

THE STANSEL FAMILY



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" It is a reverend thing to see an ancient castle or building not in decay; or to see a fair timber-tree sound and perfect;---how much more to behold an ancient, noble family, which hath stood against the waves and weather of time? "

----Bacon.



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OF THE
STANSEL FAMILY

FOREWORD

Compiled in the year 1086, the "Book of Domesday", a collection of ancient English history pertaining to landowners, states that prior to 1066, during the reign of King Edward the Confessor, there lived the Stanchil family in Chingestone (Kingston Bagpuze). It states further that Mr. Stanchil perished in the Battle of Hastings, October 14, 1066. Before going to battle, he gave his land to the Abby of Abbingdon (church). The record also states that the family name had previously been known as Turkillus* (General Intro. to Domesday Book, v. II, by Sir Henry Ellis, Principal Librarian of British Museum)

Kingston Bagpuze is near Oxford, in Berkshire. And about five-hundred years later in the same "shire" or county the name apparently had become Stanshall. (Antiquities of Berkshire, Elias Ashmole, Esq. (1617-1692) v. 3, p. 328, pub. 1719, taken from the visitation of 1560).

STANSHALL of Reading, mentioned in page 340. of the 2d Volume.

John Stanshall, of Reading.

*Joan, Daughter to.....
Dawson, of Yatley in Hampshire.*

*John died
without
Issue.*

*Robert of
Reading.*

*Julian, Daughter
to Richard Wright,
of Reading.*

*Nicholas Third
Son, of Darking
in Surrey.*

*Winifred, Daughter
to Grafton,
of London.*

*Thomas Stanshall,
of Reading.*

*Sybell, Daughter to John
Sparrowhawk, of Bassinden,
Widow to Henry Webb.*

Ferman.

*Mary, Daughter to
Peter Kydwale, of
Andover in Hampshire.*

William.

Jane.

A study of the language of the ancient Celts tells us that the letter "h" was always silent. This being true, Stanchil and Stanshall were probably pronounced the same in those days as Stansel is today.

(*believed to be Welsh.)

GENERAL INTRODUCTION

TO

Domesday Book;

ACCOMPANIED BY

INDEXES

OF THE

TENANTS IN CHIEF, AND UNDER TENANTS.

AT THE TIME OF THE SURVEY:

AS WELL AS OF

THE HOLDERS OF LANDS

MENTIONED IN DOMESDAY ANTERIOR TO THE FORMATION
OF THAT RECORD.

WITH

AN ABSTRACT OF THE POPULATION OF ENGLAND

AT THE CLOSE OF THE REIGN OF WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR,
SO FAR AS THE SAME IS ACTUALLY EXTENDED.

ILLUSTRATED BY

NUMEROUS NOTES AND COMMENTS.

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STAINULFUS, *Yorksh.* 318 bis.

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347, 347 b. bis. 348 ter. 348 b. *Ciam.* in *Chelst.*

377. *Norf.* 122 b. 158, 158 b. 217 b. 218 b. 229 b.

265. *Suff.* 293, 297, 409 b. 411 b. 431.

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Stalre, Harold, *Linc.* 337.

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Stalrus, Bondi, *Bedf.* 218 b.

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STAM *Yorksh.* 332.

STANARDUS, *Essex.* 98 b. *Suff.* 441 b.

STANART, *Suff.* 320 b. 419.

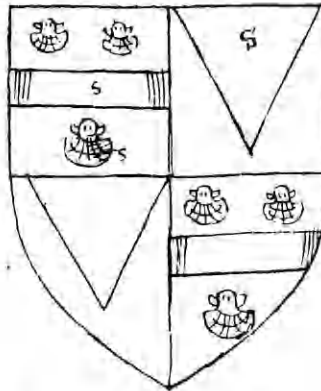
STANCHIL, *Berks.* 60 b. 224. *Linc.* 352 bis. 371.

² He had held Chingestune (Kingston Bagpuze) in the time of King Edward the Confessor. His land at the Survey belonged to Henry de Ferrarius. The Abingdon Register, evidently alluding to the same land and person, calls him *Turkillus*, makes him in the interim of time to have transferred the superiority over his land at Chingestune to the Abbey of Abingdon, and adds that he died in the battle of Hastings.

"Nam quidam dives, Turkillus nomine, sub Heraldio, comitis testimonio et consultu de se, cum sua terra quæ KINGSTON dicitur Ecclesiæ Abendonensi et abbati Ordrico homagium fecit, (dicitum quippe libero cuique illo in tempore sic agere erat,) quatinus predictæ villæ dominatio sub hujus Ecclesiæ perpetuo jure penderet. Hic cum in bello memorato occubisset terram cujus dominationis investituram multo ante tempore quam bellum foret Ecclesia in manus habebat, Henricus de Ferrariis sibi usurpavit, abbate invalido obstare," MS. Cotton. Claud. C. ix. fol. 133.

Stanshall, of Reading.

[Hart. MS. 5867, fol. 152^a.]



1 and 4. STANSHALL.
2 and 3. DICKLESTON or DIXTON.

John Stanshall of Readinge in com' Berks esquire maryed Johan doughter to . . . Dawson of Yatley in com' Sowthe and by her hathe yssue John Stanshall his eldiste sonne dyed sans yssue Robert Stanshall seconde sonne and heire Nycholas Stanshall thirde sonne.

Robert Stanshall of Readinge aforsaide gent sonne and heire to John Stanshall aforsaide gent married Julian doughter to Rycharde Wrighte of Readinge and by her had yssue Thomas Stanshall his eldiste sonne and thre Doughters.

Thomas Stanshall of Readinge aforsaide gent eldiste sonne and heire to Robert married Sybbell wydowe of Henrye Webbe and Doughter to John Sparrowhawke of Bassendon in com' Berks and by her as yet hathe no yssue

Stanshall bearith quarterlie in the firste argent a fece betwene three scallopes sables in the seconde argent a pile sables

Stanshall, of Wasinge.

[Hart. MS. 5867, fol. 153.]

A very rudely-drawn Arms, a fesse between three lozenges, probably intended for escallops: on the fesse is a figure, perhaps intended for a mullet.

Nycholas Stanshall of Darkinge in com' Sotherie gent. seconde sonne to John Stanshall of Readinge married wynefrid doughter to . . . Grafton of London and by her hathe yssue Jerom Stanshall his eldiste sonne and Beatrice maryed to . . . Sawyer of Yowhurste in com' Sother.

Jerom Stanshall of Wasinge in com' Berks gent eldiste son and heire to Nycholas maryed Marye Doughter to Peter Kydwellye of Andeva in com' Sowth esquire and by her hathe yssue William Stanshall his eldiste Sonne and heire apparante and Jane.

—from the 2nd. Visitation 1566, by William Harvey, (Clarencaux). "The 4 Visitations of Berkshire" v.1. Edited by W. Harry Rylands, F.S.A.

The Coat of Arms for the Stanshall family of Reading and Wasinge is described: "Arms:Quarterly, 1 and 4 argent, a fess between three escallops sable; 2 and 3 argent, a pile sable." (Argent: silver or white, sable:black. Fess: girdle. Escallop: a shell or cockleshell, the pilgrim's badge of their expeditions to holy shrines. Pile: fortifications or bridge pilings).

From Archaeologia Cantiana, v.XXI, (pub.in England, 1895) the following paragraph is copied.....

In 1571

John Stansell of Rochester hires of Robert Dene of Halling, gentelman, his croft of land called the 5 acres of St. Margarets in a field there of the Dean and Chap. of Rochester called Priest fielde for 40s. they are to maintain and keep the quicksett with good and sufficient hedges, and lay with quicksett the south side of the same crofte.

(Rochester is in county Kent, near London, a "croft" was a small farm, "quicksett" was hedges of a sort.)

There are early records mentioning a village named Stansell in West Ridings, Yorkshire. However there are only scant records of a family by that name in early Yorkshire.

The "Jackson Collection" Sheffield Library, Sheffield England, mentions a Wyon Maryons, who arrived in England with William the Conqueror and later became Lord of Stansell.

The Stansell village is mentioned by Hunter who stated:"the district is without a doubt referred to as Stemesale of the Clamores, in Domesday".(So.Yorkshire, vI,p.247.)

William Bradford, the first Governor of Plymouth Colony in America, is said to have had ancestors, who in 1542 lived in the village of Stansell, Yorkshire, near Austerfield, his birthplace.

In "Yorkshire Pedigrees"(Walker), a marriage is recorded: Clare, dau. of Geo.Green of Stansall(village) to Francis Gregory, circa.1600.

And in 1831, a list of Early Parishes mentions Stancill township, parish Tickhill, W.R.Yorkshire.Pop.66. The village was located near Doncaster.

From "Mansfield Marriages" Nottingham Parish Reg. vol.14,p.4. Notts England, the following--
"George Stansol, b.ca.1540, married Oct.15,1565."

And Marriage Licenses, Westminster Vicar Gen., Archbishop of Canterbury, v.23:

"Jan.31,1667, Henry Hall of Shorham Kent, Gentleman, Bachelor about 27 & Anne Stansall of Southfleet, sd.co. spr. about 26 at own disposal, at Southfleet Langfield or Fawlkham, co. Ket."

And Boyd's Marriage Index of England,1701-1725, vol.69, shows:

"Tho: Stensall and Elnr Gresham, married 1716."

In April 1635, Hotten's Passenger List, by John Cameron Hotten, lists the English ship "Planter" bound from Liverpool to New England and among the passengers---

"Tho:Stansley.....Age 16."

The book, "Emigrants to America, from Liverpool, 1697-1707" contains the following:

"on November 1st.1701, this group,
Ralph Cockett of Dunyan(Durham?) Age 15 yr.7 mo.
Elizabeth Stansel Age 21 yr.4 mo.
Robert Jackson of Lanc' Age 15 yr.7 mo.
Ellen Rosen of Lanc' Age 20 yr.4 mo.
Mary Harefoot of Ormshire Age 19 yr. 4 mo.

It is known that about the 13th century, when surnames were required by royal decree, many heads of families used the name of their village or community, others adopted their vocational occupations as surnames.

The multi-volume Oxford Dictionary of Oxford University (Clarendon Press, London 1933) lists--

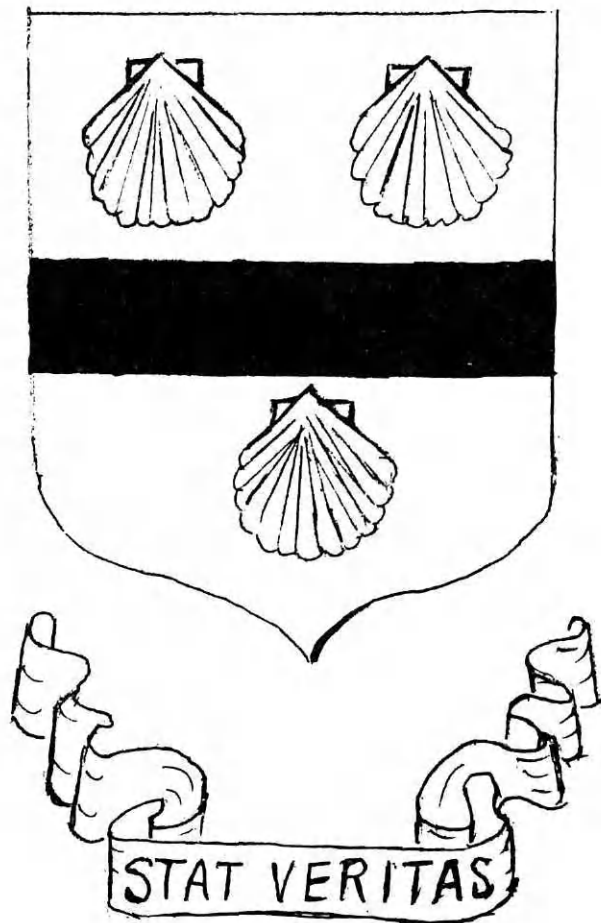
STANSEL, obs. form of verb stencil; stencil, to ornament with various colours.

"1420, Aunturs of Arth, in steel was he stuffut, that sterne on his steed, with his sternes of gold, stanseld on stray."

From the Genealogical Dictionary of New England, (Savage) v.3.:

"Samuel May of Roxbury Mass. (b.Eng.) married Abigail Stanssull, on June 7, 1657." Savage comments in reference to her name--"if copy of rec. furnish me spell correct, so strange a name."

Early records about 1700, show a Nicholas Stansel, and family in New Amsterdam (New York), he was from Germany. And, in 1704, in Virginia, the family of John Stansel, a native of England is noted. An account of some of the known descendents of John Stansel, comprise most of this writing. Descendents of Nicholas, are listed on concluding pages. The writer knows of no connection between the English line and the German line.



Stansel

ARMS, ARGENT; A FESS BETWEEN THREE ESCALLOPS, SABLE.
STAT VERITAS - "TRUTH ENDURETH" (MOTTO)

THE STANSEL FAMILY

In compiling a genealogy of the Stansel Family, there were several factors that made the task difficult. First, there was the lack of family histories and Bible records. Second, the family migrated through the southern part of the United States, during a period in history when courthouses containing vital records were destroyed by fire. These incidents occurred during war years or through carelessness on the part of those handling public records in less than fire-proof buildings. Finally, the task was very challenging because of the various spellings of the name.

Who can rightfully say what the "correct" spelling should be? Church, civil, military and emmigration records disclose many variations, such as Stansley, Stanshall, Stanseil, Stansill, Stensall, Staniel, Stancil, Stensel, Stensell, Stanzel and so on.

A history of early England states that during the Elizabethan era (1558-1603) three-fourths of the population were unable to read or write. This would account, in many instances for the various spellings of surnames.

Even in the 1800's differences were often the result of illiteracy. In other instances names were changed by individual decision. Even brothers have been known to spell their name differently.

And repetition of Christian names such as John, Jesse, William, George and others added to the difficulty of research.

The writer believes that almost without exception the Stansel family of the southern states originated in England. Through marriages, the heritage has been enhanced by strains of Dutch, Scotch, Irish, French and German.

Throughout this account many items of information are related, which are not necessarily connected but might be helpful to other researchers in the future. The author is principally interested in the Stansels of the "old south" e.g. the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi.

Genealogy is only history, refined by historical judgment, based on honest research. Its conclusions are reached by definite and logical processes of reasoning from one fact to another, by legitimate interpretation of them.

The "first John Stansel" migrated from England, and is found on the "quit rent" tax roll of 1704, in Nansemond County, Virginia. He was born about 1670. He married Katherine Hardy and had children: John, Peter and William.

William, born about 1697, married Mary Grifen, daughter of Martin and Elizabeth Grifen. (Chowan Co. N.C. Martin Grifen will, 1718, also mentions her brother John Grifen)

William Stansel and Mary Grifen had children: Peter, Mary, Nathan and William jr. that are known. William jr. , b. ca. 1740 married first Affrica Smith, daughter of Dan and Affrica (Smithwick)Smith. She was the granddaughter of Edward Smithwick, Gentleman, one of the earliest settlers of North Carolina. It is known that Edward was the son of Hugh Smithwick, an Englishman who immigrated to Upper Norfolk County, Virginia in 1642. The will of Hugh Smithwick, was recorded prior to 1679, in the colony of North Carolina. (From "Early Virginia Immigrants, 1623-1666" by George Cabell Greer, Clerk, Virginia State Land Office, p.306.)

