

DR. THOMAS NELSON FAMILY BRANCH
continued in the
EIGHTH GENERATION of the NELSON FAMILY.

131. ANGILINA (8) HOLBROOK (Angelina(7), Thomas(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4),
(Thomas (3), William (2) William (1).

Date and place of birth not determined. She married Lauris Blake of Orange, N.J. They lived for many years in a large house set on a hill with extensive grounds, located at the intersection of Tremont Avenue and Center Street, Orange, N.J., a neighborhood of wealth at that time (prior to and after 1900). No other data obtained except that they had one child, a daughter, namely:

133. Annie (9) Holbrook Date of birth not determined.

132. ANNIE (8) HOLBROOK (Angelina(7), Thomas(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3),
(William (2), William (1).

Date and place of birth not determined but she is said to have married Lester Ely and it is said they had children.

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NINTH GENERATION OF THE NELSON FAMILY

- 133 ANNIE(9)BLAKE (Angelina(8) Holbrook, Angelina(7), Thomas(6), Thomas(5)
(Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1).

Date of birth not determined but it is believed she was born in Orange, New Jersey. She married William Reide Howe of Orange, N.J., a successful and prominent lawyer. They lived in a large home with spacious woodland grounds in West Orange, N.J., located on top of Orange Mountain adjacent to Crystal Lake. From their home there was visible, on a clear day, New York City, Staten Island and a beautiful panorama of New Jersey. No further data obtained except that they are said to have had children.

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154. STEPHEN (6) SMITH NELSON (Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2),
(William 1).

Born Oct. 5, 1772 in that part of Middleboro, now Lakeville. In the History of Plymouth County, Page 985 it is said: "He made a profession of religion at the age of 14 years and was baptized by Rev. William Nelson". This was certainly a true saying as to his profession as evidenced by his entire life.

He graduated in 1794 with Valedictory honors and the degree of A.B. from Brown University, Providence, R.I. Subsequently he received, also, the degree of A.M. Theological Schools had not yet come into active being so he studied for the ministry under direction of Rev. Dr. Stillman of Boston, a distinguished Baptist clergyman. He was licensed to preach in 1796 and ordained as a pastor in 1798 in Hartford, Conn.

Stephen is said to have been the first liberally educated Baptist minister in New England. In addition he became a school teacher, the head of a most successful boys' academy and from 1819 to 1831 he served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Brown University, Providence, R.I. Throughout his years in the ministry his foremost thought and effort seem to have been to lend his help and services to new and to struggling churches. His success was phenomenal.

In 1893 Reuben A. Guild, L.L.D., then librarian of Brown University, said, in a letter, of Stephen S. Nelson: "He was a prominent Baptist and very successful as a preacher and as an educator." Two publications give good accounts of him and his work, namely (1) Cathcart's Baptist Encyclopedia, published in Philadelphia in 1883 and (2) Sprague's Annals of American Pulpits.

After graduating from Brown University and either during or after studying with Rev. Dr. Stillman he lived in his father's home in Middleboro (Lakeville) until he took charge of a church in 1798 at Hartford, Conn. This period of his life was marked with unusual activity for in addition to teaching school at intervals he travelled constantly on horseback preaching the Gospel at numerous churches and meetings. His travels took him to Boston and Providence at various times with frequent visits to neighboring towns such as Taunton, New Bedford, Rochester, Wareham, Marshfield, Needham, Warren, Plymouth and various other places.

In April of 1796 he started from home on an extended trip on horseback which took him through Providence, R.I., Hartford, Conn., New York, N.Y., and finally to Philadelphia, Pa., where he remained for a short time preaching and visiting. In August of 1796 he was home again in Middleboro.

Stephen S. Nelson kept a diary of a few lines each day, beginning Friday, Oct. 2nd, 1795 with a typical brief statement: "Begin my diary." This diary continues almost day by day, except for one break from June 15th to Aug. 28, 1796, the period he probably was making his return trip from Philadelphia to Middleboro, and then continues through Jan. 13, 1797. This diary closely written in longhand, with pen and ink, on both sides of coarse paper sheets 7x6 inches, covers over one hundred and sixty pages. It is a remarkable

document in many ways for it is an intimate picture of the man himself during the period he was starting his life work; a commentary on his immediate family, other relatives and friends, and the life they led; a real word picture and history of the period covered such as one cannot find in any published history, with respect to the area he covered as a teacher and horseback travelling Baptist missionary preacher, and finally a remarkable document in itself as to neatness, preservation and completeness for the many pages held together at the binding by a cord apparently went everywhere with Stephen S. which must have meant many a mile in saddlebags and through all kinds of weather-but always faithfully and neatly kept.

This diary is remarkably well preserved even in 1956 thanks to the care of Harold Hayden(9)Nelson, a great grandson, who inherited it from his father and who for many years was out of touch with all members of the Nelson family which gave rise to the belief that the diary had been lost since 1896 when it was last referred to by Dr. Abiel Ward Nelson in his history of the family. Harold Hayden-Nelson, upon learning of the writing of this history, turned over to the writer this diary for preservation with the other family documents which have been accumulated and for which plans are being made to insure their future preservation as a family memorial. The length of the diary prohibits its being included as part of this history for it is a booklet in its own right.

Mary Luella(9)Nelson, in one of her memoes says:"The old Bell school house (Middleboro Lakeville) was a familiar landmark and widely known. It was built in 1796 as a meeting house for the Baptists. One of my ancestors, Rev. Stephen Nelson, served the people as Pastor on the Sabbath and School Master on weekdays." In his diary Stephen Nelson refers to his various engagements to teach the local school. No small job for a young man for in one instance he refers to 30 children but in another to 60. He mentions his pay as "\$15 per month and five dollars for boarding myself."

His comments, as to his pay for holding services in the various churches, are perfunctary but illuminating for on May 8th he records:"Dined at Mr. Strong's and P.M. preached at his meeting house, saw him sprinkle 3 persons and after service received his hearty thanks for my sermon." When assisting in a service there appears to have been no pay. On April 17th,1796, however, he records:"I preached all day" and on the 18th"Received of Deacon Jackson 3 0 dollars and 1 of the Elder towards supplying the pulpit"-with another entry on April 19th:"Received 4 dollars more of Elder Chaplin." But on another occasion he fared not so well as indicated by this laconic entry:"Oct.9.96. I preached at our new meeting house. Elder Nelson made the first prayer. P.M. had no contribution." And on another day"Sunday Nov.6th-I preached to a crowded auditory. Thanks of the Society for my services." It is small wonder that he had to keep moving but in so doing he apparently developed himself and an unusual reputation which lead to a successful career.

Stephen S. Nelson, despite the somber picture presented by some historians, was really human as a young man for which his diary vouches in many entries. He did his share of family work, and enjoyed their pleasures and that of his friends. He was a thrifty and good business man, knowing well the value of money.

A typical entry reads: "Sabath Jan'y 24, 96. Warm and pleasant. Heard Mr. Turner A.M. and preached P.M. Took supper at Mrs. Turner's, spent part of the evening at Mrs. Elizabeth Strobridges, part at Uncle Smiths, part at home and the rest part at Thos. with his Waltham friends." Rather a full evening but not unusual for he visited with family and friends everywhere he went.

On May 17, '96 he arrives on horseback in New York and on May 20th there is the following entry. "Went to Post Office, found no letters, saw my horse, gave leave to trim him. Went to barber 9d. Viewed the House through Dr. Foster's microscope, went to see the elephant 3/or $\frac{1}{2}$ dollars per sight."

Even New Yorkers could not take advantage of the country man for Saturday May 21, 96 there is an entry: "Packed up. Dr. Foster and I went after my horse. The creature charged 6/ York money (\$1.00) for trimming my horse but I gave him only $\frac{1}{2}$ dollar.."

On Sabbath Oct. 23, 96 is a terse entry: "I offended my mother by having my hair done up". On the 26th he went squirrel hunting with various relatives followed by a family gathering. Nevertheless his religious zeal is ever present even unto his father for on Dec. 13th, 96 there is an entry: "Talked to Father about his conduct, he made confessions for all but Abiel and we made up so far." Having done his duty he continues "We went off shooting geese at Shams and won two or three. I stayed all day, breakfasted at Fishers, dined at Mr. Williams and drank tea with Mrs. Patie. Heard the scholars recite. I read, prayed and all retired." Thus was spent an ordinary day but opening and closing with religious activity.

