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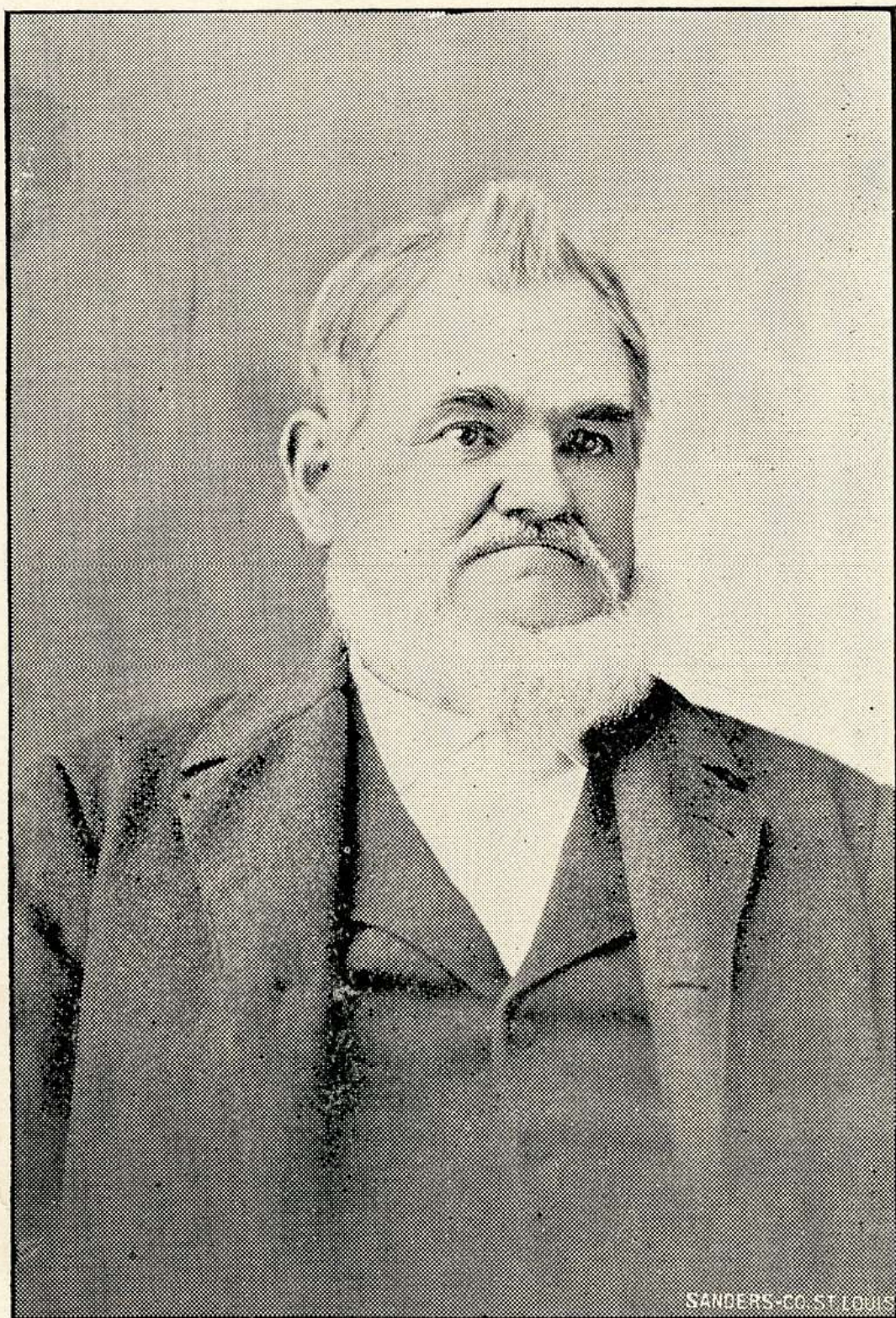
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WILL LA FOLLETTE,
REVISER AND EDITOR.

"THE LA FOLLETTE GENEALOGY"

The writer's great grandfather, Joseph La Follette, was born in France about 1745. He and his brothers, George and Charles, together with their father and mother, came to America during the Reign of Terror in France because they were Huguenots and were banished by the Catholic government.

The father was killed during the War of Revolution by the British and Indians. About the beginning of the Revolution Joseph La Follette settled in New Jersey and there married Miss Phoebe Goble; she was born May 12, 1743. After their marriage they removed to Kentucky and reared the following family: Usual, born June 6, 1773; Robert, born September 10, 1776; Abigail, born May 3, 1779; Jesse, born August 23, 1781; Isaac, born May 28, 1783; Jacob, born July 18, 1785; John, born January 13, 1787.

In the autumn of 1828 Joseph La Follette, Sr., accompanied by his son Jesse, came to Indiana and the following winter stayed with his nephew Joseph La Follette, and afterward made his home with his son Usual La Follette, the writer's grandfather. He died in 1834 and was buried in the family cemetery on grandfather La Follette's old farm in Russell township, Put-

nam county, Indiana. This cemetery is still kept up as a family cemetery although many others are buried there. Although very young (five years of age) the writer remembers seeing his great grandfather Joseph La Follette, very well.

Usual La Follette married Nancy Lee, born April, 1784; they reared the following family: Joseph, born April 24, 1801; Robert G., born August 15, 1804; Isaac, born September 22, 1806; John, born March 12, 1808; William, born June 28, 1810; Mary H., born April 10, 1812; Nancy, born September 29, 1814; Rebecca J., born May 30, 1817; James, born February 11, 1819; Thomas, born September 14, 1821; George W., born October 5, 1824; Phoebe A. and Elizabeth A., born August 5, 1827.

Usual La Follette, accompanied by his family, removed to Indiana in the autumn of 1826 and settled one mile southwest of Parkersburg. The greater part of the old homestead now belongs to his grandsons, Robert E. and James U. La Follette. Usual La Follette died at the old home August 14, 1844, aged 72 years. His wife died in 1865, aged 81 years. They were members in good standing in the Predestinarian Baptist Church for many years.

The writer's great grandmother, Abigail Lee, died at his grandfather's home in 1829, age 72 years. A great uncle, Robert La Follette, lived many years in Floyd county, Indiana, near New Albany. His son Isiah, was, for many

years, a banker in New Albany. Another son, David W., was, for many years, one of the leading lawyers of New Albany. Below is included two letters written by David W. to a cousin, James La Follette, and also his obituary:

NEW ALBANY, IND., May 26, 1886.

Mr. JAMES LA FOLLETTE,

Raccoon, Ind.

Dear Cousin: Yours of the 20th inst. received and I was glad to hear from you. I am sorry to hear of Cousin Nancy A. Ferguson's sickness. She, as we must, by old age, soon pass away and the important matter for us all is by Divine Grace and the favor of the Heavenly Father to be ready when the summons comes.

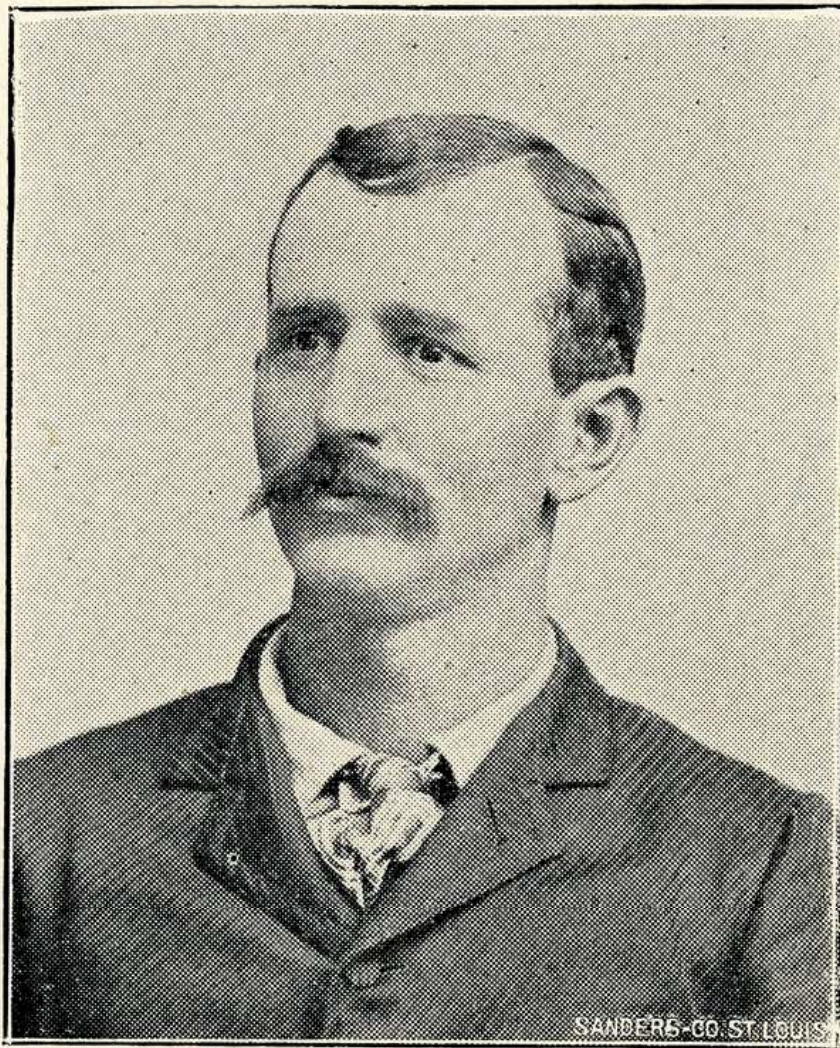
I am 60 years of age and if I remember correctly you are older than I.

Nothing would afford me more pleasure than to pay you all a visit at the time you suggest, June 6th, but as our Circuit Court is in session I cannot.

God permitting I desire to visit your part of the State, in the near future and renew my acquaintance with all my older relatives and make the acquaintance of the younger ones.

How fast the older ones are passing away. Of our family only five remain, four brothers and sister Rozella. I have only three children, two sons and a daughter. Brother Isiah never married. Brother Joseph lives in Washington

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CHARLES LA FOLLETTE,
BUTLER,
MISSOURI.

Charles is single and lives with his mother on the old homestead.

Daniel V., the fourth son of Walter B. La Follette was married, Feb. 29, 1888, to Minnie E. Callahan, born March 4, 1863, in Jay Co., Indiana. The following is their family: Corda L., born Dec. 8, 1888; Daniel E., born Dec. 21, 1892. They reside in Bates Co., Mo.

William A., next the youngest son of W. B. La Follette, was married April 24, 1889, to Emma E. Davis, born April 2, 1866, in Lewis Co., Mo. They have three children: Ethel E. born Feb. 4, 1890; William A. jr., born Dec. 15, 1891 and Franklin T., born Oct. 18, 1893. They live in Bates Co., Missouri.

Olive M., the oldest living daughter of W. B. La Follette, and John Green, born Nov. 18, 1866, were married Nov. 23, 1887. They live in Bates Co., Missouri and have two children, Olive A. born Aug. 28, 1888 and Ivy P. born Nov. 7, 1890.

Walter T. La Follette was married in the autumn of 1893 and lives on his mother's farm.

The remaining daughters are living at home with their mother.

Christiana F. La Follette, the third daughter of Joseph La Follette, was united in marriage with Thomas Hamilton Oct. 10, 1852. Both are deceased and left no decendants. Soon after their marriage they located near Roachdale, Indiana upon what was known as the "Cline Farm," remaining there a few years, afterward going to Effingham Co., Illinois. They remained in Illinois until 1879 when they returned to Indiana and lived upon a part of her father's farm which they purchased. Her health was very poor for several years preceding her death and throughout all her sickness and suffering. she maintained her usual cheerfulness of manner and always aided those with whom she was familiar, in seeing the bright side of everything.

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CHRISTIANA F. HAMILTON,
DECEASED.

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MARY C. HARSHBARGER,
ROACHDALE,
INDIANA.

Aunt Pop-

Mary C., the youngest daughter of Joseph La Follette. was married to Samuel N. Harshbarger Dec. 10, 1862. Immediately after their marriage they located about four miles east of Ladoga, Indiana. After remaining in that place several years, they removed to the southern part of Montgomery Co, two miles south of Ladoga. After the death of her father they purchased the old homestead where they still reside. They reared three children, Hester A. born May 29, 1865; David H., born July 8, 1867; Charles O., born Oct 12, 1870.

The only daughter, Hester A., and David B. Hostetter were married Oct. 17, 1888. They live near her parents. David B. Hostetter is Township Trustee of Franklin Twp., Putman Co., Indiana. Below is given their family record as accurately as known, for the record from which this is compiled was procured several years ago. Howard H., born Sept. 17, 1889; Stuart S., born Dec. 31, 1890. They have another son, Ralph, and their little daughter, Lois, died in the summer of 1897.

David H. Harshbarger was married Dec. 15, 1887, to Flora E. Turner, born Nov. 6, 1869. They live near his father and have three sons, Claude H., born Oct. 29, 1889; Samuel W., born Sept. 20, 1893 and A. Paul, born —, 1895.

Charles O. Harshbarger was married, Sept. 1, 1892, to Stella M. Boling and lives in Roachdale, Indiana. They have one daughter. Ruth M., born Dec. 25, 1895.

Lois and
Joyce

Robert La Follette, the son of Usual La Follette, and Mary Swank were married June 1, 1826, in Kentucky. A few months after their marriage they went to Indiana and located one mile northeast of Parkersburg, Montgomery Co. He was a successful farmer and stock raiser. He and his wife were, for many years, highly esteemed members of the Predestinarian Baptist church. They died within a year of each other about 1878. Below is given their family record: Mary J., born March 16, 1827, died March 25, 1844; Betsy A., born Nov. 3, 1828; Nancy A., born May 6, 1830, died Feb. 4, 1847; Jacob S., born Feb. 17, 1832; Milton, born July 6, 1834; Sarah E., born Oct. 21, 1836; Melvina, born Jan. 19, 1839; James U., born July 24, 1841; Lucinda, born Jan. 30, 1844, died July 25, 1844.

Betsy A. La Follette and George W. Frame were married April 18, 1849. They have two children, Mary E., born Feb. 23, 1850 and William R., born Oct. 10, 1852. Both parents are dead.

Mary E. Frame and James H. Shrader were united in marriage Jan. 18, 1869. They live in Montgomery Co., Indiana about four miles southwest of Ladoga where he owns a large, well improved farm. They have the following family: Anna, born Dec. 24, 1869; Dora, born Dec. 11, 1872; Leon, born Sept. 15, 1875; Iva, born April 11, 1878.

William R. Frame and Fanny Doyle were married —, 1871. They have three children whose record has not been procured. He lives about four miles northwest of Parkersburg, Indiana.

Jacob S. La Follette and Sarah Young were married Sept. 19, 1856. They live in Boone Co., Indiana near Shannondale where he owns and manages a large, well improved farm, managing all his affairs in a very systematic way. They have been members of the Predestinarian Baptist church for many years. Their family consists of four children as follows: Sarah J., born July 17, 1858. Mary F., born Sept. 3, 1861; William R., born Nov. 24, 1863; Charles C., born Sept. 19, 1867.

Sarah J. La Follette and Alonzo Young were married and live near Crawfordsville, Ind.

Mary F. La Follette married Chester Cory and resides near her father.

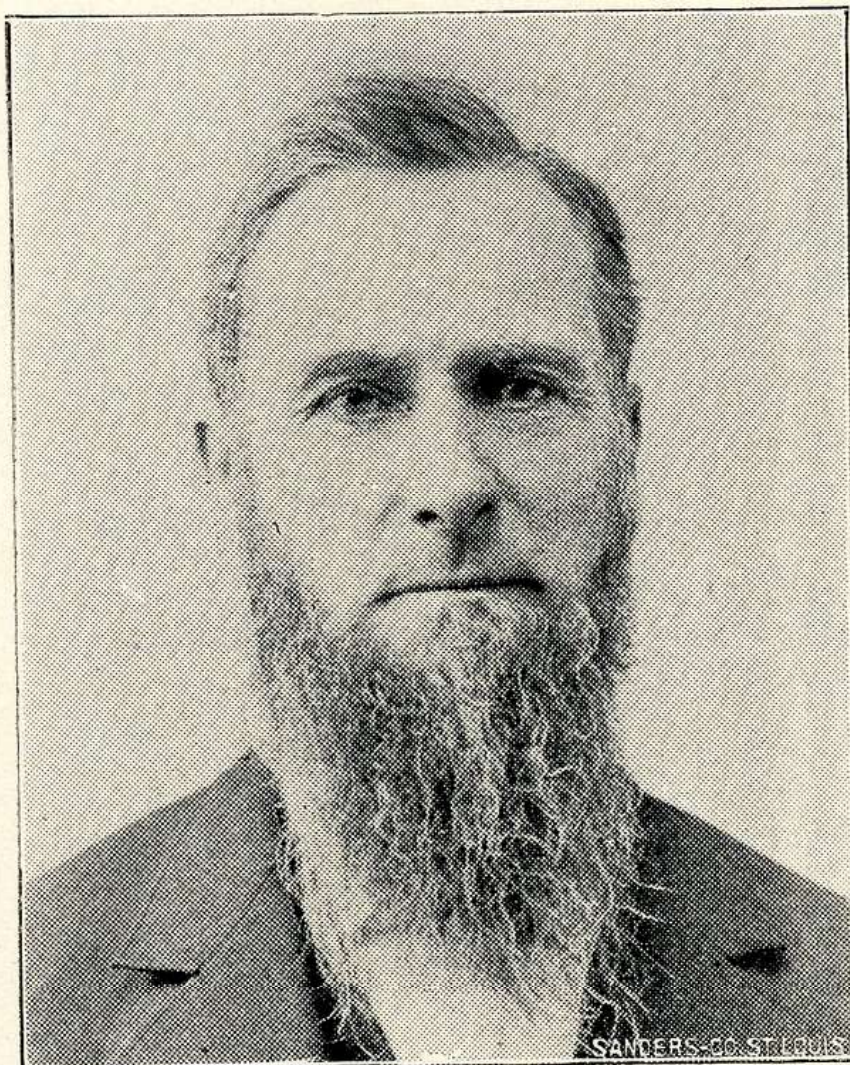
William R. La Follette married N. Clydie Beck and resides in Thorntown, Indiana.

Charles C. La Follette married Emma Campbell and resides in Thorntown, Indiana.

Milton La Follette, the second son of Robert La Follette, married Elizabeth Grider and located near Shannondale, Ind., in Boone Co., where he died several years ago. His family still reside on the old homestead. Of his family there are six children living: Eliza, who married a Mr. Threilkeld, Martha, married to Joseph Coons, George W. and William are single and live at home and the two remaining daughters, Emma and Lizzie were married since this record was procured.

Sarah E. La Follette and Joshua H. Bruce were married Nov. 18, 1855. They located near

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JACOB S. LA FOLLETTE,
SHANNONDALE,
INDIANA.

