

THE SCOTT FAMILY

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DEDICATED  
IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF IRA SCOTT, SR.

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## PREFACE

That which requires an apology should be left undone. Hence the writer of this story has an apology to offer in sending it forth: If it finds favor in the sight of those who may read it, I will appreciate it and if not, the world will pursue its...course and no one will be the worse, if not the wiser. No special literary excellence is claimed for it, just a feeble effort to preserve the life history of a worthy father and mother and all descendants on down through a part of three centuries. Giving names, births, and deaths as best I can, I am sorry I could not get the life history of all, as this was a large family to start with, and some who seemed not to be interesting [interested?] had to be left out for want of information. Hence two purposes have been kept in view in writing this history; first, to pay a debt of honor and gratitude to a worthy father and mother of this great line of descendants which binds us all so closely in relationship; second, to give to the younger generation the true story of homes and ways of life in the early days of our country, the best of all countries, and if in this unpretentious little volume these purposes have in any way been fulfilled, I shall be abundantly satisfied.

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## CHAPTER I

Once upon a time so long ago that the date or time has been hidden in the mists of historical uncertainties, a man whose name was Scott lived with his wife in the hill country of West Virginia, in what is now known as Brook County and to them was born a son about the year 1793. They gave him the name Ira, who is the subject of this story.

This country was new and this made farming more difficult, yet this family was strong and were Scotch-Irish pioneers. They toiled and worked on, not thinking that each day they were making a history for us of the Twentieth Century to try to uncover, that we might learn from them a lesson of industry and economy, as well as to show us the struggles and hardships of our forefathers.

This story takes us on down through part of three centuries. Ira Scott lived and grew up to manhood in the home of his parents, who no doubt were much interested in giving him an education. He became a teacher in the country where he lived and taught each year during the school term which was only a few weeks of the winter months. He helped his father on the farm the rest of the year. Later on in life he met, won and wooed a pretty Miss Burke, whom he married in the year 1814. They made their home on a farm in Brook County, yet this state was not taken into the Union until the year 1863. I can not go back in time to tell of the life and the ways of living in those days. I can only form an idea of his home as being a little above the average home of that day in education and loyalty to their home country.

Ira Scott and his wife lived in this state until about the year 1832, when they, with their four little sons moved to the state of Ohio near Mansfield. At this place, Ira Scott decided to build a tanyard to prepare the leather for making of shoes for the family, and also for harness for the horses. He still kept up his teaching during school term, keeping his own children in school. While they lived here, seven children were born to them, three sons and four daughters, whose names and ages will be given later in this story. It was while living in Ohio that the children seemed to pass their happiest childhood days. While their father was very strict with them yet he was a very tender and loving father to them. They grew up in reverence to him as well as to their mother, and out of the family of eight sons, five of them were later on ministers of the Gospel.

In those days most all homes were supplied with clothing made in the home, and the living was raised on the farm. This kept the children at home, as their help was needed. Farmers were well supplied with horses, cattle, sheep and hogs. The wool from the sheep was cleaned, made into yarn, and then woven into cloth. This cloth was made into clothing for winter for the entire family. Winter shoes were made at home from the leather prepared at the tanyard.

Then comes the field of flax, raised to supply the family with summer clothing, also bed linens and table linens which were all prepared and woven in the home. This family being a very large one, made work for both young and old. Fruits of all kinds were used in many ways and dried for winter use, and also made into butters and jams, with sweet cider boiled to a syrup for sweetening the butter, as sugar was scarce and high in price.

Homes were made with great fire-places, reaching almost across one end of the room, and late in the fall pumpkins were peeled, seeded and round slices strung on a long, heavy stick and placed above the fire-place to dry.

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Church was held at the homes in those days. One evening at grandfather's home, they were having a prayer meeting. As was the custom then, everyone should kneel during the prayer. Where one man was kneeling, just above his head hung a large slice of pumpkin which broke in two pieces and fell on his head. This caused a little confusion. One of the boys said, "That pumpkin scared the prayer out of him."

All cooking was done at the fire-place, as cook stoves were almost unheard of. Great round ovens with iron covers were used to bake the bread and pies in the winter time. And in the summer, bread and pies were baked in large stone ovens which the father made out in the yard. A dozen loaves or pies could bake at one time. I have heard father tell how his mother made the soda for biscuits. She would take several clean, white corn-cobs, after the corn was taken off, and then burn them to ashes. In this way she made her soda for baking purposes. For sickness in the family, the garden and the woods and fields supplied them with medicine. This was pure and harmless, yet it cured the ills with no bad effect.

Children and young folks in those days had their pleasures and good times together. Some of them danced. Others had their parties, their "spellin' bees" and "singin' schools." In the country they thought nothing of going two or three miles at night to these places, always going on horseback or walking.

In May 1842, the father decided to move again, and this time they moved to Indiana, in Crawford County, in Ohio township about eight miles from the Ohio river. This was a great undertaking, for the trip was made with the covered wagons, which took several weeks. All the farm stock was taken along and this was done by driving them in the road behind the wagons. The meals were cooked along the road side. My father, Alexander, was about nine years old at this time and he remembered this move and that the roads were very bad in so many places. The eighth of July, same year, and only a few days after they reached their new home, the youngest child, William H. Scott was born.

