

REPORT OF THE TWELFTH ANNUAL MARVEL REUNION

The reunion was held on Sunday, August 23, 1931, at South Park, Peoria, Illinois. After dinner was served, under the shade trees, the meeting was called to order by the president, Raymond Marvel, of Galesburg, Illinois. The audience sang "America." The place for the 1932 reunion was discussed. Big Creek Park, Canton, Illinois and South Park, Peoria Illinois were voted on. South Park was chosen, as it is most centrally located.

Raymond Marvel, of Galesburg was unanimously reelected as president. Kenneth Jones of Peoria, elected vice president. Mr. Jones responded by a snappy talk welcoming the Marvel Association to Peoria. Mrs. Hettie Marvel Markley was reelected Secretary-Treasurer of the Association.

The president appointed W. S. Jones of Peoria, as chairman of the grounds. There were four appointed on the program committee. Mrs. Mary Armstrong was appointed chairman and to get one number from the Peoria people. Miss Edna Lewis of Canton, to get one number from the Fulton and McDonough county people; Mrs. Ethel Marvel Blomberg of Chicago to get one number from Waynesville, and George Marvel of DeLand, to get a number from the Piatt County Marvels.

Next was the reading of minutes of last meeting.. Several letters from members unable to attend were read. Mrs. Neilson of Nebraska gave a short talk, Vernon Marvel of Galesburg also made a short talk. Mrs. Blomberg made an interesting talk from Genesis 12: 2, 3 "God calleth a Pioneer unto the Land of Canaan." She likened John Marvel to Abraham "Get Thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee: And he went forth not knowing whither he went."

Helen Hoose gave a reading. Edna Lewis gave a poem that was written for her parents on their golden wedding. Song, "Auld Lang Syne."

There has been several deaths during the last year: Henry Thompson Armstrong, died August 11, 1927. His wife, Flora S. Hornbeck Armstrong died December 6, 1928. Archibald E. Swan died in McAllen, Texas, March 21, 1930; Mary A. Marvel Gambrel, of Tabor, Ill., died August 9, 1931, aged 94 years; Viva Bartley Swam, of Waynesville, Ill., died September 13, 1930; John Hoose, of Waynesville, Ill., died January 3 1931; George Gambrel of Aberdeen, S. Dakota, died January 6, 1928; Anna B. Gambrel Thompson of Decatur, Ill., died May 22, 1930; George Marvel, son of Pret-

tyman Marvel, Jr., died February 8, 1931, in Nebraska; George W. Marvel of DeLand, Ill., died March 12, 1932; Judge David Marvel, of Wilmington, Delaware died during the past year; George Marvel of Fairbury, Nebraska died February 8, 1931. His wife Louvisa Houchins Marvel died February 22, 1926. John Purvines Lanterman of Santiago, California died February 1, 1928... Charles Rhinehart of Farmer City, Illinois died January 7, 1928. Marie McCullough of Clinton, Illinois died October 18, 1927. Rebecca Marvel Swan, of Waynesville, Illinois, died January 17, 1927.

Our obliging historian Mrs. Ella A. Yeakel would like some explanation in regard to the missing history of Nancy Marvel Stone, the seventh child of Prettyman, Sr., and Lavina Rogers Marvel. Mrs. Yeakel had prepared this history in advance, but had loaned it and it is not available for publication this time.

Marvel history on hand.

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R. R. 2, Good Hope, Illinois.

RAYMOND MARVEL, President, Galesburg, Illinois.

THE MARVEL FAMILY IN ENGLAND

By Charles A. O'Connor.

According to Bardsley in his "English and Welsh Surnames," the name Marvel, or Marvellis, a nickname, meaning "the marvel." Medieval English, Mervaille; French, Mereveille; THE WONDER. Probably the name of some youthful prodigy in learning or physical prowess. Name now found in Yorkshire.

The Marvell or Marvel family were originally from France, having come to England about the year 1200. They settled in the parishes of Melbourn, Meldreth and Shepreth in Cambridgeshire where they resided for centuries. The name is now almost extinct in this locality, although there are a few of the name in Yorkshire, who no doubt are descended from this same family.

John Marvell, the original emigrant in America, was born in the parish of Melbourn, May 27, 1630. He was a son of Thomas Marvell who was born in the same parish in 1594.

This Thomas was a cousin of Andrew Marvell, the elder, who was born in Meldreth in Cambridgeshire in 1586. Andrew was educated at Emmanuel College, Cambridge. In 1608, he took the degree of M. A. In 1610, he is found signing the registers of Flamborough in Yorkshire as "minister" and in 1611, as curate. Three years later, he was giving the living of Winestead in Holderness, to which he was inducted on April 23, 1614. In 1624, he removed to Hull as master of the grammar school there and became about the same time, master of the Charter house and lecturer at Holy Trinity Church. He was drowned on January 23, 1640-1, while crossing the Humber.

