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*The*  
*Franklin Family*  
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This history of the Franklin Family has been based on information given by Robert V. Franklin some years ago and preserved in the family Bible of his nephew, W.F. Franklin, Danville, Indiana, and on data furnished by his granddaughter, Hazel Franklin Lewis (Mrs. Charles) of Danville, Illinois, with whom he lived for several years. It was compiled and organized by Margaret Franklin Baker (Mrs. C. Rawleigh), grand niece of Robert V. Franklin.

John B. Franklin was born in Pennsylvania, and his wife, Marget Numan Franklin, daughter of Conrad and Anna Numan, came from Germany. They were the parents of

- John - who married Phoebe Gillmore
- Mary - who never married
- Henry - who married Charlotte Worrell
- Joel - who married Nancy Worrell (cousin of Charlotte)
- Robert - who married Lydia Brown

John B. and Margaret Numan Franklin moved from Pennsylvania to Carroll County, Virginia. Their son, Henry Franklin, also moved to Carroll County, Virginia, where he married Charlotte Worrell, who had come to Carroll County from North Carolina. Henry and Charlotte Worrell Franklin were the parents of

- Robert V. - who married Rachel Rebecca Larsh
- John F. - who married Nancy Hylton
- Columbus - who married Rose Welchans
- Calista
- Alfred

Henry Franklin died in Virginia, and in 1852, Charlotte Worrell Franklin, together with her family, came to Indiana by ox team and settled in the Neighborhood of Brownsburg, Indiana, in Hendricks County. Her eldest son, Robert had come to Hendricks County earlier with a group that emigrated from Virginia, and was instrumental in establishing his mother and his brothers and sister in Indiana.

Robert V. Franklin married Rachel Rebecca Larsh. They had two children - Orra, born in Hendricks County, and Orien, born near Hickman, Nebraska. Orra married Thomas Cody (a cousin of the famous Captain Cody) and they had three children - Mamie, Michael, and Robert. Mamie, whose name is now Sadler, and Michael live in Douglas, Wyoming

Orien Franklin married Mary Halada, who was born in Bohemia, and they were the parents of Hazel Millie Ann (now Mrs. Charles Lewis, of Danville, Illinois) Clarence W., and Homer B.

Charles and Hazel Franklin Lewis are the parents of John, Mary Ellen, and Sara Ann, all of whom are married and have families. We are grateful to Mrs. Lewis for much of this information.

John F. Franklin married Nancy Hylton, who was one of the emigrants who came from Carroll County, Virginia with an earlier group. They had two children - William Fletcher and Dollie, who died in infancy.

William Fletcher married Nora Walsh of Roachdale, Indiana, and they had three children - Laurence W., Edgar F., and Margaret E.

Laurence married Bernice Stuart of Washington, D.C., and they are the parents of Margaret, who married Arthur Hoener. They live in Newtonville, Massachusetts, and have two children, Arthur and Carolyn. Other children of Laurence and Bernice Franklin are twin sons, William, who is an engineer with the BMEWS Radar station at Thule, Greenland, and Robert, who married Susan Rutledge and lives in Phoenix Arizona.

Edgar Franklin married Mildred McCormick of Hendricks County, and they live in Topeka, Indiana. They have one son, James, who is in the service of his country.

Margaret Franklin married C. Rawleigh Baker of Danville. They have three children - Charles William, who is in the funeral and hardware business with his father, Rebecca Walsh, who is in college, and John Bruce, who is in grade school.

After the death of his wife, Nora Walsh Franklin, William Fletcher Franklin married Mrs. Marjorie Woodworth. They now live in Danville.

John F. Franklin, following the death of his wife, Nancy Hylton Franklin, married Luvina Pugh and they had two daughters, Stella and Osa. They moved to the neighborhood of Long Island, Kansas. Stella Franklin married Albert Skelton and they had three children - Osa, or "Bobbie", Frank, and Harlan. Osa married James Pool and they live in Norton, Kansas; Frank married and they had two daughters - Arlene who married Jack Kinkade and Ardith who married Truman Brown. Harlan is married and lives in Long Island, Kansas.

Osa Franklin married Thomas Clark and they had one son, James C. Clark who is married and lives in Texas. Osa now lives with her sister, Stella, at Long Island, Kansas.

Columbus Franklin married Rose Welshans and later they moved to Shirley, Indiana. They had two children, but our information is that they are all deceased and buried in Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Alfred Franklin had a deformed hand, the result of an injury in early life. He never married, but lived with his mother and sister in Brownsburg and helped support the family.

Calista Franklin lived in Brownsburg with her mother and brother. She had one son, Dumont, who was employed by a timber firm in Memphis, Tennessee. He married Grace Fulton Campbell and they had one son, Robbie. Robbie married Mary McFarlan Wilson, and they have two children, Robbie and Linda. He lives in Toledo, Ohio, and is employed by the Public Library.

Charlotte Worrell Franklin married a man by the name of Tulley after coming to Indiana. She, together with her children Calista, Alfred, and Robert V. Franklin are buried in the cemetery at Brownsburg, Indiana. John F. Franklin is buried in the cemetery at Long Island, Kansas.

We note that in 1835, when the William Wilson family moved from Bedford County, Virginia, to Hendricks County, Indiana included in that group were Robert and Lydia Brown Franklin. This Robert is a son of John B. and Margret Numan Franklin and a brother of our Henry Franklin. Robert and Lydia Brown Franklin left the company at Richmond, Indiana, and established their home in Wayne County. Many of their descendents live in and around Richmond, and we understand that a history of the Fraanklin family in Wayne County is being prepared.