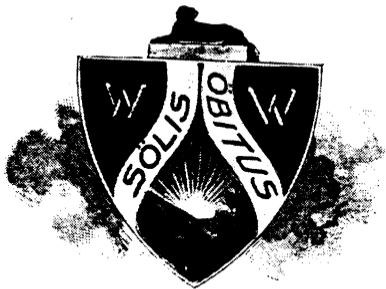


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West, Mitchell, Krafft, McKee, Underwood, Ripley,
Murray, Edmundson, Prickett, Hadley, Jewett—Illinois.

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Crow, Collier, Boogher—Missouri.

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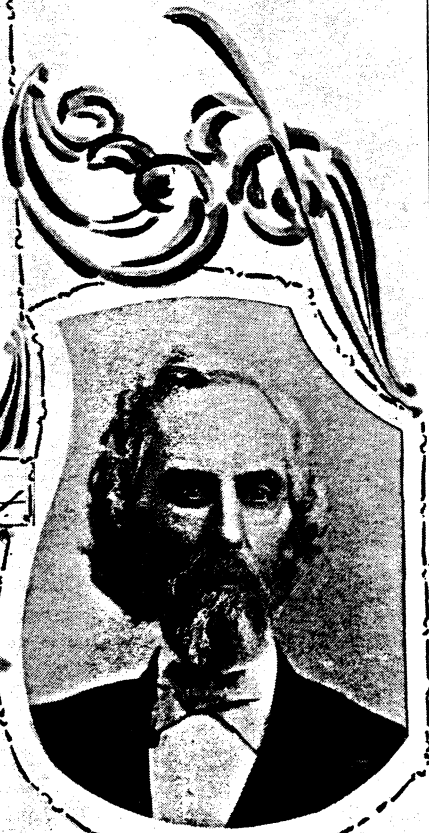
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Louisa A. West



Benjamin J. West

INTRODUCTION.

History, and the language of names, tell us that proper names are derived in most instances from objects, and so we find the name of West taken from the direction of the "setting sun"

From the Bible records left by my grandfather Tilghman H. West, great-grandfather Edward Mitchell, grandfather James Mitchell, my great uncle Samuel Mitchell, my father's family Bible, and the information I have obtained in Virginia, Kentucky, Maryland and Illinois, I am enabled to trace the West and Mitchell families back to English history.

The immediate family of my father has passed away, but himself, now eighty-six years of age, myself, brother Robert Craig West, and three children of my deceased sister, Mary W. Jeffries.

My honored and affectionate father has with care, love and reverence for his deceased parents and children removed their remains to the beautiful Green Mount Cemetery overlooking the famous Shiloh Valley near Belleville., and erected to their memory a beautiful monument which will mark the resting place of the family for ages to come. My father's life has been an active one, engaged about fifty years in merchandising, farm-

ing, and banking interests. During this active life, he at all times declined political offices, positions connected with the state or corporations, applying himself closely and solely to his personal interests. He is now spending the evening of life traveling and adding in every way possible to the health, comfort and pleasure, of my mother and himself. During the past thirty years, he has found the climate of Minnesota, among the beautiful lakes of the north, beneficial, and has spent his summers here since 1862, still retaining the old homestead in Belleville, Ill., near the scenes of his boyhood and in view of the rich, fertile lands entered from the government by his father, now blooming with beautiful flowers and bearing the richest fruits and cereals. It is my earnest request that this short history of my father's and mother's family, though I regret incomplete, may be carefully preserved by my two children. Henry Tilghman and Marie Louise West, for whom I have written it.

BENJ. J. WEST, JR.

Minneapolis, Sept. 1, 1898.



Lora K. West



Ben. J. West, Jr.

PRELUDE.

The West family came from England with Leonard Calvert, brother of Lord Baltimore, and settled in Maryland in 1632. The family were among the first settlers of St. Clair county, Illinois. John West, the great-great-grandfather, lived and died in Maryland. His son Benjamin removed to Virginia at a date prior to the Revolution and during that memorable struggle served upon the staff of General Washington.

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Sir Thomas West lived during the reign of Edward II., King of England, and by the King was summoned as a member of Parliament, also participating in the wars of Edward III. The West family originally were from the County of Nodaway, England. I am convinced that Lord West, Rear Admiral Benjamin West, and Captain Temple West, were ancestors of our family. They proved themselves brave men in the English navy in the wars against the French.

