

### NINTH MARVEL REUNION

The ninth Marvel reunion was held at Glenn Oak Park, Peoria, Illinois. Dinner, as usual, was a big feature of the day. After the baskets were put away music was furnished by an orchestra from Waynesville. Song "America"; prayer by Mrs. Ethel Marvel Blomberg; Address by Att'y C. V. O'Hern, of Peoria; Reading of minutes of last meeting approved; location of 1929 reunion, Glenn Oak Park, Peoria; always the next to the last Sunday in August.

Officers elected: President, Raymond Marvel, Galesburg, Illinois; Vice President, Geo. B. Marvel, Clinton, Illinois; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Hettie (Marvel) Markley, 234 East Hurst Street, Bushnell, Illinois.

Three prizes were given: the youngest present, Geo. Harvey Edwards, DeLand, Ill; the oldest, George Marvel, Fairbury, Nebraska; the longest distance, Mrs. Jane Marvel Travis, Phillips, Nebraska.

After several talks by Dr. J. E. Marvel, Mrs. Blomberg, Mrs. Neilson and George B. Marvel, the meeting adjourned and the remainder of the day was passed in visiting.

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## THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF PRETTYMAN MARVEL, SR.

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### Part VI

#### —WILEY MARVEL—

Wiley Marvel was the sixth child and fourth son of Prettyman, Sr., and Lavina (Rogers) Marvel. He was born in Green County, Georgia, on April 4, 1806. (The story of Prettyman Marvel has been told in such careful detail on pages 25 to 33 of the "Marvel History" that only the barest outline is here reviewed.) Wiley Marvel's parents were both born in Kent County, Delaware, where they were also married, and where their two oldest children, John and Patience, were born. In 1798 they moved to Georgia, going by boat along the Atlantic coast. Here in the southland five of their children were born—Comfort, Prettyman, James, Wiley, and Nancy. It seems that the Marvels were not well content in Georgia, and after about ten years residence there, they decided to move to the then frontier territory of Indiana, starting in 1808, and stopping en route for a year in Kentucky, where their fourth daughter, Elizabeth, was born, (a fifth son, whom they named George Rogers, was born in Indiana in 1815.) On reaching Indiana they settled in Gibson County, in the region between the Ohio and Wabash Rivers. Indiana was not admitted to the union of states until 1816, and this section was then a wilderness. In this wilderness the children of Prettyman Marvel grew up, and were of the type of frontiersmen, who by their industry, hardihood, strength, and courage, have been the builders of states and of the nation. The oldest son, John, was coming into young manhood when they began their sojourn in Indiana, but the other children were small, and memories of hardships and perils incident to those times were stamped indelibly upon their young minds. Existence itself was a problem. There were no mills within reach, and bread was made from corn beaten into coarse meal by a pestle in a log "motar"—just a hole burned in the end of a log. Indian massacres were of frequent occurrence before and during the war of 1812, and the settlers were often compelled to flee to the stockade for safety.

Despite these rough conditions, Prettyman Marvel and his wife were pious people, having been converted and brought into membership in the Methodist Church under the preaching of the early itinerants. Their home was a spiritual "tent in the wilderness," being one of the first preaching places in Indiana when there was only one presiding elder and six preachers in the whole terri-



tory." During the Earthquakes of 1810 and 1811, when the whole country around what is now New Madrid, Missouri, settled several feet, those rough pioneers flocked to Prettyman Marvel's cabin, begging him to pray for them, as they thought the end of the world near. It is hoped that these spiritual awakenings were in some degree permanent.

Amid these surroundings Wiley Marvel grew to manhood, imbibing both the spirit of the wilderness and the spirit of the pious home. He had little schooling, although in his mature manhood he could read fairly well, and keep his accounts accurately in business matters. He was married on March 30, 1826, to Charity Fugat Clark. She also was a pioneer child, the daughter of Braxton and Elizabeth (Fugat) Clark, and was born in the French Broad river country in Western North Carolina, on January 23, 1807.

Now, both the Clarks and the Fugats were of the stock of the French Huguenots who were driven from France about 1675, and coming to America, settled in South Carolina. After the marriage of Braxton Clark and Elizabeth Fugat they moved to North Carolina, where their children, Willie, John, Joseph, and Charity Fugat, were born. About 1808 they emigrated to Indiana, stopping for a few months at Knoxville, Tennessee, where a daughter, whom they named Mary Knox, in honor of the town, was born. Hence they proceeded to Gibson County, Indiana, where they became neighbors of the Prettyman Marvel family. Another daughter, Elizabeth, was born after they arrived in Indiana.

The country through which the Clark family had traveled to reach their northern home had been a wilderness, and they brought no wagon. The little children were carried all the way between two feather beds lashed to a pack horse, while the older ones walked, driving their muley cow. Scarcely had they become settled at their new place, a small patch of ground cleared, and a cabin built, but not yet chicked and daubed, when the father was taken ill with fever and died. The eldest son Willie, was also ill for six months; the second son, John, was accidentally killed by a falling tree; so the widowed mother was left with the remaining children to fight the battle of life. Mrs. Clark afterwards married James Knowles, whose first wife was Patience Marvel, sister of Prettyman, Sr.

During one of the Indian raids previous to the Battle of Tippecanoe, Mrs. Clark was weaving a piece of cloth when a neighbor woman rushed in with the cry, "Indians." The heroic woman did not want the redskins to get her cloth and to cut it out of the loom would ruin it, so she proposed to stay by the cloth until it was finished. However, she sent the children to the stockade. The neighbor said that if she was determined to stay, she, the neighbor would stay by her, if "Hub," a negro brought from Kentucky by the War-



rick family, would stay also and guard them. Hub agreed, and shouldering his rusty musket paced back and forth before the cabin, while the two women took turns at the loom until the piece was finished. Hub lived to be a great age, and in the latter years of life frequently called on his old neighbors, saying that he "liked to visit his Connections."