Sauk Center, Stearns Co., Minnesota where he died April 26, 1891. The following is their family: Mary P., born Nov. 22, 1856; Sarah M., born Aug. 28, 1859; Angeline, born Nov. 10, 1861, died Sept. 12, 1862; Eliza E., born June 16, 1863; Charles R., born Nov. 13, 1865 is single; William, born Dec. 3, 1867, is single; Joshua, born Jan. 22 1870, died Oct. 6, 1888; James M., born Jan. 18, 1873 is single; Mable O., born June 29, 1879.

Mary P. Bruce and David Love were married Nov. 16, 1879.

Sarah M. Bruce and Edgar L. Manton were married Nov. 17, 1878.

Eliza E. Bruce and John H. Love were married March 26, 1883. No farther record of the Bruce geneology is available.

James U. La Follette and America Gott were married May 10, 1865. This is the family record so far as is known: Stella A., married to Lewis A. Crandall; William R., Lulu M., and Bertie C., who is deceased.

Isaac La Follette, the third son Usual La Follette, united in marriage with Nancy H. Duvall, July 15, 1830. He located on a farm adjoining his brother Joseph's farm on the south, where he lived until his death which occurred in the autumn of 1873. His wife died several years previous to his death. She was a member of the Predestinarian Baptist Church. Their family is given as follows: Brisco, born April 17, 1831, died very young; Mary J, born Feb. 9, 1833; Nancy E., born March 2, 1835; John

H., born Feb., 5, 1837; Alexander M., born Jan. 16, 1839, deceased; Hester A., born March 10, 1841; Sarah L., Feb. 7, 1844.

Mary J. La Follette and Newton Young were married in Feb. 1849. Their family consisted of two children, Lucretia, born in 1850 and Francis M., born April 10, 1852. The mother died in 1853.

Lucretia Young married Charles T. Coshow. Their family will be given with the Coshow branch.

Francis M. Young and Alice Wright were married in 1865, in Nodaway Co., Missouri where they still live, near Marysville. Their record will be given with the Wright family.

Nancy E. La Follette and Thomas S. Wright were united in marriage March 12, 1852, in Putnam Co., Indiana. In the autumn of 1854 they removed to Nodaway Co., Mo. and located permanently on a farm near Marysville upon which they still reside. He has been a successful agriculturist in all its departments. This is their family: Mary L., born June 10, 1853; Isaac L., born April 25, 1856; Alice born June 1, 1858; Alexander M., born Nov. 24, 1860; Nancy E., born April 21, 1863; George, born Dec. 9, 1866; Clara, born Feb. 21, 1869; Thomas H., born April 25, 1871; Erastus, born May 27, 1874; Susan, born June 18, 1876; Daisy, born April 30, 1879.

Mary L. Wright and Rueben Young were married Dec. 17, 1871 and located in Nodaway Co., Mo. near her parents. The following are

their children: Bert E., born Nov. 2, 1872; Carrie M., born Jan. 7, 1874; Thomas R., born Oct. 17, 1875; John W., born Aug 5, 1877; Nancy R., born Nov. 17, 1881. Minnie S. M., born Aug. 16, 1886; Daisy, born Sept. 30, 1888; Amelia A., born Sept. 29, 1889; Donna, born May 7, 1892. They were all single and lived at home when these records were procured.

Alice Wright and Francis M. Young were married March 21, 1878 They have five children, Lucretia E., born Sept. 28, 1880; Thomas S., born Sept. 6, 1882; Mary C., born Nov. 17, 1885; Benjamin H., born Sept. 14, 1888 and Isaac N., born Sept. 1, 1892.

George Wright and Mary Allen were married March 9, 1887. They had two sons both deceased. They live in Idaho near Rathdrum.

Nancy E. Wright and Ray D. Stewart were married April 3, 1889. They live in Nodaway Co., Mo. near her parents and have two children, Miles C., born March 19, 1891 and Dale, born Dec. 19, 1893.

Alexander M. Wright and Myrtle Jacobs were married Sept. 20, 1891.

Susan Wright and Harry Colter were united in marriage March 15, 1893.

Clara Wright was united in marriage with George Parsons, Aug. 27, 1893.

Isaac L., Thomas H., Erastus and Daisy Wright were single when this record was procured.

John Henry La Follette, the eldest son of Isaac La Follette, was married to Julia Harrison in Sept. 1859. After her death which occurred in 1861, he married Henrietta Hendry in 1863. They have two children, Martha L., born May 1, 1864, William G. born March 15, 1867. His second wife having died he was married the third time to Ella Stewart in 1872. There are three children of this marriage: Charles, born —, 1874, Warren E., born Jan. 26, 1876; Roscoe E., born July 13, 1880. He resides near Rantoul Champaign Co., Illinois.

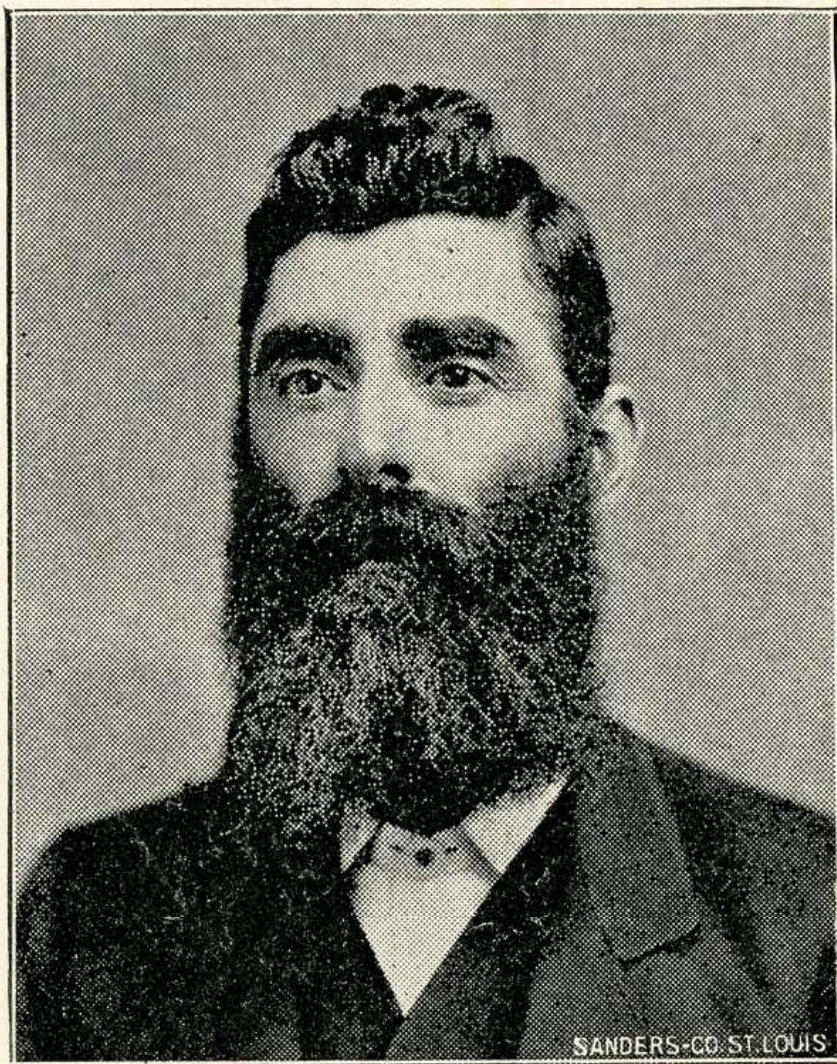
Hester A. La Follette and Benjamin Fletcher were married in March 1862. They did not locate permanently until after the death of her father, Isaac La Follette, at which time they purchased the old homestead and remained there several years. Afterwards, they sold the old home and after remaining in Montgomery Co., Ind., several years, they located near Ashland, Saunders Co., Nebraska, where they still reside. Their family record not having been secured very little of their family can be given

One of the sons, Charles O. Fletcher, is a practicing physician at Ithica, Neb.

Another, Thomas Fletcher, is a veterinary surgeon at Rantoul, Illinois.

Sarah L. La Follette and Samuel Hymer were married Nov. 8, 1864. They lived adjoining her uncle, Joseph La Follette until their death. The following is their living children: Lillie L., born Sept. 11, 1867; Jessie O., born

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JOHN H. LA FOLLETTE,
RANTOUL,
ILLINOIS.

Nov. —, 1871. James and a younger brother, dates of births unknown.

Lillie L. Hymer and Albert H. Williams were married Sept. 3, 1885. They live in Raccoon, Ind. Their family is as follows: Jessie H., born May 27, 1887; Warren W., born May 19, 1890; Arthur L., born May 16, 1892, died in Sept. 1892; James B., born Aug 31, 1893.

Jessie O. Hymer and Maud M. La Follette were married Aug. 10, 1890- They were living in Crawfordsville, Ind., and have two sons, Orien O. and John W.

John La Follette, son of Usual La Follette, was married Sept. 23, 1827, to Elizabeth Bruce. They located one mile southeast of where Roachdale, Ind., now stands. They remained on the same farm until their death. His death occurred Aug. 29, 1882, and her death Sept. 8, 1883. The following is their family: Sarah P., born Sept. 19, 1828; William B., born Oct. 25, 1829; Nancy A., born March 21, 1831; James U., born March 14, 1833, died Oct. 27, 1833; John H., born July 27, 1834; Mary L., born May 1, 1836; Betty H., born April 11, 1838, died Sept. 12, 1838; Anna E., born Sept. 29, 1840; Deliah J., born Feb. 13, 1845; Charles H., born Dec. 24, 1849. Both parents were members of the Predestinarian Baptist Church for many years.

Sarah P. La Follette and David T. Myers were married Nov. 8, 1849. When this record was procured, they were living in Stonington, Christian Co., Illinois. One son, Joseph H., was

living in Decatur, Ill. Their other son, John S., was postmaster of Grant, Perkins Co., Neb.

William B. La Follette married Mary Kyle Dec. 26, 1851 and located one mile south of Roachdale, Ind., where he remained until 1882, then selling his property, he removed to Franklin Co., Kansas where he owns a highly improved farm. much of which is enclosed by stone fence of which he has near 500 rods. Besides this supply of stone on his farm there is a never failing supply of water. Next will be found their family record: George E., born Nov. 12, 1852; John W., born April 3, 1854; Martha E., born Dec. 18, 1855; Sarah E., born Oct. 22, 1857; James F., born Dec. 18, 1859; Myrtle E., born March 19, 1862; Charles A., born July 18, 1864; Lettie, born Nov. 8, 1866; Anna G., born March 17, 1869; Robert E. L., born June 5, 1871; Erastus, born June 15, 1873.

The second son, John W. La Follette, was married in Montgomery Co., Indiana, to Sarah C. Ashby, Dec. 24, 1875. After living several years in Putnam Co., Indiana they removed to Franklin Co., Kansas where they made a permanent home. Their family of five children is as follows: Fred, born Sept. 10, 1876; John F., born Oct. 19, 1884; Margaret A., born Feb. 16, 1888; Nellie, born July 1, 1890; Clinton, born April 4, 1893. The parents are members of the Christian Church.

Martha E., the eldest daughter of W. B. La Follette, was married to John M. Byrd Feb. 26,

1874. They resided several years in Putnam Co., Indiana after which they also removed to Franklin Co, Kansas where they still reside. This is their family record: Daisy M., born March 24, 1875; Claud, born July 1, 1877; Francis M., born July 17, 1879; Nellie, born Jan. 5, 1883 died Nov. 7, 1888.

Sarah E. La Follette and Joseph L. Howard, were married Sept. 23, 1875. They remained in Putnam Co., Indiana, several years and finally joined her immediate relatives in Franklin Co., Kansas. They have six children, Maud, born April 15, 1878; Minnie, born Oct. 25, 1879; Mary E., born Aug 16; 1881; Gladys., born Jan. 3, 1884, William B., born Oct. 4, 1888; George N., born July 31, 1890.

James F. La Follette, third son of W. B. La Follette, and Lodicy A. Smith were married Sept. 11, 1883. They reside in Franklin Co., Kansas and have three children. Olga M., born July 24, 1884; Ola, born Jan. 1, 1887; Roscoe C., born June 24, 1890; Myrtle E. La Follette and Charles H. Darnell were married Aug. 4, 1883. He was a Hoosier. They removed to Oklahoma where they still reside. They have three children. Pearl M.. born June 6, 1884; Lula M., born Oct. 12, 1885; Roy C., born April 15, 1891.

Lettie La Follette was married Nov. 8, 1884 to Julian L. Meeker who was born at Newark, N. J, They went from Kansas to Oklahoma. The following is their family record: Julia A. born Dec. 8, 1885; William B., born Oct. 8, 1887;

an infant, born March 8, 1890, deceased; Florence born Feb. 8, 1892.

Anna G., the youngest daughter of W. B. La Follette, was married Dec. 1, 1887, to Claud L. Allison, born in Edgar Co., Illinois. He is a grocer in Franklin Co., Kansas. Their family record is as follows: Lottie, born Oct. 15, 1888, died Oct. 17, 1888; Maud M., born Sept. 27, 1889; Hazel M., born Nov. 7, 1891.

The remained four children of W B. La Follette were not married when this record was procured.

The second daughter of John La Follette, Nancy A., and Elijah Grantham were married Nov. 27, 1851 and located where Roachdale, Indiana now stands, where they remained until after her death which occurred in 1888 or '89. She left three children as follows: John H., born Oct. 28, 1852; Jesse B., born Nov. 29, 1853; Mary E., born Nov. 27, 1855.

John H. Grantham and Nancy A. Kyle were married Oct. 3, 1872. They reside in Roachdale, Indiana, where he is conducting a hardware store. The following is their family record. Edgar B., born Aug 23, 1873; Agnes E., born March 17, 1876; John H., born Aug. 27, 1880; Nellie E., born Oct. 31, 1882; Charlotte F., born June 24, 1886.

Agnes E. Grantham and C. J. Wood were married June 26, 1894.

Jessie B. Grantham and Eliza Spicklemier were married Nov 27, 1884. She died Nov. 17,

1886. On April 16, 1889 he was married to Maggie E. Evans. They live in Roachdale, Ind. where he is a contractor and builder.

Mary E. Grantham, the only daughter of Elijah Grantham, was married to American S. Young March 7, 1872. They live one mile west of Roachdale, Ind. where he owns a large farm and is engaged in stock-dealing. This is their family record: Nora B., born Jan. 26, 1873 deceased; Cora A., born March 27, 1875; Jessie F., born Feb. 12, 1877; Emma J., born Oct. 9, 1878, deceased; Ella M., born June 16, 1880; William H., born April 3, 1882, deceased; Daisy P., born July 27, 1883; Ida E., born Feb. 8, 1886, deceased; Anna F., born Nov. 11, 1887; Elmer O., born June 8, 1891; N. Pauline, born July 25, 1894.

Mary L. La Follette and John T. Harris were married in Putnam Co., Indiana and afterward removed to Kansas. They have no family.

Anna E. La Follette and John F. Britton were married in Putnam Co., Indiana. After his death she married a man named Smalley who has since died. She lives about one mile south of Roachdale, Indiana.

Delilah J. La Follette and William P. Young were married Sept. 23, 1865. They have one son, Elmer B., born May 30, 1866. They lived for many years on her father's homestead, then removed to Roachdale, Indiana where he deals in stock. He has been town marshal of Roachdale for many years.

Charles H., the youngest son of John La Follette, and Margaret C. Wright were married Sept. 28. 1865. They lived about one mile south of Roachdale, Indiana for several years, during which time he died. After his death his widow and son, E. Arthur, born Feb. 10, 1874, removed to Roachdale where Arthur died. The widow married John Cline and resides in Roachdale, Indiana

William La Follette, the fifth son of Usual La Follette, was married in 1832, to Letty Harrison, in Montgomery Co, Ind. and settled near New Ross, Indiana. After living there over twenty years, he sold his farm and started to find a home that pleased him more. After viewing Wisconsin and Minnesota and not finding a location which pleased him he started to Texas while on the road to Texas he wintered in Clark Co., Iowa near his wife's relatives and to secure a house to live in he purchased forty acres of land. Before the winter had passed he concluded to remain in Iowa permanently and bought more land. He and his wife were members of the Predestinarian Baptist Church. They reared the following family: John T., Joshua, Nancy, William and James. His wife died about 1869, and in a few years he married again. The writer visited him in 1876 which was a short time before his death. His children are all married but their records are only partially known.

The eldest son, John T. La Follette, was married in Indiana, to Miss Mossbarger and and was living in Des Moines Iowa. in 1876. He had a large family.

Joshua, married in Nebraska where he still resides.

Nancy married a Mr. Purdue, in Clark Co., Iowa. They have a small family.

William and James both married in Iowa but have removed and their location is unknown to the writer.

Mary H., the eldest daughter of Usual La Follette, was married to Solomon Beck in 1830. They first located in Putnam Co., Ind. two miles south of her brother Joseph La Follette. They remained on this place about fifteen years and after living in Boone Co. Ind. about the same length of time they removed to Edgar Co. Illinois where they passed the remainder of their lives. they were members of the Predes-tinarian Baptist Church for many years The following are their children; James L., Nancy, John, William. Josiah, Mollie and George.

The following partial record is taken from a letter written, in 1891, by James L. Beck, who who was then living at Hugo Illinois.

James L. Beck was married twice and has six living children and three sons dead. Of his living children there are four daughters and two sons. Two daughters and the sons are married. The eldest daughter lives at Brocton Illinois where her husband is a merchant. The second daughter is a widow and was living in Vermillion Co. Illinois.

The elder son lives in Edgar Co., Illinois. The second son lives in Brocton and is employed by his brother-in-law in his store. James L. Beck died in 1893.

There were seven living grand-children of James L. Beck when the letter was written in 1891.

Nancy Beck, the oldest sister of James L. Beck, married Samuel Fall and resides near Beaman, Pettis Co., Missouri. They have three daughters and two sons living and three children are dead. Two daughters are married and live near them.

John Beck is single. He owns a farm in Edgar Co., Illinois and makes his home with his brother. William Beck is married and resides in Bondville, Champaign Co., Illinois. He owns a farm of two hundred and forty acres which he rents. He has five children, the four oldest ones are girls and the youngest is a boy. Two daughters are married and live near him. He has four grand children.

Josiah Beck is married and lives adjoining his brother John's farm in Edgar Co. Illinois. He has two daughters and three sons.

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JAMES L. BECK,
DECEASED.

Mollie Beck, the youngest daughter of Solomon Beck, and John D. Lowler are married and reside in Edgar Co. Illinois. They have three sons and seven daughters.

George Beck, the youngest son of Solomon Beck, is married and lives in Newman Illinois. He has four sons and one daughter.