My great-great-great-grandfather, Thomas West, my great-great-grandfather John West, my great-grandfather Benjamin West, came to America from England and settled in Montgomery County, Maryland. In 1760, my great-grandfather Benjamin West, married Miss Virlynda Hilleary, at Hagerstown, Maryland. Soon after his marriage, however, he moved to Virginia and settled on a plantation in Botetourt County near Fincastle, the County seat. From this union eight children were born. Henry, Hilleary, Anna, Virlynda, Tilghman H., Washington, Frances, and Sarah.

My great-aunt, Anna West, married a Mr. James Ripley in Virginia. From this marriage six children were born. William, Benjamin, George, Hilleary,

Thomas, Virilinda and Alley. The family removed to Illinois with grandfather in 1818, where the daughter Ailey married Hon. John Murray (her second husband), her first husband, a Mr. Robinson, died some years previous in Belleville, Ill. John Murray was a member of the State Senate and a prominent business man of Belleville. Of this marriage, but two children are living, D. H. Murray, of Minneapolis, who married Miss Louise M. Krafft of Belleville (deceased), and Mrs. Caroline Trumbull, of Chicago. Irene, the daughter by her first husband, Mr. Robinson, married Mr. Hugh G. Harrison, then a prominent miller in Belleville. He afterward with his brothers moved to Minneapolis, became largely interested in banking interests, and died a few years since at his beautiful home in Minneapolis. Mr. Harrison left five sons living, Edwin, George, Lewis, Hugh, and Perry. Mr. D. H. Murray has two sons and two daughters living. Mary, now Mrs. Kenneth Ross Guthrie, Hilleary L. and Walton, of Minneapolis, and Anna, wife of Mr. Nelson Stevens of Evanston, Ill. Mrs. Guthrie is the mother of two children, Marguerite and Kenneth Murray.

William Ripley married a Miss Rebecca Murray in Virginia. Of this marriage two sons and one daughter are living, James Ripley, a farmer in Montgomery County, Ill, Joseph, a farmer of St. Clair County, Ill., and Mary, now Mrs. Conrad Killian, also residing in St. Clair County, Ill. Two sons of George Ripley are living in Macoupin County, Ill., Josiah, a leading business man

of Staunton, and Watson, a farmer near Staunton.

My grandfather Tilghman H. West was born in Virginia, Sept 20th, 1773, and married Miss Mary A. Mitchell, daughter of Rev. Edward Mitchell, April 5th, 1803. From this union, Eleanor and Samuel, Anna M. (married Richard Randle of Georgia). (From this marriage, were born, Benjamin. Edward, Martha, Sophia, Susan.) Vir-
linda, Sarah H. (married Wm. P. McKee). From this marriage three children were born, Julia A., Letitia and William P. Julia A. married George W. Prickett of Chicago, and is still living with her daughters in that city. Letitia married Hon. Joseph B. Underwood, a prominent lawyer of St. Clair County, Ill., leaving two sons Edward and George, both living in Chicago. Edward Underwood married a Miss Louise Ogle, a member of an old and highly respected French family of southern Illinois. Mary M. married Hon. John Hogan of St. Louis, Mo., who was postmaster of that city under the administration of President Buchanan., afterwards elected to Congress, and was considered one of the finest orators that ever represented Missouri in the Halls of Congress. From this marriage three children were born, Mary, Sophia, and John (died in infancy). Sophia married a Mr. Simon L. Boogher, a prominent merchant in St. Louis. From this marriage were born Dr. Frank Boogher, John, Hilleary, Lawrence, Clinton, and Olive (now Mrs. N. L. Moffitt), all of St. Louis.

Martha Randle married a Mr. Wright; from this marriage Edwin was born. Second marriage to Wm. W.

Anderson, a merchant and banker of Taylorville, Ills.; from this marriage four children were born, Hiram, Fred, Grace and Julia. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson died some years ago.

Henry H. West married a Miss White of Philadelphia; after the death of his wife, he enlisted May 31st, 1832, in Col. Jacob Fry's regiment of Illinois volunteers and served honorably during the Black Hawk Indian War. After the war he removed to California and died at Diamond Springs, Cal., leaving two sons, William A. West (who died in New Orleans in 1866), and Charles H. West, now living near Hannibal, Mo.

Benjamin J., Edward M. (the late banker of Edwardsville, Ill.) married Miss Julia Atwater in 1833, died Oct. 31st, 1887. Of his family two daughters only are living, Mrs. Nora West Taylor, of St. Paul, wife of Oscar Livingston Taylor, and Mrs. Mary Hadley of Edwardsville, Ill., wife of Hon. W. F. L. Hadley, late member of Congress, a lawyer. Frances E., Tilghman H., Susan D. (who married Dr. James N. Banks of Chicago.) Of this marriage two children were born, one died in infancy, Clara Banks married a Mr. John Long of Chicago. (Clara died some years ago leaving one child.)

