

THE STONE AND AYRES LINES

These two families became a part of the Staggs family when Ida Stone married my grandfather, Hudson Randolph Staggs.

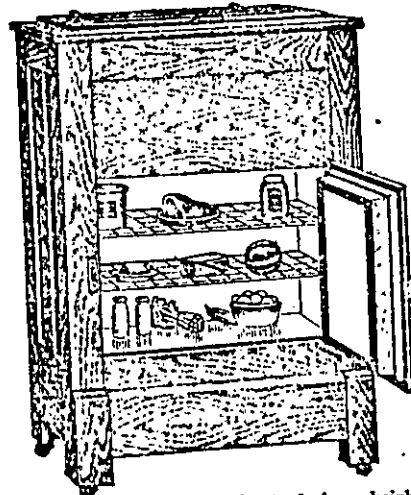
The following report was made by my cousin, Bill Mace. Bill's report is so much better than mine that I reproduce it here, as is, except for the addition of some military records.

Stone And Ayres Ancestral Line

Generations

Generations				Born	Died	No child	Misc. Information
1	2	3	4				
Adam	Stone			ca 1794		1+	His father came from Hamburg Gr. and Settled in Maryland
Wife	Jacob	Stone		1822	1912	4	B. Pa. D. Van Port, Pa.
	Elizabeth Anthony	Ayers		1830	1926		B. Pa. D. Van Port, Pa.
	Thomas	Stone		1846			B. Pa. D. Pa. Flour miller N.Y.
	Richard Carneige	Stone		1856	1926	1	B. Pa. D. Mo. Flour miller
	Ida Antha	Stone		1861	10/5 1930	4	B. Pa. D. Roseburg, Or.
	Hudson R	Staggs		Oct. 1848	10/5 1916		B. Pa. D. Roseburg, Or. Flour miller
See Staggs line pg. 1 for continuation							
	Charles	Stone		1864			B. Pa. D. Springfield Mo.
	Elizabeth ?						
	Ida	Stone				2	
	Ed	Dingledine					
	James	Stone				1	
AYRES LINE							
	Richard	Ayers		ca 1780	1/13 1866	2+	B. England D. Pa.
	Elizabeth McCleary			1783	1872		B. Van Port, Pa
	Thomas	Ayers		ca 1819			B. Maryland B. Pa.
	Wife	Jacob	Stone	ca 1822	1912		B. Gr. Ship builder at Stone Landing Pa.
	Elizabeth Jane	Ayers		ca 1830	ca 1920	4	B. Maryland D. Pa.

See tree for location



Outside Case—Ice Chamber and Provision Chamber are constructed and finished as described below on 1R2833½ and 1R2834½.

1R2827½—Outside Measures—Width, 21 inches; depth, 14 inches; height, 39 inches. Ice capacity, 58 pounds. Shpg. wt., 105 lbs...\$16.95

1R2828½—Outside Measures—Width, 23 inches; depth, 15 inches; height, 41 inches. Ice capacity, 78 pounds. Shpg. wt., 120 lbs...\$18.45.

1R2839½—Outside Measures—Width, 25 inches; depth, 16 inches; height, 43 inches. Ice capacity, 88 pounds. Shipping weight, 120 pounds.....\$19.85

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Foreword

The only first-hand data regarding our first Stone ancestor in America was supplied by Richard C. Stone who named Adam Stone I as his grandfather (1). A search of pre-1800 Maryland Census and tax records revealed that an Adam Stone resided near Maryland near Baltimore as a farmer and head of household. It is known that an Adam Stone migrated to Beaver County, Pennsylvania in 1823, probably because of the homestead lands opened by the federal land office for veterans of the War of 1812 in which Adam served. The 1830 census reports for Beaver County lists two Adam Stones as heads of household, while the 1850 U. S. Census of Beaver County lists only one Adam Stone and our Jacob Stone as heads of Household. The Adam Stone listed in 1850 was an older brother of our Jacob; their father Adam Stone II having died before the 1850 census listing. The foregoing report of Adam Stone I and his sons is incomplete but believed to be accurate. Further research to complete the identification and relation needs doing in the Maryland Census data and the War of 1812 Archives, War Department, Washington D. C.

Family tradition has it that our Stone ancestor was of Dutch origin. However, from research into surname origins, it is learned that the surname Stone derives from Teutonic sources, thence to Germanic and then to West Germanic (Germany). The west German tribal branch of people divided into five different European nationalities, one of which was the Old Dutch line which produced our modern day Dutch nationality. According to the foregoing report, Family tradition could very well be correct in assuming Dutch ancestry for our Stone family. At the same time, there is strong evidence the Stone family had its origin in the Prussian section of Germany near the city of Hamburg. It is probable that Our earliest ancestor, Jacob Stone I, took passage on a Dutch ship from a Dutch port of debarkation. Moreover, there is the likelihood that our Adam Stone I married a Dutch girl---a not uncommon union in the period of American colonization by German and Dutch immigrants. It is significant in the history of the American colonial period that the German government did not sponsor ship transport of it's citizens to the colonies in America. The Dutch did engage in transporting colonists and it's seaports served as a major debarkation point for immigrants from adjoining European countries including the British Isles.

Our Stone ancestors were farmers. Adam I is known to have been a master stonemason, an occupation from which his surname was derived in early Germany where farming and stonemasonry went hand-in-hand.

(1) Greene County History, 1893, pp. 383-84

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1 . Adam Stone I

b. ca 1786, Germany or Holland

ISSUE STONE:

2 . Adam II, b. 1807

3 . Jacob, b. 1821, near Baltimore, Maryland,
d. 25 Oct 1907, Vanport, Beaver County, Penn., (age 86),
m. ca 1849, Vanport, Pa., Elizabeth Ann Ayers,
b. 15 June 1832, Pennsylvania, d. ca 1920, (age 88),
Vanport, Penn. Both Jacob and Elizabeth buried
Vanport, Beaver Co., Pennsylvania.

Source: Stone Family Records
GREEN COUNTY HISTORY, Richard C. Stone Biography,
pp 383-84, Goodspeed Bros. Publishing Co., 1893.

Note: Adam Stone had many children. It is believed that Adam II was the eldest child, and Jacob the youngest. Adam Stone I resided in Maryland and served in the War of 1812. He migrated to Beaver County, Pennsylvania about 1823. He settled on a large farm near Vanport and in addition to farming constructed brick buildings on his farm and the surrounding area. He is reported to have been a master mason and contractor, and a few of his buildings are reported still being used near Vanport. Many other of his buildings were removed to make way for highway and commercial developments.

