

Thomas Family

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Descendants of John Thomas

Generation 1

1. **John Thomas-1.**

Barbara Watts daughter of Joel Watts and Isabel Kapler.

John Thomas and Barbara Watts married. They had the following children:

- i. **Barbara Watts Thomas.**
2. ii. **Larkin Thomas** was born before 1765. He married Charity Barber on 28 Aug 1793 in Fayette Co., KY.
3. iii. **Joel Thomas** was born in 1767 in Virginia. He married Margaret Kennedy about 1792 in Kentucky. He died on 06 May 1850 in Putnam Co., IN.
- iv. **John Thomas.**

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2. **Larkin Thomas-2** (John-1) was born before 1765.

Charity Barber.

Larkin Thomas and Charity Barber were married on 28 Aug 1793 in Fayette Co., KY. They had the following children:

- i. **John Thomas.**
 - ii. **James Thomas.**
 - iii. **Susan Thomas.**
3. **Joel Thomas-2** (John-1) was born in 1767 in Virginia. He died on 06 May 1850 in Putnam Co., IN.

Notes for Joel Thomas:

General Notes:

Joel Thomas moved his family from Bath Co., Kentucky to Clinton, Putnam Co., Indiana about 1825.

Margaret Kennedy was born in 1771 in Virginia. She died on 18 Mar 1851 in Putnam Co., IN.

Notes for Margaret Kennedy:

General Notes:

Margaret was living with her son, Elzephus, in the 1850 Putnam Co., IN census.

Joel Thomas and Margaret Kennedy were married about 1792 in Kentucky. They had the following children:

- i. **Thomas Jefferson Thomas.**
 - ii. **Joseph Thomas.**
 - iii. **John Thomas.**
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- iv. **Sarah Thomas.**
- v. **Otwell Thomas.**
- 4. vi. **William Thomas** was born in 1797 in Montgomery Co., KY. He married Hannah Butcher on 25 Mar 1817 in Bath Co., KY. He died in 1839 in Parke Co., IN.
- vii. **Elizabeth Thomas** was born in 1798 in Kentucky. She married Luke Davis on 06 Aug 1818 in Bath Co., KY. She died after 1870 in Putnam Co., IN.
- 5. viii. **Jane Thomas** was born on 29 Jan 1801 in Montgomery Co., KY. She married Samuel Butcher on 05 Mar 1818 in Bath Co., KY. She died on 08 Nov 1875 in Putnam Co., IN.
- 6. ix. **Elzeaphus Thomas** was born on 05 Nov 1806 in Montgomery Co., KY. He married Patsy Donovan about 1827 in Kentucky. He died on 22 Sep 1889 in Putnam Co., IN.

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- 4. **William Thomas-3** (Joel-2, John-1) was born in 1797 in Montgomery Co., KY. He died in 1839 in Parke Co., IN.

Hannah Butcher daughter of James Butcher and Martha Clark was born on 25 Dec 1799 in Montgomery Co., KY. She died on 08 Mar 1863 in Putnam Co., IN.

William Thomas and Hannah Butcher were married on 25 Mar 1817 in Bath Co., KY. They had the following children:

- i. **William Thomas.**
 - ii. **George Thomas.**
 - 7. iii. **Isaac Thomas** was born about 1818 in Kentucky. He married Eliza _____ after 1856.
 - 8. iv. **Joel Harris Thomas** was born on 27 Sep 1820 in Montgomery Co., KY. He married Mary Stites on 09 Mar 1843 in Putnam Co., IN. He died on 08 Nov 1884 in Putnam Co., IN.
 - 9. v. **Lewis Thomas** was born about 1835 in Indiana. He married Susanna C. Beck on 16 Nov 1854 in Parke Co., IN.
- 5. **Jane Thomas-3** (Joel-2, John-1) was born on 29 Jan 1801 in Montgomery Co., KY. She died on 08 Nov 1875 in Putnam Co., IN.

Samuel Butcher son of James Butcher and Martha Clark was born in 1798 in Montgomery Co., KY. He died in 1831 in Putnam Co., IN.

Samuel Butcher and Jane Thomas were married on 05 Mar 1818 in Bath Co., KY. They had the following children:

- i. **Joel G. Butcher** was born in 1819 in Bath Co., KY. He married Salena Vina Saylor on 21 Oct 1841 in Putnam Co., IN.

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- ii. **James H. Butcher** was born in 1821 in Bath Co., KY. He married Eleanor Burke on 12 May 1840 in Putnam Co., IN.
- 10. iii. **Elzeaphus Butcher** was born on 08 Mar 1823. He died on 01 Apr 1867.
- iv. **John Butcher** was born in 1825 in Bath Co., KY. He married Susan Frank on 08 Oct 1854 in Putnam Co., IN.
- v. **Sarah Butcher** was born in 1827 in Bath Co., KY. She married James Gregg on 25 Sep 1845 in Putnam Co., IN.
- 11. vi. **Simpson Butcher** was born on 16 Jul 1829 in Putnam Co., IN. He married Mary Jane Galey on 21 Jan 1862 in Parke Co., IN. He died on 24 Feb 1904 in Lincoln, Lancaster Co., NE.
- vii. **Samuel Butcher** was born in 1831 in Putnam Co., IN. He married Hannah Jane Gardner on 29 Nov 1853 in Putnam Co., IN.

Clark Butcher son of James Butcher and Martha Clark was born on 26 Mar 1806 in Montgomery Co., KY. He died on 15 Aug 1879 in Putnam Co., IN.

Clark Butcher and Jane Thomas were married on 07 Aug 1834 in Putnam Co., IN. They had the following children:

- 12. i. **Elizabeth Jane Butcher** was born on 20 Jan 1835 in Indiana. She married Richard French Rambo on 17 Apr 1853 in Putnam Co., IN.
 - ii. **William C. Butcher** was born on 02 Aug 1837 in Putnam Co., IN. He died in 1923 in Probably Putnam Co., IN.
 - iii. **Martha A. Butcher** was born on 26 Sep 1839 in Putnam Co., IN. She married John E. Andrews on 03 Oct 1861 in Putnam Co., IN.
 - iv. **Malinda M. Butcher** was born on 14 Oct 1841 in Putnam Co., IN. She died on 03 Oct 1859 in Putnam Co., IN.
 - v. **Melvin McKee Butcher** was born on 05 Dec 1843 in Putnam Co., IN.
 - vi. **Mary J. Butcher** was born in 1845 in Putnam Co., IN. She died between 1850-1860 in Putnam Co., IN.
6. **Elzeaphus Thomas-3** (Joel-2, John-1) was born on 05 Nov 1806 in Montgomery Co., KY. He died on 22 Sep 1889 in Putnam Co., IN.

Notes for Elzeaphus Thomas:

General Notes:

Elzeaphus settled on a farm at the Morton Corner and in the 1850s built a house there. Mr. Thomas began life with little, but prospered. He added to his place until he became one of the well-to-do and influential men of Putnam and surrounding counties, owning at one time nineteen hundred acres of valuable land, mostly near the home place.

The article about Joseph A. Thomas in Wiek's History of Putnam Co., IN below is incorrect. It mixes up two different Joel Thomases or at least refers to them without being clear which one the article is

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talking about. The parents of Elzeaphus Thomas were Joel and Margaret (Kennedy) Thomas. The Joel referred to as the son of William is Joel Harris Thomas, grandson of Joel and Margaret (Kennedy) Thomas. The "elder Thomas" referred to in the article is Joel Thomas who was married to Margaret Kennedy. Joel, Issac, William, George and Lewis who are indicated as being the sons of William are the grandsons of Joel and Margaret (Kennedy) Thomas. That Joel is Joel Harris Thomas.

The history of the Thomas family in Putnam county is coincident with much of the important and interesting history of this locality and in examining the local records we find that many members of this worthy family of the past and present have been prominent in various walks of life locally and have always discharged their duties in a manner befitting high-grade citizenship and in a manner that never failed to win the esteem of their fellow countrymen who knew them best.

