

**2.A. Phineas S. Edgecomb, Mariah (Brooks) Edgecomb, Mairah (Brooks)  
Edgecomb, and Tabitha J. (Shafer) Edgecomb**

Phineas Edgecomb was a son of John Edgecomb (brother to Uriah b.1781) and Elizabeth Olmstead (c. 1775 - 17 Nov 1801<sup>1</sup>, daughter of Roger and Eunice Olmstead). He was born on 5 Sep 1795<sup>2</sup> in Canton, Hartford Co., Connecticut<sup>3</sup>. His mother died at the age of 26, when he was six years old. He was first married in Trumbull County to Mariah (or Mary Ann) Brooks of "New Mulberry"<sup>3</sup> (probably New Marlborough), MA on 20 Sep 1832. There were three children born to this marriage, with two living to adulthood:

**Luther** Nov 1833 Ohio - 28 Jun 1923 Grand Traverse Co., MI, m. (2) Anna E. Boop  
**John V.** 9 Mar 1836 Ohio - 1897, m. Harriet Ellen Holler

It may be that Mariah died from complications related to childbirth since her death in Trumbull County was only eight days after the birth of John V.<sup>4</sup> After the death of Mariah, Phineas went from Ohio to Chenango Co., NY to marry Mairah, a sister of his first wife who was recently widowed. They had one child who died at a young age. In 1842, Phineas bought land in the northeast corner of section 14 of Bath Township, Allen Co., OH (across the road from Samuel and Elsie Bassitt) from John and Fanny (Doud) Lewis, brother-in-law and sister of Betsy (Doud) Edgecomb who was the wife of Phineas' uncle Uriah. In the deed, both parties are listed as "of Warren, Trumbull Co., Ohio". In 1843 Phineas moved to his land in Allen County.

Phineas' third marriage was to Tabitha J. Shafer (15 Jan 1826 - 30 Aug 1894) of Auglaize Co., OH on 1 Mar 1846, and they had eleven children (all born in Allen County, Ohio)<sup>5</sup>:

**Mariah Edna (Rise)** 28 Nov 1846 - 12 Jan 1929, m. Sep 1865 Thomas C. Rise.

**Nancy S. (Boop)** b. 28 Mar 1848, m. Sep 1866 Martin Boop.

**Benton.** 7 May 1850 - 6 Mar 1855.

**Franklin Pierce.** 17 Feb 1852 - 1949, m. 31 Oct 1880 Agnes J. Fensler 24 Sep 1859 - 16 Dec 1924.

**Elizabeth M. (Patterson) (Clark)** 26 May 1854 - 10 Oct 1926. m.(1) Moses W. Patterson and (2) UNKNOWN Clark.

**Edward.** 12 Apr 1856 - 10 Jun 1858

**Margaret C.** 17 Jul 1858 - 23 Sep 1859.

**Ida Ann (Hahn)** b. 3 Jun 1862, m. 13 Sep 1893 Henry W. Hahn.

**Edith Jane (Boop)** b. 12 Jun 1864, m. 22 Oct 1883 Samuel A. Boop.

**George S.** 3 Oct 1869 - Apr 1906, m. 30 Jan 1898 Lulu V. Gray.

**Jesse G.** b. 17 Aug 1872 (when Phineas was 76 years old!), d. 11 Nov 1921, m.(1) 13 Jun 1899 Sarah R. Gray but she died on 9 Oct of the same year. m.(2) 11 Dec 1901 Margaret E. Hahn.

