

George Harriman: Ancestry and Descendants

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Introduction

This document is a summary of my research on a Harriman family. My great-grandmother, the maternal grandmother of my father, was a Harriman. Almost no information on these Harrimans was available to me from family sources. Over the past several years I have been collecting information about this Harriman family when and where I could. I regard my work on this family as highly incomplete. There are, as will be evident, many loose ends, some of which could be tied

together with further research. By putting together a summary of what I know up to this point, I hope to provide other researchers with an accessible synopsis of the work done and to stimulate the exchange of information on this family.

For me the name Harriman, until recently, has always been a family without a face. Even my father, who was born in 1890 (and died in 1989), had no personal contact over his long life with any relative named Harriman, despite that fact that, as I was later to discover, he had dozens of first and second Harriman cousins. On the next few pages I will work in a reverse chronological order, in rough correspondence to the progress of my research, and outline what is known about this family.

Ruckles in Nebraska

John W. Ruckle was the maternal grandfather of my own father, Omer Kem Luther.¹ When Dad was only two, in 1892, his mother, Ella Ruckle, Ella's only sister Ida Ruckle, and her father John W. Ruckle all died. We have a large painted tintype of Ella, a small tintype of Ida, and a Civil War tintype of John, which has been mounted in a frame and displayed in our home for many years.

These tintypes were for my father, and through him for me, almost the only connection with a Ruckle heritage. John W. Ruckle had brought Ella and Ida to Custer County, Nebraska, about 1888. They homesteaded west of Mason City, in Algernon Township. Nothing is known of the circumstances under which Ella met Arthur, my Dad's father. At the Custer County Courthouse is the marriage certificate of Arthur and Ella. It says that they were married on 9 June 1890, when Arthur was only 21 and Ella, I suspect, was only 14 years old. Arthur and Ella, it would turn out, were to have just two short years together. My dad, Omer, was born on November 12 of the first year of their marriage. Omer was joined in 1892 by a brother, Earsey, but he lived only eight months. Ella died on September 8 of the same year. Her father John had died earlier in the spring. Ida is said to have died that year as well, so in a mere six months the entire family, except the baby Omer and a child of Ida, were carried off. See the picture of Arthur, Ella and Omer in Appendix D.

Harrimans in Iowa

It is through this Ruckle connection, already weakened by these early deaths, that my father is related to the Harrimans. The story which Dad knew, which I suspect came from John Ruckle via Arthur Luther, was that John Ruckle was the foreman on the Harriman farm in Kellerton, Iowa, and married the boss's daughter against the wishes of her father. When John's wife died, the Harrimans made it clear to John that he and the two girls were no longer welcome, so John picked up and moved on to Nebraska. Ruckle came in a wagon train with a number of other Ringgold County,

¹The story of John W. Ruckle is told in more detail in my summary "Ancestry of John W. Ruckle (1835-1892)." A narrative of some of my research on the Ruckles and Luthers is in *Cottonwood Roots* (Lincoln, Nebraska: University of Nebraska Press, 1993; 2nd edition, Amazon Kindle, 2020).

Iowa, natives, to the newly opened lands of Custer County. Whether there is any truth in the boss's daughter story is unknown. It could have been the embellishment of a simpler explanation. But the essential details of Ruckle's inferior economic situation in comparison to his Harriman inlaws, and the move to Nebraska, I have been able to confirm.

I used the Kellerton, Iowa, location, which was handed down in my family, and the fact that Ruckle was a member of a Minnesota regiment in the Civil War to find the Harriman and Ruckle families in a variety of documents in both Iowa and Minnesota.

The Harrimans and Ruckles both appear in the 1880 Federal Census in Iowa. John Ruckle is listed in Athens Township as a 45-year old farmer, and Irena is his 31-year old wife. Ida is 12, and Ella is 4. In October of this year, according to the Ringgold County land records, Ruckle bought an 80-acre piece of land in Athens Township.

Ruckle's wife Irena is the daughter of a Harriman living in the same Township. Ruckle's land was a quarter-mile east of a farm in Section 6 of Athens Township which was owned by George Harriman. Harriman had purchased it in 1875, probably at the time of his move from Minnesota. It is likely that John W. Ruckle and his wife, Irena Harriman, came from Minnesota with the Harrimans. Since the Ruckles did not purchase their own farm for another five years, it is plausible that they lived on the Harriman property and that John W. Ruckle, as the story passed down in the family says, worked for his father-in-law.

The farm of George Harriman is also in Athens Township, near the town of Kellerton. On the 1880 census Harriman is 51, and a farmer. He has living at home with him his son George² (age 16) and daughter Maggie (age 13). The elder George says that he was born in Ohio, but that his parents, both father and mother, were born in Pennsylvania. In all other places, however, George Harriman lists his birthplace as Pennsylvania. George's wife is listed as "Ellen," age 31, born in Indiana, whose parents were born in Kentucky.³ This, as we will note when we get to the Minnesota phase of the story, is a later wife of George Harriman, not the mother of his children.

²On 2 June 1999 I was contacted by Connie Jones, 908 20th St., Wheatland, WY 82201 (sfj@btigate.com) about the son George (George Welcome Harriman). He was born 6 Oct 1864, died 23 Apr 1957, and married Nellie E. Burns, daughter of Thomas Burns and Nancy Fender(sp?) on 4 Feb 1892. Their son Leroy Lee Harriman married Mary Lillian Lynch, and had a child James and a daughter JoAnne Jewel (m. Delvin Eugene Jones). Leroy was suppose to have married a second wife. James and JoAnne were adopted and raised by Mary Lillian's brother and wife who were Joseph Preston Lynch and Emma Jewel Lynch. George W. Harriman and Nellie had another son, Lester Burns Harriman, b. 25 May 1897, m. Alma Luella McDowell (1903-1993), d. 29 June 1980. They had 8 children and lived in Cresston, Iowa (Union Co). George W. and Nellie also had a son Elmer L. Harriman, who married Myrtle M. Morss on 6 November 1915. A Bertie Harriman, d. 11 Nov 1985 and buried beside George and Nellie, may have been a child of theirs who died young. Nellie died on 6 Nov 1905 at the age of 33. The Ringgold Co., Iowa, marriage records show George W. remarrying on 24 April 1907 to Minnie Miles, age 41.

³Ellen is Ellen Keller, daughter of Daniel and Thursday Keller, b. in Terre Haute, Indiana in 1851, died 21 June 1929 (from obituary). For a picture of her, see Appendix D.

In 1881 George Harriman sold the property in Section 6 of Athens Township. He bought land a mile to the southeast, in Section 9 of Athens Township, in 1882. This land was later sold to his children and remained in the family until 1910.

In February 1881 a David Louis Ruckle, age 32, son of Daniel Ruckle, was married to George's daughter Mary Ellen in Kellerton. It is not clear at this point what Daniel's relationship was to John W. Ruckle, but it seems probable that he was a brother.⁴ If so, then the two Ruckle brother married two daughters of George Harriman.

The state census in Iowa in 1885 enumerates both the Harrimans and Ruckles. They are living on farms on Range 28, Township 69, in sections 17⁵ and 5, respectively. This census preserves informal names. It calls John's wife "Rena." George Harriman's family consists of himself at age 56, born in Pennsylvania, Lindi E., age 33, born in Indiana, Ben Harriman, age 23, George W., age 20, and Magey, age 18. They are all listed as farming (if males) or keeping house.

In 1886 Ruckle's land was bought by a local lawyer who specialized in buying land for taxes at sheriff's sales. I would assume that Ruckle had been forced to give up his land for debts. By the end of the next year Ruckle brought his two girls, without their mother, to Nebraska, so Irena's death must be placed in the 1885-87 period. She died, therefore, about age 37 or 38.

The Harrimans continued to live on in Ringgold County. George died on 16 February 1912. His son George W. Harriman, who took over the farm, died in 1957. His son Ben, who became widely known in the area, and worked for the Iowa legislature, died in 1951. All three are buried in Kellerton, Iowa. I have spent some time in Ringgold County, looking up local records. The listing of George Harriman's descendants in Appendix C details what I know about the children and grandchildren of George Harriman who remained in Iowa.

Harrimans and Ruckles in Minnesota

Neither George Harriman nor John W. Ruckle are listed in the first Minnesota census made in 1857. Harriman's obituary places the move to Minnesota in 1859. In the 1860 Federal census, Ruckle shows up as a 25-year old laborer in Vernon Township of Blue Earth County. In the same census, in nearby Shelby Township, is the family of George Harriman (misspelled "Harryman"), his wife Eliza, and his three children, "Arrina" (Irena), age 10, Mary, age 3, and Julietta, age 1.

⁴I have been working with some of Daniel's descendants to establish the relationship between David Louis and John W. Ruckle. Quite a bit of circumstantial evidence has emerged to indicate that they are two of the three sons of Daniel Ruckle and Rebecca Jarrett of Monongalia County, West Virginia, but no document has turned up which states their exact relationship.

⁵I have no record of George Harriman owning a part of this section. His farm bordered this section on the north. It could be he was renting a house in a section neighboring his farm. It could also be that there is a slight mistake in the census.

Harriman is a 30-year old farmer from Pennsylvania with \$200 in personal property. His wife Eliza, age 27, is also from Pennsylvania. Eliza's maiden name (determined from her children's wedding certificates in Ringgold County, Iowa) was Eliza Jane Johns[t]on. The census says that the oldest two daughters were born in Ohio, and the youngest in Minnesota.

