

written by Aunt Winnie

JARVIS MUDGE AND HIS DESCENDENTS

First Generation and Children

JARVIS MUDGE. The first account we have of him is taken from the Records of Massachusetts, Vol. 1, page 248, as follows:

"Dec. 4, 1638. An attachment was granted for Jarvis Mudge to appear at the next Courts."

For what this attachment was granted we are unable to tell, as the files of the Court were burned in 1825, when the Court House was destroyed. It stood on the site of the old State House, head of State Street, Boston.

He was in Hartford, Connecticut, two years later, as appears from the following record taken from the town books:

"March 24, ~~1942~~ 1640. The town being assembled, it was left with Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Wells and Mr. Walleys, with the Townsman, to speak with Jarvis Mudge and John Lattimer, and to determine whether they shall have the sequestered ground or not, and where they shall inhabit if they do accept it."

At a subsequent meeting, among other doings, the following order was passed@

"It is further ordered, that there shall be sequestered two acres of that ground that shall be for the use of John Lattimer, if the town shall think meet to admit him an inhabitant. Also, it was agreed by the committee that there shall be sequestered to the use of Jarvis Mudge, six acres of that ground, if the town shall admit him an inhabitant."

The town had laid out twenty acres of land "on both sides of the great river (Connecticut) to accommodate several poor men if the town think meet to accommodate them." The committee divided this

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twenty acres among seven persons, Jarvis Mudge having had six acres set off to him, being the largest lot; but it appears he did not accept it, as he afterwards settled in Wethersfield, the town next joining, where he lived in 1644.

The next account we have of him, he appears in the Courts at Hartford, as a complainant and defendant, to-wit: (several Court items omitted).

The next record we have is that Jarvis Mudge marries the widow of Abraham Elsing, of Wethersfield, in 1649, and removed to the new settlement, called Pequot, in the Pequot country, which, in a few years after, took the name of New London, Connecticut.

In the History of New London, Conn., by (Miss Frances M. Calkins) we find that Jarvis Mudge was one of the thirty-six grantees, or planters, to whom Home Lots were originally granted in the year 1649.

In July 1651, the names of those who "wrought at the Mill Dam" are given, among whom the name of Jarvis Mudge appears.

He died early in 1653.

March 17, 1653. Among the subjects minuted to be brought before the townsmen, is the following:

"Mudge's Will: His house and home lot: Thomas Lyncor puts in for a debt of 20sh". (i.e. due to him from estate of Mudge.)

Miss Calkins then says, "The decease of Jarvis Mudge probably occurred two or three days before this date. It is the first death in the plantation wo which any illusion is made on records now extant..... Jarvis Mudge was undoubtedly interred in the old burial ground, as it lay contiguous to his house lot, and had

not then been enclosed. It is probable that these were the first
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remains left to moulder in that venerable place. His family soon
removed to other parts of the country, leaving none of his name in
New London. Wills and inventories were at that time engrossed
upon the town books, and sent to the Assistant's Court at Hartford
for probate, but no papers relative to the estate of Mudge are
extant, except the following item." We take it from the Second
Book of the Records of the Acts of the County Courts, and Courts
of Probate in the County of Hartford, and of Wills and Inventories,
etc.

"June 19, 1653: Liberty is granted that the land belonging
to the Widow Mudge, at Pequot, may be sold
for the paying of debts and the bettering
the childrens portions."

His widow, at this date, lived in Wetherfield, where she re-
moved after the death of her husband.

Miss Calkins further says, "Mr. Mudge left two sons, Moses and
Micah, but of ages unknown, and it cannot be therefore decided
whether they were the children of this or some former wife. Moses
Mudge, in 1696, was of Sharon, and Micah, in 1698, of Lebanon."

I quote this freely for the purpose of correcting an error.
Moses Mudge, in 1696, was of Oyster Bay, Long Island. Miss Calkins
informs me she does not know how this error occurred in the printed
edition of the History of New London, as it reads correctly in her
manuscript copy. The town of Sharon, Connecticut, was not settled
until 1736. Savage, in his Genealogical Register, copies this error.
There is nothing to show that he had been married before 1649. His

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son Micah died in 1724, aged seventy-four years, which proves that these two children were by this wife.