William Stansel jr. and Affrica, had a son, William, b. ca. 1765, who married Elizabeth Roberts, daughter of James and Amey Roberts.

(The name "Affrica" which was used in several generations in that era, in no way relates to the continent Africa. It is a Celtic name meaning "the pleasant". It was a favorite in ancient Manx and Irish families. Affrica was a famous 12th. Century princess who married Semerled, "Lord of the Isles", and ruled as his queen over the Isle of Man.)

A will by John Hardy filed in March 1719 in Chowan County, in the Colony of North Carolina, bequeaths several parcels of real estate and personal belongings to different members of his family. Listed are his wife Rebeccah, daughters Elizabeth and Mary; brothers William, Thomas and Jacob. Other legatees were Katherine Stansell, Richard Pickering and John Butler. Katherine was the widow of the "first John Stansell, (died 1713) and was presumed to be a sister of John Hardy. In the will, Katherine was given "one cow & calfe."

A humorous misspelling of the Stansel name occurred in 1724, a North Carolina livestock registration lists John and Godfrey Stansel as "John and Godferry Standstill".

Smith, Tho., 1652, by Ambrose Dixon and Stephen Horsely, Jr., Northampton Co.
 Smith, Richard, 1652, by Tho. Hoane, — Co.
 Smister, Hugh, 1649, by Mr. Wm. Hoccaday, — Co.
 Smithark, Henry, 1636, by John Oberly, — Co.
 Smithcock, Henry, 1639, by Rose Oberly, — Co.
 Smith, Geo., 1653, by Richard Starnell, — Co.
 Smither, Geo., 1652, by Robert Elam, Henrico Co.
 Smithfield, Hen., 1642, by Stephen Gill, — Co.
 Smithell, Wm., 1642, by Stephen Gill, — Co.
 Smithson, Tho., 1654, by John Cox., Lancaster Co.
 Smithson, Wm., 1656, by Nicholas Waddilow, Northampton Co.
 Smithwick, Hugh, 1642, by Wm. Eyres, Upper New Norfolk Co.
 Smithwood, Rob., 1652, by Mr. Tho. Gutheridge, Lower Norfolk Co.
 Smithvest, Edw., 1643, by Richard Kemp, Esq., James City Co.
 Smyth, John, 1643, by John Batts, James City Co.
 Smyth, Richd., 1649, by Wm. Nesum, Tho. Sox, Miles Bathasby and John Pyne, Northampton Co.
 Smythwood, Robt., 1647, — Co.

1623—1666

EARLY VIRGINIA IMMIGRANTS

BY
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Earliest
 known
 Ancestor
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 America.

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In 1704, the "first John Stansel, said to be a native of England, was recorded as paying "quit rent" fees in Nansemond County, Virginia on 500 acres of land. (Virginia Mag. of History, v.29, p.406.)

From 1717 to 1795, many instances of the family are found in civil records of Chowan, North Hampton, Mecklenberg, Johnston and Pitt Counties of North Carolina.

In 1717, John Stancel, on Chowan Co. tax list.

In 1718, John Stancell, a witness Albemarle Co. N.C.

In 1718, Martin Grifen, Chowan Co. in addition to his own children, names Wm. and Mary Stansill, in his will.

In 1718, John Stancele, was a witness in Chowan County.

In 1721 Peter Stancele, was a witness in Chowan Co.

In 1726 Godfrey Stancele, was a witness in Chowan Co.

In 1740, William and John Stancell, jurors, Tyrell Co. N.C.

In 1750, John Stansell of Tyrell Co. in his will mentions, wife Sarah, sons: John and Godfrey and daughters: Elizabeth Barbre, Rebeckah Stansell and Mary Bentley.

In 1754 and 1756, William Stancill, purchased land in Johnston Co. from John Mathews.

In 1755, John Stancil, purchased land in Johnston Co.

In 1755, Samuel and John Stansell, on Tyrell Co. tax rolls.

In 1755 William Stancell and son Wm. jr. on Beaufort Co. tax roll.

In 1760, John Stansill, purchased in Pitt Co. frm John Benson.

In 1762, Godfrey Stansell, is on Pitt Co. tax roll.

In 1764, John Stansell, will names Patience Stansell, Admin.

In 1774, Godfrey Stancell, on committee to collect aid for Boston patriots. (Martinboro, Pitt Co.)

In 1779, John Stancell, a voter in Dobbs Co. N.C.

In 1780, William Stansell, Green Co. tax rolls, prop.val.400lbs.

In 1780, John Stansell, Dobbs Co. tax roll, prop. val. 1600 lbs.

In 1781, John Stancil, witnessed abstrct, Chowan Co.

In 1794, Nathan Stansell, No. Hampton Co.; will names wife, John, Samuel, Savory and Lucy.

In 1795, John Stancill, Johnston Co. will nameswife, Ranaolph M. and John D.

In 1795, Feb. 17, John Stansell, Wake Co, will names children: Polly(or Dolly), Jonathan and Nathan.

(Taken from N.C.Colonial & State Records, v.17,p.251;
Pitt Co. Patroler, v.10; Abstracts of N.C. Wills, Grimes,1910)

CAROLINA STANSELS IN REVOLUTIONARY WAR 1776-1783

John Stansell, (d.7/12/1826) of Mecklenberg Co.N.C. a foot soldier from 1776 to 1784, in Captain William Polk's Regiment, So. Division under General Greene, was probably the son of John and Patience Stansell of Pitt Co.(Beaufort). He married Edith Powell, May 19,1786. They had children, Elizabeth (Helms) b. ca. 1788; Jesse, b. ca. 1789; John, b.ca.1793; Archibald, b.ca. 1795; Polly (Helms) b. ca. 1798; Sally (Freeman) b.ca. 1800; Patience(Helms) b.ca. 1802; Martha (Presson) b.ca.1805; Edith (Burnet) b. 1808. There were 3 others who died in infancy. (From National Archives Washington D.C.)

From the North Carolina Revolutionary War Army Records, Book W, No.1. 1781-83, pages 1 and 19, William Stansel of Wilmington District is recorded as being paid 3 pounds, 2 snillings (about \$15.50). He was believed to have been involved in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro N.C. and one of the most decisive battles of the war. Here Cornwallis was defeated by the Continental Army. Seven months later, Cornwallis surrendered to General Washington at Yorktown. Following the war, William married Elizabeth Roberts, the daughter of James Roberts, also a North Carolina veteran of the Revolutionary War, Roberts was a member of the 2nd. Regt. and 10th. Regt. N.C. 1777-1780.(National Archives, Wash.D.C.) William Stansel and family moved to Barnwell Co. South Carolina, just prior to 1794.

From the "Memorial Record of Alabama" v.2;p.813, by Brant and Fuller, copyright 1893---"William Stansel, the father of William Roberts Stansel was an Englishman, who came to America with the Huguenots and settled among them in S.C. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War."

And listed in "Revolutionary War Soldiers From N.C." compiled by the D.A.R. and published by Seeman Press, Lurham N.C., these men are found--

- Peter Stansell, Warrenton Dist. N.C.
- Jesse Stansell, Warrenton Dist. N.C.
- Jesse Stansell, Newbern Dist. N.C.
- Jesse Stancill, Halifax Dist. N.C.(pay voucher 1782)
- Godfrey Stancell, Pitt Co. N.C.

No doubt there were other Stansels who served, but many military records for that period are missing.

John Stansell, of Johnston Co. Newbern Dist.No.509, is recorded as receiving 10shillings for State Troop clothing on Jan.24, 1783.

John Stansell, of Newbern Dist. No.1121 received 8 pounds sterling for services in militia of Dobbs Co. 1783.

No	Name	Sum	No	Name	Sum
1232	David Helmer	3 2	1261	Isaac S. Henson	3 2
1233	Elsha Brachem	3 2	1262	Isaac S. Henson	3 2
1234	Timothy Truel		1263	Isaac S. Henson	3 2
1235	Isaac		1264	Isaac S. Henson	3 2
1236	Isaac		1265	Isaac S. Henson	3 2
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1266	Isaac		1295	Isaac S. Henson	3 2
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1296	Isaac		1325	Isaac S. Henson	3 2
1297	Isaac		1326	Isaac S. Henson	3 2

R | 2 | N. C.

James Roberts

Appears on a

Roll

of Major Hardy Murfree's Company in 2^d N.
Carolina Battallion Commanded By Colonel
John Patten

(Revolutionary War.)

Roll dated *White Plains*

Sept. 9, 1778

Time Inlisted,

Time Ingagd for :

War,

Years, *3*

Remarks:

(353)

W. L. H. Case

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James Roberts

St. Louis Co.,

N. Carolina Regiment.

(Revolutionary War.)

Appears in a book *

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of the organization named above.

Date of enlistment } *20 July*, 1778

or appointment

Term *9 mos.*

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James Roberts
St. Louis Co.,
10th N. Carolina Regiment.

(Revolutionary War.)

Appears on a book *

Copied from Rolls

of the organization named above.

Date of enlistment } *24 July*, 1777

or appointment

Term *3 yrs*

Casualties *C 10/13*

Remarks:

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*This book appears to have been copied (from original rolls) in the
Office of Army Accounts under the Paymaster General, U. S. A.,
who was authorized by Congress, July 4, 1783, to settle and finally
adjust all accounts whatsoever between the United States and the
officers and soldiers of the American army. (Journal American
Oct. 27-28, Vol. 4, page 237.)—R. & P., 436, 785.

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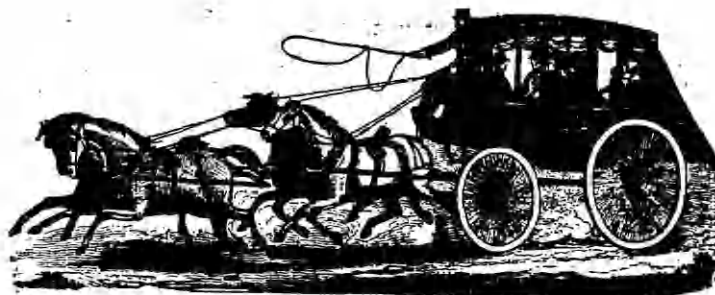
From the Compendium of American Genealogy,
v.VI, 1937; Institute of Amer. Gen. 440 S. Dearborn,
Chicago, the following--

John Russell(1755-1814)a Revolutionary War private
in Col.Thompson's Regiment of Rangers, was captured at
Charleston S.C. and after an exchange of prisoners, he
re-enlisted in Gen. Morgan's command. He was born in
Charleston S.C. in 1755 and died in Lincoln Co. Ga. in 1814.
In 1784 he married Clara Ann Stansel, who stated that she was
the daughter of Jesse, a fifth generation of Stansels in
America and a Revolutionary War veteran. They had two
daughters, Elizabeth and Millie and a son Jesse(1796-1868).
Clara Ann died in 1821.

In 1791, President George Washington,made a
southern tour of the United States, keeping a diary of his
findings. On April 24, 1791, while in Wilmington N.C.,he wrote;

"it is agreed on all hands that the Census in this
State has been very inaccurately, & Shamefully taken by the
Marshall's deputies; who, instead of going to Peoples houses
& there on the spot, ascertaining the Nos.; have advertised a
meeting of them at certain places, by which means those who
did not attend (and it seems many purposely avoided it, some
from an apprehension of its being introductory of a tax,
and others from religious scruples) have gone with their
families unnumbered----In other instances, it is said these
deputies have taken their information from the Captains of
Militia Companies; not only as to the men on their Muster
Rolls, but of the Souls, in their respective families;
which at best, must in a variety of cases, be more conjecture
whilst all those who are not on their lists---Widows and
their families &c pass unnoticed."

(from"Washington's Southern Tour", by Archibald
Henderson, Riverside Press, Cambridge, 1923.)



The United States Census of, 1790 for North Carolina shows the following Stansels and the counties in which they lived.

Head of Family

Peter Stansell, wife, 1 boy over 16, 1 girl.
Wilmington Dist. Cumberland Co.
Jesse Stansill, wife, 1 boy under 16, 1 girl.
Salisbury Dist. Mecklenburg Co.
John Stansill, wife 2 boys under 16, 2 girls.
Salisbury Dist. Mecklenburg Co.
John Stansill, wife, 1 boy under 16, 1 girl.
Salisbury Dist. Mecklenburg Co.
Noble Stancel, No family
Newbern Dist. Pitt County.
John Stancil, wife, 3 boys under 16, 2 girls.
Halifax Dist. No. Hampton Co.
John Stancil Sr., wife, 2 boys over 16, 3 boys under 16,
2 girls. Newbern Dist. Johnston Co.
Nathan Stancil, wife, 3 girls.
Halifax Dist. No. Hampton Co.
Sarah Stancill, 3 boys over 16, 4 boys under 16, 4 girls.
Pitt County.

NORTH CAROLINA CEMETERY RECORDS

Old Eastside Cemetery

Richmond Co. Rockingham N.C.

Stansill, Eliza E. b. 10/3/24; d. 4/13/1898, wf. of Peter W.

Stansill, Dr. Peter W. d. 4/16/1890

Stansill, Dr. John Mc. b. 6/30/1849; d. 4/23/04

Stansill, Wm. P. b. 12/7/1853; d. 4/9/99

Riverside Cemetery

Buncombe Co. Ashville N.C.

Stansill, Stark K. b. 1822; d. 1873

Stansill, Susan C. b. 1829; d. 1906

Stancell Family Cemetery

No. Hampton Co. Margarettsville N.C.

Stancell, Frances Susan, b. 3/19/1880; d. 7/16/85.
dau. of B.D. and Rose.

Stancell, Green, b. 9/19/1805; d. 1/28/62. Hsb. of Darucka P.

Stancell, Henry, b. 1873; d. 1874, son of B.D. and Rose J.

Stancell, Millard Filmore, b. 6/8/1848; d. 9/4/02.

Stancell, Samuel Turner, b. 3/7/1828; d. 5/13/73. son of Green.

Stancill, Benjamin D. b. 5/6/1846; d. 6/13/09. Husb. of Rose.

Episcopal Cemetery

Jackson, Northhampton Co.

Stancell, Robert Henry Jr. M.D., b. 5/6/1872; d. 1/23/96.

NORTH CAROLINA CEMETERY RECORDS, (cont.)

Thyatira Presbyterian Cemetery

Rowan Co. Mt. Uls, N.C.

Stansill, Howard Grier, b.1903; d.1904, son of J.E. & S.M.

Bethel Methodist Cemetery

Cabarras Co. N.C.

Staniel, M.S. b. 1836; d.1899.

Stancill, John (Corp.) Co L. 17th. N.C. Inf. C.S.A.

Clayton N.C. Cemetery

Johnston County, N.C.

Stancil, Alonzo, d.1910. Age 1mo. Son of Moses & Zessie.

Stancil, Avie, b. 1907; d.1909. Dau. of Moses & Zessie.