Fannie, a deceased daughter, married Russel Prickett of Edwardsville, who was associated with her father (Edward M. West) in the banking business; from this marriage four children were born: Virginia R., who married W. A. Burrowes, of New York City; Mary W., who married Harrison Drummond of St. Louis, Edward



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Marie Louise West

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I. (late Consul at Keil, Germany); one daughter died young,

Tilghman H. West, my grandfather, located on a plantation in Virginia and engaged extensively in the cultivation of tobacco and hemp. In the spring of 1818, with his parents, two brothers, Henry and Washington, and sisters, Frances and Sarah, moved to Illinois, then a territory. In December of that year, Illinois was by act of Congress admitted as a state into the Union. My grandfather settled in St. Clair County near Belleville and entered and purchased large bodies of land. My great-grandfather, Benjamin West, died in 1820, aged ninety-one years, his wife Virilinda died in 1824, aged ninety-six years. My grandmother Mary A. West died March 5th. 1829, aged forty-two years. Grandfather Tilghman H. West died July 7th, 1851, aged seventy-seven years.

Benjamin J. West (my father), was born in Virginia August 23rd, 1812, and was married to Louise A. Mitchell, daughter of Hon. James Mitchell, June 7th, 1836. The children of this marriage were Charles Edward (died in infancy), Mary Walton born March 17th, 1839, Julius H. (died in infancy), Laura Virginia (deceased), Louise Ellen (deceased), Benjamin J. Jr., and Robert Craig. Three children of my deceased sister Mary W. are still living. Edward T. Estes, the only child by her first husband E. T. Estes of New York City. Louise W., now Mrs. John D. Osgood, and Edmund West Jeffries, children by her second husband, Dr. Giles Norman

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Jeffries, deceased. Mr. John D. Osgood, a young business man of Minneapolis, died in 1892 leaving his wife and three bright boys, John Danforth, Jr., Stanwood Norman, and Harold West. Mrs. Osgood is living with her brother Edmund and her children in Minneapolis.

In 1812 my grandfather Tilghman H. West, and his brother Major Washington West, entered the army in the war against England, the English fleet at this time threatening to take possession of Norfolk, Virginia. After the war they returned to their home.

The institution of slavery becoming more and more objectionable to the older members of the West family, they determined to remove to a free country. Great sacrifices were made in carrying out this determination to leave their comfortable homes, schools, churches, friends, and all the comforts of well-to-do planters, and go to the far west, then but a wilderness. The few scattered inhabitants were at times seriously annoyed, troubled and threatened, by the Indians who inhabited the Mississippi Valley. After a year spent in preparation, carriages and wagons sufficient to transport their families, slaves and personal property, were brought into service and they started on the long six weeks trip over the mountains on their journey westward. At this time there were no railroads, and no steamboats on the Ohio or Mississippi rivers. My grandfather Tilghman H. West, from a conscientious view, refused to sell any of his slaves when leaving Virginia, and brought them to Illinois with him

and set them free. The slaves that came with the family to Illinois, if sold would have realized a moderate fortune. A number of these slaves remained in the family for years as house and field servants. Many hardships and privations were encountered in their early settlement in Illinois and I have often heard my father speak of Indian bands with bows, arrows, and guns, themselves decorated with war-paint and feathers, visit his father's house. A small amount of money and something to eat, however, would usually satisfy them and for the time they would disappear.

My great-uncle Henry West never married but spent his life in accumulating a fortune and left a large amount of personal property and valuable lands. Major Washington West married Frances Mitchell, of this marriage three children were born, Edward W., Benjamin H., both living in Belleville, Ill., and Frances, the daughter, who married a Mr. John Flanagan, a prominent business man of Belleville, afterwards removing with his wife and children to Texas (both deceased). From this marriage three children are still living, Edward T., John, and Mrs. Louisa Krafft.

Edward W. West has three children living, Mrs. Gen. Wm. H. Powell, Edward W. West, Jr. (both residing in Belleville), and Mrs. Myra Krafft of Springfield, Mo. Benjamin H. West married a Miss Catherine Hill (deceased), of this marriage the following children are living: William, Frances, Hilleary, Washington, James, Rutledge, Lucy, George, Julia, Dr. Thomas, and Harry.

Frances married John Flanagan, Jr., and is now living in Missouri. Dr. Washington West is a physician and remained in Belleville. His sister Julia, also resides in Belleville, the brothers located in different states.