Stephen A. Nelson served for several years as "stated supply" for a church in Hartford, Conn. but in 1798 with his ordination as pastor he left his home in Middlebury to take up his residence in the city of his pastorate. Hartford proved to mark another milestone in his life for his work led to his meeting Miss Emelia Robins of Marshfield, Conn. who was destined as his future wife.

In July 1798 he formally advised the lady of his choice as to his intentions as evidenced by the original longhand letter now possessed by the writer, which is quoted as an interesting picture of this young man:

"My Dearest Emillia,

The subject of these lines will, perhaps, surprise, but I hope not offend you. The first time I had the pleasure of being in your company I was pleased; I felt a peculiar emotion of mind til then unfelt before. Ever since I have found a prevailing inclination to become acquainted with you; which acquaintance. tho short, has obliged me to give you the preference to every Lady I ever saw before. Your person, piety, manners, character, and connections, unite to fix my attachment. I therefore feel myself obliged to inform you of my situation; being persuaded that your candor and good sense, will excuse, if you should not favor me. Permit me under these circumstances to call on you, not barely as visits of friendship, but affection.-

I fear your answer; yet shall anxiously wait for it; for a mind in suspense is truly painful.

I know your tender sympathetic heart must feel for one thus captivated by your winning charms and whose tenderest feelings ever vibrate in the most perfect unison with yours.

"May a gracious God direct you to that conduct in this important matter which shall issue in your happiness and his glory.--I am Dear Maddam, with every sentiment of the most tender affection, yours sincerely
Stephen S. Nelson.

P.S. Every necessary information respecting me can be easily obtained. "

The "Information" must have proven satisfactory and a prompt reply received for three months later they were married as evidenced by the Pastor's certification held by the writer reading as follows:

"The Rev'd Stephen S. Nelson was
married to Miss Emilia Robbins
according to the Law of God and this State
on the 15th of Oct. A. D. 1798 by me ----
Nathan Strong V D M."

Emilia Robins was the third daughter of Deacon Ephraim Robins of Hartford.

Stephen Nelson did not remain long in Hartford for in 1801 he removed to Mount Pleasant-SingSing, N.Y. (Ossining N.Y. in 1853). There he lived for thirteen years, serving as Pastor of the Baptist Church and as Principal of Mount Pleasant Academy.

He moved in 1815 to Attleboro, Mass. where he was Pastor of the Baptist Church until he went to Plymouth, Mass. where he served 1820-23, followed by a short service in Canton, Ct.

While the historical sketch of Stephen Nelson given in Sprague's Annals of the American Pulpit is far too long to quote in full, a few excerpts are given for Stephen Nelson was undoubtedly a man of unusual character and ability and humility. It says that "there is no doubt that his accurate scholarship, courteous manner and consistent piety, served greatly to aid in the establishment and increase of the Baptist church, especially in this city (Hartford). He was actively engaged in the remarkable revival of religion that occurred about the close of the last century--"

His love for civil and religious liberty was truly manifested in the fight with the Connecticut State Legislature, described as follows: "Mr. Nelson as well as several other prominent Baptist clergymen of that day, was not only the firm friend but open advocate of civil and religious liberty, as the inalienable birthright of the human soul; and during his residence in Hartford took an active part in preparing and urging upon the public attention "The Baptist Petition"- a Remonstrance addressed to the Connecticut Legislature, complaining of the civil disabilities which "Dissenters" from the "Standing Order" were compelled to suffer, and urging upon them the great Doctrine of absolute "Soul liberty",- in other words, the entire freedom of conscience, worship, and action, in the domain of religion, which petition, constantly pressed by the Baptists, and other lovers of liberty, who united with them, at last severed in Connecticut, the union of Church and State, by securing that Constitution of Civil Government, which in 1818, gave to all equal civil and religious rights."

He showed remarkable ability in building up new and restoring old parishes. While in Hartford he not only built up his own church but his activities spread to neighboring towns such as Middletown and Upper Middletown, subsequently Cromwell, where the First Baptist Church was established through his efforts. Again in Attleborough a revival took place and it is reported upwards of one hundred and fifty persons were brought into the church.

In March 1825 he retired to Amherst, Mass. "to educate his children" but he continued to supply various pulpits for fifteen years. His ruling passion as to do some good while life lasted so that he might never be a burden to anyone. And so he died after only a few days illness on December 3, 1853 in the eighty-second year of his life. A notice of his death read in part: "He enjoyed, in a high degree, the respect and confidence of all denominations of Christians in the Communities in which he lived; and he died with a firm and serene trust in the Savior he had so long and faithfully served."

His wife, Emilia, survived him. She died March 4, 1859 in Amherst, where both she and her husband are buried.

The longhand copies of the ministers' sermons preached at the funeral of each are today (1955) preserved with Stephen Nelson's letter of his intentions addressed to Emilia, and the minister's marriage certificate; four human documents covering the life span of a sacred and happy family life. Two beautiful portraits of Stephen and his wife, painted in 1839, by Frederick R. Spencer, artist of note. are in the possession of the writer. One needs only to look once at these pictures to understand the character and personality of the husband and wife.

The children by this marriage were:

135.	Stephen(7)Robins	Born Hartford Feb. 10, 1801
136.	John Gill(7)	" Mt. Pleasant, N.Y. Nov. 30, 1802
137.	Emilia Dianthe(7)	" " " " " Dec. 25, 1805
138.	William Francis (7)	" " " " " March 29, 1808
139.	Ephraim Robins(7)	" " " " " Aug. 31, 1813
140.	Ann Abigail(7)	" " " " " "
141.	Julia Clarissa(7)	" Attleboro, Mass. Sept. 13, 1815
142.	Sarah Welby (7)	" " " " " Nov. 17, 1817
143.	Caroline Elizabeth (7)	" Plymouth, " " Aug. 25, 1821

In closing the story of Stephen S. Nelson and as a final tribute to his memory let us ponder over the words of the Rev. Robert Turnbull, D.D. written July 22, 1856 and reproduced in Sprague's Annals of the American Pulpit to wit: "Mr. Nelson was about five feet six inches in height, erect in his gait, neat in his appearance, prompt in his movements, and remarkably urbane in his manners. When I knew him, his hair was silver gray, his eye bright and penetrating and his movements as vivacious nearly as those of a young man. Brief, pointed, earnest, evangelical, his preaching was eminently fitted to do good. His voice was clear and ringing, his manner impressive and dignified as became an Ambassador of Christ. His life was simple, serene and, especially in later years, heavenly. He seemed, said a dear friend and relative, to move among men in the quietness of his own reflections, above and aside from the cares and conflicts of outward life, at peace with God, at peace with men!"

REV. STEPHEN S. NELSON FAMILY BRANCH
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SEVENTH GENERATION of the NELSON FAMILY

135. STEPHEN ROBINS(7)NELSON (Stephen Smith (6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4),
 (Thomas(3),William(2), William(1)

Born Feb.10,1801 in Hartford, Conn. He was married June 3,1834 to Elizabeth W. Crocker, daughter of Capt. Freeman Crocker.

He was a farmer in Hartford, Conn. In May 1839 he apparently had purchased the Samuel Beckwith (deceased) homestead and about 30 acres of pasture land on the "Neck" known as the Beckwith farm. To clear the Beckwith estate, which also seems to have included interests of his wife's family, the Crockers, involved some complicated financing which required cash.

Apparently his brother, John G. Nelson, a successful New York City merchant came to his aid. Stephen Robins gave his brother, John G., a detailed estimate of the value of the farm and payments to be made, a total of \$3250, a considerable sum in those days. He then sold the farm under a quit claim to his brother May 23,1839. Then sold the farm animals, equipment, etc. listed in detail in another agreement for \$382.00, and finally in a fourth paper Stephen Robins and John G. entered into an agreement for the former to operate the farm. Great detail was entered into as to the terms to be met and lived up to by both. It would appear that John G. was willing to help his brother but being an astute business man took nothing for granted. These documents are held by W. Ripley(9) Nelson in a collection of family papers but there is no record of final disposition.

