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# THE CANADAY FAMILY

## Guesswork at the early line of Canadays

Based on what pops up in Maryland in the 1600s and early 1700s, I am making a stab at the early American part of this particular Canaday family.

Much of this is based on several points. These lines all spell their name the same way. They were all Quakers. They all have roots on the Eastern shore of Maryland in the mid to late 1600s. All moved to Virginia by the early 1700s. They married into the same families.

## WILLIAM CANADAY

William was born about 1645-1650 most likely in Ireland, but possibly in England. Records show that he was transported to Virginia (Virginia, which of course then included Maryland, Pennsylvania and most of the South) in 1665. Transport was paid for by Ambrose London on January 22, 1665. He is listed in Somerset County Maryland in 1666.

He married Anne Fisher in Somerset May 28, 1667 or April 26, 1668. Anne came to Maryland by ship in 1665. Transport was paid by Richard Whitty who sold Anne's indenture to William Canaday, and they were married soon afterwards. They were later divorced and Anne married George Treherne on August 29, 1676.

He had a daughter Mary born July 26, 1669 and son William born October 22, 1671, and maybe another one or two tossed in for good measure. Then he seems to have married again and had Roger in 1678 and John in 1680.

## JOHN CANADAY

John was born in Somerset County Maryland in about 1680. He has his own cattle marks registered here in 1700. He married Elizabeth Douge or Douze in Kent County Maryland on May 31, 1701. Since there is a gap between the first and second kids, we think he had a second wife, but don't know her name yet.

**JOHN CANADAY** was born in 1707, and married Margaret Summers on August 17, 1727 in Talbot County Maryland. Their children were:

**John Canaday** born July 22, 1728. He married Susan Triplet in King George County about 1750. My feeling is this is the family who settled in King George County Virginia.

**William Canaday** born October 16, 1730. I feel he is the one marrying a Nancy, and ending up in Franklin County Virginia.

**Sarah Canaday** born July 12, 1733.

**Summers Canaday** born April 12, 1734.

**Moses Canaday** born February 20, 1735.

**JANE CANADAY** born in 1714. She married William Bowers in Kent County Maryland April 21, 1731.

**CHARLES CANADAY** born in 1715. He married Phoebe Beales in Prince George County Maryland in 1740. They had two sons:

**John Canaday** born in Prince George County on April 5, 1741. He married Margaret Thornburgh in Guilford County North Carolina on April 10, 1764. This is my wife's family, and they went into Jefferson County Tennessee and then up into Wayne County Indiana.

**Charles Canaday** born in Fairfax County Virginia on November 4, 1744. He married Abigail Foster in Guilford County North Carolina on March 13, 1771. Charles died in 1797 in Tennessee. Some of the family moved south, most went up into Indiana and Ohio.

**MARY CANADAY** born in 1716 and married John Vain in Talbot County Maryland on November 27, 1734.

**DANIEL CANADAY** born in 1718 and married Mary Vinton in Talbot County Maryland on February 13, 1739. They had at least one son:

**William Canaday** born in Kent County Maryland on December 18, 1765. He is very possibly the William Cannady of Wilkes County North Carolina.

Again, only guess work. Read the next bunch of sections and make up your own mind. It is unlikely we will ever be able to prove anything, but I intend to keep trying. But, everything here fits together absolutely perfectly.

# CANADAY FAMILY HISTORY

The above is hopefully more than just guesswork, but it must remain as such till I find some proof. This is the line of my wife Suzy's mother, Dorothy Canaday. My 'official' history begins with Charles Canaday.

## CHARLES CANADAY

Charles Canaday was undoubtedly not the original American emigrant. There is just too strong a body of evidence of an existing family going well back into the 1600s in this area.

Charles was born about 1715 or 1716 most likely in Kent County Maryland. He is found living in Prince George County Maryland, just across the Bay in the 1730s. It was here that he met and married Phoebe Beals in 1740.

Phoebe was a daughter of John Beals and Sarah Bowater Beals. She was born in Chester County Pennsylvania in 1720. I have a great deal of information on the Beals and related families and brief histories of these families follow in the Addendum.

Charles and Phoebe Canaday had their first child, John Canaday on April 5, 1741 while still living in Prince George County Maryland. They had their second child, Charles, a few years later on November 4, 1744 after moving to Fairfax County in northern Virginia. This area was still mostly wilderness at the time, and problems with the Indians were common. It was in the Indian wars of Virginia that Charles Canaday was killed sometime in 1745. He is buried somewhere in what is now Loudon County Virginia.

The two children of Charles Canaday and Phoebe Beals were:

**JOHN CANADAY** born April 5, 1741. He married Margaret Thornburgh. He is our direct line and his life is covered in the next section.

**CHARLES CANADAY** born November 4, 1744. He married Abigail Foster. His life is coming up next.

Phoebe Canaday remarried the following year, 1746, to Robert Sumner. Robert was not a Quaker at the time, so the marriage was '*out of unity*.' Phoebe was disowned at a meeting September 29, 1746. The marriage probably took place a month or so earlier.

In 1749, Robert became a member of the Quaker faith, and the family was received and restored to membership in Fairfax (Loudoun County) Virginia Monthly Meeting.

In 1751, the family moved to Council, Bladen County North Carolina. They were members of the Carver's Creek Monthly meeting in Bladen County (now part of New Hanover County) in February of 1751. They were in the Cane Creek Monthly Meeting in Orange County in July of 1751, and finally the New Garden Monthly Meeting in Guilford County in 1754.

Phoebe and Robert Sumner remained in what is now Guilford County (was part of Rowan County at the time) in North Carolina. They had ten more children whose birth dates are recorded in the minutes of the New Garden Monthly Meeting. These children were:

**WILLIAM SUMNER** born November 13, 1747. He married Eleanor Edwards on March 20, 1771. William died October 2, 1801. Eleanor then married Mordacai Mendenhall in 1803.

**BOWATER SUMNER** was born October 20, 1749. He married Rebecca Burras on December 10, 1777. Rebecca's father, John Burras was supposed to have been a full blooded Cherokee Indian.

**CALEB SUMNER** was born on July 3, 1753. He married Mary Elizabeth (Ballard) Carson on October 9, 1782. She was the widow of Uriah Carson.

**JOSHUA SUMNER** was born November 2, 1753. He married Sarah Cox out of unity. They had ten children, one of whom, Amy, married Robert Canaday, son of Phoebe's son John Canaday, in 1806.

**PHEBE ANN SUMNER** was born on May 18, 1755. She married Welcome John Garrett on August 5, 1777. Phebe died in Surry County North Carolina on January 8, 1811. John Garrett married a widow, Margaret Bond, on February 19, 1812.

**THOMAS SUMNER** was born on December 20, 1757. He married Hannah Hiatt on October 8, 1777. After her death he remarried to Martha (Rich) Williams on July 1, 1829. Thomas died in 1838.

**PRUDENCE SUMNER** was born on March 10, 1760. About 1778, she married Garrett Gibson Senior. She died September 28, 1835.

**ABIGAIL SUMNER** was born on March 11, 1762. In 1786 or 87 she married John Carson, son of Uriah Carson and Mary Ballard.

**SARAH SUMNER** was born on August 8, 1765. She married Archelaus Gibson, the brother of Prudence's spouse Garrett.

**ROBERT SUMNER** was born on November 20, 1767 and died April 26, 1777 at the age of ten.

Robert Sumner died in Guilford County (now Surry County), North Carolina on December 1, 1779. Phoebe survived his death. She probably moved in to live with one of her children, but I do not know for certain. She died there on August 19, 1805.

The following is what I know about the two children that Charles Canaday and Phoebe Beals Canaday had before his death and her remarriage.

## **John Canaday**

John Canaday was born on April 5, 1741 while the family lived in Prince George County in Maryland. He was the elder of the two sons. He married Margaret Thornburgh on April 10, 1764. This is our line and the life of John Canaday is covered in the next section.

## Charles Canaday

Charles was born on November 4, 1744. He was the only child born in Fairfax County Virginia. The area is now a part of Loudoun County. After his father died and his mother remarried, he was taken to North Carolina. They lived in the area served by the New Garden Monthly Meeting near Deep River, North Carolina. It was here that Charles met Abigail Foster. They were married on March 13, 1771. Abigail was a daughter of Hugh and Abigail Foster.

The family remained in this area until the early 1800s. Charles Canaday died on July 14, 1797.

These are the children of Charles and Abigail Foster Canaday:

**WALTER CANADAY (?)** Born in 1771 I am listing Walter here, but I am not at all certain about him. This is the Walter Canaday who married Anne Hussey. He went to Ohio and his children to Missouri. I really do not know where he belongs. There is a separate section on Walter Canaday of Alabama and Ohio in this section.

**MARGERY CANADAY** born February 25, 1772. She married Joel Harris, his second spouse.

**NATHAN CANADAY** born January 21, 1774. He is listed as marrying out of unity on April 29, 1815 in the New Garden minutes. He was active in an Anti-Slavery Society. He died March 7, 1837 and is buried in the Hopewell Methodist Church in Guilford County. It was originally Reedy Fork Friends Meeting Hall.

**ESTHER CANADAY** born July 13, 1776. She married a Williams.

**JOHN CANADAY** born December 25, 1778. His spouse was Lucy. His will was proved in 1845. There were at least two children:

**William Canaday**  
**George Canaday**

**MARY CANADAY** born August 26, 1781. She married John Clark.

**MARGARET CANADAY** born November 20, 1783. She married a Harris.

**HANNAH CANADAY** born April 14, 1786. She married George Rayle on May 22, 1802.

**DINAH CANADAY** born September 4, 1788. She married Charles Kilhan.

**WILLIAM CANADAY** born February 7, 1791, married out of unity and was disowned on May 31, 1817. He had married Ann Hunt on November 26, 1816. She was a daughter of William Hunt and Ann Rayle. The children were:

**Harmon Canaday** born July 6, 1817.

**Nathan Canaday** born April 5, 1821. He married Ann White and moved to Henry County Indiana in 1850.

**Asa Canaday** born March 7, 1828.

**Anna Jane Canaday** born January 25, 1833

**ABIGAIL CANADAY** born December 16, 1794. She married Edward Newman out of unity and was disowned April 27, 1811. They moved up into Indiana and were in Hendricks County Indiana in the 1840 and on censuses.

## JOHN CANADAY

John Canaday was the eldest child of Charles and Phoebe Canaday. He was born in Prince George County Maryland on April 5, 1741. He moved with his family first to northern Virginia, and then, after his father died and his mother remarried, they moved to North Carolina and settled near Jamestown in what is now part of Guilford County but was included in Rowan County at that time.

By 1754, John lived with his family in Deep River and belonged to the New Garden Quaker group. Here he met and married Margaret Thornburgh. They were married on April 10, 1764. Margaret was the daughter of Walter and Margaret Thornburgh. She was born in 1744 probably in Lancaster County Pennsylvania and was a member of the Quaker group there. Her parents were Irish Quakers, coming from County Armagh in Northern Ireland. I have a fair amount of information on the Thornburgh Family, and a section on their history is included in the addendum of this work.

John farmed the lands near Deep River. He and Margaret remained in the area for the next thirty-two years and raised their seven children there. By the mid 1790s after the American Revolution, the great westward migration had begun. Western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee were being opened to settlement. A great many Quakers and others from North Carolina headed to the new lands in the West. John and Margaret and their children joined the movement.

On October 29, 1796, John and Margaret Canaday were given their certificates to leave the New Garden Meeting and go to the new New Hope Meeting in Greene County Tennessee. As they moved westward, probably by wagon, they decided to press even further into Tennessee and settled in Jefferson County. They were received by the Lost Creek Monthly Meeting on June 17, 1797. At the same time their sons John, Robert and Bowater and their families, and their daughter, Phoebe, who had married Mordecai Mendenhall were received. The other sons arrived later, Charles in October of 1797 and Henry in April of 1799. Walter came much later in July of 1804.

Now for the interesting part. In the October 1980 issue of a magazine called MUZZLE BLASTS that is about old muzzle loaders. There was an article about the first rifle owned by Davy Crockett. The rifle was owned by a man in Maryville, Tennessee, who bought it in 1978. This man, Joe Swann, traced back the history of the rifle, and came up with an interesting story. Some of the story came from a book, A Narrative of the Life of Davy Crockett of the State of Tennessee, written by Davy himself. This, from the book:

*"I had by this time got to be mighty fond of the rifle, and had bought a capital one. I most generally carried her with me wherever I went, and though I had got back to the Old Quaker's to live, who was a very particular man, I would sometimes slip out and attend shooting matches where they shot for beef."*

According to the article, this 'Old Quaker' was John Canaday, who lived at Panther Springs near the present town of Morristown, Tennessee. According to the narrative, Crockett began working for John Canaday for the first time in late 1802. He worked for eight months through the summer of 1803. He then began his only schooling under John Canaday, with whom he lived during the six months of schooling.

At the end of 1803, Crockett moved back in with John Canaday. Crockett then went on to discuss the skill he was developing with the rifle. He was also growing impatient to get a horse so that he could go courting. Instead of working for a full six months so that he could buy a horse, he traded the rifle plus some work he had done to one of John Canaday's sons for a horse in August of 1806. Davy then went off to court Polly Finley of Long Creek in Jefferson County. The son of John Canaday then traded the rifle to James McCuiston. Quakers were had little use for guns because of their religion and this was probably why Canaday traded the rifle away. The article then brings the history of the gun up to the present.

