

ELEVENTH MARVEL REUNION—BIG CREEK PARK CANTON

On August 24, 1930, the eleventh (11th) Annual Marvel Reunion was held at Big Creek Park, Canton, Illinois.

After the basket dinner and seats were arranged, the program was opened by all singing "America;" followed by a prayer by Rev. L. J. Sailor, pastor of the First Methodist Church, of Bushnell, Illinois. The President, Raymond Marvel, read a clipping, telling of the Hon. Josiah Marvel, of Wilmington, Delaware, being made president of the American Bar Association. The business meeting followed. South Park, Peoria; Big Creek Park, Canton and Millers Park, Bloomington, were mentioned. South Park, Peoria was chosen and the time of the reunion was discussed and it was decided to hold it as usual, the next to the last Sunday in August.

Raymond Marvel was re-elected president; Miss Edna Lewis, (granddaughter of William Marvel) was elected vice president, and Mrs. Hettie Marvel Markley, Avon, Illinois, R. R. (note change of address) was elected Secretary-Treasurer; W. S. Jones of Peoria, Chairman of Grounds Committee.

Minutes were read and approved. Mrs. Blomberg was made chairman of the program for 1931. Song "Illinois" by all. Rev. L. J. Sailor in his pleasing way made a snappy talk on a "Marvelous Family." Mrs. Ethel Marvel Blomberg and Miss Edna Lewis sang "Abide With Me." Prettyman Marvel of San Diego, California came the longest distance. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis of Fairview were married the most years (49 years); Robert Hubbard Marlow, of Galesburg was the youngest on the grounds. A small gift was given each of them.

Dr. J. E. Marvel gave a talk on Marvel ancestry. All sang "Blest be the tie that Binds." Dismissed by Rev. L. J. Sailor.

It was thought proper to keep an account of the deaths as nearly as we could. Here are some of them since the first reunion in 1920; in 1921, Mrs. Hettie Marvel Bales, aged 87 years, Lindsay, Oklahoma; Mrs. Della Marvel, Aout and daughter Charlotte, of Iowa; Mrs. Ella Jones Marvel, Waynesville, Illinois; Wm. R. Armstrong, Peoria, Ill., March 21, 1924; Edward Crawl, husband of Mrs. Frances Marvel Crawl, of Fairview, died June 23, 1924; Esther Hahn Marvel, wife of John Marvel, Fairview, Ill., died November 18, 1926; William Thomas Marvel, Waynesville, Illinois, January 8, 1928; Cynthia Marvel Shrader, Fairview, died April 20, 1929; Kirby Armstrong, Waynesville, Illinois, March 14, 1930; William P. Loer, Peoria, Illinois, died August 20, 1930; William Morris Marvel, Peoria, Illinois, April 9, 1923; Josiah Marvel, Wilmington, Delaware, October 11, 1930; Dr. Luther M. Marvel, Weldon, Illinois, June, 1931; Mrs. May Marvel Davenport, Argenta, Illinois, July 10, 1931; Rev. George A. Marvel Argonia, Kansas, September, 1930.

Mrs. Hettie Marvel Markley, Secretary-Treasurer
Avon, Ill., R. R.

Mary Emma Farmer, daughter of William and Alice Mae (Marvel) Farmer, was born November 21, 1905. She graduated from the Waynesville Township High School in June, 1922, and from Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington, Illinois, in June, 1927. She taught in the Waynesville Public Schools in 1925-'26, and is now a teacher in the Week-Day School of Religion in Dayton, Ohio. She is a Charter Member of the William Hamilton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Waynesville, Illinois.