The Rev. Andrew Marvell married twice, first Anne Pease, October 22, 1612, and secondly Lucy, daughter of John Alured and widow of William Harris, November 27, 1638. By his first wife, who was buried in Holy Trinity Church, Hull, on April 28, 1638, the Rev. Andrew had three daughters and two sons, viz:

Anne: born 1615; married in 1633 to James Blaydes.

Mary: born 1617; married Edmund Popple in 1636.

Elizabeth: born 1618; married Robert More in 1639.

Andrew, the poet, born 1621.

John, born 1623, died 1624.

(Grosart, Vol. 1, page XXXII, Aitken, Poems of Andrew Marvell, Vol. 1, page XX. History of Hull, ed. 1735, page 141, Fuller's "Worthies" edited by Nichols, vol. 1, page 165, etc., etc., etc.)

Andrew Marvell, son of the Rev. Andrew Marvell, was born March 31, 1621, at Winestead in Holderness, in the Rectory House, the elder Andrew Marvell being the parson of the parish: (For the complete life of Andrew Marvell, read "Andrew Marvell" by Augustine Birrell, published 1905.)

Thomas Marvell, born in Melbourn, Cambridgeshire, in 1594, was the son of John Marvell, who was baptized in Melbourn, November 2, 1569, the son of John Marvell. Thomas married Mary Wright, June 8, 1617, and they had:

Thomas: born in Melbourn, May 10, 1618.

Mary: born April 14, 1620.

Daniel: born September 3, 1623.

Susanna: born April 18, 1626.

Robert: born November 22, 1629.

John: born August 4, 1630.

John of this family, the original emigrant to America, sailed with a number of the young men of the district for Virginia in 1661.

John Marvell, the father of Thomas Marvell, was born in Melbourn in 1569. He was the son of John, born in the same parish about 1540. (The Registers are illegible prior to this date). John married about 1560 (name of his wife not mentioned) and had:

Roberte, ye sonne of John Marvell, baptized ye 25th of November, 1561.

Jane, ye daughter of John Marvell, baptized ye Nov. 15th, 1563.

John, mentioned above.

John Marvell had a brother, Daniel, born about 1550. He married and had:

Thomas, ye sonne of Daniel Marvell, baptized June 19th, 1575.

John, son of Daniel, baptized January 6th, 1576.

Edward, son of Daniel, baptized December 7th, 1581.

Agnes, daughter of Daniel, baptized October 7th, 1581.

Waren, sonne of Danniell, baptized February 27th, 1584.

The Registers do not go beyond 1550 in most of the parishes and where they do, it is impossible to decipher the records.

In the village of Meldreth in Cambridgeshire, there is an old manor house called "The Marvells." It was in Meldreth where Andrew Marvell, the elder, was born in 1586.

From Burke's "General Armory of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales:" Andrew Marvel: (note spelling). The patriotic member of Parliament, temp. Chas. I and II. or, a chev. engr. between three leopards' faces sa. Crest: out of a ducal coronetor, a plume of feathers ar.

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THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF PRETTYMAN MARVEL, SR.

Compiled by Ella Armstrong Yeakel

PART VIII

—ELIZABETH (MARVEL) McREYNOLDS—

Elizabeth Marvel was the eighth child and fourth daughter of Prettyman, Sr., and Lavina (Rogers) Marvel. She was born in Livingston County, Kentucky in 1809. Her parents were en route from Georgia to the Territory of Indiana where they expected to establish their home. They were delayed in the "Blue Grass Country" by high waters and alarming reports of Indian massacres near their chosen destination. When they finally crossed the Ohio River in the autumn of 1809, Elizabeth was a babe in her mother's arms. She grew to young womanhood in Gibson County, Ind., doing her full share of the many and varied tasks which fell to the lot of the pioneer woman who "looked well to the ways of their household, and ate not the bread of idleness."

In 1836 she married Edmund B. McReynolds, and they established their home in the familiar surroundings of Gibson County, seemingly content to remain among their many relatives and friends. Edmund McReynolds evidently possessed the spirit of the pioneer proper, who is the skirmisher of the van-guard of civilization, for as the country became thickly settled he felt the call of the frontier.

In 1840 he loaded his possessions in prairie schooners for departure. Elizabeth, his wife, bade her aged parents and other relatives a last farewell. They followed a trail westward. Passing over the fertile lands of Illinois, they established themselves in Jefferson County in the Territory of Iowa, building their cabin home about 16½ miles northwest of Fairfield. This home was a little log cabin with one window and one door of clapboards. There was a puncheon floor and a fireplace with a sod chimney.