There is no doubt that Adam I immigrated to America. However, there is question as to which country, Germany or Holland, was his native land. It is possible that his nationality was a combination of the two countries--his mother Dutch and father German or the reverse. In any event, the surname Stone is regarded to be of German extraction.

Grandfather Stone's military record for the war of 1812 shows that the regiment he served in was first called the 36 Regiment (Jessop's), then Nace's Regiment. Regiments were often known by the names of their Commanding Officer.

His pay was eight dollars a month. That's about 26¢ a day. I hope he didn't spend it all on wild times.

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Stone, Adam
**36 Regiment (Jessop's),
 Maryland Militia.
 (War of 1812.)**

51	36 (Jessop's.)	Md. Militia.
<i>Adam Stone</i>		
<i>Pr</i> , { Capt. John Kerlinger's Co. of Inf., 36 Reg't Maryland Militia. (War of 1812.)		
Appears on		
Company Muster Roll		
for <i>Aug 25 to Oct 27, 1814.</i>		
Roll dated _____		
<i>Oct 27, 1814.</i>		
Commencement of service, ^x _____, 181 _____		
Expiration of service, _____, 181 _____		
Place of residence, ^x _____		
Place of rendezvous, ^x _____		
Distance, ^x _____ miles.		
Where discharged, ^x _____		
Distance from place of residence, ^x _____ miles.		
Present or absent, _____		
Remarks: _____		
<i>Discharged 20 of September</i>		
<i># Supplied from Pay Roll</i>		
<i>x roll over</i>		

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 (569) Copyist.

1	36 (Jessop's.)	Md. Militia.
<i>Adam Stone</i>		
<i>Pr</i> , { Capt. John Kerlinger's Co. of Inf., 36 Reg't Maryland Militia. (War of 1812.)		
Appears on		
Company Pay Roll		
for <i>Aug 25 to Oct 27, 1814.</i>		
Roll dated <i>not dated</i> , 181 _____		
Commencement of service } <i>Aug 25, 1814</i> or of this settlement, }		
Expiration of service or } <i>Oct 27, 1814</i> of this settlement, }		
Term of service charged, _____ months, _____ day		
Pay per month, _____ dollars, _____ cent		
Amount of pay, _____ dollars, _____ cent		
Pay due:		
From <i>Aug 25</i> , 181 _____		
To <i>Sept 20</i> , 181 _____		
Remarks: <i>Discharged 20 Sept</i>		

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Stone Adam
Nace's Regiment,
Maryland Militia.
(War of 1812.)

S | Nace's Regiment. | **Md.**
Militia.

Adam Stone

Pvt., { Capt. John Kerlinger's Co. of Inf.,
 Maryland Militia.
 (War of 1812.)

Appears on

Company Muster Roll
 for *Commencement of service to Sept 10, 1813.*

Roll dated *Baltimore*
County Sept, 1813.

Commencement of service or of this settlement, *Aug 19, 1813.*

Expiration of service or of this settlement, *Sept 10, 1813.*

Present or absent, *Present*

Remarks: _____

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S | Nace's Regiment. | **Md.**
Militia.

Adam Stone

Pvt., { Capt. John Kerlinger's Co. of Inf.
 Maryland Militia.
 (War of 1812.)

Appears on

Company Pay Roll
 for *Aug & Sept, 1813.*

Roll dated *Not dated, 1813.*

Commencement of service or of this settlement, *Aug 19, 1813.*

Expiration of service or of this settlement, *Sept 10, 1813.*

Term of service charged, _____ months, *23* da

Pay per month, *8* dollars, _____ cer

Amount of pay, *5* dollars, *93* cer

Signer's name, _____

Remarks: _____

McMichael
 (572) Copyist.

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2. Adam²Stone II (Adam Stone I¹)

b. ca 1807, m. Rachael _____, b. 1807.

ISSUE STONE: (all born Beaver County, Penn.)

4 . Daniel, b. 1833

5 . Adam III, b. 1835

6 . John, b. 1838

7 . Rachael, b. 1840

8 . Esther, b. 1843

(Adam II had other children)

Source: Pennsylvania Census 1850, Beaver County.

3. Jacob²Stone (Adam Stone I¹)

b. 1821, near Baltimore, Maryland, d. 25 Oct 1907 (age 86),
Vanport, Beaver Co., Pa., m. ca 1849, Vanport, Pa., Elizabeth
Ann Ayers, b. 15 June 1832, Penn., d. ca 1920 (age 88),
Vanport, Pa. Both buried cemetery, Vanport, Pa.

ISSUE STONE: (all born Vanport, Beaver Co., Penn.)

9. Thomas W., b. ca 1850. m. Minnie ?, had children. Eldest
child Thomas Jr, b. ca 1874 at Vanport, Pa. Thomas
married and had one child.

10. Richard Carneige, b. Oct 1858, d. ca 1926 (age 70),
St. Louis, Missouri, m. (1st) Eva Barnes, b. _____,
Ft. Scott, Kansas, d. Nov 1911, Springfield, Mo.,
buried Ft. Scott, Kans.. Richard C. Stone buried
Balhalia Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri. Second marriage
of R. C. Stone unknown.

11. Ida Antha, b. 23 Apr 1861, d. 5 Oct 1930 (age 69)
Roseburg, Oregon, m. 5 Aug 1880, Waldron, Platte Co.,
Missouri, Hudson Randolph Staggs, b. 22 Oct 1848,
Waldron, Mo., d. 19 Feb 1916, Roseburg, Oregon (age 68).
Both buried City Cemetery, Roseburg, Oregon. He married
(1st) Betsy Jane Gilbert.

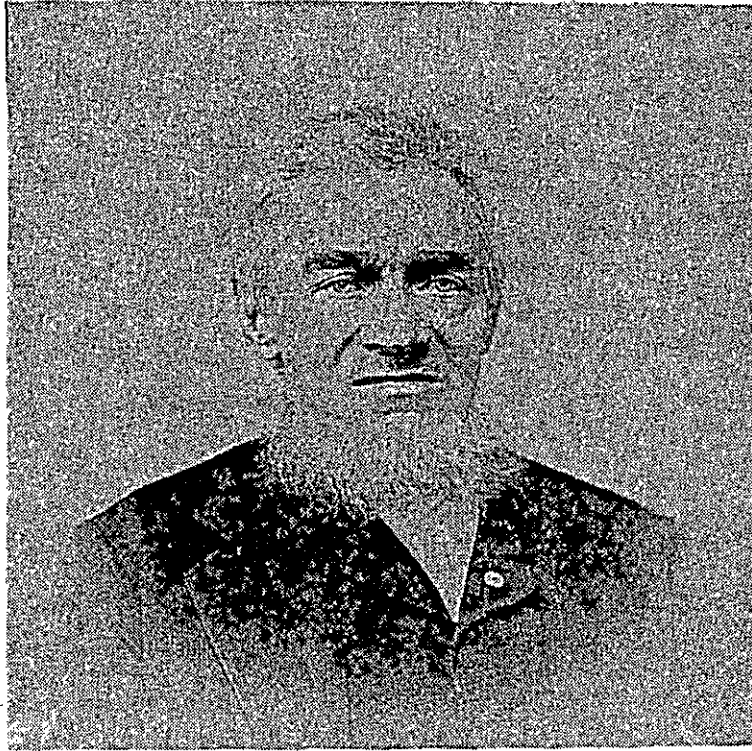
12. Charles M., b. 3 Sep 1863, m. Elizabeth M. _____.