After the book had gone to press I found upon the old Records of New London, this entry of the first deed to the name of Mudge in this new country. The price of the house is rather singular, five bushels of wheat and a Dog. Dogs were probably scarce in those days, and considerable value was placed upon them.

"A Bill of Alianation brought in to be Recorded for Goodman Mudge, March 19th, 1650-51.

September 7th, Anno 1649.

Be it known unto all men by these presents that I, Edward Higbee, have sold to Jarvis Mudge a house and six acres of land, be it more or less, on the East buting on the Highway, on the south a lot laid out to the minister, on the west and north Karle Latham, John Lewis and Robert Beadell. And to free it from all claims or demands of any other to the said Jarvis Mudge upon consideration of five bushels wheat to be paid me, and a dog. And this is to stand in full power force and virtue witness my hand this 7th September 1649.

Edward Higbee.

Witnesses:

Thomas Burnam
Thomas Skudmour."

We, therefore, now give his family record as substantiated by facts.

1. JARVIS MUDGE, born in England, came to this country about the year 1638; was in Boston that year; in Hartford in 1640; in Wethersfield in 1644, and removed to Pequot, now New London, in 1649, where he died in the early part of 1653.

He married Widow Rebecca Elsen, of Wethersfield, in 1649.

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1. Micah, Born in New London in 1650: Married Mary Alexander.
2. Moses, born in New London in 1652; Married Mary _____

SECOND GENERATION AND CHILDREN

2. MICAH MUDGE, son of Jarvis and Rebecca was born in New London in 1650, died in Hebron, Connecticut, in the early part of January 1724, age 75 years.

After the death of his father, in 1653, his mother removed from New London to Wethersfield, Connecticut, where they lived, and where, probably, his mother died. The first record of him appears on the town books of Northampton, Massachusetts, where he marries Mary Alexander, September 23rd, 1670. Northampton was settled in 1654, and George Alexander, father of Mary, was one of the original proprietors. Here Micah Mudge resided, and acted as surveyor, and appears to have been one of the original proprietors of Northfield, Massachusetts, the settlement of which was attended with great difficulties, as the Indians burned the village and drove off the settlers in 1675. He returned with others afterwards, as appears from an Order from the General Court, dated, Boston, May 24th 1682, and became an actual settler.

The first deed from the Indians who sold the township is not on record upon the town books, but a deed without date is recorded, wherein £ 12 more was paid to the Indians to make them satisfied, as some demurred at the first rate of purchase. In this deed the grantees are named as follows: "Micah Mudge, Cornelius Morry and

John Lyman for the rest of the inhabitants." In this deed it is said, "This is to be in addition to the amount paid in the Original Grant, bearing date in the year 1671."

Note: I do not know the exact meaning of the £, but it seems to appear in several places, and take it to mean Pounds, English money. ~~xxx~~ JAN

During the King Philip War great distress prevailed in certain parts of New England for want of provisions and habitations, much property having been destroyed by the Indians. A public contribution for the destitute was solicited from those who were in better circumstances.

"At a meeting of the Council, July 13, 1676: in Hartford."

"The council ordered that Micah Mudge should have ten shillings out of the contribution allowed them etc."

"March 18, 1696, Micah Mudge and Benjamin Palmer were chosen measures of land at 2d per acre, but if proprietors assist 1 pence."

He removed to Lebanon, Connecticut, and was one of the early settlers of that town, prior to 1698, where he also served as a surveyor, and assisted in laying out the town.

December 22nd, 1704, Micah Mudge chosen "Ornary Keeper" for one year. (Keeper of a public house or tavern). September 10, 1705, "in the fourth year of Queen Anne", Micah Mudge sells lot of land for £8 to Joseph Tilden, being one hundred acres, sixty of which lays on Chesnut Hill.

