



THE
KIVETT
FAMILY

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The present day Kivett's are decedents of Peter I-1726 Kevit of the Netherlands. He lived in an area of Holland Known as South Holland. Peter emigrated to Lankashire, England at the age of seventeen. After living there for ten years he decided to come to the American Colonies in 1753. He then settled North of Charlotte, North Carolina, in Randolph County on a farm of about 900 acres. This farm was located near the Mt. Pleasant & Sandy Creeks. He and his wife Anna Barbara-1729 raised a large family of four sons and four daughters. The sons were Henry I, OUR PETER II, John I M. and Jacob I. Their daughters were Charity Foust, Elizabeth Scotten, Barbara-II Foust and Ann Margaret Wolfe. Peter I-1726 owned two slaves in 1790 but later generations didn't follow this practice. By 1793 Peter I-1726 wasn't feeling well so he sat down to write his will which read-

In the name of God Amen, I Peter Kivett Senior of the County of Randolph and State of North Carolina. Being weak of body, but of sound Memory (Blessed be god) Do this third day of October and in the year of Our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Ninety three Do Make and Publish this my Last Will and Testament. In manner and form following (That is to say) First, I give and Divise unto my son Henry Kivett, Two hundred Acres of Land, to be laid of to him where he now Dwelleth, One hundred acres to be laid of the north side of the Tract I now dwell on, which was granted unto me by the Earl of Granville, the other hundred acres of Land, was Given and granted unto me by the State of North Carolina which I give and devise unto my said son Henry Kivitt in Fee simple For Ever. Also I give and Devise unto my son Peter Kivett Two hundred acres of land in fee simple for Ever. To be laid of to him where he now dwelleth. Seventy five Acres of Land to be Taken of the East side of the Tract I Purchased from Henry Linderman, and one hundred acres was granted unto me by the State of North Carolina, and Twenty Five acres of Land on the South East End of a Tract of Land Granted unto me by the State of North Carolina. Item. I give and devise unto my son John Kivett Two Hundred Acres of Land to be laid out to him Where he now dwelleth (In manner following) Seventy five acres of Land to by Taken of the west side of the tract I purchased of Henry Linderman, and one hundred acres granted unto me by the State of North Carolina, lying joining Henry

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Kivett line on the North East side, and joining Henry Linderman, Jurs Linderman North side, and twenty five more to be laid on to him on the south side, and twenty five more to be laid on to him on the south side of his said tract I purchased of the said Henry Linderman. In fee simple for Ever. Also I give and Devise unto my son Jacob Kivett, One Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land in fee simple for Ever. To be laid out to him (In manner and form following) One hundred acres of Land to be laid of on the West Side of the Tract I Now dwell on which was granted unto me by the State of North Carolina. And fifty Acres more to be laid of to him on the South side of the said Tract. Item I give and Devise unto my Wife Anna Barbary Kivitt One hundred and fifty Two Acres of Land the remainder part, during her Natril Life and after her Decease, I give and devise the same to my son Jacob Kivitt in fee simple for Ever. Also I Give and Devise unto my Dear and Loving Wife Anna Barbary Kivitt, My daughter Charity Foust five pounds to be paid out of my Movable Properties, after the decease of my beloved wife Anna Barbary Kivitt. Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Scotten the sum of five pounds To be paid to her as afore said, also I give and Devise unto My Daughter Barbary Foust five pounds to be paid unto her as afore said. Item I give and Bequeath unto my daughter Ann Margaret Wolfe the sum of five pounds as above mentioned. Item I give and devise unto my said Dear and beloved wife Anna Barbary Kivitt All My personal Estate of movable Properties During her natril life and after her decease the said to be Divided Among all my children above Mentioned. And I make and ordain My said sons Henry Kivitt and John Kivitt my Executors of this my will. In trust for the intents and Purposes in this my will contained.