Stancil, Zessie, b.10/26/86; d.9/6/1910.

dau. of J.H. & Sarah Jones.

Dupree Cemetery, No.1.

Johnston Co. Angier, N.C.

Stancil, George, b.3/5/1841; d.2/1/85.

Oakdale Cemetery

Henderson Co. Hendersonville N.C.

Stansill, Levinsey Ann, b.1826; d.1850.

Pleasant Grove Cemetery

Union Co. Mineral Springs N.C.

Stansil, Elisha, b. 2/22/1817; d.11/18/05.

Stansil, Ellen L. b.1/21/1821; d.5/30/89. wf. of Elijah.

Watson Cemetery

Wilson Co. Lucama, N.C.

Stansil, J.A. b. 2/28/1844; d.6/18/05.

Stancil Cemetery

Wilson Co. Wilson N.C.

Stancil, W.H. b.6/29/1855; d. 6/2/13.

Roper Cemetery

Wilson Co. Kenly, N.C.

Stancill, Nancy, b.1838; d.2/28/77.

wf. of Andrew.

MARRIAGE BONDS, MECKLENBURG COUNTY, N.C.

Stansill, Elisha----Sally William, April 4, 1816.
Stansill, John Sr.----Peggy Kiker, no date.
Stansill, Milas P. ----Nancy Hartis, July 10, 1837.
Stansill, Osburn-----Elizabeth McCown, (wid) Feb. 14, 1832.
Stansill, Samuel-----Sara Walker, Jan. 12, 1805.

(Stancil, Sally----Wm. Hopkins, Oct. 22, 1799, Edgecomb Co. N.C.)

MARRIAGE BONDS, JOHNSTON COUNTY, N.C.

Stancell, Allen S. ---Elizabeth Silivent, Dec. 24, 1858.
Stancell, Elias--- Elizabeth Stancell, Feb. 16, 1867.
Stancell, John C. ---Eliza Ann Creech, Sept. 30, 1866.
Stancell, Moses----Emily Massingill, Dec. 11, 1866.
Stancell, Heddiss----Polly Creech, January 31, 1867.
Stancell, Robertson---Mary Stancell, Feb. 25, 1866.

Stancil, Jesse----Rhody Price, Dec. 10, 1835.
Stancil, Joseph-----Sarah Goodwin, March 15, 1867.
Stancil, Young A. ---Susan C. Goodwin, Aug. 22, 1858.
Stancill, Nathan----Nancy Pender, Feb. 27, 1799.
Stansel, Godfrey---Raney Goodwin, Sept. 7, 1838.
Stansel, John G.---Rhoda Jones, Sept. 1, 1848.
Stansel, Thomas---- Delaney Sasser, July 15, 1860.

Stansell, Alexander---Celia Barber, Jan. 20, 1833.
Stansell, John----Polly Worley, Sept. 27, 1818.
Stansell, John jr.---Zelpha Grice, Aug. 29, 1785.
Stansill, Nathan----Clary Taylor, Feb. 27, 1797.
Stansell, Samuel,---Patsy Rentfrew, July 20, 1838.
Stansell, Willie P.---Martha Stansell, Apr. 20, 1852.

Some of the Stansels who migrated to the southern states after 1750, seemed to have followed a route established by Indian traders.

During the Revolutionary War, Indians occupied the Carolinas and what is now known as Tennessee. The Cherokees were in South Carolina and were friendly to the King of England. The Creeks and the Catawbias were enemies of the Cherokees and assisted the colonists in the war.

The natural path for the white settlers was over an old Indian trail from Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina and through Spartanburg, South Carolina and on to the present S.C. State Road No. 183, to Pickens County, S.C. This trail was called the "war path" because of its use by the Indians, when fighting among themselves.

The Stansels, were among the early traders in South Carolina. Greenville, was a trading post as early as 1742. Another route of entry into Pickens County S.C. area was through Sassafras Gap and French Broad Valley. Several Stansel families of South Carolina, today (1969) trace their branch to Eastatoe Mountain or Oolenoy, both in the mountains of South Carolina.

After the Revolutionary War, George Washington, asked General Pickens and two other generals to arrange a parley with the three Indian tribes and make a treaty that would permit whites to settle among them in peace. In November 1785, the meeting took place in Eastatoe.

There were present 920 men and one woman. The Indians granted the land. This enabled Washington to pay unpaid veterans of the Revolutionary War with land grants, resulting in further settlement of the area.

In 1838, President Andrew Jackson, who had little consideration for the Indians, asked Congress to pass legislation that would forcibly move the Indians to the territory west of the Mississippi River. They were moved at bayonet point. The army provided 900 wagons for the aged, pregnant women and young children. All able-bodied Indians were made to walk. Thousands died enroute. There was one group of Indians who stayed behind, hidden in the hills, with food stored away. They later reappeared in the Great Smokey Mountains and their descendents live there today.

There are scores of Stansels in the central part of South Carolina, most of them admit that they are all related, even though the name spelling differs in the same communities and even in the same immediate family. Efforts to establish lineage among them has proven extremely difficult, due to their apathy. They attribute the different name spellings to census takers and family politics.

Leland "Jeb" Stancil, of Central S.C. is able to name his ancestors for four generations....his father was Homer; grandfather, Jesse; gr.grandfather, Milton; gr.gr. grandfather, Eli.

Only one Stansel is noted in the 1790 U.S. Census for the State of South Carolina. Jesse Stansel, a married man, no children, was living in the Georgetown District, Prince George Parish near Charleston. His descendents settled in Newton County, Georgia and are listed in another part of this book, on pages 52 and 53.

William Stansel, is listed in Barnwell County, South Carolina, in the 1800 and 1810 censuses. His descendants are found in Jefferson Co., Washington Co. and DeKalb Co. Georgia after 1820, and in Pickens Co. Alabama after 1833.

The Stansel family is still represented (1969) in Barnwell Co. and traces back to Nathan Stansell, who arrived in Barnwell Co., in 1817.

One of the most renowned members of this family was Colonel Joshua Ashley Stansell, a West Point graduate, who was on duty in the Philippines when Pearl Harbor was attacked in 1941, by the Japanese.

He was born at Elko, Barnwell Co. in 1894 and served in World War I, following his graduation from West Point in 1917. He taught mathematics at the Academy for four years and compiled a textbook for use there. He was stationed at Ft. McKinley when the Japanese invaded the Philippines and remained at Bataan Peninsula with his men instead of going to Corregidor with Gen. Wainwright. Stansell, was one of the prisoners who made the 85-mile "death march" to a Jap prison camp. Later he was transferred to Formosa and then to Manchuria. Suffering from beriberi and malnutrition, his weight dropped to 90 pounds and he could not walk. He survived three and one half years of tortuous prison life and at the end of the war was returned to the United States, partially paralyzed and a broken man. He died at Charleston, S.C. on January 9, 1962 and was buried in the Elko Cemetery. He never married. His parents were Clinton P. and Rosa (Seymour) Stansell. (--from Wilkes Family History, Ivan E. Bass, 1965.)

Francis Pickens Stansell, was born in Barnwell Co. on Jan. 8, 1847, the son of Thomas and Sara (Lewis) Stansell. He served in Co. C. 8th. Bn. S.C. Inf. during the Civil War. He was a long time resident of Augusta Georgia, advancing as an employee of the Southern and Central Railways of Ga. He married Addie A. Moore of Augusta in June 1880. (V. III, State Hist. Soc. Atlanta Ga. 1906.)

These two wills are noted in Barnwell Co. records,

1. Thomas Stansell, died December 13, 1882, the will mentions sons, J.C., J. Lewis, F. Picken, N.H. Thomas jr. and Albert S.J. Also two unnamed daughters.
2. Sally Stansell, died December 21, 1891, her will mentions husband Edwin and grandson Loyd W.

A partial record of Stansells buried in Barnwell County cemeteries, South Carolina is noted here.

Barnwell Cemetery

John C. Stansell, 1855--1918
Emma K. Stansell, wife, 1860--1927
Rosa Stansell, wife of J.W., 1883--1923

Elko Baptist Church Cemetery

Permelia Ashley Stansell, 1822-1909
Nathan Hayward Stansell, 1852-1913
Mary Rebecca Stansell, 1859-1939
Ashley Stansell, 1849-1921
Sue Green Stansell, wife of Ashley, 1857-1937
A.R. Stansell, son of J.M. and Iva. 1873-1906

Long Branch Baptist Church Cemetery

Ira T. Stansell, 1844-1888
John N. Stansell, 1844-1893
Edgie Stansell, 1885-1888

Several significant records have been found at the Barnwell County courthouse that aided in confirming the lineage of William Stansell, of South Carolina and his descendents,.....

Barnwell County, S.C., Deed Book # 2, page 33:

William Stansill	Dated: 10th August 1794; Sworn: 10th Oct., 1796; Rec: 14th	
to	both of S.C. and District of Orangeburgh	March
Stephen Roberts	£ 25 stlg.	1801
	327 acres s'd State and District on Big Duck Branch	
	East side of s'd branch granted to John Boyles	
	Wit: Roland Roberts	
	Louisa X Bishop	William Stansill (LS)

Barnwell County, S.C., Deed Book # 1, page 293:

Dated: 27th Oct., 1803; Sworn: 31st Dec. 1803; Rec: 3rd Oct., 1816

William Stansill of S.C. and District of Barnwell

to \$200.00, 100 acres lower half of 200 acres originally
John Bush of same granted to William Dupuis in 1759 being the
same place whereon William Stansill is now
living

Wit: Isaac Bush
James Swelley

William Stansill (LS)

Dower Renunciation: ...certify that Amey Stansill wife of William
Stansill... 31st December, 1803

Amey X Stansill

Barnwell County Probate Court, Book # A, page 1:

Will of James Roberts of Barnwell District, S.C. Dated 29th Nov., 1802
No Probate

Wife - Amey Roberts

Daughters: Dorcas Curlee; Elizabeth Stancil; Mary Faremore; Winney Barfield

Sons: Roger Roberts; son James Roberts, dec'd his heirs; Roland Roberts;
Irwin Roberts; Stephen Roberts.

Exors: Irwin and Stephen Roberts

Wit: Jesse Cherry; Needham Coward

James Roberts (LS)

In addition - Barnwell County, S.C., Deed Book # 1, page 161:

Jesse Stansel State of S.C. and District of Barnwell

to

George Powers s'd State and District

for \$190.00

140 acres S George Powers

Dated 21 Dec., 1807

N Mr. Pickles

Sworn 16 June, 1815

E George Powers

Rec. 7 Aug., 1815

W Jones' Branch

Wit: Nicholas Powers, Arthur McReary

Jesse Stansell (LS)

The preceding records show that in 1794 William
Stansill sold 327 acres of land to Stephen Roberts.

Probate Court Records show that on November 29, 1802,
a will made by James Roberts, names his wife Amey and a
daughter Elizabeth Stancil. Other heirs include: daughters
Dorcas Curlee, Mary Faremore, Winnie Barfield; sons: Roger,
Irwin, Roland, Stephen and the heirs of James Roberts (son)
who was deceased.

On Oct. 27, 1803, William Stansill sold 100 acres of
land to John Bush for \$200. It is noted that "Amey Stansill,
wife of William Stansill, made a dower renunciation in
connection with this transaction."

It is apparent that William Stansel jr. (b.ca.1740)
was married two times. The name of the first wife and mother
of his children was Affrica Smith. After the death of James
Roberts, he married the widow of James Roberts. She also was
the mother of his daughter-in-law Elizabeth (Roberts) Stansel.

The Jesse Stansel mentioned above is possibly a brother
of William Stansel (b.ca.1765.).

Some Descendants of JOHN STANSEL, 1704.
Nansemond County, Virginia.

John Stansel, b. ca. 1670.... (m)... Katherine Hardy, d. after 1719.
d. 1713

1. William, b. ca. 1697 Va.; d. ca. 1767, N.C.

2. John, b. ca. 1700.... (m) Sarah Smithwick, dau. of Edward & Sarah
(Godfrey) Smithwick.

3. Peter, b. ca. 1701.

1. William Stansel.... (m)... Mary Grifen, dau. of Martin &
Elizabeth Grifen.

a. William jr. b. ca. 1740, N.C.; d. Barnwell Co. S.C.

b. Peter, b. ca. 1742; c. Nathan; d. Mary.

a. William Stansel jr.... (m) 1. Affrica Smith; 2. Amey Roberts,
Wid. of Jas. Roberts
Mother of Elizabeth
Roberts.

A. William b. ca. 1765, N.C.

A. William Stansel... (m) ca. 1783, Elizabeth Roberts

I. John, b. ca. 1784; d. ca. 1823.

II. Louisa, b. ca. 1788; (m) Mr. Miles, issue: 1 dau. (m) J. W. Ward.

III. William Roberts, b. 9/15/90, Jefferson Co. Ga.; d. Ala. 1860.

A-I. John Stansel.... (m)... Ellenor ca. 1814 (b. ca. 1790)

x. Mattie J. b. 1815, Ga.; (m) Mr. Waits, no further record.

X. William E. b. 1820, Ga.; d. 8/14/68, Ala.

X. William E. Stansel... (m)... Elizabeth C. Jones, 1/26/43.
b. 1826 Ga.; d. 10/14/77 Ala.
dau. Edward Jones, DeKalb Co. Ga.

1. John Thaddeus, b. 1844 Ga.; d. after 1900, Ark

2. James Polk, b. 12/17/45 Ga.; d. 2/4/11, Miss.

3. William E. jr. b. 1848, Ga.

4. Benjamin F., b. 1858 Ga.; d. before 1870, Ala.

5. Elizabeth Ann, b. 3/22/59 Ala.; d. 10/13/41, Tex.

6. Thomas Jefferson, b. 3/2/61; d. 9/5/20, Electra Tex.

7. George M. b. 1866 Ala.; d. 1899, Redfield Ark.

X-1. John Thaddeus Stansel... (m)... Mary English

a. Robert Chester, b. Ark.

b. Cora (Douglass) b. Ark.

c. Bert, b. Ark.

d. Chester, b. Ark

e. Grace (Welsh), b. Ark.

X-2. James Polk Stansel...(m)..Rebecca Josephine Land,2/13/1868

b.8/29/51 Ala.;d.12/2/16, Miss.

a. Mary Ellen, b.11/4/68;d.12/23/25, Fla.

(m) Wm. Cranford, no issue.

b. James William, b.3/18/71 Ala.;d.7/22/29, Okla.

c. Martha Alice, "Mattie", b.2/10/72 Ala.;d.9/19/38, Miss.

d. Eugene Claiborne, b.2/26/75 Ala.;d.1956, Miss.

(m) 5/6/95 Alice McReynolds, no issue.

e. John Arthur, b.5/13/77 Ala.;d.5/1/26 Miss.

f. Oscar Augustus, b.12/6/79 Ala.;d.4/1/22 Tenn.

g. Rebecca Alena, b.3/9/83 Miss.;d.12/15/48, Miss.

h. Horace Sylvan, b. 11/5/88 Miss.;d.4/4/36 Miss.

X-2b. James William Stansel ..(m)..10/28/91, Minnie Alice Edmonds.

