in 1884. After the death of her brother Andrew's wife, she cared for his children for quite a number of years. She died at Long Beach, Calif., Feb. 11, 1927 and is buried in Sunnyside cemetery.

5. Andrew E. D. Scott was born Dec. 23, 1848 in Moultrie County, Ill. He married Ella Baker, daughter of Joseph E. Baker of Sullivan, Ill. They were the parents of six children, three sons and three daughters:

Jay Scott is an attorney of San Francisco, Calif., is married but has no children.

May Scott married Dr. McConnell. She lives at San Francisco, Calif., where she is a trained nurse. Dr. McConnell is deceased.

Vie Scott married Reuben Hampson. They live at Loyalton, Calif. They have six children.

Clyde Scott married and was killed in an auto accident. No children.

Ralph Scott married, has one son. He lives in San Francisco, Calif.

Ethel Scott married Clyde Gibson, a grocer of Oakland, Calif. They have three children. Their address is 7200 Arthur St. Oakland, Calif.

A. E. D. (Andy) Scott died at Long Beach, Calif., July 18, 1920.

Previous to his death he had been manager for some years of a large mill and lumber Co., near Fresno, Calif.

Andy Scott was one of the early County Officers in Moultrie County, serving as County Treasurer from 1877 to 1879 and later from 1881 to 1885. He moved to California about the year 1886. He is buried at Fresno, California.

6. James Arthur Scott was born in Moultrie County, Ill., Sept. 14, 1850. He lived in Sullivan for several years and for a time he and his sisters kept a restaurant on the east side of the square. He moved with his mother and sisters to Fresno, Calif., in 1884. Later they moved to Long Beach, Calif. where they lived for many years. He died at Portland, Oregon, April 21, 1928. He is buried at Athena Oregon.

7. Louis Kossuth Scott was born in Moultrie County, Ill., April 22, 1852. He was but a small child when his father died, but his mother and sisters reared him and sent him to school. He began work as Deputy County Clerk for the late Charles Shuman, about 1882. He served with Mr. Shuman eight years and Silas D. Stocks who succeeded Mr. Shuman as County Clerk, kept L. K. Scott during his eight years, making 16 years as Deputy Clerk. In November 1898, Louis K. Scott was elected as County Clerk of Moultrie County which position he continued to hold until his death in 1906, being re-elected in 1902. His death occurred August 17, 1906. He is buried in Greenhill cemetery, Sullivan.

8. Susan Isabel Scott was born November 20, 1854 in Moultrie County, Illinois. She lived with her mother and sister in Sullivan for several years. She later went to Athena, Oregon, where her brother Will Scott lived. She was married to James Gerking at Athena, Oregon, Dec. 18, 1884. They were the parents of five children, as follows:

A Winifred Dorothy Gerking, born Dec. 7, 1885 in Morrow County, Oregon. Married Roy E. Beck Jan. 31, 1904. They live at Estacada, Oregon. They are the parents of eleven children, Maude Rhoda Beck, born March 19, 1905, married Lester Wells of Yacoit, Washington in 1928.

B Lenora May Beck, born May 27, 1906. She is a student at Washington State Normal School in Ellensburg, Washington.

C Margaret Wilma Beck, born August 25, 1907, married Everett A. Sibley of Estacada, Ore.

He is a farmer. They have one daughter, Wilma Lucille born Jan. 16, 1929.

D Kathleen Winifred Beck, born Jan. 18, 1909, married Floyd L. Akins of Estacada, Ore. He is in the forest service.

E Oliver Chester Beck, born Jan. 9, 1910. He is at Bridal Veil, Oregon.

F Elwin Gerking Beck, born Jan. 26, 1911. He lives at Pendelton, Oregon.

G James Otis Beck, born Oct. 7, 1912.

H John Michael Beck, born Nov. 18, 1913.

I Paul Benjamin Beck, born Sept. 10, 1915.

J Dorothy Lucille Beck born Jan. 19, 1917, died in infancy.

K Wm. Scott Beck, born Mar. 31, 1919.

Nellie Beatrice Gerking, born March 20, 1887, in Morrow County, Oregon. Married Asher Montague, Oct. 9, 1905. They live on a ranch at Arlington, Ore. They have four daughters and one son: Lola Lucille Montague, born Aug. 27, 1906. Married Henry Graves of Arlington, Oregon in 1928. Edith Delphia Montague, born Oct. 9, 1907. Married Carl Mitchell in 1927. They live at Sparta, Ore. Vada Lorraine Montague, born Jan. 1, 1912. Bernice Lavelle Montague, born Oct. 25, 1915. Richard Orville Montague, born Mar. 1, 1917.

James Worth Gerking, born Oct. 17 1888 in Morrow County, Oregon. Married Effie Dell Detn, July 2, 1912. They live at Bridal Veil, Oregon. They had two sons, James Claude Gerking, born Sept. 22, 1916, Dell Worth Gerking born Nov. 11, 1919. Died in 1926.

Martha Jay Gerking, born Feb. 23, 1891, at Fresno, Calif., married Raymond S. Bixby, June 1, 1915. They live at CleElum, Wash. They have three sons, Jay Allen Bixby, born Jan. 8, 1919. James Robert Bixby, born May 30, 1923, Joe Leonard Bixby, born June 23, 1926.

Benjamin Franklin Gerking, born April 4, 1898 in Sishiyou County, Calif. Married Mabel Kimball. They live at Pendelton, Oregon.

James Gerking died at Athena, Oregon in the year 1900. Mrs. Susan I. Gerking is the only one of the Scott family now living. Her home is at Estacada, Oregon.

9. Fanny Jay Scott was born March 25 1856 in Sullivan County, Missouri. She lived with her mother and sisters in Sullivan, Ill., later going to Calif. (1884) She died at Long Beach, Calif, Feb. 15, 1927. She is buried in Sunnyside cemetery, in Long Beach.

Andrew Scott, the father of the Scott family, died in Sullivan County, Missouri on July 22, 1857. He is buried there.

Martha Jay Scott was one of the North Carolina emigrants and became the best historian of the early Waggoners. She was but 5 years of age when they made the long journey over the rivers and mountains from Carolina to Illinois in 1828,

yet she has given more incidents of the trip and the first years in Illinois, than any other of the family.