Stephen Robins died in Hartford during the 1850s. His wife survived, living until Jan.1,1879. There is no other data as to this family except that the children were:

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| 144. Elizabeth (8) | Date of birth not known. |
| 145. Anna (8) | " " " " " |

136. JOHN GILL(7)NELSON (Stephen S.(6),Thomas(5),Thomas(4),Thomas(3),
 (William(2), William(1).

Born Nov. 30,1802 at Mount Pleasant, SingSing (now Ossining) N.Y. He married April 29,1834 Eunice Ripley, daughter of Major John Ripley and Susanna Greenleaf Ripley of New York City. John Ripley was a direct descendent of William Ripley (new spelled Replye) who in 1638 came from Wymond Ham, County Norfolk, England and settled in Hingham, Mass. In the Ripley family book by H.W.Ripley on page 28 there is recorded #37 John m. Susan Brigham, N.Y. This is in error for John Ripley eloped with and married Susanna Greenleaf, daughter of David Greenleaf (see Greenleaf Genealogy pages 288 and 289) descended directly from Edmund Greenleaf who came to America and settled in Newberry, Mass. in 1635. She was descended also directly from Tristram Coffin, the leader of the nine original purchasers of Nantucket Island, for Edmund Greenleaf's son, Stephen, married Elizabeth Coffin, daughter of Tristram. While Stephen and his wife never visited Nantucket he was one of the nine original purchasers, kept the accounts and was one of the original lot holders as shown on early maps.

Eunice Ripley's mother and father died in N.Y.City from typhus in 1812 when she was about one year old, and are buried in St. Paul's Churchyard, N.Y.City. Eunice was married from her sister's home - Mrs. Frederick A. Tracy (Eliza Ripley) of Hartford, Conn.

John Gill Nelson established himself in business in New York City and was active and successful for fifty years. The firm of which he was a member held a leading position as importers of silks and other drygoods. He was identified with many of the benevolent movements of the day and was prominent in religious circles. He served, while living in New York City as Elder of the Mercer St. Presbyterian Church.

Some time after his marriage he moved to East Orange, New Jersey (Brick Church section) where he and his family occupied a large house at 191 Main Street.

The influence of his father and mother (Rev. Stephen and Emilia Nelson) on his life and his theretofore unrealized and unknown deep-seated religious feeling is finally acknowledged in a ten page letter dated Jan.23,1832 from John G. to his father and mother and sister, Julia. It was obtained later by his wife, Eunice, for his children and is still preserved in an envelope bearing her handwriting reading:

"Your father's letter telling his parents and sister his religious experience. Treasure it up, my dear children. He was the best of sons, brother and friend. As husband and father he had no equal. Oh may you follow his example for none ever had better. Live near to your Savior."

Evidence of the close family life is found in letters from his children to him at all ages and in his and his wife's letter, many of which are preserved in the collection of family papers.

John Gill Nelson died Nov.7,1874. Newspaper comments upon his death included: "His life was pure and his character above reproach. For the last five years, owing to failing health, he has lived in comparative retirement. And for some months before his death he was unable to leave his room. During these months of waiting he was resigned and cheerful and his end was perfect peace."

Eunice Ripley died in N.Y.City Sept.8,1881. They are both buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Children were:

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| 146. John Ripley (3) | Born June 25,1835 |
| 147. Eliza Tracy (8) | " Oct.5,1836 |
| 148. Susan Emilia (8) | " June 20,1838 |
| 149. Frederick Tracy (8) | " June 19,1840 |
| 150. John Francis (8) | " Feb.9,1844 |
| 151. Caroline Eunice (8) | " Sept.15,1845 |
| 152. Stephen Robins (8) | " Aug.6,1847 |
| 153. Stuart Greenleaf (8) | " July 13,1853 |
| 154. William Shaw(8) | " Nov.25,1855 |

137. EMILIA DIANTHE NELSON (7) (Stephen(6), Whomas(5), Thomas(4),Thomas(3)
(William (2),William(1)

Born Dec.25,1805 at Mount Pleasant, New York. She married Dec.30,1846 Seth Fish, M.D. of North Amherst, Mass. Upon his death, prior to his wife's a local paper reported:"Dr. Seth Fish, the oldest medical practitioner in Hampshire Co.,Mass. died suddenly of apoplexy at North Amherst on Friday evening, aged sixty-six years. About nine o'clock he returned from making

professional visits, rang his door-bell twice, but before the door could be opened fell on the steps and breathed but twice after he was carried into the house."

It appears that her father, Rev. Stephen S. Nelson, then handled her affairs and her husband's estate and that probably she and her unmarried sister, Julia Clarissa, may have lived together from then on at Amherst, Mass.

Emilia (known as Emily) Diantha (Nelson)Fish died suddenly June 22,1874. There is no record of any children by this marriage.

138.

WILLIAM FRANCIS (7)NELSON (Stephen S.(6),Thomas(5),Thomas(4),
(Thomas(3),William(2), William(1).

Born March 29,1808 at Mount Pleasant, N.Y.

He attended, and probably graduated from, Brown University, Providence, R.I.

After pursuing a course of theology at the Newton Theological Institute he became a Professor at Richmond College, Va. Ultimately he was ordained a Baptist minister and left Richmond to become Pastor of a church in Wickford, R.I.

He was married Aug.4,1835 to Susanna Hayden of Eastport, Maine.

In 1854 he was residing in Greenfield, Mass. at which time he engaged in Genealogical research in addition to his pastoral duties. All of his records, except one letter from the Nelson family of Rowley, Mass.-now in the writer's possession-have long since disappeared.

Based upon another letter in the hands of the writer, addressed to his sister-in-law Eunice (Mrs. John G. Nelson) William Francis was living in Washington, D.C. with his wife and his daughter, Emma in Nov. 1874.

William Francis died March 11,1875. The date of death of his wife has not been determined but both areburied in Rock Creek Cemetery, Georgetown, Va. where their daughter, Emma, is also buried.

Children of this marriage were:

- 155. Aaron Hayden (8)
- 156. Emma Green (8)

- Born August 4,1838
- " Jan. 1, 1840

139.

EPHRAIM ROBINS (7)NELSON (Stephen S.(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4),
(Thomas(3), William(2), William (1).

Born April 21,1810 at Mount Pleasant, N.Y. Believed to have graduated from Amherst College. He was said to have had the ministry in view and was contemplating the work of a foreign missionary but he died August 31,1831 in Washington, D.C. shortly after graduating from college and while filling the office of Tutor in the Columbian College, Washington, D.C.

140. ANN ABIGAIL(7)NELSON (Stephen S. (6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4) Thomas(3)
William (2), William (1)

Born July 5, 1812 at Mount Pleasant, N.Y. Married Sept. 24, 1839
Frederick A. Fiske of Fall River, Mass. Ann Abigail died May 7, 1848
at Wrentham, Mass.

They had one son, Frederick.

141. JULIA CLARISSA(7)NELSON (Stephen S. (6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4)
Thomas(3), William(2), William(1)

Born Sept. 13, 1815 at Attleborough, Mass. She never married. Her
death occurred at Amherst, Mass. March 4, 1872. Her gravestone bears the
following quotation from the Bible: "Blessed are the pure in heart for
they shall see God." This selection was made, it appears, by her sister,
Emily Diantha who in a brief note said: "I could think of no passage in
the whole Bible more appropriate."

Judging from letters which passed between Julia Clarissa and her
brother, John G. (2) Nelson and his wife, Eunice Ripley, a remarkable
feeling of family love and interest was ever present. But Julia Clarissa
was by no means without humor for in a letter written in 1851 to brother
John she writes of a lecture she heard on tobacco-the terrible penalties
for habitual use-"sudden death" to which she added: "It is not my intention
to write a treatise upon this subject, nor yet to get up an anti-tobacco
Society, nor even a Peace Society but I do sincerely hope that no dear
friend of mine will fall a victim to its baneful influence (a word to the
wise)".