Carroll Canaday of Kansas City, a descendant of Bowater Canaday, has the rifle now. He also has a letter that Davy Crockett wrote Bowater in which he mentions *'The old Quaker Gentleman'* and the fact that his teaching had been a great help to him.

By the first decade of the Nineteenth Century, the Tennessee Quakers began to move north to the fertile lands of the Mid West. Up to about 1810, the migration was to the southern Ohio area. Then during the next ten years, Indiana was the favorite destination. Lower Indiana Territory was opened up to white settlement in 1805 and land was sold at \$2.00 an acre

In 1807, Walter and his family went to Ohio. In 1815 and 1816, Robert, Charles and Bowater (Boater) took their families to the White Water Meeting area in Indiana. In November of 1816, John and Margaret themselves went to join their children in the northwest corner of Wayne County Indiana. In 1817, the other two children, John and Phoebe (Mendenhall) joined them.

The whole Canaday clan settled near the town of Economy as did a number of other *'Tennessee Quakers.'* Originally they joined the Whitewater Meeting and then it became the New Garden Meeting. However, there were so many in the area of Economy, Indiana that they established their own monthly meeting in 1820 called the Springfield Meeting. John continued to be a Quaker teacher here in Economy.

John and Margaret remained in Wayne County for the remainder of their lives. Margaret died there on March 12, 1819. I have been told that John remarried in 1821, but I have nothing more on this. Most researchers feel he remained a widow. John Canaday lived until March 2, 1830. He died at age 88 years 10 months and 26 days. He is buried in the West Grove Meeting House burial ground in Wayne County Indiana.

The following is what I know about the seven children of John and Margaret Thornburgh Canaday. All seven children were born in what is now Guilford County North Carolina. Their births were recorded in the minutes of the New Garden Monthly Meeting of Quakers.

## **Phoebe Canaday**

Phoebe was the eldest child. She was born on January 10, 1765. She married Mordecai Mendenhall in Guilford County on December 16, 1789. Mordecai was the son of Stephen and Sarah Mendenhall. He was born March 5, 1762.

They remained in Guilford County North Carolina and here their first three children, Hannah, Susannah and Robert were born. On June 17, 1797 the family was received In the Lost Creek Monthly Meeting in Jefferson County Tennessee. They moved from the New Garden Meeting and, like the Canadays, were headed for the New Hope Meeting, but went to Lost Creek instead.

They remained in Tennessee until late 1803. The next three children, Aaron, Stephen and John were born in Jefferson County.

On March 29, 1817, the family was granted certificates to move to the New Garden Monthly Meeting in Ohio. I believe the family remained in Ohio.

The following are the children of Mordecai and Phoebe (Canaday) Mendenhall:

**HANNAH MENDENHALL** born November 21, 1790. She married a Haworth. In 1824 she remarried to David Kenworthy. This was the second marriage for both.

**SUSANNAH MENDENHALL** born June 7, 1793. She married Richard Hayes

**ROBERT MENDENHALL** born March 29, 1796. On December 14, 1820, Robert married Ann Ozbun Kersey. She was a daughter of John and Sarah Ballard Ozbun and the widow of Benjamin Kersey.

**AARON MENDENHALL** born October 17, 1797. He married Mary Hockett on December 29, 1819.

**STEPHEN MENDENHALL** born May 10, 1800. He was married April 17, 1821; I do not have the wife's name.

**JOHN MENDENHALL** born May 9, 1803. John married Edith Hockett, Mary's sister, on December 17, 1828.

**PHOEBE MENDENHALL** born December 6, 1806. She married John Parker on August 24, 1836.

## Henry Canaday

Henry was the eldest son, and he was born on June 29, 1766. Henry married Matilda Barnard in 1797. This is our line, and Henry's life is covered in the next section.

## Bowater Canaday

Bowater was named for his great grand mother's family. He was born on May 14, 1768. He remained with the family in North Carolina, and in 1797 moved with his parents and brothers to Jefferson County Tennessee.

He married Mary Russell, daughter of William & Mary Russell. Mary was born on October 1, 1772 in Delaware. Now, I am not certain when they were married. On August 19, 1797 the Lost Creek (Tennessee) Monthly Meeting minutes cite him being condemned for marrying contrary to discipline. Their first child was born in October of 1797 so I assume they were married sometime in 1796 while still in Guilford County North Carolina.

Bowater, or *Boater* as he was known, and Mary had their nine children while in Jefferson County Tennessee. On July 27, 1816 Boater and Mary and the family received certificates to go to the

White Water Meeting in Indiana. On October 26, 1816, they were received by the White Water meeting. They transferred to the West Grove (also Wayne County) Indiana Meeting and remained there until 1836. Their certificates were received by the Vermilion, Illinois Meeting on May 7, 1836.

Boater and Mary and several of their children along with some of his other brothers moved to Vermilion County. Henry was the first, coming in 1821. Boater and Mary remained there until they were discharged to go to the Salem Monthly Meeting in Iowa on November 2, 1844. After that I lost track of this family.

The children of Bowater and Mary Russell Canaday, all born in Jefferson County Tennessee are:

**JOHN CANADAY** born October 16, 1797. He died September 3, 1822 in Indiana.

**WILLIAM CANADAY** born April 19, 1799. He married Rachel Sutherland. He moved to Iowa where he died in 1842.

**SARAH CANADAY** born February 6, 1801 and died December 13, 1823 in Indiana. She married Harry Stump.

**JANE CANADAY** born March 21, 1803.

**MARGARET CANADAY** born July 7, 1805. She married Joseph Burns and moved to Iowa.

**WALTER CANADAY** born September 16, 1807 and died September 6, 1824.

**ANNA CANADAY** born November 22, 1809.

**BOWATER (BOATER) CANADAY** born July 25, 1812. He married Eleanor Widner or Widmer in Vermilion County Illinois on August 24, 1837. After Bowater's death, Eleanor married Stephen Ashby.

**RUSSELL CANADAY** born June 4, 1815. He married Kathryn Jones in Vermilion County Illinois on November 16, 1837. She was born in Kentucky in 1817. They were in the 1850 and 1860 census of Vermilion County Illinois and in 1880 they were in Gentry County Missouri. They died before the 1900 census was taken. Their children, who all moved to Gentry County Missouri with them, were:

**John Marion Canaday** born January 2, 1839 in Vermilion County. He married Carolina Worth in 1862 in Gentry County Missouri. She was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on April 28, 1843. John died at Pond Creek, Grant County Oklahoma on August 31, 1925. Caroline died March 13, 1924 also in Pond Creek. Their children were:

**Thomas Canaday**

**Elmer Canaday**

**Rosetta Canaday**

**Mary Canaday**

**Tillman Burdet Canaday**

**Louise Canaday** born in late 1840 or 1841.

**William Harrison Canaday** born April 17, 1850 in Vermilion County. He married Angeline Jones in Gentry County on July 28, 1872. She was born November 20, 1852 in Illinois. They were in the Census of Gentry County through 1900. William died June 1, 1907 at St. Joseph, Missouri. Angeline later remarried to George Dunning. She died December 18, 1929. Their children were:

**Francis Russell Canaday** born September 28, 1873 and died in Grant City, Missouri May 22, 1934. He married Effie Charity Smith March 17, 1901. She was born July 28, 1877 and died in Grant City on January 14, 1968. They had two children.

**Jennie Angeline Canaday** born December 30, 1901 and died October 13, 1943. She married Clarence Tillman Clouse August 21, 1924.

**Clarence Austin Canaday** born May 22, 1918 and died February 9, 1984 in Grant City, Missouri. He married Margaret Alice Maxwell November 15, 1937.

**Dora Alice Canaday** born March 8, 1877 and died February 8, 1938. She married W. M. Osborn.

**Albert Canaday** born March 18, 1882 and died in January 1912.

**Everett Canaday** born in 1890 and died in 1892.

**Eva Canaday** she married Claude Lawrence.

## Charles Canaday

Charles Canaday was born in Guilford County North Carolina on April 18, 1770. While in North Carolina, he married Sarah Russell. Sarah was a daughter of Habbakuk and Ann Russell. Sarah was born on February 4, 1776. They were married on April 24, 1794 in a civil rather than in a Quaker ceremony. In the minutes of the New Garden Meeting, he was dismissed for marrying out of unity on November 29, 1794. Although I cannot find a record, I assume he was reinstated as later records include both him and Sarah. They were probably remarried in the Quaker traditions.

The family went to Tennessee shortly after his parents went there. Charles was received on a certificate from New Garden at the new Lost Creek Meeting in Tennessee on October 21, 1797. Sarah was received there by request on April 18, 1801 as were their minor children. Although they attended the Meetings in Jefferson County it appears they lived further west near Knoxville in Knox County Tennessee, as most of the children were born there. He was a farmer and a cooper.

On February 25, 1815 the family was granted certificates to go to the White Water Meeting in Wayne County Indiana. They arrived and were received on June 24, 1815. Charles, Sarah, Nathan, Charles Jr., Margaret, Mary, Phoebe, Sarah, Charity and Matilda were also received at that time.

The deaths of both Charles and Sarah are recorded in the minutes of the West Grove Meeting in Wayne County. They remained in Richmond Township there with his father. Sarah died on March 14, 1850 and Charles died a year later on May 20, 1851. His will was probated in Wayne County on June 4, 1851. It listed all his children, and they were given equal portions of his estate.

The following are the children of Charles and Sarah Canaday:

**WILLIAM CANNADAY** (note spelling) was born April 14, 1795 in Knox County Tennessee. William was married on November 4, 1814 to Hannah Milliken. Hannah was a daughter of William Milliken and Eleanor Smith. They moved to Indiana and settled in Henry County near Hillsboro. William died June 14, 1847. Hannah continued to raise the children, and later moved in with her son Calvin where she remained the rest of her life. Hannah was born August 28, 1796 and died August 1, 1881. Their children were:

**Samuel S. Cannaday** born October 8, 1815. He married Elizabeth Hedrick on October 19, 1837. She was a daughter of George and Drusilla Hedrick. They had nine children:

**Sylvanus Cannaday** married Caroline West.

**John Cannaday** married Jennie Tanxley.

**George Cannaday** born March 23, 1859. He married Ida M. Phillips.

**Hannah Cannaday** married Joseph Anthony

**Lucinda Cannaday** married William East.

**Sarah C. Cannaday**

**Mary Ellen Cannaday**

**Malinda Jane Cannaday**

**William Alexander Cannaday**

**Drusilla Cannaday**

**Charles Cannaday** was born in 1816. He married Mary Bales (Beals). He was killed in the Mexican War. They had six children:

**Scott Cannaday** married Clara Hutchens, and later Malinda Swaggart.

**William Cannaday** married Elizabeth Griffin

**James Cannaday**

**Jane Cannaday** married Mathew Harvey.

**Nellie Cannaday** married James Brown.

**Hannah Cannaday** married William Dakins.

**Eleanor Cannaday** born June 16, 1817. She married George W. Koons on September 28, 1843. She died September 28, 1843. They had six children:

**John B. Koons** married Sadie Bryant.

**William Koons** married Ellen Bryant.

**Ellen Koons** married Robert Arrick.

**Mary Ann Koons** married Jackson Dakins.

**Martha M. Koons** married a Sears guy.

**Sarah Jane Koons** born March 21, 1846, and died in 1916. She married Isaiah Richardson March 7, 1867.

**Sarah Cannaday** born December 23, 1819. She married James Frazier on June 10, 1837. They moved to Iowa where James and his sons served in the Civil War. After the war, they returned to Indiana. Sarah died January 7, 1871. Their children were:

**John R. Frazier**

**Mary Ann Frazier**

**Henry Frazier** married Hulda Glaze.

**William J. Frazier** married Mary E. Ehman.

**Nathan C. Frazier**

**Samuel Frazier**

**David R. Frazier** married Rebecca Veach

**Joseph Frazier**

**Jane Cannaday** born about 1821. She married David Williams. They had three children:

**Mary Williams** married Granville Dicks.

**Martha Jane Williams** married Harvey Cecil.

**George Elmer Williams**

**Mary (Polly) Cannaday** was born September 13, 1822. She married Devault Koons on October 30, 1845. They had seven children. Polly died April 26, 1883.

**William Morrison Koons** married Hester Evans.

**George Anderson Koons** married Martha M. Duke.

**John R. Koons** married Frances M. Williams.

**Eliza Koons** married John Bales (Beales).

**Samuel Koons**

**Isaac Newton Koons** married Phoebe Millikan.

**David H. Koons** married Mary R. Garman.

**Calvin Russell Cannaday** was born February 24, 1827. He married Nancy Irena Walker in March 1863. He died August 11, 1893. Their children were:

**Charles M. Cannaday** born August 25, 1864. He married Millie McCord July 5, 1896.

**Sophonra Jane Cannaday** born October 17, 1865. She married William M. Whetsel.

**George W. Cannaday** born February 15, 1867. He married Millie Ellis.

**Ulysses C. Cannaday** married Daisy Edith Shaw.

**William Benton Cannaday** born September 1, 1869. He married Ona Smith.

**Emma Florence Cannaday** born February 20, 1871. She married William Goodman.

**Almeda M. Cannaday** was born May 6, 1835. She married Alexander Taylor Wade on June 1, 1852. They had two children before both of them died November 29, 1854. The children were:

**Daniel Liston Wade** born April 12, 1853. He married Sarah Ellen Huntzinger on January 9, 1876. He died March 17, 1924

**William Sylvester Wade** born November 9, 1854. He married Nancy Wise, and later her sister Bertha Wise. He died March 23, 1923.

