

Three Generations of Descendants Benjamin Davis (1812 - 1879)

Generation 1

1. **BENJAMIN DAVIS**-1. He was born 1812 in Knoxville, Knox, Tennessee, USA. Residence 1870 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA. Burial 1879 in Douglas, Polk, Iowa, USA (Greenwood Friends Cemetery). He died on 09 Oct 1879 in Polk, Iowa, USA.

Notes for Benjamin Davis:

General Notes: BIOS: Polk County 1880 Delaware Township Biographies, Polk County, Iowa

<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/ia/polk/bios/plktwpbio8.txt>

DAVIS, Mrs. R. J.-Farmer, section 8, P. O. East Des Moines. Was born in Highland county, Ohio, July 12, 1835, and in 1855 moved to Kendall county, Illinois. From there she came to this county in the year of 1868. She was married the first time, December 6, 1854, to John A. Rutherford, a native of Pennsylvania. He died November 20, 1871, leaving six children; three living, and three deceased. She was married the second time, February 20, 1873, to Benjamin Davis, a native of Knoxville, Tennessee, born in 1812. He died October 9, 1879, leaving two children. His first marriage was to Mary Elliott, a native of South Carolina, who died, leaving nine children: Eliza J. (wife of Cyrus F. Thornton), Henry A., Andrew, B. F., Joseph A. and Amanda, living; and three deceased. These children were all born in this county and were one of the first families of the township.

BURIAL:

<http://iagenweb.org/polk/cemetery/GreenwoodCemetery.htm>

REBECCA J. JARVIS is the daughter of William Jarvis & Annis Jarvis. She was born on 12 Jul 1835 in Highland, Ohio, USA. Residence 1850 in Dodson, Highland, Ohio.

BENJAMIN DAVIS & REBECCA J. JARVIS. They were married on 20 Feb 1873 in Polk, Iowa, USA. They had 2 children.

- i. **CHARLES L. DAVIS**. He was born 1874 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1880 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, United States.
- ii. **WILLIAM D. DAVIS**. He was born 1876 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1880 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, United States.

MARY ANN ELLIOTT is the daughter of Foster Elliott & Penninah Boyce. She was born on 15 Apr 1819 in Perquimans, North Carolina, USA. Residence 1856 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA. She died on 18 May 1857 in Polk, Iowa, USA. Burial in Polk, Missouri, USA (Greenwood Friends Cemetery).

Notes for Mary Ann Elliott:

General Notes: A biography of Mary Elliott's family can be found at:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~iabiog/polk/pbp1890/pbp1890-e.htm>

Portrait and Biographical Album of Polk County, Iowa...

Chicago: Lake City Publishing Co., 1890

Frederick E. Elliott, who resides on section 5, Delaware Township, is numbered among the honored pioneers of Polk County. He celebrated July 4 of 1847 by his arrival in Iowa and upon the farm on which he immediately located, procuring the same through a Mexican land warrant, he is still living.

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The birth of Mr. Elliott occurred in Perquimans County, N. C., September 6, 1825, his parents being Foster and Penninah (Boyce) Elliott, who were also natives of the same State. Their family numbered nine children, five of whom were born in North Carolina. The father was a shoemaker by trade, but in the latter years of his life became an overseer on a large cotton plantation. Accompanied by his family, in 1828, he left North Carolina for the West. A short time was spent in Ohio, and the following year the party proceeded on their way to Vermilion County, Ill., where Mr. Elliott, Sr., purchased a farm. In connection with the operation of his land he also carried on a tanning business, and from the leather which he manufactured made shoes. Continuing his residence in Illinois until 1847, he then loaded his household effects into wagons drawn by ox-teams and started for Iowa, reaching his destination after three weeks travel. The same journey could now be made in twenty-four hours, which gives some idea of the wonderful progress made in the past third of a century. Few indeed were the settlers who had sought homes in Polk County at that time. Many were the hardships and trials to be endured, the disadvantages to be overcome and arduous were the tasks to be performed. Chicago was the nearest grain market, and after hauling their wheat that distance, one hundred and twenty miles, it brought only from thirty to fifty cents per bushel. Mr. Elliott entered two hundred and forty acres of land on section 5, Delaware Township, from which, ere his death, he had developed a good farm. His wife was called to her final rest in 1859, and on the 2nd of October, 1865, the husband followed her to the home of the redeemed. Their earnest Christian lives were well worthy of emulation, and their many acquaintances felt deep and sincere regret at their deaths. Mr. Elliott was a true type of an Old Line Whig and was a personal friend and great admirer of Henry Clay. He was also much interested in educational matters, and for many years he was an able member of the School Board of Delaware Township.

