This is the headstone of Robert Riddell and his wife Mary (Thompson) Riddell, located in Colerain, Massachusetts. Robert was one of the “three brothers” who came to these shores in 1718 and was the patriarch of my family tree.
This genealogy is a compendium that reflects many sources of data, including official records, published genealogies, census data, internet sources (verified), personal sources, and individual inputs based on family records. I have attempted to create a record of individuals, framed in a manner that enables the reader to walk in their shoes, to get a sense of what it was like to live in their times, and how they set the framework for what we all are today.

The work deals with my father’s line, the Riddells who came to these shores from Londonderry in Northern Ireland. Two of my sources trace the lineage back to the days of the Normans, to 1100 AD. Riddell, it turns out, is an ancient line with roots in the nobility of old Scotland. The three brothers who came to America in the early 1700’s are the progenitors of most of the Riddells who now live in this country. During my search for information, I repeatedly came across the spelling Riddle. It turns out that many early settlers spelled phonetically, and that for the most part, the spelling Riddle and Riddell were interchangeable. The first of our line to adopt Riddell as the “correct” name was William Pitt Riddell, my Great Grand-Uncle. He penned an early genealogy of the family as well which I was able to obtain from the National Archives (recreated in MS Word) and have attached at Appendix A.

The following pages were originally created by Family Tree Maker software and are based on the information I have collected for the past ten+ years. The generations are shown by indented numbers.

The first four pages are a descendents chart beginning with Hugh Riddell. The generations that follow are all indented and numbered according to the generation removed from Hugh. These pages provide a sense of the relationships of our family tree which are further highlighted in the second section which is a Family Report. Those individuals highlighted in yellow and light blue are my ancestors. I also provide a few pages dedicated to my Mother’s side of the family, the Kelsey clan.

In addition, I have added a photo gallery between the end of this document and the beginning of the William Pitt Riddell genealogy.

I hope you enjoy the reading as much as I enjoyed the writing!

John Paul Riddell Jr. (Jack – AKA Butch)
Descendants of Hugh Riddell

Descendants Chart

Editors Note: This chart is fairly straightforward. The generations are numbered and indented as they flow. I and my siblings are the 9th generation of Riddells, starting with Hugh and Mary.

1 Hugh Riddell 1600 -
   + Mary Wilson 1604 -
   .......... 2 Hugh Riddell 1631 -
   ............ + Margery Campbell
   ............ 2 Robert Riddell 1633 -
   ............ + Mary Henderson
   ............ 2 James Riddell 1635 -
   ............ + Elizabeth Maud  m: Dec 04, 1658
   ............ 2 Andrew Riddell 1639 -
   ............ 2 John Riddell 1641 - 1736/37 d: Jan 03, 1736/37 in Bedford, New Hampshire
   ............ + Janet Gordon 1650 -
   ............ 3 Margery Riddell 1686 -
   ............ 3 Gawen Riddell 1688 - 1779 d: Dec 22, 1779 in Bedford, New Hampshire
   ............ + Mary Bell 1724 – 1813 m: Bef. 1754 d: Jan 07, 1813 in Bedford, New Hampshire
   ............ 4 John Riddell 1754 – 1812 d: Nov 18, 1812
   ............ + Mary McAllee m: Abt. 1775
   ............ * 2nd Wife of John Riddell:
   ............ + Sarah Hartshorn m: Abt. 1810
   ............ 4 David Riddell 1757 - 1839 d: Dec 18, 1839 in Bedford, New Hampshire
   ............ 4 Susanah Riddell 1759 - 1841 d: Nov 05, 1841 in Bedford, New Hampshire
   ............ 4 Hugh Riddell 1761 – 1833 d: Aug 17, 1833 in Bedford, New Hampshire
   ............ + Anna Marie Houston
   ............ 4 Isaac Riddell 1762 – 1830 d: Jan 26, 1830 in Quincy, Massachusetts
   ............ + Ann Aiken 1764 - 1804 d: Apr 06, 1804
   ............ * 2nd Wife of Isaac Riddell:
   ............ + Margaret McGaw 1776 – 1816 d: Dec 19, 1816
   ............ * 3rd Wife of Isaac Riddell:
   ............ + Mary Vinal 1760 – 1837 d: Apr 05, 1837
   ............ 4 William Riddell 1765 - 1838 d: Jul 14, 1838 in Bedford, New Hampshire
   ............ 3 Hugh Riddell 1692 – 1775 d: Feb 25, 1775 in Colerain, Franklin, Co. Massachusetts
   ............ + Ann Aiken
   ............ 4 Hugh Riddell 1740 – 1817 d: Jun 05, 1817 in Charlemon, Franklin County, New Hampshire
   ............ + Jane Morris 1740 – 1811 m: Bef. 1758 - 1763 d: 1811 in Charlemon, Massachusetts
   ............ 5 Letitia Riddell 1767 -
   ............ 5 William Riddell 1768 -
   ............ 5 Samuel Riddell 1769 - 1851 d: Apr 08, 1851 in Wauwatosa, Milwaukee Cty., Wisconsin
   ............ + Jane Donaldson
   ............ 6 James Aiken Riddell 1795 - 1864 d: 1864 in Sullivan, Jefferson County, Wisconsin
   ............ + Lydia Cooper 1797 – 1881 d: 1881
   ............ 7 William Park Riddell 1824 -
   ............ 7 Jane Maria Riddell 1827 -
   ............ 7 Mary Eliza Riddell 1831 -
   ............ 7 Ann Cordelia Riddell 1836 -
d: Oct 15, 1886 in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin
   ............ + Mary Lillian Riddell 1860 -
   ............ + [4] August McGlorry m: Sep 22, 1883 in George Riddell's home
   ............ + [5] Mabel D. Riddell 1867 -
   ............ + [7] George W. Riddell 1871 -
   ............ + [9] Caroline Maria Chichester 1876 – 1937 m: Mar 06, 1901 in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin
d: Mar 28, 1937 in Ardmore, PA
   ............ + [12] Donald J. Riddell 1935 -
   ............ + [13] Arthur C. Riddell 1937 -
   ............ + [14] Richard J. Riddell 1941 -
   ............ + [17] Hockey Player (Name Unknown)
   ............ + [19] Dorothy Alice Kelsey 1910 – 1979 m: May 27, 1933 in Virginia, Minnesota
d: Jun 26, 1979 in Billings, Montana
   ............ + [20] Bonnie Lou Riddell 1934 -
   ............ + [21] Vern Lyle Green 1933 - m: in Rapid City, South Dakota
   ............ + [22] Kelly Jo Green 1960 -
   ............ + [23] Philip Wold 1935 -
   ............ + [24] Jennifer H. Wold 1992 -
The Riddells

10 [25] John Paul Riddell 1938 -


11 [27] Daniel Anilla Riddell 1963 -

11 [28] Alex Charles Riddell 1966 -

10 [29] Susan Eleanor Riddell 1947 -


11 [31] Marisa Lynne Neurul 1966 -

12 [32] James Alan Youngman 1964 -

12 [33] Riley James Youngman 1994 -

11 [35] Jason N. Neurul 1969 -


11 [37] Kelsey Connor 1979 -

9 [38] Horace Chilchester Riddell 1904 - 1980 d: Jun 12, 1980 in Butte, Montana

[39] Frances Morrow 1907 -

10 [40] Thomas Riddell

[41] Barbi Riddell

11 [42] Jim Riddell


[44] Roy Dower

[45] Lisa Dower

11 [46] Laurie Dower

[47] Terry Woodard

12 [48] Chastity Woodward

12 [49] Austin Woodward

11 [50] Jenny Dower

6 Wiliam Riddell 1798 -

4 William Riddell 1742 -

4 Robert Riddell 1744 - 1822 d: Feb 20, 1822 in Ripley, Chautauqua County, New York

4 Ann Riddell 1747 -

+ Jonathan Wilson

3 Robert Riddell 1697/98 - 1877 d: Sep 14, 1877 in Colerain, Franklin, Co. Massachusetts

Mary Thompson 1696 - 1759 d: May 27, 1759

4 Susan Riddell 1750 -

+ Jonathan Wilson


Mary Thompson 1695 - 1759 d: May 27, 1759

4 John Riddell 1783 - 1833 d: May 10, 1833 in Preston, Chenango County, New York

5 Lephe Gate 1877 - m: 1806

6 John Leonard Riddell 1807 - 1865 d: Oct 08, 1865 in New Orleans, Louisiana


7 Edward Henry Riddell 1844 -

7 John William Riddell 1844 -

+ Ann Hennefin

7 Edward Henry Riddell 1844 -

7 John William Riddell 1844 -

+ Ann Hennefin

8 Mary Elizabeth Knocke 1818 - m: Jun 20, 1836 in Newport, Kentucky

7 John Schrager Riddell 1837 - 1837 d: Jun 06, 1837

7 Sanford Schrager Riddell 1838 - 1904 d: Feb 22, 1904 in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

+ Josephine Boume 1869 - m: 1899 in Cincinatus, Chenango County, New York

8 Mary B. Riddell 1867 -

8 Josephine Riddell 1869 -

+ Richard Sleight m: Jun 12, 1889 in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

9 Richard Riddell Sleight

8 Sanford Lewis Riddell 1870 -

8 George William Riddell 1871 -

8 Louisiana Riddell 1873 -

+2nd Wife of John Leonard Riddell

3rd Wife of John Leonard Riddell:

Angelica Eugenia Brown m: Dec 01, 1846 in New Orleans, Louisiana

7 Lephe Eugenia Riddell 1848 -

7 Mary Angelica Riddell 1850 -

7 Susan Adelaide Riddell 1851 -

7 Gaen Leonard Riddell 1853 -

7 Robert Brown Riddell 1854 -

7 Peter Gates Riddell 1858 -

7 Jefferson Davis Riddell 1861 -

7 Hugh Gawn Riddell 1865 -

6 Lepha Maria Riddell 1809 - 1840 d: Nov 05, 1840

+Rud Crumb 1804 - November m: 1829 d: Nov 17

7 John Horace Crumb

7 Sensea R. Crumb

6 Julia Ann Riddell 1812 - 1905 d: Mar 14, 1905 in Walworth County, Wisconsin

+ John S. Brown 1808 - 1887 m: 1830 d: Mar 03, 1887 in Walworth County, Wisconsin

6 Sanford Allen Riddell 1816 - 1823 d: Aug 25, 1823

6 Samuel Taggart Riddell 1818 -

+ Lucy A. Beckwith m: 1844


+ Harriet M. Darling 1829 - 1904 m: Oct 10, 1847 in Preston, Chenango County, New York d: Mar 02, 1904 in Palmyra, Jefferson County, Wisconsin

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The Riddells

7. Franklin Darling Riddell 1850 – 1905 d: Jan 24, 1905
   * Ada Coon

8. George Riddell

   * Thomas Daniel Sankey 1869 – 1949 d: 1949
   * Alice Ann Susan Dahlberg 1910 –
   * 2nd Husband of Enid Elaine Sankey

9. Margaret Jane Riddell 1826 – 1845 d: Sep 20, 1845 in Preston, Chenango County, New York


9. Caroline Marie Chichester 1876 – 1937 m: Mar 06, 1901 in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

   * 2nd Wife of [1] George Riddell:

   d: Jun 04, 1904 in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin


   4 [4] August McGilory m: Sep 22, 1883 in George Riddell's home


   9. Carolene Marie Chichester 1876 – 1937 m: Mar 06, 1901 in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

      d: Mar 28, 1937 in Ardmore, PA


      9 [11] Helen McNamara 1900 – 1973 m: Jul 18, 1933 in Overbrook, PA

      10 [12] Donald J. Riddell 1935 –


      9 [14] Richard J. Riddell 1941 –


      17 [17] Hockey Player (Name Unknown)


      9 [19] Dorothy Alice Kelsey 1910 – 1979 m: May 27, 1933 in Virginia, Minnesota

      d: Jun 26, 1979 in Billings, Montana

      9 [20] Bonnie Lou Riddell 1934 –

      10 [21] Vern Lyle Green 1933 – m: in Rapid City, South Dakota

      10 [22] Kelly Jo Green 1960 –

      11 [23] Philip Wold 1955 –


      26 [26] Rose Jeanne Hausserstrom 1935 – m: Jun 28, 1962 in

             Isle of Palms, South Carolina

             10 [27] Daniel Attila Riddell 1963 –

             10 [28] Alex Charles Riddell 1966 –

      9 [29] Susan Eleanor Riddell 1947 –


             d: 1982 in Billings, Montana

      10 [31] Marisa Lynne Neuzil 1966 –


             11 [33] Riley James Youngman 1994 –

      11 [34] Jackson Gage Youngman 1997 –


      * 2nd Husband of [29] Susan Eleanor Riddell:


      10 [37] Kelsey Connor 1979 –

      8 [38] Horace Chichester Riddell 1904 – 1980 d: Jun 12, 1980 in Butte, Montana

      39 [39] Frances Morrow 1907 –

      9 [40] Thomas Riddell

      * [41] Barbi Riddell

      10 [42] Jim Riddell


      * [44] Roy Dower

      10 [45] Lisa Dower

      10 [46] Laurie Dower

      47 [47] Terry Woodward

             11 [48] Chastity Woodward

      11 [49] Austin Woodward

      10 [50] Jenny Dower

      6. Lovina Riddell 1824 –

             J. Denison Marion

      6. Margaret Jane Riddell 1826 – 1845 d: Sep 20, 1845 in Preston, Chenango County, New York


      * [51] Sarah-Glenn Chalmers
The Riddells

..............................................................6 Susan A. Riddell 1831 -
........................................................................5 Henry P. Marion m: Mar 1852
........................................................................5 Susannah Riddell 1787 - 1850 d: 1850 in Marshall, MI
........................................................................5 Nathan Noyes
........................................................................5 Robert Riddell 1789 - 1850 d: Aft. 1850
........................................................................5 Sarah Stewart m: Apr 21, 1813 in Colerain, Franklin County, Massachusetts
........................................................................5 Thomas Riddell 1791 -
........................................................................5 Jane Duncan Riddell 1791 - 1811 d: Oct 28, 1811
........................................................................5 Harriet Riddell 1793 -
........................................................................5 George Riddell 1796 - 1845 d: Jul 26, 1845 in Canisteo, New York
........................................................................5 Mary Babcock 1800 - 1879 m: Nov 17, 1822 in Colerain, Franklin County, Massachusetts d: Aft. 1879
........................................................................5 Mary Riddell 1798 – 1873 d: Apr 13, 1873 in Onondaga, New York
........................................................................5 John Holmes McClary 1794 – 1873 d: Apr 08, 1873 in Onondaga, New York
........................................................................5 Benjamin Clark 1795 – 1831 m: Mar 15, 1819 in Colerain, Franklin County, Massachusetts d: Apr 29, 1831 in Onondaga, New York
........................................................................6 Lemuel Gawn Clark 1820 - 1866 d: Apr 17, 1866
........................................................................6 Samuel Clark 1822 -
........................................................................6 Mary Jane Clark 1825 – 1909 d: 1909
........................................................................6 Willard B. Clark 1827 – 1885 d: Mar 15, 1885 in Syracuse, NY
........................................................................6 Emorette Wilson 1830 - 1900 d: Sep 26, 1900 in Syracuse, NY
........................................................................4 Robert Riddell 1789 -
.........2 Mary Riddell 1642 -
.........2 Gavin Riddell 1644 -
THE DESCENDANTS OF HUGH RIDDLE

Generation No. 1

Hugh Riddell is the farthest back I was able to take my search. Any further ancestry data would require a search of records in Northern Ireland. I may perhaps, undertake such research some day. JPR

1. HUGH1 RIDDELL was born Abt. 1600 in Ballaymeath, Londonderry, N. Ireland. He married MARY WILSON. She was born About. 1604 in Ballaymeath, Londonderry, N. Ireland.

