

Collection of Stories and Written Material about the
Ancestor Families of:

George Russell Enlow (1915-2006) &
Mildred Isabelle Vincent (1920-2004)



Picture taken at their wedding
21 October 1939



50th Wedding Anniversary Dinner



60th Wedding Anniversary Dinner (Oct 1999)
Nancy Lee (Enlow) Hindle, Dale Edward Enlow, Jeffery
Scott Enlow, Leonard Ray Enlow
with Mom and Dad

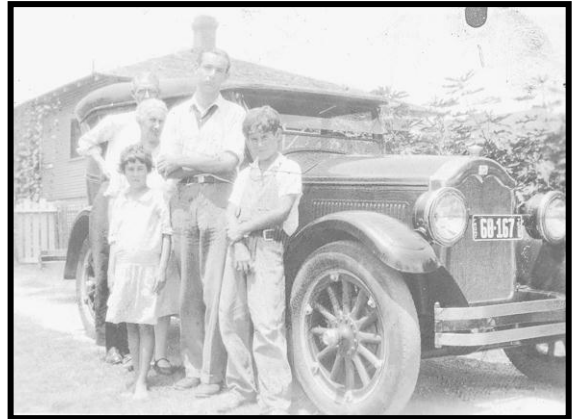
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PA's STORY

(George Russell Enlow, son of Benson Campbell Enlow & Idesta Danley)

With the little bit that I can remember I will try to recall some of my life before I was married. Born June 9, 1915 in Donora, Pa., which is south of Pittsburgh on the Monongahela River. At the age of one we moved to Belle Vernon, which is a little bit south of Donora. My Dad worked in Donora for an electrical contractor. I don't remember much of my schooling, while living in Belle Vernon. We lived next door to a wonderful colored family by the name of Smiths. Dad's health was not too good & the doctors advised him to move west. So at the last of May 1926, at the age of 10, Dad & Mom packed up their six kids & not much money in an old Oldsmobile Touring car. I don't remember the year of the car, but it had isinglass side curtains you could take out & four doors. A friend of Dad's, and his wife Lee & Minnie Tilmont went with us in their car & we headed west, destination the state of Washington. We camped out every night in a tent. I do remember all through the west so many jackrabbits killed along the roads. In the evenings just about sunset, along the horizon, you could see hundreds of jackrabbits. I remember we stopped for the night just before we went into Yellowstone Park & pitched our tent along a mountain stream. Sometime during the night it rained up in the mountains. We heard a tremendous noise, Mother and us kids was scared to death. The stream was running bank full. We had to move our tent to higher ground to keep from getting flooded. We entered Yellowstone Park the next day and there was plenty of parking space in 1926. We stayed there for a week, with the bears and other animals. I did a lot of fishing on what they called Fisherman's Bridge.



Mother was fit to be tied the whole trip taking care of us kids. We finally arrived in Seattle, Washington, travel time over a month. Minnie and Lee owned an old house outside of Seattle called Alderwood Manor. We had to cut waist high grass to find the house. The place was alive with an animal called the Mountain Beaver. It lived in holes like a woodchuck and cut small twigs and brush like a swamp beaver. I trapped many of them for fun. The 1906 Winchester .22 cal. rifle that Lee Tilmont is holding in the picture, I still have. We went to the Puget Sound in Seattle a few times and I remember catching a fish they called a dog-fish. Dad's health did not improve so the Doctors said we should move south. I don't think we stayed in Seattle more than a month or two. Lee and Minnie Tilmont left us and returned to Ohio. Sister Martha, I think, took a train from Washington to San Antonio, TX. and we drove the old touring car. We stayed a day or two



with some relatives in Los Angeles, CA then on to San Antonio, TX. I don't know when we arrived in San Antonio. We rented an old house with dirt floors and millions of bed bugs. We had to keep the legs of our beds sitting in pans of water to keep them off of us. My first encounter with a scorpion was at this house; got up one morning and put my hat on and it had a scorpion inside. We didn't stay long in that house. Dad and John worked in a milk plant. To earn some extra money John and I picked cotton, dragging a canvas bag about ten foot long and picking on our hands and knees. They would weigh the bag at the end of the row and pay us so much a pound. One time John came face to face with a diamond-backed rattler laying in the middle of the row and that ended our cotton-picking career! We stayed in San Antonio about four years, long enough for me to become a Boy Scout. I don't know how many different schools I attended while there. Dad and John finally got a job at a large electric generating plant at Quanah, TX. We built a four-wheeled trailer that looked like a hay wagon with slotted sides to haul our furniture. We loaded up what we had and headed for Quanah, which is south-east of Amarillo. The electric plant was at Lake Pauline about 15 miles outside of Quanah. On the way up to Quanah we were going along pretty good when Mother hollered to Dad "That looks like our trailer!" It had broken loose from the car, passed us on the left and crossed in front before landing in the ditch without too much damage done. The lake was owned by the power company for use in the plant. It was about the size of Conneaut Lake, PA, and around it were about twenty nice stucco houses for the employees. The school I went to was on a large nearby cattle ranch. The bus driver was one of the cow hands and the teachers all wore cowboy boots and jeans. About all I had to do was go to school and fish and hunt. Dad gave me his 16 gauge double-barreled shotgun for Christmas, and I can still remember the first time I shot it. While shooting at a Jack-rabbit I pulled both barrels and got an awful surprise.

There were two neighbor boys by the name of Majors who lived across the hill on an old farm. They would come down and we would camp out on the edge of the lake. We would string a night line across a neck of the lake and check it each hour. The line was held -up off the bottom with glass jugs. We caught a lot of fish there, mostly channel cats. As time went on the plant Superintendent got wind that he may be replaced by Dad so Dad was let go. Well we had to move again.

Dad's brother Ed, owned a restaurant, called the Texas Lunch in Cochran, PA and wanted Dad to come up and run it for him, so we picked up moved to Pennsylvania, Poor Mother, just got settled in a nice home and had to leave again. That was in 1932, I graduated in 33. We had a slot machine in the restaurant that paid out in tokens. The vendor would come once a week and exchange them for cash. I would keep track of the machine and knew when it was about to pay off, and then I would play. That's how I bought my school clothes. This was the depression years and there wasn't any money in the restaurant business. My uncle sold the restaurant so Dad was out of a job again! We looked around for farms to run on shares; Cochran, New Vernon, and New Lebanon. I remember while living on a farm at New Lebanon, I helped a neighbor cut logs for a man with a crosscut saw. It got down to 25-30 degrees below zero that winter. We had to wrap our feet in burlap bags to keep our feet from freezing. It was so cold that some of the trees would split wide open when they hit the ground. The man said he would pay us after he shipped the logs and it ended up we never got paid for our winter's work!

After that I worked at a saw mill near Greensburg, PA skidding logs. That was the year my sister, Edna, died. I then worked for a farmer who raised potatoes and furnished baled straw to the Mental Institution at Polk, PA. There I made \$35 a month plus room and board. I joined the Civilian Conservation Corps down in Cameron County, and they paid thirty five dollars a month. They sent \$30 home because we were on relief and I got five dollars, the C.C.C. camp was operated by Army personnel. There were all kinds of kids in camp so you had to keep everything under lock and key. We got up each morning before daylight for exercise. I heard my first bobcat there one evening, sounded like a child screaming. There were lots of them around as well as Timber Rattlers. We would hunt them at noon break. When I returned home I had a kitchen match box full of rattles. My only Job in the eight months there was to swing a sledge hammer to break rocks to make fire trails through the mountains. They would let us go around a rock the size of a house, but everything else was broken up and scattered along the trail.

After I got out of the CCC I worked for a few farmers for \$30 + room and board. I finally was able to buy a 1933 ton and a half covered bed truck. The neighbor boy, John Komar, who was built like a football player, and I would drive around and buy potatoes. We would grade them and bag them in 100-pound burlap bags. Then we hauled them to the south side of Pittsburgh to sell to stores there. After potato season was over I couldn't find any more work for the truck so I sold it and bought a Model T Ford, a three pedal foot shifting job. I then went to work for a farmer named Buchanan who also owned a grocery store/gas station on the Crawford and Mercer County line. There I met Mildred (Midge) and got married in 1939.

We had a tough time making a go of it for a few years. First we stayed with Ben and Idesta, my Dad and Mother until they moved to Norrisville, PA. We then stayed with her dad and mother, Julian and Marie Vincent. I helped Jule cut mine props for a neighbor on his farm for twenty cents an hour, ten hours a day. That winter, at the McDaniel farm, above Jule & Marie's we cut down most of the apple trees to burn to keep warm. From there we moved into the Cochranon Booster Club Building which housed a bowling alley, dance hall, and barbershop. All we had for furniture was a card table, two crates, a bed, three-burner oil stove, and a tin cupboard. Then we moved to a four-room cottage along French Creek where we lived when Leonard and later Nancy were born.

I worked at Talon in Meadville, Pa. where I lost the ends of my fingers in an accident while operating the chain machine, I had an allergic reaction and got lockjaw. Then I worked for the Erie Railroad as a welder's helper, and was in a motorcar accident. I remember the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor while working for the R.R.

From there I went to work on the Western Game Farm for the Pennsylvania Game Commission in 1946, as a laborer for \$0.60 an hour. Dale and Jeff were born while I was working there. I retired in August of 1977 as the Superintendent of the Game Farm, raising ring-necked pheasants for release into the wild, making \$23,000 per year. Mid and I built our home near the Game Farm on Henry Rd., where we have lived since retirement.

ABRAM ENLOW¹

Dr. E. Duis, *The Good Old Times in McLean County, Illinois*
(The Leader Publishing and Printing House - 1874)

Abram Enlow was born January 21, 1809, in Christian County, Kentucky. His father's name was Abraham Enlow, and his mother's before her marriage was Jemina Johnson. His father was partly of Dutch descent, and his mother was partly Irish. Abraham Enlow died when Abram was quite young. The latter received only two years schooling in his youth. Sickness and hard work prevented him from attending more.

The clothing in those days was often a curiosity. Nothing was considered more elegant than buckskin, and Abram Enlow remembers how his brother John appeared on one occasion, as he came out in a new suit of buckskin, dyed green.

In 1835 Abram Enlow came to McLean County with his brother John. Abram's first experience was not pleasant, as the winter of 1835 and '36 was very severe. He admired the fine prairies, which did, indeed, gladden the eye of a farmer, who had been used to grubbing stumps in Kentucky; but the severe winter made him return to Kentucky, which he did in 1836. But after two years more among the stumps of Kentucky, he turned back once more for Illinois. He married, September 27, 1838, Louisa Harry. On the first of October, three days after his marriage, he started for McLean County, Illinois. His journey was a very pleasant one, though the season was dry, and it was sometimes difficult to obtain water. He camped out every night. The streams had no bridges, but during that season none were needed, as the creeks were nearly all dry.

Soon after Mr. Enlow's arrival he went to the land office at Danville, and entered eighty acres of prairie, and bought five acres of timber to fence his land. He lived at his brother John's house and rented land during the first year. During the following year he began fencing and breaking ground, and in March he moved on his own place. It was a remarkably early season, for by the middle of March the cattle went out on the prairie to feed. Game was plenty. The little prairie wolves could be seen in the morning playing around after they had killed his sheep the night before. The wolves frequently collected together in packs, and often came in the night up close to Mr. Enlow's door. Mr. Enlow was on one of the "ring" hunts, which were so popular among the settlers. The pole was put up at Normal, and they hunted towards it, killed many deer and wolves, had a social chat and went home. One deer, which was killed, was tied to a pony's tail and dragged in to the pole.

Mr. Enlow settled in the West at an unfortunate time, when business was prostrate and grain commanded a very low price. He could sell his corn and oats in Bloomington for ten cents per bushel and take his pay in store good, and he could take his wheat to Pekin and get for it only thirty-five cents per bushel. When he came to Illinois he had only enough money to enter his eight acres of land, buy his five acres of timber, and purchase a few housekeeping utensils and a stock of provisions. When his stock of provisions was exhausted it seemed for a while a desperate matter to live. He first obtained three dollars a hundred for his pork, but afterwards a dollar and a half; and prices reached such an extremely low figure that the neighbors all clubbed together and sent their pork to Chicago; but then they obtained less than a dollar per hundred. Mr. Enlow sold his eighty acres of entered land for seventy-five dollars and acre. The timber land, which he first bought, is now covered with a second growth of fine trees.

¹ <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilbiog/McLeanCo/ETEXT.HTML>

Mr. Enlow has had four children, but only one son and one daughter grew up to manhood and womanhood. They are:

Samuel T. Enlow lives a few rods from his father's house.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Myers, wife of George Myers, lives about two miles southwest of her father's.

Mr. Enlow is six feet and one inch in height, is very muscular and works hard. He has a sanguine complexion, rather a bald head and large, honest eyes. He is a very pleasant man to talk to, and takes an interest in the early settlement of the country. Mrs. Enlow is a very pleasing and intelligent lady. Shrewd observers say that the success of many men is due to the influence of their wives, and it is very probable that the influence of Mrs. Enlow has contributed very materially to her husband's success in life. Mr. Enlow lives in the southern edge of Twin Grove in Dale township, is very comfortably situated, and bids fair to enjoy a long and happy life.

JOHN ENLOW²

Dr. E. Duis, The Good Old Times in McLean County, Illinois
(The Leader Publishing and Printing House - 1874)

John Enlow was born June 15, 1801, in Christian County, Kentucky. His father's name was Abraham Enlow, and his mother's name before her marriage was Jemima Johnson. John Enlow was partly of Dutch descent. He married in February, 1826, Catherine Lander. He lived on a farm in Kentucky, which he sold on coming to Illinois, which was in the fall of 1835. He had no particular adventure on his journey. On his arrival he settled on the east side of Twin Grove on the prairie and went to farming. He was a consistent member of the Baptist Church, which he joined three or four years after he came to the West. He died April 19, 1860. He had eight children, seven of whom are now living. They are:

Mrs. Sally Ann Depew, widow of Joel Depew, lives in Bloomington.

Mrs. Jemima Jane Myers, wife of Aaron Myers, lives in Bloomington.

James Enlow lives near Covell in Dale township.

Mrs. Ann Eliza Kennedy, wife of William L. Kennedy, lives in Bloomington.

John Enlow, jr., and Jesse Enlow both live near the east side to Twin Grove, on parts of the homestead land.

Mrs. Ella Shope, wife of Adam Shope, lives near Bloomington.

Mr. John Enlow was six feet in height and rather a slender man. He had a dark complexion, dark hair and eyes. He was a kind father to his family and a very honest and much respected **man**.

