

when he and Mahala moved to Blandin- where he ran a grocery store. Later he it The Empire House on Main Street and mown as the popular and attentive pro- of that hostelry.

nes died 1878 of diabetes. Will is in ough Co. Courthouse.
is heart-rending to see the headstone of "Polly" Welch in the Friendship Cem. the names of 7 of her children on the stone too. Nearby is the headstone of s' mother which says "Pevy" dau. G.&E. man, w. Solomon Welch, d. Sep. 1858, 78 yrs., Native of PA., "She was an tionate mother and a kind neighbor." aps this stone was put up several years her death as it should be G.&K. and this the first noted instance of the nickname y". Her namesake Barbara Ann Locke was called "Pevy" by her father James. ost of these Welches stayed in McDonough also James' bro. John T.

by Orelle Chadwick

WELCH, WILLIAM ROWLAND

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William was born about 1815 in Muhlenberg KY the son of Osias Welch and his third Elizabeth Rowland Poley. William was of 16 children. In March 1836 William ried Lavinia Butler. They had 5 children, orn in Kentucky. They were:

zro Butler born 1839. He married Nancy inia Seybold. Azro served in 28th IL Infan- Co. D in the Civil War with his brother ester. He died February 18, 1882.

ylvester Butler was born 1842. He married abeth Ellis and then Catherine Osborn. ester died April 19, 1913 in Paola, KS.

manda J. was born in 1846. She married n R. Seybold, a brother of Azro's wife, on ust 26, 1865.

incheon Hay was born in May 1850. He ried Elizabeth Welch on December 28, 3 in Lucas Co., IA.

lary Elizabeth was born about 1854. She ried Archie M. Ray on January 1, 1854. died on July 12, 1880 in Warren Co., IL.

1 1861 William moved to McDonough nty to join his brothers and sisters who e early settlers of McDonough County. thers Jefferson and George Washington ried sisters, Jefferson to Adella Caldwell in 3 and George W. to Mary Caldwell in 1835. nes married Margaret McCord in 1842. jamin married Malinda Kirk in 1837 and ac married Achsah Woolley in 1844. Wil- n's sister, Keziah, married Isaac Spencer in 18.

William, a Baptist minister, served as pastor several churches. He was with the Tennes- Baptist Church, Union Baptist Church in wick, St. Marys in Colmar, Bethel Baptist Industry, Cedar Creek in Blandinsville, ptist Church in Youngstown, and the Bap- : Church at Mt. Pleasant. William wrote eral letters to the Western Recorder, a ptist newspaper, telling of his work. On May 1867 he wrote —

I have received into the fellowship of Bethel urch, by experience and baptism, 7 willing ivers; one of which was a lady from the thodist Church — and on yesterday orga-

nized a Missionary Baptist Church in this county of 15 members; and after organization, received one for baptism, others are expected soon."

And on March 7, 1868 William wrote —

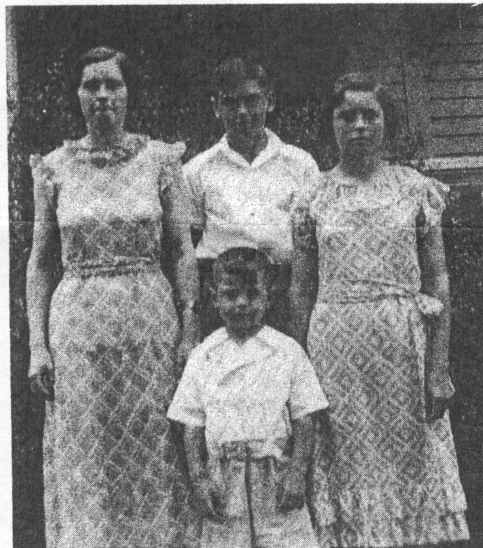
"I held a meeting at the Caloma school house, McDonough County, Illinois, which continued some 10 days; profound attention was given by the unconverted; the church much revived and 2 valuable additions to the church by baptism."