1. Howard Edmonds, b. 1/18/94 Miss.;d.3/26/60 Texas.

2. John Madison, b.12/10/97 Miss.;d.2/9/48 N.C.

3. Pearl, b.2/3/00, Miss.;d.10/1900.

4. Edwin Nathaniel, b.11/12/04 Miss.

X-2c. Martha Alice...(m)....Edgar Stevens

1. Rosaline, b. 7/16/95 Miss.;d.2/13/47 Miss.

2. Josephine, b.2/1/98 Miss.

3. Otto A. b.6/19/00 Miss.;d.11/6/65, Fla.

4. Lena, b. 2/27/03 Miss.

X-2e. John Arthur Stansel ...(m)...Norma Mustin.

1. James William, b. Miss, (m) Bernice----no issue.

2. Arthur, b. Miss., had a daughter Norma.

X-2f. Oscar Augustus Stansel...(m)4/3/01 Mattie May Alford.
d.2/5/59

1. Eugene Augustus, b.10/24/02 Miss.;d.3/24/65 Miss.

2. Bessie May, b.8/13/04 Tenn.;(m) Thos. McMahon.

3. Anne, b.6/17/15 Tenn.;(m)12/24/42 Dr. Edw. Mueller.

X-2g. Rebecca Alena....(m) Richard A. Bryan, 6/8/11.
d.1914.

1. Richard Acker, b. 9/8/13 Miss.;(m)12/1/38, Clara Eskew.

X-2h. Horace Sylvan Stansel..(m) 8/15/15, Dovie Pearl High.

1. Mary Rebecca, b. 2/26/16 Miss.

2. Virginia Pearl, b.8/10/18 Miss.

X-3. William E. Stansel jr.....(m).....

a. Elizabeth

b. Charles

X-5 Elizabeth Ann... (m) 1.Milton Wright;2.Wm.White

- a.Caroline E. Wright b.1882;d.1906
- b.John Edward Wright, b.1882; d.1966
- c.Thaddeus Wright, died infancy.
- d.Thomas Wright, died infancy.
- e.Benjamin F. White,a. infancy
- f.Pearl White, d.infancy.
- g.&h.Twins,unnamed, d. infancy.
- i. Lola White (Bell)b.1890
- j. Robert Emmett White, b. 1894.
- k. Alma Katherine White,b.1897; (m) Mason.

X-6. Thomas Jefferson Stansel.....(m)1. Mae---2.Jennie---

- a. Nona Mae
- b. Thomas Jefferson jr. b. 1906.

X-7. George M. Stansel....(m) Nona Cantrell,b.1874 Ill.; d.1942 Tex.
dau. of Gertrude Frost Cantrell.

- a. John David,b.11/28/91 Colo.;d.1962 Texas.
- b.Jesse, d.infancy, age 2.
- c.Mollie Estella, b. 1894 Ark.
- d.Gertrude Rosella, b. 1897, Redfield Ark.

X-7a. John David Stansel...(m) 10/29/16 Willis Dutton.

1. Arthur Dugan,b.8/25/17 Anson Tex.
2. Margaret Inez (Moeller)
- 3.Martha Nona Edith (McIlroy),2.(Hamlin),
4. John Edd Stansel, resides Colo.City,Tex.1969.

X-7c. Mollie Estella....(m) 1912,John W. Hood

1. Herbert Ewing, b. 8/30/13;(m) Vera Watkins
2. John Wilburn "Jake",b.11/6/18 Tex.:(m)Ina Mae Burns.
- 3.Rena Lee, b. 8/27/22 Tex.:(m) Geo.F.McClellan.
4. Verner Wylie, b. 7/18/32 Tex.:(m) Eva McElwrath.

X-7d. Gertrude Rosella.....(m)...Ford Stuart

1. George W. a.infancy,18 mo.
2. Francis Ford, b.1919
3. Rachel Estella,b. 1922
4. Alice Ruth, b. 1924.



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August 21, 1967

Mr. Edwin N. Stansel
Post Office Box 607
Lake Arrowhead, California 92352

Dear Mr. Stansel:

Since this department has charge of all the original grant records of Georgia, your recent letter to the Archives has been referred to me.

In the 1827 Land Lottery, an Eleanor Stansel, husband absent, was living in Hills Militia District of Oglethorpe County, Georgia. In this Lottery she drew land lot 139 in the 29th land district of Lee County, Georgia. Subsequently, the State granted her this lot on December 20, 1834. A copy of the grant may be had for one dollar, although there is no more data in the grant itself than I have cited here.

An Act of the General Assembly in 1825, which authorized the 1827 Lottery explains "husband absent" in this way: "...wives and children in this State, of persons who have been absent from this State three years shall be on the same footing, as to draws, as if the said husband was dead and the titles to such lots as said females or children may draw be vested permanently in them as though they were widows and orphans..."

Those who participated in the Lotteries had to take only an ORAL oath as to their classification to draw. Therefore, there are no written records as to what they may have said concerning themselves or their families.

I hope this information will be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

Pat Bryant
Mrs. Philip W. Bryant
Deputy Surveyor General
Surveyor General Department

The first Georgia Census in existence is for the year 1820. "Some Early Tax Digests of Georgia" compiled by Ruth Blair in 1926, contains about all of the early Stansel family, civil, records in Georgia that have been found.

In that tax digest, it is noted that in the 1805 tax rolls for Montgomery County Georgia, John Stansel (A-1) paid a poll tax and his father William Stansel (A) paid a tax on 700 acres of pine land to the amount of 83 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents. The poll tax paid by each man was 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents. (Poll tax was a "head tax" on all males, age 16 and older. It did not necessarily apply to voting rights.)

The Georgia land lottery record of 1827, states that Ellenor Stansel (wife of John (A-1)), was among those who drew 200 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres of Cherokee land that was being made available to Revolutionary War veterans and others by various eligibility classifications.

In 1827, Ellenor, was listed as having the status of a widow (husband absent for three or more years). She drew a parcel of land located in Lee County, Ga. There is no evidence that she ever lived in Lee County and it is supposed that she sold the land to speculators, which was common practice. Ellenor, appears in the 1830 Census for DeKalb County Georgia, page 55. She is listed as head of the household, with her two children, Mattie J. (x) and William E. (X) and there were two female negro servants, one free, one slave.

On January 18, 1843, in DeKalb Co. Ga. a marriage license was issued to William E. Stansell (son of John and Ellenor) and Elizabeth C. Jones and on January 26, they were united in marriage by R.C. Anderson, J.P. (ref. DeKalb Co. Ga. Ordinary, 1840-1848, Marriages, p. 56).

The next legal record of the couple is found in the 1860 U.S. Census of Pickens County, Alabama. The ages and the place of birth of the children indicate that they made the move from Georgia to Alabama in 1859.



W I L L I A M R O B E R T S S T A N S E L

The first Stansel family to migrate from Georgia to Pickens Co. Ala. was the family of William Roberts Stansel (A-III). Moving there in 1833. He and his wife Jane (Riddle) were the parents of ten children, whose families figured prominently in the county and state during the 1800's.

- A-III. William Roberts Stansel---(m) 8/2/1821, Jane Riddle,
b.6/20/1802 N.C.; d.10/16/08 Ala.
a. Martin Luther, b.4/23/22, Wash. Co. Ga.; d.6/25/1903 Ala.
b. Martha A.M. b.11/12/23, Wash. Co. Ga.; m. P.E. Ball;
d.11/12/1898.
c. Richard Wickliffe, b.10/27/25 Ga.; d.7/28/77 Miss.
d. John Calvin, b.11/21/27; d.2/28/83; m.1. Sara Gilmer;
2. Mary Little, no issue.
e. Mary E.J., b.11/4/28 Ga.; m.1. J.H. Trantham; 2. W.A. Hines.
issue, 5 boys, 6 girls.
f. Sarah L.G., b.4/28/32 Ala.; m. ---Miles, issue 3 sons.
g. Elenor Frances L.A. b.6/10/34; m. W.S. Newell, issue 1b, 2g.
h. William Elisha Battle, b.7/7/37; m. Mary Cravens, son Jesse.
i. Alva Horace, b.8/23/40; unmarried; killed Battle 7 Pines.
j. Octavia L.H., b.4/4/46; m. Robt. Morrow; d.4/7/87, no issue.

- A-IIIa Martin Luther Stansel....(m) 1. Laura Sherrod; 2. Olivia Sherrod
1. James Bayard, b.1850; m. Emma Mustin, a dau. Laura.
2. Mary Ella, m.1. P.H. Pearson; 2. D.S. Brockway.
3. Olive Lou, m. J.M. McCants. No issue.

(James B. by 1st. wife; Mary E. and Olive L. by 2nd. wife)

Martin Luther Stansel, the oldest son of William Roberts and Jane, was an attorney, an Alabama legislator, a Freemason and during the Civil War held the rank of Colonel and saw action throughout the war. Another son, Alva Horace was killed in the Battle of Seven Pines.

At Duke University Library in Durham, N.C. is the valuable Flowers Collection of rare volumes of southern history. Housed in an air-conditioned chamber to protect them from dust and damp, the precious books of Southern Americana are kept in locked shelves. Many are cracked and crumbling with age and require special handling by the curator and staff. Interesting to students of Southern History is an original copy of the Ku Klux Klan constitution. The tiny pamphlet of about 30 pages, together with the Klan code key was acquired from a Col. M.L. Stansel, of Pickens County Ala. in 1900.

Seemingly there are no surviving male descendants of William Roberts Stansel (A-III), to carry on the name. Jesse, the son of William Battle Stansel was said to have lived in Colorado, but research in that area was unsuccessful.

William Roberts Stansel, was a minister in the Baptist church and through the years ministered to the churches in the county.



William E. Stansel Sr.



Elizabeth C. (Jones) Stansel

Georgia
DeKalb County I do hereby certify, that any Minister of the Gospel, Judge, Justice of the Inferior Court, or Justice of the Peace; You are hereby authorized to join William E. Stansel and Elizabeth C. Jones in the holy state of Matrimony, according to the constitution and laws of this state, and for so doing this shall be your sufficient License. Given under my hand and seal, this 18th day of January 1843.

W. Reynolds, C. C. C. (L. J.)

Georgia
DeKalb County I do certify, that Wm. E. Stansel and Elizabeth C. Jones were duly joined in Matrimony by me, this 26th day of January 1843

W. C. Anderson, D. P.

(CONFEDERATE.)

S. 41 Ala.

W. E. Stansel
Priv. Co. C, 41 Regt. Ala.

Appears on

Hospital Muster Roll

of Catoosa Hospital,
at Griffin, Ga.

for Sept. 30 to Nov. 30, 1863.
dated Dec. 21, 1863

Enlisted: Mar. 25, 1862
When
Where Pickensville, Ala.
By whom Capt. Nash
Period 3 yrs.

Attached to Hospital:

When Feb. 24, 1863

How employed nurse

Last paid: Capt. Wickham

By whom

To what time Sept. 1, 1863

Present or absent Present

Remarks: Out him \$30,
after pay for 120 days

(Confederate.)

S. 41 Ala.

W. E. Stansel
Priv., Co. C, 41 Regt Alabama Infantry.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll

of the organization named above,

Remarks: Detached for duty
at Hospital based
Spring Ga. by Surgeon
in charge

(Confederate.)

S. 41 Ala.

Wm E Stansel
Priv., Co. C, 41 Regt Ala.

Appears on a roll of

Prisoners of War

at Point Lookout, Md.

Date of arrival City Point, Va
March 27, 1865

Where captured Hatcher's Run

When captured March 25, 1865

Remarks: Released June 17,
1865

(Confederate.)

S. 41 Ala.

Wm E Stansel

Priv. 41 Regt Ala.

Name appears as signature to an

Oath of Allegiance

to the United States, subscribed and sworn to at
Point Lookout, Md., June 19, 1865.

Place of residence Pickens Co. Ala.

Complexion light; hair brown

Eyes blue; height 5 ft. 11 1/2 in.

NOTE: Released at Point Lookout, June 19,
1865, by G. O. No. 109, A. G. O.

Remarks:

Number of roll:

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W I L L I A M E . S T A N S E L S r .

In 1859, a second Stansel family (the author's progenitors) migrated from Decatur, DeKalb County, Georgia to Pickens County, Alabama. William E. Stansel Sr. (X) and his wife Elizabeth C. (Jones) arrived with their four sons, John Thaddeus, James Polk, William E. Jr. and Benjamin F.. William E. Stansel Sr. (X) was a nephew of William Roberts Stansel (A-III).

Two years later, the war between the states erupted and the father and three of his sons were involved.

William E. Sr. (X) enlisted in the 41st. Alabama Infantry, Co. C. "Pickens Greys" on March 25, 1862, spending most of the war as a nurse in 2 C.S.A. military hospitals. One was located at Catoosa Ga. In the latter days of the war he returned to field duty and was captured at Hatches Run, Virginia, March 25, 1865. He was released to return home on June 19, 1865. His physical description on army records was: light complexion, brown hair, blue eyes, height 5ft. 11½in. In addition to being a farmer, he was a carpenter. He was a member of the Masonic Fraternity.

John Thaddeus Stansel (X-1) the eldest son, enlisted in the "Ruff and Ready" Company of the 19th. Alabama Regiment, formed in the early part of 1861 by Capt. G.R. Kimbrough. They fought in the battles of North Mississippi and saw other action until the end of hostilities.

Benjamin F. Stansel (X-4) b. 1858, is presumed to have died in boyhood, as he does not appear in the U.S. Census of the family in 1870.

William E. Stansel Jr. (X-3) enlisted Feb. 1, 1864, age 16, in the 12th. Mississippi Cavalry Co. D. His career as a soldier was of short duration. He became separated from his company and became a prisoner of war and was taken to Louisville Ky., but was released two days later on the promise that he would stay north of the Ohio River during the balance of the war. He was described as having light hair, light complexion and 5ft. 5in. in height.

Thomas Jefferson Stansel (X-6) b. 1861, spent the latter part of his life in Lockhart and Electra Texas. He was a jeweler, watchmaker and optometrist. He was an ordained Baptist minister and an active officer in the church. He and members of his family have memorial stained glass windows in the Electra Baptist Church, dedicated to their memory.

In 1910, James Polk Stansel (X-2), replying to a query by his daughter Mary Ellen, wrote an account of his experiences in the Army of the Confederacy as follows:

Columbus Miss. November 19, 1910.

Mrs. W.S. Cranford
Ruleville Miss.

Dear Daughter,

Your favor of 15 recd in due time, glad to know you are all well--wish I could get over and help Gene with his new home. Am doing nothing here, never had a gloomier prospect in my life--still I live in hope of getting along someday. If I had work I think I would enjoy doing it for it is good for the mental and physical body. I am all stiffened up and very sore from Rheumatism but otherwise am enjoying good health. The family are well as usual but rashings are so high and hard to get that we may not remain so.

I inclose a sketch of my Civil War record. It is the first and only thing I have ever written on the subject. And I felt very little like writing it because I have never felt that my family appreciated my being a veteran, consequently don't enjoy being one like others seem to enjoy it. Am glad you are making a living for yourself (wish I could do the same), work is healthy for us (wish I had some I could do) but I am getting so old and crippled that am forced to submit to my fate. Glad to hear from you again when time to write.