Father would often tell us children about this move and the fun the children had. They had a small, black dog that seemed to enjoy the trip as much as they did. He would help to keep the stock in line as they traveled along, also shared the fresh milk each morning and evening when they milked the cows. After two weeks in the new home and all were settled down to work, the dog was missing. He could not be found for several weeks. They received a letter from a friend at their old home in Ohio saying that the dog had made a return trip to the old home. He was poor and worn out from his long journey.

In this home in Indiana, the children grew to manhood and womanhood and married and made homes of their own, some in Crawford County, others drifted to other counties and states. I think the father of this family died at this home not many years after moving there. My father, A. C. Scott, told us children that his father intended to send him to college; but he died before my father was ready for college. He had to stay at home and help raise the younger children. After he married Malinda Stroud in 1850, the younger boys helped the mother. She lived a few years after this.

Amelia Scott was born May 6, 1826. She married Joseph Van Winkle, and to them were born six children. Dates and names are not given, yet one daughter, Alice Riffe, lives in Indianapolis. She has three children, all married. Charles Van Winkle, Amelia's son, lives on a farm near Scottsburg, Indiana. I am sorry I could not get more of this family history.

## CHAPTER II

Jefferson Scott was born in Brook County, West Virginia, January 16, 1816. He was Ira Scott's first child. I think he died young, as I have heard my father say he never saw his oldest brother and we have no further record of his life.

The next born to Ira Scott and his wife, were twins, Calvin and Chancy, born September 3, 1819, in Brook County, West Virginia. These twin boys went to the gold fields to dig gold in California, one died there, the other married and I suppose lived in Missouri. He had a son named Charles Scott, who lived in Carrollton, Missouri. About twenty-five years ago, perhaps longer, my brother, Burk Scott, visited in his home. He had two daughters who were good musicians. He was a wealthy man there. I have tried to locate the family, but failed.

Sylvester Scott was the fourth son, born in Brook County, West Virginia, November 17, 1822. When he was a small boy, the parents moved to Mansfield, Ohio. He was a carpenter, was married and father of three sons; Barton, Frank and William. He was a minister in the Christian church. He moved to Hardingsburg, Indiana and Frank was born there. Sylvester's wife was Lucinda Goldman, a sister to Martin Goldman. He died the year 1877 and his wife died August 14, 1891, both on their farm in Crawford County, Indiana.

Walter Scott, fifth son of Ira Scott, was born at Mansfield, Ohio, September 9, 1824. He was married to a Miss Tower in Crawford County, Indiana. She was born June 1, 1826. Nine children were born to them, four died in infancy. Walter died May 9, 1884. He was a minister in the Methodist church.

Alexander C. Scott, sixth son of Ira Scott, was born April 8, 1829 in Mansfield, Ohio. He was three times married and father of five children. He was a minister in the United States Brethren church.

Ira Scott, Jr., was born the year 1831 at Mansfield, Ohio. He was a Minister in the Christian church. He was twice married. His first wife was Julia Royal, who died, leaving a son and daughter. Later he married Julia Hoffman. They had several children, but I have been unable to get a record of the family. He lived and died in Troy, Perry County, Indiana.

Sylvester Scott, fourth son of Ira Scott, was born in Brook County, West Virginia, November 17, 1822. When yet a small boy his parents moved to Mansfield, Ohio, and he grew into manhood there. He was a carpenter by trade, also a minister in the Christian Church. He married Lucinda Goldman, sister to Martin Goldman. Three children were born to them, all sons. Barton, Frank, and William. They moved to Hardinsburg, Indiana. Here Frank was born. Later they moved to Leavenworth, Crawford County, and William was born at that place. They moved from this place to a farm a few miles out and lived and died on the home farm. Sylvester died the year 1877 and his wife died August 14, 1891.

I remember so well the last visit we made to this home the year 1869. As this was in the old neighborhood of my father's before he went to war, they decided to have a meeting at Sylvesters home one evening. They called in the old friends and there were quite a few came in. They sang the old song "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone." It was the first time I ever heard the song, and ever after this when I heard that song I thought of that cottage prayer meeting. I never was at this home again. The five brother Ministers were there. While on this visit the five brothers representing three Church Denominations, decided to hold a weeks meeting a few miles from here. All five were given a night to preach. It was a wonderful meeting.

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Barton Scott, son of Sylvester, was born in Crawford County, Indiana the year 1853. He married Hannah Lynch. She died and left a son and daughter. He later married Lucinda Armstrong and they have seven children. He moved to Evansville, Indiana, and is still there living at 1402 Louisiana Street. He has twenty-six grand-children living and five dead.

Frank Scott, Sylvester's second son was born at Hardinsburg, Indiana, August 18, 1855. His parents moved back to Crawford County, Indiana when he was a small boy. He is a farmer and has lived in Indiana and Ohio until six years ago. His health failed and the doctor advised a change in climate. He is now in Los Angeles, California. He married Mary A. Carnes, December 25, 1876. They celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary Christmas day 1926 in Los Angeles. They have nine children and all were musicians, each one having an instrument. They would play for the public, but all are now married and live in different states. Frank and wife are now in Los Angeles at 6644 Madden Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

William Scott, third son of Sylvester. He married Monzelle Lynch. They have three children living and one dead, have twelve grand-children living and two great-grandchildren. He lives near Owensville, Indiana on a farm. One daughter lives in Princeton and one son in Owensville, Indiana.