Braxton Clark had three brothers, Randall, John, and Benjamin, who came to the west from their home in South Carolina. Randall came to Missouri, and John and Benjamin to Illinois. Their father also came to Illinois, stopping two or three weeks in Indiana. He and his son Benjamin both died near Carmi, White County, Illinois.

After Wiley Marvel and Charity Clark were married they went to live in a cabin which Wiley had built, with neither nail nor sawed board in it. Their table was a hewn slab, with pins driven in for legs. They had one mare and a small yoke of oxen to cultivate their land, which was heavily timbered; "and two dollars and a half in cash." Mr. Marvel cleared ten acres the first year, and twenty the second, and after that "things went easier," though he was compelled for six weeks every spring to roll logs in the day time and burn logs and brush at night. He raised hogs for sale at \$1.50 per hundred, dressed, taking his pay in goods. Calico was a luxury in those days, being worth twenty-five cents a yard. All their plows had wooden mold-boards. Good horses were thirty or forty dollars each. Wiley Marvel frequently took a boat load of horses, his own and those he had bought for the market, down the river from Evansville, Indiana, to New Orleans; and usually the trip was very profitable.

In March, 1852, Wiley and Charity (Clark) Marvel moved with their family to Illinois, whither some of their relatives had preceded them, and settled in Barnett Township, DeWitt County, near Midland City. Mr. Marvel's untiring industry and excellent business judgment were apparent in the fact that here in his new surroundings he became the owner of more than eight hundred acres of splendid land.

Wiley Marvel was a man of gentle spirit and deep piety. At the age of sixteen he was converted at the old Shiloh \_\_\_\_\_ Camp Ground in Gibson County, Indiana. A year later he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church and remained a faithful member thereof until his death. He was a class leader and steward for more than fifty years. His wife, as a girl, had joined the United Brethren, but after their marriage she also became a Methodist. So their was a Christian home, and there is no finer tribute to their consistency than the fact that every one of their children, and nearly



all of their children's children, and they are here now even to the sixth generation, were and are found in the faith to which Wiley and Charity Marvel were true. During their early married life, religious services for the community were regularly held in their homes for about fifteen years. Methodism was then in its infancy, and the salary of the preacher was very small, a married man receiving an annual stipend of from \$150 to \$175, and a single man about \$100. In addition, the members for miles around would make liberal and frequent "donations." In this work of the Church's support, Mr. Marvel was always foremost, contributing butter, eggs, flour, etc, and twenty dollars in cash during his pioneer days; and increasing his contributions as prosperity came. During the last thirty years of his life he gave from seventy-five to a hundred dollars per year to the Church and benevolent purposes. The old frame Church at Tabor, Illinois, built in 1860 and 1861, but now abandoned owing to the coming of the auto and the increase of tenant farms, was near his home as well as near his heart; and within its walls he found great solace in his later years.

In politics, Wiley Marvel, was a Jackson and Douglas democrat up to the time of the Civil War. After the War he usually voted with the republicans.

Ten children were born to Wiley and Charity F. (Clark) Marvel. Three died in infancy, and one in his young manhood. Those who lived to a ripe age were James K., Mary, Prettyman, Joseph, Wiley, George W., and Braxton. The two last named are still living, at eighty-four and eighty years of ages respectively. Five of their living grand-children have passed their seventieth year—Mary A. (Marvel) Alban, John L. Marvel, and James, Marion, and John Smith. Charity (Clark) Marvel passed away at the home near Midland City, on January 1, 1868. The second wife of Wiley Marvel was Sarilda Martin. She died, leaving one son, Philip Newton Marvel. Wiley Marvel was married a third time to Christiana W. Bonner, nee Martin. He died at his home on July 27, 1883, at the age of seventy-seven, mourned by a large circle of friends, to whom his long and honorable life had endeared him.

1. James Knowles Marvel, oldest child of Wiley and Charity F. (Clark) Marvel, was born in Gibson County, Indiana, March 29, 1827. He grew to manhood on his father's farm, and on December 31, 1850, was married to Frelove Martin. She was a sister of Sarilda Martin, who became the second wife of Wiley Marvel. She was born January 18, 1829. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. James K. Marvel moved to DeWitt County, Illinois, whither some relatives had preceded them; an uncle and an aunt, Prettyman Marvel, and Comfort (Marvel) Barr, having gone thither in 1826. James K. and his bride moved in the dead of winter, 1851, in a cov-



ered wagon, and came near freezing to death on the trip. However, they braved the snow and ice and the bitter cold, and reached the village of Waynesville, near which place Mr. Marvel had entered his first piece of land the preceding November. The country was still sparsely settled, and they endured many hardships ere they had built and established their home. They were both active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and brought up their children in the same faith. Freeloze (Martin) Marvel died on March 11, 1870. Mr. Marvel remained on the home farm, keeping his family together, and caring for them until they were grown. He passed away October 4, 1890, as a result of blood poisoning. Mr. and Mrs. James K. Marvel were the parents of nine children.

