

CHAPTER 9

Nelson Bennett Gardner

SON OF MATTHEW AND MARGARET V. GARDNER

Nelson Bennett Gardner was the son of Matthew Gardner, Jr. and his wife, Margaret Vaughan Gardner. He was born Nov. 10, 1810. This means he was only seven years old when his sister, Barbara Ellen Gardner, married Soloman E. Daughtrey Feb. 17, 1817.

Nelson's father's Will was probated Aug. 20, 1827. He was seventeen years old at that time. His father, Matthew Gardner, Jr., left him fifty dollars in the Will. But I believe Matthew had already given him some land before the Will was written. I believe this because a court document in Southampton County said he had land which was next to his step mother's land when she died. Nelson must have sold this land at a later date because his farm (plantation) of later years was on the east side of the Blackwater River in Isle of Wight County. If you look back at his father's Will, you will see that his land was in Southampton County on the west side of the Blackwater River.

Nelson married Unity Daughtrey Oct. 3, 1828. He was not quite eighteen years old at the time.

Unity Daughtrey was the daughter of Thomas Daughtrey and his wife, Sally. Unity was born July 13, 1806. I do not know when Nelson sold his land in Southampton County or how long he lived there.

The farm on which he and Unity lived and raised their family

was in Isle of Wight County. This farm was next to the Black Water River and just across the river from where I believe Nelson to have been born. This farm is located on Wash Hole Road, just south of the Union Camp Corp. paper mill in Isle of Wight County, Virginia.

It is now owned by Ray Butler and is still under cultivation. It is not as large today as it was when Nelson and Unity Gardner owned it.

The family cemetery is located on the farm, but is grown over with weeds today. I understand that Nelson B. Gardner, Unity Daughtrey Gardner, Emmaline Whitfield Gardner, and several of the children are buried there.

The Nelson B. Gardner family Bible list him as having been baptized the first Sunday in Sept. in 1845. This baptism is bound to have been at South Quay Baptist Church. He is listed as being present at a conference of this church in April, 1847. From that time until his death, Aug. 16, 1894, he is mentioned many times in the history of this church. He was active in the church and was one of the leaders there for over forty years.

Nelson and his wife, Unity, had been married for nearly fifty years when she died, Feb. 25, 1883. They had raised a large family. The family Bible list seven children born from this union. They were: Sally Mariah Gardner, Matthew Gardner, Elizabeth Lucindy Gardner, Nancy Gardner, Emma Lou Gardner, and George Nelson Gardner (see chart 5A3 on page 195 for Nelson Bennett and Unity Gardner and their children).

Nelson married Emmaline Whitfield after Unity died. I do not

have the date of this marriage. Nelson had to be in his seventies at the time though. He was born in 1810 and Unity died in 1883.

He and Emmaline had two children. They were: Dora Louise Gardner and Anna Margaret Gardner (see chart 5A3 continued on page 120 for Nelson and Emmaline).

The farm on which he and Unity raised their family was owned by Unity. She must have received the farm as an inheritance. She left all her property, personal and real, to her husband, Nelson Bennett Gardner. After Nelson's death the farm was to go to George Nelson Gardner, her son. The Will then instructed how the money was to be divided and George was to also pay several of his brothers and sisters a given amount of money.

When Nelson B. Gardner died, his son, George N. Gardner, sold the personal property and followed the other instructions of his mother's Will.

On the next several pages will be found copies of the Will of Unity Gardner and the sale of the estate of Nelson B. Gardner. There is also a copy of the division of the estate by George N. Gardner to his brothers and sisters. There are also several family charts on the next few pages.