Nancy La Follette, the second daughter of Usual La Follette was married April 3, 1834, to J. Glogow Edwards. They located about three and one half miles nearly south from her brother Joseph La Follette and remained until his death Dec. 9, 1879. After her husbands death the widow lived several years on the homestead after which she lived with her children. They were members of the Predestinarian Baptist Church for most of their lives; he being one of the prominent ministers of that church. He was a successful farmer and stock raiser, at one time he was county treasurer for several years. Just following is their family record; Mary, born Aug. 28, 1835; James U., born April 28, 1837; Howard M., born July 16, 1839; Melvina, born Dec. 21, 1840; John F., born June 9, 1843; Issac C., born June 7, 1845; Rachel E., born Sept. 3, 1847; Nancy J., born Dec. 8, 1849; Charles P., born Dec. 4, 1851; died April 3, 1854; Robert F., born Jan. 17, 1853; Joseph W., born May 13, 1855.

Mary Edwards and Robert M. Britton were married March 5, 1857; and lived in Putnam Co., Ind. where he died Oct. 28, 1887, They have

five children as follows; John W., born April 10, 1858; Nancy E., born Oct. 23, 1859; Emma, born Nov. 14, 1861; Glasgow, born July 24, 1864; Omar, born Nov. 7, 1871.

John W. Britton and Mildred Akers were married Sept. 25, 1879. They have two children Harry, born July 16, 1880; Clay, born March 14, 1893. They live on the old homestead.

Emma J. Britton and Geo. Swain were married March 20, 1882. They have one daughter, Ella born Aug. 16, 1884. They live on her grand-fathers old homestead.

Glasgow Britton and Melinda Gardner were united in marriage Feb. 1, 1885. They live near the old home and have two children, Lillie, born Feb. 25, 1887; Laura, born Jan 21, 1893.

Omer L. Britton and Ida Collins were married Nov. 2, 1891. They reside near the homestead.

Nancy E. Britton is single and lives with her mother who lives in Roachdale.

James W. Edwards married Elizabeth Hale and resides about five miles southwest of Roachdale, Ind. He is a successful farmer and stock dealer, having also served Putnam Co., as treasurer for one term. They have five children: Alice, born Oct. 29, 1862; Albert, July 2, 1865; Russell, born April 2, 1868; Franklin, born Dec. 9, 1874; Ina, born Dec. 31, 1876.

Alice Edwards and Silas L. Akers were married June 15, 1887. They live just north of her

father's farm and have two children: Warren, born Aug 16, 1888; Clifton, born Oct. 25, 1893.

Albert Edwards and Epha Carpenter were married March 18, 1883. They have no family. Her death occurred in 1897.

Russell Edwards and Minnie Dodd were united in marriage April 1, 1886. They live in Roachdale, Ind., where he is dealing in stock. They have one son, Austin.

Franklin Edwards and Daisy Prather were married Feb. 22, 1894. He lives with his father and manages the farm.

Ina Edwards was married after this record was procured and resides near Fincastle, Ind.

Howard M. Edwards, the second son of Glasgow Edwards, was married Dec. 27, 1860, to Amanda E. Goslin. They located one-half mile east of his father's farm where they remained until 1896 when they removed to Roachdale where they now reside. They have four children: Charles A., born Sept. 10, 1861; Eva E., born Nov. 16, 1863; Milton C., born May 27, 1867; Clara E., born June 8, 1870

Charles A. Edwards and Oceola Vaught were married Feb. 22, 1887. They lived near his father until her death, Feb. 17, 1894. Their family record is as follows: Lena, born Feb. 18, 1890; Ollie M., born May 1, 1891, died Feb. 9, 1892; Ralph, born Feb. 4, 1893. After the death of his wife Charles D. Edwards lived several years with his parents until they removed to Roachdale at which time he married the second time and occupies his father's farm.

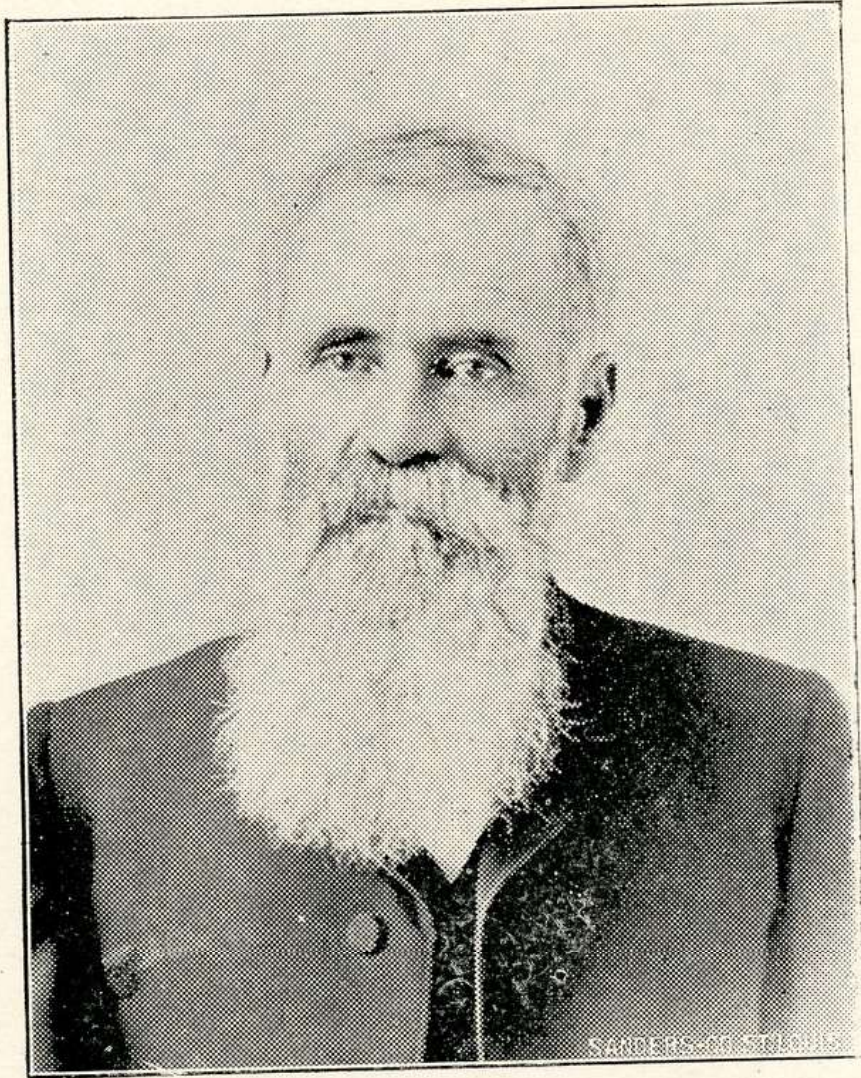
Eva E. Edwards and Charles H. Crosby were married Sept. 27, 1883. They have two children: Raymond, born May 22, 1888; Ruby, born March 10, 1892.

Milton C. Edwards married Lucy J. Conkright. They have one child, Mabel, born June 10, 1888.

Clara E. Edwards and William Lovett were married Dec. 23, 1888. They have two children, Hazel, born May 19, 1890; Franklin, born Aug. 15, 1892.

These last three families live in Putnam Co., Indiana, near H. M. Edward's home place

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HOWARD M. EDWARDS,
ROACHDALE,
INDIANA.

and just a few miles south of Roachdale.

Melvina Edwards, second daughter of J. Glasgow Edwards, and John Britton were married in March 1859. Their only child James R., was born in March 1860. The father died May 11, 1860 and the mother in Sept. 1885. James R. Britton is married and engaged in business in Roachdale, Indiana.

John T. Edwards and Lydia J. Sutherlin were married July 26, 1864. They lived many years on a farm in Franklin Twp., Putnam Co., Ind. They went to Roachdale, Ind., several years ago where he fills the position of cashier of the Bank of Roachdale. The following is their family record: Flora M., born Aug. 3, 1865; Vina E., born Dec. 19, 1870; James F., born July 22, 1872.

Flora M. Edwards and Lee Akers were married Oct. 3, 1886. Her death occurred Oct. 24, 1887.

Vina Edwards and William Radford were married Aug. 18, 1892. They live in Roachdale, Ind. where he is associated with his brother-in-law in conducting a clothing store. They have one child.

James F. Edwards and Ora Guilliams were married July 30, 1891. He now lives in Roachdale, Ind., and is a member of the clothing firm mentioned above.

Isaac C. Edwards, son of Glasgow Edwards, was married July 14, 1864, to Sarah Holbert. They live in Roachdale, Ind. where he and his

younger brother are engaged in mercantile business. Their only daughter Cora L., born May 22, 1865, married Riley Porter March 2, 1883. They have one child, Ward B., born July 15, 1886.

Rachel E. Edwards and Columbus Gillen were married Dec. 9, 1864. They live about five miles south west of Roachdale Ind., where he owns and manages a good farm. They have two children living: Asa A., born Dec. 6, 1872; Courtland C., born July 3, 1880.

Nancy J. Edwards and John O. Smith were married Feb. 15, 1876. They live near Fincastle, Putnam Co. Ind. where he is farming and handling stock. They have a son, Walter L., born June 18, 1879.

Franklin Edwards and Belle Thompson were married Oct. 3, 1878. They live in Roachdale, Ind. and he is in business with his brother Isaac C.

Franklin Edwards and wife have one daughter, Pearl born Oct. 2, 1885.

Joseph W. Edwards, youngest son of Glasgow Edwards, is married and resides in Lebanon, Boone Co., Indiana where he is employed in insurance and real estate transactions

Rebecca J. La Follette and Thomas A. Coshow were married in 1835. They located in Putnam Co., Indiana just north of where Raccoon has since been built. He died June 25, 1858. Her death occurred Jan. 18, 1894. Below is their family record. John H., born Aug. 2, 1837; David, born Feb. 15, 1839; Nancy, born

Sept. 18, 1840; Jacob, born April 19, 1842, died Aug. 12, 1861; Charles T., born Jan. 1, 1844; Richard H., born Jan. 11, 1846; Sarah E., born Jan 2, 1848; Mary J., born Dec. 29, 1849; Eli, born March 11, 1852; Martha E., born Feb. 27, 1854; Rebecca C., born March 3, 1856, died July 3, 1861.

Nancy Coshow married George Riggles, date unknown. They had one child, Lottie, born Dec. 7, 1861. The mother died Jan. 1, 1856, and the little child was cared for by its grandmother Coshow and was always called Lottie Coshow. Lottie Riggles, called Coshow, and Henry Fall were married Dec. 7, 1882 and live at Parkersburg, Ind. They have two children: Buford L., born Sept. 4, 1883; Benjamin L., born Aug. 28, 1888.

David Coshow and Mary F. Adams were married Sept. 19, 1861. After living several years near his father's home, they went to Bates Co., Missouri where they still reside and have three children: Thomrs B., born Aug. 4, 1862; Robert L., born March 31, 1871; Anna B., born July 19, 1873.

Thomas B., the eldest son of David Coshow. was married Oct. 12, 1887 to Cynthia A. Baker. they had one child. Thomas B. worked on the railroad until his death, March 5, 1893, from injuries sustained in a wreck.

Robert L. Coshow, brother to Thomas B., married Ella Sloan, June 24, 1892. They have one child and reside near his father.

Anna B. Coshow and James T. Fugate were married Jan. 12, 1888. They live near her father and have two children.

Sarah E. Coshow, second daughter of Rebecca and Thomas Coshow, married Charles Wilson. She died March 5, 1874, leaving no family. *elle*

Martha E. Coshow and Owen Donehew were married, date unknown. They live near Raccoon, Ind. They have three children, Roscoe, Maude and Madge.

Eli Coshow and Lucy A. McMurtrey were married Jan. 5, 1873, and occupy his father's old homestead. The following is their family record: Luella, born Oct. 7, 1873; Alberta, born March 22, 1875, died Oct. 25, 1875; Acy, born Aug. 21, 1878; Wallace, born July 8, 1880.

John H. Coshow was a volunteer in the Union Army and died in the service of his country July 31, 1864.

Charles T. Coshow and Lucretia Young were married Nov. 16, 1868, in Nodaway Co., Missouri. After their marriage they removed to Indiana and located about twelve miles southwest of Lebanon, Boone Co., where they still reside. Below is their family record: Bertha, born Nov. 23, 1869; Francis, born July 23, 1871; Thomas A., born March 12, 1873; Newton, born March 27, 1875, died Jan. 7, 1877; Kate V., born Sept. 10, 1877; Lelia, born Oct. 12, 1880; Grover, born Sept 2, 1888.

Bertha Coshow and Ord Cook were married March 23, 1892. They have one child, Paul, born Aug. 21, 1893.

Francis Coshow and Fronia Williams were married Nov. 2, 1890. The following is their family: Jewel R., born Sept. 8, 1891; Emery, born March 17, 1893.

Thomas A. Coshow and Kessie Young were married Aug. 16, 1893. Their first child, Virgil was born April 9, 1894 and died Sept. 11, 1894. They have another child, birth and name unknown.

Katie V. Coshow and Henry Hancock were married March 28, 1894.

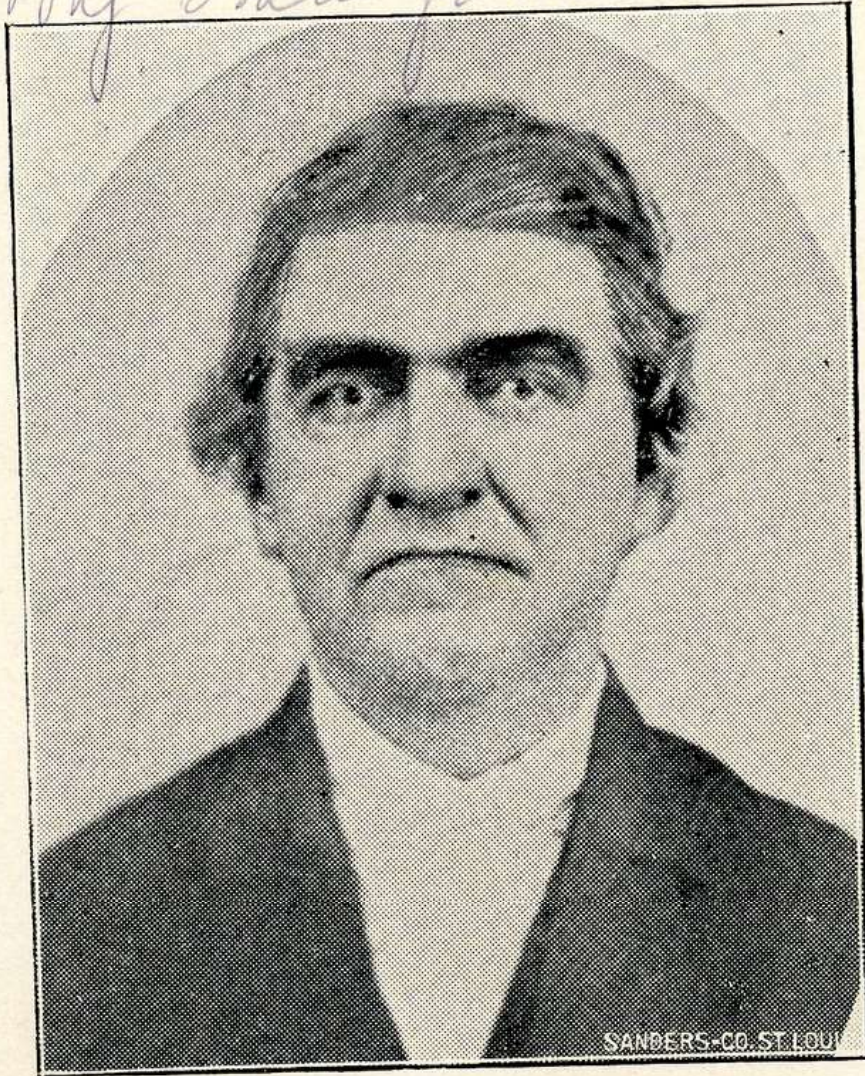
All these younger families live near the homestead of the parents, Charles T. Coshow.

James La Follette, son of Usual La Follette, and Catherine Easley were married Sept. 2, 1847. They first located in Boone Co., Ind. near Shannondale, afterward bought the old La Follette homestead in Putnam Co., Indiana where he remained until his death, Sept. 15, 1890. Since the death of her husband the wife has made her home with the children. Husband and wife were both members of the Predestinarian Baptist church. Their family record follows: Nancy J., born June 28, 1848; Mary F., born March 9, 1850; Elizabeth A., born May 10, 1851; Sarah C., born Sept 20, 1853, died Feb. 14, 1860; Daniel E., born Oct. 1, 1855, died Oct. 17, 1855; Joseph F., born Oct. 5, 1856; Robert E., born Oct. 28, 1859; James U., born July 23, 1862; Rebecca A., born July 22, 1864, died Dec. 1, 1867, George W., born Feb. 9, 1867.

Nancy J. La Follette and Talbott Sutherlin were married Jan. 12, 1868. After living several years near Parkersburg, Ind., they purchased the old homestead of Isaac La Follette, three miles west of Roachdale, Ind. where they still reside. They are members of the Christian church. Their family record follows: James S., born Oct. 20, 1868; Joseph A., born Sept. 25, 1869; Elonzo, born Aug. 7, 1871, deceased; Mary A., born Jan. 13, 1873; Oliver F., born Dec. 19, 1875; Catherine, born Sept. 3, 1877; George T., born Mar. 31, 1880; John T., born Feb. 21, 1884; Ethel, born Feb. 5, 1888, deceased.

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My Grandfather



JAMES LA FOLLETTE,
DECEASED.

James S. Sutherlin married Lucy Shackelford. They have two children, Nellie and Stella. They live with her mother near Roachdale, Indiana. They remaining children are single and are at home.

Mary F. La Follette and William H. Hicks were married Dec. 7, 1878. After remaining in Boone Co., Indiana several years the removed to Montgomery Co., near Lapland. They have no family.

Elizabeth A. La Follette and Samuel R. Fisher were married Nov. 16, 1873. They resided a few years in Boone Co., Indiana after which they located permanently in Montgomery Co., Indiana near New Market. They are members of the Christian church. They have six children: Sallie C., born Oct. 12, 1874; Mary E., born March 6, 1880; James S., born July 5, 1881; Fannie B., born Aug. 1, 1883; William R., born June 13, 1886; Mellie C., born Sept. 16, 1888. The children are all at home with their parents.

