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## The Riggs Family

John Wilson Riggs, and his wife, Lowesa Long Riggs, came from Meigs County, Ohio, to the head of Bryan Creek, in Union District Cabell County, and lived there about a year, and then moved to Union Ridge, this county. Among their neighbors, was a native of Switzerland, Conrad Byle. He lived just over the hill from Mr. and Mrs. Riggs.

John Wilson Riggs was born July 3, 1838, and died March 20, 1931. His parents were Jeremiah and Elizabeth Riggs, who lived about ten miles north of Pomeroy, in Meigs County.

Riggs It is said that three brothers lived in Maryland, and all emigrated to the west. One settled in Meigs County, Ohio, one in Kanawha County, W. Va. ~~The other one~~ or Putnam County, between

Point Pleasant and Charleston  
or possibly, in Mason County,  
(at least, he came to the Kenawha  
Valley).

The other one settled, at  
the mouth of the Big Sandy  
River, where Kenova now  
stands,

John W. Riggs, and his  
wife had two children:

1. Frederick E. Riggs, who  
lives at Bellingham, Wash-  
ington. He married a Wash-  
ington girl, and is a  
bookkeeper. She was a school  
teacher. He met her, in  
Montana, where she was  
teaching. They had but one  
child, and it died very  
young.

2. Frank<sup>W</sup> Riggs born  
April 11 August 1, 1875. He  
married Bessie Blake, daug-  
ter of William H. Blake, and  
granddaughter of Morris  
Blake, of Union District.

Frank W. and Bessie Riggs  
were the parents of three chil-  
dren:

1. Starley Riggs

b. April 19, 190

m. Nellie Mayes of  
Salt Lick, Kentucky. They  
now live, at Hinton,  
W. Va., and have three  
children:

2. Mabel Riggs

b. Jan. 25, 1904

d. March 21, 1928,

She was not married.

3. Burrwell W. Riggs

b. Nov. 27, 1927

m. Velma Petronas

They live in Hinton,  
ington, and have  
four children.

# The Sny Family

Benjamin Gardner Sny: son  
of Edward and Elizabeth Ray Sny,  
who settled on, or near Eighth  
Street, in Huntington. They were  
of Scotch descent.

Benjamin G. Sny, married  
Mary Seamonds, Dec. 23, 1851,  
at the bride's parents, near  
Ona, W. Va. She was a daughter of  
William and Mary Nancy Harshbarger,  
Their children were:

1. Albion B. Sny

b. Sept. 25, 1852

d. Dec. 7, 1853

✓ 2. Edgar Thornton Sny

b. July 17, 1854. An unnamed  
twin to him died, in infancy.

✓ 3. John H. Sny

b. June 9, 1856

d. May 2, 1858

✓ 4. Elizabeth Sny

b. Jan 7, 1859. <sup>She had a</sup> <sup>son, Charles Field</sup> <sup>d. Sept 12, 1914</sup>

d. d. April 27, 1902

~~She had a daughter, Charles Sny~~

✓ 5. Richard E. Sny

b. Jan 7, 1861

d. April 27, 1902

m.

6. Gallatin G. Shy

b. April 5, 1863

d. April 17, 1865

7. Nancy <sup>June</sup> Shy

b. Oct. 2, 1865

m. E. Kyle Jr. 8 children

5 living

✓ 8. Benj. G. Shy Jr.

b. Nov. 19, 1867

9. Sidney Shy

b. Feb. 16, 1871

d. Oct. 18, 1872.

✓ 10. Chalmer Shy

m. Belle Smith, of Ohio

b. June 13, 1873

d. Oct. 12, 1899

~~She~~ had a daughter, Pearl

A. Shy, b. Dec. 27, 1898 She m.

Charles Hinerman, Huntington

✓ 11. Cline Shy (Peter Cline)

b. Dec. 5, 1876

m. and removed to

Chicago, where he now lives.

~~12. Pearl A. Shy~~

By Mrs. Ed Kyle

Benjamin Gardner Sny, son of Edward and Elizabeth Ray Sny, who settled, on what is now Eighth Street, in Huntington, married Mary Seamonds, Dec. 23, 1851, at the home of the bride's parents, near Ona, this county. She was the daughter of William S. and Mary Nancy Harshbarger Seamonds

Their children were:

1. Albion B. Sny  
b. Sept. 25, 1852  
d. Dec. 7, 1853

2. Edgar Thornton Sny  
b. July 17, 1854. He married Belle Ash, daughter of Rev. Daniel Ash and Mary West Ash, of Monongalia County. They had two children:

1. Blanche Sny  
m. Mr. Metcalf of  
Rushville, Indiana.



2. Ala. Sigs next page  
m. John —

2. Ruey Shy

m. Charles Dashne

She stays, at  
Edgar Shy's  
residence, above

Cox's Landing.