1. Mary Amanda Marvel, eldest child of James K. and Freeloze (Martin) Marvel, was born in Dewitt County, Illinois, October 29, 1853. She was married on April 28, 1870, to William F. Alban, who was a few months her senior in age. They began housekeeping in Illinois, but soon after their marriage moved to Pottawatomie County, Kansas, whither two of Mary Alban's uncles had already gone. There they lived for several years, then moved to Waverly, Kansas, and afterwards to Muscotah, Kansas. Mr. Alban died on November 16, 1928, at Newton, Kansas, and Mrs. Alban spends most of her time with her children, of whom there were nine, as follows:

a. Unnamed infant, died at birth, May 21, 1871.

b. Minnie Belle Alban, second child of William F. and Mary A. (Marvel) Alban, was born in DeWitt County, Illinois, November 8, 1872. She was married on May 10, 1890, to Charles H. Martin. They are at present living at 2348 Topping Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Martin is in the employment of the city. Seven children have been born to them:

(a) Arthur Martin, oldest child of Charles H. and Minnie (Alban) Martin, was born February 9, 1892. He was married August 20, 1924, to Ina Canfield. They have one child, Arthur Holland Martin, three years of age.

(b). The second child of Charles H. and Minnie (Alban) Martin, died when young.

(c). Mary Ann Martin, third child of Charles H. and Minnie B. (Alban) Martin, was born at Ottawa, Kansas, March 23, 1895. She was married September 26, 1914, to Gale O. Boyle, of Muscotah, Kansas. They live at 2930 Monroe Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, where Mr. Boyle is a long distance truck driver for the A.B.C. storage Co., of Kansas City. They have four children:



(a. Ruby Elizabeth Boyle, born July 16, 1915, at Muscotah, Kansas.

(b. Helen Bell Boyle, born at Muscotah, Kansas, November 29, 1916.

(c. John Henry Boyle, born at Muscotah, Kansas, August 8, 1919.

(d. Phoebe Gayle Boyle, born at Muscotah, Kansas, January 6, 1924.

(d). Ava Martin, fourth child of Charles H. and Minnie B. (Alban) Martin, was born October 28, 1897. She was married July 10, 1915, to Harl Young. Their home is in Kansas City, Missouri, where Mr. Young is a plasterer in the employ of the Kansas City Board of Education. They have three children:

(a. Geneva Ann Young, born July 2, 1919.

(b. Charles Thomas Young, born October 1, 1917.

(c. Arthur Hugh Young, born January 23, 1919.

(e). The fifth child of Charles and Minnie B. (Alban) Martin, died when young.

(f). Ruth Martin, sixth child of Charles H. and Minnie B. (Alban) Martin, was born April 25, 1901. She was married June 1, 1918, to William Grimm. They live in Kansas City, Missouri, and are the parents of five children:

(a. William Grimm, born June 1, 1919.

(b. Lee Grimm, born September 18, 1920.

(c. Lester Grimm, born June 14, 1922.

(a. Barbara Grimm, born May 10, 1924.

(e. Clarence Grimm, born October 11, 1926.

(g.) Carrie Dee Martin, seventh child of Charles H. and Minnie B. (Alban) Martin, was born at Muscotah, Kansas, March 5, 1903. She was married in 1920 to J. Earl Turk. They are living at 9120 Roberts Avenue, Athol, Missouri, where Mr. Turk is a decorator. They have two sons:

(a. Roy Edward Turk, born at Kansas City, April 1, 1921.

(b. Junior Randall Turk, born at Medford, Missouri, July 10, 1923.



(h). George Martin, eighth child of Charles H. and Minnie B. (Alban) Martin, was born September 23, 1911. He is at home with his parents in Kansas City.

(i) Henrietta Martin, ninth child of Charles H. and Minnie B. (Alban), was born February 9, 1915. She is a pupil in the Kansas City schools.

c. James H. Alban, third child of William F. and Mary A. (Marvel) Alban, was born in Pottawatomie County, Kansas, September 11, 1874, and died December 6, 1875.

d. Louisa Elenora Alban, fourth child of William F. and Mary A. (Marvel) Alban, was born in Pottawatomie County, Kansas, March 30, 1876. On December 24, 1893, she was married to William Thomas Fanning, who was born February 5, 1871. They make their home in Waverly, Kansas, where Mr. Fanning is the prosperous owner of a filling station. To them have been born seven children, one dying in infancy.

(a). Carry Maude Fanning, oldest child of William T. and Louisa E. (Alban) Fanning, was born October 21, 1894. She was married at Ottawa, Kansas, July 30, 1913, to William Francis Nutt. They are at home at 533 Birch Street, Ottawa, Kansas, where Mr. Nutt is manager of a second-hand store. They have three children:

(a. Frances Mae Nutt, born December 16, 1915.

(b. Juanita Marie Nutt, born January 9, 1918.

(c. Carry Genevieve Nutt, born August 6, 1922.

(b). Teresa Marie Fanning, second child of William T. and Louisa E. (Alban) Fanning, was born April 7, 1896. She was married at Burlington, Kansas, August 27, 1913, to Guy A. Pace. Two children were born to them:

(a. Lucile Elenora Pace, born July 13, 1914.

(b. Lillian Ellen Pace, born March 7, 1917.

Teresa Marie (Fanning) Pace was a second time married at Kansas City, Missouri, February 9, 1924, to Eldon Ralph Fisher. Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Ralph Fisher live at 205 South Cedar Street, Ottawa, Kansas, where Mr. Fisher works for Montgomery Ward & Co.

