

The Daniel Davis News

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Picking Prunes, Polk County, Oregon



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The Daniel Davis Association
Bryan, Ohio

Twentieth Anniversary Reunion

The Twenty-first Reunion

Daniel Davis Association

Williams County Fair Grounds
Montpelier, Ohio

Sunday, August 28, 1927

Games

Program

Ice Cream

Treasurer's Report Daniel Davis Association

Daniel Davis News Account
Bryan, Ohio, August 18, 1927

Receipts

Balance on hand	
August 16, 1926.....	\$20.43
Contributions since	
August 16, 1926.....	67.32
	\$87.75

Expenditures

Four halftones-1926.....	\$13.12
500 News-1926.....	37.50
500 envelopes.....	3.75
Marble board.....	1.00
660 one one-half cent stamps	9.90
200 two-cent stamps.....	4.00
	\$69.27

Balance on hand	
August 18, 1927.....	18.48
	\$87.75

After the expenses of the reunion each year are paid out of the collection taken at the reunion the balance is put with the mail contributions received to make up the total contributions.

Mail Contributors to The Daniel Davis News

Aug. 17, 1926 to Aug. 18, 1927

A. F. Schreckengast
Geo. M. White
Mrs. Carrie Shoe
Miss Mae Davis
Felix M. Davis
Mrs. C. D. Southwick
Mrs. Lizzie M. Dissinger
Miss May L. Marr
Mrs. C. C. Gregory
Roy E. Davis
Geo. O. Davis
Marvin McCann
C. A. Atwood
Mrs. Lillie Frisbie
Jacob Moon
Jos. L. Davis
Mrs. Maybelle Brelsford
Mrs. Essie Guinn
Mrs. Pearl Dutton
A. J. Mathis
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Chas. W. Davis (N. Dak.)

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Founding of The Daniel Davis Association

The Daniel Davis Association was organized September 1, 1907, at the home of Joseph Plimpton Davis, four miles southeast of Bryan, by the descendants of Emanuel and Samuel Davis.

The children, and families, of Emanuel and Susanna Davis had been holding yearly reunions to celebrate the birthday of their mother. It was her request that her children and their families should meet once each year that prompted the founding of the Daniel Davis Association.

John Salsbury acted as chairman and Roy Davis as secretary of the meeting. William Daniel Davis, son of Emanuel Davis, moved that the association be named "Daniel Davis Association." John Salsbury was elected president and A. Vernon Davis secretary and treasurer. Jacob W. Davis, Joseph Plimpton Davis, Benjamin Davis, Jay Hiner and W. H. Easterly were appointed as a committee on arrangements. All of these officers are still serving except Joseph Plimpton Davis and Benjamin Davis who have passed away.

During the twenty years descendants of Daniel, Jr., Christian, John, Adam, Peter, Samuel, Henry, Susanna, Emanuel, Israel and Levi have attended some of the reunions.

All of the descendants of Daniel and Sarah Davis have been located with the exception of Joseph Henry Davis, son of Jacob Davis. When the mother of Joseph Henry died in

southern Ohio her brother, John Kinney or McKiney or McKinley took Joseph Henry to Missouri. Neither has been heard from since. If living probably he would be between 70 and 80 years of age.

Of the seventy-nine grand children of Daniel Davis, forty were living twenty years ago. Of this number only fifteen remain.

Reunion of 1926

One hundred and sixty-seven members and several friends attended the twentieth annual reunion held at Memorial Park, Swanton, Ohio, on Sunday August 29, 1926.

Members of the association were present from near Harrisburg, Pa.; New York City; Detroit and Montgomery, Mich; Oberlin, Montpelier, Bryan, Edon, West Unity, Cleveland, Toledo, Whitehouse and Swanton, Ohio.

A party of eighteen in four automobiles came from Pennsylvania: Mrs. Sarah Stover, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ledger and Miss Mary Wolf, Annville; Mr. and Mrs. John Moyer and three children, Paul, Sarah Anna and Clarence, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Moyer, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Forman and son, Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Stover, of Lebanon; John Wolf, of Cleona; and Miss Luella Lerch, of Jonestown.

