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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Tommy Joe Reynolds



Greetings, Cousins!

In the past few months, we've hosted two virtual RFA Chat sessions. They've been a good opportunity for members to get together to discuss their Reynolds family history pursuits, meet one another, and learn about available strategies and resources. To keep planning timing minimal—critical for sustainability!—these sessions will need to remain light on agenda/structure and heavier on open discussion. That said, we'll probably begin a general suggested theme/focus for future iterations.

We've had between half and a full dozen attendees. As long as interest continues, we'll keep hosting virtual RFA Chats approximately the first Sunday of each month. Watch for announcements with the zoom link and exact date/time via email and on our Facebook group. See you there!

Wishing you all the best.
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If you celebrated a birthday this quarter and it was not listed, we do not have it. Please send your birth date to Joe Reynolds at Joe.Reynolds@ReynoldsFamily.org!

We would like to wish Happy Birthday to:

3356 – Thomas A. Green	04 Apr
2461 – Jimmie Ruth Hunter Butler	05 Apr
3342 – Daniel Michael Hogan	05 Apr
3396 – Gregory Charles Reynolds	05 Apr
3307 – Deborah Jeanne Reynolds Herring ...	06 Apr
3651 – Mark Reynolds Blanding	07 Apr
3412 – Shane Michael Donohue	09 Apr
3425 – Harrah Robert Reynolds	10 Apr
3504 – Alan Anthony Reynolds	11 Apr
3407 – Newell Wadsworth Wright	12 Apr
3629 – Kenneth Raymond Reynolds	12 Apr
3449 – Andrew Rocco Melillo	13 Apr
3312 – Robert Morris Reynolds	14 Apr
3539 – Susan Henderson	14 Apr
3636 – David Steven Reynolds	15 Apr
2679 – Jean Ferguson Norton Dickman	16 Apr
3535 – Charlotte Smith Carlile	16 Apr
3587 – Theresa Maria Harter	17 Apr
3414 – Joseph Frank Reynolds II	18 Apr
3409 – Ernest John Mortensen	19 Apr
3508 – June Marie DuCharme	19 Apr



WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS!