Source: Stone Family Records

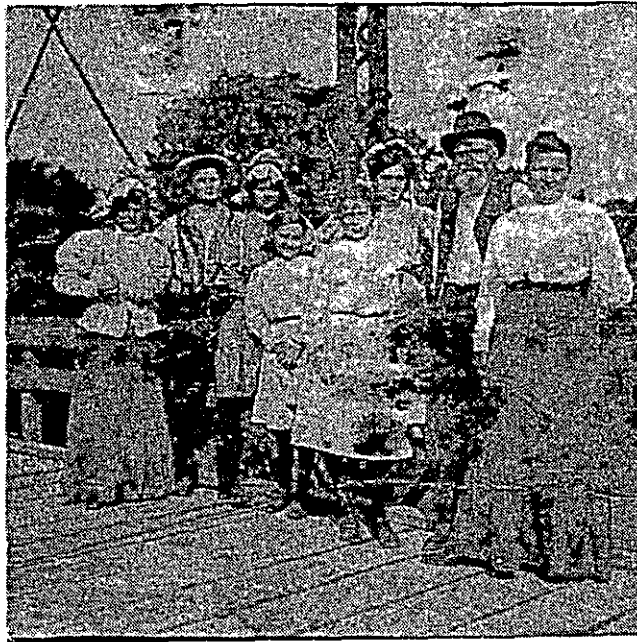
U. S. Census 1850, Beaver Co., Penn.

U. S. Census 1870 and 1880, Platte County,
Missouri.

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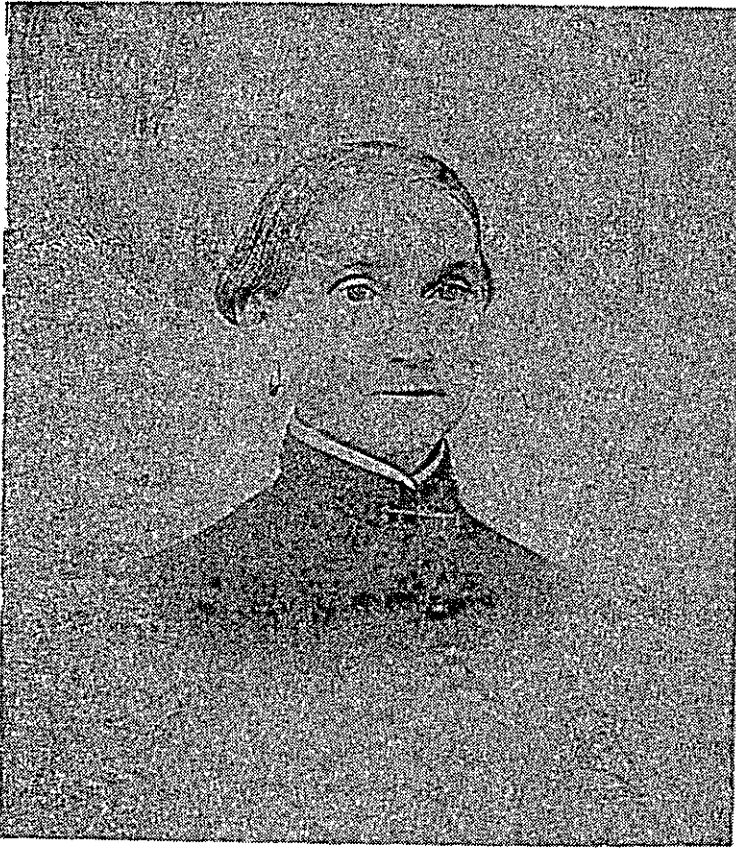


Jacob "Jake" Stone (1821-1907). Photo taken Van Port, Pennsylvania, ca 1900.



Jacob Stone and his daughter, Ida Antha Stone Staggs at far right. Other individuals not identified.

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Elizabeth Ann Ayres
Stone

Photo taken Van Port,
Pennsylvania, ca 1900.

Elizabeth Ann Ayers Stone
and an unidentified niece
on the left. Photo taken
Van Port, Pa., ca 1816.
Elizabeth 84 years of age.



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JACOB STONE (1824-1907)

Chronology

- 1824 born in Maryland, near Baltimore.
- 1850 reported on U. S. Census, Beaver County, Penn.
Farmed and engaged in riverboat work.
1863. With a partner, established a river boat repair and building yard on the nearby Ohio River near Vanport, Penn. The boat yard was called "Stones Point".
This river boat business dissolved in 1871.
- 1872 Moved to Platte County, Missouri, near Parkville and the Missouri River.
- 1885 Sold Missouri property and returned to Vanport, Penn.
- ca 1907 died in Vanport, Beaver County, Pennsylvania.
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A biography for Jacob Stone is limited by lack of data with which to present a clearer picture of his personal and business life. By piecing the bits of information together we know that he farmed successfully in Beaver County, Penn.; that he recognized riverboating as growing business on the Ohio River; that he learned riverboating as a builder and repairer; that he established a river boat yard in ca 1871 near Vanport, Penn., and that he farmed successfully in Missouri. He bought farmland in Platte County, Missouri near Parkville and the Missouri River. Platte County, Mo., land deed records show he bought and sold several pieces of farm and Parkville city land before selling his Missouri property and returning to Beaver County, Pa., in 1885 after residing in Missouri for 18 years.

Jacob's 4 children accompanied the family to Missouri in 1872. From family letters exchanged during the years Jacob Stone was in Missouri, we learn that Thomas W., the eldest son of Jacob, returned to Vanport, Penn., before 1881. Charles M., the youngest son, returned to Vanport in the same year. Richard C. and Ida Antha Stone remained in Platte County, Missouri (more of these two children later). Jacob Stone is reported to have left an endowment to the old Park College in Parkville, Mo. Inquiry at the administration office of Park College in 1981 revealed no record of such an endowment but conjecture was that it probably amounted to a small land parcel deeded to the college early on.