Barton Scott's daughter lives in San Antonio, Texas. The oldest son lives in Brownsville. The second son lives in Owensville, Indiana.

John Scott, Frank's oldest son was born July 29, 1878, lives in Evansville, Indiana and is an accountant.

Eliza Scott, Frank's oldest daughter was born August 29, 1880. She married D. Greenwood and they live at Evansville, Indiana.

Charles Scott second son of Frank Scott was born October 30, 1882. He is a farmer and lives at Cisco, Illinois.

Agnes Scott, third daughter of Frank Scott was born February 27, 1887. She married B. Edmunds and lives in Toledo, Ohio. He is an office man for Willys-Overland Company.

Eldon Scott, fourth son of Frank Scott was born May 2, 1894. He is salesman for Willys-Knight Overland Company in Los Angeles, California.

Jess L. Scott, third son of Frank Scott was born October 17, 1884. He is married and lives in Toledo, Ohio.

Carolyn Scott, fifth daughter of Frank Scott was born February 12, 1900. She is married and is a bookkeeper. Her husband H. A. Doff is a Police Officer of Los Angeles, California.

Irma E. Scott, fourth daughter of Frank Scott was born April 14. She is a Bookkeeper and stenographer for a Studio Supply Company in Los Angeles, California. She is married.

William M. Scott's oldest daughter is married and lives in Owensville, Indiana. They have one son.

Ivan Scott, William's oldest son died March 18, 1919. He was married and has one son, Ray Scott, who is married and lives in Princeton, Indiana.

### CHAPTER III

Walter Scott, the fifth son of Ira Scott, was born September 4, 1824, at Mansfield, Ohio. He was about fourteen years old when his parents moved to a farm in Crawford County, Indiana. He worked on the farm and grew to manhood without the opportunities of a complete common school education. Early in life he united with the Methodist Episcopal church and became a student of the Bible. He read the books prescribed by his church and was admitted to the group of ordained Ministers of his denomination. He spent thirty-five years of his life as a minister of the Gospel. In 1838 he married to Nancy Jane Tower near Leavenworth, Indiana.

There was nine children born to them, four having died in infancy. At this time all have gone to meet their parents except Mrs. Margaret A. Lang, commonly known as Maggie A. Lang. I was eleven years old when I last visited this home fifty-seven years ago. Well do I remember this home, the visits, the pleasures, the many kindnesses and good times enjoyed so long ago. To make this trip we were two days on the trip in a carriage. Today the trip would be but a few hours in an automobile. (From near Martinsburg to near Leavenworth, Indiana).

Ira Winfield Scott, the oldest son of Walter Scott was born September 27, 1850. He was a healthy child up to the age of his twelfth year, when his right arm began to give him trouble and pain from his shoulder to his elbow. The pain was so severe that local physicians could not give him any relief. At last it was decided to take him to a specialist at Huntingburg, Indiana, some forty miles away. There was no railroad so the trip must be made in a farm wagon. It took two and one-half days to make the trip. The father went home a day or so after the operation, and the mother and son stayed two weeks in Huntingburg where the doctor lived. The son lived to be about thirty years old and died of Pneumonia. This story only gives an idea of the advantages we have today that our forefathers never dreamed of. Are we thankful as we should be, that we have lived to see all of these changes?

Ira Scott, Jr., seventh son of Ira Scott, Sr., was born near Mansfield, Ohio in the year 1831; he enlisted in the army August 25, 1862, under E. B. Howard, Lieutenant. He was discharged for disability November 1, 1862, under order of Colonel S. H. Allen, Military Governor at Fredrick, Maryland. He was a Minister in the Christian Church and lived in Troy, Indiana. He was twice married. His first wife died leaving two children, a son and a daughter. Later he married the second wife and several children were born to them, but I have not been able to find them or get a history of them except Alice, the first child born to his second wife, who lives at Tell City, Indiana. She married a Mr. Fisher.

The oldest daughter of Ira Scott, Jr., was Emma Scott. She married John Chewnig, a teacher in the public schools in Perry County and from there moved to Rockport, Indiana, where Mr. Chewnig published the Indiana Rocket, a weekly newspaper. A son and one daughter was born to them. The son, John Jr., is now Superintendent of the Public Schools of Evansville, Indiana.

Mabel Chewnig, the daughter married Joseph A. Herbert, who is Civil Engineer for the Bell Telephone Company of North and South Carolina, and lives at 7 Caniston Place, Charlott, North, Carolina. John Chewnig, Sr., lives with her as his wife, Emma, died May 15, 1918 at their home in Rockport, Indiana.

## CHAPTER IV

Alexander C. Scott, sixth son of Ira Scott, was married to Malinda Stroud about the year 1850 in Crawford County, Indiana. They lived for a while near his brother Walter on the farm. Two sons Cyrus and Burke were born there and they then decided to go west, so they went to the state of Iowa and lived on a farm not far from Clarinda.

The country was new at this time and plenty of timber there. The land had to be cleared to raise crops. A brother of my father lived with him and they built a one-room house of logs and lived together.

