

Christopher Towler and Descendants

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Note: Color Purple is direct line ancestry of the George Hutchins Towler line.

First Generation

1. **Christopher TOWLER** immigrated about 1710 to St. Michael Parish, Barbados. He immigrated btw 1735-1740 to Virginia. Let me bring you up to date on what I've been doing. With Ed Dolan's help, I been in touch with people who have cousins that are also interested in the Towler family. I have met, via US MAil, William Franklin Towler, born 1910 and resides in Ohio. He has information that Christopher Towler migrated from Liverpool, England to Barbados. He married Mary Sutherland in 1730's(I have the date but not with me now). They had two children in Barbados before leaving for Virginia. Elizabeth and Thomas were born in the St. Thomas Parrishof Barbados in early-mid 1730's. After migrating to Virginia, Japeth was born in 1741. Their unconfirmed-fourth child was Maggie!?!? Jon Towler and Ed Dolan off the internet. 12 OCT 1996

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Christopher TOWLER and Mary SUTHERLAND were married on 31 October 1728 in St. Michael Parish, Barbados.¹ Christopher Towler is the name in the registry. **Mary SUTHERLAND** was born. Christopher TOWLER and Mary SUTHERLAND had the following children:

- +2 i. **Thomas TOWLER**, born about 1732, St. Michael Parish, Barbados; married UNKNOWN.
- 3 ii. **Elizabeth TOWLER**² was born about 1735 in St. Michael Parish, Barbados.
- +4 iii. **Japeth TOWLER**, born on 14 November 1741, Virginia; married Elizabeth BRADLEY, on 15 December 1763, Virginia³; died on 3 October 1790, Charlotte County, Virginia⁴.
- 5 iv. **Maggie TOWLER**² was born after 1741 in Virginia. 1756. Milley Daughter of Christopher & Mary Toler born March 17, baptized May 2. from register of REGISTER OF ST. PETER'S PARISH. NewKent Co., VA near Richmond. Have we got the right christopher Toler????

Second Generation

2. **Thomas TOWLER**⁴ (Christopher-1) was born about 1732 in St. Michael Parish, Barbados. Thomas TOWLER and UNKNOWN were married. **UNKNOWN** was born. Thomas TOWLER and UNKNOWN had the following children:

- 6 i. **John TOWLER**⁴ died on 10 June 1806 in Mt. Atkins, Wythe County Virginia.

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4. **Japeth TOWLER**^{2,3} (Christopher-1) was born on 14 November 1741 in Virginia. He died on 3 October 1790 in Charlotte County, Virginia.⁴ He died at 48 years, 10 months, 19 days. He was buried after 3 October 1790 in Keysville, Charlotte County, Virginia.⁵ page 103 of Thomas Towler's history says he was 48 .10. 1 yd when he died that would make his birth day 2 Dec 1741 instead of 11 Nov 1741. Japeth TOWLER and Elizabeth BRADLEY were married on 15 December 1763 in Virginia.³

Elizabeth BRADLEY³ (daughter of James BRADLEY and Elizabeth (BRADLEY)) was born on 28 August 1743 in Virginia.³ She was named on 2 September 1799 in Charlotte County, Virginia⁶ "This court proceedings was for removal of children and no guardianship of the rest of the children. Elizabeth was allowed to keep them and retain guardianship. In that time period, wives were not considered good guardians of minor children. Listed in this court affidavit is James Towler, Benjamin Towler, Anne Towler, William Towler, Elizabeth Towler, Luke Towler and Edward Towler." She was named on 2 September 1799 in Charlotte County, Virginia⁶ She died on 7 April 1821 in Charlotte County, Virginia. was 77. 7. 10 days when she died according to Thomas Towler's history on page 103. Calculation comes out right. Japeth TOWLER and Elizabeth BRADLEY had the following children:

- 7 i. **Nathaniel TOWLER**³ was born on 23 February 1765 in Chesterfield County, Virginia.⁵ He died on 2 February 1772 in Warwick, Virginia.
- +8 ii. **James TOWLER**, born on 18 April 1768, Prince Edwards County, Virginia; married Lucy Bryan RAGSDALE, on 4 December 1794, Prince George Co Virginia; married Nancy BURROWS, on 12 March 1818, Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio; died on 9 July 1836, Xenia, Greene County, Ohio⁷.
- +9 iii. **Benjamin TOWLER**, born on 18 December 1769, Cumberland County, Virginia⁴; married Clarissa COUSINS, about 1795, Virginia; died on 27 February 1802, Dinwiddie Co Virginia.
- 10 iv. **Henry TOWLER**³ was born on 22 December 1771 in Chesterfield County, Virginia. He died on 21 February 1773 in Warwick Co Virginia.
- +11 v. **Ann TOWLER**, born on 18 December 1773, Chesterfield County, Virginia; married Davis GREEN, on 10 July 1804, Virginia^{5,8}; died on 17 October 1807, Mason County, Kentucky.
- +12 vi. **William TOWLER**, born on 23 April 1776, Chesterfield County, Virginia; married Hannah Alice WATSON, on 14 February 1813, Lunenburg, Lunenburg County, Virginia^{8,9}; died in 1857, Mecklenburg Co Virginia.
- +13 vii. **Elizabeth TOWLER**, born on 11 September 1778, Goochland Co Virginia⁴; married Hamblett COLLIER, on 7 October 1802, Charlotte County, Virginia^{8,10}; died about 1846, Nicholas County, Kentucky⁵.
- +14 viii. **Luke TOWLER**, born on 30 December 1780, Goochland Co Virginia; married Martha Patsy COLLIER, on 30 October 1804, Nicholas County, Kentucky^{5,11}; died on 23 September 1827, Henderson County, Kentucky⁵.
- +15 ix. **Edward TOWLER**, born on 3 April 1783, Goochland Co Virginia; married Nancy

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FRIEND, on 6 May 1815, Charlotte County, Virginia⁸; died on 7 February 1855,
Palmyra, Marion County, MO^{4,5}.

Third Generation

8. **James TOWLER**^{3-5,7,12,13} (Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 18 April 1768 in Prince Edwards County, Virginia. His in 1798 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky¹³ He owned lot 39 and 40. in June 1804 in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio.¹⁴ The summer of 1804 saw two dwelling sites being cleared on the site of the future count seat, and presently two log cabins began to reat their walls on the two respective sites. One of these enterprising settlers was William Beatty, the other was Rev. James Tower. The Towler house, erected by Frederick Bonner, the first carpenter in the village, stood on South Detroit street, the site now being occupied by H. H. Eavey's wholesale house.

This house was better known as the Crumbaugh house, and stood on the north side of Main Street.
From the famous diary...

He emigrated on 29 September 1804 from Charlotte County, Virginia.¹³
Set out with my family and wagon (from Charlotte-Virg) and arrived at Samuel White's R. C. (Rough Creek) Church 20 miles. Sunday, 30th, Here John Robinson preach from "Comfort Ye Comfort Ye my people, saith the Lord"

He on 30 September 1804 in Little Fallen, Campbell County, Virginia¹³ and traveled after meeting, up to Little Fallen in Campbell County, 12 miles.

He on 1 October 1804 in Campbell County, Virginia¹³
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He on 2 October 1804 in Liberty, now Bedford City Virginia¹³
Tues - 2nd To Liberty, Bedford Courthouse 22 miles lodge at Anthony's tavern. His on 3 October 1804 in Bedford County, Virginia¹³
Wed. 3rd To McCreary's 22 1/2 miles. We arrived in the night traveling 2 1/2 miles after dark over rough road, made more so by a great degree of anxiety fearing the wagon would upset; it was with difficulty we could obtain a room to lodge in being informed that Judge Flemming had possession of the only spare room in the house; after we had drawn the conclusion to pitch our tent about 400 yards farther on the road and had actually built a fire the woman of the house having found out from some conversation with my wife the number of our family gave her consent that we might take a room and the Judge politely gave up his, it having a fire and took a bed room. His on 3 October 1804 in Bedford County, Virginia¹³

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Thur. 4th On this day traveled to Smith's at the first crossing of Roanoak 19 1/2 miles. We this day met with the first accident worth naming, the loss of our little watchful dog. His on 4 October 1804 in Roanoak River, Virginia¹³

Fri. 5th

We this day commence the crossing of the Alleghenys 11 miles from Smith's and arrive in safety at Christiansburg, Montgomery Courthouse 18 miles and 4 miles beyond the top of the mountain, at Ditty's tavern and for the first time since leaving Charlotte obtained a plentiful supply of milk, good butter and bread. His on 6 October 1804 in Montgomery County, Virginia¹³

Sat. 6th. We arrived at Wygles 16 miles being hindered this morning at Ditty's in making some repairs to our wagon. We thought it most proper to take some coffee also before we set out. His on 7 October 1804 in Fort Cheze, Virginia¹³

Sunday 7th. We travel over some rough road especially about Reed Creek to Fort Cheze!-- James McGavock 19 miles. His on 8 October 1804 in Abingdon, Montgomery County, Virginia¹³

Mon. 8th. To Dave Stewart's private house 17 miles. His on 9 October 1804 in Abingdon, Montgomery County, Virginia¹³

Tues. 9th. We travel 20 miles to Isaac Anderson.

He on 10 October 1804 in Abingdon, Washington County, Virginia¹³ Wed. 10th. To Capt. Greenaway's 22 miles -- 17 miles of our road being uncommonly good has enabled us to make an uncommon long travel over mountain road. We are now in 6 miles of Abingdon this is a neat commodious house and we partook of a plentiful supper of good milk, butter and bread; but as at every other tavern where we made the attempt we could buy no meat to take along with us the following day. Greenaway appears to possess tolerable information.

He on 10 October 1804 in Abingdon, Washington County, Virginia¹³

Thur. 11th. We travel 19 1/2 miles to James Kars who lives in a small cabin on the road.

He on 12 October 1804 in Sullivan County, TN¹³ Fri. 12th. We arrive at Yancys 20 miles after leaving Kars about 5 miles we were informed we crossed the line between Virginia and Tennessee-- in the latter state Sullivan County.

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He on 13 October 1804 in Holston River, TN¹³ Sat. 13th. We breakfasted at the crossing of the North Fork of the Holston 10 miles where a Mr. Hopkins postmaster resides. The son of Hopkins of Goochland County who was acquainted with my father having prepared last night thru the instrumentality of the most polite and obliging lady we have yet met with -- an old black woman -- a plenty of boiled cabbage.

He on 29 October 1804 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky¹³ Monday 29th This day last month we left mothers' we stopped about 1 1/2 hours in Lexington and purchased \$5.00 worth of tinware with some pewter plates for housekeeping and some bread of a baker for the road and passing thru Paris Bourbon County Courthouse make a days' drive of 21 miles.

For improvements in fine building, etc., Lexington is the flower of this state. It has without doubt made rapid strides since I saw the town in 1798. I found them paving their streets which discovered some more of a public spirit than the stinking impoverishing hole of Petersburg has ever yet exhibited with even Bob Bolling at the head of it. Even the bread I bought when eat of it was found as far to exceed that baked in Petersburg and what is called the best of cheese does when it is known by the tough appellation white oak.

In 1809 he was first Postmaster in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio.¹⁴ The date in the Greene Co history is 1809. In this history book, is a letter describing Xenia to an friend back east, he is much more positive than his feelings about Petersburg, VA. His owned Lot no. 151 on 30 June 1813 in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio¹⁵ The Church paid \$30.00 for the lot. He died on 9 July 1836 in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio.⁷ of cancer. James TOWLER and Lucy Bryan RAGSDALE were married on 4 December 1794 in Prince George Co Virginia. **Lucy Bryan RAGSDALE**⁷ was born on 11 July 1773 in Virginia. She died on 18 March 1817 in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio. James TOWLER and Lucy Bryan RAGSDALE had the following children:

- 16 i. **Elizabeth Bryan TOWLER** was born on 24 November 1795 in Charlotte County, Virginia. She died on 14 December 1813 in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio.
- 17 ii. **William Bradley TOWLER** was born on 3 June 1797 in Charlotte County, Virginia. He died on 1 July 1798 in Petersburg Virginia.⁴
- 18 iii. **Mary Ragsdale TOWLER** was born on 20 June 1799 in Petersburg, Virginia. She died on 10 October 1800 in Petersburg, Virginia.
- +19 iv. **Doctor Thomas Sturrock TOWLER**, born on 20 June 1799, Petersburg, Virginia; married Jane White HOWELL, on 28 November 1826, Piqua, Ohio; married Mrs. Sarah Ann THOMPSON, on 30 October 1856, Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio¹⁶; died on 19 June 1874, Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.
- 20 v. **James Madison TOWLER** was born on 22 September 1801 in Petersburg, Virginia. He died on 2 June 1803 in Petersburg, Virginia.
- +21 vi. **Lucy Ann TOWLER**, born on 30 January 1804, Petersburg Virginia; married Samuel HARRY, on 21 December 1826, Xenia, Greene County, Ohio¹⁷; died on 29 January 1833, Xenia, Greene County, Ohio.