3649 – Bruce Chute

Northborough MA

Thomas Reynolds

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3382 – John Allen Reynolds Sr.	20 Apr	3495 – Allice Louise Burns – Reynolds	27 May
3519 – Charles Henry Reynolds II.....	20 Apr	3585 – Tami Reynolds	27 May
3411 – Donna Jane Parker	21 Apr	3506 – Patrick Hamilton Reynolds	28 May
2190 – Sandra Jean Evans	22 Apr	3630 – Vicki Jean Reynolds	28 May
3576 – William Caldwell Reynolds Jr.....	22 Apr	2207 – Sharlene Reynolds Santo	29 May
3632 – Giuliana Jane Haseler	22 Apr	3314 – George Robert Reynolds	29 May
3324 – Tina Marie Torres	23 Apr	3478 – Lonnie Ray Reynolds	30 May
3298 – Michael Eugene Reynolds	24 Apr	3533 – Frances Elyse Reynolds Ed.D.....	30 May
3549 – Joanna Morning Star McCloud	25 Apr	3551 – Dorothy Lorraine Holmes	30 May
3534 – Angela Asher	28 Apr	3529 – Deborah T. Prichell Lueders	31 May
3544 – Bryant F Hall	28 Apr	3357 – Christine Stoffels	02 Jun
3589 – Peggy Marie Nicholson	29 Apr	3335 – Vincent James Castelli III.....	04 Jun
3515 – Leslie Lee Cargile	30 Apr	3610 – Justin Taylor Barkowski	05 Jun
3611 – Elizabeth Reynolds Brandon	30 Apr	3638 – Douglas William Reynolds	05 Jun
3291 – Patricia Kay Smith Egert	02 May	3403 – Jeff Reynolds	09 Jun
3473 – Alyce Reynolds Finley	02 May	3344 – Michael Lee Stills	10 Jun
3558 – Bradley Jansen	02 May	3434 – Barry Lee Reynolds	12 Jun
3481 – Charles Wofford Howell	03 May	3444 – Tom Cook	12 Jun
3536 – Christopher J. Ellis	04 May	3337 – Michele Colson	13 Jun
3471 – John Rennolds Schell	05 May	1905 – Linda Reynolds Stangel	14 Jun
3489 – Ione Stewart Whitlock	05 May	3240 – James A. Kimble	16 Jun
3579 – Mary Frances Eggleston	05 May	3572 – Timothy James Reynolds Sr., MD.....	16 Jun
3171 – Anne Kelly Morris	07 May	3448 – Audree Ellen Decamp	18 Jun
3525 – Gordon Reynolds White	07 May	3616 – Jerry Louis Reynolds	18 Jun
2636 – Brian Andrew Reynolds	08 May	2847 – Larry "Joe" Reynolds	19 Jun
3467 – Nancy Beatrice Williams	08 May	3359 – Merrill Reynolds	19 Jun
3537 – Billy Joe Reynolds	08 May	3639 – Robert J. Reynolds	19 Jun
2424 – Margie Ellen Reynolds	11 May	3462 – Ralph Laurence Thompson	20 Jun
3569 – Linda Loring Morse	11 May	3394 – Carollee Reynolds	21 Jun
3306 – Marie Johanna Abajian	14 May	3450 – Chad Jay Reynolds	23 Jun
3492 – Ann Robertson McConnell	14 May	3646 – Larry Eugene Reynolds	24 Jun
2038 – Timm Robert Reynolds	15 May	2517 – Cynthia A. "Cindy" Thomas	25 Jun
3279 – Richard Quinney	16 May	3612 – Linda Martin Warner	28 Jun
3283 – Charles Edward Reynolds II.....	16 May	3622 – Carol Anne Reynolds	28 Jun
3595 – Melanie Dolmans	16 May	3280 – Stephen Monroe Reynolds	29 Jun
3479 – Stuart Erwin Reynolds	17 May	3310 – John "Gary" Dean	30 Jun
2530 – Ann Thompson Willaman	18 May	3472 – Karl Howard Reynolds	30 Jun
3512 – Alexander Garber Reynolds	18 May	3541 – Brad G. Johnson	30 Jun
3521 – Frederick Andrew Reynolds	18 May	3582 – James Robert Carter Jr.	30 Jun
3011 – Joan Lorraine Reynolds Barrow	19 May		
3387 – Tracy Lynn Reynolds Kime	21 May		
3199 – Samuel "Sam" Morrison Reynolds ..	23 May		
3295 – Jean Corrine Smock Harwood	23 May		
3523 – Susan Lee Hart	23 May		
3545 – James L. Cotterman Jr.....	23 May		
3197 – Debra Ann Reynolds Jones	24 May		
3204 – Thomas Matthew Reynolds	26 May		

**WANTED****REYNOLDS MALE FOR
YDNA TEST**

Some Reynolds history hunters are looking for other collaborator-cousins to share traditional research and test YDNA hypotheses.

One Reynolds ancestor that remains a bit of a mystery is the William Reynolds that married Martha Cole in Culpeper Co., VA, and left a will naming over a dozen children in Pittsylvania Co., VA, in 1791. While strong evidence exists connecting William as the son of John Reynolds—whose will was proven in Culpeper Co. in Aug 1784.

Another Reynolds ancestor that we'd like a YDNA signature for is the Henry Reynolds that was born circa 1757 and lived on Camp Creek in Greene County, TN, in the early 1780s. He died there in before January 1835, when his will was proven naming wife Charity and children: Henry, Patsey, David, Sally, Ellander, William, Joseph, and Richard. Henry was the recipient of pension S4079 for Rev War service and is DAR patriot A095719. He had at least two wives (Catherine Skiles and Charity McNew).

We'd like to uncover the YDNA signatures of these groups of Reynoldses and to collaborate on further research. If you are connected to this Reynolds line, please be in touch with

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HAROLD EDWARD REYNOLDS

Harold Edward Reynolds was born on Oct 18, 1924 in Emmett, Idaho. He was the 3rd child born to Lewis Harrison and Ida Winifred (Heck) Reynolds; Alvin and Marjorie being his older brother and sister. Adelbert (Del), Dorothy, and Richard (Dick) being his younger siblings.