Micah Mudge was one of nine persons who organized the First Congregational Church in Lebanon, November 27, 1700. Their names were "Josiah Dewey, William Holton, Micah Mudge, Jedidiah Strong, John Hutchison, Thomas Hunt, John Baldwin, William Clark, John

Calkins," and 1702 the name of Mary Mudge, wife of Micah, appears on the church record, being the only female until 1707.

July 1, 1709, Micah Mudge deeds land to Capt. Joseph Saxton, of Stonington, for £40 in silver. Said land he bought of deacon Josiah Dewey and Wm. Clark, "being 66 acres with 40 acres of Comon Land which is to lay in comon till the towne sees fit to divide it."

September 1, 1711. He gives to his son Ebenezer, who was married, a home lot under certain restrictions, which he afterwards discharges prior to its being recorded in 1714. We copy the deed entire:

Moses, his eldest son, appears to have resided with his father, and owned land jointly with him; for, in selling out, in order to remove to the new settlement of Hebron, their deeds run in both names, although we find no record of How Moses became possessed of the same.

April 9, 1717, Micah Mudge sells to Samuel Hide, merchant, and Samuel Wloocy, clerk, thirty acres of land, by estimation, being more or less, for £155. He, with his family, removed to Hebron sometime before September 1717. In Hebron he also served as surveyor, and he and his sons owned a mill on his home lot, which was situated upon the road to Colchester. By the following deed it appears he built a house before removing to Hebron. We here insert extracts from Hebron records:

5. Abigail : Born : Married William Phelps
6. Ebenezer : Born Feb. 26, 1683 : Married Abigail Skinner
7. Thankful : Born 1685 : Married William Nichols, of Lebanon, July 19, 1714. There is no record of his death, and it is presumed he died without issue, as Micah, her father, provides for her only in his will. She quitclaims her interest in her father's estate, and removed to Sharon with her brother Ebenezer, where she died April 30, 1741, age 56 years.
8. Susanna : Born : We find no record of her marriage, but she had daughter mentioned in her father's will.
9. Martha : Born : Married Isaac Tilden.

THIRD GENERATION AND CHILDREN

8. EBENEZER MUDGE, son of Micah and Mary, born in Northampton, Massachusetts, Feb. 26, 1683, and died in Sharon, Connecticut, April 21, 1758, age 75 years.

He was a farmer, millwright and surveyor, and settled in early life in Lebanon, Connecticut. This man was of some note in his day, and was the progenitor of the numerous family of Mudge in the State of Connecticut, and who afterwards spread into western New York, and from there into Michigan, Illinois, etc. We shall give a few extracts from town records, which may be interesting to his immediate descendants, although they may not be so much so to the rest of our readers.

His father removed to Lebanon about the year 1697, when Ebenezer was a boy of fourteen years, and the next record of him, he married in 1705. His father gives him a tract of land as a home-lot in 1711. He afterwards buys and sells land, and under date of August 4, 1714, he sells his home-lot to Lieut. Samuel

Hide for £34, said lot being sixty-nine acres, which he had of his "Honoured father, Micah Mudge." He removed to Hebron with his father in 1717, or before.

July 4, 1718. The selectmen of Hebron sell fifty-three acres of land belonging to John Goot for taxes due, and Ebenezer Mudge became purchaser, and quitclaims the same to Goot under same date. May 16, 1728, he sells twenty-four acres for £24 to Aaron Gillet, of Colchester. This lot he inherited from his father, Micah. He buys and sells land in Hebron under several dates, until 1735, after the death of his father, when he appears to be moving from that town.

July 8, 1737, Benjamin Skinner, Esq., of Hebron, quitclaims to "Ebenezer Mudge of Colchester in ye county and colony above sd. all my right, title, claim, interest and demand which I now have, ever had, or ought to have, unto a certain parcell of land lying in Hebron," etc.; and July 23, 1737, John Colfax, for £5 quitclaims to Ebenezer Mudge, of Colchester, his claim to a five acre lot "laid out to Mycal Mudge on the east side of west meadow where ye said Micall Mudge, his dwelling house stood or stands;" and under date of August 10, 1737, Ebenezer Mudge, of Colchester (so stated in the deed), sells to Lawrence Powers his home-lot in Hebron, eighty acres, by estimation, for the sum of £300., when he removed to Sharon, and settled as one of the original proprietors. He lived here a year or more before the first town meeting was held, which we copy entire.