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- 22 vii. **Benjamin Bradley TOWLER** was born on 6 December 1806 in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio. He died on 23 February 1857 in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio.¹⁸ Committed suicide.
- +23 viii. **Sarah Ragsdale TOWLER**, born on 6 December 1806, Xenia, Greene County, Ohio; married Peter POPENOE, 18/19 Oct 1831, Xenia, Greene County, Ohio¹⁷; died on 12 June 1870, Hannibal, MO.

James TOWLER and Nancy BURROWS were married on 12 March 1818 in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio. **Nancy BURROWS**⁴ was born on 23 November 1771 in Elizabethtown, Union, N.J..⁵ She died between 1848 and 1850 in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio.

9. **Benjamin TOWLER**³ (Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 18 December 1769 in Cumberland County, Virginia.⁴ Mary Shepard Towler has in her household book, the year 1760 crossed out and 1770 instead. He died on 27 February 1802 in Dinwiddle Co Virginia. Benjamin TOWLER and Clarissa COUSINS were married about 1795 in Virginia. **Clarissa COUSINS** was born.

11. **Ann TOWLER**^{3,5} (Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 18 December 1773 in Chesterfield County, Virginia. She died on 17 October 1807 in Mason County, Kentucky. Ann TOWLER and Davis GREEN were married on 10 July 1804 in Virginia.^{5,8} Ed Dolan has marriage date of 17 July 1804 **Davis GREEN** was born. Ann TOWLER and Davis GREEN had the following children:

- 24 i. **Davis Bradley GREEN** was born on 21 July 1805 in Charlotte County, Virginia. Lived with James Towler at Xenia, OH for 13 years in 1820 returned to Keysville, Charlotte Co Va to live with Grandmother. Mother deceased what about the Father.

12. **William TOWLER**^{3,5,12} (Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 23 April 1776 in Chesterfield County, Virginia. He died in 1857 in Mecklenburg Co Virginia. William had four sons and two daughters. "I (Silas Towler) visited Albert G. his son, near Keysville, VA in Sept 1881, he lived two miles from Japheth's plantation and had a family of five sons and one daughter." William TOWLER and Hannah Alice WATSON were married on 14 February 1813 in Lunenburg, Lunenburg County, Virginia.^{8,9} **Hannah Alice WATSON**⁵ was born. William TOWLER and Hannah Alice WATSON had the following children:

- 25 i. **Albert G. TOWLER** was living in September 1881 in Keysville, Virginia.¹²

13. **Elizabeth TOWLER**⁵ (Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 11 September 1778 in Goochland Co Virginia.⁴ She died about 1846 in Nicholas County, Kentucky.⁵ Elizabeth TOWLER and Hamblett COLLIER were married on 7 October 1802 in Charlotte County, Virginia.^{8,10} **Hamblett COLLIER** (son of John COLLIER and Hannah HAMLETT) was born on 17 January 1773 in Charlotte County, Virginia.⁵ He died in 1835/36 in Charlotte County, Virginia.⁵ Elizabeth TOWLER and Hamblett COLLIER had the following children:

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- +26 i. **Elizabeth Ann COLLIER**, born in 1805, Nicholas County, Kentucky; married Thomas BLACKMORE, on 16 August 1826¹⁰.

14. **Luke TOWLER**⁵ (Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 30 December 1780 in Goochland Co Virginia. On 11 August 1815 he was Minister in Nicholas County, Kentucky.⁵ In letter from Ed Dolan He lived Henderson Co in Henderson County, Kentucky in 1822.⁵ He had 325 acres of land, 3 school children, and \$1320 was the value of his property. He died on 23 September 1827 in Henderson County, Kentucky.⁵ Ed Dolan has death date as 13 Sep 1827 He signed a will in Henderson County, Kentucky.⁵ Bill of sale of estate. Luke TOWLER and Martha Patsy COLLIER were married on 30 October 1804 in Nicholas County, Kentucky.^{5,11} by Augustin Eastin. Ed Dolan has 30 Sep 1804 for a wedding date. **Martha Patsy COLLIER** died in 1845/46 in Henderson County, Kentucky.⁵ Luke TOWLER and Martha Patsy COLLIER had the following children:

- +27 i. **Elizabeth TOWLER**, born in 1799, Virginia⁵; married Horatio L. CHEANCY, on 25 November 1832, Henderson County, Kentucky¹⁹.
- +28 ii. **Edward W. TOWLER**, born in 1798, Kentucky⁵; married Lucy (Mrs.) HIGHTOWER, on 11 November 1856, Henderson County, Kentucky¹⁹.
- +29 iii. **James Bradley TOWLER**, born about 1810, Henderson County, Kentucky; married Nancy ROBARDS, before 1838, Henderson County, Kentucky.

15. **Edward TOWLER**¹² (Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 3 April 1783 in Goochland Co Virginia. He died on 7 February 1855 in Palmyra, Marion County, MO.^{4,5} Mary Towler's notes say MO. Edward, youngest brother of James, moved to Palmyra, Missouri. His Son Robert, born in 1818, now is there, he has three sons and two daughters.

Edward TOWLER and Nancy FRIEND were married on 6 May 1815 in Charlotte County, Virginia.⁸ **Nancy FRIEND** was born about 1784 in Virginia.⁵ She died on 26 April 1866 in Marion County, MO.⁵ Edward TOWLER and Nancy FRIEND had the following children:

- 30 i. **Robert TOWLER**⁵ was born in 1818 in Palmyra, Marion County, MO.

Fourth Generation

19. **Doctor Thomas Sturrock TOWLER**³ (James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 20 June 1799 in Petersburg, Virginia. He was ordained in 1853 in Jacksonville, Florida.²⁰ He lived 215 S. Front in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio in 1862.²¹ He lived 215 S. Front in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio in 1864.²¹ He lived Front & Rich in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio in 1866.²¹ He is listed as a physician. He lived 190 S Front in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio in 1870/71.²¹ He is

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listed as M. D. which is medical doctor. He died on 19 June 1874 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. Thomas was a medical Doctor and a minister. Doctor Thomas Sturrock TOWLER and Jane White HOWELL were married on 28 November 1826 in Piqua, Ohio. **Jane White HOWELL**^{3,12} (daughter of Silas White HOWELL and Hannah ARNOLD) was born on 5 December 1805 in Albany, New York. She died on 30 December 1854 in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio. "Her father, Silas died young, or before the birth of Jane; Older children Caroline, Eliza and Jacob. Jane's Uncle Jacob Howell, merchant in Cincinnati, Oh died there near 1830. His half sister, Susan Howell, married Nicholas Longworth. Caroline married first, Mr. Loudes, second, Mr. Mirriweather; she died in West Liberty, OH. Elsa married and living in St. Louis, MO. Jacob died in Piqua, OH" Doctor Thomas Sturrock TOWLER and Jane White HOWELL had the following children:

- +31 i. **Rev. Thomas TOWLER**, born on 15 October 1827, Springfield, Ohio; married Mertie ADAMS, on 28 December 1853, East Cleveland Ohio.
- 32 ii. **James Henry TOWLER** was born on 2 March 1831 in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio. He died on 30 March 1833 in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio.
- 33 iii. **Mary TOWLER** was born on 10 May 1833 in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio. She died on 31 March 1858 in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio.
- 34 iv. **Elizabeth TOWLER** was born on 17 February 1835 in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio. She died on 9 February 1853 in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio.¹²
- 35 v. **Lewis TOWLER** was born on 10 March 1837 in Springfield, Ohio. He died on 8 May 1856 in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio.⁴
- 36 vi. **Edward TOWLER** was born on 9 February 1840 in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio. He died on 23 August 1841 in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio.
- 37 vii. **Sarah Jane TOWLER** was born on 16 May 1843 in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio.
- +38 viii. **Major Silas Howell TOWLER**, born on 3 January 1846, Xenia, Greene County, Ohio¹²; married Mary Jane LONNIS, on 21 November 1871, Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio^{22,23}; died on 23 April 1930, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.

Doctor Thomas Sturrock TOWLER and Mrs. Sarah Ann THOMPSON were married on 30 October 1856 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.¹⁶ They were married by Rev. Granville Moody. **Mrs. Sarah Ann THOMPSON** was living on 29 October 1856 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.

21. **Lucy Ann TOWLER**³ (James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 30 January 1804 in Petersburg Virginia. She died on 29 January 1833 in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio. Lucy Ann TOWLER and Samuel HARRY were married on 21 December 1826 in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio.¹⁷ **Samuel HARRY**³ was born on 6 April 1791 in Frederick, Maryland.²⁴ His War of 1812 in 1812 in New Orleans, Orleans, Louisiana He died on 22 March 1867 in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio. Harry's were big farmers at Xenia, OH. See History of Greene Co OH. Lucy Ann TOWLER and Samuel HARRY had the following children:

- 39 i. **Mary A. HARRY** was born.

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23. **Sarah Ragsdale TOWLER**³ (James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 6 December 1806 in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio. She died on 12 June 1870 in Hannibal, MO. Sarah Ragsdale TOWLER and Peter POPENOE were married 18/19 Oct 1831 in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio.¹⁷ They were married by Hector Sanford. **Peter POPENOE**^{3,12,25} (son of James POPENOE and Jane DAVIS) was born on 4 May 1806 in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio.²⁶ He died on 14 May 1890 in Lawrence, Douglas County, KS.²⁶

This information is from the Popenoe Family web site.

He married Sarah Ragsdale Towler 19 Oct 1831. Sarah was born 1806 in Virginia. Sarah was the daughter of James Towler and Lucy Bryan Ragsdale. Sarah died 1870 at 64 years of age. The Towlers moved from Petersburg, VA to Xenia in 1804 where James Towler built the first hand-hewn log house and was the first Postmaster. Peter grew up in Xenia and was a farmer near the Little Miami River. During the course of one year, his children played with William Dean Howells and his brother Sam; their father was managing a grist mill on the river. After the Civil War, Peter and his family moved to near Hannibal, MO with his nephew Thomas. After his wife died, he moved back across the Mississippi to Quincy, IL to live with his son. The family moved to Topeka, KS in early spring 1877, and four years later to Lawrence, KS.

Peter Popenoe and Sarah Ragsdale Towler had the following children:

+ 14 i. Perry Davis³ Popenoe <i0000369.htm> was born 5 Sep 1837.

15 ii. Mary Elizabeth Popenoe was born Xenia, Greene Co, OH 1847. Mary died 1913 at 66 years of age. She married John Miller.

Sarah Ragsdale TOWLER and Peter POPENOE had the following children:

- +40 i. **Perry Dave POPENOE**, born on 5 September 1837, Xenia, Greene County, Ohio; married Catherine Lydia OLIVER, on 7 November 1858, Ohio²⁶; died on 22 May 1920, Lawrence, Douglas County, KS²⁶.
- +41 ii. **Mary Elizabeth POPENOE**, born in 1847, Xenia, Greene County, Ohio; married John MILLER; died in 1913²⁶.

26. **Elizabeth Ann COLLIER**¹⁰ (Elizabeth TOWLER-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born in 1805 in Nicholas County, Kentucky.

Elizabeth Ann COLLIER and Thomas BLACKMORE were married on 16 August 1826.¹⁰ **Thomas BLACKMORE**¹⁰ was born in 1805.