Harold lived with his parents in Emmett, Idaho for two years after he was born, then they moved to Victor, Montana. He grew up in Victor, where he went to Victor Grammar School and then went to Victor High School which he graduated from in 1943.

Harold enlisted in the Military (Marine Corps Reserve) in Butte, Montana along with his best friend, Hubert Copeland, on 05 May 1943 immediately after graduating high school and ultimately attained the rank of Corporal at his discharge in 1946. His enlistment papers identified his age as 18, his height as 5'10 ½" tall, his weight as 152 lbs, his eyes blue, his hair brown, and his complexion "ruddy".

Harold went through Marine Corps. Basic Training at Camp Pendleton, San Diego, California and was stationed at the Naval Ammunition Depot in Bremerton, Washington on August 2nd. It was while stationed there that he met his wife-to-be, Roxaine Carter.

Harold's 19th birthday was October 18th. He and two buddies, Paul Ceynowa and Boyd W. Donley, planned to celebrate his birthday in Seattle and

Vancouver. They missed the bus for Canada and wandered into the Seattle Service Men's Club instead. Roxaine Carter was a JVH (Junior Volunteer Hostess) at the club where there was a dance underway. Two of her girlfriends, Corinne Weatherston and Lois Cochran, dared her to go over across the dance floor to talk to the three marines and get one to dance. She accepted the dare and got a conversation going with the three marines. They talked and talked and after a while when no one asked her to dance, she started back across the floor to where the girls were. Harold then took off his white cap and tossed it to the other guys and asked her to dance.

Harold and Paul were sent to Camp Pendleton, California, at the end of November, 1943; they had both applied to and were accepted into the 1st Raider Battalion at Camp Pendleton where they both underwent a very strenuous and intensive physical training program. Harold was a "BAR" (Browning Automatic Rifleman) man in the Raiders and later on in the 5th Division too. Harold and Roxaine corresponded over the next several months. Harold was given a furlough in June and traveled north to Vancouver, WA, where his family had gathered to spend time together before he was to ship out. He spent some time in Vancouver visiting his mother Ida, and then he and his brother, Alvin, came on up to Seattle. He proposed and presented Roxaine with an engagement ring to wear and a wedding band to keep.

Harold and Paul were transferred to the Marine Corps 5th Division when the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Raider Companies were disbanded. All of the members of the 5th Division were then sent to Camp Tarawa, Hilo, Hawaii for additional training prior to the Iwo Jima landing. The 5th Marine Division was scheduled to assault and take control of the Japanese-built airplane landing strips on Iwo Jima. Harold sent

a "Dear John" letter to Roxy breaking off the engagement because he feared he would not come back.

Harold's specific unit, the 5th Division, 2nd Battalion, 27th Regiment, Fox Company, was part of the initial wave and subsequent battle for Iwo Jima. During the battle he was injured twice; once on his hands and later on, on the back of his neck and his back; he was awarded a Purple Heart for both injuries. The 2nd injury was the most severe though; he said he was watching the flag raising on Mt. Suribachi by the 28th Regiment on DDay+4 (Feb 23rd) and was "hit". Days later Harold woke up in an offshore ship's hospital and was taken to Hawaii to recuperate for 3 months..

One of Harold's sons, David, attended the 45th 5th Division Marine Association/Iwo Jima Survivor's reunion held in Seattle in 1994 which Harold had helped organize, and met the Medic/Corpsman that treated Harold when he was hit with shrapnel. The shrapnel, from a Japanese grenade, tore into and burned Harold's hands, neck, and back. The medic told David that he could see Harold's lungs through the open wounds on his back.

When he was well, he rejoined his unit for the planned invasion of Japan. The atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki ended the war in August 1945 though, preventing the need for an invasion. The 5th Division was sent to Kyushu, Japan as occupation forces instead. When troops went in there they found gun "emplacements" everywhere; in all the rice paddies, farms, barns, everywhere. The Japanese army was ready for them and would have surprised the Americans, who weren't expecting much of a fight.

