

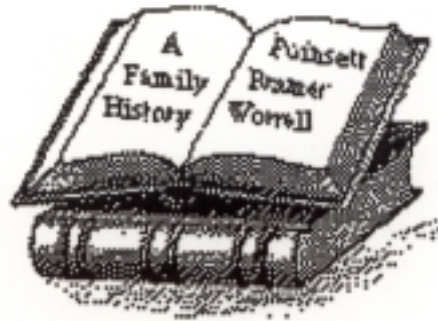
Genealogy of a Poinsett Family  
from the Atlantic Seacoast to the Colorado Rockies  
with notes on the Worrell and Braamhaar Families

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## Preface

I published a History of the Proffer, Crump, Poinsett, and Braamhaar (Bramer) Families of Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, in May, 1992. Since that time I have come upon a vast amount of new information about the Poinsetts that calls for significant additions and corrections to their genealogy. Additionally, a history of the family of Rosina Worrell, the wife of Thomas Gabriel Poinsett, came into my hands; in addition to the information on the Worrells, it has valuable details about the Poinsetts. The Proffer and Crump genealogies remain largely unchanged and the publication just cited can be regarded as the currently most accurate account of those two families. However, for the Poinsetts and Bramers the present version is to be regarded as the more complete and valid one.

In compiling the previously published (1992) history I was misled by a death certificate for J. Ephraim Poinsett that listed the wrong names for his mother and father, which led me to believe that he was not a son of Thomas Gabriel Poinsett and Rosina Worrell. This flawed document also contains an erroneous birth date. These mistakes have been amended. Additionally, the relationship between the Mifflins of Philadelphia and the Poinsetts of Missouri has been made clear.

I am pleased to put forth this much more satisfactory history of the Poinsetts. However, much more work remains to be done on the genealogy and history of this family. I am publishing this work now as an interim document, or a work in progress, so that all who have contributed to it may have a copy, in appreciation for their assistance, and to encourage others to come forth with additional data and information about family members. I hope anyone reading this will be kind enough to send me relevant new information or corrections for a future revision of this genealogy and history.

I found a few Poinsetts that I believe to be in our lineage but presently I cannot connect them. These I list here in the hope that they may be placed sometime in the future:

Joseph Poinsett is listed in a Baltimore Co, MD, tax record 1704. (I saw a record in the library of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina stating that there were three Poinsett brothers, not two, who immigrated to America. Could Joseph be the third brother?)

Appearing in the files of the Delaware Historical Society is the following record: **Mary Ann Poinsett** married **George Snyder**, 20 Nov 1826 (DE Gazette, Wilmington).

An LDS record shows **John Poinsett** married **Margaret Morris** 12 Jan 1836 in Philadelphia, PA.

**Peter Poinsett**, age 26, applied for a Seaman's Protection Certificate in 1859; his most recent residence was New York and his port of entry was New Bedford, MA.

## Methodology

I used the Family History Library of the Church of the Latter Day Saints (LDS) in Ft. Collins and Salt Lake City extensively. The Cape Girardeau Public Library, the Riverside Regional Library in Jackson, MO, the Denver Public Library, and the libraries of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina and the South Carolina Historical Society were the sources of much of the data herein.

The computer program (Personal Ancestral File 2.1) used assigns a Record Identification Number (RIN) to each person and a Marriage Record Identification Number (MRIN) to each marriage. They are a great aid in distinguishing among persons with the same or similar names and will be used throughout so the reader will know for certain which person is referenced.

The data on persons in this work are presented with the following conventions:

- 3 - Jackson Redman Proffer - 66 (5 Feb 1832 - 13 May 1925)
  - p Whitewater, Cape Girardeau Co, MO
  - i Proffer farm, Whitewater, MO
  - m 28 Dec 1852,
- s - Nancy Harietta Crump - 67 (7 July 1831 - 25 Sep 1901)
  - p \_\_\_\_\_, KY
  - i Proffer farm, Whitewater, MO

The "3 -" indicates that the person is the third generation in this history. The number after the name, "-66", is the RIN. The first date after the name is date of birth; the last date is date of death. If an exact year is not known "abt" will precede it. Missing data are indicated by a blank line, thus \_\_\_\_\_. If a given name is not known, "NoName" is used; if a surname is not known, "Unknown" is used. Additionally, the following abbreviations apply:

- b = birth date
- c = christening or baptismal information
- d = death date
- p = place of birth
- i = interred (buried)
- m = married (date, place)
- s = spouse
- x = divorced
- nm = no monument at grave site

The cemeteries wherein most of the family are interred are:

Cape Girardeau Co, MO:

- Barks Chapel Cemetery near the communities of Laflin and Crump.
- Russell Heights Cemetery, Jackson.
- Memorial Park Cemetery on State Highway 25 northwest of Cape Girardeau.

Bollinger Co, MO:

- St. John's Parish Cemetery, Leopold.

Colorado:

- Mount Olivet Cemetery, Wheat Ridge, CO, just west of Denver.
- Riverside Cemetery, Denver.
- Fairmount Cemetery, Denver.

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I also received assistance and information from Barbara P. Claypoole of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina; Rev. Robert Lovell Oliveros of Charleston, SC; Carol J. Weeks, genealogist, Wilmington, DE; The Historical Society of Delaware, Wilmington, DE; the Bureau of Archives and Record Management, Dover, DE; Rose Mary McKeown, The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; The Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Christine McCullough, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia; the National Archives, Washington, D.C.

## The Poinsett Name

In researching the Poinsetts I found a remarkable variety of variations in the spelling of the name, including Poincet, Pointset, Poinsett, Poinset, Poinsetts, Poinsette, and Pineset. The name "Poinsett", as best I can make out, is of French or Belgian origin and likely related to a profession or craft. The French word "poinçon" refers to a punch or pointed tool and is the mark on silverware which proves it is authentic. Thus, an ancestor may have been a silversmith. Also, "pointe seche", meaning "dry point", refers to etching or engraving., so the name may have derived from an artisan who was an engraver. According to a note by John Haines, a Poinsett descendant, the name had been spelled "Pointsite" in France. The original probably was "Poinsette", as proper French spelling would demand the "-ette" ending, and some of the early South Carolina records spell it so.

It is interesting to note that Poinsett "Tactics" is the unofficial name for the manual that has been the cavalry man's textbook since 1841, but I do not know which Poinsett is referenced. There was a steamboat named "Poinsett" that was in service in 1838, with James Trathen in command, and in 1839 -40, with Cdr. Isaac Mayo in charge. Edward A. Mueller, an authority on steamboats in Florida's waters, and whose work is cited in the bibliography of this publication provided the following information on the USS POINSETT: "She was built in New York in 1839 and before she could be used in civilian service, she was sold to the War Department for use in the south in the fight against the Seminoles. My hunch is that she was named after Joel Roberts Poinsett who was Secretary of War around this time. The vessel was a side-wheeler of 250 tons, 132.9 ft. long by 22.1 ft. wide, and had a depth of hold of 8.1 ft. She was renamed DUNCAN C. PELL in 1845 and accordingly had probably been sold to someone by the War Department, after they no longer had a need for her."

Lake Poinsett, in the upper St. Johns River in Florida was probably named after the Secretary of War, also, according to Mr. Mueller. "A few other lakes (they are really wide spots in the river and not very deep) were named after generals who fought in the Second Seminole Indian War such as Harney, Winder, etc. This war was from December 1835 until 1842 and a lot of steamboats took part in it. They supplied troops with provisions, arms, horses and brought soldiers from elsewhere to the fight. Some exploration of lower Florida was done by these military folks, hence the naming of natural things for people they worked with."

Poinsett County, Arkansas, was named after Joel Roberts Poinsett on 28 Feb 1838. Joel Roberts Poinsett brought back plants from Mexico, where he served as American ambassador; among them was the plant now known as the "poinsettia."

African-Americans can be found, particularly in NC and FL, with the name Poinsett (or Poinsette). This reflects adoption by ancestral slaves of their master's name, a common practice in pre -Civil War America.

## The Huguenots

The Huguenots were French Protestants. There was a reform movement in Catholic France prior to John Calvin's influential 1536 publication, but it was accelerated thereafter. Under King Henry II reprisals became more severe. Subsequent monarchs were periodically repressive also. The massacre of Saint Bartholomew's Day in 1572 was a heavy blow to the Huguenots. Nevertheless, they continued to struggle and sometimes prevailed in their religious wars. In 1598, Henry IV, by issuing the Edict of Nantes, established Protestantism in 200 towns, proclaimed freedom of worship, and allowed substantial political independence. During the next 50 years more and more skilled artisans and members of the bourgeoisie became Huguenots, who thus constituted one of the most industrious and economically advanced elements of French society. In the reign of King Louis XIII, Cardinal Richelieu decided to suppress Protestant political privileges. In the ensuing conflicts the Huguenots lost all the strongholds given to them by the Edict of Nantes. LaRoche (the region from which the Poinsetts emigrated) was captured in 1628 by Richelieu after a 14 -month siege, during which King Charles I of England attempted to send some aid to the Protestant defenders. The Peace of Alais stripped the Huguenots of all political power but assured them of continued religious tolerance. King Louis XIV, urged by the French Catholic clergy, moved to suppress the dissident religion. Conversion was encouraged and dragoons were quartered in the homes of the Huguenots. Finally, in 1685, the Edict of Nantes was revoked (but our ancestors had departed from England about 1680). This act had disastrous consequences. Entire provinces were depopulated as countless Huguenots fled to England, The Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, and America. Full religious freedom was not attained until 1905 when church and state were separated. (See Baird, 1966, for additional details of the Huguenot emigration to America.)

Our ancestors came from the province of Saintonge, south of LaRoche, now embraced in the department of Charente-Inférieure. This area has an exceedingly broken coast line, the sandy shore everywhere indented by bays. Here many rivers enter the Bay of Biscay, including the Charente and the Seudre. It is a land of sea inlets and broad marshes and was populated by a simple and hardy band of sailors, fishermen and salt makers. A large portion of the population were Protestants. Saintonge lost many of its most industrious and virtuous families as the result of Catholic persecution. The opportunity for escape was available, as the harbors and landing places along the Atlantic coast on the West and up the broad gulf of the Gironde, on the south, provided places for ships to secretly depart. Although there were mounted guards, stationed at intervals along the coast, they could not prevent all escapes from the many ports and bays.

Our Poinsetts lived in Soubise, anciently a fortified town, and the capital of a small principality. It was named for the noble house of Soubise, one of the last to abandon the Protestant cause. Baird (1966, p. 18) cites a list which contains the names of Pierre Poinsett, son of Pierre Poinsett and his wife Marie; Pierre Poinsett the younger,

son of Pierre Poinsett and Sara Fouchereau, and his wife Anne Gobard. They left France at a time when a variety of harsh measures were being applied by the Catholics, including pressures for conversion, tearing down of Protestant churches, and prevention of practicing their trades or crafts.



Map of Western France showing the location of Soubise in Saintonge at the time of the Poinsett's Emigration

## Emigration to England and America

It is commonly stated by latter-day members of the Poinsett family that the American Poinsetts are descended from the families of two Huguenot brothers, Pierre (Peter) and Jean (John), originating in Soubise, France, who fled first to England and then to America.<sup>1</sup> One of the brothers, Pierre, settled in Charleston (then “Charles Town”), SC, about 1681. The other brother, Jean, went to New Egypt, NJ, leaving descendants living in Burlington Co, NJ, today.<sup>2</sup> Pierre is the best documented of the founding American Poinsetts.

The claim of the English on what became South Carolina dates from 1629. In 1670 the first permanent settlement was formed at Albemarle Point. In 1680 the colony moved across the river to Oyster Point, which was better situated for defense. There the colonists established their capital, Charles Town, which became the chief center of culture and wealth in the South. Pierre came to Charles Town in 1681, the year after its founding. The Act of March 30, 1696, was a highly significant one for the French of Charles Town, for it was a petition of persons “alien born” setting forth that the undersigned had been encouraged to go to England and later to South Carolina and that they now seek naturalization in order that their lands already bought may “be secured to them and their heirs”. The list of French names include three generations of Poinsetts: Pierre Sr., Pierre Jr., and Elisha, (Hirsch, 1928).

From Charleston, like other colonists, some of the later Poinsetts spread up the Cooper River to establish plantations and carry on trades, forming a community around the local Huguenot Church known as Orange Quarter, or French Quarter. The Parish of St. Thomas was created by an act in 1706 and Orange Quarter became a part of this parish, under the name of The Parish of St. Denis (Hirsch, 1928). Among the names of the planters listed in this parish is “Poinsette” (sic). The plantations were worked by indentured servants and Negro and Indian slaves. Corn, livestock, cotton, tobacco and rice were the principal crops. Timber and fur were also value items for export.

The Anglicans in 1704 deprived other groups of their religious liberty, and it was not until 1706 when the English government took action that religious tolerance was

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<sup>1</sup> I came across a note by John Haines stating that the Poinsetts lived two generations in Holland but I know of no evidence to support this claim.

<sup>2</sup> In the long course of working out this genealogy, I entertained for a time the notion that we were descended from the New Jersey tribe and spent many hours assembling their lineages. After running aground with that tack, I switched back to pursuing our origins among the South Carolinian tribe, where I found our connection. The genealogy I developed for the New Jersey Poinsetts appears to be the most complete and accurate to date, so I have published that work separately to make it available to anyone interested in this part of the family (Ralph, C. L., 1994, *The Poinsetts of New Jersey*, The Golden Spectrum, 1351 Village Park Ct., Ft. Collins, CO 80526). As noted above, I saw a note at the Library of the Huguenot Society of SC which alleged that two brothers went to NJ, but I have found no evidence to support two brother in NJ; however, there is a Joseph Poinsett, according to a tax record, in Baltimore Co, MD, in 1704, and he might be the third brother.

restored. The colony was divided into North and South Carolina in 1713. There were attacks by the Yamasee Indians in 1715 -16. South Carolina became a royal colony in 1729. Around this time the marauding pirates which had long harassed the coast were dispersed or hanged. The founding of Georgia in 1733 provided a buffer against the Spanish in Florida.

## Descendants of Pierre Poinsett and Sarah Fouchereau

The early genealogy of the South Carolina Poinsetts is set forth in Oliveros (1980) and corrected by Crouse (1981). The Charleston Poinsetts, descendants of Pierre (Peter) Poinsett and Sara Fouchereau, include several notable lawyers, physicians and statesmen, the most prominent among them being Joel Roberts Poinsett (1779 -1851), the Secretary of War in 1837 and America's first ambassador to Mexico. The poinsettia plant was named after him, as he brought it back from Mexico and introduced it into the United States. Also, Poinsett County in Arkansas was named after Joel Roberts Poinsett, on 28 Feb 1838. (Coincidentally, one of our family, Claude Poinsett -213 lived and died in Trumann, Poinsett County, Arkansas.)

To aid members of my clan in extracting our descent from the information that follows, here is our ancestral line, from Pierre Poinsett Sr., of Soubise, France, through my grandparents, August Ephraim Poinsett and Martha Isabella Proffer:

- 1 - Pierre Poinsett Sr. - 756 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )
- s - Marie Unknown - 757 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )
  - 2 - Pierre (Peter) Poinsett Jr. - 759 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - 1699 )
  - s - Sarah Fouchereau - 761 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )
    - 3 - Peter Poinsett - 762 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - 1700)
    - s - Anne Gobard -766 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )
      - 4 - Joel Poinsett - 770 (1690 - 1744)
      - s - Susannah Varin - 771 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - 1729)
        - 5 - Peter Poinsett - 777 (1719 - 1757)
        - s - NoName Unknown - 785 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )
          - 6 - Thomas Poinsett - 811 (1766 - abt 1806)
          - s - Lois Bennet - 812 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )
            - 7 - Solomon Poinsett - 1 ( 1790 - 1826)<sup>3</sup>
            - s - Rebecca Cline - 2 (1794 - \_\_\_\_\_ )
              - 8 - Thomas Gabriel Poinsett - 3 (1813 - 1885)
              - s - Rosina Worrell - 5 (1817 - 1897)
                - 9 - Charles Borromeo Poinsett - 10 (1841 - 1889)
                - s - Christina Braamhaar Arnzen - 11 (1841 - 1884)
                  - 10 - August Ephraim Poinsett - 18 (1867 - 1955)
                  - s - Martha Isabella Proffer - 131 (1867 - 1946)

Following is the South Carolina Poinsett genealogy, based largely on Oliveros (1980), with modifications by Crouse (1981), and supplemental information and corrections from genealogies and articles found in the libraries in Charleston and from LDS library records.

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<sup>3</sup> **Solomon** and **Rebecca Poinsett** are also **Generation 1** in the extended genealogy that begins on page 35.

1 - Pierre Poinsett Sr. - 756 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
p Soubise, Saintonge, France

i \_\_\_\_\_  
m \_\_\_\_\_, France

s - Marie Unknown - 757 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
p Soubise, Saintonge, France

i \_\_\_\_\_

2 - Jean (John) Poinsett - 758 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
p Soubise, Saintonge, France

i \_\_\_\_\_  
m \_\_\_\_\_

s - Elizabeth Unknown - 760 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
p New Egypt, Monmouth Co., NJ

i \_\_\_\_\_

(See *The Poinsetts of New Jersey*, 1994, by Charles L. Ralph, The Golden Spectrum, 1351 Village Park Ct., Ft. Collins, CO 80521, for descendants of Jean and Elizabeth.)

2 - Pierre (Peter) Poinsett Jr. - 759 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - 25 Oct 1699)  
p Soubise, Saintonge, France

i Charleston, SC  
m \_\_\_\_\_, Soubise, Saintonge, France

s - Sarah Fouchereau - 761 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
p Soubise, Saintonge, France

i \_\_\_\_\_

3 - Peter Poinsett - 762 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - 12 Jun 1700)  
p Soubise, Saintonge, France

i \_\_\_\_\_  
m \_\_\_\_\_, Soubise, Saintonge, France

s - Anne Gobard - 766 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
p Soubise, Saintonge, France

i \_\_\_\_\_

4 - Joel Poinsett - 770 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1690 - 11 Dec 1744)  
p Charleston, SC

i French Huguenot Churchyard, Charleston, SC  
m

s - Susannah Varin - 771 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - 1729)

p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_

5 - Susannah Poinsett - 772 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1709 - \_\_\_\_\_ )

p Charleston, SC

i \_\_\_\_\_

m 28 Jan 1726, St. Phillips Episcopal, Charleston, SC

s - Isaac Holmes - 779 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )

p \_\_\_\_\_

i \_\_\_\_\_

6 - John Holmes - 786 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )

p \_\_\_\_\_

i \_\_\_\_\_

m

s - Chloe Bentley - 787 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )

p \_\_\_\_\_

i \_\_\_\_\_

7 - Elisha W. Holmes - 788 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1773 - \_\_\_\_\_ )

p \_\_\_\_\_

i \_\_\_\_\_

m \_\_\_\_\_ 1795, \_\_\_\_\_

s - Sallie Stovall - 789 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1733 - \_\_\_\_\_ ) dau. of Josiah Stovall

p \_\_\_\_\_

i \_\_\_\_\_

5 - Elisha Poinsett - 773 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1711 - 17 Feb 1771)

p Charleston, SC

i \_\_\_\_\_

m 23 Oct 1734, Trinity Church, Newport, RI

s - Catherine Harris - 780 (20 Apr 1715 - 9 Dec 1774)

p Newport, RI

i Charleston, SC

6 - John Poinsett - 790 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1735 - \_\_\_\_\_ 1762)

p Newport, RI

i \_\_\_\_\_

m 1 May 1756, St. Phillip's, Charleston, SC

s - Mary Cattel - 796 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )

p \_\_\_\_\_, NY

i \_\_\_\_\_

7 - Catherine Poinsett - 797 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )

p \_\_\_\_\_

i \_\_\_\_\_

- 6 - Elisha Poinsett (Dr.) - 791 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1742 - 18 Sep 1803)  
 p Newport, RI  
 i \_\_\_\_\_  
 m \_\_\_\_\_
- s - Katherine Anne Roberts - 798 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 - Joel Roberts Poinsett - 799 (2 Mar 1779 - 12 Dec 1851)  
 p London, England  
 i Santee, SC  
 m Oct 1833, Ft. Monroe, Norfolk Harbor, VA
- s - Mary Izard Pringle - 800 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i Santee, SC
- 7 - William Poinsett - 801 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - 1796)  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 - Susannah Poinsett - 802 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - 20 Jul 1804)  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 - Eliza Poinsett - 803 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1786 - \_\_\_\_\_ 1800)  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 - Susannah Poinsett - 792 (23 Apr 1744 - 29 Dec 1803)  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i Charleston, SC
- 6 - Mary Poinsett - 793 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1748 - \_\_\_\_\_ 1749)  
 p Charleston, SC  
 i Charleston, SC
- 6 - Joel Poinsett - 794 (Nov 1751 - 9 Feb 1788)  
 p Charleston, SC  
 i \_\_\_\_\_  
 m \_\_\_\_\_
- s - Frances Batchellor - 804 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ 1805)  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i \_\_\_\_\_

7 - Joel Poinsett - 805 (5 Oct 1782 - \_\_\_\_\_ ) d in infancy  
p \_\_\_\_\_  
i St. Phillip's Church, Charleston, SC

7 - Hannah Frances Poinsett - 806 (11 Sep 1781 - 5 Feb 1848)  
p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_  
m 26 May 1806, St. Phillip's, Charleston, SC  
s - Josiah Sturgis Lovell - 807 (19 Sep 1799 - 19 Jan 1820)  
p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_

5 - Elizabeth Poinsett - 775 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1711 - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
p Charleston, SC  
i \_\_\_\_\_  
m 2 Apr 1730, St. Phillip's, Charleston, SC

s - Samuel Fley - 781 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_

6 - Charles Fley - 808 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1776 - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_  
m 1741, \_\_\_\_\_

s - Edward Richardson - 782 (Capt.) ( \_\_\_\_\_ abt 1715 - \_\_\_\_\_ 1765)  
p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_

6 - William Richardson (Col.) - 809 (13 Jul 1743 - 17 Feb 1786)  
p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_  
m 13 Oct 1768, \_\_\_\_\_

s - Anne Magdalen Guignard - 810 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_  
m \_\_\_\_\_ 1771, \_\_\_\_\_

s - John Hatten - 783 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_

5 - Mary Poinsett - 774 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1713 - \_\_\_\_\_ )

p Charleston, SC

i \_\_\_\_\_

m 1 Jul 1726, St. Phillip's, Charleston, SC

s - James Bullen - 784 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )

p \_\_\_\_\_

i \_\_\_\_\_

m \_\_\_\_\_

s - NoName DuPrè - 795 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )

p \_\_\_\_\_

i \_\_\_\_\_

5 - Joel Poinsett - 778 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1715 - \_\_\_\_\_ )

p Charleston, SC

i \_\_\_\_\_

5 - Peter Poinsett - 777 (20 Sep 1719 - \_\_\_\_\_ 1757)

p Charleston, SC

i \_\_\_\_\_

m \_\_\_\_\_

s - NoName Unknown - 785 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )

p \_\_\_\_\_

i \_\_\_\_\_

6 - Thomas Poinsett - 811 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1766 - \_\_\_\_\_ )

p \_\_\_\_\_

i \_\_\_\_\_

m \_\_\_\_\_

s - Lois Bennet - 812 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )

p \_\_\_\_\_

i \_\_\_\_\_

(Our lineage continues from this pair; see **Descendants of Thomas Poinsett and Lois Bennett** below.)