27. **Elizabeth TOWLER** (Luke-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born in 1799 in Virginia.⁵ She is age 51. She appeared in the census in 1860 in Henderson County, Kentucky.⁵ Chancy(sic) H. L. age 49 b. KY, Chaney, Mary A. age 51 b. VA, Chaney, L.M. age 24 b. KY Chaney, Lenard age 13 b. KY

Elizabeth TOWLER and Horatio L. CHEANCY were married on 25 November 1832 in Henderson

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County, Kentucky.¹⁹ Ed Dolan's letter. **Horatio L. CHEANCY** was born in 1801 in Kentucky.⁵

28. **Edward W. TOWLER** (Luke-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born in 1798 in Kentucky.⁵ He appeared in the census in 1850 in Henderson County, Kentucky. Edward H. Towler age 40, farmer, \$700 valve realstate, b. KY, He's listed alone so it looks like he married late. He appeared in the census in 1860 in Henderson County, Kentucky.⁵ Towler, E. H. age 52 b. KY, Wife Lucy, age 59 b. VA, next door to James Bradley Towler. Edward W. TOWLER and Lucy (Mrs.) HIGHTOWER were married on 11 November 1856 in Henderson County, Kentucky.¹⁹ **Lucy (Mrs.) HIGHTOWER**⁵ was born in 1791 in Virginia.⁵

29. **James Bradley TOWLER**⁵ (Luke-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born about 1810 in Henderson County, Kentucky. He appeared in the census in 1850 in Henderson County, Kentucky.⁵ James Bradley TOWLER and Nancy ROBARDS were married before 1838 in Henderson County, Kentucky. **Nancy ROBARDS**⁵ was born about 1843 in Pomeroyton, Menifee County, Kentucky. James Bradley TOWLER and Nancy ROBARDS had the following children:

- 42 i. **Almeda TOWLER** was born about 1839 in Henderson County, Kentucky.
- 43 ii. **G. Franklin TOWLER**⁵ was born about 1841 in Henderson County, Kentucky. He died on 18 August 1887 in Henderson County, Kentucky.²⁷
- 44 iii. **Martha TOWLER** was born about 1842 in Henderson County, Kentucky.
- 45 iv. **Mary F. TOWLER** was born about 1843 in Henderson County, Kentucky.
- 46 v. **Luke TOWLER** was born about 1845 in Henderson County, Kentucky.
- 47 vi. **Sylvester TOWLER** was born about 1848 in Henderson County, Kentucky.
- 48 vii. **Mary J TOWLER** was born about 1848 in Henderson County, Kentucky.
- 49 viii. **William M. TOWLER** was born about 1851 in Henderson County, Kentucky.
- 50 ix. **Thomas L. TOWLER** was born on 29 November 1852 in Henderson County, Kentucky.²⁸ Does not appear in the 1860 census, could have died.
- 51 x. **Virginia TOWLER** was born about 1855 in Henderson County, Kentucky.
- 52 xi. **D. D. TOWLER** was born about 1857.
- 53 xii. **Not named TOWLER** was born about 1860 in Henderson County, Kentucky.

Fifth Generation

31. **Rev. Thomas TOWLER**³ (Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 15 October 1827 in Springfield, Ohio. He compiled the handwritten copy of the Complete Family Records on 15 December 1879 in Grass Lake, MI³ Author of the handwritten history written 15 Dec 1879, Ralph Stephen Towler had a copy of, taken from the original copy which is in the possession of Jane

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Towler Smiley, now in the hands of her nephew, Jon Towler of Georgia.

Rev. Thomas TOWLER and Mertie ADAMS were married on 28 December 1853 in East Cleveland Ohio. They appeared in the census on 1 June 1860 in Jackson, Jackson County, Ohio.²⁹ **1860 Census TOWLER, THOMAS** (1860 U.S. Census) **OHIO** , JACKSON, JACKSON Age: 32, Male, Race: WHITE, Born: OH Series: M653 Roll: 992 Page: 200 Occupation: Preacher Wife: Mertia A.

They appeared in the census on 1 June 1870 in Grass Lake Township, Jackson County, Michigan.²⁹ **1870 Census TOWLER, THOMAS** (1870 U.S. Census) **MICHIGAN** , JACKSON, GRASS LAKE TWP Age: 42, Male, Race: WHITE, Born: OH Series: M593 Roll: 678 Page: 96 Occupation: Clergyman Wife: Mertia

Mertie ADAMS was born on 7 June 1830 in Cleveland, Cuyahaga, Ohio. She died on 7 January 1885 in Grass Lake MI. Rev. Thomas TOWLER and Mertie ADAMS had the following children:

- 54 i. **Lizzie Jane TOWLER** was born on 12 March 1855 in Logan, Muhlenberg County, Ohio. She died on 6 August 1878 in Grass Lake MI.
- +55 ii. **Edward Thomas TOWLER**, born on 20 May 1857, Lima Ohio; married Lizzie Hadley DAVIS, on 3 July 1888, Owosso, MI; died in June 1927, Westfield, Union County, NJ.
- 56 iii. **Williard Adams TOWLER** was born on 26 December 1858 in Hanging Rock Ohio. He was living on 2 February 1920 in New York City, New York, New York.²⁹
- +57 iv. **Lewis Howell TOWLER**, born on 20 October 1860, Jackson, Ohio; married Lula May SAVAGE, on 2 January 1889, Olivet, MI; died on 25 June 1897, Olivet, MI.
- +58 v. **Herbert Lincoln TOWLER**, born on 25 March 1864, Bruchsville, Ohio; married Minnie May ROSE, on 17 October 1888, Corumma, MI; died on 20 February 1920, Minneapolis, Hennepin Co Minnesota²⁹.
- +59 vi. **John Robert TOWLER**, born on 1 March 1866, Bruchsville, Ohio; married Anna MCLEAN, on 20 June 1907, San Jose, California; died on 5 December 1916, Grass Lake MI.
- 60 vii. **Charles Alfred TOWLER** was born on 28 November 1869 in Grass Lake MI. He died on 29 November 1869 in Grass Lake MI.
- +61 viii. **Alfred Fordyes TOWLER**, born on 19 December 1871, Northville, MI; married Jeanette Edna MCKINLEY, on 15 October 1903, San Jose, California; died on 2 September 1954, Palo Alto California.

38. **Major Silas Howell TOWLER**^{7,30} (Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 3 January 1846 in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio.¹² He was in the in Company H, 85th Ohio infantry on 4 June 1862 in Ohio³¹⁻³⁵ He served as a private in the Co. H of the 85th Ohio Infantry, was promoted to corporal 12 June 1862 . He was discharged 23 Sept 1862 at Camp Chase, OH.

In his first enlistment in the federal army, as a boy of 16 and 5 months for a term of 3 months, that he was sent to Frankfort, KY to help repulse the invasion of General Morgan. Here he was stricken with

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typhoid fever but recovered in time to go with his regiment to Covington to repel Kirby Smith's threatened attack on Cincinnati. He later served in the attack on Lee who was retreating from Gettysburg.

85th Ohio Infantry, compiled by Larry Stevens, References for this Unit
see also Bibliography of State-Wide References

"Ohio In The War-Volume II". Whitelaw Reid. Moore, Wilstach & Baldwin. Cincinnati 1868

"History of Jerome Township. Union County, Ohio". by W.L. Curry. Press of Edward T. Miller Co. Columbus. Ohio. 1913. Contains a history of the 85th OVI on pg 118.

"Unit Bibliography. U.S. Army Military History Institute". Carlisle Barracks. PA. 1995

History

This organization never reached the regimental point. It was recruited to the proportions of a battalion (four companies), and retained in Camp Chase (at Columbus) to aid in guarding the large number of Rebel prisoners in confinement there. Occasionally a company of it would be attached to some regimental organization and sent to the field. It is due to the officers and men of the Eighty-Fifth to say that they performed most arduous and valuable duty, and that they merited and received the commendations of both the Governor of the state, and of the United States authorities on duty at Camp Chase.

From: Ohio in the War. By Whitelaw Reid.

From Dyer's Compendium

85th Regiment Infantry. Organized at Camp Chase for three months' service May-June, 1862. Zinn's Battalion moved to Kentucky and participated in operations against Morgan July, 1862. Prison guard at Camp Chase, Ohio, till September. Zinn's Battalion moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, and participated in the operations for the defence of that city against Kirby Smith's threatened attack August-September. Mustered out September 23 and September 27, 1862. Lost during service by disease 10 Enlisted men.

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He was in the 22nd Battery Ohio Light Artillery on 14 November 1862 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio^{33,34,36} He mustered out 13 July 1864, at Columbus OH Says he re enlisted at this date in the

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22nd Ohio Volunteer Light Artillery as a private. He was promoted on 30 July 1863 to 1st Sargent and then commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant, 19 Feb 1864 and commissioned 1st Lieut, 13 July 1864 and mustered out 13 July 1864.

At the age of 18 was adjutant of the artillery forces at the Cumberland Gap, Tenn. Major Towler had the distinction of serving in three different armies, the army of West Virginia at the time of the Gettysburg campaign, the army of the Ohio, and the department of the Cumberland. At the time of Morgan's raid in Ohio, July 1863. Major Towler was given independent command of two guns on barges with a steamer in tow, to cover the fords of the Ohio river to prevent Morgan's escape from Ohio.

22nd Ohio Independent Battery compiled by Larry Stevens References for this Unit see also Bibliography of State-Wide References Ohio In The War-Volume II. Whitelaw Reid. Moore, Wiltach & Baldwin. Cincinnati 1868 Unit Bibliography. U.S. Army Military History Institute. Carlisle Barracks. PA. 1995 History

The battery under Captain Henry M. Neil consisted of 2 guns on April 1, 1863, and served in West Virginia and the Holmes County, Ohio riot of that year. In June of 1863 the battery was completed and served in West Virginia, Maryland, Morgan's Raid, Kentucky and the campaign against Cumberland Gap, Tennessee. It spent the remainder of the war on garrison duty at Knoxville, Tennessee and was mustered out on July 13th, 1863.

From Dyer's Compendium

22nd Independent Battery Light Artillery. One section organized April 1, 1863. Moved to Wheeling, W. Va., April 1. Duty there and in Holmes county, Ohio, till June. Moved to Camp Chase, Ohio, June 19. Battery organization completed at Camp Chase and mustered in July 14, 1863. Moved to Parkersburg, W. Va., thence to Wheeling, W. Va., and, to Hancock, Md., to support Kelly's operations against General Lee in his retreat from Gettysburg, Pa. Sent to operate against Morgan, July. Moved to Camp Nelson, Ky., August 12, 1863. Attached to Willcox's Left Wing forces, 9th Army Corps, Dept. of the Ohio, to October, 1863. De-Courcy's Brigade, Cumberland Gap, Willcox's Left Wing forces, 9th Army Corps, to January, 1864. District of the Clinch, Dept. of the Ohio, to April, 1864. 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 23rd Army Corps, Dept. of the Ohio, to August, 1864. 2nd Brigade, 4th Division, 23rd Army Corps, to February, 1865. 2nd Brigade, 4th Division, District of East Tennessee, Dept. of the Cumberland, to July, 1865.

SERVICE.--Expedition to Cumberland Gap August 17-September 7. Operations about Cumberland Gap September 7-10. Capture of Cumberland Gap September 9. Duty there till June 27, 1864. Action at Crab Gap December 5. 1863. Reconnoissance from Cumberland Gap January 3, 1864. Near Cumberland Gap June 21. Moved to Knoxville, Tenn, June 27, 1864, and garrison duty there till July 5, 1865. Ordered to Camp Chase, Ohio, July 5. Mustered out July 13, 1865. Battery lost during service 1 Officer and 2 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 1 Officer and 16 Enlisted men by disease. Total 20. More about the Civil War in Ohio. Copyright © 1995 Larry Stevens Last updated November 29 1996

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He served in the military on 4 July 1863 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.³⁷ The newspaper articles tell of his being part of the battle of Gettysburg, in the army of West Virginia. This resource tells of the battle with Lee. He lived Front & Rich in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio in 1866.²¹ He is listed as a boarder and is a bookkeeper. His Grand Army of Republic in 1867 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio^{31,33} In 1881, he renewed his membership in J. C. McCoy Post No. 1.