**Michael Cannaday** was born in 1836. He married Elizabeth Hinds. The children were:

**Sarah Jane Cannaday** married Morris Counsellor.

**David A. Cannaday** married Marie Jean Eby.

**Calvin R. Cannaday** spouse was Clara.

**Samuel Cannaday**

**William Cannaday** married Mary Eby.

**George Cannaday**

**Mollie Cannaday** married Robert Lovin.

**Minnie Cannaday** married James Lovin.

**George Hedrick Cannaday** was born July 8, 1837. He married Rachel Williams on December 10, 1857. After her death, he later married her sister Frances Matilda Williams, a widow of a Hoppings man. George died April 28, 1931. The children were:

**Ella Cannaday** born September 2, 1858. She married Frank Miller.

**Jane Cannaday** born July 14, 1860. She married Aaron Duncan.

**Alma Cannaday** born December 13, 1862. She married Lafayette Duke.

**Eldon Cannaday** born June 9, 1865. He married Elnora Hines.

**Wilmer W. Cannaday** born July 15, 1871. He married Emma Otwell.

**Homer L. Cannaday** the only child of George and Frances was born May 1, 1878. He married Iva Fulhart.

**MARGARET CANNADAY** born on August 22, 1797. She married James Harvey, son of William and Jemima Page Harvey October 20, 1820 in Wayne County Indiana. James

was born on April 12, 1795 in North Carolina and died on December 1, 1901 in Henry County Indiana. Margaret died there as well on June 19, 1871. Their children were:

- Joel Harvey** born October 18, 1821. He married Sarah Downs on November 23, 1843.
- Absalom Harvey** born February 26, 1826. He married Elizabeth Downs March 6, 1851.
- Nathan Harvey** was born June 6, 1832. He married Sarah Ann Ridgeway October 11, 1853.
- Jane Harvey** married Abraham Frazier.
- Mary Ann Harvey** was born June 13, 1828. She married Solomon Frazier November 23, 1843.
- Nancy Harvey** was born November 25, 1823. She married James Frazier.

**MARY CANNADAY** born February 6, 1800. She remained single all her life and died May 26, 1879.

**PHOEBE CANNADAY** born May 7, 1802. She married Jacob Hill on February 14, 1822 at the West Grove Meeting Hall. Jacob was a son of Benjamin and Mary Jessop Hill. He was born February 3, 1800 and died August 29, 1862. Phoebe died January 1, 1867. Their children were:

- Benjamin J. Hill** born March 4, 1823 and died June 18, 1898. He married Levina Hill.
- Mary Hill** born November 10, 1824. She married Thomas Hewitt.
- Charles Hill** born April 17, 1827 and died February 13, 1901. He married Eunice Hill.
- Henry Hill** born October 13, 1828 and died May 25, 1894. He married Nancy Templin.
- William C. Hill** born July 25, 1830 and died August 3, 1834.
- Sarah Hill** born April 19, 1832.
- Aaron Hill** born April 29, 1834 and died November 25, 1906. He married Louisa Jane Shockley, and later Tabitha Jane Hicks Pyle.
- John Hill** born February 22, 1842 and died July 16, 1916. He married Matilda McLeland.

**SARAH CANNADAY** born July 25, 1804. She married Aaron Woodward on December 11, 1823. Aaron died in Madison County Indiana March 11, 1849. Sarah died September 6, 1874 (1846 according to another source).

**NATHAN CANADAY** (note spelling) was born April 9, 1807. He married Nancy Leason on April 23, 1824. She was a daughter of James and Jemima Leason. She was born in 1808. Nancy was not a member of the Quaker Church and so Nathan was disowned. The family joined the Christian Church in Richmond, Indiana. He then moved his family to what was called the Harvey Settlement in Prairie Township, Henry County Indiana. He was a physician. Nathan died May 25, 1874. Nancy lived on for another year and died in 1875. They had ten children:

- James M. Canaday** married Ann Janette McDowell. He was a blacksmith by trade.
- William Canaday** was born December 14, 1832 and married Mary Nixon on September 2, 1852. She was born October 19, 1830 and died in 1867. He later married Rebecca Pilcher on July 4, 1867. He died December 1, 1909.
- Charles Canaday** was born in 1835 and died in July 1863 at the Battle of Vicksburg. He was unmarried.

**Edmond Canaday** was born March 4, 1838 and married Esther Anne Millikin on March 16, 1860. She was born April 4, 1841 and died July 18, 1915 all in Henry County. Edmond died there May 28, 1878.

**Henry Harrison Canaday** born July 22, 1840 and died April 28, 1917. He married Delitha Jane Williams on October 27, 1861. She was born June 7, 1844 and died in New Castle August 3, 1910.

**Anna Malinda Canaday** born November 7, 1842. She married Jacob Gough.

**Nathan F. Canaday** was born February 9, 1845 and died January 5, 1917. He married Elizabeth Clapper on July 6, 1867. She was born February 6, 1850 and died in Hagerstown, Indiana December 23, 1914. He was a doctor.

**John Canaday** born 1848 and died in 1899. He married Lola M. Cook.

**Miles Murphy Canaday** was born August 17, 1851. He married Sarah Hellena Smith on May 10, 1883. She was born April 12, 1857 in Henry County. They lived in New Castle, Henry County Indiana. He died May 10, 1918. They had:

**Ward Murphy Canaday** born December 12, 1885 and died February 27, 1976. He married Marian Coffin born December 2, 1885 and died December 22, 1974.

**Myron Smith Canaday** born October 26, 1887 and died November 10, 1981 in Winter Park, Florida. He married Ruby Tiff. She was born October 28, 1889 and died September 13, 1979.

**Frank Harrison Canaday** born September 21, 1893 and died June 13, 1976 in Woodstock, Vermont. He married Molly Morpeth who was born February 5, 1903 in New Zealand and died January 28, 1973.

**Wilbur Dare Canaday** born November 2, 1896 and died in Stamford, Connecticut September 9, 1979. He married Rachel Brown who was born December 4, 1894 and died December 29, 1982.

**Matilda Canaday** born August 21, 1863.

**CHARITY CANADAY** born September 6, 1809. She married William Millikin of the Springfield Monthly Meeting on May 13, 1830 at the West Grove Meeting. William was born September 12, 1805. He was a son of Eli and Mary Kersey Millekin. Charity died early on October 3, 1839. William then married Mary Russell on July 9, 1840. She died very shortly afterwards, as in 1842 William again married, this time to Susanna Frazier. William married a fourth time in 1856 to a widow, Mary E. Williams. Their children were:

**Charles Millikin**

**John Millikin**

**Elmeda Millikin**

**Eli Millikin**

**MALINDA CANADAY** born February 27, 1812. She married John Harvey on July 14, 1833 at West Grove. John was born July 9, 1810, the son of William and Rachel Townsend Harvey. Malinda died on March 18, 1884. John died March 18, 1893. They had four children:

**Rachel Harvey** born October 9, 1834. She married Jesse Smith June 17, 1857.

**Charles Harvey** born January 8, 1838. He married Margaret Orth September 27, 1857.

**William Harvey** born in 1842. He married Delila Orth.

**Sarah Harvey** born July 7, 1845. She married Beverly B. Johnson January 2, 1872.

**CHARLES C. CANADAY** born October 28, 1814. On March 29, 1838, Charles married Jane Frazier. He married *contrary to discipline* according to the minutes of the West Grove

Monthly Meeting on December 8, 1838. Jane was born October 29, 1823 and died October 15, 1872. They moved to Carroll County Missouri. He then married Charlotte Barton on October 16, 1874. Charles died June 20, 1875. Their children were:

**John Charles Canaday** born January 5, 1839 and married Mary Ann Shockley on May 14, 1860. She died in 1877, and he married later to his sister in law, Martha Holliday Canaday. He died August 21, 1903. Their children were:

**Charles N. Canaday** married Anna C. Gum. He was born March 11, 1861 and died October 2, 1943. Anna was born March 16, 1866 and died July 23, 1946.

**Ella Canaday** married Douglas Denison.

**Phoebe Emeline Canaday** married Philander H. O'Neal.

**William Franklin Canaday**

**Joel Perry Canaday** married Winifred Ruth Walker.

**Joel H. Canaday** born September 21, 1841, married to Jane Turner. The children were:

**Vina Catherine Canaday** married John Lee Wilson.

**Sarah Ann Canaday** married Thomas W. Roberts.

**Philip Canaday**

**Jonathan Canaday**

**Mary Jane Canaday** married Charles J. Peterson.

**Lewis Pierce Canaday** married Eva Maud Caler.

**Rosa May Canaday** married Charles E. Myer.

**William Henry Canaday** married Effie Posey.

**Susanna Canaday** born and died in 1842.

**William Frazier Canaday** was born August 5, 1844. He married Martha Holliday on July 25, 1867. After William died on January 25, 1884, Martha married his brother John on September 3, 1888. She died November 27, 1911. They had four children:

**Elmer Luther Canaday** born March 20, 1869 and died January 9, 1874.

**Emma Lucy Canaday** born January 1, 1872 and died January 3, 1874.

**Son Canaday** born and died February 11, 1875.

**Cora Etta Canaday** married Rush G. Harper.

**Polly E. Canaday** born May 5, 1846. She married Jonathan Turner on May 31, 1862. Their children were:

**Emma Turner** married Nelson Ross.

**Solomon Turner** married Louise Linville.

**A. P. Turner** married Idella McCorkell.

**George Turner** married Mary Corey.

**Viola Turner** married George Teeter.

**Martin Turner** married Eliza Anne Nelson.

**Charles Turner** married Blanche Likens.

**Eva Turner** married Marion Ross.

**Leora Turner** married Roe Bell.

**Jacob Canaday** born and died in 1847.

**Henry H. Canaday** born October 2, 1848 and married to Mary Holliday on August 1, 1868. He died October 26, 1910 and Mary died January 23, 1919. Children were:

**Nora Etta Canaday** born October 16, 1869 and died May 5, 1899. She married Alonzo W. Bowen. He was born October 22, 1869 and died September 17, 1908.

**Ellis Newton Canaday** married Estella Barr.

**Miles Monroe Canaday** born June 4, 1879 and died December 28, 1879.

**Nathan E. Canaday** born September 8, 1850. He married three times, Celia Almitta Glaze on March 10, 1872. She died in 1882. He then married Lucinda Buckner and later Florence Morris. He died January 3, 1929. The children, all with Celia were:

**Henry Everet Canaday** born about 1875.

**Leora Elizabeth Canaday** born about 1876. She married George Washington Ernsbarger in 1891, and later in 1916 married John Bean.

**Martha Jane Canaday** born in 1878.

**Mathias Ruben Canaday** born in 1880. He married Ethel May McCleod.

**Robert Charles Canaday** was born February 8, 1856. He married Susan B. Rankin in Carroll County Missouri on August 2, 1876.

**Hannah Canaday** married James Reah.

**Sarah Canaday** married William Turner, and later Solomon Williams.

**Mary Ann Canaday** born August 9, 1858. She married Joseph D. Gray November 2, 1873.

**Eliza Jane Canaday** born in 1860 and married Albert Bunton.

**MATILDA CANADAY** May 25, 1817. She married Ezekiel Thornburgh on October 13, 1839. Ezekiel was the son of Benjamin and Ann Thornburgh. He was born December 16, 1814 and died January 1, 1866. I do not know when Matilda died.

## Walter Canaday

Walter was born on December 19, 1771. He married while in North Carolina. His wife's name was Ann or Nancy Ann Hussey. I don't know when they were married. There is a notation in the New Garden minutes that on September 27, 1797, Walter was disciplined, perhaps as a result of marrying out of unity. I do not know.

There were other Husseys in the Canaday line. The family was originally French and then went to England with the Norman invasion. They settled in Surry, came to Massachusetts in 1632 and then went to the new Quaker colony on Nantucket. From there members of the family went to the Quaker colony in New Garden, Guilford County North Carolina where the Canaday Family was. It was probably in North Carolina where Walter and Annie were married.

A lot of what I have on this family comes from a 1915 book by Walter Williams, **History of Northwest Missouri, Vol. III**. They then moved to Alabama briefly. The article simply states that Walter Canaday and his wife, Annie Hussey Canaday, were in Alabama when their son, John Canaday, was born in 1801.

On November 26, 1803, he was granted a certificate (not including any family) to move to the Lost Creek Meeting in Jefferson County Tennessee.

Walter was received in the Lost Creek meeting on July 28, 1804. On January 25, 1806, Ann Canaday was received. I assume this was his spouse as there were no other Anns around at the time. There are several other mentions of Ann, so I assume this was the name she used. On March 29, 1806 there is a record of Mary, John and Nathan Canaday being received upon request of their father Walter Canaday.

The next mention I find of him is when he arrived in Highland County Ohio and began attending the Fall Creek Monthly Meeting there. Fall Creek was a 'spin-off' of the Miami Monthly Meeting in Warren County. There are records of a Walter Canaday there as early as 1807. Walter is listed as being an early member when it was established July 18, 1807.

On February 28, 1807 Ann and her daughter Mary were granted certificates to go to the Miami Monthly Meeting in southwestern Ohio. On March 28, Walter and family were granted certificates at the men's meeting. The family moved to Ohio and in 1807 there is a record of Walter Canaday and Nancy Canaday being received in the Miami Meeting. I guess she used both the name *Nancy* and *Ann* at various times. Also in 1807 the Fairfield Monthly Meeting was established in Highland County Ohio near the town of Leesburg. Walter Canaday is listed as being one of the very early members there.