Jacob Stone wrote a letter from Parkville, Mo. to his wife Elizabeth who was at the time in Vanport, Penn., having gone there to escape the threat of a small pox epidemic in Platte County which spread over most of the midwest states.

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JACOB STONE (continued)

The letter reports: "i will drop you a fue lines to let you know i am hartly and fat. Dick (son R. C.) is well thear are but ten ceses (cases) of am pox (small pox) now and theare all geten beter i would like for you to com hom for i think thear is a gard set to let non (none) com in town that ben whare small pox is i am very lonsom being hear at nite i am worken at the picket fence i god a leter from Charley this is all now i am not a fishin now

(signed) jacob Stone

The foregoing letter was written in 1881 from Parkville, Mo.

On October 13, 1881, Thomas W. Stone wrote his father from Vanport, Pennsylvania. He reported that:

"Charley and Mr. Woods got here Saturday" and

"Charley has takin grate liken to Penn girls"

and "his (Charley) biles is getting beter"

Thomas Stone urged his father to "sel out to the first buider (bidder) and leave that country"

Also in his letter to his father, Thomas praised the merits of Beaver County and the work oppportunites there in carpentry and a revival of the boat building and river boating along the Ohio River. The tone of his letter suggests that Jacob was under pressure from his family and relatives to return home to Vanport: which he finally did in 1885.

ELIZABETH ANN AYRES STONE (1832-1920)

Of Irish-English origin, the subject was, according to reliable family sources, a lean, wiry lady with very severe moral and ethical standards which dominated her life style. She was no martinet but was close. She strongly expressed her opinions on behavior and values in life to anyone she felt was in violation of her value levels. For example, Elizabeth is reported to have disapproved her daughter Ida Antha's keeping company with H. R. Staggs because of his previous marriage and children by that marriage. Consequently, Ida Antha and H. R. Staggs eloped to marry after which Elizabeth Stone did not communicate with Ida Antha until after the birth of her first child in 1881.

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ELIZABETH ANN AYRES STONE (continued)

A letter written 28 Sep 1908 by Elizabeth Ann to her daughter, Ida Antha, in Springfield, Missouri contains this observation: "no sime of rain yet I tel you it is hot dry time for W. J. Bryan (Wm Jennings) to swing a round the circle with his speeches. His lungs will be full of dust but it wil al blow out the 3 of November so then he can settle down and rest four years moree and then take an other start down to defeat."

Despite some minor problems with spelling, Elizabeth got her meaning across loud and clear!

On 10 Apr 1918 Elizabeth Ann Ayres Stone wrote one of her last letters to her daughter Ida Antha Staggs who lived in Roseburg, Oregon.

"....it (the death of her sister Joanna Ayres Waggle at age 83) started my nose to bleed so it bleed 4 days.....the doctor said it was good for me it took the blood of (off) my brain. If it not been i would of had a stroke" and "I love al my children as dear a the apple of my eye but this world is nothing but trouble and sorrow. everyy person has thier own troubles but we must bear it no cross no crown.....if i live to the 15th of June i will be 85 years old....sister Joanna was 83."

Elizabeth Ann Ayres Stone died at age 88 in 1920, two years from the date of the foregoing letter.



Thomas W. Stone (1850- ?), and wife Minnie.
Photo taken by Richard L. Staggs Sr., 1928
at Van Port, Pennsylvania.

RICHARD CARNEIGE STONE (1858-1926)

The following biographical sketch of the subject is reported in Greene County History, Goodspeed Brothers Publishing Company, 1893, pp. 383-84, Public Library, Springfield, Greene County, Missouri.

RICHARD C. STONE is one of the prominent business men of Springfield, and an extensive mill builder and flour-mill owner in southwest Missouri. He springs from good old Pennsylvania Dutch stock on his father's side, and on the maternal side from English descent. The family is an old Colonial Maryland one. The grandfather, Adam Stone, served in the War of 1812. He became a citizen of Baltimore and a property owner. He settled in the early part of the present century in Beaver County, Penn., where he became a large farmer and erected large and substantial brick buildings on his farm, which were afterward sold for county purposes. Jacob Stone, son of above, and the father of our subject, was born at Baltimore and taken to Beaver County, Penn., when a child of about two years of age. He received the common-school education of his day and became a ship carpenter. He married Eliza Ayers, daughter of Thomas and Eliza (McCreary) Ayers. To Mr. and Mrs. Stone were born four children: Thomas W., Richard, Ida A. and Charles W.

Mr. and Mrs. Stone were members of the old-school Presbyterian Church. Mr. Stone's family bought the old home property and sold it to the county, which still owns it. In politics he is Republican. He came to Missouri in 187- and settled on a farm in Platt County, but returned to Pennsylvania after six years. He was a man of integrity and lived to be sixty-seven years of age, and died October 25, 1883. Richard C. Stone, our subject, was born October -, 1858, at Vanport, where his father passed nearly all his life. He received a good common-school education and at eleven years of age came with his father to Platte County, Mo., where he attended school for some years; the education he received was good for practical business. He learned the use of tools from his father and then learned the trade of millwright and drafting and gradually became a milling expert. He worked at his trade for two years and became foreman for his employer for two years, constructing mills, and then served two years in the capacity of foreman in milling construction. In 1884 he began taking contracts for the construction of mills and putting them in working condition and has since that time built many of the largest and best mills in Missouri, especially in the Southwest. His business increased rapidly and he opened an office and has since managed a large business in constructing mills and equipping them with first-class milling machinery. He is the exclusive agent for the Barnard & Lease Manufacturing Company, of Moline, Ill., for three States. They are the largest manufacturers of special milling machinery in the United States. Mr. Stone owes his success to the satisfaction that his mills have given to his patrons and the wide and practical knowledge that he possesses of milling engineering and machinery. He built and owns the mill at Republic, Mo., which is one of the best in the State and is well fitted with the best milling machinery. It has a capacity of 200 barrels of flour per day and will be increased to 300 in a short time. This mill cost \$35,000 and it requires the same amount of capital to run it. Mr. Stone also owns a half interest in the mill at Monett, the former being managed under the name of the Monett Mill & Elevator Company and also does a general shipping business in milling products and grain. Mr. Stone also has a large flour and feed store in Springfield and owns his tasteful residence on Benton Avenue, and other real estate. In politics he is a Republican. He is a young man and is entirely self made, having made his success by his ability, energy and industry. He is one of the substantial men of Springfield, with many years of usefulness before him. On November 3, 1887, he married Eva, daughter of W. T. and Frances (Bennett) Barnes, of Fort Scott, Kan. Mr. Barnes is a merchant of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Stone have one daughter, Maude E.