In the summer they raised their farm products and vegetables, and in winter they cut cordwood to sell. I have heard father tell how the wolves would come and howl around them while at work, but as they kept up a fire all day, the wolves would not get near them so they worked unmolested. It was so cold their noon lunch would be frozen and they would have to thaw it before they could eat it, and icicles would form on their eyelashes so they would have to brush them off to see.

On February 21, 1859, Mary Emma Scott was born in this little log cabin. When I was two months old, Father and Mother decided to go back home to Crawford County, Indiana. They moved back to the old home and lived there until the war broke out, and then enlisted on August 4, 1862. Father moved his family to Leavenworth at once and made up his company and went as Captain of Company H., Eighty-first Regiment. The night they left to go to the front is the beginning of my first recollections in life.

The company had been marching around the streets all afternoon to the music of the band until night came on. A large steamboat pulled up to the dock. I watched them march down, kissing their loved ones a sad goodbye. As the boat launched into deeper water, they began to wave their handkerchiefs. It was a beautiful yet a very sad sight.

The men were in their new uniforms. As the boat began to move more swiftly, the band played, "Though you'll not forget me Mother, if I'm numbered with the dead." The music grew fainter as they rounded the bend in the river and finally died away. For a short time, it came back plainly then was lost again and my Father had gone to war.

(Right here I want to say that I visited this same place in August, 1927. There were three auto loads of us and we stood on the bank of the beautiful Ohio River. Here I had stood sixty-five years ago to see my Father go to war. I have never been in Leavenworth since I was eleven years old until this trip in August, 1927.)

I do not remember when Father came home from the war, but he was discharged December 22, 1862, on account of his eyes.

After this my parents moved to Martinsburg, Washington County, Indiana. My Father was a minister and he often preached to the soldiers.

I have several letters that he wrote to my Mother while he was in the war, also her answers to those letters and I love to read them over and to think of them while they were young and their love and regard for each other as well as for us three children.

How they planned for the future after the war would be over was taken out of their hands as my Mother died February 24, 1865, leaving a babe of four days old.

I am going to give you a letter from my mother to my father, also his answer which was in the month of December, 1862.

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"Dear and ever beloved Husband:

It is with much love I once more am writing to you to inform you that I and the children are well, only Cyrus' eyes are very bad yet.

Dear husband I have been worried about you. I can hardly sleep. I did not get a letter from you until the one dated the 25th and 27th. I was terribly worried about you for you were so near blind. But since receiving your letter and knowing you are in camp again, I feel relieved somewhat. Dr. Bosley tells me you cannot stand the exposure, that your constitution cannot stand it. Oh may God speedily bring this war to a close and may Peace and Love be restored to our Nation. I was at Walters yesterday and I read your letter to them. They are all well. I also went to see the Doolittles and they too are all well except Sarah. I hope you have good luck and get your discharge soon, as you are not able to do any good there, so now my Beloved Companion, I hope you write soon."

From Malinda Scott

This was my Fathers answer.

"Nashville, Tenn.

Dec. 10, 1862

My beloved Wife and Children:

With a heart of kindness and affection I seat myself to tell you I am in good health and enjoy myself as best I can, yet my enjoyment is but small with my eyes in such condition and away from you and the dear children. I will not know for a week if I get a discharge. Soon as I do get my discharge I will come back home to my beloved family and God grant that time may speedily come. Now my dear wife be faithful and trust in God for the future. Tell my children I want to see them. I remain, your husband, as ever,"

Captain A. C. Scott

This shows me the confidence they had in God and the love for him, also for each other, and he is the same God that we worship today. He cares for us as he cared for those, more than sixty years ago. The same God our grandparents trusted in over a hundred and fifty years ago, when they worshipped in their homes, for they had no churches in those days in the Rural Districts. Their hardships were great yet they loved their Creator and loved each other.

Father was a great lover of music, especially vocal music. Often when we three children were home he would call us around him and get the song books and we would sing together carrying four parts, father leading with the soprano, Cyrus the tenor, Burke the bass, and I the alto, how father did enjoy it. The violin and the tuningfork was all the musical instruments we had. Burke taught singing school when the round note system first came into use. He was then a boy in his teens, yet he understood music and enjoyed teaching. Sometimes having two or three classes a week in different neighborhoods. He later on took up instrumental music, playing all makes of instruments from a toy fife to a piano, he also repaired organs and pianos.

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Cyrus was a fine singer yet he could not teach. When he was about twenty-five years old he went to Crawford County and worked a year for our Mother's brother, James Stroud. He was gone one year and we never saw him during that time. He came home for Christmas and was to be married then. He was not well when he came home and died in a week's time, and our rejoicing was turned to sorrow.

I was only a small school girl, but I remember his death so well and I grieved over his going so much.

The young lady he was to have married grieved so much over him, she did not marry for more than three or four years and the man she did marry only lived six weeks after they were married.

My half-sister, Dora Scott Chiles, has written an account of my Father and his family, which I shall give:

On April 8, 1829 at Mansfield, Ohio, Alexander Campbell Scott was born, and when nine years of age, he with his parents moved to Crawford County, Indiana, where he grew to manhood.

His father and mother had planned to send Alec to college, but just before he was to enter, his father died suddenly from the dread disease cholera which was prevalent in those days. This misfortune changed matters for Alec for instead of going to college he had to assume the care of his widowed mother and the younger members of the family.