Of this family. Elzeaphus Thomas should receive our first consideration. He was long a well-known citizen of Morton. Clinton township. and his death occurred September 22. 1889. when eighty-two years. ten months and seventeen days old. Elzeaphus Thomas was the son of Joel and Mary (Stiles) Thomas. the former of Bath county. Kentucky. Joel Thomas brought the family to Putnam county. Indiana. about 1825 and entered land in Clinton township. one mile north of Morton. and there spent the remainder of his life. dying at an advanced age. William Thomas. father of Joel. came here about 1828 and settled near Pisgah church. but soon moved to the Thomas farm north of Greencastle. on the place where H. T. Thomas was born. His wife. Fanny Butcher. married in Kentucky; she lived to be about seventy years old. William's sons besides Joel were Isaac. William. George and Lewis. Isaac was a soldier in the Union army; he lived in Madison township until his death; William spent many years in Parke county. where he died; George also lives in Parke county. and Lewis married there. Isaac and Joel are the only living ones in Putnam county. The elder Joel Thomas' children. besides William were. John and James. who served in the Union army. Elzeaphus Thomas married Ruth A. Ralston. who died January 22. 1876. when sixty-six years. five months and twenty-one days old. Mr. Thomas settled on the farm at the Morton Corners and in the fifties built the house that still stands there. Rudy Burkett having recently built on the site of the original house. Mr. Thomas began life with but little. but prospering. he added to his place until he became one of the well-to-do and influential men of this and adjoining counties. owning at one time nineteen hundred acres of valuable land. mostly near the home place. so that he could ride horseback over his broad acres and give it his personal attention. He loaned money and traded in stock extensively. keeping all within range. He paid as high as fifty and sixty dollars per acre for that which at first cost only four or five dollars per acre. He hauled wheat to Lafayette and sold it for thirty-seven and one-half cents per bushel. ' He was a keen observer. a good manager and was very successful in business. Although often importuned to do so. he would never hold office. being a Democrat. but no politician. His family consisted of eleven children. named as follows: John H. spent his life in this county. dying at the age of seventy-three years in 1903; Elizabeth is the widow of George Frank at Morton; Margaret is the widow of George Cooper and is living in Clinton township; Marthy Patsy married Richard Lloyd. lived in this county and died when past sixty years of age; Amanda Ellen. wife of Harry Randel. employed in the bank of J. L. Randel at Greencastle; James N. lives in Clinton township; Joseph Andrew. of this review; Rosanna married Ed. Perkins of Greencastle; Sarah Frances is the wife of James Cross. of Lebanon. Indiana; Milton E. died at the age of forty-seven years. in this county; Mary Augustus married Rudy H. Burkett. of Greencastle.

[Source: Jessie W. Wiek, Wiek's History of Putnam Co., IN, (B.F. Bowen & Company, Indianapolis, IN (1910))]

Patsy Donovan.

Elzeaphus Thomas and Patsy Donovan were married about 1827 in Kentucky. They had no children.

Ruth A. Rolston was born on 01 Aug 1809 in Kentucky. She died on 22 Jan 1876 in Putnam Co., IN.

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Elzeaphus Thomas and Ruth A. Rolston were married on 01 Nov 1830 in Bath Co., KY. They had the following children:

- i. **Milton E. Thomas**. He married Agnes C. Denton on 13 Nov 1873 in Putnam Co., IN. He died in Putnam Co., IN.

Notes for Milton E. Thomas:
General Notes:
Milton died at age 47.
- ii. **Mary Augustus Thomas**. She married Rudy H. Burkette on 03 Dec 1875.
13. iii. **John H. Thomas** was born on 14 Nov 1831 in Indiana. He married Mary E. Davidson on 01 Mar 1859. He died on 20 Apr 1909.
14. iv. **Margaret Thomas** was born about 1836 in Indiana. She married George Harris Cooper on 18 May 1852 in Putnam Co., IN.
15. v. **Martha Patsy Thomas** was born about 1838 in Indiana.
16. vi. **Amanda Eleanor Thomas** was born on 16 Dec 1838 in Indiana. She died on 19 Oct 1921.
17. vii. **James N. Thomas** was born about 1841 in Indiana. He married Sarah Ann _____ about 1862.
18. viii. **Joseph Andrew Thomas** was born on 10 Apr 1843 in Morton, Putnam Co., IN. He married Nancy C. Burkette on 31 Oct 1867 in Putnam Co., IN.
19. ix. **Roseanna J. Thomas** was born about 1846 in Indiana. She married Edmund Perkins on 23 Sep 1869 in Putnam Co., IN.
- x. **Sarah Frances Thomas** was born about 1848 in Indiana.

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7. **Isaac Thomas-4** (William-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born about 1818 in Kentucky.

Notes for Isaac Thomas:

General Notes:

Apparently George and James, sons of Isaac were twins. Also, it appears that Harriet and Lewis were twins. Joseph is probably a grandson rather than a son.

Eliza _____ was born on 29 Dec 1817. She died on 14 Nov 1875.

Isaac Thomas and Eliza _____ were married after 1856. They had the following children:

- i. **Joseph Thomas** was born about 1867.

Unknown.

Isaac Thomas and Unknown were married before 1844. They had the following children:

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- i. **Samuel Thomas** was born about 1844 in Indiana.
 - ii. **Harrison Thomas** was born about 1847 in Indiana. He married Elisa Davis on 01 Jan 1867 in Putnam Co., IN.
 - iii. **Carlisle Thomas** was born about 1847 in Indiana.
 - 20. iv. **Aaron H. Thomas** was born in Oct 1848 in Indiana. He married Sarah A. Watson on 26 Jul 1877 in Putnam Co., IN. He died on 03 Mar 1914 in Putnam Co., IN.
 - v. **William C. Thomas** was born about 1849 in Indiana.
 - 21. vi. **Jacob A. Thomas** was born about 1850 in Indiana. He married Nancy Jane Leatherman on 16 Mar 1873 in Putnam Co., IN.
 - vii. **Frances E. Thomas** was born about 1852 in Indiana. She married Lewis Day on 27 Sep 1868 in Putnam Co., IN.
 - viii. **George W. Thomas** was born about 1853 in Indiana.
- Notes for George W. Thomas:
General Notes:
James and George were apparently twins. They were consistently listed as the same age in the census.
- ix. **Lewis A. Thomas** was born about 1856 in Indiana.
 - x. **Harriet Thomas** was born about 1856.
8. **Joel Harris Thomas-4** (William-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born on 27 Sep 1820 in Montgomery Co., KY. He died on 08 Nov 1884 in Putnam Co., IN.

Notes for Joel Harris Thomas:

General Notes:

Joel and his wife, Mary Stites, were natives of Kentucky and of Irish descent. They immigrated to Indiana in 1832 and settled in Clinton Township, Putnam Co., Indiana. About 1856 they moved to Madison Township, where they improved a farm. After Mary's death in 1879, Joel married Elizabeth Hart. Joel was accidentally killed on the night of November 8 1884, by a railroad train. [Source: History of Putnam County]

Mary Stites daughter of Aaron Stiles and Patsy Young was born on 22 Jul 1824 in Kentucky. She died on 04 Aug 1879 in Putnam Co., IN.

Joel Harris Thomas and Mary Stites were married on 09 Mar 1843 in Putnam Co., IN. They had the following children:

- 22. i. **William Thomas** was born on 17 Jun 1844 in Indiana. He married Elizabeth J. Ewing on 01 Jan 1863 in Putnam Co., IN. He died on 11 Oct 1912 in Greencastle, Putnam Co., IN.
- 23. ii. **Hiram T. Thomas** was born on 24 Dec 1845 in Indiana. He married Sabina Burk on 09 Mar 1865 in Putnam Co., IN. He died after Jun 1903.

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iii. **John Thomas** was born about 1846 in Indiana.

iv. **Martha A. Thomas** was born about 1850.

Notes for Martha A. Thomas:

General Notes:

Martha apparently died young. In the biography of her brother [History of Putnam County], William, she is not listed as living.

v. **Fanny Thomas** was born about 1852. She married Franklin J. Burcham on 05 Mar 1872 in Putnam Co., IN.

24. vi. **Joel Thomas** was born about 1853 in Putnam Co., IN. He married Mary Elizabeth Woodrum on 12 Aug 1880 in Putnam Co., IN. He died on 01 Aug 1936.

25. vii. **Aaron Thomas** was born in Sep 1855 in Indiana. He married Eva Hasty on 10 Nov 1881 in Putnam Co., IN. He died after 1920.

26. viii. **Levi Thomas** was born in Nov 1856 in Indiana. He married Louisa Morland on 29 Sep 1878 in Putnam Co., IN.

27. ix. **James Thomas** was born about 1858 in Indiana. He married Harriet E. Ewing on 06 Nov 1873 in Putnam Co., IN.

x. **Marian Isaac Thomas** was born about 1858 in Indiana.

xi. **Lewis E. Thomas** was born about 1859.