Notes for HUGH RIDDELL:

According to G. T. Ridlon's "History of the Ancient Ryedales", Hugh is probably a descendent of the Riddells of Roxburghshire (in Scotland). This is the group of Riddells that Sir Walter Scott wrote about in "Riddell's Fair Domaine".

Additional information on Hugh’s birth/christening from LDS record AFN THHN-R5

Notes for MARY WILSON:

Additional information on Mary’s birth/christening from LDS File AFN:THHN-SB.

Children of HUGH RIDDELL and MARY WILSON are:
  i. HUGH2 RIDDELL, b. October 1631; m. MARGERY CAMPBELL.

Notes for HUGH RIDDELL:

Additional information on birth/christening from LDS File AFN:THHP-3T

More About HUGH RIDDELL:
Christening: October 16, 1631, Ballaymeath, Londonderry, N. Ireland

ii. ROBERT RIDDELL, b. 1633; m. MARY HENDERSON.

Notes for ROBERT RIDDELL:
Additional information on birth/christening from LDS File AFN:THHP-DD.

More About ROBERT RIDDELL:
Christening: May 22, 1633, Ballaymeath, Londonderry, N. Ireland

iii. JANET RIDDELL, b. Abt. 1635.

Notes for JANET RIDDELL:
Additional information on birth/christening from LDS File AFN:THHP-SG.

More About JANET RIDDELL:
Christening: April 04, 1635, Ballaymeath, Londonderry, N. Ireland

iv. JAMES RIDDELL, b. May 1637; m. ELIZABETH MAUDIT, December 04, 1658.

Notes for JAMES RIDDELL:
Additional information on birth/christening from LDS File AFN:THHP-TM.

More About JAMES RIDDELL:
Christening: May 10, 1637, Ballaymeath, Londonderry, N. Ireland
v. ANDREW RIDDELL, b. Abt. 1639.

Notes for ANDREW RIDDELL:

Additional information on birth/christening from LDS File AFN:THHN-Z6.

More About ANDREW RIDDELL:
Christening: August 02, 1639, Ballaymeath, Londonderry, N. Ireland


Notes for MARY RIDDELL:

Additional information on birth/christening from LDS File AFN:THHQ-J7.

More About MARY RIDDELL:
Christening: January 24, 1641/42, Ballaymeath, Londonderry, N. Ireland

viii. GAVIN RIDDELL, b. Abt. 1644.

Notes for GAVIN RIDDELL:

Gavin is also listed as Gawn and Gawen Riddell. He was one of four brothers, sons of Hugh Riddell and Mary Wilson of Ballaymeath, Londonderry, Ireland, who traveled to America in the year 1718 (from G. T. Ridlon's "History of the Ancient Ryedales." Gawn Married Mary Bell and settled in Bedford, New Hampshire.

Additional information on birth/christening from LDS File AFN:THHP-2N.

More About GAVIN (GAWN) RIDDELL:
Christening: September 20, 1644, Ballaymeath, Londonderry, N. Ireland

Generation No. 2

2. JOHN² RIDDELL (HUGH¹) was born Abt. 1641 in Ballaymeath, Londonderry, N. Ireland, and died January 03, 1736/37 in Bedford, New Hampshire. He married JANET GORDON. She was born Abt. 1650 in Ballaymeath, Londonderry, N. Ireland.

Notes for JOHN RIDDELL:

John Riddell, his wife Janet Gordon Riddell, and four of his children, Gawn, Hugh, Robert, and John, sailed to (it is believed) Boston in August 1718 as passengers on the five ships from Gann valley in Londonderry, North Ireland. According to G. T. Ridlon's "History of the Ancient Ryedales" John was christened on 14 November, 1641. John and wife Janet Gordon had a total of nine children. G. T. Ridlon has a footnote on John stating that he probably had a second wife. This is thought so because of the gaps in dates of birth of the children.

Additional information on birth/christening from LDS File AFN:THHQ-30.

More About JOHN RIDDELL:
Christening: November 14, 1641, Ballaymeath, Londonderry, N. Ireland

Children of JOHN RIDDELL and JANET GORDON are:

i. MARGERY³ RIDDELL, b. Abt. 1686.
3. Gawn⁴ Riddell (John², Hugh¹) was born May 16, 1688 in Ballaymeath, Londonderry, N. Ireland, and died December 22, 1779 in Bedford, New Hampshire. He married Mary Bell Bef. 1754. She was born Abt. 1724, and died January 07, 1813 in Bedford, New Hampshire.

Notes for Gawn Riddell:
The following information is from "Genealogical and Family History of the State of New Hampshire - A Record of Achievements of her People in the Making of a Commonwealth and the Founding of a Nation". This reference work was published in 1908 and was compiled under the editorial supervision of Ezra S. Stearns, assisted by William F. Whitcher and Edward E. Parker. I acquired a copy of the portion of the work that addresses the Riddell/Riddle families in New Hampshire. Following is selected narrative from the publication:

"Gawn, the oldest child of John and Janet Gordon Riddell, was born May 16, 1688 according to records in Ballymeath, Ireland. He died in Bedford on December 22nd, 1779 and the age of 91. With his three brothers (Hugh, Robert and John) and his sister (Margety), Gawn came to Londonderry (original name Nutfield) New Hampshire, and from there all except Robert removed to Bedford in about 1738. Gawn settled on and improved a piece of land, and his name appears upon the town records as tithingman, [I think that describes the person who collected tithes for the church], constable, selectman, clerk of market, committee to build meetinghouse, and so forth. He married Mary Bell, who was born in 1724 and died January 7, 1813 at the age of 81. She was the daughter of John and Katherine Bell, who immigrated from Ireland to Bedford about 1736. Gawn and Mary had six children: John, David, Susannah, Hugh, Isaac, and William."

David was a soldier in the American Revolution as was his brother Isaac.

Notes for Mary Bell:
The following information is from "Genealogical and Family History of the State of New Hampshire - A Record of Achievements of her People in the Making of a Commonwealth and the Founding of a Nation". This reference work was published in 1908 and was compiled under the editorial supervision of Ezra S. Stearns, assisted by William F. Whitcher and Edward E. Parker.

In this work, it notes that Mary Bell was the daughter of John and Katherine Bell who immigrated from Ireland to Bedford about 1736. Mary died on 7 January, 1813 and according to records, was 89.

Children of Gawn Riddell and Mary Bell are:

i. John⁴ Riddell, b. October 30, 1754, Bedford, New Hampshire; d. November 18, 1812; m. (1) Mary McAfee, Abt. 1775; m. (2) Sarah Hartshorn, Abt. 1810.


iv. Hugh Riddell, b. 1761, Bedford, New Hampshire; d. August 17, 1833, Bedford, New Hampshire; m. Anna Marie Houston.

v. Isaac Riddell, b. June 10, 1762, Bedford, New Hampshire; d. January 26, 1830, Quincy, Massachusetts; m. (1) Ann Aiken; b. November 12, 1764; d. April 06, 1804; m. (2) Margaret McGaw; b. May 25, 1776; d. December 19, 1816; m. (3) Mary Vinal; b. January 27, 1760; d. April 05, 1837.
More About ISAAC RIDDELL:
Burial: Family Tomb, Bedford Center

Notes for MARY VINAL:

The following information is from "Genealogical and Family History of the State of New Hampshire - A Record of Achievements of her People in the Making of a Commonwealth and the Founding of a Nation".

Mary Vinal was the sister of Captain Amos Lincoln of the tea party in the Boston Harbor in 1773. She kept among her relic treasure the axe with which her brother opened the memorable chest of tea.


4. HUGH3 RIDDELL (JOHN2, HUGH1) was born September 20, 1692 in Ballaymeath, Londonderry, N. Ireland, and died February 25, 1775 in Colerain, Franklin, Co. Massachusetts. He married ANN AIKEN. Hugh was one of the original three brothers who came to America from Londonderry. Among his ancestors is my Great Grandmother, Sybil Marian Riddell who was the second wife of George Riddell who was himself a descendent of Hugh's brother Robert.

Notes for HUGH RIDDELL:

From G.T. Ridlon's "History of the Ancient Ryedales":

Hugh was one of the three Riddell brothers who journeyed to America in 1718 with the "five ships" from Londonderry, Ireland. He first stopped in Londonderry, New Hampshire, where he married Ann Aiken, a woman of Scottish descent, of Concord, Massachusetts. He lived in Londonderry until 1738 at which time, he moved to Bedford, N.H. where he lived for many more years. He owned the farm since known as the "MacAllister Place" esteemed one of the best in town, and situated about 1 1/2 miles north of Bedford Center. He was pew owner in the Londonderry meeting house in 1739 and signed an agreement for a division of land there. In 1752, he was in a committee to build a wall around the meeting house; in 1754, was in a committee to build a frame for a meeting house (Note: a meeting house was a church); in 1756, was part of a committee to give the Rev. John Houston a call to preach; in 1757, he had forty pounds sterling for underpinning the meeting house; in 1759, was part of a committee to build a bridge across the Piscataquog River; and in 1762, "Deacon Hugh Riddell" was a committee to get the pulpit built. Documents from the period 1754 to 1755 note Hugh Riddell as Selectman in Bedford, N.H.

Hugh and Ann had four Children. Hugh, William, Robert, and Ann. Hugh (Jr.) followed in his Father's footsteps and also became a Deacon in the Presbyterian church.

In the year 1763, Hugh and his children Hugh, Robert, and Ann, moved to Coleraine, Massachusetts, a place settled by Scotch-Irish emigrants. He died in Coleraine on February 25th, 1775, aged -- according to the record of his birth, eighty-three years. His widow, Ann, died on May 22nd 1790. Both were buried in an ancient cemetery in Coleraine and in 1852, their double headstone stood near the center of the yard; his inscription was on one side of the stone and that of his wife on the other.

Other Facts:

Deacon Hugh Riddle is listed in the 1790 census in Hampshire County (Franklin County), Colrain town, page 107. Interestingly enough, this census also lists a Deacon Hugh Riddle as a resident of Colrain (page 134).

The 1800 census lists the household of Hugh (page 188) as: 1 male >45, 1 female <15, 1 female <20, and 1 female >45.

There were no Riddells (Riddles) listed on the 1734 Surveyors list for Narragansett #5. Hugh's family was probably the first of his line to move to Bedford.

He is probably the Hugh Riddle listed as a taxpayer/inhabitant of Narragansett #5 in 1738 by Matthew Patten (History of Bedford - 1972). Narragansett #5 was also called Souhegan-East.

Hugh Riddle is listed on the 1/1/1750 Bedford Taxpayer's list.
From the "History of Bedford" 1737 - 1971, page 29: "There was also the Riddle Garrison House, SE of the corner of N. Amherst and Wallace Road where Damon's Mills once stood..." His signature appears on a petition in 5/10/1750 calling for the creation of the town of Bedford ( "History of Bedford" 1737 - 1971, page 47). The town was actually incorporated in 1750 as Bedford, New Hampshire.

In the History of Bedford, page 114 it is noted that "Matthew Patten wrote to the Selectman on Sept. 6, 1755, asking for a town meeting for a conference about the meeting house (church). Three days later, he spent the forenoon in falling on a method for the accommodation to the town about setting the meeting house and at drew a paper to set it at Noah Thayer's place and signed it to James Little and Hugh Riddle by Robert Walker to go among the west side of the inhabitant".

On page 115, it goes on: "March 13th, 1757, voted that Captain Moses Barron, Robert Walker, and Samuel Patten be a committee for boarding and shingling the meeting house. S. Patten declined, and William More was put in his place. John Bell Jr. and John Wallace were a committee to provide glass and sashes; Hugh Riddle was employed to underpin and do the stone work."

More About Hugh Riddell:
Christening: September 20, 1692, Ballaymeath, Londonderry, N. Ireland

Notes for Ann Aiken:
Ann (also spelled Anne) was of Scottish descent. She was from the town of Concord in Massachusetts and moved with her family to Coleraine in 1763. Hugh Riddell and Ann were married by the Reverend Daniel Bliss.

Children of Hugh Riddell and Ann Aiken are:

   ii. William Riddell, b. 1742.

5. Robert Riddell (John, Hugh) was born March 14, 1697/98 in Coleraine, N. Ireland, and died September 14, 1787 in Colerain, Franklin, Co. Massachusetts. He married Mary Thompson. She was born Abt. 1696, and died May 27, 1759.