CHART 5A3

Nelson Bennett Gardner - Nov. 10, 1810 - Aug. 16, 1894

Wife: Unity Daughtrey - July 13, 1806 - Feb. 25, 1883

Married: Oct. 3, 1828

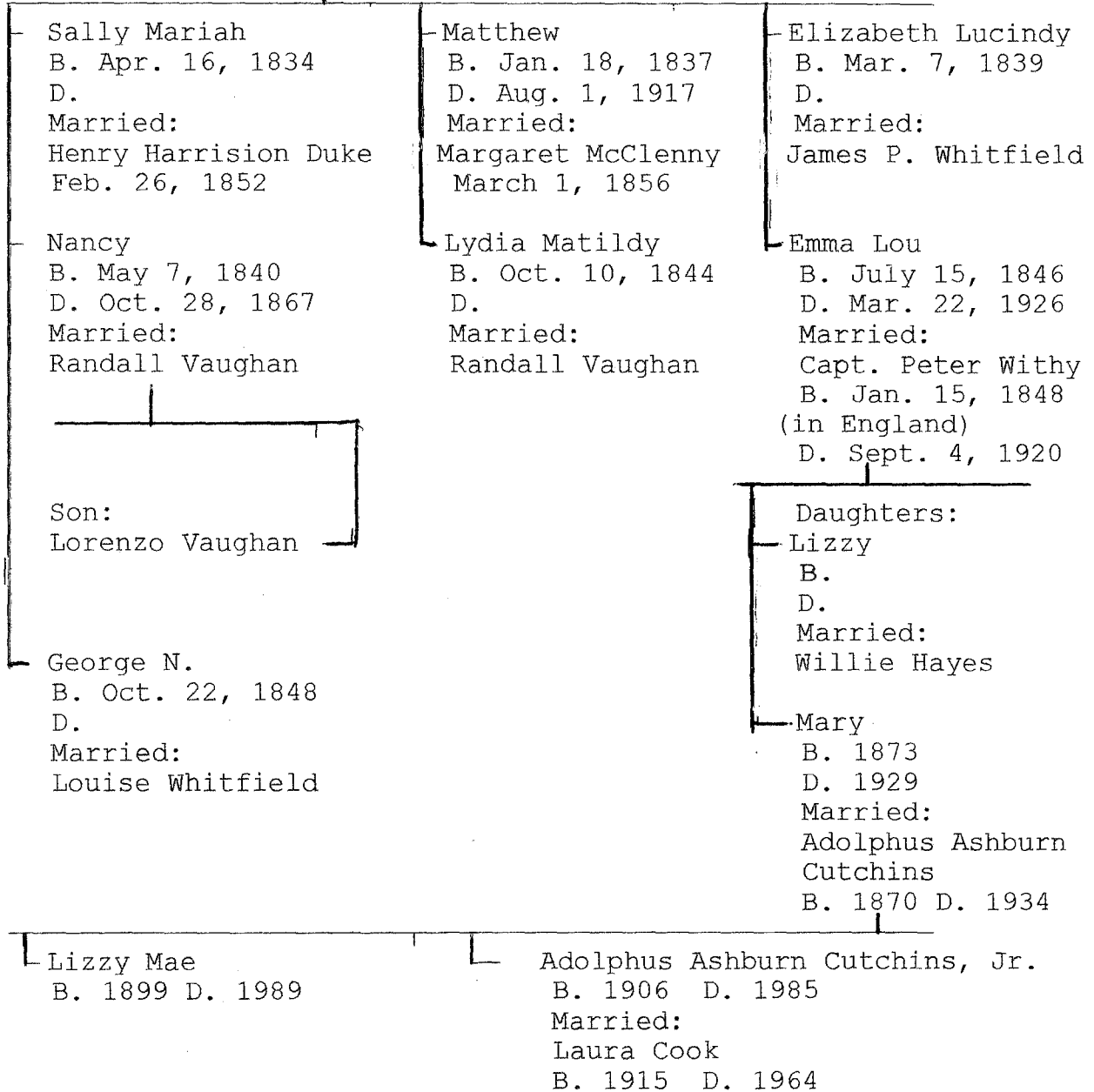


CHART 5A3 Continued
 Nelson B. Gardner
 Second Wife: Emmaline Whitfield

L Dora Louise B. Aug. 3, 1886 D. Married: 1st. Julius Harcum 2nd. James Carey Daughtrey (see chart 6A3)	L Anna Margaret B. May 9, 1889 D. Married: James Cobb (no children)
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CHART 6A3
 Dora Louise Gardner - Aug. 8, 1886 - May 16, 1957
 1st. Husband: Julius Harcum

L Ethel B. D. Married: Aug. 20, 1930 George Fenton Cobb B. Aug. 15, 1908 D. Apr. 16, 1968	L Julian B. D.
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L Evelyn France Cobb B. July 23, 1955
 Married: Julian Russell Carr Jan. 14, 1956

L Michail Floyd Carr B. Sept. 6, 1957
 L George Thomas Carr B. Aug. 5, 1959

2nd. Husband: James Carey Daughtrey

L Lois Anne B. Aug. 17, 1927 Married: James Henry Daughtrey Mar. 3, 1949 B. Aug. 16, 1920 (see chart 7A8)	L Doris B. Apr. 29, 1924 Married: Linwood Kirkland B. Sept. 20, 1924 L Son: James Carey B. Dec. 15, 1959 (not married) L Nancy Carrol B. May 6, 1956 Married: Robbie E. Lee
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Lois Anne Daughtrey - Aug. 17, 1927

Husband: James Henry Daughtrey - Aug. 16, 1920

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In the name of God Amen! I Unity Gardner
of the County of Allegheny State of Virginia do hereby
by make my last will and Testament hereby making
any and all wills by me at any time heretofore made
I deem that all my just debts and funeral expenses
be paid. I hereby leave unto my husband-Charles
B. Gardner during his life, my entire estate both real
and personal, after his death I bequeath the same
as follows: First: I give and bequeath unto my son
George M. Gardner the farm on which I live known as
the Homestead - provided however he shall pay unto
each of the following children & one grand-child
the sum of eighty dollars: to-wit: unto Sally Maria Duke
(my daughter) wife of Henry Duke; my daughter, Lydia
Matilda Vaughan the wife of Randall Vaughan; my daughter
Elizabeth L. Whitfield wife of James P. Whitfield; my daughter
Emma J. Wether wife of George Wether; and my
grandson & son of Randall Vaughan Matthew L. Vaughan.
Second: In addition to the above sum of eighty dollars
to be paid by my son George M. Gardner, I give and
bequeath unto my said daughter Sally, Maria Duke, the
sum of One hundred and twenty dollars.

Third: In addition to the sum of eighty dollars to
be paid by my son George M. Gardner, I give and bequeath
unto my daughter Lydia Matilda Vaughan the
sum of One hundred and twenty dollars.

Fourth: In addition to sum of eighty dollars to be
paid by my son George M. Gardner, I give and bequeath

unto my daughter Elizabeth L. Whitford the sum of one hundred twenty dollars.

Fourth: In addition to the sum of eighty dollars to be paid by my son George N. Gardner, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Emma J. Withy the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars.

Fifth: In addition to the sum of eighty dollars to be paid by my son George N. Gardner, I give and bequeath unto my grandson above mentioned, Matthew Lorenzo Vaughan the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars.