Harold said, "there are a lot of things to remember about the war; it wasn't any fun, but it had to be done."

Roxaine had also enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. She was sworn in in 1945 and had orders to report to basic training in North Carolina (Camp Lejeune). She was to leave August 17, 1945, but the Japanese surrendered on August 14, 1945 as a result of the dropping of the Atomic Bombs. She never left home though; she got her discharge papers and discharge button mailed to her at home.

Harold returned to Camp Pendleton, California in December 1945 and was honorably discharged in January 1946 with the rank of Corporal. He returned to Darby, Montana for several months and went to work for his brother-in-law Harold Irwin, who had his own logging business there. It wasn't until November 1946 that he sent a letter to Roxaine. She answered him and invited him to come to Seattle for a visit. They talked and decided to get married New Year's Eve 1946/1947.

Harold and Roxaine were married 1 minute after midnight on 1 Jan 1947. The wedding took place at the home of Dr. Ridenour, minister of the Queen Anne Christian Church. The service began at 11:55 pm on 31 Dec 1946 and ended at 12:05 am on 1 Jan 1947. Several people were in attendance, including witnesses Ruth Carter (Roxaine's mother), Richard (Dick) Edgerton, and a friend of Roxaine's named Mary Elsberry. The Seattle Times carried an article about the

wedding being the 1st one of the New Year. Harold and Roxaine went on the Princess Marguerite to Victoria, British Columbia, Canada for their honeymoon.

After the war, Harold went to the University of Washington in 1947; he worked for the U.S. Forest Service for a while; he worked for Sunshine Bakery; and later on he went to Arlington Aeronautical School to get his CAA Aeronautics and Engine Mechanics license. He got a job with the Boeing

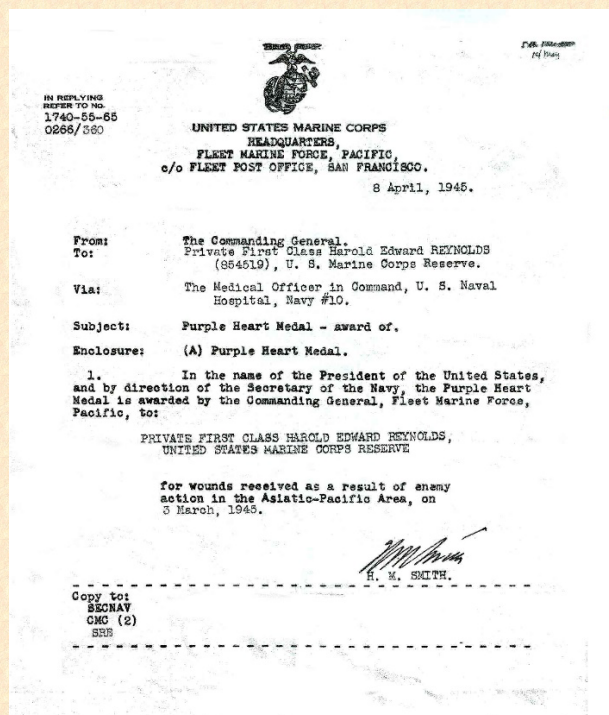
Company in Seattle in May of 1950, where he worked for 38 years holding various positions, including working at the Boeing plant in Wichita, Kansas. He retired from Boeing as a 1st level Supervisor in the Industrial Engineering group. During the course of his career at Boeing he worked on many different aircraft there: the 707 (Dash-80), 727, 737, 747, 757, and 767 aircrafts and derivatives. During his retirement he enjoyed playing Volleyball at the Renton Senior Center, playing Softball on a Seniors league, working in his garden, taking his daily walks around his home, and travelling with his wife.

Harold and Roxaine had 8 children born to them: Harold Jr, Claudia, David, Valerie, Paul (Skip), Greg (Bud), Don, and Randy.

Harold's wife, Roxaine, devoted 50+ years to personally researching and compiling genealogy records on her family, the "Carters", and Harold's family, the "Reynolds". She was a member of the DAR (National #: 0760667) and could trace her lineage back to "Phineas Carter" of Massachusetts (1727 – 1809), who fought in the Revolutionary War. She was also a Reynolds Family Association member – registration #3065.