He lived 190 S Front in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio in 1870/71.²¹ He is listed as a book keeper and this is his residence. His between 1870 and 1930 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio³³ Major Towler was a member of the National Geographic Society, a life member of Magnolia Lodge No. 20, A. F. and A. M. of Columbus, Ohio, being worshipful master in 1874, a member of Ark Chapter, R. A. M. and a past grand commander of Minnesota Knights Template. He also belonged to Zuhrah Temple of the Shrine. For a number of years, he was president of Portland Avenue Improvement Association the lodest (?) improvement association in the city.

He in 1884 to Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota^{33,38} His Minneapolis Steam Laundry between 1889 and 1919 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota³⁸ The address was Hennepin. See photo. His John A. Rawlins post No. 126, Grand Army of the Republic in 1891 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota³³ Hean Old Soldier's Home between 1897 and 1909 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota³³ The article states that largely to his effort, women were admitted to the home. His adjutant-general of GAR for the fortieth encampment in August 1906 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota³³ Between 1919 and 1930 he was Commander of Old Soldiers Home in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.³⁹ His administration of the home was commended formally on several occasions by patriotic societies. In 1927, in recognition of his work, Grand Army posts, members of the Women's Relief corps and residents of the home, placed a bronze tablet in the Woman's building. On another occasion a stained glass window bearing his picture was placed in his office. His compiled many family records between 1919 and 1930 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota¹² He served in the military in 1921 in Ohio.³³ The article says 70 years ago, no newspaper

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date on the article. 1862 plus 70 is 1932 and Silas was dead, so I am assuming this happened early 1930 or late 1929. But there is mention all have celebrated 50 years of marriage, so this could have happened as early as 1921. He died on 23 April 1930 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. He was buried on 25 April 1930 in - Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.³³

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MAJOR SILAS H. TOWLER

Major Silas H. Towler, commandant of the Minnesota Soldiers' Home at Minneapolis, a former business man of this city and nationally prominent in G. A. R. circles, is a native Ohioan. He was born at Xenia, on the 3d of January, 1846, the son of Dr. Thomas S. and Jane (White) Towler. Dr. Thomas S. Towler practiced medicine in Cincinnati for a great many years and was one of its highly respected citizens. His family settled in Virginia about the year 1700. On his mother's side of the house Major Towler traces his ancestry back to colonists who came to Massachusetts in 1639. Silas H. Towler obtained his early education in the famous "little log schoolhouse." By the time he had completed his preparations for entrance to college the Civil war had been waging long enough to reveal to the country that it was not going to be a matter of a few brief campaigns, but rather a long, serious conflict. Consequently young Silas Towler decided that his country needed him and in May, 1862, he enlisted as a private in the Eighty-fifth Ohio Regiment for three months' service. To those who are familiar only with the selective draft system employed by our government during the recent war, the idea of enlisting for three months' service will doubtless seem a bit odd, but during the Civil war the army was made up largely of men enlisted for short periods and the filling of the ranks as these men completed their terms of service was one of the greatest problems of the military administration. It was almost impossible to keep companies in perfect discipline when the ranks were subject to constant change. Like many of his comrades in arms, however, Silas Towler reenlisted at the expiration of his first term, joining the Twenty-second Ohio Light Battery of Artillery, on November 14, 1862, and served from then on to the conclusion of the war. He was assigned to duty with three different armies, the army of the Cumberland, the army of West Virginia and the army of the Ohio. During the course of the war he rose by successive steps from his rank of private to that of first lieutenant, serving as corporal, sergeant, second lieutenant and first lieutenant. He was honorably discharged from the service with the latter rank at Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio, on July 13, 1865.

Upon his return to civilian life Mr. Towler obtained a position as a bookkeeper in a grocery store in Columbus and was connected with the grocery trade in that city until 1884, when he came to Minneapolis. His first position in this city was with the firm of Murray, Warner & Company, with whom he remained for five years. In 1889 he embarked in the laundry business for himself and for thirty years conducted the Minneapolis Steam Laundry with gratifying success. During this long period he won for himself the reputation of being one of the substantial business men and citizens to whose efforts, along civic and moral as well as commercial lines, Minneapolis owes her present well-being and prosperity.

In August, 1919, Mr. Towler was elected commandant of the Soldiers' Home in Minneapolis. The Minnesota Soldiers' Home, which is picturesquely situated near historic Minnehaha Falls, is one of the homes for veterans of the American wars. It consists of a group of large buildings and provides

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comfortable living quarters for a large number of people, so that its commandant has an administrative task of no small proportions. Major Towler is not only eminently fitted for this executive position by natural ability and experience, but for him it is to a degree a labor of love to discharge the duties of his office. Ever since the Civil war he has taken a deep interest in the work of the Grand Army of the Republic and the welfare of the old soldier. He is a member of John A. Rawlins Post and has taken a conspicuous part in the national organization for the past twenty years. In 1901-1902. he was adjutant general of the national G. A. R.; junior vice commander-in-chief, 1905-1906; marshal of the G. A. R. parade in Atlantic City, in 1910, as chief of staff to Commander-in-Chief Van Sant; and is now a member of the national executive committee. For twelve years he has been a trustee of the Minnesota Soldiers' Home and for ten years president of the board. Major Towler has also been closely identified with the work of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion and in 1912-1913 had the honor of serving as commander of the Minnesota Commandery.

On the 21st of November, 1871, Silas H. Towler was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Lonnis of Licking county, Ohio, and they are the parents of eight living children: George H.; Mertie, wife of the Rev. John G. Briggs, pastor of the Woodland Park Baptist church of St. Paul; Mary Belle, a teacher in the Central high school of Minneapolis; Henry L.; Lucy, now the wife of S. H. Plummer, cashier of the North-western National Bank; Edna E., a teacher in the Minneapolis public schools; Robert S.; and David K. The youngest son enlisted in the Fifty-fourth United States Infantry for service in the World war and was sent to France, where he fought through the Vosges, Meuse and Argonne campaigns. He is now a civil engineer, working with the North & South Railway in Wyoming.

Major Towler is a member of the Park Avenue Congregational church of Minneapolis and served as president of the board of trustees for twenty-five years. He is a Mason and has been particularly active in the Knights Templar organizations While he was living in Columbus he became a member of Magnolia Lodge, No. 20, F. & A. M., in that city and held the office of master in 1874. Since coming to this city he has become affiliated with Ark Chapter, No. 73, R. A. M.. and the Minneapolis Mounted Commandery, No. 23. He is also Past Grand Commander of Minnesota Grand Com-mandery, Knights Templar. He is a life member of the Minnesota Historical Society and a member of the National Geographic Society. It may be truly said of Major Towler that he is one whom age has made wise and kept strong, for he has a youthful outlook on life and is very active, although he has long since rounded out his allotted span of threescore years and ten. In addition to his official duties he finds time to devote to the work of the organizations of which he is a member and to enjoy the social amenities of life in company with his family and many friends.

Minnesota Death Certificate search - see webpage: <http://people.mnhs.org/>

Major Silas Howell TOWLER and Mary Jane LONNIS were married on 21 November 1871 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.^{22,23} "We were married at the home of my mother, Mary Ann Lonnis, by the Rev. C.A. VanAnda, pastor of the Town Street ME Church, Columbus." They appeared in the census on 4 April 1930 in Old Soldiers Home, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.⁴⁰ She is housekeeper , and is age 82, living in Ward 14, Hennepin Co.²² **Mary Jane LONNIS** (daughter of Jonathan LONNIS and Mary Ann CHADWICK) was born on 23 February 1848 in Lima Township, Licking County, Ohio. She died on 12 July 1942 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. She was buried on 15 July 1942 in - Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.

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Major Silas Howell TOWLER and Mary Jane LONNIS had the following children:

- +62 i. **George Hutchins TOWLER**, born on 27 April 1873, Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio; married Mary Pillsbury SHEPARD, on 18 October 1896, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota; died on 11 October 1937, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.
- +63 ii. **Mertie Lucilla TOWLER**, born on 17 April 1874, Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio; married Rev. John Gallup BRIGGS, on 8 May 1900, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota; died on 26 December 1963, Ca.
- 64 iii. **May Belle TOWLER** was born on 23 May 1875 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. On 26 November 1929 she was Teaching piano in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.⁴¹ She appeared in the census on 4 April 1930 in Old Soldiers Home, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.⁴⁰ She is age 59, a public school teacher. She died on 17 October 1948 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. She was buried in - Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.
- +65 iv. **Henry Lonnis (Hal) TOWLER**, born on 28 February 1877, Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio; married Birdie MCCOUGHLYBY, on 20 September 1905, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota; died on 4 December 1932, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.
- +66 v. **Lucy Howell TOWLER**, born on 24 November 1878, Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio; married Scott Howell PLUMMER, on 3 May 1904, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota; died on 18 February 1966, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.
- 67 vi. **Dora Armstrong TOWLER** was born on 6 November 1880 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. She died on 2 October 1909 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. She was buried in - Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.
- 68 vii. **Edna Elizabeth TOWLER** was born on 15 November 1882 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. On 26 November 1929 she was settlement work in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.⁴¹ She died on 14 November 1973 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. She was buried in - Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.
- +69 viii. **Robert Silas TOWLER**, born on 27 April 1884, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota; married Miriam Leonard STREET, on 28 April 1915, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota; died on 5 April 1982, Hadley, Northampton Co , MA.
- +70 ix. **David Kinsam\ Pete TOWLER**, born on 21 October 1886, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota; died on 15 February 1974, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.

40. **Perry Dave POPENOE**²⁶ (Sarah Ragsdale TOWLER-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 5 September 1837 in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio. He died on 22 May 1920 in Lawrence,

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- Douglas County, KS.²⁶ Perry Dave POPENOE and Catherine Lydia OLIVER were married on 7 November 1858 in Ohio.²⁶ **Catherine Lydia OLIVER**²⁶ was born on 22 December 1837. She died on 6 February 1903. Perry Dave POPENOE and Catherine Lydia OLIVER had the following children:
- +71 i. **Harry Oliver POPENOE**, born on 20 February 1861; married Emily WILDER, on 1 January 1887.
 - +72 ii. **Susan Belle POPENOE**, born on 1 May 1863; married Lester T. BOUTWELL, on 8 January 1889, Denver, Arapahoe County, CO²⁶.
 - +73 iii. **Lillian POPENOE**, born on 1 July 1863; married Clarence Seymore HALE, on 17 June 1896, Lawrence, Douglas County, KS²⁶; died on 27 July 1936, Lawrence, Douglas County, KS.
 - 74 iv. **Perry Etta POPENOE**²⁶ was born on 16 October 1867. She died on 9 September 1886.
 - +75 v. **Benjamin Towler POPENOE**, born on 16 September 1875; married Mabel Amy FISHER, on 4 April 1903, Lawrence, Douglas County, KS²⁶; died on 24 November 1904.

41. **Mary Elizabeth POPENOE**²⁶ (Sarah Ragsdale TOWLER-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born in 1847 in Xenia, Greene County, Ohio. She died in 1913.²⁶
Mary Elizabeth POPENOE and John MILLER were married. **John MILLER**²⁶ was born.

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55. **Edward Thomas TOWLER** (Thomas-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 20 May 1857 in Lima Ohio. He was living on 2 February 1920 in Cranford, New Jersey.²⁹ He died in June 1927 in Westfield, Union County, NJ. Edward Thomas TOWLER and Lizzie Hadley DAVIS were married on 3 July 1888 in Owosso, MI. **Lizzie Hadley DAVIS** was born on 1 November 1867 in Fenton, MI. She died on 29 December 1954 in Crawford NJ. She was buried in - Towler Cemetery, Westfield, NJ. Edward Thomas TOWLER and Lizzie Hadley DAVIS had the following children:
- +76 i. **Thomas Willard 'Bill' TOWLER**, born on 20 August 1891, Jacksonville, Florida; married Lois BECKENRIDGE.
 - +77 ii. **Eugene Davis TOWLER**, born on 24 June 1895, Jacksonville, Florida; married Lucille HAGEN.

57. **Lewis Howell TOWLER** (Thomas-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 20 October 1860 in Jackson, Ohio. He died on 25 June 1897 in Olivet, MI.