BALTIMORE COUNTY FAMILIES, 1659 – 1759

By Robert W. Barnes

² <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilbiog/McLeanCo/ETEXT.HTML>

ENLOES, HENDRICK (1), progenitor, was in Baltimore County by 1674 and died there c.1707/8; married by 5 Nov. 1679 Christian (---) who survived him; as a Dutchman was naturalized by Act of the Legislator of 6 June 1674; took up lands, incl. Dutch Neck in (?) and 100 acres Tryangle Neck in May 1673, 100 acres Swallow Fork in May 1683, 150 acres The Oblong in June 1687, and 33 acres Low Lands in March 1687; with wife Christian conveyed 100 acres Inloes Loyne to John Boring in Nov. 1679, and 100 acres Swallow Fork to John Fuller in Aug. 1682; his will, 10 Dec. 1707 - 18 May 1708, named wife Christian, son Abraham, the heirs of son John, daughters Hester and Margaret, also Christian Wright and Henry Galma; had iss.: HENRY (not in will); ABRAHAM; JOHN; HESTER; MARGARET, married 1st William Galloway and 2nd by 5 Oct. 1709 James Durham (48:6;59; 60:44; 122:53; 145; 211:616, 67; 404).

ENLOES HENRY (2), son of Hendrick (1) was alive in Kent County in June 1728 when he signed a quitclaim on a deed for Sawyer's Choice, taken up by his father Hendrick "Inloes" in June 1661; his wife Mary joined him in the deed (71:219).

ENLOES ABRAHAM (3), Son of Hendrick (1), died in Baltimore County c. 1709; married Elizabeth (---) who married 2nd, by March 1709/10 John Ensor; in April 1700 he and wife Elizabeth conveyed Enloes Cover to William Holland; his will, 24 April 1709 - 20 July 1709, named sons John and Anthony (to have 100 acres Tryangle Neck), son William (to have 50 acres Duck Neck), son Abraham (to have 50 a.), daughter Margaret, and an unborn child with wife Elizabeth as executrix; administrator bond posted 20 July 1709 by executrix Elizabeth Enloes with William Farfarr and William Wright; estate inventoried 5 Oct. 1709 by Luke Raven and Daniel Scott, valued at £96.11.5, signed by executrix Elizabeth Enloes, sister Margaret Durham, and cousin Mary Enloes as kin and William Wright and Edward Stevenson as creditors; estate administrator on 6 Oct. 1720; left iss.: ANTHONY, died 1750; JOHN; WILLIAM; ABRAHAM; MARGARET; and a possible unborn child (1:180; 13:43; 21:133; 48:6; 66:27; 122:145).

ENLOES, JOHN (4), son of Hendrick (1), was alive in 1701; married Elizabeth (---), who may have married as her 2nd husband John Lorkings or Leakings who held 100 acres Swallow Fork and 50 acres Salisbury Plain for the orphans of John Enloes; estate was administrated by Lorkings and wife Elizabeth (date not given); had iss.: ABRAHAM born c.1701, age 13 on 20 March 1714 and in June bound to serve Charles and Hannah Simmons: HENRY, in June 1714 bound to William Wright (2:230; 3:145; 21:406, 505; 211:66).

ENLOES, ANTHONY (5), son of Abraham (3), died by 1752; married Eleanor (---) who married 2nd William Grover; in 1750 owned 100 acres Tryangle, 62 acres Inloes Rest, and 33 acres Low Lands and 100 acres Duck Neck; left a will, 12 Sept. 1750 - 18 Oct. 1750, which named son Abraham, daughters Elizabeth and Eleanor, unborn child, and mentioned his wife; administrate bond was posted 14 Dec. 1750 by executrix Eleanor, with Moses Galloway and Abraham Enloes; estate. administrated by William Grover and wife Ellinor on 15 April 1752 and 16 Nov. 1752; left iss.: ABRAHAM; ELEANOR; ELIZABETH, and poss. unborn child (5:262, 263; 13:51; 111: 33; 153:18).

ENLOES, ABRAHAM (6), son of Abraham (3), was born c.1705, and died 1758 in Baltimore County; married Mary Deason in 1730; she administrated his estate; in 1733 he leased 100 acres Gunpowder Manor for the lifetimes of ary, age 55, and Benjamin, age 28; administrator bond was posted 25 Jan. 1758 by administratrix Mary Enloes with James Elliott and William Ensor; estate administrated by Mary Enloes who noted that the deceased left ten child; had iss.: ANTHONY, born Aug. 1731; ABARILLA, born 1734, married Robert Gardner; BENJAMIN, born 19 Jan. 1738; SARAH, born 16 Feb. 1740; ENOCH, born 1741, died 1799 in York County, S. C.; ISAAC, born 13 Feb. 1745, died 10 June 1819 in York County, S. C.; ABRAHAM; THOMAS, married Sarah James; MARY; DEASON; and CHRISTOPHER (6:17; 13:53; 131: 74/r, 75/r, 87/r; 389:8; see also Thomas A. Enloe Gen. Coll., MS # 5099 at MHS).

ENLOES, HENRY (7), son of John (4), was born c.1684, and was the father of: ABRAHAM, born c.1726/9, died 1808 in Washington County, Penna.; married Jemima Elliott. (Thos. A. Enloe Gen. Coll.).

ENLOES, ABRAHAM (8), son of Henry (7), was born c.1726/9, died 1808 in Washington County, Penna.; married Jemima Elliott on 28 Nov. 1754 (131; Thos. A. Enloe Gen. Coll.).

ENLOES, ABRAHAM, in June 1759 was fined for bastard, having been named by Rashia Morgan as the father of her child (29:211).

ENLOES, ANTHONY, died by 5 July 1761, leaving a daughter who married Joseph Thompson (85:462).

ENLOES, HENRY, married Mary Elliott, born 24May1744 [from page 200] on 26 May 1763 (131).

ENLOES, JOHN, and Sarah Leggatt were summoned by the vestry of St. John's Parish for unlawful cohabitation (131:2).

ENLOES, MARY, married Thomas Johnson on 3 Sept. 1716 (131).

THE ENLOES FAMILY data presented here was made available to the author by Mrs. Robert Hughes of Boulder, Colorado, and was the result of work done by Mrs. Hughes, Mary C. Wright, Mr. G. L. Brier, Evelyne McCracken and Mrs. John S. Slattery.

ENLOES, HENDRICK (1), was born c.1632 in Holland, and died by 18 May1708 in Baltimore County, Md.; res Delaware, and Kent County; married Christiana (---); pat. 100 acre Swallow Fork in Baltimore County in 1683; died leaving a will, 10 Dec. 1707 - 18 May 1708, leaving 100 acre of Triangle, 100 acre Dutch Neck, and 30 acre Enloes' Meadow to son Abraham, 1 shilling each to children John, Hester, and Margaret, and dower rights to wife Christiana; had iss.: HENRY, born c. 1675, died 1703; JOHN, born c.1668, died c.1703, married Elizabeth (---) who married 2nd John Leakins; HESTER, married after 1711 William Wright;

MARGARET, married (---) Durham; ABRAHAM, died 1709 (122:116; data from Mrs. Hughes).

ENLOES, JOHN (2), son of Hendrick (1) and Christiana, was born c. 1668, died by 1703; married Elizabeth (---) who married 2nd John Leakins; had iss.: HENRY, in Kent County, Md., c. 1738; three daughters, born between 1696 to 1703; ABRAHAM, born 20 March 1701 (data from Mrs. Hughes).

ENLOES, ABRAHAM (3), son of Hendrick (1) and Christiana, was born c. 1678; died 1707; married Elizabeth (---) who later married John Ensor; Abraham died leaving a will, 24 April 1709 - 20 July 1709, leaving 100 acres Triangle Neck to sons Anthony and John; 50 acre Duck Neck to son William, 50 acre to son Abraham, daughter Margaret Enloes, w. Eliza, and an unborn child; also mentioned 30, acre Enloes' Meadow; had iss.: JOHN, born c.1703, alive in 1768; MARGARET, born c.1704; ABRAHAM, born c.1705, died 1758, married Mary Deason; WILLIAM, born c.1706 and moved to Beaufort County, N. C. ; ANTHONY, born c. 1708, married Elinor Cheney; possibly CHRISTIANA, born c.1709 (married Thomas Wright), or possibly ELIZABETH, born 1709/10 (122:145; data from Mrs. Hughes).

ENLOES, HENRY (4), son of John (2) and Elizabeth, married Mary (---) and was in Kent County, Md., by 1738; in 1724 conveyed 100 acres Swallow Fork to Bloyce Wright (data from Mrs. Hughes).

ENLOES, ABRAHAM (5), son of Abraham (3) and Elizabeth, was born c.1705, died 1758 in Baltimore County; married Mary Deason, born c.1711, died in York County, S. C., in 1774; had iss.: THOMAS, born 1729, married Sarah James on 2 June 1754; ENOCH, born between 1730 and 1741, died in York County, S. C.; married 1st (---) Sprucebank, and 2nd Jane McCord; ANTHONY, born Aug. 1731; ABRAHAM, born c.1732/3 in Baltimore County, married Jemima Elliott on 28 Nov. 1754; AVARILLA, born 5 May 1735, married Robert Gardner or Garner; BENJAMIN, born 19 Jan. 1738; SARAH, born 16 Feb. 1740; ISAAC, born 13 Feb. 1743, died 10 June 1819 in York County, S. C., married Violet Porter; DEASON, born c.1747; MARY, CHRISTEN; possibly HENRY, born c.1740/1, married Mary Elliott on 26 May 1763; possibly. POTTER, born c.1749; JOHN, born c.1751 (data from Mrs. Hughes).

Death Notice of Robert G. Marley

Robert G. Marley, 84 of 10662 Franklin Pike, Meadville, died Tuesday, Aug. 18, 1998, at Rolling Fields, Conneautville.

He was born in Cochranon, May 17 1914, a son of Harry P. and Maude McDonald Marley. He married Etta Enlow, Sept. 22, 1945. She survives.

He graduated from Meadville High School and attended classes at Allegheny College.

He retired from the former Avtex Fibers Inc. after 47 years where he was department head of the vinyon department and later the mixing, storage and recovery departments.

He taught first aid for the American Red Cross, coached Little League baseball and was a Boy Scout leader.

He served several terms on Crawford Central School Board and on the Joint Operating Committee for Crawford County Area Vocational Technical School.

He was a member of Masonic Lodge 408, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2006 and West Mead Township I Volunteer Fire Department. He was also a member of Grace United Methodist Church since age 16, serving as chairman of the administrative board for eight years and as youth director for many years.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include a daughter, Mrs. Danton (Diana) Godfrey of Steamburg, N.Y.; a daughter-in-law, Susan Marley-Regal of Cochran; four grandchildren, Tracey, Robert, Danton and Rebecca; two great-grandchildren; a brother, Harold Marley of Meadville-, several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son, Charles Marley a sister, Madge Weir; and two brothers, Dale and Donald Marley.

Services were Friday at Roofner-Collins Funeral Home, 544 Chestnut St., Meadville.

The family suggests memorials be made to Grace United Methodist Church, 828 N. Main St., Meadville, Pa. 16335; or West Mead 1 Volunteer Fire Department, Liberty Street Station, Meadville.

Death Notice Mrs. Elliott Enlow

Mrs. Elliott Enlow, Aged Claysville Resident, Dies.

Was Married Twice to Two Different Men of the Same name — Lived for Many Years in East Finley Township

NOTE: [] items were corrections made to the newspaper article.

Claysville, April 6. – Mrs. Elliott Enlow died last evening at 10:30 o'clock at her home in Petroleum avenue, of cancer. She was aged 84 years. [79]

In 1854 she was married to Elliott Enlow, who later died. In 1894 she was again married to Elliott Enlow, who survives. He was a second cousin of her first husband.

Mrs. Enlow, whose maiden name was Ellen Howell, was born and reared in East Finley township, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. ~~John~~ [William] Howell. She has been a resident of Claysville for the past ten years. She became a member of Stony Point M. E. church in early life, but transferred her membership to the local Methodist church on her removal here.

Besides her husband, three step-sons survive: Ed Enlow, of Dillonvale, O.; Benjamin Enlow, of Denora, and Charles Enlow, of Texas. Two adopted daughters, Mrs. George Sprowls, of West Finley, and Mrs. Nort Montgomery, of East Finley, also survive. One brother, Abraham Howell, of Huntington, W. Va., is living, aged 91 years.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the late home, in charge is Rev. H. E. Lewis, pastor of the Methodist church. Interment will be in the Claysville cemetery.

History of Washington County, Pennsylvania*

East Finley Twp. (pp. 774-781)

This township, as also the present township of West Finley, was embraced in the old township of Finley, the territory of which formed a part of the original township of Donegal for nearly seven years from the time of its formation by the trustees. The first movement towards the erection of Finley township was made in 1788, in which year a petition of certain inhabitants of Donegal township was presented to the Court of Quarter Sessions of Washington County at the January term, setting forth:

"That the said Township is very extensive, being in length more than Twenty and in breadth more than Ten Miles, and of increasing population; that such an extent renders the publick business of that Township very burdensome to its officers and highly inconvenient to all its inhabitants. That your petitioners conceive it is their privilege as members of a Free State to have the administration of Government and Justice among them, with as much ease to themselves as is consistent with the publick advantage. They therefore most humbly pray your Worships that a division of the said Township of Donegal may be appointed and a new township erected in the South Division as your Worships may judge proper."

The prayer of this petition was granted, and Finley township erected by the court May 6, 1788. The original township of Donegal embraced territory extending south about half-way into what is now Greene County, and upon the erection of Finley township all this southern part was embraced in its limits. Three years later, at the April term of the Court of Quarter Sessions, in the year 1792, a petition of inhabitants of Finley township was presented, representing "that your petitioners are subject to many inconveniences, arising from the great extent of said township, and their remote situation from the body of the inhabitants therein, it being thirty miles from the north to the south bounds of the same. That they cannot conveniently, and seldom do, partake in the choice of town officers from that cause, and are often obliged to go a great way on business with them, sometimes too on the most trifling occasions, which we consider as a grievance. Besides being called to work on publick roads at a great distance from home, which is also a great burden." For which reasons they asked the court to cause a division of the township by certain boundary lines suggested in the petition. This petition (which was signed by Thomas Ryerson, Ellis Bane, and twenty-three others) was read at the April term and continued through the June and September terms, and at the December term, 1792, it was granted, with boundary lines as follows:

"Beginning at the State line where it crosses the Pack Horse Fork of Wheeling Creek; thence up said creek, including Robert Wharton's, to the mouth of Robison's Fork; thence up said fork to the first main forks; thence up the Right hand Fork to the head: thence straight to the mouth of Templeton's Ford of said creek: thence up Hunter's Fork to Doctor Moore's plantation, including said plantation to the mouth of Hunter's Run; then up the straight right hand fork of said run to the head of the Brushy fork of Ten-Mile Creek; then along the Dividing Ridge between the brushy fork and the south fork of said creek to the head of English's Run; thence down the Ridge on the east side of said Run, including the waters of said run, to the South fork of Ten-Mile

Creek aforesaid; thence across said creek and along the Ridge, including the watters of Perkensons Fork to the head of the Duncard Fork of Weling; thence along said Dividing Ridge between the watters of the Monongahela and the Ohio Rivers to the State line; thence along said line to the place of Beginen."