The children of the family were as follows: Mary, wife of Benjamin Davis, came with her husband to Polk County in 1847, but both are now deceased; Rachel is the deceased wife of Joseph Thompson, a farmer of Saylor Township; Nancy, widow of Dillon Hayworth, is living in Lawrence County, Mo.; Frederick E. is the next younger; John accompanied the family to this State, but after a short time returned to Illinois and died in Champaign County; Dempsey, who removed to Kansas in 1857, died in Cowley County, that State, in June, 1885; Stephen, a Congregational minister, has charge of the church in Aurora, Mo.; Alfred is a farmer of Lawrence County, Mo.

Such educational advantages as the common schools afforded were received by our subject, but otherwise he is self-educated. His life has been an industrious one and from the age of sixteen years he has made his own way in the world. On leaving home he went to Warren County, Ind., where he secured work as a farm hand at \$10 per month. For four years he spent the summer season in that pursuit, while during the winter he engaged in chopping wood at twenty-five cents per cord, cutting two and a half cords per day. Though such wages now seem very meager to us, Mr. Elliott succeeded in laying by \$400 with which he embarked in business for himself.

Having now a prospect of securing a home, on the 14th day of January, 1847, having won the affections of Miss Martina Bazleton, he led her to the marriage altar and the union of hearts was consummated by the union of hands. The lady is a native of Vermilion County, Ill. Being left fatherless at an early age she made her home with her grandfather, John Bazleton, with whom she resided until her marriage. A few months later the young couple came to Polk County, where they have since made their home. Mr. Elliott at once entered one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 5, Delaware Township, and in a little log cabin they began their domestic life. Some wigwags were yet seen in the neighborhood, but the red men gave very little trouble and soon afterward left the settlement. The history of the pioneer life would prove an interesting one if space would permit us to write it out in full. The youth of to-day can scarcely realize the condition of the country forty years ago. An old flint rifle was used by Mr. Elliott in kindling the fire; the farming implements were also of the most crude character; oxen were used in breaking land and hauling grain, and the homes of many of the settlers were little one-roomed log cabins. As prosperity attended the efforts of our subject he added to his landed possessions until at one time he owned one thousand and forty acres, situated on sections 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, Delaware

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Township, but the greater part of this he has since disposed of, giving some to his children and selling other tracts. The family now, however, operates one thousand and ten acres of land in the county, while Mr. Elliott owns five hundred and thirty-five acres, two hundred of which is comprised in the old homestead. Knowing the manner in which he started out in life, we see at once that he has prospered abundantly, but no one is more deserving of success. He shunned no honest measure, but by industry, enterprise and forethought acquired his possessions. Other business interests have also occupied a portion of his time, he having been an extensive and successful stock-dealer. He is Vice President and Director in the American Savings Bank of Des Moines. Many worthy enterprises which are calculated to up-build the community and its best interests have received from him liberal contributions, and he has ever been recognized as a valued citizen; education and church work receive his hearty support and co-operation, and for fifteen years he has been Treasurer of the School Board. His ballot is cast in support of the Republican candidates, he having affiliated with that party since its formation.

But those who were benefited most by the liberality of Mr. Elliott were his children, thirteen in number. To them he gave excellent educational advantages and also bestowed upon them portions of his worldly goods, that they would not have to contend against the poverty and hardships which he met in earlier years. Almarinda, the eldest child, became the wife of T. J. Thornton, a farmer of Delaware Township, but is now deceased; William H. is living in the State of Washington; John F. is engaged in farming on section 3, Delaware Township; Francis M. follows the same occupation on the same section, and Albert W. also there makes his home; James C. is another farmer of Delaware Township; Alexander B. is teller in the American Savings Bank of Des Moines; Laura died in 1880 at the age of sixteen years; Elizabeth is the wife of William Yoder, a farmer of Delaware; George and Clara are at home; Charles died in 1880, at the age of seven years, and Etta is still with her parents.

BENJAMIN DAVIS & MARY ANN ELLIOTT. They were married on 11 Jan 1838 in Vermillion, Illinois, USA. They had 9 children.

2. i. **ELIZA JANE DAVIS.** She was born on 23 Jul 1839 in Illinois, USA. Residence 1885 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA. She died on 15 May 1903 in Polk, Iowa, USA.
- ii. **JOHN DAVIS.** He was born 1841 in Vermillion, Illinois, USA. Residence 1870 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA. He died on 14 Jun 1871 in Polk, Iowa, USA. Cause of Death was Greenwood Friends Cemetery.
3. iii. **HENRY A. DAVIS.** He was born on 11 May 1843 in Vermillion, Illinois, USA. Residence 1880 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, United States. He died on 28 Sep 1904 in Polk, Iowa, USA.
4. iv. **ANDREW JACKSON DAVIS.** He was born on 14 Mar 1845 in Vermilion, Illinois, USA. Residence 1870 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA. Burial 1900 in Douglas, Polk, Iowa, USA (Greenwood Friends Cemetery). He died on 13 Jul 1900 in Iowa, USA. Reference ID was F885.
- v. **ALFRED DAVIS.** He was born 1846 in Vermillion, Illinois, USA. Residence 1870 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA. Burial 1873 in Douglas, Polk, Iowa, USA (Greenwood Friends Cemetery). He died on 12 Oct 1873 in Iowa, USA.