With love and best wishes, am yours

J.P. Stansel.

Sketch of Army Life in C.S.A.

By James Polk Stansel (1st. Ala. S.S. belonged to Anderson's Brigade
Walthall's Div., Hyndman's Corps--C.S.A.)

" On November 17th. 1863 I left my home and went to and joined the Tennessee Army C.S.A. as a volunteer recruit at Missionary Ridge Tenn. was mustered in and became a member of Co. A. First Ala. Sharp Shooters, was not in the Missionary Ridge fight--having no gun and accoutrements was detailed to go with wagon train. Was wintered at Dalton Ga. The Spring campaign opened and we left Dalton and had a fighting time from there to Resaca Ga. and from Resaca to and including Atlanta Ga. Two of my hottest contested battles was on the 22nd. and 28th. of July/64 at Atlanta, comrades and officers fell on all sides and the enemy's dead was so thick that I could step from one blue coat to another. After the battle of July 28th. we was behind breastworks until I was picked out and wounded by Yanky Sharp Shooter on August 17th. 1864--I was sent to hospital at Griffin Ga. remained with Catoosa Hospital until April 1865--I was sent to my command then in North Carolina and joined them at Greensboro N.C. About the time Gen. R.E. Lee surrendered, my command was discharged and we disbanded at Greensboro, N.C. about May 1st./65.

Company A-First-Ala.-S.S. was a detachment of volunteers from the 19th. Ala. regiment-Volunteers for picket duty (Sharp Shooting and Skirmishing) in front of battle line in bring on the fight- This original company was recruited from Ala. by volunteer young men. I was one of the first recruits to this company.

Jas. P. Stansel "

After the end of the War between the States in 1865, William E. Stansel Sr. (X) and sons returned to their home in Pickens Co. Ala. The father being in poor health died, August 14, 1868, age 48.

On February 13, 1868, James Polk Stansel (X2) married Rebecca Josephine Land, daughter of James M. and Rebecca (Black) Land. The Land farm was adjacent to the Stansel farm and she related that he proposed marriage to her in a corn field. Saying to her, "all I have to offer are my two hands." During the years immediately following the war, material possessions in the South were at the lowest level.



Rebecca (Black) Land
1825-1900

Officiating at their marriage was Elder James M. Land, father of the bride and Elder, G.M. Lyles. It is noted that Rebecca Josephine joined the Springhill Baptist Church in 1874. Elder Land, was one of the most talented and popular preachers of his generation. A native of Spartanburg S.C., he ministered with distinction to the community of Archer, which was predominantly Baptist. His father Madison Land was born in Kentucky in 1790. In the 1850 Census, Madison, was listed as being blind. His mother, Charlotte, was born in S.C. and a son James M. Land served in Co. H. 11th. Reg. Ala,

The 1870 Census for Pickens Co. Ala. is very informative. It lists James Polk Stansel, farmer, personal wealth, \$180.00 with wife and one child Ellen, age 2.

This Census also shows Elizabeth C. Stansel, the widow of William E. Stansel Sr. (X) and children: Elizabeth, age 11, Thomas 9 and George 4. A supplement to this census gives an inventory of some of the land owners of the county. Elizabeth was inventoried as follows:

40 acres, unimproved, 40 acres, woodland.
cash value of farm, \$200.00.
cash value of implements, \$25.00.
wages paid during year, none.
1 horse, 1 mule, 3 milk cows, 2 working oxen,
2 other cattle, 10 swine.
Value of all livestock \$250.00.
Indian corn \$150.00

And records at the Carrollton Ala. Court House show that in 1876, James P. Stansel (X2) and Rebecca J. Stansel sold to E.C. Stansel (his mother) 40 acres plus, N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 26, Twn. 20, range 16 west, for \$262.50. James M. Land, a brother of Rebecca, was a witness to the record.

Following his mother's death in 1877, James Polk Stansel, repurchased the land by paying the mortgage of \$180.00. In 1886, after James P. and family had moved to Columbus Miss., he gave the property to his wife Rebecca J. "in consideration of \$100.00 and his love and affection for her".

As stated, Elizabeth C. (Jones) Stansel, died Sunday October 14, 1877 on her farm near Springhill community. Her children were grown or old enough to care for themselves at that time, with the exception of George (X-7), who was only 12 years old. And sometime between 1884 and 1887, he went to Arkansas, where his brother "Thad" and sister "Lizzie" were living.

About 1887, George married Nona Cantrell daughter of Gertrude Frost Cantrell, they had four children. John David, Jesse, Mollie Estella and Gertrude Rosella.

However, George became ill with tuberculosis and died in 1899, leaving his widow with three small children, Jesse having died at age 2.

In 1901, she married a Mr. Haynes, who assisted in raising the children,

The oldest, John David, (X-7A) married Willis Dutton and they had children : Arthur Dugan (X-7a1), Margaret Inez (X-7a2) Martha Nona Edith (X-7-a3) and John Edd (X-7a4).



Nona Cantrell Stansel
George M. Stansel

Jesse (X-7b) died in infancy. Mollie Estella (X-7c) married John W. Hood, well-known poet-farmer of East Texas, they had children Herbert Ewing (X-7c1), John Wilburn (X-7c2), Rena Lee (X-7c3) and Verna Wylie (X-7c4).

Gertrude R. (X-7d) married Ford Stuart and they had children, George W. (X-7d1) who died in infancy, Francis (X-7d2) Rachel (X-7d3) and Alice Ruth (X-7d4).

Arthur Dugan Stansel, (X-7a1) was an ardent Freemason in Electra, Texas and served as Master of his lodge in 1960. He married Mildred Lee Barrett, Feb. 10, 1940. They have a daughter, Karen Lee (Lake).

Margaret Inez (X-7a2) married Carl Moeller and they have children: Charles, Paulette and Debbie.

Martha Nona (X-7a3) married 1. McIlroy, 2. Hamlin. She has children: Margaret Ann, Jorja, and Lela Jo. (All McIlroys)

John Edd Stansel (X-7a4) married Dora Greenwood and they have sons, Jerry, and Timmie. They reside in Colorado City, Tex.

Nona May Stansel (X-6a) married Benton Fillman and they had a son Tommie, however Nona Mae died in childbirth.

Elizabeth Ann Stansel (X-5) the only daughter of William E. and Elizabeth C. Stansel, married Milton Wright of Coal Fire Ala. ca. 1880. They had four children: Caroline E. (Hammett) 1882-1906; John Edward (1882-1967) and Thaddeus and Thomas, both of whom died in infancy. About 1888 Elizabeth married her second husband, William White (1851-1930) of Redfield Ark., a sawmill town. He was a contractor for railroad ties. They had seven children (four of them, Benjamin F., Pearl and unnamed twins died in infancy) Lola (Bell) b. 1890, Alma Katherine (Mason) b. 1897 and a son, Robert Emmett White, b. 1894. All reside in Arkansas. Redfield, also was the home of John Thaddeus and George M. Stansel, prior to their deaths ca. 1900.

Elizabeth, lived in No. Little Rock for about 40 years. On October 4, 1941, she arrived in Iowa Park, Texas to visit her niece, Gertrude Stansel Stuart. As she alighted from the train, she fell and fractured her hip. Being more than 82 years of age, she died 9 days later in a Wichita Falls Hospital. She is buried in Edgewood Memorial Cemetery in North Little Rock, Ark.

Insofar as this writer can determine, the Stansels in America were always Protestant Christians. In the southern states they were seemingly either Baptists, Methodists or in the Christian Church. One researcher states that originally they were Huguenots. However early records of Huguenot settlers do not include the Stansel name. Following their persecution in France and Holland, the Huguenots spent several years in England and it is supposed that some Stansels may have immigrated to America with the Huguenots.

From the "History of North Carolina Baptists" by George Washington Paschal, vol.1. is the following--

"Silas Mercer, also preached in Tyrell County, (abt.1780) where he joined with Elders Page and John Stansil, in gathering the church on the Scuppernong."

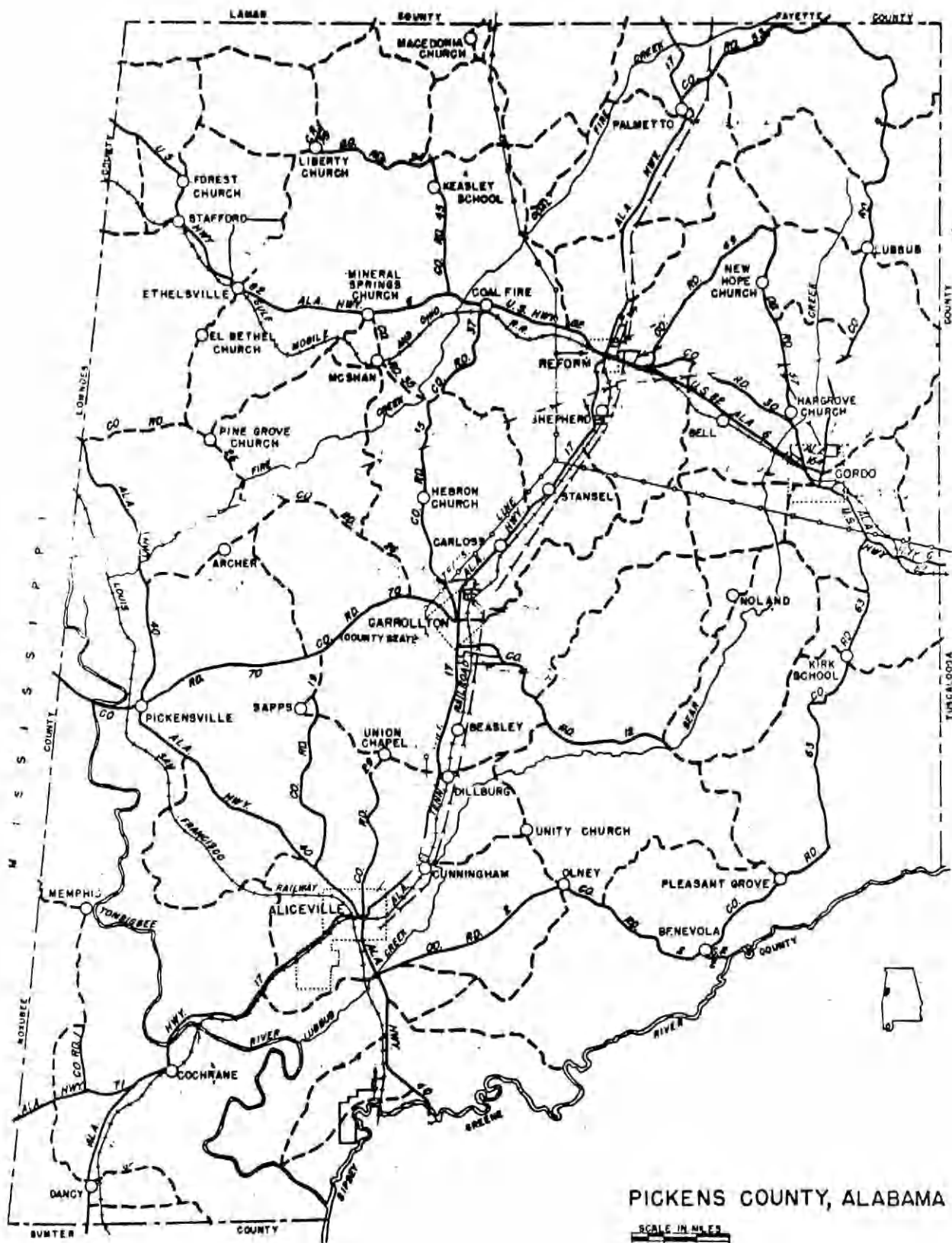
Another item:

"--at Flat Swamp (in Pitt or Martin) Eastern N.C. 1776-1783, one of its ministering brethren, however, Rev. John Stansil, became a "Universalian" and being 'arch, cunning and insinuating' carried away many with his craft, through the subtlety of Satan."

Stansel, Alabama, was named for the Stansel family of Pickens County, Ala. Before the days of paved highways and fast transportation, there was a railroad station and a post office. However, its proximity to Carrollton and Keform resulted in these services being discontinued. Today, in addition to several fine appearing farm homes, the townsite is dominated by the beautiful new building of the Stansel Baptist Church.

The large "gingerbread" style home of Col. Martin L. Stansel, still stands in Carrollton in good condition. As does the law office building, used by his son James Bayard Stansel, about 1900. Another former Stansel ante-bellum house in the area can be seen about 3½ miles from Aliceville. Martha Stansel Ball and later her brother William Battle Stansel, occupied the house until about 1900. The present owner (1967) is Mr. Lynn Webb.

Col. Martin L. Stansel and his immediate family are buried in Carrollton Cemetery, his parents, William Roberts Stansel and wife Jane and others of his family are buried at Aliceville, Ala.



William E. Stansel Sr. and his wife Elizabeth C. are buried in the Springhill Church Cemetery, near Archer, in Pickens County Ala.

In 1882, James Polk Stansel, moved his family from Pickens County, Alabama to Columbus, Miss., a distance of 25 or 30 miles. During the trip, his eldest son, James William, said that he (age 11) and his father walked in the road by the wagon, while his mother and the other small children rode in the wagon.



James William Stansel,
age 11.

An interesting incident occurred in May, 1884, when Rebecca Josephine Stansel, was visiting relatives in Pickens County. She had driven a horse and buggy from Columbus, taking with her the two youngest children, Lena and Oscar. While there the horse suddenly died. The cause of the horse's death was attributed to the "blind staggers". A letter regarding the incident was written by her oldest sister, Elizabeth Land. The letter also stated that George Stansel and her father James Land, had made every effort to save the animal. It was further stated that Ellen, age 15 and Will, age 13 had remained at home in Columbus with their father, James Polk Stansel, and the other children.

The aforesaid Elizabeth Land (1847-05) married a Rev. S.P. McReynolds, a widower with a daughter, Alice, who in 1895, became the wife of Eugene C. Stansel.

James Polk Stansel, entered the building construction business in Columbus and for a period of thirty years contributed greatly to the development of the city. His two story home is located on the corner of 3rd. Avenue North and 14th. Street, and its present day condition (1969) is evidence of the fine craftsmanship of its builder.

He was an active member of the Masonic Fraternity in Columbus, joining Columbus Lodge No.5, in 1888, his application lists his occupation as carpenter, he received his Master Mason Degree on Sept.4, 1888 and in 1891 became a Knight Templar Mason. His ornate Templar sword is in the possession of the writer. It was recently used in Masonic Installation ceremonies for Edwin N. and William E. Stansel.

He was also a member of the Odd Fellows fraternity. He died suddenly of a heart attack, February 4, 1911.