The township thus taken from Finley was named Rich Hill, and in 1796 became a part of Greene County. By an act of the Legislature passed Jan. 22, 1802, an alteration was made in the line between Washington and Greene County, in which that portion of Greene County that became by the act annexed to Washington was made a part of Finley township.

On the fourth Monday of June 1828, a petition from certain inhabitants of Finley township was presented to the Court of Quarter Sessions of Washington County, praying for a division of the township, on account of "the disadvantages they labour under in consequence of their Township being large, that a great number of the inhabitants have to go from eight to ten miles to an election. Also there is so many roads that two supervisors cannot attend to them in good time." The court upon consideration appointed David Frazer, Abraham Van Voorhis, and Jacob McVey commissioners to divide the township if thought to be necessary. The commissioners reported Oct. 6, 1828, that they had divided the township "by a line commencing on the Greene County line, bank of Hunter's Fork of Wheeling, and opposite to the mouth of Shoup's Run, bearing north five degrees west, seven miles and two hundred and eighty perches to a stone pile in the Donegal township line on lands of the heirs of Thomas Stokely near the head of a small ravine north 66 ½ Degrees East 145 perches from the house whereon James Simmons formerly lived now the property of Elizabeth Roney." The report was confirmed Dec. 24, 1828, and the two divisions thus made of the territory of old Finley township were named, respectively, East Finley and West Finley townships. Since that time no material change has been made in the boundaries of East Finley, which are: On the northwest, Donegal township; on the northeast, Buffalo; on the east, Franklin and Morris; on the west, West Finley township; and on the south, Greene County. The streams of the township are Hunter's Fork of Wheeling Creek (which fork marks the south boundary of the township), Templeton's Fork and Gordy's Fork of the same creek, both of which pass through the township in a southwesterly course, and a small tributary of Buffalo Creek, which rises in the northeastern part of the township, and flows in a northerly course into the township of Buffalo.

Early Settlements. --- Abraham Enlow was among the first of the settlers in what is now East Finley Township. There is little doubt that he was here as early as 1775. He settled on Wheeling Creek, where he built a block-house for the protection of himself and family from the Indians. His first land purchase was of a tract containing four hundred acres, called "Big Flat," situated on the waters of Big Wheeling Creek, which was granted to him Feb. 21, 1788, and surveyed March 30th following. On March 26, 1788, "Sugar Stick Run," a tract of three hundred and ninety-one acres, was warranted to him, and surveyed April 26th of the same year. Again, in 1790, he received a warrant for one hundred acres of land, which was not surveyed until June 9, 1799. Abraham Enlow's sons were five, ---Elliott, Luke, Henry, William, and Michael. His daughters, four in number, were Mrs. Thomas Hill, Mrs. James St. Clair, Mrs. Wolf, and Mrs. Jeremiah Post. Michael Enlow married and emigrated to Monroe County, Ohio; Elliott Enlow married a Miss Atchison, and they had a large family of children. Their sons were three, ---Henry, John, and Gideon.

Luke, second son of Abraham Enlow, married and died near where he was born, leaving a large family, six sons and three daughters. All except Ruth, who married John Montgomery, emigrated to Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois. William Enlow, another of Abraham's sons, married a Miss Wolf, who died in this township a quarter of a century ago. They had four children, ---Abraham, Elliott, Luke, and Peter. Abraham, Jr., and Peter emigrated to Ohio, and Luke Enlow, Jr., died in Washington County. Of this branch of the Enlow family, Elliott, Jr., is the only one now living. He still owns a part of the old homestead, and another portion is the property of William McCleary.

Henry Enlow was one of Abraham Enlow's sons, and may be termed one of the original settlers, as he was one of the oldest children. He married a Miss Atchison. Of his numerous family the sons all emigrated to Ohio, and the daughters married and died in Washington County. From Ruth Enlow, daughter of Luke, and granddaughter of old Abraham Enlow, have sprung a numerous family. She married Hugh Montgomery, son of James Montgomery, who, Oct. 21, 1784, warranted the tract of land called "Tragical," containing four hundred acres, situated on the Robinson Fork of Wheeling Creek, and which was surveyed to him Dec. 30, 1784. Hugh and Ruth Montgomery had eleven children. James, the eldest, went to Ohio; John settled in East Finley township and died here; William resides in Washington borough, where he has for several years been a justice of the peace, and is at present proprietor of a hardware-store; Jesse died in this county; Alexander resides in this township on the old Montgomery homestead; and Cyrus lives on an adjoining farm. The daughter, Susan Montgomery, married John Thornberry; Annie was the wife of William A. Sprowls; Rebecca became Mrs. Martin Post; Mary married Simeon Sprowls; and Phebe, who married Henry Martin, resides in Ohio.

Benjamin and Isaac Elliott were brothers and Quakers, who came from the eastern part of Pennsylvania, and settled in East Finley township some time after 1780. In 1812, all the families of Elliott relatives emigrated in a body to "Slippery Rock," in Ohio, where there was a Quaker settlement and a church of the Society of Friends.

Charles Cracraft was of Irish extraction, and originally a resident of Virginia. In 1781 he was the owner of a farm located on the waters of Ten-Mile Creek, and Feb. 11, 1792, he purchased the tract of land called "Content" of William Atchison, located in the vicinity of his other property. Charles Cracraft married Miss Atchison, and their children were three sons, ---Joseph, Charles, and William. Joseph married and removed to "Owl Creek;" Charles went to Virginia, where he was a miller, and married there; William married Miss Lackey, living and dying upon the old farm, which is now owned by his son Archibald. Charles Cracraft, Sr., becoming a widower, married the widow Ruple, but they had no children.

Andrew Kerr emigrated from Ireland in 1781, and bought a farm of Mr. Leeper, located on Buffalo Creek, in this township, containing one hundred and eighty-five acres. He married Esther Stephenson, a daughter of Squire Stephenson, their family numbering six, three sons and three daughters. Robert Kerr married Nancy Vanderhuff; James married Harriet Vansyock; and William married Cynthia Pedan, and lives in East Finley township. The daughter Jane became the wife of Jesse Bane, and Eliza and Esther died single.

Charles, William, and Barnet Boner came into this section and warranted the tracts "Peace," "Plenty," and "Quarrel," containing respectively three hundred and seventy-five, and three hundred and eighty-five, and three hundred and seventy-eight acres. These bodies of land were situated on Lick Run of Buffalo Creek, the run passing through the tract "Peace." The adjoining lands were then the property of Thomas Stokely, William Hawkins, James Stephenson, and Widow Hutchins. At the time of the survey, Aug. 11, 1785, the land was in Donegal township, but came within the limits of Finley upon its erection.

The Sprowls family of five brothers came from England to Pennsylvania, remaining for a time near Shippensburg. Eventually two or three of the brothers came to Washington County, and John Sprowls settled in what is now East Finley township. These brothers must have located in this county early, as an account of Hugh Sprowls, dated April 19, 1786, is found in the controller-general's report for a horse lost in the Sandusky expedition of 1782.

The children of John Sprowls were five sons and four daughters. One of the daughters married Mr. Kerr and emigrated to Ohio. James Sprowls married [Eleanor Enlow](#). They had seven children, --Melinda, Cyrus, Jesse, Elliott, John, Simeon, and James. Melinda married Joseph Martin, and both are still living in West Finley township. Jesse lived and died single, and Elliott, who is also unmarried, resides in Washington borough, where he is engaged in the boot and shoe trade. Cyrus Sprowls was married first to Miss Post, second to Miss Melinda Elliott, and the third time to Miss Mary A. Ashbrook. He died in East Finley township, leaving three children, Jesse P., Mary A., and Milton R. Sprowls. The daughter married J.L. Rockafellow, and resides in this township on the old home place. Jesse P. graduated from Amherst Theological Seminary, and is now a minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Ohio.

John Sprowls, another son of James and brother of Cyrus Sprowls, married Miss Hannah Reed, and spent most of his life in East and West Finley townships. His trade was that of a tinner, at which he worked for a time in Claysville and Washington. Abandoning it he bought a small farm in East Finley, but eventually sold it and purchased a larger one in West Finley township, upon which he died. His seven children were James, Luther, Winfield, Alfred, Jesse, John, and Elizabeth Sprowls. All of these except James and Luther are single, and still living with their mother upon the home farm. James married Jane Lively, who, with their two children; reside on a part of the homestead. Luther married Armice Fields, and lives in West Finley. Simeon, a third son of James and brother of Cyrus and John Sprowls, married Mary Montgomery, and seven of their eight children are still living. Oliver M., one of the sons, married Charity Cooper, and they with their three children are living on one of his father's farms in East Finley township. Albert S., another son, is an attorney of the Washington County bar, to which he was admitted Sept. 15, 1879. The other children live with their mother on the home farm, which is the old McCreary tract.

James Sprowls, Jr., the fourth son of James and grandson of John Sprowls, married Mary A. Sampson, by whom he had four children, three of whom are living. He is a farmer, and resides in West Finley township. William Sprowls, one of the five brothers who came to this county, married Dorcas Lowne, and they had five sons and two daughters. The daughters both reside in Washington. The son Eli, unmarried, resides upon the farm of his father. William W. Sprowls, another son, married Miss Stockdale, and they with their large family live upon the original

Sprowls tract. Henry married Miss McClellan, and is a farmer in West Finley township, where he has reared a large family. Cyrus entered the Union army in the beginning of the Rebellion, and died in the service. John, who married Miss McCrary, was also a soldier, entering the army from Illinois, whither he removed soon after his marriage.

Enoch Vansyock and Isaac Elliott, brothers-in-law, came into this township and settled on land near where the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church now stands. Enoch Vansyock's property was purchased by him of Thomas Atchison Oct. 9, 1795. It was the tract "Great Snake," containing three hundred and ninety-eight acres, situated on the waters of Wheeling Creek. His children numbered ten, ---Abraham, Enoch, Moses, Aaron, Ann, Rebecca, Mary, Lydia, Hannah, and Rachel. Moses, Hannah, and Rachel all married members of the Shederick family, two brothers and a sister, of Dauphin County, in this State; Abraham married a daughter of Samuel England; Enoch married a daughter of Rev. John Patterson, of Ohio; Aaron's wife was Miss Cope, of Fayette County; Ann became the wife of Mr. Blackburn, of Ohio; Rebecca married Timothy Patterson, and Mary and Lydia married two brothers named Newburn. Some of these families removed to the West, and the others remained in this section.

Joseph Ayers was a native of Eastern Pennsylvania. In 1802 he purchased one hundred and fifty acres of land of Francis Stone, Jr., a part of the tract "Stone Hill," situated on the waters of Buffalo Creek. The original tract was warranted to Isaac Phillips, April 3, 1787. By the will of Francis Stone, Sr., dated Nov. 8, 1788, the property descended to his heirs, Francis, James, and Thomas Stone. On Oct. 17, 1801, Thomas deeded his share to his two brothers, and Francis sold a part of his share to Ayers, as stated. Joseph Ayers had a son and daughter. The son married a Miss Tilton. She died in a short time, when he married again and went West. The Ayers homestead is now the property of Mr. Grummond.

William Noble married Miss Harriet Spencer in Winchester, Va., and came to East Finley township to make his home. They had eleven children, five dying in infancy, and six reaching maturity. Sarah's first husband was Samuel Hornish, who was accidentally shot in Claysville. Her second marriage was to George Miller, and they now reside in Donegal township. James Noble has been married twice. His first wife was Maria Maley, and his second Rebecca J. Richey. They are now living in Buffalo township. Robert, who also married twice, had for his first wife, Rachel McKean, and for his last Mary Graham. They reside in Buffalo township. Nancy Noble and her husband, Daniel McPherson, live in Donegal township, as do Samuel Noble and his wife, Catharine Shaler. Henry C. Noble married Rachel Carson, and they live in Buffalo township.

The Knox post-office was established in 1856, Mr. Knox being appointed postmaster, and keeping the office in his store. There was one also at the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, called "Pleasant Grave" post-office. The office known as the Simpson post-office was so named from the fact that the Rev. Mr. Simpson was the postmaster for many years. It has been removed to near the Greene County line. The list of postmasters of the Simpson post-office is Rev. Mr. Simpson, Israel Wood, John Fitzpatrick, and the present incumbent, Milner Hays, who has a general store in connection with the office.

The medical men practicing in the township in the early days were Dr. Hatcher, Dr. Joseph Pedan, and Dr. Jonathan Simpson.

Churches.---The first building known to have been used in East Finley township for religious worship was the Quaker meeting-house, built in 1797. It was a simple log house, which also did duty as a school-house. In the year 1800, during the term of school taught by Mr. Heaton, this building was burned, and the society was without a regular place for services until 1803, when a house of hewed logs was erected. The most prominent members in this Friends' meeting were Robert, Joseph, and Samuel England, Enoch Vansyock, Isaac Elliott, and their families. The organization was never a strong one, and when many of the members moved to Ohio and other Western States it gradually died out. Samuel England, an old gentleman of more than eighty years, is the only Friend remaining in this part of Washington County. Their last meeting in this vicinity was held more than forty years ago, July 14, 1841.

In 1824 some of the people known as United Brethren in Christ organized a church in this township, which was called "Mount Hope." The leading one in the work was George Ealy, and among the earliest members were Andrew Stellar, Samuel Featherly, Isaac Earnest, Henry Sherrick, and Christian Earnest. There is no account given of their place for holding services until 1850, when a meeting-house was built upon land given by George Plants for that purpose. Again in 1874 a new church was erected, this time a handsome frame edifice. The pastors who have ministered to these people have been Rev. Jacob Ritter, under whose preaching the society was organized; Revs. Winter, Adolph Harndon, and C. Wortman. The last named is the present pastor, who has a church numbering one hundred members. Connected with this church is a burial-ground, wherein some of the burials date back more than half a century.