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- vi. **GEORGE W DAVIS.** He was born 1849 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1856 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA. He died 1859 in Polk, Iowa, USA. Burial 1859 in Douglas, Polk, Iowa, USA (Greenwood Friends Cemetery).
- 5. vii. **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN DAVIS.** He was born 1852 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1920 in Des Moines Ward 7, Polk, Iowa. He died Bef. 1930 in Iowa, USA.
- 6. viii. **AMANDA DAVIS.** She was born on 08 Jan 1855 in Iowa, USA. She married William M. Davis. They were married 1880. Residence 1880 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, United States. She died on 21 Feb 1946 in Saunders, Nebraska, USA. Burial in Wahoo, Saunders, Nebraska, USA (Sunrise Cemetery).
- ix. **JOSEPH A. DAVIS.** He was born 1857 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1880 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, United States.

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- 2. **ELIZA JANE DAVIS-2** (Benjamin Davis-1). She was born on 23 Jul 1839 in Illinois, USA. Residence 1885 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA. She died on 15 May 1903 in Polk, Iowa, USA.

CYRUS F THORNTON is the son of Thomas Thornton & Eleanor Brady. He was born on 31 May 1836 in Illinois, USA. Residence 1880 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, United States. He died on 05 Jul 1892 in , Polk, Iowa, USA.

CYRUS F THORNTON & ELIZA JANE DAVIS. They had 3 children.

- i. **FLORENCE THORNTON.** She was born 1868. She died 1880.
 - 7. ii. **OLIVER ACE THORNTON.** He was born on 18 Sep 1861 in Polk, Iowa, USA. Residence 1880 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, United States. He died on 10 Oct 1888 in Polk, Iowa, USA.
 - 8. iii. **LAURA MAY THORNTON.** She was born 1866 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1910 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA. She died 1947.
- 3. **HENRY A. DAVIS-2** (Benjamin Davis-1). He was born on 11 May 1843 in Vermillion, Illinois, USA. Residence 1880 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, United States. He died on 28 Sep 1904 in Polk, Iowa, USA.

SARASAN. She was born 1847 in Indiana, USA. Residence 1880 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, United States.

HENRY A. DAVIS & SARASAN. They had no children.

LOUISANA WITMER. She was born Jul 1846 in Indiana, USA. Residence 1920 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA.

HENRY A. DAVIS & LOUISANA WITMER. They were married in Seylornell, IA. They had 8 children.

- 9. i. **WILEY E DAVIS.** He was born Dec 1875 in Polk, Iowa, USA. Residence 1910 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA.

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- ii. **CARRIE DAVIS.** She was born 1874 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1880 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, United States.
 - iii. **LIZZIE DAVIS.** She was born 1872 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1880 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, United States.
 - iv. **MARY F. DAVIS.** She was born Sep 1869 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1880 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, United States.
 - v. **WILLIAM C. DAVIS.** He was born 1869 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1880 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, United States.
 - 10. vi. **COURTNEY DAVIS.** He was born on 25 Sep 1881 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1930 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA. He died Aug 1978 in Polk, Iowa, USA.
 - vii. **ORVILLE O. DAVIS.** He was born Dec 1883 in Polk, Iowa, USA. Residence 1900 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA.
 - 11. viii. **JOHN B. DAVIS.** He was born Jun 1878 in Polk, Iowa, USA. Residence 1880 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, United States.
4. **ANDREW JACKSON DAVIS-2** (Benjamin Davis-1). He was born on 14 Mar 1845 in Vermilion, Illinois, USA. Residence 1870 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA. Burial 1900 in Douglas, Polk, Iowa, USA (Greenwood Friends Cemetery). He died on 13 Jul 1900 in Iowa, USA. Reference ID was F885.

Notes for Andrew Jackson Davis:

General Notes: BIRTH: Alternate birth date Sept 11, 1844. Is said to have come from the "South."

BIOGRAPHY: Said to have owned a farm near Des Moines.

CENSUS: Maple Township, Monona County, Iowa, June 1880, Page 14, Supervisor's Dist.4, Enumeration Dist. No 15 Dwelling Number124.