7. Joseph Francis Marvel, seventh child of Joseph W. and Nancy E. (Barr) Marvel, was born near Tabor, Illinois, February 8, 1876. He attended the North Bethel country schools and received all the instruction that schools of this type offered. He was married November 28, 1900 to Bertha A. Misner, and began housekeeping on the home place, Joseph Francis' occupation being that of farming. They continued their residence there until they purchased their present home, one quarter mile south of Waynesville, and moved to it March 1, 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Marvel are the parents of three children.

a. Emma Ruth Marvel, daughter of Joseph Francis and Bertha (Misner) Marvel, was born near Tabor, Illinois, March 14, 1904. She graduated from the Waynesville Township High School in 1921, and from Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois, in 1925, with the degree of A. B. She taught languages and English in the high school at Armstrong, Illinois in 1925-1927 and had similar work in the high school at Sidell, Illinois in 1927-1928. She was married June 21, 1928 to Shirley M. Troxel, of DeLand, Illinois. He received the degree of B. S. from Illinois Wesleyan in 1926, and those of M. S. and Ph. D. in Chemistry (Physical) at the University of Illinois in 1927 and 1930. He has been high school instructor and principal for five years in Illinois high schools, and at present is employed as research chemist by the Du Pont Rayon Company at Buffalo, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Troxel have one child, Shirley Marvin. Their present address is Kenmore, N. Y.

b. and c. Unnamed twin sons, born May 6, 1906; died the same day. - . -

VII. John Wesley Marvel, seventh child of Wiley and Charity (Clark) Marvel, was born in Gibson County, Indiana, January 21, 1841. He died in DeWitt County, Illinois, August 5, 1865 from complication following a sun stroke.

VIII. George Washington Marvel, eighth child of Wiley and Charity (Clark) Marvel, was born in Gibson County, Indiana, November 20, 1844. He was eight years of age when his parents moved to

DeWitt County, Illinois, and his first year there saw his first farm work, which consisted of dropping corn by hand, and later in the summer cultivating it with "one old horse and a shovel plow." He continued to work on his father's farm until he was twenty-one years of age. On May 31, 1866, he was united in marriage to Samantha Lever, daughter of Fleming and Elizabeth Lever. Four children were born to them: Mary E., Arthur A., George F., and Charles. In March 1872, they moved to Pottawatomie County, Kansas, whither his brother Prettyman had gone a year before, and engaged in general farming and stock raising. In February, 1876, the wife and mother died and was buried in the Jenkins (now the Admantha cemetery.)

On March 3, 1878 Mr. Marvel was again married to Mary Frances Schatz. To this union six children were born: Florence, Nellie, Ray, Ruth, Charlotte and Lillian. In January 1887, the family moved to Gilliam County, Oregon, settling on a homestead eleven miles south of Arlington. After meeting with numerous reverses of fortune, they left the homestead, and settled on a creek ranch near Olex, Oregon. This was in the spring of 1893. Here they had abundant water for irrigation, and the bottom lands were devoted to alfalfa, fruit and gardening, while their stock grazed the uplands. They prospered here, and made it their home until the children were all grown and self-sustaining. On March 18, 1913, the faithful wife and mother died, and was buried in the cemetery at Olex. The following May Mr. Marvel sold his home and interests at Olex to his son Charles, and with the two youngest daughters, who were teachers moved to Monmouth, Oregon, where the State Normal School is located. From there they moved to Dufur, Oregon and getting a contract to carry the mail, moved to Boyd, Oregon. On March 11, 1923, Mr. Marvel was married to Nancy Jane Shipley, of Sheridan, Oregon, they having known each other from childhood. (See pages 41, 144 and 145, also the article by Geo. W. Marvel on pages 34—37.) In September, 1925, they moved to Monmouth again, where they still reside.

George W. Marvel, is a Republican and a life long Methodist. He is the oldest living member of the Wiley Marvel family, being in his eighty-fifth year at the time of this writing. May many more good years be granted to him and his devoted wife!

1. Mary Elizabeth Marvel, oldest child of George W. and Samantha (Lever) Marvel, was born in DeWitt County, Illinois, March 8, 1867. When she was four years of age the family moved to Pottawatomie County, Kansas, where she lived until the winter of 1887, when she moved with her parents to Arlington, Oregon. On October 27, of that year she was married to Thomas W. Atkinson, a young Methodist Minister who had received his education at Will-

amette University at Salem, Oregon. Their first pulpit was at Wasco, Oregon, the next at Dufur. This was comparatively a new work, and in order to support himself and family so that the charge might have the usual support money to apply on the new church. It was necessary for Mr. Atkinson to teach school, while his wife, Mary Elizabeth, still helped further by teaching music. They were in the active ministerial work for about twenty years. These being the days of the circuit-rider, they have many thrilling stories to tell of the wild west at that time. Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson, with their daughter Marvel Lucile, and their granddaughter Velma Lucile Lyman, have resided in Portland, Oregon, since December, 1917.