Again we find evidence that Julia Clarissa also enjoyed the good things
of life for in a note describing the contents of a Christmas box sent
Dec. 1871, Eunice Ripley Nelson cautions "take the things out carefully for
I shall park a bottle between them."

All letters, memos, etc. sum up to one fact, that she was a remarkable
character, beloved by her family and always interested in their well being.

142. SARAH WELBY(7)NELSON (Stephen S. (6), Thomas (5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3),
William(2), William(1).

Born Nov. 17, 1817 at Attleboro, Mass. She died March 5, 1821 at
Plymouth, Mass during the period her father was the minister at the
Baptist Meeting House.

143. CAROLINE ELIZABETH(7)NELSON (Stephen(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3),
William(2), William(1).

Born Aug. 25, 1821 at Plymouth, Mass. Died Jan. 19, 1839 at Amherst, Mass.

No other data available.

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EIGHTH GENERATION OF THE NELSON FAMILY.

144. Elizabeth(8) NELSON (Stephen Robins(7), Stephen S.(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4)
(Thomas(3), William(2), William(1)).

Born in Hartford, Conn. Date not known. Married to Caleb Holbrook, an artist, of Hartford, Conn. She died July 7, 1873. Holbrook married Anna Nelson (sister of Elizabeth) for his second wife.

Elizabeth and Caleb Holbrook had three children:- Grace, Anna and one son but no further data found.

145. ANNA (8) NELSON (Stephen Robins(7), Stephen S.(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4),
(Thomas(3), William(2), William(1)).

Born in Hartford, Conn. Date not known. Married Caleb Holbrook as his second wife, her sister, Elizabeth, having been his first wife. No other data available.

146. JOHN RIPLEY (8) NELSON (John Gill(7), Stephen(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4),
(Thomas(3), William(2), William(1)).

Born June 25, 1835. Died Oct. 1, 1835, aged 13 weeks at Norwich, Conn. Was buried in family vault of Fredk. A. Tracy (husband of Eliza Ripley, sister of Eunice, Marble Cemetery, 22nd St. N.Y.C. but removed May 22, 1851 to family vault of J.G. Nelson, Greenwood Cemetery (Lot 3158) Brooklyn, N.Y.

147. ELIZA TRACY(8) NELSON (John G.(7), Stephen S.(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4),
(Thomas(3), William(2), William(1)).

Born Oct. 5, 1836 at 4 Hubert St., N.Y.C. She was named after her mother's sister, Eliza Ripley Tracy (Mrs. Fredk. A. Tracy).

She was married May 24, 1859 to Erskine Norman White, at the Maidson Square Presbyterian Church. He was a Presbyterian minister and D.D. He was prominent in church work, serving for many years as Secretary of the Board of Church Erection (Presbyterian Church).

The last eight months of Eliza's life were spent in the home of her son, Rev. Stanley White, Orange New Jersey. She died March 31, 1894. The Rev. Dr. Mancius H. Hutton, her own and her husband's dear friend through all the years of their married life, in his address at the funeral service said in part:--"How rich a thing a human life may be!--My thoughts go back over the way along which I have watched this life ripen which has now come to harvest. How rich it has been! Its tone how noble; its fibre how solid; its colors how satisfying! I think of the young matron as I first knew her, with her little children about her knees. I think of the years of patient, wise and successful training by the sympathetic faithful mother. I recall the social charm which gave her entrance into all circles, and illuminated them as she entered them. It was always a stimulus to converse with her. I think of evenings long ago when, under her charm of that cultivated mind, the earnest talk went far into the night, she growing more brilliant as the hours went on.....Four times,

in four different, widely separated, widely diverse parishes, she held her place not as the mere wife of the pastor, but as a force and moulding influence herself in each parish.—As all these lines of activity, usefulness, charm and effectiveness rise up, I am amazed to see what a rich thing a human life can be. And it is all because it was a Christian life—” A true and wonderful tribute to an unusual woman loved by family and friends and respected by all with whom she came in contact.

Her husband, Erskine Norman White, died in New York City Feb.12,1911. He and his wife are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, N.Y.

Children were:

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| 157. Nelson Ripley(9) White | Born Richmond S.I.,N.Y. | Dec.12,1860 |
| 158. Stanley (9) White | " " " " | May 2,1862 |
| 159. Edith Norman(9)White | " New Rochelle,N.Y. | May 9,1864 |
| 160. Helen Wellesley(9)White | " " " " | Feb.28,1867 |
| 161. Cleveland(9) White | " Buffalo, N.Y. | Sept.24,1872 |
| 162. Howard Erskine(9)White | " " " " | Sept.27,1874 |

While these children bear the family name of White they are Nelson descendants and as they were always closely associated with those of their generation bearing the Nelson name their history is continued under the next generation and are shown on the charts.

148.

SUSAN EMILIA(8)NELSON (John G.(7),Stephen (6),Thomas(5),Thomas(4),
(Thomas(3),William(2), William(1)

Born June 20,1838 at 4 Hubert St.N.Y.C. She died at her brother's house 25 East 81st St.,N.Y.C. in May 1902. She and her husband are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, N.Y. There were no children.

"Susie", as she was known to family and friends, was a beautiful woman with a vivacious and attractive personality, but admittedly flirtatious character. She had beaux and suitors, including her own cousin, William Francis Nelson, in such numbers that it seemed to her family that she would never settle down. Her flirtations cost her a fortune for among her most ardent suitors was a young man, not then of much more than average account and reputation. Having been refused repeatedly by "Susie" he announced to her, according to her own story to the family,:"If you don't marry me at once I'll marry your cousin,Frances Tracy". Susie, not taking him seriously, in fact not wanting him as she declared, told him:"go ahead and do it." Shortly thereafter, in 1865, Frances Louise Tracy (cousin of "Susie" Nelson), daughter of Charles and Louise Kirkland Tracy of N.Y., married James Pierrepont Morgan, the rejected suitor. Thus Susie, in her pursuit of pleasure and attention let slip through her fingers a future endowed with all the attention, luxury and even power that, as a young woman, seemed to mean so much to her.

Later she was married to Dr. James R. Learning, a prominent New York City physician. He died prior to his wife leaving only a very moderate estate with the result that thereafter and until her death she lived with her brother, Stuart Greenleaf Nelson, and his family.

149/ FREDERICK TRACY (8) NELSON (John G.(7), Stephen(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4),
(Thomas(3), William(2), William(1)).

Born June 19, 1840 at 34 Seventh St., N.Y. He was named after Frederick A. Tracy, husband of Eliza Ripley, oldest sister of Eunice Ripley Nelson. This is further evidence of Eunice Ripley's gratitude to her sister and brother-in-law who had a considerable part in her upbringing, due to her parents' death in her infancy, and from whose house she was married.

Frederick Tracy married (first) June 23, 1867 Cora Lester Hubbard, daughter of John L. Hubbard, at Trinity Church, New Rochelle, N.Y. The ceremony was performed by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Potter, D.D.

There were four children by this marriage:-

163. Leicester Hubbard(9) Nelson	Born Oct. 13, 1867
164. Herbert Ripley (9) Nelson	" July 20, 1869
165. Philip (9) Nelson	" Date unknown
166. Cora Hubbard (9) Nelson	" " "

Frederick Tracy's first wife died but the date and place not determined. He married a second time, apparently someone from Rochester, N.Y. There are no records or notes of this second marriage and children of the first marriage rarely, if ever, referred to it.

Frederick Tracy died in Buffalo April 1909 and is said to have been buried in Rochester, N.Y.

150. JOHN FRANCIS (8) NELSON (John G.(7), Stephen(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4),
(Thomas(3), William(2), William(1)).

Born Feb. 9, 1844 at 177 Thompson Street, N.Y.C. Died Sunday, May 13, 1851 at No. 10 West 19th St. As he was only twelve years old at death the notation in the handwriting of his mother, Eunice Ripley Nelson, in the family Bible is worthy of note:

"Disease Peritoneal inflammation resulting in an abscess and protracted and painful illness of 6 weeks. His last words were-'don't weep but sing and rejoice for I am going to my heavenly home. Sing-There is a happy land and joy to the World the Lord is come'-"

He was buried in the family vault #9158 in Greenwood Cemetery.