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| Elizabeth | W F 24 b. IL - Father b. PA, Mother b. PA |
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Andrew Jackson Davis and Elizabeth Myers
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Andrew Jackson Davis and Elizabeth Myers
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ELIZABETH REBECCA MYERS is the daughter of John Myers & Melissa Overton. She was born on 06 May 1851 in Beardstown, Cass, Illinois, USA. Residence 1910 in Dale, Atchison, Missouri. She died on 07 Jun 1937 in Fairfax, Atchison, Missouri, USA. Burial on 08 Jun 1937 in Fairfax, Atchison, Missouri, USA (Walkup Grove).

Notes for Elizabeth Rebecca Myers:

General Notes: Death Certificate: Birthplace Beardstown, IL. She had lived in Fairfax for 26 years.

Elizabeth (Myers) Davis and daughter Orpha
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! "Three Hundred Years Of LaRue Families" by R. Larry LaRue, Rt. 3, Box 94, The Dalles, Or., 97058 & his cousin Cindi Rasmussen, 810 - 5th St., Nevada, Ia. 50201

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ANDREW JACKSON DAVIS & ELIZABETH REBECCA MYERS. They had 7 children.

- i. **HARRIETT DAVIS.** She was born Abt. 1870 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1885 in Fairview.
 - ii. **HARRY E. DAVIS.** He was born Abt. 1873 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1920 in Long Branch, Pierce, Washington.
 12. iii. **DUKE WELLINGTON DAVIS.** He was born on 24 Jun 1873 in Iowa, USA. Residence on 01 Jan 1925 in Polk, Iowa. He died Aft. 1954 in Iowa, USA.
 13. iv. **BERTHA EVE DAVIS.** She was born May 1876 in Iowa, USA. She married Herman Chris Hagel. They were married 1893. Residence 1900 in Gordon, Sheridan, Nebraska.
 - v. **LAURA REBECCA DAVIS.** She was born Abt. 1876 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1885 in Fairview.
 14. vi. **ORPHA DELPHINE DAVIS.** She was born on 03 Mar 1879 in Mapleton, Monona, Iowa, USA. Residence 1880 in Maple, Monona, Iowa, United States. She married Mark Roger Vredenburgh. They were married on 03 May 1900 in Sioux Township, Monona, Iowa, USA. She died on 26 Feb 1962 in Bellflower, Los Angeles, California, USA. Reference ID was F632. Burial in Glendale, Los Angeles, California, USA.
 15. vii. **MAUD I. DAVIS.** She was born Mar 1882 in Monona, Iowa, USA. Residence 1900 in Gordon, Sheridan, Nebraska. She married Fred Anthony Bower. They were married Bef. 1918.
5. **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN DAVIS-2** (Benjamin Davis-1). He was born 1852 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1920 in Des Moines Ward 7, Polk, Iowa. He died Bef. 1930 in Iowa, USA.

MINNIE ELLIOTT is the daughter of William Henry Elliott. She was born 1872 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1910 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN DAVIS & MINNIE ELLIOTT. They had 4 children.

- i. **GEORGIA DAVIS.** She was born 1902 in Iowa, USA.
- ii. **RUTH M. DAVIS.** She was born 1904 in Iowa, USA. Residence on 01 Jan 1925 in Des Moines Ward 8.

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- iii. **ROLAND DAVIS.** He was born 1908 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1920 in Des Moines Ward 7, Polk, Iowa.
 - iv. **JOHN WILBUR DAVIS.** He was born 1912 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1930 in Des Moines, Polk, Iowa.
6. **AMANDA DAVIS-2** (Benjamin Davis-1). She was born on 08 Jan 1855 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1880 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, United States. She died on 21 Feb 1946 in Saunders, Nebraska, USA. Burial in Wahoo, Saunders, Nebraska, USA (Sunrise Cemetery).

WILLIAM M. DAVIS. He was born on 26 Mar 1856 in Massachusetts, USA. Residence 1900 in Center, Saunders, Nebraska. He died on 08 Sep 1933 in Wahoo, Saunders, Nebraska, USA. Burial in Wahoo, Saunders, Nebraska, USA (Sunrise Cemetery).