Notes for Robert Riddell:

Editors Note: Robert is my Great-Great-Great-Great Grandfather and the Riddell who initiated our distinct, family tree in the New World. A picture of his (and Mary’s) tombstone, located in Colerain, Mass., is on the front cover of this genealogy.

Robert Riddell, son of John Riddell and Janet Gordon of Ballaymeath, Ireland, was born March 14, 1698 and came with his three brothers and sister, Margery, to America in 1718#. He married Mary Thompson (Scottish descent) and they had Susannah (b. 11 May, 1750), Gawn (b. 22 February, 1753, Londonderry, NH; d. 29 July, 1812, Colerain, MA), Robert (b. 27 January, 1758, Londonderry, NH; d. 11 August, 1808, Sullivan County, NY), and Susannah (again) (b. 1759, Londonderry, NH; d. before 1852, m. Edwards).
Robert settled in Londonderry, New Hampshire along with many other Scottish-Irish families. He was surveyor of highways in Londonderry in 1748, 1749, and in 1753, was "haward." He moved to Coleraine (now Franklin County) Massachusetts and joined the Scottish-Irish settlement there. He bought a large tract of land and built a spacious house that, for many years, was used as a tavern and for accommodation of the traveling public. Robert Riddell was a man of gigantic proportions and of symmetrical form; a man of formidable strength but of mild disposition. His eyes were blue and his complexion fair. There are many traditions preserved in the family, among his descendents, regarding his great feats of strength, one of which was the shouldering of a cannon on muster-day, a show of near-Herculean strength. He was notorious as a bold Indian fighter. Many of his descendents were very large men. He died at Coleraine, MA, September 14th, 1787 at the age (according to his gravestone) of 79 years. If he was born in 1698 (as is recorded in records in Ireland), he was actually 89 year old at his death. His tombstone stands near the northern extremity of the old burying-ground at Coleraine, nearly concealed with briars. The cemetery is known as Chandler Hill Cemetery today. His stone bears the following inscription:

"All you advanced in years,
You healthy and robust,
Are tott'ring round the grave,
And soon must turn to dust."

* In "A History of Colrain Massachusetts with Genealogies of Early Families", by Lois McClellan Patrie, a genealogy for Robert says he was one of the five Riddles (Riddells) who came to Colrain in 1736 from Londonderry, Ireland. This date conflicts with the date given in the Ridlon book "History of the Ancient Ryedales" which says 1718. I am inclined to trust the Ridlon book since all the information is based on letters and records from original family members.

Children of ROBERT RIDDELL and MARY THOMPSON are:

3. ROBERT RIDDELL, b. November 15, 1789, New Bedford, NH (Possibly).

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6. Hugh4 Riddell (Hugh3, John2, Hugh1) was born August 1740 in Bedford, New Hampshire, and died June 05, 1817 in Charlemont, Franklin County, New Hampshire. He married Jane Morris Bet. 1758 - 1763. She was born 1740, and died 1811 in Charlemonit, Massachusetts. He married Jane Morris Bet. 1758 - 1763. She was born 1740, and died 1811 in Charlemonit, Massachusetts.

Notes for Hugh Riddell:

Editor's note: Hugh is the creator of the Riddell clan from which Sybil Riddell (my Great Grandmother) was descended. Sybil was later to marry George Riddell who descended from Hugh's brother, Robert. They were 2nd cousins. Another interesting fact about Hugh's line is that it is the only line to permanently adopt the spelling of "Riddle" for the family name. All the other lines used the correct Scottish Spelling of "Riddell." William Pitt Riddell, in his family Genealogy published in 1852, noted.

Deacon Hugh Riddell (Riddle) was the first child of Deacon Hugh Riddell Sr. He was a very large man - supposedly 7 1/2 feet in height with a proportion to match. The Riddells were closely associated with the Taggart family (Samuel Taggart was the Parson of Beford) and it is written in G.T. Ridlons book "History of the Ancient Ryedales" that:

"He was a sturdy man, and a sound orthodox deacon of the celebrated priest Taggart's church. His physical strength was remarkable and it is said that the parson, Samuel Taggart, and his deacon [Hugh] would frequently try each other's muscle in friendly wrestling until they would pant like two bullocks; in these encounters, they handled each other roughly, but always in the best spirit."

Ridlon goes on to note: "Mr. Riddell had few equals in his day where physical power was demanded. The town of Coleraine, where he lived, like that in the north of Ireland for which it was named, was noted for its large men. Dr. Adam Clark, the distinguished commentator, writes that he had seen many men in Coleraine Ireland whose height was seven and a half feet and some whose stature was eight feet."
From "A History of Colrain, MA by Lois McClellan Patrie", page 88, the following paragraph describes Hugh's power:

"Deacon Hugh Riddell of Colrain, whose son Samuel had marched to Springfield with the Shaysites, (Editor's note: this refers to Shay's (the "Whiskey") rebellion) is said to have hitched his horses to a sleigh and gone in pursuit, arriving at Springfield just as the attack broke up. He found his son in the melee, but on the homeward way, they were halted as fugitives and locked in an upstairs room in a tavern to await investigation. The good deacon, we are told, amply proved himself a man of peace by throwing one of his captors, who had offered him a gratuitous insult, through a window, demolishing sash and glass in the process, convincing the militant Samuel that all was lost. On the strength of this demonstration, father and son were shortly released and allowed to proceed upon their journey."

Notes for JANE MORRIS:

Jane Morris is also seen in some documents as Jean Morris. G.T. Ridlon (History of the Ancient Ryedales) believed that she died at her son Samuel's house. She was buried at Samuel Riddell's farm in Charlemont, MA.

Children of HUGH RIDDELL and JANE MORRIS are:
   i. LETITIA5 RIDDELL, b. Abt. February 1767.
   ii. WILLIAM RIDDELL, b. February 04, 1768.
   iii. SAMUEL RIDDELL, b. June 13, 1769, Colrain, Franklin, County, Massachusetts; d. April 08, 1851, Wauwatosa, Milwaukee Cty., Wisconsin.

7. GAWN4 RIDDELL (ROBERT3, JOHN2, HUGH1) was born February 22, 1753 in Londonderry, Rockingham Co. New Hampshire, and died February 29, 1812 in Colrain, Franklin, County, Massachusetts. He married MARGARET TAGGERT 1782 in Colrain, Massachusetts. She was born October 07, 1763 in Londonderry, Rockingham Co. New Hampshire, and died April 06, 1831 in Colerain, Franklin, Co. Massachusetts.

Notes for GAWN RIDDELL:

Gawn moved from Londonderry, New Hampshire to Coleraine, Massachusetts with his parents and kept a public house there (see parents notes). He was a soldier of the American Revolution and is renowned by his descendents for his prowess in his frequent skirmishes with the Indians, who, it is reported, "grievously infested those regions at that early time". Gawn is also listed in some references as "Gavin" and "Gawen".

I received a copy of a DAR application #212947 of Mary Lovina Lewis dated May 8, 1925. Mary was the Great Great Granddaughter of Gawn Riddell. She was the daughter of Lephe Maria Riddell who in turn, was the daughter of John Riddell and Lephe Gates. My great Grandfather, George was Lephe Maria's brother.

In the DAR application, it is stated that: "Gawn Riddell enlisted and served as a private in the Massachusetts Militia at various times during the war in the years 1775 to 1777, taking part in the Battle of Ticonderoga".

The units Gawn served in (and rank) were: "As Private, Capt. Robert Oliver's company, Col Ephraim Doolittle's regiment, muster roll dated August 1, 1775; enlisted July 29, 1775, also company return dated Charlestown, Winter Hill, Oct 6, 1775; also Captain Lawrence Kemp's Company, Col Leonard's regiment; enlisted Feb 23, 1777; discharged April 10, 1777; service 47 days at Ticonderoga; also Capt. Hugh McCallen's company; Col David Field's regiment; enlisted August 17, 1777; discharged August 19th, 1777. Company marched from Colrain to Bennington on the Alarm of Aug. 17, 1777; also Capt Hugh McCallen's Company, Col David Well's regiment; enlisted Sept. 22, 1777, discharged Oct. 18, 1777."

It is interesting to note that Gawn's service was broken into small segments of as few as two days. This was typical during the period since most of the soldiers were farmers who went off to fight between farm chores!

More About GAWN RIDDELL:
Burial: Chandler Hill Cemetery, Colrain, MA
Notes for MARGARET TAGGERT:

Margaret was the oldest child of Thomas Taggert. Thomas was the brother of the Reverend Samuel Taggert. Samuel (among other things) was the author of "Taggart's Choice" and served in the Continental Congress.

More About MARGARET TAGGERT:
Burial: April 1831, Chandler Hill Cemetery, Colrain MA

Children of GAWN RIDDELL and MARGARET TAGGERT are:

   ii. SUSANNAH RIDDELL, b. December 02, 1787, Colerain, Franklin, Co. Massachusetts; d. 1850, Marshall, MI; m. NATHAN NOYES.
   iii. ROBERT RIDDELL, b. November 05, 1789, Colerain, Franklin, Co. Massachusetts; d. Aft. 1850; m. SARAH STEWART, April 21, 1813, Colerain, Franklin County, Massachusetts.
   iv. THOMAS RIDDELL, b. 1791, Colerain, Franklin, Co. Massachusetts.
   vi. HARRIET RIDDELL, b. 1793, Colerain, Franklin, Co. Massachusetts/Franklin Co., MA.

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8. SAMUEL RIDDELL (Hugh^4, Hugh^3, John^2, Hugh^1) was born June 13, 1769 in Colrain, Franklin, County, Massachusetts, and died April 08, 1851 in Wauwatosa, Milwaukee Cty., Wisconsin. He married JANE DONALDSON.

Children of SAMUEL RIDDELL and JANE DONALDSON are:

11. i. JAMES AIKEN RIDDELL, b. July 09, 1795, Colerain, Franklin, Co. Massachusetts; d. 1864, Sullivan, Jefferson County, Wisconsin.
   ii. WILLIAM RIDDELL, b. April 14, 1798.

9. JOHN RIDDELL (Gawn^4, Robert^3, John^2, Hugh^1) was born December 15, 1783 in Colerain, Franklin, Co. Massachusetts/Franklin Co., MA, and died May 10, 1833 in Preston, Chenango County, New York. He married LEPHE GATES 1806. She was born November 22, 1787 in Preston, Chenango County, New York.

Notes for JOHN RIDDELL:

Editor's note: John Riddell is my Great Great Great Grandfather. Three of his children were physicians and went on to lead distinguished professional lives.

Captain John Riddell was educated at Deerfield Academy. In 1805, he taught school at Norwich, now Preston, Chenango County, New York. In 1807, with his family and one son (Samuel Taggart), he moved to a farm located about one mile west of Preston Corners, where he built a home and permanently settled.

The house stood about eight rods northwest of the house occupied by his son Samuel in 1852. During the winter of 1815-1816, John taught school in his own district. He held the office of constable and Justice of Peace, receiving his commission from the Governor of the state. Subsequently, he was frequently elected to the office of Supervisor and always enjoyed the complete confidence of his townsmen. He was chosen Captain of the militia, at that time an office of considerable respectability, and his commission from Governor Tompkins (1852) is still preserved among the family papers. Captain Riddell was tall and rather slim; he had light blue eyes and dark hair; was noted for his large stock of general information, being an avid reader all his days. As a leading, public-spirited man, he was highly esteemed, and was long a reliable and very useful public servant. He died May 10, 1833, deservedly lamented by all who knew him.

Note: The foregoing information is derived from various sources including G.T. Ridlon's "History of the Ancient Ryedales and their descendents in Normandy, Great Britain, Ireland, and America from 860 to 1884", "History of Colrain Massachusetts", Lois McClellan Patrie, 1974, and Vital Records of Londonderry, NH.
Notes for LEPHE GATES:

Lephe Gates was a daughter of Peter Gates who married Mary Allen, both from Groton, MA, then of Leyden, MA. Lephe was born 22 November, 1787. "Under circumstances (says the son William) peculiarly embarrassing, after the death of her husband, she proved herself a woman of peculiar energy of character, and her efforts in behalf of the family, at that time composed mostly of young children, are not likely to be forgotten by them. During the time of her greatest perplexity, after her husband's death, she seemed to receive great consolation from reading the Bible, and actually read the whole through in five months." She used to tell, with apparent satisfaction, of spinning one hundred and thirty-nine knots of yarn in a day. In early life, besides attending to the household duties, this was done in 1826. She was enjoying good health in 1852 and had the care of her two grandsons from New Orleans, educating at the North.

Children of JOHN RIDDELL and LEPHE GATES are:

12. i. JOHN LEONARD6 RIDDELL, b. February 20, 1807, Leyden, Franklin County, Massachusetts; d. October 08, 1865, New Orleans, Louisiana.
13. ii. LEPHIA MARIA RIDDELL, b. January 01, 1809; d. November 05, 1840.

Notes for JULIA ANN RIDDELL:

Julia was born on July 19th, 1812
Married John S. Brown from E. Troy, WI who was born on July 04, 1808
Either came from or was born in Sherburne, NY
Leased Preston NY land from John Riddell in 1840 or 1841


Notes for JOHN S. BROWN:

J.S. Brown is listed in "History of the Ancient Ryedales" (page 258) as a Blacksmith. He died on the 3rd of March in 1887 and is buried in Walworth County. This is from the Wisconsin Vital Records Death Index, Vol. 1, page 0314, Image 1184.

iv. SANFORD ALLEN RIDDELL, b. April 09, 1816, Preston, Chenango County, New York; d. August 25, 1823.

ev. SAMUEL TAGGERT RIDDELL, b. July 04, 1818, Preston, Chenango County, New York; m. LUCY A. BECKWITH, 1844.