(c). William Ralph Fanning, third child of William T. and Louisa Elenora (Alban) Fanning, was born January 26, 1898. He was married August 15, 1918, to Daisy Birdie Gates. They live at 816 Iowa Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado, where Mr. Fanning is in the transfer business. They have two children:



- (a.) Dona Lela Fanning, born May 21, 1921.
- (b.) Charles William Fanning, born August 25, 1927.
- (d.) Unnamed infant son of William Thomas and Louisa Elenora (Alban) Fanning, born August 10, 1902; died August 11, 1902.
- (e.) John Irving Fanning, fifth child of William T. and Louisa Elenora (Alban) Fanning, was born January 16, 1905. He was married August 14, 1926, to Ina Pearl Neal. They live at Waverly, Kansas. They have one daughter, Elizabeth Eleanor Fanning, born December 19, 1927.
- (f.) Chella Eleanora Fanning, sixth child of William T. and Louisa Elenora (Alban) Fanning, was born March 27, 1914. She is at home with her parents at Waverly, Kansas, attending the Waverly schools.
- (g.) Clarence Frederick Fanning, seventh child of William T. and Louisa Elenora (Alban) Fanning, was born December 19, 1917. He is in the grade schools at Waverly, Kansas.
- e. Della Alban, fifth child of William F. and Mary A. (Marvel) Alban, was born in Pattawatomie County, Kansas, June 15, 1878. She was married in 1900, to H. B. Hall. They live at 423 West Third Street, Newton, Kansas. Mr. Hall is conductor on a Santa Fe passenger train, running out of Newton. Mr. and Mrs. Hall have four children:
- (a.) John Harrison Hall, oldest child of H. B. and Della (Alban) Hall, was born January 3, 1901. He was married January 27, 1924, to Ellen Blank, of Guthrie, Oklahoma. They have three children:
- (a.) Betty Jo Hall, born March 6, 1925.
- (b.) John Harrison Hall, Junior, born May 23, 1927.
- (c.) Barbara Lou Hall, born June 26, 1929.
- (b.) Delbert Lee Hall, second child of H. B. and Della (Alban) Hall, was born February 12, 1905. He was married March 6, 1925, to Lorraine McCracken, of Bazaar, Kansas.
- (c.) Marydee Hall, third child of H. B. and Della (Alban) Hall, was born July 5, 1912. She is attending the Newton Public Schools.
- (d.) Thomas William Hall, fourth child of H. B. and Della (Alban) Hall, was born May 21, 1915. He is in school at Newton, Kansas.



f. Elizabeth Freelove Alban, sixth child of William F. and Mary A. (Marvel) Alban, was born at Waverly, Kansas, September 15, 1882. She was married to Robert McFarland Dockendorff, December 5, 1900, at Muscotah, Kansas. Robert M. Dockendorff was born at Newcastle, Pennsylvania on February 16, 1869. He is a mason and contractor. The Dockendorffs live at East 1825 17th Avenue, Spokane, Washington. Their children are as follows:

(a). Robert Nan Dockendorff, oldest child of Robert M. and Elizabeth F. (Alban) Dockendorff, was born at Ottawa, Kansas, May 6, 1902. She is at present employed by the Washington Water Power Company, as head of the tabulating department.

(b). Charles Marvel Dockendorff, second child of Robert M. and Elizabeth F. (Alban) Dockendorff, was born at Spokane, Washington, October 16, 1906. He is employed at the Lomas Garage, Spokane, Washington, Commercial Delivery Corporation.

(c). Dorothy Elizabeth Dockendorff, third child of Robert M. and Elizabeth F. (Alban) Dockendorff, was born at Spokane, Washington, August 26, 1909. She is attending the Lewis & Clark High School in Spokane.

(d). Eva Jean Dockendorff, fourth child of Robert M. and Elizabeth F. (Alban) Dockendorff, was born at Spokane, Washington, April 30, 1919. She is an honor student at the Franklin Grade School of Spokane.

(e). Margaret Belle Dockendorff, fifth child of Robert M. and Elizabeth F. (Alban) Dockendorff, was born at Spokane, Washington, September 12, 1924.

g. Charles I. Alban, seventh child of William and Mary A. (Marvel) Alban, was born at Waverly, Kansas, December 29, 1887. He was married September 20, 1906, to Lillian Trial. Mr. Alban has been in the employ of the Union Pacific Railroad, at Frankford, Kansas, but has recently moved to Oregon. Charles I. and Lillian (Trial) Alban are the parents of six children:

(a). Charles William Alban, born May 8, 1910.

(b). Mary Elizabeth Alban, born September 23, 1914.

(c). and (d). Virginia Ruth Alban and Robert Irving Alban, born November 11, 1917.

(e). Paul Frederick Alban, born October 23, 1921.

(f). Wayne Lloyd Alban, born December 6, 1923.



h. Eva Jane Alban, eighth child of William F. and Mary A. (Marvel) Alban, was born at Waverly, Kansas, April 17, 1890. She was married at the home of her parents in Muscotah, Kansas, June 8, 1908, to Clarence Elmer Smith, the Rev. Mr. Hedden performing the ceremony. They are living on their own farm, consisting of two hundred and forty acres, eight miles southeast of Waverly, Kansas. They have three daughters, all at home:

(a). Mary Inez Smith, oldest daughter of Clarence E. and Eva J. (Alban) Smith, was born at Muscotah, Kansas, March 16, 1910. She was married on December 1, 1928, to Frederick M. Hughes. They are living on a farm.

(b). Lola Sophia Smith, second daughter of Clarence E. and Eva J. (Alban) Smith, was born at Muscotah, Kansas, May 4, 1912. She attends the public schools of Waverly, Kansas.