Isaac V. Waggoner was born December 3, 1824. He married Sally A. Sims in February, 1843. To this union three daughters were born: Narcissa E., who married Thomas Reams, who had one daughter Arma who married Mr. Durham and they have one child. They live in Macoupin Co., Illinois. Martha Virginia Waggoner whose first husband was a Mr. Carter. Later she married Johnson Athison and had two daughters. Johnson Athison and wife lived in Sullivan where their daughters attended school. Jessie Athison married D. E. Powell of Arthur, Ill. They have one daughter. They live in Shelbyville, Ill. Cora Athison married Mr. Miller of Mobile, Alabama, where they reside. They have several children. Mr. and Mrs. Athison moved to Shelbyville from Sullivan. They continued to live in Shelbyville until their death. They are buried at Shelbyville cemetery.

Sally A. Waggoner married Marion Cross of Neoga, Ill. They had no children. They lived in Neoga and are buried there.

Isaac V. Waggoner, having lost his first wife by death, was married to Sarah Bagby in 1847. To them were born six children, as follows: Amos, Polly, Caroline, Susan who married William Luce, John, now deceased, and Charlie. Isaac V. Waggoner was elected County Treasurer and Assessor of Moultrie county in 1855, and served until March, 1859, when he died in Sullivan, aged thirty-four years. He is buried in Sullivan.

James M. Waggoner, son of Amos and Narcissa, was born March 29, 1827, and died July 20, 1880.

Elisha E. Waggoner was born May 3, 1829. He was an eminent physician, a graduate of the University of Missouri, class of 1855-56. He married Miss Amanda McHenry. They were the parents of three children, Charlie Jay, who died in childhood, Ella and Eddie. Dr. E. E. Waggoner was in several different kinds of public business, in Sullivan, including the newspaper business, and the practice of medicine. In 1858, he and his brother, J. H., purchased the Sullivan Express, which had been established the preceding year, and was the first paper published in Moultrie county. Later he moved to Shelbyville and again embarked in the newspaper business. An interesting account of his experience in this connection is given in the "History of Shelby County" edited by George D. Chafee, and published in 1910, as follows: "The Shelby County Independent began its career, Aug. 6, 1874, with Dr. E. E. Waggoner and J. Wm. Lloyd as editors and proprietors. While the paper was called Independent, it was Democratic from the first. Mr. Lloyd withdrew in July, 1875 and Dr. Waggoner took sole ownership and in October,

1876, he said: 'Believing that at least one of the three or four Democratic newspapers published in this county ought to bear the family name, we this week send this paper out to its many readers and friends as The Shelbyville Democrat and hope they may be pleased with its new name.' Dr. Waggoner was a ready, lucid and forceful writer and was regarded as one of the best political editors in the State, and made 'The Democrat' an influential political paper. In August, 1885, he sold to T. J. and George R. Graybill." Dr. Waggoner also practiced medicine in Shelbyville, and was considered one of the leading physicians and surgeons in that city. He was Postmaster in Shelbyville under President Cleveland. He was an honored member of the Free Masons; a bright, intellectual man but too modest to pass for his full worth. He died in Shelbyville in the fall of 1900, aged seventy-two years. His widow lived with her granddaughter, Mrs. Arthie Jay Bollinger at Paso Robles, California until her death Oct. 25, 1927.

Mrs. Artha Jay Bollinger and her husband, Elmer T. Bollinger still live at Paso Robles, Calif. Mrs. Bolinger is a daughter of Arthur F. Cusaac and Ella (Waggoner) Cusaac, who was a daughter of Dr. E. E. Waggoner of Shelbyville, Illinois. Harry Eddie Waggoner, a son of Dr. E. E. Waggoner is living at Ojai, Calif. Mrs. Ella Cusaac died Jan. 5, 1887 at Shelbyville, Ill. One daughter Marie Ethel died in June 1889. Mrs. Bollinger was raised by her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Waggoner of Shelbyville.

Joseph H. Waggoner, son of Amos and Narcissa, was born Sept. 1, 1832, and married Laura Henry, daughter of Elder Bushrod W. Henry, one of the early ministers of the Christian church, Feb. 12, 1858. They had seven children, as follows: Oliver J., Walter B., Ione, Josie, William, Bushrod and Laura D. Joseph H. Waggoner was a member of the Christian church and was always a Democrat. In 1858, he entered the newspaper business in Sullivan, with his brother E. E., he was connected with the Sullivan Express until 1860. In 1861 he was elected Assessor and Treasurer of Moultrie County, and served two years. In 1864 he was elected Circuit Clerk, and was reelected for three terms, thus filling the office for sixteen years in succession. Following this, he was proprietor of an abstract office in Sullivan for years. In 1885 he and his family moved to California, settling in the city of Fresno, Fresno County, the grape and the peach district of California, where he remained for a few years, but wishing to reside on the ocean beach, he moved on to Santa Cruz, thinking the ocean breeze would be beneficial to his health, but it did not seem to benefit him, and he died at Santa Cruz in 1904, aged seventy-two years. His widow and two married sons and families, and one single daughter, were residing in Los Angeles, Calif, as

late as 1913. The sons O. J. and B. W. and the daughter were proprietors of a real estate and abstract office and were doing a prosperous business.

Oliver J. Waggoner died about 1926. He was an insurance man of Los Angeles, where his widow and two sons still reside. The sons, are Nave R. Waggoner and Cal V. Waggoner.

Ione married a Mr. Freeman of Long Beach, Calif. She was the mother of seven children: Ione, now Mrs. G. W. Towner of Long Beach, Gloyd E., printer, San Bernadino, Calif., Beverly H., dentist, Vesalia, Calif., Phil S., who is in the oil business in Los Angeles, Richard, who lives in Madison S. Dak., Edward, who lives in Fresno, Calif., and Joseph M., the youngest son, lives at Long Beach with his mother.

Beverly Waggoner lives at Los Angeles. He has one daughter, Mrs. Carl Kirkman of Glendale, Calif. He and his wife and granddaughter, Mary Emma Miner, attended the Waggoner Centennial in 1928. He is in the abstract business in Los Angeles.

Miss Josie Waggoner lives at Los Angeles where she is associated with her brother Beverly in the insurance and abstract business. She also cares for her aged mother, Mrs. Laura Henry Waggoner, who though very aged, has an alert mind, greatly enjoying the Waggoner Family Centennial picture especially sent her by her son Beverly.

Poly A. Waggoner, daughter of Amos and Narcissa, was born November 8, 1834. She and Charles A. Carter were married April 10, 1855, and became the parents of three children: James W., Fannie and Nellie.