Notes for SAMUEL TAGGERT RIDDELL:

According to G T Ridlon "Ancient Ryedales", was born 7/4/1818.
Named after g-granduncle Dr. Samuel Taggert D.D., Clergyman in Colrain, MA. Author of “Taggart's View” and long term member of the United States Congress.
Worked in the New Orleans mint as foreman in melting and refining room from 1840-1842. [Note: His brother, John Leonard, was in charge of the Mint].
Went back to Preston, NY for a period, then to E. Troy WI in 1844. Back to Preston, NY on the old farm until 1852.
Was living in Turner, Mills Co., IA in 1876
See 1870 Census, Samuel Riddle, Decatur Co., Woodland TWP, IA, p361
See 1870 Census, Samuel Riddle, Linn Co., Mt Vernon TWP, IA, p311[test.FTW]

Samuel enlisted in the army on 30 August, 1862 and fought in the Civil War as part of the "A" Company 8th Cavalry Regiment, NY. He was discharged with disability at Winchester VA on 11 January 1865. [From the Report of the Adjutant-General of New York, NY Roster, published by/on 1894-1906.]

In the 1890 special census, Samuel Taggart Riddell is listed as a resident of Schuyler Township, Colfax County, Nebraska. His widow, Lucy, received his civil war pension after Samuel died.

Homestead records show that Samuel received a homestead for a section of land in Willamette, Washington on May 15th 1902. It is noted as Section No. 26 in Township No. 21 North of Range No. 31 East of the Willamette Principal Meridian Washington, containing 160 acres. Samuel got sick during a trip back to Nebraska (his previous home of record) and died there on 20 June, 1899. His widow, Lucy A. Riddell subsequently filed affidavits to acquire title to the land and was granted full title.
In one of the affidavits, Lt. Col. W. H. Benjamin of the 8th NY Cavalry describes Samuel T. in the following narrative: "Said Samuel T. Riddell was born in Preston in the State of New York, is 43 years of age, six feet, one inches high, light complexion, blue eyes, brown hair, and by occupation, when enrolled, a Farmer."

vi. DOCTOR GEORGE RIDDELL, b. June 03, 1822, Preston, Chenango County, New York; d. October 15, 1886, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.

vii. LOVINA RIDDELL, b. September 02, 1824; m. J. DENISON MARION; b. Preston, Connecticut.

Notes for LOVINA RIDDELL:
From "History of the Ancient Ryedales", G.T. Ridlon states (page 258) that "Lovina lived with her aunt Lovina (daughter of Gawn Riddell) from 1832 to 1842, after which she attended the academy at Onandaga Hollow. Subsequently, she attended the Norwich Academy and a select school at Plymouth, then the academy at Oxford; in the meanwhile, taught school in several places."

Notes for J. DENISON MARION:
From "History of the Ancient Ryedales", G.T. Ridlon states (page 258) that "Mr. Marion is a blacksmith by trade is constable and collector (in 1852) of the town of Preston (New York).

viii. MARGARET JANE RIDDELL, b. November 08, 1826, Preston, Chenango County, New York; d. September 20, 1845, Preston, Chenango County, New York.

Notes for MARGARET JANE RIDDELL:
Margaret-Jane never married. Born, lived, and died in Preston at age 19 years.

ix. WILLIAM PITT RIDDELL, b. October 01, 1828, Preston, Chenango County, New York; d. 1872, Houston, Texas; m. SARAH-GLENN CHALMERS; b. Houston, Texas.

Notes for WILLIAM PITT RIDDELL:
From "History of the Ancient Ryedales" by G.T. Ridlon:
Lived with his sister Julia Riddell (Brown) from 1838-1843 while his Mother, Lephe Gates was in New Orleans taking care of John Leonard's kids after his wife died.
William Attended Oxford Academy and attended Amherst College in MA. Went to Yale in 1848 and received an AB from Yale in 1851. Was a president of the Lionian Society
Attended Chemistry and Natural Sciences class at University of Louisiana in 1852 in New Orleans.
L ectured about Chemistry at the Louisiana College in New Orleans in winters of 1851 & 1852.
Compiled genealogical sketch on family in 1852.
Also attended Univ. of Louisiana as medical student. Later Became a member of the faculty in the Collegiate Dept at U of Louisiana. Accompanied John Leonard Riddell to Lake Providence, Louisiana and Vicksburg, MS in 1853 while John investigated cause of Yellow Fever epidemic for City of New Orleans. John Leonard sent money to William for his education.
Jointly operated a Chemical analysis lab in April, 1853 in New Orleans with John Leonard.
Fellow of the New Orleans academy of Sciences before John Leonard
Was shot dead in 1872 near his home in Houston, TX in 1872 by an assassin.

According to the booklet on John Leonard Riddell by Karlem Reiss, "He is said to have been a stalwart-built man, broad shouldered and full-chested, a regular athlete. He had dark hair and blue eyes; a receding forehead, and regular features. He was social and kind-hearted."

[Brøderbund Family Archive #317, Ed. 1, Census Index: U.S. Selected Counties, 1850, Date of Import: Oct 31, 1998, Internal Ref. #1.317.1.27092.74]
Individual: Riddell, William
County/State: New Haven Co., CT
Location: New Haven
Page #: 345
Year: 1850
x. SUSAN A. RIDDELL, b. March 24, 1831, Preston, Chenango County, New York; m. HENRY P. MARION, March 1852.

Notes for SUSAN A. RIDDELL:

Went with mother, Lephe Gates Riddell, to New Orleans from 1838-1843
Went to select school in Plymouth
Went to Oxford Academy for 2 years
Went to New Orleans in 1849 with John L. Riddell and returned to NY in the summer of 1850.
Stayed with mother until her marriage

Notes for HENRY P. MARION:

Henry is the brother of Lovina Riddell's husband, J. Denison Marion. Henry came from Preston, Connecticut and was Superintendent of Schools and Justice of the Peace in that town as well as town collector.

10. MARY RIDDLE (GAWN, ROBERT, JOHN, HUGH) was born February 09, 1798 in Colerain, Franklin, Co. Massachusetts/Franklin Co., MA, and died April 13, 1873 in Onondaga, New York. She married (1) JOHN HOLMES MCCLARY. He was born March 27, 1794 in Dunbarton, New Hampshire, and died April 08, 1873 in Onondaga, New York. She married (2) BENJAMIN CLARK March 15, 1819 in Colerain, Franklin County, Massachusetts. He was born February 08, 1795 in Halifax, Vermont, and died April 29, 1831 in Onondaga, New York.

Children of MARY RIDDLE and BENJAMIN CLARK are:

i. LEMUEL GAWN CLARK, b. October 24, 1820; d. April 17, 1866.
ii. SAMUEL CLARK, b. November 21, 1822.
iii. MARY JANE CLARK, b. April 29, 1825; d. 1909.
iv. WILLARD B. CLARK, b. December 15, 1827; d. March 15, 1885, Syracuse, NY; m. EMORETTE WILSON; b. March 20, 1830, Dewitt, NY; d. September 26, 1900, Syracuse, NY.
11. JAMES AIKEN6 RIDDELL (SAMUEL5, HUGH4, HUGH3, JOHN2, HUGH1) was born July 09, 1795 in Colerain, Franklin, Co. Massachusetts, and died 1864 in Sullivan, Jefferson County, Wisconsin. He married LYDIA COOPER. She was born 1797, and died 1881.

Children of JAMES RIDDELL and LYDIA COOPER are:

i. WILLIAM PARK7 RIDDELL, b. June 20, 1824.
ii. JANE MARIA RIDDELL, b. April 02, 1827.
iii. MARY ELIZA RIDDELL, b. November 20, 1831.
iv. ANTIL CORDELIA RIDDELL, b. November 24, 1836.

12. JOHN LEONARD6 RIDDELL (JOHN5, GAWN4, ROBERT3, JOHN2, HUGH1) was born February 20, 1807 in Leyden, Franklin County, Massachusetts, and died October 08, 1865 in New Orleans, Louisiana. He married (1) ANN HENNEFIN. He married (2) MARY ELIZABETH KNOCKE June 20, 1836 in Newport, Kentucky. She was born March 07, 1818 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He married (3) ANGELICA EUGENIA BROWN December 01, 1846 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Notes for JOHN LEONARD RIDDELL:

Biographical Information:

John Leonard Riddell was a physician, botanist, author, explorer, and inventor born in Leyden, Massachusetts. After receiving his M.D. in 1836, he became professor of chemistry in the medical department of the University of Louisiana (Tulane) until his death. He cataloged Louisiana plants and found several new species; the plant "Riddellia" was named for him. Riddell was the melter and refiner of the U.S. Mint in New Orleans from 1839 - 1848, served on the Sanitary Commission of New Orleans to study the causes of yellow fever, and in 1851, developed the binocular microscope. During the Civil War, although having Union sympathies, Riddell served the Confederate government as postmaster of New Orleans, 1860 - 1863. He published numerous scientific papers and books before his death in New Orleans. The photos shown on these pages are taken from "John Leonard Riddell, Scientist-Inventor, Melter and Refiner of the New Orleans Mint 1839-1848; Postmaster of New Orleans, 1859-1862." This was a document published in 1977 by Karlem Reiss. It is available through the Louisiana Heritage Press in New Orleans.

Riddell, John Leonard (1807 - 1865)

Works of John Leonard Riddell:

Dr. Riddell on the Plants of the South West. New Orleans: Printed by Joseph Cohn, 1853.
Introductory Lecture, on Our Knowledge of Nature, the Natural Sciences, and on Certain Truths Revealed by the Microscope. New Orleans: The Medical Students of the University of Louisiana, 1852.
A Monograph of the Silver Dollar, Good and Bad. New Orleans: Norman, 1845.
On Corpuscular Permeation and the Attendant Phenomena, With Applications to Physiology: Read Before the Cincinnati Medical Society, April 2, 1835.


Particular Directions for Collecting and Preserving Specimens of Plants, Extracted From an Unpublished Treatise on Practical Botany. 1834.


Report of the Measurements and Observations Made From the 20th to the 29th August 1850 by the Surveyors and Engineers, Accompanying the Senate Committee on the Expedition up the Mississippi and Down the Atchafalaya. New Orleans, 1850.

Supplementary Catalogue of Ohio Plants: Embracing the Species Discovered Within the State of Ohio, in 1835: Catalogue and Descriptions Read, and Specimens Exhibited, Before the Western Academy of Natural Sciences, March 16, 1836. Cincinnati: 1836.

Synopsis of the Flora of the Western States. 1835.

From Herringshaw's Encyclopedia of American Biography, page 787:

RIDDELL, JOHN LEONARD, physician, educator, inventor, author, was born Feb. 20, 1807, in Leyden, Mass. He was melter and refiner at the United States mint in New Orleans, the inventor of a binocular microscope and magnifying glass, and discovered the microscopical characteristics of the blood and black vomit in yellow fever. He first brought to notice the botanical genus Riddellia, which was named for him.

Notes for ANN HENNEFIN:
There is a lot of confusion as to the status of Ann Hennifen. In John Leonard's journal, he notes the birth of the two boys, Edward and John, but there is no mention of a marriage to Ann. Nor is there any record in New Orleans of a marriage. It is possible (probable) that Ann was his mistress. When John Leonard died and his estate was settled, neither of the two boys was listed as an heir.

Notes for MARY ELIZABETH KNOCKE:
Mary Knocke was also called Mary Schrager and Mary Bone. Note the subsequent naming of some of the children; e.g., Sanford Schrager Riddell. Mary had been an orphan in New Orleans.

[From "John Leonard Riddell, Scientist, Inventor, Melter & Refiner of the New Orleans Mint, 1839-1848; Postmaster of New Orleans, 1859-1862" by Karlem Reiss.

Children of JOHN RIDDELL and ANN HENNEFIN are:

i. EDWARD HENRY7 RIDDELL, b. November 18, 1844.

Notes for EDWARD HENRY RIDDELL:
Edward Riddell is listed in the 1870 Louisiana census in the county of East Baton Rouge (page 13).

ii. JOHN WILLIAM RIDDELL, b. December 02, 1844.

Children of JOHN RIDDELL and MARY KNOCKE are:

iii. JOHN SCHRAGER7 RIDDELL, b. April 02, 1837; d. June 06, 1837.

Notes for JOHN SCHRAGER RIDDELL:
Died as an infant. No cause or explanation given in the J.L. Riddell journals.


Children of JOHN RIDDELL and ANGELICA BROWN are:

v. LEPHE EUGENIA7 RIDDELL, b. April 03, 1848.

vi. MARY ANGELICA RIDDELL, b. February 14, 1850.
vii. SUSAN ADELAIDE RIDDELL, b. October 29, 1851.
viii. GAEN LEONARD RIDDELL, b. November 25, 1853.
ix. ROBERT BROWN RIDDELL, b. Abt. December 08, 1854.
x. PETER GATES RIDDELL, b. January 13, 1858.
xi. JEFFERSON DAVIS RIDDELL, b. October 29, 1861.
xii. HUGH GAWN RIDDELL, b. June 18, 1865.

Notes for HUGH GAWN RIDDELL:

Hugh G. Riddell is in the New Orleans directory of 1890 where he is listed as a Clerk for the Pacific Express Company, residing at 542 Carondelet, in New Orleans.

13. LEPHIA MARIA6 RIDDELL (JOHN5, GAWN4, ROBERT3, JOHN2, HUGH1) was born January 01, 1809, and died November 05, 1840. She married RUEL CRUMB 1829. He was born September 13, 1804, and died November 17.

Notes for LEPHIA MARIA RIDDELL:

From "Ancient Ryedales", page 257:

Lephia Maria was born on January 01, 1809 in Preston, Chenango County, New York
Died November 05, 1840
Lived at Onondaga, NY
Middle name may have been spelled Mariah
Married a Ruel Crumb who was probably related to Phineas, Rodley, Reny, and Rowland B. Crumb of Preston in 1830 Census

In the booklet "John Leonard Riddell, Scientist-Inventor, Melter and Refiner of the New Orleans Mint 1939-1848, Postmaster of New Orleans, 1859-1862 by Karlem Reiss", the name is given as Lephe Mariah.

Lephie Maria (Riddell) Crumb died on the 5th of November, 1840 and was buried in Sentinel Heights or East Hill Cemetery (Lot 12 of the Indian Purchase of 1817, Town of Onandaga).

More About LEPHIA MARIA RIDDELL:
Burial: November 1840, Onandaga, New York

Children of LEPHIA RIDDELL and RUEL CRUMB are:

i. JOHN HORACE7 CRUMB.