Here he lived, served in various town offices, and himself and sons built and owned the first saw-mill, grist-mill and iron works. He brought up a very numerous family; and it is said he had a family party, on which occasion they boiled a huge pudding by the side of Mudge Pond, and upwards of eighty children and grand-children "did eat thereof." (NOTE: Miss Anna Bullard, who was a dear friend of mine and familiar with this part of the country, told me that this Mudge Pond still goes by that name and that she has been there many times. Miss Bullard died in 1950. JAN.) At his death his widow, six sons, six daughters and six sons-in-law signed an agreement, as heirs, to settle the estate without administration, part of whom appeared before Roger Sherman, then Justice of the Peace, and acknowledged this act. We here quote the record entire: The writer spent some time in search among the probate papers, for the original, for the purpose of giving a fac-simile of same in lithograph, but it was not to be found; and as it was a private agreement, it was probably only presented for record and then taken away. All will perceive that it was a remarkable document, as it not only shows the longevity of the family, but that all had a good education; for at that day many of the higher classes could not write, but in every instance here each signed their name, and no "marks" were substituted. Each of the wives of the six sons married were living, so that when he died he left twenty-five adults and their children. A part of the town of Sharon is now called "Mudge Town"; and a beautiful lake, one and a half miles long, and three quarters wide is known as "Mudge Pond."

He married Abigail Skinner, January 13, 1706. She was daughter of Thomas and Mary, Born Feb. 17, 1691, in Malden, Massachusetts. She joined the church in East Haddam, March 28, ~~1708~~ 1708. She removed from Sharon, with her son Jarvis, to New Lebanon, where she died.

Their children were:

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| 1. Ebenezer | : Born Oct. 23, 1709: | Married Patience Fuller |
| 2. Mary | : Born Mar. 30, 1711: | Married Cornelius Hamlin |
| 3. Abigail | : Born Oct. 28, 1712: | Married David Skinner |
| 4. Elizabeth | : Born July 31, 1714: | Married Thomas Skinner |
| 5. Samuel | : Born May 4, 1716: | Married Eunice Skinner |
| 6. Micah | : Born Mar. 6, 1718: | Married Lucy Spencer. |
| 7. Martha | : Born Oct 4, 1720: | Married David Goodrich |
| 8. Joseph | : Born May 28, 1722: | Married Jane Jarvis |
| 9. Jarvis | : Born 1723: | Married Prudence Treat |
| 10. Deborah | : Born : | Married Oliver Tyron |
| 11. Abraham | : Born June 16, 1728: | Married Anna Gray |
| 12. Sarah | : Born : | Married Josiah Skinner. |

(Looks like a lot of this tribe married their cousins, Skinners. HAN†

FOURTH GENERATION AND CHILDREN

12. EBENEZER MUDGE, son of Ebenezer and Abigail, born in Lebanon, Connecticut, Oct. 23, 1709; died in New Ashford, Massachusetts in 1802, age 93 years.

He was ~~xxxx~~ a mill-wright and farmer, and removed from Lebanon to Hebron with his father, and remained in Hebron but a short time after his father left, and removed to Haddam. In 1751 removed from Haddam to Sharon. He lived in Sharon until 1760, when he removed to Canaan, Connecticut. While living in this town he sells several lots of land in Sharon, and March 11, 1769, we find a deed on the

records of Sharon, of which we give an abstract, as it identifies a son and daughter of which we have no record of birth, and it would appear that he was married before he removed to Sharon.