They lived in Sullivan a number of years where Mr. Carter was engaged in the Hardware business. Charles Carter and family moved to Decatur, Ill., in the year 1864.

James Wm. Carter the oldest child was born in Sullivan, Ill., June 5, 1861. After the family removed to Decatur, the remainder of his life was spent there. He entered the coal business in Decatur where he became the president of the Decatur Coal Co., which position he held for many years. He also was deputy sheriff for one term. He married Idora Jane Patterson in Decatur in 1882. They were the parents of three children, Ralph Merl, Neil Travis, Alma Lois. Ralph M. Carter was born in Decatur March 3, 1884. He graduated from Rush Medical College, Chicago in 1908 and began practicing in Green Bay Wisconsin where he is now a prominent physician. Dr. Carter married Ellen Kallman of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. They have one daughter Virginia Lois, born Nov. 26, 1915, who is now in High school.

Neil Travis Carter, second son of J. W. Carter and wife was born in Decatur in 1893 and died in 1896.

Alma Lois Carter, only daughter of J. W. Carter and wife was born in Decatur in 1898. She married Carl Siebert of Decatur. They have one daughter Kathryn, who is 10 years old. They reside in Decatur.

J. W. Carter died in Decatur Jan. 4, 1926 and is buried there. Mrs. J. W. Carter still lives in Decatur.

Fanny Carter daughter of Charles A. and Polly Ann Carter died in infancy.

Nellie Carter youngest daughter of Charles A. and Polly Ann Carter was born in 1872. In the late nineties she was married to Ernest Severns in California, the Carter family having moved to Fresno, Calif., in 1895. They are the parents of five children: Rex, Dean, Harry, Merle and Eugene. The boys all live in California. Mr. and Mrs. Severns live at Fresno.

Charles A. Carter died at Fresno, Calif., in September 1906. Polly Ann Carter died at Fresno, Calif., in 1909. They are buried there.

Polly Ann Carter was a woman of strong character. She assisted her mother in rearing the daughters of Isaac V. Waggoner, along with her own family cares. She visited her brother, F. M. Waggoner and other relatives in this county in 1908. In stature and looks, she was more like her father than any of his children.

Francis M., son of Amos and Narcissa, was born February 12, 1837, according to his own statement, in his grandfather Isaac's home on the present Leggett farm, and was given his name by his oldest sister, Martha Jay, who at that time was about fifteen years old and was reading the life and history of General Francis Marion, of Revolutionary fame, which book her father had bought at Shelbyville for her. Francis M. married Emma Reams July 17, 1859, and they were the parents of two children: Effie who married D. Wright and has four children, and little Eddie Elmer who died before he was two years old. Francis M. Waggoner wrote a series of articles for the Sullivan Progress in 1913 from which a great deal of the information concerning Amos Waggoner and his family has been taken.

Effie Jay attended the Shelbyville high school, afterwards teaching in Moultrie county. She married David (Dee) Wright. They were the parents of five children, one daughter dying in infancy. Four sons lived to manhood. Wilbur, the youngest son, was a barber. He married Beatrice Jarrand of Litchfield, Ill. He lost his health, dying when a young man in the year 1919. The other three sons live in Chicago. David Marion, the oldest married Marie Kratener of Chicago. They had no children. He is in the employ of the Chicago Telephone Co.

Harry C. married a Miss Helwig of Chicago. They are the parents of four sons, Bernard, Edward, Harry and Clyde. He is in the employ of the

American Union Express Co., of Chicago.

Thomas Wright married Vee Barnes of Sullivan, Ill. They are the parents of two children, William Francis and Joe Marilyn. They live in Chicago where he is a paint contractor.

Mrs. Effie Wright is a saleslady with the Sprague-Warner Company of Chicago. She travels mostly in the State of Ohio, where she is very successful.

F. M. Waggoner, known as Marion Waggoner, was one of the best known and most popular of the family. When a lad of seventeen he carried the mail from Effingham to Sullivan, on horseback, and the late Judge Joseph Eden says in his 'Memoirs' that Marion's gray pony was eagerly looked for by the towns people of an evening when they were to get the mail which came twice per week.

Marion learned the printers trade and was associated in the newspaper business with his brothers J. H. and E. E. Waggoner, publishing the "Sullivan Express" Marion volunteered for services in the war of '61. His services were with the Union armies in Tennessee and Arkansas. He served for a while as Government printer during his enlistment.

After the war he became a pension solicitor and agent, being the most successful of any in Moultrie county. Marion Waggoner was active in the G. A. R. and served as an officer of the Sullivan post for many years.

Mr. Waggoner served as Town Clerk of Sullivan township for many years. He was also City Clerk for Sullivan. He was assessor of Sullivan township for ten years or more which position he held at the time of his death.

He and Mrs. Waggoner lived in Sullivan for many years, raising three of their grandsons, the Wright boys to manhood in their home here. Marion Waggoner died in Sullivan in November 1918. His wife, who was in feeble health, passed away a few days later. They are buried in Green-cemetery.

Amos S., son of Amos and Narcissa Waggoner was born February 20, 1839, and died the following November 24th.

Susan C., daughter of Amos and Narcissa Waggoner, was born March 17, 1841, and married William H. Phillips September 21, 1862. To them one child was born, Marion B. Phillips. Susan died April 8, 1873.

Susan Waggoner Phillips spent her girlhood days in Sullivan attending the seminary there. She received a good education for her day. Mr. Phillips was a teacher of Moultrie county, being a brother of Henderson Phillips, who also married a Waggoner. After Susan's death Mr. Phillips moved to Jacksonville, Ill., taking his little daughter Bea, with him. He again married and his daughter attended the schools in Jacksonville. She later became a

teacher, teaching in the Jacksonville schools for many years. She now resides there where she does private teaching.

Susan Waggoner Phillips was a woman of strong character and her daughter Bea, though very young when her mother died, is greatly interested in her mother's family, and has contributed many good things for the history.

Susan Waggoner Phillips is buried in Greenhill cemetery, Sullivan by the side of her parents, Amos and Narcissa Jay Waggoner.

The following is a poem composed by Miss Bea Phillips, and read at the Waggoner Centennial, in 1928, entitled:

THE WAGGONER BAND

Unheralded by pomp or fame,
One hundred year ago there came,
A band of movers to this State,
Some twenty-one at any rate.