(c). Jennie May Smith, third daughter of Clarence E. and Eva J. (Alban) Smith, was born at Muscotah, Kansas, May 5, 1914. She attends the public schools of Waverly, Kansas.

i. Hazel Vivian Alban, ninth child of William F. and Mary A. (Marvel) Alban, was born June 2, 1894, and died January 18, 1897.

2. John Lowry Marvel, second child and first son of James K. and Freelope (Martin) Marvel, was born in Waynesville, DeWitt County, Illinois, August 19, 1855. He was married at Wapella, Illinois, February 16, 1882 to Flora J. Francis. They lived in Illinois until November, 1886, when they moved to California, living at Selma in that state for several years; then in 1912 went to Lamoore, California, where they now reside. They live on a poultry and dairy ranch. Mr. and Mrs. John L. Marvel are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They have one son and one daughter:

a. James S. Marvel, first child of John L. and Flora (Francis) Marvel, was born at Wapella, Illinois, May 31, 1883. He has never married and lives at home with his parents, at Lemoore, California, managing the ranch.

b. Florence M. Marvel, second child of John L. and Flora (Francis) Marvel, was born at Wapella, Illinois, on June 19, 1884. She also lives at her parents' home at Lemoore, California.

3. Philip Wiley Marvel, third child of James K. and Freelope (Martin) Marvel, was born in DeWitt County, Illinois, September 25, 1857, and died of croup, August 3, 1859.



4. Charity Louise Marvel, fourth child and second daughter of James K. and Freeloove (Martin) Marvel, was born in DeWitt County, Illinois, February 11, 1860. She lived in Illinois until 1898, when she went to Iowa, where she was married to Albert Cassill, June 30, 1898. She was married a second time on October 26, 1911, to J. W. Albright. Mr. Albright is a retired farmer and he and Mrs. Albright live at Ash Grove, Iowa.

5. William Henry Marvel, fifth child and second son of James K. and Freeloove (Martin) Marvel, was born in DeWitt County, Illinois, January 12, 1862. He grew up on the farm, and in December 1884, he was married to Mollie Francis. Two daughters, Margaret and Elizabeth, were born to them. They are both married and live in Jackson, Michigan. William H. Marvel was married a second time on January 25, 1897, to Mary D. Hughey. Mr. Marvel died December 9, 1909, from injuries received while loading a truck at the packing house at Ottumwa, Iowa. He was a farmer and lived on a farm the larger part of his life.

6. Elizabeth Maddox Marvel, sixth child and third daughter of James K. and Freeloove (Martin) Marvel, was born in Dewitt County, Illinois, in 1863. She died of brain fever, on December 6, 1884. She was a beautiful Christian character.

7. and 8. Edward Wesley Marvel and Sarilda Jane Marvel, twins, the seventh and eighth children of James K. and Freeloove (Martin) Marvel, were born in DeWitt County, Illinois, September 4, 1865.

Edward Wesley Marvel was married January 30, 1887, to Clara D. Barr, daughter of George W. and Polly Ann (Lundy) Barr. They lived on a farm near Waynesville, Illinois, for about five years, then moved to Waynesville, where Mr. Marvel was in the grain and lumber business for about ten years. They then moved to Canada, in 1903, bought land in the Indian Head district, and farmed until 1927, then moved to Indian Head, Saskatchewan, Canada, where they now live. The Edward Marvels are active members of the Methodist church. They are the parents of six children.

a. Lelia Merl Marvel, oldest child of Edward W. and Clara D. (Barr) Marvel, was born near Waynesville, Illinois, March 16, 1888. She attended the Waynesville Public School and Academy and studied music at the Bloomington Conservatory, in Bloomington, Illinois. She was married June 26, 1912, to Ira T. Gambrel, son of James and Nora A. (Winkle) Gambrel. They moved to Canada in 1914, and farmed near Tyvan, Saskatchewan, until 1926, when they moved to Regina, Saskatchewan, and went into business.



b. Cecil Carl Marvel, second child of Edward W. and Clara D. (Barr) Marvel, was born January 10, 1890. Died August 12, 1895.

c. Roy Floyd Marvel, third child of Edward W. and Clara D. (Barr) Marvel, was born December 13, 1891. Died March 9, 1892.

d. Jay Ernest Marvel, fourth child of Edward W. and Clara D. (Barr) Marvel, was born at Waynesville, Illinois, November 2, 1893. He graduated at the Waynesville High School, and took a Business Course at Milikin University, at Decatur, Illinois. He was married December 1, 1915, to Florence Winifred Bell, daughter of John A. and Isabel (Curry) Bell. They farmed near Indian Head, Saskatchewan, until 1926, when they moved to a farm near Wymark, Saskatchewan. They have five children:

(a.) Jack Edward Marvel, born December 13, 1916.

(b.) Betty Fern Marvel, born May 28, 1918.

(c.) Jean Bell Marvel, born May 16, 1921.

(d.) Jay Neal Marvel, born April 2, 1923.

(e.) Lorne Barr Marvel, born February 15, 1925.

e. Neva Ferne Marvel, fifth child of Edward W. and Clara D. (Barr) Marvel, was born at Waynesville, Illinois, January 9, 1896. She graduated from the Waynesville Township High School, and attended the Illinois Wesleyan University, at Bloomington, Illinois, for two years. She took a Normal Course at Regina, Saskatchewan, and taught school for two years.

f. Chella Ann Marvel, sixth and youngest child of Edward W. and Clara D. (Barr) Marvel, was born at Waynesville, Illinois, April 7, 1898. She graduated from the Waynesville Township High School, and attended the Illinois Wesleyan University one year, receiving therefrom her teacher's diploma in elocution. She was married December 28, 1916, to Raymond M. Warner, son of James M. and Zoa (Brunner) Warner. They farmed near Francis, Saskatchewan, for three years, then moved to a farm near Lime Springs, Iowa. In 1926 they moved to Des Moines, Iowa. They have one daughter, Dorothy Warner, born January 10, 1919.