Lewis Howell TOWLER and Lula May SAVAGE were married on 2 January 1889 in Olivet, MI. **Lula May SAVAGE** was born on 9 February 1863 in Olivet, MI. Lewis Howell TOWLER and Lula May

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SAVAGE had the following children:

- 78 i. **Lewis Savage TOWLER** was born on 20 December 1889 in Detroit, Wayne County, MI. He died on 17 July 1890 in Olivet, MI.
- +79 ii. **John Willard TOWLER**, born on 20 April 1891, Detroit, Wayne County, MI; married UNKNOWN (TOWLER).
- 80 iii. **Charles Adams TOWLER** was born on 13 October 1896 in Detroit, Wayne County, MI. On 26 November 1929 he was Agent for the Burroughs Machine Company in Jackson, MI.⁴¹

58. **Herbert Lincoln TOWLER**^{3,7,29} (Thomas-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 25 March 1864 in Bruchsville, Ohio. He died , committed Suicide, on 20 February 1920 in Minneapolis, Hennepin Co Minnesota.²⁹ *"Herbert L. Towler died on Feb. 2, 1920 at his home at 2932 Bryant Ave. So, Minneapolis, "suicide by gunshot wound in head." He was 55 and according to the obituary (which did not mention suicide), he died after an illness of several years." He had been retired from his job as a commercial traveler for 12 years. That probably means traveling salesman. He was not yet 56 (obit says 56), and the informant was Edward Towler, same address (probably the son). Minnie R. Towler is the widow. A son and a daughter, Edward H., and Mertrinana, and three brothers survive, Edward T., Cranford New Jersey, Willard A., NYC, and Alfred F., San Anselmo CA. Buried in Lakewood cemetery."* He was living on 20 February 1920 in 2932 Bryant Ave south, Minneapolis, Minnesota.²⁹

Herbert Lincoln TOWLER and Minnie May ROSE were married on 17 October 1888 in Corunna, MI. **Minnie May ROSE**^{3,29} (daughter of Edward ROSE and Ann E CRANDALL) appeared in the census on 1 June 1860 in Caledonia, Shiawassee County, Michigan.²⁹ US Census Series: M653 Roll: 560 Page: 691 **CALEDONIA ROSE, EDWARD** (1860 U.S. Census) MICHIGAN, SHIAWASSEE, **CALEDONIA** Age: 43, Male, Race: WHITE, Born: NY Occupation: Farmer Anna Theodore age 14 Ida H. age 3 Elizabeth Babbitt age 16, servant

She was born on 25 May 1867 in Caledonia, Shiawassee County, Michigan.²⁹ She appeared in the census on 1 June 1870 in Caledonia township, Shiawassee County , Michigan.²⁹ US Census Series: M593 Roll: 704 Page: 258 Listed as Farmer **CALEDONI ROSE, EDWARD** (1870 U.S. Census) MICHIGAN , SHIAWASSEE, **CALEDONIA TWP** Age: 53, Male, Race: WHITE, Born: NY Anna Elizabeth age 51 keeping house. Children: Theodore W., age 14, Ida W. age 13 attending school, Elbert Lee, age 5 and **Minnie W.**, age 3. No servant.

She was living in 1936 in California.²⁹ She died on 20 September 1958 in Oakland, Alameda County, California.²⁹

***Minnie Towler** Died 9/20/1958 in California. It appears that she may have gone to live with her daughter. Edward H. Towler died 7/04/1958. **Minnie Rose Towler**, at home, September 20, 1958; beloved wife of the late Herbert Lincoln Towler; loving mother of Mertrianna Towler and the late Edward H. Towler; grandmother of Herbert Bonner Towler and Mrs. Marjorie Towler Witt; also survived by five great-grandchildren. A native of Corunna, Michigan, aged 91 years. A member of **St. Paul's Episcopal Church** of Corunna, Michigan; **Daughters of the Revolution** of Minneapolis, and*

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Minneapolis Chapter No. 9 O.E.S. Friends are invited to attend service Wednesday, September 24, at 11 a.m. at the Gothic Chapel of Mountain View Cemetery. Terminus Piedmont Avenue, Oakland. Friends may call at Truman's, Telegraph Avenue at 30th Street, Oakland until 10 a.m. Wednesday. The Reverend Vere V. Loper, D.D. officiating. September 21, 1958 - Oakland Tribune

Herbert Lincoln TOWLER and Minnie May ROSE had the following children:

- +81 i. **Edward Herbert TOWLER**, born on 27 April 1892, Cleveland, Cuyahoga, Ohio^{3,29}; married Marjorie BONNER, about 1922; died on 4 July 1958, Oakland, , California²⁹.
- 82 ii. **Mertie Anna TOWLER** was born on 5 February 1894 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga, Ohio. She lived C/o Hay Market Hotel, Piccadilly Circus, Jermy St. S.W.I. in London, England on 26 November 1929.⁴¹ She was living on 4 July 1958 in Berkeley, California.²⁹ Have a letter in the files, that she wrote to Silas H Towler

59. **John Robert TOWLER** (Thomas-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 1 March 1866 in Bruchsville, Ohio. He died on 5 December 1916 in Grass Lake MI.

John Robert TOWLER and Anna MCLEAN were married on 20 June 1907 in San Jose, California.

Anna MCLEAN was born.

61. **Alfred Fordyes TOWLER** (Thomas-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 19 December 1871 in Northville, MI. He was living on 2 February 1920 in Anselmo, California.²⁹ He died on 2 September 1954 in Palo Alto California. Alfred Fordyes TOWLER and Jeanette Edna MCKINLEY were married on 15 October 1903 in San Jose, California. **Jeanette Edna MCKINLEY** was born on 1 February 1877 in Gold Hill California. She died in Palo Alto California. Alfred Fordyes TOWLER and Jeanette Edna MCKINLEY had the following children:

- 83 i. **Betty TOWLER** was born.
- 84 ii. **Frances TOWLER** was born.

62. **George Hutchins TOWLER**^{42,43} (Silas Howell-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 27 April 1873 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. They lived and built the house at 5527 Pillsbury Ave So in Minneapolis, Minnesota between 1908 and 1937. On 26 November 1929 he was selling adding machines in South Dakota.⁴¹ On 26 November 1929 he was selling adding machines in South Dakota.⁴¹ He died on 11 October 1937 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. He was buried about 13 October 1937 in - Oak Hill Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. He worked at the Minneapolis Laundry for his father, then they moved to Portland OR 1906-1907, came back to Minneapolis in 1908. He was Choir Director at Richfield Methodist, and Old Soldier's Home in Minneapolis, MN. Roger Towler has his music bag of fine white linen. George Hutchins TOWLER and Mary Pillsbury SHEPARD were married on 18 October 1896 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. **Mary Pillsbury SHEPARD**^{4,44} (daughter of Henry Lee SHEPARD and Sarah Jewet PILLSBURY) was born on 26 October 1873 in Salem/Boston, MA. She was Uncle Frank Shepard between 1883 and 1886 in Salem, Essex County, MA⁴⁵ She lived 12th Street & Harmon

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Place, Minneapolis, MN in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota in 1886.⁴⁵ Her compiling genealogical records between 1900 and 1955 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota⁴ She lived 5527 Pillsbury Ave So in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota between 1906 and 1958.

This home was built facing downtown Minneapolis. When the streets went in, the house was picked up and turned to face Pillsbury Ave. Evidence of this was found in the basement when the house was cleaned out in 1979, after Margaret died and getting ready to be sold. From the papers found in the house, and Margaret's conversations, we have surmised that Mary designed and built the house from her plans. She lived 5527 Pillsbury Ave So in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota between 1906 and 1958. This home was built facing downtown Minneapolis. When the streets went in, the house was picked up and turned to face Pillsbury Ave. Evidence of this was found in the basement when the house was cleaned out in 1979, after Margaret died and getting ready to be sold. From the papers found in the house, and Margaret's conversations, we have surmised that Mary designed and built the house from her plans. Her in the Republican campgains in 1944 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota Her Buchannan Book Club between 1945 and 1955 in Richfield, Hennepin County, Minnesota Her on 7 April 1949 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota⁴⁵

This letter written on 7 April 1949, to Florence Christison Towler, was found in a porcelain tile teapot which went to Donna Weisbrod LEE.

"Dearest Florence,

We will be thinking of you tomorrow evening and only wish we could be present to see your Installation. Jimmy called up last Saturday, I think it was, and told us he would be going home for the event. One of our neighbors was installed as Worthy Matron & I went to see it so I know what the ceremony is. I had never seen any thing like it before and it was very interesting to me. I would like to give you something if you would like it and that is my porcelain tile tea-pot which Mrs. Hume who was "Grandma" Hume to the children and to all of us. She was a friend I made which I was a girl. Her step daughter, Carrie Hume was one of the girls in our neighbor hood when we lived next to the First Baptist Church in that apartment building. It was the first apartment building in Mpls. (in between lines says N. Western Bible School on the site now) & when my father remarried and has us come out here from Salem, Mass. Where we had been living with my father's brother, uncle Frank Shepard after my Mother's death in 1883, We came to Mpls in 1886 and lived in this apartment. That was where we met Auntie Helen Peters Gerow, they lived in the same building when we were young girls together. Our Helen was named for her. _____ There was a group of us young people in the 12th and Harmon Place St neighborhood. Carrie Hume became sick with meningitis - died of it. When she was 16. Because her parents were so sunk in grief over her death I used to go and them every week. and this led to this "Grandma" Hume relationship. (in between lines =This tea-pot is probably about 75 years old. The porcelain tile is like the German & Dutch tiles pictured in their stores and have seen pictures of these stores They never forgot what I did for them at that time They had 3 sons and this daughter, a lovely girl). We were married from their home and there never was a week when the Humes didn't drive out to see us no matter where we were living. She left me that brooch I have - my writing desk - our old kitchen table we used so many years and this blue tea pot. The top and spout are of pewter. She had bought it in New York State. Mrs. Van Zants mother, Mrs. Bigg, had a walnut table like ours and a tea pot like it. They were probably of the same age. Jan Van Sant Hargrow's husband refinished grandmother's table and it is a beauty - can be pulled out to hold 14 people and the leaves & all new there & in perfect conditions. The leaves of ours burned up out in Portland. But it pulls out to hold 14 too. To go back to the Teapot. It goes back to the 'Pressed Glass' era and is considered quite a 'Collection Piece' It was probably bought at the time of the Centennial in 1875 in Philadelphia that was when every one

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attending the Centennial carried back pieces or sets of the new pressed glass She also left me that pressed glass bowl of the Classical Pattern I have in the China Closet and a silver table spoon with her name (Harriet Onderdonk before she was married) on the back.

I had an experience with the tea pot. I became interested in the 'Glass exhibits' took my bowl to a showing at the Public Library and there they told me it was a very fine piece & when I attended a big glass show at the Lafayette Club at Lake Minnetonka there I saw exhibited a tea pot like ours so that when our own Women's Club put on our glass show at our Club at our Church - I exhibited my tea pot as did Mrs. Bigghers. People came from all over to the show and a woman came up to me and asked if my tea pot was for sale I said "No" but she was quite urgent. She said 'you know I saw a tea- pot like that on exhibit at the glass show at the Lafayette show and I have tried every where to find one lit it not the only one. I've ever seen was at that show & then I came out here and Here are two of them"! So as , I say I want you to have it and this is the history of the tea-pot John can pick it up when he comes in some time. Uncle Louis is slowly better, a blood vessel broke in his head and filled the brain with blood and that 48 hrs was the crucial time for that blood had to be absorbed. He is paralyzed to a degree in his right side - arm & leg. ___ speech and head clear. He will slowly get better or will have no control of the leg and arm. Dr. says another week will decide that. He has great recuperations powers and I believe he will come out all right - but it has been an anxious time for every one - Vic & Annette will go to the Convention Galveston Texas leave tomorrow Nt. Dr. said to take train so Vic can fly back it is necessary and Annette come later on train. I wish they weren't going but their plans have been laid so long & Vic goes out of office this year. It is the May-flower Warehouse man's convention. Vic is Vice Pres. They have met wonderfully fine people at the conventions. I was so afraid something would arise to keep them from going. But I guess the way is clear now. I must stop for I am suddenly very tired. Well what do you know Marg Just called (the rest of this letter was written around the edge of the stationary) & said you had called and John was coming in and she is going back with him & will be at your party after all !!!!! So glad & I'll send the tea-pot Much Love Mother Her on 7 April 1949 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota⁴⁵

She created the history book for Richfield United Methodist Church in 1954 in Richfield, Hennepin County, Minnesota^{46,47} A photograph of a quilt that was done during the early years at Richfield Methodist Church was taken at the 120 year celebration.¹ The family names are quilted on this blue and white quilt. The quilt is in the Church vault and sometimes displayed in their History. Pictures of this celebration is also in the photograph album, currently in the hands of Jim Towler and being refurbished by Cheryl Towler. She died on 12 August 1958 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. She was buried on 15 August 1958 in - Oak Hill Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. George Hutchins TOWLER and Mary Pillsbury SHEPARD had the following children:

- 85 i. **Alice Lee TOWLER** was born on 16 January 1899 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. She died on 30 September 1912 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. She died of Pneumonia. She was buried on 1 October 1912 in - Oak Hill Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. A Stain Glass window in memory of Alice Lee is in the Richfield United Methodist Church Chapel. This window was in the original white church building and refurbished about 1985 or 86 to be put in the Chapel of the new addition to the second church

¹ This quilt was found by my Mother, when she was alive and a member of Richfield United Methodist Church, Gen Pack DeCourcy.