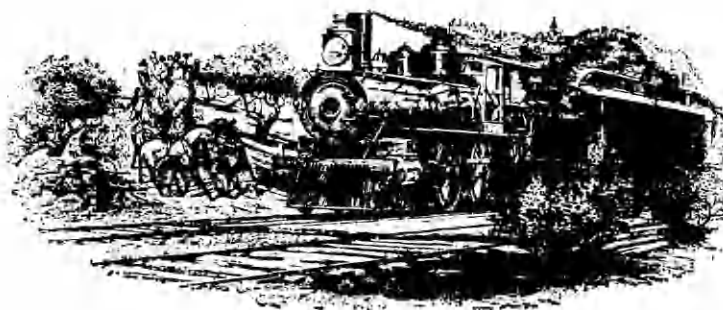
His wife Rebecca Josephine, became paralyzed about 1893 and was an invalid until her death, December 2, 1916. Throughout her illness she displayed a remarkable sense of humor, disdaining all expressions of pity for her. She and her husband are buried in Friendship Cemetery at Columbus.

Two of their sons made careers of the building contracting business. James William and John Arthur built numerous structures in Columbus ranging from small residences to the First State Bank Building (1910). This four-story building is still the tallest in the city. For a time J.W. operated the Columbus Brick Yard.

Oscar A. and Eugene C. became locomotive engineers working for the Illinois Central Railroad out of Memphis, Tenn.

In 1907 Eugene C., left the railroad to become a plantation owner in the Mississippi Delta, near Ruleville, Sunflower County. He cleared and drained about 2000 acres of swamp land which proved to be the finest and most fertile anywhere. At first he built a rough but comfortable three room house this was replaced later by a spacious plantation home. It was known as the "Mary Clay" plantation; he specialized in growing premium long and short staple cotton.

The plantation was located adjacent to the right-of-way of the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad and in later years operated his own cotton gin. In the 1920's he maintained a home in Miami Beach, Florida, where he spent his winters. He found time for extensive travel, was a Rotarian and a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason. He and his wife Alice (McReynolds) had no children. They were very active in the Methodist Church at Ruleville and for many years Alice taught a Sunday School class. Their philanthropies were legion. He died in 1956.





The James Polk Stansel Family, 1889



Minnie (Edmonds) Stansel



James William Stansel

Oscar Augustus Stansel ((X-2f) married Mattie May Alford, in Columbus on April 3, 1901. They had three children, Eugene Augustus, Bessie May and Anne.

Eugene A. married Elizabeth Roberta Richey, (dau. of Robert C. and Elizabeth Richey) in Memphis Tenn. on June 9, 1936. They moved to the Delta in 1940, their children were Elizabeth F. b. 6/14/39; Eugene A. jr. b. 8/24/42; and Martha A. b. 12/9/45.

Elizabeth F. Stansel, married Duke Goza and Eugene A. Stansel jr. married Jere Gilbert, July 25, 1965, she was the daughter of Jere and Zora Gilbert.

Eugene A. Stansel sr., acquired and operated the Stansel plantation for about 25 years, prior to his death on March 24, 1965. Eugene A. jr. and wife now reside on the plantation, which is located halfway between Ruleville and Drew Mississippi. Utilizing modern agriculture methods, he is one of the leading planters in the delta. His mother, Elizabeth R. "Zil", helps in the management of the farm. Julia E., b. Dec. 21, 1968, was the first child for Eugene A. jr. and Jere.

James William Stansel and Minnie Alice (Edmonds) were married in Selma Alabama, at the home of the bride, on October 28, 1891. They had become acquainted when she was attending I, I & C (now known as Mississippi State College For Women) in Columbus in 1889. She was an ardent worker in the First Christian Church of Columbus and an accomplished pianist. She was the daughter of Edwin N. and Irene Melissa (Blair) Edmonds. Edmonds, a native of Truro, Cornwall, England (b. 1842) served in the Union Army from New York State during the Civil War and was said to have witnessed the assassination of Abraham Lincoln at Ford's Theatre in Washington D.C. He lived to the age of 89 years, d. 1932 in Kansas City, Mo.

James William Stansel and wife Minnie, were the parents of three sons, Howard Edmonds, b. 1/18/94, John Madison, b. 12/10/97 and Edwin Nathaniel, b. 11/12/04. A daughter Pearl, was born February 3, 1900 but eight months later died of whooping cough. She is buried in Friendship Cemetery, Columbus.



Above, same
home in
1960.



The J.W.Stansel home in 1910.
Minnie, John, Edwin and Howard.

In 1900, James William Stansel, purchased an antebellum home in Columbus, located at 611 3rd. Avenue No. The home originally was built by pioneer Silas McBee, who was credited with naming the town. The original brick portion of the house was built ca. 1820 when most of the town consisted of log houses. For several years the settlement was known as "ol' possum town". This was probably the oldest house in Columbus.

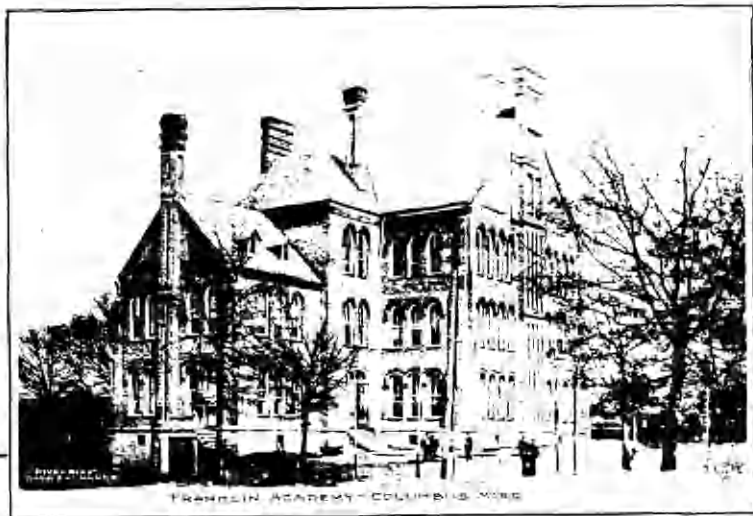
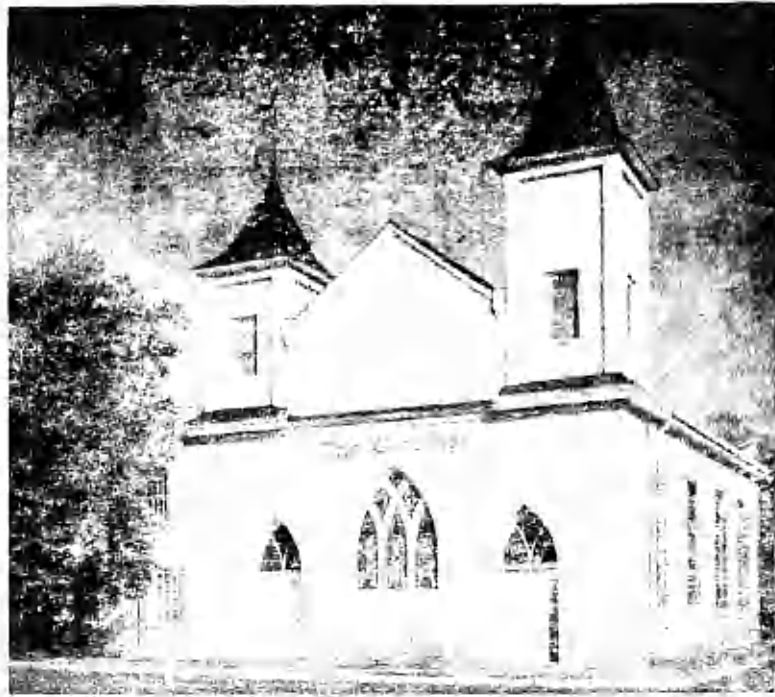
In 1839 it was the residence of Tilghman M. Tucker, 10th. Governor of Mississippi. Known as the "Governor's Mansion", the house had a very colorful and interesting history, before succumbing in 1968 to the demands for more parking space, adjacent to downtown Columbus.

Mr. Stansel had added large colonial columns and renovated the entire structure. It was the birthplace of their youngest son, Edwin N., b. 1904. Dr. S.L. Hollingsworth, purchased the home in 1920 and his widow was the last occupant. It is interesting to note that the Garth Home, No. 603 and situated next door west of the Stansel Home, was the residence of Lt. Governor W.H. Sims, prior to 1890.

The J.W. Stansel family attended the First Christian Church in Columbus. The church auditorium was used by the legislative branch of the Confederacy during the Civil War. Alexander Campbell (founder of the Disciples of Christ movement) once delivered a sermon from its pulpit.



Mississippi State College for Women



FRANKLIN ACADEMY - COLUMBUS, MISS.



FIRST STATE BANK.

COLUMBUS,
MISSISSIPPI.

In 1909, President William H. Taft, visited Columbus. The parade route went along 3rd. Avenue No. By pre-arrangement, J.W.Stansel and a group of his friends were on the porch of the Stansel home, which had been decorated with red, white and blue bunting around the cornice and a huge picture of the President in the center. At the moment that the President's carriage passed, the men drank a toast to the President. Mr. Taft, tipped his silk top-hat in acknowledgement. Later, the men were amused to learn that the "women folks" watching the procession from the sidewalk and being unaware of the activities on the porch, believed that the President's acknowledgement was meant expressly for them.

The Franklin Academy of Columbus, founded in 1821, was the first public school in Mississippi. Among the Stansels who attended this fine old school were Horace S. Stansel, Howard E. Stansel, John M. Stansel and Edwin N. Stansel.

And the Mississippi State College for Women in Columbus was the alma mater for several of the Stansel women--Minnie(Edmonds) Stansel, Pearl(High) Stansel, Alena Stansel, Mattie May (Alford) Stansel, Mary Stansel, Virginia Stansel and more recently, Elizabeth Stansel, daughter of Eugene A.Stansel Sr.

James William Stansel and his family moved to Muskogee, Oklahoma, during the "oil boom" of 1911. He continued his building contracting in Muskogee until the death of his wife, Minnie in 1913. Afterward, he lived in Atoka, Ardmore and Norman Okla. Many of his structures are still in use in those towns. Hardy Sanitarium in Ardmore, public schools in Ringling and Healdton, the Methodist Church in Atoka and the City National Bank (1922) in Norman Okla.

He was active in the Masonic fraternity, a member of the Eastern Star, York Rite, Commandery and the Odd Fellows. At the time of his death in 1929, he was Junior Warden, of the Norman Lodge. He is buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery at Norman.

His three sons, Howard, John and Edwin had their share of unusual experiences during their boyhood. While doing his wood chopping chores (after dark), Howard accidentally cut through his shoe with the axe and severed his big toe. The family physician was able to sew it back.

At about age 12, John attempted to "hitch a ride" on the tail gate of a passing wagon, losing his grip he fell under the wheels and suffered a severely broken forearm, gangrene resulted and the family doctor recommended immediate amputation. A local nurse asked for the opportunity to save the arm. The parents decided to give her the chance. The nurse asked for a quart of whiskey and in a few days succeeded in stopping the infection. It is not known how she used the whiskey.

During his teen years, John, tried many types of employment. He worked as an attendant in a mortuary, a "soda-jerk" in a soda fountain, peeled potatoes for a potato chip factory and was a "news-butcher" on trains, selling newspapers, candies, fruits etc.

Following his mother's death in 1913, Edwin lived with relatives and family friends in Mississippi, Oklahoma and Texas. In the summer of 1921, age 16, he worked as a field hand in the Kansas harvest fields, during this period, he rode freight trains and gained first hand knowledge of the life of an itinerant "hobo."

The two older sons, Howard E. and John M. saw military service during World War I. In 1917, Howard, a ministerial student at Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky, enlisted in the U.S. Navy and became a Chief Yeoman. He was assigned to the U.S.S. Columbia and later to the U.S.S. Mongolia, serving as an aide and stenographer for the ships' Captains. He made 17 round trips across the Atlantic, through submarine infested routes, escorting troops to France.

Howard E. lived in Ardmore Okla. for several years after the war, here he married Opal Reed, b.7/4/97; d.11/19/58. He became an accredited Public Accountant and after several years with the U.S. Veterans Administration, he operated his own accounting firm in San Antonio, Texas. His early education in theology influenced his entire life as he worked in the vineyards of the Christian Church, as a minister, an elder and a teacher of note.

Howard was a member of the San Antonio Masonic Lodge. He and his wife Opal, were survived by a daughter, Shirley Jean b.9/2/32. (Mrs. William Fly) of Hondo Texas and two grandchildren, James and Barbara Fly. Howard and Opal are buried in the Ft. Sam Houston Cemetery.

John M. Stansel, was a member of Hq. Co. of the 143rd. Infantry, 36th. Div. A.E.F. He spent more than a year in the combat zone of France. During the famous battle of Argonne Forest, one of his missions was to deliver a message to a command post that required traversing "no-man's land", at night, under fire. Making his way through shrapnel and mustard gas, he completed his assignment....



HOWARD E. and JOHN M. STANSEL

two other messengers, carrying duplicate messages, did not make it. John was cited by the French and recommended for the Croix de Guerre. Unfortunately, due to the commotion at Armistice time, the citations for his regiment were lost and he never received his French Cross.

John, married Vera Nichols of Quawpaw, Oklahoma in 1919, and entered the cotton marketing business. After a few years with the "Co-Op" Cotton Association in Oklahoma City and Boston Mass., he established his own cotton brokerage office in Greensboro, N.C. He continued this business until his death in 1948. He too was a member of the Masonic Fraternity. His widow Vera, continues to live in Greensboro and is now married to J. Norman Deviney, a banker of that city. There were no children.

The third son, Edwin N. Stansel, followed the retail shoe business for 20 years as an employee of chain store operators. He managed stores in several states, from Ohio to California. In 1937 and 1938 he lived in the Mississippi Delta and was employed by his uncle, Eugene C. as a plantation bookkeeper. In 1941, he changed his vocation and entered the newspaper field. He was a display advertising consultant and designer for the Inglewood Daily News (Calif.) for twenty-five years before retiring in 1966.

In 1944, he was elected president of the Los Angeles County Brotherhood of Christian Churches, comprised of the men of 88 churches. He served the Christian Church as a trustee elder and teacher. He also became an active member of the Masonic Fraternity in 1947 and was elected Worshipful Master of Inglewood Lodge F. & A.M. No. 421, in 1960. He was a 32nd. degree Scottish Rite Mason. Four successive Grand Masters appointed him to serve on the Grand Lodge Committee for Public Schools in California. After retiring in 1966, he became a "plural" member of Rim of the World Lodge No. 711, in the San Bernardino Mountains, and continued his Masonic activities as officers ritual coach and Lodge Secretary.

He was elected to membership in the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, (#98844) in 1969 and served as Americanism Chairman of the Riverside Chapter.

Edwin married Wilma Katherine Johnston(b.5/3/04, in Harris Mo.) in Hutchinson Kansas, April 19th. 1924 and following her death in 1955, he married her first cousin, Audra Fay Golden(b.3/16/16,Blanchard Okla.) She was the daughter of Col. Charles Otis and Hattie (King) Golden. Wilma was the daughter of Samuel and IdaEllen (Golden) Johnston.

Prior to her marriage, Wilma was a highly skilled stenographer and was employed by a large firm of Attorneys in Wichita ,Kansas. She was a Sunday School teacher for a number of years and her talents as a pianist were inherited by her two sons.