a. Daisy Belle Atkinson, oldest child of Thomas W. and Mary E. (Marvel) Atkinson, was born November 9, 1888. She was married to Clyde W. Lyman, at Morgan, Oregon, December 16, 1908. Four children were born to them:

(a). Gladys Juanita Lyman, born December 9, 1909.

(b). Lois Bernice Lyman, born September 25, 1911.

(c). Pearl Eloise Lyman, born July 5, 1914.

(d). Velma Lucile Lyman, born June 7, 1916.

Daisy B. (Atkinson) Lyman died January 16, 1917. Clyde W. Lyman at the present time resides at Ashland, Oregon, where he is employed with the Southern Pacific Railway Company.

b. Mable Elizabeth Atkinson, second child of Thomas W. and Mary E. (Marvel) Atkinson, was born October 17, 1890; died September 26, 1895.

c. Merril Joyce Atkinson, third child of Thomas W. and Mary E. (Marvel) Atkinson, was born October 27, 1892; died February 27, 1893.

d. George Herbert Atkinson, fourth child of Thomas W. and Mary E. (Marvel) Atkinson, was born January 24, 1894. He was married at Portland, Oregon, on March 9, 1919, to Eva L. Lucas. They have one daughter Ruthellyn Georgia Atkinson, born February 1, 1920.

George H. Atkinson is a prominent business man and merchant, located on the famous Columbia River Highway at Springdale, in Multnomah County, Oregon.

e. Hattie Adeline Atkinson, fifth child of Thomas W. and Mary E. (Marvel) Atkinson, was born October 19, 1897. She was married October 18, 1920, at Portland, Oregon, to S. Frank Reeves, a mechanic. They have two children: Ila Marie Reeves, born January 8, 1923, and Thomas Hugh Reeves, born November 7, 1926.

Mr. Reeves, with his family lives at Portland, Oregon.

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f. Edward Earl Atkinson, sixth child of Thomas W. and Mary E. (Marvel) Atkinson, was born July 20, 1900. He was married at Portland, Oregon, on March 3, 1923, to Mary Magdalene Cox, of Lebanon, Indiana. They have one son, Charles Edwards Atkinson, born July 3, 1924. Edward Earl Atkinson is a mechanic, and lives at Springdale, Oregon.

g. Marvel Lucile Atkinson, seventh child of Thomas W. and Mary E. (Marvel) Atkinson, was born August 5, 1905. Since 1924 she has been employed as private secretary to Colonel Alfred E. Clark, Sr. member of the law firm of Clark, Skulason, and Clark, of Portland, Oregon. She lives with her parents in Portland.

2. Arthur Asbury Marvel, second child of George W. and Samantha (Lever) Marvel, was born in DeWitt County, Illinois, September 8, 1870. When Arthur was a year and a half old his parents moved to Pottawatomie County, Kansas, settling on a farm near Westmoreland. The children grew up on the farm, inured from their earliest years to its exacting toil, as well as enjoying its simple pleasures. In the winter of 1887, Arthur went with the family to Oregon, where she has since lived, except for a year spent on the old home place in Kansas, when he was nineteen years of age. He was married October 31, 1900, at Heppner, Oregon, to Daisy Miller Wilson. Three sons were born to them, namely: George Alfred, Archie Ray, and Lester Wilson. Daisy M. (Wilson) Marvel was a native of Oregon, and was born November 14, 1880. She passed away August 2, 1908.