Elizabeth (Marvel) McReynolds died in Jefferson County, Iowa, September 11, 1849. She sleeps in an unmarked grave in an old country cemetery near her home in Iowa. She was the mother of seven children, four daughters and three sons, as follows: 1-Nancy, 2-Sally, 3-Nancy, 4-George W., 5-Lavina J., 6-Thomas J., 7-Lewis C.

The following lines written by William D. Foulke as a tribute to the settler's wife are very applicable to Elizabeth McReynolds: "We who live softly in luxurious days—

What know we of the grim, heroic life,
Deep in the forest of the settler's wife,
Who followed him she loved thru' weary ways,
Haunted by beast and savage, and alone
In hardship and in danger strove to rear
Her little brood, stifling her woman's fear
And kept the cabin that they made their own?
Her hands were hard with toil, yet all the more
Honor to her who lost her youthful grace
And let the lines grow deep upon her face,
While stalwart offsprings to the state she bore.
Pray God her children be as pure and true ,
As brave to dare, as quick and strong to do."

Edmund B. needed a helpmate to be a companion to himself and a mother to his children. He married Mary Ann Dyer in 1850. The children by this marriage were as follows: 1-Martha A., 2-Priscilla E., 3-Mary Etta, 4-Milton, 5-Benjamin Franklin. The family remained in Iowa until 1855 when Edmund B. again heard the call of the frontier.

This time the trail led southward to the great state of Texas, where he established a home in Brown County and went into the cattle business. He lost his second wife, Mary A. (Dyer) McReynolds here. She died December 28, 1863 at the birth of her son, Benjamin Franklin.

Mr. Reynolds contracted a third marriage September 15, 1864. His wife, Mrs. Alabama (Baugh) Williams, was a widow with five children.

The Comanche Indians were very troublesome in this part of Texas. On the eighteenth of May, 1867, they raided the McReynolds ranch and drove off all his horses. Mr. McReynolds left his home at once to obtain horses to round up his cattle. He was found dead ten days later near Camp Colorado Post about ten miles from his home. He was pierced by three bullets and one arrow, and scalped. So ended the long trail on the last frontier.

He was born April 12, 1816. His parents were Edward and Sallie (Anderson) McReynolds. His grandfather, Joseph McReynolds, a soldier in the Revolutionary War, was a pioneer in Gibson County, Indiana.

1. Nancy McReynolds, the oldest child of Edmund B. and Elizabeth (Marvel) McReynolds, was born in Gibson County, Indiana in 1836. She died in infancy.

2. Sallie McReynolds, second child and daughter of Edmund B. and Elizabeth (Marvel) McReynolds, was born in Gibson County, Indiana, July 12, 1838. She married Jacob Black, April 15, 1855. They made their home on a farm near Abingdon, Iowa, where Mr. Black died August 28, 1911. He was the son of Samuel and Catherine (Rider) Black and was born in Adams County, Ohio, October 25, 1832. Jacob and Sallie Black were the parents of two children, William Edmund and Lavina Jane.

1. William Edmund Black, son of Jacob and Sallie Black, was born May 17, 1856. He married Rachael Ann Sutton, daughter of Amariah and Narcissa (McCreery) Sutton, December 5, 1878. William E. Black lives on a farm adjoining that of his parents near Abingdon, Iowa. Their only child, Bessie Black, born May 29, 1882, married Averal Spry, a farmer near Martinsburg, Keokuk County, Iowa. They have one child Gracie Marie Spry, born July 18, 1908.

2. Lavina Jane Black, only daughter of Jacob and Sallie Black, was born February 27, 1862. She married Andrew L. Harrison, December 21, 1881. One child, Bertie Raymond Harrison, was born November 12, 1882. He died March 6, 1888. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison live on the farm with Mrs. Harrison's mother, Sallie (McReynolds) Black. Their address in 1914 was Packwood, Ia., R.R. No. 2.

3. Nancy McReynolds, the third child and daughter of Edmund B. and Elizabeth (Marvel) McReynolds, was born April 12, 1840. She was named for her sister Nancy who died in infancy. She was a young babe when her parents moved to Iowa. She died September 17, 1846.

4. George W. McReynolds, the fourth child and oldest son of Edmund B. and Elizabeth (Marvel) McReynolds, was born December 20, 1841. He was a Texas Ranger until the Civil War, when he served in the Southern Army, Gano's D.v., Girley's Reg., 30th Cavalry. He was killed near Cow Creek, Oklahoma.

5. Lavina J. McReynolds, fifth child and fourth daughter of Edmund B. and Elizabeth (Marvel) McReynolds, was born November 27, 1844. She married Frank Moore and died in Brown County, Texas, November 17, 1866. There were no children.