Notes for William M. Davis:

General Notes: THE VERNON C. DAVIS FAMILY

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My wife, Bernice, and I live on a farm, which is 1½ miles south of Colon. I was born in Saunders County, grew up on a farm, and attended school at District 23, and Colon, in the county. [Photo of Vernon and Bernice Davis] William Davis, my grandfather, settled in Saunders County in 1879, having come from the Boston, Massachusetts area. He met and married Amanda Davis, from the Des Moines, Iowa area in 1880, and whose last name was also Davis. They resided on a farm south of Colon, and raised 2 daughters and 1 son. Their son, Frank, who was my father, farmed his fathers land. He married Ellen Larson from Omaha, Nebraska. They had 2 children, a daughter, Valoura, and a son, Vernon. My parents, sister Valoura, and I lived with the grandparents, until I was 12 years old. My father then bought a farm of his own, which was still in the territory, only a mile north. When I was 18 years old, I was called into the U.S. Army, and was discharged in 1946. After getting out of the service, I began farming for myself, from neighbors in the Colon area. In 1948, was able to get my first car, which was a Ford. But I had to borrow some of the money from a neighbor, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Zerbe, who lived in Colon at that time. I would farm during the spring and summer, and worked many winters at the Ed Borreson Hatchery in Wahoo. Even after I start farming, I spent many winters working elsewhere, in Wahoo, Omaha, and California. My father died in 1960. Shortly afterwards, my mother, Ellen, moved to Wahoo, and still resides here. I bought the family farm, which was 160 acres, from the heirs, and began farming the land. Since then I have purchased other land in the county. In 1967, in a church wedding in Omaha, I married Bernice Loves. She was born in Omaha, Nebraska, and attended school and grew up there. She was one of nine children, 8 girls and 1 boy. Bernice's mother, Agnes, was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Bernice's father, Joseph, was born in Austria-Hungary. He came to America when he was 12 years old, and never returned to his native land. His mother had another child, a daughter, born after he left for America, and he never got to meet or see his sister, in his life-time. My wife, Bernice, worked at the Federal Reserve Bank in Omaha for many years before our marriage.

I have been farming for 34 years in the Colon area. My wife and I are still in the farming business and live in the house on the farm, which we own. Besides farming, we have been in the apartment business in Omaha, Nebraska, for over 20 years. We both enjoy traveling. And, after retiring, we would both like very much to spend the winters in Southern Florida. Submitted by Vernon C. Davis

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WILLIAM M. DAVIS & AMANDA DAVIS. They were married 1880. They had 3 children.

- i. **MARTHA DAVIS.** She was born Aug 1882 in Saunders, Nebraska, USA. Residence 1900 in Center, Saunders, Nebraska.
- ii. **ADA B. DAVIS.** She was born Dec 1887 in Nebraska, USA. Residence 1900 in Center, Saunders, Nebraska.
16. iii. **FRANK E. DAVIS.** He was born on 10 Feb 1892 in Nebraska, USA. Residence 1900 in Center, Saunders, Nebraska. He died on 26 Apr 1960 in Saunders, Nebraska, USA. Burial in Wahoo, Saunders, Nebraska, USA (Sunrise Cemetery).

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7. **OLIVER ACE THORNTON**-3 (Eliza Jane Davis-2, Benjamin Davis-1). He was born on 18 Sep 1861 in Polk, Iowa, USA. Residence 1880 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, United States. He died on 10 Oct 1888 in Polk, Iowa, USA.

HENRIETTA MANBECK. She was born 1864 in Iowa, USA.

Notes for Henrietta Manbeck:

General Notes: 1925 Iowa census lists: Hanrietta Manbeck

OLIVER ACE THORNTON & HENRIETTA MANBECK. They had 2 children.

- i. **ELMER OLIVER THORNTON.** He was born 1885 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1930 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA. He died 1950.
 - ii. **HARLEY A. THORNTON.** He was born 1889 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1930 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA.
8. **LAURA MAY THORNTON**-3 (Eliza Jane Davis-2, Benjamin Davis-1). She was born 1866 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1910 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA. She died 1947.

Notes for Laura May Thornton:

General Notes: The Relatives from Des Moines visit.

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ERVAN SILVER. He was born 1860 in Indiana, USA. Residence on 01 Jan 1925 in Crocker.

ERVAN SILVER & LAURA MAY THORNTON. They had 3 children.

- i. **ROY SILVER.** He was born 1897 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1910 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA.
- ii. **GRACE E. SILVER.** She was born 1888 in Iowa, USA. Residence on 01 Jan 1925 in Des Moines Ward 6.

Notes for Grace E. Silver:

General Notes: The Relatives from Des Moines visit.

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- iii. **FERN LUCY SILVER.** She was born on 23 Jun 1890 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1930 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA. She died Apr 1980 in Sun City, Riverside, California, USA.

Notes for Fern Lucy Silver:

General Notes: The Relatives from Des Moines visit.

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- 9. **WILEY E DAVIS-3** (Henry A. Davis-2, Benjamin Davis-1). He was born Dec 1875 in Polk, Iowa, USA. Residence 1910 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA.

DOLLIE. She was born 1880 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1910 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA.

WILEY E DAVIS & DOLLIE. They had 3 children.