From the foregoing it will be seen that of the older members of the West family but three are living, and while the name West is frequently met with in the south and some of the eastern states, no relationship has been t r a c e d

This "Family Tree" I have written at the frequent solicitation of my daughter Marie and at her urgent request. I may be pardoned in giving a brief note regarding myself.

I was born at "Westwood," my father's country residence, one mile south of Bellville, Ill. At the age of sixteen, I entered the St. Louis University and remained until 1864. About this time President Lincoln made his call for one hundred day volunteers, which call drew from the ranks of the younger men and boys, and of the four hundred and twenty students at that time in the University, thirteen of us enlisted in the Union Army, and one hundred and seventy-three of my college mates joined the Confederate Army. Our University was temporarily closed during the excitement in St. Louis. I joined Company H, 142d Ill. Volunteers, and upon my arrival in Springfield was assigned to the Quartermaster department and transferred to Tennessee, and was in Memphis, Tenn., at the time Gen. Forest made his cel-



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ebredated raid into Memphis at night with the hope of securing Gen. C. C. Washburn. At the expiration of our term of service, our command returned to Chicago. Just at this time Gen. Price of the Confederate Army was invading Missouri. Gov. Yates of Illinois came in person to Chicago and appealed to our command to return to Missouri, and although our term of service had expired, about one-half of our command agreed to return and assist in driving Gen. Price from the state of Missouri, in which we were successful.

While noting my youthful experience in the army, I might state that to the best of my knowledge there were but five members of the West and Mitchell families in the Union Army: James F. Krafft, eldest son of my aunt Mary Krafft, who served as an officer during the war; Charles H. West, son of my uncle Henry West; Walter Krafft; James A. Mitchell, son of my uncle William Walton Mitchell, and myself. A larger number of my relatives equally honest and conscientious joined the Confederate Army. Upon my second return to Chicago, and mustered out of service, I joined my father and we together spent some months traveling.

In June, 1869, I married Miss Lora Kinney Gere, daughter of William E. and Mary E. Gere. Wm. E. Gere is a native of New York and married Miss Mary E. Schanck of Norwalk, Ohio, a member of the old family of that name and cousin of ex-Senator Schanck and ex-Secretary and Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase of Ohio. Mr. Gere was largely interested in steamboats plying the

Mississippi and Missouri rivers during and after the war. He is now living on his plantation in southern Missouri. My wife is the only living child of Mr. and Mrs. Gere, her brothers, Ira, Frank and William, died when quite young. On another page, I give for the benefit of my son and daughter the history of the Schanck family of which their mother is a direct descendant through her mother.

Upon my return to Belleville, I was elected mayor of the city; at the expiration of my term of office, and at the request of my father, I declined further public or political office. My brother Robert and myself only, remain of our family. Robert resides at the old homestead in Belleville, but for some years past has, with his family, spent the summers at beautiful Lake Minnetonka near Minneapolis. Robert was born Feb. 1849, and married Miss Emma Cheek, June 7th, 1878. Of this marriage four children were born and living; Norah, Tilghman, Benjamin J. (III.), Adele L. and Emma M.

(Note.) Since the writer commenced this family history, my brother Robert's son (B. J. West III.), seventeen years of age, joined the 4th Illinois volunteer regiment (Col. Casimer Andel), and though but a mere youth, offered his services to the government in the war with Spain, and at this time is with Gen. Lee's Army at Jacksonville, Fla.

Of my marriage with Lora Kinney Gere, two children were born, Henry Tilghman and Marie Louise.

PRELUDE.

Samuel Mitchell was the first member of the Mitchell family that came to Illinois. He settled about seven miles east of Belleville; the following year his brother Edward came to Belleville. The Revs. Samuel and Edward Mitchell were from Maryland. They both served through the Revolutionary war, moved to Virginia at an early date and settled near Fincastle, county seat of Botetourt county. They were among the first converts to Methodism in that part of the State, and both proved themselves men of unusual ability and great moral worth; gave their services to the people as ministers without money or price. They built on "Turkey Hill" the first Methodist church in Illinois.

Three sons of Rev. Samuel Mitchell became ministers. Edward Mitchell was accompanied when he came to Illinois by his son-in-law, John H. Dennis, Major Washington West and a number of slaves, the entire party numbering fifty-seven. John H. Dennis was a gentleman of the old school and had obtained a thorough education at Hampden-Sidney College in Virginia. At the earnest solicitation of Gov. Ninian Edwards, a great patron of learning, he engaged in teaching, his school being the first in the State in which the opportunity was given for the study of Hebrew, Greek, Latin and the higher branches of mathematics.