Stony Point Methodist Church was organized as early as 1826. For want of a place of worship preaching was first held at the house of Luke Enlow full sixty years ago, and afterwards at the house of Elliott Enlow. The first church building owned by this society was built in 1830 on the old Enlow farm, and its frame was the same as that of the present building. The first members were Sabina, Henry, Ellen, Elliott, Martha, Luke, and Susannah Enlow, Warren and Elizabeth Thornberry, Larry and Elizabeth Coffield, James, Margaret, Elizabeth, and Joseph Pedan, and Jemima Patterson. This church is often called the Enlow Church. The present pastor is Rev. Thomas Patterson, and the society, which is not strong, is under the Claysville Conference. A burial ground is connected with this church, in which is a handsome monument bearing inscriptions to the memory of George Sprowls, Company K, One Hundred and Fortieth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, aged twenty-seven years, supposed to have died at Andersonville; Jesse M. Sprowls, of the same company, aged twenty-four years, killed at Gettysburg, July 2, 1863.

The United Presbyterian congregation of Wheeling dates back forty-six years. In May, 1836, a number of members of the congregation of South Buffalo living in East and West Finley townships, together with a few families from the congregation of Mount Hope, petitioned the Presbytery of Chartiers to be formed into a congregation of Wheeling. The name of the congregation was taken from Wheeling Creek, the branches of which drain the section of country in which the petitioners lived. In answer to this petition, on July 5th the Presbytery appointed Rev. David French to preach in the new congregation on the second Sabbath of August, and to

hold an election for elders on Monday following. There is a record in the oldest minute-book of the session as a kind of preface stating that "The Rev. David French preaches and holds an election for elders, where and when Thomas Hutcheson and William McClellan, were elected, and James Hutcheson and John Scott, formerly elders, the first in South Buffalo and the latter in Mount Hope, were installed as ruling elders in Wheeling congregation."

The number of persons and the names of those uniting in the organization we have no means of ascertaining, as the minutes of the session for the first seven years were either not recorded at all or that record has been lost. During these years the congregation enjoyed the services of various ministers and licentiates sent to them as supplies from the Presbytery. We know but little of their efforts and struggles during this time. Their number most have been few, for they were not able to procure more than the half time of a minister's-labors in those days of low salaries. Their place of meeting for public worship for a time was in private houses and at a tent erected on the side of a hill, a romantic spot, still adorned by its native forests. This little assembly, which for a few years was migratory according to the convenience of those who entertained it, or the character of the weather, at length found a sanctuary house in a little frame church building erected on the crest of the hill, on the site of which had stood the tent around which the people had often gathered to worship God.

The first pastor was Rev. Joseph Shaw, who accepted a call from this congregation in connection with West Alexander on Sept. 5, 1843. The session at this time had but two members, Thomas Hutcheson and John Scott, the two others elected at the organization having been removed by death. An addition was soon made to the session in the election of John Johnston, James Holmes, and James Hunter, who were ordained and installed on Sabbath following the 3rd of August, 1844. Mr. Shaw continued in the pastorate till Oct. 5, 1852. His labors appear to have been blessed, and thus made effectual in the upbuilding of the congregation. At every communion season some were added to the church. At one time eighteen were received. Near the end of this pastorate a spirit of emigration took possession of many in this part of Washington County, and from it the congregation suffered a severe loss in the depletion of its roll. But while Washington County lost some good citizens, and Wheeling congregation some good members by this emigration, it is a pleasing reflection that the Brownlees, the McClellans, the Richmonds, the Holmes, and many others who left this part of the country carried with them the savor of that piety which had shed its benign influence around them whilst they had their homes in the Scotch-Irish region of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. James C. Murch was ordained and installed pastor of West Alexander and Wheeling congregations on Sept. 8, 1853, giving half of his time to each place. Mr. Murch entered upon this his first pastorate with a vigorous constitution, and with real devotion to the distinctive principles of the church of his choice. He was a fearless defender of the anti-slavery position of the church. Though there was not a formal organization of a Sabbath-school during his ministry, yet the instruction of the youth was not neglected. He met with the young people of the congregation on Sabbath morning before public worship commenced, and spent one hour in the study of a portion of the scripture which had been assigned as the lesson for the day, and in addition to this held "diets of catechising" frequently in different parts of the congregation. The congregation was not largely increased in numbers, but by the fruits of this faithful labor it made some advance. The session, which had again been reduced by death and removal, was

strengthened by the addition of Ebenezer Brownlee and James R. Donaldson some time in the month of June, 1857.

Mr. Murch was released from this charge in June, 1859. This release was caused by changes taking place in the West Alexander part of his charge, by which that congregation wished to secure the services of a pastor for the whole of the time. Mr. Murch left Wheeling congregation with the kindest of feelings existing between him and the people. Some time in 1859 this church united with a little congregation known as the Heads of Wheeling, the place of worship in which was six miles southeast, and early in 1860 these two congregations, with a few people living in and around Burgettstown, united in calling the Rev. James A. McKee to become their pastor. Mr. McKee entered upon his labors on the first Sabbath of June, and was installed pastor of this united charge on Aug. 9, 1860, and still continues in the Wheeling branch of this charge.

In 1860 but thirty-eight members are reported as belonging to the Wheeling congregation. There was an organization of a Sabbath-school effected in June, 1860, and a semi-monthly prayer-meeting started, both of which have been kept up with varying degrees of interest and success till the present time. The Sabbath-school has had an enrollment of from fifty to ninety-five scholars, and under the care of from eight to ten devoted teachers has been doing a good work.

Three times has the session felt the need of adding to its membership. On Jan. 7, 1864, Mr. William Sutherland was ordained and installed, and Mr. Franklin Bell installed as ruling elders, and on April 23, 1868, Messrs. James Howe and James Reaney were ordained and installed as ruling elders, and on April 22, 1881, Henry P. Danley was added to the session.

The old house in which the congregation had met for twenty-five years or more began to show the effects of the storms to which it had been exposed on the high hill where it stood, and during 1866 arrangements were made for the erection of a new one. The congregation selected a site about fifty rods north of where the old church stood, and contracted for a new building to be completed in the fall of 1867. It was first occupied on the first Sabbath of December, 1867. This house is thirty-two by fifty-five feet, designed to seat about two hundred and seventy-five persons. The Mite Society of the congregation repainted, carpeted, and partly refurnished the church during the summer of 1880.

The record of the congregation at this time (March, 1882) may be briefly stated as follows: Pastor, Rev. James A. McKee; number of members, ninety-two; Sabbath-school officers and teachers, ten; scholars, seventy-five; session, James Howe, James Reany, H. P. Danley.

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church was organized Nov. 14, 1840. Letters of dismissal were asked for from the Ten-Mile Baptist Church, and granted to Messrs. Tilton, Vansyock, and Griffith, and fifty others, representatives of the Pleasant Grove Society, on Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in October, 1840. The members of the newly-organized society were Levi Griffith, Ann Griffith, John Tilton, Elizabeth Tilton, Enoch Vansyock, Catharine Vansyock, Robert Patterson, Nancy Patterson, Edward O. Towne, John Pedan, Hannah Pedan, Rebecca Pedan, Enoch Tilton, Elizabeth Tilton, Charles Tilton, William Pratt, Joseph Bierr, Isabella Bierr, Martha McNeal, Easter Kerr, Eva Towne, Nancy Dixon, Adam Reid, Daniel Tilton, Abigail Tilton, John Horn, William McPeak, Samuel Kelley, Nancy Tilton, Margaret McCracken. Letitia Patterson, Sarah

Williams, Rachel Vansyock, Mary A. Towne, Nancy Kerr, Mary Horn, Sarah Carter, Mary M. Horn, Morrison Jones, Rebecca Jones, Elliott Patterson, Sarah Patterson, Oma Jobs, Catharine Brown, and William Patterson.

On Nov. 14, 1840, services were held, conducted by Simon Sigfried, John Thomas, and others. The first pastor who labored with this people came to them Dec. 17, 1840.

The following named have been pastors of this church: Rev. Levi Griffith, Dec. 17, 1840; Eli C. Town, March, 1848; John Scott, May 17, 1851; Job Russell, March 20, 1858; John B. Lineka, April 1, 1861; G. W. Wharton, May 5, 1866; Morgan Linton, April 1874; J. A. Snodgrass, July 1, 1873; J. A. Simpson, Dec. 12, 1874; L. R. Steele, May 10, 1877; J. A. Simpson, July 14, 1879; J. R. Foulks, July 10, 1880.

The following persons have been chosen deacons since the organization: John Tilton, Samuel Kelly, Elliott Patterson, Daniel Tilton, Thomas McKeahan, J. Y. Holmes, Josiah Patterson, William McCreery, Joseph Ryan, Munson Trussell.

From this church have gone out members to assist in the establishment of the churches of Buffalo, North Wheeling, and West Finley. Four young men from this church have been licensed to preach: Eli C. Town (in 1847, who soon after became its pastor), Hugh R. Craig, William Scott (in 1854), and J. G. Holmes. The present membership of the church is one hundred and twenty-three.

The Enon Baptist Church was organized many years ago, including members in East Finley and in Rich Hill township, Greene County. The records having been kept in Greene County, no facts have been gained from them in reference to the organization and first members of this church. The church edifice (located in Rich Hill) in which this congregation worshiped has given place to a new frame church, which has recently been built on a site some distance above the little village of Enon, on the Washington County side of Wheeling Creek. It was formally dedicated on Sunday, Jan. 29, 1882, the dedication sermon being preached by the Rev. Mr. Miller. The following is an extract from a published report of the dedication:

"After the preaching of the sermon it was announced that a debt of some four hundred dollars stood against the building, and it was necessary that this should be removed. Little by little this amount was cut down until it was reduced to about one hundred, when Rev. Miller related an incident of a boat which was being assisted through a lock, and was thrown out of the current by means of a rope which was used to ease it on its passage through, when the captain called out 'cut her loose and let her float.' The application was that now the church must be cut loose from this debt and left to float free. At this Deacon James Allum arose and said he would 'cut her loose,' and assumed the payment of the remainder of the debt, this in addition to his already magnificent subscription of \$500.

"The Baptists here now have an excellent, fine, large frame church building, being thirty-eight feet in width and sixty in length. The ceiling is eighteen feet in the clear. Outside the building is white and mounted with a fine belfry, which the lady members will soon provide with a bell. Two ante-rooms are cut off in front, leaving a vestibule between. The main room is fifty feet in

length, while back of the pulpit is a fine recess which adds much to the appearance of the room . . . And taken all in all it is said to be the finest and best building in the Ten-Mile Association. This edifice was erected at a cost of twenty-seven hundred dollars, and the people of the vicinity justly feel proud of it as their work, nearly all the money having been subscribed and paid by them.

"The members and community at large feel under many obligations to their pastor for the interest and active part he has taken in this work from the start. With the exception of very little help, he did all the work towards raising the money, attended all the meetings of the committees, and kept things on the move; also f]gave largely of his own means, and no one could have raised this last four hundred dollars with more ease than he."

The Fairview Cumberland Presbyterian Church was recently organized in the township with forty members, mostly from Old Concord Church. The pastor is the Rev. James S. Keener, a licentiate.

Schools.---Subscription schools were taught in early years in what is now East Finley township in the old Quaker meeting-house, and in school-houses in what is known as the Jordan and Ely Districts. Among the teachers who taught in these early schools were James Hunter, George Plauts, Samuel England, and John Adams. The last named was in all points a specimen of the old-fashioned "schoolmaster."

The township of East Finley accepted the provision of the common school law in 1835. At that time there were two hundred and thirty-three persons in the township liable to school tax. The amount of money raised by tax in 1835 was \$191.99, and in 1836 \$235.46. The names of the school directors of 1835 are not reported. In 1836 David Pedan and Samuel England were elected. The township was districted in that year, and school-houses were erected. The school report for the year 1863 showed in East Finley nine districts, nine schools, and three hundred and fifty-one enrolled. Amount of money levied for school purposes, \$1660; amount expended, \$1738. In 1873 the report gave nine districts, nine schools, and four hundred and nineteen scholars enrolled. Amount of money raised for school purposes, \$2298.33; amount expended, \$1952.32. In 1880 there were eight districts, eight schools, and three hundred and thirteen scholars enrolled. Amount of money levied for school purposes, \$2428.66; amount expended for schools, \$1862.63.

Justices of the Peace.---Finley township was erected in 1788, and forty years afterwards was divided into East and West Finley. Finley remained separate and independent as a district from the time of its erection till 1803, when it was united with Donegal to form District No. 11, which from that time continued to embrace the territory of Finley (which became East and West Finley in 1828) with Donegal until the adoption of the Constitution of 1838. Since that time East and West Finley have been separate and independent. The following list of justices embraces the one appointed in Finley township prior to the operation of the Constitution of 1838, with those elected in East Finley since that time, viz.:

William Smith,	Dec. 21, 1789	William Montgomery,	April 20, 1864.
David Pedan,	April 14, 1840	Matthew McKeen,	June 3, 1865.
James Nichols,	April 14, 1840	James L. Wood,	May 5, 1866.
Hugh McClelland,	April 15, 1845.	Matthew McKeen,	Nov. 24, 1869.
James Nichols,	April 15, 1845	George H. Wright,	April 19, 1872.
James Nichols,	April 9, 1850	Matthew McKeen,	Jan. 15, 1874.
John W. Howell,	April 9, 1850	J. B. McGuire,	Jan. 28, 1874.
William Montgomery,	April 11, 1854	George H. Wright,	Feb. 14, 1874.
Israel L. Wood,	April 10, 1855	Matthew McKeen,	March 17, 1875.
William Montgomery,	April 12, 1859	Nicolas Pease,	March 14, 1877.
James Howe,	April 10, 1860	Matthew McKeen,	March 30, 1880.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

WILLIAM McCLEARY.

William McCleary was one of eleven children of Thomas and Mary (Lynn) McCleary, who emigrated from Ireland after their marriage and settled in Virginia, where William was born, Feb. 10, 1805, and where he spent his infancy, childhood, and early manhood years. In 1830 he came to Washington County, Pa., and engaged in stage-driving on the National pike, which he followed for eighteen years from Wheeling to Uniontown and intermediate points. His next business was as constable of Donegal Township. This position he held for five years. He was then toll collector near West Alexander, on the National road, for two years. He then purchased and moved to the farm in East Finley Township, which was his home until his death, April 3, 1882, and which is now in possession of his descendants. He also held the position of superintendent of the Cumberland road for three years. He was an exemplary member of the Baptist Church for many years, and in politics a decided Democrat, always attending elections and voting as a matter of duty. He was a lover of his home, with its quiet cares and enjoyments, and was never ambitious for office. He was a man of perfect and unquestioned integrity and truth, and of generous impulses, who did his duty as he understood it, and was content. He was married Jan. 17, 1836, to Susan G. Wilkinson, daughter of Thomas and Prudence (Lewis) Wilkinson, of Fayette County, Pa. Their children are as follows:

Thomas J., born Feb. 20, 1837, married Martha Rossel. He is a farmer, and resides in East Finley township, Washington Co., Pa.