- i. **CLEO DAVIS.** She was born 1904 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1910 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA.
- ii. **LAUREN DAVIS.** She was born 1906 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1910 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA.
- iii. **RUSSELL DAVIS.** He was born 1908 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1920 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA.

- 10. **COURTNEY DAVIS-3** (Henry A. Davis-2, Benjamin Davis-1). He was born on 25 Sep 1881 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1930 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA. He died Aug 1978 in Polk, Iowa, USA.

REBECCA R ROOKER. She was born 1881 in Indiana, USA. Residence on 01 Jan 1925 in Crocker.

COURTNEY DAVIS & REBECCA R ROOKER. They had 2 children.

- i. **LESTER DAVIS.** He was born 1909 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1920 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA.
- ii. **ELMO R DAVIS.** He was born 1912 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1930 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA. He died on 09 Sep 1989 in Des Moines.

- 11. **JOHN B. DAVIS-3** (Henry A. Davis-2, Benjamin Davis-1). He was born Jun 1878 in Polk, Iowa, USA. Residence 1880 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, United States.

JESSIE B.. She was born 1882 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1920 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA.

JOHN B. DAVIS & JESSIE B.. They had 5 children.

- i. **RICHARD DAVIS.** He was born 1925 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1930 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA.
- ii. **VIRGIL DAVIS.** He was born 1903 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1920 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA.

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- iii. **MARGIE DAVIS.** She was born 1905 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1920 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA.
- iv. **GERALD DAVIS.** He was born 1908 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1920 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA.
- v. **ANNA T. DAVIS.** She was born Oct 1915 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1930 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA.

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- i. **RICHARD DAVIS.** He was born 1925 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1930 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA.
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- v. **ANNA T. DAVIS.** She was born Oct 1915 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1930 in Delaware, Polk, Iowa, USA.

12. **DUKE WELLINGTON DAVIS-3** (Andrew Jackson Davis-2, Benjamin Davis-1). He was born on 24 Jun 1873 in Iowa, USA. Residence on 01 Jan 1925 in Polk, Iowa. He died Aft. 1954 in Iowa, USA.

DAISY OLIVE SHEPHARD. She was born on 16 Jun 1883 in Altoona, Polk, Iowa, USA. Residence on 01 Jan 1925 in Polk, Iowa. She died on 10 Feb 1958 in Altoona, Polk, Iowa, USA.

DUKE WELLINGTON DAVIS & DAISY OLIVE SHEPHARD. They had 1 child.

- i. **ELIZABETH MAXINE DAVIS.** Residence on 01 Jan 1925 in Des Moines Ward 8. She was born 1925 in Iowa, USA.

ESTELLA. She was born Abt. 1882 in Kansas. Residence 1910 in Burton, Fall River, South Dakota.

DUKE WELLINGTON DAVIS & ESTELLA. They were married 1906. They had no children.

13. **BERTHA EVE DAVIS-3** (Andrew Jackson Davis-2, Benjamin Davis-1). She was born May 1876 in Iowa, USA. Residence 1900 in Gordon, Sheridan, Nebraska.

HERMAN CHRIS HAGEL is the son of Fred Hagel & Ernstina. He was born on 11 Oct 1872 in Pomerania, Germany. Arrival 1885. Residence 1920 in Rushville, Sheridan, Nebraska. other in Sheridan County.

HERMAN CHRIS HAGEL & BERTHA EVE DAVIS. They were married 1893. They had 8 children.

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- i. **CHARLES LEO HAGEL.** He was born on 06 Sep 1894 in Pine Ridge, Shannon, South Dakota, USA. He married Nellie J. Hubbard. They were married on 04 Aug 1915. Residence 1920 in Union, Gregory, South Dakota. He died May 1966 in Ainsworth, Brown, Nebraska, USA.

Notes for Charles Leo Hagel:

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HAGEL, CHARLES L: Lumber Dealer; b Pine Ridge S D Sept 6, 1894; s of Herman Hagel-Bertha Davis; ed Rushville Neb; m Nellie Hubbard Aug 4, 1915 Rushville; s Charles Dean; d Doris Charline; 1914-18 in lbr & grain bus, Rushville; 1918-26 in lbr & grain bus Herrick S D; 1926-30 in lbr bus Scotia Neb; 1930-35 lbr bus Ulysses; 1935- lbr bus Ainsworth; secy-treas Comml Club; 1936-37 mbr city coun; past master AF&AM 188; Congl Ch; hobby, travel; res Ainsworth.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~neresour/OLLibrary/who1940/co/brown.htm>