The reader will, I am quite certain, agree with the writer in the statement that the ancestry of the Mitchells were noble, loyal men. Their lives were as an open book, and in the pages of history you will find no records of men enshrined with a greater degree of esteem, confidence and respect than were the lives of these good men, our ancestry on the Mitchell side.

THE MITCHELL FAMILY.

To my mother and family Bible records, I am enabled to trace back to a number of generations, the family of my mother, who alone is living of the immediate family of James Mitchell. It will be noticed in a few instances that I have been unable to give dates of birth and residence, and leave that blank, that you may perhaps be able to fill out. I find that the Mitchell family claimed an honorary title and coat-of-arms.

My great-great grandfather, Edward Mitchell, was born in Charlestown, South Carolina, his children were, Edward, who settled in Charlestown, Coecil County, Maryland, and died 1786. Thomas settled in Georgetown, South Carolina. John settled in North Carolina. James was born March 27th, 1729, and removed to Hanover County, Virginia, and settled on the banks of the Roanoke river, and was a near neighbor and warm friend of the great patriot, Patrick Henry, and there married Molly, the widow of Major Wm. Berry. He removed to Botetourt County and settled on the James river in 1788. After the death of my great-great grandmother, which occurred March 15th, 1804, he became a member of great-grandfather's family, and removed with

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him to Illinois in the spring of 1818 and died June 10th, 1819.

The children of James Mitchell and Molly Berry were Edward, born August 3rd, 1760, died Dec. 3rd, 1837. James, born Mar. 20th, 1762, died Aug. 20th, 1781. Samuel, born Mar. 23rd, 1764, died May 6th, 1855.

My great-grandfather and great-uncle James joined the army under Gen. Campbell. When very young, my great-grandfather received the appointment of Quartermaster. Great-great uncle James was promoted to Major, was taken with what was then known as camp fever at Jamestown and died Aug. 20th, 1781.

About this time my great-great uncle Samuel Mitchell ran off from home, joined the army and remained with his brother until the close of the war and was in several engagements with the British Army.

Record of my great great-grandmother's family. Her parents were from England and settled in Caroline County, Virginia. Col. Samuel Pryor, her father, married a Miss Thornton, a daughter of one of the old families (who were also from England) and settled in Hanover, Caroline and Spotsylvania Counties, Virginia. Their children, ten in number, eight sons and two daughters, were Molly and Nancy, William, Samuel, John, Thornton, Robert, Luke, Francis, and Joseph. (The latter was the youngest and most delicate of the eight sons, and weighed two hundred and twenty pounds.)

Molly Pryor married Major Wm. Berry of Gloucester, Eng., who died, leaving his wife and two daughters,



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Nancy and Prudence. Nancy Pryor married Col. Lawrence Wells, Judge of the County Court of _____ County, Virginia. Nancy Berry married Jonathan Taylor, son of Col. Geo. Taylor. Prudence Berry married Major George Blackburn; both families removed to Kentucky in 1797, where some of the family are still living. The late Senator Jos. L. Blackburn is a member of this family, also ex-Governor Luke and William Blackburn Sr., who married Miss Clay, sister of the great statesman Henry Clay.

Col. James Madison, father of President Madison, married Col. Geo. Taylor's sister. President Taylor's father was Col. Richard Tavior; his grandfather, Zachary Tavior, married the widow Blackburn, mother of Major Geo. Blackburn. Gen. Taylor of Newport, Ky., traced back with great diligence his family record to English history, "and found that they bore an honorary title. The writer has been unable to obtain the crest (coat-of-arms) of the family, but has discovered through research that the coat-of-arms was represented by the words "fidelis" and "paratus."

My great-great uncle Jonathan Taylor was a cousin of Gen. James Taylor.

Rev. Edward Mitchell married Nancy Haley, August 26th, 1784, in Charlestown, Coecil County, Maryland, and resided there about three years. Removed to Virginia and settled in Botetourt County, on the James River, five miles from the Natural Bridge, in 1787, removed to Illinois in the spring of 1818, and set-

bled in St. Clair County. Died Dec. 3rd, 1837.

Nancy Haley's family came from England. Wm. Haley, her father, married Harriet Forrester. Her father Geo. Forrester was an Episcopal Clergyman. Her grandmother Forrester was born at sea on the voyage to America. Both families settled in Coecil County, Maryland. Their children were seven in number. William died in the U. S. Army in his 23rd year, Elizabeth married Joseph Baxter of Coecil County, Maryland, Frances married Major Geo. Hamilton of Baltimore, an officer of high standing in the Revolutionary War. Sally Haley died in her sixteenth year. Harriet married Charles Ghequier, a merchant of Baltimore, died Feb. 27th, 1855. Charlotte married Rev. Henry Osborn, removed to Kentucky and settled on the Ohio river in Carrol County.