In witness Whereof I the said Peter Kivitt have hereunto set my hand and Afixed my seal this day on the above written. signed, sealed and delivered by the said Peter Kivitt as and for his last will and Testament. In the Presents Of us, who were Present at The signing and sealing Thereof Thomas Hamilton Jur. Thomas Savage Samuel Stout

Peter Kivet

By the turn of the century both of the elder parents passed away and were buried at the "Old McMasters Buring Ground" near Staley, North Carolina (The McMasters were the Kivett's next door neighbors). Their tombstones read as follows-

Peter Kevit Was born in July in the year of 1726 and decest the 28th of September of 1794 in 68 year of his age and 2 months.

Anna Barbary Kevit Was born in the year of 1729 Oct. 28 and decest the year of 1797 July 28th and in the 68 year of her age. All you my children as you pray Try to remember here your Mother lies my job above this earth is raised To jesus there to sing his praise.

OUR PETER I-1726 KIVETT'S FAMILY GENERATION I.

Peter Kevit-(1726-1794), Randolph County N. C. Anna Barbara-(1729-1797) wf.

Sons- OUR PETER II-(178?-1835), Henry I-(178?-1808), John I-(17??-1843) M. & Jacob I-(17??-1810).

Daughters- Charity Foust, Elizabeth Scotten, Barbara II Foust & Ann Margaret Wolfe.

Peter I's-1726 four sons had a total of 24 sons and numerous daughters. They were-

Jacob I & Barbary wf. Sons- Jacob II, John, Daniel, Peter & Henry. Daughters- Mary, Elizabeth, Rosanna, Anna & Sarah.

John I M.- Wife unknown. Sons- Henry-(1793-1882), Nathan-(1818-1878) P., John Mathew Jr. & William-1809. Daughters- Rosanna Kivett, Elizabeth York, Mary McDaniel, Nancy York & Sophia York.

Henry I & Sarah wf. Sons- Henry II, John, Aaron, Peter, Jacob & James. Daughters- Anna Barbary.

OUR PETER II'S FAMILY- GENERATION II.

Peter Kivett-(178?-1835), Wf. unknown.

Sons- Eli-1808, John,

OUR HIRAM, Joel-1798, Peter III-1800, James, George, Henry &
Daniel-(1795-1892).

Daughters- Mrs. Joe Scotten and two others.

While the majority of Peter I's-1726 family remained near the old homestead some of the grandsons decided to "pioneer" as their grandfather die years before. Our Peter II's son, Peter III-1800 married his first cousin, Mary (Polly) Wolfe, granddaughter of Barbara I-1729 and Peter I-1726 by Ann Margaret Kivett Wolfe in 1824. They came to Hendricks County, Indiana (near Indianapolis), in 1831. They were among the founders of the first church at Center Valley.

Henry I's two sons James and John Kivett settled in southern Hendricks County in the early thirties but did not survive there long. Another of Our Peter II's sons Joel-1798 & Mary McDaniel wf. and his cousin Aaron & Charity Fields wf. settled in Morgan County, Indiana a few years later. Aaron's brother Jacob & Marry Browner wf. lived in Putnam County, Indiana in 1820.

Peter III's-1800 brothers Henry-1788 & Agnes Coad wf. and George followed the other pioneering Kivetts to Indiana, settling in Posey County before 1820.

Brother James Kivett moved to Maury in western Tennessee about 1834.

As far as known our Peter-II's remaining sons Eli-1808 & Anna-1807 Scotten wf. John, Daniel-(1795-1892) & Dolly Graves-(1808-1885) wf. and our Hiram lived out their lives in North Carolina along with their three sisters (Mrs. Joe Scotten and 2 others). Our Hiram died while in his late 40's.

OUR HIRAM KIVETT'S FAMILY- GENERATION III

Hiram Kivett, Randolph County, N. C. wife unknown.

Sons-

Lorenzo-1836 Bowe and OUR HIRAM ALBERT-(Nov 11, 1833-July 5,
1914).

Daughter- Mariah.