He joined the M.E. Church and was granted local preacher's license.

One remarkable fact about this family, five of whom became ministers, was the fact that they were reared in sight of a large brewery, but not one of the boys became a drinking man.

One winter night when Alec was a young man he was returning home from a visit with his sweetheart, he saw just ahead of him the form of a man and as there was great danger in those days of an encounter with "bush whackers," he took no chances but dismounted, picked up some rock and demanded in a loud voice--"who is there?" No response. Again he said "Tell me who you are or I'll knock your head off." Silence again, only the echo of his own voice was heard, whereupon he threw the stone--thud! Only an old tree trunk about six feet tall with some snow on it which looked to Alec to be the man's white shirt front. His hair settled down on his head, he mounted his horse and rode home unmolested.

He often laughingly related the following incident which happened one night when calling on his best girl. At the same place and time were other young fellows "setting up" with their girls--sisters to his girl. The boys stayed all night, and the next morning Alec's pants were not to be found so he was forced to remain in bed. One of the girls, on going to the flour barrel to get the flour to make biscuits for the breakfast, discovered the pants in the flour barrel--placed there by some joker of the party. Alec was therefore compelled to wear home a borrowed pair of pants that day.

About the year of 1850 he was married to Malinda Stroud, and to them was born four children, William Cyrus, Calvin Burke, Mary Emma and Elmer. A strange coincident of the birth of these children is the fact that all four were born on the twenty-first day of the month.

Malinda, his wife, died February 25, 1865, Elmer being four days old. Elmer died about 1870. Cyrus died December 27, 1875, and Burke died July 3, 1910.

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Alec being a strong advocate of the Whig party was quick to respond to Lincoln's call for volunteers to put down slavery regardless of the fact that he was married man with a family, consequently he was enrolled as Captain of Company H, 81st. Regiment, Indiana Volunteers, and mustered into military service August 29, 1862. The men of his company being volunteers Alec won to the cause by the "stump" speeches he made in his county.

A short time after going into active warfare in the south, Captain Scott was commissioned Chaplain of the regiment of which he was a part, the 81st. Regiment.

In just a few months of marching in the dust and heat he contracted granulated sore eyes and became nearly blind and totally incapacitated for service and to his sorrow had to resign and was sent home on honorable discharge.

He never ceased to preach and decided to make it his life work.

He met and married Mrs. Elizabeth Wyman Mathers--A war widow, to which union was born one daughter--Dora.

This wife also died and later he married Mary Ann Green, who survived him by ten years.

Because he lacked a college education it was difficult for him to qualify as a M. E. Minister and he therefore joined the U. B. Church, as they did not require such a rigid examination as the Methodist Church required, which relation he retained to his death.

His first assignment was to Marengo Circuit in 1878, which necessitated his riding horseback, with leather saddle bags swung on behind, to reach his seven or eight appointments. Being a good singer, his solos were the means of many people coming to the "Mourners Bench" and being converted to Christ. He preached a "Heaven and Hell" religion and a personal devil. He was powerful in his interpretation of the Bible as he understood it. Had a particular way of building up "run down" charges.

From Marengo he was sent to Alfordsville Circuit, and the following year to Paoli Charge.

At this time his friend Doctor Henry Trueblood who was preaching in the Central Illinois Conference persuaded him to apply for work there and being ambitious to improve himself financially he accepted his assignment to Gibson City charge, the fall of 1881--the following fall Bishop Kephart persuaded him to go to Lexington Charge where he remained two years. During this time he had a most remarkable revival and all the churches joined in a union meeting and scores of souls were added to the various churches. Rev. George Little was the evangelist.

Walter Scott Died May 9, 1884. His wife died December 5, 1875.

Maranda Scott, daughter of Walter Scott was born August 28, 1847. She was twice married but had no children. She died March 28, 1900 in Gibson County, Indiana.

Delila Jane Scott, second daughter of Walter Scott, was born April 8, 1852. She married Samuel W. Lang May 4, 1870. Three children were born to them. One died in infancy. The two surviving are Mrs. Dora Lang Cole and Joseph W. Lang, both of Harrison county, Indiana. Delila Jane died December 3, 1876.

Mary Elizabeth and Martha Emma Scott, third and fourth daughters of Walter Scott died in early childhood.

Margaret A. Scott, fifth daughter of Walter Scott, was born August 23, 1857 and was married December 19, 1877 to Samuel W. Lang. To them were born eight children as follows:

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Jesse Winfield Lang, October 15, 1878  
 John Wesley Lang, January 11, 1880  
 Willie Weeks Lang, September 27, 1882  
 Thomas Garfield Lang, December 18, 1884  
 Amy Elmira Lang, June 15, 1886  
 Samuel Isaac Lang, February 15, 1888  
 Maggie May Lang, February 28, 1890  
 Roy Scott Lang, July 13, 1893

Mrs. Dora Cole and Joseph W. Lang are step children of Mrs. Margaret A. Lang. Dora is the mother of nine children. All are living except one who died at birth. Joseph is the father of two children, a boy and a girl.

Willie Whitfield Scott, the fourth son and youngest child of Walter Scott, was born February 17, 1867. On December 19, 1886, he was married to Alice Wiseman. To this union eight children were born, four daughters and four sons. Willie died November 22, 1903 near Malden Missouri.