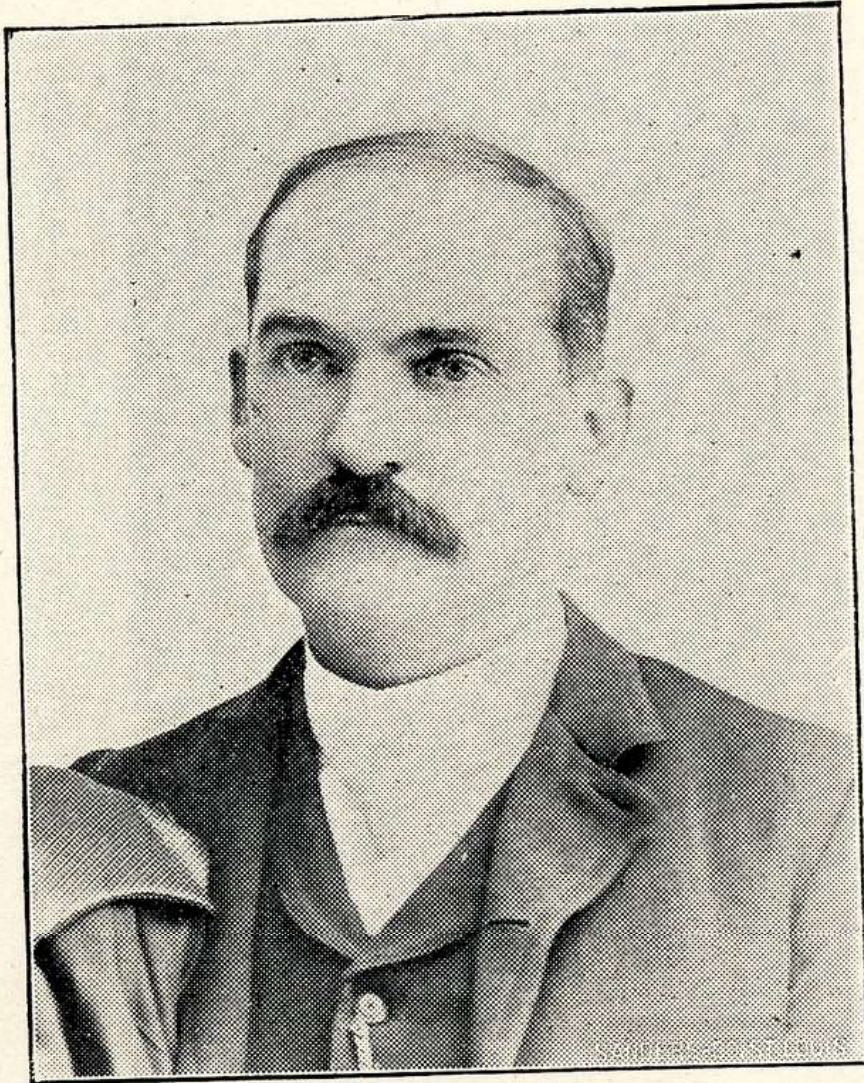
Joseph F. La Follette and Sylvania M. Ruffner were married Aug. 12, 1877. They lived for several years near Parkersburg, Indiana after which they removed to Saunders Co., Nebraska, near Ashland, where they remained several years, then going to Lincoln, Neb. and in 1896 they removed to Galena, Cherokee Co., Kansas.

Robert E. La Follette and Sarah J. Payton were married Dec. 24, 1882. They live near Parkersburg Ind. They are members of the Christian church. They have two daughters: Anna, B., born Dec. 15, 1883; Hallie C., born May 18, 1888.

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James U. La Follette and ^{*Nancy*} Nannie Rogers were married Jan 13, 1886 They lived with his parents a short time, after which they removed to their own farm near Parkersburg, Indiana where they still reside. They are members of the Christian church. The following is their family record: Nora B., born Oct. 18, 1886; James E., born May 23, 1888; Ruth L., born April 16, 1893; Ancil S., birth unknown.

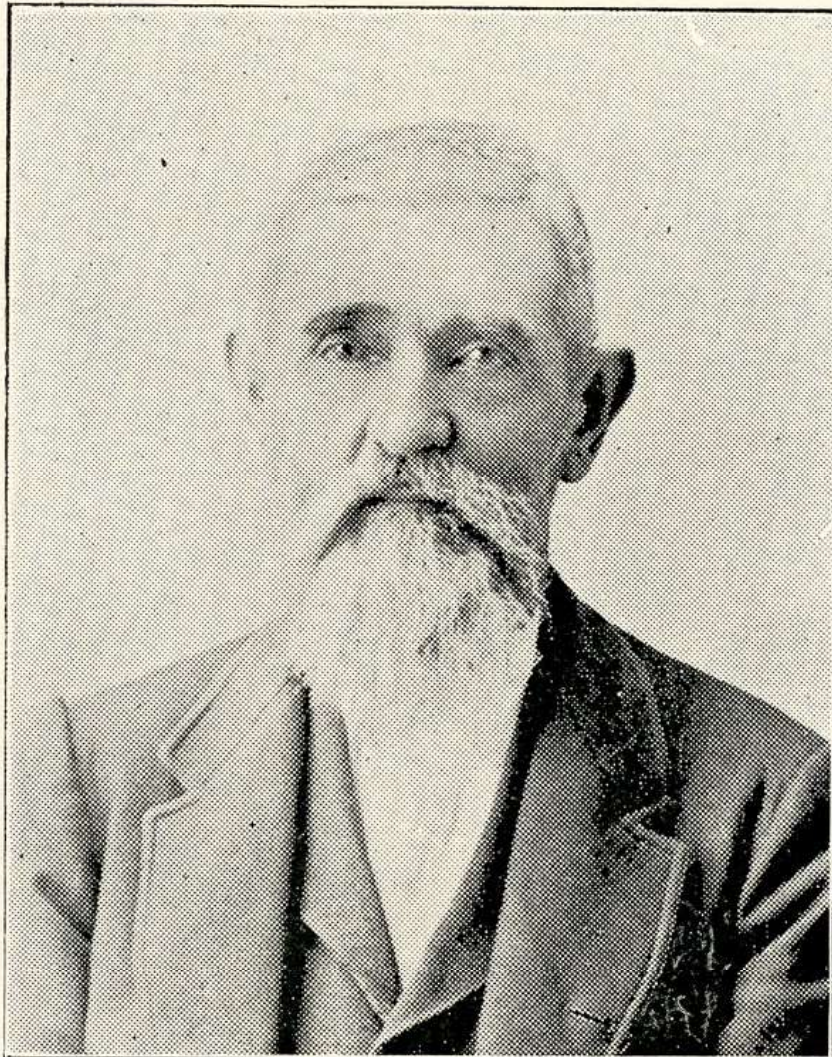
George W. La Follette and Hattie J. Parsons were married Sept. 5, 1889. They lived several years on the old La Follette homestead and then went to Saunders Co., Nebraska, near Ashland where they still reside. They have three children; Ida M., born Nov. 13, 1890; Lida C. A., born Dec. 28, 1891; Elmer U., born Nov. 13, 1893.

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ROBERT E. LA FOLLETTE,
PARKERSBURG,
INDIANA.

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THOMAS LA FOLLETTE,
CRAWFORDSVILLE,
INDIANA.

Thomas La Follette. son of Usual La Follette and Melinda M. Kennedy were married in 1842. They lived near Parkersburg, Ind. several years after which they removed to his farm near Shannondale Ind. where he remained until a few years ago when he began making his home with his daughters who live in Crawfordsville, Indiana. his wife having died in 1893. Next is given their family record. Joseph U., born June 17, 1844; John W., born Sept. 13, 1846; James T. born July 16, 1848, died Feb. 1893; Nancy A., born Oct. 15, 1850; Delilah J., born Aug. 7, 1852, deceased; Sarah J., born Sept. 22, 1854, deceased; Mary P., born Oct. 6, 1856; Georgia A., born Dec. 17, 1859. deceased; Robert F., born Dec. 7, 1862; Effie M., born June 13, 1867, deceased.

Joseph U La Follette aud Silva J. Coatney were married Feb. 16, 1872. They reside on a part of his father's farm. They have five children as follows: Maud M., born Dec. 1874; Angeline N., born Oct. 28, 1876; William K., born Dec. 26, 1878; Charles E., born March 30, 1886; Lee B., born June 23, 1888.

Maud M. La Follette and Jessie Otis Hymer were married Aug. 10, 1890. They lived in Crawfordsville, Indiana. They have two children: Orion O., born Oct. 28, 1891; John W., born Oct. 23, 1892.

Nancy A. La Follette, daughter of Thomas La Follette, married James Rutledge. They

live in Crawfordsville, Indiana, and have no family.

Mary P. La Follette, sister of the above, married John Rutledge. They live in Crawfordsville, Ind. He is a contractor and builder. They have no family.

Robert F. La Follette and Emma C. Rutledge were married Dec. 20, 1883. They occupy his father's old homestead north of Shannondale, Indiana. They have two sons: Warren L., born Sept 23, 1884; Thomas., born Jan. 23, 1887.

No further records of this branch of the La Follette family are available.

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GEORGE W. LA FOLLETTE,
DECEASED.

George W. La Follette, the youngest son of Usual La Follette was married to Susannah B. Nofsinger, Dec. 31, 1846. They lived several years on a part of his father's farm and then removed to Montgomery Co., Ind., and located near Shannondale, where he resided until his death, in Aug. 1897. He was a successful farmer especially devoting much time to short-horn cattle, always keeping a select herd. The following is their family record: Francis M., born Aug. 7, 1848; Joseph W., born Aug. 21, 1851; Mary E., born July 7, 1853; Robert W., born Feb. 17, 1855, deceased; Nancy A., born April 13, 1857, deceased; Carrie H., born Feb. 27, 1859, deceased; Thomas W., born March 5, 1861; James O., born Aug. 15, 1865.

Francis M. La Follette and Cornelia E. Shannon were married Nov. 28, 1878. They lived in Lebanon, Indiana, where he is dealing in stock. Below is their family record: Earl, born Dec. 9, 1879; Ethel, born Oct. 8, 1881, died Sept. 9, 1882; Carrie, born Dec. 8, 1882; Rushton, born Dec. 22, 1885; Foster, born Nov. 19, 1888, died Jan. 9, 1889; Harold, born March 18, 1890; Paul born Nov. 18, 1893, died Aug, 1896.

Joseph W. La Follette and Alice E. Buchanan were married Sept. 16, 1875. They lived for about fifteen years near his father's home after which they moved to Darlington, Indiana where he is engaged in mercantile business. This is their family record: William C., born Nov. 26, 1876, died Aug. 22, 1877; Bessie E., born

Aug, 6, 1885; George L.; born July 26, 1888; Lou S., born Dec. 22, 1892.

Thomas W. La Follette and Minnie Elmore were married Dec. 24, 1884 They live about two and one half miles north of Shannondale, Indiana. Their family is as follows: Edith and Edna, born Aug 2, 1885; Mary H., born Jan. 8, 1887; Susan M., born Aug. 19, 1892, deceased.

James O. La Follette married Effie Burroughs. They live on his father's farm which he manages. They have no family.

Mary E. La Follette is single and resides with her parents.

Elizabeth A. La Follette, daughter of Usual La Follette, was married Feb. 15, 1846 to John B. Henry. They lived about two miles east of Roachdale, Indiana, where she died Jan. 2, 1864. His death occurred Oct. 14, 1886. They had four children. David R., born Dec. 7, 1846; Nancy J., born Feb. 17, 1848, died Nov. 4, 1865; Lydia M., born Dec. 3, 1857; Martin T. born Dec. 18, 1858.

David R. Henry and Emily F. Robbins were married Nov. 5, 1871. They live in Hendricks Co., Indiana, near North Salem. They have two sons: John L., born Nov. 10, 1872; Charles M., born May 10, 1872.

Lydia M. Henry and William J. Gill were married in 1877. They lived in north salem, Hendricks Co., Indiana where he manufactures brick and does contract work. Their family record is as follows; Lenora J., born Sept. 19,

1878, died Aug. 24, 1879. A daughter born Nov. 15, 1879, died Nov. 21, 1879; Orion J. born July 7, 1881, Mary E., born April 15, 1883; Beryl E., born June 15, 1885; Malta O., born Feb. 15, 1890; Vesta V., born Nov. 23, 1891; Brewer H., born May 6, 1894.

Martin T. Henry and Sarah L. Eggers were married June 3, 1883. They live about three miles east of Roachdale, Indiana. They have two daughters; Alvaretta F., born May 4, 1884; Bertha M., born Feb. 13, 1886.

Phoebe A. La Follette and Peter W. Nofsinger were married in 1846. After living near Roachdale and also New Ross, Indiana, for several years, they went to Kansas and located near Lane, Franklin Co., where she still lives, her husband having died Jan. 7, 1871. The following is their family record: Thomas H., born in 1848; George W., born in 1850, Nancy C., born in 1852; Mary H., born in 1854, died in 1858, Susan B., born in 1858.

Thomas H. Nofsinger and Sarah J. Hess were married in 1872. They live near Lane, Kansas. They have eight children. George A., born in 1875; Mary L., born in 1877; Thomas O. and Olie born in 1880; Cora E. born in 1882; Carrie A., born in 1886; Myrtie M., born in 1888; James B., born in 1891.

George W. Nofsinger and Mary J. Hess, twin sister of Sarah J. Hess above, were married in

1875. They live in Lane, Kansas, where he is a merchant. They have no familiy.

Nancy C. Nofsinger and James S. Forgey were married in 1879. They have no family and reside near Wellsville, Franklin Co., Kansas.

Susan B. Nofsinger and H. F. Hurst were married in 1875. They live on her father's former farm and care for her mother. They have two children; Claude, born in 1876; George, born in 1880.

George La Follette, one of the three brothers, mentioned on the opening page of this volume, who came from France with their father whose name was John La Follette, had a son Joseph.

Joseph La Follette settled first in Harrison Co., Virginia (now West Va.) and afterward he removed to Kentucky then to Ohio and settled permanently in Jay Co., Indiana, in 1842 where he died in 1870, at the age of 72 years which would place his birth in the year 1798

The family of Joseph La Follette consisted of seven sons and five daughters, the sons were John, William, Milton, George, Thomas J., Benjamin F. and Calvin P of whom all except George and John are living and reside in Indiana.

John La Follette, the oldest son of Joseph La Follette. was born in Harrison Co., Vir., July 19, 1817 and removed to Indiana with his father. Although living on a farm and devoting a part of his time to his farm he was a school teacher and was actively engaged in his chosen profession for forty years.

John La Follette's family consisted of four sons and five daughters.

Joseph W. La Follette, the eldest son, died at Lagrange, Tenn., in 1863, while in the U. S. service.

Jesse J. M. La Folléte is a lawyer and served as state senator in Indiana from 1894 to 1898;

He is now Ass't. U. S. Dist. Atty for Indiana and resides at Indianapolis, Ind.

George W. La Follette is a physician and resides at Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

John F. La Follette, who furnished these records, is the youngest child and resides at Portland, Jay Co., Indiana, where he is practicing law.

Four daughters of John La Follette are living and reside in Indiana.

Of the following two families, the records here given are accurate although the direct line of descent is not available.

Isaac and William La Follette were brothers; the name of their father is unknown. Of William, very little is known, merely that he married and reared a family.

Isaac La Follette married Mary Kale, date unknown, and reared the following family: William, born 1798, James, Elizabeth, Christina, Mary, Mehala, Margaret, Anna, Isaac, and Adam.

This family resided in Guernsey Co., Ohio.

Mehala married Danial Slain; Elizabeth married Geo. McWee; Christina married Geo. Asbury; Mary married Jesse Kale; Margaret married a gentleman by the name of Sigmon; James married Mary Kale; Isaac married Eliza Speer; Adam married Elizabeth Jackson. William, the oldest of the above family, married Harriet Gill and reared seven sons and four daughters, as follows: Elizabeth, born 1820; Christina, John, James, George, David, Adam, Joseph, Isaac, Ann and Mary.

Of the above families, all except two remained in Guernsey Co., Ohio. Mehala and Adam lived many years where Peoria, Ill. now stands and according to the best information at hand still reside near Peoria, Ill.

The following is the marriage record of the family of William LaFollette and Harriet Gill.

John married Margaret Taylor; James married Ellen Hook; George married Margaret Spade; David name of wife unknown; Adam married Rebecca Russel; Joseph married Mary Dudley; Isaac married Elizabeth Kechley; Ann married Arthur Van Dyck; Mary married Peter Sigford; Christina married George Arnold

Of the above families, Adam lives in Lucas Co., Iowa; David, in Assumption, Christian Co., Illinois; Ann, in Noble Co., Ohio; the remaining families reside in Guernsey Co., Ohio.

The eldest daughter, Elizabeth, from whom these records were procured, married James Connolly and resides in Unionville, Iowa. The following is their family record; Margaret, born Feb. 19, 1843; Arabella, born Oct. 23, 1848; Alexander, born Feb. 27, 1851; Addie, born Feb. 7, 1857; Charles, born May 20, 1859.

Margaret Connolly married Marion McKinley who served as first artilleryman in one of the Iowa regiments in the Civil War. They reside in Woodson Co., Kansas and have two sons, Guy, born Jan. 18, 1872 and Roy, born July 14, 1874. Arabella Connolly married Jeff McKinley. They reside in Russell, Lucas Co., Iowa and have four children; Lola, born Nov. 2, 1872; Myrtle, born Oct. —, 1874; Blanche, born June —, 1876; Clyde, born Aug. —1884.

Alex. Connolly married Mary Lippert. They reside near Unionville, Iowa. They have three children: Glen, born July 28. 1879; Minnie, born Dec. 12. 1881; Inez, born Jan 1, 1885.

Addie Connolly resides with her parents in Unionville, Iowa.

Charles Connolly married Rosa Watson. He is a telegrapher and resides in Mt. Ayr, Iowa. They have two children; Mabel, born March 2, 1886 and Carl, born Aug. 23 1891.

L. M. La Follette, State Auditor in West Virginia, was born in Winchester in 1861; his father's name is Henry W. and his grandfather's name was Bartholomew.

L. M. La Follette was admitted to the bar at Grafton Taylor, Co., in 1885. 1888 he was appointed Ass't Prosecuting Atty. for his Co. and re-elected in 1892. Before his last term had expired he was elected State Auditor and removed to Charleston, the capitol, March 4, 1897.

His information as to the common origin coincides perfectly with that obtained through all sources namely that all are descendants of a common ancestor who came from France

Because of the accuracy with which all lines that have been traced, converge to the one John La Follette who with his family, removed to America to escape the persecutiou inflicted upon the Hugenots, the writer feels that all who bear the name, La Follette, belong to one great family and urges each member to trace his line of descent, compile all records, similar to the plan used in this book, and forward all records and data to him at his address, Blakesburg, Ia.

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HESTER (HENTON) LA FOLLETTE,
DECEASED.

THE WRITER'S KNOWLEDGE OF HIS MOTHER'S FAMILY.

John C. Henton, or Hinton, the grandfather of the writer, was born Nov. 9, 1772. He married Katie Keith, born Dec. 9, 1776. The following is their family record: Hester the writer's mother, was born Jan. 6, 1799; Nancy born Oct. 24, 1801; Walter B., born Jan. 2, 1804; Alexander, born Mar. 17, 1806; Elizabeth born June 12, 1803; Margaret J., born July 9, 1812; Mary C., born July 30, 1815; William H., born Jan. 30, 1818, deceased in his sixteenth year.

Hester Henton and Joseph La Follette were married Oct 22. 1821. Ther record has been given with the La Follette family record.

Nancy Henton married a Mr. Duvall who died in a few years leaving one daughter, Kittie A., who married Warren Cash and after living several years in Hardin Co., Kentucky, removed to Indiana, remaining many years near Roachdale but locating permanently near Ladoga. They reared a small family of which one son and one daughter remain at home. Nancy Duvall was married the second time to Isaac La Follette July 15, 1830. Record also found in La Follette record.