In 1903 Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Marvel moved to Wasco county, near Boyd, Oregon, where the two younger boys were born. Mr. Marvel had been in the farming and stock business in Gilliam and Morrow counties, and continued farming for two years more, when he went into the Flour, Milling, and Warehouse business, which he continued for eight years. He was in the grain business for a time then in 1919 he went into a general Merchandise Store and Post-office at Boyd, Oregon. He is a Past Master Mason, also a Shriner, belonging to the Alkader Lodge, at Portland, Oregon. He is also a Past Grand in the I. O. O. F. lodge and has been a member of the W. O. W. for twenty-five years. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and is held in high regard by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

a. George Alfred Marvel, oldest child of Arthur A. and Daisy M. (Wilson) Marvel, was born in Gilliam County, Oregon, October 13, 1901. He was married May 25, 1922, to Katherine E. Bintner. They have two children:

(a.) Georgia Lee Marvel, born May 2, 1924.

(b.) Francis Griffin Marvel, born August 28, 1926.

George A. Marvel lives at Boyd, Oregon and is in the store with his father. He is a Mason, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist church.

b. Archie Ray Marvel, second child of Arthur A. and Daisy M. (Wilson) Marvel, was born in Wasco County, Oregon, November 25, 1904. He is attending College at Corvallis, Oregon, and belongs to the Masonic Lodge.

c. Lester Wilson Marvel, third child of Arthur A. and Daisy M. (Wilson) Marvel, was born in Wasco County, Oregon, July 22, 1907. He is a graduate of the High School, and is a De-Molay.

3. George Franklin Marvel, third child of George W. and Samantha (Lever) Marvel, was born in DeWitt County, Illinois, March 4, 1872. When "Franklin" was but a few weeks old, his parents moved to their new home in Pottawatomie County, Kansas, and he spent his early years there, attending the country school, which was but a mile from the home. When Frank was fourteen years of age the family moved to Oregon, settling near Arlington, and the lad attended the "Eight-Mile" School, near by. After a few years in that school, he began working out on the farm, and ever since then he has been farming, except for five years in the livery stable business—this was before the days of the automobile. At the age of twenty-four he was married to Mary E. Adlard. To this union one child was born—Roy F. Marvel, born December 6, 1903. Mrs. Marvel died February 14, 1909.

On December 31, 1910 Mr. Marvel was married to Maybelle Boone. They have two sons.

a. George Edward Marvel, born February 6, 1912.

b. Robert C. Marvel, born July 30, 1916.

George Franklin Marvel is at the present time foreman of a grain and stock ranch consisting of nearly ten thousand acres, owned by A. K. Smythe, millionaire rancher in southern Washington.

4. Charles Braxton Curtis Marvel, fourth child of George W. and Samantha (Lever) Marvel, was born near Westmoreland, Kansas, October 22, 1874. He moved with the family to Oregon in the winter of 1887. He was married on June 15, 1905, to Mary Nellie Morgan. She was born at The Dalles, Oregon, December 14, 1884. Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Marvel are the parents of nine children, as follows:

b. Gladys Leone Marvel, born at Bowden, Alberta, Canada, July 15, 1908.

d. Charles Purdy Marvel, born at Bowden, Alberta, Canada, May 26, 1912.

f. Nelma Eileene Marvel, born at Olex, Oregon, March 10, 1917.

h. Loren LeRoy Marvel, born at Olex, Oregon, August 16, 1921. — — —

The children of George W. and Mary F. (Schatz Marvel are as follows:

a. Leland Francis Purdy, first child of George F. and Florence Gertrude (Marvel) Purdy, was born near Fossil, Oregon, March 13, 1907.

2. Nellie Elsie Marvel, second child of George W. and Mary Frances (Schatz) Marvel, was born in Pottawatomie County, Kansas, February 2, 1884. As the family were moving to Oregon in 1887, Nellie Elsie contracted pneumonia on the train. Her first memory is one of a January day in 1887, being in a small hotel room in Arlington, Oregon, and a fat landlady applying onion poultices to her chest. She has never cared very much for onions since.

Most of her girlhood days were spent on Eight Mile, in Gilliam County, Oregon, on a stock ranch. She and her older sister Florence, each owned her own pony, and many delightful days were spent on the old place. Nellie Elsie's greatest tragedy at that time was the fact that she, having the gentler horse, and being the younger, often had to endure the humiliation of having little brother Ray hang on behind her.