Audra, following a career as an accountant in the import-export industry, became a prominent club woman and was the Golden Anniversary President of the Inglewood Calif. Woman's Club in 1961.

There were two sons by the first marriage of Edwin N. Stansel. Doyle Johnston,b. February 26,1933 and William Eugene, b. November 24,1935. Shirley Louise,b.Aug.28,1946,the daughter of Audra,by a previous marriage, became a Stansel by adoption in 1958.

Doyle J. a graduate of Pepperdine College, in Los Angeles (B.A. 1954;M.A.1956) is a member of the administrative staff of California State College at San Bernardino. He is Associate Dean and Director of Placement and Financial Aid. He spent two years (1955-56) with the U.S.Army Security Agency at Ft. Devins Mass. and Ft. Bragg N.C. In 1953 he married Lois Virginia Wegner, daughter of Victor and Gertrude Wegner. They have 3 children, Paul Vincent, b.1961; Alexander Jeffrey,b.1964 and Jill Marlene,b.1963.

William Eugene, received his doctorate in Optometry in 1960 and has become one of the most successful optometrists in Southern California with offices in Hawthorne. He is an assistant professor at the Los Angeles College of Optometry, where he supervises the seniors' clinical studies. He married Patricia Ann Corn, daughter of Leo and Georgia Corn, in 1955. Emulating his father, he became Master of the Inglewood Masonic Lodge in 1969. He was the 5th. consecutive generation of Stansels to be a Freemason. They have children, Jay William,b.1956; Kirk David,b.1957; Karen Diane,b.1958 and Gary Evan,b.1965.

Shirley L. Stansel, married Brian J. South, on March 18th. 1967. In 1969, they were living in Meridian Miss., where he was an Ensign in the U.S. Navy Airforce.

The children of Martha Alice "Mattie" (X-2c) and Edgar Stevens were, Rosaline, b. 7/16/95; Josephine, b. 2/1/98; Otto A. b. 6/19/1900 and Lena, b. 2/27/03.

Rosaline (X-2c1) and Josephine (X-2c2) were chief supervisors of operators for the Southern Bell Telephone Co. of Columbus Miss. for many years. Rosaline died 2/13/47. Josephine, after retirement, still resides in Columbus, neither were married.

Otto A. Stevens (X-2c3) married Essie Morris, November 15, 1919 and lived in Winter Park Florida where he operated his own garage. Otto died in 1965. They had two children, Howard S. b. 8/25/20 and Elizabeth Rosaline, b. 1936.

Howard S. Stevens, married Joyce Anderson, 9/9/58 and have children Donna, Dianna and Arno. Elizabeth R. married a Mr. Miller, 4/13/57 and they have children Lisa J. and Cheryl L.

Lena (X-2c4) married Samuel Limuel Thomasson on December 4, 1919. There are two sons, S.L. jr. b. 1920 and James Edward, b. 1922.

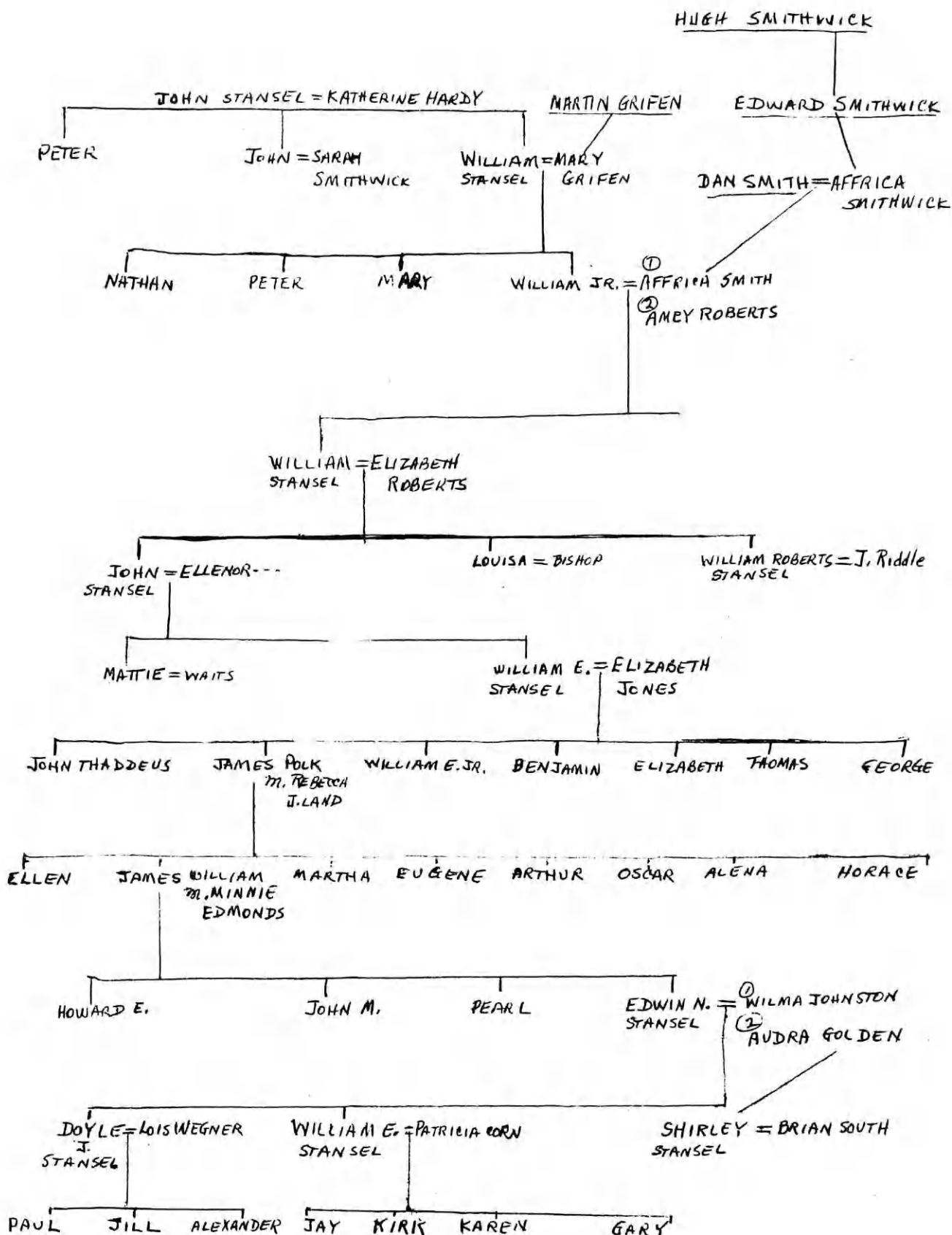
S.L. jr. married Frances Elizabeth Farley in 1940. They have two daughters, Sandra and Clarissa Jo.

James Edward Thomasson married Patricia Mize in 1947 and they have daughters Janet and Linda.

The Thomasson men are prominent in the Columbus business world. S.L. jr. owns and operates a wholesale and retail outlet for electronic equipment. James E. is the sales manager for a leading automobile dealer.

Descendents of Rebecca Alena (X-2g) and Richard Adolphus Bryan begin with their only son Richard Acker Bryan, b. 9/18/13. He married Clara Eskew in 1938 and they were the parents of two sons, Richard A. jr. b. 8/23/39 and Allen Wayne, b. 4/30/44. Richard A. jr. married Barbara Deney in 1963, he died in 1966 following a brief illness. Allen W. Bryan married Betty Skaggs in 1966.

Richard Acker Sr., a longtime resident of Columbus owns and operates a shop near the MSCW college campus, specializing in rare tropical fish and stereophonic recordings.



LINEAGE OF EDWIN N. STANSEL
AND CHILDREN.

Horace Sylvan Stansel (X-2h) as a boy attended school at Franklin Academy in Columbus and in 1910 entered Mississippi A.&M. College at Starkville (now Miss. State). He graduated in 1914 with a degree in Civil Engineering. He worked his way through college, showing motion pictures to the students and doing odd jobs, he played varsity football, was president of the Senior Class and also the Dramatic Club. He found time to be the business manager of the school paper "College Reflector".



HORACE S. STANSEL

In 1914, he moved to Ruleville Miss. with his bride Dovie Pearl (High). Following a busy career as a surveyor and builder, he entered politics in 1923. He was elected to the legislature from Sunflower County and through his knowledge of civil engineering set out to provide Mississippi with a much needed system of farm-to-market roads. He became known as the "father of good roads" in Mississippi. There is a stone marker on the main U.S. Highway through the Delta bearing the inscription-- "Stansel Memorial Highway".

Horace served as Speaker of the House of Representatives in Mississippi. He was also the State Director of the federal agency, Works Progress Administration. In 1936 plans were being formulated for him to be the next Governor of the state. These plans were dashed by his untimely death at age 48.

His widow Pearl Stansel, was appointed by Governor Hugh White to serve the unexpired term of office in the legislature. At the expiration of that term she was elected for an additional four years. She served the people of Sunflower County with understanding and dedication before retiring.

A fine public library bearing the name of Horace Stansel has been established in Ruleville.

He was a member of several fraternal organizations, Knight Pythians, Maccabees and numerous Masonic bodies including the Scottish Rite, Shrine and Eastern Star. He was a Past Grand Worthy Patron of the Eastern Star. He was signally honored by having a Masonic Lodge named for him. In Waynesboro Miss., is located the Horace Sylvan Stansel, Masonic Lodge, No. 603.

Horace and Pearl Stansel, had two daughters.
Mary Rebecca, b. 2/26/16 and Virginia Pearl, b. 8/10/18.

Mary (X-2h1) holds impressive college degrees in the fields of Home Economics and Dietetics. She received her Bachelor of Science at Mississippi State College For Women, her Master's Degree from Western Reserve and a certificate in dietetics from John Hopkins Hospital where she served as Assistant Administrative Dietician in 1937-38. This was followed by three years on the administrative staff at Vassar College. She was Nutrition Consultant for the Mississippi State Board of Health for about eight years and in 1969 was serving her eighth year as Assistant Professor of Home Economics at Delta State College in Cleveland Miss.

She married Edwin Harvey, January 2, 1946 and they have four children, Mary Allena (Molly) b. 2/7/48; John Stansel Harvey, b. 3/30/50; Virginia Edwina, b. 12/9/52 and Martha Melissa, b. 7/19/55.

Virginia Pearl (X-2h2) became a Doctor of Medicine in 1950 at the University of Tennessee and after obtaining her credentials returned to her hometown, Ruleville to begin her practice. Her skill and achievements are well known throughout the south. She is known as "Dr. Virginia". Married first to Benjamin Laurence Stacy, Dec. 13, 1943, she has a son, Laurence Stacy, b. 1944. Her second marriage was to Dr. Earl P. Tolbert, June 7, 1953. Tolbert was the leading dentist of the delta area before his retirement.

The Stansel men for generations have been described as having light brown hair and light eyes, however like many other families, there are those who are decidedly brunette. And in the Carolinas and Arkansas there are some Stansel men who are the "red-haired Irish" type.

Insofar as the Stansel women are concerned, it is said that beauty has always existed in generous quantities, and a recent appraisal indicates that there seems to be no danger of the supply of beauties ever diminishing.

Some descendents of J E S S E S T A N S E L,
of Georgetown District, South Carolina, in the 1790,
U.S.Census, as supplied by Thomas A. Stansell, of Rich-
mond, Virginia, a descendent of Bennett Kendrick Stansell,
a son of Jesse.

- A. Jesse Stansel, b. N.C. 10/21/1770; m. Elizabeth, b. S.C. 7/13/71.
d. after 1850 Ga.
1. Levi, b. S.C. 1795; m. Charlotte---b. N.C. 1802.
 2. Joel, b. S.C. 1799; m. Saleta Henry, b. Ga. 1801.
 3. Bennett K., b. Ga. 1805; m. Mary Coppage Dameson, b. N.C. 1805.
 4. George D., b. Ga. 1811; m. Mary---, b. 1820.
 5. John W., b. ca. 1810 Ga.; m. -----
1. Levi Stansell.....m.....Charlotte---
 - a. Ann, b. N.C. 1832
 - b. William, b. Ga. 1834
 - c. John, b. Ga. 1837
 - d. Franklin, b. Ga. 1839
 - e. Richard, b. Ga. 1840
 - f. Joel, b. Ga. 1842.
 2. Joel Stansell.....m. Saleta Henry
 - a. Mary, b. Ga. 1828
 - b. Frances, b. Ga. 1829
 - c. Mathew, b. 1830
 - d. Saleta A., b. Ga. 1832
 - e. Susan, b. Ga. 1834
 - f. Elizabeth, b. Ga. 1837
 - g. Winfield, b. Ga. 1838
 - h. Jolanna, b. Ga. 1842
 - i. Joel, b. Ga. 1844
 - j. William, b. Ga. 1846
 3. Bennett Kendrick Stansell....m....Mary Coppage Dameson.
 - a. Sarah Ann, b. Ga. 1829; m. Redake Sims
 - b. Elizabeth Minerva, b. Ga. 1830; m. Moses Lackey.
 - c. Rebecca Adeline, b. Newton Co. Ga. 1832; m. John A. Lackey
 - d. William Franklin, b. Ga. 1834; m. Tempe S. Glenn
 - e. Edward O., b. Ga. 1836; never married.
 - f. Mary S., b. Ga. 1838; m. James Glenn
 - g. Martha E., b. Ga. 1840; m. J. Gilbreath
 - h. Bennett Levi, b. Ga. 1840
 - i. Jesse Payne, b. Ga. 1846
 - j. Thomas Jefferson, b. Ga. 1848
 - k. John Newton, b. Ala. 1851
 - (2nd. marriage)--- Narcissa Waters
 - l. Mary F., b. Ala. 1864
 - m. Sebrin H., b. Ala. 1867.
 - d. William Franklin Stansell.....m....Tempe Glenn, b. Ga. 1831.
 - d1. Sarah E., b. 1862 Ala.
 - d2. Martha, m.....Tobe Gilbert
 - d3. William
 - d4. Belle
 - d5. George W., b. 1872, Ala.
 - d6. Thomas Jefferson, b. 1855 Ala.

d6. Thomas Jefferson Stansel.....m.Nancy Gilbert;m,1874
a.Robert Basil,b.Ala.1875;m.Frances Ryan,1897
b.George Gilbert,b.1877;d.1935
c.William Horace,b.1879;d.1933
d.Philip B.,b.1881;d.infancy
e.Tempe Ann,b.1883;m. c. Robinson
f.Kearney Belle,b.1885;m. D.Rogers
g.Lucy,b.1885;m..W.Milwee
h.Maud,b.1889;d.1918
i.Claud,(twin)b.1889;d.1890
j.Nancy L.,b.1892;m.S.Machen
k.Thomas Joyce,b.1894;d.1921
l.Hattie J.,b.1897;m.Chandler

a. Robert Basil Stansell.....m....Frances Ryan
a1.Lucius Grant,b.Ala.1901;m.Hazel Leseman
a2.Dorothy,b. Tenn.1905;d.1907
a3.Robert Basil jr;b.Tenn.1909

4. George D.Stansell.....m.....Mary---
a.James,b. Ga.1832
b.Charlott,b.Ga.1840
c.Eliza Ann,b.Ga.1844
d.William, b.Ga.1844
e.Floyd,b.1847
f.Aneliza,b.Ga. 1850

5. John W.Stansell.....m.....---
(John W.is listed in Newton Co.Ga. Census 1830,with
spouse,no children)

Several men of the above line became Methodist Ministers.
Some of the family now reside in St. Paul,Minn.,Monmouth,Ill.
and Richmond Va.