Research and DNA analysis done on Harold's family has discovered that his ancestry can be traced back to James and Deborah Reynolds of Rhode Island (RFA Line 14).

Harold died on 11 April 2004. Roxaine died on 25 June 2007. Harold and Roxaine were interred next to each other, both with full military honors, at the Mt. Tahoma National Memorial Cemetery in Kent, Washington - Section 9, sites 161 and 162.



THE FAMILY OF ELISHA REYNOLDS

by Mark Reynolds Blanding

I recently joined the Reynolds Family Association in hopes of finding some answers to my Reynolds heritage. The earliest ancestor that I have indisputable proof of is my great-great grandfather, Elisha Reynolds. I believe that his father was Nathaniel Reynolds, b. 1773, but there is some question there. Beyond that the ancestry is less clear, and I hope to find evidence to clarify it back to my earliest Reynolds ancestor in North America.

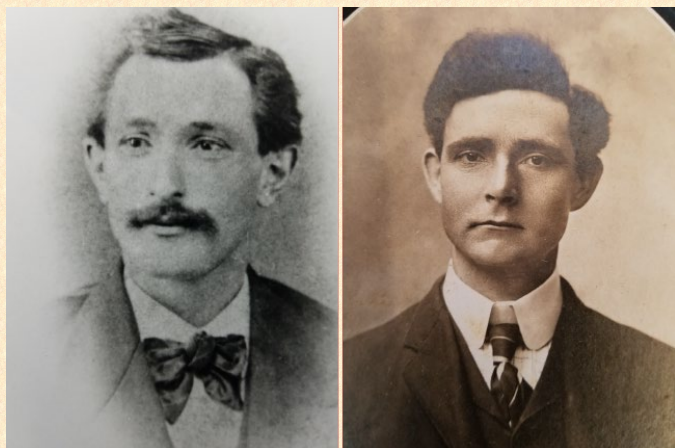
Here is my story, beginning with Elisha and leading to me: Elisha Reynolds was born in Allegany County, New York in 1814, or 1815. Assuming that Nathaniel is Elisha's father, census data shows his family in Nunda in 1810, Rushford in 1820 and

Belfast in 1830 (all of which are in Allegany County).

Sometime in early 1840 or earlier, Elisha married Abigail Morse. They started life living with his father, Nathaniel, and mother Margaret, in Belfast, New York.

On October 12, 1840 they had their first child, my great grandfather Orville Reynolds. Over the ensuing years they had Emily, in 1842, Elmira, in 1844, Julia, in 1846, Phoebe, in 1850, William, in 1852, Jessie, in 1856, and Charles in 1858. They had a real rhythm going for a while there! Sometime between 1863 and 1865, Elisha and his family moved to the Lowell area of Kent County, in western Michigan. Elisha's wife, Abigail, was a Morse, and there were a lot of Morse settlers in Lowell at that time, and settlers tended to follow family to the frontier. Lowell had just started to be settled in the late 1840's and saw a lot of lumber activity, being on the confluence of two rivers. The area was newly opened to settlers and was growing fast, with good farming land to be had. Elisha lived and farmed right across the street from the site of the rural home where I later grew up. Elisha died in 1885 according to his tombstone, or 1888 according to county records.

My great-grandfather, Orville, enlisted in the Union Army on July 31, 1863 in Nunda, New York. He fought in the Civil War and was discharged on September 7, 1865. During his service he was treated for wounds received at Leetown, VA, on July 3, 1864. After the war, he joined his family, now in Michigan. On October 14, 1865, he married Helen Morse, in Lowell, only about 5 weeks after his discharge. I have to believe that he knew her well before he left for war, and she was waiting for him when he came back. I don't know if she was related to Orville's mother Abigail, who was also a Morse, but I strongly suspect that she was in some fashion.