A twin, to Edgar Thornton Shy,  
died in infancy.

3. John H. Shy

b. June 9, 1856

d. May 2, 1858

4. Elizabeth Shy

b. Jan. 7, 1859

d. April 27, 1902

m. Tom Fielder, of Hunt-  
ington

They had a daugh-  
ter, ~~Pearl Shy~~, who  
Maud, who  
married Thomas

Fielder. She died

Sept. 12, 1914.

They had a daugh-  
ter Maud Fielder, who  
died Sept. 12, 1914.

5. Richard E.

Shy

b. Jan. 7, 1861

d. April 27, 1902

m. Ida Jenkins, dau.  
of Philip ~~and~~ Jenkins, of  
Merritts Creek, of Mud River.

6. Gallatin G.

Shy

b. April 5, 1863

d. April 17, 1865.

7. Nancy Jane Shy

b. Oct. 2, 1865

m. Edward Kyle Jr.

They had eight children.

8. Benjamin G. Shy Jr.  
b. Nov. 19, 1867

Mr. Anna Thornburg,  
daughter of Miller Thorn-  
burg. They live in Hunt-  
ington, and have six  
children:

9. Sidney Shy  
b. Feb. 16, 1871  
d. Oct. 18, 1872

10. Chalmer Shy  
b. June 13, 1873  
d. Oct. 12, 1899  
He married Belle  
Smith, of Ohio. Both  
are dead. She had  
a daughter, Pearl A.  
Shy, who married Charles  
Hinerman, of Huntington

11. Peter Chine Shy

b. Dec. 5, 1876 He  
married and removed  
to Chicago, where he  
now lives.

## The Davidson Family.

The Davidson family, of Cabell County, came to Putnam county, direct from near Pruntytown, Taylor County. They made their home, near Cade Switch above Hurricane. They owned property, and a mill, about five miles, from Winfield. William Davidson came to Cabell County, in 1867, and bought the Col. Conwelzie Simmons farm, in the Frying Pan. None of the Davidsons were in the Civil War. The Riley farm was the Martin Moore farm.

William Davidson Jr. married Martha Jane Handley, of Teays Valley, daughter of Samuel H. and Sarah Dorothy ~~Handley~~ Harmon, of Teays Valley. Her father kept a house of entertainment this side of Cade Switch. William Davidson Sr. came to Teays Valley, on a visit, before his son settled there.

William and Martha Jane Davidson were the parents of the following children:

Charles, Sadie, John, Sam, a young sister, who died in infancy, Will Davidson. Charley had the Davidson family Bible. Late in life, Charley Davidson moved to Route 2, Meadville, Pennsylvania, but was brought back here to be buried.

John Davidson was born, in Putnam County, July 30, 1838

William Davidson, before his marriage, came from Priddytown to Coalsmouth, and worked for Samuel Wilson. After his marriage, he lived west of Cade Switch, where Alex. Handley kept store, He then moved to Poplar Creek, Putnam County, in the edge of Jays Valley where he had a grist and saw mill combined. He staid there until 1867, and then sold his farm of 50 a., and came to the Frying Pan.

In March 1868, he moved to Swamp  
Branch, where he died Oct. 10, 1886.

He was born Aug 3, 1823. His wife was  
born March 20, 1819, and died in  
January 1889 (See the records in  
the Bible

Charles Davidson,  
b. Sept. 16, 1857

Sadie Davidson,  
b. April 3, 1853

Sam Davidson,  
b. 1854

Wm Cornelzre Davidson,  
b. May 18, 1857

John Davidson  
b. July 30, 1858.



William Davidson Sr.,

m.

Burdette, daughter  
of Robert Burdette. They came from  
some county in Virginia, to  
Taylor County, W. Va. Robert  
Burdette was a humorist, and  
became a Baptist preacher, in  
Florida.

Their children were:

1. Martha Davidson

m. Fred Ford, a steam-  
boat captain, who lived  
in Gallipolis, Ohio, and  
ran boats, from Pittsburg,  
to Cincinnati.

