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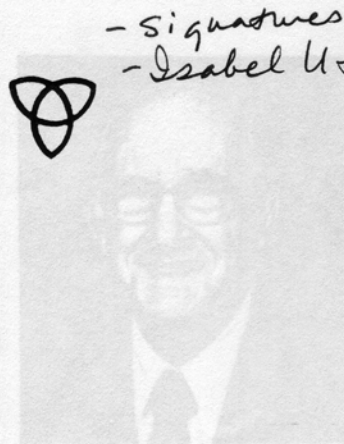


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JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH DOR NEWSLETTER

Happy 1990! It has been a busy and exciting year thus far for DOR. We have reached and surpassed our 100 membership goal, as of mid-March we are 117 strong. Inside we'll recognize our 100th member, Walter<sup>9</sup> Terrill from Kinsman, OH. No, I'm not making this up. Isn't that perfect! Welcome, Walter. His membership was a gift from his daughter, Dency J., who has some exciting news herself. On 2 December 1989, she married Robert Spitler. The wedding ceremony was held in the circa 1860's parlor of the Waterloo Farm Museum in Jackson County, MI decorated with period toys and garlands for Christmas. Our congratulations to Dency and Robert. Dency will still use her maiden name for genealogy and business and related that she got into genealogy because she was curious about the origin of her first name which she shares with her maternal grandmother, Dency Jane Rugg. She found in her Jackson family a 1745 will naming a daughter, Prudence, and a wife, also Prudence. Dency is obviously the nickname for Prudence.

We have received many interesting biographies from our membership and promise to publish them as space permits. In this issue, besides highlighting our 100th member, you'll meet Dudley Terrill, who is an organ builder; and our own South Pole adventurer, Robert Irwin. And, can you stand another Terrill animal story? Yes, after the "Terrill Snake" of the last issue, we stumbled upon the sequel, "Terrell's Terrible Fish." Member John Turrel shares with us the "Turrel Train." And, if that isn't enough Terrill "stuff" for you, here's some food for thought. Terrell's Potato Chip Company of Syracuse, New York (13206) sells *Terrell's Potato Chips*, and the bag says "They're great." Australia is the home of Tyrrell wines which are distributed in England. We'll try to find out if they can be purchased in the United States.

Our family tree continues to flourish and blossom. Members Roger<sup>10</sup> (descendant of Daniel<sup>2</sup>) and Norma Terrill of Nashua, New Hampshire, announce the arrival of their granddaughter, Briana Leel<sup>12</sup> Terrill the 13th of November 1989. Congratulations to the proud parents, Robinson<sup>11</sup> and Heather Terrill.

Member Ruth June Tyrrel Christy has found a source for our DOR pins, so we'll let you know how you can receive yours when the details are finalized. And, good people, don't forget about your 1990 dues. If you have not paid them as yet, you will find "1989" written on your newsletter label to remind you that you need to send \$8.00 to continue your membership for 1990. Let's have a great year!

*You must honor if you wish to be honored.*

Nancy Tyrrel Theodore



## DOR 100th MEMBER

WALTER IVAN<sup>9</sup> TERRILL, (Adelbert<sup>8</sup>, David<sup>7</sup>, Josiah<sup>6</sup>, Lewis<sup>4</sup>, Josiah<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Roger<sup>1</sup>) was born to Adelbert<sup>8</sup> and Dency (Rugg) Terrill on 12 March 1905. The family lived in Ashtabula, OH and Walter was the seventh child born to them. Adelbert worked for the NYC where he lost his left leg in an accident in the RR yard. After that he worked at several jobs and owned at least two blacksmith shops in Ashtabula. Walter's mother was 44 when he was born and he weighed over 14 pounds.

He attended Hiram College, Hiram, OH but had to drop out in 1925. He then enrolled in Fenn College, now Cleveland State, in Cleveland, OH. He participated in the co-op program there and worked at various jobs as part of the program. He graduated from Fenn in 1932 with a degree in Chemical Engineering.

On 2 August 1931 he and Arleen Beach were married in Cleveland. Arleen was born in Ashtabula in 1907, and also graduated from Ashtabula High School. Walter was employed with Lake City Malleable and Champion Machine and Forging Co., both of Cleveland, working with the chemical analysis and physical testing of materials. In 1948 he accepted a position with Thompson Products, Valve Division, and worked as a Metallurgist until 1958. He then worked for Lake County Sanitation Dept. as a chemist. He retired from that position and took a part time job which turned into a full time position with a friend and neighbor, Bub McFarland, in his blacksmith shop in Kirtland, OH. They did ornamental iron work for the residents of the area. The local newspaper did several features on these two gentlemen and some of the fences and ornaments that they designed and/or fabricated. At the age of 80, Walter hung up his hammer and tongs and retired.

In 1949 the family, now including five children; Adah, Butler, Dency, Chester and Milton, moved to Kirtland, OH. Although they had never lived in Kirtland before, Arleen's grandmother, Julia Clark Beach, was born and raised in Mentor, their farm just across from the Kirtland township line. Both Walter and Arleen were active in their church and community. Walter served on the Board of Deacons of the Old South Church Congregational/United Church of Christ.