From North Carolina State they came
And Waggoner it was their name
They had but two wagons, loose horses a few
To bring them to this region, new

So while some rode, others must walk;
No doubt there was much time for talk.
Some rode single, some rode double
They must have encountered plenty of trouble.

For we are told by one of the band
How glad they were, when they did land
In cabins which we would escheu
So glad the tiresome journey was through

They settled near to Whitfield church of Moultrie
County

And lived by sweat of brow—not bounty.
By tilling the soil and turning the sod,
While not forgetting the goodness of God.

The State was only ten years old
When Waggoners made it their fold
The year in which Jackson was nominated
Was the year our forfathers immigrated.

They multiplied and replenished the earth
And every descendantis proud of his birth
Doctor, lawyer, merchant, chief
They multiplied beyond belief

Till Illinois can't hold them all
Throughout the Union, they do sprawl
Meeting today to commemorate
The coming of Waggoners to this State.

They came from near—they came from far
To tell each other who they are
To prove how strong is a Brotherhood
Rooted and founded in one common blood.

Long may this band keep on its way
And oft repeat Centennial Day
May we all have our final meeting
Where life is glad, not sad and fleeting.

Where all is beautiful and good
Where we shall all be understood.
And we can live with those we love
Around God's great white throne above.

Martin V., son of Amos and Narcissa Waggoner, was born April 6, 1843, and died September 1, 1844.

Narcissa A., daughter of Amos and Narcissa Waggoner, was born May 24, 1845, and died July 2, 1845.

CHAPTER XX

ELISHA WAGGONER

ELISHA Waggoner, son of Isaac Waggoner, was born in North Carolina and came to Illinois with the first caravan of Waggoners, a single man. He married Miss Elizabeth Kirl, and they probably continued to make their home on the present Leggett farm, with his father, Isaac. Following the death of Isaac, the farm seems to have passed to Elisha, and he is known to have lived on the farm for several years after his father's death. Members of the family now living can remember when Elisha Waggoner lived on the present Leggett farm. He was a member of the Lynn Creek Baptist church, and was a Democrat. He had four children, Celia, Lucinda, William and Riley. He later built himself a home just north of his brother Gilbert's farm in Section 6. He died in 1858 and was buried at Lynn Creek cemetery. Soon after his death, his family moved to Texas, or Missouri.

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GILBERT WAGGONER

Written especially by his granddaughter Rusha
Waggoner Tull.

GILBERT Waggoner, familiarly known as "Uncle Gilbert", son of Isaac and Emsey Holeyfield Waggoner, was born in Rutherford County, North Carolina, May 29, 1808. He was married to Miss Martha (Patsy) Bailey, a native of Union County, South Carolina in 1825, shortly before the first caravan of Waggoners started for Illinois in 1827 and grandfather and grandmother were included in the group.

It is said that grandfather owned a very beautiful bay horse, which he and grandmother rode a part of the journey. Grandmother would often carry Sally Waggoner, (who was then a baby) before her on the saddle, while grandfather would walk or ride in the old covered wagon.

Thus, with the other pioneers of the caravan they made their journey to the "West" until they finally arrived at what is now known as Whitley

Township, Moultrie County, Illinois.

It was here where my dear grandfather and grandmother built a little log cabin and settled on the premises near where the Whitfield residence is located, southwest of the present Whitfield church. The log cabin was daubed with mud and had an old fashioned stick chimney, plastered with mud both inside and out, built across the west end.

The dusky Indian Tribe lived in his rudely constructed wigwam along the banks of Whitley Creek. Then the deer roamed at will through the forest, and the howling of the wolves and the gobble of the wild turkey could be heard in the distance. My grandmother has often told me of the Indians coming to their home many, many times, asking for food or clothing. She said "We always gave them what they asked for if possible, for we did not want to make them mad at us, for we were afraid of them." When they were given what they asked for they would mount their ponies and away they would go.

Grandfather told me of going out to hunt deer for meat one cold morning. There was a "salt lick" along Whitley Creek just north of where the Whitfield School house now stands. He went to this "lick" to see if he could see any deer. When he came to the creek he looked northward and there, to his astonishment, lying quietly, and peacefully on the sunny, southern slope of the hill was a large herd of deer. He said he counted just one hundred of them. He also said that they looked so innocent that he never even raised his gun to fire a single shot at them. So he went on his way leaving the deer undisturbed.

Grandfather and family lived on the Whitfield farm about ten years, then moved from there to another little log cabin about a quarter of a mile east of that place and lived there about one year. About that time the subject of schools was brought up and the early settlers began to see the need of schools to educate their children; so it was decided by grandfather and grandmother, that they would move from their little home, and that cabin should be used for a school house. They moved to the farm which is now known as the Leggitt farm but is at present owned by Albert Henderson and about a quarter of a mile north of where his house now stands. They lived there about two years and then bought forty acres of land in Section 6 from Illinois Central Railroad company and moved there to the old home place near where the Waggoner church now stands. My grandfather began teaching the first school that was taught in the little old log cabin which he and grandmother had vacated. He taught a few weeks and then begged to be released from it as he did not like teaching school. He told them he would gladly donate his time and service, he had taught if they would just release him. So they did. The old log school house finally was aban-

doned and the school was changed to the old Lynn Creek church, the first Baptist church in this county, which was located on Uncle Billy Martin's place

Uncle Guideon Edwards taught the first school held there and continued teaching there until he was elected judge of Coles County.

This old church was rudely built of logs, the rafters being held in place by wooden pins. It had one door and three windows. After it had been decided to hold school in this church, one log was removed from the west end of the house the entire length of the room in order to admit sufficient light for the children. Muslin was tacked over the opening. A split log served as a writing desk, and as to the floor it was made of puncheons.

Some years after this it was planned to erect a frame building for a church, and sell the old log house. Grandfather bought it and moved it to his farm for a barn where it has stood just a few rods west of the Waggoner church, at his old home place, until this spring (1929) when it was torn down as it was considered unsafe for future use.