Notes for JOHN HORACE CRUMB:
John Horace Crum is listed in the National Register of the Society of Sons of the American Revolution. The entry is as follows: JOHN HORACE CRUM, Dansas City, Mo. (9921). Son of Ruel and Lephe Maria (Riddle) Crum; grandson of John and Lephe (Gates) Riddle, Great-grandson of Gavin Riddle, private, Mass. troops.

ii. SENECA R. CRUMB.

14. DOCTOR GEORGE6 RIDDELL (JOHN5, GAWN4, ROBERT3, JOHN2, HUGH1) was born June 03, 1822 in Preston, Chenango County, New York, and died October 15, 1886 in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. He married (1) HARRIET M. DARLING October 10, 1847 in Preston, Chenango County, New York, daughter of ANDREW DARLING and PHILENA-DAVIS BOWDISH. She was born August 24, 1829, and died March 02, 1904 in Palmyra, Jefferson County, Wisconsin. He married (2) SYBIL MARIAN RIDDELL October 20, 1858 in Sullivan, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, daughter of JAMES RIDDELL and LYDIA COOPER. She was born June 29, 1834 in Sullivan, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, and died June 04, 1904 in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.

Notes for DOCTOR GEORGE RIDDELL:

Dr. George Riddell was born in New York on the 3rd of June, 1822. According to his Palmyra, Wisconsin divorce papers (I acquired a copy – JPR), he had married Harriet Darling on 10 October, 1847 in Preston, Chenango County, New York.
He moved first to New Orleans, where he worked with his brother, John Leonard Riddell at the New Orleans mint, then moved to Palmyra, Wisconsin (Jefferson County) and later to Chippewa Falls. In the 1855 Wisconsin census, ID#WI00935362, page 08, George Riddell is listed as a resident of Palmyra, Jefferson County, Wisconsin. He had three children with Harriet: 1) Franklin Darling Riddell (b. 4 April, 1850 - d. 24 January, 1905, buried at Hillside Cemetery in Palmyra, WI. 2) Harriet Georgianna (Georgia) (d. 8 Feb, 1878 at age 26), and 3) Martha, married to Harmon Clemons of Minneapolis. Harriet and George were divorced on September 25, 1857. According to the divorce papers, George and Harriet were living separately for two years preceding the divorce. Harriet was remarried to Simeon Bunke on 19 October, 1859, two years after her divorce from George. Harriet died on 1 March, 1905 at the age of 75. She is buried in Hillside Cemetery in Palmyra.

According to "History of the Ancient Rydales" by G.T. Ridlon (Page 258), after marrying Harriet, George went to New Orleans where he was employed at the Mint [his brother, John Leonard Riddell was the head of the mint at that time]. George attended academies in Norwich and Oxford, NY. Later, he taught in both public and private schools. In the Spring of 1844, he was elected Superintendent of Schools in the town of Preston. Later, he studied medicine. He spent three years in New Orleans attending medical studies and seminars (Tulane) and in 1848, received his M.D. degree from the University of Louisiana. He moved to Palmyra, Wisconsin in 1851. [I have no way of verifying this, but I think he went there because other Riddells were already living there. James Aiken Riddell was a Justice of the Peace in upstate, Wisconsin and he was a cousin of George - JPR]. He moved to Rome, Wisconsin for about three years following the divorce in 1857 where he also practiced medicine. During this period, he provided for support of his children. After that, he moved to Chippewa Falls where he partnered with his Nephew, Dr. Sanford Schrager Riddell as practicing physicians.

Sanford Schrager Riddell, originally of New Orleans, LA, was awarded a land bounty for serving in the Civil War and setup a clinic from his father's (John Leonard Riddell's) estate. This is the clinic where he and George later worked as a medical team.

George married a second time with Sybil Marian Riddell (yes - he married another Riddell) on 20 October, 1858. According to the Petition for Pension Sybil filed after George's death, they were married in the town of Sullivan in Wisconsin. I can't find records to validate this, but I believe he met and married Sybil in Palmyra, (or possibly Rome, WI) may have had his daughter Mary Lillian while living there, then moved to Chippewa Falls. George died at the age of 64. This was noted in the October 15th, 1866 edition of the Chippewa Herald (of Chippewa Falls, WI). The note on the death notice said "He came from Palmyra". There is also a death notice that appeared in the Chippewa Herald on 15 February, 1878 that announces the death of Georgia Riddell, daughter of Dr. George Riddell.

George enlisted on 8 August, 1862 in the Light Artillery, 10th Battalion of the Wisconsin Volunteers, fighting for the Union side during the Civil War. He is listed as a Surgeon. According to the register of American Civil War Soldiers, he mustered out on 28 March, 1863. He fought in the battle at Corinth, Mississippi and the battle at Red Oak Station in Georgia. His unit lost only 3 enlisted in combat but 25 due to disease or accident! George himself died on the 10th of October in 1886. According to an affidavit sworn by his widow, Sybil, he died of "softening of the brain".

His children are noted on the 1880 census as follows:

Lilly (Mary Lillian) age 20, dressmaker, born in Wisconsin (probably Palmyra)
Mabel, age 13, born in Wisconsin (in Chippewa Falls)
George, age 9, born in Wisconsin (in Chippewa Falls)
Johnny (John Paul), age 6, born in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin (my Grandfather)

There is one other mystery related to the Wisconsin Riddells. In the 6 November, 1867 edition of the Banner (a Palmyra/Rome newspaper) the following article appears: "A Child Burned to Death - A child, daughter of Dr. Riddell of Rome, aged about five years, was burned to death on Monday afternoon last. It seems that a fire had been built in the road to heat water for scalding hogs. When they had finished killing the hogs, the fire was extinguished, as they supposed, and left. In the afternoon, as the school children were returning home, they stopped and rekindled the fire, and in playing around this, the clothes of the Doctor's little girl caught fire. She ran into the yard and around the house, with two or three men after her, but before she was caught and the fire extinguished, she was so badly burned that she only lived until about nine o'clock in the evening. This is a hard stroke on the Doctor's family and should serve as a warning to parents to beware of letting their children play around fire."
I do not know who this child was! I am assuming the doctor Riddell in the story was George and not Sanford S. Riddell. I can find no other record of the birth of this daughter. As noted above, the 1880 census shows Lilly (born in 1860) still very much alive. Mabel was born in 1867, the year this little girl died. Since she was five years old at the time of her death, she had to be born in 1862 and there is no mention of any child born in that year in any of the family records.

In March, 2002, I met with Alice Dahlberg, then 92 years of age, and her daughter, Enid Elaine Sankey. Alice is the daughter of Harriet Eliza Riddell (daughter of Franklin Darling Riddell) and Thomas Daniel Sankey. They presented me with several photos of George which are attached to this file, and a copy of the 1957 newspaper clipping that chronicled the closing of the old Spa where George and Sanford Riddell had worked years earlier.

Spa Article from the Milwaukee Journal, 3 February, 1957
Notes for Harriet M. Darling:

Harriet Darling was the first wife of George Riddell. They had three children, Frank, Georgia, and Martha. George and Harriet divorced sometime around 1856/57. Harriet remarried on 19 October, 1859 to Simeon Bunker. She lived to the age of 75 and is buried in Hillside Cemetery in Palmyra. According to "History of the Ancient Ryedales" by G. T. Ridlon (page 258), Harriet married George in New York, on the 10th of October in 1847. The pastor was J.T. Goodrich. It notes in the book that George built a profitable medical practice in Palmyra, WI and built a beautiful house that was surrounded by tasteful gardens and adorned with rare flowers and shrubs. When Harriet divorced George, she was awarded the elegant house as part of the divorce settlement.

More About Harriet M. Darling:
Burial: Hillside Cemetery, Palmyra, Wisconsin

Marriage Notes for George Riddell and Harriet Darling:
Harriet was married a second time on 19 October, 1859 to Simeon Bunker. The marriage took place in Jefferson County.

Notes for Sybil Marian Riddell:

Sybil was my Great Grandmother and presented one of my greatest challenges during my search for roots. Requests for copies of marriage certificates, birth certificates, etc. ended up with a blank from the state of Wisconsin. Finally, I stumbled across a note during a genealogy search on the internet that mentioned a Civil War service record for Dr. George Riddell. I sent my money and proper form to the National Archives and six months later, received a large packet of legal-looking documents. They turned out to be copies of Sybil's petition for pension. Sybil attempted to file for a pension based on George's service as a surgeon in the Civil War. It was through copies of her petition for pension that I learned much about Sybil and George. Her request for pension was denied because George had been paid during his service by the state of Wisconsin vice the federal government, thus she was ineligible for the federal pension.

On one of the forms, Sybil signed her maiden name as Sybil Marian Riddell. I assumed she had mistakenly signed her married name. Thanks to a genealogy collaboration with Robert Wallace of Irving, Texas, I learned what was really going on. I quote his e-mail:

"It was interesting to go through the pension application files. I had the following thoughts; Sybil was the Sybil Marian Riddell whose father, James Aiken Riddell (Justice of the Peace for Sullivan, WI) performed the marriage of George and Sybil less than a month after George's divorce was finalized. James Aiken Riddell got a land bounty grant in WI, probably from having served in the war of 1812, and may have been the first Riddell's to move to WI. His daughter, Mary Eliza (Riddell) Longley and her brother William Park Riddell were the two witnesses at the wedding. Sybil's line of Riddells descends from the Hugh clan. George's line descends from the Robert clan."

I later filled in some of the blanks from Sybil's line in this genealogy (from Robert's inputs). How interesting to learn that George's second wife was a Riddell before they married! And to note that her Father, James Aiken Riddell, performed the ceremony. In reading the above, I can almost picture one of Sybil’s brothers standing in the back of the wedding party with a loaded shotgun! (just kidding - but who knows. According to George’s divorce papers (I have copies), George was caught undressed, in a "rumpled bed", with a younger lady while he still lived in Palmyra. My hunch is the younger lady was my Great Grandmother). Sybil died on June 4th, 1904. When she died she was living at 121 W. Spring Street in Chippewa Falls. And in an interview with Alice Dahlberg (who related stories she had been told about Dr. George), he was quite a ladies man – JPR.

Children of George Riddell and Harriet Darling

17. i. Frank Darlington7 Riddell, b. April 04, 1850; d. January 24, 1905.
ii. Harriet Georgianna Riddell, b. Amt. 1852; d. February 08, 1878.

Notes for Harriet Georgianna Riddell:
Harriet died at the young age of 26. Never married. Her nickname, which appears in many papers, was Hattie.

iii. Martha Riddell, m. Harmon Clemons.

Notes for Harmon Clemons:
Harmon Clemons was from Minneapolis.

The Riddells
Children of GEORGE RIDDELL and SYBIL RIDDELL are:

iv. MARY LILLIAN7 RIDDELL, b. 1860, Palmyra, Wisconsin; m. AUGUST MCGILORAY, September 22, 1883, George Riddell's home.

Notes for MARY LILLIAN RIDDELL:

I haven't been able to confirm this, but the facts I do have indicate that Mary (Lillian) was probably born in Palmyra shortly after her father, George, remarried with Sybil M. (maiden name unknown). There is a note in an old edition of the Palmyra paper that states "Riddell, Lillian. She married on 22 September, 1883 at her father's home in Chippewa Falls to August McGiloray. She was formerly of Palmyra". She is also listed as a Dressmaker. Lillian was listed as "Lilly" on the 1889 Wisconsin Census - JPR.

v. MABEL D. RIDDELL, b. 1867, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin; m. GEORGE BREWSTER EARLEY, February 26, 1885, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin; b. July 04, 1862, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.

Notes for MABEL D. RIDDELL:

In the 1880 census, Mabel is listed as a dressmaker.

vi. GEORGE W. RIDDELL, b. 1871, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.

Notes for GEORGE W. RIDDELL:

This is the second child of Dr. George Riddell to have the name George. The first was the child of Dr. George Riddell and Harriet Darling when they were in Palmya, Wisconsin. George W. Riddell is listed in the Eau Claire, Wisconsin directories for 1889-1893 as:

1889-1890, a Collector in Chippewa Falls. In 1891-1892, George W. is listed as a "Winder" for the National Electric Manufacturing Company in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

vii. JOHN PAUL RIDDELL, b. July 15, 1873, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin; d. March 02, 1931, Virginia, Minnesota.

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15. SYBIL MARIAN7 RIDDELL (JAMES AIKEN6, SAMUEL5, HUGH4, HUGH3, JOHN2, HUGH1) was born June 29, 1834 in Sullivan, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, and died June 04, 1904 in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. She married DOCTOR GEORGE RIDDELL October 20, 1858 in Sullivan, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, son of JOHN RIDDELL and LEPHE GATES. He was born June 03, 1822 in Preston, Chenango County, New York, and died October 15, 1886 in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.

Mabel, age 13, born in Wisconsin (in Chippewa Falls)

Children are listed above under (14) George Riddell.

16. SANFORD SCHRAGER7 RIDDELL (JOHN LEONARD6, JOHN5, GAWN4, ROBERT3, JOHN2, HUGH1) was born August 22, 1838 in New Orleans, Louisiana, and died February 22, 1904 in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. He married JOSEPHINE BOURNE 1898 in Cincinnatus, Chenango County, New York, daughter of ROSWELL BOURNE and ROSINA CARPENTER. She was born June 13, 1869 in Pitcher Springs, Chenango County, New York.
Notes for Sanford Schrager Riddell:

Sanford S. Riddell was a physician who lived originally in New Orleans where he worked with his father, John Leonard. Later, Sanford moved to Palmyra, Wisconsin where he practiced medicine with 1st Cousin, George Riddell, (my G-Grandfather - JPR).

The following is from:

"History of Northern Wisconsin 1881 - Vols I and II: "Containing an account of its settlement, growth, development, and resources; an extensive sketch of its counties, cities, towns, and villages, their improvements, industries, manufactories; biographical sketches, portraits of prominent men and early settlers; views of country seats, etc.". Chicago: The Western Historical Co. A. T. Andreas, Prop. c1881. " The lithograph at the right is from that work.