5 - Anne Poinsett - 776 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1720 - \_\_\_\_\_ 1758)

p Charleston, SC

i St. Phillips Church, Charleston, SC

3 - Joel Poinsett - 763 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )

p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_

m \_\_\_\_\_

s - Susannah Martineau - 767 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )

p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_

3 - Catherine Poinsett - 764 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )

p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_

m \_\_\_\_\_

s - Abraham LeSeur - 768 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )

p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_

3 - Jeanne "Jane" Poinsett - 765 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )

p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_

m \_\_\_\_\_

s - Ellye (Elie) Bisset - 769 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )

p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_

2 -**Pierre "Peter" Poinsett, Jr.** - 759 (\_\_\_\_ - 1699), married to **Sara Fouchereau** - 761, emigrated to America with his brother Jean. Pierre is said to have been in "Charles towne" South Carolina by 1681 (Oliveros, 1980). However, there is this entry in *The Registers of the French Church, Threadneedle Street, London, Vol. 111, 1906*. "Chevalier, Jean, natif de S. Georges de Didonne en Xaintonge, fils de feu Jean Chevalier et de feu Jeanne de Ramet; Catherine Poinset, native de Soubise, fille de Pierre Poinset et de Sara Fouchereau. Mai 15 - - Epousez le 22e Juin, 1687." Also, there is a "Peter Poincet and Sarah, his wife" listed for 10 July 1696 in the *Letters of Denization and Acts of Naturalization for Aliens in England and Ireland, 1603 -1700*; "Peter" presumably is "Pierre" Anglicized. Thus, Pierre either arrived later than 1681 in "Charles towne" or else left daughter Catherine behind in England. Peter, as he came to be known, opened a small place of entertainment at the n.e. corner of Church and Queen streets. Peter later moved to a more commodious house at the s.e. corner of Church and Elliot streets, as may be seen in Crisp's map of Charleston in 1704, a copy of which I have. Tradition has it that the South Carolina Society originated with some of Peter Poinsett's friends who met in this house to favor his undertaking. (However, it should be noted that Pierre died in 1699, so if the property on Crisp's map of 1704 was still in Poinsett hands it would have been those of one of his four children, likely son Peter. Also, as North and South Carolina were not formed until 1713, the South Carolina Society story would have transpired in the time of the second generation of Charleston Poinsetts.) Among the court records for Charles towne for 17 and 18 June 1692 is an account of Peter Poinsett being awarded a payment of 4 pounds and 10 shillings current money of Carolina by Seth Sothell

for extorting money from him and three other men on pretense of licensing them to retail liquor. As noted above, Pierre was a signatory to the act of 1696, naturalizing him and securing his property. Pierre died 25 Oct 1699 in Charles Town.

3 - **Peter Poinsett** - 762 ( \_\_\_\_ - 1700), son of Pierre and Sarah, married **Anne Gobard** - 766 and emigrated to SC with his father, Pierre. They had a son, Joel, born in SC. Peter is listed as a coppersmith in 1696 on the Santee River, in the Register of the Province, 1696 and 1703 (S.C. Archives, Columbia, SC, p. 143). Pierre Jr. signed the naturalization and land securing act of 1696.

4 - **Joel Poinsett** - 770 (1690 - 1744), son of Peter and Anne, married **Susannah Varin** - 771 ( \_\_\_\_ - 1729), daughter of Susannah and Jacques Varin, grand-daughter of Samuel and Jeanne Dubois Horry of Neufchatel. He was a weaver 1703-1710, vintner, tavern keeper on Elliot Street 1732-1744 (the house still stands at no. 28 Elliot and is known as Poinsett Tavern), and planter 1790. Joel was a signer of the 1731 petition sent from the Charles Town congregation to the London Waloon Church seeking a French Huguenot Minister; a salary of 280 was offered and an additional 225 for passage (Hirsch, 1928). Joel is listed in the 1741 census of Charles Town, Charleston Co. He is buried in the churchyard of the French Huguenot Church in Charleston. His will, dated 26 Jan 1743, mentions son Peter, son-in-law Edward Richardson (husband of Elizabeth), son-in-law Isaac Holmes (married to Susannah), daughter Mary DuPre, and son Elisha.

5 - **Elisha Poinsett** - 773 (1711 - 1771), son of Joel and Susannah, born in Charleston, married **Catherine Harris** - 780 (1715-1774) 23 Oct 1734, at Trinity Church, Newport, RI. Catherine was born 20 Apr 1715 in Newport and died in 1774 in Charleston. He signed the naturalization and land securing act of 1696. Elisha was a Mariner in Philadelphia, 1734; joined the South Carolina Society, 1743; Registrar at St. Phillips, Charleston, 1758-1770.

6 - **John Poinsett** - 790 (1735 - 1762), son of Elisha and Catherine, was christened 22 Feb 1735 in Trinity Church, Newport, RI. He married **Mary Cattel** - 796, widow of Peter Cattel, 1 May 1756 at St. Phillips, Charleston, SC.

5 - **Peter Poinsett** - 777 (1719 - 1757), son of Joel and Susannah, was christened at St. Thomas and St. Denis. He was a member of the South Carolina Society in 1739 and was constable of the society in 1742. A record in the LDS library states Peter, son of Joel Poinsett and Susannah Varin was born in 1707 in Charleston, SC. This conflicts with the 1719 date given by Oliveros (1980) and Crouse (1981).

6 - **Dr. Elisha Poinsett** - 759 (1742 - 1803), son of Elisha and Catherine, was born at Newport, RI, and christened 1 Apr 1742 in Trinity Church. He went to England to

complete his medical education. There he married **Katherine Ann Roberts**, daughter of and the only child of William Roberts of London, in 1772 at Newington near London. Elisha is listed as living in Charles Town, Dorchester Co in 1790. He is listed among the creditors in a deed dated 28 Jun 1798 that was filed for a settlement by Dr. David Ramsey in what then was a part of the state of Virginia but later became Ohio Co, KY; in Deed Book B. Elisha died in Boston.

7 - **Joel Roberts Poinsett** - 799 (1779 - 1851), son of Dr. Elisha Poinsett and Katherine Anne Roberts, was born in London. He was naturalized by a U. S. Senate act of 9 Mar 1783. Joel Roberts married **Mary Izard Pringle** - 800 24 Oct 1833 at the residence of Col. Eustis, Fort Monroe, Norfolk Harbor, VA; her first husband was John Julius Pringle. Joel Roberts died while on a visit at the home, Hillcrest in Santee near Sumter, SC, of his friend, Dr. William Wallace Anderson, and he and his wife are interred in the churchyard nearby. Joel Roberts' life and accomplishments have been detailed many times and will not be recounted here.

7 - **Susannah Poinsett** - 802 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - 1804), daughter of Dr. Elisha Poinsett and Katherine, died in New York City.

6 - **Susannah Poinsett** - 792 (1744 - 1803), daughter of Elisha and Catherine, was christened at St. Phillip's in Charleston. She never married and died in Charleston. Her will is dated 1 Dec 1802.

6 - **Mary Poinsett** - 793 (1748 - 1749), daughter of Elisha and Catherine, was christened at St. Phillip's in Charleston 7 Dec 1748.

6 - **Joel Poinsett** - 794 (1751 - 1788), son of Elisha and Catherine, was christened 13 Mar 1752 at St. Phillip's in Charleston. Joel's wife, **Frances Batchellor** - 804 ( \_\_\_\_ - 1805), was from England. Their son, **Joel Poinsett** - 805 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - 1782), died in infancy.

7 - **Hannah Frances Poinsett** - 806 (1781 - 1848), daughter of Joel and Frances, married **Josiah Sturgis Lovell** (1799 - 1820), who was the son of Christopher Lovell of Barnstable, MA, and Abigail Sturgis. Their issue was Edward Sturgis (b 13 Nov 1807), Anna Frances (3 Jul 1809 - 26 Mar 1872). Sarah Susannah (11 Aug 1811 - 19 Sep 1817), Roberts Poinsett (17 Aug 1813 - 7 May 1845), Christopher Samuel (3 Nov 1815 - 16 Aug 1868), and Susan Elizabeth (24 Mar 1818 - 13 Jan 1892).

5 - **Elizabeth Poinsett** - 775 (1711 - \_\_\_\_\_ ), daughter of Joel Poinsett and Susannah Varin, is indicated in an LDS record as born in 1711, the same year as her brother Elisha, indicating they were twins. Their similar sounding names might also suggest this is the case. Elizabeth had three marriages: Samuel Fley, Capt. Edward Richardson (from the DuBois family), and John Hatten, the last when she was age 60.

5 - **Mary Poinsett** - 774 (1713 - \_\_\_\_ ), daughter of Joel and Susannah, was born in 1713 in Charleston, SC, and married James Bullen 1 Jul 1726 at St. Phillip's in Charleston, according to LIDS records. Crouse (1981) notes that daughter Mary DuPrè is mentioned in Joel's will, so she may have had a second marriage.

5 - **Joel Poinsett** - 778 (1715 - \_\_\_\_ ), son of Joel and Susannah, was born in 1715 in Charleston, SC, according to an LDS record.

5 - **Anne Poinsett** - 776 (1716 - \_\_\_\_ ), daughter of Joel and Susannah, was born in 1716 in Charleston, SC, according to an LDS record.

3 - **Joel Poinsett** - 763 ( \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ ), son of Pierre Poinsett, Jr., and Sarah Fouchereau, married Susannah Martineau, and presumably migrated from France to England to SC along with his parents, wife, and siblings.

3 - **Catherine Poinsett** - 764 ( \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ ), daughter of Pierre Poinsett, Jr., and Sarah Fouchereau, married **Abraham LeSuer**, a joiner (one who joins pieces of wood to construct items) (but see Jean Chevalier in her father's biographical information above).

3 - **Jeanne "Jane" Poinsett** - 765 ( \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ ), daughter of Pierre Poinsett, Jr., and Sarah Fouchereau, and her husband **Ellye (Elie) Bisset** emigrated to SC at the same time as her parents and siblings. Ellye Bisset was a draper (a dealer in cloth).

## Descendants of Thomas Poinsett and Lois Bennet

Our more recent line of Poinsetts, a branch of the SC family, were coastal merchants and sailors. They plied their businesses along the coasts and up the rivers of FL, SC, DE, and NJ, engaging in cask manufacturing, steamboating, trade and merchandising. The movements and dispersions of this family make them especially difficult to trace. Our lineage continues through **Thomas Poinsett** (1766 - <1807) and **Lois Bennet** ( \_\_\_\_\_ - >1830), who settled near present-day Jacksonville, FL, according to Oliveros (1980). If they did so, it probably was about 1787, and their first son, Uriah, may have been born there about 1788. The family then may have moved, about 1789, into the Delaware River basin. Thomas and Lois' three other sons, Solomon, Stephen, and Asa, were born in NJ or DE between 1790 and 1799. They also had a daughter, Mary, but I do not know her place of or year of birth. The earliest record I found for the family in the Delaware region was that for Thomas on the assessment list for the Red-Lion Hundred (district) of New Castle, DE, in 1804. In 1807 Lois Poinsett, wife of Thomas, is listed in the New Castle tax record, suggesting that Thomas had died. In 1809 the eldest son, Uriah, is the taxpayer. In 1813 the two older sons, Uriah and Solomon (our ancestor), are in the New Castle tax list. In 1814 Capt. Solomon Poinsett and Capt. Uriah Poinsett are listed in the Wilmington city directory. This is the first indication of their involvement in operating steamboats on the Delaware River... and it was the time when the War of 1812 was at its height.<sup>1</sup> There is a tax record for Uriah in the Christiana Hundred for New Castle in 1816, 1817 and 1821. Younger brother Asa also became a taxpayer in 1821. Asa and Uriah are in the tax record for 1825; Asa only is listed in 1832.

As will be noted later, Uriah, Asa, and Stephen were associated with the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church beginning around 1820. Solomon drowned in 1826. Asa and Stephen were in Wilmington for several years.<sup>2</sup> Uriah returned to FL prior to 1830, about the time his first wife died. The family's occupations all centered about seafaring: cask making, shipbuilding, captaining steamboats (when steamboats were very new in commercial use), and coastal trading and merchandising.

While the Poinsett histories in SC and NJ are fairly well documented, their involvements with FL and DE are not well known. I am indebted to Janet Crosby Taft of Jacksonville, FL, for providing most of the information herein about the Poinsetts in FL. She kindly provided a great amount of information about the Jacksonville area,

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<sup>1</sup> A state of blockade from New York to Savannah was proclaimed by the British on 16 Dec 1812 and became increasingly effective during 1813. Several dozen British warships were present on the Atlantic coast during 1814. There was one 74 (a square-rigged ship of the line with 74 guns), two frigates, and several small vessels blockading Delaware Bay in 1814. Off Charleston and Savannah there were two frigates, one sloop and a brig. It was a dangerous time to venture into ocean waters and there was great fear of invasion along the rivers. The British penetrated Chesapeake Bay and burned Washington in August, 1814.

<sup>2</sup> Wilmington, DE, was a very active center in the "underground railroad" that assisted runaway slaves from about 1830 to the outbreak of the Civil War. The Quaker community was a major participant in such activities.

census and marriage records, and court documents, as well as accounts of the Poinsetts in coastal and river steamboating. I also am grateful to Edgar R. Taylor, Jr., of Pittsburgh, PA, for additional information on Uriah Poinsett's daughter's family and his wife, Catherine, in FL. Additionally, Ms. Taft has pointed out that there is a Lake Poinsett in the head waters of the St. Johns River. (See Mueller, 1986, for the history of steamboating and the information on Poinsetts.)

Ms. Taft also provided the following information, which presently I am unable to fit into these two items into the genealogy:

1) In the 1870 census there is a **Thomas Poinsett**, age 21, born in FL, residing at Key West, Monroe Co, FL. (In the same residence is a Negro laundress, Teresa Darley, age 80, and Dora Franklin, white, age 63 and born in FL.) It seems likely that he was a son of Uriah Poinsett, from Uriah's second marriage (Uriah and Catherine DeWees married in 1841; Thomas was born in 1849; Uriah seems to have died about 1849).

2) An infant of "Mrs. Poinsett" died in 1888 during the Yellow Fever epidemic in Jacksonville.

6 - Thomas Poinsett - 811 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1766 - \_\_\_\_\_ abt 1806)

p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_

m \_\_\_\_\_

s - Lois Bennet - 812 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ > 1830)

p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_

7 - Uriah Poinsett - 813 ( \_\_\_\_\_ abt 1788 - \_\_\_\_\_ < 1850)

p Cow Ford (now Jacksonville), FL

i \_\_\_\_\_

m

s - Ann Egbert - 814 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ < 1830)

p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_

8 - Sarah Poinsett - 816 (11 Sep 1815 - 26 May 1881)

p New Castle, DE

i St. Nicholas Cemetery, Jacksonville, Duval Co, FL

m \_\_\_\_\_, Jacksonville, FL

s - Thomas O. Holmes - 820 (6 Apr 1816 - 28 Oct 1879)

p \_\_\_\_\_, ME

i St. Nicholas Cemetery, Jacksonville, Duval Co, FL

- 9 - Poinsett T. Holmes - 825 (6 Jun 1846 - 6 Sep 1871)  
 p Jacksonville, Duval Co, FL  
 i St. Nicholas Cemetery, Jacksonville, Duval Co, FL
- 9 - George H. Holmes - 826 (15 Mar 1848 - 16 Oct 1882)  
 p Jacksonville, Duval Co, FL  
 i St. Nicholas Cemetery, Jacksonville, Duval Co, FL
- 9 - Flinda Poinsett - 827 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1852 - \_\_\_\_\_ )<sup>3</sup>  
 p \_\_\_\_\_, DE  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 - Zilena Poinsett - 828 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1855 - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p \_\_\_\_\_, DE  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 - Heamit Poinsett - 829 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1857 - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p Jacksonville, Duval Co, FL  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 - Asa Poinsett Jr. - 815 (1818 - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p New Castle, DE  
 i \_\_\_\_\_  
 m 13 Nov 1843, Wilmington, New Castle Co, DE
- s - Elizabeth McKennan - 821 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 - Anna Bella Poinsett - 830 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1846 - 22 Sep 1846)  
 p Wilmington, New Castle Co, DE  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 - William McKennan Poinsett -831 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1847 - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p Wilmington, New Castle Co, DE  
 i \_\_\_\_\_  
 m \_\_\_\_\_
- s - Mary McKenzie - 832 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p Wilmington, New Castle Co, DE

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<sup>3</sup> The names of the last three Holmes children are my deciphering of a census record; they seem strange and may be the imaginative creation of a semi-literate census taker.

- 9 - Sarah Holmes Poinsett - 833 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1853 - 19 May 1853)  
 p Wilmington, New Castle Co, DE  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 - Harriet C. Poinsett - 817 ( \_\_\_\_\_ Mar 1820 - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p Wilmington, New Castle Co, DE  
 i \_\_\_\_\_  
 m 22 Dec 1842, Asbury M.E. Church., Wilmington, DE
- s - William B. Calhoun - 822 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i \_\_\_\_\_  
 m \_\_\_\_\_, DE
- s - NoName McCallum - 823 according to Oliveros ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 - Egbert Poinsett - 818 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1825 - \_\_\_\_\_ Aug 1859)  
 p Wilmington, New Castle Co, DE  
 i Jacksonville, FL
- 8 - John Solomon Poinsett - 819 (20 May 1828 - 25 Aug 1909)  
 p Wilmington, New Castle Co, DE  
 i Riverview Cemetery, Wilmington, New Castle Co, DE  
 m 19 Dec 1850, Asbury M.E. Church, Wilmington, DE
- s - Rebecca Jane Smith - 824 (5 Oct 1831 - 27 Sep 1910)  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i New Riverview Cemetery, Wilmington, New Castle Co, DE
- 9 - Harriet C. Poinsett - 834 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1852 - \_\_\_\_\_ )
- 9 - Samuel Smith Poinsett - 835 ( \_\_\_\_\_ May 1855 - 9 Sep 1856)  
 p Brandywine Village, PA  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 - Emily M. Poinsett - 837 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1859 - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 - James Poinsett - 836 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i \_\_\_\_\_  
 m 24 Jan 1841, Jacksonville, Duval Co, FL
- s - Catherine Maria DeWees - 838 (13 Sep 1822 - Apr 1885)  
 p St. Augustine, FL  
 i \_\_\_\_\_

8 - Mary L. Poinsett - 839 ( \_\_\_\_ 1842 - \_\_\_\_ )  
p Jacksonville, Duval Co, FL  
i \_\_\_\_\_

7 - Solomon Poinsett - 1 ( \_\_\_\_ 1790 - 2 Sep 1826)<sup>4</sup>  
p Burlington Co, NJ  
i \_\_\_\_\_  
m \_\_\_\_\_

s - Rebecca Cline - 2 ( \_\_\_\_ 1794 - \_\_\_\_ )  
p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_

(See **Descendants of Solomon Poinsett and Rebecca Cline** below for our family.)

7 - Mary Poinsett - 840 ( \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ )  
p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_  
m 18 May 1812, New Castle Co, DE

s - Jacob Caulk - 841 ( \_\_\_\_ -1854)  
p New Castle Co, DE  
i \_\_\_\_\_

8 - Harriet Caulk - 842 ( \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ )  
p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_  
m \_\_\_\_\_

s - George W. Tumer - 844 ( \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ )  
p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_

9 - Mary Turner - 845 ( \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ )  
p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_  
m \_\_\_\_\_

s - William D. Greer - 849 ( \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ )  
p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>4</sup> **Solomon** and **Rebecca** are **Generation 1** in **Descendants of Solomon Poinsett and Rebecca Cline** below.

9 - Rev. Charles H. B. Turner - 846 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_

8 - Lois Ann Caulk - 843 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_

7 - Stephen (Steven) Poinsett - 847 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1795 - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
p \_\_\_\_\_, DE  
i \_\_\_\_\_

7 - Asa Poinsett - 848 (15 Sep 1799 - 26 Mar 1870)  
p \_\_\_\_\_  
i Wilmington and Brandywine Cemetery, Wilmington, DE  
m \_\_\_\_\_

s - Ann Unknown - 850 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1800 - 23 Apr 1843)  
p \_\_\_\_\_  
i Wilmington and Brandywine Cemetery, Wilmington, DE

8 - Catherine D. Poinsett - 851 ( \_\_\_\_\_ Jan 1824 - \_\_\_\_\_ )<sup>5</sup>  
p Wilmington, New Castle Co, DE  
i \_\_\_\_\_  
m 27 Mar 1851, Wilmington, New Castle Co, DE

s - Ezekiel C. Kelly - 854 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ <1860)  
p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_

9 - William H. Kelly - 855 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1850 - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
p Wilmington, New Castle Co, DE  
i \_\_\_\_\_

8 - Rachel M. Poinsett - 852 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1832 - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
p Wilmington, New Castle Co, DE  
i \_\_\_\_\_  
m 25 Jun 1868, Wilmington, New Castle Co, DE

s - Henry Fothergill - 856 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>5</sup> The 1850 census lists **Catherine Poinsett** as 26 and the 1860 census as 36, thus born in 1824, but there is a baptismal record from the Asbury M. E. Church dated 10 Jun 1820 stating she was 6 mo. old; she seems to have lost 4 years.