In 1774, he removed from Canaan, Connecticut, to New Ashford, Massachusetts, where he settled as one of the original proprietors. Upon the record of the first town meeting held in 1775, his name appears as one of the eighteen proprietors named. He took an active part in the Revolutionary War, and was one of the "Committee of Safety". But notwithstanding he was wealthy for these times, in his later days he became a poor man, as was many others in his day and generation on account of the war.

He was a member of the Congregational Church, and preached for several years, and was called "Father Mudge;" was much respected, and died in 1802, possessing all his faculties, at the ripe old age of ninety-three years, after which his widow and descendants removed to Argyle, Washington Co., New York. The present town clerk of New Ashford writes me as follows, after my visit to that town in June 1865: "The character of Ebenezer Mudge was that of an honest, conscientious and pious man, instant in season and out of season to do good."

He married in 1st. Patience Fuller; she was daughter of Benjamin and Content Fuller, born in East Haddam, Jan. 15, 1722/3. She died in Canaan prior to 1770, age about 47 years.

H He married, 2nd, Widow Mary Cornish, in Canaan, Connecticut, about the year 1771. She was widow of Gabriel Cornish, of Canaan, Mother of Mary, who married Joshua/

Their Children were:

1. Joshua : Born 1737; Married Mary Cornish
2. Hannah : : Married Cornelius Hamlin
3. Samuel : :
He was a farmer, and bought his father's farm in Sharon, Sept. 20, 1771, and sold it to Reuben and David Hamlin Feb. 20, 1772, after which time we have no account of him.
4. Abigail : : Married Isaac Fisher of Sharon
She lived on the home-lot given her by her father. which they sold to some parties at the same date that her brother Samuel did, Feb. 20, 1772. The estates adjoined.
5. Stephen : Born July 7,
1753 : Unmarried. Her father sells a lot of land which she inherited from her grandfather, Benj. Fuller. In the deed, her father says, Jan. 25, 1775, his daughter, "from bodily infirmity, is totally unable to maintain herself."

FIFTH GENERATION AND CHILDREN

26; JOSHUA MUDGUE, son of Ebenezer and Patience, born in Haddam, 1737; died in Chili, Monroe Co., New York, March 13, 1821, age 84 years.

He was a farmer, and resided in Canaan, Connecticut, where three of his children were born. He sold his farm Jan. 1, 1773, and removed to Unadilla, Otsego Co., where six of his children were born; thence to Newport, Herkimer Co., where he lived for a short time. He then removed to Pennsylvania. ^{Here} He lived till old age came upon him; when in 1819, he went to live with his son Ebenezer in Chili, New York, where he died.

He was an active man in his day, volunteered as a private in the French War of 1756 at the age of 20, and served under Gen. Abercrombie at the siege of Oswego, N. Y., where he received a wound which was caused by a cannon ball striking a rock, knocking off a piece, which struck him over the right eye, destroying that organ.

He also served, at times, for two or three years, in the war of the Revolution, was in the battle of Beanington in August 1777, under Col. Stark, and at Saratoga on the surrender of Burgoyne. He was also in other service, as appears from the following extract taken from the State records of New York:

"Joshua Mudge drew pay as a private in Col. Henry K. Van Rensselaer's Regt. N. Y. Volunteers, Nov. 9, 1780: χ 1:8:11:"

He was universally respected as an upright man. In politics, a whig; in religion, a believer in the salvation of all mankind.

He married Mary Cornish, Sept. 10. 1767. She was daughter of Gabriel and Mary, of Canaan, Connecticut, born Nov. 2, 1746; died in ~~1822~~ 1808, age 62 years.

Their children were;

1. Amasa Born Jan. 23, 1768; Married _____ Chilson, and had no children.
 2. Ebenezer Born Dec. 22, 1769; Married Sarah Skinner
 3. Mercy Born May 30, 1772; Married Samuel Mudge
 4. Ira Born 1773; Married _____ Removed to Penn., and had three sons.
 5. Joshua Born 1774; Married _____ Removed to Penn.
 6. Aaron Born 1775; Married Phoebe Fellows. Removed to Penn.
 7. Amos Born 1777; Died Oct. 13, 1812, age 35 years
 8. Ezekiel Born 1779; Died Oct. 13, 1813, age 33 years
- These two brothers were killed at the battle of Queenstown, Canada. See roll of Honor. Both unmarried.
9. Betsey Born 1781; Married William Campbell, and lived in Farmersville, Cataraugus Co., New York, and had four children.