After a few years her father bought a farm on Rock Creek, in Gilliam County, and she learned to pick fruit, milk cows, and hoe in the garden. She graduated from the Oregon Normal School, at Monmouth, in June, 1905, being class orator of the fifty prospective teachers. After having taught school for a few years, she was married to Claude Chester Chapman, of Fossil, Wheeler County, Oregon, on January 1, 1910. They have four children. The father, mother, and two older children have their membership in a Baptist church, but are now affiliated with the Pentecostal Movement, giving their "tithes and offerings" into the storehouse of the Portland Gospel Tabernacle.

This branch of the Marvel Family are at the present writing, living in Portland, Oregon. They are rather conservative as to politics, but usually vote the Republican ticket, depending much upon the personal of the candidates and the issues at stake. They all send greetings to all the "Marvels" wherever they may be, and aim to live lives worthy of that name of which we all are so proud. The children of Charles Claude and Nellie Elsie (Marvel) Chapman are as follows:

a. Gerald Marvel Chapman, born at Fossil, Oregon, January 20, 1911. He is a graduate of the High School.

b. Claudia Chestina Chapman, born at Fossil, Oregon, May 7, 1913, died June 11, 1913.

c. Clover Charlotte Chapman, born at Richmond, Oregon, April 12, 1917. She is in the Seventh grade in the Couch Public in Portland.

d. Mark Garland Chapman, born at Fossil, Oregon, December 25, 1921.

Wiley Ray Marvel, third child of George W. and Mary Frances (Schatz) Marvel, was born in Pottawatomie County, Kansas, April 14, 1886. The family moved to Gilliam County, Oregon the following year and Ray grew up on the farm. He finished the eighth grade in school and for two years worked at the printing trade in Portland, Oregon. He attended college for a time and on October 15, 1920 was married to Helen I. Saringhousen. They have each

"proved up" on a section of land in Jefferson County, Oregon, and Mr. Marvel is at present foreman of a large stock ranch there. The Wiley Ray Marvels are Republicans in politics usually, and Methodist and Presbyterian in religion. They have the following children:

- a. Everett Marvel, born January 31, 1922.
- b. Doris Marvel, born November 6, 1924.

4. Ruth Pearl Marvel, fourth child of George W. and Mary Frances (Schatz) Marvel, was born in Gilliam County, Oregon, June 30, 1889. Her girlhood days were spent on the home farm on Rock Creek. She was married May 14, 1913, to Archie W. Greenlee. They are living on a farm near Salem, Oregon, and have two children:

- a. Gladys Lillian Greenlee, aged thirteen.
- b. Frances Eleanor Greenlee, aged eleven .

5. Charlotte Esther Marvel, fifth child of George W. and Mary Frances (Schatz) Marvel, was born near Arlington, Gilliam County, Oregon, January 15, 1893. Her girlhood was spent in Gilliam County. After her elementary and Normal School training she taught school for four years. On September 15, 1915, she was married to Elwood A. Adkisson. They went to live on the Adkisson home place, a wheat ranch at Boyd, in Wasco County, Oregon, fourteen miles from The Dalles, and still reside there. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Dufur, Oregon; belong to the Masonic, I. O. O. F., W. O. W., and Rebekah Fraternal orders, and are Republican in politics. They have three children, as follows:

- a. Lura Gwendolyn Adkisson, born July 5, 1916.
- b. Dale Elwood Adkisson, born January 12, 1920.
- c. Merrill Marvel Adkisson, born November 14, 1924.

6. Lillian Marvel, sixth child of George W. and Mary Frances (Schatz) Marvel, was born near Olex, Oregon, November 18, 1894. She was married August 21, 1919, to David Ritchie Strachan. Lillian (Marvel) Strachan adds a personal touch to this history in the following letter:

"It is with a great deal of pleasure that I contribute my part to the "Marvel History." I am the youngest of a family of ten. Ours was a happy family. My Grammer School and High School days were spent near our country home and very early in life I decided to become a teacher. I was indeed happy when I had signed the contract for my first school—our home school. In the school were twelve boys, ranging from the first grade to the eighth grade. I enjoyed my first year very much, and am now (May, 1927) finishing my ninety-ninth month of teaching.