Minnesota collected state census data in the early years at the 5-year mark between the federal censuses. In 1865 George Harriman is still listed in Shelby, Blue Earth County. Living with him is his wife Eliza Jane and Irene, Ellen (i.e., Mary Ellen), Julietta, Benjamin S. and George. Not much information was recorded for the tallied families, however. All we learn about the Harrimans is that two boys had been added to the family since the 1860 census.

John W. Ruckle must have married the oldest child of George Harriman, Irena, about 1866-67. I have not been able to find a marriage record. On 1 September 1869 George is issued a land patent at Winnebago City for 160 acres in the NW quarter of Section 11, Township 105, Range 28. On the 1870 Federal census for Minnesota John Ruckle is a married man, living in Blue Earth County. His wife is listed as I. Ruckle, age 21, and they have a child Ida E., age 2. "G." Harriman is listed as 46 in the 1870 census, and "E. J.," his wife, as 40. Eliza, we learn, was born in Ohio, not Pennsylvania as the previous Federal census listed. "M. E.," Mary Ellen, is 13, "J.," Julietta, is 11, Benjamin is 8, "G. W.," the son George, is 5, and "M. Viola," Maggie, is 3. This is the last Minnesota census record I have been able to find for the George Harriman family in Minnesota, though there are land records which show a "Geo. Harriman and wife" in the act of buying and selling in the years 1865, 1870, 1871, 1874 and 1875. Since the Harrimans do not appear on the 1875 state census, I would assume that they moved to Iowa in 1875 (in which year, as we noted above, they purchased land in Ringgold County). George Harriman's obituary says that they moved back to Ohio in 1874, then on to Iowa in 1875. The daughter Irena did not move with them, however. John Ruckle and Irena are in Shelby Township in Blue Earth County, Minnesota, for the 1875 census. John is now 40, Irena is 26, and Ida is 7.⁶ "John W. Ruckle and wife" appear on land transactions for the years 1872 and 1873. John and Irena's second child, Ella, was born while they were still in Minnesota, so it is possible that Irena's pregnancy and the care of an infant kept them in Minnesota until 1876 or later.

For pictures of George Harriman and Eliza Jane Johnston taken, perhaps, in the 1870s, either in Minnesota or in Iowa, see Appendix D.

While in Minnesota, Harriman was a member of the U.S. Army. It was during the Civil War, but Harriman's unit was assigned to deal with the Indian uprisings in Minnesota in this period, so he may not have seen any of the major action of the war.

⁶Irena's father is said to have been born in Ohio on this census. This conflicts with the information George gave 15 years earlier, that he had been born in Pennsylvania. Remember, however, that Irena was born in Ohio, and had lived there until she was 9. She may have assumed that her father and mother had also been born there.

Harrimans in Ohio

As noted above, it is clear from the Harriman and Ruckle census entries that George Harriman came from either Ohio or Pennsylvania, and for a time this was all I knew about the Harrimans before their Minnesota period. My first real clue about the exact locations of the Harrimans in Pennsylvania and Ohio came from a one-paragraph biography of George Harriman which was published by the local Ringgold County, Iowa, newspaper, the *Record*. In a supplement entitled "Prominent Persons of Ringgold County," published in 1880-81, the paper records that

George Harriman was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, in 1828. His people moved to Licking County, Ohio, in 1834. In 1860 he went to Whiteside County, Illinois, the same year he came to Clinton County, Iowa. In 1861 he moved to Blue Earth County, Minnesota, and thence in 1876 to this county. He owns a valuable farm of 100 acres in north Athens, of which he is making a lovely home. Over 400 apple trees planted by him are beginning to bear. He is preparing to build a large house and expects to get it up within a year. During the Indian trouble in Minnesota in 1862-3-4 he served in the U. S. Army under General Sibley, who was sent out against the hostile tribes. He expects to deal largely in stock in a few years. He is a Republican.

I was later sent what appears to be an obituary of George Harriman. I do not know where it was published. It reads:

George W. Harriman was born in Pennsylvania , March 29, 1821, and died February 16, 1912, aged 90 years, 10 months and 17 days. In early boyhood he with his parents moved to Licking County, Ohio, where he grew to manhood. In 1840 he was married to Miss Jane Turney, and to this marriage were born two children, both of whom, with their mother, have passed to the other world. He was married again in 1856, and to this union eight children were born—four boys and four girls, three of whom died in infancy. Again he was called upon to part with his companion until the resurrection day. Again in 1878, he was married to Miss Ellen Keller. To this union no children were born. In 1857, he moved from Ohio to Clinton County, Iowa. His family and worldly goods were conveyed in a settler's wagon, hauled by an ox team. Two years later he moved on to Blue Earth County, Minnesota, where he remained until 1874, where he had an active hand in defending settlers during the Sioux Indian massacre in 1862. In 1874 he moved overland back to Ohio, and in 1875 he moved overland to Ringgold County, Iowa, where he has since resided. From early life the deceased has been an active warden in the United Brethren Church until old age weakened his powers, but he maintained his faith to the last. Funeral services were conducted from the M. E. Church at Kellerton by Rev Richards, United Brethren pastor at Beaconsfield, at 2:30 Saturday afternoon, after which the remains were laid to rest in Maple Row Cemetery.

These two pieces are invaluable for tracing the movements of the Harrimans, although some of the dates may be off a bit. The ones in the first excerpt all seem a year or two high when compared with dates in George Harriman's obituary, where the move to Clinton County, Iowa, is placed in 1857, the move to Minnesota in 1859, and the move to Ringgold County in 1875.

Licking County, Ohio, where George Harriman lived from about the age of six until he was past thirty, and where he presumably met and married Jane Turney (1848) and Eliza Jane Johns[t]on (about 1856), lies just east of Columbus, Ohio. The Harriman clan who came there from Pennsylvania in the 1830s continued to reside there for many years.⁷ The Licking County records may be a useful source for further information on the family. I have, however, only scratched the surface of the Licking records.⁸ George's daughter Mary Ellen, who was born in 1857, says that she was born, not in Licking, but in neighboring Knox County, Ohio, so some records on George Harriman may be located there.⁹

In George's first marriage, the one to Jane Turney, the couple is supposed to have two children, both dying relatively young. One of these children would have been Irena, who died in her mid-thirties, before the family story was recorded. We may in fact have documentation for this first marriage. First, there is a Knox County marriage certificate for George Harriman and "Betsey Turny" that says they were married on 23 March 1848 in Knox County. Jane Turney, it appears, is actually Elizabeth Jane Turney (thus sharing both forenames with George's second wife, Elizabeth Jane Johnston, which appears to have caused some confusion). Second, the 1850 census shows George Harriman in Licking County married to an "Eliza" and with a year-old child whose name is hard to read but could begin with "Arren." If we assume that the wife in this census was Jane Turney and that the child was the Irena born in 1849, then the 1850 census gives us a picture of the first marriage. This first wife may have died in or around the birth of the second child in the early 1850s. George married Eliza Jane Johnston before 1857.

Who were Jane Turney's parents? There is a good chance that Jane Turney's parents were the Lewis and Rosilla Turney living in Bennington, Morrow County, Ohio, at the time of the 1850 census.¹⁰ Lewis and Rosilla have a son John at home who is 18 years old. This family had come to Ohio from Connecticut between 1830 and 1840. An extensive genealogy known as "The Hawley Record" tells us that Rozilla Augusta Hawley married Lewis Turney and had four children, Sarah

⁷In the 1890s the local newspaper in Ringgold County, Iowa, noted that George's son Benjamin Harriman had received an invitation to attend the first annual reunion of the Harrimans in Columbus, Ohio.

⁸Another Harriman researcher has told me that many of the Licking records were lost to fire, however.

⁹Cited in the Civil War pension papers of her husband, David Louis Ruckle.

¹⁰The section of Morrow County that they were living in was part of Knox County until 1848.

Ann, Julia Augusta, Jane, and John.¹¹ Presumably the “Jane” in this family is our Betsy Jane Harriman. The Turney family must have returned to Connecticut after 1850—there are extensive probate papers in Bridgeport, Connecticut, that were filed in April, 1858, after the deaths of Lewis Turney and Rosilla Turney.

Who were George’s ancestors? We know that George Harriman was in Licking County in 1850, so I did a search in the 1850 census for Licking County, Ohio, to see if I could find George’s family. In the 1850 Federal Census of Ohio there are two Licking County Harriman families of the right vintage to be George Harriman’s natal family. One actually contains the name George. It is a family whose head, in the 1850 census, is Jane Harriman of Eden Township, Licking County. Jane has seven children living with her, ages 11 to 22. Here is the entry:

Jane Harriman	54	Pennsylvania
Alexander	26	Pennsylvania
Hannah	21	Ohio
Adam	15	Ohio
George	11	Ohio
Micha (?)	11	Ohio
Smith	19	Ohio
David	22	Ohio

It is possible to fill out the picture of this family more fully by consulting other sources. The father of the family, already dead in 1850, was Mason Harriman. Mason was born in the 1790s in Washington County, Pennsylvania. While still a young man he married Sarah Jane Martin (b. 1797, d. 1860).¹² In 1825 there is a Washington County record that shows Mason and Jane sold his land to Mason’s brother Samuel.¹³ Sometime after this sale Mason and Jane moved to Ohio. The 1830 census for Muskingum County, Ohio, locates Mason and Jane in Perry Township, living with two male children, an old man in his 70s (possibly Mason’s father), and three female children. One of

¹¹Elias Sill Hawley, “The Hawley Record,” available in the Internet Archive at <https://archive.org/details/hawleyrecord00haw1/page/52/mode/1up>

¹²Sarah is buried in Bell Cemetery, Morgan Twp, Licking County, Ohio. The dates are from her tombstone. In 2007 Richard Patten (owenpatten@woh.rr.com) sent me information about a document in the Licking County Library in Newark, Ohio, called “A History of Eden Township, Licking County” It is handwritten by Dealia Hawk and was given to Gladys Oldaker Berger. The notebook contains an oral history of the pioneer neighborhoods of Eden Township. In the document we read that “Moses Jewell married Micha Harriman, a daughter of Mason Harriman whose farm joined the Jewell farm on the north. The house stood on the hill, the first one north of the creek. At that time the Brown family lived across the road west of the Harriman House. This farm later came into the possession of Alexander Harriman, a brother of Micha. William Jewell married Barbara Aden, moved to Utica, later to Newark where he died February 24, 1915. Both Moses and William Jewell were carpenters. Keziah Jewell married John Martin, a brother of Mrs. Mason Harriman. . . .” So it appears that Sarah’s surname was Martin.

