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1. **John STRATTON-1**. He died in Aug 1845 in Vanderburgh, Indiana, USA (near Evansville).

Sarah WOOLEY was born on 16 Oct 1787. She died on 09 Apr 1871. She was buried in Rutland, Marshall, Illinois (Rutland Cemetery).

John STRATTON and Sarah WOOLEY married. They had the following children:

2. i. **James Lemuel STRATTON** was born on 29 May 1820 in Ramsay, New Fenn, Huntingdonshire, England (near London). He married Marsha CHALCRAFT on 24 Dec 1846 in Indiana (10 children). He died on 02 Oct 1892 in Bennington, Marshall, Illinois, USA.
3. ii. **Matthew STRATTON** was born on 03 Jan 1823 in England. He died on 06 Oct 1894 in Webster, Nebraska, USA.

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2. **James Lemuel STRATTON-2** (John-1) was born on 29 May 1820 in Ramsay, New Fenn, Huntingdonshire, England (near London). He died on 02 Oct 1892 in Bennington, Marshall, Illinois, USA. He was buried in Rutland, Marshall, Illinois, USA (Rutland cemetery).

Notes for James Lemuel STRATTON:

General Notes:

"James STRATTON, deceased, was for many years one of the leading agriculturists and respected citizens of Marshall county. He came from over the sea, his birth occurring May 29, 1820, at Ramsay, new Fenn, Huntingdonshire, England, and was the fifth in the family of ten children born to John and Sarah (WOOLEY) STRATTON. When thirteen years of age he accompanied them on their emigration to America, coming in a colony who had clubbed together to make the trip. In Vanderburg county, Indiana, near Evansville, the father purchased land on the old state road, and there spent his remaining days, dying in August, 1845. He brought enough gold with him from England, which, if judiciously invested, would have made him a rich man, but he settled in a thicket upon a tract of land which would take a lifetime to clear and develop.

Amid pioneer scenes James STRATTON grew to manhood, with no school advantages, all the education that he received being obtained in the schools of his native land before coming to the United States. The children were all kept busy by aiding in the development and improvement of the farm, where James remained until nineteen years of age, when he obtained work in a brickyard in Evansville. On the death of his father he came into possession of eighty acres of land, but, owing to its being heavily mortgaged, derived but little benefit therefrom.

In 1846 Mr. STRATTON became acquainted with Miss Marcia CHALCRAFT, of Posey county, Indiana, who was on a visit to a sister in Evansville, and on the 24th of December of that year they were joined in marriage. She was born in Tillford, near Fanham, Surrey, England, November 13, 1826, and was nearly twelve years of age when she came with her parents, James and Mary (EAD) CHALCRAFT, to the new world. They located in Posey county, where the father had come two years previously and rented land, but in 1844 he removed to Edwards county, Illinois, where he spent his remaining days. Mrs. STRATTON obtained a good education for those early days, which she has greatly supplemented by an extensive course of reading in later life, and would often read aloud to her family on the current issues and events.

In 1853 Mr. STRATTON, with his wife, two children and mother, came to Marshall county by way of the Ohio, Mississippi and Illinois rivers to Lacon, where they landed on the 19th of March. By team they proceeded to Bennington township, where he located a land warrant, and also purchased government land at two dollars and a half per acre, in all a tract of one hundred and twenty acres, to

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which he later added eighty. He was an energetic, enterprising man, but never enjoyed robust health.

Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. STRATTON, of whom nine are still living: Ruth Ann, widow of William BALL, by whom she had four children: James Henry, who died at the age of eight years; William R., whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; David M., of Memphis, Missouri, who is married and has four children; Mary E., wife of Marion J. FRENCH, who lives near Wenona, Marshall county, and by whom she has three children; Sarah E., wife of John LITCHFIELD, of Toluca, by whom she has two children; Louise Marcia, wife of Frank CARITHERS, of Bennington township, by whom she has three children; Ada Naomi, wife of Robert LITCHFIELD, by whom she has four children; and James Lemuel and Emma M., both at home.

Politically, Mr. STRATTON was originally a whig, and later supported the republican party. He passed away October 2, 1892, and was laid to rest in the cemetery of Rutland, Illinois. It is but just and merited praise to say that, as a citizen, he was honorable, prompt and true to every engagement, as a man he held the honor and esteem of all classes of citizens, and as a husband and father he was worthy of all imitation. He was a man of the time, broad-minded, public-spirited and progressive, and in his daily life and action was ever genial and affable. Mrs. STRATTON was always his close companion, aiding and cheering him in his work, and was truly a model helpmeet. Like her husband, she is surrounded by many warm friends and has the respect of all who know her."

from The Biographical Record of Bureau, Marshall and Putnam Counties, Illinois, 1896.

Marsha CHALCRAFT daughter of James CHALCRAFT and Mary EAD was born on 13 Nov 1826 in Tillford, Surrey, England (near London). She died on 28 Sep 1902 in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois. She was buried in Rutland, Marshall, Illinois, USA (Rutland Cemetery).