Walter B. Henton and Rebecca Cooley were married in 1826, in Hardin Co., Kentucky and removed that same autumn to Putnam Co., Indiana, where they resided near the writer's father, remaining about eight years at which time they removed to Lewis Co., Mo., near Canton. They reared a large family. In 1850 he went to California where he remained two or three years. For many years prior to his death he was a member of the Predestinarian Baptist Church. He was killed by being thrown from a load of hay, which he was driving into the barn.

Alexander H. Henton was married in Kentucky and removed to Lewis Co., Mo. near his brother, Walter B., whom he accompanied to California in 1850, dying soon after reaching his destination. His family, according to last account, was living on the old farm.

Elizabeth Henton married Jacob Dickerson. They lived near Lebanon, Ind. many years and afterwards in Lebanon where they died about thirty years ago. They reared the following family; Henton, Alexander, Mildred A., Henry and Walter. They all married and resided in or near Lebanon, Ind. The wife of Henton D., Mildred A. and husband are dead and Walter was killed in saving a lady from a runaway team.

Margaret J. Henton married a Mr. Slack. They had one son, John. Mr. Slack died soon

after the birth of their son and the widow and son afterward went to Lewis Co. Mo. where she married Henry Tooley. They lived near Canton.

Mary C Henton and Adam Emory were married about 1833; in Kentucky. They had two sons and a daughter. Her husband died in Kentucky and after his death the family removed to Lewis Co., Mo., where after near fifteen years she married Isaac La Follette. After this marriage they resided in Indiana until his death, in 1873 after which she went to Texas.

John C. and Katie (Keith) Henton were members of the Predestinarian Baptist Church. They came to Indiana about 1835 and made their home with their daughter Hester La Follette, the writers mother for a few years, after which they went to Lewis Co., Mo., and lived with their son Walter Hinton the remainder of their lives. She died Nov. 3, 1859 and was preceded a few years by her husband.

The writer visited these relatives in 1848 and also in 1856; since the latter date nothing has been learned.

The Keith family came to Kentucky in Daniel Boone's time probable came with that noted pioneer in the first settlement. The father was killed together with about thirty other settlers as they were going to a salt spring to procure salt for the settlement.

His widow married a Mr. Chenoweth. The writer visited in 1848 three brothers, Abraham, Jacob and James Chenoweth, who were sons of this marriage and lived near Perry, Pike Co., Illinois.

Of the Keith family, two or three sons located at Vincennes, Knox Co., Ind. where some of their decendants still reside.

The writer remembers hearing his grand mother and also his mother telling about the trials, dangers and privations, caused by the Indians, that the early settlers had to endure. At one time a family of relatives was attacked by Indians while one son was absent and all except his mother who was made a prisoner, were slain. The mother was held by the Indians two years at which time some friends paid her ransom.

Another son of the Keith family, Benjamin, was a noted Baptist minister.

In 1892, the writer noticed an article, in a religious paper devoted to the welfare of the Baptist Church, which was written by C. W. Keith. By corresponding he proved to be a descendant of the same family as the one traced above.

How It was Compiled,

The first journey, which was of importance in regard to the compilation of data from which the foregoing genealogy was written, was begun July 22, 1887. The following day the destination, Crawfordsville, Ind. was reached. The first visit with relatives was on that date and was a visit with the writer's nephew, A. L. Henry, at Ladoga. M. M. Henry and S. N. Harshbarger, both brothers-in-law of the writer, were visited this same day: the latter occupies the birth place and boyhood home of the writer.

After spending a night at the old home the writer's nephew, Talbot Sutherlin, was visited.

July 25, the following families were visited: R. K. Jones, also William Skillmin where two sons of James La Follette, the writer's uncle, were met, also many old friends. In the afternoon James Dickorson's family was visited, he being absent, also William Trail and Joseph McMurtrey. The latter place many old friends were met

On the 26 of July visits were made as follows: to John Edwards where many of the Edwards relatives were seen, Henry Daugherty, J. P. Hymer, William Darnell and several relatives and friends were seen at Roachdale.

The next day, July 27; was spent with the writer's aunt, Nancy Edwards.

July 28, several old friends were met at Raccoon P. O., also visited Thomas James.

The following day was spent at James La Follette's home, where an uncle, aunt and two sisters and several younger relatives of the writer also spent the day.

On July 30, the fifth Sunday services of the Baptist Church at Indian Creek were begun and as many relatives and friends were regular attendants, the writer attended and was pleased to meet many friends and relatives.

After services Samuel R. Fisher was visited, he is a cousin to the writer by marriage,

Services continued during the following day also and the writer, after attending them, visited a brother-in-law, Joseph W. Easley.

The following relatives and friends were visited in the order named: Tilman Easley, William Miles and Miles Layne.

Aug 4 was spent at an old settlers meeting at Russellville and many old friends and relatives were met. At the close of the meeting a visit was made with Nelson Rice.

The next visit was with Robert E. La Follette, cousin of the writer, with whom a short time was spent in Parkersburg where many old acquaintances were met.

The writer next went to Baptist services at Mt. Pisgah and met many friends and relatives and visited two cousins John Edwards and James Edwards

The next relatives visited were Owen Donnew, John M. Henry and M. M. Henry.

Aug. 10 the writer attended New Ross Fair where two uncles, George and Thomas La Follette and many other relatives were seen.

The following relatives were visited in the order as name Louisa Gott, James Henry, Jacob La Follette, Mrs Lizzie La Follette, Thomas La Follette, George La Follette, Joseph La Follette, Frank La Follette, Isaac Nicely, and James Rutledge. All the above except the first two live near Shannondale.

Lebanon was the next objective point near which place the following relatives were visited. Robert La Follette, Henry Dickerson and his sister Mildred A., Henton Dickerson, Charles Coshow and Benj. Fletcher.

Rebecca Coshow, Elijah Grantham, Warren Cash, Mrs. Ann Britton, Mrs. D. J. Young, Mrs. R. A. Crosby, Thomas Hargan, Frank and H. M. Edwards, all relatives were visited in the order named.

The writer next visited Thomas Hamilton and also visited the old La Follette Family Cemetery.

After meeting many friends and relatives at an Association of Baptists, the writer returned home Aug, 26, having been absent one month and four days.

In 1892—3, Oregon was visited by the writer and a great many relatives were visited and data procured which has materially aided the compilation of this history. A brief statement of this visit may prove interesting to many readers of these pages and hence its insertion.

The journey was commenced Sept. 12, 1892, from Ottumwa, Ia. via St. Paul, Pasco Jc. to Portland, Oregon, over Iowa Central, Northern Pacific and Oregon Short-line Railways. Cities of most interest passed through were St. Paul, Bismark, Livingston, Helena and Spokane Falls.

Most interesting sights were Dakota Wheat fields. Bad-lands, train carrying Wasnington State exhibit of timber to the World's Fair at Chicago, Montana wheat fields fertilized by irrigation and the grand scenery of the Rocky Mountains. Time of out-bound journey five days.

First relatives visited were the family of the writer's daughter, Hester Kent, living at The Dalles, Or. After remaining in The Dalles several days a journey by stage was made to Prineville, Or., where the family of the writer's brother, Jerome, resides, also a nephew Jos. Howard. Three families of relatives were visited here.

After returning from Prineville, the writer next visited Portland going via Hood R., Cas-

cade Locks, Multnomah Falls, Bridal Veil Falls, Rooster Rock, Palisades of the Columbia river and Pillars of Hercules, all of this scenery is very grand.

The writer visited his brother Charles at Portland and also saw a distant relative who married a Mr. Van Horn.

From Portland the writer went to Salem where his son, Joseph La Follette, resides also David La Follette, Alex La Follette.

The next visit was made to Charles La Follette, a nephew, at Albany.

All the foregoing visits were made prior to Dec, 25, 1892 and the writer and his wife spent Christmas with their son, Joseph La Follette in Salem Oregon, and on New-Years Day 1893, took dinner with an old friend James Kinney and family.

The writer and his wife spent Jan. and Feb. in Oregon and then returned to Ottumwa Iowa, via Pendelton, Ogden City, Salt Lake City, Leadville, Denver, Cheyenne, Omaha and Council Bluffs.

Salt Lake, Royal Gorge and Pikes Peak were the most interesting scenes noticed on the return journey.

The visit to the relatives in Missouri and Kansas was made in Oct. 1893 .

The writer, accompanied by his wife, left home, Oct. 2, and went directly to his brother's, Jeremiah La Follette's at Saxton Buchanan Co., Mo.

From Saxton, the writer and wife accompanied by his brother and wife, went by team to visit the family of their brother Walter B. La Follette, (he being dead) who lived in Bates Co., Mo., near Butler.

The writer's cousin, David Coshow, also lives in Bates Co., and was visited at this time.

After visiting all the relatives in Bates Co., Mo., they next drove into Franklin Co., Kansas where an aunt, Mrs. Phoebe Nofsinger, and a cousin, William B. La Follette, reside and their children that are married reside near them.

From Franklin Co., Kansas, they returned to Saxton, Mo., via Leavenworth and Atchison.

On Oct. 24, the writer and wife went by rail to Bedison, Nodaway Co., Mo., where the writer's cousin, Mrs. Nancy Wright, resides and the children are either at home or reside near their parents.

After spending a few days with the relatives in Nodaway Co., the writer and wife went, on Oct. 27, to their son-in-law's, Henry Jonese's, who resides near Afton, Union Co., Iowa, where they remained until Oct. 30, at which time they went to Ottumwa, Iowa and the next morning

they returned to their home at Blakesburg, Ia. having been gone twenty nine days during which time they had traveled four-hundred and fifty miles by rail, four-hundred and twenty by team and had been in sixteen counties in Mo., six counties in Kansas and eight counties in Iowa and had visited twenty nine different families of relatives and had seen one-hundred and fifty five different relatives.

The fourth and last series of visits which aided largely in securing data for this publication was made in Indiana in 1894.

The writer, accompanied by his wife, left Ottumwa Iowa Aug. 30, 1894, going via Burlington, Galesburg, Peoria, Bloomington, Danville and Crawfordsville to New Market, Ind., where a brother-in-law, J. W. Easley, resides.

Then began a series of visits which extended over five counties and included eighty three separate families of relatives and required the use of a horse and buggy for at least eight hundred miles.

Three visits deserve especial mention; the first being a visit to the writer's aunt, Mrs. Nancy Edwards, who, together with a widowed daughter, lived with her grandson.

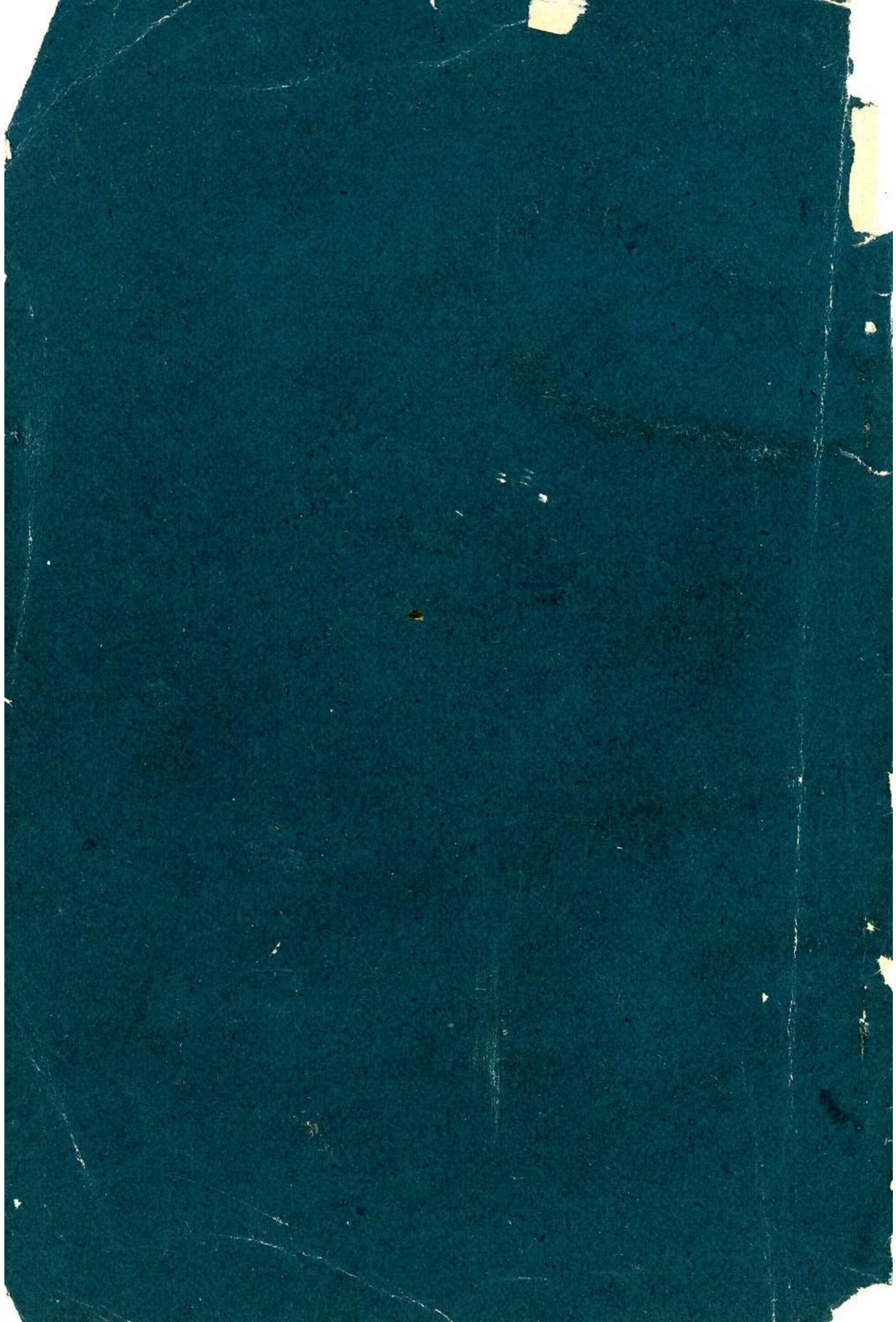
The grandson, Omer L. Britton, had a little son, Guy Britton which made four direct generations of the same family living in the same home.

The next visit of more than ordinary importance, was at the home of the writer's sister, Mary C. Harshbarger, who lives on the old homestead where the writer was reared.

This visit was made on the fiftieth anniversary of Mrs. Harshbarger's birth which was celebrated by the largest surprise which the writer ever witnessed, as there were at least two hundred relatives participating, besides about fifty friends and neighbors.

The third and last visit of the three was at the home of the writer's cousin, Charles Coshow and the reason for its especial mention lies in this extraordinary incident; five generations of the same family were represented at that place.

This series of visits lasted from Aug. 30, 1894, until Nov. 28, 1894.



Ty. and has four sons and a daughter living. My youngest brother lives on Indian Creek near Lanesville, and has three daughters. Uncle Jacob La Follette's only living child, Louisa, married Robert Samson.

The La Follette stock is coming out; there are now seven lawyers, five physicians and several ministers among them. I suppose in your country they are nearly all rich.

Write a long letter to me and give a history of your family and how you are progressing. I should be glad to receive a visit from you.

I am practicing law in the city and living on a farm two miles in the country.

Affectionately yours,

DAVID W. LA FOLLETTE.

NEW ALBANY, IND., June 18, 1886.

MR. JAMES LA FOLLETTE,

Dear Cousin: Your last letter was recieved several days ago and I would have answered sooner but was undecided whether I could accept your kind invitation to pay you a visit on July 3rd, at the Old Settler's Picnic at Ladoga. I fear now that I cannot come for the U. S. District Court meets here on Monday, July 5th.

It would afford me great pleasure to meet you again for I remember your visit to us when I was a boy and the many pleasant hours that were spent around the hearth of that old homestead that is now owned by a German for my youngest brother sold it three years ago. All my sisters are dead

except Rozella who married a very clever gentleman named Hartman and they live near our old farm. Brother Joseph's address is Grand Carolee, Lincoln Co, Washington Ty. He is well pleased with his country. Isiah is not what we now call a wealthy man; he is worth about \$25,000 or \$30,000. I am only a comfortable liver; I own a farm worth \$5000, two houses and lots in the city and some Gov. bonds, I have lost several thousand dollars by loaning money and paying security debts for others.

Poor Mattie, my daughter, has entirely lost her mind. She was a lovely girl kind hearted and good to the poor and ever ready to sit up with the sick and do any thing for them. I presume that you knew she was thrown from a buggy in a runaway and injured, that was the cause for all her affliction.

I am glad that you have been so successful in the world and also in acquiring property and have been able to help your children and have plenty left for yourself. It is an excellent thing to be independent in your old days.

I want, God permitting, to visit you sometime

Please write where your nearest station is and where any of your relatives live.

Yours truly,

D. W. LA FOLLETTE.

Obituary of Judge DAVID W. LA FOLLETTE,

NEW ALBANY IND., March 22, 1889

Judge David W. La Follette, the oldest mem-

ber of the New Albany bar, died at his home, on the Green Valley road, last night at seven o'clock, age sixty three years, six months and nine days. The deceased was taken ill last Friday with a complicated liver and kidney trouble which proved fatal.

Judge La Follett was the oldest member of the Floyd Co., bar and he was a man esteemed by all as a truly upright and conscientious citizen. He was born in Franklin Township, Floyd Co., Ind., Sept. 31, 1825 and studied law at Corydon Harrison Co., Ind. with Judge Porter. After teaching school at Corydon several years, Judge La Follette came to New Albany in 1857 and began practicing law. He was appointed Probate Judge, in 1862, by Gov. Henry S. Lane and served very acceptably until the close of the term. From 1861 to 1868 he was a member of the Board of School Trustees and was greatly interested in educational affairs. In 1875 the Judge entered into law partnership with Col. Tuly the firm name was La Follette & Tuly. This partnership was very successful.

Judge La Follette was married twice an only daughter of his first marriage died about ten days ago. His second marriage was to a Miss Williams, daughter of James Williams. There were two sons of his second marriage, Grant and Harry La Follette.

He was an earnest order man, a Past Grand Master and Patriarch of the I. O. O. F. of Ind. and Past Grand Chancellor of the K. of P. He was a member of the Park Christian Church

and an elder for many years. Often when the Church was without a pastor Judge La Follette conducted services

Jesse La Follette, great uncle of the writer, was married, in Ky. to Polly Lee, born Feb. 1787. They reared the following family. Rebecca, born April 16, 1809; William, born June—1810; Phoebe, born Feb. 12, 1812; Abigail, born Nov.—, 1813; Warren C. born Aug. 15, 1815; Josiah, born July—, 1817; Nancy A. born May—, 1819; Jane, born Oct.—, 1822; Elhanan, born July—, 1824; Robert W., born Nov —, 1826; Harvey, born April 16, 1832.