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- building. The restoration work was done by friends of my folk's, Rev. & Mrs. Frank DeCourcy.
- +86 ii. **John Edward Pillsbury TOWLER**, born on 13 June 1901, Shores of Lake Calhoun, Hennepin Co, Minnesota; married Florence CHRISTISON, on 14 July 1928, Plainview, Wabasha County, Minnesota; died on 20 September 1984, Redwood Falls, Redwood County, Minnesota.
- 87 iii. **Margaret Armstrong TOWLER**¹² was born on 26 February 1904 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. On 26 November 1929 she was head bookkeeper for a shoe manufacturing concern in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.⁴¹ Between 1930 and 1965 she was worked as a bookkeeper at the Federal Land Bank in St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota. Between 1930 and 1965 she was worked as a bookkeeper at the Federal Land Bank in St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota. Her compiling genealogical records between 1945 and 1979 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. She died on 5 January 1979 in Lusk, WY. She was buried on 10 January 1979 in - Oak Hill Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.
- +88 iv. **Mary Jane TOWLER**, born on 24 January 1906, Portland, OR; married Gerald Douglas BARDO, on 3 November 1934, SD.
- +89 v. **Helen Louise TOWLER**, born on 5 November 1910, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota; married Dale Marine BARDO, on 10 October 1936, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota; died on 7 April 2000, Lusk, WY.

63. **Mertie Lucilla TOWLER** (Silas Howell-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 17 April 1874 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. She died on 26 December 1963 in Ca. Mertie Lucilla TOWLER and Rev. John Gallup BRIGGS were married on 8 May 1900 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. **Rev. John Gallup BRIGGS** was born. Mertie Lucilla TOWLER and Rev. John Gallup BRIGGS had the following children:

- +90 i. **Helen Willard BRIGGS**, born about 1905, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota; married Keith Ruhleson FAWCETT, on 20 November 1925, Waukegan, Illinois.

65. **Henry Lonnis (Hal) TOWLER** (Silas Howell-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 28 February 1877 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. On 26 November 1929 he was hold down the "kikes" (Jews) in dry-cleaning and laundry business, as Secretary of the Association in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.⁴¹ He died on 4 December 1932 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. He was buried in - Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. Henry Lonnis (Hal) TOWLER and Birdie MCCOUGHLYBY were married on 20 September 1905 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. **Birdie MCCOUGHLYBY** was born. Henry Lonnis (Hal) TOWLER and Birdie MCCOUGHLYBY had the following children:

- +91 i. **Silas Henry TOWLER**.

66. **Lucy Howell TOWLER** (Silas Howell-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1)

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was born on 24 November 1878 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. She died on 18 February 1966 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. She was buried on 20 February 1966 in - Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. She and her husband are listed in the book by Burke "President Families of the United States" Scott Howell Plummer's ancestor was President Benjamin Harrison.

Lucy Howell TOWLER and Scott Howell PLUMMER were married on 3 May 1904 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. They appeared in the census on 9 January 1920 in Richfield, Hennepin County, Minnesota.⁴⁸ She was 40 years old and born in Ohio **Scott Howell PLUMMER** was born on 14 September 1874 in Brooklyn Center, Hennepin Co Minnesota. He died on 26 August 1927 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.¹²

Silas Howell Towler wrote of his son-in-law for his funeral eulogy. "It seems well, without undue eulogy, to make more than a formal statement of the birth, life and death of a comparatively young man who achieved honor and success by his own native talent, his character and frugality, energy, honesty and attention to all the duties incumbent upon him during the stages of his advancement from the bottom of a business career to an honorable place among his coadjutors in the world of business. In every step he was dependable and won not only the esteem but the love of all those with whom he was most closely associated.

He was descended on the paternal side from pioneer stock, who removed from Pennsylvania to Minnesota in 1853, settling at Brooklyn Center, Hennepin County. The family were of a sturdy religious stock-fine citizens, exhibiting their patriotism by contributing seven brothers to the maintenance of the Union and the preservation of the flag during the Civil War; his father, George A. Plummer being one of them. Of these, only one survives, Mr. Charles S. Plummer. On the maternal side, the country was fortunate in having the first one of note to be a member of the Continental Congress from Virginia, and in that body a member of the committee to present to and secure the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, Benjamin Harrison. He was afterwards Governor of Virginia. From him was immediately descended the Ninth President of the United States, William Henry Harrison, who may be counted among the illustrious ones in the growth of the Union, and from whom Mary Taylor, the mother of Howell, was a granddaughter. Benjamin Harrison, the twenty-third President of the United States, was therefore a near relative of the family.

With this goodly line behind him, it is well to note that Howell was a person of independent thinking and intense devotion to duty. But during all this time, and notwithstanding the long hours of labor, he maintained that which characterized him to the last, a delightful temper, full of life and humor and happiness. He was a practical Christian. He devoted one-tenth of his income to his church and to such beneficences as appealed to his practical good sense.

He was married May 3, 1904 to Miss Lucy Towler. He was installed a full member of the family from which his wife came, and in all these relations he was deeply beloved.

His immediate family who mourn his loss are his wife, Lucy, and two sons, William and Robert K. These he adored with all the intensity of his nature, and his two boys were ever the objects of his sincerest hopes for their progress and success. He was a true and loving brother to his three sisters who survive, Mrs. Virginia Badger, Mrs. Harriet Helliwell and Miss Bessie Plummer.

Howell Plummer - Hail ! and Farewell!
"Until the day breaks and shadows flee away."

S. H., Towler August 29, 1927

He was buried on 29 August 1927 in - Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.

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Lucy Howell TOWLER and Scott Howell PLUMMER had the following children:

- +92 i. **William Howell PLUMMER**, born on 30 June 1905, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota⁴⁹; died on 15 May 2000, Saint Paul, Ramsey, Minnesota⁴⁹.
- 93 ii. **Robert Kinsman PLUMMER**⁵⁰ was born on 4 July 1910 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.⁴⁹ He was 9 years on 5 January 1920 in Richfield, Hennepin County, Minnesota⁴⁸ His second year at Carleton College on 26 November 1929 in Northfield, Minnesota⁴¹ He died on 21 December 1972 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.^{49,51} Social Security Number: 469-18-1919 The state listed in the birth locality field is where the Social Security Number was issued.

69. **Robert Silas TOWLER** (Silas Howell-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 27 April 1884 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. On 26 November 1929 he was in the grain department of the Washburn people or Pillsbury in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.⁴¹ He died on 5 April 1982 in Hadley, Northampton Co , MA. He was buried in MA. Robert Silas TOWLER and Miriam Leonard STREET were married on 28 April 1915 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. **Miriam Leonard STREET** was buried in MA. Robert Silas TOWLER and Miriam Leonard STREET had the following children:

- +94 i. **David W. TOWLER**, born on 26 December 1921; died in 2001, MA.
- +95 ii. **Elizabeth Leonard TOWLER**, born on 19 May 1917.

70. **David Kinsam\Pete TOWLER** (Silas Howell-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 21 October 1886 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. His WWI, 54th Infantry, 6th Division on 4 May 1918 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota³² According to Silas's pension records, he served and was discharged 18 Jun 1919. On 26 November 1929 he was valuation office of the Omaha Road in Omaha, NE.⁴¹ He appeared in the census on 4 April 1930 in Old Soldiers Home, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.⁴⁰ He is age 43 and living in Ward 14 Hennepin Co. Looks like he is an engineer. He died on 15 February 1974 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. He was buried on 18 February 1974 in Lawncrest, St. Paul, Minnesota. He was known as Uncle Pete to the family. **Florence HASTEDT** was born on 20 January 1899.⁵² She died in November 1983 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. David Kinsam\Pete TOWLER and Florence HASTEDT had the following children:

- +96 i. **Ralph Stephen TOWLER**

71. **Harry Oliver POPENOE**²⁶ (Perry Dave-5, Sarah Ragsdale TOWLER-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 20 February 1861. Harry Oliver POPENOE and Emily WILDER were married on 1 January 1887. **Emily WILDER**²⁶ was born.

72. **Susan Belle POPENOE**²⁶ (Perry Dave-5, Sarah Ragsdale TOWLER-4, James-3, Japeth-2,

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Christopher-1) was born on 1 May 1863. Susan Belle POPENOE and Lester T. BOUTWELL were married on 8 January 1889 in Denver, Arapahoe County, CO.²⁶ **Lester T. BOUTWELL**²⁶ was born. Susan Belle POPENOE and Lester T. BOUTWELL had the following children:

- 97 i. **Lillian Etta BOUTWELL**²⁶ was born on 3 October 1891. She died on 14 July 1898.
- +98 ii. **Charlotte Farman BOUTWELL**, born on 4 December 1893; married William N. JONES Jr., on 19 December 1918²⁶; died on 22 February 1965.

73. **Lillian POPENOE**²⁶ (Perry Dave-5, Sarah Ragsdale TOWLER-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 1 July 1863. She died on 27 July 1936 in Lawrence, Douglas County, KS. Lillian POPENOE and Clarence Seymore HALE were married on 17 June 1896 in Lawrence, Douglas County, KS.²⁶ **Clarence Seymore HALE**²⁶ was born.

75. **Benjamin Towler POPENOE**²⁶ (Perry Dave-5, Sarah Ragsdale TOWLER-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 16 September 1875. He died on 24 November 1904. Benjamin Towler POPENOE and Mabel Amy FISHER were married on 4 April 1903 in Lawrence, Douglas County, KS.²⁶ **Mabel Amy FISHER**²⁶ was born.

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76. **Thomas Willard 'Bill' TOWLER** (Edward Thomas-6, Thomas-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 20 August 1891 in Jacksonville, Florida. No Children born to this marriage.

Thomas Willard 'Bill' TOWLER and Lois BECKENRIDGE were married. **Lois BECKENRIDGE** was born.

77. **Eugene Davis TOWLER** (Edward Thomas-6, Thomas-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 24 June 1895 in Jacksonville, Florida. Eugene Davis TOWLER and Lucille HAGEN were married. **Lucille HAGEN** was born. Eugene Davis TOWLER and Lucille HAGEN had the following children:

- +99 i. **Jane TOWLER**, born in 1925; married Richard 'Dick' SMILEY.
- +100 ii. **Thomas Hagen TOWLER**, born in 1927; married Suzanne SMITH, on 7 June 1952, Sarasota, FL².

79. **John Willard TOWLER** (Lewis Howell-6, Thomas-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 20 April 1891 in Detroit, Wayne County, MI. John Willard TOWLER and UNKNOWN (TOWLER) were married. **UNKNOWN (TOWLER)** was born. John Willard TOWLER and UNKNOWN (TOWLER) had the following children:

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- 101 i. **Reverend Lewis TOWLER** was born.
+102 ii. **Betty TOWLER**, married KLINE.