Note: The above is a record of the ancestors of Aaron Mudge, taken in a direct line from Jarvis Mudge, the first settler by the name of Judge on this continent.

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Name of

MUDGE

In America, from 1638 to 1868.

by Alfred Mudge.

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SIXTH GENERATION AND CHILDREN

AARON MUDGE, son of Joshua and Mary, born in Unadilla, Ostego County, Connecticut, Sept. 28, 1775; died in Ohio, 1832, age 43 years.

He lived most of his life in Tioga County, Penn., and while in Ohio, in 1832, seeking a new location for his family, he died of cholera, at the home of his sister, Mrs. Betsey Campbell.

He married Phoebe Fellows, in Tioga County, Penn., November 24, 1808. She was daughter of Nathan and Hannah Fellows, of Tioga county, Penn., born at Poultney, Vermont, July 23, 1777; died at Mansfield, Penn., of liver complaint, July 21, 1844, age 67 years.

(Note: My grandmother, Jane Mudge Niquette, says that as she learned more of diseases, she believed that her mother died from cancer of the liver, altho at the time it was called "liver complaint".)

Their children were;

1. Infant dau. :Born Oct. 1809.
2. Arvilla :Born Sep. 27, 1810; married James Pitts; died in Marquette Co., Wisc., 1874.
3. Phoebe Maria :Born Feb. 26, 1813; married Apolos Pitts; died in Tioga Co., Penn., Dec. 31, 1873.
4. Anna Lanissa :Born Jan. 17, 1815; married Abram Kenney; died in Tioga Co., Penn., 1856.
5. Charles :Born Mar. 15, 1816; married, 1st Lusina Chubbuck
2nd, Eunice Gunn
died near Peru, Ill., April 1898.
6. Silvinus :Infant, died when three weeks old.
7. George :Born April 18, 1820; Married Priscilla Clendening; died at Tonica Ill., Sept. 7, 1876
8. Elizabeth :Born June 17, 1823; married Daniel L. Holden; died in Tioga Co., Penn., 1860.
9. Eliza Jane :Born Feb. 23, 1825; Married Venas Niquette; died in Salina, Kansas, 1917, age 92 years.
10. Hannah :Born May 20, 1827; Married Charles Nesbit; died in Camden, New Jersey, Sept. 17, 1899
Hathan Fellows:Born May 20, 1827; married Elizabeth Whealdron; died in Portland, Oregon, Jan. 26, 1901.
11. Martha :Born Mar. 29, 1829; died May 11, 1844, age 13 years.

NOTE: As my grandparents, Jane and Venas Niquette lived with us for many years, I heard many, many stories of their family and life, especially my grandmother's, as she was an excellent story teller and could knit and talk at the same time. She lived all her early childhood in Vermont, instead of Pennsylvania, as is indicated in the above. They lived on a farm, making quantities of maple syrup and sugar for market every year. That was one of our favorite stories. Before she was out of her teens the family moved to Pennsylvania because she had asthma so badly. She was a dressmaker and milliner there, where she met my grandfather and married him in June, the 1st, I think it was, 1950. They lived in Pennsylvania a number of years, where my grandfather worked at his trade of cabinet making, was forced to give that up as the paints, varnishes, etc. ruined his health, and he went to farming. Later they moved to Illinois, after the birth of their daughter, Phoebe Marian (which she later changed to Hebe Marion) being named for her two grandmothers. Also the oldest son was born in Pennsylvania. My grandmother again suffered so terrifically from asthma that they moved farther west, settling at Fairbury, Illinois, then moving to LaSalle, Ill., where the next two sons were born. Then to Mendota, Ill., where the youngest son was born, and again moved west on account of her asthma, settling in Cloud County, Kansas, in 1874. (She never was able to out run the asthma and had it as long as she lived.)