James C., born Jan. 3, 1839, married Maggie Hair. He is a farmer, and resides in West Finley Township, Washington Co., Pa.

John E., born June 24, 1841, married Cornelia Carter. He is a farmer, and resides in Marshall County, Va.

Mary J., born Dec. 17, 1843, married Robert Bell, a farmer of Franklin township, Washington Co., Pa., where they reside.

Sarah E., born Jan. 16, 1846, married Porter McCarrell, a farmer of Morris township, Washington Co., Pa. She died Aug. 6, 1876.

William L., born May 23, 1848, married Lizzie Brinton. He is a dentist, and resides in Washington, Pa.

Martha L., born Aug. 16, 1850, married John Danley, a farmer of East Finley township, Washington Co., Pa.

Francis M., born July 18, 1853, married Adelpia Mitchell. He is a farmer in East Finley township, Washington Co., Pa.

Lewis C., born June 6, 1855, married Violet Porter. He is a farmer in East Finley township, Washington Co., Pa.

Martin L., born Aug. 13, 1857, married Laura Stoy. He is a dentist, at present not permanently located.

Caroline A., born Dec. 6, 1860, resides with her mother.

LEONARD PLANTS, Sr.

Leonard Plants, Sr., probably the oldest man living in East Finley township, and certainly one of the most vigorous in mind and body for one of his years in any community, is of German descent, and was born at the foot of Gallows Hill, Washington Co., Pa., March 22, 1797. His father, Christian Plants, who was a native of Eastern Pennsylvania, married Catharine Haines and settled in Washington County about the year 1796. Their living children are Leonard, Solomon, George, Christian, Catharine, and Maxwell. Those dead are Elizabeth, Hannah, Jacob, Mary, Daniel, John, and an infant unnamed. About the year 1806, Christian Plants moved to Finley (now East Finley township), and settled upon the farm now owned and occupied by his son Leonard, who assisted his father in tilling the farm until 1815, when he indentured with Jesse St. Clair, with whom he learned the mason trade. After serving an apprenticeship of two years he began work for "wages" upon the National pike, then building, and followed his trade from that date until 1880. For the last two years he has superintended the improvements of the lands in which he has invested most of the surplus earnings of his labor. He says "he began life one of the poorest boys imaginable." His strong body, strong common sense, great energy and business tact have secured for him the considerable possessions which he now enjoys. He has been a member of the United Brethren Church since 1840.

Mr. Plants married for his first wife Elizabeth Barney, May 6, 1819. She died in 1826, leaving four children, ---Elizabeth, Christian, George, and an infant which died unnamed.

He married for his second wife Fanny Barney, sister of his first wife. She died January 1874. Their living children are Jesse, Leonard, Mary J., Hannah, John B., Margaret, Martha, and Daniel. Those dead are Catharine, Fanny, Nancy, Adolphus H., and Christina.

He married his present wife, Nancy L. Miller, July 23, 1874. They have one child, Catharine L.

*Boyd Crumrine, "History of Washington County, Pennsylvania with Biographical Sketches of Many of Its Pioneers and Prominent Men" (Philadelphia: L. H. Leverts & Co., 1882).

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The Enlow Family

By Raymond M. Bell

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Abraham Enlow (sometimes Inlow) settled in what is now East Finley Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania (coming from Maryland) in 1773 according to his Virginia certificates.

On April 25, 1781 at the Ohio Count Courthouse there were three Enlow applications for Virginia certificates for land on the main fork of Big Wheeling Creek:

Abraham Enlow 400 acres, settlement made in 1773

Abraham Enlow (assignee of Charles Creacraft) 400 acres, settled 1773

James Enlow 400 acres, settled 1775.

These certificates were granted by Virginia as a results of the settlement of the boundary dispute between Virginia and Pennsylvania. The western boundary was uncertain. Abraham did not use the certificates in getting his land, possibly because they were dates a month after the formation of Washington County. Before the time Ohio County, Virginia had jurisdiction. James was likely a brother - there is no further record of him.

When Abraham's land was surveyed by Pennsylvania in 1788 it was called "Big Flat". Eventually he was granted nearly 900 acres and son Luke 400 acres. Abraham sold some land to sons, Elliott and Michael, and willed land to sons, Henry and William. Four other sons went to Kentucky.

When Abraham came to Washington County, his oldest son, Luke, was about 18. The first record of Abraham is his listing in the court records of the District of West Augusta (Virginia) (later Ohio County). This is now Washington County. He was named a commissioner on September 18-1776. With the outbreak of Indian attacks in 1777 Abraham built a blockhouse for protection. There is record of service by Luke as a lieutenant in the Ohio County Militia 1778 (Ohio County court records) and by Elliott as a ranger on the frontier about 1782 (Pennsylvania

Archives). Abraham Jr. was an Indian spy and militia captain 1786-88. The names of Abraham Sr. and Abraham Jr. appear in a 1782 petition for a new state.

The first tax list (1782) shows Abraham with 600 acres, 3 horses, 4 cows and 9 sheep. Luke is taxed for 200 acres, 1 horse, 1 cow. This was Donegal Township until 1788 when Finley Township was set off. In 1789 Abraham had 400 a, Luke 200, Abraham Jr. 200 and Elliott 100. In 1791 Jesse is listed as a freeman and the name crossed out. The last listing for Abraham is for land in 1792. He may have been a non-resident. In 1793 Abraham Sr. had 700 a, Luke 240 and Elliott 100. The 1790 census shows Abraham Sr. with 1 male over 16, 3 under 16 and four females. For both Luke and Elliott it is 1 2 2. The estate papers for Abraham, who died in 1808, list 9 sons, all living: Luke, Abraham, Elliott, Isom, James, Jesse, Henry, Michael, William. There were five daughters. Rebecca Linch was dead in 1808. The others were Mary wife of Jeremiah Post, Jemima wife of James St Clair, Sarah wife of George Wolff and Rachel wife of Thomas Hill.

Abraham Sr. Married in Baltimore County, Maryland November 28-1754 Jemima Elliott. He was 25 and she was about 17. Henry Enlow, possibly a brother, married May 26-1763 Mary Elliott. Henry may have gone to Kentucky. The family had Quaker connections: (1) they "affirmed" in legal matters; (2) Luke's son, James, became a Quaker for his marriage; (3) some of the family are buried in the nearby Quaker cemetery at Pleasant Grove. A Quaker meeting house was built here in 1797. It was also used as a school. The England and Elliott neighbors were active Quakers. So were the Vanscyocs.

In 1810 the East Wheeling Circuit was formed in the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. About 1815 preaching services began at Luke Enlow's. After his death in 1822 the services were held at his brother, Elliott's. In 1830 a church was built, which became known as Enlow's Meeting House. In 1833 there were 48 members; in 1959 [sic] 49. This church later (about 1855) became Stony Point Church and was active until the 1970s. The church deed was given in 1863 by John Enlow, son of Elliott.

Of the nine sons four stayed in Washington County. Their death dates are Luke 1822, William 1826, Henry 1838 and Elliott 1848. Michael moved to Monroe County, Ohio about 1809, where he died in 1855. Abraham, Isom, James and Jesse went to Kentucky about 1790. Their marriage dates there are Isom and James 1792, Abraham 1794, Jesse 1795. Isom was a squire in Kentucky, Henry in Pennsylvania. Isom Enlow was a neighbor of Thomas Lincoln (father of Abraham) in (then) Hardin County. In 1814 they were appraisers for the estate of Jonathan Joseph. The names of Isom, wife Mary and son Abraham have often been associated with the birth of Abraham Lincoln in 1809.

Jesse moved on to Montgomery County, Indiana, where he died in 1842. James died in Fleming County, Kentucky in 1844. Isom died in Hardin (now Larue) County in 1816, Abraham in 1839. Buried beside James is Henry 1740-1828, possibly an uncle of James.

(To see the Enlow Tree Revision see Bell Tree.doc)

The four sons who stayed in Pennsylvania had 20 sons. Of these only three died in Washington County: Luke (of William) 1857; John (of Elliott) 1876; Elliott (of William) 1884. As far as can be ascertained none of the three had Enlow grandsons. Some of the children of Gideon (of Elliott) came back to Pennsylvania.

AN ENLOW UPDATE³

In the October 1983 issue of KEYHOLE, we published a five-page article written by Dr. Raymond M. Bell. Our member in Nova Scotia, James St.Clair #1274, has sent us supplementary information which he also sent to Dr. Bell. With the permission of all correspondents involved, we offer these facts gleaned from our letters. (Keyhole) "On page 183, Gideon Enlow, the son of Elliott and Martha Atkinson Enlow is listed as having married ____PRATT 1st and 2nd ____SARGENT."

"The gravestones in the St.Clair Cemetery and in the Mt. Lebanon Cemetery in Clark Co., Indiana, both near Henryville and on the same road/ may help to clarify:

(From Mt. Lebanon Cemetery)

Gideon Enlow died 22 April 1858 aged 49 yrs 7 mos 22 ds
Rachel, wife of Gideon Enlow died 2 Feb. 1851 aged 30yrs 5 mos and 12 ds

(From St.Clair Cemetery)

Jemima, wife of J. Largent, b. 9 Mar. 1828 d. 15 Jan. 1901
John Largent b. 15 Sept. 1805 d. 8 Sept. 1878
Jemima was the daughter of Jesse and Margaret (Mitchell) St. Clair, all born Wash. Co., Pa. and all died near Henryville, Clark Co., Indiana."

Thus Gideon Enlow was first married to Rachell Pratt of Washington Co., Pa., and after her death to Jemima St. Clair who was 24 years his junior -- and his first cousin once removed as her grandmother was Jemima Enlow St. Clair. Jemima 2nd married John Largent who was also originally from Western Pa., and more than 20 years her senior. There were children from both of Gideon's marriages and at least one child from the marriage of Jemima and Largent. Jemima and Gideon married very soon after Rachel's death in 1851 because their first child was born in 1853."

James St.Clair says that his father well remembered Jemima St.Clair Enlow Largent. "She smoked a clay pipe and spoke of her journey down the Ohio River on a flatboat."

The date on the tombstone for Gideon Enlow is at variance with the date given in the material gathered from Tom Enlow which was quoted in the KEYHOLE by Dr. Bell.

³ Keyhole V15 #3

Further, it may be useful to add here that there is a second grave marker for Rachel Pratt Enlow in the St.Clair Cemetery. It would appear that she was buried at St.Clair and that a second stone was erected on the Mt. Lebanon lot after Gideon was buried there.

In the Henryville, Indiana graveyard on the other side of town from the St.Clair and Mt. Lebanon Cemeteries, there is

George DANLEY Obit 1905⁴ Page 16, Helen Morris Scrapbook

The illness of George DANLEY, of several weeks duration, terminated in his death at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John S. DANLEY, near Stoney Point, about 11:25 o'clock Tuesday night, February 28, 1905. Stomach trouble was the cause of his death. He was about 33 years old. George was a druggist and had been engaged in that profession for about eight years. He was a graduate of the school at Ada, O., was employed for some time in Minton's drug store in this place. For the last four years he had been located in the west, most of the time at Gilman City, Mo., where Harvey NALLY was his partner. A sad feature of his death is the fact that he was united in marriage on New Year's Day at Trenton, Mo. To Miss Dessie GOODWIN, of Gilman City, who came home with him on January 5th. Besides his bride of two months he is survived by his parents, one brother James, and three sisters: Mrs. J.A. FREEBOROUGH of Homestead; Mrs. B.C. ENLOW of Denora, and Mrs. Robert CARROLL, of Wheeling.

Funeral services in Fairview C. P. Church, of which he was a member, on this Friday afternoon, friends meeting at the house at 2 o'clock. Service conducted by Rev. J. R. BARSON. Interment in Fairview cemetery.

JOHN SCOTT DANLEY. Among the old families of East Finley township none hold a more prominent place than the Danleys. George Danley, grandfather of John S., was a native of the North of Ireland, where he carried on farming, as did his father before him. Immigrating to America, he made his new home in Washington county, Penn., near West Middletown where his wife (also a native of Ireland) bore him three children: John, Mattie and S. S. About 1819 the parents died, and the children, who were yet young, passed into the care of others, S. S. being given in charge of an uncle, John Scott; Mattie, who was also reared by relatives, is now a resident of Cambridge, Ohio, and is the only survivor of the family.

S. S. Danley, father of our subject, was born April 29, 1818, in Independence township, Washington Co., Penn., and, as already stated, was reared by his uncle, John Scott, a resident of East Finley township, his education being received at the subscription schools of the period, somewhat limited in their facilities as compared with more modern schools; but Mr. Danley was a close student and a great reader, and lost no opportunity of improving his education. He lived with his relatives until his marriage, January 2, 1838, with Ruth Enlow, who was born June 20, 1817, a daughter of Henry Enlow, of East Finley township, whose ancestors were New Englanders and early settlers in Washington county. To this union were born the following

⁴ Page 16, Helen Morris Scrapbook

named children: Elizabeth E., born October 16, 1839, married to John Elliott, and living in Morris township; Margaret J., born February 15, 1841 married to George England, and resides in Washington county, Iowa; Henry P., born May 18, 1842, a farmer in East Finley township; John S.; George H., born May 24, 1847, died January 10, 1859. After his marriage S. S. Danley located on the property left him by his uncle, situated near the headwaters of the Templeton fork of Wheeling creek, and a short distance from Bartholdi postoffice, in East Finley township, and here he passed the remainder of his busy life, improving the property and adding to his possessions, which at the time of his death were extensive. He died April 1, 1891, his wife August 14, 1880. They were active, influential citizens, and highly respected members of the Dog Wood Grove U. P. Church. Politically Mr. Danley was first a Whig and afterward, on the formation of the party, a stanch Republican.