81. **Edward Herbert TOWLER** (Herbert Lincoln-6, Thomas-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 27 April 1892 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga, Ohio.^{3,29} He died on 4 July 1958 in Oakland, , California.²⁹

Edward Herbert Towler, at home July 4, 1958, beloved husband of Marjorie Bonner Towler; loving father of Herbert Bonner Towler of Oakland and Mrs. Marjorie Towler Witt of Sacramento; loving son of Mrs. Minnie Rose Towler of Berkeley and the late Herbert Lincoln Towler, brother of Mertianna Towler of Berkeley; grandfather of Susan Louise and Edward Hughes Towler and Robert Towler, Peter Douglas and Thomas Edward Witt. A native of Cleveland, Ohio; aged 66 years. A member of Minneapolis Lodge _____ A.F.&A.M.; St. John's Chapter No. 9, Royal Arch Masons; Minneapolis Mounted Commander No. 23, Knights Templar; Minneapolis Chapter Rose Croix and Scottish Rite Bodies of Minneapolis and Aahmes Temple of the Shrine of Oakland; Bohemian Club of San Francisco, Faculty Club of the University of California, National California and Oakland Associations of Insurance Agents, Photographic Society of America and first president and found of the Oakland Camera Club. Private funeral services will be held Monday, July 7, the Rev. Walter Williams officiating. Friends may call at Truman's, Telegraph Avenue at 30th Street, Oakland until 10 a.m. Monday. In lieu of flowers memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society, Alameda County Branch, 354 21st Street, Oakland. July 6, 1958 - Oakland Tribune

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about EDWARD HERBERT TOWLER Name: TOWLER, EDWARD HERBERT Social Security #: 552308684 Sex: MALE Birth Date: 27 Apr 1892 BirthPlace: OHIO
Death Date: 4 Jul 1958
Death Place: ALAMEDA
Mother's Maiden Name: CORUNNA
Father's Surname: TOWLER

Edward Herbert TOWLER and Marjorie BONNER were married about 1922. **Marjorie BONNER**²⁹ was born. Edward Herbert TOWLER and Marjorie BONNER had the following children:

- +103 i. **Herbert Bonner TOWLER**, born on 7 May 1923; married Janet HUGHES; died on 14 January 2005, Oakland, , California⁵².
+104 ii. **Marjorie Rose TOWLER**, born in 1928; married WITT.

86. **John Edward Pillsbury TOWLER**⁵³ (George Hutchins-6, Silas Howell-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 13 June 1901 in Shores of Lake Calhoun, Hennepin Co, Minnesota. They were camping. On 26 November 1929 he was County Agent for Yellow Medicine Co., in Clarkfield, Yellow Medicine Co, Minnesota.⁴¹ He died on 20 September 1984 in Redwood Falls, Redwood County, Minnesota. He was buried on 24 September 1984 in - Redwood Cemetery,

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Redwood Falls, Minnesota. He graduated from the U of MN, agriculture school. He worked for Federal Farm Security (predecessor to FMHA) and Production Credit Association in Clarkfield, and Montivideo, MN. He taught Veterans Agriculture to Farmer Veterans in Redwood Falls, MN. He operated Webb's Service Station and then purchased it. It became known as John's Service station in Redwood Falls from 1940 until death. His speciality was changing tires, being open late at night and selling Christmas Trees. There was always a cribbage game was going at the gas station. He was part of a bowling in Redwood Falls, MN. Their address in Redwood Falls was 510 E. 3rd St. Graduate of U of M, ag school,. He own a gas station in Redwood Falls from 1940 until death. John Edward Pillsbury TOWLER and Florence CHRISTISON were married on 14 July 1928 in Plainview, Wabasha County, Minnesota. Married on the farm of James Miller Christison. **Florence CHRISTISON** (daughter of James Miller CHRISTISON and Inga Marie CHRISTENSEN) was born on 19 July 1904 in Plainview, Wabasha County, Minnesota. She was born on 19 July 1904 in Plainview, Wabasha Co Minnesota. John Edward Pillsbury TOWLER and Florence CHRISTISON had the following children:

[web site purposes these are still alive, if want additional information contact genbits@hotmail.com]

- +105 i. **Reverend James George TOWLER,**
- +106 ii. **Robert John TOWLER,**
- +107 iii. **Mary Alice TOWLER,** born on 27 July 1935, Clarkfield, Yellow Medicine Co, Minnesota; married Eugene Bert HOOK, on 15 September 1956, Redwood Falls, Minnesota; died on 26 February 1985, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.
- +108 iv. **Roger Christison TOWLER,.**
- +109 v. **Donna Mae WEISBROD**

88. **Mary Jane TOWLER**⁵⁴ (George Hutchins-6, Silas Howell-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 24 January 1906 in Portland, OR. Between 1916 and 1999 she was pianist, organist in Lusk, WY. Jane was a piano teacher for 70 plus years, beginning in college at the University of Minnesota. She is a member of the National Music Teachers group, and received recognition in 1994 for 50 years as a certified music (piano) teacher. She played the organ at the Lusk Congregational/UCC Church for 25 years and has sang in their choir since. She and husband, Dale, were delegates from Wyoming to the national meeting of the Congregational church (ca. 1954) when the first steps were made toward the merger creating the United Church of Christ. She and her husband were active in the local and state affairs of their church. She was involved as a teacher/leader in the church school, education and youth activities of their congregation. She was active as a volunteer in the nursing home and hospital at Lusk, and received both state and national Volunteer of the Year Awards in this work. When Wyoming established a women's prison in Lusk, Jane was a volunteer piano teacher there until she fractured her hip, before 1993. Jane was a piano teacher for 70 plus years, beginning in college at the University of Minnesota. She is a member of the National Music Teachers group, and received recognition in 1994 for 50 years as a certified music (piano) teacher. She played the organ at the Lusk Congregational/UCC Church for 25 years and has sang in their choir since. She and husband, Dale, were delegates from Wyoming to the national meeting of the Congregational church (ca. 1954) when the first steps were made toward the merger creating the United Church of Christ. She and her husband were active in the local and state affairs of their church. She was involved as a teacher/leader in the church school, education and youth activities of their congregation. She was active as a volunteer

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Mary Jane TOWLER and Gerald Douglas BARDO were married on 3 November 1934 in SD. **Gerald Douglas BARDO** (son of Earl M. BARDO and Elsie May BLUE) was born on 10 December 1908 in Vinton, Iowa. He was born on 10 December 1908. He moved in 1915 to Lander, WY He graduated in 1929 in Lander, WY.⁵¹ He graduated in 1932 in Omaha, NE.⁵¹ Graduated from the University of Nebraska, with a certificate in journalism. He lived in Staples, Minnesota between 1934 and 1941. Between 1941 and 1978 he was managing editor and co-publisher of Lusk Herald Newspaper in Lusk, WY. This newspaper besides its regular printing business, printed books for the Wyoming Historical Society. He lived Lusk in Lusk, WY between 1941 and 2002. He lived Lusk in Lusk, WY between 1941 and 1999. He died on 9 June 2002 in Lusk, WY. He was buried on 15 June 2002 in - Lusk Cemetery, Lusk, WY. The father of Gerald and Dale Bardo had moved from Platte, SD to Wyoming because it was a better climate for his tuberculosis. They lived at Landor, WY where the father died of typhoid fever. When they took the father's body back to Platte for burial the mother and sons came down with typhoid fever and were nursed health there by an aunt. To make a living, Mother Bardo made a living by taking in roomers, baking/selling angel food cakes (which the boys delivered with their wagon), sold Avon products and dress goods. Both Gerald and Dale had their first experience in the newspaper business delivering Landor newspapers and later for the Denver Post. Their mother taught them to tithe and save money (in the local building and loan association which went broke in the Great Depression). At Landor, Gerald had his first experience as a printers devil. He went to college first at Nebraska Wesley and then to the university of Nebraska where he and Dale took journalist. Both Brothers learned how to operate a Linotype on the side while in college. Gerald worked for several papers, including one at Staples, MN where he was a news writer. Mary Jane TOWLER and Gerald Douglas BARDO had the following children:

- +110 i. **Lucy Lee BARDO**, born on 23 April 1938, Staples, Minnesota; married Benjamin William HARMS, on 17 June 1967, Hartsdale, New York.
- +111 ii. **Dr. Dale Douglas BARDO**, born on 29 March 1941, Staples, Minnesota; married Maria Catharina \Rena TRAAS, about 1968, Alaska.

89. **Helen Louise TOWLER**⁵⁴ (George Hutchins-6, Silas Howell-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 5 November 1910 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. Between 1940 and 1999 she was organist, pianist in Lusk, WY. She died on 7 April 2000 in Lusk, WY. She was buried on 13 April 2000 in - Lusk Cemetery, Lusk, WY. At Lusk, Helen directed the UCC/Congregational Church choir and the community Lusk Choir. She was active in the Wyoming Federation of Womens Clubs. she was responsible for the passage in wyoming of the Access To Public building Curb Ramps laws (now merged into one law) to benefit handicapped persons and those with heart problems. U. S. Sentor Simpson said she was the "driving force" behind efforts for barrier free buldings and disability issues now enacted in the U. S. Americans with Disabilities Act. she served for 17 years on the Wyoming Governor's Commission for the Employment of the Handicapped. She received numerous state awards relating to her work on behalf of the handicapped. She stresses that her

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- +112 i. **Susan Blue BARDO**, born on 14 March 1940, Garner, Iowa; married John Nathan HILBERT, on 13 June 1964, Lusk, WY.
- 113 ii. **Dr. Richard Dale BARDO** was born on 23 March 1943 in Garner, Iowa. He was born on 23 March 1943 in Garner, Hancock County, Iowa. In 1999 he was theoretical physical chemist in US Navy Research. In 1999 he was theoretical physical chemist in US Navy Research. He lived in Maryland in Washington. DC in 1999. He graduated in Laramie, WY. University of Wyoming with a BS degree in chemistry. He graduated in Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. PHD in theoretical physical chemistry. An Astrologist

90. **Helen Willard BRIGGS** (Mertie Lucilla TOWLER-6, Silas Howell-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born about 1905 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. Date taken from picture 1905, at 1806 portland Ave So Minneapolis Helen Willard BRIGGS and Keith Ruhleson FAWCETT were married on 20 November 1925 in Wuakeyan, Illinois. **Keith Ruhleson FAWCETT** was born. Helen Willard BRIGGS and Keith Ruhleson FAWCETT had the following children:

- +114 i. **Carolyn May FAWCETT**, born on 13 May 1927, St. Paul, Ramsey County,

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- Minnesota.
+115 ii. **Barbara FAWCETT**, born on 11 January 1929, Duluth, St. Louis County, Minnesota.
+116 iii. **Peers\K.Peers FAWCETT**.
117 iv. **John FAWCETT** was born.

91. **Silas Henry TOWLER** (Henry Lonnis (Hal)-6, Silas Howell-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born. **Dorothy June ROBINSON** was born. Silas Henry TOWLER and Dorothy June ROBINSON had the following children:

- 118 i. **Virginia\Ginny TOWLER** was born.
+119 ii. **Barbara TOWLER**.
+120 iii. **Richard TOWLER**, married UNKNOWN (TOWLER), on 18 December 1965, Minnesota.

92. **William Howell PLUMMER**⁵⁰ (Lucy Howell TOWLER-6, Silas Howell-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 30 June 1905 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.⁴⁹ Date from Picture taken in 1905 at 1806 Portland Ave So, Minneapolis, MN He was 14 years old on 5 January 1920 in Richfield, Hennepin County, Minnesota⁴⁸ On 26 November 1929 he was important post in Donaldsons in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.⁴¹ He died on 15 May 2000 in Saint Paul, Ramsey, Minnesota.⁴⁹ Social Security Number: 474-10-6796 The state listed in the birth locality field is where the Social Security Number was issued. The zip code listed in the death locality field is the last place of residence. Death Residence Localities ZIP Code: 55104 Saint Paul, Ramsey, Minnesota

Margaret MERRICK⁵⁰ was born on 28 March 1908 in Minnesota.⁴⁹ She died on 3 November 2000 in Saint Paul, Ramsey, Minnesota.⁴⁹ Social Security Number: 472-52-3705 The state listed in the birth locality field is where the Social Security Number was issued. The zip code listed in the death locality field is the last place of residence. Death Residence Localities ZIP Code: 55101 Saint Paul, Ramsey, Minnesota William Howell PLUMMER and Margaret MERRICK had the following children:

- +121 i. **William Howell PLUMMER JR**, married Lona May TUFENK, on 14 March 1959, St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota.
+122 ii. **Joan PLUMMER**, married NORTON.