The first, second and third year after grandfather moved to the old home place, he raised wheat. The wheat field consisted of about ten acres of wheat each year. This was cut at harvest time with old fashioned reap hooks. Usually about five or six of the neighbors came and brought reap hooks and helped to cut the wheat. They would cut it and lay it in little bunches, then when they came to the end of the field, they would hang the reap hook over their shoulder and go back to the other end of the field, each man binding the row of bunches he had cut, as he went. The day before they threshed, they cleared off a circular plot of ground about forty feet in diameter. If the ground was very dry they dampened it good the night before, so it would pack down hard and not be dusty. The next morning they hauled in their wheat and placed the bundles on the circular plot of ground, so as to overlap something like the shingles of a roof on a house. Then the boys rode the horses over the wheat one following the other until the grain was well tramped out. It was then gathered up and on a windy day, it was poured from buckets held high up in the air so as the wind would blow the chaff away. This was the way they cleaned their wheat for three years.

Their farming implements consisted principally of a rudely constructed wooden mold board plow, and a hoe. Ten acres on an average was considered enough land for a farmer to till.

They broke the sod which was covered with wild prairie grass, with the wooden mold board plow. Then the field was marked off with a single shovel plow and some one would walk along and drop the corn. It was covered with a hoe.

Celia Waggoner, who afterwards went to Southern Missouri was considered the best corn

dropper in their neighborhood. She would drop the corn for twenty-five cents per day, often dropping as much as ten acres in a single day. They cultivated the corn with a single shovel plow.

While grandfather was busy working with these rudely constructed farm implements my good grandmother of the home was performing her household duties under just such difficulties. The hum of the old fashioned spinning wheel was music to her. What a happy home it was too. They planted and raised their own flax, cleaned and hackled it. Then grandmother would spin it into thread and from this and the wool, she made all their clothing.

The old fire place was her cook stove and she was considered one of the best cooks in the community. For baking bread she used the "old skillet and lid." The skillet had legs about an inch and a half or two inches long. The lid was a heavy lid having about an inch rim around it on top. While grandmother was mixing her bread she usually had the old skillet and lid on the fire getting hot. When all was prepared she would shovel the coals out in front of the fire on the hearth, put the skillet with the bread in it, on these coals, cover it up with the hot lid and then cover the lid with fire, leaving the bread to bake. All her cooking in the early days was done by the fire place.

Grandfather and Grandmother were known throughout the entire settlement as "Uncle Gilbert" and "Aunt Patsy". Their house at this time was about forty feet long and consisted of three rooms. The east room, middle room and west room, which was the kitchen. The fire place was in the front room. A long porch was built on the south side of the house and extended the full length of the house.

Grandfather and grandmother were members of the old Lynn Creek Baptist church. After some years this church was divided into two separate divisions, due to differences of opinions of the members.

Grandfather and grandmother in company with others who left Lynn Creek church organized another church called Mt. Zion church, which has in later years become known as the Waggoner church. When this church was first organized they held their meetings at grandfather's house once a month usually beginning on Friday night before the fourth Sunday of each month and continuing over Sunday. The meetings were conducted here for a number of years and finally it was decided to build a church. It was built by James Taylor in 1881 on the corner of grandfather's farm.

Grandfather and grandmother were the parents of ten children, one of whom died young, nine living to be men and women, married and having families of their own.

The children were as follows: Greenberry, Andrew J., George, John, Henry S., Martin T.,

Mary, Emsey, Elizabeth J., and Nancy.

Andrew J., Waggoner served in the union army in the Civil War until he was discharged at the close of the war. He then returned to his father's home and a few years later was united in marriage to Lucinda Ann Cox, of near Chattanooga, Tenn. They were the parents of five sons and four daughters as follows: William G. of Chicago, having been a resident of that city for about twenty-five years; Henry who married Mattie Edwards, they being the parents of the following children: Andy, Ella, Bryan, Ernest, Herschel, Ann, Wesley, Donald, Olive, Sylvan, and Mary, and at the present time reside at Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Scott who married Rose Martin, daughter of J. D. Martin, her mother being called to her Heavenly home, when Rose was only thirteen months old. Then Rose was taken into the home of my parents, Martin T. Waggoner and wife where she was reared to womanhood and educated, becoming a successful teacher of Moultrie county until her marriage to Scott Waggoner. They lived in the vicinity of Bruce and the Waggoner church for a number of years and then went to Webster City, Iowa, where they reside at the present time. They were the parents of the following children: Altabelle, who became so attached to father and mother and our family that she finally remained in our home from the time she was a baby until the present time. She is engaged as a clerk in Dickerson & Company's store here in Sullivan where she has been for the past two and one half years.

Freda M. and Opal L. who are graduates of Webster City High School. Freda being employed as a rural teacher near her home for the coming year and Opal at present attending college in Omaha, Nebraska; Karl, Don and Bonnie, younger children are students of the grade school.

Andy Waggoner deceased son of Uncle Jack married Miss Minnie Shaw, daughter of Monroe and Ida Shaw. To this union were born three children, Oleta and two sons who died in infancy.

Oleta married Walter Lane and they have two sons James Andrew and Leon. They reside east of Sullivan.

After a number of years Minnie became a victim of tuberculosis and passed away. Later Andy was again united in marriage to Verbal Maxedon of Kentucky and they were the parents of two children, Dale and Geneva. The widow and children live near the Waggoner church at my grandfather's old homestead. Andy passed away in May 1928 and is buried at the French cemetery.

Ray Waggoner married Valeria Burcham of Allenville and at present are residents of Gays. They were the parents of three daughters: Frances, Daisy and Verbal.

Martha, Dolly, Ollie and Lucy are daughters of Uncle Jack. Martha married Henry Rhoer and

for a number of years lived just south of her parents on what was known as the Shaw land but now owned by Rusha Waggoner Tull and Belle Waggoner Allison. They then moved from Illinois to Webster City, Iowa where they live at the present time. They are parents of the following children: Charlies, Lawrence, Lora, Lucile and Carl. Each of the children are married except Carl, but I am unable to tell who they married as all were married in Iowa except Lora who married Nate Abbott before they went to Iowa.

Dolly Waggoner now deceased married Herschel Davis of Oklahoma. They were the parents of the following children: Herschel, Grover, Earnest, and Dorothy. Dolly passed away and her husband is married again.

Ollie Waggoner married Jake Arthur and reside on the Avenue, south of the Whitfield church. They are the parents of the following children: Joe, Otis, Oce, and Betty June.

Lucy Waggoner married Frank Messmore of near Bruce. They are residing on Uncle Jack's old home place. Their children are as follows: Ferne, Ralph, John, Jackson, Bonnie, Mildred and Joy.

Greenberry Waggoner son of Gilbert married and was the father of one child George Waggoner. When the Civil war broke out he went to the war, was discharged and came home.

