

Queries and Answers

Query 78: ABBOTT-LESTER FAMILIES

Samuel Abbott of English ancestry was born on February 2, 1819, and died on December 1, 1903. He was one of a family of sixteen children. The family migrated from some eastern state arriving by flatboat in Switzerland County, Indiana. On the journey, family tradition says that the father, mother, and four children died of an epidemic, and that the rest of the family arrived in Switzerland County about 1821 or 1822. Probably the eldest child of this family was Elizabeth (b. 1793 or 1794; m. — Kingsley; d. February, 1881). Others of the family—Hiram, Mary, Samuel, Edward, Isaiah—went to Minnesota. Another son, name unknown, perhaps went to Michigan. The other children died in infancy. Samuel Abbott lived in various homes in Switzerland County until 1834, when he went with his guardian, August Peabody, to Wabash County, Indiana. He was married on August 30, 1840, to Eliza Ann Lester. She was born on March 5, 1821. The Lester family was also from Switzerland County. Other members of the family were: Parmelia (who married Augustus Peabody), Sarah (who married Eli Schooner), Eliza Ann, Mary, John, and David. Their mother is thought to have been an Appleby. The mother of Samuel Abbott was a Currier. Names of parents and earlier ancestry of Samuel Abbott and his wife, Eliza Ann Lester, are wanted.—G. D. G.

Query 79.: ROBERTS FAMILY

Phillip [Philip] A. Roberts was born in North Carolina on March 12, 1773; his wife, Mary Bobbitt (a widow, with at least one son, Elijah Bobbitt) was born in Kentucky on December 31, 1796. They were married about 1818 or 1820, and the following Roberts children were born in Boone County, Kentucky: Thomas R. (b. 1827), Richard (b. 1829), Sally Ann (b. 1835), Francis M. (b. 1838), Catherine J. (b. 1842). The family came to Greene County, Indiana, after 1850. Phillip died on January 1, 1857; Mary died on November 29, 1857 and is buried in Kentucky Ridge Cemetery, Jackson Township, Greene County, Indiana. It has been said that the father of Phillip was William Roberts of Granville County, North Carolina, who may have come to Kentucky with Richard Henderson when Transylvania was founded. I would

like proof, name of Phillip's mother, and the exact place of his birth. Also I wish to learn the maiden name of his wife, Mary, and the date and place of their marriage.—O. B.

Query 80: MORRISON-SLARROW FAMILY

I am a descendant of Nancy Morrison who married Samuel Slarrow, a Revolutionary soldier. The Morrison family was from Salem, New York, and the Slarrow family, originally from Saratoga County, later moved to Steuben County, New York. Samuel was born on February 4, 1759, and died in 1839; Nancy (Morrison) Slarrow died about 1820 in New York. Their children were: John (b. 1794; d. 1868; m. Elizabeth Stamp), Jane (b. 1804; m. Joseph Copeland), Mary (m. — McMillan), Martha and Sydney, who died young, and Caroline (b. 1807; d. 1876; m. Christopher Stamp). Caroline and Christopher Stamp migrated to Michigan in 1844. Descendants of this line in Indiana have been trying for many years to find records of the Morrison and Slarrow families, and will greatly appreciate further data or suggestions.—J. S.

Answer to Query 5 (September, 1936, pp. 309-10, M. McM.): In addition to the answer to this query published in December, 1936 (p. 434), giving inscriptions from tombstones of the Eddingfield family, the following records concerning that family have been compiled. The immigrant, name not known, born in England, came to the United States about 1750 with his wife, who was from Ireland and whose name is not known. They had children: Thomas, Samuel, a daughter, Enoch, Myer, and John E. The last was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, about 1786, and married Hannah Thompson. They had children: Julia, Lucinda, William Thompson, Thomas, and John Jamison Eddingfield. The last was born on February 12, 1815, in Butler County, Ohio, and died on October 8, 1875, near New Ross, Indiana. He was married on December 14, 1842, to Sarah Primrose Williamson, who was born on February 17, 1814, and died on May 28, 1899. Sarah was the daughter of George Williamson, Sr., and his wife Margaret Morrison. George was born in Holland, came to Pennsylvania about 1750, and later moved to Warren County, Ohio. The children of George and Margaret (Morrison) Williamson were: David, George Jr., James,