His wife was a sister of the writer's grand mother. The whole family removed to Putnam Co., Ind. in the autumn of 1828 and settled adjoining the farm of the writer's father in Franklin Tp. Jesse La Follette died on this farm in 1845; Soon after his death the family sold the farm and removed to Montgomery Co., where his wife died about ten years after her husband's death. The oldest daughter, Rebecca, married Isaac Nicely. They reared a small family. One son was living with his aunt, Nancy A. Ferguson, in Crawfordsville in 1896. Phoebe married Jephtha Beck. They reared a small family. Robert F, born Dec. 27, 1831. was the eldest son. His first wife was Angeline Lee; of this marriage there is one son, W. F. Beck. His second wife was Angeline Johnson; of this marriage there are five children; Walter, Anna, Lucy, Susan and Gertrude.

Robert F. Beck was at one time treasurer

of Montgomery Co. for several terms. He lives in Crawfordsville His brother William Beck lives in Crawfordsville and has reared three children, two daughters and a son, of whom the son and elder daughter are married.

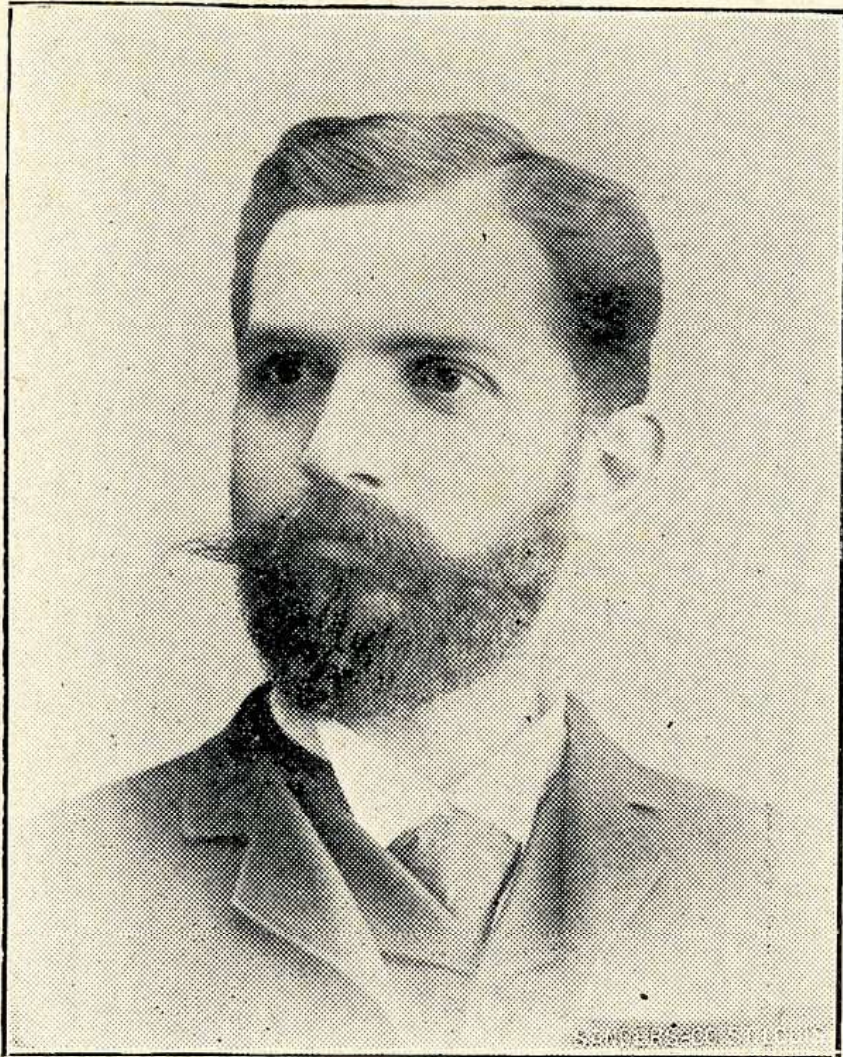
Abigail married David Ferguson. They reared two daughters who are now single. Josiah married Mrs. Mary Buchanan, sister of David Ferguson. They reared three sons, William, Joseph and Robert. Soon after their marriage they removed to Wis. Josiah L. died many years ago. His son, Robert, is a prominent attorney at Madison Wis. Several years ago Robert was elected to the U. S. Congress several terms. On his first election, he was the youngest member.

Nancy A. married Zachariah Ferguson. They reared no family. Her husband died many years ago and she has been an invalid about fifteen years.

Robert W. married Eliza J. Young. They live in Lebonon, Boone Co., Ind. They have no family.

Harvey married Susan Fullenwider. They reared six children, Clara, Charles, Jasper, Harvey M., William L., and Grant. Harvey died about twenty years ago. His widow lives at Thorntown, Boone Co., Ind. His son Charles is Traveling Passenger Agent for the Big Four R. R. at Peoria Ill. Another son William L. was superintendent of the Washington exhibit at the Chicago World's Fair. He is a prominent farmer and fruit grower in Washington.

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HARVEY M. LA FOLLETTE,
LA FOLLETTE,
TNNNESSEE.

A third son, Harvey M. served three terms as State Superintendent of Public Instruction of Ind. several years ago and made his home at Indianapolis Ind. The remaining children of Jesse La Follette died single and the only survivors are Robert W. and Nancy A. The most of the family were in good circumstances.

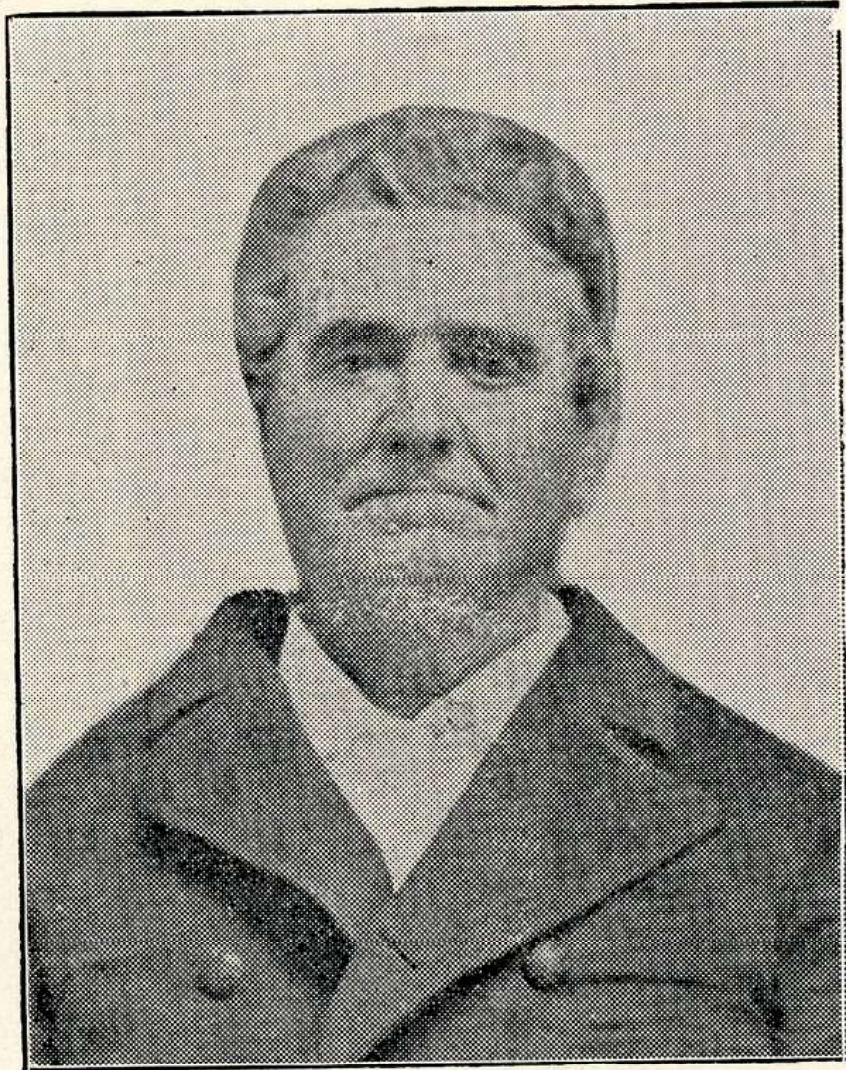
Of the remaining sons of Joseph La Follette, little has been learned except in 1858 the writer visited his father's cousin, near Cainsville, Harrison Co., Mo. named George La Follette. He had a large family. Since a son has removed to Leon, Decatur Co., Iowa and has served as Co Sheriff.

The writer also visited another cousin, in 1862, who lived at Oskaloosa, Mahaska Co., Iowa. His name was Jesse La Follette. He reared a large family. His death occurred a few years after the visit mentioned. One son lived many years in Oskaloosa and was postmaster at one time.

The remaining daughter Abigail left no descendants.

Joseph La Follette, the writer's father, was born in Harden Co., Ky. April 24, 1801; his wife, Hester Hinton, was born in the same county Jan. 6, 1799. They were married Oct. 22, 1821 and reared the following family; Letitia, born May 27, 1823; David H., born Sept 19, 1824; Nancy E., born Dec. 17, 1826; John H., born June 5, 1828; Charles, born Sept. 21, 1829; Jerome B., born Aug. 17, 1831; Jeremiah, born April 21, 1833; Walter B., born March 30, 1834; Christiana F., born Oct. 7, 1836; Mary C., born Sept 17, 1844. Also three children died in infancy, Alexander H., born Aug. 27, 1838; Issac, born Feb. 28, 1840; and an infant daughter, born April 30, 1843. Soon after their marriage they removed to Ind and settled in Floyd Co., near New Albany where there were several of his relatives living. In the autumn of 1826 he came to Putnam Co., and entered a new farm of government land in Franklin Tp. He lived upon this farm until his death April 30, 1877. His wife died Oct. 27, 1873. Joseph La Follette was a successful farmer and stock raiser. He was one of the best judges of stock in that part of country. He introduced improved stock. Before he became too old, he attended all the fairs near and usually won many premiums, for he always had his stock in fine condition. It was a common saying that it was useless to show against him or Col. Farow's boys. He was an expert in conditioning a horse for the show ring or sale stable. It used to be said that he could get ten dollars more

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JOSEPH LA FOLLETTE,
DECEASED.

for a horse than any other man in that part of the country. He was a very robust rugged man even until his death; having been a very industrious worker all his life. He was working not more than an hour before his death which occurred as follows; He came into the house about nine a. m. and complained of feeling sick and lay down upon the bed: soon after he asked for some water and his niece, who was living with him at that time, gave him a drink, he partly rose and drank some of the water and handed the dipper to her saying that the water made him blind, then he sank back and never breathed again.

When they came to Putnam Co., there were many Indians who remained for many years. One of their towns was situated about two miles north of their new home. Peter Cornstalk was the chief of this tribe.

While they were building their new home in the wilderness they lived in a tent. This was early winter and they moved into the new house when it was partly chinked, daubed and floored and no door shutters. The date of occupying this new home was Dec. 17, 1826, and the following night the second daughter, Nancy, was born. A deep snow fell that same night.

When the new home was completed there was not a sawed piece of wood, a nail or a screw in it, One of the old doors, fastened together with wooden pins, is kept on the old farm as a relic. The youngest daughter now occupies the old

home-stead which is one of the finest in that vicinity. In 1833 the old log house was vacated for the family then moved into a large two story brick which was built that year. A few years later a large barn was added to the improvements. The wife was a highly esteemed member of the Predestinarian Baptist Church for the most of her life and as her home was the largest house in the neighborhood, services were often held in it. The husband never united with any church but was a regular attendant at Baptist Church. The old barn is still standing but the house has been rebuilt.

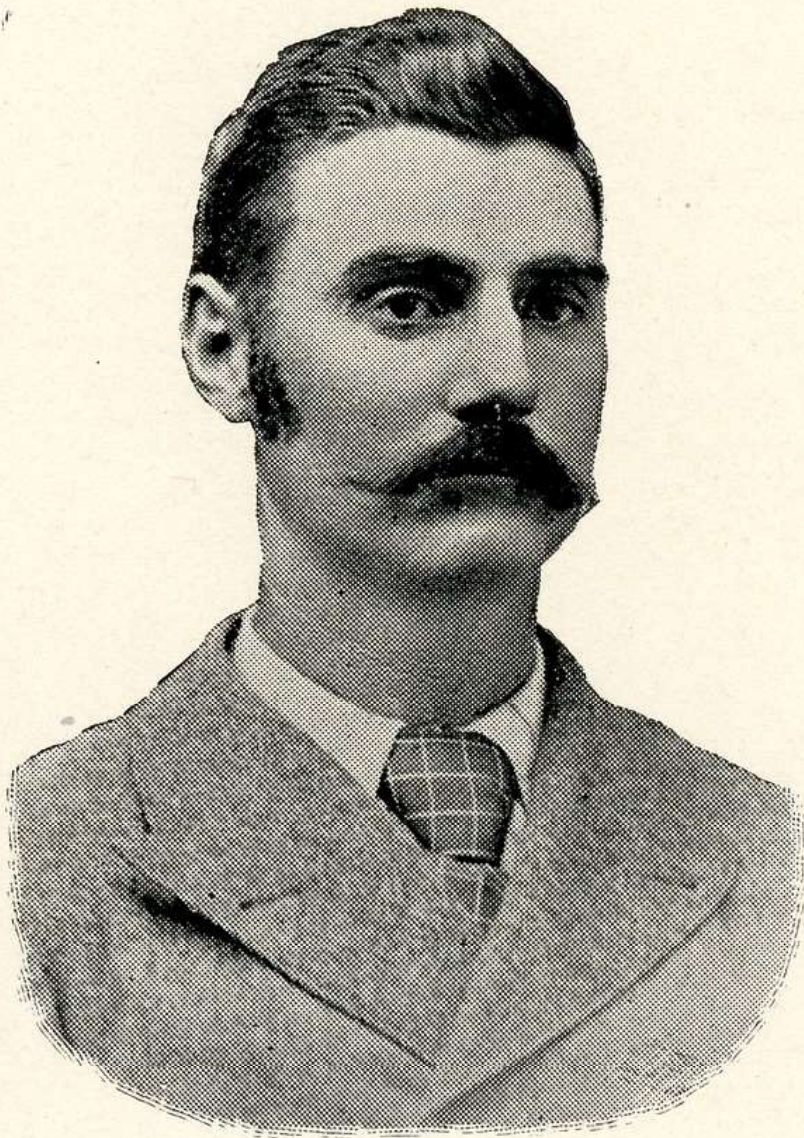
The oldest daughter, Letitia married John Howard Dec. 25, 1844. They reared the following family: Tilman. born —, 1846; George, W. born Aug. 19, 1848; Matilda, born —, 1851; and Joseph W., born —, 1857. They first located two miles south west of the home place and in about ten years, removed to Montgomery Co, eighteen miles north-east of the old home. Letitia died in 1861, at the last home, in Montgomery Co. Her death was caused by spotted fever. Her sickness lasted but thirteen hours. The eldest son, Tilman, died about one half-day before his mother; the second son was not expected to live for nearly three months; afterward he recovered but was a cripple as the disease injured one of his hips. Letitia and her husband were members of the Predestinarian Baptist Church for many years prior to her death and were honored members.

The daughter, Matilda, was married, in 1868, to Dr. Adkins. They lived in Montgomery Co. until the autumn of 1876 when they removed to Medford, Douglas Co., Oregon. They have two daughters.

George W. married Mary M. Wren Dec. 12, 1872. Miss Wren was born Jan. 31, 1852. They have five children. Franklin, born Jan 23, 1874; Curtis, born Sept. 9, 1875; William A., born Nov. 23, 1876; Leon O., born Sept. 14, 1879; and George W., born Dec. 1, 1881. They lived in New Ross, Montgomery Co., Ind, where he engaged in the drug trade until his death which occurred June 14, 1881. The eldest child died Aug 13. 1875. The wife and remaining children reside on a farm two miles north of New Ross, Ind.

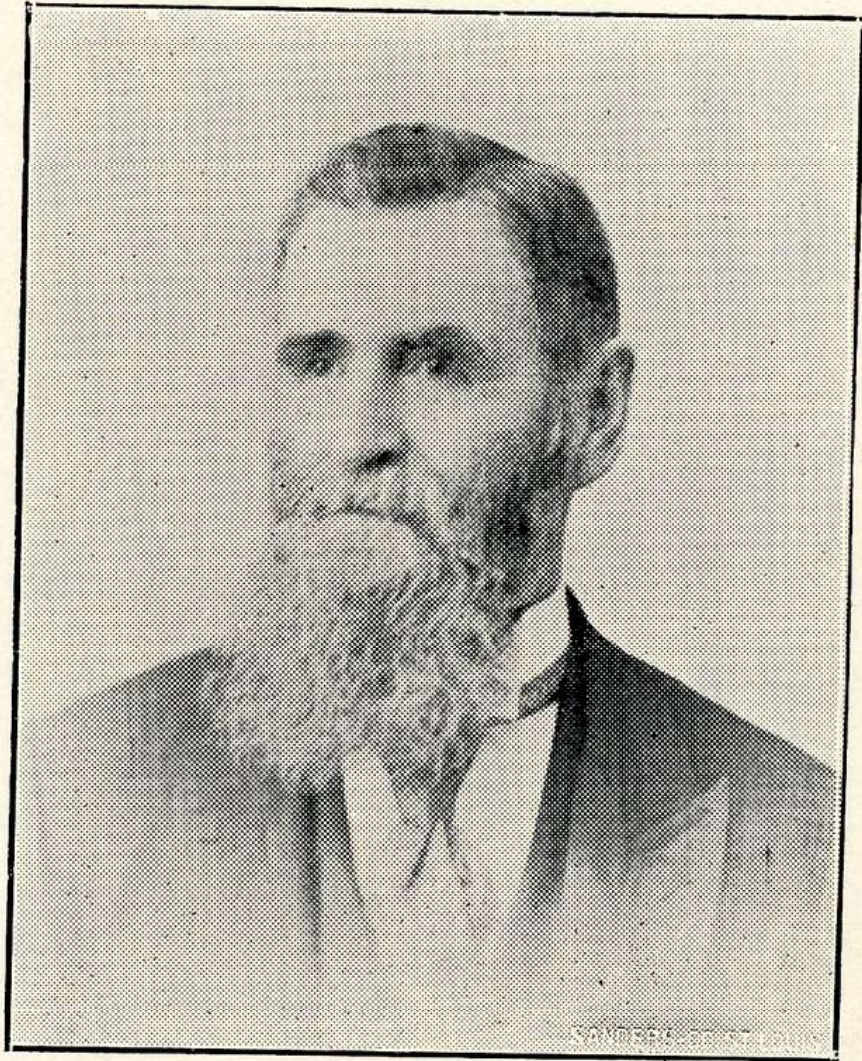
The next son, Joseph W., went to Oregon in 1876, stopping first at his nncle's, Charles La Follette's, where he remained several months. Afterwards he went to his uncle's, Jerome La Follette's, Prineville, near the county seat of Crook Co , here he engaged in the drug trade but afterward abandoned it for live stock. He has been very successful. He married in 1878. Of this marriage there are three children. two sons and a daughter. Some time after the death of his first wife, he married again and of his last marriage there is one child, a son. Besides being a successful business man, he has served as Co. Commissioner for several years.