Sixth: The remainder of my property I hereby direct to be equally divided between all my children or their heirs, provided however that my grandson Matthew Lorenzo Vaughan shall also have like share: unto my son Matthew Gardner one seventh of remainder; unto my son George N. Gardner one seventh of the said remainder; unto my daughter Abby Maria Dyer one seventh of said remainder; unto my daughter Lydia Matilda Vaughan one seventh of said remainder; unto my daughter Elizabeth L. Whitford one seventh of said remainder; unto my daughter Emma J. Withy one seventh of said remainder; unto them and their heirs forever; and unto my grandson Matthew Lorenzo Vaughan one seventh of said remainder - provided however that should my grandson the said Matthew Lorenzo Vaughan die without lawful issue then

I do hereby declare the above property bequeathed to him by will, which he may have at his death, shall be equally distributed among my other heirs to wit my children or their ~~lawful~~ heirs. I hereby appoint my two sons Matthew Gardner and George Gardner executors of this my last will and testament. In testimony of this my last will and testament I have signed and sealed this writing this 20th day of December 1883

Unity Gardner
J. Mark

the the undersigned both being together at the same time do witness the above writing as the last will and testament of Unity Gardner,

Witnesses, J. F. Bobbitt
Joseph H. Turner

In the County Court of Isle of Wight County, the 1st day of May 1884. The last will and Testament of Unity Gardner, was proved by the oath of J. F. Bobbitt and Joseph H. Turner, the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded. Test, A. S. J. J. J. J. J.

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Isle of Wight County Court House

A/c Sales of Estate of M. B. Gardner				
Made this 14 th day of Dec 1894				
one spotted Saw & pig -	C. J. Cushman			6.25-
" Black "	"	Poor Land		
Three Shovels	"			
one old Cart	G. M. Gardner			2.00
one young "	"	Poor Land		
one Huffer	G. M. Gardner			8.25-
one Atlas Plow	"	Poor Land		
Three Shovel	J. J. Beaudry			9.5-
Four Good wood box	"	Poor Land		
one dot first cartage on M. d. Vanhook				1.0
5545-ll Apr 15 1890	G. M. Gardner			72.08
5720-ll old Cart 1891	G. A. Foster			8.75-
4 " " 1890	"			7.60
5884 ll Apr 1892				70.24
2 Bushes peas in	Edman F. Gardner			1.50
3 " " "	J. J. Beaudry			1.55-
one lot Corn shuck	G. M. Gardner			2.50
1667 ll Foster	"	Poor Land		
353 " "	E. J. Gardner			2.00
1000 " "	G. A. Foster			2.50
1000 " "	J. J. Beaudry			2.40
1000 " "	G. A. Foster			2.40
1200 " "	J. J. Beaudry			1.44
10. 1700 Corn	"	Poor Land		
5 " "	244 Edman F. Gardner			11.25-
10 " "	230 G. M. Gardner			23.00
3 " "	230 ammin Plow			4.90
5 " "	228 J. J. Beaudry			11.25-
10 " "	228 "			22.25-
				282.20

10	Blue Corn @ 25¢	2.50
10	" " " " " "	2.50
1	" " " " " "	2.25
10	Red Japan Beans @ 14¢	1.40
15	Black " " @ 14¢	2.10
4	Stands Beans @ 37¢	1.50
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1	x corn ear 35¢	.55
	Each bag	.25
5	Red corn 8¢	.40
21	" " 9¢	1.89
1	Stand Beans - 27¢	1.00
	Red corn 10¢	1.00
10	" " " " " "	.75
15	potatoes @ 20¢	3.00
20	" " " " " "	4.00
5	potatoes 15¢	1.25
		<u>\$49.00</u>

George N. Gardner
 Attest

Circumlocution Office, Isle of Wight County,
 July 27, 1895, this account of sales of
 all the of Nelson B. Gardner Esq.
 record, against the record of the
 record of the county, this, J. B. Hocking Com.

Statement of distribution of the balance due the estate of Unity Gardner in the hands of George N. Gardner administrator with will annexed.

1895
Feb. 5 Balances due the estate by the admin. on 4. Sept. 1895. 643 50
Paid taxes on land 6 00
649 50

To pay Maria Duke Regatee	120 00	
" " Elizabeth A. Whitefield "	120 00	
" " Liddia M. Vaughan "	120 00	
" " Emma J. Withers "	120 00	
" " Matthew S. Vaughan "	120 00	600 00

Bal. due for Residuary Regatee, Execut:	37 52
Matthew Gardner 1/4	536
George N. Gardner 1/4	536
Maria Duke 1/4	536
Elizabeth Whitefield 1/4	536
Liddia M. Vaughan 1/4	536
Emma J. Withers 1/4	536
Matthew S. Vaughan 1/4	536
	\$ 37 52 \$ 37 52

Test, J. O. Young Comr.

We each acknowledge to have received from Geo. N. Gardner admor. with this will annexed of Unity Gardner dec'd. the sums opposite to our names respectively, as Regatees of said Unity Gardner dec'd. Given under our hands, this day of 1896.

Matthew Gardner
Geo. N. Gardner
James P. Whitefield Elizabeth A. Whitefield
Liddia M. Vaughan
Emma J. Withers
Matthew S. Vaughan

The next few pages will be devoted to Nelson B. and Emmaline Whitfield Gardner and their descendants. There were two children born to Nelson and Emmaline. They were: Dora Louise Gardner and Anna Margaret Gardner.

1. ANNA MARGARET GARDNER was born May 9, 1889. She married James Cobb. I do not have any dates for either of them. They did not have any children.

2. DORA LOUISE GARDNER was born Aug. 3, 1886. She first married Julius Harcum. They had two children, Ethel Harcum and Julian Harcum.

A. JULIAN HARCUM never married.

B. ETHEL HARCUM married George Fenton Cobb Aug. 20, 1930. George Fenton Cobb was born Aug. 5, 1908. I do not have a date of birth for Ethel.