¹³Book 2-K, p. 256, of the Washington County, Pennsylvania, land records.

the male children is probably Alexander,¹⁴ the other David,¹⁵ both of whom would be later included, as we see above, on the 1850 count. Two of the three female children in 1830 are probably the Hannah¹⁶ who is also on the 1850 census, and Margaret (wife of Simeon Brown),¹⁷ who is not on the 1850 census because she was already out of the home. The other daughter, whose name is not known, would have been born 1815-1820 or 1820-1825. In the 1830s Mason and Jane may have moved from Muskingum County to nearby Licking County: on the 1840 census Mason is probably the "Mason Harrison" in Eden Twp, Licking County. In the 1830s, as we can see by the 1850 census, four more children--Smith,¹⁸ Adam, George and Micha¹⁹--were born.

Mason's family is of interest in our search, but Mason's son George, born about 1839, is too young to be the George Harriman we are tracing. Our George, I believe, actually belongs to the family of Mason's brother, Samuel. Samuel and his wife Margaret are on the 1850 census, living near Jane Harriman and her family. Samuel was born in 1795 and his spouse Margaret was born circa 1798.²⁰ They have two children at home: Washington, born circa 1832 in Ohio, and Catherine, born circa 1837 in Ohio. No George is mentioned. But a reconstruction of the children of Samuel and Margaret shows that our George could have belonged to the family and have moved away from home before 1850. In addition to these two children listed as living at home on the 1850 census, Samuel and Margaret Harriman may have had seven other children. Three are easily identifiable. They had a daughter Elizabeth²¹ who was born in 1829 in Pennsylvania. A Robert H. Harriman, age

¹⁴Alexander is also buried in Bell Cemetery. He was born in 1824 and died in 1899. Three others buried in the same plot, Smith (d. 1920), Rachael (1863-1931), and Richard (1855-1932), may be the children of Alexander.

¹⁵David is also buried with the Mason and Jane family in Bell Cemetery. He was born in 1828 and died in 1850.

¹⁶Susan Gordon, SznGordon@aol.com, is a descendant of Hannah and looking for further information on this line. Susan writes that Hannah was born 10 April, 1828, and died 5 March, 1891 Hannah's husband was Edward Penick, b. March 1, 1824, d. May 24, 1909, buried at the Eden Church Cemetery, Eden Twp, Licking Co, Ohio.

¹⁷A descendant of Sarah Jane Martin and Mason Harriman, Frances M. Burnham of 1512 Roselawn Avenue, Stockton, California 95204, put an inquiry in the *Licking Lantern*, Vol. VII, No. 1 (Winter 1982), p. 27. The name of Margaret's husband is also in a letter written by Robert Franklin Dush in 1950. The Dush letters were sent to me by Ken Burroughs (kennibee@aol.com).

¹⁸The Dush letters mention the son Alex and Smith. Smith, according to an obituary on file in Licking County, died on 10 January 1888, age 57 years.

¹⁹Micha, the Dush letters say, married Mose Jewell.

²⁰Samuel's birth date, besides being on the 1850 census, is also on his tombstone in Souslin Cemetery.

²¹She is mentioned in the *History of Licking County, Ohio* (1881) by N. N. Hill, p. 764. She married George Stasal of Germany on 30 December 1848. In the historical volume *Licking County, Ohio 1982*, Vol. I (by the Licking County Genealogical Society), p. 482, a descendant of Elizabeth and George gives her dates as 1829-1906, and says that she was born in Pennsylvania. On Ancestry.com DNA matches, I show up as a 4th cousin match to a person who descends from Elizabeth and George's daughter Mary Margaret Stasal.

33, who is living next to Samuel and Margaret, is another son.²² A second son is John C. Harriman.²³ Finding the names of the rest of the children requires some careful census work. Samuel and Margaret first appear in the Washington County, Pennsylvania, census of 1820.²⁴ By 1830 Samuel and Margaret Harriman have joined Samuel's brother Mason in Ohio, confirmed by the entry for Samuel on the 1830 census of Muskingum Co, Perry Twp.²⁵ Of the five children for Samuel and Margaret mentioned above, two (Washington and Catherine) would not be on the 1830 census because they were born after 1830. The three others for whom we have names, Elizabeth, John and Robert, can be matched up to the 1830 list of children. The 1830 census suggests that Samuel and Margaret had, in addition to these three, three more boys, one born in the 1825-1830 period and two others born in the 1820-1825 period. The one born in the 1825-1830 period is very likely the George Harriman that we are following in this paper.²⁶ Possibly one of the two boys born in the 1820-25

²²He was born in Pennsylvania. His wife, Adaline, was born circa 1825 in Ohio, and their children, according to the 1850 census, are Emily F. (born circa 1843), George (born circa 1845), and Naomi (born circa 1848), all born in Ohio. According to an Ancestry.com family tree (documentation unknown) Robert and Adaline also had Nettie (m. John Conklin) and Julia A. Harriman, b. ca 1863.

²³In the Dush letters the writer mentions that he had learned from his grandfather, a nephew of Samuel and Mason, that Samuel was the father of "John and Bobby Harriman" who lived "in the Marg Weiss vicinity." Four members of Samuel and Margaret's family are buried in Souslin Cemetery of Eden Township, Licking County, Ohio. Samuel is there, and his dates are 1795-1851, so he died the year after the census was taken. Also buried with Samuel is John C. Harriman (1818-1894) and his wife Rachel A. (1826-1874).

²⁴The 1820 census for Washington County has an "S. Herriman." There is an adult male and female, 25-45, who are probably Samuel and Margaret. There is another male 45+ in the household, and there are three boys and a girl under ten. Two of the boys may be Robert and John. A third might be one of the boys born 1820-25, if born in 1820 (see below). The girl under ten is unknown. In the 1820s Samuel and Margaret were living in an area called "Cross Creek." This is documented in the sale of land to a Mary Stewart, 20 September 1826, Book 2-M, p. 32, of the Washington County, Pennsylvania, land records. This may be the same land that Mason and Jane Harriman had sold to a Samuel Harriman in 1825.

²⁵The birth places of the children Washington (1832, Ohio) and Margaret (1829, Pennsylvania) suggest that the move from Pennsylvania to Ohio happened not long before the 1830 census. Around 1840 Samuel and Margaret left Muskingum County, Ohio, and moved to Licking County, Ohio. There is an Ohio Land Patent for Samuel Harriman dated 1 Aug 1842: "Samuel Harriman of Licking County registers at Zanesville OH his deed of land for 40 acres in the NE quarter of the NE quarter of Section 13, Township 4, Range 11 of the Military District."

²⁶George, we know, was born in 1828 in Pennsylvania, and he says that he arrived in Ohio about 1832-33 (subtracting a year from the biography date of 1834 to account for the one-year shift in the other dates). As we have seen, George must have come to Ohio before 1830. A strong piece of evidence that Samuel and Margaret are George's parents turned up when I saw George's death certificate. The name of his father is just Harriman, but the name supplied for his mother is Margaret Elliott. No other Margaret Harriman of Licking County is known, especially not one with a known son born about 1828.

period was named Stephen.²⁷ Here, in summary, is a possible reconstruction of Samuel and Margaret's family:

Samuel Harriman, born 1795 in Pennsylvania, m. Margaret Elliott²⁸ before 1817 in Pennsylvania. Children:

- (1) Robert H Harriman., b. circa 1817 in Pennsylvania, m. Adaline.
- (2) John C. Harriman, b. 1818, d. 1894, m. Rachel A.
- (3) Daughter, died young?²⁹
- (4) Stephen Harriman?, b. ca. 1820-25, m. Mary.
- (5) Son, b. ca 1820-25?
- (6) George Harriman, b. circa 1821 in Pennsylvania, m. Jane Turney, Eliza Jane Johnston, Lucinda Ellen Keller.
- (7) Elizabeth Harriman, b. 1829 in Pennsylvania, m. George Stasal.
- (8) Washington Harriman, b. circa 1832 in Ohio.
- (9) Catherine Harriman, b. circa 1837 in Ohio, m. Francis Joseph Noe.³⁰

Harrimans in Pennsylvania

If Samuel is the father of George, and Mason is George's uncle, who is the father of Samuel and Mason? The answer to this lies in Washington County, Pennsylvania.

