

"Those Who Came Before Edgar Wiley"

Dale & Alberta

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Credits & Thanks!

First, Thomas Corwin Wiley, who passed on his collection of charts, old letters, pictures, scrapbooks. Some came from his mother, Mabel and his sister, Muriel. Some were saved by his grandmother, Emma Hand Case and include old letters back to 1848.

Among his papers were letters asking for Hand Family information. I wrote these two ladies and both replied with the same suggestion. See the "A Hand Family" book by Harnet Hodge. I sent \$2 and found how those of you who are descendants of Edgar Wiley would qualify for membership in the Mayflower Society as well as DAR and SAR.

Then I began writing letters to relatives and particularly want to thank Lucile Case Johnson for her many letters and hours of conversation as she has made many relatives come alive to me.

Other sources of information are Hazel Stoll and the Granger Library and Museum, the Medina Cemetery Book, The History of Medina Co by Baskin and Battay and Howe's History of Ohio. I spent hours in Carnegie Library in Pittsburgh going over the microfilmed census records of 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880.

Please excuse my writing and all the mistakes. This is a rough copy.

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The Hand Family

John⁽¹⁾ Hand was born in 1611 in England and came to America between 1636 - 1640. He died in 1660 in East Hampton, Long Island. He married Alice Handen in 1633. She had inherited land in Kent Co. England from her grandfather. She was baptized in the town of Tonbridge, Kent Co. November 28, 1613. Their son John Hand was baptized there January 29, 1634. (He visited this beautiful old church in September, 1984 but did not see the records)

Stories passed within the Hand family, say that John's⁽¹⁾ father came to America with him, returned to England to claim some property and was murdered on the high seas. No proof of this has been found.

England in the 1600s was a good place to leave, particularly if one was a Puritan. I wonder if John Hand was? America was not an ideal place to be either. Remember the Pilgrims had just come in 1621. John Hand was known to have lived in Connecticut and on Long Island. He had 9 children. You are descended from James² Hand, baptized 1647 in Milford, Connecticut. He died at East Hampton, in 1733. His son, Elias⁽³⁾ married Esther Baborn and their son, Samuel⁽⁴⁾ was born in 1724 - died in 1802. Samuel was bound to a tailor in Middletown, Conn., but for ill usage his guardian removed him and bound him to learn the trade of blacksmithing.

but before his time expired, he enlisted in the King's service and was a soldier for four years, when he returned and married Hannah Thomas. They settled in Durham Conn. Lornuel served in the French and Indian War with Connecticut troops after his marriage.

According to church records and land records, Lornuel⁽⁴⁾ lived in Durham, Bradford and Cornwall, Conn. Then they moved to Canaan town, Columbia Co, New York (east of the Hudson River) about 1762 where they lived on Hand Hollow Road. His wife, Hannah, outlived him as well as their son Abraham and his wife. Reports are that she lived to be 100. They had nine children. Abraham⁽⁵⁾, the eldest, was born in 1751 in Durham, Conn. In 1772 he married Ruth Southworth. It is through the Southworth family that the line can be traced to John Alden and Priscilla Mullins of Mayflower fame. See page 102 of "A Hand Family". Descendants may claim membership in the Mayflower Society.

Abraham was a blacksmith. During the Revolutionary War he served as private, sergeant and lieutenant in Col. Jeduthan Baldwin's Regiment of Artificers, Artificers, under the direction of the Quartermaster General were "pioneer and construction corps". The regiment was at Brandwine, Monmouth, etc. Descendants may apply for membership in DAR and SAR.

Abraham and his wife died in 1813 of "cold plague" in

New Lebanon, N. Y. During the war of 1812 the "cold plague" began in the British Army, spread to American troops and when sick soldiers were allowed to go home, soon broke out in their home towns.

Abraham's son Herman⁽⁶⁾ was born in 1776 probably at Durham, Conn. and moved with his father to New York. (The given name Herman is Biblical - not Herman). He married Hannah Haight in 1798. In 1826 they sold their farm in Lancaster and joined the growing number of pioneers using the newly opened Erie Canal to go to Ohio. They settled in/near Akron on the Portage Path. Portage Path had been used by the Indians to connect the Cuyahoga and Tuscarawas Rivers. In 1885, it served as part of the westernmost boundary of the U.S. Present day N. Portage Path is in north-west Akron, an area of beautiful homes. A statue of an Indian is at the corner of N. Portage Path and Market St.

Apparently all of Herman's children except your ancestor, Hosea⁽⁷⁾ moved to Ohio with their parents. Herman died shortly after but Hannah kept her family together for a time. Alvah and Seneca became lawyers in Akron. Alvah moved his family to Wisconsin in 1854 and Seneca moved to Centuria, Illinois. Another son, Joseph Haight Hand, is buried in Reid Hill Cemetery, Branger, Ohio although it seems he lived in Centuria, Ill. for a time where he was a fruit dealer. William Jones Hand, son of

Neman, married in Medina Co. but moved to Marshall Co. Ind. A daughter of his married Henry Harrison Culver and together they founded Culver Military Academy. Another son, Abram moved to Indiana, too.