151. CAROLINE EUNICE (8) NELSON (John G.(7), Stephen S.(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4)
(Thomas(3), William(2), William(1)).

Born Sept. 15, 1845 at 177 Thompson St., N.Y.C. She died Sept. 22, 1845 aged one week. Disease of malformation of the heart. Buried in the family vault of Frederick A. Tracy, Marble Cemetery, 22nd St. N.Y.C. but on May 22, 1851 remains were removed to John G. Nelson family vault in Greenwood Cemetery (Lot No. 9158) at the same time as the remains of her brother, John Ripley, were removed likewise. This transfer, according to the family Bible, was made by Thomas S.(7) and J.G. Nelson(7).

152. STEPHEN ROBINS(8)NELSON (John G.(7), Stephen S.(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4),
(Thomas(3), William(2), William(1).

Born August 6, 1847 at Rye, N.Y. He was in the banking business most of his life. He was a tall, robust, well-built, handsome man but never seemed able to attain real happiness although he longed for it probably because he saw so much of it on all sides of his family.

At age 16 we find evidence of this trait in a letter dated July 10, 1863 to his father. The "Mob" episode took place in Orange, N.J. and is also referred to by his mother in a letter to her husband. It had to do with the negro problem and the Civil War. The letter reads:-

Dear Father,

I take up my pen not knowing what to write; but I think I can make out a short and non-interesting letter. In the first place you have written to all the other children and not to me. This place was threatened by a "Mob" last Tuesday Evening of about 400 or 500 men; they assembled on the "Green" but were dispersed by the authorities. The people have expect an out-break every night. The Garden is getting along nicely. And now as you did not write to me, I must stop sooner than otherwise.

Good bye!

from your aff. son

July 10, 1863

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Stephen Robins had a long standing feud with his sister "susie" which appeared to have been healed by the mother after her husband's death, and which is referred to in a letter from William Francis(7) Nelson to his sister-in-law, Eunice: "Robbie", as he was known, "seems to have led a life in pursuit of "his own selfish aims" and very material aims and with little religious thought.

He married twice. His first wife always being referred to as the wealthy Mrs. Campbell Torry. She came from Orange, N.J. Their marriage was said to have been not too happy and there were no children.

After her death Stephen Robins remained a widower for many years. Business took him to Chillicothe, Mo., where he became Vice Presiden of a bank. He met and married a wealthy widow who had two children. A letter written to his brother, Stuart, and his wife indicated that at long last he felt he had found real happiness. Sad to say this did not prove to be the case for after meeting with severe financial reverses he died suddenly as stated in the family Bible from "an overdose of carbolic acid". He is buried in Chillicothe, Mo.

No children resulted from the second marriage.

153. STUART GREENLEAF (8)NELSON (John G.(7), Stephen S.(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4);
(Thomas(3), William(2), William(1)

Born at Tarrytown, N.Y. July 13, 1853. He was educated in private and public schools in Orange, N.J. where his family lived for many years in the

Brick Church section.

Stuart Greenleaf(3) was given the name of "Greenleaf" after his Grandmother, Susanna Greenleaf, who married Major John Ripley and whose daughter Eunice Ripley (Mrs. John Gill Nelson) was his mother.

He married Jan.16,1879 Anna Cochrane Van Horne, daughter of Cornelius and Johanna C(Morton) Van Horne of New York City.

In 1873 he became a clerk in the banking house of Morris K. Jessup of New York where he remained until 1876 when he accepted a position in the Continental National Bank of New York City. In 1883 he was one of the organizers of the Seaboard National Bank of New York and became its first Cashier. In 1891 he was elected First Vice President and a Director of the Bank. Because of ill health he retired as an officer in 1916 but remained a Director.

He served as Chairman of the Committee on Admissions, New York Clearing House and on June 5,1911, at a special meeting of the N.Y. Clearing House Association, a resolution was unanimously passed with respect to the work of this Committee which read in part:"Resolved, That the thanks of the Association are due and are tendered to the Committee on Admissions, for the very valuable and thorough work they performed in examining for membership institutions whose aggregate assets exceeded seven hundred million dollars. This work was performed in the short space of three weeks; and it is a monument of ability and disinterested service for the associated Banks - - -". Subsequently he was given a testimonial dinner at the Union League Club of N.Y. by his associates on that Committee--all presidents or vice presidents of New York banks. It is interesting to note the special comment as to the assets of \$700,000,000 as compared to the N.Y. City Bank assets in 1953!

Stuart Nelson served also as a director of various Corporations which included the Hanover Fire Insurance Company to the board of which he was elected in 1900 and in 1905 to the Finance Committee, subsequently the Executive Committee, of which he was a member at the time of his death.

He was a member of various New York clubs:-Union League, Metropolitan, Lotus and New York Athletic, and the Chamber of Commerce.

In "The Historical Register", published in 1920, it was said of Stuart G. Nelson: "In the financial world he was a conspicuous figure. His natural ability, wide experience and unfailing courage placed him in a position of high standing and great influence among business men. All his associates held towards him sentiments of respect, admiration and affectionate regard."

Stuart G. Nelson in physique was a small man. He had the family trait of "brittle bones", suffering in one minor accident five fractured bones. He was forced to think constantly of his health but never complained and by sheer will power carried a heavy load in business. He and his wife led a quiet, simple family life. He was one of the last to give up his team of horses and splendid carriages for an automobile, retaining his faithful coachman as a chauffeur who, without his faithful horses to lead the way home, was forever getting lost with the "gas carriage".

Stuart G. and his wife gave liberally to charity although their benefactions were never publicized. They were always ready to extend a helping hand when needed by relatives and friends. They were beloved by those who knew them well but their retired and simple life kept them always out of public view.

Stuart G. Nelson died Dec. 1, 1919 in New York City. His wife, Anna, died in Bronxville, N.Y. Dec. 20, 1942. Both are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, N.Y.

They had one daughter:

167. Mabel Stuart (9) Nelson.

154. WILLIAM SHAW (8) NELSON (John G. (7), Stephen S. (6), Thomas (5), Thomas (4),
(Thomas (3), William (2), William (1)).

Born Nov. 25, 1855 in New York City. He was educated in public and private schools in Orange, N.J. where his family lived for many years. Married Feb. 26, 1889 Mary Jane Andresen born N.Y. City Jan. 4, 1863, daughter of John and Henrietta S. Andresen.

At an early age William S. (8) entered the banking business. For ten years he was connected with the banking firm of Drexel Morgan of N.Y. (subsequently J.P. Morgan & Co. N.Y.) in various capacities. Subsequently he formed his own investment firm of Young & Nelson which was followed by another well-known firm in its day of Nelson, Smithers and Reiner. During these years William S. Nelson was active in railroad reorganizations and refinancing, handling successfully various protective Committees for bond holders. He was recognized as a thoroughly competent and successful financier.

He was a man of unusual reserve, keen business judgement, and an indefatigable worker although of small stature and frail physique. In the blizzard of 1888, because of the paralysis of all N.Y. City transportation, he walked from his office in Wall Street to his home in the east side eighties. Severe illness resulted from over exertion and exposure from which he never fully recovered. In 1893 he retired from his own investment firm and moved with his wife and son to Denver, Col. in the hope of improving his health.

In Denver he was first appointed to a position with the U.S. Mint office which was followed by a position in the office of the Surveyor General. At that time two of Denver's leading banks failed, The Union National Bank and the State National Bank, the former having absorbed the latter after its failure. William S. Nelson was appointed Receiver of both banks to the surprise of everyone in Denver as he was a newcomer and practically unknown in Denver. Local papers attributed his appointment to the influence of Drexel Morgan & Co. N.Y. and William S. Nelson's personal friendship with Grover Cleveland then President of the United States. Cartoons appeared under the caption "A gift from Grover" depicting Nelson walking off with his appointment papers under his arm while in the background in various stages of collapse is depicted "The faithful are paralyzed".