Notes for Lewis E. Thomas:

General Notes:

Lewis E. apparently predeceased his brother William. In William's biography [History of Putnam County] he is not listed as living.

Elizabeth Hart.

Joel Harris Thomas and Elizabeth Hart were married on 28 Apr 1881 in Putnam Co., IN. They had no children.

9. **Lewis Thomas-4** (William-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born about 1835 in Indiana.

Notes for Lewis Thomas:

General Notes:

It is not certain that this family is the family of this Lewis. I assume it is based upon the age of this Lewis in th 1870 Putnam Co., Indiana census.

Susanna C. Beck was born about 1836 in Indiana.

Lewis Thomas and Susanna C. Beck were married on 16 Nov 1854 in Parke Co., IN. They had the following children:

i. **Nancy Thomas** was born about 1856 in Indiana.

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- ii. **Frances M. Thomas** was born about 1858 in Indiana.
 - 28. iii. **William Thomas** was born about 1860 in Indiana. He married Ella Randal about 1891.
 - iv. **Andrew Thomas** was born about 1862 in Indiana.
 - v. **Albert Thomas** was born about 1869 in Indiana.
10. **Elzephus Butcher-4** (Jane-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born on 08 Mar 1823. He died on 01 Apr 1867.

Ellen Rambo daughter of Richard French Rambo and Sarah Ware was born on 11 Jun 1825. She died on 22 Sep 1907.

Elzephus Butcher and Ellen Rambo married. They had the following children:

- 29. i. **Amelia Butcher** was born about 1848.
 - ii. **Ira Butcher** was born in 1852. He died in 1928.
 - iii. **Amanda Butcher** was born about 1856.
 - iv. **Milton C. Butcher** was born about 1859.
 - v. **Columbus Butcher** was born before 1887.
 - vi. **Richard Butcher** was born before 1887.
11. **Simpson Butcher-4** (Jane-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born on 16 Jul 1829 in Putnam Co., IN. He died on 24 Feb 1904 in Lincoln, Lancaster Co., NE.

Mary Jane Galey daughter of Samuel Galey and Mary Kinkead was born on 30 Sep 1833 in Montgomery Co., MO. She died on 19 Sep 1897 in Lincoln, Lancaster Co., NE.

Simpson Butcher and Mary Jane Galey were married on 21 Jan 1862 in Parke Co., IN. They had the following children:

- i. **Florence Alma Butcher** was born in 1864 in Parke Co., IN. She died in 1869 in Lincoln, Lancaster Co., NE.
 - ii. **Mae Annetta Butcher** was born in 1866 in Lincoln, Lancaster Co., NE. She married Frank H. Corbett on 14 Jan 1891 in Lincoln, Lancaster Co., NE.
 - 30. iii. **Frances Evertin Butcher** was born on 28 Mar 1870 in Lincoln, Lancaster Co., NE. She married Richard M. Logan on 19 Nov 1889 in Lincoln, Lancaster Co., NE. She died on 17 Jun 1942 in Broderick, Yolo Co., Ca.
12. **Elizabeth Jane Butcher-4** (Jane-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born on 20 Jan 1835 in Indiana.

Richard French Rambo son of Richard French Rambo and Elizabeth K. Ryan was born on 26 Jul 1831 in Delaware.

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Richard French Rambo and Elizabeth Jane Butcher were married on 17 Apr 1853 in Putnam Co., IN. They had the following children:

- i. **Dewitt Clinton Rambo** was born in May 1854 in Putnam Co., IN.

Notes for Dewitt Clinton Rambo:
General Notes:
Dewitt had no children.
 31. ii. **Elmer Elsworth Rambo** was born in 1863 in Illinois. He died in 1957.
 32. iii. **Loretta Dell Rambo** was born on 24 Mar 1865. She died on 26 Dec 1939.
 33. iv. **Herschel C. Rambo** was born in Jun 1869 in Illinois.
 34. v. **Alexis Roscoe Rambo** was born on 13 Sep 1871 in Piasa, Jersey Co., IL. He married Sarah Luella Bryant on 07 Jan 1894. He died on 16 Jan 1970 in Windham, NY.
 35. vi. **Edward Cockman Rambo** was born in 1875 in Illinois. He married Myrtle Lewis about 1900.
13. **John H. Thomas-4** (Elzeaphus-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born on 14 Nov 1831 in Indiana. He died on 20 Apr 1909.

Mary E. Davidson daughter of Samuel Davidson and Dorcas R. Butcher was born on 16 Aug 1840 in Indiana. She died on 30 Oct 1918.

John H. Thomas and Mary E. Davidson were married on 01 Mar 1859. They had the following children:

- i. **Emma Thomas** was born on 10 Jan 1862. She died on 19 Jan 1865.
- ii. **Elzeaphus Thomas** was born on 18 May 1862. He died on 01 May 1863.
- iii. **Virginia Thomas** was born on 08 Dec 1863. She died on 18 Jan 1869.
36. iv. **Olive F. Thomas** was born in Jan 1866 in Indiana. She married Joseph F. Clay on 15 Feb 1888 in Putnam Co., IN.
- v. **Carra Thomas** was born about 1868 in Indiana.
37. vi. **Margaret Thomas** was born in Sep 1870 in Indiana. She married Charles Wesley Gibson on 22 Dec 1887 in Putnam Co., IN.
- vii. **Samuel C. Thomas** was born about 1875 in Indiana.

Notes for Samuel C. Thomas:

General Notes:

In the 1910 Putnam Co., Indiana census Samuel was living with his mother. He was unmarried. His father apparently was already dead.

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viii. **Myrtle Thomas** was born on 05 Jan 1876 in Indiana. She died on 05 May 1886.

Notes for Myrtle Thomas:

General Notes:

The 1880 Putnam Co., KY Census list a "Myrtie" born about 1873. This probably is Myrtle. This may be the same child as Myrtle born in 1876.

ix. **Clay Thomas** was born on 22 Jun 1879. He died on 23 Mar 1880.

x. **Male Thomas** was born on 20 Oct 1880. He died on 12 Dec 1880.

xi. **Ethel Thomas** was born in Jan 1884 in Indiana.

14. **Margaret Thomas-4** (Elzeaphus-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born about 1836 in Indiana.

George Harris Cooper was born about 1827 in Kentucky.

George Harris Cooper and Margaret Thomas were married on 18 May 1852 in Putnam Co., IN. They had the following children:

i. **John T. Cooper** was born about 1853 in Indiana.

ii. **Margaret R. Cooper** was born about 1854 in Indiana.

iii. **Sarah Cooper** was born about 1857 in Indiana.

iv. **Elzeaphus Cooper** was born about 1858 in Indiana.

v. **Henry C. Cooper** was born about 1860 in Indiana.

vi. **Ruth A. Cooper** was born about 1866 in Indiana.

vii. **George W. Cooper** was born about 1868 in Indiana.

viii. **Aaron W. Cooper** was born about 1870 in Indiana.

ix. **Charles E. Cooper** was born about 1872 in Indiana.

x. **Maggie P. Cooper** was born about 1875.

xi. **Chauncey Edgar Cooper** was born about 1878 in Indiana.

15. **Martha Patsy Thomas-4** (Elzeaphus-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born about 1838 in Indiana.

Richard Lloyd was born about 1837 in Indiana.

Richard Lloyd and Martha Patsy Thomas married. They had the following children:

i. **Cora Lloyd** was born about 1865 in Indiana.

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ii. **Doce Lloyd** was born about 1869 in Indiana.

16. **Amanda Eleanor Thomas-4** (Elzeaphus-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born on 16 Dec 1838 in Indiana. She died on 19 Oct 1921.

Purnell Matson Layton was born on 31 Jan 1828. He died on 06 Jan 1883.

Purnell Matson Layton and Amanda Eleanor Thomas married. They had the following children:

i. **Sarah J. Layton.**

Harry Randel.

Harry Randel and Amanda Eleanor Thomas married. They had no children.

17. **James N. Thomas-4** (Elzeaphus-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born about 1841 in Indiana.

Sarah Ann _____ was born about 1842 in Weston Hanger, Kent, England.