STANCIL FAMILY OF PEMISCOT COUNTY,MISSOURI.

A. John Stancil,b. ca.1787 N.C.;d.Tenn.
son-,Martin Luther,b.N.C.1807;d. Mo.1855.
m. Martha Ann Nolin,b.1822;d.1861.

Children:

1a.John P.,b.1841;d.1873
1b.Elizabeth, died infancy
1c.Jonathan,died infancy
1d.George C.,b.1849;d.1863
1e.Martin Luther jr.,died infancy
1f.Martha,died infancy

1a.John P. Stansell, had children:George,Lula and John P.jr.

(from L.D.S.Film Library,Los Angeles)

STANSEL FAMILY OF THOMAS & BROOKS COUNTIES, GEORGIA.

A. Richard O. Stansel, b. 1793 Ga. m. Lurena, b. 1810
(presumed to be same Richard in Tattnall Co. Ga. Census,
1820, and on Decatur Co. Ga. Tax roll in 1824)

1. Robert Lee Stansel, b. 3/27/50; d. 1926; m. Susan Ward, a. 1927.
2. Thomas, b. 1837
3. George, b. 1841
4. Mary, b. 1839
5. Elizabeth, b. 1843
6. Eliza, b. 1845
7. Nancy, b. 1847

Robert Lee Stansel and Susan Ward had children:

- 1a. Robert Lee, b. 1880; his children: Robt. Blanche, Nellie Ruth
- 1b. Thomas, b. ca. 1885; d. 1961; his children: Ruth, Thomas & 3 girls.
- 1c. Reese, b. 1888; d. 1965
- 1d. Arthur, no dates
- 1e. Alexander, no dates
- 1f. Claude (girl)
- 1g. Grover (girl)

B. William B. Stansel, b. 1820, Ga.; m. Nancy, b. 1826

1. Richard, b. 1845
2. John, b. 1842
3. James, b. 1848
4. George, b. 1859
5. Elizabeth, b. 1844

Richard O. Stansel & William B., believed to be brothers.)

SOME FLORIDA STANSELS.

Wellborn, Suwanee County, Fla.

A. Jesse Stansel, b. S.C.; m. C.C. --- b. 1834, Fla.

1. William, b. ca. 1857 Fla.
2. Harvey, b. ca. 1854
3. Floyd, b. ca. 1857
4. Jesse P., b. 1865
5. Henry, b. 1862
- 6. George Russell, b. 10/2/1869
7. Helen, b. 1867
8. Mary, b. 1860
9. Ellen, no dates
10. John, b. 1872

6. George Russell Stansel, (m) Lula Tilda Gardner, b. 11/3/76

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| a. Vella, b. 10/21/96 | f. Ethel & Grethel, twins, b. 3/3/11 |
| b. Leroy, b. 7/21/99 | g. George L. b. 7/12/13 |
| c. Marvin R. 7/30/02 | h. Jewell, b. 9/13/15 |
| d. Ruby, b. 3/23/07 | i. Grace, b. 9/16/18 |
| e. Agnes, b. 2/6/09 | |

b. Leroy had children: Elizabeth Ann; Edward Leroy; Dorothy L.;
James Albert and John Russell. (Leroy resides Tampa, 1969.)

STANSELLS FROM MADISON COUNTY, ARKANSAS.

John R. Stansell, b. Ga. 1853.. .m. Jemima, b. Ark. 1862

1. William Oliver, b. 1879
2. Annie N., b. 1880
3. Laurie, b. 1881
4. Jessie Newton, b. 1/7/82

Jessie Newton Stansell.....m....Nancy Bolinger, b. 2/25/83

1. Lee, b. 12/17/1904
2. Gladys, b. 10/27/07
3. Oren, b. 4/13/10
4. Loys Edgar, b. 4/12/12
5. Cread, b. 4/24/17
6. Leonard, b. 4/29/20
7. Dee, b. 4/17/ 23

Lee Stansell.....m.... Artie Jones, b. 5/21/10

1. Mildred, b. 5/21/10; m. Don Jenkins, issue: Patricia, Shari Lee
2. Joe, b. 3/8/39; m. Janet Jones, issue: Kerry Lucinda

Gladys Stansell...m.....Roy VanHook, b. 6/15/07

1. Jack D. b. 9/13/33

Oren Stansell.....m.....Oka Dotson, b. 10/16/14

1. Bobby Dale, b. 5/27/40
2. Clarice Ilene b. 2/15/44

Loys Edgar Stansell.....m.....Lucy Yingst, b. 6/30/15

1. Norman Edgar, b. 6/9/38; m. Mary Jo Moore, b. 8/11/40
2. Raelene "Ginger", b. 6/19/49

Cread Stansellm.....Pauline Baxter

1. Forrest, b. 11/29/44
2. Carol, b. 5/5/46
3. Johnny, b. 8/21/48
4. Harvey, b. 9/17/51

Leonard O. Stansell.....m.....Euna Vanderpool

1. Olen, b. 7/1/48
2. Larry, b. 7/16/50
3. Linda, b. 7/16/52
4. Edward Newton, b. 2/28/55
5. Brenda Dee, b. 12/23/57

Dee Stansell.....m.....Vivian Miller, b. 4/25/26

1. Mary Jo., b. 6/11/60

Norman Edgar Stansell...m....Mary Jo Moore, b. 8/11/40

1. Michael Alan, b. 9/24/59
2. Michelle Lynn, b. 12/8/61.

THE NICHOLAS STANSEL LINE

Descendents of Nicholas Stansel, have done considerable research dating back to 1700, they settled principally in New York, Ohio, and Indiana and some in Canada. The "first Nicholas", was an emigrant from the Rhine Valley, in Germany about 1708. He settled near Newbury, N.Y. and then the "Hook", near what is now Athens, N.Y., later he lived at Schenectady and Stone Arabia, N.Y.

No connection has ever been established between the German line and the English line of Stansels.

By 1712, Nicholas Stansel, had married into the Dutch family, the DeGraffs, of Schenectady. His wife was Elizabeth DeGraff, the 9th. child of Claas Andriese DeGraff.

Nicholas was a trustee of the Dutch Reformed or Lutheran church of Stone Arabia Palatine, in Mohawk Valley, N.Y.

Extracts from the Doop-Boek or Baptismal Register of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Schenectady, N.Y.....

1717, 8, Juni, JESSE, Nicolaes Stensel (father)
Elizabeth DeGraef (mother)

1718, 24, Nov. LIZABET, Nicolaes Stensel (father)
Lizabet Stensel (mother)
(New England Historical & Gen. Regist. v. 20, 21.)

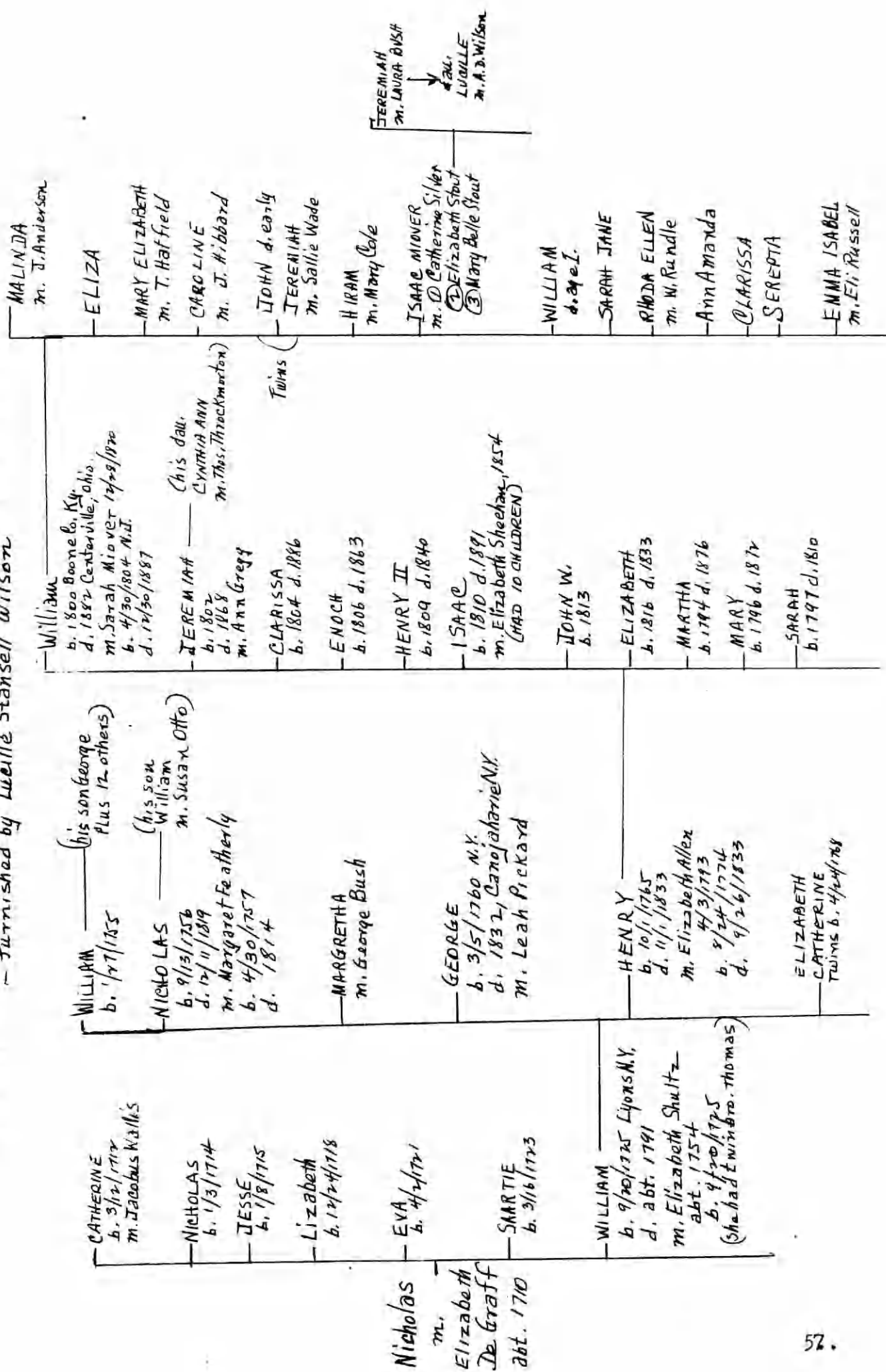
From the "History of Hardin County, Ohio", comes an account of William Stansell, grandson of Nicholas, of the State of New York, who served in the Revolutionary War. He said that he had two brothers killed in the Revolutionary War. (ed. note, the word "killed" must be questioned. Military and family records show his brothers to be living many years after the war.)

William was a farmer and millright and owned 160 acres of land. When the Erie Canal was under construction, he contracted and graded three miles of it through his own farm **and also built three locks, laying out and naming the town of Lockport, N.Y.** After its completion, his son George, opened its locks and connected the first waters of Lake Erie and the Hudson River. William was the father of thirteen children. George was born in Wayne, Ontario Co. N.Y., Jan. 12, 1801 and died in Wyandot Co. Ohio, Sept. 10, 1854. He married Zada P. Bristoll of Conn., b. Dec. 4, 1809, d. Nov. 20, 1868. Her father was David Bristoll, a native of England, whose wife was Sarah Prindell. They were the parents of nine children.

One of George's sons was J.A. Stansell, a physician of Forest, Ohio, b. 1831, N.Y. and married in 1854 to Eveline C. Adams, a daughter of John Adams of Delaware Co. Ohio. There were four children: Lily J. (Campbell), Iva J. (West), Nellie J. and Franklin.

SOME DESCENDANTS OF NICHOLAS STANSEL, OF NEW YORK

- furnished by Lucille Stansell Wilson



NEW YORK STANSELS IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

(Descendents of Nicholas Stansel)

George Stansil, of Montgomery Co. N.Y. b. Springfield, N.Y. 1760
d. Canojoharie, N.Y. 1832
m. Leah Pickard.

Served in: Col. Jacob Klock's Regt. Militia.
Capt. Samuel Gray's Co. Bateau Men, Continental
Toops.
Clydes New York Regiment.

Nicholas Stansel, of New York; b. Springfield N.Y. 9/11/1755
d. Arcadia, N.Y. 12/11/1819;
m. Margaret Featherly, b. 1759, d. 1844.

Served in: Campbell's Battalion of Minute Men.
Philip Schuyler's Regt. N.Y. Militia.
3rd. Regt. N.Y. Levies (Drummer).
Klock's Regiment, N.Y.
Winn's Co. Rangers, N.Y.
Clydes New York Regiment.

William Stansel, of New York; b. 1/27/1755

Served in: Col. Jacob Klock's regt. N.Y. Militia.
2nd. New York, Regiment
Winn's Rangers
Clyde's New York Regiment.

Copies of the military records of the above soldiers are available from the National Archives in Washington D.C.. George, Nicholas and William are brothers and grandsons of the "first Nicholas" of New York.

There was a fourth brother, he was Henry Stansel, (1765-1833). Family records relate that he was captured by Indians and kept a prisoner for five years. After he was released he went to Kentucky, where he married Elizabeth Allen, in 1793.

Limited information has been found on the StanZel family of Moravia or Prussia. However, there is a record of the Stanzel family in America about 1847, when William A. Stanzel, (b.8/31/1833, Schonneckow, Prussia) migrated to Oshkosh, Wisconsin with 5 sons and 2 daughters. He was the son of Martin and Eva Stanzel, of Moravia. Martin was a miller.
(from the "Sac County, History of Iowa", by Hart, 1914)

According to Appleton's Cyclopedia of American Biographies, a German astronomer named, Valentine Stansel, (spanish spelling Estancel) born in Moravia in 1621, became a Jesuit in 1637 and taught rhetoric and mathematics in the colleges of Omultz and Prague. He was in Brazil in 1664 and was a professor of theology in the University of San Salvador. He wrote several books on astronomy and the movements of comets, "Orbis Alfonsinus", (Evora 1658) and others, all written in Latin. He died in Bahai, Brazil, Dec. 18, 1705.

There is some speculation, that during periods of extreme persecution in early England, certain Stansels did go from England to Holland. The appearance of Christian names such as William and Nicholas in both English and European branches, seem to lend credence to this speculation.

During the past four years, 12,000 miles of travel, interviews and countless letters, together with genealogical library research, has resulted in this account of the Stansel family.

Needless to say there are hundreds of Stansels, who are not mentioned in this writing. Surely, future researchers will add to the history of this honorable family bearing the name of Stansel.

"A people who take no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestry, will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote descendents."

--Macaulay, historian.

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