8 - Charles W. Poinsett - 853 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1843 - \_\_\_\_\_ )

p Wilmington, New Castle Co, DE

i \_\_\_\_\_

m 17 Feb 1868, Philadelphia, PA

s - Lydia B. Brumfield - 857 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1842 - \_\_\_\_\_ )

p Port Deposit, MD

i \_\_\_\_\_

9 - Asa Brumfield Poinsett - 858 (21 Jun 1871 - 28 Aug 1892)

p Wilmington, New Castle Co, DE

i Wilmington and Brandywine Cemetery, Wilmington, DE

m 14 Nov 1844, Philadelphia, PA

s - Eliza R. Liston - 859 (15 Jan 1802 - 18 Mar 1878)

p \_\_\_\_\_, DE

i Wilmington and Brandywine Cemetery, Wilmington, DE

8 - Ann Eliza Poinsett - 860 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )

p Wilmington, New Castle Co, DE

i \_\_\_\_\_

m 27 Sep 1846, Wilmington, New Castle Co, DE

s - Henry Reed - 861 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )

p \_\_\_\_\_

i \_\_\_\_\_

6 - **Thomas Poinsett** - 811 (1766 - <1807), son of Peter Poinsett (mother's name unknown), married **Lois Bennet** - 812 ( \_\_\_\_ - >1830) and settled near what became Jacksonville, FL, according to Oliveros (1980). (The area that became Jacksonville was called Cow Ford in its earlier days.) A letter from Harriet Clark of Ft. Madison, IA, in 1939 found in the files of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina, relates that Thomas "went into Florida and came into possession of considerable land where the city of Jacksonville now stands."<sup>6</sup> Thomas and Lois may have moved to FL about 1787, based on the statement that a son, Uriah, seems to have been born there about

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<sup>6</sup> The northeast coast of FL, then under Spanish control, was a primitive and dangerous area. The nearest significant settlement at that time was St. Augustine, which had been founded in 1565. The FL territory passed to England in 1763, but reverted to Spain in 1783. Thus, when Thomas and Lois Poinsett were briefly in FL - - about 1887-1790 - - it was not part of the United States nor very civilized. Davis (1925) states that "Prior to 1800, there were bona -fide settlers in the vicinity of Cow Ford, regardless of the fact that this locality had by this time become the stamping ground of many undesirables - criminals from the States, slave catchers, ruffians, and bandits of varied kind" (p 28). In 1821 Spain ceded Florida to the United States. There were battles with the Seminole Indians in the area in the 1800's. Union troops occupied the territory in 1862 and held it during the Civil War. The town of Jacksonville was settled in 1816 and laid out in 1822. Named in honor of President Andrew Jackson, its estimated population in 1822 was 15. Prior to that time the area was called Cow Ford. A major attraction of the Jacksonville site was its deep-water harbor.

that time. The family left FL for DE prior to 1790, for son Solomon was born in NJ in 1790. Thomas is on the tax assessment list for 1804 in New Castle. Because wife Lois is the taxpayer of record in 1807, I assume Thomas died prior to that year. At the time of the 1830 U. S. census there was a female age 70-80 living with Stephen Poinsett; this probably was Lois.

7 - **Uriah Poinsett** - 813 (abt 1788 - < 1850) may have been born at Cow Ford, which is near present-day Jacksonville, FL. (Oliveros gives Uriah's birth also as 1790; his brother, Solomon, almost certainly was born in 1790 in NJ; I believe Uriah was the older of the two and probably was born about 1788.) (Daughter Mary from Uriah's second marriage indicates in the 1885 FL census that her father was born in FL.) Uriah married **Ann Egbert** - 814, according to Oliveros (1980). The earliest account for Uriah in DE is a 1809 tax record. He probably was just 21 years of age in that year. By 1814 Uriah was a ship's captain, a profession that he continued in DE and later in and out of FL for several years. His address in the Wilmington directory in 1814 was 41 E. Front Street. I found a baptismal record for Uriah and Ann's 4-month-old daughter, Harriot (Harriet), in Wilmington, DE, for 27 Jun 1820, at the Asbury M. E. Church, which places Uriah and family in DE that year. Uriah seems to have disappeared from DE prior to 1830, as he is not in the census there for that year nor for 1840. I believe that his wife, Ann, had died and Uriah returned to reside in FL where he had been born and where the family may have still held property. Uriah was the captain of the steamboat "Santee" in 1837-1840 and the "William Gaston" in 1839-40 in Florida waters. This was at the time of the Second Seminole Indian War. (The information here on steamboating is from Mueller, 1986; Uriah is erroneously recorded as "Josiah" Poinsett in Mueller's work.) Both the SANTEE and WILLIAM GASTON were sidewheelers, built in Charleston in 1835 and 1837 respectively, which also was their homeport. The WILLIAM GASTON was abandoned in 1858. On 17 Jan 1838, while proceeding from Savannah to Florida, the SANTEE and the steamboat DARIEN, en route northbound, collided in St. Catherine's Sound. There was a thick fog at the time. The DARIEN sank soon after the collision, part of her deck being under water. Fortunately, no casualties resulted and the SANTEE was able to proceed. The Sloop OTHELLO took off some 169 bales of cotton from the DARIEN and carried them to Savannah. On 15 Nov 1838 the 113 ton JOHN McLEAN, on charter to the Army, stranded on the bar at Mosquito Inlet, going ashore about sunset in the breakers and becoming a total loss. However, all on board were saved by the SANTEE which came by two days later and rescued the crew and troops. They were near destitute after the wreck but managed to reach St. Augustine, courtesy the SANTEE on 18 Nov. Some of the JOHN McLEAN's machinery was salvaged and brought to St. Augustine by the SANTEE. In January, 1839, the SANTEE, under Captain Uriah Poinsett, came from Black Creek to St. Augustine with troops. The SANTEE made at least three trips between Key Biscayne, St. Augustine, and Black Creek in March of 1839. In May there were three round trips between Indian River, St. Augustine, and Black Creek. In July she visited Key Biscayne, Key West, and Tampa, sailing out of St. Augustine. In late October the WILLIAM GASTON, piloted by Uriah, arrive in St. Augustine from Key Biscayne with Army troops and passengers, including Col. William Selby Harney. She had to put back to Key Biscayne for fuel (wood) and made a harbor entrance twice at Cape Canaveral because of severe weather. Uriah had business associations in Jacksonville, FL,

with his son Egbert and son -in -law Thomas O. Holmes. His first wife, Ann Egbert, presumably died prior to 1840 and then “Captain” Uriah Poinsett married Catherine (Eliza) Maria DeWees in 1841 in Jacksonville, Duval Co, FL. This item appeared in the St. Augustine News, vol. 3/13: “Married in Jacksonville, on Sunday 24th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Doyle. Capt. Uriah Poinsett of Steamer Santee, to Miss Catherine M., daughter of the late Philip DeWees, of that place.” (The estimated population of Jacksonville in 1840 was 350.) They had a least one child, Mary, born in 1842 (and perhaps son Thomas, as noted above, born in 1849). Uriah voted in the First Statewide Election on May 26, 1845, at the courthouse in Jacksonville, FL. Those who voted were white, free, over 21 years of age, and required to have been members of the state militia, to have their place of permanent abode in the territory and state for the 2 years immediately preceding the election, and they had to have lived in the county of residence for the 6 months preceding election day as well. The location of Uriah's residence is shown by an 1847 map of Jacksonville at the north edge of the village, four blocks from the St. Johns River. Based on Uriah's absence from the 1850 census, it is presumed he died prior to that year. Additional evidence for Uriah's death about this time is found in the statement from the history of Jacksonville by Davis (1925) describing Jacksonville in the early 1850s: “On the northwest corner of Forsyth and Ocean Mrs. Dewees lived and back of her, between Forsyth and Adams, her daughter, Mrs. Poinsett lived”. These locations are shown by an 1850 map of Jacksonville.

7 - **Catherine Maria DeWees** - 838 (1822 - 1885), the daughter of Philip DeWees and Maria del Carmen Sanchez<sup>7</sup>, became the second wife of Uriah, as noted above. There is confusion about the subsequent record for Catherine. In the census of 1850 for Duval Co, FL, there is a Catharina M. Poinsett, age 35 (which would place her birth in 1815), along with daughter **Mary L. Poinsett** - 839 (1842 - \_\_\_\_), age 8, both b in FL; they lived two doors from Egbert Poinsett (Uriah's son from his first marriage). Catherine Poinsett, age 44, and Mary, age 16, are listed in the Jacksonville census for 1860. Catherine M. Poinsett is listed in the Jacksonville, Duval Co, FL, city directory for 1882, residing at 101 W. Union St. From the 1885 FL state census: C. M. Poinsett, age 70, married, b FL 1815, d Apr 1885 of fever, father born NJ (not FL), mother b NY, and M. L. Poinsett, age 42, b FL, both parents b FL, lived on Union St. with a Fragin family. Thus, some data is wrong or there were two Catherines.

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<sup>7</sup> **Philip DeWees** (1786 - <1883) was the son of Andrew DeWees of Charleston, SC, and Catalina Chickens of Santee, SC. **Maria del Carmen Sanchez** (29 Nov or 2 Dec 1794 - 6 Oct 1883), wife of Philip, is buried in the Old City Cemetery, Union St., Jacksonville, FL. Philip and Maria were married 24 Feb 1811 in St. Augustine, FL; Catholic marriage entry #243). “Mary” Dewees, then age 64, lived next door to the Thomas O. Holmes family at the time of the 1860 census. Maria was the daughter of Francisco Xavier Sanchez (3 Dec 1736 - 13 Nov 1807) and Maria Del Carmen Hill (1770-Aug 1813) (she was born Sarah Hill in Charleston, SC; died in St. Mary’s, GA, while visiting her mother). Francisco Xavier Sanchez was a native of St. Augustine and a colorful and controversial man who became one of the wealthiest plantation owners and merchants in East Florida. Francisco and Maria were married 28 Dec 1787 in St. Augustine, FL. At that time, Maria was “baptized with a Spanish name.”

8 - **Sarah Poinsett** - 816 (1815 - 1881), daughter of Uriah and Ann, married, in Jacksonville, FL, **Thomas O. Holmes** - 820 (1816 - 1879) of ME. Holmes voted in the First State Wide Election in FL 26 May 1845 (see note regarding this election under Uriah above.) He was a merchant in Jacksonville, and the location of his store is shown on a map of that city for 1847 near the west end of Bay St., adjoining the wharf on the St. Johns River. Thomas is listed as a merchant in the 1850 census; his wealth is listed as \$3,000. On 5 April 1854, a fire started by a spark from a Charleston steamer, devastated much of Jacksonville, and Holmes' store was set on fire but it was extinguished before any material damage was sustained (Davis, 1925). The census of 16 June 1860 lists T. O. Holmes, age 42 (actually 44), his wife Sarah P., age 40 (actually 45), son George, age 11, daughter Flinda (sp?) age 8, daughter Zilena (probably Selina), age 5, and daughter Heamit (sp?), age 3. Thomas is a merchant with real estate valued at \$28,000 and a personal estate at \$72,000. On the eve of the Civil War, merchant Thomas was the third wealthiest citizen of Duval Co, with a valuation of \$1000,000. Thomas Holmes is listed in the Jacksonville City Directory for 1870, p. 24, "billiards, over Nos 3 and 4 Hoeg's Block"; this may be wry joke, for if he owned a billiard parlor it must have been only one of his several enterprises. On 24 Mar 1884 a fire destroyed the Holmes Building on the south side of Bay St. The building housed a liquor store, grocer, auctioneer, cigar manufactory, photographers, and storehouse. Losses including the building, \$45,000 (Davis, 1925). Several of the Holmes and the family of Halsted H. Hoeg are buried in St. Nicholas Cemetery in Jacksonville. Hoeg was a major businessman in Jacksonville and Mayor of the city at the outbreak of the Civil War. A great-grandson of Sarah and Thomas is John Javier Black Cooper.

8 - **Asa Poinsett** - 815 (1818 - \_\_\_\_\_), son of Uriah and Ann, born in DE, and called Asa Jr., is listed as "joined on probation" in the 1838 records of the Asbury M. E. Church. (It was customary in early America for a younger person of the same name to be called Jr. and the older Sr. even if they were not son and father but were members of the same family and living in the same neighborhood; the Asa Sr. was his uncle Asa.) He married **Elizabeth McKennan** - 821 on 13 Nov 1843 in Delaware. Their infant daughter, Anna Bella Poinsett, died 22 Sep 1846. Another daughter, Sarah Holmes Poinsett (named after Asa's sister who married Thomas O. Holmes), died 19 May 1853. Asa is listed in the deed record index as a buying property in 1845 in Wilmington. In the 1850 census, Asa is stated to be a ship carpenter. He and wife Elizabeth and son William were then living in the household of Thomas McCannon, age 71, and Isabella, age 57 (I believe these to be Elizabeth's parents and the name should have been "McKennan"; son William is listed as "William McC."; assuredly his middle name actually was McKennan). Asa is listed in the 1853 city directory for Wilmington: ships carpenter 172 Walnut.

9 - **William McKennan Poinsett** - 831 (\_\_\_ 1847 - \_\_\_\_\_), son of Asa Poinsett and Elizabeth McKennan, married Mary McKenzie. Their children were Harriet (married Thomas Alburger and their children were Thomas Ralph and Harriett), George (killed in action), William, Jr. (married Gertrude Hart), Belle (married Marion Finch), Ray (married Edward Raymond), Louella (married Christian Klingunther), and Clara (married Ephraim Carter).

8 - **Harriet C. Poinsett** - 817 (1820 - \_\_\_\_\_ ), daughter of Uriah and Ann, was baptized, at 4 months of age, in the Asbury M. E. Church in Wilmington on 27 Jun 1820. She was "received by certificate" in the Asbury M. E. Church, 27 Mar 1842. Harriet married **William B. Calhoun** - 822, in that same church, on 22 Dec 1842. According to Oliveros, she married a McCallum in Delaware; this may have been a second husband, or the similar sounding names, Calhoun and McCallum, were confused.

8 - **Egbert Poinsett** - 818 (1825 - 1859), son of Uriah and Ann, is listed in the 1850 Duval Co, FL, census as born in DE; he was a bookkeeper and living in the household of Halsted Hoeg, a merchant from New York (Hoeg was also a business associate of Thomas O. Holmes, as noted above); the others in the household are blacks and two mulattos. Egbert appears not to have ever married. Egbert's death "in the latter part of August 1859" in Jacksonville is confirmed by court documents there. He died at age 34 intestate. **Thomas O. Holmes**, his brother-in-law, posted a bond of \$160 and was appointed administrator of Egbert's estate (Jacksonville Circuit and County Courts Case # 00-001612-CP). A warrant of appraisement was filed by Holmes for "a claim against the United States." A hand-written note on the outside of this warrant provides the terms of settlement: "Return of Appraising on the matter of Warrant. About two months salary as ... of Light Ship for U. S. at \$500 per year, say about \$84. July 2, 1,860." This provides additional confirmation of the involvement of this family in ship owning. (A light ship means a vessel that carries a brilliant light and is anchored in a place where navigation is dangerous.)

8 - **John Solomon Poinsett** - 819 (1828 - \_\_\_\_\_ ), son of Uriah and Ann, was born in Wilmington, 20 May 1828. John, whose middle name is after his uncle Solomon, was baptized in the Asbury M. E. Church in Sep 1829. His birth date is given as 20 May 1828. He married **Rebecca S. Smith** - 824, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca Smith, in the Asbury M. E. Church on 19 Dec 1850. John and Rebecca's first son, Samuel Smith died at 16 months (obituary in Philadelphia Public Ledger, 22 Sep 1856); the second son, James, appears also to have died young; they had two daughters, Harriet C. and Emily M.

7 - **Solomon Poinsett** - 1 (1790 - 1826), our ancestor, was born in Burlington, NJ. The earliest record I have found for him is 1813 on the tax records of New Castle, DE; his tax was \$1.34. He was age 23 at the time. He appears in the Wilmington city directory as Capt. Solomon Poinsett in 1814, residing on French Street near the African Church. On 8 Jan 1822, at age 31, he applied for a seaman's protection certificate, as is registered in the National Archives. I have obtained a copy of the "Register of American Seamen in the District of Delaware, pursuant to the Act of entitled An Act for the Relief and Protection of American Seamen" from January the first to March the thirty first 1822"; the document is dated April 1st 1822. This list of 10 seamen includes Solomon and shows that he was issued certificate number 555, he was 5 feet 8 inches tall, with dark complexion, and born in Burlington, NJ. His port of entry was Wilmington, DE. From the fact that he applied on Jan 8 and was 31 leads me to set as his birth date, unless he was born in the first 8 days of January, in which case the year would be 1791. There is this record from the Delaware Gazette for Tuesday, 5 Sep 1826, of his death: "Casualty, - Mr. Solomon Poinsett of this Borough, while passing from the wharf to the Steam Boat, at New Castle, on Saturday

afternoon last, accidentally fell into the river and was drowned. Diligent search has been made for the body, but without success. He was about five feet nine inches in height, and well proportioned. He had on a pair of duck trousers and Wilmington stripe runabouts. Should any person discover the body, they will much oblige the relatives of the deceased, by furnishing them with information and a reasonable reward will be given for any trouble it may occasion." A copy of the Newcastle Co coroner's inquest, dated 5 Sep 1826, confirms that Solomon "came to his death by falling in the river Delaware of the warfe at New Castle on Saturday the 2nd day of September 1826." The inquest is accompanied by a list of expenses, including viewing of body \$2, deposition of witnesses \$0.5, coffin \$2.50, and grave \$1.00. I do not know where Solomon is buried. He was about 36 years old.

7 - **Rebecca Cline (Kline)** - 2 (1794 - \_\_\_\_\_ ) according to *The Sharples Genealogy*, was from Wilmington, DE, and came from American ancestors of the Revolutionary era. This same source notes that there is a Rebecca Kline born 9 Jan 1794 in Columbia, PA, and whose father was Hermanus Kline and mother was Diana Robbins, and speculates this may be our Rebecca; the date of birth is logical in relation to husband Solomon's 1790 birth. However, her baptismal record (below) would place her birth in 1783, making her 7 years older than Solomon. I have used the 1794 date but her birth year may have been 1783.

Solomon and Rebecca had at least two children, Thomas G. Poinsett - 3, our ancestor, and Elizabeth Poinsett - 165. However, in the 1820 U.S. census for Southwark District, Philadelphia, PA, Rebecca ("Rebecca Poinset") is listed as head of household (Solomon was at sea or they were separated?) and in her home are three female children, two under 10 and one 10-16; in addition to Rebecca there is another female age 26-45. So, Solomon and Rebecca may have had four children, or two of the children in the 1820 household were by the other woman. Thomas Gabriel would have been 7 in 1820, so why he is not listed in the household with his mother is a mystery (perhaps on board a ship with his father?). Where the children were born is unknown to me; there are no Poinsetts in the Wilmington directory for 1814, nor in the Philadelphia directories for 1813-1817, 1819 or 1823 (the years I searched). This record is from Old St. Mary's in Philadelphia, 9 Feb 1837: "I baptized Rebecca Poinset, age 54 years.<sup>8</sup> Sponsor: Elizabeth Robbins. (signed) F. P. Kenrick." Thus, Rebecca belatedly became a Catholic and her children were practicing Catholics, as later records indicate.

7 - **Mary Poinsett** - 840 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ ), daughter of Thomas and Lois Poinsett, married **Jacob Caulk** - 841 of New Castle, DE, according to Oliveros. They had two daughters,

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<sup>8</sup> As noted above her birth year was 1783, if this record is correct, not 1794 as reported in Fishwick and Chester (1887).

Harriet and Lois Ann. Harriet married George W. Turner, and they had Mary and Charles.

7 - **Stephen Poinsett** - 847 (1795 - \_\_\_\_\_ ) is listed in the Asbury M. E. Church records as “remaining on trial” and on “probation” in 1823. He is included in the Wilmington, New Castle Co, DE, 1830 census as age 30-40 years and in the 1840 Wilmington census as between age 40 -50, is single, and engaged in manufacturing or trading. With Stephen in 1830 is a female age 70-80; perhaps this is his mother, Lois Bennet, the widow of Thomas Poinsett. The 1850 census shows Stephen, age 55, was living with his brother Asa and family; his birthplace is stated to be DE. Stephen appears to have remained single.

7 - **Asa Poinsett** - 848 (1799 - 1870) was born in NJ, according to the 1850 census. His first wife was **Ann Unknown** - 850 (1800 - 1843). The first record I have found for Asa is a tax assessment for the Christiana Hundred of New Castle, DE, in 1821 (he is erroneously listed as “Esau”). A daughter, Catherine, was born to Asa and Ann 10 Jun 1820. Asa is listed in New Castle tax records for 1825 with a tax of \$1.34. Asa and Ann are listed in the 1830 Class No. 4 of the Asbury M. E. Church. Asa's family are included in the Wilmington, New Castle Co, DE, census for 1830 and 1840. The Christiana Hundred tax record for New Castle for 1832 lists Asa, with a tax of \$3.00. There is an order in the files of the E. I. duPont de Nemours and Co. files from Asa for powder purchase in 1843. Asa was a cooper, making powder kegs on French Street in Wilmington. From 1835 to 1843, when the Wilmington Whaling Company flourished, he made all their casks and barrels and employed 20 men. He later moved to Brandywine, increased the number of employees, and made barrels for the Prices at the mills. In 1849 a cooper received 17 cents for a barrel. The best workmen could make 30 barrels a week. There are several records of deeds with Asa as grantor or grantee in Wilmington between 1842 and 1869; he appears to have been prosperous. Asa was an original director of The Temperance Hall Company, chartered in 1842. As a stock company they erected Temperance Hall on the south side of Fourth Street, near Market Street. The hall was dedicated 9 Dec 1842. (Scharf, J. T., 1888, History of Delaware 1609 -1888, vol. 11, p. 800, L. J. Richards & Co., Philadelphia.) Ann died 23 Apr 1843 and Asa then married **Eliza Liston** - 859 in Philadelphia, 14 Nov 1844. Eliza was born in DE. Asa is listed in the Wilmington city directories for 1845 (as cooper, second betw. Poplar & Lombard) and in 1853, (cooper, 91 2nd.). Asa was appointed appraiser of goods of Ann Danby in 5 Sep 1866. Asa died of hectic fever in 1870 at the age of 72. Asa's will of 9 Dec 1869, New Castle Will Book, vol. B2, p 20, bequeathed all his property to wife Eliza. Eliza (incorrectly listed as “Ella”) effected a deed of sale in Wilmington in 1873. Eliza's will, in vol. E2, dated 10 Sep 1876, mentions Catherine D. Kelly nee Poinsett, Lydia B. Poinsett, wife of Charles W. Poinsett, and Rachel Fotherfill (Fothergill) nee Poinsett, and daughter Ann Eliza Reed nee Poinsett, wife of Henry Reed. Asa and his two wives, as well as grandson Asa Brumfield Poinsett, are buried in the Wilmington and Brandywine Cemetery.