Ethel and George had one daughter, Evelyn Frances Cobb.

(1). EVELYN FRANCES COBB was born July 23, 1935. Evelyn married Julian Russell Carr Jan. 14, 1956. She and Julian have two sons. Michael Floyd Carr, born Sept. 6, 1957 and George Thomas Carr. born Aug. 5, 1959. Evelyn's first husband is dead. She is now married to Charles Payne (see chart 5A3 on page 121).

After Dora's first husband, Juluis Harcum, died, she married James Carey Daughtrey. There were two daughters born to this union. They are Doris Daughtrey, born Aug. 29, 1924 and Lois Anne Daughtrey, born Aug. 17, 1927.

C. DORIS DAUGHTREY married Linwood Kirkland. Linwood was born Sept. 20, 1924. They have two children.

They are: Nancy Carrol Kirkland, born May 6, 1956 and James Carey Kirkland, born Dec. 15, 1959. Doris and Linwood's home is built on the edge of Doris's mother and father's farm, which is on Dogwood Bend Rd., Franklin, Virginia.

(1). NANCY KIRKLAND is married to Robbie E. Lee and they live on the same farm as does her mother and father.

(2). JAMES CAREY KIRKLAND has never married.

(See chart 6A3 for Doris, Linwood, and their family).

D. LOIS ANNE DAUGHTREY married James Henry Daughtrey Mar. 3, 1949. James was born Aug. 16, 1920. He and Lois have two children. They are: Susan Anne Daughtrey, born Dec. 27, 1955 and James Robert Daughtrey, born Jan. 1, 1962.

(1). JAMES ROBERT DAUGHTREY is not married. He lives in Richmond, Virginia.

(2). SUSAN ANNE DAUGHTREY married Tony L. Holloman Apr. 10, 1974. There was one child born to them. He is Jason Louis Holloman and was born July 2, 1980. Susan and Tony are divorced.

Susan is now married to Charles Edward Lassiter. They were married June 24, 1984. Susan and Charles have three children. The three children are: Carla Anne Lassiter, born July 17, 1986, Joshua Charles Lassiter, born Jan. 1, 1989, and Rachel Kathleen, born Dec. 4, 1992.

Susan and Charles make their home in Newsomes, Virginia.

For Lois and James Daughtrey and their family see chart 7A8.

This completes the information which I have on Nelson B. and Emmaline Whitfield Gardner and their descendants.

This next section will be dedicated to Nelson B. and Unity Gardner's descendants and will be rather lengthy.

1. SALLY MARIA GARDNER was a daughter of Nelson B. and Unity Gardner. She was born Apr. 16, 1834. Sally married Henry Harrison Duke Feb. 26, 1852. There were six children born to this union. They were: David Duke, Mary E. Duke, Martha Duke, Nelson L. Duke, Joseph Henry Duke, and Emiler (Emma) Loucrissy Duke (see chart 6A4A on page 132).

A. DAVID DUKE was born Nov. 17, 1857. He married Caroline Duck Dec. 15, 1887.

B. MARY E. DUKE was born Feb. 21, 1852.

C. MARTHA DUKE was born July 6, 1854.

D. NELSON L. DUKE was born Oct. 22, 1855.

E. JOSEPH HENRY DUKE was born Aug. 23, 1859. I have no other information on these four children.

F. EMILER (EMMA) LOUCRISSY DUKE was born May 1, 1861. She married Joseph Lankford. Their daughter, Mary Lou Lankford, was born Aug. 29, 1892.

(1). MARY LOU LANKFORD married Elvin Harrell Whitley. For those of you who live in the Franklin, Virginia area, Elvin H. Whitley was the official Santa Clause of Franklin for many years. I know that many of you will remember him in this role.