The relationship between Phineas and his oldest son, Luther, is hard to understand. In 1850, Luther (aged 16) was not living at home. In 1860, he was living in New Marlborough, Berkshire Co., MA - perhaps with friends or relatives of his mother? In

contrast, his brother John was living at home with his father during that whole time period. In 1870, Luther was living in Bath Twp., Allen Co., OH with his son Charles in the household of Elias Everett. He is listed as a "lecturer" (perhaps a school teacher?). This location was only about a mile down the road from where his father lived. But by 1880, his family seems to have lost contact with him and said simply that he lived "somewhere in the west".<sup>3</sup>

Phineas was a charter member of the Lima Masonic Lodge and was well-known for his orchards. "The cultivation and improvement of fruit has been his pride and delight, and he has one of the finest orchards in the county, and his fruit cannot be exceeded. A farmer who has been awarded the first premium on apples for a number of years finally revealed the fact that the fruit came from Mr. Edgecomb's orchard."<sup>6</sup>

Frank P. Edgecomb recalled in an interesting interview (recorded in 1944 when he was 92 years old) that "when we were boys, Philo Bassett [son of Sarah Edgecomb Bassett] and I had never made rails but we wanted to try. [Split rails were used by pioneers for fences.] We made 4000 for my father [Phineas], 5000 for Lew Bassett (Philo's father) and 17 000 for Almon Hadsell. By that time we felt as if we knew how to make rails!"<sup>7</sup> This story gives just one indication of the amount of hard manual labor that was involved in farming at that time, as well as the large number of trees that were being cut as the virgin forest was destroyed. In addition to farming, Phineas Edgecomb was also a carpenter. He died on 14 Mar 1881.<sup>8</sup>

## Descendants of Phineas S. Edgecomb

P. **Phineas S. Edgecomb**,<sup>9,10,11</sup> b. 5 Sep 1795 in Canton, Hartford Co., Connecticut. He married (1) 20 Sep 1832 in Trumbull Co., OH, Mariah Brooks.<sup>3</sup> Mariah and Phineas had a third child (name unknown) that died in youth. He married (2) in Chenango Co., NY, Mairah Brooks UNKNOWN.<sup>3</sup> Mairah was the widowed sister of Mariah Brooks, Phineas' first wife. They had one child that died at a young age. He married (3) 1 Mar 1846, Tabitha J Shafer Edgecomb,<sup>1,2,3</sup> b. 15 Jan 1826 in Champaign Co., OH, d. 30 Aug 1894. Phineas died 16 Mar 1881.

PA. **Luther B. Edgecomb**,<sup>3,12,13,14,15,16</sup> (son of Phineas S. Edgecomb and Mariah Brooks Edgecomb) b. Nov 1833 in Ohio. It is not know who was his first wife. In 1870, Luther was living with his son Charles in Bath Twp., Allen Co., OH,<sup>6</sup> but after that he and Charles did not see each other for 35 years.<sup>5</sup> In about 1873, he married (2) Anna E. Boop Edgecomb,<sup>5</sup> b. c.1849 in OH. They then lived in Morris Valley, KS, in 1880.<sup>5</sup> By 1900, Luther was living by himself in Taney Co., MO.<sup>8</sup> In Sep 1905, he unexpectedly visited his son Charles in Traverse City, MI. Eventually, Luther moved there, where he eventually died in 1923.

PAA. **Charles Alfred Edgecomb**,<sup>4,17,6</sup> (son of Luther B. Edgecomb and UNKNOWN Edgecomb) b. c.1863 in OH. He married Callia J Hammond Edgecomb, b. 1863 in PA. Charles died before 1930.

PAB. **Maggie M. Edgecomb**,<sup>4,5</sup> (daughter of Luther B. Edgecomb and UNKNOWN Edgecomb) b. c.1872 in OH.

PAC. **George O. P. Edgecomb**,<sup>4,5</sup> (son of Luther B. Edgecomb and Anna E. Boop Edgecomb) b. c.1883.