When they came to Kansas they arrived at the westernmost rail town, Solomon, Kansas, which was some 20 or 25 miles from the friends they were to stay with until they could get a location of their own. When they drove out to this family home, Courtney by name, it was dark, and late, so they stopped at a building and called; by and by someone came up out of the ground at some little distance wanting to know what was wanted. They were at the barn doing the calling; these Courtney's took them in, remained friends thru all the years, and helped the Niquette's get located in Cloud County, 14 miles south of Concordia on a claim of their own.

My grandfather walked the entire distance to Solomon pushing a wheel barrow, to bring back two sacks of flour and a walking plow to get started on their land. Took several days to make the round trip, as walking wasn't very fast. This was in the spring of 1874. Their crop, not many acres, and a nice garden, were growing well when the grasshoppers swooped down, even eating the clothes spread on the grass to dry. Where the onions were only little holes in the ground remained to tell where they had been.

That almost took the pep out of the whole family, as they had not very much to wear and less to eat, but they weathered it and the next year crops were good and things began to pick up. They lived on the claim as long as they stayed in Cloud County. My mother, Jennie Ella Jones, an orphan living with them, they had taken her

the year before, when she was 11, immediately (6 mos.) after the death of her mother. She made her home with them, and later married my father, Charles Mudge Niquette. They lived on rented farms in Cloud County for several years, moving to Minneapolis, Kansas, in 1885, where I was born, and where he entered the real estate business with one "Truman", (think from some of the things I have heard of him he must have been an ancestor of Harry). Truman and Niquette removed to Osborne, Osborne County, Kansas, ~~xxxxxxx~~ the next spring, and decided to dissolve partnership a year later. The price was give or take \$50.00. Truman refused to buy and tried to squeeze my father out for nothing. As my father couldn't raise even a portion of that money and did not know where to go to borrow it he was pretty well discouraged, what with a family on his hands and another baby coming and the business on the rocks. Well he was sitting (Sunday afternoon) on the banks of the Exchange National Bank in Osborne, when someone came up and sat down beside him. He was too discouraged to even look up or speak, so the man just sat. Finally he said "Niquette come clean, what is worrying you?" so father told him the whole story. Then it came out that Truman had tried to borrow the sum of \$50.00 from this man, Burke, who was the banker, and been refused, "because of his crookedness". Well Mr. Burke told father to be at the bank the next morning when it opened, get the \$50.00 and buy the fellow out, which he did, much to Truman's surprise, as he didn't think it was possible. Things started looking up from that time on. There are at least two additions to the City of Osborne which bear my father's name, one of them platted much to my disgust, as it was the only "daisy field" there was and daisies, wild ones, pink, blue and white grew there in great profusion. By that time I was about 5 years old and set much store by my daisy picking.

We built a house there, where my two younger broghers were born and we later moved to another location closer to town for about a year, then bought 320 acres ~~gx~~ two miles west of town and lived there all thru the growing up years.

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SEVENTH GENERATION AND CHILDREN

ELIZA JANE MUDGE, (called Jane), daughter of Aaron and Phoebe, born Feb. 23, 1825, in Sullivan Township, Tioga County, Penn.

She married Venas Niquette of Tioga County, Penn., June 4, 1850, in Mansfield, Penn. He was born ~~in~~ Nov. 13, 1822, at Level Tree, Province of Quebec, Canada; died at the home of his daughter Mrs. H. M. Stanley, Ft. Smith, Ark., of typhoid-malaria fever, Nov. 2, 1899, age almost 77 years. He was buried at Lincoln, Kansas, where his sons, Ven and Will lived. He was born of catholic parents and always remained firm in that faith. (I don't know who wrote this Seventh Generation stuff, but he at one time, for many years was a member of a Protestant church, but did return to his catholic faith before he died.)