Uncle George son of Gilbert Waggoner married and lived in Missouri, but am unable to tell where.

John Waggoner married Susan Duty and lived north and west of the Waggoner church. They were the parents of the following children: Mollie, Nan, Dell, Mag, Jack and Bud.

Mollie married Sam Moore of Bruce. They were the parents of four children Roy and Vena are living at or near Winona, Washington, and the others are deceased.

Dell married Ed Attebury of near Moweaqua. Dell was an invalid for many years. After Uncle John's death, the entire family left Illinois and went to Washington where all that are living yet, still remain.

Uncle Henry S. Waggoner married Lizzie Kipneson. They lived here in Moultrie County for a number of years, then moved to Springfield and later to Oklahoma. They were the parents of 12 children: Francis, Gilbert, Minnie and Arthur all dying in infancy.

Ada B. Waggoner married G. W. Chartier of Hennessey, Oklahoma, who later in life became paralyzed, about eleven years ago, but is still living at present. They were the parents of eleven children as follows: Oda H. Chartier of Limon, Colorado, Lester H. of Hennessey, Okla., Mrs. Maude Orney, Fort Morger, Colorado, George H. of Gary, Colorado.

Hazel Puckett, Hennessey, Okla., Gilbert D.,

Hennessey, Okla., Lily Wiley, Ethel Paulsen, Cecii Earl, Marion E., all of Hennessey, Okla., Uncle Henry and Aunt Lizzie were living at Arnett, Okla., when he died, but he had gone back to Hennessey to doctor and passed away April 6, 1912, at the home of his daughter Ada, being 62 years old. Aunt Lizzie lived in Hennessey when she died in 1923. She was 70 years old. She was laid to rest in the cemetery at Arnett by the side of Uncle Henry.

Dora Waggoner daughter of Henry S., married William Woolford of Inkster, Michigan.

George married and lives in Wyoming. He has one son Claude. Mr. Waggoner is interested in the Salt Creek oil fields in Wyoming. They visited Sullivan relatives in August 1929. It was Mr. Waggoner's first visit here in thirty-five years.

Martha E. married Henry Hazard of Alva, Oklahoma. Neva married Frank Bailey of Rutnam, Oklahoma, Floyd married Ethel Brooks of McCook, Nebr., Maudie married John Plunk of Adamsville, Tenn.

Martin T. Waggoner (my father) youngest child of Gilbert and known to his many friends as "Bud" was born March 15, 1851. He was married to my mother Nancy A. Martin, daughter of W. T. Martin and wife, May 9, 1872, by Elder G. W. Dalby. They went to housekeeping in a little old log cabin just about one fourth mile northwest of where my grandfather, W. T. Martin lived.

To this union were born two daughters myself (Jerusha Waggoner Tull) and Mrs. Belle Allison, wife of G. F. Allison, each being residents of Sullivan. My dear father and mother finally bought us a home southwest of the Waggoner church and here we lived as happy as could be. Our home consisted of a log house and a kitchen built along the side of it, then a porch was added to the front. A few years later a frame house was built and finally the old log house was removed to the barn lot, and additions were added to the frame house.

My father and mother were both very hard-working people. We attended services at the Waggoner church and always enjoyed them so much. Later we all became members of this church and would look forward with the greatest of pleasure from one meeting to the next. I might mention here some of the good ministers, who used to attend our church. They were Brothers, Jesse Shields, Harvey Oliphant, M. B. Moffit, W. E. Gill, Sylvan Dawson, Ely Ashworth, Silas Moffit and a number of other precious ones. But all of these except two that I have mentioned together with my dear father, grandfathers and grandmothers have been summoned to join the innumerable caravan, which moves to that mysterious realm in the silent halls of death and awakens to find themselves in the presence of their dear Saviour, in a Heavenly home.

Father and mother made many sacrifices in order that we girls might get an education. They were ever ready to do anything within their power for the good of their children.

Father was a very strong looking, rosy-cheeked man and had an unusually cheerful disposition. It always seemed to me that a good hearty laugh did him more good than any one I ever saw. He was taken sick the latter part of October and passed away November 1, 1911. His body was laid to rest in the Whitfield cemetery according to his wishes, on the spot where he had selected. He was a good Christian man. His favorite song was "Some Sweet Day."

My mother, the dearest woman in all the world to me, Altabelle and I remained on the farm seven years after my father's death. Then we quit the farm and moved to our present location in Sullivan.

I have spent the greater part of my life in the school room. Started to school at the age of seven years and have spent every year except one since then either going to school or teaching. June 30, 1924 I was married to R. M. Tull of Windsor, who lived only about three years and was called to his Eternal home. He was a kind good Christian man and a member of the Christian church at Sullivan when he passed away. He was buried in the Windsor cemetery.

Belle Allison, my sister, daughter of M. T. and Nancy A. Waggoner was born in Moultrie Co. She too was educated as a teacher and taught for about thirteen terms in the public schools of Moultrie county. Her health failed when she was teaching her fifth successive term of school in the Primary department at Allenville. She was married to G. F. Allison of Bement, March 17, 1910. He was in the employ of the Wabash Railway Co., at Decatur so they began housekeeping there. To this union was born one child, Carlissle Ann Allison, who is a student of Sullivan Township High school.

After mother and I moved to Sullivan, my sister and family also moved here, and reside about one and a half block from us.

Elizabeth J. daughter of Gilbert Waggoner, was born March 20, 1840 and married William Snyder, Nov. 15, 1860. They moved to Burton, Harvey county, Kansas, in 1871. Her children took the measles and as she had never had them she wrote her parents that she expected soon to take them and would not recover. Her prophecy proved all too true, and she passed away May 21, 1884. She and her husband were devoted members of the Christian church. In her letter to her father she spoke with utmost faith and resignation, with the spirit, that "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me in that day."

"She left her husband and five children to mourn the absence of a devoted wife and mother", so her husband wrote after her departure. One of her sons, H. A. Snyder was still living at Burton, Kansas, in 1890.

Mary, daughter of Gilbert Waggoner, died when four or five years old. She was next to the youngest child, Martin T. (Bud) being the youngest.

Aunt Nancy Hostetter, daughter of Gilbert Waggoner was born in Moultrie county and married William Hostetter. They emigrated to Sullivan County, Missouri, and established a home there where they lived until death. They were the parents of the following children: James and William, deceased, Martha, Sarah Emsey, Mary, Gilbert Douglas, Samuel Jackson and Albert Pickett.