In 1821, Walter and his family transferred to the Center Meeting also in Ohio, and remained there until about 1829. Family records appear through out the middle 1820s in various Ohio meeting minutes such as Center, Fall Creek and other off-shoots of the Miami Monthly Meeting.

In 1829, several of the children moved to Indiana, but it appears Walter and Nancy Ann remained with the Fall Creek Meeting in Highland County Ohio. In July of 1838, most of the children transferred to the Vermilion (Illinois) Monthly Meeting. Vermilion was just across the border from Indiana, so they may have remained in Indiana while going to church in Illinois. I do not know. In the early 1840s, some children including Riley moved to the Salem Monthly Meeting in Iowa.

There is a record on May 22, 1844 in the Fall Creek Minutes indicating Walter and wife were granted certificates to go to the new Salem Monthly Meeting in Iowa. Walter died March 19, 1846 and is buried in the Moorman Cemetery in Jefferson County Iowa. Ann is also buried there.

The Missouri History mentioned earlier, states that Walter, Ann and the two children they had at the time, Mary and John, traveled by two-wheel cart to Ohio. This History then states that other children: Nathan and Christopher were born there in Highland County. According to the minutes of the Fall Creek meeting, there may have been three more children, Anna, Margaret and Henry. On the other hand only Henry is specifically called a son of Walter and Ann Canaday.

The following is what I think that I know of the children of Water and Nancy Ann Canaday:

**WALTER CANADAY JR.** was the eldest. He was born in Guilford County on May 15, 1794. He married Hannah Harden there on December 6, 1818. The family moved directly from the Center Monthly Meeting in North Carolina to the new Springfield Monthly Meeting in Wayne County Indiana. He later moved to Iowa where he is buried. Their children were:

**Enos Canaday** born September 19, 1819 and died June 18, 1908. He married Hannah Chamness.

**David M. Canaday** born June 25, 1823 and died October 16, 1879. He married Mary A. Moore on September 23, 1846. Based on census reports and info from a descendant, the kids, all born in Randolph County Indiana, were:

**Mary Jane Canaday** born in 1844.

**Martha A. Canaday** born in 1846.

**Catherine Louisa Canaday** born in 1847. She married William Dragoo.

**Martin L. Canaday** born in 1848.

**Ethalinda Canaday** born in 1849.

**William Wesley Canaday** born in 1850.

**Silas Abiathar Canaday** born January 14, 1852. He married Rachel Jane Penland. He was an attorney and served in the Indiana State Legislature.

**Malinda Canaday** born in 1854.

**Franklin Canaday** born about 1857. He was a minister in Randolph County.

**Leander Canaday** born in 1860. He was a teacher in Hico, Texas.

**Eliza A. Canaday** born in 1862. She married William J. Williams.

**Alice Canaday** born in 1865. She married F. W. Kaiser.

**Anna Canaday** born in 1870.

**Mary Canaday** born February 2, 1825 and died October 5, 1875. She married William Chamness.

**Jonathan Canaday** born August 3, 1821 and died June 25, 1890. He married Susanna Moore.

**Rebecca M. Canaday** married Sylvester Chamness.

**William N. Canaday** married Hannah Dennis.

**Lydia Canaday**

**MARY CANADAY** was the oldest daughter, born November 2, 1797 in Guilford County North Carolina. After moving to Highland County Ohio, she married Frederick Barnard. The Barnards were another Quaker family from Nantucket, and also in my line of Canadays. She is listed on September 17, 1825 as marrying contrary to the discipline. She would have been married sometime between the August and September meetings that were held the third week of every month. Fred and Mary moved to Bloomington, Illinois where they spent the rest of their lives.

**JOHN CANADAY** According to the Missouri book, John was born in 1801 in Alabama. I accept the 1801 but it was in Guilford County North Carolina and not Alabama. He married Sarah Purteet in Highland County Ohio in the mid 1820s. In 1828 he traveled west and settled in Tazewell County Illinois near Bloomington. He became ill and died there or possibly in McLean County Illinois on June 3, 1835. Sarah then married Benjamin Slaten and the whole family moved to Harrison County Missouri. Sarah died in Bethany, Missouri in 1868. I only have information on one of John and Sarah's children:

**William Canaday** was born in Highland County Ohio April 15, 1823. He is the subject of the section in the **History of Northwest Missouri**. I have much more on him and his children. He married Elizabeth Leeper March 24, 1842.

**John W. Canaday** born December 17, 1842 in McLain County Illinois. He married Martha Dale May 4, 1862.

**Christopher Canaday** born October 26, 1847. He married Angelina Brower July 3, 1870.

**Phoebe A. Canaday** born January 6, 1853. She married William A. Poynter.

**Joseph W. Canaday** born July 29, 1856 in Harrison County Missouri. He married A. V. Willis in 1880.

**Carrie B. Canaday** born August 29, 1869 in Missouri. She married H. M. Hungate.

**HENRY CANADAY** was born May 19, 1806 in North Carolina. He married Drucilla Hussey at the East Fork Meeting House in Highland County Ohio. Drucilla and her three children: **William Riley, Madison and Nathan** were taken in to the Falls Creek meeting also in Highland County in 1838. I don't know where Henry was then. In 1850 he is in Baltimore, Henry County Missouri with a new wife Mary who had previously been married to a Prouty. They had a bunch of Canada and Prouty kids (see below) that indicate they had only been married a short while. Also there was Fanny Linings 58 NC who was probably

Mary's mommy. In 1860 he is in Umpqua Oregon with his wife Mary born in Illinois in 1820. At that time he was a blacksmith and living next door were his sons Madison (also a blacksmith), William Riley, Joshua and John. Everyone spelled their names as CANADA as they did in 1850. In 1870 he and Mary are in Eugene, Lane County Oregon where he is a street sprinkler 64 NC and Mary 49 IL. He spells his name Canaday then. Here are the kids in the 1850 Missouri Census:

**William R. Canada** 21 OH

**Madison Canada** 19 OH. He is married to a Sarah and is a Physician in Eugene Oregon. He is listed as Mad. Canaday and they have 3 kids. In 1880 he is in Spencer Creek, Lane County Oregon with a wife named Sarah 36 MO and they have Walter 19 OR, Henry 17 OR, Lizzie 14 OR and Emma 8 OR. Madison is a Physician at the time, and spells his name Canaday still. They are in Elmira, Lane County in 1900 where he is still a physician at age 68 OH.

**Nathan Canada** 17 OH

**Joshua Canada** 13 IL

**John Canada** 11 IL

**Emily Canada** 7 IA

**Louisa Canada** 5 IA

**Sarah J. Prouty** 11 MO

**Mary A. Prouty** 10 MO

**Ellen Prouty** 8 MO

**Columbus Prouty** 6 MO

**CHRISTOPHER CANADAY** was born December 17, 1808. He married Elizabeth McClelland on January 23, 1834. He died in Jefferson County Iowa on August 22, 1874. Their children were:

**Matilda A. Canaday** born in 1835. She married George Rider November 17, 1853.

**Mary Elizabeth Canaday** born February 14, 1837. She married Andrew Gantz January 29, 1857.

**Hugh H. Canaday** born December 28, 1838. He married Love M. Gudgell September 10, 1861.

**John W. Canaday** born December 6, 1840.

**James L. Canaday** born February 6, 1843. He married Alice M. Horn August 30, 1877.

**BOWATER H. CANADAY** was born August 4, 1811. He married Esther on November 27, 1834. They moved to Jefferson County Iowa where he died on September 10, 1890.

**ANNA CANADAY** was born on September 22, 1816. She married William Sinclair on February 21, 1839. They moved to Iowa where she died on January 13, 1902.

**LYDIA CANADAY** may also have been a daughter, or the references may have been to the Lydia that was a daughter of Walter, junior.

## **John Canaday Jr.**

John Canaday was born in North Carolina on April 13, 1774. He moved to Jefferson County Tennessee with his parents in June of 1797. He married Juliatha Cox on March 27, 1799, according to Jefferson County Court records. He was 'condemned' on December 21, 1799 by the

Lost Creek meeting for marrying contrary to the discipline. Juliatha was a daughter of William Cox and Juliatha Carr and was born in North Carolina on April 26, 1779.

Juliatha must have then joined the Quaker faith as on December 28, 1805, she is listed as '*Latha received on request.*' Both are listed several times up until April 26, 1817 when John and sons and *Lartha* and daughters are given certificates to go to the New Garden Meeting in Wayne County Indiana where his parents had gone a year earlier.

The family remained in Indiana and belonged to the Springfield Monthly Meeting from the time it was established in 1820 until November 1, 1828 when they moved to Vermilion County Illinois and joined the Vermilion Meeting. They were accompanied by their children Riley, Charles and Anna.

Both John and Juliatha were appointed to committees in 1829. They remained in Vermilion Grove, Illinois until their deaths. Juliatha died some time before March 1841 when she was listed as being deceased in the minutes on another matter. John Canaday junior died July 9, 1843. He is buried in Elwood Cemetery, east of Georgetown, Illinois.

The following are the children of John Canaday junior and Juliatha Cox Canaday. All were born while the family was living in Jefferson County Tennessee.

**HARMON CANADAY** was born on May 12, 1800. He was married on January 11, 1827. His spouse was Charity Mills. She was a daughter of John and Mary Davis Mills. Charity was born September 8, 1808 and she died on March 25, 1883 and is buried at Bloomingdale, Indiana. Harmon died in 1856 in Clark County Illinois where they lived. Their children were:

**Moses Canaday** born May 12, 1827 and died July 23, 1858, married to Polly Ann Romines.

**Mary Canaday** born November 5, 1829 and died August 8, 1901. She married Jerry Dixon and then to Jonathan Dix then to Nathan Knowles.

**Jane Canaday** born September 26, 1832 and died August 21, 1882, she married Enos Buckner.

**Assenath Canaday** born April 29, 1838 and died on November 11, 1930 and she married Lot Pickett on August 20, 1862.

**Matilda Canaday** born August 3, 1840 and died November 2, 1909, she remained single all her life.

**Eliza Ann Canaday** born February 5, 1843 and died January 1, 1882, she married Nathan V. Hill of Parke County on March 25, 1863.

**Sarah Canaday** born March 20, 1848 and died August 11, 1925 she married Edwin F. Hadley.

**Charles Canaday** was born on October 3, 1845 and died at age ten.

**William Canaday** born April 25, 1851 and died the following year.

**HENRY MILTON CANADAY** was born on November 5, 1801. There is a record in the Vermilion Meeting minutes stating his spouse was Mary Elizabeth Evans. Mary was born May 3, 1808 and died February 2, 1878. Henry served in the Indiana Militia in the Mexican War in 1825. He received a land grant in Texas in return for service. He went there in the late 1840s and seems to have died in route or shortly after arriving. Their children were:

**Hugh Lawson Canaday** born March 21, 1828 and died March 16, 1903, he married Laura Henson on April 23, 1858. They had:

**Scott Canaday** born 1859. He married Nancy Jane Bliss December 3, 1897.

**Patrick Henry Canaday** born October 6, 1829 and died May 4, 1921. He married Keziah brown on December 9, 1857. He was raised by relatives, and was a blacksmith in Vermilion County Illinois. They had:

**John Canaday** born December 29, 1858 and died August 30, 1938. He married Lucy Dillon.

**Joseph Brown Canaday** born July 7, 1860 and died February 13, 1940. He married Sarah Walthall.

**Arilla Canaday** born January 26, 1862. She never married and died March 29, 1902 of tuberculosis.

**Eva Jane Canaday** died in infancy.

**Aleela Canaday** born January 12, 1864 and died March 21, 1920. She married Victor Patrick.

**Ella Canaday** born January 26, 1869 and died December 20, 1950. She married Ivah Thompson.

**Mary Canaday** born April 4, 1871 and died September 21, 1908. She married George Ritter.

**Herman Thomas Canaday** born May 18, 1875 and died March 13, 1958. He married Lily Rush.

**Elmina Canaday** born January 28, 1877 and died August 4, 1953. She was the second wife of John Willfong.

**Mahala Pierson Canaday** was born December 11, 1831 and died December 1, 1924, she married Sylvester Morgan.

**Mary Ann Canaday** born December 9, 1833 and married a Cox guy.

**Jane Caroline Canaday** born November 13, 1835, died January 1, 1916 and married Gabriel Pribble.

**Isaac Newton** born March 15, 1840 and died 1920, he married Rose Day.

**HANNAH CANADAY** was born on February 22, 1803 and died July 7, 1816 at age thirteen years.

**REBEKAH CANADAY** was born June 23, 1806, and died July 18, 1888. Rebekah was married twice. On March 21, 1827 she married Seth Mills another son of John Mills and Mary Davis Mills. He died August 19, 1846. Rebekah married Zimri Lewis on August 8, 1849. It was the second marriage for both. Zimri died on March 30, 1873 and Rebekah died July 18, 1888. All children of Rebekah were by her first marriage, they were:

**Irena Mills** born December 12, 1827 and married on September 10, 1845 to William Barclay Haworth, she died November 9, 1901.

