

My mother and her family.
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George Read was born in England and served in the English Navy. He married his boyhood sweetheart, Frances Hanten. They had several children, including my mother, Mary Jane. My grandfather, George Read, received a letter from his brother who had traveled to America, telling him that America was a great place to live and raise his family. About 1870, George Read and family boarded a ship which landed on the shores of Canada. George and family later moved to New Albany, Indiana where he took a job in a steel mill near the Ohio river. Mother was four years old when they left England. She attended schools in New Albany, and according to her, the neighbors called them "Blue Blood" because of their English accent. Mother worked at several places in New Albany and she told us about riding to work on a streetcar which was pulled by two mules. She married a young man by the name of Carroll. They had a baby girl and named her Eva. Carroll died from a stab wound during a quarrel with another man. I never learned much about the tragedy because Mother refused to talk about it. She received a letter from her sister who married a preacher and was located in Nebraska. Her sister wanted her to come stay with them because she needed help. Mother and her baby girl moved to Nebraska. She later met a rancher by the name of Sam Rice. They were married and before they could stake a claim for more land, Mother had to be naturalized and become an American citizen. She was in Nebraska eleven years and during that time, Lillian was born on March 27, 1896 and Wilson was born three years later. They lived in a sod house near an Indian reservation. Mother said, "No doubt the Indians were mistreated and hungry because every now and then the Indians would slip out and beg for food." She told us a story about an Indian who knocked at her door, then pointed to a chicken in her yard. She told him to take it and on his way out toward the gate, he tossed his blanket on the fence. That was his way of saying "Thanks for the chicken." That blanket was in our family for many years. Those bright colored blankets were issued to the Indians by the government. While Mother was in Nebraska, her parents, George and Frances Read, moved from New Albany and bought a farm at Depauw, Indiana. Mother decided she wanted to be near her family, so she persuaded her husband to move to Indiana. They too, purchased a farm at Depauw, Indiana. Sam Rice, being several years older than Mother, didn't live long after moving to Indiana. My father, John Barksdale, also had a farm at Depauw. He lost his wife the same year. My mother and father became friends and were married at Corydon, Indiana, 1907.

From this union, Lena and a twin sister were born. The twin sister died at birth. Two years later, Robert was born. Grandfather and Grandmother Read decided to move back to New Albany and they purchased a small farm which is in the vicinity of what is now known as Valley View Road. They lived in a small house and Grandfather built a large two story house when he was eighty years old. The new house was about three hundred feet from the small house. Grandfather Read wanted my father and mother to come live in the new house in New Albany. That pleased my mother but it was a tough decision for my father. He finally gave in and I can barely remember the day we moved from Harrison County to New Albany. We rode in a horse-drawn wagon with a cow tied on the back. We lived in the new house about a year and my father started working on the Southern Railway. Because of the long walk to work and no transportation, we moved in on West 7th Street, between Spring and Elm. On March 23, 1917, a tornado hit New Albany, killing forty-three people. My grandfather's two houses were completely destroyed. They found him about a half mile from home, walking around in circles, looking for Grandmother, who had died three weeks before the tornado hit. He had no idea where he was or what happened. He died in the hospital from internal injuries and a broken jaw. Mother's sister, Aunt Fannie, lived with Grandfather and was injured but recovered. After the tornado, she lived with my parents for seventeen years. My father died in 1936 and Mother died in 1954. When my mother and father were married, he had seven children, three at home and four had left Depauw. Mother had three children. My father's children were: Clyde, Ernest, Roscoe, Ellwyn, Bernice, Olive, and Laura. Mother's children were: Eva, Lillian and Wilson. My mother loved the whole family. She treated his children as if they were her own. John Barksdale fathered 11 children. I was the youngest. I am proud to have been a part of that loving family.

*Nothing is more precious than
Fond memories of the past.
Each act of love and kindness are
The memories that really last.*

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The Barksdales in America were said to have been descended from King Edward, Ill, of England.