94. **David W. TOWLER** (Robert Silas-6, Silas Howell-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 26 December 1921. He died in 2001 in MA. He was living in Connecticut. **Marge** was born. David W. TOWLER and Marge had the following children:

- 123 i. **John TOWLER** was born.
124 ii. **Dan TOWLER** was born. (you age 56 today, b 1951???)
125 iii. **Bill TOWLER** was born.

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95. **Elizabeth Leonard TOWLER** (Robert Silas-6, Silas Howell-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 19 May 1917. **William L. RYAN** was born. Elizabeth Leonard TOWLER and William L. RYAN had the following children:

- 126 i. **Billy RYAN** was born.
- 127 ii. **David RYAN** was born.

96. **Ralph Stephen TOWLER** (David Kinsam\Pete-6, Silas Howell-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1). Ralph Stephen TOWLER and Muriel DICKINSON had the following children:

- +128 i. **Ann TOWLER**,
- 129 ii. **Carolyn TOWLER**

98. **Charlotte Farman BOUTWELL**²⁶ (Susan Belle POPENOE-6, Perry Dave-5, Sarah Ragsdale TOWLER-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 4 December 1893. She died on 22 February 1965. Charlotte Farman BOUTWELL and William N. JONES Jr. were married on 19 December 1918.²⁶ **William N. JONES Jr.**²⁶ was born. Charlotte Farman BOUTWELL and William N. JONES Jr. had the following children:

- +130 i. **(Living) JONES**, married (Living) BONDS.
- +131 ii. **Patricia Knapp JONES**, born on 12 September 1924; married (Living) LIPPITT; died on 17 September 1996.

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99. **Jane TOWLER** (Eugene Davis-7, Edward Thomas-6, Thomas-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born in 1925. Jane TOWLER and Richard 'Dick' SMILEY were married. **Richard 'Dick' SMILEY** was born ____.

100. **Thomas Hagen TOWLER** (Eugene Davis-7, Edward Thomas-6, Thomas-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born in 1927. Thomas Hagen TOWLER and Suzanne SMITH were married on 7 June 1952 in Sarasota, FL.² **Suzanne SMITH** (daughter of Andrew Jackson PROVOST Jr and Harriet) was born. Thomas Hagen TOWLER and Suzanne SMITH had the following children:

- +132 i. **Edward Thomas 'Ned' TOWLER**, born on 9 September 1953; married Donna STOLBERG, in December 1976.
- +133 ii. **Jill TOWLER**, born on 28 April 1955; married Charles James SUTHERLIN.
- +134 iii. **Jon Harder TOWLER**, born on 30 June 1956; married Gina Lynn FIELD, on 28 June 1980.
- +135 iv. **Thomas Williard 'Bill' TOWLER**, born on 1 June 1961; married Jennifer MOHRING, in 1985.

102. **Betty TOWLER** (John Willard-7, Lewis Howell-6, Thomas-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3,

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Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born. Betty TOWLER and KLINE were married. **KLINE** was born.

103. **Herbert Bonner TOWLER** (Edward Herbert-7, Herbert Lincoln-6, Thomas-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 7 May 1923. He died on 14 January 2005 in Oakland, , California.⁵²

Herbert Bonner Towler _TOWLER, Herbert Bonner - Beloved husband of Janet Hughes Towler; loving father of Susan Towler Long and her husband Bill and the late Edward Hughes Towler; adoring grandfather of Crista Long Gilkey and her husband Ryan and Brett Matthew Long; great-grandfather of Katelyn Nicole Gilkey. He also leaves a sister, Marjorie Towler Witt and her husband Douglas and a sister-in-law, Barbara Hughes Spangler and her husband Jim and seven nieces and nephews. Herb was born in Berkeley and was a graduate of University High School in Oakland. He received his B. S. degree from the University of California in 1944. He is a member of the Sigma Phi Fraternity. He was Drum Major of the Cal Band and was one of the three founders of the Cal Alumni Band. Herb was an insurance broker in Oakland for 39 years before retiring in 1988. He was a member of the Montclair Lions Club, the Bohemian Club of San Francisco, Grandfathers Club and St. Clements Episcopal Church in Berkeley. He loved music, travel, golf and spending summers at Lake Tahoe. He cherished his family, his many friends and enjoyed life to the fullest. Memorial Services will be held at St. Clements Episcopal Church, 2837 Claremont Blvd. Berkeley on Saturday, February 12 at 2:00PM. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his memory may be sent to the Cal Band, 72 Cesar Chavez MC 4280, Berkeley, CA 94720-4280 or any charity of your choice. CHAPEL OF THE CHIMES - Oakland (510) 654-0123 "Service of Marked Distinction" www.chapelofthechimes.com Published in the San Francisco Chronicle from 2/6/2005 - 2/9/2005.

Herbert Bonner TOWLER and Janet HUGHES were married. **Janet HUGHES**⁵⁵ was born. Herbert Bonner TOWLER and Janet HUGHES had the following children:

- +136 i. **Susan TOWLER**, born in 1947; married LONG.
- 137 ii. **Edward Herbert TOWLER** was born in 1949.
- 138 iii. **Robert TOWLER**²⁹ was living on 4 July 1958 in California.

104. **Marjorie Rose TOWLER** (Edward Herbert-7, Herbert Lincoln-6, Thomas-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born in 1928. Marjorie Rose TOWLER and WITT were married. **WITT** was born. Marjorie Rose TOWLER and WITT had the following children:

- 139 i. **Robert WITT** was born.
- +140 ii. **Peter WITT**, married UNKNOWN (WITT).
- 141 iii. **Thomas WITT** was born.

105. **Reverend James George TOWLER** (John Edward Pillsbury-7, George Hutchins-6, Silas Howell-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1). Reverend James George TOWLER and Arlene Marie DAVIS had the following children:

- +142 i. **Dr. Dwight Arnold TOWLER**.
- +143 ii. **Karri Lin CORTLANDT (TOWLER)**.

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106. **Robert John.** Robert John TOWLER and Dorothy Glayds HOLLESCHAU had the following children:

- +144 i. **Kathleen Lea TOWLER,**
- 145 ii. **Kent Orion TOWLER.**
- 146 iii. **Kerm Ross TOWLER**
- +147 iv. **Kurt David TOWLER,**

107. **Mary Alice TOWLER** (John Edward Pillsbury-7, George Hutchins-6, Silas Howell-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was buried 29 FEB 1985 in Tracy, Lyon County, Minnesota. She was buried 29 FEB 1985 in Tracy, Lyon County, Minnesota. She was born on 27 July 1935 in Clarkfield, Yellow Medicine Co, Minnesota. She graduated in June 1957 in U of Minnesota St. Paul Campus, Home Economics. She graduated in June 1957 in U of Minnesota St. Paul Campus, Home Economics. She died on 26 February 1985 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. during third open heart surgery at the U of MN hospitals. She died on 26 February 1985 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. during third open heart surgery at the U of MN hospitals. She died on 26 February 1985 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She was buried in Tracy, Lyon County, Minnesota.

Mary Alice TOWLER and Eugene Bert HOOK were married on 15 September 1956 in Redwood Falls, Minnesota. Methodist Church, Mary Alice TOWLER and Eugene Bert HOOK had the following children:

- +148 i. **Patti Jean HOOK,.**
- +149 ii. **Thomas Eugene HOOK,**

108. **Roger Christison TOWLER**⁵⁷ (John Edward Pillsbury-7, George Hutchins-6, Silas Howell-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) Roger Christison TOWLER and Annette (Dorothy Annette) DECOURCY had the following children:

- +150 i. **Nanette Marie TOWLER**
- +151 ii. **John Roger TOWLER,**
- +152 iii. **Cheryl Lynn TOWLER**

153Guardianshipiv. **Andrew John TOWLER-WINDFELDT**⁵⁷

109. **Donna Mae WEISBROD** Donna Mae WEISBROD and Robert Owen LEE had the following children:

- +154 i. **Mark Owen LEE,**
- 155 ii. **Michael Allan LEE.**
- +156 iii. **Bruce Colin LEE,**
- +157 iv. **Cindi Lyn LEE,.**
- +158 v. **Terry Joe LEE,.**

110. **Lucy Lee BARDO**² Lucy Lee BARDO and Benjamin William HARMS had the following children:

² Currently lives in MA.

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159 i. **Andrew Douglas HARMS**

111. **Dr. Dale Douglas BARDO** Dr. Dale Douglas BARDO and Maria Catharina \Rena TRAAS had the following children:

- 160 i. **Alisa Maria BARDO**
- 161 ii. **Leslie Janette BARDO**

112. **Susan Blue BARDO** (Helen Louise TOWLER-7, George Hutchins-6, Silas Howell-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1). Susan Blue BARDO and John Nathan HILBERT had the following children:

- +162 i. **Rebecca \ Becky HILBERT.**
- +163 ii. **David John HILBERT,.**

114. **Carolyn May** Carolyn May FAWCETT and Theodore LEE had the following children:

- 164 i. **Jeff LEE⁵⁹** was born.
- 165 ii. **Nancy LEE⁵⁹** was born.
- 166 iii. **Barbara LEE⁵⁹** was born.
- 167 iv. **John LEE⁵⁹** was born.
- 168 v. **Susan LEE⁵⁹** was born.

115. **Barbara FAWCETT** (Helen Willard BRIGGS-7, Mertie Lucilla TOWLER-6, Silas Howell-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) Barbara FAWCETT and Rev. George MACAULAY had the following children:

- 169 i. **Margaret MACAULAY** was born.
- 170 ii. **Cindy MACAULAY** was born
- 171 iii. **Malcolm MACAULAY** was born.
- 172 iv. **Reverend Elizabeth MACAULAY.**

116. **Peers\K.Peers FAWCETT** (Helen Willard BRIGGS-7, Mertie Lucilla TOWLER-6, Silas Howell-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born. **Janice** was born. Peers\K.Peers FAWCETT and Janice had the following children:

- 173 i. **Mark FAWCETT⁵⁹** was born.

119. **Barbara TOWLER**³(Silas Henry-7, Henry Lonnis (Hal)-6, Silas Howell-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born. **Upsher Jr. SMITH** was born. Barbara TOWLER and Upsher Jr. SMITH had the following children:

- 174 i. **Sara SMITH** was born.

120. **Richard TOWLER** (Silas Henry-7, Henry Lonnis (Hal)-6, Silas Howell-5, Thomas Sturrock-4,

³ Have had e mail correspondence with her in the past.

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James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born. Richard TOWLER and UNKNOWN (TOWLER) were married on 18 December 1965 in Minnesota. **UNKNOWN (TOWLER)** was born.

121. **William Howell PLUMMER JR** (William Howell-7, Lucy Howell TOWLER-6, Silas Howell-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born. . **Lona May TUFENK** was born.

122. **Joan PLUMMER** (William Howell-7, Lucy Howell TOWLER-6, Silas Howell-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born. Joan PLUMMER and NORTON had the following children:

- 175 i. **Mary Jo NORTON**⁵⁹ was born.
- 176 ii. **Susan NORTON**⁵⁹ was born.
- 177 iii. **Sarah NORTON**⁵⁹ was born.

128. **Ann TOWLER** (Ralph Stephen-7, David Kinsam\Pete-6, Silas Howell-5, Thomas Sturrock-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1)

130. **(Living) JONES**²⁶ (Charlotte Farman BOUTWELL-7, Susan Belle POPENOE-6, Perry Dave-5, Sarah Ragsdale TOWLER-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born. **(Living) JONES** and **(Living) BONDS** were married. **(Living) BONDS**²⁶ was born.

131. **Patricia Knapp JONES**²⁶ (Charlotte Farman BOUTWELL-7, Susan Belle POPENOE-6, Perry Dave-5, Sarah Ragsdale TOWLER-4, James-3, Japeth-2, Christopher-1) was born on 12 September 1924. She died on 17 September 1996 **Patricia Knapp JONES** and **(Living) LIPPITT** were married. **(Living) LIPPITT**²⁶ was born.

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