James Lemuel STRATTON and Marsha CHALCRAFT were married on 24 Dec 1846 in Indiana (10 children). They had the following children:

4. i. **Ruth Ann STRATTON** was born on 10 Aug 1848 in Vanderburgh, Indiana, USA. She married William Lemuel BALL on 22 Feb 1871 (4 children). She died on 22 Jul 1924 in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois.
- ii. **James Henry STRATTON** was born on 19 Mar 1851 in Vanderburgh, Indiana, USA. He died on 09 Sep 1858. He was buried in Rutland, Marshall, Illinois, USA (Rutland Cemetery).
- iii. **William R STRATTON** was born on 25 Aug 1854 in Richland, Marshall, Illinois. He married Martha Jane LITCHFIELD on 02 Nov 1887 in Marshall, Illinois, USA. He died on 24 Apr 1929 in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois. He was buried in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois (Antioch Cemetery).

Notes for William R STRATTON:

General Notes:

"William R. STRATTON, a well known resident of Toluca, was born on the 25th of August, 1854, in Richland township, Marshall county, Illinois, and is a worthy representative of one of its honored and highly respected families. His parents, James and Marcia (CHALCRAFT) STRATTON, were both natives of England, the former born in 1820, and the latter in 1826. When children they accompanied their respective parents to America, and both became residents of Indiana, where they met and were married. The paternal grandfather, John STRATTON located near Evansville, where he engaged in farming until his death.

For some time after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. STRATTON continued to reside in the

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hoosier state, and there two children were born to them, while the birth of our subject occurred the year after their arrival in Marshall county, Illinois. For a few years the father rented land here, and then purchased a tract on section 9, Bennington township, near the present site of Toluca. He became a well-to-do and prosperous farmer, making the most of his opportunities, and in politics was an adherent of republican principles. He has now passed away, but his excellent wife still survives him, making her home near Toluca.

Ten children were born to this worthy couple, nine of whom are still living, namely: Mrs. Ruth A. BALL, now a widow, living west of Toluca, and the mother of four children; James, who died at the age of eight years; William R., of this sketch; David, a resident of Memphis, Missouri, who is married and has four children; Mary E., wife of Marion J. FRENCH, of Evans township, Marshall county, by whom she has three children; Marcia Louisa, wife of Frank L. CARITHERS, of Bennington township, by whom she has three children; Sarah L., wife of J. P. LITCHFIELD, of Toluca, by whom she has two children; Ada Naomi, Wife of R. I. LITCHFIELD; and James L. and Emma M., still at home with their mother.

During his boyhood and youth our subject attended the common schools near his home, and remained under the parental roof until thirty-four years of age. For his faithful service there his father gave him eighty acres of land, on which there was an indebtedness of one thousand dollars. For three years he continued its cultivation and improvement and then removed to Toluca, where he has now made his home for over five years. At first he was employed in a lumber yard.

On the 2d of November, 1887, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. STRATTON and Miss Martha J., daughter of John and Emily LITCHFIELD, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. Four children have come to bless this union, namely: Arthur, born February 26, 1890; Lucile, born February 5, 1892, and Earl, born February 3, 1894.

Mr. STRATTON has been a strong republican in politics since voting for R. B. Hayes in 1876, but cares nothing for the honors or emoluments of public office. He is a straightforward, honorable citizen, and has made many warm friends throughout the community."

from The Biographical Record of Bureau, Marshall and Putnam Counties, Illinois, 1896.

5. iv. **David Mathew STRATTON** was born on 11 Jun 1857 in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois. He died on 27 Feb 1935 in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois. He married Cynthia Ann STONER 4 children.
6. v. **Mary E STRATTON** was born on 11 Nov 1859 in Bennington, Marshall, Illinois, USA. She married Marion J FRENCH on 20 May 1880 (4 children, 4 living in 1910). She died on 19 Jan 1937 in Wenona, Marshall, Illinois (died at home of Mrs. Almeda Cahoon).
7. vi. **Sarah E STRATTON** was born on 11 Jun 1862 in Bennington, Marshall, Illinois, USA. She married John Palmer LITCHFIELD on 27 Dec 1886 in Marshall, Illinois, USA (2 children). She died on 18 Jan 1941.
- vii. **Louisa M STRATTON** was born in 1865 in Bennington, Marshall, Illinois, USA. She died in 1942. She married Frank I CARRITHERS 3 children. She was buried in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois (Antioch Cemetery).

Notes for Louisa M STRATTON:

General Notes:

"Louise Marcia, wife of Frank CARITHERS, of Bennington township, by whom she has three children;" from The Biographical Record of Bureau, Marshall and Putnam Counties,

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8. viii. **Naomi Ada STRATTON** was born in 1868 in Bennington, Marshall, Illinois, USA. She married Robert I LITCHFIELD in Apr 1888 (6 children). She died in 1955.
 9. ix. **James Lemuel STRATTON** was born on 09 Feb 1871. He died on 03 Oct 1913.
 - x. **Emma Maria STRATTON** was born on 28 Mar 1874 (unable to speak or hear since birth). She died on 04 Mar 1958 in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois. She was buried in Rutland, Marshall, Illinois (Rutland Cemetery).
3. **Matthew STRATTON-2** (John-1) was born on 03 Jan 1823 in England. He died on 06 Oct 1894 in Webster, Nebraska, USA. He was buried in Webster, Nebraska, USA (Martin Cemetery).