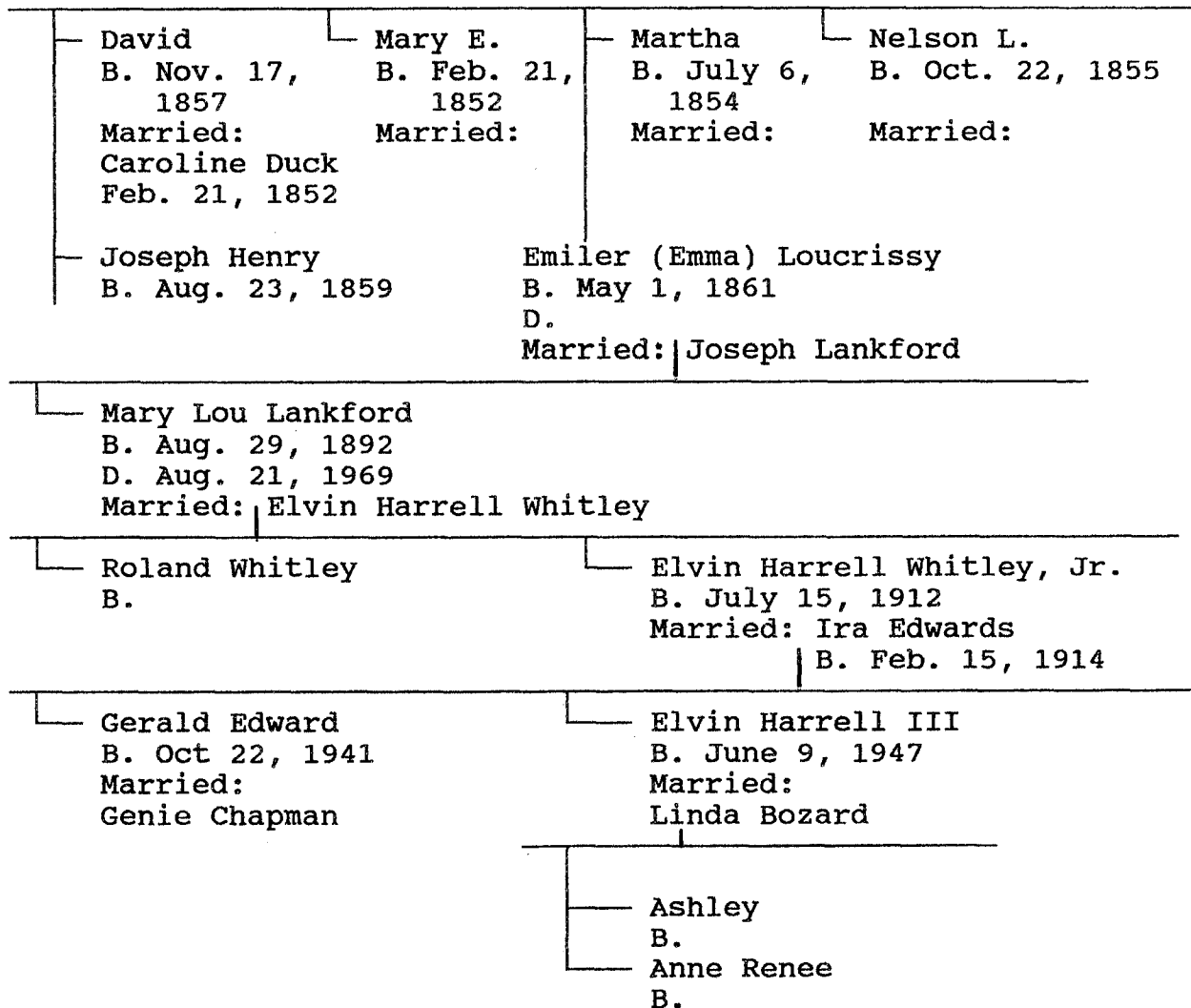
Mary and Elvin H. Whitley had two sons. They are: Roland Whitley and Elvin Harrell Whitley, Junior.

Mary Lou Whitley died Aug. 21, 1969.

CHART 6A4A

Sally Maria Gardner B. Apr. 16, 1834

Husband: Henry Harrison Duke - Married: Feb. 26, 1852



(A). ROLAND WHITLEY does not have any children. He lives on Joyners Bridge Rd., Carrsville, Virginia.

Roland has supplied most of the information on this branch of the Gardner family.

(B). ELVIN HARRELL WHITLEY, JR. was born July 25, 1912. He married Ira Edwards. She was born Feb. 15, 1914. Ira and Elvin H. Whitley, Jr. live at 1601 Clay St., Franklin, Virginia.

They have two sons, Gerald Edward Whitley and Elvin Harrell Whitley III.

(1). GERALD E. WHITLEY was born Oct. 22, 1941. He married Jean Chapman. They have no children. He works for Union Camp Corp. in Franklin, Virginia.

(2). ELVIN HARRELL WHITLEY III married Linda Bozard. He and Linda have two daughters, Ashley Whitley and Anne Renee. Elvin H. Whitley III lives at 740 Park Dale Ave., Norfolk, Virginia.

Sally Maria Gardner's husband, Henry Harrison Duke, was also a soldier during the Civil War. His youngest daughter, Emily, was born after he left for service with the army. His wife, Sally, died before he returned from the war in 1865.

2. NANCY GARDNER was another daughter of Nelson B. and Unity Gardner. She was born May 7, 1840.

Nancy married Randall Vaughan and they had one son. Their son's name was Lorenzo Vaughan.

Nancy died at age twenty seven, Oct. 28, 1867. Her husband, Randall Vaughan, then married Nancy's sister, Lydia Matildy Gardner.

3. LYDIA MATILDY GARDNER was born Oct. 10, 1844. I have no other information on these two families.

4. EMMA LOU GARDNER was also a daughter of Nelson B. and Unity Gardner. She was born July 15, 1846. She married Capt. George Withy.

George Withy was born Jan. 15, 1848 in England. He came to Virginia as a young child with his parents. He had one sister, Helen Withy. She married a man from Baltimore, Maryland.

Capt. George Withy was chief navigation officer for the Albemarle Steam and Navigation Company. This company operated steam boats on the Blackwater and Chowan Rivers as well as the Albemarle Sound. These boats served Franklin, Virginia, Hertford, Murfreesboro, and Edenton, North Carolina. For many years Capt. George Withy was a prominent citizen of Franklin, Virginia.

George and Emma G. Withy had two daughters. They were Lizzy (Elizabeth?) Withy and Mary Withy.

A. LIZZY WITHY married William (Willie) Riddick Hayes. He was the son of Timothy and Lavinia Hayes. He also became a steam boat captain with the Albemarle Steam and Navigation Company. No doubt, his father in-law helped in this.

B. MARY WITHY married Adolphus Ashburn Cutchins. Mary was born in 1873. Adolphus and Mary Cutchins had two children which I know of. They were Adolphus Ashburn Cutchins, Jr. and Lizzy Mae Cutchins.

(1). LIZZY MAE CUTCHINS was born in 1899. She never married. Lizzy Mae lived and worked in Franklin, Virginia all her life. I

knew her as I was growing up and every one always used her double name when referring to her (Lizzy Mae). She was the librarian for the Franklin town Library for many years. She died in 1989 and is buried in the cemetery in Franklin, Virginia.

(2). ADOLPHUS ASHBURN CUTCHINS, JR. was born in 1906. He married Laura Cook. He died in 1985. Laura was born in 1915 and died in 1964. They are both buried in a plot next to Lizzy Mae Cutchins. I have not tried to trace this family any farther.