In spite of the heavy downpour of rain and hail the reunion was a success. The members were very thankful for the large, comfortable pavillion in the park.

OREGON PRUNES

Mrs. Mary S. Alsip

Polk county, Oregon, is one of the most lovely spots in the world. Almost everything is grown here: grain, flax, hops, nuts and all kinds of fruit and berries. The flax raised here is just as fine a grade and equal to that raised in Ireland. The hop business amounts to about a million dollars annually.

As the Italian prunes are what we are interested in mostly I will try to write about them. The Italian prunes are called tart sweet prunes and when dried are a glossy black color.

There are fifty-five thousand acres of Italian prunes growing in Oregon and Clark county, Washington. Of these there are ten thousand acres in Polk county, Oregon, and seven hundred and fifty farmers have prune orchards. Fifty million pounds are dried annually and go to all parts of the United States, Canada, England, Germany, France and other European countries.

In planting a prune orchard the trees are set twenty feet apart each way. They are pruned each year and kept well cultivated. The trees start to bear at about six years of age. Prune harvest begins about the first of September and usually the picking lasts about twenty-five days, according to the crop. They yield from two to three hundred bushels to the acre depending on the season and the size of the trees. When the prunes are ripe and ready to dry they begin to drop from the trees. The trees are then shaken lightly and the prunes gathered up, by women and children mostly, and put in boxes. Generally about three pickings are made before the prunes are all ripe.

As fast as they are picked up they are taken to the dryer where they are first put through a vat of hot water and then one of cold water and then are run on wire trays holding about a half bushel of prunes. This is all done by machinery. They are then put in the tunnels which are heated at 180 to 200 degrees and it takes them about thirty-six hours to dry. The tunnels are about fifteen trays high and ten long. The trays run on slats or rollers with a



MR. AND MRS. T. J. ALSIP

decline of one and one-half inches to the foot. The heat comes on the prunes at the lower end of the tunnels where they are taken out when dried, and passes back through the prunes to the upper end where the prunes are put in. The heat passes out through a ventilator. As fast as the prunes are dried and taken out the trays are pushed down and more put in. As soon as the dried prunes cool they are sorted by women who pick out all that are not properly dried and the inferior ones. Then they are sacked and sent to the packing house.

The packing house is a three story building with a grading machine on the third floor, where the prunes are graded, a processor on the second floor and pack on the first. After the prunes are taken to the packing house they are elevated to the third floor and graded to get the sizes, as prunes are sold by sizes. The largest are 20-30s and the smallest 60-70s. 20-30s means there are twenty to thirty prunes to the pound. There are five or six grades made according to size. The grader is a long conveyor with small round

holes at the beginning and gradually becoming larger. The grader shakes the different sizes into hoppers and then the prunes are put into bins.

Next they are processed and packed. The prunes pass over a covered conveyor in which they are steamed and thoroughly washed and then pass down through a chute and are packed, mostly in twenty-five pound boxes, for the market.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Alsip live three miles out of Monmouth, Polk county, Oregon. They have a sixteen tunnel dryer in Monmouth holding one thousand bushels of prunes. Mr. Alsip does commercial drying. He and his son, Henry, had sixty tons of dried prunes last fall. They are members of the Co-operative Prune Growers, who have their own packing house and sell through the exchange. Their brand is the "Mistland Prunes."

MARRIAGES

Oscar O. Jones

and

Octava Whetstone

May 11, 1926

Oak Hill, Ohio.

Peter Pfeiffer

and

Lorene A. Davis

August 14, 1926

Vergas, Minnesota.

Fred W. Guinn

and

Blanche Ashbrook

September 1, 1926

Washington, Penn.

Augustus Atwood

and

Anita Spinti

September 4, 1926

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Howard H. Heckler

and

Bess Holley

September 9, 1926

Decatur, Illinois.