"Sanford S. RIDDELL was born on 22 Aug 1838 in New Orleans, LA. He was living about 1843 in Chenango Co., NY. He was a physician and surgeon about 1880 in Chippewa Falls, Chippewa Co., WI. He was listed in biography. (1) Page 216 (History of Chippewa County Section) including sketch. Parents: J. L. RIDDELL and Mary Elizabeth KNOCKE. Sanford was married to Josephine BOURNE on 19 Dec 1866 in Cincinnatus, Chenango Co., NY. Children were: Mary RIDDELL, Josephine RIDDELL, Sanford Lewis RIDDELL, George William RIDDELL, Louisiana RIDDELL".

In the 1889-1890 directory for Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Sanford is listed as a Physician, residing at 13 W. Central in Chippewa Falls.

Sanford is listed in the Wisconsin Vital Records Death Index as having died on 22 Feb., 1904 in Chippewa Falls.

Notes for Josephine Bourne:
Josephine was a teacher at a high school in Chippewa Falls.

Children of Sanford Riddell and Josephine Bourne are:
   i. MARY B. Riddell, b. December 13, 1867.
      Notes for Mary B. Riddell:
      Mary B. Riddell is listed in the 1889-90 directory of Eau Claire, Wisconsin. She is shown as a school teacher and resided at Boards 222 West River in Chippewa Falls.

   iii. SANFORD LEWIS RIDDell, b. June 27, 1870.
   iv. GEORGE WILLIAM RIDDell, b. September 18, 1871.
      Notes for George William Riddell:
      George W. Riddell is listed in the 1889-1890 Eau Claire directory as being a "Collector" and living at 222 W. River in Chippewa Falls (same address as the rest of the family at that time). In the 1891-1892 directory, George W. is a Winder at National Electric Company and resides at 615 Broadway in Eau Claire.

   v. LOUISIANA RIDDell, b. June 24, 1873.
17. FRANKLIN DARLING⁷ RIDDELL (GEORGE⁶, JOHN⁵, GAWN⁴, ROBERT³, JOHN², HUGH¹) was born April 04, 1850, and died January 24, 1905. He married ADA COON.

**Notes for FRANKLIN DARLING RIDDELL:**

Buried in Hillside Cemetery in Palmyra.

Children of FRANKLIN RIDDELL and ADA COON are:

1. GEORGE⁸ RIDDELL.

   **Notes for GEORGE RIDDELL:**

   George moved to Austin, Minnesota.

20. ii. HARRIET ELIZA RIDDELL, b. 1879; d. 1948.

   **Notes for Harriet Eliza Riddell**

   Harriet Married Thomas Daniel Sankey

18. JOHN PAUL⁷ RIDDELL (GEORGE⁶, JOHN⁵, GAWN⁴, ROBERT³, JOHN², HUGH¹) was born July 15, 1873 in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, and died March 02, 1931 in Virginia, Minnesota. He met CAROLINE MARIA CHICHESTER March 06, 1901 in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, daughter of W. CHICHESTER and MARYETTE HURD. She was born January 29, 1876 in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, and died March 28, 1937 in Ardmore, PA.

**Notes for JOHN PAUL RIDDELL:**

John Paul Riddell the First was born in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin on July 15, 1873. He died in Virginia, Minnesota on March 2nd, 1931. While he lived in Chippewa Falls, Grandpa Riddell worked as a timekeeper for a logging company. At the time, logging was the primary (only) industry in the area. When he moved to Minnesota (approximately 1916), he worked in Virginia as a school administrator and later as a Chief Deputy for the Sheriff. He held this job until his death. At the time of death, he and Carrie resided at 404 7th Ave. South in Virginia, MN. The cause of death was listed as cerebral hemorrhage with high blood pressure noted as a contributing factor. When he died, my Father, John P. Riddell Jr., quit college to care for the family. At the time of the 1920 census, John Paul Riddell lived in Bimidji and is listed as a timekeeper in a sawmill (probably a carryover from his work in Wisconsin).

During the course of my genealogy research, I came across the fact that there were two Riddell families listed in Chippewa Falls during the 1900-1906 period. The 1901 Chippewa Falls directory listed Sanford L. Riddell, dental student, Sanford S. Riddell, physician (both at the same address at 35 Metropolitan Block), and one more Riddell, George Q. who was a mail clerk residing at 5 Olive Street. I later learned that Sanford S. Riddell was the Nephew of George Riddell. Sanford was originally from New Orleans, where George had spent time working at the U.S. Mint under his brother, John Leonard Riddell. During the 1900-1906 period, Sybil Riddell [then widow of George) was residing at 121 West Spring Street.

According to a notice in the 12 March, 1901 edition of the Chippewa Times, John Riddell and Carrie Chichester were married on 11 March at the home of Carrie's parents, H.G. Chichester. The article said "Will live in Apollonia". [I assume that is/was a town near Chippewa Falls] – JPR.

More About JOHN PAUL RIDDELL:

Fact 1: John P. (the FIRST J.P.) was born in Wisconsin in 1874.
Fact 2: John was listed as a Bookkeeper on the Birth Cer. of his son John P. Jr.
Fact 3: Worked in Bimidji as a Timber Yard Assistant Manager
Notes for CAROLINE MARIA CHICHESTER:
Caroline was known by everybody as "Carrie". Carrie M. was born on 1/29, 1876. At the time she died on March 21, 1937, she was living in Ardmore PA with her son Donald Riddell. Her burial service was held at the St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Ardmore and in their records she is listed as 61 years old at the time of death. Church records also note that she was buried in Chelton Hill. According to Donald John (son of Donald senior), Helen Riddell had Carrie's remains cremated and Don remembers her ashes being kept in a special container on the refrigerator for several years. Her ashes were finally interred but he is not sure where. (Chelton Hill?)...

Carrie was the daughter of W.H. Chichester and Maryette Ann Hurd. She and John Paul Riddell were married in the Presbyterian church in Chippewa Falls on the 6th of March, 1901. Carrie’s Chichester line traces its lineage in America back to an original member of the Mayflower settlers – JPR.

More About CAROLINE MARIA CHICHESTER:
Fact 1: Carrie was born in 1876. Chippewa Falls
Fact 2: Buried in Chelton Hill, Penn.

Children of JOHN RIDDELL and CAROLINE CHICHESTER are:
   
   Notes for TOM C. RIDDELL:
   Tom died in a tragic boating accident. He was in a small boat on one of Minnesota's countless lakes when a storm came up and tossed him into the water. He was only 22 years old.

   More About TOM C. RIDDELL:
   Fact 1: Tom drowned when very young.

   iii. SYBIL RIDDELL, b. May 26, 1908, Minnesota; d. April 01, 1990, Philadelphia, PA; m. HOCKEY PLAYER (NAME UNKNOWN).
   
   Notes for SYBIL RIDDELL:
   Aunt Sib worked most of her life with the DuPont company in Philadelphia. She was once married briefly to a professional hockey player but his name is not know. She was the only girl of the five Riddell kids. During the course of my genealogy research, I found that her Grandfather, Dr. George Riddell, was married to a Sibyl. It's a pretty good guess that Aunt Sib got her name from Grandpa George's 2nd wife. I was fortunate enough to meet Aunt Sib once when the ship I was on spent three months in the Philadelphia shipyard. She was a delightful woman with a bubbly, gregarious nature. During my visits, she drove me to meet Aunt Helen and some of my cousins (the Children of then deceased Uncle Donald Riddell) – JPR.

   Notes for HOCKEY PLAYER (NAME UNKNOWN):
   I was told once by Sib during one of my stops in Philadelphia during my Navy tour that she had been briefly married to a professional hockey player – JPR.


19. JOSEPHINE RIDDell (SANFORD SCHRAGER, JOHN LEONARD, JOHN, GAWN, ROBERT, JOHN, HUGH) was born June 13, 1869 in Cortland County, New York. She married RICHARD SLEIGHT June 12, 1889 in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.

Notes for JOSEPHINE RIDDell:

Josephine Riddell is listed in the 1889-1890 Eau Claire, Wisconsin directory as residing at 222 West River in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. This is the same address listed for her sister, Mary B. Riddell.

Child of JOSEPHINE RIDDell and RICHARD SLEIGHT is:
   i. RICHARD RIDDELL SLEIGHT.

20. HARRIET ELIZA RIDDell (FRANKLIN DARLING, GEORGE, JOHN, GAWN, ROBERT, JOHN, HUGH) was born 1879, and died 1948. She married THOMAS DANIEL SANKEY. He was born 1869 in 1949, and died 1949.

Child of HARRIET RIDDell and THOMAS SANKEY is:

24. i. THOMAS WILL NEWCOMB RIDDELL SANKEY, b. 1903; d. 1968.
21. Donald John 8 Riddell (John Paul 7, George 6, John 5, Gawn 4, Robert 3, John 2, Hugh 1) was born March 02, 1902 in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, and died July 31, 1949 in Philadelphia, PA. He married Helen McManus July 18, 1933 in Overbrook, PA. She was born November 01, 1900, and died October 07, 1973 in Philadelphia.

Notes for Donald John Riddell:

Donald worked as a design engineer. He created large industrial equipment used in the manufacture of goods. Don died very suddenly from a heart attack. When his wife Helen died years later, she was buried next to Donald at the Calvary Cemetery in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

More About Donald John Riddell:
Burial: August 03, 1949, Calvary Cemetery, Philadelphia, PA
Fact 1: Buried in Calvary Cemetery in suburban Philadelphia, PA
Fact 2: Donald J. Riddell (Sr.) was born in 1903 in Wisconsin. He was the oldest son.

Notes for Helen McManus:
Burial: Calvary Cemetery, Philadelphia, PA
Fact 1: Buried at the Calvary Cemetery in suburban Philadelphia.

Children of Donald Riddell and Helen McManus are:

   More About Donald J. Riddell:
   Fact 1: Don spent 22 years as a Catholic priest.
   Fact 2: ALIVE

   More About Arthur C. Riddell:
   Fact 1: ALIVE

iii. Richard J. Riddell, b. September 08, 1941.
   More About Richard J. Riddell:
   Fact 1: ALIVE

22. John Paul 8 Riddell (John Paul 7, George 6, John 5, Gawn 4, Robert 3, John 2, Hugh 1) was born April 24, 1910 in Bimidji, MN, and died December 01, 1978 in Billings, Montana. He married Dorothy Alice Kelsey May 27, 1933 in Virginia, Minnesota, daughter of Harold Kelsey and Hjerta Warner. She was born April 26, 1910 in Brook Park MN, and died June 26, 1979 in Billings, Montana.

Notes for John Paul Riddell:

John P. Jr. (Jack) was the youngest son of Granpa Riddell. He was born in Bimidji, Minnesota in Beltrami (formerly Clearwater) county. He worked as a salesman in his younger years, then for Yale Oil company in Billings. He married Dorothy Alice Kelsey on Saturday, the 27th of May, 1933 at St. Pauls Church in Virginia, Minnesota. He spent many years in the "Scoop" tavern as the bartender everybody knew and liked. In his later years, he worked at Barry O'Leary as a curb/gutter specialist. His hobbies included wood working (he was a skilled artisan), dry fly fishing (one of the best in the state - even tied his own flies), hunting, and his tomato garden.

Dad Riddell at the Nine Quarter Circle Ranch
Jack served in WWII in the 45th Infantry, Company B, 180th Regiment. His unit, under the command of General Alexander M. Patch, participated in the Rome/Arno campaign as well as the liberation of the Rhineland. He was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, the European African Middle Eastern Theater service medal, and the Good Conduct Medal.

Jack died of a massive coronary while watching a college football game at home. He had just completed shoveling the sidewalks around the house at 750 Wyoming Avenue. He is buried with Dorothy at the Sunset Memorial Gardens in Billings.

More About JOHN PAUL RIDDELL:
Burial: December 04, 1978, Billings, Montana
Cause of Death: Listed on death certificate as a massive coronary.

Notes for DOROTHY ALICE KELSEY:

Dorothy was born in Brookpark, Minnesota on 26 April, 1910, exactly two days later than her husband, Jack. During the war years, she raised John Jr. and Bonnie while Jack fought in Europe. After the war, she and Jack and family moved to the Nine-Quarter-Circle Ranch in Gallatin Gateway, Montana where Jack helped build the ranch along with Howard Kelsey, Ken Guyse, and Jules Werner. Dot was a great baker - her cinnamon rolls were legendary. She died of bladder cancer in 1979, six months after her husband Jack passed away.

More About DOROTHY ALICE KELSEY:
Burial: June 28, 1979, Billings, Montana
Cause of Death: Cancer of the Bladder
Fact 1: Moved from Brook Park MN to Virginia MN at age 12, graduate from HS there.
Medical Information: Died six months after Dad (John P.) died

Children of JOHN RIDDELL and DOROTHY KELSEY are:
25. i. BONNIE LOU9 RIDDELL, b. April 15, 1934, Virginia, Minnesota.
27. iii. SUSAN ELEANORE RIDDELL, b. March 31, 1947, Billings, Montana.

23. HORACE CHICHESTER8 RIDDELL (JOHN PAUL7, GEORGE6, JOHN5, GAWN4, ROBERT3, JOHN2, HUGH1) was born February 21, 1904 in Minnesota, and died June 12, 1980 in Butte, Montana. He met FRANCES MORROW. She was born December 30, 1907.

Notes for HORACE CHICHESTER RIDDELL:
I met Uncle "Chet" (as he was called by virtually everybody) when I was a young teen - about 1954. He lived on the edge of Lake Pokegema in Minnesota. Dad Riddell talked about how Chet was an accomplished banjo player and toured the Northwest with a band in his youth. When Chet died, he and his wife Francis were living in Butte, Montana. He toured nationwide for about 20 years. He played banjo and arranged musical scores w/ Ted Weems (sp?), one of the more famous bandleaders of the era. He actually was in the band that played when they opened that famous log lodge on Waterton Lakes, just north of Glacier National Park.

More About HORACE CHICHESTER RIDDELL:
Fact 1: Uncle "Chet" - Played banjo in a traveling band in youth.
Fact 2: Horace was born in 1905 in Minnesota. He was the 2nd child in the line.
Notes for Frances Morrow:

Living in Anchorage, Alaska (3/31/97). Turned 94 in 2002! Fran is a Life Master at Bridge.