*Orville Reynolds**Sherman Prindle Reynolds*

Orville and Helen settled in the Lowell area and had several children; Frederick in 1867, Levant in 1869 (who died just shy of his 4th birthday), Delfield in 1871 (who died at the age of 12), Isadore in 1874, Lois in 1882, Ione Reynolds in 1885 (died at 4 months), and my grandfather, Sherman Prindle Reynolds in 1877. Like Elisha, they lived in the same country neighborhood where I later grew up. Of Orville and Helen's four sons, two died young and Fred had no children. The onus was on Sherman to carry on the Reynolds name. Orville died in August of 1914.

Sherm (as he was known) volunteered for the Spanish American War, in 1898 at 21 years of age. My younger brother put together a wonderful blog based on letters that Sherm wrote while he was away from home. Check it out here: <https://sites.google.com/view/the-metal-box/home>.

When Sherm returned home from the war, he struggled to find his place in the world and tried a few things, finally settling back down on his fathers farm. The farm was right across the street from the local country school, and lucky for Sherm, the family boarded the school teachers at times. One teacher was my grandmother, Alice May Geib. They were married September 16, 1914, when Sherm was 37 years old, and Alice was 23. They started a family right away and had four daughters. No sons. Sherm was the last Reynolds of his line. There girls were

Leah in 1915, Lois in 1919, Sybil in 1921, and my mother Alice in 1930. She was a surprise and Sherm was 53 years old when she was born. He could easily have been her grandfather. Sherm died in 1964 at 86 years old.

My mother, Alice Carol Reynolds, married John Blanding in 1948 and lived in the same community where she grew up. They had 4 children, Christine, in 1951, David in 1953, Mark (me) in 1956, and Kevin in 1959. As the Reynolds name had run its course my mother gave it to me as a middle name. Alice died in 2010, at 80 years old.

The Reynolds name has a strong personal connection to my family and that is why this quest is so meaningful to me.

But who was Elisha, and where did he come from?

Census data puts him in Belfast, New York before coming to Michigan.

There is strong evidence, mostly from census data, that he is the son of Nathaniel Reynolds, born in 1773. Nathaniel's wife was Margaret McElwayne, born in 1774. This would make Nathaniel 42 years old, and Margaret 41 years old when Elisha was born. It appears that Nathaniel and Margaret also had a son named Elijah, born in 1793 when they were much younger. It seems odd to have two children with such similar names, especially when you consider how names were spelled various ways on different documents. They were clearly two different people. Some claim that Elijah is the father of Elisha, and by age, he could have been, although Elijah also had a son named Elias, another similar name to Elisha, and very close in age. A careful study of the census records points to Elisha as being a member of Nathaniel's household, while Elijah was living nearby with a family of his own. The early census data did not give names except for the head of household, and even if it had, it did not track

parentage. Either way, my line runs through Nathaniel.

How can I know who Elisha's father was? I may make on-site visits to Belfast and Allegany County in the future to try to track down better information.

Beyond that, who was Nathaniel and where did he come from. There is some evidence that leads him back to James (1625) and Deborah Reynolds of Kingstown, Rhode Island, but it is far from definitive. In WikiTree, Howard Reynolds puts Nathaniel's father as Henry (1749) of RI. He gives Henry's father as Robert (1720) and Robert's father as Joseph (1652) of Kingstown, RI.

Joseph was the son of James (1625) and Deborah. Some Ancestry trees put another Joseph (1672) between Robert and Joseph (1652), which makes some sense due to the age of Joseph (1652) when Robert was born.

There it is, my quest. I have much more digging to do to come close to the answers. I appreciate any help or advice anyone can give me. There have already been many responses to my group e-mail that have been helpful and I very much appreciate.

Your new-found cousin,
Mark Reynolds Blanding
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William and Esther Gardner Reynolds

William Reynolds was a descendant of James and Deborah of Rhode Island (line 14): James to Joseph to Joseph to Joseph to George to Joseph and Experience Davids all of Rhode Island. William was the fourth son of Joseph and Experience Reynolds born in 1777 in Stephentown, NY.