William remained active in the church until 1882. His wife, Lavinia died on February 27, 1882 — just a week after his oldest son, Azro. Lavinia is buried in Lower Cemetery. William traveled to Kansas and died there in 1886.

by Erika Peterson

WHALEY, HOWARD

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The Whaley Children. L-R, Back row: Ruth, Howard, Mary; in front: Harold. Photo taken 1933.

My family tree centers around the Good Hope and Sciota area. On the Whaley side my grandmother was born in 1860 on a farm northwest of Good Hope. Her parents were Samuel and Rebeca Heath. Her father died when she was twelve years old. In the spring of 1860 she went to her aunts in Wichita, Kansas to work as a dress maker. There she met Hugh Anderson Whaley and was married that fall. They set up farming at Towanda where the hot winds burned the crops out. My father, Ernest, was born in the summer of 1888. They moved back to Wichita for the winter. In the spring the family packed up, going by covered wagon to Nance County near Fullerton, Neb. That summer was a good crop year as the corn brought 13 cents a bushel. The next spring they moved to a Mr. Moul's farm where a daughter, Hallie Anderson Whaley, was born. Later on in life she became the wife of George Ruebush of Good Hope. That winter Grandfather became ill with Brights Disease which took his life in the spring of 1892 at the age of 37. My grandmother moved back to Good Hope with the children where she set up housekeeping. Grandmother lived the rest of her life in the Good Hope area and passed away in 1943. Hugh Anderson Whaley was born in Ill and moved west and took his abode in Kansas.

My mother's side of the family are descen- dants of H.F.W. and Rebecca James of Balti- more Co. Maryland. Great-Grandfather was born in March of 1838 and passed away at his home in Good Hope in December of 1917 at the age 79. Great-grandmother lived two more years and died at age 81.

As a young man great-grandfather worked on the farm and also for the government at Washington during the Civil War. While in Washington he married Mary Jane Scroff on Jul. 4, 1858. Two sons were born to them, one of which was my grandfather, Stephen James. His brother, Harry died while attending the Hedding College at Abingdon, Ill. in 1888.

In 1868 William H. moved his family to McDonough County, northwest of Sciota in the Liberty Church area, known as three corners, where the three counties join. Later they ac- quired a farm at the south edge of Good Hope which still is in the James family. He was a member of the Methodist Church and secre- tary of the Good Hope Masonic Lodge for many years. Two of William's brothers as well as other kin came to this county. Some were preachers and dentists. John T. and J.A. James were dentists in Bushnell. John T. later moved to Blandinsville and finally to the Sciota vicinity.

My grandmother's mother was born to John and Jane Patterson in the state of Tennessee in 1838. She moved to Illinois in 1854 and married a Mr. Osburn in 1857. They had three children, two of which died in infancy. After the death of Mr. Osburn, g-grandmother married a John Eads in 1876. He died in 1893. She then lived with her daughter until her death in May of 1918. My grandmother, Jennie Osburn was married to Stephen James at her mother's home in Prairie City by Rev. S.P. James, a kin to Stephen. They set up housekeeping north- west of Sciota for a time before moving south of Good Hope. They had two children, Mabel, my mother and a son Lester. My mother graduated with honors from Good Hope High School which was only ten grades. My father didn't like school and went to work as a farmer, working for the Yeast and and Cochran fami- lies. My parents, Ernest Whaley and Mabel James were married at the M.E. parsonage by the Rev. G.W. Martin. They started housekeep- ing northeast of Good Hope on the James Cochran farm. Later they moved to the James farm south of Good Hope in the Northwest Quarter section of Macomb Twp. I was raised on this farm and resided here for 55 years before moving to Texas where I farmed until retiring four years ago. There were four of us in the family. Mary and Harold are still in Good Hope and Ruth is in Phoenix, AZ.

I received my education in the old Good Hope School district. After graduation I went to farming. For a short time I was in the U.S. Navy, and was discharged for medical reasons. In the mid-40's I started a registered Hamp- shire hog herd, in the 50's registered Polled Hereford cattle and in the 60's registered quarter-horses. In 1988 our graduating class was honored for its 50th year out of school at the alumni banquet. Twelve of the seventeen that graduated were there. Four couldn't make it and one had passed away. I used to bowl and sponsor a bowling team.

by Howard Whaley

Mrs. H. T. Heath Whaley