Since writing this I made a visit to Harrison County, Indiana and spent several days with cousin Maggie Lang near Corydon, Indiana. We were almost strangers, yet we were not so long in learning each other as cousins and talking of childhood days. Maggie is now seventy years old, but has a good memory and has lived all her life near our Scott relations of the older generations. Barton Scott, I want to tell you Maggie has the first piece of furniture you ever made, so that is certainly an antique piece of furniture.

Here are the names of Maggie Lang's great-grandchildren. Clarence Wayne Cole, born July 3, 1927, in Madison, Wisconsin. Bettie Gean Wellman, born July 29, 1927.

Thomas Lang has sent me his life history and I shall copy it for the readers of this book.

Thomas Garfield Lang was born December 18, 1884, on the old farm homestead, Harrison County, about eight miles west of Corydon, Indiana. It was an unusually cold day. It rained and froze as it fell off the timbers. When the wind blew the entire forests gave forth a weird sound. If ever a baby had a cold reception it was I, but the cold was only from without. A roaring fire in the fire place and loving care soon placed me in high esteem among the family. In later years mother says that I was an unusually good baby. I had to be good. The other members of the family had learned to obey. There was nothing else for me to do. There were five children older than I. I did not lack for playmates or company.

At the age of five I entered country school. Here I gradually picked up the rudiments of the 3R's--Readin, Ritin and Rithmetic. In the spring of 1901, I was graduated from the elementary schools and given my eight grade diploma at the Scott township Commencement Exercises held in the church at Blue River Chapel. I was now at the parting of the ways. What should I do? I turned the question over in my mind.

To go through High School seemed a big undertaking because of the expense attached and the poor outlook to meet it. In those days an elementary education was thought sufficient for most folk as a foundation for citizenship. In fact it was a lucky fellow who had the privilege to attend high school. College was for the rich or highly gifted. Both of these were very desirable, but each seemed a long ways off in the future.

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Mother desired that I should be a teacher. This suited my ambitions. In the fall of 1902 my older brother John and I were given the opportunity which met our fondest hope. Father and mother arranged to rent a room for us in Corydon near the then Ohio Valley Normal School. Here we could do light-housekeeping and have the opportunity to study. Everything was new. We were not used to the city. We had known little but the farm life. At the close of the second week we went home. Friday p.m. My but everything looked good. Then too we realized that mother was a better housekeeper than either of us. It was plain case of homesickness. But we were ready to return to our studies by Sunday p.m.

The winter passed rapidly away. The young men and women were preparing for teaching. Many fine friendships were made. The next year we were unable to return. We worked and saved. In the Fall of 1904 we saw our way clear to enter the Central Normal College at Danville, Indiana. Here I remained until I was graduated from the teachers' course.

By a co-incident John secured a position in the schools at Oconto, Nebraska. This gave me an opportunity to get a school on our old home township of Scott. There was an unwritten law that only one member of a family could get a school in the same township in the same year. I was assigned to the 'Fox Holler' School, District 7 (it being thought that I could do the least harm there of any school in the township). This school was in walking distance of home. I stayed at home or boarded at home during the winter of 1906 and 1907. It was a very uneventful winter to all appearances. Patrons and pupils had cooperated nicely. I could not think of remaining another year in that school.

The west was calling me. For years I had listened to the stories of adventure and opportunity told by my father's people in Nebraska. I could now pay back the money I had borrowed and get to Nebraska, the land of my dreams. In April 1907 I landed in York College, York, Nebraska. Here I took a summer school course of eight weeks. It was a fine school established by the United Brethren Church. After school was out I spent the summer on the ranch of my uncle, James R. Lang.

The following winter I taught a district school in this vicinity, Litchfield, Nebraska. I received four-hundred dollars for the eight months of service. This was nearly twice what I had received the previous winter. It was now more evident that I could make a success of teaching. Yet I felt the need of more training to meet the need of a greater and more responsible position. With this in mind John and I planned to enter Peru State Normal at Peru, Nebraska. We had now two years ahead of us in order to graduate. As before we could not see our way fully. The urge was within us. We could not do otherwise. We had almost enough money between us to go the first year. What we would do when the money gave out we did not know. That would take care of itself when the time came. At the close of the first year I secured a position as Principal of the Howe high school some twenty miles from Peru State Normal. This position I held for three years. The school was small. The salary was good.

The next year, 1909, John was graduated from the State Normal and accepted a position at Thurston, Nebraska, as principal. This position soon led him into the office as County Superintendent of Schools of Thurston County Nebraska.

In the Fall of 1912 I entered the Peru State Normal to graduate the following spring, 1913. I identified myself with much of the social life of the school. I enjoyed the Debating Society, the Y. M. C. A., The Literary Society.

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It was there that I met the best young lady of the land. Her name was Frances Alsworth. We were not much more than a year planning until we decided to have our names agree. We married July 24, 1913, at 37 N. Lake Ave., Pasadena, California, at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. R. Black.

The Pasadena Board of Education offered me employment in the City Schools. In September 1913 I began teaching in the local schools where I have been ever since except for a period of three years (1920-1923) when we tried a farming experiment in order for me to build up my health.