When I looked up all of the Harriman references I could find in Washington County, Pennsylvania, I discovered that there were four Harrimans who were there by about 1785: *Robert*, *Simkin* (spelled various ways), *George*, and *David*.³¹ I have worked out a chronology in Appendix B for each of these which links the known citations for these Harrimans to date sequences. Four Harrimans are reported to have moved from Baltimore County, Maryland to Washington County,

²⁷In Ringgold County, Iowa, where George Harriman settled, there is a will record in the county will book covering 1858-80 for a Stephen Harriman, who left everything to his wife Mary. Mary is mentioned in the 1880 census records for Athens Twp, the same township that George lived in. She died on 7 April 1888 and is buried in Ringgold County's Patrick Cemetery. Stephen could be one of George's unidentified brothers.

²⁸Margaret's last name is based on George Harriman's death certificate. As we will see in the next section, the last name is another hint that George's mother is connected to Mason and Samuel's families.

²⁹Guess based on the appearance of a girl on the 1820 census who is not on the 1830 census.

³⁰Marriage based on data from the Carpenter-McPeak family tree on Ancestry.com (<https://www.ancestrylibrary.ca/family-tree/person/tree/115881977/person/250156172710/>). This tree cites the 1906 marriage certificate of 33-year-old Lizzie L. Noe (Ohio County Marriage Records, 1774-1993) in which Lizzie lists her parents as Catherine Harriman and Francis Joseph Noe.

³¹A John also appears in the Pennsylvania records by 1793, but he may be the son of one of the others.

Pennsylvania, after 1778.³² Their names were Robert, James, David and George (more on the Maryland records the next section). If we assume that James is Simkin,³³ then the records I found in Washington County are of these four Harrimans.

Which of these four Harrimans is the father of the Licking County Samuel? I searched the records of Washington County, Pennsylvania, thoroughly, and could not turn up any Pennsylvania document which told me what were the names of the children of the Harrimans who came from Maryland to Pennsylvania. But information which has come into my hand from other sources³⁴ seems to indicate that David was the father.

Before we look at David, let's survey the other three Harrimans who came from Maryland. First, *George Harriman*. There is a document from Carroll County, Ohio, which tells more about him. It appears that George Harriman, who married a Rebecca, moved from Pennsylvania to Carroll County after 1820. George's 1836 will suggests that he had no natural children.³⁵

Second, *James (perhaps James Simkin) Harriman*. A family chart of the Parker and Harryman families³⁶ says that Simkin was born about 1756 in Maryland, died in 1833 in Harrison County, Ohio, and married Agnes, Ann and Mary. He had the following children:

³²This story of the four brothers is taken from a 1977 genealogy by Ethel Harryman, Box 211D, Douds, Iowa 52551, entitled *Elijah Harryman: His Descendants and Ancestral Background, 1661-1977*.

³³In the 1836 will of the brother George Harriman in Carroll County, Ohio, he mentions that the name of Simkin's son is James Simkin. This suggests that some of the many Simkins in this family may in fact be James Simkins. The name widely-occurring name Simkin among the Harrimans may be derived from John Simkins, whose will was probated in 1739 in Maryland (*Maryland Calendar of Wills*, Vol. 8, p. 20), and whose daughter Elizabeth married a Harryman. Further discussion on this family below.

³⁴I refer here to the Ethel Harryman genealogy listed above, unless otherwise specified.

³⁵There were three children whom he "adopted" (the phrase is "a boy/girl that I raised"): George Liggett, Thomas Scott, and Nancy Faylor (Taylor?). The will confirms that Simkin was his brother.

³⁶Also from the Ethel Harryman genealogy.

- (1) James Harriman, b. before 1791.
- (2) David Harriman, b. circa 1794.
- (3) Robert Harriman, b. circa 1793.
- (4) Daniel Harriman, b. circa 1795.
- (5) George Harriman, d. in infancy.
- (6) William Harriman, b. 1797, m. Sarah Cooper in 1826, d. 1870 in Indiana.
- (7) Simkin Harriman, b. circa 1804.³⁷
- (8) Charles Harriman.
- (9) John Harriman.
- (10) Benjamin Harriman, d. in infancy.
- (11) Catherine Harriman.
- (12) Mary Harriman.
- (13) Elizabeth Harriman.

Simkin, by the way, ended his days in Harrison County, Ohio. Land records there show him buying a large farm (325 acres) as early as 1809, and selling pieces of it in the 1817-1824 period. He died still owning about a third of the original farm and is buried on the farm.³⁸

Third, *Robert Harriman*. Robert had children already in 1790, and seems to have died, or to have sold out and left Washington County, around 1805-10. No information is available on his family. It is possible that this Robert may be the father of George, David and Simkin and not a brother (more on this in the next section).

Finally, the fourth of the Washington County, Pennsylvania, Harrimans, *David Harriman*. I have two lists of the children of David. After combining them, and applying some other data, I posit the following family for David.³⁹

³⁷The family chart in Ethel Harryman's genealogy shows what is probably this Simkin's family attached to his cousin Simkin, the son of David. This Simkin, son of Simkin, married Sarah Cox in 1824 in Tuscarawas County, Ohio (from correspondence with Helen McDowell).

³⁸Data cited in correspondence from Ethel Harryman.

³⁹The first list of David's children is an appendix in the Ethel Harryman genealogy. The second list is in the DAR application of Avis Fisher Kelly, in a deposition given in October, 1910. Harryman's list is partly dependent on Kelly's list. For some reason Harryman has added a son George that Kelly has omitted. The birth dates in the Ethel Harryman genealogy are, I think, mostly wrong, since they make Samuel and Mason twenty years older than the dates they report on the censuses.

- (1) Simkin Harriman, b. 1788, m. Sarah Jane Green in 1806, d. 1872.⁴⁰
- (2) Delilah Harriman, m. Thomas Stewart.
- (3) Emelia Harriman, m. Shrap.⁴¹
- (4) Sarah Harriman, b. in Pennsylvania. Died young?
- (5) Catherine Harriman, b. ca. 1792/93 in Pennsylvania,⁴² m. Patrick Elliott.
- (6) Mason Harriman, b. ca. 1793, m. Sarah Jane Martin.
- (7) Samuel Harriman, b. 1795, m. Margaret Elliott.
- (8) David Harriman.⁴³
- (9) George Harriman. Died young?

⁴⁰Baskin's *History of Logan County, Ohio* (1880) tells about a Simkin and Sarah Green Harriman of Washington County, Pennsylvania, whose parent was a David Harriman who was born in Maryland. The county history says that Simkin and Sarah had thirteen children and that Simkin was born in 1788, married in 1806, immigrated west from Washington Co., Pennsylvania, in 1825, and died on 4 Feb 1872. Sarah Green died in Oct 1868, it also says, and her mother was Phoebe Kirk, who married Nehemiah Green, a Revolutionary War veteran. The Logan County history has further information on Simkin and Sarah's sons David and Stephen. Helen McDowell, who researches the Simkin/Sarah line, and has a complete list of Simkin's and Sarah's children (Helen dates Simkin's birth, by the way, as 1784—I'm not sure why). Helen records the surviving children as David Harriman, b. 1817 (m. Harriet Watkins), Rhoda Fisher, Stephen Harriman (b. 1817), Margaret Ely (m. Amos Ely), Lydia Southard, Sarah A. Johnson (m. George Johnson), William Harriman, Mary Drake and John Harriman. Three daughters, two of whom were named Phoebe Kirk Harriman and Elizabeth Harriman, died young. Her data is taken from the minutes of the meetings of the Harriman reunion from 1915 to 1938. Note that the reconstruction of this family in the Ethel Harryman genealogy shows a family for this Simkin that should probably be attached to his cousin Simkin, the son of Simkin.

⁴¹The marriages of Emelia, Delilah and Catherine are taken from the DAR application.

⁴²Catherine's cemetery marker in Martinsburg, Ohio, says that she is "Catherine Wife of Patrick Elliott" and that she died "June 3, 1857, aged 67." In the 1850 census for Knox County, Clay Township, Ohio, her age is 58. Catherine's pension record of 22 February 1856 says "Catherine Elliott aged Sixty three years...." This data is from a 19 February 1982 letter of John N. Furniss, passed on to me from Ken Burroughs. The Dush letters, also transcribed and sent to me by Ken Burroughs, and cited earlier, specifically mention that Samuel, Mason and Catherine are siblings, and give the names of some of Mason's children (Smith, Alex, Margaret who married Simeon Brown, and Micha, who married Mose Jewell) and some of Samuel's children (Robert and John). The Dush letters list the children of Patrick and Catherine as James Miller Elliott, Elliza Elliott Bricker, David Harriman Elliott, Mary Porterfield-McKee Elliott, and Samuel Scott Elliott.

⁴³The Avis Fisher Kelly list identifies this as the David Harriman in Marion Co, Ohio, who married an Elizabeth Burnett and a Nancy Reed. This is probably incorrect. Although the Marion Co. David had a father David, his father was born much earlier, perhaps in the 1720s, and died in Darke Co, probably around 1820. Information on the Marion County David is in *The History of Marion County, Ohio, 1883*, by Leggett, Conaway & Co. Sue Bixby has extensive research notes on the Marion County David. On Avis Fisher Kelly's list, David occurs at the end of the list. Helen McDowell, in personal correspondence with me, speculates that Kelly left David Jr out of David Sr's family "until someone who reviewed her application" included him. If so, then Kelly may have no source for David Jr other than the misidentified Marion Co. David.