John Scott Danley was born September 12, 1845, in East Finley township, Washington Co., Penn., his education being received at the common schools of the district. In 1869 he was married to Martha L. McCleary, who was born August 16, 1850, a daughter of William McCleary, of East Finley township. This union has been blessed with the following children: Osco Wayne, born November 5, 1870, died August 1, 1880; George W., born May 28, 1872; James L., born February 23, 1874; Ruth E., born July 21, 1877; Idesta and Roberta (twins), born August 5, 1880, all at home, and Laura, born May 20, 1883, deceased in infancy. The mother of these children died June 20, 1883, and April 29, 1886, Mr. Danley married Mrs. Jennie M. (Gunn) Nelly, a native of East Finley township, born September 10, 1858, a daughter of Moses Gunn, and widow of Moses Nelly. After his first marriage Mr. Danley resided with his parents until their death, since when he has continued on the old home farm. He is one of the prosperous and influential citizens of his township, and in general knowledge is considerably above the average farmer. He and his refined and intelligent wife are members of the Dog Wood Grove U. P. Church, and in politics he is a prominent and active Republican.

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John M. Enlow, p. 1279

JOHN M. ENLOW, an enterprising business man of Claysville, was born September 6, 1845, in East Finley township, Washington Co., Penn., and is a great-grandson of Abraham Enlow, who came to East Finley township in an early day, and patented 3,000 acres of land in the wilderness, to which he finally moved with his family, and there passed his remaining years. Abraham Enlow had ten children, seven sons and three daughters: two sons (whose names are unknown, went to Tennessee), Elliott, William, Michael, Luke, Henry, Mrs. Rachel St. Clair, Mrs. Jemima Hill and Mrs. Mary Post. When the parents died the land was divided among the children, each of whom settled on their respective farms, and made improvements. In politics Mr. Enlow was a Democrat, and in religion an enthusiastic member of the M. E. Church.

Elliott Enlow was born in Maryland, and when a small boy was brought to Washington county. In early life he was united in marriage with Martha Atkinson, a resident of East Finley township, and they had nine children, viz.: Henry, John, Gideon, Mrs. Mary Patterson, Mrs. Rachel Marshall, Mrs. Elizabeth Thornberg, Mrs. Eleanor Sprowls, Mrs. Jemima Patterson, and Martha, unmarried. His entire life was passed in farming. In religion Elliott Enlow and his brother Henry were instrumental in founding what was formerly called Enlow's Chapel, and now known as the Stony Point M. E. Church, of which he was for many years one of the most effective workers and liberal supporters. In politics he was an active Democrat, but never could be induced to accept any official position. His brother Henry was for many years a justice of the peace, and enjoyed a favorable reputation in the community.

John Enlow was born in 1802, in East Finley township, Washington county, and received his education in the home school. He was married to Nancy, daughter of Robert Woods, one of the oldest pioneers of the township, and the young people immediately settled on the home farm in East Finley township, which became their permanent abiding place. They had one son, who died when ten years of age. After the death of his first wife John Enlow married Jemima Post, and to this union were born seven children: Sarah, wife of Rev. J. W. Hill; Martha, wife of John Hopkins; Mary, wife of Amos Sprowls; Nancy, wife of S. E. Martin; John M.; Gideon and Eleanor, both of whom died before reaching maturity. Mr. Enlow was a prominent member of the M. E. Church which was founded by his father. In political views he was a Democrat. He died September 16, 1876, and was followed to the grave by his wife in May, 1880.

John M. Enlow passed his early life on the farm where he was born, and was reared to agricultural pursuits, receiving a common-school education. On November 7, 1877, he was married to Lizzie E., daughter of John W. Hill. He remained on the home farm on which his great-grandfather had located until 1888, when he came to Claysville, and in 1891 purchased his present stock of furniture and an undertaking establishment. The firm are Enlow & Noble. They do all kinds of cabinet work and embalm in the best and most approved manner, making a success of their business, as they are both energetic men. Mr. Enlow is a leader in the Republican party, and being a warm friend of education, has frequently served the township as school director. In religion he united in early life with the Stony Point M. E. Church, and ever took an active interest in the work of that Society, having held various offices in the church and Sunday school, which he has filled to the satisfaction of all.

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Munson Post, p. 221

MUNSON POST was born in the State of New Jersey. He married and lived in Essex county, where he reared a large family, and thence removed to Washington county, Penn., settling in Morris township about the year 1781. He brought the family and household effects in wagons, and they were several weeks on the way. One incident of their journey has been handed down to the present generation, which is about as follows: They brought two or three cows with them, the boys of the family taking turns driving and herding them. When they camped for the night the cows were milked night and morning, and as they moved on, the jostling of the wagon churned the milk, thus saving the time and labor of churning the milk. Politically Mr. Post was a Democrat, which is largely the characteristic of his descendants. Just what his religious faith was, is not known, but he is supposed to have been member of Church of England.

JEREMIAH POST, son of Munson Post, was born in Essex county N. J., September 10, 1769, and at the age of twelve years came with his father's family to Washington, Penn. He received a limited education, and in January, 1794, was married to Martha, daughter of Dr. Charles Cracraft, and she bore him four children: William, Deborah, Charles and Joseph. For his second wife he married, October 25, 1804, Mary, daughter of Abraham Enlow, who resided in East Finley township, this county, and their children were Martha, Jemima, Martin, Jesse, Luke, Sarah, Mary A., James R. and Phoebe. Mr. Post for a short time after he was married lived on a small farm which he owned near what is now Van Buren, which he sold and then bought the home farm, it being a part of a tract of land called "Content," situated on the headwaters of Ten Mile creek, owned by Dr. Charles Cracraft, where he afterward resided. Politically he was a Democrat; in religious faith he was a Cumberland Presbyterian, and was one of the charter members of the Bethel C. P. Church. He died June 1, 1848, and was buried in the Bethel cemetery; his wife died November 80, 1854, and rests beside him. William Post, son of Jeremiah Post, was born November 12, 1795, and grew up on the home farm. He married Miss Margaret, daughter of Benjamin Lindley, of Morris township, and they live in different parts of Washington and Greene counties, also in northern Ohio. They reared a large family of children. He was a farmer by occupation at the time of his death, which occurred January 2, 1866, on the farm owned by his son B. L. Post in Donegal township, where he was then living his remains were buried in the Bethel cemetery near Van Buren. His wife followed him to the grave in March, 1884, and her remains rest by his. Their son B. L. Post, of Donegal township, is an enterprising and successful farmer. Deborah Post grew up on the home farm, and was married to John, son of Luke Enlow, of East Finley township. They lived for many years on the home farm where the Pees brothers now reside, it being his father's farm. They reared a large family, and migrated to southern Illinois. Mr. Enlow was a millwright by occupation, but after they removed he engaged in farming which he carried on successfully as long as he lived. Mrs. Enlow was something over seventy years of age at the time of her death; her remains rest near her western home. Charles Post was brought up on the home farm, and learned the millwright's trade with Charles Cracraft, and worked at same for a number of years. He married Miss Elizabeth Bryant, and then went to Allen county, Ohio, where he purchased a farm, built a mill thereon, and engaged in farming and milling which he carried on until overtaken by the infirmities of age. They reared five children, four of whom are settled near their old home at Spencerville, Allen I Co., the fifth being settled in Jasper county, Mo. Mr. Post in politics was a Republican, in religious faith a Methodist Episcopal; he died at his home March 28, 1884. Joseph Post when a

young man engaged in mercantile business. He married and lived near Batavia, Ohio, and reared two children: Samuel P. and Mary E., who became the wife of Hon. Darnell, of Van Wert, Ohio. Mr. Post died when comparatively a young man; his widow is at present residing with her daughter at Van Wert.

Martha Post became the wife of George England, of East Finley township, and was the mother of two children, Samuel, and Mary A., who became the wife of G. W. Craft, of Morris township. Mrs. England died when about thirty-one years of age. Jemima Post married John, son of Elliott Enlow, and they lived on his father's farm near the Stony Point M. E. church in East Finley township. Their family consisted of four daughters and one son—John M—an enterprising furniture dealer in Claysville. Mrs. Enlow was an exemplary member of the M. E. Church at Stony Point; she died May 6, 1883, aged seventy-five years, and her body rests beside that of her husband in the Stony Point cemetery. Martin Post was born June 22, 1809, and passed his youth on the home farm in South Franklin township, Washington Co., Penn., receiving his education in the common schools. He married Miss.

Rebecca, daughter of Hugh and Ruth Montgomery, of East Finley township, and they had three children: Sarah M. (deceased), Mary E. and John M. They began life on the home farm where they passed the rest of their days. Mr. Post was a successful farmer, which occupation he followed as long as he lived. He was a great reader, and kept himself informed in most of the leading topics of the day. Politically he was a Democrat; in religious faith he was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church; he was one of the charter members of the Bethel C.P. Church. On February 2, 1840, he was ordained ruling elder of the above named church and from his ordination until his death he was clerk of the Session - a period of some forty-five years.

One of the leading characteristics of his life was his great desire to always be right and do right. He died January 30, 1885, and his body was laid to rest in the Bethel cemetery, by that of his father and mother. After his decease his widow lived on the home farm until her death, and she managed the farm successfully, being a woman of great perseverance and energy. She also was a member of the Bethel C.P. Church. She died February 23, 1892, in her seventy-first year, and was buried beside her husband. Their daughter Mary E. resides on the home farm. John M. is a prominent farmer and business man of East Finley township, and is a justice of the peace in said township. Jesse Post was born December 2, 1811; he married Margaret Dickerson, of Morris township, and after living for a number of years in East Finley township, at what is known as Post's Mill, he removed to Washington county, Ohio, and purchased a farm near Beverly, where he engaged in farming. They had no children. He died July 11, 1879; his widow is still living. Luke Post was born August 13, 1813. He married Martha McKoy, of East Finley township; was a farmer by occupation; in politics a Democrat, and in religious faith a Cumberland Presbyterian. He died October 29, 1855, and was buried in the Stony Point cemetery; his wife is still living, and is now the widow of Richard Mounts, of Donegal township. Sarah Post died when about twenty-one years of age, unmarried; Mary Ann became the wife of John Finley, of East Finley township, and was the mother of seven children, namely: Jeremiah P., Sarah J., James M., John A., Phoebe M. (deceased), Robert C. and William B. The parents lived in East Finley township. The mother was truly a Christian woman, and as to her good qualities her neighbors could testify. Her kindness has relieved many of the hungry poor of her community. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Claysville, She died December 8, 1877, and her body rests in the

Claysville cemetery. James R. Post died in infancy. Phoebe Post was born September 5, 1823, and became the wife of Cyrus Sprowls, of East Finley township. They began life on the old home farm now owned by Mrs. Simeon Sprowls and they had three children, two of whom are living: Jesse P. and Mary A. Mrs. Sprowls was an exemplary member of the Bethel C.P. Church. She died July 31, 1849, and was buried in the Stony Point cemetery. Her husband lived many years after her decease. Their son, J. P., is a Cumberland Presbyterian minister, now at Salem, Ill.; Mary A. is the wife of Jacob Rockey, of Burnsville, this county.

From the pen of Mary E. Post.

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Luke Enlow and Cynthia Gruwell

The following is an excerpt from "History of Cedar County":

"Luke Enlow. The student of Cedar county's history does not carry his investigations far before he learns that the name of Enlow figures prominently in connection with the annals of this section of the state. Luke Enlow belonged to a family that has been prominently and actively associated with the work of progress and improvement here. He was born in Stark County, Ohio, October 11, 1832, and was the seventh in order of birth in a family of eight children, whose parents were James and Ruth (Hewitt) Enlow, natives of Pennsylvania. On leaving the Keystone state they removed to Ohio, where their remaining days were passed. Their family numbered eight children: Mrs. Emily Shreeve, who died in Ohio; Mrs. Susan Whinery, who also passed away in that state; Mrs. Rebecca Pennock, who died in Ohio; Mrs. Mary H. Cope, who died at West Branch, Iowa; Samuel, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; Luke; Thomas, who died in Cedar county; and Jonathan, who died when a young man in Ohio.

Luke Enlow spent his youthful days in his native county and remained a resident of Ohio until he came to Iowa, with the exception of a single year spent in Indiana. He arrived in Cedar county in March, 1854, a young man of twenty-one years. He secured a companion and helpmate for life's journey when, on the 12th of September, 1856, he wedded Miss Cynthia Ann Gruwell, who was born in Stark county, Ohio, September 12, 1837, and had been a schoolmate of her husband during her youthful days. In 1854 she came to Iowa with her parents, Moses and Ann (Carr) Gruwell, who were natives of Stark county, Ohio. They located in Gower township, three miles north of the present site of West Branch, Mr. Gruwell entering four hundred acres of land from the government. There he developed and improved a farm upon which he continued to make his

home until his death. Following his demise his widow removed to West Branch, where her remaining days were passed. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Mrs. Enlow; Thomas, who died in West Branch leaving a widow and three sons; Hiram I., a resident of California; Samuel C., living in West Branch; Mrs. Esther Neagus, who died in Springdale; Charles C., a resident of Minnesota; Mary P., wife of Abner Edmundson, of Washington; and Eliza Lloyd, who died in West Branch.

Following their marriage Mr. Enlow and his bride located upon a farm in Hardin county, Iowa, where they lived for twelve years. They then returned to this county and settled three miles north of West Branch in Gower township. It was a tract of eighty acres, which he at once began to cultivate and improve. As he prospered in his undertakings he added to this a tract of forty acres and later he bought eighty acres more, making a total of two hundred acres, which he continued to cultivate and develop until 1892. He brought his fields under a high state of cultivation and they returned to him splendid crops as a reward for his care and labor. For his products he found a ready sale upon the market and thus year by year he prospered until he came to be numbered among the substantial citizens of the county. He continued to engage in farming until 1892, when he retired to West Branch, where his remaining days were passed. The family still own eighty acres of the old home farm, while the remainder was sold to his son.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Enlow there were born five children: Dora L., who died at the age of thirty-two years; J. Walter, who owns and resides upon the old home place in Gower township; Ella, at home; Esther Bell, the wife of T. D. White, of West Branch; and Ethel, who died in her third year. The old homestead farm has been owned by only three white men. It was entered from the government by Mrs. Enlow's father and a part of it was purchased by her husband, while now it is owned by her son.

Mr. Enlow was an active member of the Society of Friends and aided liberally in building the Honey Grove Friends church. After his removal to West Branch he united with the Friends church there and remained one of its loyal supporters and active workers until his demise. His life was ever in harmony with its teachings, and he was widely known as an upright and honorable man, who merited the confidence and good-will which were universally extended to him.

In politics he was a staunch republican but never consented to hold office save in connection with the schools. He was interested in matters of progressive citizenship, however, and gave his support to many measures and movements for the public good.