8 - **Catherine D. Poinsett** - 851 (1824 - \_\_\_\_ ), daughter of Asa and Ann was baptized at 6 months on 10 Jun 1820 in the Asbury M. E. Church, Wilmington. If this is the same Catherine D. Poinsett listed in the 1850 and 1860 census, then she was born in 1824, not 1820. She is listed in the Asbury M. E. Church records as “joined on probation” on 3 Sep 1838. Catherine married **Ezedkiel C. Kelly** - 854 and had a son, William H. Kelly, born in 1850. She was living with her parents in 1850 and, thus, likely widowed.

8 - **Charles W. Poinsett** - 853 (1843 - \_\_\_\_\_ ), son of Asa and Ann, and wife **Lydia B. Brumfield** - 857 (1842 - \_\_\_\_ ) are the only Poinsetts listed in the New Castle Co, DE, census for 1870. He is 26, a conductor on the railroad, and she is 25, keeping house. Their son, **Asa Brumfield Poinsett** - 858 (1871 - 1892), is buried in the Wilmington and Brandywine Cemetery in grandfather Asa's plot.

To my knowledge, there are no Poinsetts living in DE at present. This family, which flourished and prospered in cities along the Delaware River, has no descendants there now, as far as I know.

## Descendants of Solomon Poinsett and Rebecca Cline

Our line continues through **Thomas G. Poinsett** (1813 - 1885), the son of **Solomon Poinsett** and **Rebecca Cline**, and his wife, **Rosina Worrell** (1817 - 1897). There is confusion in the census records about the place of birth of Thomas G.; the 1850 census lists PA; the 1860 census DE; the 1870 census PA; the 1880 census PA (and his parents born in DE) but son Charles indicates in his record in the latter census that his father was born in DE. *The Sharples Genealogy* states he was born in Philadelphia. This confusion may stem from the fact that Thomas was born during the War of 1812. His father, Solomon, was definitely living in Wilmington, DE, around the time of his birth, operating a steamboat. It seems likely that mother Rebecca may have gone upriver to Philadelphia for greater safety during his birth. There were three packet boats, The Ann, Tryphene, and Sarah Ann (none captained by Poinsetts), plying regularly between Philadelphia and Wilmington, one of which left and arrived at either place daily. So, even though father Solomon was residing in Wilmington, I believe mother Rebecca was in Philadelphia at the time of his birth.

Thomas married Rosina Worrell on 13 Apr 1837. There is a listing in the city directory for 1837 of "Poinsett, John, machinist, back 46 Cedar"; I believe this is actually Thomas G., for there are no Poinsetts in the city directories any earlier (I checked all directories from 1785 onward) and Thomas G. is the only one listed through 1843 (there is a "George" in 1842, but it has to be Thomas for he is a piano maker.) In the 1839 Philadelphia city directory Thomas is shown as a piano maker, living on George St. near Schuylkill and 6th (which is now 17th and Walnut streets). In the 1840 federal census Thomas G. is listed as residing at 38 Perry in the N. Mulberry Ward of Philadelphia, with one child (Rebecca) under 5 years of age. In the 1841 Philadelphia directory he is listed as piano maker but residing at 28 Castle (which is now around 10th and Race streets). In 1842 he is residing at rear 5 Mechanic. He and his family were affiliated first with Old St. Mary's and then with St. John the Evangelist Church (Catholic). On 28 Jan 1840 Thomas' wife, Rosina, was baptized there by Rev. Francis Patrick Kendrick. (She appears to have been a convert, as no birth date or sponsors are listed). The baptisms of the two sons, Charles Moriarty (later Charles B.) and Thomas Francis, also are recorded in that parish. The last record I have for the family in Philadelphia is the baptism of Thomas Francis Poinsett in 1844 (sponsor Joanna Flinn).

I do not know where the Poinsetts were between 1843 and 1845, but the Poinsetts lived in New York City between 1845 and 1850. In 1845 he resided at 13 E. Eleventh and from 1846 to 1849 at 160 Av.3. Thomas G. is listed in the city directories as a pianoforte maker. He is listed in the New York City census for 1850 (p 356) living in ward 18. Daughter Sarah Louisa, according to *The Sharples Genealogy*, was born there in 1847.

At the time of the August 1850 U. S. census the family was living in the 3rd ward of Buffalo, NY. Thomas G., age 36, is indicated to be a pianoforte maker. Wife Rosina (Rosanna), born

in PA, was 33, Rebecca was 11, Charles was 9, Thomas was 6, and Sarah was 3. Thomas is shown (incorrectly) as born in New York, as is Sarah (correctly). Living with the Poinsetts was a 16-year-old girl, Sarah Haur, from Germany. According to *The Sharples Genealogy*, Thomas Gabriel conducted business in Buffalo under the name of "Poinsett and Canady." In the Buffalo city directories for 1851-52 he is listed as a pianoforte maker for Keogh & Co. and living at 31 Seventh. The 1854 Buffalo directory curiously lists "Rosina Poyntsett" as the widow of Thomas G., living on Terrace near Genesee. In 1855 and 1856 he is resurrected and is listed as piano tuner for J. Sage & Sons at 55 E. Seneca; in 1857, 1859 and 1860 his residential address is 65 Eleventh and he is listed as piano tuner; Thomas G. is not listed in the city directory for 1858.

They moved to Missouri in 1860. Thomas G., Rosina, and the two sons, Charles, age 18, and Thomas, age 17, appear in the 1860 census for Cape Girardeau Co (but not Rebecca Ann, then 21, and the four youngest children; perhaps they were left behind in Buffalo to finish school that year or remained behind in the care of Rebecca Ann until the new place was settled). Thomas G. is listed as 47 years of age; his profession is stated as cabinetmaker. Wife Rosina was 44. They lived near the western edge of Cape Girardeau Co, and affiliated with St. John's Catholic church (that parish was established in 1856) in Leopold (then called Vinemont), in the adjoining Bollinger Co.<sup>3</sup> Based on numbering sequence in the 1860 census, the Poinsetts resided on a property next to that of Daniel R. Proffer - 64 and near that of Jackson Redman Proffer - 66, in Liberty Township, Cape Girardeau Co, MO.

Southern Missouri in the Civil War years, 1861 - 1865, was a very dangerous place, subject to harassment and violence from border gangs and raiders. Some communities were so regularly violated that they were abandoned. As noted later, my great-grandmother's first husband was killed by a renegade band during this terrible time. It is a curiosity as to why a piano maker who had lived in cities all his life would have moved to a very rural MO. I believe the reason may relate to the wealthy Mifflin family of Philadelphia, into which Rosina's sister had married. There are real estate transactions involving the Mifflins and Poinsetts, and Thomas may have taken his family to MO to occupy Mifflin land.

In the 1870 census Thomas Gabriel lists his profession as musician. He appears to have prospered well, having real estate worth \$3,000 and personal property worth \$2,500, substantial sums in those times. Listed as living with Thomas Gabriel and Rosina in 1870 are Ephraim, age 17, and Junius, age 14; both are shown as born in New York. This is surely a mistake for probably only James (in Latin "Junius") Ephraim, age 16 (b 1852) was living with the family then; the two sons listed are probably the one son only.

At Jackson, MO, there are several recorded property transactions involving Poinsetts. The first land purchase I could find for Thomas Gabriel is 7 Mar 1865, when he bought

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<sup>3</sup> Bollinger Co was created largely from the western part of Cape Girardeau Co in 1851.

400 ac. from Henry Sanford. On 21 Oct 1881 he bought 108 ac. from Jonathan Barks. There are several records of sales and mortgages of real estate involving Thomas Gabriel, including a sawmill.<sup>4</sup>

In the 1880 census, Thomas G., age 67, and Rosina, age 63, are living alone. His profession is listed as piano tuner. Thomas died in 1885 and was interred in St. John's cemetery in Leopold.

2 - **Elizabeth Poinsett** - 4 married **George Turpin** - 128 (a non-Catholic). Elizabeth Turpin was the sponsor at the baptism of Charles Moriarty Poinsett - 10 at St. John the Evangelist in Philadelphia. The Turpins had two daughters baptized at St. John the Evangelist, Hannah Cecilia Turpin - 129, born 10 May 1841 (sponsor Thomas G. Poinsett), and Josephine Turpin - 130, born 6 Apr 1847 (sponsor Joanna Flinn).

The following list of baptisms from the records of the Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia suggests that the first Catholic in our lineage was Thomas Gabriel's mother, Rebecca. It is ironic that Huguenot descendants became Catholic. I list them in chronological order and indicate their relation to Thomas Gabriel Poinsett:

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| 1837 Rebecca Poinsett (mother)             | Old St. Mary's          |
| 1839 Rebecca Ann Poinsett (first daughter) | “                       |
| 1840 Rosina Poinsett (wife)                | St. John the Evangelist |
| 1841 Charles Moriarty Poinsett (first son) | “                       |
| 1841 Hannah Cecilia Turpin (first niece)   | “                       |
| 1844 Thomas Francis Poinsett (second son)  | “                       |
| 1847 Josephine Turpin (second niece)       | “                       |

1 - Solomon Poinsett - 1 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1790 - 2 Sep 1826)  
p Burlington Co, NJ  
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s - Rebecca Cline (Kline) - 2 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1794 - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
p Wilmington, DE  
i \_\_\_\_\_

2 - Thomas Gabriel Poinsett -3 (25 May 1813 - 21 Mar 1885)  
p Philadelphia, PA  
i St. John's Cemetery, Vinemont (Leopold), Bollinger Co, MO (nm)  
m 13 Apr 1837, Philadelphia, PA

s - Rosina Worrell -5 (18 Jan 1817 - 23 Oct 1897)  
p Paoli, Chester Co, PA  
i Mount Olivet Cemetery, Wheat Ridge, Jefferson Co., CO

<sup>4</sup> Index Book 4, p. 409,1865; 6, p. 373,1868; 7, p. 358,1871; 8, p. 417,1875; 8, p. 417,1877).

- 3 - Rebecca Ann Poinsett - 6 (11 Mar 1839 - 20 Mar 1879)  
 p Philadelphia, PA  
 i St. John's Cemetery, Leopold, Bollinger Co, MO (nm)  
 m 14 May 1870, Cape Girardeau Co, MO
- s - Caleb Bowles Vandover, M.D. - 7 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p Fenton, St. Louis, MO  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 - Samuel Thomas Vandover - 8 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1872 - \_\_\_\_\_ 1950)  
 p Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 - James Ephraim Vandover - 9 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 - Rosina Jane Vandover - 133 (3 May 1877 - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 - Hite Vandover - 132 (1879 - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 - Charles Borromeo Poinsett - 10 (24 Jul 1841 - 24 Aug 1889)  
 p Philadelphia, PA  
 i Calvary Cemetery, Denver, CO., reinterred in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Wheat Ridge,  
 Jefferson Co, CO  
 m 9 May 1864, Cape Girardeau Co, MO
- s - Christina Braamhaar Arnzen - 11 (1841 - 5 May 1884)  
 p \_\_\_\_\_, Holland  
 i St. John's Cemetery, Vinemont (Leopold), Bollinger Co, MO (nm)
- 4 - Thomas Francis Poinsett - 12 (20 Aug 1864 - \_\_\_\_\_ Mar 1939)  
 p Laflin, Cape Girardeau Co, MO <sup>5</sup>  
 i Dexter, MO  
 m \_\_\_\_\_
- s - Martha E. Schleuter - 34 (3 Feb 1863 - 2 Jul 1902)  
 p Gordonville, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 i Whitewater Cemetery, Cape Girardeau Co, MO

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<sup>5</sup> The children of Charles and Christina Poinsett were born in Cape Girardeau Co; Laflin is just within Bollinger Co.

- 5 - Martin Oscar Poinsett - 35 (25 Jan 1887 - 25 Jan 1887)  
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 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 - Cora Anna Poinsett - 36 (2 May 1888 - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 - Theresa Caroline Poinsett - 37 (15 Jun 1889 - \_\_\_\_\_ 1965)  
 p \_\_\_\_\_, Bollinger Co, MO  
 i \_\_\_\_\_  
 m 29 Aug 1906, Whitewater, Cape Girardeau Co, MO
- s - D. M. Ervin - 42 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 - Lydia Effie Poinsett -38 (26 Apr 1893 - 17 Aug 1899)  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 - Thomas Arthur Poinsett -39 (22 Oct 1894 - \_\_\_\_\_ Sep 1970)  
 p \_\_\_\_\_, MO  
 i \_\_\_\_\_, MO  
 m 5 Oct 1904, Jackson, Cape Girardeau Co, MO
- s - Florence Ervin - Lancaster -43 (11 Oct 1878 - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i Cape Girardeau, MO
- 5 - Mason Earl Poinsett - 40 (10 Aug 1905 -  
 p Whitewater, Cape Girardeau Co, MO
- 5 - Nora Burlaska Poinsett - 41 (10 Jan 1908 -  
 p \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 - Asa Poinsett - 17 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1866 - \_\_\_\_\_ Dec 1918)  
 p Laflin, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 i Barks Chapel Cemetery, Crump, Cape Girardeau Co, MO (nm)  
 m \_\_\_\_\_
- s - Helen Harris – 44 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i \_\_\_\_\_

- 5 - NoName Poinsett - 45 ( \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ )  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 - NoName Poinsett - 46 ( \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ )  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 - Effie C. Poinsett - 47 ( \_\_\_\_\_ Oct 1893 - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i \_\_\_\_\_  
 m \_\_\_\_\_
- s - Ella Herring - 48 ( \_\_\_\_ - abt 1916)  
 p Eminence, Shannon Co, MO  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 - Frederick Poinsett - 49 ( \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p Randles, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 - Lillie Poinsett - 52 (30 Dec 1900 - 16 Oct 1911)  
 p Randles, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 i Barks Chapel Cemetery, Crump, Cape Girardeau Co, MO
- 5 - Claude Poinsett - 50 (11 Jun 1905 - 12 Mar 1955)  
 p Randles, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 i Nettleton Cemetery, Jonesboro, Craighead Co, AR  
 m \_\_\_\_\_, 1925, Trumann, Poinsett Co, AR
- s - Rachael Stevenson - 51 (13 Mar 1908 - 13 Mar 1988)  
 p Grapevine, TX  
 i Nettleton Cemetery, Jonesboro, Craighead Co, AR
- 6 - Tommie Lee Poinsett - 64 (2 Jan 1926 -  
 p Trumann, Poinsett Co, AR
- 6 - Lynwood Poinsett - 65 (11 May 1935 -  
 p Highland Park, Wayne Co, MI
- 5 - Raymond Poinsett - 53 (22 Jan 1908 - \_\_\_\_\_ Dec 1976)  
 p Randles, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 i Flint, Genesee Co, MI

- 5 - Joseph Larkin Poinsett - 54 (12 Sep 1910 - \_\_\_\_\_ Nov 1984)  
 p Randles, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 i Mayer, Yavapai Co, AZ
- 5 - Rose Poinsett - 55 (5 May 1913 - 5 May 1913))  
 p Randles, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 i Barks Chapel Cemetery, Crump, Cape Girardeau Co, MO
- 5 - Asa Ephraim Poinsett - 56 (5 May 1913 - 4 Jul 1992)  
 p Randles, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 i Arcadia Valley Cemetery, Arcadia, Iron Co, MO  
 m \_\_\_\_\_
- s - Mazel L. Pennington - 58 (12 Sep 1919 - 30 Apr 1990)  
 p Jessieville, Garland Co, AR  
 i Arcadia Valley Cemetery, Arcadia, Iron Co, MO
- 6 - Jo Anne Poinsett - 59 (15 Mar 1943 -  
 p St. Louis, St. Louis Co, MO
- 6 - Agnes Maria Poinsett - 60 (30 Sep 1944 -  
 p Yakima, Yakima Co, WA
- 6 - Charles Warren Poinsett - 61 (8 Sep 1946 -  
 p Hot Springs, Hot Spring Co, AR
- 6 - Robert Ray Poinsett - 62 (17 May 1948 -  
 p Yakima, Yakima Co, WA
- 6 - Bonnie Jean Poinsett - 63 (25 Jan 1953 -  
 p Ironton, Iron Co, MO
- 5 - Theresa Maria Poinsett - 57 (12 Jul 1915 -  
 p Randles, Cape Girardeau Co, MO
- 4 - August Ephraim Poinsett - 18 (4 Aug 1867 - 2 Feb 1955)  
 p Laflin, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 i Russell Heights Cemetery, Jackson, MO  
 m 11 Feb 1892, Marble Hill, Bollinger Co, MO
- s - Martha Isabella Proffer - 131 (26 Jan 1867 - 19 Mar 1946)  
 p Whitewater, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 i Russell Heights Cemetery, Jackson, MO

(The children of Martha and August, and their descendants, are cataloged in the section **Descendants of A. E. Poinsett and M. I. Proffer** below.)

4 - Rosina Mary Frances Poinsett - 19 (21 Mar 1869 - 21 Jul 1957) "Rose"  
p Laflin, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
i Fairmount Cemetery, Cape Girardeau, MO  
m 9 Sep 1891

s - Frank O'Hara - 66 (1 Dec 1867 - 3 Oct 1898)  
p \_\_\_\_\_  
i Old Lorimer Cemetery, Cape Girardeau, MO

5 - Theresa O'Hara - 67 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1896 - 26 Mar 1981)  
p \_\_\_\_\_  
i Fairmount Cemetery, Cape Girardeau, MO

m \_\_\_\_\_  
s - Elmer E. Paisgrove - 72 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1888 - 11 Feb 1955)  
i Fairmount Cemetery, Cape Girardeau, MO

6 - Franchon Palsgrove - 75 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
p \_\_\_\_\_

6 - Elmer E. Palsgrove, Jr. - 74 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
p \_\_\_\_\_

6 - Jack Palsgrove - 73 (11 Feb 1923 - 28 Jan 1990)  
p \_\_\_\_\_  
i Fairmount Cemetery, Cape Girardeau, MO

5 - Anna O'Hara - 68 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
p Allenville, Cape Girardeau, Co, MO  
i Gary, IN  
m Jackson, Cape Girardeau Co, MO

s - Axel A. Olson - 77 (12 Dec 1877 - \_\_\_\_\_ Sep 1976)  
p Allenville, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
i Glendale, Los Angeles Co, CA

6 - Robert Olson - 78 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_

6 - James Olson - 79  
p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_

6 - Mona Olson - 80  
p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_

- m \_\_\_\_\_  
 s - NoName Dale - 69  
 p \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 - Lilian Dale - 70 (27 Sep 1904 - 21 May 1961)  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i Fairmount Cemetery, Cape Girardeau, MO  
 m \_\_\_\_\_
- s - Lynn Swann (14 Jul 1897 - 27 Mar 1950)  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i Fairmount Cemetery, Cape Girardeau, MO  
 m \_\_\_\_\_
- s - Joseph F. Amstead - 71 (20 Jan 1877 - \_\_\_\_\_ Sep 1968)  
 i Ironton, Iron Co, MO
- 4 - John Frederick Poinsett - 20 (28 Aug 1871 - 28 Feb 1940)  
 p Laflin, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 i Barks Chapel Cemetery, Crump, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 m 26 Dec 1893, Bollinger Co, MO
- s - Marsella Proffer - 81 (15 Feb 1868 - 4 Jan 1957)  
 p Whitewater, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 i Barks Chapel Cemetery, Crump, Cape Girardeau Co, MO
- 5 - Frederick Poinsett - 82 (6 Aug 1895 - 20 Dec 1898)  
 p Crump, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 i Barks Chapel Cemetery, Crump, MO
- 5 - Lettie Poinsett - 83 (26 Aug 1899 - 13 Apr 1975)  
 p Crump, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 - Luria Poinsett - 84 (14 Dec 1902 - 30 Jan 1906)  
 p Crump, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 i Barks Chapel Cemetery, Crump, MO
- 5 - Floyd Poinsett - 85 (1 Jan 1907 - 4 Sep 1971)  
 p Crump, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 i Memorial Park, Cape Girardeau, MO

5 - Millicent Poinsett - 86 (8 Aug 1913 -  
p Crump, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
m \_\_\_\_\_  
s - Glenn Norval O'Connell - 87 (8 Nov 1909 - 16 Feb 1988)

6 - David C. R. O'Connell - 88 ( \_\_\_\_\_ -  
p \_\_\_\_\_

4 - Joseph Sylvester Poinsett - 21 (29 May 1873 - 24 Dec 1932)  
p Laflin, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
i St. Boniface Catholic Church (now St. Vincent DePaul), Perryville, Perry Co, MO  
m 29 Aug 1899, Assumption Church, Perryville, MO  
s - Anna Mary Schumer - 89 (15 Dec 1871 - 22 Dec 1948)  
p Schumer Springs, Perry Co, MO  
i St. Boniface Catholic Church, Perryville, Perry Co, MO

5 - Agnes Theresa Poinsett - 90 (5 Jan 1901 - 3 Mar 1971)  
p Perryville, Perry Co, MO  
i Mount Hope Cemetery, Perryville, Perry Co, MO  
m 15 Jan 1920, Overland, St. Louis Co, MO  
s - Lynn Joseph Tucker - 91 (1 Jun 1901 - 9 Oct 1991)  
p Perry Co, MO  
i Mount Hope Cemetery, Perryville, MO

6 - LeRoy Tucker - 92 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
p \_\_\_\_\_

6 - Lynn Henry Tucker - 93 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1921 - \_\_\_\_\_ 1921)  
p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_

5 - Eula Poinsett - 94 (3 May 1905 -  
p Perryville, Perry Co, MO  
m 28 Dec 1925, Perryville, Perry Co, MO  
s - Leo J. DeRoe - 95 (23 May 1902 - 15 Oct 1967)  
p \_\_\_\_\_  
i Seminary Cemetery, Perryville, Perry Co, MO