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 11. Ida Antha Stone (Jacob, Adam I)

b. 23 Apr 1861, Vanport, Pa., d. 5 Oct 1930 (age 69), Roseburg, Ore.,
 m. 5 Aug 1880, Waldron, Platte Co., Mo., Hudson Randolph
 Staggs, b. 22 Oct 1848, Waldron, Mo., d. 19 Feb (age 68),
 Roseburg, Oregon. He married (1st) Betsy Jane Gilbert.
 Ida A Stone and H. R. Staggs buried in City Cemetery,
 Roseburg, Oregon.

ISSUE STAGGS: (all born Parkville, Platte Co., Mo.)

15. Jessie Rue, b. 24 Nov 1881, d. 13 Jul 1951 (age 69),
 Springfield, Greene Co., Mo., m. 22 May 1902, Springfield,
 Mo., Edwin Bertram Mace, b. 11 Jul 1880, Trenton, Grundy
 Co., Mo., d. 30 Sep 1955 (age 75), Springfield, Mo.
 Both buried Hazelwood Cemetery, Springfield, Missouri.

16. Mamie Toinetta, b. 2 Feb 1884, d. 13 Jul 1955 (age 71),
 Neosho, Newton Co., Mo., m. 10 Aug 1903, Los Gatos,
 Santa Clara Co., Calif., Claude Cecil Mace, b. 9 Feb 1882,
 Pattonsburg, Mo., d. 9 Sep 1963 (age 81), Neosho, Mo.,
 both buried IOOF Cemetery, Neosho, Missouri.

17. Richard Leslie, b. 1888, d. 1960 (age 72),
 Florida, m. Ella Blanc, b. 4 Aug 1889, d. 1982 (age 93),
 Florida.

18. Edith Antha, b. 1892, Springfield, Greene Co., Mo.,
 d. , (age), Santa Cruz, California.
 Buried City Cemetery, Roseburg, Oregon. Edith was unwed.

Source: Mace and Stone Family Records



Ida Antha Stone
 (1861-1930)

THE AYRES FAMILY

Foreword

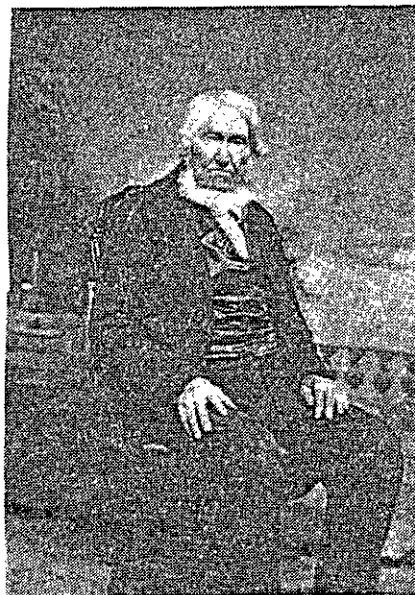
Thomas W. Ayres was the name of our first known ancestor in America. This knowledge was the result of a genealogy "find" in the effects of Ida A. Stone Staggs in the year 1980 fifty years after her death in 1930. Ida, and later her daughter Edith Staggs, had kept an album of old pictures. In it was a small photo at the top of which was written in ink "Thomas W. Ayers", and at the bottom written in pencil by Ida "Mother Stone grandfather Ayres". While we are grateful to learn the name and have a photo of our first known Ayres ancestor, there is no vital data relating to Thomas W. Ayers or his family ---except for his son Richard Ayres.

Elizabeth McCreery, the wife of Richard Ayres, is also lacking in vital data for herself and family except for her photo which was also found in the album kept by Ida Stone Staggs.

The above two ancestors were from England and Ireland respectively. Their vital data are probably recorded in the country of origin. Photos of the two ancestors are presented below.



Elizabeth McCreery
(ca 1793-1873)
Photo from tintype



Thomas W. Ayres
(?)
Photo made in
Allegheny, Pennsylvania

GRANDFATHER AYRES' REVOLUTIONARY WAR PAPERS

The following documents were obtained from the National Archives. I did not have time to obtain Grandfather Ayres' service records from the State Archives of Maryland. You may want to write to State Archives, State Building, Annapolis, Maryland, for his war record. It should be interesting.

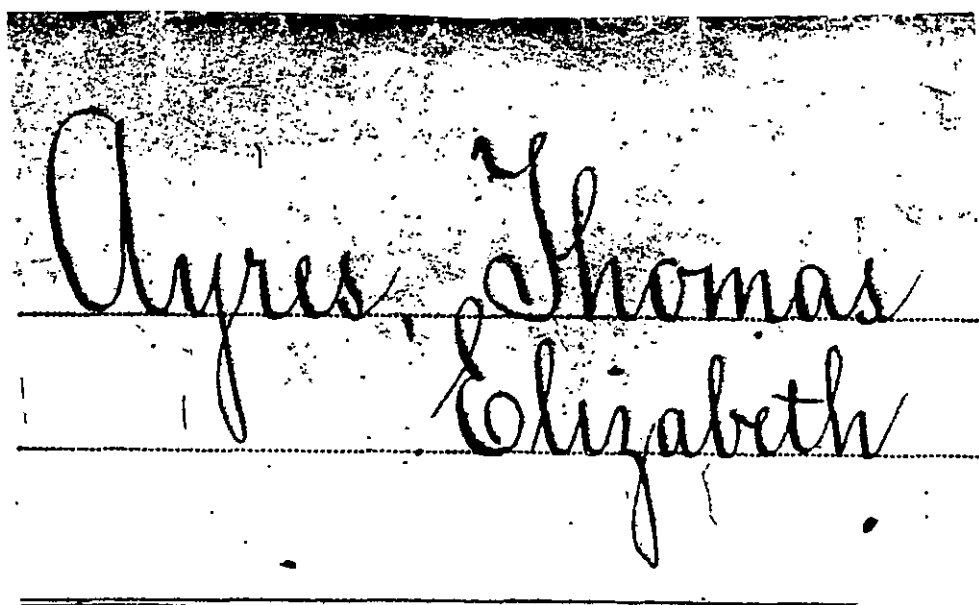
The first three pages are Grandfather's request for his \$100 a year pension. The other papers are Grandmother Elizabeth's request for a pension and the bounty land to which she was entitled under an Act of Congress passed in 1855. She was granted her \$80 a year widow's pension.

Among other facts you will notice in these papers are:

Grandfather enlisted in Capt. John Smith's Co. of the Fifth Maryland Line and served throughout the entire war. He fought under Gen. Washington at the battle of Germantown where he was wounded. That he was highly respected, had a considerable fortune and served in the Maryland State Legislature.