Mrs. Enlow still resides in West Branch, where she is widely and favorably known. For fifty-six years she has been a resident of Cedar county and her memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present. There is little today to indicate the conditions of things which existed at the time of her arrival. As she traveled westward with her parents one month was consumed in making the journey from Ohio to Iowa with wagons, for there were no railroads at that day. They had a wagon loaded with their household goods, while a two-seat carriage was occupied by the family. With the exception of the two youngest children, who were born here, all made the long journey across the prairies from Ohio to Iowa. Mrs. Enlow can remember the time when the town of West Branch had no existence and other flourishing towns

and villages of this part of the state were little more than hamlets. She has seen the wild lands converted into fine farms and the primitive homes replaced by large and substantial dwellings, giving every evidence of the prosperity which has blessed the county as the result of the energy and business enterprise of its citizens."

From web site: <http://members.aol.com/ragruwell/enlow.html>

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Post Family⁵

Jeremiah Post, son of Munson Post, was born in Essex county N. J., September 10, 1769, and at the age of twelve years came with his father's I family to Washington, Penn. He received a limited education, and in January, 1794, was married to Martha, daughter of Dr. Charles Cracraft, and she bore him four children: **William, Deborah, Charles and Joseph.**

For his second wife he married, October 25, 1804, Mary, daughter of Abraham Enlow, who resided in East Finley township, this county, and **their children were Martha, Jemima, Martin, Jesse, Luke, Sarah, Mary A., James R. and Phoebe.** Mr. Post for a short time after he was married lived on a small farm which he owned near what is now Van Buren, which he sold and then bought the home farm, it being a part of a tract of land called "Content," situated on the headwaters of Ten Mile creek, owned by Dr. Charles Cracraft, where he afterward resided. Politically he was a Democrat; in religious faith he was a Cumberland Presbyterian, and was one of the charter members of the Bethel C. P. Church. He died June 1, 1848, and was buried in the Bethel cemetery; his wife died November 80, 1854, and rests beside him.

William Post, son of Jeremiah Post, was born November 12, 1795, and grew up on the home farm. He married Miss Margaret, daughter of Benjamin Lindley, of Morris township, and they live in different parts of Washington and Greene counties, also in northern Ohio. They reared a large family of children. He was a farmer by occupation at the time of his death, which occurred January 2, 1866, on the farm owned by his son B. L. Post in Donegal township, where he was then living his remains were buried in the Bethel cemetery near Van Buren. His wife followed him to the grave in March 1884, and her remains rest by his. Their son B. L. Post, of Donegal township, is an enterprising and successful farmer.

Deborah Post grew up on the home farm, and was married to John, son of Luke Enlow, of East Finley township. They lived for many years on the home farm where the Pees brothers now reside, it being his father's farm. They reared a large family, and migrated to southern Illinois. Mr. Enlow was a millwright by occupation, but after they removed he engaged in farming which he carried on successfully as long as he lived. Mrs. Enlow was something over seventy years of age at the time of her death; her remains rest near her western home.

Charles Post was brought up on the home farm, and learned the millwright's trade with Charles Cracraft, and worked at same for a number of years. He married Miss Elizabeth Bryant, and then

⁵ Notes for Mary Enlow: <http://www.chartiers.com/beers-project/articles/post-221.html>

went to Allen county, Ohio, where he purchased a farm, built a mill thereon, and engaged in farming and milling which he carried on until overtaken by the infirmities of age. They reared five children, four of whom are settled near their old home at Spencerville, Allen I Co., the fifth being settled in Jasper county, Mo. Mr. Post in politics was a Republican, in religious faith a Methodist Episcopal; he died at his home March 28, 1884.

Joseph Post when a young man engaged in mercantile business. He married and lived near Batavia, Ohio, and reared two children: Samuel P. and Mary E., who became the wife of Hon. Darnell, of Van Wert, Ohio. Mr. Post died when comparatively a young man; his widow is at present residing with her daughter at Van Wert.

Martha Post became the wife of George England, of East Finley township, and was the mother of two children, Samuel, and Mary A., who became the wife of G. W. Craft, of Morris township. Mrs. England died when about thirty-one years of age.

Jemima Post married John, son of Elliott Enlow, and they lived on his father's farm near the Stony Point M. E. church in East Finley township. Their family consisted of four daughters and one son-John M-an enterprising furniture dealer in Claysville. Mrs. Enlow was an exemplary member of the M. E. Church at Stony Point; she died May 6, 1883, aged seventy-five years, and her body rests beside that of her husband in the Stony Point cemetery.

Martin Post was born June 22, 1809, and passed his youth on the home farm in South Franklin township, Washington Co., Penn., receiving his education in the common schools. He married Miss. Rebecca, daughter of Hugh and Ruth Montgomery, of East Finley township, and they had three children: Sarah M. (deceased), Mary E. and John M. They began life on the home farm where they passed the rest of their days. Mr. Post was a successful farmer, which occupation he followed as long as he lived. He was a greet reader, and kept himself informed in most of the leading topics of the day. Politically he was a Democrat; in religious faith he was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church; he was one of the charter members of the Bethel C.P. Church. On February 2, 1840, he was ordained ruling elder of the above named church and from his ordination until his death he was clerk of the Session - a period of some forty-five years. One of the leading characteristics of his life was his great desire to always be right and do right. He died January 30, 1885, and his body was laid to rest in the Bethel cemetery, by that of his father and mother. After his decease his widow lived on the home farm until her death, and she managed the farm successfully, being a woman of great perseverance and energy. She also was a member of the Bethel C.P. Church. She died February 23, 1892, in her seventy-first year, and was buried beside her husband. Their daughter Mary E. resides on the home farm. John M. is a prominent farmer and business man of East Finley township, and is a justice of the peace in said township.

Jesse Post was born December 2, 1811; he married Margaret Dickerson, of Morris township, and after living for a number of years in East Finley township, at what is known as Post's Mill, he removed to Washington county, Ohio, and purchased a farm near Beverly, where he engaged in farming. They had no children. He died July 11, 1879; his widow is still living.

Luke Post was born August 13, 1813. He married Martha McKoy, of East Finley township; was a farmer by occupation; in politics a Democrat, and in religious faith a Cumberland Presbyterian. He died October 29, 1855, and was buried in the Stony Point cemetery; his wife is still living, and is now the widow of Richard Mounts, of Donegal township.

Sarah Post died when about twenty-one years of age, unmarried.

Mary Ann became the wife of John Finley, of East Finley township, and was the mother of seven children, namely: Jeremiah P., Sarah J., James M., John A., Phoebe M. (de ceased), Robert

C. and William B. The parents lived in Easy Finley township. The mother was truly a Christian woman, and as to her good qualities her neighbors could testify. Her kindness has relieved many of the hungry poor of her community. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Claysville, She died December 8, 1877, and her body rests in the Claysville cemetery.

James R. Post died in infancy.

Phoebe Post was born September 5, 1823, and became the wife of Cyrus Sprowls, of East Finley township. They began life on the old home farm now owned by Mrs. Simeon Sprowls and they had three children, two of whom are living: Jesse P. and Mary A. Mrs. Sprowls was an exemplary member of the Bethel C.P. Church. She died July 31, 1849, and was buried in the Stony Point cemetery. Her husband lived many years after her decease. Their son, J. P., is a Cumberland Presbyterian minister, now at Salem, Ill.; Mary A. is the wife of Jacob Rockey, of Burnsville, this county.

[From the pen of Mary E. Post.]

Warrantees of Land for Washington County, Pennsylvania, 1733-1858, Part 1: Surnames A-G⁶

WARRANTEES OF LAND IN THE County of Washington. 1784-1892. 34-Vol. XXVI, 3rd Ser.

NAME	Acres	Date of Survey
Enlows, Abram,	400	Feb. 21, 1788.
Enlows, Luke,	400	Feb. 21, 1788.
England, David,	160	March 24, 1788.
Enlows, Ab'm,	300	March 26, 1788.
Enlow, Thomas,	5	July 20, 1818

DEATH NOTICE: (died Apr. 19, 1926) **SARAH E. (King) HOWELL** Sarah E. Howell, widow of William H. Howell, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Spier, of 235 Ewing Street, at 9:50 a.m. yesterday of bronchial pneumonia. She was aged 74 years. She is survived by the following children: Mrs. John Spier, Mrs. Jack Smith, William Howell, all of Washington, and John Howell, of Taylorstown; also by the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Harry Turner, Mrs. Scott Hahn, Mrs. Nan Brownlee, Mrs. Allie Blayney, all of Washington; Mrs. Ida Blayney, of West Alexander; John and William King, of Washington, and Alfred King, of Claysville.

Death of Wm. Henry Howell (died July 25, 1910) William Henry Howell, who had served in Co. K, Sixteenth regiment, Pennsylvania cavalry, died at his home at No. 235 Ewing street, at 9:15 o'clock this morning, aged 66 years. He is survived by his widow, Sarah E. Howell, and children, as follows: Mrs. Annie Miller, Mrs. Effie Spier, Mrs. John Smith and Mrs. Phoebe Ewart, John M. and William A. Howell, all of Washington, and James Franklin Howell, residence not known. One sister, Mrs. Margaret Hartsock, of Claysville. The interment will be made in the soldiers' lot in the Washington cemetery. Notice of the funeral will be given later.

⁶ 27 Nov 2004 <<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/pa/washington/land/washland1.txt>>

Bios: John Sprowls and Elizabeth Love: East Finley Twp, Fayette Co

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John Sprowls and Elizabeth Love

1) History of Washington Co, Pa

The Sprowls family of five brothers came from England to Pa, remaining for a time near Shippensburg. Eventually two or three of the brothers came to Washington Co, and John Sprowls settled in what is now East Finley Twp. The brothers must have located in this county early, as an account of Hugh Sprowls, dated Apr 19, 1786 is found in the controller-general's report for a horse lost in the Sandusky expedition of 1782.

The children of John Sprowls were 5 sons, 4 dau. One of the daughters married Mr Kerr and emigrated to Ohio.

The rest of the article is about John's son James and his descendants.

2) September 26, 1902 newspaper clipping:

The Sprowls Family Holds a Big Reunion

Nearly 1000 of the descendants of John Sprowls assembled Thursday in Stout's Grove, West Finley Twp, a Permanent Organization was affected and the meeting will be an annual event.

A reunion of the descendants of John Sprowls was held yesterday in Stout's grove in West Finley Twp, and despite the unfavorable weather conditions there were nearly 1,000 in attendance. The Sprowls family is one of the oldest and most prominent in the county. John Sprowls from whom they are descended, settled in Washington Co in 1796.

A history of the Sprowls, compiled by a committee appointed for the purpose was read. The history follows: In the year 1794 John Sprowls, of near Enniskillen, Ireland, Feeling that he could better his condition and at the same time be free from the political and religious questions which were then disturbing that unfortunate country determined to emigrate to America. He at the time resided on a farm. He, together with his wife and family, then consisting of 8 children, sailed from Londonderry in 1794. After a voyage of about 3 months they arrived at Philadelphia. From that place they all went to Carlisle, Pa where they remained about 2 years.

It was then concluded to go farther west and as steam and electricity were unknown as a means of transportation they were compelled to use horses in transporthing themselves and such things as they actually needed. Finally they landed in this county near what is now known as the town of California where they remained a short time, moving therefrom to Allen Twp where they remained until 1810 when they removed to Finley Twp. All the members of the family of John Sprowls went with him to the last named place. In this township John Sprowls became the owner of a farm located about one and one half miles south of what now is known as the village of Good Intent.

The christian name of the wife of John Sprowls was Elizabeth, but her maiden name has not been established to the satisfaction of the committee. As far as we know there is no family record in this country and her maiden name has been handed down in the different branches of the family as Love, Loney and Lunney. Her real maiden name can only perhaps be ascertained from the records which were doubtless kept in Ireland as it is known that when John Sprowls left Ireland his mother and several sisters were living and that he kept up a correspondence with them for a number of years.

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He died on the farm in 1845, about 96 years of age, his good wife having preceded him to the grave Aug 10, 1818, aged 57. They are both buried on the farm which they conquered from the wilderness in what is known as the Sprowls graveyard on land recently owned by W W Sprowls in East Finley Twp.

The children born to John and Elizabeth Sprowls are as follows: Arthur, Jane, Nancy, John, Edward, James, Elizabeth, Henry, William and Mary, the first 8 of whom were born in Ireland and the last two in America, one in Carlisle and the other in Finley Twp.

Jane Sprowls, daughter of John and Elizabeth Sprowls, married William Carr and moved to Ohio; (we have no knowledge of their descendants).

3) From the Holmes Co OH history book, article on James Kerr family, by William and Mary Kerr.

James' grandparents, Robert Kerr/Jemima Morton and John Sprowls/Elizabeth Love, had emigrated from Scotland and Ireland in the 1770's. John Sprowls served in the War of Independence as a sergeant in Capt. Finney's Co, Jan 23, 1777 until April 6, 1780.

4) From the Wayne Co OH History book, article on William and Jane Sprowls Kerr by Jonathan Kerr (mentions the article on James)

On June 27, 1805 William married Jane Sprowls (Sproul), a native of Ireland (1778), and a daughter of John Sprowls, a farmer in East Finley Twp. William served as a Sgt in the US Army in the War of 1812 enlisting on Aug 22, 1812. His Company Commander was Captain William Blackburn. He was discharged Nov 30, 1812.

Jane Sprowls Kerr died at age 57 on Feb 12, 1835. She is buried in Maple Grove Cem at the east edge of Marshallville.

After settling in West Pike Run Twp, Robert helped to found St Thomas Episcopal Church near present day Charleroi. The headstone of another son James (Robt's son), stands in the old churchyard. Probably Robt and Jemima are there, but many graves are unmarked.