It was during the latter part of my first year of school teaching that our beloved mother died. The influence our mother had on the moulding of our character was very conspicuous. After mother's death, father, Charlotte, the sister just older than I, and myself, moved to Monmouth, Oregon, where Charlotte and I attended the Normal School.

I was reared in a Christian home, for which I am most grateful. At fourteen years of age I gave my heart to God, and was taken into the Methodist Church, of which I have been a member ever since.

August 21, 1919, I became the wife of David Ritchie Etrachan, a highly respected farmer near Dufur, Oregon. We have lived in or near Dufur ever since our marriage. On January 30, 1921, we became the proud parents of a baby girl, whom we named Betty Lou. Betty Lou has just finished her first year of school, and is the proud owner of a certificate of award, which was awarded her for being neither absent nor tardy from school for nine months.

I belong to the Rebekah and the Eastern Star Lodges.

Nothing would give me more pleasure than to be able to attend the Marvel Reunion. I hope and trust that some day I shall be able to do so.

—Lillian Marvel Strachan."

Betty Lou Strachan, daughter of David Ritchie and Lillian (Marvel) Strachan, was born at Dunfur, Oregon, January 30, 1921.

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IX. Braxton Marvel, the ninth child of Wiley and Charity F. (Clark) Marvel, was born in Gibson County, Indiana, October 1, 1848. He was but three and a half years of age when the family moved to DeWitt County, Illinois, and there, on the home farm, he spent his youth and young manhood, amid the joys and the rigors of life on the farm in those days. He attended the district school near by, one of his early teachers being "Uncle Joe" Leonard. Political feeling was at fever heat in those days. The Marvel family was itself divided on the questions of the day; the father and most of the sons being Douglas democrats, while Prettyman was an ardent republican and abolitionist. Many and warm were the family debates to which young Braxton listened, but he finally decided that what was good enough for his father was good enough for him; and he has remained a democrat to this day.

His meeting with Abraham Lincoln, Braxton treasures in his mem-

ory, and is well worth recounting here. He and his older brother George went to hear Lincoln speak at the grove a mile east of Atlanta, on July 4, 1859. They rode horse-back two draft horses. George took the saddle, and Braxton rode on a blanket with a surcingle stap. They had ten cents each to spend for the day. "Every time my horse would trot," said Braxton, "I would put one hand in my pocket to see that my money did not bounce out. We were three hours going eleven miles. We arrived at high noon and were hungry. Our problem was how to make those two dimes feed us. But we spied a stand which was announcing two large glasses of cider for five cents, and as much gingerbread as one could eat for another five cents. So we spent one of our dimes for our first course. After the speaking we spent our other ten cents for the second course—which was more cider and ginger-bread. While we were eating, Lincoln and Sylvester Strawn (president of the day) came by, and Lincoln said, "Well boys, how is the cider and gingerbread?" My brother, always quick to answer, replied, "Just fine, Mr. Lincoln, try some of it." I have often wondered just why Mr. Lincoln noticed us two awkward country boys, with our plain clothes, and hair reaching nearly to our shoulders."

Braxton Marvel was married on March 18, 1869, to Sarah E. Barr, a native of DeWitt County, and a daughter of Thomas and Elsie (Watt) Barr, who were born in Indiana and Kentucky, respectively. Thomas Barr was a brother of John Barr who married Comfort Marvel, sister of Wiley Marvel. Sarah E. Barr was also a sister of Nancy Emma Barr, wife of Joseph W., an older brother of Braxton Marvel. After his marriage to Sarah Barr, Braxton Marvel moved to an eighty acres given him by his father. This he sold a few years later, and in 1871 he purchased eighty-six acres. To this he gradually added until his holdings amounted to two hundred and forty-six acres. In 1897 he moved to Waynesville, where he was in the grain business for a time, then operated a grocery store for a few years. He has served as township supervisor for two full terms, and was appointed to fill out a vacancy in another term. He was a member of the School Board in the Tabor district for twenty years and in the Waynesville district for another twenty years. His wife, Sarah (Barr) Marvel, died in July, 1908. Five children were born to them: Elsie Adora, Mary Edith, Everett T., Edna P., and Ethel M.