- (10) John Cuthbertson Harriman, b. ca. 1800, married Mary.⁴⁴

In the lists I have, Samuel and Mason are cited near the beginning of the names, but they must be the last children in the family, born in the mid-1790s.

David may have moved to Harrison County, Ohio, in the late 1820s,⁴⁵ perhaps to live with his son Mason.⁴⁶ David's wife Elizabeth died in Washington County, Pennsylvania, in 1818.⁴⁷ He may have had a second wife, Sarah Adams.⁴⁸

⁴⁴Sue Bixby and Berkeley Harriman have been researching this family. On the basis of their research, I have removed John Culport, b. 1772, from the list, and added John Cuthbertson, b. ca. 1800. John Culport Harriman on the list of Avis Fisher Kelly was born too early (ca. 1772) to be in the family. John married Mary Brown. John and Mary's family is in the LDS Ancestral File, in data submitted by Dorothy E. Yarbrough, P.O. Box 753, Joshua Tree, California 92252. According to Yarbrough, the children of John Culport Harriman and Mary Brown are:

- (1) Simkin, b. 1794 in Pennsylvania, d. 1894 in Missouri. Simkin married a Mary Proctor (b. 1794, Kentucky).
- (2) Margaret D., b. 1795 in Pennsylvania, d. 1885 in Missouri.
- (3) John, b. ca 1797 in Pennsylvania.
- (4) Hugh D., b. 26 April 1800 in Kentucky, d. 1854 in California.
- (5) Elizabeth, b. 9 November 1802 in Kentucky, d. 1894 in California.
- (6) Hezekiah, b. 23 April 1805 in Missouri, d. 1869 in Kansas.
- (7) Mary, b. ca 1807, d. 1836 in Missouri.
- (8) Christopher Zumwalt, b. 20 June 1813 in Missouri, d. 1892 in Missouri.
- (9) Susan, b. ca 1816 in Missouri.
- (10) Kasiah, b. ca 1816 in Missouri.
- (11) James S., b. ca 1818 in Missouri.

This "John Cuthbertson Harriman" in this famil list may be the "Culbertson Harryman" living next to "Samuel Harryman" on the 1830 Muskingum County, Ohio, census. The two Harrimans were both in their 30s and had young families.

⁴⁵Ethel Harryman gives this location in her genealogy. Da

⁴⁶On the 1830 census the entry for Mason Harriman lists an elderly man, born 1750-1760, living with him in Muskingum County, Ohio, Perry Twp. Helen McDowell notes that in the Preble County, Ohio, census of 1840 David is listed as a Revolutionary War soldier who is 80 years old. A plaque in the Preble County courthouse mentions his name.

⁴⁷Elizabeth's death announcement in the *Examiner Records*, Vol. I, Marriages and Deaths, 1796-1833, Washington, PA," says that she "left a family of nine children."

⁴⁸Perhaps David remarried soon after his wife Elizabeth died in 1818. An 1819 Hopewell Twp, Washington Co, PA, land record says that a "David and Sarah" Harriman give land to Samuel Harriman "for love and affection." LDS Ancestral File, in data submitted by Dorothy E. Yarbrough (see above for reference), gives Maud Adams as David's wife. The Avis Fisher Kelly DAR application (see below for reference) gives the name only as Adams. A query in the Washington Co, PA, *Keyhole* by Helen McDowell gives the wife's (possible) name as "Sarah Adams." The 1820 Hopewell Twp census indicate that there is a woman aged 26-45 in David's household which may be this Sarah.

I note that the maiden name of Samuel's wife Margaret was Elliott, the same surname as that of Samuel's sister's (Catherine's) husband. Could Patrick Elliott and Margaret Elliott have been brother and sister?⁴⁹

Harrimans in Maryland

I began with my grandmother, Ella Etta Ruckle, and followed her back to her mother, Irena Harriman. I next followed the trail from Irena to her Pennsylvania-born father George Harriman. At this point the exact ancestral track is obscured, but it seems almost certain, for reasons outlined above, that George is a son of Samuel and Margaret Harriman, and that Samuel is a son of David Harriman. Having arrived at David Harriman, the trail now leaps eastward, from Pennsylvania to Maryland.

For background on David and Robert Harriman I turn to the genealogy done by Ethel Harryman.⁵⁰ The first Harriman in Maryland is John Harriman. He shows up on a 1692 tax record, after which he starts to appear in a new series of tax records and in the deed registry. The location of John Harriman's lands seems to be just east of the present bounds of Baltimore, Maryland. The words "Thorrell's Neck" and "Back River" occur frequently.

Nothing is known about John's ancestry, or from what place he came to the colonies. There were Harrimans in the American Colonies from earliest times. Two genealogies I know of⁵¹ chronicle the extensive New England families descending from a John and Leonard Harriman. They were Yorkshire Puritan brothers who came to America in 1638. It seems unlikely that a Maryland plantation owner might have come from Puritan stock. There were other Harrimans who came into Maryland as indentured servants which might be more likely sources for John (providing John himself is not a direct immigrant).

⁴⁹The Dush letters cited above say that Patrick's parents "came from Ireland or Scotland" and that he "migrated from near Washington County, PA to the John Ackley or Frank Penn farm south of Martinsburg, Ohio" where he was raised, and where he raised his own children."

⁵⁰*Elijah Harryman: His Descendants and Ancestral Background with Allied Lines, 1661-1977* (Fairfield, Iowa: Tribune Printing Co, 1977). I have cited data from this above. Much of my information on the Maryland lines (unless otherwise documented) is taken from this genealogy. Ethel Harryman made extensive use of research done by Clifford J. Harriman for her descriptions of the early Maryland lines.

⁵¹Fred W. Lamb, *Family Records, Lamb, Savory, Harriman* (Augustine Caldwell, 1900), pp. 12ff, and I. M. Gillespie, *Genealogical and Biographical Record of Pamela Ford and Simon Deeks, with Twenty-Six Allied Families*, (1978). Both of these are in the Fort Wayne Public Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana. A study of their lines is carried on and published in *The Harriman Family Association Newsletter*, available from Sue Bixby, 35 Back River Road, Bedford, New Hampshire 03102. A more recent publication (that I have not seen) *Harriman History, Feudalism to Freedom: Probable English Ancestry of Leonard Harriman of Rowley, Massachusetts and John Harriman of New Haven, Connecticut* (Rockport, Maine: Picton Press).

John Harriman died in 1711. From his will we learn that his wife's name was Eleanor (she remarried to William Farfar, and died before 1733). The oldest of his children was born about 1694, so John and Eleanor may have married about 1693. Their children were:

- (1) John, b. circa 1694, d. 1748, married Alice. Children: Prudence, Mary, Elizabeth (b. 11 September 1721), Jemima (b. 17 October 1724), John (b. 14 December 1727), Charles (b. 25 June 1730) and Thomas (b. 20 January 1735).
- (2) Samuel, b. circa 1696, married Jane Smith on 18 August 1723, Comfort Taylor on 3 June 1728. Children: Eleanor (b. 25 February 1728), Ruth (b. 26 March 1731), Elizabeth (b. 18 December 1733) and Sarah (b. 12 July 1736).
- (3) Thomas, b. circa 1700, d. circa 1733, married Elizabeth Norton.
- (4) George, b. 1702, d. 1774, married Anne Wilkinson on 30 March 1725. Children: George (b. 19 April 1728), Sophia, Patience (b. 5 February 1733), William (b. 25 September 1736), Tamar, and Ann (b. 2 June 1742).
- (5) Charles, b. 1704. No known wife or children.
- (6) Robert b. 1710. See below.

John was a tobacco farmer, the owner of several plantations. Some of his children were in their minority when he died. The youngest is not mentioned in the will, so he may not have been christened yet (or perhaps not even born) when the will was drafted.

It is the youngest child, Robert, who may be the source of the Washington County, Pennsylvania, Harrimans. He married Elizabeth Simkins on 24 January 1733 in St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Baltimore.⁵² Elizabeth, who was born about 1713, was the daughter of John and Priscilla Simkins. John and Priscilla Simkins, besides Elizabeth, had John, Avarilla, Mary and Hannah.

Robert Harriman and Elizabeth Simkins had at least the following children:⁵³

- (1) Avarilla, b. 11 March 1734, m. Abraham Wright in 1759.
- (2) Robert, b. 12 March 1736.
- (3) Priscilla, b. 3 February 1738.
- (4) Rachel, b. January 1740.

Robert and Elizabeth owned several tracts of land in Maryland, in Essex Parish, on the south side of Gunpowder River.

In 1778 a Robert, David, James and George Harriman took an Oath of Fidelity to the State of Maryland. They were from Middle River Lower, which places them in Essex Parish. The Essex location suggests that the oath-takers were from Robert and Elizabeth Simkins's extended family.

⁵²According to the St. Paul Episcopal Church records.

⁵³These are the children listed in the St. Paul Episcopal Church records.