James N. Thomas and Sarah Ann _____ were married about 1862. They had the following children:

38. i. **Rose Emma Thomas** was born about 1865. She married Charles W. Bachelder on 07 Feb 1889 in Putnam Co., IN.

ii. **George E. Thomas** was born about 1867. He married Bettie E. Beard on 26 Apr 1894 in Putnam Co., IN.

Notes for George E. Thomas:

General Notes:

George and Bettie apparently did not have any children.

39. iii. **Harvey V. Thomas** was born about 1870. He married Ora D. Skelton on 11 Aug 1897 in Putnam Co., IN.

iv. **Milton Thomas** was born about 1872.

v. **Purnel Madison Thomas** was born on 14 Jun 1875 in Indiana. He married Delena R. King on 08 Dec 1897 in Putnam Co., IN.

18. **Joseph Andrew Thomas-4** (Elzeaphus-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born on 10 Apr 1843 in Morton, Putnam Co., IN.

Notes for Joseph Andrew Thomas:

General Notes:

Joseph Andrew Thomas was born in Putnam Co., Indiana where he spent his boyhood days until the out break of the Civil war when he served in the Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He was captured by the enemy at Marks Mills, while with Steele, while on detail for supplies, and he was later sent to Camp Ford, Tyler, Texas. He was placed in a stockade there and retained eleven months when he was exchanged in March 1865. He was compelled to march three hundred miles on short rations, in reaching Tyler. He relates that his Christmas dinner that year consisted of ox tail soup. When he was finally liberated, he was much reduced in flesh, but he never regretted his service to his country.

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After his marriage, Joseph settled near Clinton, Putnam Co., Indiana, near where his brother James lived and remained there for fourteen years, getting a good start. Then he bought a place at Morton, Putnam Co., Indiana and a farm in Russell, Putnam Co., Indiana. He received one hundred forty-two acres of his father's farm and he owned over five hundred acres at one time.

Joseph was a good Democrat but no politician. He was known to be a man who was deeply interested in the welfare of his neighbors, with whom he was uniformly popular because of his honesty.

[Source: Jessie W. Wiek, Wiek's History of Putnam Co., IN, (B.F. Bowen & Company, Indianapolis, IN (1910)).

Nancy C. Burkette daughter of Benton C. Burkette and Rebecca Nutgrass was born about 1848 in Russell, Putnam Co., IN.

Joseph Andrew Thomas and Nancy C. Burkette were married on 31 Oct 1867 in Putnam Co., IN. They had the following children:

40. i. **Alva V. Thomas** was born about 1870 in Indiana. He married Gertrude O'Hair on 04 Dec 1895 in Putnam Co., IN.
- ii. **Otis M. Thomas** was born on 07 Feb 1873 in Indiana.

Notes for Otis M. Thomas:

General Notes:

Ottis never married. He operated the home farm.

- iii. **Zoe Thomas** was born on 28 Jul 1878 in Indiana. She died on 02 Nov 1897.

Notes for Zoe Thomas:

General Notes:

Zoe died when nineteen years old.

19. **Roseanna J. Thomas-4** (Elzeaphus-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born about 1846 in Indiana.

Edmund Perkins was born about 1845 in Of Greencastle, Putnam Co., IN.

Edmund Perkins and Roseanna J. Thomas were married on 23 Sep 1869 in Putnam Co., IN. They had the following children:

- i. **Stella B. Perkins** was born about 1872 in Indiana.
- ii. **Joseph Perkins** was born about 1876 in Indiana.

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20. **Aaron H. Thomas-5** (Isaac-4, William-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born in Oct 1848 in Indiana. He died on 03 Mar 1914 in Putnam Co., IN.

Sarah A. Watson was born in Dec 1852 in Indiana.

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Aaron H. Thomas and Sarah A. Watson were married on 26 Jul 1877 in Putnam Co., IN. They had the following children:

- i. **Margaret Thomas** was born about 1879 in Indiana.
- ii. **Child Thomas** was born on 10 Aug 1883 in Putnam Co., IN.
- 41. iii. **Robert Logan Thomas** was born on 19 Apr 1886 in Indiana. He married Lola Marie Bryant on 18 Oct 1916 in Putnam Co., IN.
- iv. **Ruth C. Thomas** was born on 10 Sep 1890.

Dellia S. _____.

Aaron H. Thomas and Dellia S. _____ were married before 1877. They had the following children:

- i. **Margaret Thomas** was born about 1876 in Indiana.
21. **Jacob A. Thomas-5** (Isaac-4, William-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born about 1850 in Indiana.

Nancy Jane Leatherman was born about 1856 in Indiana.

Jacob A. Thomas and Nancy Jane Leatherman were married on 16 Mar 1873 in Putnam Co., IN. They had the following children:

- i. **Mary Thomas** was born about 1876 in Indiana.
 - ii. **Artena Thomas** was born about 1877 in Indiana.
 - iii. **William Thomas** was born on 23 Oct 1882 in Putnam Co., IN.
 - iv. **Elbert Ray Thomas** was born on 15 May 1895 in Indiana.
 - 42. v. **Gilbert H. Thomas** was born on 19 Jul 1899 in Indiana. He married Thelma I. Slavens on 17 Mar 1917 in Putnam Co., IN.
 - vi. **Clifford Thomas** was born about 1902 in Indiana.
22. **William Thomas-5** (Joel Harris-4, William-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born on 17 Jun 1844 in Indiana. He died on 11 Oct 1912 in Greencastle, Putnam Co., IN.

Notes for William Thomas:

General Notes:

William. settled in Madison Township, Putnam Co., Indiana, in 1873, where he owned 218 acres of land. He also owned 97 acres of land in Parke Co., Indiana. He served as a township trustee and was a Democrat.

Elizabeth J. Ewing daughter of George Ewing and Eliza _____ was born on 05 Oct 1842 in Montgomery Co., IN.

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William Thomas and Elizabeth J. Ewing were married on 01 Jan 1863 in Putnam Co., IN. They had the following children:

- i. **Frank Thomas.** He died in infancy at age two.

Notes for Frank Thomas:

General Notes:

Frank apparently died young. He is not listed as living in the biography of his father which appears in the History of Putnam County.

- ii. **Eliza A. Thomas** was born about 1866 in Indiana. She married Charles J. Priest on 28 Dec 1882 in Putnam Co., IN. She died in 1883.

Notes for Eliza A. Thomas:

General Notes:

Eliza apparently died young. On researcher indicates she died when she was 18-years old. She is not listed as living in the biography of her father which appears in the History of Putnam County.

- iii. **Eldora M. Thomas** was born about 1868 in Indiana. She married Charles W. Reeves on 06 Mar 1886 in Putnam Co., IN.

- iv. **Henry Thomas** was born about 1870.

- v. **Oscar Thomas** was born on 20 Jan 1872 in Madison Twp., Putnam Co., IN. He married Bessie O'Hair on 08 Dec 1903 in Putnam Co., IN.

Notes for Oscar Thomas:

General Notes:

Oscar was superintendent of the schools in Putnam Co., Indiana. He was educated in the primitive schools of his native community and devoted to his life of farming, becoming one of the leading agriculturists of Madison Township, Putnam Co., Indiana. The Thomas family is of Irish stock, the lineage of which may be traced back to 1685, since which remote period many members of this historic family have distinguished themselves in various walks of life.

Oscar was reared on the home farm, which he worked when old enough during the summer months, devoting the winter to study in the public schools of Madison Township. Being ambitious to become familiar with the classics and higher sciences, he continued his schooling by entering Central Normal College at Danville, after which he took a course in De Pauw University, where he made a splendid record and came out well qualified to enter his chosen life work - teaching, which he began and which he has since followed, teaching for a period of thirteen years in townships of Madison, Mill Creek, Monroe and Franklin. Of this time, three years was spent in the high school in Brick Chapel, giving eminent satisfaction from the first. He soon became known throughout the county and his services were in great demand, having so discharged his duties as to win the highest encomiums of the superintendent and boards of the various schools where he was employed, to say nothing of his popularity with the pupils under his charge and the general public. In 1903 he was elected county superintendent of schools and so faithfully and satisfactorily did he fill this important trust that he was re-elected in 1907.

Oscar had no children.

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[Source: Jessie W. Wiek, Wiek's History of Putnam Co., IN, (B.F. Bowen & Company, Indianapolis, IN (1910)).]