On a beautiful morning of the first of September, 1800, the family set out for Ohio with one small

wagon and three horses (according the 1874 autobiography of William's older brother, The autobiography of Elder Matthew Gardner: a minister in the Christian Church sixty-three years, pp. 10-11):

The country we had never seen. The route was new, and to us unknown until we approached it. There was then little communication with the wilderness west. Not only railroads and steam-boats, but even turnpikes, were unknown . . . The mountains were difficult to climb, the streams were dangerous to ford, the undertaking was hazardous, and the journey was long. The weather was pleasant, and the journey as prosperous as we could expect. We reached Pittsburg, on the Ohio River, by the first of October, just one month from the time of starting. Pittsburg was a small village. We waited two weeks before we found a boat going down the river. Then we embarked on a flat-boat — the boats then used — with four other families; furniture, wagons, horses, and all, crowded on one small flat-boat. The river was low: the progress was slow: sometimes have floated rapidly and sometimes we were long aground. We were nearly four weeks coming down to Limestone — a little village on the Kentucky side of the river. It had but few houses then. Limestone is now called Maysville. Here, Henry Hughs, a land-trader, came to the boat to sell us land in Ohio. Father went with him to see it. He liked it, and traded him two horses for one hundred acres. We then proceeded on with the boat down the river, about twelve miles, till we came opposite our land, at a landing two miles below where Ripley now stands. There we disembarked, and the boat and its other passengers went on down the river. There was no town then where Ripley now stands. We landed within a few miles of our land, and soon reached our future home, where every things seemed new and strange . . . My father rented a little cabin to move into, While he and my two older brothers built a cabin on our own land. It was now about the last of November — the most pleasant and delightful Autumn I have ever known before or since. This fine weather continued till after Christmas. So my father and brothers having completed our new house, we moved into it about the first of January, 1801. The

fine weather continued that year all winter, there being no weather to prevent out-door work.

Steve Roth's wonderful compilation "A genealogy of James and Deborah Reynolds of North Kingstown, Rhode Island, and descendants" (now online at HathiTrust) made an argument that the wife of William Reynolds was Esther (sometimes spelled Ester) who was believed to be the daughter of Benjamin Gardner (Volume 1, p. 625) and his first wife:

"(1) The oldest child of William and Esther Reynolds, born in 1799 in Rensselaer County, New York, was named Gardner (it was the practice in those days to give a child the mother's maiden name);

(2) The Gardner (or Gardiner) family lived in Exeter, Rhode Island, moved to Albany (now Rensselaer) County, New York in about 1770, where he served in that state's militia during the Revolutionary War as did William's grandfather's family;

(3) Benjamin Gardner, born c 1760, moved to Albany (now Rensselaer) County, New York, in about 1770, where he served in that state's militia during the American Revolution. William's father, Joseph Reynolds, also migrated from Exeter, Rhode Island, to Albany County, New York, during the same time frame; and

(4) In 1800, Benjamin Gardner moved his family to Adams (now Brown) County, Ohio, settling but only a few miles from William's father, who had also migrated to Ohio in 1800. The evidence suggests that Esther may have been a Gardner; perhaps a daughter, or even a younger sister or niece of Benjamin Gardner."

To the above I would add that Reynolds researchers Marshall Sellman (a former history professor) and Jan Stevenson looked at the same evidence in the 1980s and came to the same conclusion that Esther was most likely Benjamin Gardner's daughter. William and Esther had nine children.

During the War of 1812, he served in Captain Abraham Shepherd's Company of Ohio Militia as a drummer boy; his father William Sr. was a Sergeant

in the same unit (Roth, p. 626). William served two tours (2 September to 2 October 1812, and again 29 July to 22 August 1813).

In 1834, he and his family moved west, first to Illinois before settling in Mosquito Creek, Muscatine, Iowa Territory by 1837. He died there in September of the next year.

William and Esther are buried at the Klein Cemetery there. The cemetery record for Esther, who is buried with William, has her listed as "Esther G. Reynolds" probably indicating that her maiden name began with a G (as her middle name was reportedly Ruth).



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RFA Chat

RFA President Tommy Joe Reynolds

Join us for the next Zoom RFA Chat to discuss Reynolds Family History!

Date: June 2, 2024

Time: 4pm Eastern

Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87430740704?pwd=bzd2WUpldGpnNHRNM3hLOHhUHNMTU09>

Meeting ID: 874 3074 0704

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