(From J. A. Barksdale's book.) "William Barksdale was born about 1624 in Worcester, England. He died in Virginia. He came to Virginia among 116 persons brought over by Moseley and Hull, named in a patent 1662/3 and was probably the first Barksdale in America." "He may have been the father of another William Barksdale who married a Collier of Virginia and settled near Barksdale Depot in Halifax County, Virginia." "This William Barksdale was the father of Thomas Henry Barksdale, born about 1710 or 1720 and died 1788." This Thomas Henry Barksdale was called Henry. He married twice, first to a Judith Dudley or Claiborne; second to a Judith Beverley. His children were;

Dudley Barksdale

Claiborne Barksdale

Sarah Barksdale

John Barksdale

— Henry Hickerson Barksdale. Rev. Sol., M. Molly Bayne of Va.

Mary Barksdale. MI. Lindsey, 2 John Hurst

Unity Barksdale

Beverley Barksdale

Henry Hickerson Barksdale, Born in Virginia about 1788, died before 1813, in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. Married Molly Bayne August 2, 1782. Their children were;

William Hickerson Barksdale, Born about 1784. M. Lucy Shields, 1813

Judith Barksdale, born about 1784, M. John Pollard

Patsy Barksdale, born about 1796, M. William Grant

— Richard Henry Barksdale, b. March 20, 1788, d. March 4, 1854

Married Sarah Shields, Dec. 30, 1820, Pittsylvania Co., Va.

Brice Barksdale, born about 1803, M. Matilda Farmer, Nov. 1832

GREAT GRAND PARENTS

Richard Henry Barksdale, born March 20, 1788 died March 4, 1854, married Sarah Shields, December 30, 1820, in Pittsylvania County, Va. Shortly after their marriage they moved to Truesdale County, Tenn., where they lived until removing to Harrison County, Indiana, about 1840. Their children were;

William H. Barksdale, born Dec. 8, 1821 M. Catharine

(Wm. died Oct. 9, 1894. Catharine died May 10, 1886.)

Nercissa Barksdale, born April 20, 1823, (No further record.)

Mary Barksdale, B. July 22, 1825, d. July 15, 1884. M. Simon P.

Routh, July 30, 1846, B. June 1, 1828, D. Oct. 17, 1890.

(Note. William, Catherine, Mary and Simon are in Breedlove Cem.)

James Madison Barksdale, born May 31, 1828, D. Sept. 21, 1863,

M. Delila Jackson, Jan. 12, 1848. B. March 6, 1831. After his

death she married Joseph Miles, D. March 12, 1897. She is

beside James in Hancock Chapel Cemetery, Harrison Co.,

Pauline Barksdale. No record except she married a Tournbow and

had a daughter Minnie Whitman who lived near Blue River.

Martha Ellen Barksdale, born April 23, 1834, died Oct. 21, 1917.
M. James Gordon Routh, (Nephew of Simon Routh,) in Harrison Co.
Sept. 6, 1855. He was born Jan. 21, 1834, died July 23, 1911.
(Grandparents of Edna Routh.) Both are buried in Tunnel Hill
Cemetery, near Edwardsville, Floyd County, Ind. (An error is on
his stone. Middle initial was G. not M.)

— John Barksdale, born July 6, 1836.

George W. Barksdale, born Feb. 18, 1839, died Nov. 17, 1916.
First wife, Sarah E. died shortly after marriage. Married 2,
Eliza Durnil, July 25, 1861. B. April 11, 1841. D. ? Their
last child died recently. They were the great grand parents
of Kennis Barksdale of Clarksville, Indiana. George and both
wives are buried in the Hancock Chapel Cemetery, Harrison Co.

Two grand childred of Richard Henry Barksdale and Sarah Shields are
yet living. They are;

Margaret Ann Barksdale-Jones, age 92, daughter of James M.
and Delilah Barksdale. (Now dead)
Miss Alice Routh, age 83, daughter of Martha Ellen and James
G. Routh. (Aunt of Edna Routh) (Now dead)

Martha Ellen Barksdale and James Gordon Routh, M. Sept. 6, 1855.