But how are they related? Three possibilities suggest themselves. First, Robert and Elizabeth Simkins may have had three more male children after Rachel who were not recorded in the parish register. All of the Washington County, Pennsylvania, Harrimans seem to have been born before 1755, so this only requires us to stretch Elizabeth Simkins childbearing over a 20-year period. There were several land transactions for Robert and Elizabeth in the early 1740s which may show them moving to another place in Maryland, and losing contact with the St. Paul Parish, so later children unlisted in a certain parish record might be plausible. The four oath-takers could have been the elder Robert and three sons, or, more likely, the younger Robert and three brothers. The second possibility is that Robert's son Robert may have married early and have had David, James⁵⁴ and George in the 1750s. The third possibility (as speculated in the Ethel Harryman genealogy) is that Robert's son Robert had at least four sons, including the four oath takers. The first and third possibilities, where Robert is a brother of the others, seem more plausible, since Robert had, as did some of his other brothers, children under 16 on the 1790 census. The first explanation, in turn, seems more likely than the third, since it accounts more readily for the name Simkin in Robert and Elizabeth's family (direct children are often given Christian names consisting of the first and last name of someone in the mother's family).

If this last guess turns out to be correct, then the David or Robert Harriman, whom we are speculating is the great-grandfather or grandfather of the George Harriman who came to Ringgold County, Iowa, has the following line of ancestry:

John Harriman (d. 1711)
Robert Harriman (b. circa 1711)
David Harriman (b. circa 1756)
Samuel Harriman (b. 1795)

⁵⁴James, as suggested earlier, may have been James Simkin, or there may have been a Simkin separate from James who was too young to take the oath, but who immigrated to Washington County while James stayed behind.

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Appendix B: Washington County, PA, Harriman Citations

Robert	1784	not in Washington County, Pennsylvania
	1790	3 dependents on census
	1793	living in Hopewell Township, Washington County
	1794	takes patent on land by Buffalo Creek
	1800	not in census
	1804	sells land to George and Rebecca Harriman
	1807	sells land to Simkin Harriman
Simkin	1755/65	born
	1785	single, living in Hopewell Township, Washington County
	1790	married, 4 dependents (a boy and 3 girls)
	1793	buys land, and is on tax rolls
	1794	pays militia fine
	1800	on census, 7 boys, 2 girls, Hopewell Township
	1802	sells some land (wife's name is Agnes)
	1810	on census in Hopewell Township, but this may be a nephew
	1815	some Simkin buys lot in town of West Middleton, Pennsylvania
	1820	on census, but may be a nephew
	1823	last record of land sale by a Simkin Harriman
	1830	not on census
George	bef 1755	born
	1781	Effective supply list in Washington County, single
	1785	single, living in Hopewell Township, Washington County, taxed on 70 acres
	1790	on census, probably married, wife and 2 female children
	1793	on tax rolls
	1796	buys land on Buffalo Creek
	1800	on census, 2 boys, 1 girl, Hopewell Township
	1810	on census in Hopewell Township
	1810	exec. of Sutton Leggett estate, Hopewell Twp
	1812	land purchase in Washington Co
	1820	on census in Hopewell Twp
	1830	not on census in Washington Co
David	1755	wife born
	1785	married, living in Hopewell Township
	1788	buys land
	1790	on census, probably married, 5 dependents

1790	buys land
1794	pays militia fine
1795	on tax rolls
1798	buys land
1800	on census, 3 boys, 4 girls, Hopewell Township
1810	on census in Hopewell Township
1818	wife dies, has had nine children
1820	on census, no children under 10
1826	witness on administration of estate of John Doddridge
1826	becomes administrator of Crichfield estate
1828	sells land to John Cuthbertson Harriman
1830	not on census

Appendix C: Descendants of George Harriman: Three Generations

A word about the format for those not familiar with the *NGSQ* Register Plan format. Each entry with a separate Arabic number represents both a marriage and a family. The Harriman descendant in the marriage is back-referenced to George Harriman by a list of names in parentheses. The persons with primary entries and their spouses are in boldface type. The children of each separate entry are listed in italic type. If a child became a source for a new entry (i.e., married and produced children), then only the name is given and an Arabic numeral to the left of the entry points to the entry in the next generation with that person's full information. If the child did not marry, or married and had no children, the full entry is present at the spot where the person is mentioned in his/her parent's family entry.

FIRST GENERATION

1. George¹ **Harriman**. Born, 29 Mar 1821,¹ in Washington Co, Pennsylvania, USA.² Died, 16 Feb 1912, in Ringgold Co, Iowa, USA.³ Burial in Ringgold Co, Iowa, USA.

He married, first, Jane **Turney**, in 1840, and had two children, but Jane and the two children had died by the time of George Harriman's death.⁴

2 i. Irena² **Harriman**.⁵

He married, second, Eliza Jane **Johnston**, in 1856. Born, circa 1833, in Pennsylvania, or Ohio, USA.⁶ Died, January 1876.⁷ Children:

3 ii. Mary Ellen **Harriman**.

4 iii. Julie Etta **Harriman**.

5 iv. Benjamin Smith **Harriman**.

¹Both the George Harriman obituary and the grave stone give the birth date as 29 March 1821.

²Date from tombstone in Kellerton, Iowa. Place from Ringgold Co paper.

³Date from tombstone.

⁴First marriage data from the George Harriman obituary. Also the second marriage date.

⁵That Irena was the daughter of the first wife is a guess. But it is a reasonable assumption. Irena was born about 1849 and George Harriman's marriage to Eliza Jane Johnson did not happen until seven years later. Also, Eliza Jane's probate records only mention the five children attributed to her. George Harriman's obituary says that he and Jane Turney were married in 1840 and that at his death in 1912 Jane and her two children were both deceased (as, indeed, Irena was, having died in 1892.)

⁶Data from the 1850 census.

⁷Death date from Eliza Jane Harriman's estate papers, on file in Ringgold County, Iowa (accessed through Ancestry.com)

- 6 v. George Wellcome **Harriman**.
- vi. Margaret Viola **Harriman**. Born, Jun 1869, in Blue Earth Co, Minnesota, USA.⁸

He married, third, Lucinda Ellen **Keller**, on 1 August 1878.⁹ Born in Terre Haute, Indiana, in 1851, died 21 June 1929. Ellen was the sister of George **Keller** and Mrs. Lydia **Spellman**¹⁰

SECOND GENERATION

- 2. Irena² **Harriman** (George¹). Born, circa 1849, in Ohio, USA.¹¹ Died, circa 1885, in Athens Twp, Ringgold County, Iowa, USA.

She married John W. **Ruckle**, circa 1867, in Shelby Twp, Blue Earth Co, Minnesota, USA. Born, circa 1835, in Morgantown, (West) Virginia, USA. Died, 1892, in Mason City, Nebraska, USA. Burial in Mason City, Nebraska, USA. Children:

- i. Ida E.³ **Ruckle**. Born, circa 1868, in Blue Earth Co, Minnesota, USA. Died, 1892, in Mason City, Nebraska, USA. She married **Sigman**, circa 1890.
- 7 ii. Ella Etta **Ruckle**.

- 3. Mary Ellen² **Harriman** (George¹). Born, 19 Feb 1857, in Ohio, USA.¹² Died, 4 Oct 1939. Burial in Kellerton, Iowa, USA.

She married David Louis **Ruckle**, son of Daniel **Ruckle** and Rebecca **Gerrit**, 1 Mar 1881, in Ringgold Co, Iowa.¹³ Born, 25 Jun 1845, in Morgantown, (West) Virginia, USA.¹⁴ Died, 25 Sep 1918. Burial in Kellerton, Iowa, USA. Children:

- 8 i. Fred Oliver³ **Ruckle**.
- 9 ii. Edith E. **Ruckle**.
- 10 iii. Clyde Arthur **Ruckle**.

⁸Birth date from 1900 Soundex (Iowa) for the Federal Census.

⁹Data from the George Harriman obituary and the Ellen Keller obituary.

¹⁰Birth date from 1900 Soundex (Iowa) for the Federal Census.

¹¹Date and place from the 1860 Minnesota Federal Census, Blue Earth Co.

¹²Place from 1860 Minnesota Federal Census, date from her descendants.

¹³Ringgold County Register of Marriages.

¹⁴Date from his son Clyde. Place from his Civil War papers.

4. Julie Etta² **Harriman** (George¹). Born May 1860 in Blue Earth Co, Minnesota, USA.¹⁵

She married Charles W. **Powers**, son of Thomas G. **Powers** and Mary A. **Stanforth**, 18 Jan 1890, in Ringgold County, Iowa, USA.¹⁶ Born, June 1862.¹⁷ Died between 1910 and 1920.¹⁸ Children:

- i. Child, died young.¹⁹
- i. Florence C.³ **Powers**. Born, Sep 1890, in Iowa, USA.²⁰
- ii. Wilbur Charles **Powers**. Born, 13 May 1902, in Ringgold County, Iowa, USA.²¹

5. Benjamin Smith² **Harriman** (George¹). Born 1 Oct 1861, in Blue Earth Co, Minnesota, USA.²² Died 25 November 1951, in Ringgold County, Iowa, USA.²³ Burial in Ringgold County, Iowa, USA.

He married Josephine E. **Peppers**, daughter of B. D. **Peppers**. Born, Apr 1856, in Illinois, USA.²⁴ Died, 1934, in Ringgold County, Iowa, USA.²⁵ Burial: 1934, in Ringgold County, Iowa, USA. Children:

- 11 i. Loyd³ J. **Harriman**.
- 12 ii. Eddie **Harriman**.
- 13 iii. Loren E. **Harriman**.
- iv. **Harriman**. Born, 1 Jul 1894, in Ringgold County, Iowa, USA. Died, before 1900.²⁶
- 14 v. Benjamin Shafter **Harriman**.

¹⁵Date from 1900 Ringgold Co, Iowa, Athens Twp, Federal Census and place from 1860 Minnesota Federal Census.