Julia Ann MARTIN was born on 23 Oct 1829 in Indiana, USA. She died on 19 Sep 1924 in Webster, Nebraska, USA. She was buried in Webster, Nebraska, USA (Martin Cemetery).

Matthew STRATTON and Julia Ann MARTIN married. They had no children.

Rebecca Lucinda MCCLURE was born in 1822 in Ohio, USA. She died on 21 Oct 1854. She was buried in La Rose, Marshall, Illinois, USA (Bell Cemetery).

Matthew STRATTON and Rebecca Lucinda MCCLURE married. They had the following children:

- i. **David M STRATTON**. He died on 22 Sep 1854. He was buried in La Rose, Marshall, Illinois, USA (Bell Cemetery).

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4. **Ruth Ann STRATTON-3** (James Lemuel-2, John-1) was born on 10 Aug 1848 in Vanderburgh, Indiana, USA. She died on 22 Jul 1924 in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois. She was buried in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois (Antioch Cemetery).

William Lemuel BALL son of Jonas L BALL and Elizabeth C FETTER was born on 19 Nov 1848 in Lacon, Marshall, Illinois, USA. He died on 12 Aug 1884 in Bennington, Marshall, Illinois, USA (vs 7 Apr 1888). He was buried Antioch cemetery.

Notes for William Lemuel BALL:

General Notes:

"William Lemuel BALL, who was called from earth in the midst of his usefulness, spent his entire life in Marshall county, his birth occurring in Lacon, November 19, 1848, and his death on his farm in Bennington township, August 12, 1884. His parents, Jonas L. and Elizabeth C. (FELLER) BALL, continued to reside in Lacon until he was about twelve years of age, the father following general merchandising. He then removed his family to a farm in Belle Plain township, where he became the owner of a large tract of land, on which he continued to live until about two years before his death, when he went to Bloomington, Illinois, and there passed away April 7, 1888. He was one of the honored early settlers of Marshall county, a man highly respected by all who knew him.

Besides the education received in the country schools, William L. BALL also attended school in Wenona, and completed his literary course in Eureka college, in which he was a student for several year. On leaving the schoolroom he was for a time a clerk in a dry goods store of Lacon, during which time he also read medicine, but at the end of a year gave up the idea of following that profession and began farming on his own account.

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On the 22d of February, 1871, Mr. BALL led to the marriage altar Miss Ruth A. STRATTON, who was born in Vanderburg county, Indiana, August 10, 1848, and is a daughter of James and Marcia (CHALCRAFT) STRATTON. Four children graced this union: Gertrude, who was born on the home farm January 3, 1872, and was married November 21, 1894, to Roscoe VAYNE, of Chicago; Cora E., born September 13, 1873; Frank D., born November 5, 1875, and William J., born August 24, 1881. Cora was educated in the Normal and Eureka college, while Frank attended the last-named institution two years, and also pursued his studies for one year in Galesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. BALL began their domestic life upon a farm of two hundred acres given him by his father, where she still resides. For three years they made their home in the old house standing there, and then erected the present comfortable residence of the family. The land was unimproved, but to its cultivation and development Mr. BALL devoted his time and attention until life's labors were ended, and transformed the place into one of the most desirable farms of the locality. At the time of his death he was serving as vice-president of the Wenona Union Fair association, and for years had taken an active part in promoting its interests and making it a success.

Politically, Mr. BALL was a lifelong democrat, was repeatedly elected supervisor of Bennington township, and was a prominent and influential member of the board at the time of his death. His name was often spoken of in connection with the democratic nomination for the legislature, and had he lived he would undoubtedly have been nominated and elected. He also served as school treasurer. From boyhood he was a consistent member of the Christian church, to which his wife and family also belonged, and was one of its most liberal supporters. His influence was great and always for good. His sympathy, his benevolence, his kindly greetings, will long be remembered. His duties were performed with the greatest care, and throughout his life his personal honor and integrity were without blemish. His home life was beautiful and exemplary. Ardent and constant in his affections, he was a most tenderly devoted husband, and an indulgent father. His body now rests in Antioch cemetery."

from The Biographical Record of Bureau, Marshall and Putnam Counties, Illinois, 1896.

"Throughout life this gentleman was identified with the agricultural interests of Marshall county and won a place among the prosperous and well-to-do farmers of the community in which he made his home. He was born in Lacon on the 19th of November, 1848, and was a son of Jonas L. and Elizabeth C. (FETTER) BALL. For many years the father was engaged in general merchandising in Lacon, but when our subject was twelve years of age removed to a farm in Belle Plain township, on which he engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout the greater part of his life. He died on the 7th of April, 1888, honored and respected by all who knew him.