**Henry Mills** born on March 23, 1830, married on November 10, 1852 to Mary Folger, and died February 11, 1919.

**Aaron Mills** was born on January 26, 1835 and died in an accident on March 10, 1847.

**Lucinda Mills** born July 4, 1838, died August 1, 1866, she married Elihu Mills.

**Anna Melissa Mills** was born March 7, 1842, married John Lewis Haworth on October 1, 1858, she died June 6, 1914.

**PHEBE CANADAY** was born March 2, 1808 and died July 29 of the same year.

**ELIHU CANADAY** was born on June 1, 1809. He married Elizabeth McCowan in Vermilion County on November 29, 1829. Elihu died October 4, 1848. Elizabeth was born in Kentucky in 1812 and died in 1863. Their children were:

**Adam Canaday**

**Sarah Jane Canaday** born July 5, 1832 and died in 1896. She married Solomon Wesley Dodd March 28, 1850. He was born in Ohio May 3, 1827 and died in the Civil War at the Battle of Vicksburg on May 25, 1863. They had five children: Samuel, Riley, Lodema Jane, Elizabeth and Solomon Wesley Dodd. She was widowed in Clark County Illinois in 1870 and then married Elias Rowe January 1, 1873. Elias was born November 27, 1819 in Indiana and died in Clark County Illinois April 2, 1878. They had one more son William Edward Rowe.

**Henry Daniel Canaday** who married Eveline Richardson on September 13, 1860.

**Anna Canaday** born April 11, 1838 and died after going blind in 1858.

**Mary Jemima Canaday**

**Minerva Canaday** born November 19, 1845 and married Ira Babb.

**Rebecca J. Canaday**

**CHARLES CANADAY** was born May 26, 1811, in Jefferson County Tennessee. He was disowned by the church on July 5, 1834 for attending a wedding that was *contrary to the discipline*. On December 3, 1837, he married Sarah E. Swearingen. They had three children:

**Isaac H. Canaday** born 1838, and married to Mary Ellis on October 31, 1867.

**Elizabeth Canaday** born 1839.

**Seth Canaday** born 1843, and married on September 28, 1868 to Mary C. Jones.

**BENJAMIN CANADAY** was born April 25, 1813 and died June 30, 1816 at age three.

**ANNA CANADAY** was born on May 29, 1815, according to her gravestone, and was born in Jefferson County Tennessee. She married John Howard at the Elwood, Illinois Meeting Hall, Vermilion Grove, on March 10, 1841. John was born March 19, 1812 and died July 16, 1902. He was the son of Robert and Martha Howard. Anna died either in Keokuk County Iowa or enroute there. They had two children:

**William Riley Howard** born January 15, 1842 and married to Elmina Stanley.

**Richard Howard** born October 13, 1845 whose spouse was named Cicily.

**RILEY CANADAY** was born on May 23, 1819 in Union County Indiana. He married Martha Lewis on December 11, 1839 in Vermilion County Illinois. Martha was born October 11, 1822, the daughter of William and Anna Hollingsworth Lewis. They were granted certificates on July 2, 1842 to go to the Salem Monthly Meeting in the Iowa Territory. Martha died June 9, 1846 and on September 9, 1847, Riley married Margaret Ann Woodward in Richland, Iowa. Margaret was a daughter of Samuel and Abigail Shelley Woodward. She was born at White Lick, Indiana on October 28, 1824. The family moved to Nebraska by wagon train in 1857. Riley died of typhoid fever July 24, 1869 in Weeping Water, Nebraska. Margaret was left with six children. She continued homesteading and later received 153 acres in 1870. She died April 9, 1907 at Weeping Water. She is listed as a Pioneer Settler of Nebraska. Riley and Martha had three children:

**William Lewis Canaday**, born in Illinois September 30, 1840 and died November 7, 1841.

**Zimrie Lewis Canaday**, Born in Keokuk County Iowa on December 24, 1842. He married Mary Elizabeth Hunter on July 8, 1874 in Cass County Nebraska. She was born July 10, 1856 and died in Dawes County Nebraska on November 30, 1926. Zimri died May 21, 1921 in Crawford, Dawes County Nebraska. His children were:

**Riley Lewis Canaday** born May 30, 1875. He died April 18, 1952, and spent most of his life in Weeping Water, Cass County Nebraska. He married Clara Mae Marsbaugh on June 6, 1897. Clara died February 11, 1917. He then married Cora Rehmstead on October 5, 1918. Their children were:

**Ernest Harold Canaday** born September 26, 1898 in Ericson, Nebraska and died October 29, 1959 in Grand Junction, Colorado. He married Gertrude Elsie Cowden May 20, 1921 in Ogallala, Nebraska.

**Earl Lester Canaday** born March 26, 1902 in Inman, Holt County Nebraska and died in Crawford, Nebraska August 9, 1992. He married Dora Finch May 16, 1925 in O'Neil, Nebraska.

**Clarence Clifford Canaday** born May 13, 1908 in Inman, Nebraska and died in Sumner, Washington September 21, 1988. He married Katheryn Walters May 18, 1930 in Clearwater, Nebraska.

**Lee Randal Canaday** born April 12, 1877 in Weeping Water, Nebraska, and died March 7, 1925 in Oakville, Washington. He first married Mary Adella Fish on December 19, 1901. She died in 1961, and he later married Ducene Arvidson in 1967. The children, all with Mary, were:

**Vance Ray Canaday** He was born July 27, 1904 in Neligh, Nebraska and died in Centralia, Washington September 22, 1980. He married Elise Ruth Prussia December 30, 1926.

**Verna May Canaday** a twin born July 27, 1904, and died in Des Moines, Iowa August 24, 1967. She married Gerald Edwin Mosier August 25, 1927 in Chadron, Nebraska.

**Ivan Dale Canaday** was born May 17, 1913 in Chadron, Nebraska and died October 13, 1998 in Sunnyside, Washington. He married Eloise Jordan August 27, 1941 in Wisconsin.

**Lloyd Russell Canaday** born November 11, 1916 and was alive in 2000. He married Gertrude Evelyn Wilkensen January 1, 1937 in Chehalis, Washington.

**Arthur Henry Canaday** born May 23, 1879, and died July 15, 1967. He married Hilda Gatenbee on July 20, 1903. Their children were:

**Clifford Canaday**

**Dorothy Canaday** who married a Jensen.

**Frank Overton Canaday** born August 14, 1881, and died August 12, 1970. He married Addie May Hackworth September 15, 1903. Their children were:

**Mabel Canaday** she married a Bass

**Grace Canaday** she married a McIver

**Pryor Raymond Canaday** born February 26, 1884 in Ewing, Holt County Nebraska and died October 1, 1970 in Seattle, Washington. He first married Emma Eliza Wood on February 26, 1904, then Elva Elmira Cole in 1919 and finally Marie Lottman in 1929. The children, all but the last with Emma, were:

**Violet Etta Canaday** born September 5, 1905.

**Orville Fay Canaday** born January 19, 1909.

**Hazel Grace Canaday** born March 29, 1910.

**Florence Isabel Canaday** born March 22, 1912.

**Edwin Lloyd Canaday** born July 29, 1914.

**Lila Rose Canaday** born June 28, 1916.

**Edith Junita Canaday** born November 29, 1920

**Ernest Theodore Canaday** born June 5, 1886, and died June 28, 1939. He married Addie Myrtle Reeves February 27, 1917. They had one child:

**Bert Sylvester Canaday**

**Alfred Decator Canaday** born January 13, 1890, and died June 5, 1979. He married Marian Elsie Pierson on July 17, 1912. Children were:

**Lewis Canaday**

**Roland Canaday**

**Erma Canaday**

**Viola May Canaday** born April 2, 1899, and died in February 1987. She married Daniel Gillman Pierson on May 15, 1917. Her husband and her brother Alfred's wife were sisters. Their children were:

**Walter Pierson**

**Eugene Everett Pierson**

**Eunice Esther Pierson**

**Rosella Pierson**

**Donnabelle Pierson**

**Ruby Pierson**

**Donald Pierson**

**Edna Viola Pierson**

**Maysie Pierson**

**Allan Canaday** born March 26, 1845. He married Louisa Jane Clark and died in Mansfield, Wright County Missouri on January 7, 1920.

Riley and Margaret had these children:

**Charles Hartwell Canaday** born June 13, 1848 and died in Cass County Nebraska March 8, 1865.

**Harvey Derbyshire Canaday** born July 15, 1850 and died November 16, 1857.

**Virtue Anna Canaday** born April 24, 1852 and died July 13, 1853.

**Albert B. Canaday** born January 17, 1854 and died May 19, 1938 in Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County South Dakota. He married Mary Lee January 18, 1882. They had three children:

**Elmer Canaday**

**Edwin Canaday**

**Elsie Canaday** she married Earl Emmert.

**Alpha Elmina Canaday** born in Nebraska City, Nebraska on April 16, 1857 and died in California August 6, 1938. She married Asher Caoley on September 18, 1876.

**Pleasant Henry Canaday** born October 27, 1859 and died February 25, 1934 in Weeping Water, Nebraska. He married Nancy Ellen Lanham on January 31, 1885. She was born November 26, 1860 in Adams County Illinois and died in Nebraska September 27, 1899. They lived in Weeping Water, Cass County Nebraska. They had these children:

**Floy Mildred Canaday** was born March 7, 1886 and died September 27, 1961 all in Weeping Water, Nebraska. She married Ray C. Wiles on October 16, 1918. They had one son, Conant Floy Wiles.

**Eva Lena Canaday** was born November 19, 1887 and died December 16, 1940, again all in Weeping Water. She married Andrew C. Johnson on September 6, 1911. They had three children Arthur, Mildred and Robert Johnson.

**Rula Hazel Canaday** was born September 22, 1890 and died January 27, 1937 in Weeping Water. She married George Mencus Domingo on Christmas Day 1912. They had two children Clifford and Wayne Domingo.

**Claude Henry Canaday** was born July 20, 1896 and died in Creighton, Nebraska on April 17, 1988. He married Grace Dexter Stahl on September 15, 1920. She was born April 11, 1896 and died December 24, 1976. They had two sons, Elwin Henry Canaday and Julian Claude Canaday.

**Etta May Canaday** was born August 2, 1861 and died in Nebraska December 24, 1907. She married Edward G. Cooley on September 23, 1880. He was born October 23, 1853 in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

**Mary Dillie Canaday** born March 31, 1863 and died March 11, 1923. She married Elwyan C. Giberson.

**John Grant Canaday** was born September 18, 1868 and died March 8, 1875.

## Robert Canaday

Robert Canaday was born in North Carolina on January 13, 1777. In the spring of 1797 he went with his family to Jefferson County Tennessee. There, on January 20, 1806, he was licensed to marry his first cousin, Amy Sumner. Amy was the daughter of Joshua and Sarah Cox Sumner; Joshua was a son of Phoebe Beals Canaday in her second marriage to Robert Sumner. Amy was born in the Guilford County area of North Carolina on April 24, 1782. Her family went with the Canadays to Tennessee.

Robert and Amy had five children while living in Tennessee. Then with others of the family, Robert and his family moved to Wayne County Indiana Territory, and settled near the present town of Economy, Indiana. They were received into the Whitewater Monthly Meeting on April 29, 1815. While in Indiana, the last five children were born; four by Amy before she died.

They transferred to the New Garden Meeting, also in Wayne County on September 30, 1815.

Robert Canaday was an early pioneer in Indiana which had just become a state in 1816, formed out of the old Northwest Territory. In 1819, he built a sawmill about a half mile outside Economy on Martindale's Creek. A meeting house was built in Economy in 1816 and the family joined as members. This new church was called the Springfield Meeting.

Amy Sumner Canaday died September 26, 1823. Some four years later on September 18, 1827, Robert married one of Amy's sisters, Sarah Sumner who was born May 27, 1784, and they had one more child, Lindsay, the tenth, in 1829. Robert died August 5, 1836. Sarah died January 4, 1865.

The children of Robert Canaday were as follows. The first nine were by his spouse Amy and the last, Lindsay, by his second spouse Sarah.

**JOSHUA CANADAY** was born on November 11, 1806. He married Elizabeth Ann Mills (born on February 28, 1807) on November 12, 1826. After her death, he married Sarah Morrow Davis, a widow, on April 19, 1855. He died April 24, 1879. Their children were:

**Oliver H. Canaday** born on October 18, 1830, married twice, first to Martha Stanley and then to Eliza (Horne) Newbern.

**Thomas Elwood Canaday** born on September 29, 1833 and married to Sarah Thomas.

**Martha Ellen Canaday** born February 12, 1836.

**Mary Jane Canaday** born November 3, 1838.

**Huldah Canaday** born November 5, 1840 and married to William Small.

**Barclay Canaday** born January 23, 1844 and died at age two.

**Cyrus Canaday** born July 20, 1850 and died at age one.

**LYDIA CANADAY** was born May 9, 1808. She died three weeks later on June 1, 1808.

**ANN CANADAY** was born May 2, 1809 and died a year later.

**ABIGAIL CANADAY** was born May 12, 1811. She married Richard Justice on May 25, 1837.

**THOMAS CANADAY** was born March 5, 1813. He married Kerenhappuch Mills on September 25, 1831. She was yet another daughter of John and Mary Davis Mills, and was born April 4, 1812. He was a miller. Their children were:

**Elizabeth Ann Canaday** born 1832 Indiana.

**Ira Canaday** born 1834 Indiana.

**Milton Canaday** born 1836 Indiana.

**Martin Canaday** born 1838 Illinois.

**Robert Canaday** born 1840 Illinois.

**Amyrilla Canaday** born in Indiana 1842.

**Mary Jane Canaday** born 1844 Illinois.

**Irena Canaday** born 1846 Illinois.

**Sarah Canaday** born 1848 in Illinois.

The family moved west.