43. vi. **John William Elmer Thomas** was born on 08 Sep 1876 in Greencastle, Putnam Co., IN. He married Edith Smith on 24 Sep 1902. He died on 19 Sep 1965 in Lawton, Comanche Co., OK.

vii. **Charles B. Thomas** was born about 1879 in Indiana.

viii. **Leona Thomas** was born on 17 Feb 1881. She died on 11 Feb 1904 in Denver, Denver Co., CO.

Notes for Leona Thomas:

General Notes:

Leona died when she was 23.

ix. **Bertha L. Thomas** was born on 04 Jun 1884. She died on 20 Aug 1900.

44. x. **Earl Cleveland Thomas** was born on 16 Oct 1887 in Putnam Co., IN.

23. **Hiram T. Thomas-5** (Joel Harris-4, William-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born on 24 Dec 1845 in Indiana. He died after Jun 1903.

Sabina Burk was born on 25 Mar 1847. She died on 08 Jun 1903 in Putnam Co., IN.

Hiram T. Thomas and Sabina Burk were married on 09 Mar 1865 in Putnam Co., IN. They had the following children:

i. **Stephen Bascom Thomas** was born about 1867 in Indiana. He married Anna _____ about 1901. He died on 13 Feb 1915 in Greencastle, Putnam Co., IN.

Notes for Stephen Bascom Thomas:

General Notes:

Stephen did not have children by Anna. He apparently was married prior to Anna.

ii. **May Thomas** was born on 25 Jun 1868. She died on 02 Sep 1869.

iii. **Todie Thomas** was born on 04 Aug 1868. He died on 13 Oct 1871.

24. **Joel Thomas-5** (Joel Harris-4, William-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born about 1853 in Putnam Co., IN. He died on 01 Aug 1936.

Mary Elizabeth Woodrum was born on 13 Jan 1856 in Putnam Co., IN.

Joel Thomas and Mary Elizabeth Woodrum were married on 12 Aug 1880 in Putnam Co., IN. They had the following children:

45. i. **Walter L. Thomas** was born on 18 May 1881 in Indiana.

46. ii. **Paul Andrew Thomas** was born on 01 Apr 1884 in Parke Co., IN. He married Blanche Eunice Dillinger on 21 Feb 1912 in Putnam Co., IN. He died before 1980.

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47. iii. **Laura Mae Thomas** was born on 22 Jul 1886 in Indiana. She married Harley Alfred Taber on 02 Sep 1924. She died on 22 Jan 1975 in Charlston, WV.
48. iv. **Ocie A. Thomas** was born on 29 Jul 1889 in Indiana. She married Otto Beecher Sawyer on 31 Dec 1908 in Putnam Co., IN. She died on 27 Jan 1980 in Brazil, Clay Co., IN.
49. v. **Anna Lea Thomas** was born on 01 Nov 1891. She married Ernest G. Bell in 1917. She died on 23 Jul 1964.
50. vi. **Clyde Easter Thomas** was born on 14 Apr 1895 in Putnam Co., IN. He married Ruby Irene Clifford on 23 Nov 1922 in Putnam Co., IN. He died before 1980.
- vii. **Maude A. Thomas** was born on 11 Apr 1899 in Indiana.
25. **Aaron Thomas-5** (Joel Harris-4, William-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born in Sep 1855 in Indiana. He died after 1920.
- Eva Hasty** daughter of Levi Hasty and Mahalia _____ was born in Apr 1862 in Indiana. She died after 1920.
- Aaron Thomas and Eva Hasty were married on 10 Nov 1881 in Putnam Co., IN. They had the following children:
- i. **Charles L. Thomas** was born in Oct 1882 in Indiana.
- ii. **Laura M Thomas** was born in Jul 1884 in Indiana.
- iii. **Franklin S. Thomas** was born on 04 Nov 1886 in Putnam Co., IN. He married Hazel Fern Wood on 20 Nov 1910 in Putnam Co., IN.
- iv. **Sarah M. Thomas** was born on 13 May 1890 in Putnam Co., IN.
26. **Levi Thomas-5** (Joel Harris-4, William-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born in Nov 1856 in Indiana.

Notes for Levi Thomas:

General Notes:

Levi and Louisa were living in Virgo County, Indiana during the 1900 census. Louisa was shown as having has a total of 12 children 6 of whom were shown on the census and 6 of whom had already died.

Louisa Morland was born in Feb 1861 in Indiana.

Levi Thomas and Louisa Morland were married on 29 Sep 1878 in Putnam Co., IN. They had the following children:

- i. **Ezra Thomas** was born about 1879 in Indiana. He died before 1900.
- ii. **Joseph A. Thomas** was born in Aug 1881 in Indiana.
- iii. **Sarah A. Thomas** was born on 13 Dec 1885 in Putnam Co., IN. She died before 1900.

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- iv. **Male Thomas** was born on 09 Oct 1887 in Putnam Co., IN.
- v. **Lawrence Thomas** was born on 15 Mar 1889 in Putnam Co., IN.
- vi. **Syliva A. Thomas** was born on 23 Mar 1890 in Putnam Co., IN.
- vii. **Goldie E. Thomas** was born in Sep 1891 in Indiana.
- viii. **Georgia Thomas** was born in Jul 1894 in Indiana.
- ix. **Hazel Thomas** was born on 22 Mar 1896 in Putnam Co., IN.

27. **James Thomas-5** (Joel Harris-4, William-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born about 1858 in Indiana.

Harriet E. Ewing was born on 28 Feb 1855 in Indiana. She died on 25 Sep 1879.

James Thomas and Harriet E. Ewing were married on 06 Nov 1873 in Putnam Co., IN. They had the following children:

- i. **Joel Bert Thomas** was born on 15 Jun 1875 in Putnam Co., IN. He married Mary E. Hapney on 24 Dec 1911 in Putnam Co., IN.
- ii. **Grace M. Thomas** was born about 1878 in Indiana.

28. **William Thomas-5** (Lewis-4, William-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born about 1860 in Indiana.

Ella Randal daughter of _____ Randal and Kathryn _____ was born about 1868.

William Thomas and Ella Randal were married about 1891. They had the following children:

- 51. i. **Fay Thomas** was born on 14 Oct 1891. He married Ethel Lane on 06 Sep 1911 in Putnam Co., IN.
- 52. ii. **May Thomas** was born on 14 Oct 1891. She married Raymond T. Wright on 24 Nov 1915 in Putnam Co., IN.
- iii. **Ona Thomas** was born about 1900.
- iv. **Cyrena Thomas** was born about 1903.

29. **Amelia Butcher-5** (Elzephus-4, Jane-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born about 1848.

P. Shonkwiler son of Daniel Shonkwiler and Ruth _____.

P. Shonkwiler and Amelia Butcher married. They had the following children:

- i. **Pearl Shonkwiler**.

30. **Frances Evertin Butcher-5** (Simpson-4, Jane-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born on 28 Mar 1870 in Lincoln, Lancaster Co., NE. She died on 17 Jun 1942 in Broderick, Yolo Co., Ca.

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Richard M. Logan.

Richard M. Logan and Frances Evertin Butcher were married on 19 Nov 1889 in Lincoln, Lancaster Co., NE. They had no children.

Emory Bertis Smith.

Emory Bertis Smith and Frances Evertin Butcher were married on 04 Oct 1901 in Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie Co., IA. They had the following children:

- i. **Erma Elizabeth Smith** was born on 02 Mar 1904 in Lincoln, Lancaster Co., NE.

31. **Elmer Elsworth Rambo**-5 (Elizabeth Jane-4, Jane-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born in 1863 in Illinois. He died in 1957.

Jessie L. Rickards daughter of Francis M. Rickards was born in Oct 1865.

Elmer Elsworth Rambo and Jessie L. Rickards married. They had the following children:

- i. **Lucille Ray Rambo.**
- ii. **Blanche Melcher Rambo** was born in Sep 1891.

32. **Loretta Dell Rambo**-5 (Elizabeth Jane-4, Jane-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born on 24 Mar 1865. She died on 26 Dec 1939.

Jesse Gesell.

Jesse Gesell and Loretta Dell Rambo married. They had the following children:

- i. **Harry Lynn Gesell.**
- ii. **Everett Clinton Gesell.**
- iii. **Orva Vee Gesell** was born on 11 Aug 1890.
- iv. **Ethel Pearl Gesell** was born on 17 Apr 1893.
- v. **Leo Lanien Gesell** was born on 18 Aug 1894.

33. **Herschel C. Rambo**-5 (Elizabeth Jane-4, Jane-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born in Jun 1869 in Illinois.