On January 26, 1910, Braxton Marvel was married to Hulda Lembke. She was born in Mecklen-Schwerin, Germany, April 22, 1861. With her parents she crossed the ocean in a sailing vessel when only four years old, being more than six weeks in making the

trip. They had not yet heard of the death of Lincoln when they arrived in New York on July 4, 1865. From New York she went with her parents to Chicago, where she grew to womanhood. Mr. and Mrs. Braxton Marvel live in Waynesville, Illinois. They are Methodists and are honored and respected by a large circle of friends. Mr. Marvel attends all the "Marvel Reunions," and takes an active interest in them. May many days be added to the years of this good couple!

The children of Braxton and Sarah (Barr) Marvel are as follows:

1. Elsie Adora Marvel, oldest child of Braxton and Sarah (Barr) Marvel, was born near Waynesville, Illinois, October 22, 1872. She attended the country schools and Brown's Business at Decatur, Illinois. She was married at Lincoln, Illinois, on January 16, 1895, to Edward Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Evans. Mr. Evans graduated at Dixon Business College, but after his marriage to Elsie A. Marvel took up the occupation of farming. They lived in Illinois for a few years following their marriage, then moved to their own farm near Webster City, Iowa. They have three children:

- a. Nellie Edith Evans, oldest child of Edward and Elsie A. (Marvel) Evans, was born near Beason, Illinois, November 10, 1895. She graduated from the Webster City High School and from the University of Iowa, also had one year of post graduate work in the University of Iowa. She taught for several years in a Girls' Private School in Houston, Texas and on February 12, 1929 was married to Roy Byerly, at Houston. They make their home at Corpus Christi, Texas.

- b. Howard Marvel Evans, second child of Edward and Elsie A. (Marvel) Evans, was born near Waynesville, Illinois, October 2, 1897. He graduated from the Webster City High School and spent one year in the Iowa State College at Ames, Ia. He is manager of a large hatchery at Des Moines, Iowa.

- c. Carl Evans, third child of Edward and Elsie A. (Marvel) Evans, was born near Waynesville, Illinois, March 10, 1900. He attended the Webster City High School, and is now living at home with his parents.

The Edward Evans family are members of the Methodist Church.

2. Mary Edith Marvel, second child of Braxton and Sarah (Barr) Marvel, was born near Waynesville, Illinois, June 16, 1876. She attended the country school and graduated from Lincoln College Lincoln, Illinois, in Piano Teacher's course. She is an organizing member of the William Hamilton Chapter of the Daughters of the

American Revolution of Waynesville, Illinois, and the first Regent. She was married January 12, 1912, at Peoria, Illinois, to Henry Walter Fisher, son of Martin and Margaret (Wright) Fisher. Mr. Fisher, is a graduate of the Waynesville High School, and attended Dixon Business College. At the time of their marriage he was station agent for the C. & A. R. R., but for a number of years has been cashier of the Waynesville State Bank of Waynesville, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Waynesville. They have one daughter, Muriel Marvel Fisher, born January 29, 1918, at Toluca, Illinois. She is a pupil in the grade schools at Waynesville.

3. Thomas Everett Marvel, only son and third child of Braxton and Sarah (Barr) Marvel, was born near Waynesville, Illinois, May 12, 1886. He graduated from the Waynesville High School and from the Waynesville Academy. He was married June 11, 1905, to Ethel Ball, daughter of Willis and Eva Christfield Ball, of Atlanta, Illinois. Their home is at Pontiac, Illinois, where Mr. Marvel was employed for several years at the State Reformatory. Mrs. Marvel has been a teacher in the grade schools for a number of years, and is also an accomplished musician. She is at present organist of the Presbyterian Church of Pontiac, of which they both are members. Their only child, Everette DeLoss, Marvel, was born March 9, 1908, and died April 24, 1908, at Waynesville, Illinois.