August 30, 1914, our son was born to us. He was a fine fellow from infancy. Now that he is almost thirteen years old he has never disappointed us. July 15, 1930, Ruth Eleanor was born. She was but an infant of three months when we arrived on the ranch at Paradise, Butte County, California.

In the summer of 1923 the Pasadena Board of Education tendered us an offer to return to Pasadena. We accepted.

The past three years I have done University Extension Work. I now hold a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Southern California and have part of my work done towards my Master's Degree. My major was in Education--minors in English and The Social Science. The Social Science is my field (Citizenship and History).

Everyone of us like motoring. Every summer we try to get away for a trip. Last summer we went to Yosemite National Park where we spent two weeks. In all since we were married we have travelled more than one thousand miles by auto. The children have had a fine opportunity to see and understand the world.

Carroll is especially interested in music. He is a member of the first orchestra in a school of about twelve hundred enrollment. His school has three orchestras. He plays the mellephone, also the cornet.

Ruth's hobby is reading, and playing with dolls. She would read from morning till evening, if parents permitted. Sunday School is much enjoyed by both. Rarely have they ever missed a Sunday since they were mere infants.

"Mamma" is just mother to us all. When we get fussy or out of sorts. She is always calm and peaceful. The children have reaped as great a reward by choosing her as their mother as their father did by selecting her as his life companion.

Carroll united with the church two years ago. He seems to have an understanding of its value and significance. He is also a member of the Junior League of our church, of which his Mother is Superintendent. I cannot recall when I began teaching a Sunday School Class. It must have been twenty-five years ago. Three of us are members of the Lincoln Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, Pasadena, California.

I am sending to you the names--birth, marriage, and death of my mothers family. Of this list my mother is the only living one left to enjoy her family and to see the fruits of her long and laborious efforts.

It is difficult for me, so far away and away from the source of the many earlier relatives and friends to give an accurate account of the happenings of the events before my time. My Mother [Margaret A. Scott Lang, wife of Samuel W. Lang] was born August 29, 1857, near Leavenworth, Crawford County, Indiana.

At the age of ten years she was united with the church at Riddles Camp-ground. In her letter of May 12, this year she says; "This was the happiest day of my life." Well do I remember my mother telling me and my oldest sister about what it means to be a church member. This reaction seems to be characteristic of the Scott people wherever they are found.

## CHAPTER V

NAME	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
Walter Scott	September 9, 1824	September 20, 1844	May 9, 1884
Nancy J. Scott	June 1, 1826	.....	Dec. 3, 1875
Lydia M. Scott	August 25, 1847	August 31, 1867	Sept. 10, 1894
Mary E. Scott	September 25, 1850	.....	Oct. 20, 1856
Ira W. Scott	September 27, 1852	.....	May 9, 1879
Delila J. Scott	April 9, 1854	May 4, 1871	Dec. 3, 1876
Martha E. Scott	July 10, 1855	.....	July 10, 1855
*Margaret A. Scott	August 23, 1857	December 19, 1877	.....
Willie W. Scott	September 11, 1861	.....	Dec. 12, 1868
Walter L. Scott	October 10, 1863	.....	Oct. 12, 1864
John B. Scott	February 7, 1867	December 19, 1886	Nov. 22, 1904

\*Margaret A. Scott Lang died April 10, 1938.

William H. Scott, fifth son of Ira Scott, Senior, was born July 8, 1842, in Crawford County, Indiana. He was the youngest of the family. He married Julia A. Ralison, April 3, 1864. There were fourteen children born to them. Eight children preceded the father in death. Two daughters and four sons with the Mother are yet living.

William enlisted in the army in the year of 1861 in Company H., 23 Regiment of Indiana Volunteers, and fought through the entire conflict and received an honorable discharge in 1865. He was a farmer also a Minister in the Christian Church. He was much loved by all who knew him. His widow, Aunt Anna, is still living and in home she raised her children. She is now passed eighty-two years and it would be a joy to her if all who read this would write to her. Her address is Grantsburg, Indiana. Crawford County.

Thomas Scott, son of William, lives on a farm near Princeton, Indiana. He is a grower and shipper of tomatoes and cantaloupes. He was born February 2, 1870, in Crawford County, Indiana. He married Mattie E. Highfield, August 23, 1889. They have five sons and one daughter. The daughter is married and lives in Florida. Two sons are married and live near the father. Two sons at home with the father and one son lives in Detroit, Michigan.

Edward Scott, son of William, is married and lives near the Mother on a farm. They have several children.

Arthur Scott, twin brother of Edward lives in Los Angeles, California. He is married and has three children. I have been in their home when they lived in Indianapolis. Arthur is a minister in the Christian Church.

Calvin and Chancy twins of William and Anna Scott. I have no record farther of him.

Delta Shields, a daughter of William Scott lives on a farm near English, Crawford County, Indiana. She has some children. I do not know their names except the youngest who is named Scott Shields.

William Scott, eighth son of Ira Scott, was born July 8, 1842. All his life he lived in Crawford County, Indiana. He was a farmer, also a minister of the Christian Church. They had fourteen children born to them. His wife is still living. He died March 8, 1922.

Charles B. Scott, son of William, lives in Illinois. I have no record farther of him.

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Sarah Ann Scott, Ira Scotts first daughter, was born August 7, 1821. She married Martin Goldman and they lived in Crawford County, Indiana. I am sorry I could not get more dates and history of this auntie. I think there were several children in this home yet the only one I ever met was John who was a young boy when his mother died.