During his boyhood and youth William L. BALL pursued his studies in the public schools of Marshall county, being a student in the schools of Wenona for a time, but he completed his education at Eureka College, which he attended for several years. On starting out upon his business career he engaged in clerking in a drug store in Lacon and afterward read medicine, but at the end of a year decided to abandon that profession and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. After his marriage he located on a farm of two hundred acres given him by his father, which at that time was improved, but to its cultivation and further development he turned his attention, finally transforming it into one of the finest farms of Bennington township.

Mr. BALL was married February 22, 1871, to Miss Ruth A. STRATTON, a native of Vanderburgh county, Indiana, born August 10, 1848, and a daughter of James and Marcia (CHALCRAFT) STRATTON. Four children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. BALL, who in order of birth were as follows: Gertrude, born on the home farm January 3, 1872, was married on the 21st of November, 1894, to Roscoe BAYNE, D. D., at Henry. Cora E., born September 13, 1873, is now the wife of H. H. BECKWITH, who is operating the old home farm, and they have one child, Harold, born September 26, 1903. Frank D., born November 5, 1875, now conducting a livery stable in Toluca, married Miss Nellie MATHIS, daughter of the postmaster at that place, and they have three children, Ruth Irene,

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James William and Floyd Raymond. William J., born August 24, 1881, died on the 20th of April, 1902. The children were given good educational privileges, Cora having attended the normal college and also Eureka College, while Frank was for two years a student in Eureka College and afterward pursued his studies for one year at Galesburg.

Mr. BALL was recognized as one of the most enterprising and progressive men of his community, and was called upon to take an active part in public affairs. At the time of his death, which occurred on his farm in Bennington township, August 12, 1884, he was filling the position of vice president of the Wenona Union Fair Association and had for several years been actively identified with its prosperity. At an early age he united with the Christian church, to which his wife and family also belong, and throughout life gave a liberal support to all -measures which he believed would prove of public benefit or would advance the moral and material welfare of his native county. By his ballot he always supported the men and measures of the democratic party, and was honored with several local offices, serving many years as supervisor of Bennington township, and was chairman of the board for four years, being one of the leading members of the board at the time of his death. He was several times spoken of as a candidate for the legislature, and had he lived would undoubtedly have been nominated and elected. After a useful and well spent life of forty years he passed away, honored and respected by all who knew him, and in his death the community realized that it had lost a valued citizen."

from Past and Present of Marshall and Putnam Counties Illinois, 1907.

William Lemuel BALL and Ruth Ann STRATTON were married on 22 Feb 1871 (4 children). They had the following children:

- i. **Gertrude BALL** was born on 03 Jan 1872 in Marshall, Illinois, USA. She married Roscoe S BAYNE on 21 Nov 1894. She died in 1960. She was buried in Henry, Marshall, Illinois (Henry Cemetery).
 10. ii. **Cora E BALL** was born on 13 Sep 1873 in Marshall, Illinois, USA. She died in 1867.
 11. iii. **Frank D BALL** was born on 05 Nov 1875 in Marshall, Illinois, USA. He died in 1938.
 - iv. **William J BALL** was born on 24 Aug 1881 in Marshall, Illinois, USA. He died in 1902. He was buried in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois (Antioch Cemetery).
5. **David Mathew STRATTON-3** (James Lemuel-2, John-1) was born on 11 Jun 1857 in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois. He died on 27 Feb 1935 in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois. He was buried in Rutland, Marshall, Illinois, USA (Rutland Cemetery).

Notes for David Mathew STRATTON:

General Notes:

"David M., of Memphis, Missouri, who is married and has four children;" from The Biographical Record of Bureau, Marshall and Putnam Counties, Illinois, 1896.

Cynthia Ann STONER daughter of William Castleman STONER and Hannah F WILSON was born on 10 Jul 1855 in Mansfield, Richland, Ohio, USA. She died on 13 Dec 1933 in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois. She was buried in Rutland, Marshall, Illinois, USA (Rutland Cemetery).

David Mathew STRATTON and Cynthia Ann STONER were married 4 children. They had the following children:

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- i. **Lawrence Stoner STRATTON** was born on 20 May 1881 in Shell City, Mo.. He died on 05 Sep 1941 in Spring Valley, Bureau, Illinois, USA. He was buried in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois (Ball Cemetery).
 - ii. **Myron O STRATTON** was born in 1891 in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois. He married Blanch M FARRINGTON on 18 Apr 1923 in Great Falls, Cascade, Montana, USA.
 - iii. **Norman D STRATTON** was born in 1891 in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois. He died on Unknown. He was buried in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois (Antioch Cemetery).
6. **Mary E STRATTON-3** (James Lemuel-2, John-1) was born on 11 Nov 1859 in Bennington, Marshall, Illinois, USA. She died on 19 Jan 1937 in Wenona, Marshall, Illinois (died at home of Mrs. Almeda Cahoon). She was buried in Evans, Marshall, Illinois, USA.