Minnie _____ was born in Aug 1868 in Indiana.

Herschel C. Rambo and Minnie _____ married. They had the following children:

- i. **Earl Rambo** was born in Sep 1891.

34. **Alexis Roscoe Rambo**-5 (Elizabeth Jane-4, Jane-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born on 13 Sep 1871 in Piasa, Jersey Co., IL. He died on 16 Jan 1970 in Windham, NY.

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Sarah Luella Bryant.

Alexis Roscoe Rambo and Sarah Luella Bryant were married on 07 Jan 1894. They had the following children:

- i. **Millicent D'etta Rambo** was born on 20 Dec 1894.
- ii. **Ruth Beatrice Rambo** was born on 02 Aug 1896.
- iii. **Hazel Dell Rambo** was born on 29 Jun 1898.
- iv. **Roy French Rambo** was born on 14 Jul 1901.
- v. **Susan Naomi Rambo** was born on 14 Jul 1903.
- vi. **Muriel Luella Rambo** was born on 12 May 1908.
- vii. **Marjorie Catherine Rambo** was born on 16 Mar 1910.
- viii. **Doris Natalie Rambo** was born on 26 Jul 1911.
- ix. **Vincent Alan Rambo** was born on 09 Nov 1913.

35. **Edward Cockman Rambo-5** (Elizabeth Jane-4, Jane-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born in 1875 in Illinois.

Myrtle Lewis daughter of J. W. Lewis.

Edward Cockman Rambo and Myrtle Lewis were married about 1900. They had the following children:

- i. **Ethel Rambo.**
- ii. **Florence Rambo.**
- iii. **Marie Rambo** was born after Jul 1900.

36. **Olive F. Thomas-5** (John H.-4, Elzeaphus-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born in Jan 1866 in Indiana.

Joseph F. Clay was born in Sep 1865 in Indiana.

Joseph F. Clay and Olive F. Thomas were married on 15 Feb 1888 in Putnam Co., IN. They had the following children:

- i. **Eula Clay** was born in Jan 1889 in Indiana.

37. **Margaret Thomas-5** (John H.-4, Elzeaphus-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born in Sep 1870 in Indiana.

Charles Wesley Gibson son of Truman Wallace Gibson and Timandra Josephine Key was born on 06 May 1868 in Morton, Putnam Co., IN. He died on 21 Dec 1959 in Evansville, Vanderburgh Co., IN.

Notes for Charles Wesley Gibson:

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General Notes:

Charles is buried in Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, Indiana, Section: 42, Lot: 255

Charles Wesley Gibson and Margaret Thomas were married on 22 Dec 1887 in Putnam Co., IN. They had the following children:

53. i. **Ernest Ray Gibson** was born on 06 Jun 1891 in Putnam Co., IN. He married Myrtle Anglemyer on 16 Jan 1913 in Montgomery Co., MO. He died on 11 Feb 1979 in St. Joseph Hospital, Reading, Berks Co., PA.
54. ii. **Beulah Irene Gibson** was born on 06 Nov 1895 in Putnam Co., IN. She married Robert Ragle Acre on 27 Apr 1922 in Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN. She died on 25 Oct 1990 in Owensboro, Daviess Co., KY.
- iii. **Alta M. Gibson** was born on 03 Oct 1900 in Indiana. She died after 1919. She married Azel Williams on 01 Oct 1919 in Marion Co., IN.

Notes for Alta M. Gibson:

General Notes:

Azel and Alta were living with Willis and Hannah Williams in Indianapolis, Indiana during the 1920 census. They had no children. Also living in the family were Azel's brothers, Cecil and Dencil and Willis' sister-in-law, Winnie Ridge. Azel's occupation was listed as a clerk for his father's livery business.

38. **Rose Emma Thomas**-5 (James N.-4, Elzeaphus-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born about 1865.

Charles W. Bachelder.

Charles W. Bachelder and Rose Emma Thomas were married on 07 Feb 1889 in Putnam Co., IN. They had the following children:

- i. **Male Bachelder** was born on 04 Dec 1889.
- ii. **Male Bachelder** was born on 11 Sep 1892.
- iii. **Male Bachelder** was born on 12 Jan 1895.
- iv. **Female Bachelder** was born on 06 Apr 1897.

39. **Harvey V. Thomas**-5 (James N.-4, Elzeaphus-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born about 1870.

Ora D. Skelton was born about 1875.

Harvey V. Thomas and Ora D. Skelton were married on 11 Aug 1897 in Putnam Co., IN. They had the following children:

- i. **James W. Thomas** was born on 01 May 1900 in Putnam Co., IN.

40. **Alva V. Thomas**-5 (Joseph Andrew-4, Elzeaphus-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born about 1870 in Indiana.

Notes for Alva V. Thomas:

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General Notes:

Alva owned one hundred sixty acres near Brick Capel, Monroe Township, Putnam Co., Indiana. [Source: Jessie W. Wiek, Wiek's History of Putnam Co., IN, (B.F. Bowen & Company, Indianapolis, IN (1910)).

Gertrude O'Hair.

Alva V. Thomas and Gertrude O'Hair were married on 04 Dec 1895 in Putnam Co., IN. They had the following children:

55. i. **Russell Eugene Thomas** was born on 22 Apr 1897 in Putnam Co., IN. He married Laurel Butcher on 05 Jun 1920 in Putnam Co., IN.
- ii. **Orville Clifton Thomas** was born on 14 Nov 1898.

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41. **Robert Logan Thomas-6** (Aaron H.-5, Isaac-4, William-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born on 19 Apr 1886 in Indiana.

Lola Marie Bryant.

Robert Logan Thomas and Lola Marie Bryant were married on 18 Oct 1916 in Putnam Co., IN. They had the following children:

- i. **Robert E. Thomas** was born on 02 Apr 1919 in Putnam Co., IN.
 - ii. **Thelma I. Thomas** was born on 26 Apr 1920 in Putnam Co., IN.
42. **Gilbert H. Thomas-6** (Jacob A.-5, Isaac-4, William-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born on 19 Jul 1899 in Indiana.

Thelma I. Slavens.

Gilbert H. Thomas and Thelma I. Slavens were married on 17 Mar 1917 in Putnam Co., IN. They had the following children:

- i. **Harold C. Thomas** was born on 18 Mar 1918 in Putnam Co., IN.
43. **John William Elmer Thomas-6** (William-5, Joel Harris-4, William-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born on 08 Sep 1876 in Greencastle, Putnam Co., IN. He died on 19 Sep 1965 in Lawton, Comanche Co., OK.

Notes for John William Elmer Thomas:

General Notes:

THOMAS, JOHN WILLIAM ELMER (1876-1965)

U.S. Representative and U.S. Senator John William Elmer Thomas ranks among Oklahoma's most important political leaders during the state's first four decades. Born to William and Elizabeth Thomas September 8, 1876, on a farm in Putnam County, Indiana, Elmer Thomas was seventh among seven boys and five girls. The young man found "general farm work was my lot, but not to my liking." Upon graduation from the one-room school at Brunerstown, the fifteen-year-old weighed 130 pounds and had passed six feet in height. Thomas's mother, a former teacher, encouraged him to pursue a pedagogical career, and while attending Central Normal College, Danville, Indiana, he taught at

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Happy Hollow, a one-room school. He graduated from Central in 1897.

During the 1896 presidential contest twenty-year-old Thomas met and vigorously campaigned for William Jennings Bryan. Thomas recollected, "I thought I was able to explain the free silver 16-1 issue...to small town audiences." This experience led him to study law at De Pauw University, where he debated, edited the yearbook, and graduated in 1900.

Thomas turned his attention toward Oklahoma after viewing a poster advertising a Rough Riders reunion in Oklahoma City. Visions of opportunity flashed through his mind, and he hastily decided to go west. Arriving on November 16, 1900, he at first taught English, received a license to practice law, went into business with Jay M. Jackson, a real estate agent. In the summer of 1901 Thomas moved his practice to Lawton. On September 24, 1902, he married Edith Smith. They had one child, Wilford Smith Thomas, in 1904.

Water proved Lawton's scarcest commodity, and seeing a business opportunity, Thomas developed a partnership with Hal A. Lloyd of Altus. They opened Medicine Park Resort on Medicine Creek, near Mount Scott. The resort featured a dam that diverted water to Lawton, fifteen miles away. Thomas often hosted gatherings at the resort, earning him the sobriquet "the Sage of Medicine Park."