Grandmother's first letter is her request for a widow's pension, the second is her request for bounty land. The others are from her friends and a daughter which proved that she was married to Grandfather.

Grandfather and Grandmother Ayres' file in the Federal Archives has their names on the cover page. The penwork, written over a hundred and fifty years ago, was so nice that I saved it for you.



A photograph of two handwritten signatures on lined paper. The top signature is "Ayres, Thomas" and the bottom signature is "Elizabeth". Both are written in a cursive script. The paper has horizontal lines and a dotted midline. The image is somewhat grainy and has a dark, speckled background.

State of Maryland, Western District of
on this 28th day of February in the year 1838
Thomas Ayres a resident of Hartford County in
the said State of Maryland aged seventy eight
years who being first duly sworn according to
law doth on his oath make the following
declarations in order to obtain the benefit of the
provision made by the act of Congress passed June
the 7th 1832.

That he entered in the army of the United States in the
year 1776 at the Town of Bel Air in the County
aforesaid under Captain John Smith of Frederick
County in the State aforesaid but does not now
recollect the field and staff officers under whom
he served and that he continued in the service from
the time of his enlistment to the end of the war
when he was discharged. That he obtained a
written discharge but does not know what has
become of it but thinks it is worn out. That he
was engaged in the battle of Brandywine at which
he was wounded and was for a long time confined
from the wound and unable to perform service.
That he was after his recovery in various ways
at the battle of Germantown and was in
several skirmishes the places he cannot now
name. He hereby relinquishes every claim what
ever to a pension or annuity except the present and
he declares that his name is not on the pension
roll of any agency in any State whatsoever.

Thomas Ayres
sworn to and subscribed the day and year his Mark
aforesaid before me a Justice of the
orphans Courts for Hartford County
Sam. Bradford

Where and in what year were you born?

Answers That he was born in Baltimore County in the State of Maryland that he remained in said County until was twenty one year of age, that he then removed to Harford County in the same State where he has resided ever since except the time he was in the Army. Interrogatory, have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answers That he has not at this time got any record of his age.

3rd Interrogatory - Where were you living when called into the service where have you since lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Answers That he lived in Harford County in the State of Maryland at the time he was called into the service and has lived there ever since the revolution.

4th Interrogatory - how were you called into service? were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute. And if a substitute for whom?

Answers That he was called into service as a regular enlisted soldier.

5th Interrogatory - State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such as Colonel, Lieutenant and Militia Adjuncts as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answers - That General Samuel Smith was with him at the Battle of Germann Rowen but was not there a General that General Washington was also there. That he cannot now recollect the names of any other officers that were with him.

6th Interrogatory - Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what bearing it? ~~It is by whom was it signed and what bearing it?~~

Answers That he did receive a regular written discharge but does not now know what has become of it - nor does he now recollect by whom it was signed. And that it is the same Thomas as is mentioned in the pay roll at Europe a certificate from which is here enclosed.

your personal high character all who
testify as to your character for veracity and
their true belief of your service as a soldier of the
revolution.

Answers. That he is well known to nearly all
the citizens of the County except the young men
that he names particularly. Col. Israel D. Hancock by
Col. Henry Dray - Samuel Bradford The Rev.
Reuben Davis and Joseph Robinson

Resd. Sam. Bradford

Thomas
Mack

State of Maryland
Harford County do meet

I Samuel Bradford the Judge of the Orphans Court
before whom the foregoing declaration of Thomas Ayres was
made, do certify that on account of the great bodily infirmity
of the said Ayres and his inability to appear in person
before the Court, I went to his residence and took the said
declaration and examined him upon oath, and from my
examination of him and the neighborhood reputation I
have no doubt he served as a soldier as set forth in his
declaration, I further certify I have known said Ayres upwards
of thirty years and that he is entitled to full credit and belief.

He has represented this County in the State Legislature
for several years, has been possessed of considerable fortune
till recently he has become reduced in his circumstances and
involvent; I further certify that the gentlemen who have
made the annexed affidavits in relation to this matter are
highly highly respectable and entitled to full credit
and belief given under my hand this 28th day of
February 1833.

Sam. Bradford.

State of Maryland
Harford County to wit

On this sixteenth day of February in the year eighteen hundred and fifty six personally appeared before me one of the Associate Judges of the Orphans Court of Harford County in the State of Maryland, the same being a Court of Law and records Elizabeth Ayres a resident of Harford County and State aforesaid aged ninety nine years who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Pension Laws of the United States, that she is the widow of Thomas Ayres who was a private in the fifth regiment of the Maryland Line, that she was married to the said Thomas Ayres on the first day of January eleven hundred and eighty four, that no public record of her marriage can be procured, that her husband the aforesaid Thomas Ayres died on the thirtieth day of March eighteen hundred and thirty six at his residence in Harford County and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proofs hereto annexed that the said Thomas Ayres received a pension from the United States up to the period of his death.

Elizabeth Ayres

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year aforesaid before me and I hereby certify that the applicant from bodily infirmity is unable to attend court

John H. Kirkwood

State of Maryland
Harford County

On this 26th day of April 1855. Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid, one Elizabeth Ayres aged 91 years a resident of the above County and State, who being sworn according to law declared that she is the Widow of Thomas Ayres deceased that he died on or about the 25th of March 1833 aged 85 years and that she has remained a Widow ever since. She was a soldier in the Revolutionary War in the flying Camp commanded by Mr. [Name] in the Regiment of [Name] was wounded in the Battle of Brandywine, and continued in actual service in said War until honorably discharged, which the Muster Rolls record in the War Department will show, and that her said husband received a pension from the government up to the time of his death, since which time she has annually received it.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty land to which she may be entitled to under the Act of Congress passed March the 3^d 1855 her
Elizabeth Ayres
Wife

We John Wiley and Charles Robinson residents of Harford County and State of Maryland upon their Oaths declare that the foregoing declaration was signed and acknowledged by the said Elizabeth Ayres in our presence, and that we have known the said Elizabeth Ayres and Thomas Ayres her husband and that they have lived and cohabited as husband and wife for the last 15 or 20 years or more as they truly say, and that we have been acquainted and lived in the neighborhood and have no hesitation in saying that she is the lawful widow she represents herself to be.