5. ELIZABETH LUCINDY GARDNER was the daughter of Nelson B. and Unity Gardner. She was born Mar. 7, 1839. She married James P. Whitfield March 14, 1871. The Whitfield family also lived on Wash Hole Road in Isle of Wight County.

James P. Whitfield was the son of John and Narcissa Whitfield. John Whitfield's father was Josiah Whitfield and his great grand father was Reuben Whitfield. Reuben Whitfield immigrated to Virginia from England with his wife, date unknown. John Whitfield's grandfather's name has been lost to the family and therefore is not included in the family genealogy.

Reuben Whitfield located in the southern part of Isle of Wight County, Virginia and took possession of about 2,000 acres of land. He had one son, name unknown. This son had at least one son, Josiah Whitfield. Josiah Whitfield had three sons. They were: Robert, Ben, and John Whitfield. John Whitfield had two daughters and one son. These children were: Sarah, Martha, and James P. Whitfield.

The above genealogy of the Whitfield family was compiled by Roscoe M. Whitfield, grandson of James P. Whitfield. I know this is

not a complete record of the Whitfield family genealogy because there is no mention of Emmaline Whitfield. She was Nelson B. Gardner's second wife.

James P. Whitfield enlisted in the Confederate Army on the grounds of Beaver Dam Baptist Church in April, 1861. He was in Company F-61, Virginia Regiment, General Mahone's Brigade, Army of Northern Virginia. Jacob Bradshaw was the Captain of this Company. By 1862 Capt. William E. Barnes was company commander of Company F-61.

Roscoe Whitfield wrote that his grandfather, James P. Whitfield, told him many stories of the battles he was in during the Civil War. The ones he could remember were: The Battle of The Crater at Petersburg, Virginia, The Wilderness, Seven Pines, Gettysburg, and the surrender at Appomattox, Virginia in April, 1865.

James served with the Army of Northern Virginia the entire war and his name appears on the list of paroled prisoners of war signed by General Lee and General Grant at Appomattox, Virginia, 1865.

The battles listed above were all very costly to both the North and South in terms of men and equipment. Some of these were won by the South and some by the North.

The soldiers of the Confederacy as well as the citizens did not refer to this war as the Civil War, they called it the War Between the States. I included this because there are a lot of people who do not know this was the case.

I am sure that James saw many of his comrades fall in battle.

Many of these people were men he had grown up with and had known all his life. It is hard enough to see a person die that you have known for a short time but just think how devastating it would be to watch life long friends die in every battle. This went on for four long years before it finally ended at Appomattox Court House. On pages 213 and 214 will be found some records of James P. Whitfield's army service.

(CONFIDENTIAL) GI Va.

James P. Whitfield
Co. F., 61 Reg't Va. Infantry.

Appears on
 Company Muster Roll
 of the organization named above,
 for *Jan 1883*
1883
 Enlisted: *May 18* 1882
 When *Infantry Co. F.*
 Where *Barren*
 By whom *One*
 Period *One*
 Last paid: *One*
 By whom *One*
 To what time *June 30, 1883*
 Present or absent *Present*
 Remarks:

The 61st (also known as Wilson's) Regiment Virginia Infantry was first organized with nine companies and recruited by the A. and S. G. at the 1st (Wilson's) Battalion Virginia Infantry, Company K was recruited by A. G. S. G. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th, and the regiment completed its organization October 1, 1862.

Book mark: *O. J. Taylor*

(CONFIDENTIAL) GI Va.

James P. Whitfield
Co. F., 61 Reg't Va. Infantry.

Appears on
 Company Muster Roll
 of the organization named above,
 for *July 1884*
1884
 Enlisted: *May 18* 1882
 When *Infantry Co. F.*
 Where *Barren*
 By whom *One*
 Period *One*
 Last paid: *One*
 By whom *One*
 To what time *Sept 30, 1884*
 Present or absent *Present*
 Remarks:

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1884
 Enlisted: *May 18* 1882
 When *Infantry Co. F.*
 Where *Barren*
 By whom *One*
 Period *One*
 Last paid: *One*
 By whom *One*
 To what time *Sept 30, 1884*
 Present or absent *Present*
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 By whom *One*
 Period *One*
 Last paid: *One*
 By whom *One*
 To what time *June 30, 1884*
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James P. Whitfield
Co. F., 61 Reg't Va. Infantry.

Appears on
 Company Muster Roll
 of the organization named above,
 for *May 1884*
1884
 Enlisted: *May 18* 1882
 When *Infantry Co. F.*
 Where *Barren*
 By whom *One*
 Period *One*
 Last paid: *One*
 By whom *One*
 To what time *June 30, 1884*
 Present or absent *Present*
 Remarks: *One*

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 for *May 1884*
1884
 Enlisted: *May 18* 1882
 When *Infantry Co. F.*
 Where *Barren*
 By whom *One*
 Period *One*
 Last paid: *One*
 By whom *One*
 To what time *June 30, 1884*
 Present or absent *Present*
 Remarks:

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Book mark: *O. J. Taylor*

(CONFIDENTIAL) GI Va.

James P. Whitfield
Plt. Co. F., 61 Reg't Va. Infantry.

Appears on
 Company Muster Roll
 of the organization named above,
 for *May 1 June 1862*
 Enlisted: *March 20, 1862*
 When *March 20, 1862*
 Where *Richmond, Virginia*
 By whom *Wm. C. H. Davis*
 Period *One year*
 Last paid: *May 1862*
 By whom *Wm. C. H. Davis*
 To what time *June 30, 1862*
 Present or absent *Present*
 Remarks: *Plt. Co. F.*

The following is a copy of the original muster roll of the 61st Reg't Va. Infantry, Company F, as it appears in the records of the War Department, Washington, D. C., and is not to be used as evidence in any court of law.