Marion J FRENCH son of Elbridge Elzia FRENCH Jr and Elizabeth JUDD was born on 19 Oct 1853 in Marshall, Illinois, USA. He died on 20 Nov 1922 in Evans, Marshall, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Marion J FRENCH:

General Notes:

"Marion J. FRENCH, an enterprising and progressive farmer residing on section 6, Evans township, is the son of Elbridge E. and Elizabeth (JUDD) FRENCH. The father was born in Maine, in 1823, was reared to manhood in that state, and come with his father, Elbridge E. FRENCH, Sr., and family, to Illinois, in 1850. The mother, who was born November 8, 1830, was but an infant when brought to Marshall county, and was reared on the farm where our subject now resides. She was the sister of Benjamin JUDD, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. In 1855 she was called to her final rest, but the father is still living. To them were born two children - Marion J., whose name heads this sketch, and William, deceased. After the death of his mother our subject was taken to the home of his Grandmother JUDD, who died April 1, 1879, at the age of seventy-five years, and on the farm where he still lives grew to manhood.

"Alfred JUDD, his uncle, remained single, and unselfishly devoted his life to the care of his mother. His birth occurred on the 5th of November, 1822, and at the age of nine years, with his parents, he located upon the farm which was ever afterward his home. His education was such as the district schools of the neighborhood afforded, but he was always a great student, and devoted much time to general reading, so that he became one of the best posted men of the locality. He made agriculture his life work, and all his interests seem to center around his farm and his home. On the death of his father, he purchased the interest of the other heirs in the old homestead, and as years advanced added to the original tract, made extensive improvements upon the place, including the present substantial building there found, and placed the land under a high state of cultivation. He accumulated much property, which at his death was left to his brothers and sisters, or their legal heirs, his nieces and nephews, twenty-one in all. He was a man of the strictest integrity and honor, straightforward and reliable, and his advice was often sought by his neighbors, who placed in him the utmost confidence. After a long and useful life, replete with many acts of charity, his earthly career was ended on the 2d of September, 1895, and he was laid to rest in the Cumberland cemetery. Among his may worthy deed was the giving of six acres, which now forms the grove lying between the cemetery and the Cumberland Presbyterian church. He cared nothing for the honors or emoluments of public office, and the only position he would accept was that of school director, which he filled for several years.

"Mr. FRENCH was born October 19, 1853, and during his boyhood and youth attended the common schools of Evans township. On the 20th of May, 1880, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. STRATTON, who was born November 11, 1859, and obtained her education in the schools of Bennington township. Her parents, James and Marsha (CHALCRAFT) STRATTON, were both born near London, England, the former in 1820, and the latter in 1826. The father crossed the Atlantic to America in 1836, settling first in Indiana, but four years later became a resident of Illinois, remaining a short time at Round Prairie, Marshall county. Later he located in Bennington township, where he was numbered among the early settlers, and upon the wild prairie improved a fine farm. There he died in

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1892, but his wife, who survives him, still lives on the old homestead. In their family were ten children, namely: Mrs. Ruth A. BALL; James H., deceased; William R., David M., Mrs. FRENCH, Mrs. Sarah E. LITCHFIELD, Mrs. Louisa M. CARRITHERS, Mrs. Naomi A. LITCHFIELD, James L. and Emma M.

The mother is a faithful member of the Christian church.

"To Mr. and Mrs. FRENCH have been born three children - Hattie E., Lola M., and Ralph W. and the family is pleasantly located upon the old Judd homestead on section 6, Evans township, where nearly the entire life of our subject has been passed. He gives his exclusive attention to his farming interests, owning six hundred and thirteen acres of valuable and productive land and the neat and thrifty appearance of the place plainly indicates that it is under the supervision of one who thoroughly understands the business which he is following. On political questions he affiliates with the democratic party, and has served as school director in district No. 3 Mrs. FRENCH, a most estimable lady, holds membership with the Christian church." from The Biographical Record of Bureau, Marshall and Putnam Counties, Illinois, 1896.

Marion J FRENCH and Mary E STRATTON were married on 20 May 1880 (4 children, 4 living in 1910). They had the following children:

- i. **Hattie E FRENCH.**
 - ii. **Lola M FRENCH.**
 12. iii. **Ralph Waldo FRENCH Sr** was born on 30 Nov 1889 in Magnolia, Putnam, Illinois, USA. He married Esther G GOODNECK on 14 Feb 1920 in Kankakee, Illinois, USA.
 - iv. **Gertrude FRENCH** was born in 1898 in Evans, Marshall, Illinois, USA.
7. **Sarah E STRATTON-3** (James Lemuel-2, John-1) was born on 11 Jun 1862 in Bennington, Marshall, Illinois, USA. She died on 18 Jan 1941. She was buried in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois (Antioch Cemetery).

Notes for Sarah E STRATTON:

General Notes:

Sarah E., wife of John LITCHFIELD, of Toluca, by whom she has two children; from The Biographical Record of Bureau, Marshall and Putnam Counties, Illinois, 1896.

John Palmer LITCHFIELD son of John LITCHFIELD and Emily PALMER was born on 24 Aug 1862 in Bennington, Marshall, Illinois, USA. He died on 28 May 1915. He was buried in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois (Antioch Cemetery).