More About Frances Morrow:
Fact 1: !ALIVE
Children of Horace Riddell and Frances Morrow are:
28.   i.  Thomas9 Riddell.
29.   ii.  Patricia Riddell, b. April 09, 1942, Minnesota; d. October 14, 1988, Butte, Montana.

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24. Thomas Will Newcomb Riddell9 Sankey (Harriet Eliza8 Riddell, Franklin Darling7, George6, John5, Gawn4, Robert3, John2, Hugh1) was born 1903, and died 1968. He married Alice Ann-Susan Dahlberg. She was born 1910.

Notes for Alice Dahlberg:
In March of 2002, I actually had the good fortune to meet with and talk to Alice. She was then 92 years old but had a great memory, especially about the Riddells. My Great Grandfather, Dr. George Riddell was a guest at Alice’s wedding. At this same meeting was Alice’s daughter, Enid (below). Enid is an avid puppeteer and puts on shows at San Diego’s Balboa Park. The two of them gave me some copies of some great old family photos.

Child of Thomas Sankey and Alice Dahlberg is:
30.   i.  Enid Elaine10 Sankey, b. 1940.

25. Bonnie Lou9 Riddell (John Paul8, John Paul7, George6, John5, Gawn4, Robert3, John2, Hugh1) was born April 15, 1934 in Virginia, Minnesota. She married Vern Lyle Green in Rapid City, South Dakota. He was born November 07, 1933 in Sheridan, Wyoming.

More About Bonnie Lou Riddell:
Fact 1: !ALIVE

More About Vern Lyle Green:
Fact 1: !ALIVE

Child of Bonnie Riddell and Vern Green is:
31.   i.  Kelly Jo10 Green, b. March 09, 1960, Rapid City, South Dakota.

26. John Paul9 Riddell (John Paul8, John Paul7, George6, John5, Gawn4, Robert3, John2, Hugh1) was born April 19, 1938 in Havre, Montana. He married Elise Jeanne Boussoutroux June 28, 1962 in Isle of Palms, South Carolina, daughter of Charles Boussoutroux and Charlotte Bestetti. She was born July 17, 1935 in Toulon, France.

Notes for John Paul Riddell:
John P. (Butch) was born at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Havre, Montana. This happened to be the closest hospital at the time since Jack Sr. was working as a traveling salesman at the time. Jack Jr. graduated from Billings Sr. High School in 1956. He immediately joined the Navy and spent the next 22 years sailing both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. He rose through the ranks from Seaman Recruit to the grade of Chief Warrant Officer (W3). He is a car enthusiast, having owned mostly exotics (including two Lamborghinis), and a wine collector (600+ bottles). He met Elise in Cannes France while on several cruises with the 6th fleet.

More About John Paul Riddell:
Fact 2: Retired at the rank of CWO3 (Chief Warrant Officer)
Fact 3: !ALIVE

More About ELISE JEANNE BOUSSOUTROUX:
Fact 1: !ALIVE

Children of JOHN RIDDELL and ELISE BOUSSOUTROUX are:
  i. DANIEL ATILLA RIDDELL, b. July 28, 1963, Vallejo, CA.

More About DANIEL ATILLA RIDDELL:
Fact 1: !ALIVE

ii. ALEX CHARLES RIDDELL, b. April 25, 1966, Vallejo, CA.

More About ALEX CHARLES RIDDELL:
Fact 1: !ALIVE

27. SUSAN ELEANORE RIDDELL (JOHN PAUL, JOHN PAUL, GEORGE, JOHN, GAWN, ROBERT, JOHN, HUGH) was born March 31, 1947 in Billings, Montana. She married (1) RICHARD CHARLES NEUZIL June 02, 1965. He was born May 19, 1946, and died 1982 in Billings, Montana. She married (2) KERRY MICHAEL CONNOR 1973. He was born September 19, 1946 in Nebraska.

Notes for SUSAN ELEANORE RIDDELL:

More About SUSAN ELEANORE RIDDELL:
Fact 1: Susan was married to Richard Neuzil and had her first two children by him.
Fact 2: Richard Neuzil was born on 12 May, 1945 in Rapid City, SD
Fact 3: !ALIVE

Notes for KERRY MICHAEL CONNER:
Kerry Conner was married to Susan from 1973 to 1987. Kerry worked in Rapid City as a fireman and "moonlighted" as a general handyman. Kerry was talented in construction, use of heavy equipment, and just about anything else. He considered WD-40 as a fixall for everything. Kerry is the father of Kelsey Michael Conner. He remarried in 1989.

More About KERRY MICHAEL CONNER:
Fact 1: March 28, 1997, !ALIVE
Fact 2: March 28, 1997, Was originally married to Richard Neuzil; they were divorced in 6/72.

Children of SUSAN RIDDELL and RICHARD NEUZIL are:
  i. MARISA LYNN NEUZIL, b. February 28, 1966; m. JAMES ALAN YOUNGMAN; b. November 01, 1964, Bowdle, South Dakota.

More About JAMES ALAN YOUNGMAN:
Fact 1: !ALIVE


Child of SUSAN RIDDELL and KERRY CONNER is:
  iii. KELSEY CONNER, b. February 28, 1979, Rapid City, South Dakota.

More About KELSEY CONNER:
Fact 1: !ALIVE

28. THOMAS RIDDELL (HORACE CHICHESTER, JOHN PAUL, GEORGE, JOHN, GAWN, ROBERT, JOHN, HUGH) He married BARBI RIDDELL.
Notes for THOMAS RIDDELL:

Tom has been married to the former Barbara Ann Babcock from Bovey, Minnesota, for 30 years (3/31/97). Tom has always been known by his nickname, Tim.

More About THOMAS RIDDELL:
Fact 1: !ALIVE

More About BARBI RIDDELL:
Fact 1: !ALIVE

Child of THOMAS RIDDELL and BARBARA RIDDELL is:
  i. JAMES NEIL 10 RIDDELL.

   More About JAMES RIDDELL:
   Fact 1: !ALIVE

   James married Jayme Renee (Herlyck) on 6/24/00 in Pueblo, CO. Jayme was born 10/26/77 in Pueblo, CO. Jim is a certified Paramedic in CO, and a licensed Paramedic in TX. He graduated from SMU in 1994, w/ bachelor's degrees in Biology and English (Creative Writing).

29. PATRICIA 9 RIDDELL (HORACE CHICHESTER 8, JOHN PAUL 7, GEORGE 6, JOHN 5, GAWN 4, ROBERT 3, JOHN 2, HUGH 1) was born April 09, 1942 in Minnesota, and died October 14, 1988 in Butte, Montana. She married ROY DOWER.

Notes for PATRICIA RIDDELL:

Pattie was the first Air Transport Association certified commercial female pilot in Montana. She died young and tragically from cancer. Patricia Ann Riddell was a famous pilot in Montana. Pat was an accomplished pianist, and she taught flying to hundreds of Montana residents. She was the first woman in the state's history to earn an Airline Transport Rating. The Butte airport has a memorial to Pattie, right alongside the person the airport is named for.

Pat was married twice. First marriage was to Ladue Prescott. They had two children, Lisa and Laurie. They divorced and some time later, Pat married Roy Dower, another commercial airline pilot. Roy adopted Lisa and Laurie and they also had their own child, Jennie.

More About PATRICIA RIDDELL:
Causes of Death: Cancer
Fact 1: Pat was a commercial airline pilot

Notes for ROY DOWER:

Roy was also an airline pilot. Pat and Roy divorced after a few years of marriage but remained friends. Roy had also adopted Pat's two girls, Lisa and Laurie (Prescott) from the previous marriage. Roy lived in Great Falls, Montana.

More About ROY DOWER:
Fact 1: !ALIVE

Children of PATRICIA RIDDELL and ROY DOWER are:
  i. LISA 10 DOWER.

   Notes for LISA DOWER:
   Lisa lives in Anchorage, Alaska. [3/31/97]

   More About LISA DOWER:
   Fact 1: !ALIVE

   32. ii. LAURIE DOWER.

   iii. JENNY DOWER.
Notes for JENNY DOWER:

Jenny is a Federal Agent for the U.S. Inspector General and lives in Billings, Montana (3/31/97).
More About JENNY DOWER:
Fact 1: !ALIVE

Generation No. 10

30. ENID ELAINE10 SANKEY (THOMAS WILL NEWCOMB RIDDELL9 SANKEY, HARRIET ELIZA8 RIDDELL, FRANKLIN DARLING7, GEORGE6, JOHN5, GAWN4, ROBERT3, JOHN2, HUGH1) was born 1940. She married (1) STEPHEN BARTNICKI. She married (2) RICHARD WARD MALCOLM.

Child of ENID SANKEY and RICHARD MALCOLM is:
33. i. GWYNN ALISON11 MALCOLM, b. 1963.

31. KELLY JO10 GREEN (BONNIE LOU9 RIDDELL, JOHN PAUL8, JOHN PAUL7, GEORGE6, JOHN5, GAWN4, ROBERT3, JOHN2, HUGH1) was born March 09, 1960 in Rapid City, South Dakota. She married PHILIP WOLD. He was born November 15, 1955 in Britton, South Dakota.

More About KELLY JO GREEN:
Fact 1: !ALIVE

More About PHILIP WOLD:
Fact 1: !ALIVE

Child of KELLY GREEN and PHILIP WOLD is:

   More About JENNIFER H. WOLD:
   Fact 1: !ALIVE

32. LAURIE10 DOWER (PATRICIA9 RIDDELL, HORACE CHICHESTER8, JOHN PAUL7, GEORGE6, JOHN5, GAWN4, ROBERT3, JOHN2, HUGH1) She married TERRY WOODARD.

Notes for LAURIE DOWER:

Laurie went through the U.S. Navy bootcamp and ended up in the Navy reserves. Married Air Force NCO Terry Woodard. Terry had two girls from a previous marriage, Chastity and Afton.

More About LAURIE DOWER:
Fact 1: !ALIVE

More About TERRY WOODARD:
Fact 1: !ALIVE

Children of LAURIE DOWER and TERRY WOODARD are:
   i. CHASTITY11 WOODWARD.

   More About CHASTITY WOODWARD:
   Fact 1: !ALIVE

   ii. AUSTIN WOODWARD.

   More About AUSTIN WOODWARD:
   Fact 1: !ALIVE
Descendants of Stephen Kelsey

Generation No. 1


Child of Stephen Kelsey and Concurrence Hayden is:
2.  i.  Benjamin⁴ Kelsey.

Generation No. 2

2. Benjamin⁴ Kelsey (Stephen³, John², William¹) He married Ruth Wilcox.

Child of Benjamin Kelsey and Ruth Wilcox is:
3.  i.  Roswell⁵ Kelsey.

Generation No. 3

3. Roswell⁵ Kelsey (Benjamin⁴, Stephen³, John², William¹) He married Hepsibah Bellows.

Child of Roswell Kelsey and Hepsibah Bellows is:
4.  i.  Joseph⁶ Kelsey.

Generation No. 4

4. Joseph⁶ Kelsey (Roswell⁵, Benjamin⁴, Stephen³, John², William¹) He married Mary Abigail Peck.

Child of Joseph Kelsey and Mary Peck is:
5.  i.  Wilson⁷ Kelsey, d. Aurora, South Dakota.

Generation No. 5

5. Wilson⁷ Kelsey (Joseph⁶, Roswell⁵, Benjamin⁴, Stephen³, John², William¹) died in Aurora, South Dakota. He married Jane Ann Chittenden. She died 1893.

Children of Wilson Kelsey and Jane Chittenden are:
 i.  Chauncy A.⁸ Kelsey, m. Isabel; d. 1908.

Notes for Chauncy A. Kelsey:
Chauncy became a doctor (MD) and lived for the most part in Minnesota. He and Joseph were business partners in many profitable real estate ventures.

ii. Almer Kelsey.
iii. Caleb Wright Kelsey.
iv. Melinda Kelsey.
v. May Kelsey.
More About JULIA KELSEY:
Fact 1: Known as Eva Roberta Horton (Authoress)

6. vii. JOSEPH H. KELSEY, b. 1845; d. 1888.
7. viii. BYRON J. KELSEY, b. 10 Mar 1855, Wedge Prairie, WI.

Generation No. 6

6. JOSEPH H.8 KELSEY (WILSON7, JOSEPH6, ROSWELL5, BENJAMIN4, STEPHEN3, JOHN2, WILLIAM1) was born 1845, and died 1888. He married JENNIE SAMMERS.

Notes for JOSEPH H. KELSEY:
Joseph's brief autobiography mentions a brother of his father named Joel Kelsey (wife Julie) who lived in New York state. Joel supposedly died in 1893.

More About JOSEPH H. KELSEY:
Fact 1: 04 Mar 1997, The "H" in Joseph's name had no meaning

Children of JOSEPH KELSEY and JENNIE SAMMERS are:
   i. EDWARD A.9 KELSEY, m. WINNIE WEST; d. 1899.
   ii. HENRY W. KELSEY.
   iii. CLARK C. KELSEY, m. OLLIE T. MCKENNY, 01 Oct 1907.
   iv. MELVIN R. KELSEY.
   v. EFFIE JUNE KELSEY.
   vi. INEZ KELSEY, m. IRA CUNNINGHAM, 17 Jun 1903.
   vii. RUEBEN KELSEY, d. Rochester, Minnesota.

More About RUEBEN KELSEY:

7. BYRON J.8 KELSEY (WILSON7, JOSEPH6, ROSWELL5, BENJAMIN4, STEPHEN3, JOHN2, WILLIAM1) was born 10 Mar 1855 in Wedge Prairie, WI. He met MARY DELIA TAFT 20 Mar 1878 in Red Wing, Minnesota, daughter of ALONZO TAFT and MARY PIERCE. She was born 02 Apr 1858 in Aurora, Brookings Township, South Dakota.

Notes for BYRON J. KELSEY:
Alonzo Taft, the father of Mary, was a Blacksmith in Fairpoint, MN as of 3/20/1878 when Byron Jay Kelsey and Mary were wed. B.J. lived in Goodhue County (now Pierce County) Minnesota near the town of Red Wing. They worked a farm there.