Soon after this my brother Burke wanted to go to Crawford County to stay a while so father let him go. While he was visiting around he was at the Goldman home. He asked that he might bring John home with him (we lived in Clark County Indiana at this time) so John came. The boys had no money so had to make the trip afoot. On the road they found where people had cut and hauled their sorghum to the mill. They each gathered up the top of the stalk seed, all they could carry, and with this they paid their nights lodging and eats and still had some sorghum seed when they arrived home. We were very much pleased to have John with us and he went to school with Burke and I one winter. We loved him as a brother. He married and had a son and daughter. Both are married. The daughter lives in Crawford County, and has three children named John, Martin and Dorthy. The son lives in Illinois and has three children Mary, Faye and John. Sarah Ann Goldman died about fifty years ago.

Julia Elma Scott was born April 18, 1827. I could not find a record of her life. She may have died early in life. The old family Bible of our Grandfathers is badly worn since it is now over a hundred years old. Yet this name was mentioned as one of the children. She married Daniel Beals and he died after which she married James Dotson. There were several children born to her yet I could not find any of them

Sabra died in Kansas. She was a widow for several years. About nine years ago I received a nice long letter from her while she was visiting in Crawford County. Her home at this time was in or near Parsons, Kansas, with some of her children. She wrote me she was past seventy years old, yet in good health, and said that she loved nice clothes and enjoyed visiting the relatives.

## CHAPTER VI

I was married to David McCord, September 4, 1881, in the United Brethern Church Parsonage at Alfordsville, Indiana, where my Father was Pastor. We lived in this country until February 1886 when we moved near Lexington, Illinois near Odon and lived on a farm for seven years when we moved to Odon and lived there for twelve years. From there we moved to Indianapolis and now reside at 1016 N. Tuxedo Street.

Seven children were born to us, four sons and three daughters died when very young.(sic) The older daughter is married and lives in Indianapolis. The oldest son Ernest is married and lives in Chicago. The second son Ray, is married and lives in Michigan. The third son Russell is married and lives in Hammond. The younger son lives with us.

My married life has been a very busy one yet an interesting one. I love my home and my children and the best part of my life was given to my children in trying to bring them up in the right way, as best I knew how and I now see how they appreciate all I have done for them and I am well repaid.

Clara Ethel, first child born to David and Emma McCord was born December 4, 1882, and married Oliver O. Laughlin on September 4, 1904. Four children were born to them. Francis Lucille the oldest child married Samuel Ross Well, Junior, of Indianapolis September 4, 1927, at the home of her parents at 6110 Central Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana. This was quite an interesting wedding to Lucille's father and mother as well as to her grandparents, David and Emma McCord, as it was her grandmother McCords forty-sixth anniversary and her Mothers twenty-third anniversary. Lucille was the age of her grandmother and Mother when they were married, twenty-two years old.

Joseph David Laugh is second child of Clara Ethel and Oliver O. Laughlin was born March 15, 1908. He lives with his parents.

Mary Lou Laughlin youngest child of Clara Ethel and Oliver O. Laughlin was born December 29, 1927.

Ernest Odie McCord second child of David and Emma McCord married Gertrude Sweet of Indianapolis and lived there for three years when they moved to Chicago where they still live. They have two sons, David the first child is thirteen years old and lives with his parents. Ernest Theodore the youngest son is five years old.

Ernest O. McCord is in business in Chicago.

Ray Scott second son of David and Emma McCord married Nellie McIntosh of Hardinsburg, Indiana October 18, 1911. They now live in the State of Michigan and he has been Superintendent of Blue Valley Creamery for several years. They have one daughter and two sons, Margaret Mildred McCord oldest child is thirteen years old and is now in Junior High School.

James McIntosh McCord second child of Ray and Nelle McCord is eleven years old.

Robert Scott, youngest child of Ray and Nell McCord is nine yers old. All three children are living with their parents.

Russell McCord third son of David and Emma McCord married Bessie Kopp, who was born near Corydon, but lived at Indianapolis when she was married. They lived here until their only daughter, Helen Louise was one year old and they went to California to live. They lived there for seven years and came back to Indiana August 2, 1927 and are now in Hammond, Indiana where he has charge of the Hupmobile Sales Station.

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Since we have so many Scott relations now living in the State of California and as one of our number died while out there during the Gold Rush, it might be of some interest to all to give a bit of true history of this excitement during the years of 1848-1850.

I have this story as told by a man who was out there at this time and from letters he has written to home folks that still have their letters.

He said this was a journey of great hardships and sufferings, as they went out in wagons. Some had the ox teams others had horses and mules and they traveled about twenty miles a day. The roads were bad and the country new and they had Indians to contend with. Several of them were killed by the Indians. A number died in the way from mountain fever. I have often wondered how our uncle died.

It seems as the story goes, so many died of fever and so many from starvation in crossing the desert, of which one is twenty-six miles and the other is forty miles. Water at this place was selling at one dollar a quart, flour at sixty dollars a hundred pounds, rice at seventy cents a pound and other things in proportion.

• It cost them two dollars to send a letter home by express or forty cents by the Post Office.

Could it be possible that the next Seventy-eight years will bring so great a change.

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