6 - LaWana Marie DeRoe - 96 (27 Feb 1926 -  
p \_\_\_\_\_

6 - James J. DeRoe - 97 (24 Sep 1928 -  
p \_\_\_\_\_

- 6 - Donna L. DeRoe - 98 (29 Jun 1930 -  
p \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 - Margie Ann DeRoe - 99 (26 Feb 1934 -  
p \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 - Thomas Joseph DeRoe - 100 (18 May 1936 -  
p \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 - Charles Francis Poinsett - 22 (22 Nov 1875 -  
p Laflin, Cape Girardeau Co, MO
- 4 - Ann Theresa Poinsett - 24 (19 Oct 1878 - Jun 1977)  
p Laflin, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
i Oddfellows Cemetery, Bismark, St. Francois Co, MO  
m \_\_\_\_\_, 1900
- s - Will Kness - 101 (10 Jun 1872 - 6 Sep 1907)  
p \_\_\_\_\_  
i Oddfellows Cemetery, Bismark, St. Francois Co, MO  
m \_\_\_\_\_, 1910
- s - John C. Wood - 102 ( \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ 1924)  
p Flat River, St. Francois Co, MO  
i \_\_\_\_\_  
m \_\_\_\_\_
- s - Walter Wood - 103 ( \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ 1936)  
p Caledonia, Washington Co, MO  
i \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 - Mary Christina Poinsett - 23 (1 May 1884 - \_\_\_\_ 1961)  
p Laflin, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
i Fairview Cemetery, Advance, Stoddard Co, MO  
m \_\_\_\_\_
- s - A. Bert Barks - 104 ( \_\_\_\_ 1875 - \_\_\_\_ 1948)  
p , MO  
i Fairview Cemetery, Advance, Stoddard Co, MO
- 5 - Fred Barks - 105 (1 Feb 1903 - 2 Mar 1939)  
p Allenville, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
i Fairview Cemetery, Advance, Stoddard Co, MO

- 5 - Max Barks - 106 (13 Jan 1915 - \_\_\_\_\_ Nov 1975)  
 p Allenville, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 i Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau Co, MO
- 5 - Gene Barks - 108 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 - Mildred Barks - 107 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 - Thomas Francis Poinsett - 13 (14 Feb 1844 - 16 May 1918)  
 p Philadelphia, PA  
 i Los Angeles National Cemetery, Los Angeles, CA  
 m 7 Nov 1864, Cape Girardeau Co, MO
- s - Martha Bond Clubb - 33 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1841 - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 - Sarah Louisa Poinsett - 16 (4 Jan 1847 - 11 May 1928)  
 p New York, NY  
 i Fairmount Cemetery, Denver, CO  
 m 7 Oct 1866, Scott Co, MO
- s - George John Braamhaar (Bramer) - 25 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - abt 1870)  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 - Ephraim August Bramer - 26 (29 Jul 1867 - \_\_\_\_\_ 1871)  
 p Leopold, Bollinger Co, MO  
 i St. John's Cemetery, Bollinger Co, MO  
 m 19 Jan 1872, St. Louis, MO
- s John David Vaughan - 27 (14 Apr 1842 - 2 Sep 1900)  
 p Cleveland, OH  
 i Riverside Cemetery, Denver, CO
- 4 - Mary St. Clair Vaughan - 28 (15 May 1873 -  
 p St. Louis, St. Louis Co, MO  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 - Eleanor Theresa Vaughan - 29 (2 Mar 1875 -  
 p St. Louis, St. Louis Co, MO  
 i \_\_\_\_\_

- 4 - Louisa Rebecca Vaughan - 30 (23 Sep 1877 - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p Cheyenne, Laramie Co, WY Territory  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 - William T. Vaughan - 31 (30 Mar 1880 - \_\_\_\_\_ 1932)  
 p Cheyenne, Laramie Co, WY Territory  
 i Riverside Cemetery, Denver, CO
- 4 - Rosina Frances Vaughan - 32(13 Apr 1887 - \_\_\_\_\_ 1925)  
 p Denver, Arapahoe Co, CO  
 i Fairmount Cemetery, Denver, CO
- 3 - Mary Theresa Poinsett - 14 (19 Oct 1850 - 24 Jun 1930)  
 p Buffalo, Erie Co, NY  
 i Mount Olivet Cemetery, Wheat Ridge, Jefferson Co, CO  
 m 8 Feb 1869, St. John's Church, Leopold, Bollinger Co, MO
- s - John Seiler - 109 (4 Jul 1846 - 3 Jan 1909)  
 p St. Wendell, Posey Co, IN  
 i Mount Olivet Cemetery, Wheat Ridge, Jefferson Co, CO
- 4 - Charles (Carol) Herman Seiler - 110 (17 Jan 1870 - 12 May 1920)  
 p Leopold, Bollinger Co, MO  
 i Mount Olivet Cemetery, Denver, CO (nm)
- 4 - Mary R. Seiler - 111 (1 Jan 1872 - 4 Mar 1872)  
 p St. Wendell, Vanderburgh Co, IN  
 i St. Wendell, Vanderburgh Co, IN
- 4 - Thomas John Seiler - 112 (25 Mar 1874 - 12 Dec 1944)  
 p St. Wendell, Vanderburgh Co, IN  
 i Mount Olivet Cemetery, Denver, CO
- 4 - Catherine Elizabeth Seiler, Sr. - 113 (31 Dec 1875 - 13 Jul 1956)  
 p St. Wendell, Vanderburgh Co, IN  
 i St. Mary's Cemetery, Kansas City, MO
- 4 - Joseph Ephraim Seiler - 114(23 Aug 1878 - 13 Oct 1962)  
 p St. Wendell, Vanderburgh Co, IN  
 i Mount Olivet Cemetery, Denver, CO (nm)
- 4 - Veronica S. Seiler - 115 (29 Feb 1880 - 6 Aug 1885)  
 p St. Wendell, Vanderburgh Co, IN  
 i St. Wendell, Vanderburgh Co, IN

- 4 - Sophia C. Seiler - 116 (31 May 1881 - 21 Dec 1881)  
 p St. Wendell, Vanderburgh Co, IN  
 i St. Wendell, Vanderburgh Co, IN
- 4 - Rosina Barbara Seiler - 117 (15 Apr 1884 - 6 May 1961)  
 p St. Wendell, Vanderburgh Co, IN  
 i Fairview Cemetery, Colorado Springs, CO
- 4 - Mary Theresa Seiler - 118 (16 Aug 1886 - 11 Aug 1889)  
 p St. Wendell, Vanderburgh Co, IN  
 i St. Wendell, Vanderburgh Co, IN
- 4 - Louise C. Seiler - 119 (1 Mar 1888 - 4 Jul 1888)  
 p St. Wendell, Vanderburgh Co, IN  
 i St. Wendell, Vanderburgh Co, IN
- 4 - Ellnora Frances Seiler - 120 (8 Mar 1892 - 20 Apr 1970)  
 p Denver, CO  
 i Colorado Springs, CO
- 3 - James Ephraim Poinsett - 15 (11 Jul 1853 - 3 Jan 1917)  
 p Buffalo, Erie Co, NY  
 i Fairview Cemetery, Advance, Stoddard Co, MO  
 m 3 Feb 1884, Allenville, Cape Girardeau Co, MO
- s - Susan M. Schultz DeVore - 121 (19 Feb 1856 - 11 Nov 1924)  
 p \_\_\_\_\_, IN  
 i Fairview Cemetery, Advance, Stoddard Co, MO
- 4 - Maud Poinsett - 122 ( \_\_\_\_ Oct 1887 - \_\_\_\_ )  
 p Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 - Doll Poinsett - 123 ( \_\_\_\_\_ Jan 1893 - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 - Eva Poinsett - 124 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 - Edith Poinsett - 125 ( \_\_\_\_\_ Jun 1896 - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 i \_\_\_\_\_

4 - Elmer Almus Poinsett - 126 ( \_\_\_ Jul 1897 - 15 Oct 1973)  
p , Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
i St. Louis, St. Louis Co, MO

4 - Avery Lee Poinsett - 127 (18 Apr 1904 - 15 May 1922)  
p Whitewater, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
i Fairview Cemetery, Advance, Stoddard Co, MO

2 -Elizabeth Poinsett - 4 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )

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i \_\_\_\_\_

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s - George Turpin - 128 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )

p \_\_\_\_\_

i \_\_\_\_\_

3 - Hannah Cecilia Turpin - 129 (10 May 1841 - \_\_\_\_\_ )

p Philadelphia, PA

i \_\_\_\_\_

3 - Josephine Turpin - 130 (6 Apr 1847 - \_\_\_\_\_ )

p Philadelphia, PA

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## Descendants of Thomas G. Poinsett and Rosina Worrell

3 - **Rebecca Ann Poinsett** - 6 (1839 - 1879), the first child, was born in Philadelphia. She was baptized 11 Mar 1839 by Rev. E. Barron in Old St. Mary's Church, Philadelphia sponsors: Elisha P. Graham and Elizabeth Turpin (her aunt). Rebecca is listed in the 1850 census with the family in Buffalo, NY; she was 11 years old. At age 31 she married on 14 May 1870 **Dr. Caleb Bowles Vandover**, of Fenton, St. Louis Co, MO, in Cape Girardeau County (LDS records). Their children were Samuel T., James, Hite, Mary Joann Rosina, and Fred (step -son). Sam married Mattie Goode and they had four sons: Glen, Lancaster, Hite, and William. Rebecca's death is recorded as 20 Mar 1879 at St. John's Church in Leopold. Presumably she is interred in St. John's cemetery in Leopold, MO, but I have found no marker. The widower Caleb married Aramindy Mavers in Cape Girardeau Co, MO, 17 Feb 1880, and a son, Fred, was born to this union.

3 - **Charles Borromeo Poinsett** - 10 (1841 - 1889), the second child, was born in Philadelphia. His name in St. John the Evangelist of Philadelphia records is Charles Moriarty, but he is listed as Charles B. (for Borromeo) in the 1880 census and in land and other transactions. Thus, for reasons unknown, his name seems to have been changed. (Charles Borromeo is one of the Catholic saints.) Charles B. moved with the family to New York City, then to Buffalo, and finally to Missouri in 1860. He married **Christina Bramer (Braamhaar) Arnzen** - 11, a young widow in the turbulent Civil War year of 1864 (see **Christina Braamhaar** below in the section on **The Braamhaar (Bramer) Family**). The Catholic minister officiating was J. Felix Guidry. Their farm was in Survey No. 2274 near Council Ridge School and Barks Chapel, in the vicinity of Laflin, MO, and appears to have encompassed about 600 acres at one time. (On an 1878 map of Missouri, Laflin is shown, at the eastern edge of Bollinger Co, about 7 mi. southeast of Marble Hill; at the time it was a comparatively major town in its territory and on a major rail line; I have listed Laflin as the post office address for the birthplace of Charles' children.)

In 1868 Charles B. Poinsett, Thomas F. Poinsett -13 and John Seiler -109 sold a sawmill in Cape Girardeau Co to Lindsay Murdock. In the 1870 census Charles, age 28, and Christina, age 29, have three children: Thomas Francis, age 5, Asa, age 4, and Augustus Ephraim, age 2. (For the 1880 census Charles was the census taker (enumerator) for his township of Liberty; he signed his affidavit June 21st, 1880, on p. 236 of the Cape Girardeau Co census.) They had nine children by the time of Christina's death in 1884.

In 1881 Charles sold 204 acres of land to Theresa W. Mifflin (see below **The Sharples, Howard and Worrell Families**) and 204 acres to Jonathan H. Barks. In March 1884 Charles assisted with an inventory of the estate of the recently deceased Jesse Carroll Proffer -308. Charles' wife, Christina, died at the birth or shortly after the birth of the last child in May, 1884. In 1888 167 acres of his land was acquired by Theresa W. Mifflin through foreclosure. About this time, three of Charles' younger children, Joseph Sylvester, Ann

Theresa, and Mary Christine, became wards of Christina's brother, Frederick Bramer (Braamhaar - 172), and his wife Cynthia. The older children were dispersed among the community to work as hired hands. Charles then went to Denver, CO, taking his mother, Rosina Worrell Poinsett, where they joined his younger sister's family, namely John David and Sarah Louisa Vaughan who had come to Denver in 1883, and his younger brother, Thomas Francis Poinsett, who had arrived in Colorado in 1886. Charles is listed only for one year, 1889, in the Denver city directory, living at 2819 Marion, the home of the Vaughans, as well as that of Rosina and Thomas. It is likely that Charles planned to send for his children as soon as he was secure in Colorado, but unfortunately he died (of Rocky Mountain spotted fever, according to anecdotal information) within a year. (I searched Catholic parish records and Denver newspapers but found no death record for Charles or his mother, so I do not know the exact dates of their deaths; Colorado has no vital records before 1900; I have assumed for this history that they died 2 days before their interment.) Charles was interred 24 Aug 1889 in Calvary Cemetery in Denver. In 1908 that site was closed as a cemetery and then abandoned (it is now the Denver Botanical Garden), and Charles, along with 6,000 others, was reinterred in 1950 in Mount Olivet Cemetery. Charles was placed in the same grave as his mother, who had been buried there 25 Oct 1897 (Mount Olivet cemetery was opened in 1891). With contributions from family members, a monument was erected for their shared grave in the spring of 1993.

3 - **Thomas Francis Poinsett** - 13 (1844 - 1918), the third child, was born in Philadelphia, moved with the family to New York City, then to Buffalo, and finally to Missouri in 1860. His military records indicate that he lived in Dallas (now Marble Hill), in Bollinger Co., and was a carpenter and farmer. When he enlisted in the Union Navy on 23 Jun 1863 in Chicago, IL, he states his post office address was Jackson, MO. He was sent to Cairo, IL, and put on the training ship "Clara Dolsen" and then was assigned to the gunboat "Eastport". One record states that he "Was never discharged, but was separated from the vessel through a great fright." A Department of Navy record states that he "deserted from the latter named vessel at Prairie Grove, near New Madrid, MO, July 6, 1863." Apparently, he returned home. On 12 Apr 1864 he enlisted, as a private, at Cape Girardeau, MO, in Company G 14th Regiment of the Missouri Cavalry and served until 17 Nov 1865. The 14th Regiment Cavalry was organized at St. Louis and Springfield, MO, 30 Nov 1864 to 13 May 1865. Duty at St. Louis until June 1865; scout from Waynesville to Coal Dump Creek May 23-26. Moved to Nebraska, and frontier duty on the plains until November. Mustered out 17 Nov 1865. Lost during service two killed and 34 by disease (from Dyer, F. H., A Compendium of the War of the Rebellion). There is mention in Thomas' records that he "served on the plains" and he was discharged through Ft. Leavenworth, KS, and then Benton Barracks, MO. His records state that he was 5 ft. 6 in. in height, dark complected, and had dark hair and brown eyes.

A marriage of Thomas is recorded at the Jackson, MO, courthouse. The record states "Cape Gir. Co. 7 Nov 1864. On this day I, the undersigned R. C. Phone, joined in holy matrimony

Thomas G. Poinsett, s/o Thomas G. Poinsett & Rosina Whorrell, to **Martha Clubb**, widow and d/o John Bond & Mary Grigly both of Bollinger Co.” (His name should have been Thomas F. and his mother's maiden name is misspelled.) This was a civil ceremony and not Catholic. Martha was the widow of James Clubb, by whom she had a daughter. (One of Thomas's pension records states the daughter's name was “Alase Club” and she was 1 year old when Martha and Thomas were married; if the Martha Poinsett" (age 29) in the 1870 census for Bollinger Co is Thomas' wife, her name was Mary and she abt 3 years old when they married; the daughter was "dead a long time", as was Martha, when the document was filed in 1915.) It was an unsatisfactory union; Thomas later stated in his pension application records that he was tricked, for Martha had been injured during the birth of her child and was unable to have any more children. He left her shortly after the marriage.

Thomas wandered widely following the end of his unsuccessful marriage. He did railroad work out of Pittsburgh Landing, TN, was in St. Louis, MO, South Dakota (in 1877), returned to Missouri briefly, worked in Arizona, Arkansas, New Mexico, and Colorado, arriving there in 1881 and remaining for 31 years.

Thomas was affiliated with his brother-in-law, John David Vaughan, the husband of Sarah Louisa Poinsett - 16, in several transactions involving mining claims and real estate in the Breckenridge, CO, area over several years. The following is from the Recorder's office in the Summit Co Court House, Breckenridge:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Purchaser</u>   | <u>Seller</u>                   | <u>Instrument</u> | <u>Book</u> | <u>Page</u> |
|-------------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 30 Dec 1880 | Samuel W. Allen<br>(1/6 interest in Alchemists Lode on west bank of Blue River opposite Breckenridge, \$100)   | John D. Vaughan                 | Quit Claim        | 24          | 423         |
| 26 Jan 1881 | John D. Vaughan<br>(1/8 interest in mining claims in Brown's Gulch, \$25)  | James W. Lamoreaux              | Mining Deed       | 25          | 294         |
| 1 Mar 1883  | Mrs. S. L. Vaughan<br>(some mining claims, \$1)  | T. F. Poinsett & Chas. E. Jones | Mining Deed       | 49          | 350         |
| 6 Jun 1883  | Chas. P. Lindsley<br>(1/3 interest in mining claims, \$100)  | John D. Vaughan                 | Mining Deed       | 49          | 199         |
| 9 Aug 1883  | J. D. Vaughan & T. F. Poinsett<br>(corner lot on s.e. corner of Ridge and Adams Sts. in Breckenridge, 25 x 125 ft., with blacksmith shop and blacksmith tools) | Patrick Sweeney                 | Quit Claim        | 42          | 285         |
| 5 Dec 1883  | J. D. Vaughan & T. F. Poinsett<br>(1/2 interest in mining claims in Illinois Gulch, \$1)   | W. Morris                       | Mining Deed       | 53          | 165         |
| 23 Oct 1885 | Nonpareil Gold & Silver Mining Co.<br>(Zypo claim on Horseshoe Mtn., Pollock mining district of Summit Co, \$5,000)  | T. F. Poinsett & J. D. Vaughan  | Mining Deed       | 57          | 171         |
| 21 Jul 1890 | T. F. Poinsett & J. D. Vaughan<br>(2/3 interest in claims in the Quartz Mtn. mining district of Summit Co)   | L. M. Thomas                    | Mining Deed       | 64          | 298         |
| 31 Mar 1896 | Cripple Creek Gold Belt Mining Co<br>(Uncle Tom Lode in Pollock mining district of Summit Co, \$250,000)   | T. F. Poinsett & J. D. Vaughan  | Mining Deed       | 77          | 188         |
| 9 Aug 1898  | Wm. F. Boardman<br>(1/12 interest in the Mamie Vaughan Lode on Bald Mtn. in Minnesota mining district, \$100)  | Thomas F. Poinsett              | Mining Deed       | 80          | 54          |
| 15 May 1899 | R. M. Golden & J. D. Vaughan<br>(group of mining claims, \$1,000)  | Thomas F. Poinsett              | Mining Deed       | 80          | 136         |
| 22 Aug 1901 | T. F. Poinsett, James Tooley, Morris, Harrison, Lucy Campbell & John Chambers<br>(bond in the amount of \$12,500 for certain properties)                       |                                 | Title Bond        | 81          | 305         |

Two especially interesting items in this list are the 1885 sale for \$5,000 and the 1896 sale for \$250,000. Obviously, Thomas Francis Poinsett and John David Vaughan were at the time rich men! Yet, Thomas F. seems to have died an impoverished man (see below). It is charming to note that he named the claim sold in 1898 after his niece, Mary (Mamie) St. Clair Vaughan - 28.

Thomas Francis seems to have lived either in Breckenridge or Denver between 1880 to 1901. Thomas first appears in the Denver city directory in 1886, where he is listed as a miner, residing at 809 Glenarm, the address of his sister, Sarah Louisa, and her family, the John David Vaughans. His address was 2901 Glenarm in 1887, again the same address as the Vaughans. In 1888 he resided at 2819 Marion, again his younger sister's family address. In 1889 Charles B. Poinsett, Thomas' older brother, and Rosina W. Poinsett, the mother of Charles and Thomas, appear at this Denver address of the Vaughans. Both brothers are listed as miners. In 1890 Thomas F. was not in the Denver directory; the Breckenridge records above show he was there instead. However, Rosina was in Denver, residing at 2041 Marion, the address of her daughters Mary Theresa Seiler and Sarah Louisa Vaughan. Charles had died the preceding year. None of the Poinsetts are listed in the 1891 and 1892 Denver directories, but in 1893 and 1894 Thomas and Rosina were back in Denver, residing at 506 29th Street, the address now of Sarah Louisa and John D. Vaughan. In 1895 and 1896 they were at 1330 Gray (now Wyandot), living still with the Vaughans.

Rosina died in 1897 and was interred in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, west of Denver. Thomas was boarding alone at 1330 Wall that year. From 1898 to 1901 Thomas boarded at 3930 Bert (now Vallejo), the then home of the Vaughans. However, at the time of the 1900 federal census, Thomas, age 56, was living at Rt. 3, Breckenridge, Summit Co, CO ("living alone"). From 1902 to 1912 (except for 1911) Thomas' official address was 4203 Alcott, which he shared with his sister Sarah Louisa, who was widowed in 1900, but probably he forayed out from there every summer to other parts of Colorado where he worked in mining and prospecting. (The residence of his sister Mary Theresa and her husband John Seiler was two blocks south, at 4023 Alcott, at this time.) In 1903 he is listed in the Denver directory as working at the Vulcan Iron Works (the Vulcan Smelting & Mfg. Co. had mining claims in Breckenridge). Also in 1903, at age 59, he applied for a government pension due to infirmities, including right ear deafness and impaired eyesight. (He was then residing, according to his application, at 2316 Clarkson in Denver, but not according to the city directory.) In May 1904 he was living in Lorain Mining Camp, Waunita, Gunnison Co, CO, working as a prospector and miner. In March 1907 he was mining and prospecting out of Whitewater, Mesa Co, CO. He was granted a pension on 24 Jun 1912 and was paid \$15.50 per month, and then \$19 per month from 14 Feb 1914.

Thomas Francis Poinsett died 16 May 1918 at the Pacific Branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers in California. (The home is no longer in existence, but the cemetery is now called The Los Angeles National Cemetery and is located at 950 South Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles; Thomas is buried in Sec. 36, Row F, Grave no. 12, which is in the northeast part of the cemetery and near the intersection of Shiloh and Antietam lanes; I visited Thomas' grave 16 Jan 94 and took photographs of his tombstone.) The cause of death was acute cardiac dilatation. Thomas had a tattoo "T.P. and cross" on his left forearm. He listed James Vandewer (Vandover) -9, nephew, of Yucca, AZ, as his nearest relative.

3 - **Sarah Louisa Poinsett** - 16 (1847 - 1928), the fourth child, was born in New York City. She married 7 Oct 1866 **George John Braamhaar (Bramer)** - 25 in Scott County, MO. Their child, Ephraim Augustus Bramer was baptized 19 Aug 1867 at St. John's in Leopold, MO; sponsors were Thomas Gabriel Poinsett -3 and Gerarda (Grada, Gertrude) Braamhaar - 135. Ephraim Augustus died in 1871. I do not know what happened to her husband, but he may have died abt 1870 (or Sarah and George separated).