Sarilda Jane Marvel, twin to Edward W. was married December 24, 1885 to Irving Grant Finrock. They are living at N. 6793 Ocean Avenue, Long Beach, California. Mr. Finrock has been a Bible Teacher for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Finrock are the parents of four sons and three daughters:



a. Elmer Ray Finfrock, born August 1, 1887; died August 8, 1887.

b. Ralph Marvel Finfrock, second child of Irving G. and Jennie (Marvel) Finfrock, was born July 7, 1888. He was married to Edith Mary Ward, of Decatur, Illinois, September 2, 1915. Ralph M. Finfrock graduated from the College of Osteopathy, in Kirksville, Missouri, in 1916, and is practicing in Decatur, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Finfrock have five children:

(a). Ward Willis Finfrock, born June 19, 1916.

(b). Dwight Curtis Finfrock, born July 31, 1917.

(c). Ross K. Finfrock, born September 17, 1919.

(d). Rex Marvel Finfrock, born July 31, 1921.

(e). Margaret Jane Finfrock, born May 12, 1923.

c. Leta Lorene Finfrock, third child of Irving G. and Jennie (Marvel) Finfrock, was born at Waynesville, Illinois, August 6, 1891. She was married at Grove City, Illinois, September 23, 1908, to Harry Wesley Smith. They moved to Montana, where they lived for twelve years, then in 1920 they moved to California, where Mr. Smith is caretaker for the Grammer School at Clearwater, California. They are living at Hynes (North Long Beach) California. They have two children:

(a). Virgil Wesley Smith, born in Montana, August 9, 1911.

(b). Dolores Ruth Smith, born in Montana, September, 1914.

d. Lois Ruth Finfrock, four child of Irving G. and Jennie (Marvel) Finfrock, was born at Agency City, Iowa, September 15, 1893. She taught school, and on November 17, 1916 was married to Hovey Belknap. Lois (Finfrock) Belknap died on December 5, 1924, and Mr. Belknap passed away on October 9, 1927. They left one daughter, Gwendolyn Fay Belknap, born October 25, 1917.

e. Bowen Cass Finfrock, fifth child of Irving G. and Jennie (Marvel) Finfrock, was born at Bladensburg, Iowa, January 7, 1897. He was married December 30, 1916, to Mollie Caroline Parks. Mollie C. Parks was born at Comber's Rock, Virginia, September 17, 1896. Immediately after their marriage they started wheat ranching in the Judith Basin, at Merino, Montana. In March 1919, they moved to Kennewick, Washington, where they ran a dairy for a year. From there they moved to Rivera, California, where Mr. Finfrock was foreman on a ranch for two years. In October, 1922, he entered the Southern California Bible School, from which he grad-



uated in March, 1924. He was licensed to preach in that year, and returned to Kennewick, Washington, where he labored for three years, as an Assembly of God minister. In December, 1927 they returned to California, and are living at Rivera. Mr. and Mrs. Bowen Cass Finfrock have six children:

(a). Graydon Cass Finfrock, born at Merino, Montana, November 13, 1917.

(b). Jennie Caroline Armestine Finfrock, born at Kennewick, Washington, November 11, 1919.

(c). Patricia Alen Finfrock, born at Rivera, California, March 17, 1921.

(d). Virginia Marie Finfrock, born at Rivera, California, October 15, 1922.

(e). Paul Stanley Finfrock, born at Kennewick, Washington, October 27, 1925.

(f). Marjorie Louise Finfrock, born at Rivera, California, May 24, 1928.

f. Dwight Finfrock, sixth child of Irving G. and Jennie (Marvel) Finfrock, was born March 16, 1900. He was married June 15, 1923, to Alta Wilks. Dwight took Auto Theory in the Long Beach High School, and is now a mechanic on a large walnut ranch. Dwight and Alta (Wilks) Finfrock have one son, Dwight Wesley Finfrock, born February 20, 1924.

g. Esther Marie Finfrock, seventh child of Irving G. and Jennie (Marvel) Finfrock, was born at Grove City, Illinois, May 16, 1906. She was married to Harold John Vail, of Clearwater, Cal., December 20, 1924. He was born in Pasadena, California, June 9, 1904. They are living at 1395 Newport Avenue, Long Beach, California. They have one daughter, Mildred Lorraine Vail, born January 13, 1927.

8. Freeloze Marvel, ninth and youngest child of James K. and Freeloze (Martin) Marvel, was born in DeWitt County, Illinois, January 10, 1870. She lived at home until the death of her father, which occurred October 4, 1890. She has lived in Montana for the past sixteen years. She is a faithful and consistent member of the housekeeper. She is a great cook and a splendid housekeeper. She is at present living at Hobson, Montana.