Hiram's son, our Hiram Albert-1833 Kivett headed West to Claiborne County, Tennessee in the mid 1850's. He may have traveled with two of his cousins Richmond-1834 and Emberson-1828. (Two other unknown cousins William-1832 and John-1830 also located there). They came with "just a hatchet and a hammer" and cut logs for a little house where Hiram Albert's-1833 granddaughter Rose-1896 would later be born. Rose-1896 mentioned that "snow blew in the cracks on her face when she was born". These five Kivett's (along with the later John-1849 Hiram) account for all the present relatives in the Union-Claiborne County areas.

These five pioneer's Tennessee families were-

William-1832 Kivett- Tazwell, Catherine-1834 wf. Sons- John-1854 & Mark-1858. Daughters- Rebecca-1856 & Alvis-1859. This is perhaps John I's grandson?

Richmond-1834 Kivett- Tazwell, Nancy-1840 wf. Son- Milton. Daughter- Alice-1859. Richmond was the son of Nathan-(1816-1878) & Francis-1815 Reese of North Carolina (John I's grandson).

Emberson-1828 Kivett- Lost Creek, Mary-1830 wf. Sons- John-1857, Daniel-1859 P. Henry-1863, William-1876 E. Daughters- Anna-1861, Nancy-1865 J. Mary-1868 L. Turley-1871, Olly-1873 & Luvena-1868. Emberson is the grandson of our Peter II (son of Daniel-1795 & Dolly-1806 Kivett of North Carolina).

John-1830 Kivett Speedwell, Elizabeth-1840 E. wf. Sons- Samuel-1861 F. & William-1866 F. Daughters- Sarah-1859 J. & Isabel-1872. This cousins grandfather is unknown.

OUR HIRAM ALBERT-1833 KIVETT'S FIRST FAMILY GENERATION IV A

Hiram Albert Kivett-(Nov. 17, 1833- July 5, 1914), Sharp's Chapel, Tennessee. Sarah-(1834-186?) wf.

Son- William-(1857-1935) Lorenzo.

Daughter- Mary Mariah-(Feb. 22, 1860- May 5, 1932).

This of course is Peter II's grandson too.

Hiram Albert-1833 joined in the Civil War fighting with Company E, 6th E. Tennessee Cavalry. Upon his return he and his first wife Sarah-1834 A. lived at Sharp's Chapel with their only two children William-1857 L. and Mary-1860 Mariah, working the land. Sarah died young and Hiram Albert-1833 remarried a neighbor's daughter by the name of Emily-1851 J. Stiner on December 29, 1867.

William-1857 Lorenzo Kivett didn't live with his father's new family but probably boarded with neighbors. On January 15, 1883, he married a 15 year old local girl by the name of Susan-1868 Alice Burch. Samuel-1861 F. Kivett & Thomas Weaver were witnesses. They set up housekeeping at Long Hollow where William worked as a merchant.

Susan's-1868 father Samuel-1839 was also a veteran of the Civil War serving in Company C, 47th Kentucky Infantry. His wife was Sarah-1844 E. Goin and their marriage took place on October 12, 1857. Besides daughter Susan-1867 there were William-1859, Robert-1861, Mary-1864 J. and John-1866 in the Burch family.

Hiram Albert-1833 and Sarah's-1834 only daughter Mary-1860 Mariah Kivett became part of her father's new family after her mother's premature death. On April 22, 1877, she met and married Ben-(1859-1944) W. Ellison a neighbor from down the road. Among their 14 Children (6 died) were- Eliza-1887, Ann Margaret, Elizabeth and Ethyl, who all died young. Three other children Georgie-1907, Chess-1908 and Verna-1919 all survived. Mary-1860 suffered from severe arthritis and periodically visited the hot springs for treatment. While living at Harrogate, Tennessee she and her husband operated a 1000 room hotel- THE FOUR SEASONS which catered to kings and world famous people who came to see the Cumberland Gap (It burned down at the turn of the century). They packed their things and headed West to Seymour, Texas in 1908. When the near-by town of Crosbyton was being laid out they were the first family to buy a lot. Mary-1860 and Ben-1859 had eight more children including Cap, Lige, Tina-1901, Viola-1895, Luvena-1891 K. Lina-1901 J. & Mordia-1899 L. The Ellison's acquired considerable property and were respected members of Primitive Baptist Church and all the town's businesses closed during Mary's-1860 funeral on May 5, 1932. William-1857 L. and his young wife Susan-1868 had a family consisting of two sons Verlin-1886, Leroy (who died young) and two daughters- Mary-1887 Catherine and Pearlina-1889 Jane while living near Lost Creek in Union County, Tennessee. Susan-1868 Alice died suddenly at age 21. William-1857 never