Alfred J. Hitz

and

Thresa L. Coleman

October 30, 1926

Campbelltown, Penn.

Lawrence Sperling

and



MISS REBECCA BARNHART

Daughter of Mrs. Sadie Barnhart,
Montpelier, Ohio, Graduate Nurse,
Harper Hospital, Detroit, Mich.

Ova Ovamier

November 24, 1926

Swanton, Ohio.

Oliver M. McNutt

and

Mrs. Anna Sperling

November 25, 1926

Swanton, Ohio.

Clarence Moyer

and

Luella Lerch

November 25, 1926

Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

Raymond Easterly

and

Virginia James

May 20, 1927

Bryan, Ohio.

Martin Walzek

and

Luella Eunice Rickard

June 14, 1927

Danvers, Minnesota.

Thomas S. Cram

and

Gladys M. Surface

June 18, 1927

North Salem, Indiana.

Maenard D. Moon

and

Ila Leone Schartzter

August 3, 1927

Tiffin, Ohio.

History of Susanna Sly and Family

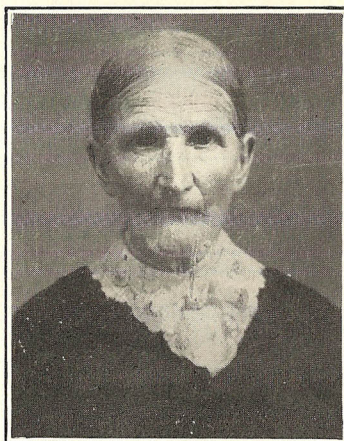
Susanna Davis, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Davis, was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, May 24, 1819. On March 11, 1828, her mother died. A few years later her father broke up housekeeping and Susanna went to live with William Carey. She was discontented there and went to live with David Carlyle, of Salem, Ohio, who reared her brother Emanuel Davis. Later she made her home with her brother, Peter Davis, at Shoustown, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania and moved with Peter and family to Jackson county, Ohio, in October, 1847. She continued to live with them until her marriage.

In 1849 she and Levi Sly were united in marriage. Seven children were born to them: George Washington, Anna Elizabeth, Martha Jane, John Wesley, Mary Ellen, Sarah Frances and Louise. All of the children were born in Jackson county.

Mr. Sly met his death by being burned in a coal mine. He died August 10, 1885, and is buried in the Darling cemetery, Coalton, Ohio.

After his death Mrs. Sly lived with her children and their families. She died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Pickens, at Chillicothe, Ohio, January 1, 1910, and is buried in Greenlawn cemetery at Chillicothe.

She was the only daughter of Daniel Davis that reared a family of children. Her sister, Sarah, died in childhood, and her other sister, Elizabeth, died in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, but as far as known she was not the mother of any children.



MRS. SUSANNA SLY

JOHN DAVIS REUNION

The Third Annual Reunion of the descendants of John Davis will be held Sunday, August 21, 1927, at Saunders Park, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. The second reunion was held at Washington, Iowa, with 101 in attendance. J. A. Logan Schreckengast, of Keota, Iowa, is secretary and treasurer of the association.

CAMERON A MINISTER

Glen Cameron, formerly of Bryan, a great grandson of Emanuel Davis and a grandson of Oliver Davis, graduated from Bethany College, West Virginia, for the ministry in June of this year. He will go to Paulding, Ohio, about September 1st to take up his work with a church at that place.

RECORD OF SUSANNA SLY, DAUGHTER OF DANIEL DAVIS, SR.