II. Mary Marvel, second child of Wiley and Charity (Clark)



Marvel, was born in Gibson County, Indiana, February 9, 1829. Here Mary grew to womanhood, the only daughter in a home where there were five boys, children of one of the noble race of pioneers. In her twenty-second year, on June 14, 1850, she was married to Charles Robinson Smith, in Gibson, County, Indiana. Charles R. Smith was a twin brother of James Smith, and was born near Poseyville, in Posey County, Indiana, February 12, 1827. He was a son of Daniel and Nancy B. (Spain) Smith. In the year 1853 Charles R. and Mary Smith moved from Gibson County, Indiana, to DeWitt County, Illinois, settling near what is now Midland City, on a farm which they bought from William Teal, who held a patent from the Government. For several years they lived in a cabin of two rooms, and one cold winter during this time occupied but one-half of that, in order to accomodate the Teal family while their new house was being built. To crowd the situation a little more, a brother, Archy Smith, with his family of four, came to spend the winter, and the two families spent the winter in one room. As there were already four boys in the "Uncle Charlie" Smith family, we who in this day have at least "a room for each child" can only imagine the picture. But so came the heritage of better time for us who live after them. The first rocking chair came into the Smith home in 1859, when "Uncle Charlie" mauld rails all winter in the Kickapoo timber at seventy-five cents per hundred; and when five dollars had been collected, drove twelve miles to Atlanta, to the Church Furniture Store, and brought home the new rocking chair. C. R. and Mary Smith were known far and wide for their true southern hospitality. It was a common saying that the cooks at Uncle Charlie's never knew whom they were cooking for, as travelers often happened by near meal time, and none of them, not even tramps, were ever turned away.

The Charles R. Smith home was a Christian home. The mother at an early age united with the Church of her parents' choice—the Methodist. Her fine and godly example still lives in her children and her children's children. In his young manhood Charles R. Smith united with the Regular Predestinarian Baptist Church and remained faithful to it through life. He and his wife were very tolerant of each other's religious views, attending, with their children, first the Baptist Church, then the Methodist, in rotation.

Charles R. Smith died at his home near Midland City, Illinois, December 19, 1890, at the age of sixty-three. Mary (Marvel) Smith died at Clinton, Illinois, February 4, 1898, at the age of sixty-nine. They were the parents of eleven children.

1. James Marvel Smith, oldest child of Charles R. and Mary (Marvel) Smith, was born in Gibson County, Indiana, September 23, 1851. When he was a very small child the family moved to Illinois, and James M. grew to manhood on the farm near Midland City. He



was married on March 29, 1874, to Lovesia Summers. She also was a native of Gibson County, Indiana, and was born February 28, 1853. She passed away on July 31, 1923. James M. Smith lives on his farm north of Midland City, Illinois—the farm adjoining on the north of the one on which he grew up. He lives with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Armstrong. He is the oldest living grandchild of Wiley and Charity (Clark) Marvel. In religion he is a Baptist, in politics a Republican, is progressive, open minded, and a lover of his fellowmen.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. James M. Smith.

a. Rilla Smith, oldest child of James M. and Lovesia (Summers) Smith, was born near Midland City, Illinois, January 23, 1875. She lives on the farm home near Midland City.

b. Arthur C. Smith, second child of James M. and Lovesia (Summers) Smith was born near Midland City, Illinois, October 14, 1877. He died at Mason City, Iowa, June 10, 1901.

c. Maude Smith, third child of James M. and Lovesia (Summers) Smith, was born on a farm near Clarion, Iowa, November 14, 1883. She lives at her father's home near Midland City, Illinois.

d. George R. Smith, fourth child of James M. and Lovesia (Summers) Smith, was born on a farm near Clarion, Iowa, September 24, 1887. He was married to Rose Kurtz, April 17, 1920. Mr. and Mrs. Smith live in New Orleans, where Mr. Smith is soliciting salesman for the American Appraisal Company, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

e. and f. Anna Smith, daughter of James M. and Lovesia (Summers) Smith, was born on the home farm near Midland City, Illinois, December 13, 1894. She was married September 23, 1914, to William Edward Armstrong. They are farming the Smith farm home. They have four children:

(a). James Edward Armstrong, born February 15, 1915.

(b). Oren Smith Armstrong, born May 9, 1917.

(c). Wilma Emaline Armstrong, born June 20, 1919.

(d). William Eugene Armstrong, born June 26, 1929.

Edna Smith, twin to Anna, daughter of James M. and Lovesia (Summers) Smith, was born December 13, 1894. She was married November 23, 1915, to Roy Douglas. She passed away October 20, 1918, leaving one daughter, Ruth Eloise Douglas, born July 22, 1916.



2. Francis Marion Smith, second child of Charles R. and Mary (Marvel) Smith, was born on a farm near Poseyville, Indiana, January 22, 1853. When he was but an infant, his parents moved to the farm near what is now Midland City, Illinois. He attended country school and lived his life on the farm until September 5, 1872, when he was married to Eliza Ellen Mills, a young lady whose parents lived near the Smiths. Her parents were Benjamin Franklin Mills, "Uncle Bentley," who came from Georgia, and Susan Ann (Hall) Mills, who came from Kentucky. Eliza E. (Mills) Smith was born on a farm near Clinton, Illinois, on what is now the DeWitt County Poor Farm, on October 17, 1851.

In 1875 Mr. Smith's health partially failed from the ravages of malaria, and taking his wife and their two children packed all their earthly goods in a covered wagon and moved to Garner, Iowa, where Mr. Smith went to work for a bridge contractor, moving later to Webster City, and later to Clarion, Iowa, at which latter place he was Justice of the Peace for over eight years. In the spring of 1884, he moved with his family to Otto, Iowa, where he went into the grocery business, and has been in the same line ever since. In 1896, they moved to Chicago, where they still reside at 4738 North Central Avenue, where they own a comfortable home. Mr. Smith works every day, having been for sixteen years with John H. Leslie & Co., Food Brokers.