Notes for John Palmer LITCHFIELD:

General Notes:

"John P. LITCHFIELD, one of the representative business men of Toluca, was born on the home farm in Bennington township, Marshall county, August 24, 1862, a son of John and Emily (PALMER) LITCHFIELD, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. There he passed his boyhood and youth, assisting in the labors of the fields and attending the district schools. At the age of nineteen, he entered Eureka college, where he pursued his studies for one year, and then engaged in teaching in Marshall county, his first school being in Evans township. For some time he followed that profession during the winter season, while the summer months were spent in farming.

On the 27th of December, 1886, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. LITCHFIELD and Miss Sarah E. STRATTON, a native of Bennington township, Marshall county, and a daughter of James and Marcia (CHALCRAFT) STRATTON, a sketch of whom may also be found on another page of this volume.

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They have become the parents of two interesting children: Rollie J., born on the farm in Belle Plain township, Marshall county, October 2, 1889, and Leta L., born in Toluca, May 5, 1895.

Upon a farm in Belle Plain township, Mr. LITCHFIELD continued to reside until March, 1893, when he removed to Toluca, to accept his present position as clerk in the hardware department of the Toluca Lumber & Hardware Company. He is a stockholder and charter member of the same, also a stockholder in the First National bank of Toluca, and interested in the grain business under the firm name of Litchfield & Company. He is a straightforward, reliable business man, and wins the confidence of all with whom he comes in contact.

Mr. LITCHFIELD cast his first presidential vote for Grover Cleveland in 1884, and has since supported the men and measures of the democratic party. He received the nomination for assessor, but was defeated in the great landslide of 1894. In 1893 he was elected village trustee, becoming a member of its first board. He takes a prominent and active part in civic societies, having served as secretary and vice-grand in Toluca lodge, I. O. O. F., which he joined in 1894 and is a charter member; as prelate and vice-chancellor of the Knights of Pythias lodge, No. 461, of which he is also a charter member; and as secretary of the Modern Woodmen of America." from The Biographical Record of Bureau, Marshall and Putnam Counties, Illinois, 1896.

John Palmer LITCHFIELD and Sarah E STRATTON were married on 27 Dec 1886 in Marshall, Illinois, USA (2 children). They had the following children:

- i. **Rollin J LITCHFIELD** was born on 02 Oct 1889 in Bell Plain, Marshall, Illinois. He died in 1962. He was buried in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois (Antioch Cemetery).
 - ii. **Leta L LITCHFIELD** was born on 05 May 1895 in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois.
8. **Naomi Ada STRATTON**-3 (James Lemuel-2, John-1) was born in 1868 in Bennington, Marshall, Illinois, USA. She died in 1955. She was buried in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois (Antioch Cemetery).

Robert I LITCHFIELD son of John LITCHFIELD and Emily PALMER was born on 24 May 1864 in Bennington, Marshall, Illinois, USA. He died in 1941. He was buried in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois (Antioch Cemetery).

Notes for Robert I LITCHFIELD:

General Notes:

"Of this family, Robert I. LITCHFIELD was born on the home farm in Bennington township, May 24, 1864, and was provided with a good common school education. In April, 1888, he led to the marriage altar Miss Ada Naomi STRATTON, of Bennington township, a daughter of James and Marsha (SCHALCRAFT) STRATTON. They have become the parents of three interesting children: Emily M., born in Bennington township, March 22, 1889; Ray D., born in the same township, July 10, 1891, and Ruth, born in Belle Plain township, January 2, 1894. Mr. LITCHFIELD is now living upon a farm of his father's in Belle Plain township, is a strong democrat in the political views, casting his first vote for Grover Cleveland in 1888. He was elected highway commissioner of Bennington township, but, owing to his removal to Belle Plain, did not serve. For one term he filled the office of school director. He is one of the most progressive and energetic agriculturists of the community, and one of its honored and respected citizens." from The Biographical Record of Bureau, Marshall and Putnam Counties, Illinois, 1896.

"R. I. LITCHFIELD, who follows farming in Bennington township, is a native son of Marshall county, his birth having occurred in that township May 24, 1864. His father, John LITCHFIELD, was born in Cambridgeshire, England, in 1821 and was a son of Richard L. and Sarah LITCHFIELD, also natives of that country. In 1847 the grandfather came to America at the age of eighty-seven years, there

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being ten in the party, and located on a farm in Indiana, where he spent his remaining days. His wife, who was an earnest and consistent member of the Baptist church, died at the age of sixty-seven years. In his family were nine children, all of whom came to America, with the exception of the eldest daughter who spent her entire life in England.