	Born	Died
Levi Sly	Oct. 13, 1825	Aug. 10, 1885
His wife		
Susanna Davis	May 24, 1819	Jan. 1, 1910
Children		
George Washington Sly	Mar. 5, 1850	July 15, 1870
Anna Elizabeth Sly	June 6, 1851	Oct. 26, 1890
Martha Jane Sly	June 6, 1853	
John Wesley Sly	Mar. 30, 1854	
Mary Ellen Sly	Jan. 8, 1858	Aug. 11, 1907
Sarah Frances Sly	June 2, 1862	
Louise Sly	Oct. 4, 1864	June 15, 1888

RECORD OF ANNA BAUGH, DAUGHTER OF SUSANNA SLY

	Born	Died
Richard Baugh	Apr. 5, 1847	Sept. 3, 1919
His wife		
Anna Elizabeth Sly	June 6, 1851	Oct. 26, 1890
Children		
Fred Baugh	Mar. 1, 1878	Feb. 21, 1908
Nellie Elsie Baugh	July 20, 1879	
Jessie Ethel Baugh	Aug. 2, 1880	
Carrie Baugh	Mar. 27, 1882	
Cullie Baugh	Mar. 27, 1882	
Carl Baugh	Oct. 12, 1888	Aug. 23, 1889

RECORD OF JENNIE PICKENS, DAUGHTER OF SUSANNA SLY

	Born	Died
Thomas Ebbert Pickens	Sept. 11, 1852	
His wife		
Martha Jane Sly	June 6, 1853	
Children		
Walter Thomas Pickens	Jan. 20, 1880	
John Logan Pickens	Oct. 8, 1884	Aug. 11, 1885
James Blaine Pickens	Oct. 8, 1884	Aug. 18, 1885
Grace Marie Pickens	Aug. 12, 1889	
Oscar Clifford Pickens	Apr. 27, 1892	Oct. 15, 1918
Estella Evangeline Pickens	July 12, 1895	

RECORD OF SARAH JONES, DAUGHTER OF SUSANNA SLY

	Born	Died
John J. Jones	Nov. 30, 1860	
His wife		
Sarah Frances Sly	June 2, 1862	
Children		
Elizabeth Belle Jones	Sept. 11, 1886	
John L. Jones	Oct. 5, 1889	Aug. 7, 1921
Mary Etta Jones	Mar. 31, 1892	
Margaret Eunice Jones	Apr. 8, 1895	
Edgar E. Jones	May 22, 1898	Jan. 23, 1919
Oscar O. Jones	June 11, 1905	

RECORD OF LOUISE CADE, DAUGHTER OF SUSANNA SLY

	Born	Died
James H. Cade	Apr. 14, 1862	Jan. 18, 1914
His wife		
Louise Sly	Oct. 4, 1864	June 15, 1888
Children		
Carl Cade	Nov. 20, 1886	
Edythe Cade	Mar. 19, 1888	
Edna Cade	Mar. 19, 1888	June 21, 1888

Addresses of the Descendants of Susanna Sly

Third Generation

Mrs. Jennie Pickens, 489 N. High St., Chillicothe, Ohio.
Mrs. Sarah F. Jones, Box 134, Oak Hill, Ohio.

Fourth Generation

Mrs. Fred Baugh, 192 Fayette St., Nelsonville, Ohio.
(Widow of Fred Baugh)
Mrs. Nellie Bryson, 29 West Patterson Ave., Columbus, Ohio.
Mrs. Jessie Lehman, Hemlock, Ohio.
Mrs. Carrie Harsh, B. I. S., Lancaster, Ohio.
Cullie Baugh, Gear St., Columbus, Ohio.

Walter T. Pickens, 345 Park St., Chillicothe, Ohio.
Miss Grace M. Pickens, 489 N. High St., Chillicothe, Ohio.
Mrs. Estella Bell, 171 Marion St., Dayton, Ohio.

Miss Elizabeth B. Jones, 489 Wilson Ave., Columbus, Ohio.
Mrs. Mary E. Callahan, 116 Bennet Ave., Jackson, Ohio.
Mrs. Margaret E. Mills, 547 Lexington Ave., Columbus, Ohio.
Oscar O. Jones, Box 134, Oak Hill, Ohio.

Carl Cade, 756 S. Sixth St., Columbus, Ohio.
Mrs. Edythe Long, 756 S. Sixth St., Columbus, Ohio.