Their children;

James Henry Routh, B. Sept. 6, 1856, d. Oct. 25, 1890. M.
May 21, 1878, Lura Caroline Moore, b. Dec. 21, 1855, D. Jan. 9, 1940.
Francis Marion Routh, B. 1858, D. 1941. M. Sarah Jane Jackson,
b. 1862, D. 1941.

Alice Idora Routh, B. Dec. 20, 1866. Unmarried. (Dead)

Ella May Routh, B. Dec. 18, 1869, D. Sept. 11, 1886.

Hattie Ann Routh, B. March 22, 1873, D. Jan. 29, 1881.

Lineage: - William Barksdale ----- Collier.	Va.
Thomas Henry Barksdale-Judith Beverley.	Va.
Henry Hickerson Barksdale-Molly Bayne.	Va.
✓ Richard Henry Barksdale-Sarah Shields	Va.-Tenn.-Ind.
Martha Ellen Barksdale-James Gordon Routh.	Ind.
James Henry Routh-Lura Caroline Moore.	Ind.
Mabel Edna Routh.	Ind.

James Henry Routh is buried in Tunnel Hill Cemetery.
Lura Caroline Moore-Routh is buried in Hillcrest Cemetery.
both in Floyd County, Indiana.

John H. Barksdale, son of Richard Henry and Sarah Shields Barksdale, born July 1836, died Aug. 11th, 1887.
 Married Eliza Jane Arnold Sept. 15th, 1855 at Corydon, Ind.
 Eliza was born Nov. 17, 1839, died Jan. 22nd 1864. Buried at Fairdale Cemetery, at Ramsey, Ind. No record of where John H. is buried at the present time.

Their children were- George Barksdale, no record.
 Mary Catherine Barksdale, born July 6, 1858, William Barksdale, no record.
 Jenny Barksdale (Elliott) She married a Mr. Elliott, they had one daughter Blanche Elliott, Harbold, no children. All deceased, buried at Corydon, In
 Mary Catherine Barksdale, married a Mr. McCutcheon, have no record of their children.
 John Simon Barksdale born Jan. 15th, 1864, died Apr, 1936, buried Grace-land cemetery, New Albany, Ind.

John H. Barksdale was married three times, first to Eliza Arnold, then to Emma Goodridge, July 1867, third wife Julia or Juliet Stevens, Nov. 10th, 1872. No record of any children.

John Simon Barksdale, married Bell Ash, no date of birth, died about 1904, at Depauw, Ind. at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

There children were,
 Anthony Ernest Barksdale- Born Jan. 16, 1884, died in the early 1900's. Never married. Buried at Mt. Zion, Ind.

Clyde Edgar Barksdale- Born June 2nd, 1885, died early 1900's, buried at Mitchell, Ind.

He married Alice Allen, and they had one son, Ernest Barksdale.

He was married to Clara, and they had one daughter, Barbara Hartley, she married Fred Hartley, and they live in Pelam, Ala. They have 2 children, Emilia(Casso) Hartley, and Grant Kimball.

Ernest Barksdale was born Sept. 13th, 1907, he resides in Spokane, Wa.

John Roscoe Barksdale, Born July 13th, 1887 died (?) Buried at Eads. Colo. He married Alda Chitty, they had 7 children. Alda is also buried at Eads, Colo.

Their children are, Elmo Edgar Barksdale deceased, married Blanche Hoskins, had 2 boys, Larry, and Eddie Barksdale.

Lola May Barksdale, married Paul Messenger, had 2 boys, 1 girl.

Bernice Barksdale, married Clyde Crow, had 2 boys, one girl.

Ruth Olive Barksdale, married Harold Hoskins, had 2 boys, one girl.

Audrey Lillian Barksdale, married Warren Portny, had two girls.

Viola Barksdale, married Russell Dennis, had one boy, and one girl.

Roscoe Wm. Barksdale, married Hazel Fern Kirk. Roscoe born, June 27th, 1922, at Grigston, Kansas.