In the schools of his native country John LITCHFIELD acquired a limited education and at the age of fifteen years came to the new world, being thirteen weeks upon the water and landing on New Year's day of 1837. The voyage was made in a sailing vessel, the St. Lawrence, of an American line belonging to a company at Richmond, Virginia. Mr. LITCHFIELD first set foot on American soil at New Orleans and, proceeding up the Mississippi river, settled in Indiana, where he made his home until 1849, when he removed to Macomb, McDonough county, Illinois, where for two years he was engaged in teaming. It was in 1851 that he took up his residence in Bennington township, Marshall county, where the year previous he had entered one hundred and sixty acres of land. As time passed he prospered in his farming operations and became the owner of over three hundred acres of land, two hundred acres of which constitutes the old homestead. For the past six years, however, he has made his home in Toluca, where he is now practically living retired, enjoying a well earned rest. His political support is given the men and measures of the democracy. Near Evansville, Indiana, he was married in 1853 to Miss Emily PALMER, who was born in England in 1832 and is still living. This worthy couple are now the parents of ten children,

In early life R. I. LITCHFIELD pursued his studies in the Palmer school, which was named for his maternal grandfather, and he early became familiar with all the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. In 1882 he commenced farming on his own account on the old home place and has since met with excellent success in his chosen field of operation. For the past six years he has operated the home farm, but in the meantime he lived just across the road for some time, having lived for five years upon a farm belonging to his mother, which is now a part of the village of Toluca. He next removed to Belle Plain township, where he lived on a place belonging to his father for six years and then returned to the old homestead in Bennington township. In connection with farming he devoted considerable attention to stock-raising, making a specialty of polled Durham cattle for the past ten years and has a fine registered bull at the head of his herd.

In 1888 Mr. LITCHFIELD married Miss Naomi STRATTON, who was born in Bennington township, Marshall county, in 1868 and is a daughter of James and Marcia STRATTON, farming people of that township. The parents were both born in England and are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. LITCHFIELD have become the parents of six children, namely: Emily M., who was born in 1889 and is now attending normal school; Ray B., born in 1892; Ruth I., in 1894; Orville L., in 1896; Esther, in 1900; and Mildred, in 1904. Mr. LITCHFIELD takes quite an active and influential part in local politics and has been called upon to serve as road commissioner for two years in Bennington township and also two years in Belle Plain township. He is an enterprising, wide-awake business man of known reliability, and as a citizen stands high in public regard." from Past and Present of Marshall and Putnam Counties Illinois, 1907.

Robert I LITCHFIELD and Naomi Ada STRATTON were married in Apr 1888 (6 children). They had the following children:

- i. **Emily Marsha LITCHFIELD** was born on 22 Mar 1889 in Bennington, Marshall, Illinois, USA. She died in 1968.
13. ii. **Raymond B LITCHFIELD** was born on 10 Jul 1891 in Bennington, Marshall, Illinois, USA. He died on 25 Dec 1965.
- iii. **Ruth Irene LITCHFIELD** was born on 02 Jan 1894 in Belle Plain, Marshall, Illinois. She died in 1962. She was buried in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois (Antioch Cemetery).

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- iv. **Orville Lynn LITCHFIELD** was born on 23 Nov 1896 in Marshall, Illinois, USA. He died on 21 Sep 1925. He was buried in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois (Antioch Cemetery).
 - v. **Esther LITCHFIELD** was born in 1900 in Marshall, Illinois, USA.
 - vi. **Mildred LITCHFIELD** was born in 1904 in Marshall, Illinois, USA.
9. **James Lemuel STRATTON-3** (James Lemuel-2, John-1) was born on 09 Feb 1871. He died on 03 Oct 1913. He was buried in Rutland, Marshall, Illinois, USA (Rutland Cemetery).

Mamie Elizabeth HOPPEL was born on 18 Jun 1880 in La Salle, Illinois, USA. She died on 23 Feb 1903 in Fremont, Dodge, Nebraska, USA. She was buried in Rutland, Marshall, Illinois, USA (Rutland Cemetery).

James Lemuel STRATTON and Mamie Elizabeth HOPPEL married. They had the following children:

- i. **Marion James STRATTON** was born on 02 Jan 1900 in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois. He died on 24 Dec 1967 in Big Spring, Howard, Texas, USA. He was buried in Big Spring, Howard, Texas, USA (Mount Olive Cemetery).

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10. **Cora E BALL-4** (Ruth Ann-3, James Lemuel-2, John-1) was born on 13 Sep 1873 in Marshall, Illinois, USA. She died in 1867. She was buried in Wenona, Marshall, Illinois (Cumberland Cemetery).

Herbert Horace BECKWITH son of Putnam BECKWITH and Frances Ann DAGEN was born in Oct 1872 in Illinois, USA. He died on 15 Dec 1933 in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois. He was buried in Wenona, Marshall, Illinois (Cumberland Cemetery).

Herbert Horace BECKWITH and Cora E BALL married. They had the following children:

- i. **Harold R BECKWITH** was born on 26 Sep 1903 in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois. He died on 11 May 1991 in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois. He was buried in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois (Antioch Cemetery).
11. **Frank D BALL-4** (Ruth Ann-3, James Lemuel-2, John-1) was born on 05 Nov 1875 in Marshall, Illinois, USA. He died in 1938. He was buried in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois (Antioch Cemetery).

Nellie MATHIS.