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James P. Whitfield
Plt. Co. F., 61 Reg't Va. Infantry.

Appears on
 Company Muster Roll
 of the organization named above,
 for *May 1 June 1862*
 Enlisted: *March 20, 1862*
 When *March 20, 1862*
 Where *Richmond, Virginia*
 By whom *Wm. C. H. Davis*
 Period *One year*
 Last paid: *May 1862*
 By whom *Wm. C. H. Davis*
 To what time *June 30, 1862*
 Present or absent *Present*
 Remarks: *Plt. Co. F.*

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Name appears as a signature to a
 Parole of Prisoners of War,
 given in accordance with the terms of capitulation
 agreed upon between General Grant and General Lee,
 on the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia,
 April 9, 1865.
 Parole dated Office Provost Marshal, Dist. of East
 Va., April 27, 1865.
 County *Richmond*
 State *Va.*
 Remarks:

(CONFIDENTIAL) GI Va.

James P. Whitfield
Plt. Co. F., 61 Reg't Va. Infantry.

Appears on a Register of
 Chimborazo Hospital, No. 1,
 Richmond, Virginia.
 Disease *Dysentery*
 Admitted *April 20*
 Returned to duty *May 5*
 Discharged *May 5*
 Furloughed *May 5*
 Transferred *May 5*
 Died *May 5*
 Buried *May 5*
 Remarks: *55 days*

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Two of Southampton County's sons became Generals in the Civil War. One was a Union General and one was a Confederate General.

William Mahone was born in Monroe, Virginia. Monroe was located six miles west of Franklin, Virginia and was on the west side of the Nottoway River. The bridge which crosses the river at that point is named Monroe Bridge.

Monroe was a planned town which had streets laid out as well as building lots. It never became much more than a plan on a map. There were two or three houses built there but the town never developed. I suspect that William Mahone's father had planned to build a tavern there but never did so. His father did build a two story brick house there and that is where William was born.

The house is still standing today but is in poor disrepair. I believe it should be renovated and preserved as a national historic site.

William Mahone's father moved to Jerusalem (Courtland), Virginia and operated Mahones Tavern. This tavern was in front of and across the street from the Southampton County Court House.

William, as a young man, carried the mail from Jerusalem to Hicks Ford (now Emporia), Virginia.

He attended and graduated from V.M.I. with a degree in engineering. He worked for several railroads during his life.

William Mahone was not a professional soldier like Generals Lee and Johnson but soon proved his ability leading five regiments in the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. His greatest victory was at Petersburg, Virginia in the Battle of the Crater.

William Mahone became a wealthy man. He turned from business to politics and was the leader of the Adjusters in the U. S. Senate. He led a bill to reduce Virginia's debt by half. He also promoted public education.

General George H. Thomas of the Union Army was also a native of Southampton County, Virginia. He grew up near Boykins, Virginia.

When the war broke out he was serving with the Union Army and elected to remain with that army. He requested that no major campaigns be conducted in Southampton County. This request probably saved Southampton County from much of the destruction inflicted on other sections of the state.

He became known as "The Rock of Chickamauga" because he held the line in the battle of Chickamauga. He also fought at Chattanooga and defeated the invading Confederate Army at Nashville. He died in 1870 while commanding the Division of the Pacific.

There is a story told that when his family was notified of his death, they told the officer they had no relative by that name. If this is true, the family never forgave him for serving with the Union Army in the Civil War.

James P. Whitfield and Elizabeth Lucindy Gardner were married March 14, 1871. A copy of the marriage license is on page 217. There were two sons and one daughter born to this union. They were: Patrick Henry Whitfield, George William Whitfield, and Alice Elizabeth Whitfield.

Virginia, Shelby County to wit:
TO ANY PERSON LICENSED TO CELEBRATE MARRIAGES:
You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy Rite of Matrimony, according to
the rites and ceremonies of your Church, or religious denomination, and the laws of the Common-
wealth of Virginia James P. Whitfield
and E. Elizabeth D. Gardner
Given under my hand, as Clerk of this County Clerk
of Shelby this 9th day of March 1891.
G. H. Hunt, D. J. for M. P. Young Clerk.

It is assumed in the License, required by Act passed 19th March, 1891

Time of Marriage, 14th March 1871.
Place of Marriage, Belfast, Co. Down.
Full names of Parties Married, James E. Whitfield & Elizabeth C. Gardner.
Age of Husband, 26 years.
Age of Wife, 32 years.
Condition of Husband (single or single), Single.
Condition of Wife (single or single), Single.
Place of Husband's Birth, Belfast, Co. Down.
Place of Wife's Birth, " " " " " "
Place of Husband's Residence, " " " " " "
Place of Wife's Residence, " " " " " "
Names of Husband's Parents, John & Narcissa Whitfield.
Names of Wife's Parents, Nelson B. & Unity Gardner.
Occupation of Husband, Farmer.
Witness under my hand this 9th day of March 1871.
C. H. Hart Esq. for N. P. Young Clerk.

MINISTER'S RETURN OF MARRIAGE.

I certify, that on the 14th day of March 1871, at
Isle of Wight County, I acted in drawing the names named and described
within, under authority of the named Admon.

66- The minister originating a marriage is required, within 90 days thereafter, to return the license to the Office of the State Clerk on the same. With an endorsement thereon of the date of such return, and of the year and place of contracting the same.

MARRIAGE BOOK 'A', PAGE 20, LINE 18.