**SARAH CANADAY** was born on December 13, 1815. She married Aaron Mills on June 2, 1833. Aaron, born February 5, 1810, was also a son of John and Mary Davis Mills. Their children were:

**Golden Mills** born 1842 and married to Eliza Swope.

**Riley Mills** married to Catherine Willard.

**Mary Jane Mills** born November 25, 1843 and married to George Tracy.

**Almarinda Mills** born March 30, 1846 and married to Eliza McDonald.

**Milton E. Mills** born January 6, 1848 and married to Ella Cooper.

**Elvin R. Mills** born March 7, 1852 married to Julia Vanarsdalen.

**Emily E. Mills** born September 25, 1855 and married to Albert Cooper.

**AMY** or **AMARILLA CANADAY** was born on March 5, 1817. Amy never married.

**IRENA CANADAY** was born on April 14, 1819. She married Aaron Gwinn.

**HILDA** or **HULDAH CANADAY** was born on May 13, 1821. She married Eli Bailey Barnard. She died on April 28, 1864. They had two daughters:

**Edith Barnard**

**Irena Barnard**

**LYNDSAY CANADAY** was born on November 8, 1829 in Economy, Wayne County Indiana. He was the only child born to Robert and Sarah Canaday. He married Mary

Elizabeth Gibson on October 27, 1856 in Economy. Mary Elizabeth was born in Knoxville, Tennessee on April 13, 1831, a daughter of Robert and Sarah Gibson. They had eight children:

**Margaret Lucinda Canaday** born July 31, 1857 and died June 26, 1938. She married Henry Ashby.

**Martin Henderson Canaday** born on February 18, 1859 and died January 29, 1932 in California.

**Rhoda Sophia Canaday** born March 29, 1862 and died May 20, 1951 who married a Farlow.

**Sarah Livona (Vona) Canaday** who was born November 20, 1864 and married William Henry Gibson.

**Nancy Elina Canaday** born January 1, 1867 and died April 14, 1923. She married John Gibson.

**Martha Minerva (Minnie) Canaday** born June 5, 1869.

**Emma May Canaday** born June 5, 1869 and died March 9, 1958.

**George Elwood Canaday** born February 26, 1872 and died in 1954. He married Louise Bousman, born 1872 and died 1941. They had two children:

**Lindsey Eddy Canaday** born September 3, 1896.

**Euveda Bousman Canaday** born October 26, 1899.

Mary Elizabeth died on February 23, 1902. He remarried to Louisa Viney on November 10, 1906. He died August 14, 1920 in Economy, Indiana.

# HENRY CANADAY

Henry Canaday was the eldest son of John and Margaret Thornburgh Canaday. He was born in Rowan County (the portion that is now Guilford County), North Carolina on June 29, 1766. He grew up in North Carolina, and there he met and married Matilda Barnard, a daughter of Benjamin Barnard and Eunice Fitch. There is more on this family in the [BARNARD FAMILY HISTORY](#), which follows.

Matilda was born on July 3, 1769 on Nantucket Island off the Massachusetts shore. Her family were whalers. I do not have a record of their marriage. Their first child, Benjamin, was born in September of 1797 so I assume they were married sometime in late 1796, but it might have been earlier. The minutes of the New Garden Monthly Meeting cite Henry as being *condemned for his marriage out of unity* on March 25, 1797.

Matilda was later, October 27, 1798, received by New Garden on a certificate from the Center Monthly Meeting.

On January 26, 1799, Henry and Matilda were granted their certificates to transfer to the Lost Creek Monthly Meeting. They traveled to Jefferson County Tennessee to join his parents and others of his family and arrived there in the Spring of 1799. Henry, Matilda and their young son, Benjamin, were received on April 20th at the Lost Creek Meeting.

They settled in East Tennessee and became very active in the church. Henry was chosen an overseer in 1805 and 1813 and Matilda was chosen in 1808. They remained in Jefferson County and between 1799 and 1809 the remaining five children were born. On March 25, 1820, the family was granted certificates to move to the New Garden Monthly Meeting in Indiana.

The family arrived in Wayne County Indiana during the Spring of 1820 and joined other members of their family who had come to settle near Economy, Indiana earlier. During the fall of 1820, two of Henry's sons, William and Frederick, went over into east central Illinois along the Wabash River and the Indiana border. Illinois had become a state in 1818, and the area to which the Canaday boys went was unorganized territory that later was to become Vermilion County.

They built a log house in the south east corner of the county near the present town of Vermilion Grove. This was the only house anywhere in the area. By winter, the two boys returned to Indiana to rejoin their parents. In the spring of 1821, the entire family along with the family of John Haworth moved to Vermilion Grove, Illinois to live.

They farmed the land with oxen they had brought with them. The following year, Henry Canaday and George Haworth established a Friends (Quaker) Meeting House in Vermilion Grove. They also help found the first school in the County in the Winter of 1824-25.

Henry was both a farmer and a blacksmith, tanner and saddle maker. These were trades that his son William was to follow. Although the Canadays and the Haworths were the first settlers, others came and eventually the area became the town of Vermilion Grove some two miles north of the present Ridge Farm, Illinois.

Henry and Matilda remained in Vermilion Grove for the rest of their lives. They were active in the Church and in the formation of the school that was to become Vermilion Academy.

Henry Canaday died on Christmas Eve, December 24, 1837. He had written his will on June 20, 1837. Matilda died a month after her spouse on January 26, 1838. Henry Canaday's Will is on file at the Vermilion County Courthouse in Book B, Page 492.

The following is what I know about the six children of Henry and Matilda Canaday. All but Benjamin were born in Jefferson County Tennessee. All of the birth dates are taken from handwritten entries in an old family bible. The bible gives Henry and Matilda's birth records as well.

## **Benjamin Canaday**

Benjamin was the eldest. He was born on September 13, 1797. He was the only child born in Guilford County North Carolina. He moved with his family to Indiana in 1821, but left the following spring and returned to Tennessee.

After returning to Jefferson County Tennessee, he bought a farm and married Ann (Polly Ann) Haworth. He is listed as *marrying contrary to the discipline* August 31, 1822. Ann Haworth was born on December 12, 1797 in Jefferson County Tennessee. She was the daughter of William and Jane (Brazelton) Haworth.

He regretted this move and returned to Illinois the following Fall (1822) and remained there. Benjamin was a tinsmith by trade. He would make goods during the winter and then travel to Louisville in the spring and trade them for other goods. He brought these goods back and sold them out of a small store on his farm in Vermilion. This worked out well and in a couple of years he moved to Georgetown where he opened a general store. He became the most successful and largest merchant in the area. He was also the first Postmaster in Georgetown. Ann Canaday died in Georgetown on August 29, 1875 and Benjamin died there a few months later on December 28, 1875.

The children of Benjamin and Ann Canaday were:

**JANE CANADAY** born in 1823 and died six years later in 1829.

**JOHN CANADAY** born March 25, 1825. He married Lucinda Parks in Vermilion County on June 3, 1848. They had two daughters:

**Laura Ann** born March 17, 1849. Laura married Jesse R. Holloway on October 7, 1865.

**Lillian** born July 29, 1853, and married to Joseph Thompson on September 6, 1870.

**SARAH CANADAY** born in 1826. She married John Johnson on July 14, 1856.

**MATILDA CANADAY** born in 1828 and died in 1846 unmarried.

**MARY H. CANADAY** was born November 12, 1830. She married Zachariah Morris on November 12, 1850 on her twentieth birthday. Both were disciplined for marrying; she on November 1, 1851, and he on November 8, 1851.

**MARINA F. CANADAY** was born in 1832. She married Joseph B. McCowan on July 12, 1855. She died in the late 1850s as her sister, Araminta, married her widowed spouse on October 2, 1860.

**SOPHIE R. CANADAY** was born in 1834. She married James K. Ritchie on May 31, 1854 and was disciplined for this on August 4, 1855.

**ARAMINTA CANADAY** was born in 1835. She married Joseph McCowan, the widower of her sister Marina on October 2, 1860.

## John Canaday

John was born the first year that the family moved to Jefferson County Tennessee. He was born on December 6, 1799. He moved to Indiana and then to Illinois. He married Sarah Humbird in Illinois on August 1, 1821. John remained in Vermilion Grove and farmed the land there. John was in the 1850 census, but had died by the 1860 census and Sarah, age sixty-four, was living with her daughter Mahala and her spouse Michael Smith.

John Canaday had five sons and two daughters.

**CALVIN M. CANADAY** was born January 4, 1823 and married Almira H. Conover, daughter of Dennis Conover, on August 7, 1856 and moved to Kansas. They had four children:

**Sarah Canaday** born in 1859. She married a Bennett and died at age 45 in 1905. They had two children:

**Elmer Bennett**

**Ethel Bennett**

**Malinda Jane Canaday** born April 3, 1862 in Dallas, Illinois. She married Eugene Inman. Malinda died April 2, 1957. They had two children:

**George Inman**

**Ruth Inman** who married a Thomas.

**Matilda Alice Canaday** born March 9, 1870. She married Clarence Almon Sammons on January 31, 1889 in Pittsburg, Kansas. She died July 27, 1962 in Sacramento, California. Their children were:

**Flossie Gertrude Sammons** born October 23, 1889.

**Clarence Leon Sammons** born December 5, 1891.

**Cecil Willard Sammons** born September 21, 1894.

**William Harry Sammons** born February 22, 1899.

**Earl Fred Sammons** born June 26, 1900.

**Leda Veroqui Sammons** born May 14, 1902.

**Leona Marie Sammons** born April 6, 1904.

**Elsie Mae Sammons** born December 21, 1905.

**William Canaday** born in 1874. He married Lilly Young on December 25, 1894. They had one son:

## **Orr Canaday**

**MAHALA L. CANADAY** was born about 1825 She married Michael C. Smith on November 9, 1843. They moved to Ash Grove, Iroquois County Illinois.

**HENRY CANADAY** was born March 11, 1827 and died April 13, 1888. He married Mary Rice on November 4, 1852 and remained and farmed his father's land. Mary died October 10, 1903. Their children were:

**Charles Canaday** who married Alice Larrance.

**Anna Canaday**

**Sophia Canaday**

**John Rice Canaday** who married Katha Gadd.

**William Canaday**

**WILLIAM CANADAY** was born about 1830, he was in the 1850 census at age 20. He married Mary A. Reagan on May 4, 1856. I lose him after that.

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CANADAY** was born November 19, 1832. He married Mary Ann Haworth in about 1857. Mary Ann was a daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Dillon) Haworth. She was born in Illinois on November 20, 1836. They had four children:

**Henry Herbert Canaday** born August 27, 1859, and married first to Martha Castle or Cassel on October 16, 1881 in Danville, then to Erma Jesse Burton in about 1897.

**Margaret Canaday** born April 3, 1861, and married to Frank Vanneman.

**Ella Canaday** born September 17, 1870 and married to Frederick Trumbell.

**Lulu Canaday** born February 11, 1876.

Mary Ann died on May 9, 1876 and is buried in Vermilion Grove. Benjamin remarried two more times. His second spouse was Mary Williams Hester, daughter of Daniel Williams and Temperance Doudson and widow of Robert Hester. He seems to have moved to Kansas in 1886, but returned to Illinois after his second spouse died. On February 10, 1900, he married Effie Elizabeth Holladay. He moved north to Champaign, Illinois. He then returned to Ridge Farm where he was still living in 1908. He is buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery and his stone reads '1831-1911.'

**SUSANNA CANADAY** was born about 1836. She married Stanley Ruby or Rulie.

**JOHN CANADAY** was born in 1842 and remained in Vermilion County. The 1880 census shows him, his spouse Ann and these children:

**William Canaday**

**Margaret Canaday** born in 1869. She married William O. Hutchins.

**Philo P. Canaday**

**Grace Canaday**

**Winfred Canaday**

There may be other children, but this is all I have at this point.

## Jonathan Canaday

Jonathan was born on June 27, 1802 and he died the following year on October 26, 1803.

## Frederick Canaday

Frederick was born on June 28, 1804. After moving to Vermilion Grove, he married Charity Haworth sometime in 1828. She is listed in the minutes as *marrying contrary to the discipline* on January 30, 1830. Charity was the daughter of William and Jane (Brazelton) Haworth and the sister of Mary Ann who married Benjamin Canaday. They settled on the farm he originally carved out of the wilderness. Frederick remained on this farm all his life.

The following is from the 1879 book, *The History of Vermilion County* by H.W. Beckworth:

*Frederick Canaday, Vermilion Grove, farmer, was born in Jefferson County Tennessee on the 27th of January 1804 and was raised a farmer, which occupation he has followed successfully through life. He was one of the pioneers of the County coming here in 1820, and sharing life with the few settlers of that early day the hardships of a pioneer life. Mr. Canaday is considered one of Vermilion County's best citizens. He has been very charitable in donating for benevolent purposes. He was married in Tennessee in 1828, to Charity Haworth, who was also born in Tennessee and is now deceased. They are the parents of ten children, eight living: Jane, Matilda, William, Mary A., Henry, Isaac, Sarah and John. Mr. Canaday was then married to Anna Haworth in 1849. There were but two settlers in this part of the county when he came here, and he was the oldest settler who attended the old settler's meeting in Danville in the fall of 1878. He owns nine hundred and thirty acres of fine land. He is a republican and belongs to the Friends Church.*

As I mentioned above, Charity was *condemned* for marrying contrary to discipline in 1830. Frederick was likewise chastised and was officially disowned on July 3, 1830. Frederick seems to have taken that to heart and dropped out of the church for over twenty years. The next listing I find for him in the Vermilion Minutes is on May 7, 1853 when he appeared at a meeting and acknowledged that he had been justly discharged, but requested that he be received again in the membership. He was restored to the church on June 4, 1853, probably as a result of his second marriage.