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2. James Davidson, was  
a carpenter, and painter  
of Puntytown, where  
he lived and died.

3. George Davidson was  
a Baptist preacher, at Gal-  
lupolis, Ohio, and probably  
has descendants, in Charles-  
ton, W. Va

4. A daughter married  
a Mr. Baldwin, and lived  
and died, at Zanesville,  
Ohio.

5. Another daughter  
married a Mr. Simms.  
She died when their  
daughter, Mamie Simms  
was young. He sent her  
to a Catholic school, but  
she married a Baptist,  
named George Brocius,

at Fred Fords, in Gal-  
lipolis. He worked  
a while, in Brown's  
store, in Gallipolis,  
and then moved else-  
where, in Ohio.

By Mrs. Fannimore  
Johnson.

The Gothard Family.

Robert Gothard was b.  
and died, in February, 1873.  
He was married twice.

He m. 1. Page. She  
died of cholera, in 1849.  
They lived, in Guyan Town-  
ship, not far from the  
head of Guyan Creek, in  
Gallia County, Ohio, near  
the Dickey Church, not  
far from Lincoln Ridge.  
Follow Route 218, from  
the Ohio River, below Sal-  
ipolis, to Mercerville, O.,  
and turn right.

Children by the first  
marriage:

1. Jerry C. Gothard (Jeremiah  
m. Sarah Rice,  
April 4, 1847)

2. John Gothard

3. James E Gothard

Died at Crown City

m. Mary <sup>Joys</sup> Rice, dau.

Aug. 3, 1854

of Reuben Rice, and had about ten children: Riley,

\* Riley Gothard was living about Barboursville, about

1941. He was about

80

Vinton, James, Alfred, Sarah

(m. — Garbrough), Julia,

<sup>was</sup> ~~Miss~~ Perkins, b. Aug. 8, 1872

Lived at St. Louis, Rhoda

m. — Shoemaker of Wash.,

(Brunette girl.) Still living.

4. Nancy Gothard. \*

b. Dec. 8, 1825

d. March 26, 1905

m. William Bickel

April 6, 1868. They

lived on a farm

20  
They lived on a farm near  
Mercerville, later owned by Ed  
Barnes. Their home was within  
a fourth mile of Victory Church

A daughter, Oretta Bickel  
married Fannimore J. Johnson  
William Bickel m. Mary Clark,  
sister of Commissioner, William  
Clark, of Lincoln Ridge

5. Perkins Gothard (Hurland Perkins)  
m. Amanda ~~Harbour~~ <sup>Sept. 19, 1861</sup> They  
lived back of Bladen, Ohio.

They had about nine  
children, four of whom are  
living. (Others not named.)

1. Sarah Gothard

m. John Craig, They  
lived below Beaden,  
Ohio. She is living  
there yet

2. Ben Gothard

m. Mel Richey. They  
live back of Galli  
polis.

3. Nora Gothard

m. George Montgomery,  
She is living about  
Montgomery, or Eureka,  
Ohio.

4. Roma Gothard

m. Grant Johnson.  
They live at Bladen

Children of Robert Gothard by first wife<sup>no</sup>

6 Alfred Gothard

m Mary Ann Hobson

Nov. 16, 1858. Not

now known where he lived

7. Emily Gothard

m, Samuel F. <sup>Francis</sup> ~~M. Marion~~ Halley

Nov. 8, 1868

She died about June

1923

They had four  
children, all of whom  
are dead, but one.  
Francis Halley was a  
Civil War soldier. He  
died of smallpox, con-  
tracted in the army.

Mrs. Geo. Hovick 72,  
Columbus, Ohio.

She m. 2. Martin Dawson.  
She died at Gallipolis,  
their home. A daughter,  
Mrs. Jasper (Ola) Lunsford,  
lives at Chesapeake, D.



8. William Gotthard died  
single

9. Martha Gotthard

Robert Gothard

m. 2. Elizabeth Shoemaker,  
April 7, 1850. They lived, on  
Symmes Creek.

Their Children:

1. Sylvester Gothard  
m.

2. Monroe Gothard  
m. Mary White

3. George McClellan Gothard  
m. Eliza White, sister  
of Mary White

4. Jane Gothard  
m. Jesse Provencus

5. Eliza Gothard  
m. White  
Brother of Mary  
and Eliza White.