Fifth Generation

Mrs. Muriel Hartley, 192 Fayette St., Nelsonville, Ohio.
Miss Mildred Baugh, 192 Fayette St., Nelsonville, Ohio.
Miss Thelma Baugh, 192 Fayette St., Nelsonville, Ohio.

Mrs. Lillian Scheid,
Carl Bryson, 29 W. Patterson Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

Richard Lehman, Hemlock, Ohio.
Delmer Lehman, Hemlock, Ohio.
Delmas Lehman, Hemlock, Ohio.

Samuel W. Baugh, Gear St., Columbus, Ohio.
Elmer Ross Baugh, Gear St., Columbus, Ohio.

Ruth Louise Callahan, 116 Bennet Ave., Jackson, Ohio.
Anna Marie Callahan, 116 Bennet Ave., Jackson, Ohio.

Alice Sarah Mills, 547 Lexington Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

Donald Long, 756 S. Sixth St., Columbus, Ohio.

BIRTHS

Sons

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gregory
Sanitarium, California
Leonard Alvin, Nov. 16, 1925

Leroy and Florence Gregory
Inglewood, California
John Alvin, Dec. 2, 1925

Joseph and Minnie Odear
New Lisbon, Wisconsin
Ernest V., Apr. 27, 1926

Thomas and Jensina Davis
Volga, South Dakota
Harris Raymond, June 28, 1926

Everett and Ethel Woodruff
Columbus Junction, Iowa
Everett David, Jr., Aug. 7, 1926

Lincoln and Alda Cooley
Bryan, Ohio
James Elvin, Sept. 5, 1926

John and Minnie Funck
Quentin, Pennsylvania
John Arthur, Sept. 6, 1926

John and Ora Biddle
Monessen, Pennsylvania
John Biddle, Jr., Sept. 19, 1926

Vance and Laree Pressler
Montpelier, Ohio
Louis Jay, Dec. 12, 1926

Mr. and Mrs. John Wolf
Annville, Pennsylvania
-----Jan. 19, 1927

Frank and Ada Wilcox
Tunnel City, Wisconsin
Roderick Lee, Feb. 18, 1927

Orville and Ina Shipley
Toledo, Ohio
Homer Eugene, Aug. 6, 1927

Daughters

Charles and Kathryn Wyland
Washington, Pennsylvania
Kathryn Lois, Nov. 19, 1925

Leslie and Opal Champion
Montpelier, Ohio
Veda Laree, Aug. 8, 1926

Roy and Emma Kerr
Bryan, Ohio
Dotty May, Sept. 12, 1926

Matthew and Isabelle Sullivan
Grindstone, Pennsylvania
Mary Bell, Sept. 27, 1926

Herbert and Effie Salsbury
Bryan, Ohio
Jean Joan, Oct. 19, 1926

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brelsford
Bushnell, South Dakota
Maxene Irene, Feb. 6, 1927

George and Bessie White
Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania
Jean Elizabeth, Nov. 15, 1926.

Deville and Rachel Zimmerman
Montpelier, Ohio
Dorothy, Feb. 15, 1927

Loien and Mary Callahan
Jackson, Ohio
Anna Marie, Mar. 16, 1927

Leon and Sadie Barnhart
Montpelier, Ohio
Elizabeth Grace, Mar. 25, 1927

Timothy and Rose Davis
Bryan, Ohio
Audrey Mae, May 1, 1927

Frank and Letha Iverson
Edmund, Wisconsin
Phyllis Elaine, May 7, 1927

Mr. and Mrs. Mills,
Columbus, Ohio
Alice Sarah, May 20, 1927

Howard and Bess Heckler
Decatur, Illinois
Alene Mae, June 1, 1927

Clair and Elnora Champion
Toledo, Ohio
Gladys June, June 5, 1927

Fred and Blanche Guinn
Washington, Pennsylvania
Mary Louise, June 9, 1927

Edward and Gertrude Kurtz
Bushnell, South Dakota
Dorothy Corrine, July 16, 1927

Jesse and Ella Ping
Decatur, Illinois
Betty Lou, July 19, 1927

Charles H. Davis has moved from Wakeman, Ohio, to 318 W. Lorain St., Oberlin, Ohio, so that his children can attend Oberlin College. Charlie is a carpenter.