A COPY TESTED: Ruth H. Hall and "GARY" [illegible]

This is to certify to the clerk of Sol of wight Co (now)
that I was willing to join in deedbook with
James P. Whilpelt, this given under my hand
and seal this the 9 day of march 1841.

Elizabeth J. Gardner

Wm. L. Garrison

James P. Whitfield was married twice. His second wife was Margaret (Maggie) Gardner. I have not found who her mother and father were. There were no children born from this marriage.

The Whitfield family genealogy follows the family to present time but will not be included in this book. Anyone who may be interested in this family line can write to me (Norman L. Gardner) for this information. I will be more than happy to supply this information (see chart 6A4B, 6A4C, & 6A4D).

6. GEORGE NELSON GARDNER was born Oct. 22, 1848 and was the son of Nelson B. and Unity Gardner. He grew up in Isle of Wight County and married Mary Louise Whitfield Dec. 21, 1871.

Mary L. Whitfield was the daughter of Benjamin and Peggy Whitfield.

Mary must have died young because George N. Gardner married Grace Kennedy Feb. 2, 1887. Grace was the daughter of John and Mary Kennedy.

Grace and George N. Gardner had one child, Vivian Gardner.

A. VIVIAN GARDNER married Paul Kennedy Dec. 12, 1907. I know that Vivian and Paul Kennedy had at least one child. He is Oscar Kennedy. and he lives in Suffolk, Virginia.

George N. Gardner's mother left the farm to her husband, Nelson B. Gardner, for his life. At Nelson's death the farm was to go to George Nelson Gardner.

George was to pay each of the other heirs a set amount of money for their share of the estate. As far as I know, he carried out the instructions in his mother's Will.

CHART 6A4B

Elizabeth Lucindy Gardner - Born March 7, 1839
 Husband: James P. Whitfield - Born Died: July 10, 1916
 Married: March 14, 1871
 James P. Whitfield's 2nd. wife: Maggie Gardner
 Married: Feb. 17, 1903 (no children)

└ Patrick Henry	└ George William	└ Alice Elizabeth
B. July 28, 1873	B. Oct. 13, 1877	B. Nov. 17, 1881
D. Nov. 30, 1951	D. Mar. 7, 1915	D. July 27, 1966
Married:	Married:	Married:
Mary E. Smith	Mary Elizabeth Babb	
Jan. 25, 1898	Jan. 10, 1900	

CHART 6A4C

Patrick Henry Whitfield-B. July 28, 1873-D. Nov. 30, 1951
 Wife: Mary E. Smith-B. Feb. 7, 1901-D. July 31, 1937
 Married: Jan. 25, 1898

└ Marie E.		
B.		
D.		
Married:		
Henry A Hupfer		
Sept. 30, 1925		
└ Helen M.		└ Dorothy M.
B. Apr. 30, 1927		B. June 6, 1930
Married: Jerome Jansky		Married: William S.
Sept. 9, 1950 (no children)		Stefan May 24, 1958
└ Henry A.	└ Patricia M.	└ Paula M.
B. March 13,	B. May 26, 1960	B. Aug. 10, 1963
1959		

CHART 6A4D

George William Whitfield-B. Oct. 13, 1877 - D. Mar. 7, 1915

Wife: Mary Elizabeth Babb

Married: Jan. 10, 1900

<p>Roscoe Maynard B. Dec. 9, 1900 D. July, 1975 Married: Virginia Carraway July 25, 1934</p>	<p>Elizabeth Virginia B. Feb. 21, 1902 D. June, 1973 Married: Luther D. Gillikin Sept. 3, 1927</p>	<p>Ava Lee B. Aug. 28, 1903 D. Married: (never married)</p>
<p>George Maynard B. Dec. 25, 1942 Married: Dianna Downing Dec. 16, 1963</p>	<p>Betty B. June 20, 1934 Married: Philip A. Floyd Dec. 27, 1952</p>	
<p>Mary Va. B. May 14, 1965 George Maynard, Jr. B. Feb. 7, 1976</p>	<p>Stephen Craig B. Nov. 26, 1956 Kevin Austin B. Apr., 1960</p>	
<p>Drew Patrick B. Jan. 24, 1905 D. Sept. 11, 1985 Married: Edith E. Pulliam June 9, 1928</p>	<p>James Baker B. Mar. 22, 1906 D. Married: Sadie V. Harrell Sept. 12, 1931</p>	<p>George Ashley B. Sept. 26, 1911 D. Sept., 1972 Married: Elizabeth Smith June, 1932</p>
<p>Patricia Ann B. Sept. 20, 1929 Married: James A. Seymore Mar. 24, 1951</p>	<p>Virginia Gayle B. May 24, 1937 Married: Fred Adcock Nov. 5, 1960 Jimmie B. B. Oct. 9, 1940 Married: Ann Hudgins Aug. 16, 1965</p>	<p>Kaye Elizabeth B. July 16, 1937 Married: (not married) Karolyn Mary B. Nov. 6, 1941 Married: William J. Quidley</p>

CHART 6A4E

George Nelson Gardner - B. Oct. 22, 1848

1st. Wife: Mary Louise Whitfield

Married: Dec. 21, 1871

2nd. Wife: Grace A Kennedy

Married: Feb. 2, 1887

└── Vivian Gardner

B.

D.

Married:

Paul Kennedy

Dec. 12, 1907

└── Oscar Kennedy

B.

D.

7. Matthew Gardner was the son of Nelson B. and Unity D. Gardner. He was born Jan. 18, 1837. The next chapter will be devoted to him and his descendants.



The above pictures are Matthew Gardner and Margaret McClenny Gardner, his wife.