PB. **John W. Edgecomb**,<sup>18</sup> (son of Phineas S. Edgecomb and Mariah Brooks Edgecomb) b. 9 Mar 1837. He married Harriet Ellen Holler Edgecomb.<sup>11</sup>

PBA. **Martha Anettie Edgecomb Graybill**,<sup>11</sup> b. 16 Sep 1870 in Cornelia, Johnson Co., MO. She married John William Graybill,<sup>11</sup> b. 21 May 1860 in Troutville, Botetourt Co., VA, d. 6 Jul 1937 in E. Wenatchee, Douglas Co., WA. Martha died 7 Dec 1936 in E. Wenatchee, Douglas Co., WA. Lived in Troutville, VA, North Dakota, Nampa, ID, and Wenatchee WA. John: Was a farmer and member of the Church of the Brethren.

PC. **Mariah E. Edgecomb Rise**,<sup>1</sup> (daughter of Phineas S. Edgecomb and Tabitha J Shafer Edgecomb) b. 28 Nov 1846. She married 1865, Thomas Rise.<sup>1</sup> Mariah died 12 Jan 1949.

PD. **Nancy S. Edgecomb Boop**,<sup>1</sup> (daughter of Phineas S. Edgecomb and Tabitha J Shafer Edgecomb) b. 28 Mar 1848. She married 1866, Martin Boop.<sup>1</sup>

PE. **Benton Edgecomb**,<sup>1</sup> (son of Phineas S. Edgecomb and Tabitha J Shafer Edgecomb) b. 7 May 1850, d. 6 Mar 1855.

PF. **Franklin Pierce Edgecomb**,<sup>1,19,2</sup> (son of Phineas S. Edgecomb and Tabitha J Shafer Edgecomb) b. 17 Feb 1852 in Allen Co., OH. He married 31 Oct 1880 in Allen Co., OH, Agnes Jane Fenster Edgecomb.<sup>12</sup> "My daughter Mrs. Clarence Miller, 3607 Riviera Drive, Toledo, OH ..."

"My daughter Mrs. Boop, lives at 519 West Spring Street, Lima."

PFA. **Effie Edgecomb Book**.<sup>2</sup>

PFB. **G A Edgecomb**. Name not legible on 1910 census record.

- PFC. **Inez Novella Edgecomb Howell**,<sup>20,21</sup> b. 17 Nov 1892 in Allen Co., OH. She married 17 Apr 1919, Sim H. Howell,<sup>13</sup> b. 22 Jul 1892 in Auglaize Co., OH, d. 3 Oct 1969 in Logan Co., OH. Inez died 3 Jun 1968 in Logan Co., OH.
- PFD. **Stella A Edgecomb**,<sup>14</sup> b. c. 1895.
- PFE. **William Earl Edgecomb**,<sup>12,14</sup> b. 25 May 1897. He married Ilo Smith Edgecomb.<sup>12</sup> William died 30 Sep 1960.
- PG. **Elizabeth M. Edgecomb Patterson**,<sup>1</sup> (daughter of Phineas S. Edgecomb and Tabitha J Shafer Edgecomb) b. 26 May 1854. She married Moses W. Patterson,<sup>1</sup> b. 18 Jun 1856, d. 2 Jun 1898. Elizabeth died 10 Oct 1926.
- PGA. **George Creston Patterson**,<sup>1</sup> b. 16 Mar 1881, d. 27 Mar 1901.
- PGB. **Irma (Ema) Patterson**,<sup>1</sup> b. 28 Mar 1883, d. 4 Dec 1887.
- PGC. **Ida Catheryn Patterson Schenk**,<sup>1</sup> b. 21 Mar 1887. She married Frank W. Schenk,<sup>1</sup> b. 30 Oct 1885, d. 4 Feb 1974. Ida died Oct 1955.
- PH. **Edward Edgecomb**,<sup>1</sup> (son of Phineas S. Edgecomb and Tabitha J Shafer Edgecomb) b. 12 Apr 1856, d. 10 Jun 1858.
- PI. **Margaret C. Edgecomb**,<sup>1</sup> (daughter of Phineas S. Edgecomb and Tabitha J Shafer Edgecomb) b. 17 Jul 1858, d. 23 Sep 1859.
- PJ. **Ida Ann Edgecomb Hahn**,<sup>1</sup> (daughter of Phineas S. Edgecomb and Tabitha J Shafer Edgecomb) b. 3 Jun 1862. She married 13 Sep 1893, Henry W. Hahn.<sup>1</sup>
- PK. **Eda Jane Edgecomb Boop**,<sup>1</sup> (daughter of Phineas S. Edgecomb and Tabitha J Shafer Edgecomb) b. 12 Jun 1864. She married 22 Oct 1883, Samuel A. Boop.<sup>1</sup> Was called Edith on 1880 census.
- PL. **George S. Edgecomb**,<sup>1</sup> (son of Phineas S. Edgecomb and Tabitha J Shafer Edgecomb) b. 31 Oct 1869. He married 30 Jan 1898, Lulu W. Gray Edgecomb.<sup>1</sup> George died Apr 1906.
- PM. **Jesse G. Edgecomb**,<sup>1</sup> (son of Phineas S. Edgecomb and Tabitha J Shafer Edgecomb) b. 17 Aug 1872. He married (1) 13 Jul 1899, Sarah Gray Edgecomb, d. 9 Oct 1899. He married (2) 11 Dec 1901, Margaret Hahn Edgecomb.<sup>1</sup> Jesse died 11 Nov 1921.