Frank D BALL and Nellie MATHIS married. They had the following children:

- i. **Ruth Irene BALL.**
- ii. **James William BALL.**
- iii. **Floyd Raymond BALL.**
- iv. **William J BALL.**

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12. **Ralph Waldo FRENCH Sr-4** (Mary E-3, James Lemuel-2, John-1) was born on 30 Nov 1889 in Magnolia, Putnam, Illinois, USA. He was buried in Wenona, Marshall, Illinois (Cumberland Cemetery).

Esther G GOODNECK daughter of F D GOODKNECHT and Emma RANTZ was born in 1896.

Ralph Waldo FRENCH Sr and Esther G GOODNECK were married on 14 Feb 1920 in Kankakee, Illinois, USA. They had the following children:

- i. **Ralph W FRENCH Jr** was born on 21 Oct 1926 in Streator, La Salle, Illinois, USA. He died on 07 May 2009 in Springfield, Sangamon, Illinois, USA.
 - ii. **Marion FRENCH**. He died before 2009.
13. **Raymond B LITCHFIELD-4** (Naomi Ada-3, James Lemuel-2, John-1) was born on 10 Jul 1891 in Bennington, Marshall, Illinois, USA. He died on 25 Dec 1965. He was buried in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois (Antioch Cemetery).

Mildred RITHMILLER was born on 19 Mar 1897. She died on 29 Oct 1994. She was buried in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois (Antioch Cemetery).

Raymond B LITCHFIELD and Mildred RITHMILLER married. They had the following children:

14. i. **Russell William LITCHFIELD** was born on 23 Jul 1920 in Bennington, Marshall, Illinois, USA. He married Anna Lenore SCHOOF on 12 Oct 1940 in Tipton, Iowa. He died on 06 Nov 2011.
- ii. **George LITCHFIELD**. He died before 2011.

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14. **Russell William LITCHFIELD-5** (Raymond B-4, Naomi Ada-3, James Lemuel-2, John-1) was born on 23 Jul 1920 in Bennington, Marshall, Illinois, USA. He died on 06 Nov 2011. He was buried in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois (Antioch Cemetery).

Notes for Russell William LITCHFIELD:

General Notes:

TOLUCA - Russell William Litchfield, 91, of rural Toluca, went to be with his Lord on Nov. 6 following a brief illness.

His funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, at Antioch Christian Church, Toluca, with the Rev. Robert Idell officiating. Burial will follow in Antioch Cemetery, Toluca. Military rites will be accorded by the Toluca American Legion. Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Calvert-Johnson & Froelich Memorial Home, Toluca, is serving the family.

Russell was born on July 23, 1920, in Bennington Township, Marshall County, Ill., the elder son of Raymond and Mildred (Rithmiller) Litchfield.

He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Anna (Schoof), and three children, Pauline (Gerald) Fecht of Toluca, Connie (Bob) Taylor of Toluca and Greg (Mary) Litchfield of Bloomington. Also surviving are eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, as well as his sister-in-law, Rosemary Litchfield of Toluca, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, George Litchfield, and an infant son, William

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Russell Litchfield.

Russell was salutatorian of his 1938 graduating class of Toluca High School. He graduated from the University of Illinois in 1942 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He served in the Third Army, 80th Division, 314th Field artillery, in the European Theatre during World War II, attaining the rank of First Lieutenant. He was honorably discharged from active duty on Sept. 24, 1946.

He was engaged in farming in both Bennington and Bell Plain townships.

Russell was an active member of Antioch Christian Church, Toluca, where he served as an elder, chairman of the board and adult Sunday school teacher. He was a director of Evans-Mutual Insurance Company and was a member of American Legion Post 440, the Marshall County Historical Society, Rotary International and the Marshall-Putnam Farm Bureau.

Russell was a loving and respected husband, father, grandfather and friend. He was an avid traveler, having visited 50 states with his beloved wife, Anna. They also participated in a 40th anniversary tour of the European battlefields and cemeteries in 1984.

Anna Lenore SCHOOF was born on 21 May 1921 in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois. She died on 14 May 2013 in Minonk, Woodford, Illinois, USA. She was buried in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois (Antioch Cemetery).

Notes for Anna Lenore SCHOOF:

General Notes:

Anna Lenore Litchfield, 91, Toluca, died at 9 a.m. Tuesday (May 14, 2013) at Heritage Health, Minonk.

She was born May 21, 1921 in Toluca, the daughter of John and Edna Shreve Schoof. She married Russell Litchfield on Oct. 12, 1940 in Tipton, Iowa. He died Nov. 6, 2011. She was also preceded in death by her parents; an infant son, William; one brother, Lawrence and two sisters, Lorene Pierman and Lelia McGhiey.

Surviving are three children, Pauline (Gerald) Fecht, Connie (Bob) Taylor and Greg (Mary) Litchfield; eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Russell William LITCHFIELD and Anna Lenore SCHOOF were married on 12 Oct 1940 in Tipton, Iowa. They had the following children:

- i. **William Russell LITCHFIELD** was born on 27 May 1949 in Marshall, Illinois, USA. He died on 18 Dec 1949 in Marshall, Illinois, USA (infant). He was buried in Toluca, Marshall, Illinois (Antioch Cemetery).