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JOSEPH W. HOWARD,
PRINEVILLE,
OREGON.

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DAVID H. LA FOLLETTE,
SALEM,
OREGON.

The eldest son of Joseph La Follette, David H. La Follette, married Cynthia Ann Railsback Feb. 28, 1844 She was born Oct. 29, 1825. The following are their family: Alexander M., born Dec 19, 1844; Mary H., born Jan. 24, 1847. Joseph W., born Apr. 26, 1849; Sarah. N J., born Feb. 4, 1854; Irene G. G , born Aug. 21, 1855; Susan L, born Nov. 3, 1857; David B., born Jan., 15, 1860; Olive M. born Mar. 9, 1862; Emma A., born Aug. 15, 1866. Soon after their marriage, they settled two miles southeast of the home place in Putnam Co., Ind. After living at that place a short time he removed to Montgomery Co., remaining there until the autumn of 1848 when he disposed of his property and removed to Jasper Co., Iowa. Iowa at that time was a very new and thinly settled state. In the spring of 1850, leaving his family in Iowa, he went overland to California. The family returned to Ind. in the autumn of 1851 and in 1852 the husband returned via San Francisco, Panama and New York. In the spring of 1853 David La Follette and his family accompanied by his brother Jeremiah started overland to California driving a team of oxen. After remaining in California several years, he went to Oregon and located twelve miles north of Salem, Marion Co., Oregon. After the death of his wife, Nov. 6, 1882, he married again and removed to Salem where his second wife, Anna, died May 19, 1892. He was married the third time Dec. 24, 1894.

Alexander M., the only living son of David H. La Follette married Margaret Townsend Nov. 3, 1866 and located ten miles north of Salem Oregon, where he still lives. He has been very prosperous and now owns a large well-improved farm upon which he built a large house and a large barn several years ago. He served several years in the Oregon Legislature. His family consists of the following: Joseph, Perry, Clyde, Inez, Elva, Charles and Grace. The eldest son, Joseph, married in 1894 and resides near his father.

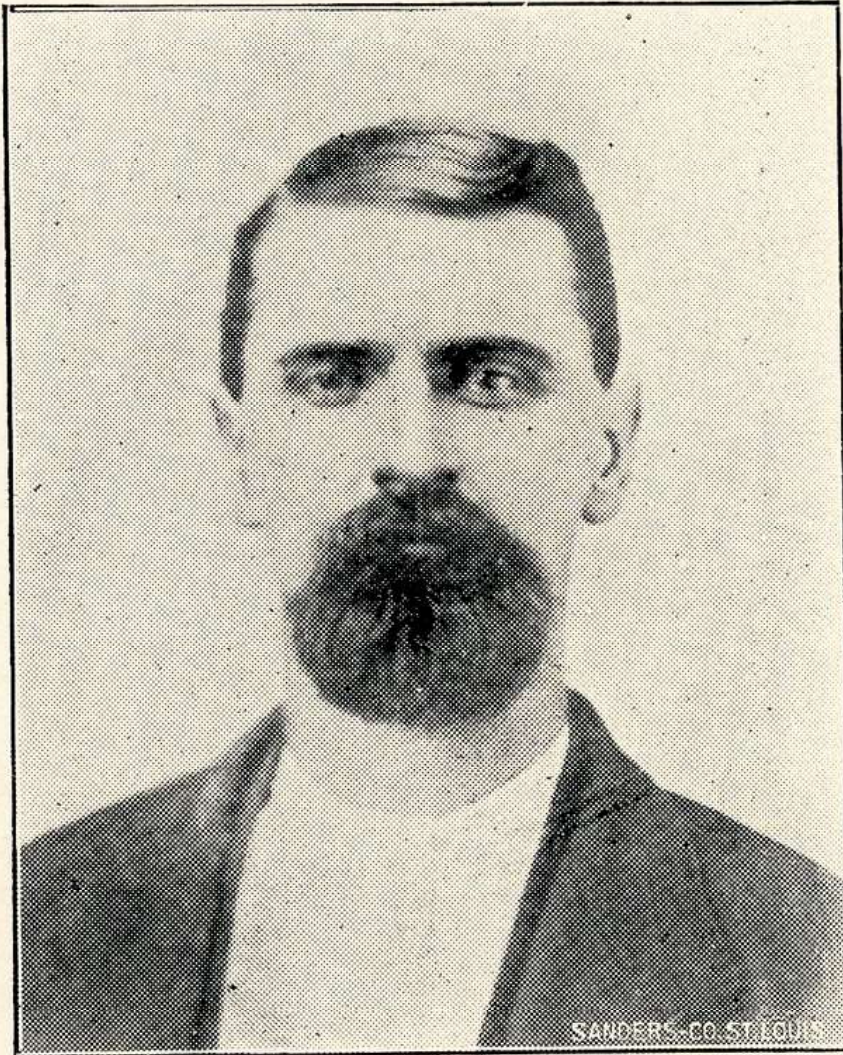
Mary H., the eldest daughter of D. H. La Follette, married A. J. White, Sept. 25, 1864. About four years after her marriage she died leaving two children. The date of her death was May 14, 1868. One child is married and lives in eastern Oregon having one child. This child is of the seventh generation of the American La Follette family.

Another daughter, Irene G. G., and George Saphingfield were married Feb. 26, 1873. Their family consists of nine children. They live near Sheridan Or.

The fourth daughter was married Feb 1, 1874, to Perry Galberth and have a family of eight children and now reside in Calvaras Co., California.

The next daughter, Olive M, and Hiram Scott were married Mar. 14, 1879. They have eight children and live in Washington Co., Oregon.

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ALEXANDER M. LA FOLLETTE,
WHEATLAND,
OREGON.

The youngest daughter, Emma A, and Simon Wahl were married Sept. 25, 1881. Their family consists of eight children. They also reside in Washington Co., Oregon.

The deaths of the remaining children of D. H. La Follette, occurred as follows: Sarah N. J. Feb. 12, 1855; Joseph W., July 3, 1858; David B., Feb. 23, 1879.

Nancy E., the second daughter of Joseph La Follette, and Martin M. Henry were married April 22, 1846. The date of his birth was Nov. 16, 1826 and he was the second white child born in Scott Tp., Montgomery Co., Ind. They first located on a farm joining her father's on the south. After several years they removed to Montgomery Co. and located upon the farm which was his birth place one and one half miles north of her father's.

Several years afterward they again moved and located one and a half miles west of Ladoga upon what was called the Harrow farm. They remained here until after his death which occurred July 24, 1891. His whole life being lived within four miles of his birth place. He was a successful farmer and stock-raiser and left considerable property for his family whose record will be given next, James K. P., born Mar. 7, 1847; Lewis C., born June 4, 1848; Louisa C., born Mar. 18, 1853; Andrew L., born Oct. 20, 1856; Mary C., born Jan. 7, 1860; John M., born Jan. 26, 1864; M. Alice, born Mar. 2, 1866; Martin M., born Aug 12, 1867. Lewis C. died very young, the remaining children are still living. The eldest son James K. P. and Jeanette Tague were married Feb. —, 1868.

The following is their family: A. Edna, born Dec. 25, 1868 and died Jan.—, 1893, Mary A. Charles A. Myrtle, Floyd and Otto. They live two and a half miles southeast of New Ross, Ind., where he is engaged in breeding and training thor-

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NANCY E. HENRY,

LADOGA,

INDIANA.

ough-bred trotting and pacing horses. He has a good track on his farm and makes it a point to keep several good ones on hand. Their oldest living daughter was married to Charles Jones in Feb 1888. Their family record is as follows: Lucy E., born Feb —, 1889; D. Belle, born —, 1890; John, born —, 1891; James K., born —, 1893, deceased; Charles V., born —, 1894. They reside in New Ross, Ind.

Andrew L. Henry and Belle Hodshire were married in May, 1880. They have one daughter, Florence, born in 1889. They reside in Ladoga where he is engaged in life insurance.

Louisa C. Henry and W. H. Gott were married June 26, 1873. They have one son, Frederick L., born Sept. 17, 1877. They lived for many years in Boone Co., Ind. and afterwards for five or six years in New Ross, Ind. She now resides with her mother, in Ladoga, Ind.

John M. Henry and Ida M. Lidikay were married Oct. 29, 1884. They have one son, Donald J., born Dec. 25; 1894. They reside on his father's old farm one and a half miles west of Ladoga, Ind.

Martin M. Henry jr. and Emma Johnson were married Aug. 9, 1889. They have two children; Hattie, born —, 1890, Robert, born —, 1893.

The two remaining daughters reside with their mother in Ladoga, Indiana.

John H. La Follette and Angeline Easley, born July 9, 1837, were married May 8, 1851. She was a native of Montgomery Co., Ind. Their family record is as follows; Joseph, born April 29, 1852; Pary, born April 8, 1853; Nancy, born June 19, 1854 and died Dec. 25, 1854; Hester born Jan. 24, 1856; Daniel, born Dec. 22, 1857; Jeremiah, born April 20, 1859; Keziah, born Jan. 24, 1861 and died March 30, 1866; George, born July 6, 1864 and died Oct. 17, 1865; Charles, born Sept. 30, 1865 and died June 30, 1866; John, born May 6, 1867; Mary, born Feb. 28, 1869 and died March 27, 1869; William, born Feb. 14, 1870; Henry, born March 1, 1875.

After their marriage, they lived with her parents until May 1, 1854 at which time they located one and a half miles east of Blakesburg Wapello Co. Iowa and one half mile west of her parents. They still reside on the same farm. In Sept. 1867 the wife united with the Predestinarian Baptists and was baptized by Elder Isaac Sidwell.

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JOHN H. LA FOLLETTE,
BLAKESBURG,
IOWA.

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JOSEPH LA FOLLETTE,
MCMINNVILLE,
OREGON.

The eldest son, Joseph, was united in marriage with Mary Morgan, April 8, 1883. Their family is as follows: Edgar, G. born June—, 1884; Everett M. born Oct.—, 1886. They resided for several years in Ottumwa Iowa, where he engaged in contracting and building, and as an expert mechanic also, he was Principal of the Ottumwa Business College he being penman of the College. In the spring of 1889 he went west locating, first, at Ritzville, Washington, afterward going to The Dalles, Oregon. From The Dalles he went to Salem, Oregon, where he remained about four years, then he located at La Fayette, Yam Hill Co, Oregon for a few years where he conducted a business college but afterward removed his school to McMinnville, Oregon, and is still conducting a business college.

The eldest daughter, Pary, and Henry Jones were married Feb. 24, 1874. They lived with his father. Joshua B. Jones, until the spring of 1877 when they removed to Union Co., Iowa and located one and one half miles north of Afton where she died Feb. 3, 1893. The family still resides on the same farm and the following is their record: Thomas I., born Nov. 24, 1874; Joshua H., born April 18, 1878; Mildred M., born Jan. 12, 1880; Winifred R., born Dec. 31, 1881; Jesse T. and Joseph H., born Feb. 29, 1884 and Joseph H. died March 18, 1884; William E., born Nov. 16, 1885; Merrill W., born June 16, 1890; Frances E., born Jan. 2, 1892.

Hester La Follette and Thomas J. Kent were married Sept. 3, 1879. Soon after their marriage, they went to The Dalles, Oregon, where they still reside. The following is their family record: Violet, born Nov. 22, 1880; Hester, born Jan. 22, 1882; Sylpher, born Aug. 6, 1883; Fanny, born Dec. 4, 1885; died Aug. 8, 1886; John, born Feb. 7, 1887; Thursday, born Feb. 21, 1889; Mundie, born Sept. 29, 1890, died July 3, 1891.

Daniel La Follette and Margaret J. Butt; were united in marriage Feb. 29, 1880. They reside in Blakesburg, Iowa, and below is their family record: Millie, born March 18, 1882; Lonna, born May 4, 1883; Albert, born Nov. 11, 1888; Nora, born Oct. 6, 1885; died Sept. 26, 1887.

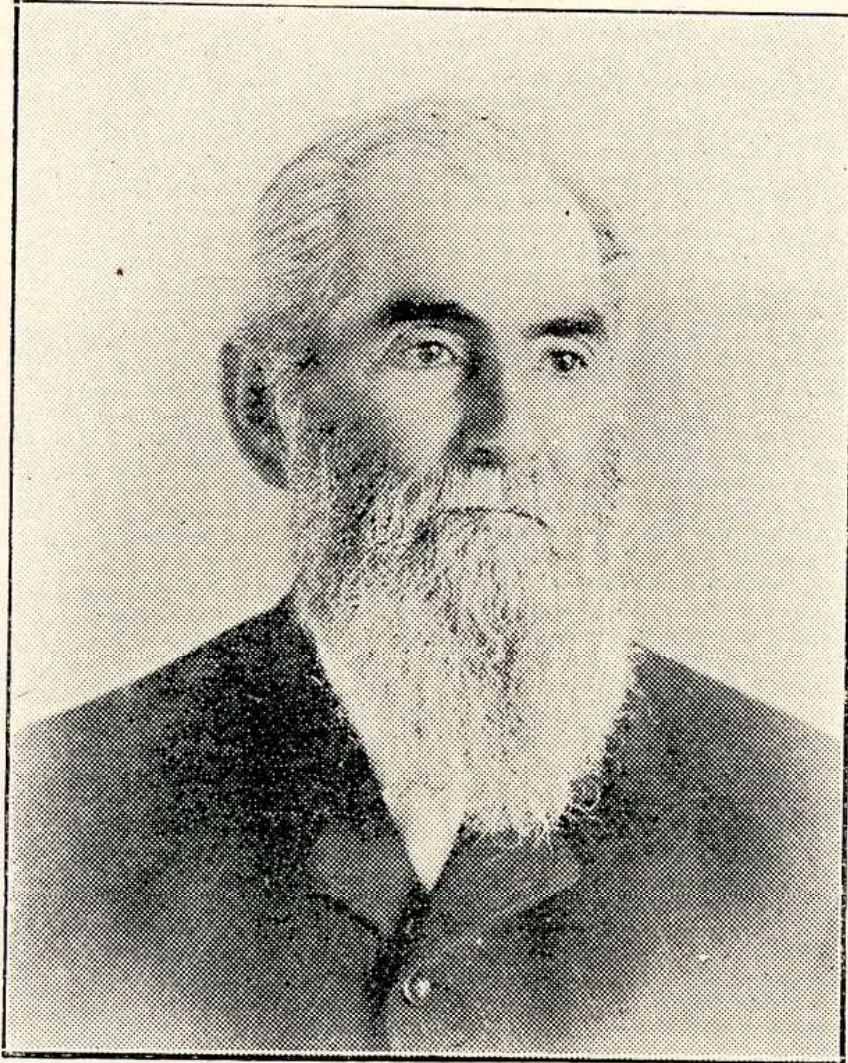
John La Follette married Rose Mulally April 5, 1893. They live one mile east of Blakesburg, Iowa and have two sons: Thomas F. born May 26 1894. and George M., born Oct. 23, 1896.

Jeremiah is single and lives at home.

William has not married and is a high school teacher in Putnam Co. Indiana.

Henry La Follette and Nettie M. Foster, were married Nov. 24, 1897. They are living with his parents near Blakesburg, Iowa.

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CHARLES LA FOLLETTE,
SHERIDAN
OREGON.

Charles La Follette, the third son of Joseph La Follette, left Indiana in the autumn of 1849. He taught writing schools in Illinois and Missouri that winter and the following spring, 1850, he went with his two uncles, Walter B. and Alexander Hinton, overland to California. After several years in California, he went to Oregon, married Mary Snodgrass and located in Dallas, Polk Co., Oregon. During the Civil War he served as captain in the union army that kept the Indians in check. Under Grant's administration he was Indian Agent. After the expiration of his term as Indian Agent, he removed from Dallas and having lived several years both in Polk Co. and near Sheridan, Yam Hill Co., finally located in the suburbs of Portland, Oregon, where he still lives. At one time he was a member of the Oregon Legislature. He has been very successful and has owned about one thousand acres of land which he has distributed among his five children. It has been impossible to procure his family record and the following is the best account procured. One daughter, Olive, married a Mr. Saphingfield and resides at Woodburn, Marion Co., Oregon. They have some family. Another daughter, Edith, married a Mr. Scott and they reside in Polk Co., Oregon. The elder son, William, is married and lives in Polk Co. Oregon.

His other son, Byron, is married and is a merchant in Sheridan, Oregon.

The youngest daughter married a Mr. Benson and located at Mt. Angel, Marion Co. Oregon.

Jerome B. La Follette and Sophia J. Howard were married Feb. 25, 1852. He resided near Jamestown, Boone Co. Indiana, until the autumn of 1855 when he sold his farm and went to Iowa, locating in Marion Co., near Pleasantville. He remained in Iowa until the spring of 1862 then sold out and went overland to Marion Co., Oregon, remaining there two years and finally locating in Linn Co., Oregon, near Albany. In 1872 he removed from Albany to Prineville, the county seat of Crook Co., Oregon, where he resided until his death which occurred Nov 6, 1884. An account of his death is given from a newspaper clipping. He was a stock raiser especially raising horses.

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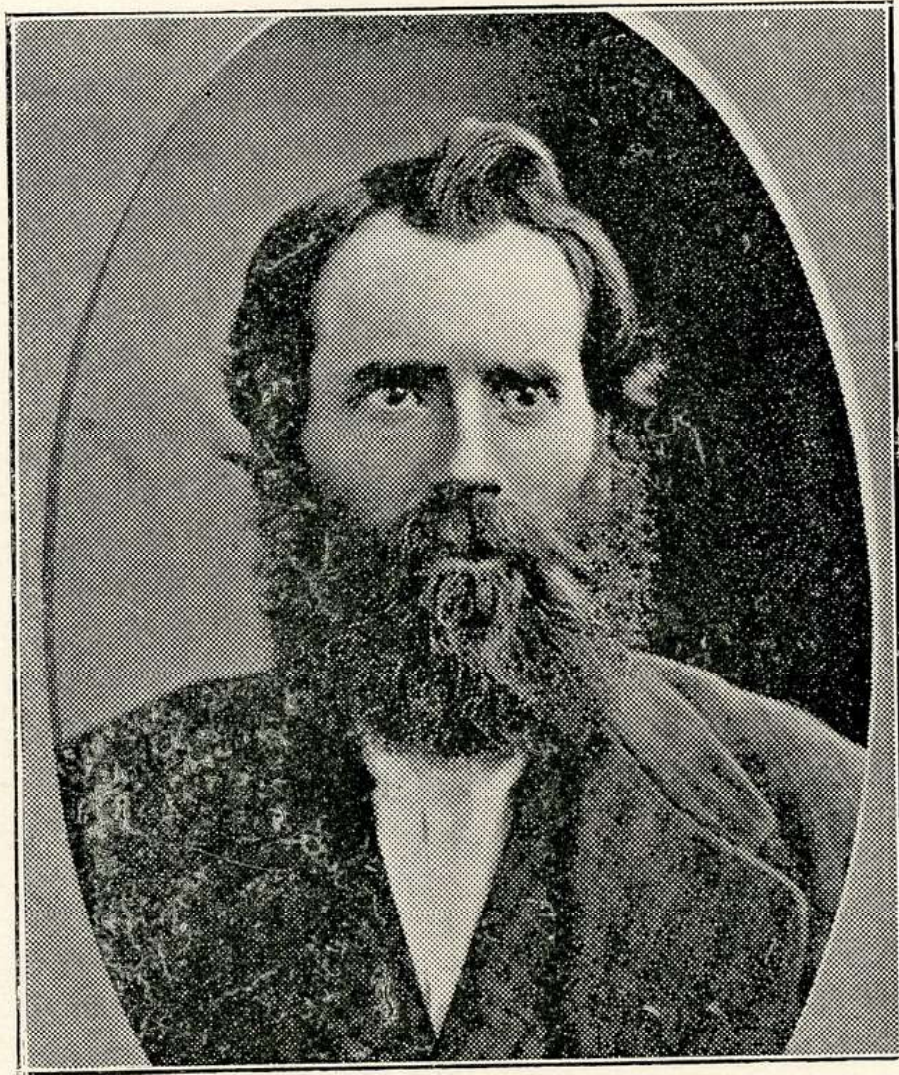
PRINEVILLE, OR., Nov, 6, 1884.