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<sup>1</sup> Barbour Collection, Connecticut Vital Records, New Hartford:14

<sup>2</sup> Frank P Edgecomb's Reminiscences, 1944 Oct 29, recorded at Allen Co, OH Museum. This date agrees with that calculated from his tombstone.

<sup>3</sup> *Allen County Democrat*, 9 Sep 1880. Quoted in <http://boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.edgecomb/64.1/mb.ashx>

<sup>4</sup> Communication from Maurice A. Click, Olympia, Washington, 1991 July 9

<sup>5</sup> Family Bible of Phineas Edgecomb, found among family Bible records at the Allen County Museum, Lima, Ohio

<sup>6</sup> *Allen County Democrat*.

<sup>7</sup> "Frank P. Edgecomb's Reminiscences", from Allen County Museum files

<sup>8</sup> Tombstone inscription, Sproat Cemetery, Wolfe Rd., Bath Twp., Allen Co., OH. "Phineas S Edgecomb died Mar 14, 1881 aged 85 y 6 m 9 d".

<sup>9</sup> Paula Lantz, *BES family update 105* (1978).

<sup>10</sup> Frank P. Edgecomb, *Frank P. Edgecomb's Reminiscences recorded in Allen Co., OH museum library* (29 Oct 1944).

<sup>11</sup> Unknown, *Allen County Democrat* (9 Sep 1880).

<sup>12</sup> Alan J. C. Taylor, *Information compiled on Luther B. Edgcombe (1832-1923)* ((Unpublished) 2007).

<sup>13</sup> *U.S. Census 1880 for Morris Co., Kansas, p.451* (1880).

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- <sup>14</sup> *U.S. Census for 1870, Bath Twp., Allen Co., OH, p.323* (1870).
- <sup>15</sup> *U.S. Census for 1860, New Marlborough, Berkshire Co., MA, p.566* (1860).
- <sup>16</sup> *U.S. Census for 1900, Swan Twp., Taney Co., MO, p.13b* (1900).
- <sup>17</sup> Alan J. C. Taylor, *Information compiled on Charles Alfred Edgcombe* ((Unpublished) 2007).
- <sup>18</sup> Maurice Click, *Family group sheets* (c. 1978).
- <sup>19</sup> pshellabarger, *Posting to Rootsweb site of Judy Voran* (2003).
- <sup>20</sup> Estella Howell Fishbaugh, *BES family update 135* (1979).
- <sup>21</sup> *1910 Census York Twp., Van Wert Co., OH* (1910).