¹⁶Date from Ringgold County, Iowa, Register of Marriages. Parents' names from the marriage register, but the name "Thomas" comes from an entry for the Powers family in the book *Kellerton, Iowa: A History to 1981*, p. 100.

¹⁷Date from 1900 Ringgold Co, Iowa, Athens Twp, Federal Census.

¹⁸Julia Etta is listed as a widow on the 1920 Federal Census.

¹⁹1900 Ringgold Co, Iowa, Athens Twp, Federal Census indicates one child had died.

²⁰Birth date from 1900 Federal Census for Iowa.

²¹Source: Ringgold Co, Iowa, Birth Register.

²²Date from Soundex for Iowa 1900 Federal Census. Benjamin Smith Harriman lived in Des Moines, Iowa, at the time of the 1900 Federal Census.

²³Date from tombstone in Maple Row Cemetery, Ringgold Co, Iowa.

²⁴Date and state from the 1900 Iowa Soundex to the Federal Census.

²⁵Date from tombstone in Maple Row Cemetery, Ringgold Co, Iowa.

²⁶Possible stillbirth.

6. George Wellcome² **Harriman** (George¹). Born, 6 Oct 1864, in Blue Earth Co, Minnesota, USA.²⁷ Died 23 April 1957, in Ringgold County, Iowa, USA.²⁸ Burial: 1957, in Ringgold County, Iowa, USA.

He married, first, Francis Nellie **Burns**, daughter of Thomas **Burns** and Nancy **Fender**, 4 Feb 1892, in Ringgold County, Iowa, USA.²⁹ Born, 23 Jan 1872.³⁰ Died, 6 Nov 1905, in Ringgold County, Iowa, USA.³¹ Burial: 1905, in Ringgold County, Iowa, USA.

He married, second, Minnie **Miles**, 24 Apr 1907³². Born circa 1866. Children:

- i. Elmer L.³ **Harriman**. Born, Jan 1894, in Iowa, USA.³³ He married Myrtle M. **Morss**, daughter of Ralph **Morss** and Hanna Letha **Chapman**, 6 Nov 1915, in Ringgold County, Iowa, USA.³⁴
- ii. Bertie **Harriman**. Born, 18 Oct 1895, in Ringgold County, Iowa, USA.³⁵ Died, 14 Nov 1895, in Ringgold County, Iowa, USA. Burial: 1895, in Ringgold County, Iowa, USA.
- iii. Ulysses B. **Harriman**. Born, May 1897, in Iowa, USA. Died young?³⁶
- 15 iv. Lester Burns **Harriman**.
- 16 v. Leroy Lee **Harriman**.

He married, second, Minnie **Brown**, daughter of Joseph **Brown** and Mary Ann **McCall**, 15 May 1907, in Ringgold County, Iowa, USA.³⁷ Born, 1865. Died, 1944, in Ringgold County, Iowa, USA.³⁸ Burial: 1944, in Ringgold County, Iowa, USA.

²⁷Birth date from 1900 Soundex (Iowa) for the Federal Census.

²⁸Date from tombstone in Maple Row Cemetery, Ringgold Co, Iowa.

²⁹Date from Ringgold County, Iowa, Register of Marriages.

³⁰Birth date from obit in 16 Nov 1905 *Ringgold Record*.

³¹Date, place from obituary in *Ringgold Record*.

³²Minnie's maiden name may be Brown, with parents Joseph A. Brown and Mary A. McCalla. This guess is based on data from the 1920 Iowa Federal Census for Kellerton, Iowa, entry for George Harriman (Mary Brown, his mother-in-law, is living with him) and data from the 1880 Iowa Federal Census for Decatur, Iowa, entry for Joseph A. Brown (daughter Minnie, age 14).

³³Birth date from 1900 Soundex (Iowa) for the Federal Census.

³⁴Source: Ringgold Co, Iowa, Marriage Register, Book 16, p. 420.

³⁵Birth and death date from Maple Row Cemetery.

³⁶Birth date from 1900 Soundex (Iowa) for the Federal Census. His mother, who died in 1905, had only three children, so I assume this child died young.

³⁷Date from Ringgold County, Iowa, Register of Marriages.

³⁸Dates for birth/death from stone in Maple Row Cemetery, Ringgold Co, Iowa.

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7. Ella Etta³ **Ruckle** (Irena², George¹). Born, 27 Aug 1874, in Blue Earth Co, Minnesota, USA. Died, 8 Sep 1892, in Mason City, Nebraska, USA. Burial in Mason City, Nebraska, USA.

She married Arthur Franklin **Luther**, 15 Apr 1890, in Custer Co, Nebraska, USA. Born, 9 Feb 1870, in Brown Co, Kansas, USA. Died, 1 Jul 1951, in Broken Bow, Nebraska, USA. Burial in Broken Bow, Nebraska, USA. Children:

- 13 i. Omer Kem⁴ **Luther**.
- ii. Earsey **Luther**. Born, 28 Feb 1892, in Mason City, Nebraska, USA. Died, 12 Oct 1893, in Mason City, Nebraska, USA. Burial in Mason City, Nebraska, USA.

8. Fred Oliver³ **Ruckle** (Mary Ellen², George¹). Born, Mar 1882, in Red Oak, Iowa, USA.³⁹ Died, circa 1965.

He married an Elizabeth.⁴⁰ Children:

- i. Barbara⁴ **Ruckle**.
- ii. Lewis **Ruckle**. Born, circa 1904.

9. Edith E.³ **Ruckle** (Mary Ellen², George¹). Born, Apr 1885.⁴¹

She married James H. **Ruckle**.⁴² Born, circa 1870, in Mills Co, Iowa, USA.⁴³ Children:

- i. 4 **Ruckle**. Born, 28 Sep 1909, in Ringgold County, Iowa, USA.

10. Clyde Arthur³ **Ruckle** (Mary Ellen², George¹). Born, 16 Feb 1896, in Beattie, Kansas, USA.⁴⁴ Died, 22 Aug 1976, in Lebanon, Tennessee, USA.⁴⁵ Burial in Lebanon, Tennessee, USA.

³⁹Information from his brother Clyde Arthur and from 1900 census.

⁴⁰Elizabeth's name from 1910 Federal census, Ringgold Co, Iowa, Athens Twp.

⁴¹Source: Ringgold Co, Iowa, Birth Register and 1900 census.

⁴²Clyde Arthur Ruckle's children believe that he and Edith were cousins.

⁴³Source: Ringgold Co, Iowa, Birth Register.

⁴⁴Date and place from Clyde Arthur deposition to Walter Ruckel.

⁴⁵Per social security records and information from descendants.

He married Mae Abbe **Ramsey**, 3 Apr 1919.⁴⁶ Born, 10 Nov 1899.⁴⁷ Died, 29 Nov 1975.⁴⁸ Burial in Lebanon, Tennessee, USA. Children:

- 14 i. Robert Edward⁴ **Ruckle**.
- 15 ii. Betty Louise **Ruckle**.
- 16 iii. Arthur Gene **Ruckle**.
- 17 iv. Kenneth Val **Ruckle**.

11. Loyd J.³ **Harriman** (Benjamin Smith², George¹). Born, 22 Apr 1886, in Ringgold Co, Iowa, USA.⁴⁹ Died Nov 1966 in Goshen County, Wyoming.⁵⁰

He married Parvia H. B. **Stephens**. Children:

- i. Child, born about 1922.⁵¹

12. Ed W.³ **Harriman** (Benjamin Smith², George¹). Born, Dec 1889, in Iowa, USA.⁵²

He married Carrie **Leaf**, daughter of John A. **Leaf** and Mary **Leaf**, circa 1918. Born circa 1893.⁵³ Children:

- i. Eloise⁴ **Harriman**. Born circa 1919.⁵⁴
- ii. Max⁴ **Harriman**. Born circa 1921.
- iii. Carley⁴ **Harriman**. Born circa 1923.
- iv. Dolores⁴ **Harriman**. Born circa 1926.

⁴⁶Date from Clyde Arthur depostion to Walter Ruckel.

⁴⁷Date from descendants.

⁴⁸Per social security records and information from descendants.

⁴⁹Source: Ringgold Co, Iowa, Birth Register.

⁵⁰Death date and place assumes that Loyd J. Harriman is the same as the James Harriman on the Social Security Death Index. James died in the same town that Loyd's brother Loren lived in.

⁵¹Source: Ringgold Co, Iowa, Birth Register.

⁵²Birth date from 1900 Soundex (Iowa) for the Federal Census.

⁵³Marriage date and information on the Leafs from the 1930 Iowa Federal Census, Polk County, Port Lee Twp, entry for Ed. W. Harriman, and the 1920 Federal Census, Polk County, Des Moines, Ward 7, Precinct 6, entry for John A. Leaf.

⁵⁴Source for all children data for Ed and Carrie: 1930 Federal Census, Polk Co, Iowa, Des Moines, Port Lee Twp, entry for Ed W. Harriman.