The receiverships were proving outstandingly successful but the strain and arduous work together with the high altitude of Denver finally impaired his health to such an extent that a trip east to his former home for a rest was undertaken. After only a few days in New York he died Nov. 8, 1896. He was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, N.Y.

His wife survived him by many years and became, after his death, very active in the professional music field as a teacher of singing and finally concert manager for many national and international artists. Her morning musicales were outstanding musical events in the Oranges (New Jersey) for many years, climaxed by a testimonial luncheon on her seventieth birthday attended by leading citizens and many of the artists she had managed and at which she was presented with a "chest of gold" by Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, the chairman, in recognition of her work.

In September of 1943 Mrs. Nelson retired and presented to the New Jersey College of Women, Rutgers University, N.J. her collection of books, music, paintings and musical instruments. The collection was arranged in the Music building of the College to reproduce the atmosphere of the donor's studio in New York City. The collection included many rare and foreign editions of opera scores, oratorios and vocal music then out of print or unobtainable. Autographed photosts of many noted artists were also included.

Mrs. Nelson died at the residence of her son in Nantucket, Mass. October 11, 1950. She was a woman of dynamic personality and strikingly handsome. By sheer willpower she overcame almost unsurmountable difficulties but not without frequent conflicts with respect to which, however, she would never admit defeat.

There was only one child by this marriage, namely:

168. William Ripley(9)Nelson Born New York City Aug. 16, 1891.

155. AARON HAYDEN (8)NELSON (William Francis(7), Stephen S.(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4),
(Thomas(3), William(2), William(1).

Born August 4, 1838 in Richmond, Virginia. He attended college for two years at Amherst and two years at Brown University, Providence, R.I. It is said that he then taught "district" school for at least one year at Eastport, Maine, after which he studied law in a law office. Apparently he did not practice law independently before the Civil War but the record is not entirely clear.

In the Civil War he first entered the Army as paymaster and served with Burnside's army on the Patomac. He transferred to the Navy and was with the blockading squadron off Charleston, S.C.

For a time he was assigned to a Navy Yard near New York-probably Brooklyn. During this tour of Navy Yard duty he was a frequent visitor at the home of his uncle, John G. Nelson, in Orange, N.J. Reference to these visits in letters from his Aunt Eunice to her husband, John G. Nelson, are noticeable but not explained but the real reason has been suggested recently by his son, Harold Hayden(9) who comments: "He was for a time at some Navy Yard near New York, while there he made his visits to Orange, N.J. as you have noted, but I understand the attraction was not John G. Nelson, but a quite good looking cousin. I remember seeing in an old account book of my father's three recurring items, "cigars, ale, fare to Orange". From the writer's knowledge of the family this "good looking female cousin" could be none other than Susan Emilia(8) whose reputation for attracting young men became family legend.

Harold Hayden continues with an interesting commentary: "Father always kept accounts down to one cent for a newspaper (happy days those), but I never knew him to make use of the accounts when kept. It never prevented him from unwise expenditures of his money. He later became a devoted churchman (Baptist) and frowned on "cigars, ale", also cards, dancing, and, in the case of us children, toys on Sunday."

Continuing further as to his father's naval experience he states: "After the war he went with his vessel to South America-Brazil and elsewhere. While in Brazil the Revolution occurred that overthrew the Emperor----Father was later sent to New Orleans in charge of some old Federal ironclads lying in the harbor and while there met my Mother. Father always said that Mother refused to marry him unless he left the navy and that was why he resigned. However, the Navy had a plethora of officers left over from the war and was, I believe, offering a bonus for resignations, which may have had some bearing on Father's action."

Whatever the events may have been leading up to it Aaron Hayden and Anna Louise Berry were married October 12, 1872. They settled in New Orleans and he entered the commercial stationery business. This venture, however, ended in failure in 1880 probably due to his inexperience in any business.

Aaron Hayden then moved with his family to Washington, D.C. He entered the Land office, (Department of the Interior), and acquired first hand knowledge of land law while there was still an extensive public domain in the United States.

To capitalize on this knowledge and his legal education, in 1889 he moved to Helena, Montana, where he practiced Land Law until 1896. During this period he served in 1890, 91, 93 and 94 as Secretary of the Montana Bar Association. By 1896 the public domain had vanished and consequently the bottom fell out of Aaron Hayden's specialized land law practice.

His wife having died in 1890 or 91 and as his two children were in the east at school Aaron Hayden closed his office and moved to Chicago. There he is said to have lived on what income and capital he had until 1901 when he became the first Superintendent of the South Park Improvement Association in which position he continued until 1908. In the winter of 1907-8 Aaron Hayden was almost asphyxiated by gas from a defective jet in his bedroom which resulted in hardening of the arteries, especially in the spine, incapacitating him for the remainder of his life.

He then removed to Washington, D.C. where he lived until 1910 with his daughter and her husband. From then he lived with his son, Harold Hayden, and his wife in Beirut, Syria, until 1912 when his health forced him to return to the United States with his son, then on leave. Upon the latter's return to Syria Aaron Hayden entered the James C. King Home, Chicago, where he lived until his death, July 28, 1922. He is buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Chicago.

Children by this marriage were:

- 169. William Hayden(9) Born New Orleans Nov.5,1873
- 170. Jessie Louise (9) " " " Jan.18,1875
- 171. Susan May (9) " " " Dec.12,1875
- 172. Harold Hayden(9) " " " Nov.25,1878

156. EMMA GREEN (8) NELSON (William Francis(7), Stephen(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4),
(Thomas(3), William(2), William(1).

Born January 1, 1840 . She apparently never married. In a letter written in 1874 by her father to his sister-in-law, Eunice Nelson (Mrs. John G.), it appears that Emma and her father and mother were living together in Washington, D.C.

Her nephew, Harold Hayden, reports that when he first knew her, which was when a small boy, she was employed in the Treasury Department in Washington and lived in a house which she owned. She was injured in a fall down a stairway, as a result of which she suffered greatly and finally died in 1888. She is buried in Rock Creek Cemetery, Georgetown, Va.

STEPHEN S. NELSON FAMILY BRANCH
continued in the
NINTH GENERATION of the NELSON FAMILY

- 157/ NELSON RIPLEY (9) WHITE (Eliza Tracy(8), John G.(7), Stephen S.(6), Thomas(5)
 (Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1).
 Born Richmond, S.I., N.Y. Dec.12,1860. Died Sept.19th,1880 N.Y.C.
 Had spent a year at Columbia College and was about to enter Princeton
 University but died after an illness of only two weeks.
158. STANLEY (9) WHITE (Eliza Tracy(8), John G.(7) Stephen S.(6), Thomas(5),
 (Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1).
 Born Richmond, S.I., N.Y. May 2,1862. Married Henrietta Kneass of
 Philadelphia. He was a Presbyterian minister and a D.D. After serving
 for many years as pastor of the Hillside Presbyterian Church of Orange, N.J.
 he was made Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Pre sbyterian
 Church. He died in New York City. There were five children: Eleanor Stanley,
 Margaretta Kneass, Erskine Norman and twins, John Strickland and Elizabeth,
 the latter dying in infancy.
159. EDITH NORMAN (9) WHITE (Eliza Tracy(8), John G. (7), Stephen S. (6), Thomas(5),
 (Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1).
 Born New Rochelle, N.Y. May 9,1864. Unmarried. Died in New York City.
160. HELEN (9) WHITE (Eliza Tracy(8), John G.(7), Stephen S. (6), Thomas(5),
 (Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1).
 Born New Rochelle, N.Y. Feb.28,1867. She married late in life
 William Romaine, a widower. There were no children by this marriage.
161. CLEVELAND (9) WHITE (Eliza Tracy (8), John G.(7), Stephen S.(6), Thomas(5),
 (Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1).
 Born Buffalo, N.Y. Aug. 15,1872. Died Sept. 24,1872.
162. HOWARD ERSKINE(9) WHITE (Eliza Tracy(8), John G.(7), Stephen (6), Thomas(5),
 (Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1).
 Born Buffalo, N.Y. Sept.27,1874. Married twice. Two children by each
 marriage. He died in New York City.
163. LEICESTER HUBBARD (9) NELSON (Frederick Tracy(8), John Gill(7), Stephen S.(6),
 (Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2),
 (William(1)
 Born Oct.13,1867. Died January 1902. Unmarried. He was a successful
 business man but no other data is available.
164. HERBERT RIPLEY(9) NELSON (Frederick Tracy(8), John G.(7), Stephen S.(6), Thomas(5),
 (Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1).
 Born July 20,1869. There is little of record about him for he was a

bachelor and very reticent about his personal affairs. He was always well groomed and particular as to his appearance maintaining an unusually dignified manner in part due to his physique for he was short and stocky of which he was apparently very conscious. He was the perfect example of "an old fashioned gentleman" devoted to his sister, Cora, but who, in turn, was expected always to maintain the position of a "lady of culture and leisure". He was reasonably successful as a business man.