Their children were;

1. Hebe Marion Born Mar. 27, 1851, at Mansfield, Penn; married Martin Stanley Nov. 2, 1876, in Cloud Co., Kans. (This woman was named Phoebe Marian, for her two grandmothers, changed it herself to Hebe Marion, for what reason no one knew. Her husband was a medical doctor, but never practised, preferring the drug business, which he carried on successfully)
2. Edward Faulkner: Born Dec. 13, 1853, at Mansfield, Penn.; married Laura Alice Rockhold, Jan. 22, 1879 at Fairbury, Ill. died at Garden City, in 1908.
3. Charles Mudge: Born Oct. 29, 1857, at LaSalle, Ill.: married Jennie Ella Jones Sept. 1, 1879, at Concordia, Kansas. died May 28, 1921, Garden City, Kansas.
4. Venas Ernest : Born July 1, 1860, at LaSalle, Ill.: Married Mrs. Emma L. Bassett, July 1, 1888, in Osborne, Kans. died about 1935.
5. Willis LaSalle: Born Feb. 3, 1864, in Mendota, Ill.: Married Estells Hawkins (sister of Emma Bassett) May 24, 1892, at Lincoln, Kans. Died in Salina, Kansas, in August 1908

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EIGHTH GENERATION AND CHILDREN

CHARLES MUDGE NIQUETTE, son of Jane and Venas Niquette, born October 29, 1857, at LaSalle, Ill. Married Jennie Ella Jones, Sept. 1, 1879, in Concordia, Kansas. Died May 28, 1921, at Garden City, Kansas, age 63 years.

They lived in Cloud County, south of Concordia, until 1884, when they moved to Minneapolis, Ottawa Co., Kansas, living there a little over a year. From there they went to Osborne county, continuing in the real estate business which he had entered at Minneapolis, in partnership with one "Truman", (probably an ancestor of Harry's, from the stories told of him) continuing the firm in Osborne, as Truman & Niquette. They decided to disolve the partnership so agreed on a five or take of \$50.00, my father buying out Mr. Truman. In 1906 they removed to Garden City, Kansas, forming the partnership Niquette and Son, Being C. M. and S. C. Niquette.

Their Children were;

1. Seraphin Clyde : Born May 12, 1881; Married Ethel F. Thompson, June 10, 1901 (?); died Oct. 1, 1923, at Garden City, Kansas, age 42 years, of gangrenous appendix.
- 2; Hiram Edward Born Oct. 12, 1882; died 1886, from the effects of a fall down stairs.
3. Jonnie Awyn Born Nov. 13, 1885; unmarried - still living
4. Dwight Mudge Born Oct. 21, 1887; died Aug. 15, 1904, at Santa Ana, California of tuberculosis, age 16
5. Louis Born June 10, 1889; lived less than a month.

NINTH GENERATION AND CHILDREN

SERAPHIN CLYDE NIQUETTE, son of Charles Mudge and Jennie E., born May 12, 1881, in Cloud county, Kansas, married Ethel F. Thompson, daughter of Sydney C. and Mary Williams Thompson, at Osborne, Kansas, June 10, 1910. Died in Garden City, Kansas Oct. 1, 1922, age 41 years.

(NOTE: Your mother can tell you more of him than I can, and I will write a post script telling some of the highlights you might like to know of him and his brother and sister. Let me say that this name, Seraphin, was for his grandfather Niquette's favorite brother. As a child he hated it, don't know how he felt after maturity, some of those things don't seem so bad in the face of more important things, i.e. the Awyn that was tacked onto me.)

Their children were;

1. Frances Irene : Born Jan. 6, 1912, Garden City, Kansas; married Justin B. McGill, Orange, Calif.
2. Robert Mudge : Born July 8, 1918, Garden City, Kansas; married Enid Altwegg, Junction City, Kansas.
3. Mary Elizabeth ; Born Aug. 4, 1920, Garden City, Kansas; married Nell M. Keenan, ~~xxxxxxx~~ Orange, Calif.
4. Ruth Denise : Born Jan. 21, ~~1923~~, 1923, Garden City, Kansas; married John R. Stoner, Orange, Calif.