**John David Vaughan** - 27 (1842 - 1900) was Sarah Louisa's second husband. John David was born in Cleveland, OH, the first child of William and Eleanor Meagher Vaughan, natives of Ireland. His father was descended from Daniel O'Connell the orator, statesman and liberator. John David's father established a mercantile business in Cleveland, in partnership with some brothers. John learned the printer's trade as a young man. During the Civil War, at age 18, he was in the United States Navy. John and Sarah Louisa were wed in 1872 at St. Louis, MO. John D. was listed in the St. Louis City Directory for 1872 as a printer for the St. Louis Times and boarding at 509 Morgan; he was not listed in 1873 but is (as John D. W. Vaughan) in the directory for 1874, a printer residing at 1600 Clark Ave. The first two children of this union, Mary St. Clair (b 1873) and Eleanor Theresa (b 1875), were born in MO (presumably St. Louis). John was "drawn west by the Black Hills excitement", according to one of his obituaries, and in 1876 settled in Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory, where he worked at his printers trade. He and W. H. Montgomery held the printing contract for the Wyoming Territory in 1877.

John Vaughan had left his family behind in Chicago when he started west and they joined him in Cheyenne. The second two children, Louisa Rebecca (b 1877) and William T. (b 1880), were born in Cheyenne. There is a record of Louisa Rebecca's baptism 8 Sep 1878 at St. John's Church in Leopold, MO; sponsors were Thomas Francis Poinsett - 13 and Christina Braamhaar Poinsett - 11, but the record appears to indicate that Charles Nenner and Margaret Rottman stood in for Thomas and Christina; also John David Vaughan's name is crossed through, probably because his marriage to Louisa Poinsett was not recognized in the Catholic church; Sarah Louisa may have returned with her daughter to MO without John David.

Cheyenne had been incorporated in 1867 when the Union Pacific RR selected the site as a division point; Wyoming was established as a territory in 1868 with Cheyenne as its capital. When the Vaughans moved there, Cheyenne was a modest-size village surrounded by a vast domain of wild country, sparsely populated by cattle and sheep ranchers. At the time of the 1880 census, taken 22 June, the family was residing at 465 20th St., which was on the northeast edge of Cheyenne (the house no longer stands and there is now no such address). In the household was John D., age 38, printer; wife Louisa S., 32; daughters Mamie S. (Mary St. Clair), 7, Nora S. (should be Eleanor Theresa), 5, Louisa R., 2; and son William T., 2 months. John D. appears not to have owned property in Cheyenne as he does not appear on the tax rolls for the years he was there. (Wyoming became a state in 1890, but the Vaughans had moved to CO 10 years earlier.)

John D. Vaughan and his family apparently moved to Breckenridge, CO, in the summer of 1880. As noted earlier (in the section on Thomas F. Poinsett), J. D. Vaughan filed a quit claim deed in Breckenridge in December of 1880. He started a newspaper (name unknown) in Breckenridge and then moved to Denver in 1883. "During the boom days of Creede he was associated with Cy Warman on the *Creede Chronicle*. At the same time they printed the *Spar City Spark*, one of the brightest little sheets ever published" (The Daily News, Denver, 3 Sep 1900). From September to November 1884 he edited the Colorado Miner in Georgetown, CO.

The Vaughans last child, Rosina Francis (b 1887), was born in Denver. John D. was a printer for the *Denver Republican* newspaper 1883-85; in 1886-87 he worked as a printer for Collier and Cleveland; 1888 he was secretary to Governor Alva Adams (Democratic Governor of CO 1887-89, 1897-99 and briefly in 1905 following a disputed election); 1890-92 he was a clerk in the Sheriff's Office; 1894 he was a printer for Smith -Brooks Printing Co., 1895 a publisher; 1896 back at the *Denver Republican*; 1897-1900 clerk in the office of the City Clerk. When John David Vaughan died 2 Sep 1900 from cerebral hemorrhage the major newspapers of Denver carried eulogies. Those of the *Daily News* and *Denver Republican* included a sketched portrait showing John D. with a full handle-bar mustache and balding head. It is stated that he was one of the best known printers of the old school in the west. His acquaintances extended to every newspaper in the country. He was known to all the politicians in the state, as he was active as a member of the Democratic, Labor, National Silver and Republican parties. His service was conducted at his residence, 3930 Bert (now Vallejo), by the Grand Army of the Republic, with six pallbearers each from the Oddfellows (I.O.O.F.) and the Typographical Union No. 49. Grave rituals were conducted by the Oddfellows. Mrs. Thomas O'Hara, one of his sisters from St. Louis attended the services. Another of John's sisters was Sister Mary Loretto, mother superior of the foundlings home of Detroit, MI. John David Vaughan was buried on 4 Sep 1900 in Riverside Cemetery, Denver, sect. 7, lot 6, blk. 28. His marker is one of several small blocks, with names and years of birth and death, which surround a large monument erected by the Denver Typographical Union No. 49 (the union was organized in 1859 and chartered 9 Jun 1860). He is stated to have taken a deep interest in all labor movements.

John David's son, William T., and wife, Mary S., share a small marker in the same typographical union plot.

From 1883 and for several years beyond the Vaughans lived in Denver. (As noted above, Sarah's brother, Thomas Francis came to Denver in 1886, as did her older brother Charles and her mother in 1889, as well as sister Mary Theresa Seiler and family in 1890.) The Vaughans were at these addresses in Denver: 1883: 345 Lawrence; 1884: 787 Champa; 1885: 561 Champa; 1886: 809 Glenarm; 1887: 2901 Glenarm; 1888-89: 2819 Marion; 1890: 2041 Marion; 1891-94: 506 29th; 1895-96: 1330 Gray (changed to Wyandot in 1904); 1897-1901: 3930 Bert (changed to Vallejo in 1904). In 1902 (following husband John David's death) Sarah Louisa and brother Thomas Francis moved to 4203 Alcott. (This house still stands on the corner of Alcott and 42nd St. in the Highlands neighborhood.)

Sarah Louisa consistently is listed in the Denver directories and in the 1880 and the 1920 census as "Louisa S.", and "Louisa Vaughann" appears on the grave monument; thus she preferred to be called by her middle name. Sarah Louisa died 11 May 1928 at 84 from cardiac failure. An obituary in the Denver Post for 13 May 1928 records that she was living at 630 Gilpin St. and a service was to be held at the chapel of Olinger's Mortuary. She was buried 14 May 1928 in Fairmount Cemetery, Denver, sect. 1, lot 59, blk. 87. (She appears to not have been a practicing Catholic in her second marriage, as she did not have a Catholic funeral and is not buried in a Catholic cemetery.) Her memorial is engraved on a large tombstone that is shared with her daughter, Rosina F. Zimmerhackel (1887 - 1925), son-in-law, Harry Zimmerhackel (1884 - 1940) and Elizabeth S. Zimmerhackel (1894 - 1940); I do not know who the latter person was; perhaps she was a sister of Harry.

*The Sharples Genealogy* by Karen Peterson, Denver directories, and Federal censuses give these detail about the Vaughan children:

Mary St. Clair Vaughan - 28 (1873 - \_\_\_\_ ) (called Mamie in the census of 1880) was a schoolteacher. She is listed as a teacher most years in the Denver directory from 1894 to 1901. She married Charles Piquette, born in CO, whose father was Canadian French and mother was French. In the census for 1910 they were living at 3444 Shoshone in the Highlands area of Denver; Charles (age 38) was an office clerk for a lumber company; Mary was 36; their children: John V. (age 7), M. Louise (6), Leone V. (5), Rosina C (2), Charles C. and Clarissa C. (twins, age 10 mo.).

Eleanor Theresa Vaughan - 29 (1875 - \_\_\_\_ ) is listed in the directory as a teacher from 1894 to 1905. She began as a kindergarten teacher but was employed at East Denver High School in later years. Eleanor married Joseph Maguire, who was born in MO of Irish parents. At the time of the 1910 census the Maguires were living at 4203 Alcott with mother Louisa S.; Joseph was the manager of an adjustment company; both Eleanor and Joseph were 33; their children: Joseph C. (age 3), Dorothy Owen (1 yr. 3 mo.) (both born in WV); the record shows they had had three children with two living. *The Sharples Genealogy* lists Eleanor Aandahl as one of their children; she may have been deceased by or was born after 1910.

Louisa Rebecca Vaughan - 30 (1877 - \_\_\_\_\_ ) was born in Laramie, Wyoming Territory. The baptismal record at St. John's on 8 Sep 1878 for the year-old Louise Rebecca shows the sponsors were Thomas and Christina Poinsett. Her father's name, in this Latin record, Johanna David Vaughan, has marks through it, probably because his marriage to Louisa Poinsett was not recognized in the Catholic church. Louisa was a secretary at North Side High School in 1902, becoming a clerk in 1903, a teacher in 1905, and librarian there in 1906. She married a Sheesky and had one son.

William T. Vaughan - 31 (1880 - 1932) entered the printing trade in 1902, after the death of his father, with Smith -Brooks Printing Co. He later became a Linotype operator and was with different printers and newspapers in Denver for many years. William lived on with his mother at 4203 Alcott for a few years. About 1919 William married Ruth S. (1887 - 1963), and his mother then moved to 630 Gilpin while William and his bride remained at 4203 Alcott. As noted above, William T. and Ruth S. are buried in Riverside Cemetery in the Denver Typographical Union plot.

Rosina Francis Vaughan - 32 (1887 - 1925) is listed in the Denver directory only once, in 1907 as a student living with mother Sarah Louisa and brother William T. at 4203 Alcott. In the 1910 census Rosina is age 23, a teacher, single, and living at this address. She married Harry Zimmerhackel; their children: Jane, Sally Lou, and Harry, Jr. Rosina is interred in Fairmount Cemetery, as noted above.

In the 1894 and 1896 directories Maurice Vaughan, auctioneer, is living with the Vaughans. I do not know how he was related to them. In the 1900 census a Lola F. Hord, age 18, is shown as a ward living with the Vaughans at 3930 Bert; also they have a boarder named Bertha Emery, age 16, and a visitor, Gena Holmes, age 17, at that time. With these three, the Vaughan parents and their five children, plus Thomas Poinsett, all at the same address, there was a compact set of eleven sharing the house.

3 - **Mary Theresa Poinsett** - 14 (1850 - 1930), the fifth child, was the first to be born after the family moved to Buffalo. A record at St. John's in Leopold lists the 8 Feb 1869 marriage of **John Sailer** - 109, age 23, son of George Joseph Sailer<sup>1</sup> and Veronica Moller, and (Mary) Theresa (Theresa) Poinsett, age 18, daughter of Thomas G. Poinsett and Rosina Warl (Worrell). Witnesses were J. Bertens, the priest, and Rebecca Poinsett - 6. The sponsors for the baptism (20 Jan 1870) in Leopold of their child, Carol (Charles) Herman, were Carol Adam Sailer and Sarah Louisa Poinsett - 16.

The earliest association I found between John Seiler and the Poinsetts was the sale in 1868 (book of Trusts and Mortgages, pp. 43-44, courthouse, Jackson, MO) of a sawmill.

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<sup>1</sup> Sailer is variously spelled and in later generations came to be Seiler.

and appurtenances by Charles B. and Thomas G. Poinsett and John Seiler. John and Theresa moved back to St. Wendell, IN, where John's parents had lived, sometime prior to 1872, and their next nine children were born there (three of them died there). While living in Indiana, John Seiler developed tuberculosis and became very ill. His brothers, Charles Adam and Wendel, went to Indiana and brought him and his family back to Leopold. They then sent him off to Denver, where Louisa's sister, Theresa Vaughan and family were living. It was very common at that time for "lungers", as tuberculosis victims were known, to move to Colorado where it was believed the dry, fresh air would improve the chance for survival.

In 1890 the John Seilers appear for the first time in the Denver city directory. They were residing at 2041 Marion (the address then of the Vaughans as well as Rosina Poinsett, as noted above). In 1891 they lived at 2317 Downing Ave. From 1892 to 1896 they were on the west side of 2nd St. between Humphrey and Greeley in Highlands. Their last child, Ellnora Frances - 111 was born there. In 1897 the family was at 1423 2nd in the Perrins Subdivision. In 1898 they moved to 4023 Alcott where the family remained for several years; this two-story house, in an area just northwest of central Denver known as Highlands, still stands. (in 1902 Sarah Louisa Vaughan and brother Thomas F. Poinsett moved to the same street, just two blocks to the north.)

**John Seiler** - 109 (1846 - 1909) worked as a lithographer and engineer for printing companies the first three years he was in Denver. He then was a salesman for a year and then a fireman for two. In 1898 he became an oil (kerosene) dealer for about 10 years. At the time of the 1900 census his household consisted of wife Theresa, age 49, Charles H., 30, Katherine E., 24, Joseph E., 21, Rosina B., 16, and Eleanor F., 8. John was interred in Mount Olivet Cemetery, near Denver, adjacent to the grave of Rosina and Charles Poinsett (sec. 6, blk. 8, lot 12, MGSW).

Mary Theresa lived on at 4023 Alcott until 1923. She is listed as "Theresa" in the Denver directories and 1900 census; thus, she seems to have preferred her middle name rather than her first name. In the 1910 census Theresa is stated to be living on "own income." When she died in 1930 she was living in Colorado Springs, CO, presumably with one of her daughters, Ellnora Wittman or Rose Garvin, whose families lived there. This notice appeared in the Denver Post, Thursday, 26 Jun 1930: "Seiler, Mary T. at Colorado Springs, services at St. Catherine's Church, Denver, 11 a.m. Friday. Burial Mount Olivet." She was interred 27 June in Mount Olivet cemetery west of Denver, CO, in the family lot (sec. 6, blk. 8, lot 12, SGNW) A nice monument, with John and Mary Theresa's names and dates of birth and death, marks the graves.

A bit is known about the children of John and Mary Theresa Seiler. Mary R., Veronica S., Sophia C., Mary Theresa, and Louise C. all died as infants or as young children.

Charles Herman Seiler - 110 (1870 - 1920) seems to have been in and out of Denver often. He was living with the family at 4023 Alcott at the time of the 1900 census; his age was 30. Charles Seiler shows up in the Denver directories sporadically from 1905 to 1918, working as a bartender, butcher and metalworker and. living at different hotels. Charles H. is

specifically listed in 1912 as residing with the family at 4023 Alcott. He was living in Pueblo, CO, when he died in 1920 and is buried between the graves of his mother and father. Charles never married. He has no monument.

Thomas John Seiler - 112 (1874 - 1944) became an apprentice in a Denver lithography shop in 1890, at age 16, and worked in printing for several years. He married Veronica Tragressor (6 Jun 1865 - 12 Dec 1954) on 5 Aug 1906 of Evansville, IN, in Denver, CO. They had no children. Thomas J. is listed in the Denver directories up through 1914 as a pressman. He is buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery, beside his wife, Veronica. Their graves are adjacent to and immediately north of that of Mary Theresa Seiler.

Catherine Elizabeth Seiler - 113 (1875 - 1956) was in the first graduating eight-grade class of St. Patrick's Parish School (which was founded in 1885) in May, 1891 (she is called "Katie" Seiler in the history of St. Patrick's Golden Jubilee Booklet, 1934, where I found this information); she returned to the school in September for high school work. Catherine is listed in the Denver directory in 1900 as a bookkeeper. She became a nun in 1902, being the first member from St. Patrick's parish in Denver to become a nun of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in St. Louis, MO. She took the name Sr. Mary Eulogia. Catherine E. taught mathematics and science from 1904 until 1951 in various schools in MI, WI, MO, GA, IN, and CO. She also held administrative positions in several schools and was the superior at several of her posts. She died in St. Joseph's hospital in Kansas City and is interred in St. Mary's Cemetery in Kansas City.

Joseph Ephraim Seiler - 114 (1878 - 1962) became an apprentice lithographer at age 16 and appears to have spent his life in the printing industry in Denver. He married Martha May (20 May 1882 - 15 May 1972) of Germany in Denver, CO, on 20 May 1906. They had no children. Joseph E. worked as a Linotype operator and machinist in print shops and for newspapers (but is absent from the directories of 1919-22). He was working for the Rocky Mountain News in 1930. When Joseph died 13 Oct 1962 he was living at 1826 S. Federal Blvd. in Denver; a rosary was held at Hoffmanns Mortuary followed by a requiem mass the following day at All Saint's Catholic Church. He and wife Martha are buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery but not in the family lot (sec. 26, blk. 4, lot 16). There is no monument.

Rosina (Rose) Barbara Seiler - 117 (1884 - 1961) attended St. Patrick's School (I have a copy of a photograph from the archives of the Archdiocese of Denver of the second grade class of 1892 in which she is pictured). She worked as a clerk, starting in 1903, and moved up to cashier in 1909 with J. B. Garvin & Co. Rose married Jesse B. Garvin (12 May 1871, Fremont, OH - 9 May 1963) (probably a member of the store family) on 23 Jun 1909 in St. Patrick's Church. When the 1910 census was taken the Garvins were living with Rose's mother at 4023 Alcott; Rose was 26 and Jesse, a druggist with his own store, was 39; in the household was Francis G., son, age 18; he may have been a son of Jesse's by a previous marriage; also the Garvins are indicated as having had a child who was not then living (the print is dim on the film and difficult to read, so some of this information may be incorrect). They had two children: Catherine Francis (3 Jun 1912 - 23 Aug 1930) and David Bartlett (2 Jun 1918 - \_\_\_\_ ). At the time of the 1920 census Rose and Jesse were still living with her

mother at 4023 Alcott with their two children, Catherine, 7, and David, not quite 2. Both children are indicated as born in CO. Rose died 6 May 1961 in Colorado Springs, CO. A requiem high mass was said at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in that city followed by burial at Fairview Cemetery. She was a member of St. Joseph's Guild, the St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society and the Sacred Heart League. Son David was living in Monterey Park, CA, at that time. Jesse B. Garvin, her husband, died two years later and also was interred in Fairview Cemetery in Colorado Springs after a requiem high mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

Ellnora Frances Seiler - 120 (1892 - 1970) (who is variously listed as Frances, Frances E., Eleanor F., Eleanor Frances, and E. Frances) appears in the Denver directory in 1910 and 1912 as a clerk at J. B. Garvin & Co. In 1911 she is listed as a student. In 1913 and 1914 she is an assistant at the University of Denver. In 1915 she is back at Garvin's. In 1917 she is a teacher and still residing at 4023 Alcott. In 1918 she is again at Garvin's. At the time of the 1920 census she was living with her mother; her age was 27; sister Rose and her family also was living at 4023 Alcott at this time. From 1921 to 1923 Ellnora was an instructor at the University of Denver. In 1925 and 1926 she is listed as a teacher and living at 1464 Milwaukee in Denver. She married Albert George Wittman (b 12 Jul 1884, Silvercliffe, CO) on 17 May 1925 in Denver, CO; he worked on a railroad and was killed by an explosion in Colorado Springs, CO. She had a Ph.D. in physics and owned rental property in San Francisco. She is said to be listed in Who's Who in Physics but I have been unable to confirm this. At the time of her sister Rosina's death in 1961 she was a professor living in Santa Clara, CA. She was an avid photographer. Her children, all born in Colorado Springs, CO, are John Philip (10 Apr 1926), Eleanor Rosemary (2 May 1928 - 17 Sep 1983), Katherine Theresa (25 Aug 1931 - 19 Aug 1995), and Agnes Marie Poinsett (8 Aug 1932).

3 - **James Ephraim Poinsett** - 15 (1853 - 1917), the sixth child, was born in Buffalo and moved to Missouri with the family in 1860. He was a new communicant in St. John's Church, Leopold, on 9 May 1869 (listed as Jacobus Ephraim Poinsett; Jacobus is Latin for James) and was confirmed 23 Apr 1873. James Ephraim also was a witness to the marriage of August Bernard Braamhaar-139 and Mary Chevanue-140 at St. John's in Leopold. Ephraim was the sponsor at the baptism of Samuel Thomas Vandover-8, child of Caleb Bowles Vandover -7 and Rebecca Ann Poinsett -6 in 1872. (James Ephraim seems to have preferred Ephraim as his name.) James E. Poinsett is listed in the 1876 census for Cape Girardeau, MO, living alone and between ages 21-45 (he was then 24). Ephraim was living with the John Schultz family in Cape Girardeau Co at the time of the 1880 census. He sold 337 acres of land to John M. Devore in 1884. James Ephraim married in 3 Feb 1884 the widow of John M. Devore, Susan M. Devore nee Schultz. (John Devore and Susan Schultz were married 22 Sep 1878 in Allenville; Susan had three children with Devore: Thomas, Rose, and Flora.) In the 1900 census Ephraim is listed as birth date unknown, born in PA (should be NY), and living with Susan (age 30, thus born Feb 1870, in contrast to the correct date of 1856) and children: Maud (age 12), Dollie (7), Edith (3) and Elmer (1); also in the household is Thomas Devore, stepson, age 20. I found, at Jackson, MO, several land sales involving James E. Poinsett (index Book 8, p. 417, 1877; 8, p. 426 1877; 8, p. 426, 1878; 9, p. 208, 1879; 10, p. 179, 1879; 17, p. 64, 1884). Three of these transactions are with Thomas

Mifflin. Ephraim, the last child of Thomas and Rosina Poinsett, was born in Buffalo, NY. The Sharples Genealogy states he died in Laflin, MO, but his death certificate was signed by a physician in Allenville, MO. J. Ephraim died of pneumonia, was divorced, and was working as a sawmill hand at the time of his death. (James Ephraim's death certificate from vital statistics in MO contains several errors; his name is entered as "J. Ephrom"; it lists his birth as 11 Jul 1858, but the census record would make it 1853 and The Sharples Genealogy gives his birth as 11 Jul 1852; his father is listed as "Charles" and should be Thomas; his mother is listed as "Elizabeth World"; Elizabeth may have been Rosina's middle name; her surname is wrong). After James Ephraim's death, his widow Susan married Andrew J. Smith, Oma McLain Poinsett's maternal grandfather. (The genealogy of James Ephraim Poinsett is being chronicled by Rebecca Howard of Jackson, TN, who is descended from James Ephraim's son, Elmer, who married Oma McLain.)

There is a **Junius Poinsett** listed in the 1870 census for Cape Girardeau as a son of Thomas and Rosina Poinsett, age 14 and born in NY, but there are no other records of a Junius nor is he listed in *The Sharples Genealogy*. I believe the census record is spurious. James Ephraim is listed in this census as simply Ephraim (17 years old); "Junius" and "James" written in cursive look a lot alike. Thus, James probably was entered as Junius, and with the wrong age.

4 - **Maud Poinsett** - 122 (1887 - \_\_\_\_\_ ) married Harvey L. McClain, Oma Poinsett's half-brother.

4 - **Doll Poinsett** - 123 (1893 - \_\_\_\_\_ ); no details known.