He devoted a great deal of time and effort in tracing family genealogy leaving many semi completed records which passed into the hands of the writer of this history and have proven most helpful in the preparation of this work.

Herbert Ripley died, unmarried, Nov. 10, 1910 and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, New York.

165. PHILIP (9) NELSON (Frederick Tracy(8), John Gill(7), Stephen S.(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1).

Died an infant. No other data obtained.

166. CORA HUBBARD (9) NELSON (Frederick Tracy(8), John Gill(7), Stephen S.(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1).

Born about 1871. Unmarried. Died in New York City and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, N.Y.

167. MABEL STUART (9) NELSON (Stuart G.(8), John G.(7), Stephen(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1).

Born Dec. 13, 1885. In contrast to her mother and father who were both short and of small build Mabel was tall for a woman. For many years she seemed at "loose ends" never finding happiness nor real friendships. She travelled extensively with her cousin, Cora, and others but even a constant change of scene failed to help her find herself.

Finally she met Roger Lamson, Jr. and they were married about 1910. Mabel found her first real happiness and purpose in life in this marriage but not for long as Roger Lamson, Jr., never physically strong, died in 1914. Mabel survived until 1928 when she died. She is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, N.Y.

There were no children by this marriage.

168. WILLIAM RIPLEY (9) NELSON (William S.(8), John G.(7), Stephen S.(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1).

Born New York City Aug. 16, 1891. Educated in private schools in Orange, N.J. and at the Newark Academy, Newark, N.J.

Entered business 1909 in New York City and for four years was with a New York Stock Exchange brokerage firm. In January 1914 entered the employ of Guaranty Trust Company of New York of which he subsequently became an officer.

In 1919-1920 he helped organize and became a senior officer of Guaranty Company of New York, an affiliate of the Trust Co. and which throughout its Corporal existence ranked as one of the leading companies in the Investment Banking and Security Underwriting business. This connection was terminated in 1937 when the Corporate existence of the Company ceased, to comply with the Banking Act of 1933.

He served as Secretary, Treasurer and Director in the liquidation of the Company and then resigned and left the banking business.

For several years he was active in the insurance brokerage business as a licensed broker in the State of New York, and Vice President of an insurance survey company.

In 1940 he became Business Manager of the N.Y. Protestant Episcopal Mission Society of New York City, the largest multiple charity organization of the Protestant Episcopal Church. This involved a complicated and complete financial, functional and operation reorganization of the Society's many and varied activities. The reorganization having reached a point near completion by the fall of 1941 he resigned to become associated with the Choate School of Wallingford, Conn. as a Trustee and in charge of fund raising and public relations and where at the time he was serving as the first President of the Choate School Fathers' Association. Within a month, however, severe illness, which incapacitated him for many months, forced his retirement.

In 1942 he became associated with Sanderson and Porter of New York, internationally known firm of engineers and constructors, handling many of the U.S. Government's largest war projects, as Executive Assistant to the partners of the firm. During the latter part of 1949 he also was active in Overseas Consultants, Inc. organizing its staff of consultants to serve the Imperial Government of Iran with respect to the "Seven Year Plan" for the development of Iran.

On December 31, 1949 he retired from active business and moved to his home in Nantucket, Mass. He also retired from the Board of Managers of the Y.M.C.A. Schools Branch, N.Y.; Board of Managers, Walter Hervey Junior College, N.Y.; and a member of the Church Club, N.Y., the Academy of Political Science, American Ordnance Association and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Since his retirement he has completed this Nelson family history which has involved extensive research but at the same time has become active in many local organizations and activities. He is a member of the Thomas Turner Chapter of Nantucket, Society of the Sons of the Revolution, having served as Treasurer and presiding officer. He is a member of the Mass. Society of Mayflower Descendants and the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. He is an Honorary member of the Nantucket Rotary Club.

Since living in Nantucket he has taken part in local activities serving in various executive capacities. In the Nantucket Historical Association as vice president and member of the Council, as chairman of the Whaling Museum and as founder and Editor of the quarterly "Historic Nantucket". In the Nantucket Civic League as vice president and chairman of the Civic Advancement Committee, chairman Poison Ivy and Ragweed Control Committee, chairman Nantucket Tree Commission, chairman Historic Districts Commission of Nantucket. As an Episcopalian he is a member of St. Paul's Church.

He has been married twice. His first wife was Stella Margaret Seymour, born 1892 in East Orange, N.J., daughter of Frederick Seymour, lawyer, a direct descendant of Richard Seymour of Hartford and Norwalk, Conn. (See Seymour Genealogy of N.E. Historical and Genealogical Register 1918) and Julia C. Dikeman of Hartford, Conn. They were married October 14, 1916 in Grace Church, Orange, N.J. and lived in Caldwell, N.J.

Margaret Seymour Nelson died at Nantucket, Mass. July 1, 1940. She is buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Caldwell, N.J. By this marriage there were two children:

- 173. W. Ripley (10) Nelson Jr. Born Caldwell, N.J. May 9, 1918
- 174. Frederick Seymour (10) Nelson Born Caldwell, N.J. March 26, 1926.

W. Ripley Nelson married (2nd) on February 19, 1942, at the Chapel of All Saints, Church of the Ascension, N.Y. Barbara Lucy Whitmore. She was born Aug. 31, 1902, daughter of John Whitmore and Ann Elizabeth Marychurch. John Whitmore, an Englishman, was one of the pioneers in the Public Accountancy field in the United States having become one of the first partners of Patterson Teele and Dennis of New York and Boston, still today one of the leading firms of Accountants. He compiled and gave the first Accountancy examinations creating the degree of C.P.A. comparable to the degree known as Chartered Accountant in England. Her mother, also English, came from Marychurch, Devonshire, England, a town named for her family when they came from France to England with William the Conqueror in 1066.

Mrs. Nelson, a graduate of Miss Spence's School of New York, was active as a volunteer in various charitable organizations in New York City. During the Second World War she served actively as a Red Cross Nurses Aid and subsequently as chairman of its largest unit at Lenox Hill Hospital.

In Nantucket she continues to be active in local church and charitable organizations. There are no children by the second marriage.

169. WILLIAM HAYDEN(9) NELSON (Aaron Hayden(8), William Francis(7), Stephen S.(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1)).

Born Nov. 5, 1873 in New Orleans, La. Died, yellow fever, on his fifth birthday Nov. 5, 1878. Is said to be buried in Rock Creek Park Cemetery, Georgetown, Virginia.

170. JESSIE LOUISE (9) NELSON (Aaron Hayden(8), William Francis(7), Stephen S.(6), Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1)).

Born in New Orleans Jan. 18, 1875. As a child moved with her parents to Washington, D.C. and then to Helena, Montana. In 1891 or 92 she entered George Washington University but in 1893 she entered the University of Chicago and was graduated 1897 with B.S. degree. She entered Johns Hopkins Hospital to train as a nurse but her small physique forced her to give up training.

She moved to Washington, D.C. and entered Civil Service in the Treasury Dept. Having a flare for mathematics she served in the General Accounting office. There she met her future husband, John E. Barber, son of a New Jersey town newspaper editor.

Jessie Louise and John Barber were married 1905-6. By this marriage there was one child who died in infancy. The birth of the child permanently impaired Jessie Louise's health.