Elected to the first Oklahoma Senate in 1907, he achieved a number of successes. He served as president pro tempore from 1910 to 1913 and for ten years chaired the appropriations committee, a position responsible for funding the new state capitol project. He also helped establish the state game and fish department and oversaw installation of the state's first fish hatchery, at Medicine Park.

Although he won the Sixth District Democratic nomination for U.S. Representative in 1920, he lost the November election. In 1922 he ran again and won. In Congress he served on the House Committee on Public Lands and Claims and maintained a keen interest in Indian Affairs and the farm problem. Between 1922 and 1926 he supported Indian education measures, the McNary-Haugen Farm Relief Bill, and legislation expanding farm credit.

In 1926 he defeated former governor Jack Walton in the Democratic primary for U.S. Senator, attacked the Coolidge administration for its insensitivity to farmers, and defeated Republican incumbent J. W. Harreld. In the Senate Thomas received assignment to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry. During the Hoover administration he again supported McNary-Haugenism, as well as an export debenture bill, and he reluctantly backed Hoover's Agricultural Marketing Act in 1929. As the Great Depression intensified, he vainly advocated paying the soldier's bonus, liberalizing Federal Reserve policies, and currency expansion.

Standing for reelection in 1932, he defeated Gomer Smith of Oklahoma City in the primary and Republican oilman Wirt Franklin of Ardmore. Hard times dominated Thomas's second term. The new crisis reminded him of the farm plight of the 1890s, and his solution remained the same inflation and bimetalism. Proclaiming "We've got a surplus of everything but money," the Oklahoman gained leadership of a growing number of inflationists.

An enthusiastic New Dealer, he crafted an ingenious legislative proposal became known as the Thomas Amendment to the Agricultural Adjustment Act of May 1933. The amendment combined four major inflation suggestions into one omnibus measure and granted the president permissive powers to use none, one, or any combination of inflation techniques. After meeting with Thomas, the president accepted the amendment, and it became part of the "One Hundred Days" legacy of the Roosevelt administration.

Thomas's New Deal credentials and his state boosterism transformed dust into lakes, brought about a host of public works projects, and secured the location of Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma. When Roosevelt visited in 1938, he urged voters to reelect him, and Thomas easily defeated Republican Harvey O. Glasser in November. Thomas, who knew Quanah Parker and had witnessed Geronimo's

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Christian baptism at Medicine Park, considered himself a friend to American Indians. He chaired the Committee on Indian Affairs between 1935 and 1944.

Thomas maintained a keen interest in European geopolitics. A supporter of the League of Nations, the World Court, and the Kellogg-Briand Peace Pact in 1927 and 1928, he visited Paris as a delegate to the Inter-Parliamentary Union and made side trips to Moscow and Berlin. He voted for neutrality legislation in 1935 and 1937 but proclaimed military preparedness his main concern. In 1923 he had been commissioned lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army, and he served in military intelligence. He retained that rank in the Reserves. In June 1938 he became chair of the Sub-Committee on Military Appropriations, and after inspecting numerous bases found the country's defenses "in critical condition." During World War II his subcommittee secured funding for the top-secret atomic bomb project.

In the 1944 election he defeated Republican William J. Otjen. By the late 1940s Thomas ranked third in Senate seniority and chaired the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry from 1944 to 1946 and 1949 to 1950. He represented the Agriculture Committee at food conferences in Quebec and Copenhagen in 1945 and 1946, witnessed the Nuremberg War Trials, and in 1949 toured fourteen European capitols to audit Marshall Plan funds.

In the 1950 primary septuagenarian Thomas contested the youthful A. S. "Mike" Monroney. Thomas's position favoring the private power companies over the rural electric cooperatives and farmers may have cost him the race. He lost by 14,653 votes. Leaving the Senate, Thomas opened a law office in Washington, served as a delegate to the 1952 Democratic national convention, and in 1953 spoke at the dedication of the new dam at Lake Tenkiller. "The Sage of Medicine Park" retired to Lawton in 1957 and died there September 19, 1965.

Edith Smith was born on 08 Jun 1883 in Plantongon, SD.

John William Elmer Thomas and Edith Smith were married on 24 Sep 1902. They had the following children:

- i. **Wilford Smith Thomas** was born on 19 Sep 1904 in Lawton, Comanche Co., OK. He died on 05 Sep 1970.

44. **Earl Cleveland Thomas-6** (William-5, Joel Harris-4, William-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born on 16 Oct 1887 in Putnam Co., IN.

Mingle Worth Hamrick.

Earl Cleveland Thomas and Mingle Worth Hamrick married. They had the following children:

- i. **John Edward Thomas** was born on 05 Apr 1914 in Putnam Co., IN.

45. **Walter L. Thomas-6** (Joel-5, Joel Harris-4, William-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born on 18 May 1881 in Indiana.

Grace _____ was born about 1881 in Indiana.

Walter L. Thomas and Grace _____ married. They had the following children:

- i. **Georgia M. Thomas** was born about 1908 in Indiana.

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46. **Paul Andrew Thomas-6** (Joel-5, Joel Harris-4, William-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born on 01 Apr 1884 in Parke Co., IN. He died before 1980.

Blanche Eunice Dillinger was born about 1893 in Indiana.

Paul Andrew Thomas and Blanche Eunice Dillinger were married on 21 Feb 1912 in Putnam Co., IN. They had the following children:

- i. **Emma Thomas.**
 - ii. **Andrew C. Thomas** was born on 06 Jun 1913 in Putnam Co., IN.
 - iii. **Loy Earl Thomas** was born on 19 Aug 1914 in Madison Twp., Putnam Co., IN.
 - iv. **Mary Esther Thomas** was born on 28 Apr 1916 in Madison Twp., Putnam Co., IN.
 - v. **Arthur Joel Thomas** was born on 08 Dec 1918 in Madison Twp., Putnam Co., IN.
 - vi. **Ethel Naomi Thomas** was born on 18 Apr 1921 in Putnam Co., IN.
47. **Laura Mae Thomas-6** (Joel-5, Joel Harris-4, William-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born on 22 Jul 1886 in Indiana. She died on 22 Jan 1975 in Charleston, WV.

Harley Alfred Taber son of William Blunt Taber and Mary Matilda White was born on 27 Feb 1879 in Cloverdale, Putnam Co., IN. He died on 03 Mar 1950 in Putnam Co., IN.

Harley Alfred Taber and Laura Mae Thomas were married on 02 Sep 1924. They had the following children:

- i. **Zella Taber.**
48. **Ocie A. Thomas-6** (Joel-5, Joel Harris-4, William-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born on 29 Jul 1889 in Indiana. She died on 27 Jan 1980 in Brazil, Clay Co., IN.

Otto Beecher Sawyer son of Samuel Overman Sawyer and Rebecca Rowellen Laughlin was born on 10 Sep 1882 in Noblesville, IN. He died on 03 Mar 1944 in Robert Long Hospital, Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN.

Otto Beecher Sawyer and Ocie A. Thomas were married on 31 Dec 1908 in Putnam Co., IN. They had the following children:

- i. **Lorene Sawyer.**
- ii. **Amy Olene Sawyer.**
- iii. **Dorothy Roewella Sawyer.**
- iv. **Victor Riley Sawyer.**
- v. **Reba Mae Sawyer.**

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- vi. **Roscoe Ray Sawyer** was born on 25 Jul 1909. He died on 07 Jul 1993.
 - vii. **Merrill Faye Sawyer** was born on 27 Jul 1917. He died on 06 Jul 1994 in Normandy, France.
 - viii. **Orville Thomas Sawyer** was born on 25 May 1923 in Reelsville, Putnam Co., IN. He died on 26 Sep 2000 in Inverness, FL.
49. **Anna Lea Thomas-6** (Joel-5, Joel Harris-4, William-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born on 01 Nov 1891. She died on 23 Jul 1964.

Ernest G. Bell was born on 28 Oct 1895. He died on 21 Apr 1988.

Ernest G. Bell and Anna Lea Thomas were married in 1917. They had the following children:

- i. **Nila Elizabeth Bell.**
 - ii. **Alta Mae Bell.**
 - iii. **Earl G. Bell.** He died in 1877.
 - iv. **Verna Maxine Bell.**
 - v. **Chester Bell.**
 - vi. **Orris Guy Bell** was born on 06 Nov 1932. He died on 26 Sep 1934.
50. **Clyde Easter Thomas-6** (Joel-5, Joel Harris-4, William-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born on 14 Apr 1895 in Putnam Co., IN. He died before 1980.