DEATHS

PLIMPTON DAVIS

Joseph Plimpton Davis died at the home of his son, Walter S. Davis, four miles south-east of Bryan, June 2, 1927.

He was 75 years of age and lived in the immediate vicinity of his late home for the last 63 years. He was born near Salem, Columbiana county Ohio, on May 1, 1852. In the year 1861 his parents, Emanuel and Susanna Kimble Davis, and their seven children came to Williams county and located near Edgerton. Later the same year they located at Farmer Center, Defiance county, where his father conducted a blacksmith shop. His father died there two years later. In 1864 the mother and children moved to an 80 acres of land on the county line, in Williams county, four miles south-east of Bryan, at that time a forest more than a mile from any road, and where in the spring of the year the water run over the backs of the oxen when driving through a swale in the woods. He helped to clear this land and in 1875 purchased land adjoining his mother's farm on the east, which he cleared and improved.

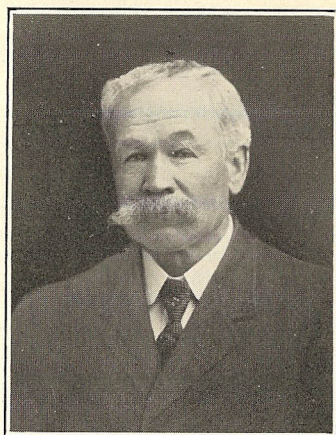
In 1875 he and Celinda Clementine Starn were married and on this farm reared one daughter and two sons: Mrs. Ola Easterly, Walter S. Davis and A. Vernon Davis, all of Bryan. Mrs. Davis preceded him in death 23 years ago. He continued to live on his farm until five years ago when he made his home with his son, Walter, just across the road.

The three children, eight grandchildren, six great grand-children and a brother, Jacob W. Davis, of Bryan, survive him.

Mr. Davis was not a member of any lodge nor was he prominent in political circles, but was a man honored and respected by everyone who knew him.

As a farmer he was industrious and progressive and as a model farmer he was one that many will not go amiss in following.

Funeral services were held at the Christian church at Bryan. Burial in Fountain Grove cemetery.



PLIMPTON DAVIS

At the age of 58

LEWIS MARR

Lewis Adkinson Marr was born near Ainsworth, Iowa, October 9, 1850, and died at his home in Keota, Iowa, April 29, 1926, aged 75 years, 6 months and 20 days. He was married to Miss Mary Schreckengast, November 27, 1879. To this union were born six children, two of whom preceded him in death, Margaret, who died in childhood, and Walter, who died June 29, 1913. Besides his wife he is survived by four children, Isaac, Mae, and Ella of Keota, and Thomas of Fairfield, by five grandchildren and a host of friends.

Mr. Marr was a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge and the Woodmen. He joined the Keota M. E. church Sept. 1, 1889. In his early life he followed the trade of carpenter, and later went into the flour and feed business in Keota from which he retired a few years ago.

He was a man who made many friends, who knew him as a man of every respect and confidence. In his business dealings and associations with his towns people he had high standards and a keen sense of right and wrong.—Keota (Iowa) Eagle.