John, Mary W., Jane, Keziah, Margaret, and Sarah Primrose (married as above stated), John Jamison and Sarah Primrose (Williamson) Eddingfield had children: George Williamson, Calvin, Mary Ann, William Thompson, Oscar Marion, James Carey, and Edgar Newton. Of this family, James Carey was born on May 1, 1856, in Butler County, Ohio, and died on April 24, 1933, at New Ross, Indiana. He was married on January 28, 1889, to Arretta Esham Huffington (b. Nov. 23, 1855, at Leesville, Indiana; d. Dec. 23, 1932; dau. of James Madison, Sr., and his wife Eliza Holland Huffington). I have never found any proof of Revolutionary service in these family lines.—Rev. Paul W. Eddingfield, 965 N. Ewing St., Indianapolis, Indiana.

Answer to Query 71 (December, 1938, p. 496, J. M. B.): The will of Thomas Byrn appears in Harrison County Will Records 1809-1832 (pp. 130-131). The will, made April 29, 1827, and probated August 25, 1827, mentions sons—Solomon, David, Jesse, John; daughters—Susannah, Sally, Nancy, Mary, Catherine; and his wife Catherine, who was appointed executrix. Ages of the children were not given. The will was witnessed by Gillam Harris, Joseph Denbo, and John Cunningham.—Miss Dorothy Riker, Indiana Historical Bureau, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Second answer to Query 71: The marriage of Thomas Byrn and Catherine ———, will be found in North Carolina records. The will of William Byrn, dated March 29, 1813, was probated on October 12, 1813; his wife Christinia is mentioned, but no children. William and Charles Leeson Byrn lived on the same section of land, northeast of Corydon, while the land of Thomas Byrn was southwest of Corydon. I know many of the descendants of the Bryn family, and something of the early history of the Thomas Byrn family, and will be glad to assist further, if the one interested will write me. Mrs. B. F. Yeager, of Corydon, informed me of this query in the *Indiana Magazine of History*.—Benton Windell, R. R. 2, Corydon, Indiana.

Answer to Query 72 (December, 1938, p. 496, U. S.): In regard to the query concerning Mary Banks who married Isaac Mayfield and was thought to be the daughter of Lynn and Sarah Banks, proof of the line may be found in *Tyler's Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine*, XV, 116-26,

236-53; XVI, 21-32, 114-22, in articles by Mrs. S. W. Hiden of Newport News, Virginia. Proof is given that Linn Banks, son of Gerrard and Ann Linn married Sarah —, and that they had the following children: William (b. June 3, 1761, in Culpepper County, Virginia; m. Elizabeth Brown), Susannah, Sarah (m. — Poindexter), Lucy (m. — Marksbury), Mary (m. Isaac Mayfield of Query 72), John, Cevina (m. — Taylor), Nancy (m. William Wilson), Gerrard, and Sophia. William and Elizabeth (Brown) Banks were married on December 11, 1801. They went from Virginia to Garrard County Kentucky, and later to Putnam County, Indiana. William Banks was in the Revolutionary War. The children of Gerrard and Ann Linn (Lynn) Banks are given as: Linn (Lynn), William, Ruben, Thomas, Adam, Gerrard, Elizabeth, Mary, Sarah, and Rachel. The older family lived in Stafford County, Virginia, but Linn and his family moved to Culpepper County, Virginia. Mrs. W. M. Sweeney, Astoria, L. I., supplied the information in this answer concerning the migrating of William Banks to Indiana.—Miss Mary Martin, Fredericksburg, Indiana.

Answer to Query 74 (December, 1938, p. 497, W. I. U.): The Revolutionary service of John Groenendyke, mentioned in this query, collected by Mrs. Ora A. Doyle, Clinton, Indiana, and published in the *Roster of Soldiers and Patriots of the American Revolution Buried in Indiana* (p. 166), states that he was born on June 5, 1756, at New Brunswick, New Jersey, served as a private in Middlesex County, New Jersey, died November 1, 1824, and is buried as stated in the query, Groenendyke Cemetery, Eugene, Vermillion County, Indiana. He married Lucretia Rappleye on March 30, 1797. They had one child—John. It seems probable that there was a connection with the James Groenendyke who was born in New Jersey in 1770 and died in Fayette County, Indiana, in 1837. As the first wife of James was Barbara Buck who died in Henry County, Indiana, and many descendants of whom are living in Henry County, the Curator of the Henry County Historical Society Museum, Mr. Clarence H. Smith, New Castle, may be able to make connections in this family.—M. T. M.