FULL TEXT OF WILL OF ABRAHAM ENLOW OF PENNSYLVANIA

Will of Abraham Enlow - deceased

In the presence of God so be it I Abraham Enlow of Finley Township Washington County in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, being weak in body, but of perfect and sound memory, do therefore make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say principally and in the first place I recommend my soul unto the mercy of Almighty God my Great Creator humbling imploring his gracious acceptance thereof through the merits of Jesus Christ my dear redeemer, secondly I have my body to be decently buried in the earth after my decease at the discretion of my surviving friends resting in hope of a Glorious restoration at the resurrection of the Just; And as touching such such earthly estate where with it hath pleased God to bless me in this world I give, demise, and dispose of the same in the following manner, that is to say-in the first place it is my will that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid. Secondly I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Jemima thirty acres of land whereon I now live including my now dwelling house during her widowhood and also a feather bed and bedding her choice six pewter plates one pewter dish and two pewter basons all of her choosing also one iron pot or oven her choice of my store one cow her choice and two ewes and lambs her choice of my stock and flock and after the termination of her widowhood the said thirty acres of land to be absolutely the property of my son William and his heirs and assigns forever. Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah the sum of twenty two dollars and sixty seven cents also I give and bequeath unto my son Elliott the sum of one dollar and thirty three cents and unto my sons James Luke Abraham Isum and Jepe and my two daughters Rachel and the heirs of my daughter Rebecca I give and bequeath the sum of five Shillings or sixty seven cents each and to my daughters Jemima and Mary the sum of one dollar and thirty three cents each and also I give and bequeath unto my son Henry the plantation whereon he now liveth included with know lines that I have made for that purpose and also I give and bequeath unto my son Michael the plantation where on he now liveth included with lines which I have made for that purpose the same to be to my two aforesaid sons Henry and Michael and their heirs and assigns forever, excepting about three acres of the bottom to the mouth of Michaels Spring run to be joined to my old place which I give and bequeath unto my son William and to his heirs and assigns forever he giving his mother my afforesaid wife wife Jemima all the necessary assistance for her support during her widdowhood according to this my last Will and also I give and bequeath unto my said son William the whole of my right to the unpatented land that I now claim as my right by warrant, and lastly I do hereby make ordain constitute and appoint my son Luke Enlow and my friend Samuel England Esquire the Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby utterly revoking disannulling and making void all and every other and former Will and Testament legacy or Executor by me at any time heretofore made Willed or appointed declaring this and this only to be my last will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my

hand and Seal the eighteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight -----

his
ABRAHAM X ENLOW (SEAL)
Mark

Signed Sealed pronounced and declared by the said Abraham Enlow to be his last will and Testament in presence of us William Elliott Henry Enlow John Heaton Washington County SS. Be it remembered that on the twentieth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight before me Isaac Kerr Register of the Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration in and for said County came William Elliott and John Heaton two of the subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Abraham Enlow late of the County aforesaid deceased who being duly qualified the said William sworn and the said John affirmed say that they were personally present and did see the Testator therein named execute this Will and that they heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament. That at the time of his so doing, he was to the best of their apprehensions, of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding; That they subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other; And that they also saw Henry Enlow the other Witness sign his name thereto as such -----
William Elliott
Sworn and affirmed to and subscribed ----- John Heaton

Before me Isaac Kerr Register August 20th 1808.
Letters Testamentary with copy of will and probate annexed issued to Luke Enlow and Samuel England Esquire the Executors within named who on same day were duly affirmed.

Isaac Kerr Register
Registered and Compared 20th Aug.

A. D. 1808.

Isaac Kerr
Register.

Sons:	William James Luke Abraham Isum Jesse Henry Michael Elliott	Daughters:	Sarah Rachel Rebecca Jemima Mary
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Leonard Enlow on November 11, 2000 transcribed this from pages 12-14 of "A Brief Survey of The Enlow Family of America" by E. E. Enlow, Sabastopol, California, and Dated July 1, 1941.

Will of Elliott Enlow Deceased

Registered in Will Book Vol. 6 pages 605 and 606

In the name of god Amen I Elliott Enlow of Washington County Finley Township and State of Pennsylvania being infirm and in much pain of Body but of sound mind memory and understanding praised be god for it and Considering the Certanty of Death and the uncertanty of the time thereof and to the End that I may be the better Prepared to leave this world whenever it shall Please god to Call me hence I Do therefor make and declare this my last will and testament in manner following that is to Say first and Principally I Commend my Soul into the hand of Almighty god my Creator hoping for free Pardon and Remision of all my sins and to Enjoy Everlasting hapiness in the heavenly kingdom through Jesus (?) my Savior my Body I commit to the Earth at the Discretion of my Surviving. Executors herein after named and astuching (?) Such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased god to bless me in this life I give Demise and dispose of the same in the following manner that is to Say first it is my will that all my just Debts and funeral Expenses be paid out of my Estate Secondly I give all my landed Estate to my well Beloved sons John Enlow & Gideon Equally share and share So I give my son John Privlege to purchase from Gideon and te has made payment and the whole is Johns thirdly it is my will that my well beloved Daughter Martha if She Shall Remain Single and Shall become unable to get her living herself in that Case my Son John Shall give her a Comfortable living out of my Said Estate as to my household and kitchen firniture my grand Daughter Malinda Sprowls I give my bed and beding the Ballance of house hold and kitchen firniture to be divided by all my Daughters amongst themselves after my Diseas and I do apoint as the Executors of this my last will and testament my trusty friend John Patterson & my son John Enlow in testimony whereof I have Hereunto Set my hand and Seal this twentieth Day of March AD 1832

at est Isom Enlow

Cyrus Enlow

Elliott Enlow seal

Washington County Be it remembered that on the 15th day of August AD 1848 Before me William (?)Norman(?) Register for the probate of wills and granting letters of Administration in and for said county came Isom Enlow and Cyrus Enlow the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and testament of Elliott Enlow deceased who being duly sworn according to law do dispose and say that they were personally present and did see the said Testator execute the foregoing will and heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same as and for his last will and testament and that they subscribed their names as witness thereunto at the request of the Testator in his presence and in the presence of each other and at the time of his so doing he was of sound and (?) mind Memory and understanding to the best of their knowledge observation and belief And sworn to and subscribed

Isom Enlow

Before me

Cyrus Enlow

Transcribed by Dale E. Enlow 05/25/1999 from copy of original supplied by
Office of The Register of Wills, Washington County

WILL OF HENDRICKS ENLOES

"From Will Book No. 1 Folio 17 in Baltimore City Court House."

"The last Will and Testament of Hendrick Enlows of Baltimore County. In The Name of God Amen, I, Hendrick Enlows of Baltimore County in the Province of Maryland, planter, being Sick and week of body but of sound and perfect memory pras the Lord for the same doe make this my last Will and Testament in manor and form following

Imprimis I give and bequeath my Soule to the Almity God my Creator hoping hee will give me free pardon and Remistion of all my Sinnes and my body unto the Earth from which it came there to be buried in Christian and decent manor.

2 ly I give and bequeath unto my son Abraham Enloes all that Tract of land called the Treangall containing one hundred ackers of land and allso one Tract of land called the dutch neck containing one hundred ackers and also another parcell of land called "Enloes Meddow" containing Thirty Ackers of land to him and his heirs for ever.

3 ly I give and bequeath unto the heirs of my son John Enloes one Shilling

4 ly I give and bequeath unto my daughter Hester Enloes one Shilling.

5 ly I give and bequeath unto my daughter Margaret Enloes one Shilling.

6 ly I give and bequeath unto Henery Galbraa one cow yearling.

7 ly I give unto my son Abraham Enlows all the rest of my personal Estate after the deses of my loving Wife Christian Enloes to him and his heirs for ever.

8 ly I give and bequeath unto Christian Wright one cow calfe after shee com to the Eage of Fourteen years.

9 ly I make ordain and constitute my Son Abraham Enlows my whole and sole Executor making this my last Will and Testament revoking and making all manner of former Wills and deeds formerly made void as Witnist my hand and Seale this tenth day of december Ano Dom 1702

Hendricks Enloes

"Sealed and delivered in the presence of us Charles Smith, Patrick Wheatland, Dortehey Geford, Francis Dallahide (The first three made marks.)

May the 17th 1708. Then came Charles Smith and Patrick Whaland two of the evidences to within written will and proved the same in common form before me.

W. Wriothesly, dep. Comyo
Baltimore County, May 18,

1708.

Francis Dallahide Gent one of the Witnesses to the within will proved the same in common form before me.

W. Wriothesly, dep. Comy.

COMMENT: In order that my relatives may draw their own conclusions as to the nationality and character of perhaps our earliest American ancestor, it has been thought well to make a complete copy of Hendricks Enloes' Will, by retaining the quaint spelling, the capitalization, the punctuation or lack of punctuation, and to make reference to his undoubted belief in the provinces of God.

(E. E. Enlow, Sebastopol, California July 1, 1941)

Leonard Enlow on November 11, 2000 transcribed this from page 7-8 of "A Brief Survey of The Enlow Family of America" by E. E. Enlow, Sabastopol, California, and Dated July 1, 1941.

Sprowls, Alexander

Posted by: [ceddle](#) (IP Logged)

Date: March 05, 2003 08:44PM

Pg. 8, Helen Barnhart Morris Scrapbook.

Alexander Sprowls His Own Sketch of His Useful Life.

[The following sketch was written by Alexander Sprowls, a grandson of the pioneer John Sprowls, who came to America from Ireland in 1794. It was written in April, 1876. He died on the 10th day of September following, having spent a very useful life, was always faithful to his church, earnest in every worthy enterprise, ever ready to minister to the sick of needy; an earnest patriot. Many revere his memory and will rise up to call him blessed.]

I was born the 17th of June, 1811, in Finley township, Washington county, Pa., on the Enlow fork of Wheeling creek. Lived there until April, 1815, when my parents moved into what is now East Finley township, near the old Herman meeting house. I received all the schooling, I ever got in an old log school house on the bank of the creek on what is now the John Knox property. I never went to school more that two months in the year, and that in the winter time. I never looked out of the school through glass. In my days of going to school it was through greased paper in the place of glass, and had to sit and split logs or slabs for seats and pins put into the wall with a board laid on them for writing desk. I suppose I never went to school more than nine months in all my life.

I was baptized in my infancy by a Methodist preacher named Simon Lock. The first sermon I ever heard was preached by Jacob Winters in the old school house, where I went to school. In my 16th year I went to work on the national road; worked there three months, but did not like the work and quit. Then I became acquainted with the family of Elias Day; worked for him most of my time. I went out on Cross Creek to work when harvest come. Never received more than 62 1/2 cents a day's harvesting in my days of working out. It was while I was working at Elias Day's

that I became under conviction, under the preaching of Cornelius Loughren, an Irishman, who had been preaching at Upper Ten Mile Presbyterian church, but had been suspended and forbidden to preach in the name of the Presbyterian body. He was suspended because he preached a full and free salvation through faith in Jesus Christ and free communion. He then preached at Elias Day's, Epriam Post's, Lawrence Sargent's and many other places in that neighborhood. We might say he was the instrument that God used to bring the first Cumberland Presbyterian preacher to that part of the country.

The first Cumberland Presbyterian preacher I ever heard was Alfred Bryan, I heard him preach his first sermon in Washington county. He preached in on Dry Run, in a new house of Luther Day's on the third or fourth Sabbath of August 1831. Then my conviction of sin and need of salvation became more deeply impressed upon me and continued until the campmeeting held in September of the same year. There I professed faith in Jesus Christ. The meeting was conducted by Morgan, Bryan, Chapman, Donnell, Burroughs, Lindley and Loughren. It was held on what was then called the Burt Camp ground, now Old Concord. I was then in my 21st year. I united with the Cumberland Presbyterian church in October of the same year. The session met in the same house where I heard the first Cumberland Presbyterian sermon preach. In recalling scenes at that campmeeting it brings up many things that makes my heart rejoice that I ever saw that day.

When we think of between 250 and 300 that we believe where hopefully converted and we still imagine that we can see Brother Chapman, with his gray hair, walking along the aisles with tears rolling down his cheeks and singing that old familiar hymn, “;I'm not ashamed to own my Lord, nor to defend his cause”; and then hear him exhort sinners come to Jesus; then Donnell, with all the incentives of heaven to influence the sinner to come to Christ; then Morgan his power that the sinner not to go down to hell; then Brian, to point the mourner to Jesus. These scenes are pleasant to think about. Then when we look after those who were connected at that campmeeting we can see but few of them now have went to other fields of labor, but the most of them have gone from the church militant to the church triumphant; and then comes to me the question, why is this so? I leave this with Him who orders all things well.

On the 8th day of April, 1832, I came into West Finley Township to live with him seven years. In 1837 bought the farm that brother James lives on and the farm that I now live on. I was married on the 17th of January, 1839, to Jane Montgomery of Brookfield, Trumbull county, Ohio. We can say what very few can; that we never moved in our lives. The reason was we had nothing to move. I had lived with my brother. He moved out of the house the first of April after we were married and left us the house. Then we commenced to gather and continued until we got what we now have. I was elected elder in the Concord Cumberland Presbyterian church on May 6th, 1839, was ordained some time in June following by John Morgan. I was elected school teacher in West Finley Township, in 1844, served nine years. Served as Township Treasurer, two years, as assessor and collector three years. I was the first Cumberland Presbyterian in West Finley Township. I was one of the trustees appointed by the court when the Windy Gap Cumberland Presbyterian church was chartered. I helped build the church house in 1847 helped build the parsonage and improve the ground in 1857-8-9.

I was elected poor director of Washington County in 1858, and during the three-year term attend all the meetings of the board but two, when I had typhoid fever, Brother Arthur and I started to Iowa, May 21, 1867, to visit Joseph and Harvey Seaman, the Templetons, and John M. Day, old neighbors who went from East and West Finley and Morris township. We had a very pleasant visit, but I never had any notion of going there to live. My trip cost me \$58.65.

On April 8, 1868, I was appointed a delegate to the General Assembly of the C.P. Church, which was held at Lincoln, Ill., on the 23d of May. I had good health, a pleasant trip going and returning, and it was a very profitable and interesting meeting. I formed many acquaintances I shall ever remember.

We built part of the house we now occupy in 1849. Simon and James Sprowls did the carpenter work. It was their first job after they were free from their boss. We built our barn in 1856. Daniel Ealy did all the carpenter work and sawed all the lumber on his own mill for \$175; Leonard Plants did the mason work for \$128; the pine lumber cost \$12.50 per 1000 feet in Wheeling. We built an addition to our house in 1865, and then the wool house at the same time. Another addition was built to the house in 1875. Nelson Towns did the carpenter work for the last addition. We bought the home farm from Samuel McFarland in 1837 at \$8 per acre, the upper farm. 75 acres, from Howard Potter for \$1000; some more land from Wm. Earnest, at \$33 per acre. In 1846 we sold a small piece of land adjoining his farm to Edward Alexander at \$7 per acre, and in 1844 we sold 14 acres to John Nickerson at \$22 per acre.

April 1st, 1872, Alexander McCleary, Dr. J.W. Hancher and I were appointed road commissioners of West Finley township by the State Legislature. We surveyed the township roads in half-mile sections, marked them, prepared specifications for each section, and sold them to the lowest bidder, to be kept for three years according to the specifications. I was then elected road commissioner for two years more.

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