More About BYRON J. KELSEY:
Fact 1: 04 Feb 1997, Was co-founder of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank in Virginia, Minnesota
Fact 2: 04 Feb 1997, Was a store owner & operator, owned grain and coal warehouses in Minn. and S.D.

More About MARY DELIA TAFT:
Fact 1: Mary was the 2nd Great Granddaughter of William H. Taft (President Taft)

Children of BYRON KELSEY and MARY TAFT are:
   i. CECIL B.9 KELSEY.
   ii. GRACE IDA KELSEY.
   iii. LORETTA MAY KELSEY, m. EDWARD SHASKE, Brook Park, Minnesota.

More About LORETTA MAY KELSEY:
Fact 1: Loretta was known to everyone as "Retta"

8. iv. HAROLD CHARLES KELSEY, b. 15 Jan 1895, Brookings, South Dakota; d. Jan 1938, Billings, Montana.
9. v. PAUL TAFT KELSEY, b. 08 May 1899, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

More About Harold Charles Kelsey:
Fact 1: 31 Mar 1997, Died of Cancer - Dorothy was 9 months pregnant with John P. Riddell Jr. (Butch)

Notes for Hjerta Carolina Elenora Warner:
Nannie, as everyone called her, died on Good Friday, 1 April, 1988 in Billings, Montana at the age of 98. She had met her first husband, Harold Charles Kelsey (know to everybody as Puckie) at a baseball game in Hankinson, North Dakota, her birthplace. Years after Uncle Puckie died, Nannie remarried in 1952 to Carl H. Goodnight who died in 1966. She is buried in Mountview Cemetery in Billings.

More About Hjerta Carolina Elenora Warner:
Fact 1: Known to everyone in the family as "Nannie".

Children of Harold Kelsey and Hjerta Warner are:
10. i. Ione Kelsey, b. 27 Nov 1908, Hankinson, North Dakota; d. 02 Feb 1997, Mesa, Arizona.
11. ii. Dorothy Alice Kelsey, b. 26 Apr 1910, Brook Park MN; d. 26 Jun 1979, Billings, Montana.
12. iii. Howard Taft Kelsey, b. 04 Apr 1912, Brook Park, Minnesota; d. 08 Oct 1990, Bozeman, Montana.
   iv. Harry Kelsey Jr., b. 15 Sep 1918; d. 15 Sep 1926.

More About Harry Kelsey Jr.:
Fact 1: Drowned as a child in a tragic drowning accident.

9. Paul Taft Kelsey (Byron J., Wilson, Joseph, Roswell, Benjamin, Stephen, John, William) was born 08 May 1899 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He married Dorothy Barkley. She was born 15 Mar 1899 in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Notes for Paul Taft Kelsey:
Uncle Paul lived in Hollywood California. He was the 3rd son (5th youngest child) of Byron J. Kelsey and Mary Taft.

Children of Paul Kelsey and Dorothy Barkley are:
   i. Virginia (Pierce) Kelsey, b. 16 Apr 1921, Virginia, Minnesota.
   ii. Helen Retta Kelsey, b. 10 Jan 1923, Eveleth, Minnesota.
   iii. Pauline Ann Kelsey, b. 02 Dec 1925, Brook Park, Minnesota.
   v. Carol Jo Kelsey, b. 01 Oct 1945, Glendale, California.

More About Carol Jo Kelsey:
Fact 1: ALIVE

Generation No. 8

10. Ione Kelsey (Harold Charles, Byron J., Wilson, Joseph, Roswell, Benjamin, Stephen, John, William) was born 27 Nov 1908 in Hankinson, North Dakota, and died 02 Feb 1997 in Mesa, Arizona. She married Ken Guyse.

Notes for Ione Kelsey:
Ione remarried several years after the death of Ken to Mr. Fred Weiss, originally of Cutbank, Montana. Fred and Ione had a great life, travelling all over the country and the world. Fred cared for Ione in her final days and survives her in Arizona. Fred currently lives at 1056 74th Place So., Golden Hills Estates, Mesa, AZ 85208, (602)981-2815

More About Ione Kelsey:
Fact 1: Ione was the last surviving child of Harold C. and Nora
Notes for Ken Guyse:
Ken was one of the original founders of the Nine-Quarter-Circle ranch near West Yellowstone, MT. He and my Father (John P. Riddell) along with Howard Kelsey bought what had been the Rising Sun Ranch after the end of WWII. Ken was a professional boxer in his younger days and compiled an impressive win record.

Child of Ione Kelsey and Ken Guyse is:
13. i. Marcia11 Guyse.


Notes for Dorothy Alice Kelsey:
Dorothy was born in Brookpark, Minnesota on 26 April, 1910, exactly two days later than her husband, Jack. During the war years, she raised John Jr. and Bonnie while Jack fought in Europe. After the war, she and Jack and family moved to the Nine-Quarter-Circle Ranch in Gallatin Gateway, Montana where Jack helped build the ranch along with Howard Kelsey, Ken Guyse, and Jules Werner. Susan Riddell was born during that period. Dot was a great baker - her cinnamon rolls were legendary. She died of bladder cancer in 1979, six months after her husband Jack passed away.

More About Dorothy Alice Kelsey:
Burial: 28 Jun 1979, Billings, Montana
Cause of Death: Cancer of the Bladder
Fact 1: Moved from Brook Park MN to Virginia MN at age 12, graduate from HS there.
Medical Information: Died six months after Dad (John P.) died

Notes for John Paul Riddell:
John P. Jr. (Jack) was the youngest son of Granpa Riddell. He was born in Bimidji, Minnesota in Beltrami (formerly Clearwater) county. He worked as a salesman in his younger years, then for Yale Oil company in Billings. He married Dorothy Alice Kelsey on Saturday, the 27th of May, 1933 at St. Pauls Church in Virginia, Minnesota. He spent many years in the "Scoop" tavern as the bartender everybody knew and liked. In his later years, he worked at Barry O'Leary as a curb/gutter specialist. His hobbies included wood working (he was a skilled artesan), dry fly fishing (one of the best in the state - even tied his own flies), hunting, and his tomato garden.

Jack served in WWII in the 45th Infantry, Company B, 180th Regiment. His unit, under the command of General Alexander M. Patch, participated in the Rome/Arno campaign as well as the liberation of the Rhineland. He was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, the European African Middle Eastern Theater service medal, and the Good Conduct Medal.

Jack died of a massive coronary while watching a college football game at home. He had just completed shovelling the sidewalks around the house at 750 Wyoming Avenue. He is buried with Dorothy at the Sunset Memorial Gardens in Billings.

More About John Paul Riddell:
Burial: 04 Dec 1978, Billings, Montana
Cause of Death: Listed on death certificate as a massive coronary.

Children of Dorothy Kelsey and John Riddell are:
14. i. Bonnie Lou15 Riddell, b. 15 Apr 1934, Virginia, Minnesota.
15. ii. John Paul Riddell, b. 19 Apr 1938, Havre, Montana.
16. iii. Susan Eleanor Riddell, b. 31 Mar 1947, Billings, Montana.

12. Howard Taft10 Kelsey (Harold Charles9, Byron J8, Wilson7, Joseph6, Roswell5, Benjamin4, Stephen3, John2, William1) was born 04 Apr 1912 in Brook Park, Minnesota, and died 08 Oct 1990 in Bozeman, Montana. He married Martha.
Notes for HOWARD TAFT KELSEY:
Howard was married three times. The first marriage was to Florence Madeline Werness. During that marriage, Howard adopted Mark. Following his divorce from Madeline, Howard married Bonnie. It was during this marriage that Bonnie gave birth to Kim Kelsey. They subsequently divorced following a terrible accident to Bonnie where she lost one of her legs. Howard’s final marriage was to Martha with whom he remained until he died of prostate cancer in 1990.

Children of HOWARD KELSEY and MARTHA are:
  i. MARK KELSEY.

          Notes for MARK KELSEY:
        Mark is the adopted son of Howard Kelsey when Howard was married to Florence Madeline Werness.

  ii. KIM KELSEY.

Generation No. 9

13. MARCIA GUYSE (IONE KELSEY, HAROLD CHARLES, BYRON J, WILSON, JOSEPH, ROSWELL, BENJAMIN, STEPHEN, JOHN, WILLIAM)

More About MARCIA GUYSE:
Fact 1: !ALIVE

Children of MARCIA GUYSE are:
  i. JANNIE

         More About JANNIE:
        Fact 1: !ALIVE

  ii. JOHNJ

         More About JOHNJ:
        Fact 1: !ALIVE

14. BONNIE LOU RIDDELL (DOROTHY ALICE KELSEY, HAROLD CHARLES, BYRON J, WILSON, JOSEPH, ROSWELL, BENJAMIN, STEPHEN, JOHN, WILLIAM) was born 15 Apr 1934 in Virginia, Minnesota. She married VERN LYLE GREEN in Rapid City, South Dakota. He was born 07 Nov 1933 in Sheridan, Wyoming.

More About BONNIE LOU RIDDELL:
Fact 1: !ALIVE

More About VERN LYLE GREEN:
Fact 1: !ALIVE

Child of BONNIE RIDDELL and VERN GREEN is:
17. i. KELLY JO GREEN, b. 09 Mar 1960, Rapid City, South Dakota.

15. JOHN PAUL RIDDELL (DOROTHY ALICE KELSEY, HAROLD CHARLES, BYRON J, WILSON, JOSEPH, ROSWELL, BENJAMIN, STEPHEN, JOHN, WILLIAM) was born 19 Apr 1938 in Havre, Montana. He married ELISE JEANNE BOUSSOUTROUX 28 Jun 1962 in Isle of Palms, South Carolina, daughter of CHARLES BOUSSOUTROUX and CHARLOTTE BESTETTI. She was born 17 Jul 1935 in Toulon, France.

Notes for JOHN PAUL RIDDELL:
John P. was born at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Havre, Montana. This happened to be the closest hospital at the time since Jack Sr. was working as a travelling salesman at the time. Jack Jr. graduated from Billings Sr. High School in 1956. He immediately joined the Navy and spent the next 22 years sailing both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. He rose through the ranks from Seaman Recruit to the grade of Chief Warrant Officer (W3). He is a car enthusiast, having owned mostly exotics (including two Lamborghinis), and a wine collector (600+ bottles). He met Elise in Cannes France while on several cruises with the 6th fleet.

The Riddells
More About JOHN PAUL RIDDLE:
Fact 2: Retired at the rank of CWO3 (Chief Warrant Officer)
Fact 3: ALIVE

More About ELISE JEANNE BOUSSOUTROUX:
Fact 1: ALIVE

Children of JOHN RIDDLE and ELISE BOUSSOUTROUX are:
   i. DANIEL ATILLA12 RIDDLE, b. 28 Jul 1963, Vallejo, CA.

   More About DANIEL ATILLA RIDDLE:
   Fact 1: ALIVE

   ii. ALEX CHARLES RIDDLE, b. 25 Apr 1966, Vallejo, CA.

   More About ALEX CHARLES RIDDLE:
   Fact 1: ALIVE

16. SUSAN ELEANORE11 RIDDLE (DOROTHY ALICE10 KELSEY, HAROLD CHARLES9, BYRON J8, WILSON7, JOSEPH6, ROSWELL5, BENJAMIN4, STEPHEN3, JOHN2, WILLIAM1) was born 31 Mar 1947 in Billings, Montana. She married (1) RICHARD CHARLES NEUZIL 02 Jun 1965. He was born 19 May 1946, and died Sep 1982 in Billings, Montana. She married (2) KERRY MICHAEL CONNER 1973. He was born 19 Sep 1946 in Nebraska. In October, 2004, Susan married a third time.

Notes for SUSAN ELEANORE RIDDLE:

More About SUSAN ELEANORE RIDDLE:
Fact 1: Susan was married to Richard Neuzil and had her first two children by him.
Fact 2: Richard Neuzil was born on 12 May, 1945 in Rapid City, SD
Fact 3: ALIVE

Notes for KERRY MICHAEL CONNER:
Kerry Connor was married to Susan from 1973 to 1987. Kerry worked in Rapid City as a fireman and "moonlighted" as a general handyman. Kerry was talented in construction, use of heavy equipment, and just about anything else. He considered WD-40 as a fixall for everything. Kerry is the father of Kelsey Michael Conner. Kerry remarried in the Fall of 1989. Wife's name is Joyce (don't know maiden name).

More About KERRY MICHAEL CONNER:
Fact 1: 28 Mar 1997, ALIVE
Fact 2: 28 Mar 1997, Was originally married to Richard Neuzil; they were divorced in 6/72.

Children of SUSAN RIDDELL and RICHARD NEUZIL are:
   i. MARISA LYNNE12 NEUZIL, b. 28 Feb 1966; m. JAMES ALAN YOUNGMAN; b. 01 Nov 1964, Bowdle, South Dakota.

   More About JAMES ALAN YOUNGMAN:
   Fact 1: ALIVE


Child of SUSAN RIDDELL and KERRY CONNER is:
   iii. KELSEY12 CONNOR, b. 28 Feb 1979, Rapid City, South Dakota.

   More About KELSEY CONNOR:
   Fact 1: ALIVE
Generation No. 10

17. KELLY JO12 GREEN (BONNIE LOU11 RIDDELL, DOROTHY ALICE10 KELSEY, HAROLD CHARLES9, BYRON J8, WILSON7, JOSEPH6, ROSWELL5, BENJAMIN4, STEPHEN3, JOHN2, WILLIAM1) was born 09 Mar 1960 in Rapid City, South Dakota. She married PHILIP WOLD. He was born 15 Nov 1955 in Britton, South Dakota.

More About KELLY JO GREEN:
Fact 1: !ALIVE

More About PHILIP WOLD:
Fact 1: !ALIVE

Child of KELLY GREEN and PHILIP WOLD is:

More About JENNIFER H. WOLD:
Fact 1: !ALIVE


Child of JASON NEUZIL and JENNIFER HOKREIN is:
PHOTOS

Fred Worner and Theodore Bohn. 
Fred married Theodore’s sister Anna Bohn.

Great Grandfather Warner (I think this is George Warner and wife Elvina Fischer)

Anna Warner and husband Fred Bohn