4. Edna Pearl Marvel, fourth child of Braxton and Sarah (Barr) Marvel, was born near Waynesville, Illinois, February 28, 1888. She graduated from the Waynesville High School and from the Waynesville Academy. She was married at Peoria, Illinois, April 16, 1908 to William Courtney Reinmiller, a jeweler and optician of Atlanta, Illinois. He is a graduate of Bradley Polytechnic School of Peoria, Illinois. Mrs. Reinmiller is a Charter Member of the William Hamilton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Waynesville, Illinois. William C. and Edna Pearl (Marvel) Reinmiller are the parents of four children.

a. Sara Muriel Reinmiller, born May 10, 1909. She graduates from the Atlanta High School with the class of 1927, and is at present a student in the Lincoln Business College.

b. William Sidney Reinmiller, born November 10, 1911. He is a Junior in the Atlanta High School.

c. Julia Louise Reinmiller, born July 26, 1914. She is a pupil in the Atlanta Grade Schools.

d. Richard Marvel Reinmiller, born June 6, 1916, is also a pupil in the Atlanta Schools.

The William C. Reinmiller family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

5. Ethel Muriel Marvel, fifth and youngest child of Braxton and Sarah (Barr) Marvel, was born near Waynesville, Illinois, April 16, 1893. She attended the Waynesville grade and high schools. She was married to Clarence A. Fletcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher of McLean, Illinois, on September 4, 1912, at Peoria, Illinois, the Rev. William Shaw, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, performing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher lived in McLean for a few years, then moved to Corwith, Iowa, where they lived for two years, then moved back to Illinois, settling near Heyworth, where they have since lived, and where Clarence Fletcher and his father farm several hundred acres of land. They are members of the Presbyterian church. Seven children have been born to them:

Clarence A. and Ethel M. (Marvel) Fletcher are the parents of seven children, as follows:

- a. Clarence Alexander Fletcher, born at McLean, Illinois, October 18, 1913.
- b. Edith Marvel Fletcher, born at Corwith, Iowa, April 30, 1917.
- c. Janice Jean Fletcher, born near Heyworth, Illinois, July 6, 1920.
- d. Ellen Joyce Fletcher, born near Heyworth, Illinois, May 25, 1922.
- e. Phyllis Eleanor Fletcher, born near Heyworth, Illinois, September 13, 1923.
- f. Gerald Eugene Fletcher, born near Heyworth, Illinois, May 4, 1925.
- g. Leona Eloise Fletcher, born near Heyworth, Illinois, November 8, 1927.

X. William Henry Marvel, tenth child of Wiley and Charity (Clark) Marvel, was born in Gibson County, Indiana, August 5, 1851 and died November 16, 1851.

XI. Philip Newton Marvel was the eleventh child of Wiley Marvel and the only child of his marriage to Serelda Martin. He was born at Midland City, Illinois, February 11, 1872. "Newt" grew up as an only child on his father's farm, all of the children of the first marriage having established homes of their own. He was married on December 29, 1897, at Hallsville, Illinois, to Melissa LaVerne Humphreys. Mr. Marvel died as the result of an operation at Ontario, California, July 8, 1929. His widow lives at 735 El Morado Court, Ontario, California. Four children were born to them, as follows:

1. Eldon Bernard Marvel, oldest child of Philip N. and Melissa (Humphreys) Marvel, was born at Webster City, Iowa, October 25, 1899. He was married at Ontario, California, November 20, 1929, to Elizabeth Eubanks, of San Francisco. They are living at 2518 Poplar Place, Walnut Park, California.

2. Marshall Douglas Marvel, second child of Philip N. and Melissa (Humphreys) Marvel, was born at Santa Monica, California, May 3, 1905. He is a nurseryman and lives at home with his mother.

3. Emory DeLoss Marvel, third child of Philip N. and Melissa (Humphreys) Marvel, was born at Knob Knoster, Missouri, December 31, 1907. He is employed with a grocery firm at Ontario, California.

4. Lucille LaVerne Marvel, fourth child of Philip N. and Melissa (Humphreys) Marvel, was born at Knob Knoster, Missouri, November 11, 1910. She is living at home with her mother.