4 - **Eva Poinsett** - 124 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ ); no details known.

4 - **Edith Poinsett** - 125 (1896 - \_\_\_\_\_ ); no details known.

4 - **Elmer Almus Poinsett** - 126 (1897 - 1973) married, 30 Jun 1917, Maudy Naomi "Oma" McClain (3 Nov 1901 - 31 Jan 1994) at Allenville, Cape Girardeau Co, MO. Their children were Myrtle Luceille (b 8 Feb 1919), Dewy Almus (b Mar 1921), Leslie Edward (b 21 Apr 1923), James Arvel (b 8 May 1925), Patsy Ruth (b 30 Jan 1933; d Aug 1955). All were born in Cape Girardeau except Patsy Ruth who was born in St. Louis.

4 - **Avery Lee Poinsett** - 127 (18 Apr 1904 - 15 May 1922) died at age 17 of a ruptured appendix. At the time of his death he was engaged to be married to Gertrude McClain, younger sister of Oma McClain. He was to have appeared in a pageant at Fairview Church in Advance. His part was taken by Gertrude's brother and, as related by Oma McClain Poinsett to Rebecca Howard, after the pageant the children marched to Avery's grave and stood around it in a circle. The boys stuck flags in the grave and the girls laid spring bouquets on it.

## Descendants of Charles B. Poinsett and Christina Braamhaar

4 - **Thomas Francis Poinsett** - 12 (1864 - 1939), the first child, became a blacksmith in Whitewater, MO. His first wife, **Martha Schleuter**, was the daughter of Andrew H. Schleuter and Caroline S. Schlimme, both of whom were born in Hanover, Germany. Andrew emigrated to America in 1821. Thomas Francis Poinsett, while married to his second wife, **Florence Erwin-Lancaster**, went into business with a blacksmith in Advance, MO. In 1912 he moved his family to Cape Girardeau where he was a foreman in a firm that manufactured grain separators (thrashers). He later lived in Tennessee.

4 - **Asa Poinsett** - 17 (1866 - 1914) was the second child. He and his first wife, **Helen Harris**, had three children; I found no information on them; I am guessing that one of them was the Effie C. Poinsett, age 6, who is listed as living with August and Martha Poinsett at the time of the 1900 census.

By his second wife, **Ella Herring**, Asa had eight children. One of these, Rose, a twin of Asa Ephraim, died at birth in 1913. After Asa and Helen died, at Randles, MO, in 1914 and abt 1916, respectively, the three youngest children of this second family, Joseph Larkin (age 6), Asa Ephraim (age 3), and Theresa Maria (age 1), were taken in by Joseph Sylvester Poinsett - 21 after their parents died. When Asa Ephraim was 5 years old he went to live with Ann Theresa Poinsett - 24 (Aunt Tess). His son, Charles Warren Poinsett, relates that Asa Ephraim was put on a train in Cape Girardeau and sent to Bismark, MO, where he was met by Aunt Tess. He had all his things in a little brown suitcase which he still has today. He was reared by Aunt Tess. Asa Ephraim Poinsett's (1913 - 1992) children are: Jo Anne married Ben E. Francis; their children are Wendy Denise and Chris Edwin; Agnes Maria married Charles F. Lashley; their child is Kimberly Ann; Charles Warren married Patricia Bennett; their child Dana Lynn married Carl Harbison, Jr. and they have a daughter, Amber Lynn; Robert Ray married Mary Dement; their children are Sean and Ann; Bonnie Jean married Kenneth Wencker; their child is Gregory Bernard.

Lynwood Poinsett - 65, grandson of Asa, married 7 Dec 1953 Joyce Lee Martin (b 29 Jul 1935) of Trumann, AR. They had two sons, Martin Lynwood Poinsett (b 25 Nov 1960) and Dalton Lee Poinsett (b 7 Mar 1963), both of whom were born in Memphis, Shelby Co, TN.

4 - **August Ephraim Poinsett** - 18 (1867 - 1955), the third child, was born on the family farm near Laflin, MO. In the 1870 census the name is "Augustus" Ephraim Poinsett, as it is in early St. John's records. He was baptized in St. John's Church, Leopold, MO, 25 Aug 1867, by Rev. J. Bertens. Augustus seems to have adopted "August" as the spelling in later life. In his adult life he was known to his friends and family as "Gus". When his mother

died and his father departed for Colorado, August worked for neighboring farmers. I remember him telling me, as a child, about driving a team of oxen and directing them with a bull whip to haul logs out of the forest. He was working in timbering at Ash Hill, Butler County, when he married **Martha Isabella Proffer** - 131. His role in the activities of the Passover Methodist Church were cited earlier. He was a faithful churchgoer, a respected member of his community and belonged to fraternal lodges, including the Woodsmen.

The farm of Jackson Redman Proffer - 66, which passed to Martha Proffer - 131 and her husband August E. Poinsett, was sold in 1936 to Hugh Allmon, father of Webster Allmon - 380, after which August and Martha Poinsett moved to Jackson, MO, with my father and mother. August continued to work at timbering, plowed gardens using horses, and helped with raising a small quantity of livestock that populated our 10-acre place. In his later years he suffered a series of strokes that caused him to be partially paralyzed. He died in a nursing home in Cape Girardeau, MO, in 1955. (The log house that Jackson Redman Proffer had built was taken down by Hugh Allmon; the adjoining house that A. E. Poinsett built burned in 1956.)

4 - **Rosina Mary Frances Poinsett** - 19 (1869 - 1957) was the fourth child of Charles and Christina Poinsett and was called "Rose" or "Rosa". She was baptized at St. John's in Leopold 26 Mar 1869; sponsors were John Seiler - 109 and Joanna Braamhaar (I do not know the relation of this person to the other Braamhaars). Rose's granddaughter, Franchon Paisgrove, married Fulton White (27 Mar 1907 - Nov 1977); he is interred in the National Military Cemetery in St. Louis, MO. Lilian Dale was the daughter of "Rose" Poinsett by her second husband. Lilian married Lynn Swann. Both Lilian and Lynn are interred in Fairmount Cemetery in Cape Girardeau in plots beside that of Rose.

4 - **John Frederick Poinsett** - 20 (1871 - 1940) was the fifth child. He was baptized at St. John's in Leopold 1 Sep 1871. His wife was **Marsella Proffer** - 81, daughter of George Wesley Proffer. Their daughter, Millicent Poinsett, married Glenn Norval O'Connell. Millicent and Glenn had a son, David C. R. O'Connell.

4 - **Joseph Sylvester Poinsett** - 64 (1873 - 1932) was the sixth child. His baptismal record at St. John's in Leopold is dated 7 Jun 1873; sponsors were August Braamhaar - 139 and Rosina Poinsett - 5. Joseph was one of three of Charles and Christina's children taken in by Christina's brother Frederick Bramer and his wife Cynthia after the death of Christina. Because he had club feet and could not be a laborer Joseph was sent to school to become a teacher. He attended the State Normal School in Cape Girardeau. Joseph married **Anna Schumer** - 89 29 Aug 1899 in Perryville. Anna's parents were Frank Schumer and Caroline Becker. Joseph taught school for a while in Perryville, then became a rural letter carrier and was in the postal service there for 23 years. He served six years on the board of education in Perryville, was active in community affairs, and was a member of the Western Catholic Union and the Knights of Columbus. He died from hardening of the arteries and high blood

pressure. His funeral was held at St. Boniface Catholic Church (now St. Vincent DePaul) and burial was in the Perryville Cemetery. He and Anna had two daughters, Agnes Theresa and Eula, and they adopted Asa's daughter, Theresa Maria Poinsett - 57. Asa's son, Joseph Larkin Poinsett - 54, also lived with the family in Perryville. The social security death record states that Larkin was issued a social security number in California and he died in Arizona.

Lynn Henry Tucker - 93 lived only about 5 weeks. Lawana Marie DeRoe - 96 married a Trapp. Daughter Donna L. DeRoe - 98, married a McDonald, and another, Margie Ann DeRoe - 99, married a Koen.

4 - **Charles Francis Poinsett** - 22 (1875 - \_\_\_\_\_ ) was the seventh child of Charles and Christina Poinsett. Other than a baptismal record at St. John's in Leopold, dated 10 Jan 1876, and listings with his parents and siblings in the Cape Girardeau Co census of 1876 and the Federal census of 1880, nothing is known of his history. My mother recalls visiting "Aunt Tess" Poinsett - 24 and seeing a portrait in her house which she thinks was that of Charles Francis and that "Aunt Tess" said he had died while still young.

4 - **Ann Theresa Poinsett** - 24 (1878 - 1977) ("Aunt Tess"), the eight child of Charles B. Poinsett and Christina Braamhaar, was baptized 1 Jan 1879 at St. John's in Leopold, MO. She was one of the Charles B. Poinsett children taken in by Fred and Cynthia Bramer. Aunt Tess related the story to Asa Ephraim Poinsett -56 of moving with the Bramers, when she was 13, from Jackson Co, MO, to "Sinkin' Creek" in Shannon Co. They moved by covered wagon and it took 3 months. There was an Osage Indian village 1 mile up the creek from their homestead. Tess had three husbands. She met and married **Will Kness** when she was 22 and they settled in Bismark, MO. Her second and third husbands, **John C. Wood** and **Walter Wood**, respectively, were cousins. She had no children. As noted above she reared Asa Ephraim Poinsett - 56.

4 - **Mary Christina Poinsett** - 23 (1884 - 1965) was the ninth and last child of Charles and Christina Poinsett. She was baptized 1 May 1884 in Leopold at St. John's Church; sponsors were Thomas and Rosina Poinsett, her grandparents. Her mother, Christina, died from complications attending the birth of Mary Christina. Mary Christina and her husband, Bert Barks, operated a restaurant in Cape Girardeau for many years. Their son, Fred Barks - 235, married Ella B. Unknown (14 Aug 1902 - \_\_\_\_\_ ).

I found the birth and death dates of Raymond Poinsett - 53, Fulton White - 76, Axel Olson - 77, Joseph Amstead - 71, and Max Barks - 106 in the Social Security Death Index in the LDS library records.

## The Worrell Family

Fishwick and Chester (1887) trace the ancestry of Rosina Worrell - 5 from Adam Sharples (living in 1320) of Lancaster County, England, through Richard Sharples (b abt 1555), and Jeffrey Sharples, son of Richard. The first immigrant to America was John Sharples (1624 - 1685), son of Jeffrey, who came to Pennsylvania, probably on the ship "Lion", 2 months prior to the coming of William Penn in 1682. He purchased 100 acres of land from Penn on Ridley Creek 2 miles northwest of Chester. John married Jane Moor in 1662. They had seven children. He left a will in England showing that he held a life tenure from Sir Thomas Delves of Dodington, Chester County, England. This will is proved in Chester, England, in 1685, the year of his death in Pennsylvania. It shows that he was a man of substance and may have planned to return to England.

The second child of John Sharples, also John (1666 - 1747), married Hannah Pennell. The third child of John and Hannah, Hanna Sharples (1697 - 1760), married in 1720, at Chester meeting House, Henry Howard of Lower Darroen, England.

The spelling of the name was originally Sharples but in later generations came to be Sharpless. The location of the Sharpless home was in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, in what is now known as Ridley Park.

The third child of Hanna and Henry Howard, John Howard (1725 - 1793), married in 1747 at Middleton Meeting House, Elizabeth Perry. Their fourth child, Perry Howard ( \_\_\_\_ - 1812), married Elizabeth Evans in 1793. Elizabeth was the daughter of Daniel Evans, a soldier in the Revolutionary Army. Her mother suffered the loss of all her provisions and livestock, which were confiscated by the British while the father was in the army. Daniel Evans donated land to the Episcopalians upon which stands St. David's Church at Radner, near Waynestation, a suburb of Philadelphia, which embraces the graveyard with burial ground reserved for the family to and including the fifth generation. He was born in Wales, a lineal heir to an immense estate which his descendants have failed to recover. Perry Howard was disowned by the Quakers on 27 Nov 1786 for marrying outside the church and neglecting attendance at meetings.

Mary Howard (1796 - 1858) was the second child of Perry and Elizabeth Howard. She married, in 1815, Curtis Worrell, a tavern keeper born in Delaware County, PA. Curtis is listed in the U.S. census for 1820 as residing in Easttown, Chester, PA. He died April 1833 and was buried in the burial ground of the Blockley Baptist Church. Mary was buried at Pleasantville, Venango Co, PA.

The Sharples genealogy is summarized as follows:

- 1 - Richard Sharples - 264 (abt 1555 - \_\_\_\_\_ 1641)  
 p England  
 i \_\_\_\_\_  
 m \_\_\_\_\_
- s - NoName Unknown - 265 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p England  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 - Jeffrey Sharples - 262 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - 5 Dec 1661)  
 p England  
 i \_\_\_\_\_  
 m \_\_\_\_\_
- s - Margaret Ashley - 263 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - 21 Jan 1643)  
 p England  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 - John Sharples - 260 (15 Aug 1624 - 11 Apr 1685)  
 p England  
 i \_\_\_\_\_, PA  
 m \_\_\_\_\_
- s - Jane Moor - 261 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 - John Sharples - 258 (16 Nov 1666 - 9 Jul 1747)  
 p Blakenhall, Cheshire, England i Chester, PA  
 i \_\_\_\_\_  
 m 3 Sep 1692
- s - Hannah Pennell - 259 (23 Jul 1673 - 31 Oct 1721)  
 p Chester, PA  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 - Hannah Sharples - 255 (5 Aug 1697 - 12 Oct 1760)  
 p Ridley, Delaware Co, PA  
 i Pleasantville, Venango Co, PA  
 m 11 Jun 1720, Meeting House, Chester, PA
- s - Henry Howard - 254 (Dec 1687 - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p Lower Darieoon, England  
 i Egmont Township, Chester Co, PA

- 6 - John Howard - 252 (3 Feb 1725 - 12 Oct 1793)  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i Middleton Meeting House, Delaware Co, PA  
 m 22 Aug 1747, Middleton Meeting House, Delaware Co. PA
- s - Elizabeth Perry - 253 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - 1 Apr 1770)  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i Middleton Meeting House, Delaware Co, PA
- 7 - Perry Howard - 250 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - 1 Jan 1812)  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i \_\_\_\_\_  
 m Apr 1793
- s - Elizabeth Evans - 251 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - 1776 \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p Chester, PA  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 - Mary Howard - 249 (12 Feb 1796 - 12 Oct 1858)  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i Pleasantville, Venango Co, PA  
 m Apr 1815
- s - Curtis Worrell - 248 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Apr 1833)  
 p Delaware Co, PA  
 i Blockley Baptist, Delaware Co, PA
- 9 - Rosina Worrell - 5 (18 Jan 1817 - 23 Oct 1897)  
 p Paoli, Chester Co, PA  
 i Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Wheat Ridge, Jefferson Co, CO  
 m 13 Apr 1837, Philadelphia, PA
- s - Thomas G. Poinsett - 3 (25 May 1813 - 21 Mar 1885)  
 p \_\_\_\_\_  
 i St. John's Cemetery, Leopold, Bollinger Co, MO
- 9 - Tacy Worrell - 269 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p Paoli, Chester Co, PA  
 i \_\_\_\_\_  
 m \_\_\_\_\_
- s - James L. Mifflin - 456 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p Philadelphia, PA  
 i \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 - Thomas Mifflin (5 Sep 1851 - \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 p Chester, PA  
 i \_\_\_\_\_

9 - **Rosina Worrell** - 5 (1817 - 1897), generation number 9 above is generation number 2 in the Poinsett genealogy above, was the daughter of Curtis and Mary Worrell. She was born at Paoli, near the Lancaster Turnpike, in Chester Co, PA. (See **Thomas Gabriel Poinsett**, above, for details of her marriage and household locations.) Rosina was baptized and received as a convert into the Catholic faith at St. John the Evangelist Church in Philadelphia, 28 January 1840, a year after her first child, Rebecca Ann, was born. Husband Thomas G. died in 1885. In about 1888 Rosina went to Colorado with her elder son, Charles B. Poinsett, where she died at the age of 81. She was interred 25 October 1897 in a Catholic cemetery (Mount Olivet Cemetery, sec. 6, blk. 8, lot 12, SGSW) in Wheat Ridge, near Denver, CO.

9 - **Tacy Worrell** - 269 was Rosina Worrell Poinsett's sister. Tacy, married James L. Mifflin. James Mifflin, a descendant of the Governor Mifflin family of colonial times, was a wealthy merchant in Philadelphia, residing at 1013 Race St. Thomas Mifflin (b 1851) of Chester, PA, was the son of James Mifflin and Tacy Worrell. Thomas married Cora Edna Gardener; a record of their child in the Leopold church states: Born 2 Dec 1877, baptized 8 Sep 1878, at St. John's, Theresiam Juliam Mifflin, daughter of Thomas Mifflin and Cora Gardener; sponsors Charles Poinsett and Maria Alsbury. I have family photographs and a newspaper clipping documenting that James and Thomas Mifflin of Philadelphia were the honored guests at a large family reunion at the home of Joseph Poinsett - 21 in Perryville in 1928; the article states it was the Mifflins first visit to Missouri in 40 years. The Joseph Poinsetts were beneficiaries of the Mifflin estate. As noted above, there were land transactions involving the Mifflins of Philadelphia and the Poinsetts. Between 1878 and 1888 there are several land transfers involving James E. Poinsett - 15, Charles B. Poinsett - 10, Thomas Mifflin and his wife Cora Edna, James Mifflin, and Theresa W. Mifflin (Theresa may have been a daughter of James Mifflin and sister of Thomas).

## The Braamhaar (Bramer) Family

The Braamhaars were from Holland, the Netherlands. The name is apparently derived from the two Dutch words “braam”, meaning bramble or bush, and “haar”, meaning hair; thus the first person to have this name supposedly had very bushy hair. They began using the name “Bramer” sometime after their arrival in America. The data are from St. John's Parish records, gravestones in the Leopold cemetery, Goodspeed's History of Southeast Missouri, and the federal censuses of 1870 and 1880. “Bremer” is another variant sometimes seen. The Braamhaar family came to America in 1840. They settled in Leopold (then called Vinemount or Vinemont), Bollinger Co, MO, in 1860. At the time of their departure, the Netherlands was dominated by Protestants, although the Catholics had been emancipated under the then king, William III.

2 - Gerhard (George) Braamhaar - 134 (17 Jun 1800 - 29 Aug 1867)

p \_\_\_\_\_, Holland

i St. John's Cemetery, Leopold, Bollinger Co, MO

m \_\_\_\_\_ 1822, Holland

s - Grada (Gertrude) Greathouse - 135 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1802 - 2 Apr 1896)

p \_\_\_\_\_, Holland

i St. John's Cemetery, Leopold, Bollinger Co, MO

3 - Frederick Braamhaar (Bramer) - 136 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1831 - 3 Nov 1908)

p \_\_\_\_\_, Holland

i St. John's Cemetery, Leopold, Bollinger Co, MO

m \_\_\_\_\_

s - Cynthia E. Eddie - 137 (3 Apr 1829 - 23 Jun 1902)

p \_\_\_\_\_, VT

i St. John's Cemetery, Leopold, Bollinger Co, MO

3 - Christina Braamhaar - 11 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1841 - 5 May 1884)

p \_\_\_\_\_, Holland

i St. John's Cemetery, Leopold, Bollinger Co, MO (nm)

m \_\_\_\_\_, 1863

s - Albert Arnzen - 138 -1864)

p \_\_\_\_\_

i \_\_\_\_\_

m Cape Girardeau Co, MO, 9 May 1864

s - Charles B. Poinsett - 10 (24 Jul 1841 - 22 Aug 1889)

p Philadelphia, PA

i Mount Olivet Cemetery, Wheat Ridge, CO

(See Descendants of **Charles B. Poinsett and Christina Braamhaar** for the offspring of this marriage.)

3 - George John Braamhaar (Bramer) - 25 (abt 1870)

p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_

m 7 Oct 1866, Scott Co, MO

s - Sarah Louisa Poinsett - 16 (4 Jan 1847 - 11 May 1928)

p Buffalo, Erie Co, NY

i Fairmount Cemetery, Denver, CO

4 - Ephraim August Bramer - 26 (29 Jul 1867 - \_\_\_\_\_ 1871)

p Leopold, Bollinger Co, MO

i St'. John's Cemetery, Leopold, Bollinger Co, MO

3 - August Bernard Braamhaar (Bramer) - 139 (17 Oct 1851 - \_\_\_\_\_ )

p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_

m 24 Sep 1873, St. John's, Leopold, Bollinger Co, MO

s - Anna Mary Chevanue - 140 ( \_\_\_\_\_ Aug 1855 - \_\_\_\_\_ )

p \_\_\_\_\_  
i \_\_\_\_\_

4 - Martin August Braamhaar - 611 ( \_\_\_\_\_ 1875 - \_\_\_\_\_ )

p Leopold, Bollinger Co, MO

i \_\_\_\_\_

2 - **Gerhard Braamhaar** - 139 (1800 - 1867). Goodspeed's History of Southeast Missouri, published in 1888, contains a biography of Frederick Bramer - 136 which includes information on his father, Gerhard, and mother, Grada. Gerhard (called George) was educated in his native Holland for the priesthood but did not enter the ministry. He learned the dyeing trade. In 1840 he came to New Orleans, and the next year moved to St. Louis where he worked several years as a contractor. He located on a farm in Bollinger Co, MO, in 1860 and lived there until his death. On his monument in St. John's Cemetery in Leopold, MO, his name is "Gerhard Braamhaar" (note the variant spelling of Braamhaar). It is stated there that he was "67 yrs 3 mo 12 days" of age.

2 - **Grada Greathouse** - 135 (1802 - 1896), Gerhard's wife, seems also to have been called "Gerarda" and "Gertrude". Her maiden name is recorded as "Krauthaus" in a St. John's record. She became the mother of 19 children, only three of whom were living when Goodspeed's history was written (1888), namely Frederick, Christina, and August Bernard. George John, the first husband of Sarah Louisa Poinsett, had died abt 1870. The histories and fates of the other 15 children I do not know.

3 - **Frederick Braamhaar** - 136 (1831 - 1908) was educated in St. Louis and there learned the carpenter's and trunk -maker's trades. In 1850 he went to CA in the gold rush, settling in Eldorado County. Besides working at his trade, he engaged in hotel keeping and mining. In

1857 he married **Cynthia Eddie** - 137, who was born in VT and went to CA in 1854 with friends. In 1870 Frederick returned to Bollinger Co with Cynthia and located on a farm. They had no children, but adopted three of Christina and Charles' as noted above. In February 1905, three years before his death, he took up residence with John Frederick Poinsett - 20. He is said to have been an enterprising farmer and carpenter and in politics his views accord with the principles of the Republican party. There are monuments for both Frederick and Cynthia in St. John's Cemetery in Leopold, MO.