Sarah Emsey Hostetter married Mr. Vandiventer, Mary Hostetter married James McCabe, Albert Pickett Hostetter married my mother's sister Violet Josephine Martin, and to this union were born the following children who are still living and reside in Missouri: Bessie, Grace, Lulu and Cora, all being married. Violet passed away while the family lived here, then they went to Missouri and later Albert was united in marriage again to Minnie Belle Hurst, Sept. 12, 1901. To this union were born the following children: Bertie Maxwell, Manuel, Mary, Roxie, Ruby and Ruth (twins), Nora, William, Leona, Dolly, Woodrow, and Rovilla.

Bertie M. married Mabel Templeton, children's names Joseph, Emaline, Manual married Jane Markley, have one child, Julius Leroy.

Mary married Jim Hale; children's names Earl, Raymond, Mary Lizzie, James Arthur.

Roxie married James Dunkle; children's names are Alvin, James.

Grandchildren of Aunt Nancy and Uncle William Hostetter, other than above mentioned are: James Reuben, Elva, Henry, John, Jackson, Edmund, Maud, Rose.

The James McCabe family consisted of the following children: Sarah Edwards, Kate Baldrige, Hugh, Charles and John McCabe.

Aunt Emsey daughter of Gilbert Waggoner, was born in Moultrie county at an early date. She was a large fleshy woman, having much resemblance of her mother "Aunt Patsy" always being so good and kind. She married James L. Martin, brother of my grandfather, W. T. Martin. To this union were born twelve children as follows: Gilbert, William L. Cynthia, Nancy J., John H., Mary A., Elizabeth C., all deceased; Mrs. Sarah (Sally) B. Powell, James Bailey, George, Mrs. Vira Bundy and Mrs. Lucretia Henderson.

Sarah was united in marriage with Nelson Powell (deceased) who was at one time a merchant at Bruce. To this union was born one child Martie. "Uncle Nels" as he was commonly known was a

man, who had many friends. He was not a member of any church but was faithful in attendance at church meetings and lived a good life. He was buried in Greenhill cemetery here in Sullivan to await the final resurrection of the saints. Mertie Powell married Ira Carson. They reside in East Nelson township. They are the parents of three children: Bernice, Carl and Loveta. Bernice married George Bateman. They have one son and reside in Champaign.

James Bailey Martin married Martha Lewis of Missouri. They now live in Washington. They are members of the Baptist church and were the parents of a large family of children. A number of whom are deceased. The following children are now living: Eva, Minnie, Iva, Eunice, Jack, Gilbert (deceased).

George Martin son of James L. and Emsey, married Alfa Williams and they are parents of several children. They are residents of Washington.

Vira Martin married Frank Bundy, deceased who became a very successful farmer and broom corn raiser. They lived near Mattoon and were the parents of the following children: Hazel, Herschel, Lucile and Ruby and one infant dead. Mrs. Bundy (widow) and her children now live in Chicago.

Lucretia Martin married Arley Howard (deceased) of Bruce. To this union two children were born: Guy and Ansel. Guy went to Chicago for employment and while there married, and at present is a resident of Chicago. Ansel Howard married Marie Stokes, a former pupil of mine. They reside near Allenville. They have two children Glen and Mertie Belle.

Some few years after the marriage of Arley and Lucretia, he fell from a wagon striking his head and died from the results of it. A few years later Lucretia married Austin Henderson of near Bruce. To this union the following children were born: Marie, Opal, Mabel, Annie and Raymond.

In the statistics of 1880, grandfather (Gilbert) and grandmother (Patsy) Waggoner had ten children of whom eight were living. At the present time (1929) all of their children have passed away. Uncle Jack was the last one to go.

Grandfather was a Democrat in politics. He and grandmother were staunch members of the Baptist church, and cheerfully furnished the land for the church, (Waggoner church) erected on the northeast corner of their farm in 1881.

He was a man of unbounded faith and a life in all good conscience before God. He was the last of Isaac Waggoner's children, unless possible his sister, Susan Harding outlived him. He died November 18, 1902 at the venerable age of ninety-four years, and was buried at Lynn Creek cemetery by the side of grandmother who died Sept. 9, 1891, at the age of eighty-three years.

Grandfather seems to have lived to the old-

est age of any of the Waggoners.

CHAPTER XXII JOEL WAGGONER

Joel Waggoner, son of Isaac and Emsey Holeyfield Waggoner, was born in North Carolina and married. His family came to Illinois with the second caravan of Waggoners. Joel's family consisted of Hans, George, Rufus and perhaps one other. Joel's wife was so dissatisfied in Illinois that they returned to North Carolina and later moved to Fancy Hill, Arkansas. At last word, he was said to have twenty-two descendants.

CONCLUDING WORDS

Our people were a people of faith. Not all, possibly were obedient to the Christ, but if there were infidels in our family, we do not know of it. Our people were a law-abiding people. We have no spirit of boasting, and we may possibly have failed to honor our country's principles in every respect, and to have personally lived as we should, but if the jail door ever closed behind a Waggoner, we have no knowledge of it. We have tried to love one another and our neighbors, and to walk humbly with God. We implore His pardon of all our sins and His loving mercy upon all our weaknesses and negligence.

May we each live as to be able to say as our ancestor Isaac Waggoner said to his sons, Elisha and Gilbert, as they stood by his dying bed, "Give yourselves no trouble about my future condition."

We will become more and more scattered, but let us remember to look to the "Rock whence ye are hewn" and know that there come a day of happy reunion.

ADDENDA

No. 1—See Page 25

Martin Luther Waggoner passed away at his home in Bruce, Ill., Sunday, March 7, 1924. He was born in Moultrie, (then Shelby Co.) County, January 16, 1834 and spent all his life of ninety years in Moultrie County. His wife Mrs. Elizabeth Whitfield Waggoner, age 88, survives him. They were the parents of six children, five of whom are still living at the time of Luther's death. Willis Waggoner, his son, died at his home in Decatur, Ill., Nov. 30, 1924.

Luther also left 17 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. He never belonged to any church but affiliated with the Old School Baptists. He was a firm believer in Christ and His religion. He sang in his last conscious hours:

"When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun."

Luther was a man of fine exemplary habits, a

good citizen and loved and respected by all who knew him.