John Wiley
Charles Robinson

State of Maryland
Wesport County to wit

On the Twenty sixth day of February in the year
Eighteen Hundred and fifty six before me the
undersigned a Justice of the peace of the State of
Maryland in and for Wesport County aforesaid
personally appeared Nancy Rampely aged
Twenty seven years and made oath on the
Solemn Oath of Almighty God that she is the
daughter of Elizabeth and Thomas Ayres, that
the deponent always heard and believed that
her father and mother were married before
she was born, that she was their oldest child
that she has no record of her age, but from
all she has heard of her age she is convinced
that she is over twenty years of age, the depo-
nent was married over fifty years
ago and her oldest child Elizabeth Rampely was
Forty nine years of age on the Twenty eighth
day of May - last past, that her father
Thomas Ayres received a pension for his
services in the Revolutionary war and
Elizabeth Ayres who is now applying for a
pension is the widow of the said Thomas
Ayres.

Edwin Rampely

The foregoing affidavit was sworn to and
subscribed before me on the date and year
above written and I certify that I know the
affiant to be a credible person.

M. R. Bippell

1/2 State of Maryland
2/3 Harford County to-wit-

On this sixteenth day of February in the year
Eighteen Hundred and fifty six personally
appeared before me a justice of the peace
of the state of Maryland in and for Harford
County aforesaid: John Smithson, ~~David~~
aged sixty eight years, a resident
of Harford County and state of Maryland
David N. Wiley, resident of said County
and state aged seventy four years
Abraham Almonney, resident of the
county and state aforesaid aged
seventy years, James Duncan, a resident
of Harford County and state aforesaid
aged seventy four years, Charles Robinson
a resident of said County and state aged
eighty four years, Thomas Hope a resident of said County
and state aged seventy years & William Hatching a resident of
said County and state aged seventy six years
who each made oath on the Holy Evangelij
of Almighty God that they knew Elizabeth
Ayres during the life time of her husband
Thomas Ayres and knew them to cohabit
and live together as man and wife and
to be so reputed for more than forty years
before the death of the said Thomas Ayres
her said husband, who died about the
year Eighteen Hundred and thirty six
that it was never doubted in the neighbor-
hood where they lived that they were
lawfully married that they lived at the

same place where the said Elizabeth Ayres
 now lives ever since these deponents knew
 them that they had nine children
 Nancy intermarried with William Bramley, John
 Ayres, Dorcas intermarried with Jacob ^{intermarried with William} Dunderbaugh, Joshua
 Ayres, Elizabeth Ayres, James Ayres, Susan ^{intermarried with William} Hutchins, Nancy Ayres, Thomas Ayres
 the youngest of whom is over fifty years
 of age that the said Elizabeth Ayres has
 remained a widow ever since the death
 of Thomas Ayres her husband and she
 is reputed to be over

years of age
 J. Smithson
 David H. May
 Abraham M. Moneys
 James D. ...
 Charles Robinson
 After slope
 H. ...

The foregoing affidavits were sworn to
 and subscribed before me on the day and
 year first above written and I certify
 that I know the affiants to be credible persons
 J. H. ...

Elizabeth Ayres, wid.
 Tubercul. Ayres, prin.
 Md. Ma.
 No. 60 - Albany, 1872
 Recipient was
 Pensions Act - Book 26, Vol. 1, p. 18
 claimant in her 100th year!
 Special by com. July 17
 Am
 claimant.
 Shawsville, Va.
 Harford, Md.

who served in the Revolution
 war, as a Private
 Inscribed on the Roll at the rate
 \$80 Dollars
 Cents per annum, to commence
 the 4th day of March, 1848.
 Certificate of Pension issued
 16th day of June
 and sent to
 J. C. Ayres
 W. C. Smith
 Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under
 February 2, 1848, Page 200, Vol.

Note that Grandmother's age at this time was 100!

Grandmother Ayres' Certificate of Pension as a Revolutionary War widow for \$80 a year.

THE AYRES FAMILY

. Thomas Ayres (believed to be an uncle of Richard Ayres)

b. . 1755, England, d. 13 Mar 1836 (age 81), Shawsville Co, Md.,
m. 1 Jan 1784, Shawsville County, Maryland, Elizabeth Almony,
b. ca. 1757, d. 1857 (age 100).

ISSUE AYRES: (born Harford County, Maryland)

- . Nancy (or Ann), b. m. William Rampley.
- . John, b.
- . Dorcas, b. m. Jacob Brodenbaugh
- . Joshua, b.
- . Elizabeth, b.
- . James, b.
- . Susan, b. m. 1820, Nicholas Hutchins
- . Mary, b.
- . Thomas II, b.

Source: Dept of Interior, Bureau of Pensions, War of
the Revolution, Washington, D. C.

Note: Thomas Ayers enlisted in the Rev. War 17 Dec 1776 in Harford County, Md., as a private. He served in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown, and was wounded at Brandywine. He mustered out of the service 14 Nov 1783. Thomas applied for and received a pension on Mar 23 1833. He died in 1836. His widow received the pension until her death in 1857, although she did not actually get pension benefits until 1856, a year before she died. =?

As to the relationship of Thomas to our Richard Ayers, there is little doubt they were related. Census and tax records place the Ayers family in Harford County, Maryland, and in Dutchess County, New York from 1760 through 1800. Our Richard Ayers either immigrated from England or was born in the state of Maryland, with the greater likelihood being that he immigrated to Maryland and remained there until moving to Pennsylvania where his children were born.

The first census of Maryland in 1790 lists a Thomas Ayres in Shawsville County with a wife and 8 dependents and 1 slave. The 1810 Maryland census lists a Thomas I, Thomas II and a Richard Ayres ---all in Harford County. The Richard Ayres listed is our first known ancestor. Connecting Richard to either of the Thomases with verifying data is not possible. However, logical reasoning appears to establish their connection in that they are the only Ayres listed for Harford County on the 1810 census.

THE AYRES FAMILY

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Richard Ayres (Thomas W. Ayres)

b. ca 1790
d. 13 Jan 1866 (age 76), Beaver County, Penn.
m. ca 1826, Beaver Co., Penn., Elizabeth McCreery, b. ca 1793,
Ireland, d. 17 Mar 1873 (age 80), Van Port, Penn.
Richard and Elizabeth Ayres buried in Vanport, Beaver County,
Cemetery, Pennsylvania.

ISSUE AYRES: (born in Pennsylvania)

- . Thomas Ayres, b. ca 1828, m. Minnie ?
- . Elizabeth Ann, b. 15 Jun 1832, d. 1920 (age 88),
Vanport, Beaver Co., Pa., m. ca 1849, Van
Pa., Jacob Stone, b. 1821, near Baltimore, Md.,
d. 25 Oct 1888 (age 67), Vanport, Pa. Both Jacob
and Elizabeth Stone buried Van Port, Beaver Co., Pa.
- . Hannah, b. d. at age 83.
- . Abelard, b. 1842, m. Phebe L. ? , b. Penn.
- . Joanna, b. 1835, d. 1918 (age 83), m. Mr. Waggle.