John E. Barber died in 1931. Shortly thereafter Jessie Louise reentered Government Service in the Auditor's office where she served until 1939 when she resigned because of health. She then lived in Washington, D.C. and San Diego, California until her death in 1942. Her ashes are buried beside her husband's body, probably in Rock Creek Park Cemetery, Georgetown, Va.

- 171. SUSAN MAY (9) NELSON (Aaron Hayden(8), William Francis(7), Stephen S.(6),
(Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1).

Born New Orleans Dec. 12, 1875. Died August 29, 1876 from whooping cough in her mother's arms on a train while the family were returning to New Orleans from a vacation.

- 172. HAROLD HAYDEN(9) NELSON (Aaron Hayden(8), William Francis(7), Stephen S.(6),
(Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1).

Born in New Orleans, La., Nov. 25, 1878. His family subsequently moved to Washington, D.C. and then to Helena, Montana.

In the fall of 1892 he entered Morgan Park Academy (Chicago, Ill.) graduating in 1897. Entered University of Chicago graduating in the Class of 1901 with an A.B. degree. He continued at the University in an official capacity until 1904 when he went to Beirut, Syria, as an instructor in the Syrian Protestant College.

Harold Hayden Nelson married Lizzie Augusta Bull of Toronto, Ontario, April 2, 1910. There were no children by this marriage so Harold Hayden and his wife adopted a child—a daughter—Irene Louise.

He served from 1904 to 1908 with the Syrian Protestant College when it became the American University of Beirut in which he became Professor of history, serving from 1908 to 1924. During this period he returned in 1912 to Chicago on leave of absence and took his Ph.D. degree in Egyptology in 1913.

He resigned from Beirut in 1924 and joined the faculty of the University of Chicago to take charge of the field work of the Oriental Institute of U. of C. at Luxor, Egypt, serving in that capacity and as Professor of Egyptology until 1944 when at the age of 65 retirement was mandatory. During that time he headed the University's study of the temples built by the Pharaohs at Medinet Habu and Karnak. He was sent out again to Egypt 1945-1947 and again on two separate occasions up to 1950.

As an author and joint author of 12 books on Egypt his books are listed in part as follows:- author "The Battle of Megiddo", 1921. Joint author of "Early Historical Records of Rameses III, Medinet Habu, Vol. 1, 1930. Later, "Historical Records of Rameses III Medinet Habu, "Vol. 11, 1932; The Calendar, the Slaughterhouse and Minor Records of Rameses III, Medinet Habu", Vol. 111, 1934; Reliefs and Inscriptions at Karnak, Vol. 1 and 11. Author, "Epigraphic Survey of the Great Temple of Medinet Habu", 1929; "The Calendar of Feasts and Offerings at Medinet Habu", 1934.

About 1950 Harold Hayden's wife became ill so they settled in Chicago. In December of 1951 they moved to California for her health but she died suddenly July 25, 1952. She was buried in the Cemetery at Pomona, California.

Despite his age of 75 years Harold Hayden rejoined the Oriental Institute of Chicago and in September of 1952 returned to Luxor, Egypt, where, to use his own words, "I shall be better able to get in full touch once more with the work that has occupied so much of my life.....I feel this is my last chance of making another visit to Luxor, and am therefore going to make it when I can...I expect to enjoy it greatly."

He was not disappointed and age seems not to have hampered his activity for after his return to Chicago in 1953 he wrote about his trip: "It was very delightful to return to Egypt last winter and the trip did me a world of good. I managed a month in the Sudan and saw most of the remains of the old Egyptian Kingdom of about 700 B.C. in the region of the Fourth Cataract. It was very profitable as well as pleasant."

In the fall of 1953 he planned another return to Egypt but unexpected illness made him decide to remain in Chicago at the Oriental Institute where as he explains: "There is plenty of work for me to do right here at the Institute."

Harold Hayden's career and record of accomplishment speaks for itself but his own words summing up his life are even more indicative of the man: "I can only say that my life has been for me a very interesting one, but not in any way remarkable, and probably not of much interest to anyone else. It has been especially fascinating to watch the changes that have taken place in Syria, Palestine and Egypt, the lands I know best, during the past fifty years. I have travelled about a good deal and have met many interesting people. I have already given you an outline of my movements and these other details are perhaps irrelevant."

His plans to visit Massachusetts so as to meet the various living members of the Nelson family, none of whom he had ever met, were never carried out for each planned trip was cancelled by some unexpected obstacle, the last being illness in the fall of 1953 which led to his death in Chicago on January 24, 1954. He was survived by his daughter Mrs. Russell P. Krewson.

His obituary credited him with being a noted Egyptologist and organizer of the University of Chicago epigraphic and architectural Survey in Luxor, Egypt. The survey began in 1924 and was organized to copy down and decipher the reliefs and hieroglyphics of ancient Egypt to preserve them against eventual decay. Harold Hayden, when he resigned in 1947, estimated the task "will take 100 years to complete."

REVEREND STEPHEN S. NELSON FAMILY BRANCH
continued in the
TENTH GENERATION of the NELSON FAMILY.

173. WILLIAM RIPLEY (10) NELSON Jr. (W. Ripley(9), William S.(8), John G.(7), Stephen S.(6)
Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2), William(1).

Born Montclair, N.J. May 9th, 1918.

Died at Nantucket, Mass. July 22, 1929, aged 11 years, from osteomyelitis, tibia and skull (operated) and cerebral meningitis, all of which resulted from glandular trouble from which he suffered from birth. Buried Prospect Hill Cemetery, Caldwell, N.J.

174. FREDERICK SEYMOUR (10) NELSON (W. Ripley(9); William S.(8), John G.(7),
(Stephen S.(6); Thomas(5), Thomas(4); Thomas(3);
(William (2); William(1).

Born Caldwell, N.J. March 26, 1926.

Graduated from The Choate School, Wallingford, Conn. 1944 where he was active in extracurricular activities including Track Team and advertising manager of "The Brief"-an annual school publication. Pending call from U.S. Naval Reserve entered Princeton University receiving wartime leave three months later when called into service. He then reported as midshipman U.S. Naval Reserve Merchant Marine to the New York State Maritime Academy for training. Graduated October 1946 Ensign U.S. Naval Reserve, M.M.R. and Third officer U.S. Merchant Marine.

Served as Junior Third Officer on various "Esso" tankers and on the American Export Line S.S. "Excelsior" until fall of 1947 when he reentered Princeton University, graduating June, 1951 with B.A. At Princeton he served for two years as Business Manager Daily Princetonian. Was a member of Colonial Club.

July 1951 he entered the employ of Time Inc., N.Y. as a "trainee", subsequently being placed in the Business Management Dept. of Life. In 1954 he severed that connection and subsequently entered the employ of the Hamilton Machine and Foundry Co. of Hamilton, Ohio. In the fall of 1955 he returned to New York, entering the employ of the American Cyanamid Co.

He was married Sept. 13, 1952 in the Chapel of St. Bartholomew's Church, N.Y. City to Cornelia Ellen Gibson, born Nov. 18, 1931, daughter of George C. Gibson, D.D.S. and Eleanor McLaughlin Gibson of Middlebury, Conn. She is a graduate of Westover School and Vassar College, class of 1952. There is one child:

176. George Stuart (11) Born New York City Nov. 15, 1953

175. IRENE LOUISE (10) NELSON (Harold Hayden(9); Aaron Hayden(8), William Francis(7)
(Stephen S.(6) Thomas(5), Thomas(4), Thomas(3), William(2),
(William(1).

Adopted daughter whose love and loyalty to Harold Hayden and his wife is best expressed by quoting a few words from a letter written to the author after Harold Hayden's death.. "I feel that I was one of the most fortunate orphaned children in the world for my own parents could never have been as wonderful as my folks were. Daddy and I were very close and great pals".

Irene Louise was married in 1939 to Russell P. Krewson of Milwaukee, a widower with two sons who in 1954 were both in the U.S. Air Corp. Robert, aged 20 and Jack aged 18 of whom Irene seems very proud. By her marriage to Russell P. Krewson there is one son, Harold, born 1943.