Charity Haworth Canaday died on March 1, 1847, and Frederick married another Haworth, Anna Haworth, Charity's first cousin. Ann or Anna was born April 26, 1804 and was a daughter of James and Mary (Elmore) Haworth.

On September 1, 1849, Ann Canaday, formerly Haworth, was received at the Vermilion Meeting on a certificate from the Salem Meeting at Silver Creek, Indiana. Frederick and Anna were married sometime in 1849.

Anna Haworth Canaday died on April 5, 1885. Frederick died a year later on November 1, 1886. Both are buried in Vermilion Grove, Illinois.

The following is what I know about the children of Frederick and Charity Canaday.

The 1879 *History of Vermilion County* refers to the following eight children who were alive in 1879: JANE, MALILNA, WILLIAM, MARY ANN, HENRY, ISAAC, SARAH and JOHN. In another place it stated that the four sons still lived around him in Vermilion Grove. It then stated, 'Of his daughters, MRS. LAWRENCE lives in Kansas, MRS. PATTERSON in Bethel, and MRS. ANKRUM lives near where her father lives.'

The following is what I know of the children of Frederick Canaday.

**JANE CANADAY** was born in 1830 and died in 1900. She married Thomas Patterson on December 12, 1849 and lived in Vermilion County.

**MALINDA** or **MATILDA CANADAY** I have no information on her, perhaps she died young.

**SARAH CANADAY** was born about 1834. She married George W. Ankrum on October 4, 1860. They lived in Ridge Farm, Illinois.

**MARY ANN CANADAY** was born about 1835. She married Isaac Larrance on April 1, 1852. They moved to Topeka, Shawnee County Kansas.

**WILLIAM FREDERICK CANADAY** was born April 24, 1833. He married Jane (Haworth) Henderson on September 6, 1857 in Vermilion Grove. I assume this is the right William Canaday as he was listed in the 1850 census as being seventeen years old. Jane was born on July 18, 1836 and died on May 1, 1885. William died on September 17, 1907. Both are buried in Vermilion. Their children were:

**Dorothy** or **Dora Canaday** was born November 9, 1858, and married on February 27, 1877 to Horace Haworth, son of David and Miriam (Mills) Haworth.

**Horace G. Canaday** born July 7, 1859, his spouse was Ella Clifton.

**Ida R. Canaday** born July 31, 1861, she married Ollie Ankrum.

**Owen L. Canaday** born January 15, 1864.

**Eunice H. Canaday** born March 31, 1871.

**Anna C. Canaday** born February 18, 1873, married to Louis Coe.

**James Wilbert Canaday**

**ISAAC HENRY CANADAY** was born February 24, 1842. He married Mary Ellen Ellis on October 31, 1867. Mary was born September 11, 1847. The Vermilion Meeting records indicate three children:

**Herbert Canaday** born on December 16, 1876.

**Ellis Canaday** born on May 6, 1883, and married to Mary Lewis.

**Frederick Canaday** born on September 7, 1888 and married to Hattie Mendenhall.

Mary died in 1922 and Isaac in 1926. Both are buried in Vermilion Grove.

**HENRY F. CANADAY** was born December 12, 1840. He married Margaret or Maggie Brewer on September 26, 1875. Maggie was born in Guernsey County Ohio in 1847. She was a daughter of John and Minerva (Priest) Brewer. He was a farmer and a veteran of the Civil War. Their children included:

**Govern Canaday** born June 3, 1886.

**Two others** who had died by 1899.

**JOHN F. CANADAY** was born March 1, 1847. His spouse Emily Larrance was born January 8, 1849. She was a daughter of Moses and Nancy Larrance. They were married about 1877. John Canaday died May 24, 1927 and Emily died on December 24, 1901. Both are buried in Vermilion. Their children were:

**Cora M. Canaday** born October 22, 1878 and married to E. C. Smith.

**Grace T. Canaday** born March 27, 1880 and married to Glenn Walthall.

**Charity J. Canaday** born March 19, 1881 and married to a Fielder.

**Florence Canaday** born July 30, 1883 also married to a Larrance.

**Flora Canaday** born August 25, 1885 and married to Dr. John Ryan.

## Mary Ann Canaday

Mary Ann was born on June 25, 1806. She was married twice; first to a Durham man, probably in the mid 1820s, and then she married Abraham Smith on October 31, 1833 as 'Mary Durham.' On May 3, 1834, she was disciplined for marrying contrary to the discipline. Abraham was born in Tennessee on July 28, 1810. He was a son of Isaac and Lydia (Brazelton) Smith.

He was a farmer and helped to lay out the town of Ridge Farm, Illinois. The children were:

**HENRY C. SMITH** born September 11, 1834. He married Lydia Mills, daughter of Ira and Esther (Horney) Mills. In 1886 they moved to Douglas County Kansas. Their children were:

**Mary Smith** born October 27, 1860.

**Charles Smith** born May 3, 1862.

**Eva Smith** born June 5, 1864.

**Pleasant D. Smith** born September 14, 1867.

**Anna M. Smith** born August 20, 1869.

**MILO SMITH** was born in 1837. He married Elizabeth Lewis on February 11, 1864 and later moved to California.

**MATILDA SMITH** was born in 1839. She married William Harvey on April 12, 1857 and they lived in Mississippi.

**LYDIA B. SMITH** was born about 1840 and married Joseph R. Pierce on February 11, 1864.

**MARTHA JANE SMITH** was born about 1843 and married Terrance N. Clark on May 17, 1861.

## William Canaday

William was the youngest child of Henry Canaday. This is our line, and his life is covered in the next Section.

# WILLIAM CANADAY

William Canaday was born in Jefferson County Tennessee on December 22, 1809. He traveled with his family to Illinois and remained in Vermilion County all his life.

When the first school was established in 1825, William was one of the original fourteen students.

William was one of the brothers who built the initial log cabin in Illinois where the family first lived in 1821. He followed his father's trade of tanner and saddle maker for a while, but later devoted all his time to farming.

The Canaday and Haworth families were close friends all the way back to North Carolina. There was a fair amount of intermarrying between the two. William Canaday married Mary Jane, or Polly as she was called, Haworth on December 20, 1831 in Vermillion Grove, Illinois.

Polly was the daughter of William and Jane Brazelton Haworth. She was born on January 31, 1811 in Jefferson County Tennessee. For more information on this family, see the [HAWORTH FAMILY HISTORY](#) and the [BRAZELTON FAMILY HISTORY](#) that are on this web site.

William then devoted the rest of his life to farming and the raising of livestock. He always had over a hundred head of cattle and lived on a large farm of over 400 acres. He owned more than 1000 acres in all, as he gave some 540 acres to his children. He lived on the same land that he was given a patent for some sixty years earlier.

The Cumberland Church was organized in Ridge Farm in 1854 and William Canaday was one of the active members that organized and built the church building in 1856. They then built a new Friends church in 1874 in Elwood. Polly Canaday died in Ridge Farm on May 9, 1856 and was buried at the Vermilion Friends Burial Ground. She died at the age 45 years, 3 months and 9 days.

William married again, on October 30, 1873, to Elizabeth Diament, daughter of Nathaniel Diament.

William Canaday died on November 1, 1896 at the age of almost eighty-eight. He died at home after an illness of several months. His Will is recorded in Book I, Page 265 in Vermilion County Illinois. Elizabeth died on May 25, 1901. Both are buried in the Vermilion Grove Cemetery.

According to the obituary, he died at 5 o'clock on a Monday Morning. The funeral services were held at 2 PM the next day at the Friends Church in Vermilion Grove. The services were performed by his son in law, the Reverend Thomas Brown who had married his daughter Matilda.

William and Polly (Mary) Canaday had ten children. The following is what I know of these children. All of the children were born in Vermilion Grove, Vermilion County Illinois.

## **Julia Ann Canaday**

Julia was born on December 26, 1832. She married Wilton P. Harrold in Vermilion Grove on April 18, 1867. I do not believe they had any children. They lived in Ridge Farm, Illinois.

## **Gilbert Franklin Canaday**

Gilbert Franklin was born April 10, 1834. He first married Prudence Williams and they had a daughter, **MARY**, who died at age eighteen. Prudence died in 1861 and then he married Mary Jane Jackson on January 1, 1866 in Vermilion Grove. Mary was a daughter of James Jackson and Susan Yapps. They lived near the town of Homer in Champaign County Illinois.

I only know of these children:

**MARY CANADAY** who died at age eighteen.

**GERTRUDE CANADAY** who married G. Eggleston.

**EDWARD CANADAY** who married Getrude Sides.

**WILLIAM CANADAY** who died as an infant in his first year.

**BERTIE CANADAY** who died as an infant in his first year.

## **Richard Henry Canaday**

Richard H. Canaday was born on November 19, 1835. He married Sarah Catherine Harrold on April 7, 1869. This is our line, and his life is covered in the next section of this history.

## **James Asbury Canaday**

James Asbury Canaday was born on June 16, 1837. He seems to have been known by his middle name, Asbury. His father listed him as such in the 1850 census and his wedding record is under that name.

He married Martha Goodman in Vermilion County on August 28, 1855,

There is a listing in the Mormon IGI on October 17, 1869, that Asbury Canaday married Julia Ann Howard in Vermilion County. This is wrong, as on that date he married Drusilla Diven. They moved to Burr Oak Grove, Champaign County Illinois.

James A. Canaday and Drusilla had four children:

**MARY ELLEN CANADAY**

**DORA CANADAY**

**EARL CANADAY**

## ORA CANADAY

I have no other information except that in the obituary of his brother, Richard, he is listed as being alive in 1914 and living in Ogdon just over the line in Champaign County Illinois.

## Henry C. Canaday

Henry Canaday was born May 7, 1838. I have no other information on him. I think he died fairly young. He did not receive land from his father and he was not listed as surviving his father in 1896. He was also the right age to have served in the Civil War if his religious beliefs did not prevent this.

I simply do not have any information.

## Matilda Jane Canaday

Matilda was born on September 10, 1842. She married Thomas C. Brown of Elwood Township on October 11, 1866. Thomas was born on August 2, 1842 and was the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Cook Brown.

Thomas Brown was a Minister in the Friends (Quaker) Church. The family moved to Indianapolis, Indiana. It was Thomas who presided at the funeral services of his father in law. They later lived in Penfield, Indiana. Matilda was still alive in 1914 when her brother Richard passed away.

Matilda and Thomas had these children that I have information on:

**MARY ALICE BROWN** born on October 27, 1867. She married Nathan Herbert Charles, the son of Mathew Charles and Eliza Timberlake Charles. Nathan was born on November 28, 1870. In the 1890s they lived in Grant County Indiana and in 1910 moved to Morgan County Indiana. I have information on two children:

**Edna Alice Charles** born on December 15, 1893 and married on August 26, 1915 to Halford Hoskins.

**Olive M. Charles** was born May 21, 1903.

**OLIVER W. BROWN** was born on June 28, 1877 in Vermilion County Illinois.

## Benjamin Franklin Canaday

Benjamin was born July 19, 1845. He married Cornelia `Cora' Green in 1875 and they lived in Elwood Township and attended the Quaker services at the Vermilion Monthly Meeting.

Benjamin attended local schools and then took over a farm his father had given him in Champaign County. He ran that farm for some twenty-three years. He then sold that farm after

his father's death and moved back to Vermilion Grove where he bought a 120 acre farm. He remained there for the rest of his life. He also owned land in western Canada. Like his father he raised cattle as well as farmed the land.

Benjamin and Cora raised seven children, five of who survived him. Cora died in 1895 and Benjamin married again to Effa Holaday (Holliday).

Benjamin was, according to his obituary, a staunch republican. He was a member of the county highway commission for ten years. He was a school director of Vermilion Academy for twenty-five years and for forty-two years was a member of the A. F. & A. M. Lodge of Ridge Farm. Like his parents, both Benjamin and Cora were Quakers.

Benjamin died on Saturday Afternoon August 1, 1914 at age sixty-nine years and thirteen days. He was survived by his second spouse and five of his seven children.

The obituary referred to these children as Mrs. Long of Humrick, Mrs. Earl Plotner of Fithian, Mrs. Martha Freeman who was in the West, Jesse who was living at home and Howard of St. Louis.

The following are the seven children and their birth dates as taken from the records at the Vermilion Monthly Meeting minutes.

**HOWARD W. CANADAY** born August 19, 1875.

**RICHARD A. CANADAY** born August 17, 1878.

**ANNA ALICE CANADAY** born November 6, 1883. She married Clyde Long.

**JESSE M. CANADAY** born December 19, 1885.

**MARTHA CANADAY** one of three triplets born April 21, 1889. She married a P. Freeman.

**MARY CANADAY** born April 21, 1889. She married Earl Plotner.

**MARK CANADAY** born April 21, 1889. He died August 27, 1891 at age two years.

## **Mary Elizabeth Canaday**

Mary Elizabeth was born January 15, 1847. I have no other information on her. It is possible she died at a young age, as she did not receive any lands from her father and was not mentioned in his obituary as surviving.

## **Sarah Ann Canaday**

Sarah Ann was born April 9, 1853. I have nothing more on her, except like her sister, she did not receive any lands from her father so I assume she too died at an early age.