remarried although he did have another "son" Andy-18??, by a lady down the road. He roamed the midwest operating a Merry-Go-Round and making candy in various states during the summer seasons. His daughter Mary-1887 Catherine accompanied him on his travels but young Pearlina-1889 Jane was raised by Neighbors- The John Weavers.

Little Mary-1887 sometimes stayed with here grand father's family during William's trips. The last time she cried when leaving her playmates forever. The eldest son Verlin-1886 Kivett contracted tuberculosis and was treated at the sanatorium at Rockville, Indiana, but died at the age of 24, unmarried in 1910 (Family legend has that he once played cards with Frank James the retired outlaw).

The youngest daughter of William-1857 and Susan-1868 attended Hill Academy of Fountain Valley, Tennessee. "Lina" married Frank Watson-(Dec. 20, 1883-1944) and moved North to Bay City, Michigan, where they raised their family. It consisted of three sons- Lon-(1905-1935), William and Albert and four daughters- Jessie Doan, Sallie Kaczamarek, Maebelle Hallman Radke and Flora Cole Laidman.

"Brother Andy-? was last heard of while working for a power company near San Francisco in 1912.

MY WILLIAM-1857 KIVETT'S FAMILY- GENERATION V.

William Lorenzo Kivett-(1857-1935), Lost Creek, Tennessee,
Susan Alice Burch (July 4, 1868- April 23, 1890) wf.
Sons- Verlin-(1886-1910), LeRoy & "Andy".
Daughters- MY MARY CATHERINE (November 7, 1887- 1951) & Pearlina
Jane (April 3, 1889-1986).

Hiram Albert's-1833 second family attended the Blue Springs Church and some later family members are buried there. Emily's-1851 first child was Ollie-1869 Jane Kivett. She was followed by two brothers- Jim-1874 M. and Eli-1876 M. Hiram Albert-1833 Kivett's second wife Emily-1851 left this earth on July 31, 1899. Albert-1833 then went to finish out his last years living with his youngest son Eli-1876. He then passed away on July 5, 1914 at the age of 80.

Eli-1876 and his wife Corine-1877 E. Ellison- a native of Virginia, later moved to New Market, Tennessee, where he would later be buried. His family members were- Three young babies died, Hassie-1895 L. Rose-1896 B. Margaret-1902, Waltise-1905 B. and Perdrie-1907 E. Two sons- Conley-1899 L. & Everett.

Hiram Albert's-1833 other son, Jim-1874 married Sallie-1878 K. Peller? and they added Martha-1899 L. to their family on Sept. 10, 1899. She was followed by Isaac-1903, Ollie-1906 T. & Myrtle-1908 E. It was Jim-1874 who found his Half brother William-1857 L. Kivett alone, dead in his small house and handled the necessary funeral arrangements in 1935.

Jim-1874 and Eli's-1876 only sister Ollie-1869 Jane married J.B. Coffey and moved to Texas about 1902, probably at the urging of Mary-1860 Mariah Kivett Ellison. Ollie's-1869 first seven children were born in Tennessee and four more were conceived in Seymour, Texas. By 1914, her large family had joined her half sister Mary-1860 in Crosbyton, Texas. One of her children, Sally Asalee Coffey married and had a child named Gloria-1929. Gloria-1929 & her husband John F. Smith currently reside in Lubbock, Texas.

OUR HIRAM ALBERT-1833 KIVETT'S SECOND FAMILY- GENERATION IV B

Hiram Albert-1833 Kivett-(Nov. 17, 1833- July 5, 1914), Emily J. Stiner-(1851-July 31, 1899) wf. Sharp's Chapel, Tennessee,
Sons- James-1874 M. & Eli-1876 M.
Daughter- Ollie-1869 Jane Coffey.