- ii. **EMMA E. HAGEL.** She was born Aug 1895 in Nebraska, USA. Residence 1910 in Rushville, Sheridan, Nebraska.
- iii. **ROY W. HAGEL.** He was born Jul 1896 in Nebraska. Residence 1920 in Rushville, Sheridan, Nebraska.
- iv. **LOYD HAGEL.** He was born Jan 1917 in Nebraska, USA. Residence 1920 in Rushville, Sheridan, Nebraska.
- v. **HARROLD HAGEL.** He was born 1909 in Nebraska, USA. Residence 1920 in Rushville, Sheridan, Nebraska.
- vi. **MABEL M. HAGEL.** She was born May 1899 in Nebraska, USA. Residence 1910 in Rushville, Sheridan, Nebraska.
- vii. **RALPH H HAGEL.** He was born 1904 in Nebraska, USA.
- viii. **JOSEPH E. HAGEL.** He was born Oct 1909 in Nebraska, USA. Residence 1910 in Rushville, Sheridan, Nebraska.

14. **ORPHA DELPHINE DAVIS-3** (Andrew Jackson Davis-2, Benjamin Davis-1). She was born on 03 Mar 1879 in Mapleton, Monona, Iowa, USA. Residence 1880 in Maple, Monona, Iowa, United States. She died on 26 Feb 1962 in Bellflower, Los Angeles, California, USA. Reference ID was F632. Burial in Glendale, Los Angeles, California, USA.

Notes for Orpha Delphine Davis:

General Notes: PARENTAGE: Orpha D., daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Myers) Davis.

EDUCATION: Attended Western Normal College, Shenandoah, Iowa

OBITUARY: Onawa Democrat, 8 Mar 1962; Word has been received by friends in Blencoe of the death of Mrs. Orpha D. Vredenburgh, who passed away 26 Feb 1962 in Bellflower, CA. Funeral services were held 28 Feb at one thirty p.m. at the Wee Kirk o' the Heather and conducted by

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Orpha (Davis) Vredenburg

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Orpha Davis

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Elizabeth (Myers) Davis and daughter Orpha

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Mark Vredenburg and Orpha Davis

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MARK ROGER VREDENBURGH is the son of Elias Vredenburg & Harriet A. Conyers. He was born on 21 Jun 1876 in River Sioux, Harrison, Iowa, USA. He died on 12 Apr 1952 in Bellflower, Los Angeles, California, USA. Reference ID was F627. Burial in Glendale, Los Angeles, California, USA.

Notes for Mark Roger Vredenburg:

General Notes: CENSUS RECORDS: 1910 Census of Blencoe, Monona, IA.

MARRIAGE RECORD: Monona County, p.228; Mark R. Vredenburg of Sioux Twp, farmer, 1st, W, Cau, 24, f. Elias Vredenburg, m. Harriett M. Conyers, m. Orpha D. Davis, of Sioux Twp, 1st, Cau, white, 21, b. Mapleton, f. Andrew Davis, m. Elizabeth Myers, at Sioux Twp, 8 May 1900. From Monona County, Iowa,

AUTHENTICATED RECORD OF MARRIAGE, 4 Apr 1961, Book "H", p. 469, Groom: Mark R. Vredenburg, Age 23, Bride: Orpha D. Davis, Age 20, Place of Marriage: Sioux Twp, Monona County, Iowa, Date: 3 May 1900, Married by: J. W. Lane, Elder L.D.S. Church, Date Filed: May 24, 1900.

Additional information from Marriage Certificate: Married at the residence of Alva Riley, Date: 3 May 1900.

RESIDENCE: In 1900 Census Mark and Orpha were living next door to his sister, Nettie Grace and her husband Alva Riley. Note: his father Elias was living with the Rileys at this time.

OBITUARY: unknown CA newspaper/ date, VREDENBURGH (Bellflower) - Memorial service for

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Mark R. Vredenburg, 75, of 9702 E. Palm Ave., will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Wee Kirk O' the Heather, with internment in Forest Lawn. He died Saturday in his home. A native of Iowa and a resident of that state for 39 [69] years, he came to California in 1945. Surviving are the widow, Orpha D. Vredenburg: son, Clifford of Lakewood Village, and grandsons David and Robert, the latter with the Army in Korea.

BURIAL: Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, CA., Space(s) 1 and 2, Lot 96, Memorial Slope Section

MARK ROGER VREDENBURGH & ORPHA DELPHINE DAVIS. They were married on 03 May 1900 in Sioux Township, Monona, Iowa, USA. They had 3 children.

- i. **GRACIE FERN VREDENBURGH.** She was born on 25 Apr 1901. She died on 25 Apr 1901.
- ii. **CLIFFORD WAYNE VREDENBURGH.** He was born on 02 Jul 1902 in Blencoe, Monona, Iowa, USA. He married Ethelyn Lorene Camp. They were married on 06 Jun 1955 in Long Beach, Los Angeles, California, USA. He died on 04 Mar 1985 in Lakewood, Los Angeles, California, USA. Reference ID was F634. Burial in Cypress, Orange, California, USA.