6. Thomas J. McReynolds, sixth child and second son of Edmund B. and Elizabeth (Marvel) McReynolds was born December 23, 1846 in Jefferson County, Iowa. He married Mary J. Winter in Hill County, Texas, February 14, 1867. Mary J. Winter was born in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, January 11, 1849. Her parents

were Joseph and Nancy M. (Ramsy) Winter. Thomas J. McReynolds was a stock raiser in Texas, living in Hill, Bosque, Brown, and Coleman Counties. He died July 28, 1874, leaving his wife and three children, Mary Ann, Robert L., and Thomas E.

1. Mary A .McReynolds, the oldest child of Thomas J. and Mary J. (Winter) McReynolds was born April 6, 1868 in Hill County, Texas. She married Rufus M. Grantham, January 8, 1885. Thirteen children were born to this union as follows:

1. Thomas J. Grantham, born April 11, 1886.
2. Mary E. Grantham, born June 10, 1890, married Samuel E. Mann, December 1, 1906.
3. Phoebe O. Grantham, born December 21, 1887, died May 24, 1894.
4. A. Elizabeth Grantham, born August 16, 1892.
5. Almeda Lee Grantham, born May 10, 1893, married Thomas J. Gibson, May 1, 1912. Their daughter, Pauline E. Gibson, was born March 14, 1913.
6. Rufus M. Grantham, born May 23, 1895.
7. Lou Jane Grantham, born March 10, 1898.
8. John Shelton Grantham, born October 7, 1899.
9. Lillie B. Grantham ,born December 4, 1901.
10. William Levi Grantham, born December 4, 1903.
11. Winnie I. Grantham, born November 13, 1905.
12. Addie Belle Grantham, born November 7, 1907.
13. Andrew Richardson Grantham, born Sept. 22, 1913.

The Rufus M. Grantham family, in 1914, were living on their farm near the Tonto River in Arizona. Their home is about three miles from Lake Roosevelt, but they obtain free water for irrigating their crops from a large spring which flows from the base of the mountain, near them. Their address in 1914 was Roosevelt, Arizona.

2. Robert L. McReynolds, the second child and oldest son of Thomas J. and Mary J. (Winter) McReynolds, was born in Bosque County, Texas, February 4, 1871. He was married in Coleman County, Texas, November 22, 1896 to Lillie Benton, daughter of J. F. and Nancy A. (Smathers) Benton. Six children were born to this union, as follows:

1. Nancy Salome McReynolds, born in Coleman County, Texas, November 18, 1897.
2. George W. McReynolds, born in Coleman County, Texas, December 31, 1899.
3. Lou Jane McReynolds, born in Haskell County, Texas, April 8, 1902.

4 Nettie Irene McReynolds, born in Haskell County, Texas, July 10, 1904.

5. Lillie Lee McReynolds, born in Haskell County, Texas, October 18, 1906.

6. James Thomas McReynolds, born in Nolan County, Texas, August 7, 1912.

In 1914 the Robert L. McReynolds family was living near Sweetwater, Texas.

3. Thomas E. McReynolds, the third and youngest child of Thomas J. and Mary J. (Winter) McReynolds, was born May 20, 1873 in Hill County, Texas. He was married in Jones County, Texas, November 5, 1899 to Ida M. Martin. They have seven children as follows:

1. Mary Jane McReynolds, born in Haskell County, Texas, March 5, 1901.

2. Marion F. McReynolds, born in Haskell County, Texas, October 7, 1902.

3. Thomas E. McReynolds, born in Haskell County, Texas, June 5, 1904.

4. Robert Lee McReynolds, born in Reeves County, Texas, March 16, 1907.

5. Albert Roy McReynolds, born in Nolan County, Texas, March 6, 1909.

6. Eunice Irene McReynolds, born in Howard County, Texas, March 25, 1911.

7. Naomi Mae McReynolds, born in Howard County, Texas, September 21, 1912.

In 1914 Thomas E. McReynolds lived near Big Spring, Texas. His mother, Mary J. (Winter) McReynolds makes her home with her son.

Lewis C. McReynolds, third son and youngest child of Edmund B. and Elizabeth (Marvel) McReynolds was born February 16, 1849. He was married in Bosque County, Texas, April 14, 1870 to Mary Williams, daughter of William and Alabama (Baugh) Williams. Lewis C. McReynolds died May 21, 1893 leaving no children. His widow married W. E. Greenway. In 1914 she was living in Alexander Erath County, Texas. Her mother, Mrs. Alabama (Baugh) McReynolds, widow of Edmund B. McReynolds, was living with her.

(To be continued in 1933)