Hiram Albert-1833 and Emily's-1851 grandchildren's families were-

CONLEY KIVETT'S FAMILY- Eugene, Lee, Talbatt, Edgar & Mrs Loraine Grant.

MRS. WALTISE-1905 S. TALBATT'S FAMILY- Mrs Charles Rowlon, Mrs. Ruth Dixon & Gene Talbatt.

MRS. PEARL'S-1907 JAMES FAMILY- Glenn A., James & Edna P.

EVERETT KIVETT'S FAMILY- Mrs. Marjorie Sallinger & Donald.

John-1849 Hiram Kivett was the son of Hiram Albert's-1833 brother Lorenzo-1836 Bowe Kivett. His mother Eliza "Lucy" Johnson and his father probably stayed in North Carolina where they were married on September 10, 1848. How John-1849 got to Speedwell, Tennessee, is unknown but he must have come alone about 1868. He met and married Minerva J. Rogers-(1841-1916) that same year in a wedding attended by his uncle Hiram Albert-1833. It seems he was in military service in the early 1870's before settling down to raise a family. Their first son became the most famous of the Tennessee Kivetts. He was James P. (1869-1945) Kivett Lawyer, public official, was born in Speedwell, Tennessee, on August 11, 1869. Of Dutch, Scotch, Irish descent; he was the son of John-1849 H. and Minerva-1841 J. Rogers Kivett. His father was a farmer. His wife's grandparents were Jesse and Margaret Wilson Rogers. He was educated at Powell's Valley Seminary, Wellspring, Tennessee. John-1869 married Cordie Carr on February 27, 1897. He was a Mason, Republican; appointed Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court Claiborne County. He served as a delegate to the Republican presidential convention in Chicago, in 1908. He was a criminal lawyer and a well known stump speaker.

John-1849 H. and Minerva-1841 Kivett's other children were-Sons- David-1874 A. & Jesse R.-(1875-1930). Daughters- Margaret-1871, Minnie-1873 B. & Ollie-1878.

Mary-1887 Catherine left her father- William-1857 L. forever when she met and married Charles-1888 Russell of New Tazwell. They were married on October 12, 1912, at Pineville, Kentucky. They lived in two coal mining camps where Charles-1888 worked in the mines of the tri-states of Tennessee, Virginia & Kentucky. At their first home in St. Charles, Virginia, their only child Verlin-1914 Viola Russell was born on June 11, 1914. Their second home was at Middlesboro, Kentucky, where Charles-1888 worked for the Gravity Coal Company. By 1917, Mary's-1887 father had persuaded the Russell's that Michigan had "lots of good Jobs". Living in Monroe, Michigan, Charles-1888 started working as a painter. Marital problems arose and the two were divorces in 1924, to both partners life-long regret. She & her daughter were supported by Mary's-1887 income from doing housework in Monroe and Toledo, Ohio, homes until about 1932.

Her former husband Charles-1888 "Passmore" Russell ended his life in Chicago as a longshoreman occasionally using his stepfather's surname, at the young age of 47. He is buried just a couple of miles from this authors home.

When her only daughter Verlin-1914 moved North to Bay City, Michigan, Mary-1887 became ill and entered a sanatorium at Howell, Michigan; by 1936, she moved in with her daughter's family. Mary-1887 Catherine Kivett Russell passed away in 1952 after being bed-ridden for the last 20 years of her life.

MY MARY-1887 CATHERINE KIVETT RUSSELL'S FAMILY GENERATION VI

Mary Catherine Kivett Russell -(November 7, 1887-1952),
Husband Charles Russell "Passmore"- (1888-November 26, 1935),
Monroe, Michigan
Daughter- MY VERLIN VIOLA RUSSELL OBERDORF -(June 11, 1914-April
30, 1985).