Ruby Irene Clifford was born on 02 Nov 1903 in Putnam Co., IN.

Clyde Easter Thomas and Ruby Irene Clifford were married on 23 Nov 1922 in Putnam Co., IN. They had the following children:

- i. **Ruby Thomas.**
 - ii. **Donald Thomas.**
51. **Fay Thomas-6** (William-5, Lewis-4, William-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born on 14 Oct 1891.

Ethel Lane.

Fay Thomas and Ethel Lane were married on 06 Sep 1911 in Putnam Co., IN. They had the following children:

- i. **Robert H. Thomas** was born on 27 Mar 1915 in Putnam Co., IN.
 - ii. **Virginia L. Thomas** was born on 01 Dec 1919 in Putnam Co., IN.
52. **May Thomas-6** (William-5, Lewis-4, William-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born on 14 Oct 1891.

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Raymond T. Wright.

Raymond T. Wright and May Thomas were married on 24 Nov 1915 in Putnam Co., IN. They had the following children:

- i. **William T. Wright** was born on 06 Oct 1918.

53. **Ernest Ray Gibson**-6 (Margaret-5, John H.-4, Elzeaphus-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born on 06 Jun 1891 in Putnam Co., IN. He died on 11 Feb 1979 in St. Joseph Hospital, Reading, Berks Co., PA.

Notes for Ernest Ray Gibson:

General Notes:

Ernest had no children. SSN 288-09-9738

Earnest R. Gibson

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. for Ernest R. Gibson, 88 of Brook Estates, Birdsboro.

The Rev. Harold C. Hollinger will officiate in the Charles Evans Cemetery. Theo. C. Auman, Inc. is in charge.

Gibson was dead on arrival Sunday afternoon in the St. Joseph Hospital.

Born in Indiana, he was employed as a salesman prior to retiring.

His wife Amelia M. (Fritz) Gibson preceded him in death Aug. 14, 1973.

There are no immediate survivors.

[Source: Reading Eagle, Tuesday, February 13, 1979, p. 25]

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Myrtle Anglemyer.

Ernest Ray Gibson and Myrtle Anglemyer were married on 16 Jan 1913 in Montgomery Co., MO. They had the following children:

- i. **Virginia C. Gibson** was born on 04 Dec 1913 in Parke Co., IN.

Amelia May Fritz daughter of Jacob R. Fritz and Valeria C. Fisher was born on 02 Aug 1888 in Reading, Berks Co., PA. She died on 14 Aug 1973 in Community Hospital, Reading, Berks Co., PA.

Notes for Amelia May Fritz:

General Notes:

Mrs. Ernest R. Gibson

Services for Mrs. Amelia Gibson, 85, wife of Ernest R. Gibson, of Pine St., who was dead on arrival Tuesday afternoon in Community General Hospital, will be arranged by the Theo. C. Auman, Inc. funeral home.

Born in Reading, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Fritz.

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Mrs. Gibson had been employed as a furrier before retiring in 1948.

Her husband is the only survivor.

Ernest Ray Gibson and Amelia May Fritz were married after 16 Jan 1913. They had no children.

54. **Beulah Irene Gibson-6** (Margaret-5, John H.-4, Elzeaphus-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born on 06 Nov 1895 in Putnam Co., IN. She died on 25 Oct 1990 in Owensboro, Daviess Co., KY.

Notes for Beulah Irene Gibson:

General Notes:

Beulah Irene Gibson was born at Roachdale, Indiana, on November 6, 1896. The family moved to Crawfordsville, Indiana and lived near Wabash College. Her father operated a grocery store. After her mother left her father, he moved Beulah and her brother Ernest to Indianapolis. She attended Indiana University and was a Pi Beta Phi. Later she worked in a bank in Indianapolis and met Dr. Acre during this time. Mrs. Acre did beautiful handwork and spent many hours rolling and whipping lace on finer linen. She was a member of the board of the Christian Home, a home for unwed mothers. She was on the Altar Guild at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Cansta was here favorite card game and she had several friends that she played with. Also Dr. and Mrs. Acre belonged to a poker club with several other doctors and their wives. In 1972 she moved to Owensboro to be with he daughter. She lived in two apartments before moving into her daughter's house 1987. She died at Mercy Hospital in Owensboro on October 30, 1990 and is in the mausoleum at Oak Hill Cemetery in Evansville.

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Beulah Gibson Acre, 95, of 1926 Sussex Drive, Owensboro, formerly of Evansville, died Thursday, Oct. 25, 1990, at Mercy Hospital. She was born in Crawfordsville, Ind., attended Indiana University, was a 75-year member of Pi Beta Phi National Fraternity and was a long-time board member of the Vanderburgh County Christian Home. She was also a member of Trinity Episcopal Church. Her husband, Dr. Robert R. Acre, died in 1976.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Joan Acre Robertson of Owensboro; two grandchildren, Mrs. H. Edgar (Karen) Hill of Louisville and Mrs. John (Martha) Tarrant of Lexington; and four great-grandchildren.

Services are pending at Glenn Funeral Home. Entombment in Oak Hill Mausoleum, Evansville. The family will receive visitors at home at 1926 Sussex Drive. The family requests that expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to Trinity Episcopal Church, 720 Ford Ave., Owensboro, Ky. 42301. Contribution envelopes are available at Glenn Funeral Home.

Robert Ragle Acre son of Robert Hamilton Acre and Mary Elizabeth Tomlinson was born on 09 Aug 1895 in Shoals, Martin Co., IN. He died on 26 Mar 1975 in Owensboro, Daviess Co., KY.

Notes for Robert Ragle Acre:

General Notes:

Robert Ragle Acre was born in Shoals, Indiana, on August 9, 1896. When he was quite young, the family moved to Lawrence, Indiana, several miles east of Indianapolis. They lived on a farm that was later bought by the US government for Camp Atterbury. The Ragle middle name was for the doctor that delivered him.

He attended Indiana University for his undergraduate work and was a Kappa Sigma. Hogie Carmichel, who was famous for writing Stardust, was a fraternity brother of his. He was selected the all round athlete because he participated in so many sports. He learned to play golf at this time and

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the first year was a scratch player. After graduating from the Indiana Medical School, he did his internship at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. The interns got to ride the ambulances at the time of the Indy 500 and he especially liked to talk about this.

While in Indianapolis he met and married Beulah Irene Gibson who worked in a bank there. Dr. and Mrs. Acre moved to Evansville in the early 1920's where he began his practice of urology. They at first lived on Cherry Street and then the Donaldson Arms. Later they moved to the Colonial Apartments. Their daughter, Joan, was born in 1929. Another daughter had earlier died at childbirth.

From the Colonial Apartments they moved on Taylor Avenue and then to Runnymede. In the early 1940's the Acres bought a lovely two story brick home at 2311 Lincoln Avenue. Dr. Acre loved to play golf and was city champion, country club champion and Indiana Medical Association champion many times. Dr. Acre's office for many years was in the Hulman Building until he bought land on Walnut Street and built his own office exactly the way he wanted it. This land was condemned by the city in order to build the civic center. This was a blow to Dr. Acre and he never got over it. He, however, did open an office on Outer Bellemeade and continued to practice until the late 1960's. In 1972 Dr. and Mrs. Acre moved to Owensboro, Kentucky, to be near their daughter. Dr. Acre died of a stroke at the Hermitage Manor on March 26, 1976 and is placed in the mausoleum at Oak Hill Cemetery in Evansville.

Robert Ragle Acre and Beulah Irene Gibson were married on 27 Apr 1922 in Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN. They had the following children:

- i. **Joan Roberta Acre** was born on 15 Aug 1929 in Evansville, Vanderburgh Co., IN. She married Ivan Walker Robertson on 15 Aug in Evansville, Vanderburgh Co., IN.
55. **Russell Eugene Thomas**-6 (Alva V.-5, Joseph Andrew-4, Elzeaphus-3, Joel-2, John-1) was born on 22 Apr 1897 in Putnam Co., IN.

Laurel Butcher was born on 02 Aug 1899 in Putnam Co., IN.

Russell Eugene Thomas and Laurel Butcher were married on 05 Jun 1920 in Putnam Co., IN. They had the following children:

- i. **Lorna Constance Thomas** was born on 17 Aug 1921 in Clinton Twp., Putnam Co., IN.

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