Six years ago Mr. and Mrs. Smith celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, surrounded by all their children, most of their immediate relatives, and about two hundred friends. Many beautiful tributes came to them on this occasion. Now they have celebrated their fifty-fifth anniversary, "and" Mr. Smith writes, "looking forward to our Sixtieth."

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Smith are the parents of six children, as follows:

a. Leldes M. Smith, oldest child of Francis M. and Eliza E. (Mills) Smith, was born near Midland City, Illinois, October 9, 1873. He has been for the past thirty years in the Government employ, as a letter carrier in Chicago, having been on the same route for over twenty-seven years, and has nearly completed the time of service necessary for a pension. He was married in Chicago, Illinois, October 7, 1903, to Helen M. Gast. To them have been born three daughters:

(a). Nellie Smith, oldest daughter of Leldes M. and Helen M. (Gast) Smith, was born October 5, 1905. She was married on January 1, 1926, to Rundolph Smeby, of Obregon, North Dakota. He is connected with the Commonwealth Edison Company, of Chicago, as an electrical engineer. Mr. and Mrs. Smeby have one son, Robert Rudolph Smeby, born December 24, 1926.



(b). Ella Smith, second daughter of Leldes M. and Helen M. (Gast) Smith, was born May 12, 1907. She is living at home with her parents in Chicago.

(c). Wauneta Smith, third daughter of Leldes M. and Helen M. (Gast) Smith, was born July 31, 1908. She was married on September 8, 1928, to Ray Johnson.

b. Charles Bentley Smith, second child of Francis M. and Eliza E. (Mills) Smith, was born near Midland City, Illinois, May 2, 1875. He was married in Chicago, Illinois, on March 25, 1901, to Carrie Mabel Hawke, of Champaign, Illinois. They make their home in Champaign, where Mr. Smith owns a Gents' Furnishing and Clothing Store. They have three children:

(a). Maurine Smith, oldest child of Charles B. and Carrie M. (Hawke) Smith, was born October 20, 1903. Her home is in Champaign, Ill.

(b). Lois Smith, second child of Charles B. and Carrie M. (Hawke) Smith, was born March 12, 1908. She was married to John Dean Frakes, in Bloomington, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Frakes live in Champaign, where Mr. Frakes is employed in the store of Charles Bentley Smith. They are the parents of one son, John Dean Frakes, Jr., born December 1, 1927.

(c). Miles Smith, third child of Charles B. and Carrie M. (Hawke) Smith, was born February 12, 1910. He is in school in Champaign, Illinois, and works evenings and Saturdays for his father in the store.

c. Mary Annie Smith, third child of Francis M. and Eliza E. (Mills) Smith, was born at Clarion, Iowa, on March 30, 1880. She died of diphtheria, July 23, 1881.

d. Ella Mae Smith, fourth child of Francis M. and Eliza E. (Mills) Smith, was born at Clarion, Iowa, April 25, 1883. She was married at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 20, 1910, to Leo J. Bisdorf. After their marriage they moved to Chicago, where Mr. Bisdorf is employed as a salesman for Marshall Field & Company in the Men's Clothing line.

e. Miles Henry Smith, fifth child of Francis M. and Eliza E. (Mills) Smith, was born at Otto, Iowa, September 25, 1888. He died in Chicago, August 11, 1908, of spinal meningitis.

f. Homer Herrick Smith, sixth child of Francis M. and Eliza E. (Mills) Smith, was born at Plainview, Nebraska, February 4, 1890. He was married November 5, 1909, at Wheaton, Illinois,



to Madeline Venton. Homer H. Smith is a letter carrier in Chicago. They have four children, all of whom are in the Chicago public schools. They are as follows:

- (a). Homer Smith, born March 15, 1912.
- (b). Dorothy Smith, born January 15, 1914.
- (c). Howard Smith, born August 23, 1922.
- (d). Donald Smith, born September 23, 1923.

3. William A. Smith, third child of Charles R. and Mary (Marvel) Smith, was born on his father's farm near Midland City, Illinois, August 23, 1855. He was married March 8, 1876, to Idaletta Hunter. She is still living, but William A. Smith died in 1881. They were the parents of two sons:

a. Everett Smith, oldest son of William A. and Idaletta (Hunter) Smith, married Miss Anderson. They have two daughters, and live at Lincoln, Illinois, where Mr. Smith is an attorney.

b. Carl Smith, second son of William A. and Idaletta (Hunter) Smith, married Miss Dunham, of Atlanta, Illinois.

4. John F. Smith, fourth child of Charles R. and Mary (Marvel) Smith, was born in DeWitt County, Illinois, May 25, 1857. He grew up on the farm, and on Christmas Day, 1883, he was married to Elsie Viola Silvers, at Webster City, Iowa. Elsie V. Silvers was born in Hamilton County, Iowa, November 5, 1860, and passed away at Normal, Illinois, July 27, 1926. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John F. Smith:

a. Sylvia E. Smith, oldest child of John F. and Elsie V. (Silvers) Smith, was born in DeWitt County, Illinois, October 7, 1885. She is a teacher, living in Normal, Illinois.

b. Tressa A. Smith, second child of John F. and Elsie V. (Silvers) Smith, was born in DeWitt County, Illinois, September 12, 1887. She was married at Peoria, Illinois, June 26, 1913, to Charles V. O'Hern. Mr. O'Hern is an attorney in Peoria, which is their home. They are the parents of two children:

(a). Charles V. O'Hern, Jr., born in Peoria, Illinois, January 9, 1915.

(b) Elizabeth Ann O'Hern, born in Peoria, Illinois, February 9, 1918.

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