In the 1870 census for Bollinger Co there is a household consisting of Catherine (age 62), Frederick (age 40), Rosena (age 30), born in California, and August (age 18), born in New York. Some of this data must surely be wrong. I suspect "Catherine" is Grada and "Rosena" is Cynthia. The ages of these two also are apparently wrong.

The Braamhaars, according to the 1870 census, lived next door to the Holland-born priest of the parish, Johns Bertens, then 25 years of age. Bertens was the priest who baptized Augustus Ephraim Poinsett.

In the 1880 census I found Frederick, age 51, and his wife, Cynthia, age 50. Living with Frederick and Cynthia were Grada, age 78, born in Holland, the widowed mother of Frederick, and Fred Blanchard, age 17, born in VT, a nephew related to Cynthia.

3 - **Christina Braamhaar** - 11 (1841 - 1889) first married **Albert Arnzen** - 138, probably in 1863. Her young husband was tragically killed. This is derived from the history published by St. John's parish, Leopold, MO, in 1981. On p. 13 it is related that during the Civil War there was much plundering and looting of the inhabitants of Vinemount by outlaw border gangs. People lived in fear of the bushwhackers who roamed the countryside. "A number of the men of the parish were seized by the bushwhackers and taken to the swamps just south of the territory where they were chained to trees and shot. Among these men were... Albert Arnzen" ... N, Christina's husband.

Christina Arnzen married Charles B. Poinsett - 10 on 9 May 1864. The marriage record (erroneously listed under "Sainsett" in the Marriage Index in the county office in Jackson) notes that she was the widow of Albert Arnzen. Her first child was born in August, 1864, so she appears to have been pregnant by Albert Arnzen when he was killed. Christina gave birth to nine children. She died (12 a.m., 5 May 1884) shortly after the birth of her daughter Mary Christina. The record of Christina's death at the Jackson, MO, courthouse states the cause of death as "retained placenta and puerperal convulsions for 5 hours with uterine hemorrhage 7-8 hours." (Birth and Death Record, Book 1, p. 13; Dr. M. S. O'Brien, Vinemount, MO, signed the record.) She was 44 years old. Christina was interred in St. John's Cemetery in Vinemount (now Leopold), MO. I have been unable to find a grave marker for her in that cemetery; it is likely she was not provided a monument. There appears to be no plot map in existence for the older part of the cemetery, so it has not been possible to

locate her grave. (There also are no monuments for Thomas Gabriel Poinsett - 3 or Rebecca Ann Poinsett Vandover - 6, both of whom presumably are interred in this cemetery.)

3 - **George John Braamhaar** - 25 ( \_\_\_\_\_ - abt 1870) I presume to be a brother of Frederick and Christina. He was the first husband of **Sarah Louisa Poinsett** - 16.

3 - **August Bernard Braamhaar** - 139 (1851 - \_\_\_\_ ), whom I presume to be another brother, married **Mary Chevanue** - 140. She was the daughter of Francis Chevanue and Ann Springkelder. Mary had two sisters or half-sisters, Catherine (also known as Rosa), who married Lambert (Vandener) Vangennip 9 Aug 1870, and Caroline, who married William Arnzen. Francis Chevanue was a Holland-born dry goods merchant in Leopold. Francis Chevanue (age 58) and his wife, Johanna (age 57) are listed in the 1870 census for Bollinger Co. Francis died 25 Sep 1875.

## Descendants of August E. Poinsett and Martha 1. Proffer

- 4 - August Ephraim "Gus" Poinsett - 18 (4 Aug 1867 - 2 Feb 1955)  
p Whitewater, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
i Russell Heights Cemetery, Jackson, MO  
m 11 Feb 1892, Marble Hill, Bollinger Co, MO
- s - Martha Isabella Proffer - 131 (26 Jan 1867 - 19 Mar 1946)  
p Whitewater, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
i Russell Heights Cemetery, Jackson, MO
- 5 - Etta Christina Poinsett - 141 (15 Oct 1893 - 27 Nov 1959)  
p Whitewater, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
i DeSoto, Jefferson Co, MO  
m 18 Jan 1914, Cape Girardeau, MO
- s - Henry Hal Hunt - 145 (20 Jul 1877 - 27 Sep 1961)  
p Whitewater, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
i DeSoto, Jefferson Co, MO
- 6 - Ethel Jane Hunt - 146 (30 Jan 1915 - 28 Jul 1986)  
p Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
i Bethlehem Memorial Gardens, Grubville, Jefferson Co, MO  
m 7 Oct 1933, St. Louis, MO
- s - William Jennings Uland - 149 (17 Dec 1907 - 20 Sep 1993)  
p Franklin Co, MO  
i Bethlehem Memorial Gardens, Grubville, Jefferson Co, MO
- 7 - Shirley Faye Uland - 150 (5 Feb 1936 - 11 Jan 1939)  
p DeSoto, Jefferson Co, MO  
i DeSoto, Jefferson Co, MO
- 6 - Balaska Elizabeth Hunt - 147 (3 Jan 1917 -  
p Whitewater, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
m 3 Jun 1933, Hillsboro, Jefferson Co, MO  
x 16 Jan 1959, St. Louis, MO
- s - Virgil Franklin Fisher - 151 (15 Apr 1910 - 28 Jun 1962)  
p Masell, Franklin Co, MO  
i DeSoto, Jefferson Co, MO
- 7 - Gerald Virgil Fisher - 152 (14 Jan 1934 - 29 Sep 1934)  
p DeSoto, Jefferson Co, MO  
I DeSoto, Jefferson Co, MO

- 7 - Betty Lou Fisher - 153 (2 Mar 1935 -  
 p DeSoto, Jefferson Co, MO  
 m 22 Dec 1951, St. Louis, MO
- s - James Benny Fleer - 155 (28 May 1932 -  
 p St. Louis, St. Louis Co, MO
- 8 - Linda Marie Fleer - 156 (13 Feb 1954 -  
 p St. Louis, St. Louis Co, MO  
 m 21 Jul 1979, St. Louis, MO
- s - Francis Joseph Myers - 159 (25 Feb 1954 -  
 p St. Louis, St. Louis Co, MO
- 9 - Justin Joseph Myers - 160 (28 Oct 1984 - 28 Oct 1984)  
 p St. Louis, St. Louis Co, MO  
 i St. Louis, St. Louis Co, MO
- 9 - Joshua Joseph Myers - 161 (20 Nov 1985 -  
 p St. Louis, St. Louis Co, MO
- 9 - JoHannah Christie Myers - 162 (3 Aug 1988 -  
 p St. Louis, St. Louis Co, MO
- 8 - Sandra Kay Fleer - 157 (11 Jan 1957 - 2 Nov 1985)  
 p St. Louis, St. Louis Co, MO  
 i Cedar Hill, Jefferson Co, MO  
 m 23 Nov 1974, St. Louis, St. Louis Co, MO  
 x 10 Jul 1981, St. Louis, St. Louis Co, MO
- s - Robert Clifford Linville, Jr. - 163 (24 Feb 1954 -  
 p St. Louis, St. Louis Co, MO
- 9 - James Robert Linville - 164 (15 Apr 1975 -  
 p St. Louis, St. Louis Co, MO
- 9 - Jamie Elizabeth Linville - 165 (31 Oct 1976 -  
 p St. Louis, St. Louis Co, MO
- 8 - Christine Renee Fleer - 158 (16 Jun 1964 -  
 p St. Louis, St. Louis Co, MO  
 m 5 Dec 1987, St. Louis, MO
- s - Rex Lyle Humphrey - 166 (4 Nov 1966 -  
 p Pulaski, Giles Co, TN

- 7 - Ronald Lester Fisher - 154 (22 Nov 1936 -  
 p DeSoto, Jefferson Co, MO  
 m 9 Dec 1961, St. Louis, MO  
 s - Annetta Rena Baker - 167 (15 Aug 1942 -  
 p Brosley, Butler Co, MO
- 8 - Rhonda Kay Fisher - 168 (10 Oct 1962 -  
 p St. Louis, St. Louis Co, MO  
 m 27 Apr 1985, St. Louis, MO  
 s - Matthew Paul Craig - 170(27 Apr 1959 -  
 p St. Louis, St. Louis Co, MO
- 9 - Aaron Matthew Craig - 171 (30 Apr 1986 -  
 p St. Louis, St. Louis Co, MO
- 9 - Brandon Michael Craig -172 (23 Jan 1990 -  
 p St. Louis, St. Louis Co, MO
- 8 - Kimberly Ann Fisher - 169 (29 Dec 1968 -  
 p St. Louis, St. Louis Co, MO  
 m 2 Mar 1991, Douglas, WY  
 s - Patrick Daniel Gaukle - 173 (2 Jan 1967 -  
 p Douglas, Converse Co, WY  
 m 19 Aug 1961, St. Louis, MO  
 s - Theodore Frank Wlodarcik - 174 (23 Aug 1917 -  
 p St. Louis, St. Louis Co, MO
- 6 - Beatrice Wilma Hunt - 148 (9 May 1918 -  
 p Allenville, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 m 17 Jun 1939, Hillsboro, Jefferson Co, MO  
 s - Newell Owen Wright - 175 (9 Jul 1916 - 26 Apr 1989)  
 p DeSoto, Jefferson Co, MO  
 i DeSoto, Jefferson Co, MO
- 7 - Gary Douglas Wright - 176 (8 Jun 1942 -  
 p DeSoto, Jefferson Co, MO  
 m 14 Dec 1963, Hillsboro, Jefferson Co, MO  
 s - Ruth Ellen Reed - 178 (1 Jan 1945 -  
 p St. Louis, MO

- 8 - Paula Sue Wright - 179 (8 May 1966 -  
 p St. Louis, MO  
 m 19 Jul 1986, DeSoto, Jefferson Co, MO  
 s - Jeffrey Lynn Halbert - 181 (8 Jan 1963 -  
 p St. Peters, St. Charles Co, MO
- 9 - Ashley Linn Halbert - 182 (13 Nov 1988 -  
 p St. Louis, St. Louis Co, MO
- 8 - Melissa Kay Wright - 180 (28 Aug 1970 -  
 p Crystal City, Jefferson Co, MO
- 7 - Gordon Lynn Wright - 177 (29 Jul 1947 -  
 p DeSoto, Jefferson Co, MO  
 m 23 Aug 1969, DeSoto, Jefferson Co, MO  
 x 12 Jan 1988, Hillsboro, Jefferson Co, MO  
 s - Sherry Roxane Gibbons - 183 (14 Jun 1951 -  
 p Bonne Terre, St. Francois Co, MO
- 8 - Tracy Lynn Wright - 184 (9 Jan 1974 -  
 p St. Louis, St. Louis Co, MO
- 8 - James Owen Wright - 185 (3 Dec 1977 -  
 p St. Louis, St. Louis Co, MO  
 m 28 May 1988, Crystal City, Jefferson Co, MO  
 s - Linda Jacqueline Elfrank - 186 (10 May 1948 -  
 p Bonne Terre, St. Francois Co, MO
- 8 - Kevin Lewis Long - 188 (15 Nov 1967 -  
 p St. Louis, St. Louis Co, MO
- 8 - Cynthia Louise Long - 189 (3 Aug 1970 -  
 p Festus, Jefferson Co, MO
- 8 - Rebecca Lynn Long - 190 (29 Jan 1973 -  
 p Pascagoula, Jackson Co, MS
- 5 - Linus Roscoe Poinsett - 142 (29 Apr 1895 - 6 Jul 1962)  
 p Whitewater, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 i Memorial Park, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 m 6 Jul 1924, Whitewater, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 s - Lucille Emma Hennecke - 191 (8 Sep 1902 -  
 p Whitewater, Cape Girardeau Co, MO

- 6 - Virgene Geraldine Poinsett - 192 (25 Feb 1926 -  
 p Hammond, Lake Co, IN  
 m 1 Jun 1947, Passover Church, Whitewater, MO
- s - Marion Webster Allmon - 193 (2 Mar 1925 -  
 p Whitewater, Cape Girardeau Co, MO
- 7 - Carol Ann Allmon - 194 (8 May 1949 -  
 p Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 m 15 Jul 1977, Jackson, Hinds Co, MS
- s - Perry Neal Duggar, M.D. - 196 (9 May 1936 -  
 p Jasper, Walker Co, AL
- 7 - Tommy Allen Allmon - 195 (11 Nov 1951 -  
 p Sikeston, Scott Co, MO  
 m 25 Jan 1975, Jackson, Hinds Co, MS
- s - Cynthia Clare Englert - 197 (29 Nov 1947 -  
 p Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co, PA
- 8 - Jennifer Lynn Allmon - 198 (29 Sep 1976 -  
 p Jackson, Hinds Co, MS
- 8 - Susan Elaine Allmon - 199 (30 Apr 1979 -  
 p Jackson, Hinds Co, MS
- 8 - Daniel Brian Allmon - 200 (1 Oct 1981 -  
 p Jackson, Hinds Co, MS
- 5 - Roby August Poinsett - 143 (31 Oct 1905 - 20 Jan 1975)  
 p Whitewater, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 i Russell Heights Cemetery, Jackson, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 m 9 Dec 1928, Marble Hill, Bollinger Co, MO
- s - Alice Orine Birkman - 201 (30 Sep 1907 -  
 p Whitewater, Cape Girardeau Co, MO
- 6 - Calvin Eldridge Poinsett - 202 (9 Apr 1927 -  
 p Whitewater, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 m \_\_\_\_\_, 1946  
 x \_\_\_\_\_
- s - Vera Maud Lamb - 206 (7 Dec 1926 - 1 Aug 1994)  
 p Caulfield, Howard Co, MO  
 i Elijah Church of Christ Cemetery, Chaffee, Scott Co, MO

- 7 - James Calvin Poinsett - 207 (24 Jan 1946 -  
 p Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 m 22 Nov 1967, Whitewater, Cape Girardeau Co, MO
- s - Margaret Elizabeth Nothdurft - 209 (3 Mar 1947 -  
 p Whitewater, Cape Girardeau Co, MO
- 7 - Kenneth Michael Poinsett - 208 (29 Jul 1950 -  
 p Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 m 14 Oct 1980, Palo Alto, Santa Clara Co, CA
- s - Vickie Lee Hunt - 210 (31 Aug 1957 -  
 p Norfolk, VA
- 8 - James Michael Reed Poinsett - 211 (20 Nov 1981 -  
 p Mountain View, Santa Clara Co, CA  
 m 14 Jul 1973, Tiptonville, Lake Co, TN
- s - Vernell Mary Propst - 212 (18 Mar 1932 -  
 p Dutchtown, Cape Girardeau Co, MO
- 6 - Joann Poinsett - 203 (24 Jun 1931 -  
 p Whitewater, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
 m \_\_\_\_\_  
 x \_\_\_\_\_
- s - Albert James Fowler - 213 ( \_\_\_\_\_ -  
 p \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 - Barbara Jo Fowler - 214 (6 Jul 1949 -  
 p Bloomfield, Stoddard Co, MO  
 m 18 Jul 1969, Cape Girardeau, MO
- s - Cornelius Elmer David Fisher - 217 (14 Sep 1947 -  
 p Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau Co, MO
- 7 - Donna Rose Fowler - 215 (29 Nov 1952 -  
 p Advance, Stoddard Co, MO  
 m 22 Jan 1971, Arbor, Cape Girardeau Co, MO
- s - James Franklin Williams III - 219 (22 Jun 1951 -  
 p Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau Co, MO
- 8 - James Franklin Williams IV - 220 (1 Mar 1972 -  
 p Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau Co, MO
- 8 - Benjamin Wade Williams - 221 (20 Oct 1974 -  
 p Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau Co, MO

- 8 - Valerie Nichole Williams -222 (6 Jan 1983 -  
p Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau Co, MO
- 7 - Jeffrey Lou Fowler - 216 (20 Dec 1952 -  
p Advance, Stoddard Co, MO  
m 11 May 1986, Advance, Stoddard Co, MO
- s - James Willard Jones - 218 (1 Oct 1927 -  
p Delta, Cape Girardeau Co, MO
- 6 - Marjorie Lou Poinsett - 204 (21 May 1933 - 26 May 1933)  
p Whitewater, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
i Proffer Family Cemetery, Whitewater, Cape Girardeau Co, MO
- 6 - Carl Dayton Poinsett - 205 (25 Jan 1942 -  
p Whitewater, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
m 5 Sep 1964, Illmo (Scott City) Scott Co, MO
- s - Dora Jean Grueneberg - 223 (20 Dec 1942 -  
p Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida
- 7 - Mark Dayton Poinsett - 224 (13 Jun 1968 -  
p Creve Coeur, St. Louis Co, MO
- 7 - Joel Robert Poinsett - 225 (12 Jan 1976 -  
p Creve Coeur, St. Louis Co, MO
- 7 - Matthew Alan Poinsett - 226 (22 Jan 1979 -  
p Creve Coeur, St. Louis Co, MO
- 5 - Ruby Martha Poinsett - 144 (31 Oct 1905 -  
p Whitewater, Cape Girardeau Co, MO  
m 24 Jul 1926, Lutesville, Bollinger Co, MO
- s - John L. Ralph - 227 (1 Feb 1905 -17 Jun 1981)  
p Seymour, Wayne Co, IA  
i Russell Heights Cemetery, Jackson, MO
- 6 - Paul Richard Ralph - 228 (10 Sep 1927 -  
p Flint, Genesee Co, MI  
m 14 Feb 1951, Kobe, Japan
- s - Tomiko Tsuji - 230 (12 Dec 1926 -  
p Kyoto, Japan

- 7 - Irene Mari Ralph - 231 (22 Feb 1950 -  
 p Kyoto, Shimokyo-ku, Japan  
 m 29 Nov 1980, Mill Valley, Marin Co, CA
- s - Karl Heinz Johannsmeier - 234 (28 Feb 1929 -  
 p Jena, (East) Germany
- 8 - Klaus Dieter Johannsmeier - 235 (2 Aug 1981 -  
 p Palo Alto, Santa Clara Co, CA
- 8 - Hans Joachim Johannsmeier - 236 (8 Mar 1986 -  
 p Mountain View, Santa Clara Co, CA
- 7 - George Richard Ralph - 232 (26 Sep 1952 -  
 p Ft. Sill, Comanche Co, OK  
 m 14 Feb 1975, Los Gatos, CA  
 x 5 Oct 1982, Scotts Valley, CA
- s - Carol Eaton - 237 (26 Aug 1953 -  
 p Christian Pass, MS
- 7 - Susan Kay Ralph - 233 (28 Feb 1954 -  
 p Ft. Ord, Monterey Co, CA  
 m 17 Sep 1978, Reno, Storey Co, NV  
 x 3 Feb 1993, Houston, Harris Co, TX
- s - Raphael Marie Mulin - 238 (5 Dec 1951 -  
 p Besancon, Doubs, France
- 8 - Isabelle Christina Mulin - 239 (30 Aug 1983 -  
 p New York, NY
- 8 - Armand Julien Mulin - 240 (1 Jul 1986 -  
 p Houston, Harris Co, TX  
 m 25 Jun 1994, Galveston, Galveston Co, TX
- s - Patrick Dennis Farrell - 733 (16 Apr 1949 -  
 p Buffalo, Erie Co, NY
- 6 - Charles Leland Ralph, Ph.D. - 229 (16 Aug 1929 -  
 p Flint, Genesee Co, MI  
 m 13 Sep 1952, Normandy, St. Louis Co, MO  
 x 4 Apr 1978, Ft. Collins, Larimer Co, CO
- s - Elizabeth Anne Roth - 241 (25 Jun 1930 -  
 p Springfield, Sangamon Co, IL

- 7 - Alisa Ann Ralph - 242 (15 May 1957 -  
p Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D.C.
  
- 7 - Matthew David Ralph -243 (8 Jul 1959 - 17 Jul 1959)  
p Washington, D.C.  
i Washington, D.C.
  
- 7 - Paula Elaine Ralph - 244 (9 May 1961 -  
p Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co, PA  
m 21 Aug 1986, Boalsburg, Centre Co, PA
- s - Julian Decatur Maynard Jr., Ph.D. - 246 (18 Nov 1945 -  
p Newport News, York Co, VA
  
- 8 - Brian Decatur Maynard - 247 (4 May 1990 -  
p Boalsburg, Centre Co, PA
  
- 8 - Karen Elizabeth Maynard - 652 (19 Nov 1993 -  
p Boalsburg, Centre Co, PA  
m 30 Aug 1980, Ft. Collins, Larimer Co, CO
- s - Frances Reta Wick-Herbertson - 2 (14 May 1930 -  
p Midwest, Natrona Co, WY

5 - **Etta Christina Poinsett** - 141 (1893 - 1955), the first child of August and Martha Poinsett, lived most of her early married years in DeSoto, MO, moving to St. Louis later where she lived the remainder of her life.

5 - **Linus Roscoe Poinsett** - 142 (1895 - 1962), the second child, served in the U. S. Navy during World War 1, from 28 Jul 1917 to 30 Nov 1918. He was the first man in Cape Girardeau Co to enlist in the navy. He worked, from 1923 to 1943, for the Sinclair Refining Company in Whiting, IN. During World War II he worked at the Mare Island Naval Base in Vallejo, CA, repairing submarines. He later returned to near Whitewater, MO, and lived there on a farm until his death. He was diagnosed as having leukemia in January, 1962, and died 6 July 1962, his wedding anniversary. He worked hard all his life and drew but one Social Security check. His daughter, Virgene, has fond memories of her father as a loving father and a witty person with a great sense of humor.

5 - **Roby August Poinsett** - 143 (1905 - 1975) and **Ruby Martha Poinsett** - 144 (1905 - \_\_\_) were twins. They, like their older sister and brother, attended Council Ridge School. Roby worked as an operating engineer in the construction field throughout the midwest. He died of complications from diabetes at the hospital in Chaffee. Ruby moved to Flint, Michigan, with husband, **John Ralph** - 227, after their marriage, where he worked in the Fisher Body

Division for Chevrolet. When the depression came he was terminated at the plant and they moved back to the Whitewater, MO, area in 1930, where they worked a farm owned by Dr. J. C. Finney. In 1937 the Ralphs moved to a 10 -acre place on the north edge of Jackson, MO. Ruby worked at the International Shoe plant in Jackson, MO during World War 11 in a unit that manufactured gloves. When she and John moved to Hammond, IN, in 1953, she began work in a coat manufacturing company, where she became the local union president. Upon retirement in 1973, they moved to Cape Girardeau, MO, where Ruby continues to live.

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