James Henry youngest son of Neman & Hannah always resided with his mother or she with him, although he married. They were in Summit Co, Ohio in the 1850 and 1860 census but by 1870 had moved to Melvern, Kansas where Hannah died at the age of 90. Neman and Hannah's only daughter was Permelia (not Pamela) She married Sylvester Ford and a son bearing that name was killed by Indians in California in 1882. He is buried in Luythoga Co.

Hosea¹² Ward stayed in New York and in 1827 married Sarah Jarvis. They lived in Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island, N. Y. where all but their youngest child were born. We have a letter from Alvah in Akron to Hosea (in 1848) urging him to move his family to Akron giving detailed instructions for coming via the Hudson River, Erie Canal, steamship on Lake Erie and the Ohio Canal which by that time connected Cleveland and Akron. We know Hosea did that because another letter to Hosea in Akron is preserved. Hosea died in 1854. I have a contract he signed with Noah Green to cultivate the lot known as Green Bush for the year 1854 for 1/2 of all its products. Detailed instructions for corn, potatoes, parsnips, asparagus, etc.

I wonder if Hosea worked too hard that summer!

Sarah, his widow, lived with her son William Henry and son Joseph, only 5 when her father died next door to her mother-in-law, Hannah. Later, Sarah moved to Granger Top to live with her daughter,

Harriet, who had married Job Green. Not much is known about Marietta, except she married in James Cable and stayed in New York. I have a telegram from her to Henry Hand in Abrom dated Aug. 16, 1857 from New York "Marietta dangerously ill dysentery. Not expected to live wishes to see her mother". A note on the back says her mother (Sarah) went, Marietta died & left two children.

Another daughter, Sarah, married Dr. John Porter & lived in Medina Co. Not much is known of William Henry He & his family were last reported in the 1880 census in Summit Co.

George H. Hand ⁽¹⁸⁴⁰⁻¹⁹²²⁾ was long a resident of Medina Co. & he & his children attended the Hand Reunion. He married first, Almira Loomis and they had 4 children. Harriet (Hattie) married Fred Ganyard. They had 3 children. Dorothy died young, Helen married Warren Billings (both musicians) & Bent married Florence Robinson. Their son, Max Ganyard keeps in touch with Lucille Johnson. He lives in Albuquerque N.M. Mexico but comes to visit his daughter in Abrom.

Next Grove Hand who married Grace Beach. They

had 8 children. Bronie's daughter, Dena or Dana married "Hum" Averill & they had two children. I won't go into all of these now. Oh, Bronie married again & had two children, Edwin & Phillips!

Nosean's youngest child, Joseph Jarvis was born in Lihon in 1849 & came to live with his uncle Job Green when his mother came to Granger Tap. He taught music and singing school. Lucille remembers "Uncle Joe always played organ for us to sing at our reunions. He married Clara Young & they had 5 children. Their descendants still live in & near Granger Tap. Joseph & Clara are buried at Fairview Cemetery. George is at Reed Hill Cemetery.

Nosean's youngest daughter was Emily^(S) (Emmie) Matilda Hand, born in Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island, N. Y. on Nov. 20, 1844. She moved to Lihon with her parents in 1848 when she was 4! We have a watercolor portrait of her at age 18, probably when she married Thomas Jefferson Case.

Where did he come from & how did they meet? Thomas was born in Westchester Co. N. Y. in 1834. His father, Elijah Case, Jr. was born in Connecticut in 1785, the son of Elijah Case, Sr. who married Catherine Ganyard in 1775. Catherine was the daughter of Peter Ganyard from France. The story of the Ganyards is told in the paper that Muriel Wiley copied from the old Ganyard family Bible in 1908. It is also in the History of Medina Co. by Baskins & Betty on pages 908-11.

Other old papers indicate there were other Elijah Cases

but the dates aren't right. Elijah Case, Jr. was buried at Reed Hill when he died in June 1864. The inscription says age 78. He must be the Elijah born in 1785 in Conn., son of Elijah Case & Catherine Ganyard. He must have left Conn. & been in New York by 1834 when Thomas was born at Little Falls which is right on the Erie Canal. A search of 1840 census records didn't show him there or in Orange but the 1850 census shows that the child born next, Charlotte, was born in Ohio in 1838. There are other Case ancestors indicated on the old records but no confirmation has been made. There was a ^{Leor} Abner Leonard and a Thomas way back. There was a Leonard Case in Cleveland history but the dates don't match.

An old deed shows an Elijah Case had surveyed land in Orange in 1852. It was a sale of land from a William Reason to one James Ganyard for lot 35 in Orangeburg.