The death of my great-great aunt Ghequier, Feb. 7th, 1851, aged eighty-three years. The death of my great-great aunt Osborn occurred May 13th, 1859.

Edward Mitchell and Nancy Haley's children were:

James, born Nov. 11th, 1785, died Feb. 24th, 1870, in Belleville, Ill.

Mary, born March 7th, 1787, died March 5th. 1829.

Nancy, Born Aug 8th, 1788, died

Elizabeth Belt, born Dec. 19th, 1789, died Oct. 7th, 1815.

Frances, born Feb. 21st, 1791, died Aug. 24th. 1819.

Sophia, born Mar. 27th, 1793, died 1872.

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Edward, born Dec. 13th, 1794, died Sept. 12th, 1836.

Susan, born June 10th, 1796, died

Willam, born April 6th, 1798, died

Samuel, born Nov. 9th, 1799, died March 1st, 1879.

Children of my great-uncle Samuel Mitchell by his first wife:

Edward, Ellen, Samuel H., John H., Mary, and Virginia.

Sally, born June 16th, 1801, died

Eleanor, born Nov. 28th, 1806, died

THEIR MARRIAGES :

James to Ann G. Walton, Mar. 26th, 1811. Second marriage to Mrs. Anna Crow, sister of the banker Nicholas Ridgley of Springfield, Ill., March 10th, 1835.

Mary to Tilghman H. West, April 3rd, 1803.

Nancy to Dr. Samuel Phillips of Linchburg, Va., Nov. 10th, 1806.

Elizabeth to Dr. Frank T. Crabb, Sept. 3rd, 1808.

Sophia to John H. Gay, of St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 7th, 1813.

John H. Gay was a Virginian by birth and came west with my grandfather in 1818. The children of this marriage were Anna, Edward J., Eliza (who married Dr. Martin of St. Louis), John, Susan, Wm. T. (who married Miss Sally Bass of Boonville, Mo.). Edward J. Gay became a wealthy citizen of St. Louis and also one of the largest sugar planters in Louisiana, late in life was elected to Congress from the latter state and at his death was

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succeeded in Congress by Mr. Price, his son-in-law. Edward J. Gay married Miss Lavinia Hines, of Kentucky. From this marriage were born Andrew, Sophia (who married Phillip Crow of St. Louis, Mo.), John, Susan, Edward J., Jr., and Nannie, who married Mr. Price.

My great-aunt Susan married John H. Dennis, in his day one of the most noted scholars of Illinois, May 30th, 1815. My great-aunt Sally married Wm. Glasgow of St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 12th, 1818. Her husband, Mr. Wm. Glasgow, I believe, was a native of Delaware, and came to St. Louis in a nearly day. From this marriage were born Edward J., William H., Ellen (who married Geo. Rogers Clark, son of Gov. Clark of Missouri), Susan (who married Jefferson Clark, a brother of Geo. Rogers Clark, now a wealthy citizen of New York City).

Edward Mitchell married Mary Bartlett, June 6th, 1824. Second marriage to Ellen Essex, Nov. 10th, 1831.

Children of Samuel and Elizabeth Belt Mitchell (married May 6th, 1824) were Edward F., Samuel Hancock, Ellen, John H. D., Mary, Maria, and Virginia. Of this my great-uncle Samuel Mitchell's family, the writer has known but the one member, Dr. Samuel Hancock Mitchell, who is now a physician of Minneapolis, Minn. Edward Mitchell married Mary Bartlett June 6th, 1824. His second wife was Ellen Essex (married in 1834), was the father of Mary Mitchell who married Wm. M. McPherson, a capitalist of St. Louis, and Laura, who married a Mr. Blackwood. The only children of

Mrs. Mary McPherson known to the writer were Laura, who married a Mr. Collier of St. Louis, and Wm. M., Jr. The only child known to the writer of Mrs. Laura Blackwood was Mary, who also married a Mr. Collier, a brother of Laura McPherson's husband. It recurs to the writer at this time that Laura McPherson and myself were the bridesmaid and best man at the marriage of my cousin Sophia Gay, daughter of Edward J. Gay, at his plantation near Plaquemine, La. (1866.)