## Alice Canaday

Alice was born about 1855. She married Charles C. Morris on June 29, 1876 in Vermilion Grove. Charles was the son of Exum and Eleanor (Newlin) Morris. He was born August 5, 1849.

Charles was a physician. They lived in Rockville, Parke County Indiana. She was still there in 1914 when her brother, Richard died (from his obit).

Their children that I have names for were:

**JESSE C. MORRIS** born June 21, 1877 and died March 13, 1950. He married Bertha Woodard of Southport, Indiana on January 22, 1913. She died in 1955. Their children were:

**Dr. Charles Woodard Morris** born in Rockville, Indiana September 7, 1914 and died February 1, 1999. He married Marian Euliss Brockway, born May 5, 1912 in Rockville, a schoolteacher, who died on December 31, 2000. Charles was a psychiatrist and they resided in Louisville, Kentucky.

**Sara Virginia Morris** born between 1915 and 1920. She married Paul Johnson, one son. Still living in Apple Valley, California as of 2007.

**Marjorie Alice Morris** born April 10, 1920 and died January 1986, in an automobile accident. She married King Keith Harmless, both having grown up in Rockville, Indiana, on December 27th, 1945.

**ESTELLA E. MORRIS** born April 18, 1879 and died in December 1952. She married Richard Ott on October 4, 1899. He was a son of William James Ott and Rebecca Hutchinson, and was born September 21, 1870 and died August 18, 1936. Their children were:

**Mary Morris Ott** born October 22, 1902 and died on her birthday in 1993. She married Samuel Burton Cobb on September 6, 1922.

**Sarah Frances Ott** born in 1910 and died in 2001. She married Norman Cook.

**MARY H. 'MAMIE' MORRIS** born September 1882.

**MERRILL JUSTIN MORRIS** born October 9, 1890 in Rockville, Indiana and died August 25, 1949 in Salina, Utah. He married Mildred Murphy in Terre Haute, Indiana on September 6, 1916. She was born January 17, 1893 in Terre Haute and died in Seattle, Washington November 5, 1970. He was an eyes, ears and throat doctor in Seattle. They had one daughter:

**Zelda Mathilde Morris** born October 26, 1919 in Terre Haute and died in an automobile accident in Ellensburg, Washington on December 3, 1943. She married John Quinten McGrath July 8, 1941 in Seattle, Washington. He was born December 21, 1912 in Vancouver, British Columbia and died in Ellensburg May 11, 1995. After Zelda died he married Eleanor McKenzie Harrel. He had two children in each marriage:

**Zelda Marie McGrath** She married Paul Taylor in 1975 and they were divorced in 1985. Zelda is a teacher and the one that gave me the info on this line.

**Charles Morris McGrath** He is a doctor in cancer research.

**George James McGrath**  
**Joan McGrath** born and died in 1949.

## **RICHARD HENRY CANADAY**

Richard Canaday was born in Vermilion Grove on November 19, 1835. He was the third child born to William and Polly Canaday.

Richard was a farmer and he lived on part of the original farm of Henry Canaday that dated back to 1821. He spent his entire life living and working on the farm.

On April 7, 1869, he married Sarah Catherine Harrold. They had one child, William Marion Canaday. Sarah died three years later in 1872. Richard remained a widower for some nineteen years before he remarried. On January 15, 1891, he married Hannah Sheers.

Richard Canaday was a lifelong member of the Friends Church, although there is an entry in the Vermilion minutes in 1874 taking Richard and his son William Marion into membership. Perhaps he was in another monthly meeting or simply dropped out of active church for a while. His father was 'received' in 1873 as was his brother Benjamin. I do not know where they were as everything I have read shows the family as members of the local (Vermilion) Friends Church for all their lives.

Richard also was prominent in founding the Vermilion Academy in Vermilion Grove.

Richard Henry Canaday died on March 20, 1914 after a long illness with Bright's disease. He was survived by his second spouse, Hannah, two brothers, Asbury and Benjamin, and two sisters, Alice and Matilda.

Richard Henry Canaday's Will is in Book J, Page 326 in Vermilion County.

Richard and Sarah had only one child, WILLIAM MARION CANADAY. His life is covered in the next section.

# WILLIAM MARION CANADAY

William M. Canaday was the only child of Richard Henry and Sarah Catherine (Harrold) Canaday. He was born on August 6, 1871 in Vermilion Grove, Illinois.

William attends local schools and then the Vermilion Academy where he graduated. He went on to Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana and then to Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana where he was a member of Sigma Chi.

While in college, he met Miss Mary Jeanette Norris and they were married on October 18, 1893. Jeanette was born in Richmond, Indiana on February 5, 1875. She was a daughter of James and Henrietta (Evans Miller) Norris.

The family transferred from the Vermilion Monthly Meeting to the new one in Ridge Farm, Illinois on August 6, 1898.

William and Jeanette ran a small country general store in Ridge Farm for several years before he took up real estate as a profession.

William Canaday worked in the commercial real estate field most of his life. He lived for many years in Indianapolis, Indiana. There he worked in the real estate department of Fletcher Savings and Trust and then he had his own offices in the People's Bank Building, also in Indianapolis. He lived at 2737 North Pennsylvania Street while in Indianapolis.

He retired in 1930 and moved back to his farm west of Vermilion Grove, Illinois. He died while still living there in 1933. He was at St. Anthony's hospital in Terre Haute, Indiana when he actually died. He was returned home for services at the Friend's church and burial in the Crown Hill Cemetery in Ridge Farm, Illinois. He was sixty-two years old at the time of his death.

He was survived by his wife Jeanette and their three children.

Jeanette died at the age of seventy-five on Tuesday, June 13, 1950 at her home in Vermilion Grove. She was buried alongside her spouse in Ridge Farm.

William Marion and Jeanette Norris Canaday had three children. The following is what I know about them.

## Marguerite Katheryne Canaday

Marguerite, or Peg as she was called, was born in Vermilion Grove on November 2, 1894.

She married John Shirkie, seventeen years her senior, and they lived in Chicago for many years. After he retired, they moved to Terre Haute, Indiana, and finally to the farm in Danville, Illinois.

John Shirkie was born in Scotland and his family owned a number of coal mines and the town they lived in was named Shirkieville, Indiana in their honor. It is near Terre Haute. While the

railroads used coal, the family was quite wealthy. After the switch to diesel by the trains, the fortunes fell.

John Shirkie died in 1949 and Peg returned to the farm in Ridge Farm where she lived for a great many years. Peg spent the last several years of her life at the Holiday Inn in Danville, Illinois. She preferred that to life in a nursing home. She died in 1971. There were no children.

## Richard Hobart Canaday

Richard Hobart Canaday was born on September 26, 1896. This is our line and his life is contained in the next section.

## James Paul Canaday

James Paul Canaday was born on August 31, 1898 in Ridge Farm, Illinois. He called himself 'Paul.' He spent his early years in Ridge Farm. After his father sold the general store, the family moved to Danville, Illinois. As a youth, Paul began to work on cars and motorcycles. This hobby was to turn into his future occupation.

Paul and his brother Hobart were sent in 1914 to the Columbia Military Academy in Columbia, Tennessee. Here they both met their future spouses who were attending a private girls' school in Columbia. Paul married Mary Fredonia Trolley on October 9, 1917 in Columbia, Tennessee. Mary was the daughter of William Mark Trolley and May McClellan and was born near Kelso, Tennessee on August 2, 1898.

Paul and Mary moved to Indianapolis, Indiana where he worked for an auto parts company. Here their only child, William Mark Canaday, was born on June 13, 1920. They moved to St. Petersburg, Florida and established a real estate business. When the boom in Florida stopped in 1927, they returned to Indianapolis and Paul returned to the auto parts business. In 1931, he started his own company, *Gabriel Sales Company*. He remained in this business until his death on July 29, 1958. Mary remained in Indianapolis until her death on December 17, 1980.

The following is what I know of their son, Bill Canaday.

**WILLIAM MARK CANADAY** was born in Indianapolis on June 13, 1920. He attended Purdue University and joined the Air Force, just before World War II broke out, on October 3, 1941. He flew out of England in B-24 bombers and received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with several clusters. He was discharged after the War on September 4, 1945. He met Mary Ann Wagner upon returning home. They were married in Indianapolis on September 18, 1948. Mary Ann was a daughter of Fronzo Wagner who came from Germany and Minnie Metcalfe of Carrollton, Kentucky. William worked with his father and after his death became president in 1958. He sold Gabriel Sales in 1983 and retired. He lives in Indianapolis. Bill and Mary Ann had one child, Carol Lynn Canaday born June 22, 1950.

# **RICHARD HOBART CANADAY**

Richard Hobart Canaday was born in Vermilion Grove on September 26, 1896.

In 1915, he married Nelle Elizabeth Jones. Nelle was born in 1898 in Madison County Indiana. She was a daughter of Arthur Hamlin Jones and Daisy Bake Jones. The histories of the JONES, BAKE and related families, follows this Canaday Family History.

Richard, or Hobart as he was called, held a number of jobs in various sales capacities. They lived on the farm in Ridge Farm.

Nell became depressed over several affairs her spouse had engaged in and took her own life on July 12, 1931.

After his spouse and son died, Hobart moved first to Chicago and then to Indianapolis. He had an alcohol problem and died of Addison's disease in Indianapolis at the Hospital on March 20, 1939. Both are buried in Ridge Farm, Illinois.

Richard and Nell had two children.

## **Dorothy Elizabeth Canaday**

Dorothy Canaday was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on September 29, 1917. After her parents died, she moved in with her aunt and uncle, John and Peg Shirkie and lived in Terre Haute, Indiana. She married Howard Samuels Danner on June 12, 1938 in Terre Haute. After a one day honeymoon, they moved to Chicago where Howard was working.

In 1939, Howard took a job with Standard Oil Company of Indiana and they moved to Indianapolis. Their first child, Suzanne Marguerite Danner was born there on May 3, 1941.

By the mid 1940s, Dorothy's asthma worsened and the family moved to Los Angeles. Their second son, Richard John Danner, was born August 20, 1945.

Howard then went into the food/dairy industry, a field he remained in all his life. They moved to Atlanta, Dallas and Fort Lee, New Jersey. In 1954, he went with Eskimo Pie and the family moved to Richmond, Virginia. They remained there until 1959 when they moved to Stamford, Connecticut. It was here that I met their daughter, Suzy, and married her on July 22, 1961.

Howard and Dorothy moved to San Francisco in 1965 and Chicago in 1967. In 1970 he formed his own company, Dry Milk Products, and they moved to Decatur, Illinois. The company was sold in 1981 and as part of the sale Dorothy and Howard moved to Louisville, Kentucky. Both were active in sales for the company under a contract that ran through 1984.

They then retired and moved to Atlanta, Georgia where their son, Richard, was living. Howard died there Monday April 25, 1994. Dorothy lived in Atlanta until her death on March 26, 2009.

Howard and Dorothy Danner had two children:

## **SUZANNE MARGUERITE DANNER**

Suzanne was born in Indianapolis on May 3, 1941. She, of course, traveled all over America with her parents. Richmond, Virginia was really where she grew up and graduated from high school. She went to William and Mary for a year and then moved to Connecticut with her parents.

Here she met and married William Byrnes Putman II of Greenwich, Connecticut. They were married in Riverside, a part of Greenwich, on July 22, 1961. Bill was working with Gulf Oil and they moved to New Rochelle, New York. Suzy worked as an account administrator with McCann Erickson, then the world's largest advertising agency, in New York City.

She was compelled to quit due to the birth of their only son, William Byrnes Putman III, who was born in Greenwich, Connecticut on June 26, 1963. They moved to Stamford, Connecticut and then Philadelphia and then back to Darien, Connecticut while Bill was being transferred by Gulf Oil and American Express. Another move brought them to Hingham, Massachusetts, a suburb of Boston in 1968.

Suzy started up her own business designing and appliquéing clothing and garment and duffel bags. The firm is called TreeTops. Soon Bill joined her and they ran a small *cottage style industry* from their home.

Their son went to University of Colorado and then moved to Atlanta in 1986. He currently lives near his father in Sandwich, Massachusetts. He married Eileen Sullivan here on Cape Cod.

On August 6, 1987, Suzanne suffered a sudden and critical asthma attack and died an hour later at the emergency room of the South Shore Hospital. She was buried in the Putman Family plot at the St. Paul's Church in Riverside, Connecticut. This was the same church she was married in twenty-six years earlier.

Bill lives in Hyannis Port, Cape Cod, Massachusetts where he operates a bed and breakfast inn, *The Simmons Homestead*. She was only forty-six when her highly creative life ended in tragedy.

## **RICHARD JOHN DANNER**

Richard was born in Los Angeles, California on August 20, 1945. He graduated from High School in Stamford, Connecticut and from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

In his senior year at Vanderbilt, he married Diana Refsland on November 22, 1969. Diana was also a student there and came from Montana. They moved to Atlanta where both were sociology professors at colleges there.

They were divorced in 1980. There were no children. Richard then went into the real estate development business. He currently is renovating older buildings and making condominium conversions in the Mid Town section of Atlanta. For the last several years, he has been making the annual trek to Spain to run with the bulls in the streets of Pamplona each July.

He married Susan Pinson of Augusta, Georgia on November 10, 1990 in Atlanta.

## **Richard John Canaday**

Richard was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 25, 1921. He moved with the family to Ridge Farm, Illinois. At the age of sixteen, he was shooting pigeons in the barn and accidentally fell through the hayloft floor and was killed. He died on December 4, 1937.