Her daughter Verlin-1914 met and married Ole-1908 Ralph Oberdorf on April 2, 1936. "Obie" as he was known was also in the painting business during most of his life. (See author's book on "The Oberdorfs of America" for Ralph's family history.) The Oberdorf's had three sons- Gary-1936, Karl-1939 & Paul-1941.

MY VERLIN-1914 OBERDORF'S FAMILY- GENERATION VII.

Verlin Viola Russell Oberdorf-(June 11, 1914- April 30, 1985), Husband- Ole Ralph Oberdorf- (July 29, 1908- February 15, 1982), Bay City, Michigan.
Sons- Gary-(July 25, 1936) Charles, KARL-(February 25, 1939)
CHESTER
& Paul-(May 24, 1941) Lee.

The only offspring of these 3 sons is Mary-1972 Catherine Oberdorf, Paul's daughter of Fountain Valley, California. This Mary-1972 is of course named for "Little Mary-1887 Catherine daughter of William-1857 Lorenzo Kivett of many years ago.

MARY CATHERINE OBERDORF-(June 21, 1972)- Generation VIII.

Presently attending college in California.

OTHER KIVETTS

As years pass, more and more Kivetts are born making it difficult to identify past family members. This history covers only the period up to 1910. For this reason some isolated members are listed to help you sort out the "puzzle".

JOHN-1857 KIVETT- Cynthia-1861 E. wf. John-1883 Milton-1885, Ulys-1888, Henderson-1895, Herbert-1897 & Silas-1901. (John-1857 is Emberson's-1828 son).

DAVID-1874 A. KIVETT- Nora-1884 L. wf. Mildred-1904. (David-1874 is H. John's-1849 son.)

JESSE R. KIVETT-(1875- 1930), Sallie-1876 wf. Waneta-1909. (Jesse-1875 is also a son of John-1849 Hiram.)

SAMUEL-1861 F. KIVETT- Miss Braden wf. (daughter of William W. & Hester A. Braden), Mrs. Edith Schroder, Mrs. Ethel Weaver (Her son is Wayne Weaver). (Samuel-1861 is John-1830 of Tazwell, son.)

TROY-1887 KIVETT- Zina-1890 wf. Edward-1908, Flora-1909.

FLORENCE-1869 KIVETT- (Helen's-1893 daughter.)

MARY-1895 E. KIVETT- (Granddaughter of William Braden.)

WILLIAM-1870 KIVETT- Julia-1868 wf. Roxie-1883, Samuel-1888, Harriet-1889, John-1892, Conley-1893 & M?-1898 son.