Dr. Wm. Mitchell married Minerva Moore of Alabama: second marriage to Mrs. Edmundson. Eleanor married Thomas Estes of St. Louis, Mo. (June 10th, 1828); second marriage to Rev. Joseph Edmundson (Feb. 4th, 1834). The children of Rev. Joseph Edmundson were three daughters and one son, Joseph, Sophia (who married a Mr. Hickman of Boonville, Mo.), Sarah (who married James Close, now a resident of San Jose, Cal.), and Susan (who married, first husband Howard Alexander, second husband John Alexander, his brother). Mrs. Alexander is also living at this time in San Jose, Cal.

Children of James Mitchell and Anna Walton, his wife: Edward P., born Dec. 8th, 1812, married Miss Elizabeth Tyndale, daughter of an old family of Philadelphia, Feb. 4th, 1834; of this marriage two sons were born and are now living, Rev. Edward P. Mitchell of St. Paul, Minn., and Hon. James Mitchell of Philadelphia, who has been one of the Supreme Judges of his state for a number of years; he resides in Philadelphia.

Edward C. Mitchell married Miss Annie Iungerich,

of Philadelphia, a member of an old wealthy German family of that city; from this marriage one son was born, Walton I. Mitchell. Our cousin Annie died some months since, in her beautiful home on Summit avenue in St. Paul.

Wm. Walton Mitchell, born Feb. 16th, 1815, married Miss Harriett Cazad June 20th, 1843. His children were Anna, James (a Presbyterian minister now living in California), Susan, John Gay, and Fannie.

Louisa Ann (my mother) was born Feb. 24th, 1817, married Benjamin J. West June 7th, 1836. Mary E., born Aug. 22nd, 1819, married Theodore J. Krafft, Oct. 1838; of this marriage eight children were born. Of my aunt Mary's family, James F. of Minneapolis, Walter E. and George of Belleville, and Theodore J., Jr., of Springfield, Mo., are living. Maria C., born Nov. 15th, 1821, married Wm. E. Chittenden of New York City: of this marriage two children were born, Wm. and Julia. My cousin Julia married first husband Charles Affleck, second husband a Mr. Bennett and is now living at Kirkwood, Mo. John H., born April 21st, 1824, died young. Ellen, born July 21st, 1826, died young. Milinda C., born Jan. 14th, 1829, died young. James, born Feb. 24th, 1832, died young.

In giving the history of my aunt, Mary Krafft's family, I wish to refer to my cousin, James F. Krafft, who married Miss Louisa Flanagan; of this marriage two sons were born and now living in Minneapolis, Edwin J. and Frederick T.

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Wm. Walton, son of Geo. and Elizabeth, born Oct. 25th, 1749; George Walton, born Sept. 10th, 1755, lost at sea; John S. Walton, born Aug. 7th, 1758. William Walton married a Miss Mary Leftwich of Baltimore, Feb. 2nd, 1778. Mary Leftwich was born March 10th, 1758, died Aug. 22nd, 1824.

Their children and marriages:

Elizabeth, born Nov. 3rd, 1778, married Edmund Sherman.

Mary, born Jan. 30th, 1781, married Walter Otey.

Sally, born June 2nd, 1784, married John Leftwich.

Lucy, born Jan. 16th, 1787, married John McClannahan.

Lucinda, born Dec. 25th, 1789, married Wm. Blaine.

Anna George, born Feb. 16th, 1792, married James Mitchell (my grandfather).

Wm. Leftwich, born Dec. 28th, 1794, married Nancy White.

Maria, born Dec. 28th, 1797, married Dr. Lewis.

Milinda, born Sept 22nd, 1801, married Robert Craig, a lawyer and a member of Congress from Roanoke, Virginia.

Rev. Samuel Mitchell, brother of my great-grandfather, married a Miss Thomas, a member of a prominent family of Virginia; of their marriage Catherine (married Dr. John O. Hancock of Baltimore, Maryland); Mary Grace married Hon. John Rountree of Platteville, Wis. The children known to the writer were John, Ella

(married Judge John N. Jewett of Chicago), Laura and Phil. Elizabeth married Samuel Mitchell, her cousin; the sons of this marriage, John, James and Frank, became ministers in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Of the children of Catherine and Dr. John O. Hancock, it was the pleasure of the writer to have known but one, John T. Hancock, who left Platteville when quite a young man and went to Dubuque, in which city he became one of the wealthy wholesale merchants of Iowa. Mr. Hancock died a few years since at his beautiful home on the Bluffs in Dubuque, full of honors and surrounded by his devoted wife and children. John T. Hancock married a Miss Bertha Entz, an accomplished Swiss lady; of this marriage were born John and Fenimore (both deceased); Mary, Adele, Blanche, Charles, and Frank; Charles married the daughter of Mr. Young, a wealthy lumberman of Clinton, Iowa; Frank married a Miss Mitchell of Winona, Minn., a daughter of one of our Supreme Judges. In speaking of my cousin John and Bertha Hancock's family, the writer recalls with great pleasure his many visits to their beautiful home in Dubuque; the hospitality of this family proves a beautiful memory.