Source: Ayres Family Records
Letter: Elizabeth Ayers Stone, 10 Apr 1918,
Vanport, Penn.

RICHARD AYRES (ca 1780-1866)

The subject is of English origin. According to family tradition, Richard Ayres and Elizabeth McCreery, of Irish origin, met on board a ship bound for America and were married before the ship reached its port in Maryland. Nothing is known of Richard's Maryland experience except that he did farm and all of his children were born there. Richard Ayres first appears in Beaver County, Pennsylvania on the U. S. Census of 1850---and again in 1860. At that time census reports reported only the name of head of household, number of persons in household and their ages and sex. The 1850 and 1860 census data for Richard Ayres matches the children and wife of Richard Ayres taken from reliable family documents.

It is significant to our family history that Richard Ayres and Adam Stone I moved their families from Maryland to Beaver County, Pennsylvania at about the same time and settled on farms near each other. Descendents of both the Ayres and Stone families still live in the Pittsburg, Pennsylvania area. Other Ayres migrated to Missouri and Kansas at the time Jacob Stone came to Platte Co., Missouri.

THE AYRES FAMILY

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²
• Abelard Ayres (Richard) ¹

b. 1842, Beaver County, Pennsylvania,
m. Phebe L., b. Pennsylvania.

ISSUE AYRES: (born Kansas)

- Arthur, b. 1866.
- Josephine, b. 1879

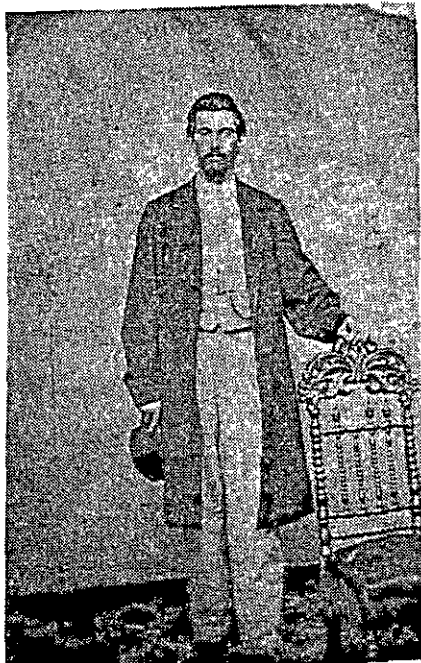
Also living in the Ayres household:

Robert H. Ayres
Isabel Ayres
William M. Ayres
A housekeeper, name illegible.

(Abelard had other children)

Source: U. S. Census, Platte County, Mo., 1870

Note: Abelard lived near Jacob Stone and his wife,
Elizabeth Ayres Stone, sister to Abelard Ayres,
near Parkville, Platte County, Missouri



Abelard Ayres,
brother of Elizabeth
Ayres Stone.



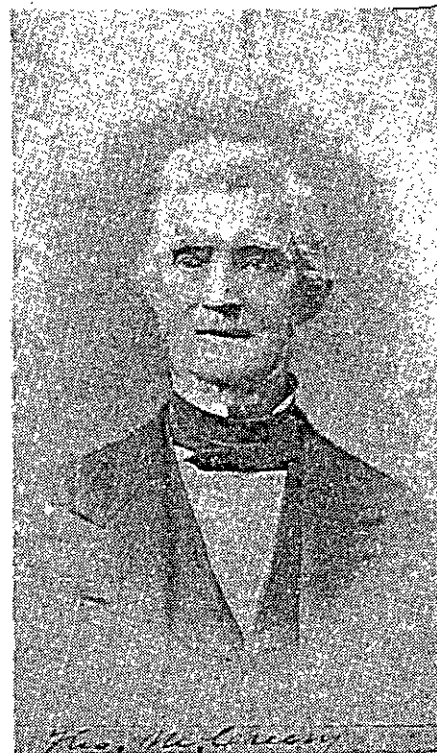
Abelard Ayres and his
wife, Phebe. Photo
taken Paola, Kansas.



Abelard Ayres and his wife Phebe sitting, and two daughters standing.

Photo taken in Paola, Kansas.

At left, Thomas McCreery, a brother of Elizabeth McCreery Ayers, wife of Richard Ayres. Thomas was in the banking business and worked in that capacity at Joplin, Missouri for a few years.



Keen Line to Staggs

Generations						Born	Died	Child	
1	2	3	4	5	6				
John	Keen					1578		5	B. England D. America
Martha						1579	1638		B. England D. At sea
Josiah	Keen					1620	1710	2	B. London, Eng.
Abigail	Little					1660	12/25	11	B. America Lived at Pembroke Mass.
Josiah	Keen Jr.						1732		
Lyndia	Barker					2/18			
						1659	0		
Samuel	Keen					1694		11	
Ruth	Sprague					2/22			B. Duxbury, Mass.
						1701	2		
Isaiah	Keen					1/19	5/18	8	B. Pembroke, Mass.
						1732	1777		
Ruth	Bisbee					4/25			
						1739	1783		
Zebulon	Keen					8/12	8/10	6	B. Pembroke, Mass. D. Courtland, N.Y.
						1763	1810		
Hulda ?							4/16		D. Courtland, N.Y.
						1763	1795		
Generations						Born	Died	Child	
7	8	9	10	11	12				
Sprague	Keen					10/6	5/21	9	B. Mass. D. Valparaiso, Ind.
						1788	1866		
Chloe	Higgins					1/24			B. McGrawville, N.Y. D. Valparaiso, Ind.
						1808			
Zebulon	Keen					6/16	5/25	12	B. Homer, N.Y. D. Valparaiso, Ind.
						1812	1897		
Hanna Jane	Webster					9/15	2/13		B. Eaton, N.Y.
						1816	1899		
Moseland	Warton Crow					12/5	3/18	5	B. Montgomery, Mass. D. Valparaiso, Ind.
						1846	1886		
Elnora	Keen					2/29	1/5		B. McGrawville, N.Y. D. Valparaiso, Ind.
						1846	1880		
William	Hawthorne Wareham					9/6	2/11	7	B. Mechanicsville, Pa. D. Valparaiso, Ind.
						1856	1929		
Alice	Geraldine Crow					9/29	2/28		B. Valparaiso, Ind. D. Valparaiso, Ind.
						1867	1948		
Richard	Staggs					6/11	6/2	5	B. Parksville, Mo. D. Holiday, Fa.
						1884	1965		
Ella	Blanch Wareham					4/18	1-21-92		B. Valparaiso, Ind. D. St. Augustine, Fa.
						1888			