Notes for Clifford Wayne Vredenburg:

General Notes: DEATH RECORD: Social Security Death Record.

OBITUARY: Long Beach, CA "PRESS-TELEGRAM", Thursday 7 Mar 1985 p. D5, Clifford W. Vredenburg, a teacher of foreign languages at Long Beach City College for 36 years died Mon at Doctors Hospital of Lakewood. He was 82 years old. He was born in Blencoe, IA, attended the University of Nebraska, the University of CA at Berkeley and USC, and also studied in Mexico and France. Vredenburg mainly taught Spanish and was a sponsor of the Pan American Club at Long Beach City College. He retired from the college in 1968. He was a member of Alph Mu Gamma and the Forum Club. He also was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Long Beach. Vredenburg is survived by his wife, Ethelyn, sons Robert W. and David G. Vredenburg, stepsons Robert T., Edwin and Edward Bauter, ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Bethany Lutheran Church, 4644 Clark Ave. The family has suggested donations, in lieu of flowers, to Bethany Lutheran Church. Arrangements are under direction of Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Cypress.

OBITUARY: paper unknown, 21 Mar 1985; ...nearly identical with the PRESS-TELEGRAM of 7 Mar 1985, includes an additional line.. "Mr. Vredenburg's parents had one of the first hotels in Blencoe."

- iii. **DWIGHT FRANCIS VREDENBURGH.** He was born on 28 Mar 1919 in Blencoe, Monona, Iowa, USA. He died on 01 Apr 1919 in Blencoe, Monona, Iowa, USA. Burial on 02 Apr 1919 in Little Sioux, Harrison, Iowa, USA. Reference ID was F635.

Notes for Dwight Francis Vredenburg:

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General Notes: DEATH RECORD: Monona County, p.146, No. 160, Dwight Francis Vredenburg, Blencoe, M, W, Single, b. 28 Mar 1919, infant, b. IA, f. M.R. Vredenburg, b. IA, m. O.D. Davis, b. IA, d. 1 Apr 1919, hemorrhage internal of artery, bur. Little Sioux, 2 Apr 1919, Geo. H. Keating, Onawa, IA.

15. **MAUD I. DAVIS-3** (Andrew Jackson Davis-2, Benjamin Davis-1). She was born Mar 1882 in Monona, Iowa, USA. Residence 1900 in Gordon, Sheridan, Nebraska.

FRED ANTHONY BOWER. He was born on 22 Sep 1881 in Pennsylvania, USA. Residence 1920 in Gordon, Sheridan, Nebraska.

FRED ANTHONY BOWER & MAUD I. DAVIS. They were married Bef. 1918. They had 2 children.

- i. **LAVERN F. BOWER**. He was born 1910 in Nebraska, USA. Residence 1920 in Gordon, Sheridan, Nebraska.
- ii. **IRENE I. BOWER**. She was born 1915 in Nebraska, USA. Residence 1920 in Gordon, Sheridan, Nebraska.

16. **FRANK E. DAVIS-3** (Amanda Davis-2, Benjamin Davis-1). He was born on 10 Feb 1892 in Nebraska, USA. Residence 1900 in Center, Saunders, Nebraska. He died on 26 Apr 1960 in Saunders, Nebraska, USA. Burial in Wahoo, Saunders, Nebraska, USA (Sunrise Cemetery).

ELLEN. She was born 1900 in Nebraska, USA.

FRANK E. DAVIS & ELLEN. They had 2 children.

- i. **VALOURA DAVIS**. She was born 1923 in Saunders, Nebraska, USA.
- ii. **VERNON DAVIS**. He was born on 29 May 1927 in Saunders, Nebraska, USA. He married Bernice Loves. They were married 1967 in Omaha, Douglas, Nebraska, USA. He died on 15 Apr 1998 in Colon, Saunders, Nebraska, USA.

ELLEN LARSON. She was born 1900 in Nebraska, USA. Residence 1930 in Center, Saunders, Nebraska.

FRANK E. DAVIS & ELLEN LARSON. They had 2 children.

- i. **VALOURA DAVIS**. She was born 1923 in Saunders, Nebraska, USA. Residence 1930 in Center, Saunders, Nebraska.
- ii. **VERNON C. DAVIS**. He was born on 29 May 1927 in Saunders, Nebraska, USA. Residence 1930 in Center, Saunders, Nebraska. He died on 15 Apr 1998 in Colon, Saunders, Nebraska, USA.