No. 2—See Page 21

Mrs. Rachel Hunt, wife of Burl Hunt, youngest and only surviving child of Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Smith, died at the home of her son Frances Hunt near Mattoon, June 4, 1924. Her health had been declining for several months and she passed away, at the good old age of 83 years, loved and honored by a very large circle of friends and kindred. One son, Francis and three grandchildren survive her. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

No. 3—See Page 45

Mrs. Hannah Daugherty youngest and only remaining child of George Waggoner, passed away in the triumph of faith in Christ, March 13, 1925, at the ripe old age of 82 years. She assured her children that she was willing to go and that all was well with her.

She lived a long and a useful Christian life. Her ministries to the sick and afflicted were many and great, and she was most dearly beloved in the whole community. Her favorite hymn was "Jesus Lover of my Soul", all of which she had her daughter Mary read to her the day before she passed away. Happy and triumphant is the life that rests on our Lord.

"Plenteous grace with thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound,
Make and keep me pure within.

Thou of life the fountain art,
Truly let me take of Thee;
Spring thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity."

No. 4—See Page 19

A Waggoner Reunion was held at Sullivan, Ill., the middle of August 1923. More than 200 Waggoners and friends had a sumptuous dinner together and enjoyed a wonderful day of fellowship and reunion.

The special guests of honor were Luther Waggoner of Bruce, Ill., age 90 and William Edward Waggoner of Walla Walla, Washington age 78. These two are the only remaining members of the family of William and Nancy.

Guests continued to arrive until 500 or 600 were present. An entertaining program was rendered including addresses by Senator S. W. Wright, Judge W. G. Cochran and Hon. Henry Hagen of Chicago. Others taking part on the program of reading and music were: Attorney C. S. Edwards, Miss Rusha Waggoner, Mrs. Grace Barnes and children, Miss Margaret Garrett and the sons of Mrs. Laura Zaegel. An orchestra added much to the pleasure of the day. Such reunions should be held frequently.

No. 5—See Page 25

A letter from R. J. Waggoner, Will's Point, Van Zandt Co., Texas, dated June 20, 1925, says he is 44 years old, that Lisby Waggoner has been dead some 30 years and that William Waggoner, his father died about 18 years ago.

No. 6—See Page 36

We all rejoice in the success of any members of our numerous family and in any honors that come to them.

Alvin Waggoner now of Philip, South Dakota, is a lawyer of considerable emience. He was educated in the public schools of Moultrie County, spent four years in Charleston at the State Normal and graduated in law from the University of Michigan in 1906. Soon afterward he began the practice of law on the great frontier.

Some four years ago he was appointed by the Governor of the State as one of the Regents of Education for South Dakota. The board of five members has charge of the University of the State, the State College of Agriculture, the School of Mines and the four Normal schools of the State. Last year he was elected president of the National Association.

We cordially congratulate him on the well deserved honors that have come to him and on the opportunities opened to him for hard and useful public service.

J. G. WAGGONER, Secretary,
Canton, Ill., July 14, 1925.

APPENDA

Contributed by his son W. H. Waggoner.

John Garland Waggoner was born April 22, 1844, eight miles northwest of Mattoon, Illinois in Moultrie county. His parents died when he was less than two years old and he was reared in the home of his aunt and uncle, Alexander H. Edwards. They trained him carefully, and at the age of fifteen, he became a Christian under Bushrod W. Henry at Smyser or Whitley Creek Christian church. He graduated from Eureka College in 1872. He married Sarah E. Cox of Mattoon in 1867. They were the parents of five children. After her death in 1884 he was again married in 1886 to Anna A. Fouke of Shelbyville, who for forty years was his faithful wife. He held many pastorates in Illinois, and also in Indiana and New York, also was associated with many Missionary Societies, and for forty years was a member of the Board of Trustees of Eureka College. He was a frequent writer to newspapers and his last book "The Sunset of Life" is worthy of a place in any library. He was a man of prayer and consecrated life. He was a friend of the poor, needy and the sick. May the Lord add His blessing to such a noble life. He was an honor to God, the church, the State and the College, and the Waggoner family.

He passed peacefully away on March 6, 1929,
at his home in Canton, Ill., at the ripe old age of
84 years. May many appreciate his life and follow
in his footsteps to the Throne of God.

"Lives of great men all remind us,
We can make our lives sublime
And departing leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time."

REUNIONS BY AND BY

Composed by J. G. Waggoner.

There's much in the world, with its tinsel and show,
Which holds but little that's worthy to know
But down deep in each life are burdens of thought
Out of which destiny is seriously wrought.

Reunions may fill us with memories sweet,
Recalling the past and its stories repeat;
But reunions in time are brief at the best
But parting over there, forever are past
The reunions of all, whose fullness can bring
Reunion at last at the call of the King.
Then out from their graves our kindred will come
Arrayed in white garments prepared for their home
Transported by angels to the wideopen gate,
Where all that precede us shall patiently wait.

In the midst of that throng, One standeth apart
And shows where the spear pierced his great lov-
ing heart;
First then of all let us fall at His feet
Our Savior and Lord in Gladness to greet
And thank Him and praise Him for op'ning the gate
And helping and blessing us, lest we be late;
For the grace and the love that helped us each day,
and smoothed out the troubles in the long weary
way;
For the words of His lips, the happy, "well done"
And the welcome at last to our, "home sweet
home".

Then others will greet us whose faces forsooth,
Are changed from the aged to faces of youth
Time furrowed the cheek and whitened the head
There, signs of old age forever have fled
Their steps are as light, their eyes are as clear,
As when marriage bells rang, that notable year
After all has been changed, they still are the same;
We'll know them and love them by their good old
name.

The great pleasures to come, there's none can fore-
tell,
For the hand that prepares them, knows us so well;
His skill is unmatched and His love is so great,
He'll develop the best, in that heavenly state.
For 'Tis He who has gone to prepare us a place;
He's full of all wisdom and skill and rich grace.

Reunions we have here, what gladness they bring!
But the seasons soon pass and the parting bells
ring;

Reunions above are unmingled with tears,
Unwearied are they with the passing of years
May the young and the old who meet us today;
And all others who walk in His Heavenward way,
Be strong and the victors in life's royal race
Blest by our Savior through riches of grace;
And be gathered at last in the land of the blest,
From evil and sorrow forever at rest.
Yes, gathered at last in our home that's on high,
In happy reunion, "in the sweet by and by."