He has two children, Larry Earl Barksdale, born Sept, 27th, 1946, married Constance Lincoln, they have a son Aaron Nathan.

Trudy Kay Barksdale, born Mch. 5th, 1949, married Millard Warren Campbell, Feb. 20th, 1971. They have 2 children, daughter Susanne, and Mathew Todd, a son.

Mayme Lou Barksdale, a daughter of Roscoe and Alda Barksdale died at the age of 11 years.

Max Ellwyn Barksdale, born Feb. 18th, 1892, died in the 60's. Is burried at Bellevue Cemetery, Ontario, Calif.

Was married to Mayme ? both deceased. Mayme is also buried at Bellevue.

An infant born dead probably between Olive and Ellwyn.

Bernice Barksdale, born Mch. 26, 1889, died Oct. 21st, 1981, buried at Bellevue Cemetery, Ontario, Calif. Never married.

Mary Olive Barksdale, Born Jan. 2nd, 1894, died Mch. 9th, 1981, buried at Bellevue Cemetery, Ontario, Calif.

Olive married George Wilson, also deceased, no children.
Laura Bell Barksdale, born May 28th, 1896, died Dec. 17th, 1975.
She is buried at Caryle, Illinois.
She married Alfred Stevens, also deceased, and they had 2 children.
John Clyde Stevens, and Marilyn Stevens.
John Clyde Stevens, is married to Emogene Heiland. They were married
in Bellefont, Kansas, Apr. 8th, 1947. There 3 children are, Thersia
, born 5/26/48. Alan born Dec. 27, 1953. Scott born Sept. 9th, 1961.
Thersia married Leslie Trent, they have 4 children, daniel, shelly,
Kelly (twins) and Shawn. Alan married Janet Hoover, they have a son
Samuel. Scott is still single. All are living in Dodge, Kansas.

Marilyn Stevens is married to William Bromley, they live in Becke-
meyer, Ill.
Her children are Steven, born Dec. 29th, 1951, married lisa stoffer
on Oct. 31st 1981, no children.
Peggy Lee , born Feb. 21st, 1955, married Virgil Holthaus, Aug. 1970.
Two children, Christina Robbin and Daryl Adam.
Kenneth Harold, born Feb. 15th, 1958, married June 30th, 1979 to
carol Holthaus, one daughter Kelly Lynn.
Wendy Marie born June 21st, 1970, still at home.

John Simon married again in 1907, at Corydon, Ind. He married Mary Jane
Rice. She was born Oct. 24th, 1866, died Apr. 11th, 1954, buried at
Graceland, cemetery, New Albany, Ind.
There were 3 children born to this marriage, Lena May Barksdale, a
twin born dead, and Robert Barksdale.
Lena May born June 20th, 1908, married Walter Means, 1937, in New Albany.
One step-daughter, Lois Mae Means, Osborn.
She has 5 children, and 7 grandchildren.
Robert born Mch. 6th, 1910, had 2 children. Bonnie Barksdale, and Bobby
Eugene Barksdale. Robt. married Sadie Beard in New Albany about 1929.
* Bonnie married Joe Traughber, and has 9 children, Tom Traughber, Robt.
Traughber, David Traughber, Jeffery Traughber, Daniel Traughber, Patty
Lou Umbreit, Marianne Missy, Barbara Morris, and Kelly Traughber.
There are 13 grandchildren.
Bobby Barksdale not married. (born June 11th, 1931)
(Bonnie born May 17th, 1930)

There were three step children, Wilson Rice, Lillian Rice O'Malley,
and Eva Richardson. Children of Mary Read, Rice Barksdale.

*Bonnie and Joe Traughber's grandchildren are- Darick, Amy and sarah
Tom Traughber's children-Ricky, Amanda, Susy, Thersia Missi, Mariane's
children- Eddie, Lisa Umbreit, Patty Lou's children-Christina Ann-
Barbara Morrís child- Michael and a step-daughter, Bobby Traughber's
children.
(ANGELIA)