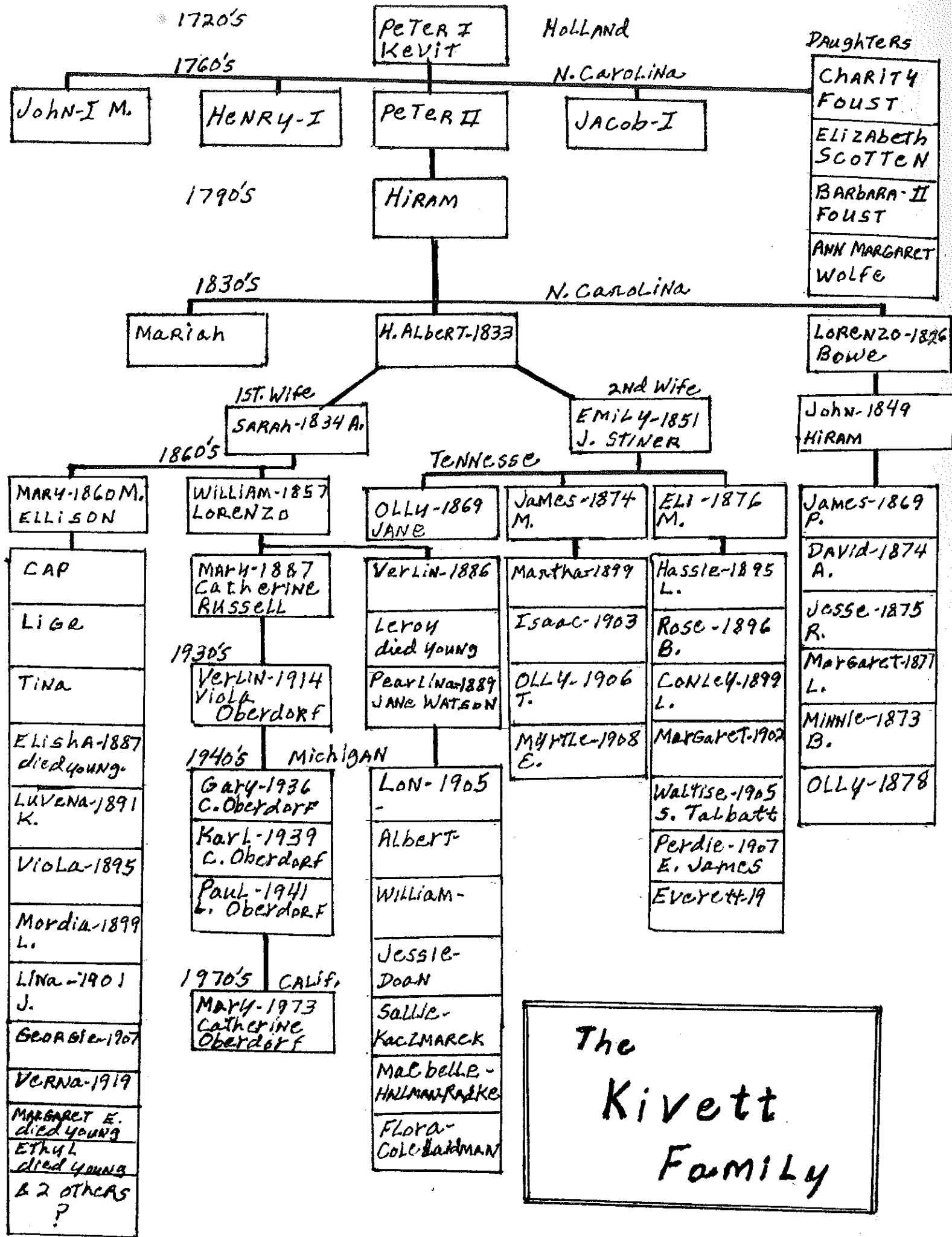
HARRY-1892 KIVETT-

SALLIE-1876 K. KIVETT-(1877-1939).

This data was compiled by me from relatives and public records. As such there are many gaps and some mistakes but on the whole it is as complete a record of our KIVETT'S in existence.

PETER I-1726 KEVIT- father of
PETER II KIVETT- father of
HIRAM KIVETT- father of
HIRAM ALBERT-1833 KIVETT- father of
WILLIAM-1857 LORENZO KIVETT- father of
MARY-1887 CATHERINE KIVETT RUSSELL- mother of
VERLIN-1914 RUSSELL OBERDORF- mother of

KARL-1939 CHESTER OBERDORF- AUTHOR
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N. CAROLINA

Hiram-28 Kivitt
1833-1914
Sarah-29 A.
1874-1867

William-14 L.
1857-1935
SUC-15 Alice Burch
1868-1890

Mary-7B Catharine
1887-1952
Charles-D Russell
1888-1935

Verlin-2A Viola
1914-1985
Ole-2D Oberdorf
1908-1982

GENERATION

V

TAZWELL, TENN.

Mary-B Mariah
1860-1932
Ben N. Ellison
1859-1944

IV

Verlin-A
1886-1910
single

III

Bay City, Mich.

II

Verlin-2A II
Oberdorf's
Family

1835-1988

I

Gary-B Oberdorf
Karl-1C Oberdorf
Paul-D Oberdorf

CHILDREN:

★ END OF GENETIC LINE

Leroy-C
1887-d. YNG.

★

Pearlina-D
1889-1986
Ben F. Watson
1883-1945

CHILDREN:

William Watson
Albert Watson
Sallie Kacamerck
Jessie Dean

Maebelle Hallman Radt
Flora Cole Laidman