To the Editor of the SUN:

It is my painful privilege to report to you a very distressing accident which happened to Mr. J. B. La Follette one of our most esteemed citizens, which has probably resulted in his death. Mr. La Follette left this place this morn- with a load of hay, intending to go to his horse ranch near the Tethrow ferry on the Deschutes river; distance about 24 miles. When within about 300 yards of Mr. Tethrow's house he from some cause fell from his wagon, and it is supposed sustained fatal injuries.

The team which he was driving was seen coming down the road at a slow walk by Mr. Jesse Tethrow, and seeing no one driving it he

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JEROME B. LA FOLLETTE,
DECEASED.

suspected some harm had come to the driver and started back up the road. When about 300 yards up he found the body of a man and some blankets and some bedding laying in the road just at the foot of a steep little pitch or hill. Upon lifting the head of the body he saw the face was very pale or white, and that the man was yet alive. After taking a second look he discovered that Mr. La Follette was the person before him, and then asked him if he could speak, calling him by name. Mr. La Follette then moved his lips as though trying to say something, but could not articulate a sound. Jesse placed his head upon some of the blankets found with him, and ran for his mother and sister to assist the wounded man, while he saddled a horse and went for other assistance. His sister, who had preceeded him, told him as he came by the place of the accident on his way here that the man was dead. So he hurried on notified parties near of the accident. He arrived here at 7:15 this evening.

Mr. La Follette came to this country some 14 or 15 years ago, and by industry and fair dealing had gained for himself quite a competence and the confidence and esteem of the entire community. He was about 53 years old, but was in robust health, and seemed good for 20 years of life yet. His wife and children are near here on their home place on McKay creek. The heartfelt sympathy of the whole community goes out to his bereaved family. A good man is gone.

Respectfully,

T. W. V.

He and his wife were honored members of the Baptist Church for many years. Below is given their family record: Thomas H., born March 1, 1853; John D., born July 25, 1856; Joseph W., born Oct. 22, 1858, died Aug. 13, 1860; Charles F., born Aug. 10, 1861; Elma, born March 31, 1866; Edgar A. P., born May 1, 1869; James L., born Feb. 24, 1874, died March 26, 1890.

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THOMAS H. LA FOLLETTE,
PRINEVILLE,
OREGON.

Thomas H. La Follette, eldest son of Jerome B. La Follette, was married to Margaret J. Allen, May 25, 1876. They located about twelve miles southwest of Prineville, Oregon, where they still reside. He is a sheep raiser owning about four thousand sheep. They have a family of five children.

John D La Follette is single and lives with his mother five miles northeast of Prineville, Oregon.

Charles F. La Follette and Anna M. Price were married Aug. 18, 1887. They live near Albany, Linn Co., Oregon. They have one son, Jerome R., born Aug. 3, 1890. He is engaged in farming.

Elma La Follette, the only daughter of Jerome B. La Follette, was married to Benjamin Allen Jan. 12, 1887. After their marriage they located in Linn Co., Oregon, near Halsey where he follows farming. They have two daughters: Edna, born Dec. 19, 1889 and Eda, born May 11, 1891.

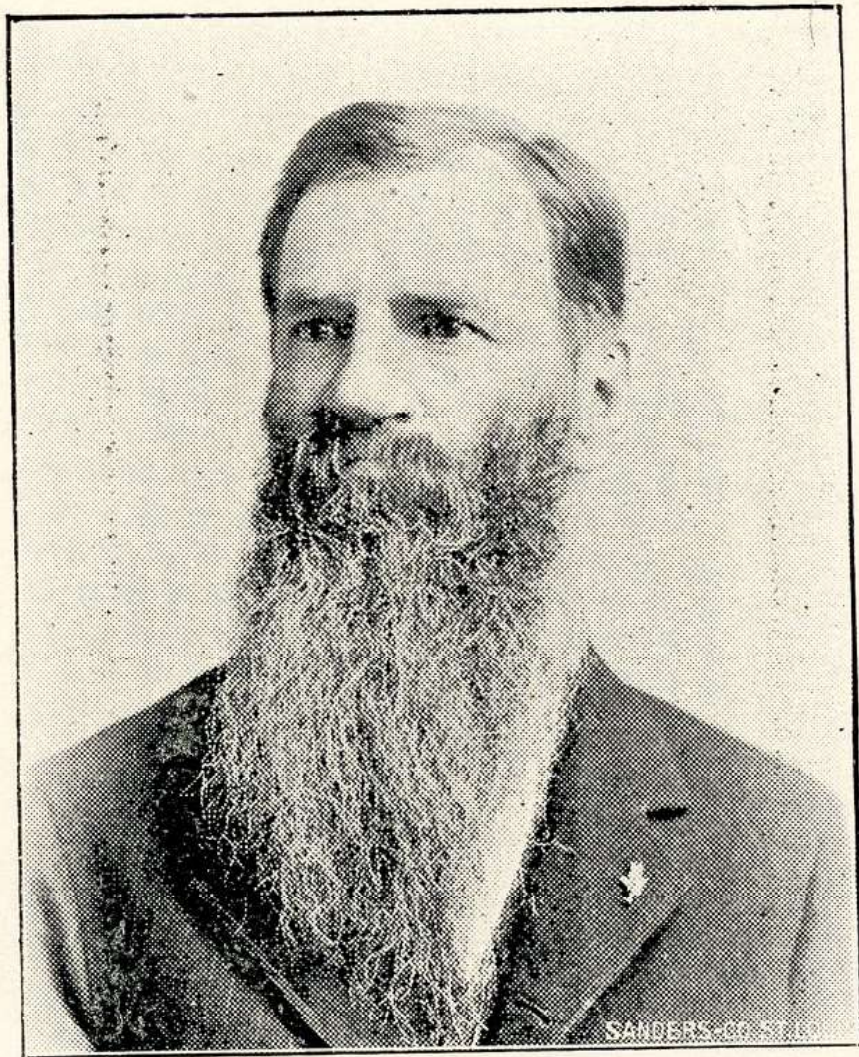
Edgar A. P., the youngest living son of J. B. La Follette, and Annie Gulliford were married May 31, 1891. They located in Crook Co. Oregon and have one child.

Jeremiah La Follette, the next youngest son of Joseph La Follette, was married to Sarah E. Parrish in Adams Co., Iowa, Oct. 23, 1862. They lived in Marion Co., Iowa for a few years and also a few years in Holt Co., Missouri. He afterward sold his property and went overland to Oregon, locating in Linn Co. He remained in Oregon only three years after which he returned to Holt Co., Mo., for two years and then located permanently in Buchanan Co., Mo., near St. Joseph. He is a farmer and fruit grower his orchard has near two thousand trees. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. The following is the record of their family: Hester A., born Nov. 22, 1863; Olive G., born Aug. 19, 1866; Sarah L., born Dec. 24, 1869, died Dec. 30, 1871; Minnie L., born Dec. 4, 1871; Charles H., born April 18, 1874; Jessie S., born Nov. 2, 1876; Dora M., born April 16, 1880; Grover C. born Nov. 23, 1883; Edward E. born March 25, 1886.

Hester La Follette and John Fleming were married Aug. 19, 1884. They have one son, Lewis, born July 3, 1885. Hester A., was married the second time to Jefferson Fletcher, Aug. 30, 1893. They live in Nebraska. Olive G., the second daughter, was united in marriage with Henry Foster Sept. 12, 1885. They live near her father's and have three children: Elva M., born April 10, 1887; Jeremiah C., born July 22, 1891 and a son, born Oct. 21, 1893.

Minnie L. La Follette and Lee Byrne were

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JEREMIAH LA FOLLETTE,
SAXTON,
MISSOURI.

united in marriage Nov. 24, 1892. They have one daughter, Lusettie They live near her father.

Jessie S. La Follette has been married since the record was procured.

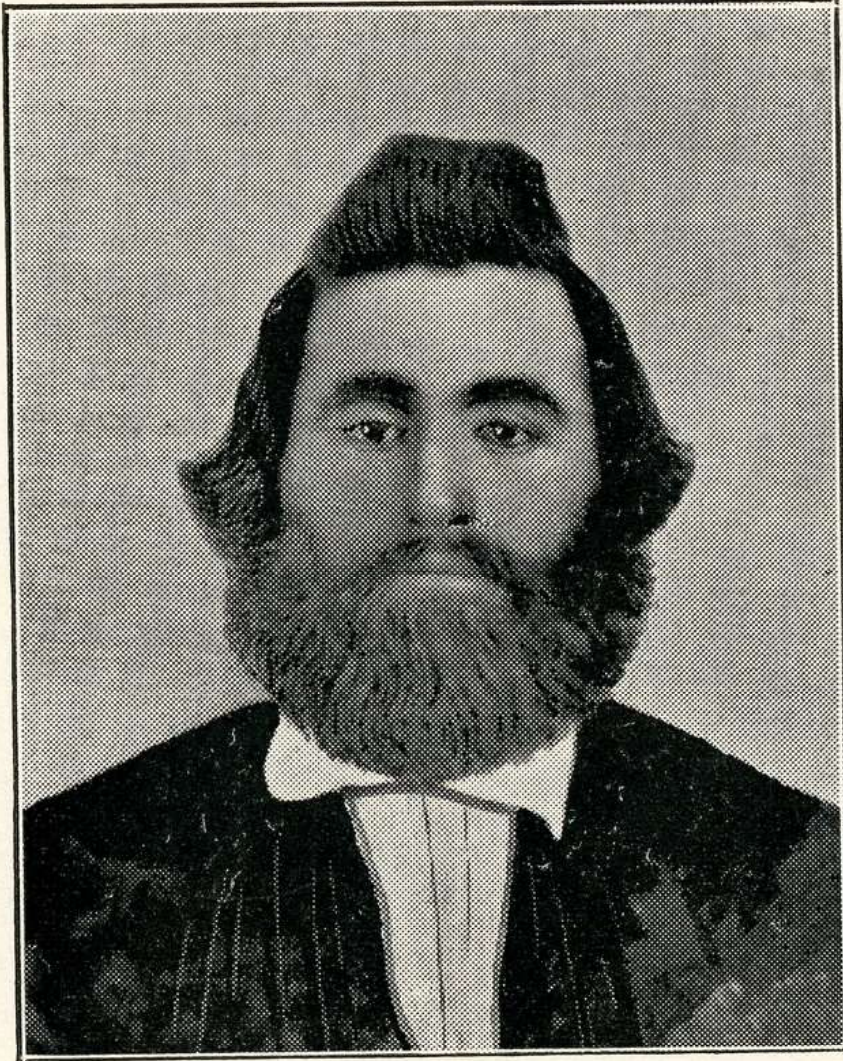
The remaining children are not married and are living at home.

Walter B. La Follette, the youngest son of Joseph La Follette, and Julia A. Dodd were married Oct. 19, 1854, in Putnam Co., Indiana. In the autumn of 1856, they went to Iowa and remained in Marion Co., for a few years after which they returned to Indiana and resided in Boone Co., where they remained about twelve years, then disposing of their property, they went to Missouri, first staying several years in Cass Co., and locating permanently in Bates Co. near Butler where the family now reside, he having died Sept. 30, 1882. He was a member of the Predestinarian Baptist Church for many years. He left a well improved farm to his family whose record will be given below: Joseph, born Oct. 5, 1855; Woodson F., born May 13, 1857; Charles, born July 26, 1859; Amanda A., born March 23, 1861, died April 8, 1864; Daniel V., born Dec. 26, 1862; James A., born Nov. 24, 1865, died Oct. 20, 1866; William A., born June 20, 1867; Olive M., born May 3, 1869; Sarah H., born Sept. 16, 1874; Walter T., born June 19, 1872; Christa A., born April 27, 1877.

The eldest son, Joseph, and Anna Hill were united in marriage Dec. 13, 1891. His wife died several years ago, leaving no family.

Woodson F. La Follette and Sarah White were married Nov. 24, 1875. They have the following family. Albert A., born Aug. 7, 1877; Charles G., born Oct. 4, 1879; John D., born Nov. 27, 1881; Martin H., born Nov. 24, 1883; George F., born Jan. 17, 1887; Walter F., born Nov. 4, 1888. They reside in Bates Co., Mo.

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WALTER B. LA FOLLETTE,
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*Page 14, fifth line, should read: "Near Prineville" instead of "Prineville near."

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PREFACE.

In the quiet moments that occur at infrequent intervals during the race from birth to death the intelligent person often desires to know more of his ancestry and also of the various decendants and from that ancestry and, because of the lack of authentic records, caused by careless keeping of such records or ignorance of the manner in which such records should be kept and of their value, these desires have universally lacked satisfactory fulfilment. Every person, beside the commonly recognized debts, owes a debt to his ancestry and a debt to his posterity; to his ancestry his debts implies a knowledge of the character sustained by his ancestry that he may carry, if possible, the aims and ambitions of his ancestry to a fuller completeness or if that course is impossible that he shall not allow the standard to be lowered by his act. To posterity his debt is one of legacy and should consist of a stainless name, a high, noble ambition, sustained by earnest, conscientious effort and a clear rendering of his trust from ancestry to posterity.

Because of these desires and debts the writer has, at all times, earnestly strived to collect data of his ancestry and to ascertain the inheritance left in his charge to be faithfully guarded for posterity. Since through these efforts, he has accumulated more of the immediate history of his family in America than any other member, he feels that he may best cancel his debts to ancestry and posterity by publishing, to the best of his ability, a history

of his family which, though inadequate, may prove a means for the awakening of many widely distributed members to the munificence of their inheritance and the sacredness of the charge in their possession to posterity.

The writer fully realizes the gigantic task and feels that his is the initiatory history and that in the near future may be succeeded by a much larger and more complete work. Also these attempts have been hampered by limited means and a very limited education and the writer wishes to impress a few thoughts on posterity, that, while the family name and honor has been sustained mainly by force of character and natural ability to discern the vital elements of integrity and success, a time has now arrived when character and natural ability must be augmented by thorough training and that while ignorance in an old person is a sad misfortune and should never be made the object of sport and ridicule, ignorance in a young person is disgrace and crime and should brand such person as wanting in the most vital essential for patriotic citizenship. We are responsible not only for the proper use of the knowledge which we possess but also for what we have had opportunity to acquire.

The ancestral legacy that has been inherited by this generation of the La Follette family consists of a time-honored record for integrity and true, loyal respect for all proper authority

for in all the range of the writer's knowledge of the family not one criminal and not one pauper has been found. Also the localities where the family is best known are loudest in its praise.

This legacy should be zealously guarded and greatly prized as it is of far greater value than landed possessions or empty honors and posterity should strive to carry forward this grandest of all titles, sterling, unostentatious, patriotic American citizenship.

The highest ambition of the writer is that these efforts may prove of some service in gradually re-uniting the now widely scattered members and the awakening of a desire in all for more extended knowledge of their priceless inheritance and the sacred trust to future generations that all may unite in making accurate records of all pertaining to the vital records of our great family of upright men, which will make possible a history of the Great American La Follette Family which shall contain all its members.

Sincerely hoping that this mission may be successful and that his work may be kindly received and prove worthy of appreciation, the writer, feeling that he has discharged his duty to the best of his ability, places this book in the hands of the La Follette Family in America.

Yours truly,

JOHN H. LA FOLLETTE.

So soon as sufficient additional materia has been received to make a revision of value to the family we stand ready to respond to the call to again offer our best efforts in honor of our inheritance, the grandeur of our family name.

Should any wish their portraits to appear in the next edition we urge them to apprise us when they forward records of their families then when the work of revision is begun we can write and inform them of the cost and to procure photographs for engraving.

Address all material and inquiry to John H. La Follette, Blakesburg, Iowa.

Fully realizing the magnitude of the work begun we ask the hearty co-operation of all and shall feel very grateful for advice and material that will aid in furnishing more narrative and some anecdote for the next volume that it may be brighter and more interesting than of its predecessor.

With a feeling of relief from the pressure of the work and anxiety for the reception of this volume as an earnest of value and appreciation which it merits we await its welcome to the family circle.

Yours truly,

THE AUTHORS.

INTRODUCTION.

In order that this work may be fully understood, some things are necessary by way of introduction. The aim has been accuracy in the minutiae of records and where possible variety of phraseology to relieve the monotony of continuous record.

The records and data, from which this book was compiled, were collected prior to Jan. 1, 1895 and with a very few exceptions, which came within our personal knowledge, all records end with the above date.

In regard to the portraits which appear in this book; when the first plan was made no portraits were thought of and when the decision was made to insert portraits it was so late that no time remained to collect photographs and we were compelled to select from our family collections; this has made our list limited and many whom we desired very much to have appear were not obtainable and our aim has been, in selecting, to select the most representative ones of each branch of the family included in our collections. The cost of the portraits has added very much to the cost of the work and we hope that it may also add much to its value and to its pleasing features.

There are many families mentioned without mention of historical or family narrative because of lack of data from which to supply such narrative.

While the sketches of journeys made by the writer may seem foreign to the main work a careful study will reveal their connection. These sketches were inserted that the readers of this volume may have a means of judging the amount of time and trouble taken to compile the data and records used in this volume. The sketch of the first journey is given in detail that the reader may see the minutiae of collection but this was thought unnecessary in the latter ones.

Since to index all persons mentioned in this book would require an index of such volume that it would be impracticable we have decided to index the heads of families in the general index and the portraits in a special index.

Since circumstances have made us the first historians of our family and we have borne the total expense of this edition, including two thousand copies, we ask the earnest co-operation of all branches in the disposition and distribution of this first volume and also in collecting data, records and all things of interest to their immediate branch, and that they forward two copies to us because on account of the amount of records and data already in our possession we feel that we are in better position to revise and enlarge this work until it includes all the family in America.