ALEXANDER W. DAVIS

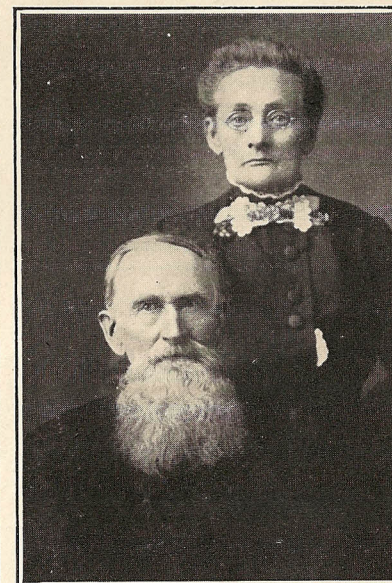
Alexander W. Davis died December 14, 1926, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Alsip, Monmouth, Oregon, at the age of 77 years, 11 months and 28 days. He was a young man of 30 when he and his family emigrated from Minnesota to the new Dakota country. Taking a homestead in the eastern part of Brookings county, they went through all the trials all the pioneer settlers encountered, and raised their family to manhood and womanhood. During the early days he conducted a store and postoffice two miles north-east of Bushnell. Later the store and postoffice was moved to Bushnell, Mr. Davis putting up the building and being the first storekeeper in Bushnell. Also he helped haul lumber from Canby, Minnesota, the nearest railroad terminal, to build up Old Fountain settlement.

Alexander Warwick Davis, son of Henry and Hannah Shaffer Davis, was born in Liberty township, Jackson county, Ohio, December 17, 1848. In 1860 he moved with his parents to Indiana where he lived for about four years and then moved to Richland county, Wisconsin, and while there was united in marriage with Caroline McClary on October 24, 1872. Three sons and three daughters were born to them. Two sons preceded their father in death, James Vernon in infancy and Albert Ray at the age of 17.

After their marriage he and his wife moved to Spring Valley, Minnesota, where they lived until the year 1878, going from there to South Dakota. With the exception of three years spent in Linn county, Oregon, they lived at the old home in Brookings county until the death of his wife in February, 1919. After that he lived with his children until his death.

The near relatives who mourn his departure are his four children, Mrs. Mary Alsip, Monmouth, Oregon; Mrs. Maybelle Brelsford, Brookings, South Dakota; Mrs. Sadie Hansen and George O. Davis, of Bushnell, South Dakota; eleven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Burial in Fountain Cemetery, Brookings county.



MR. AND MRS. A. W. DAVIS

MRS. CHARITY GOSS

Mrs. Charity Goss, daughter of Christian Davis, died at Spencer, Indiana, July 29, 1925, at the age of 88 years. None of her children, brothers nor sisters survive. Burial at Gosport, Indiana.

MRS. RUTH NORMAN

Ruth Marie, only child of L. E. Moon of Bakersfield, California, died February 11, 1926, at the age of 26. She was married in 1916 to A. G. Norman. One son, Leonard L., preceded her in death September 28, 1925, at the age of 4 years. One daughter, Ellen Ilene, born July 8, 1924, survives her.

Charles and Nora Dean and daughter, Mrs. Clara Fisher, of Montpelier, Ohio, are on a six weeks trip by auto to Yellowstone National Park and other points in the West.

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Mr. A. Vernon Davis,
Bryan, Ohio

My Dear Mr. Davis:

Sometime ago you wrote to Secretary of Labor, James J. Davis, for information regarding the Davis family in Wales. Secretary Davis has been away from home for some time and your letter has been referred to me with the request that I reply to same.

In your letter you request information regarding the Davis family and the particular part from which they hail. Let me assure you that the Davis family is not confined to any particular section or county in Wales, as the family in both North and South Wales are found by the hundreds in various counties of the Principality. The Davis family has been prominent in Wales for centuries and it is almost impossible to trace its origin to any particular section, for even in the tribal days the Davis family was prominent in all sections of the country. Neither can you say that they follow any particular occupation as you will find that they follow various avocations in all parts of the country. Numerically the Davis family is probably stronger in Glamorganshire than in any other county in Wales, but thousands bear the name Davis and Davies, which are virtually identical and are scattered all over the various counties of the Principality.

Every county in Wales now has its birth and death register but we are not in possession of the names of the various registrars. In order to secure their names it would be necessary to write to the birth registrar at the various county seats. Records for births and deaths of Great Britain, including Wales, are also kept in London, but we are not in possession of the address of the officials in charge of said office.

I trust the foregoing information will be of some assistance to you.

Yours truly,

THE DRUID PUBLISHING CO.

(Signed) R. H. Davies
Editor