But to get back to Emma Hand meeting, Thomas Case. Emma's father, Horace had died when she was 10. Her mother, Sarah, was living in Akron in the 1860 census. But Emma was with her Aunt Harriet and Uncle Job in Orangeburg. She was 15. When they took the census in those days they numbered the residences as they went. No. 158 was Job Green. 159 was Elijah Case. Thomas was 24. They were married in 1862, just after she became 18. Thomas served in the 2nd Ohio Volunteer Cavalry from March until Sept. in 1865. His wife received a Civil War Pension of \$4 a month after he died in 1902.

Thomas had 4 brothers and 3 sisters. His mother was Loue Carlou, spelled LOUIS in the 1850 census. According to Ruell's records & memory, he, Elijah married the second time and bore 4 of the children. Her name was ? Hulet of Berca Lucille called her Grandma Hulet. The 1860 census showed Louisa as wife's name. There is a Hulet Hall at Berca College which became Baldwin Hallau.

In the 1880 census, Thomas was said he worked in a stone quarry and had been unemployed for 6 months. I wonder if he had worked in Berca where the smooth, even texture of the sandstone made such perfect grindstones if so, he may have learned to drill holes and set dynamite and other techniques which make it tempting to go out west to mine. Lucille J. remembers that he went at least 3 times, once to Beabe, Arizona where copper mines were dug deep in the ground before open-pit technology was developed. At least once, he made enough money to take the family to Minnesota and buy a dairy farm there. Son Tommy was born there in 1870 which explains the family was in Granger in the 1870 census. Emma was left behind when he went west "so poor they ate bread with salt on it."

They had four children who lived: George, Tommy, Mabel/Mable^(a) and Charles. Mabel married Edgar Wiley. George & Thomas married sisters - ~~Blair~~ and Dennis Robinson. Tommy is said to have gone out west with his father when he was a boy and the mining bug must have bitten. He settled in Georgetown, El Dorado Co., Calif. not far from Sutter's Mill. Tommy had one son, Roger. His wife is still living in CA - no children. Charles was Lucille's father. He was called Plum because Emma (Emma) called him her little sugar plum.

Charles married Stella Bigelow. Their only other child, Leo, died at age 6. George married Blanch Robinson & had one son, Ford. Ford had one son, Bruce, who had a son, Bruce II who is the last male descendent of Thomas Case bearing the Case name.

As I said, Mabel Case married Edgar Wiley. Where did he come from? His father, Andrew Augustus Wiley, was born Aug. 27, 1824 and in Allegany Co. N. Y. and married first, Mary (Capt Cynthia Mary) Johnson in 1847. The 1850 census showed them in Orange Twp with 5 month old Edwin. He gave the story from Thomas Corron Wiley that his grandfather, AA, walked from New York with another man until they came to the Remson area. There they stopped to help others and build log cabins. While most of Medusa Co was pretty well settled by 1850, the Remson tract was pretty much virgin forest, known as The Forest, and had many wild animals. Henry Remson, who got the land from the Connecticut Land Co, left it to his grandchildren with the stipulation they not sell it until they came of age. The land was sold between 1845 & 1852. AA and Mary had 6 children, two of them died in 1862: Abner, age 1 and Eugene age 10. They are buried in Fairview Cemetery with their parents. Mary died in 1875 and AA married Mrs. Harriet Straight in 1879. He died four years before AA who lived to be 85. He died in 1909. Lucille J. remembers him "always with a long beard" and sitting under the clock at the Remson Christian Church. He was an active member and was the first one to ring the bell one New Year's Eve.

Buried along side AA is Philena Wiley, age 71, died 1890. I thought at first she was a sister but the census shows she was born in Mass, AA in N. Y. The 1860 census shows her living next to AA with John Wiley, born in N. Y. and with daughter, Amanda and her husband, Josiah Spencer and baby, Philena, age 1. The next census shows the

Spencer living with Adeline and John residing alone. The 1880 census shows Philena alone and divorced! (The only divorce I noticed.) Could it be that John was AA's brother?

AA's son Erwin married Lophie Hall and they had Clyde, Park and Mary. They grew up in Granger but not much is known about them. Daughter Renora (Nora) married Clarence Duke and they had 6 children. I have a long letter from her granddaughter, Eva Duke Hart about Nora's family. Another granddaughter married Melvin van West (Dora's brother?) AA's other daughter, Malvina died at age 30.

Edgar Wiley was born as the Civil War was concluding. His mother died when he was 10 and it was 4 years before his father (AA) remarried. The 1880 census showed him 15. He had attended school that year but said "works on farm". He married Mabel Bunkley Lee in 1887. They bought a farm (evidently with AA's help as he would Edgar his $\frac{1}{2}$ interest) a quarter of a mile south of Roseau Corner. They lived there until 1919 when they moved into Medicine. Then he was a painter and carpenter. He built the house they lived in. He died at age 80 in 1945 preceded in death by his wife in 1941.

Their three children were Muriel Lora Wiley who married Edd Davis, Thomas Brown Wiley who married Esther Shumaker and Bonner Newton Wiley who married May Hatch.

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