John Hancock, Jr., who was associated with his father in business in Dubuque, and who proved himself to be an unusually bright business young man, died some years since, leaving a wife and three children, who are still living in Dubuque.

In speaking of the sons of my great-uncle Samuel



Mitchell, I wish briefly to refer to the families of John H. D. and Dr. Samuel Hancock Mitchell. The former John H. D. Mitchell is now a resident of San Francisco, Cal.; his children are John G., Frank N., Lewis J., George W. and Sadie (now the wife of Mr. O. C. Stearns, superintendent of the city waterworks, Baker City, Oregon).

The children of Dr. Samuel Hancock Mitchell were Edward F., Dr. Charles H., Annette (died Jan. 21, 1895), Lawrence Gridley, (married Anna L. Smith, August 5, 1885), Dr. Mark Morris and Marcia Virginia, now the wife of James A. Swett, of Minneapolis.

In 1818, when Illinois was admitted into the Union as a state by act of congress, left to the vote of the people to come in to the Union as a free or slave state, Rev. Edward Mitchell, Tilghman H. West and James Mitchell took an active part in the canvass in favor of a free state. They seemed to be with the majority of voters and were successful.

For the benefit of my son and daughter, I give the history of their mother's family on her mother's side.

SCHANCK FAMILY.

There are three members living of my wife's family known to the writer, Mrs. Mary Schnack Gere, of Missouri (my wife's mother); Mrs. Hannah Schnack Rockwell, of Quincy, Ill., and Major Ira C. Schnack, a mine operator of Baker county, Oregon. Mary Schanck Gere, Mrs. Rockwell and Major Ira C. Schanck were children

of Wm. Schanck and Phoebe Hinkley, of Ohio. Wm. Schanck, son of Wm. Schanck and Mary Hoffmire; Mary Hoffmire was the daughter of Isaac Hoffmire; Isaac Hoffmire's wife was the daughter of Jacobus Van Dyke, the celebrated painter; he was the son of Anaca Jens (she was married twice). Anaca Jens was the grand-daughter of Prince of Orange, 1650-1702. Prince of Orange son of James II, 1633-1660; he the son of Charles I, born 1600, beheaded in 1649; he married Henrietta Maria, daughter of Henry IV of France, 1625; from this marriage three sons and two daughters were born, Charles I, son of James I, son of Mary Queen of Scots and Henry Stuart (Lord Darnley, her cousin). James I was great-grandson of Henry VII on the side of both father and mother, born 1566, died 1625, married Anne of Denmark, 1591. In speaking of my wife's ancestry to her, I frequently joke her in regard to her relationship to the famous Anaca Jens family, as the heirs of this noted woman, some time since, brought suit to recover the "Trinity Church property," with several acres of ground in the heart of New York City. I have at all times advised Mrs. W. to exercise patience and permit the more hopeful members of her family to carry on this litigation: she some time ago kindly agreed to do so.

Before closing this family biography I desire to mention the name of Hon. Fred H. Pieper; although he is no relation by blood, he has been more like an older

brother to the writer than otherwise. Fred's parents came to America from Germany in early days, and settled in Belleville; both died when Fred was young. From his energetic and industrious inclinations my father's attention was attracted to him, and he became a member of our household. He grew to manhood and became one of the most public spirited men of the city; was for a number of years president of one of the large banks, also elected Judge of Probate Court and was retained in that office for about twelve years; was also Mayor of the city. Married Miss Olive Harrison, daughter of James Harrison and niece of the late A. T. and H. G. Harrison of Minneapolis; is now living in Los Angeles, Cal.

Should any of my relatives in either the West or Mitchell families have in their possession any anterior family history, I sincerely hope that they may find some information in this work of interest; perhaps giving some additional information, and aid in writing a more complete history of the old families of West and Mitchell. I exceedingly regret that my ancestors were not more careful and thoughtful in preserving the valuable and interesting "family tree" and sincerely hope that from this time, during the coming years, you (if a relative), individually will manifest an active interest in keeping a family record, and that your children and your children's children, and mine, will continue this "family tree" on down from one generation to the succeeding.