13. Loren E.³ **Harriman** (Benjamin Smith², George¹). Born, 21 Jul 1891, in Ringgold County, Iowa, USA.⁵⁵

He married Verda E. **Bellamy**, circa 1916. Born circa 1893. Children:

- i. Edward⁴ **Harriman**. Born, circa 1918.⁵⁶
- ii. Eldon⁴ **Harriman**. Born, circa 1920. Married Cora Lee **Games**, 26 Dec 1942 in Bell Co, Texas.⁵⁷
- i. Gerald Clinton⁴ **Harriman**. Born, 2 Dec 1923, in Ringgold County, Iowa, USA.⁵⁸

14. Benjamin Shafter³ **Harriman** (Benjamin Smith², George¹). Born, 10 Sep 1898, in Ringgold County, Iowa, USA.⁵⁹ Died 1 Aug 1962 in Multnomah, Oregon.⁶⁰

He married Vera Coral **Stevens**, daughter of Homer R. **Stevens** and Edith May **Beadle**, 14 Jul 1920, in Ringgold County, Iowa, USA.⁶¹ Born 28 Aug 1901.⁶² Children:

- i. Verla Dean⁴ **Harriman**, born about 1923.⁶³
- ii. Virginia C.⁴ **Harriman**, born about 1923.

15. Lester Burns³ **Harriman** (George W.², George¹). Born, 25 May 1897, in Iowa, USA, died 29 June 1980 in Placer Co, California.⁶⁴

⁵⁵Source: Ringgold Co, Iowa, Birth Register.

⁵⁶Source: 1920 Federal Census, Goshen County, Wyoming.

⁵⁷Marriage data from Bell County, Texas-Births, 1942. It is a guess that the Loren Eldon Harriman listed in the Bell County data is this Eldon and not his uncle Loren Eldon.

⁵⁸Source: Ringgold Co, Iowa, Birth Register.

⁵⁹Source: Ringgold Co Birth Register. Name there is Benjamin Harris.

⁶⁰Source: Oregon Death Index, 1902-1988.

⁶¹Source: Ringgold Co, Iowa, Marriage Register.

⁶²Source for birth date: Ancestral File (LDS) entry by Hugh Ray Skinner, the spouse of one of Vera's daughters.

⁶³Source for all children data for Benjamin Shafter and Vera: 1930 Iowa Federal Census, Ringgold County, Elston, entry for Shafter Harriman.

⁶⁴Birth record in Cresston, Iowa (Union Co). Also in Ringgold Co, Iowa. Death date and place from Ancestry.com database "California Deaths, 1940-1997." Information on children taken from the family group sheet of Connie M. Jones, 908-20th St, Wheatland, Wyoming 82201. Some of the data comes from the Lester Burns Harriman obituary in the *Sacramento Bee*, Tue, July 1, 1980, pg. C23.

He married Alma L. **McDowell**³³, daughter of Will **McDowell** and Alma **Ashenhurst**, circa 1920.⁶⁵ Born, 15 Aug 1903, in Union Co, Iowa, Birth Records. Children:

- i. Nellie Luella⁴ **Harriman**. Born, 19 Jul 1921, in Ringgold County, Iowa, USA.⁶⁶ Married Salvador **Nigro**, lived in Sacramento, California in 1980
- ii. Robert Lester⁴ **Harriman**. Born 1923.
- iii. William Leroy⁴ **Harriman**. Born 3 Jan 1925, died 28 Dec 2000 in Gilbert, Iowa.⁶⁷ Married Evelyn Lenore **Clauser**.
- iv. Neva Louise⁴ **Harriman**. Born 1927. Married William **Robinson**, lived in Washington in 1980.
- v. Bonnie Lee⁴ **Harriman**. Born 1929. Married Henry **Shonberg**, then **Frazier**, lived in San Jose, California in 1980.
- vi. Betty Lou⁴ **Harriman**. Born 1931. Married L. T. **Davis**, then **Anamateros**, lived in Nevada in 1980.
- vii. Jacqueline Lois⁴ **Harriman**. Born 1934
- viii. Richard Lyle⁴ **Harriman**. Born 1938, lived in Oregon in 1980. Married Ellen Irene **Janach**.

16. LeRoy Lee **Harriman**. Born, Feb 1900, in Iowa, USA. Died 9 Dec 1944 in Los Angeles Co, California.⁶⁸

Married Mary Lillian **Lynch**, 26 June 1927 in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, daughter of John **Lynch** and Susan **Yates** (or **Gates**). Died 26 Nov 1936⁶⁹

- i. JoAnne Jewel **Harriman**. Born 12 Apr 1933. Married Delvin Eugene **Jones**, 21 June 1949.⁷⁰
- ii. James Leroy **Harriman**. Born 3 Nov 1936, never married.⁷¹

⁶⁵Marriage date extrapolated from 1930 Iowa Federal Census, Mills Co, Iowa, Malvern Twp, entry for Lester Harriman.

⁶⁶Source: Ringgold Co, Iowa, Birth Register.

⁶⁷Birth and death dates from the Social Security Death Index, assuming this is the same person as listed in the index with these dates and death place.

⁶⁸Death date and place from Ancestry.com database "California Deaths, 1940-1997."

⁶⁹Data from marriage license and death certificate of Mary Lillian Harriman.

⁷⁰Birth date from family history sheet by Connie M. Jones.

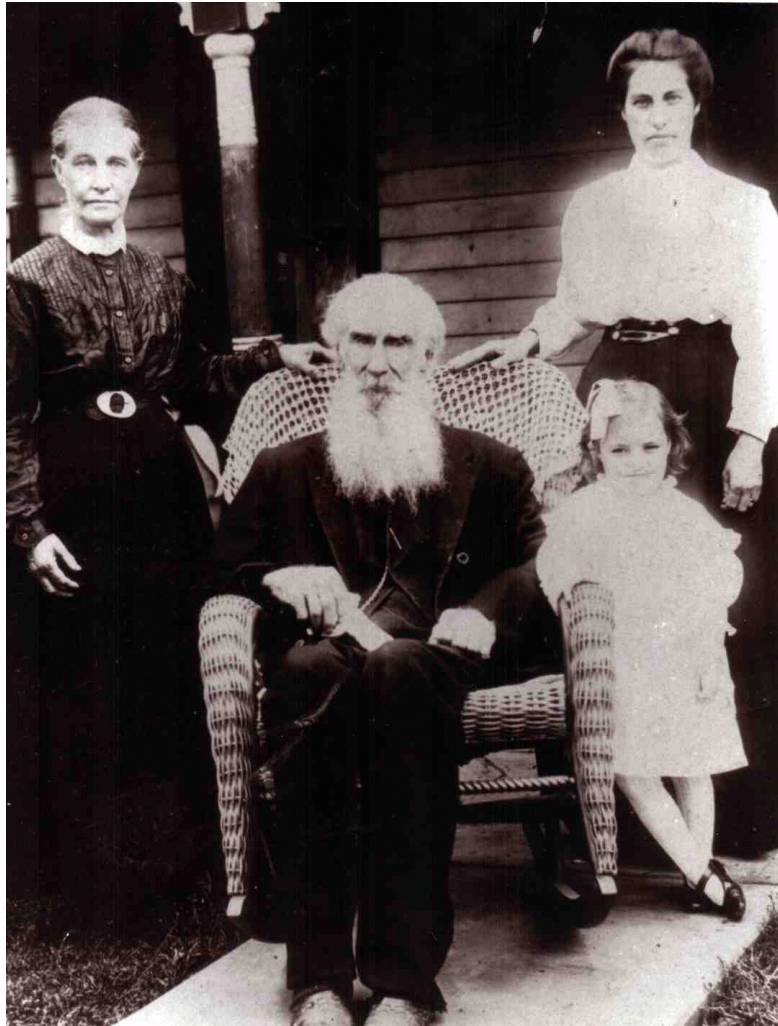
⁷¹Birth date from 1900 Soundex (Iowa) for the Federal Census. Delvin is the father of Joe. E. Jones (m. Connie Mae Hill).

Appendix D: George Harriman Pictures

Mrs. Betty Organ of Winchester, Virginia, was kind enough to share with me her treasure box of Harriman and Ruckle pictures. I made copies of the pictures in 1991.



These two pictures are, I believe, George Harriman and his wife Eliza Jane Johnston. They would have been taken before Eliza's death in 1880.



A picture, taken, I believe, in Kellerton, Iowa. The older man in the chair is George Harriman. On his right, our left, is his daughter, Mary Ellen Harriman Ruckle. On his left, our right, is probably his granddaughter, Edith E. Ruckle, daughter of Mary Ellen Harriman and David Louis Ruckle and granddaughter of George. Edith would have been about twenty-six in 1911. Edith had a child, Mary G., who would have been three or four in 1912—she may be the one standing in front of Edith. If we assume the picture was taken in late 1911 or early 1912, in the last year of George Harriman's life, George would have been about ninety.



On this and the next page are pictures that I believe to be the three daughters of George Harriman. The two young children in the picture on the left are probably Mary Ellen and Julie Etta Harriman. On the back of the picture is stamped "J. McCohon, Photographer, Utica, Ohio." Someone has written on the back in pencil, "1865." In 1865 Mary Ellen would have been about eight, and Julie Etta about five.

The picture on the right I believe to be either Irena Harriman, the oldest daughter of George Harriman and Eliza Jane Johnston, perhaps taken about 1880, when she would have been thirty, or Julie Etta Harriman, the third daughter, taken in the 1890s.



The family on the right is Mary Ellen Harriman and her husband, David Louis Ruckle, and their two children, Fred Oliver and Edith E. Taken about 1890. Mary Ellen, Betty Organ writes, was only four foot nine inches tall with blue eyes and auburn hair.

The couple on the left may be Mary Ellen Harriman's daughter Edith E. and Edith's husband, James H. Ruckle, taken about 1908.



Ella Etta Ruckle, daughter of Irena Harriman, and Ella Etta's husband Arthur Franklin Luther and child Omer Kem Luther.

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