Walter was instrumental in the establishment of the Kirtland Community Fund and served for many years on the Board. He and Arleen were both active in the PTA and held several offices. Walter was also on the local Boy Scout Troop Committee, member of the American Society for Metals, National Rifle Association, Ashtabula High School Class of 1924 reunion committee for several years, and has been helping with the restoration of the oldest existing building in Ashtabula County. Walter received his marksman designation and during WWII he served as a Rifle Instructor for the Home Guard.

During the Viet Nam War five Blue Stars hung in their livingroom window. Their son, Butler, served in the Air Force, Chester in the Navy and Milton in the Army. Their son-in-law, Robert Wakelee, was in the Air Force and daughter-in-law Karin Whaley Terrill was also in the Air Force. Butler and Milton served in Viet Nam.

Walter is now living near his son, Chester, in Kinsman, OH. His wife Arleen died in 1972. He has 14 grandchildren, 13 living, and 3 great-grandchildren.

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DOR member, Chuck Tyrrell, sent the following from the Whitman (Washington) County Genealogical Society on Marshall<sup>7</sup>, descendant of Philander<sup>6</sup>: "In Tombstone Inscriptions of Whitman County, a listing was found for Marshall<sup>7</sup> and Polly (Tyrrel). They are residents of Whelan Cemetery located NE of Pullman on County road 550 in Sec. 22, Township 15N, Range 45. The cemetery is uncared for. The entry: TYRREL, Marshall 1 (Dec) 1820-19 Oct 1902 82y 2m 18d. Polly 30 Mar 1821-14 Sept 1902 81y 5m 4d."



# ROGER'S 1 SIGNATURE

The mark of widow Uffit

September 6: 60:

20th of August: 60:

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 the mark of widow Uffit  
 subscribed  
 September 6: 60:  
 William Uffit  
 John Uffit  
 Roger Terrill

Thomas Uffit

John Uffit

Roger Terrill

The above signatures are from a document dated 20 August 1660 and executed after the death of Thomas<sup>1</sup> Ufford, Roger<sup>1</sup> Terrill's father-in-law, in which Thomas' widow and her three children agree to use their portion of his estate to pay any debts against Thomas in Stamford, provided his sons, Thomas<sup>2</sup> and John<sup>2</sup> Ufford (Uffit) and Roger<sup>1</sup> Terrill agree to it. Thomas<sup>1</sup> Ufford's widow, and second wife, Elizabeth Theale, requests the brothers to allow her and her children something in view of the many debts she assumes. The witnesses to this agreement include Thomas<sup>2</sup> and John<sup>2</sup> Uffit and our Roger<sup>1</sup> Terrill. The account of this document as found in the *History of Stamford, Connecticut*, by Rev. E. B. Huntington, pages 63-64, show the spelling of Roger's<sup>1</sup> name as Ferril. However, I think it can be clearly seen from a facsimile of the signature above, that it is clearly Roger Terrill without the hook on the T that would make it an F. Note the same style of the letter T for Thomas Uffit. We thank DOR member Mark Rowland for the facsimile of this document.

As happens many times in genealogy, clearing up one question often leads to other questions, in this case the spelling for the last name of Thomas<sup>1</sup> Ufford senior as his sons show the spelling Uffit. Evidently the spelling of this name varied greatly, even by one person, and perhaps part of the reason is that Thomas<sup>1</sup> Ufford did not write. In the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Volume XIII, No. 4, pp. 289-297, is a facsimile of a document showing the signatures of the planters of Springfield, Massachusetts. Thomas<sup>1</sup> Ufford has for his inclusion the following: "The mark T of Thomas Ufford." This is the only representation of his name that I have ever seen although doubtless his mark also appeared on Milford and Stamford documents. Variations of the spelling include Uffott, Uffat and Offitt, but because of the above representation, I personally use Ufford. His mark on the Springfield document is shown below.

William Pynchon  
 Mark T of Thomas Ufford

Thomas Ufford  
 Mark "T"

*Dudley & Bobbie Terrill*

# Organ Builder, Electronics Wizard

By **DIANE LOISELLE**  
Monitor Features Editor

**W**hen building an organ, most parts have to go together a certain way. The middle row of keys, for example, must sit a certain distance from the foot pedals.

In other matters, the organ builder gets to decide. So Dudley Terrill, an organist himself, has made sure the music holder is at eye level, the top is low enough for the organist to see over it, and the clock is near the tiny "signal" light that glows when it's time to play.

"The basic design is dependent on the organist being able to function as well as can be," said Terrill, a Bow resident who has built a new organ for First Congregational Church in Concord.

He started playing the piano at age 6, but later came to prefer the organ. A member of First Congregational, he has been organist at various times since 1959, though not currently. He met his wife Bobbie at the church; she sang in the choir.

Terrill restores and services organs full time through his business, Terrill Organ Company. The church decided to replace its mechanical organ as part of several renovations, which include modernizing the kitchen, removing asbestos and installing a new heating system.

Typically, Terrill does not build a "console" from scratch, though he designed and built a smaller organ similar to this at the Episcopal church in Plymouth. Usually he focuses on one part — at St. Paul's church before its fire, he built a new set of pipes to go with a third

row of keys.

For this organ, however, he started fresh. He built the cabinet of oak, stained gray to match the pews, and surrounded the keys and stops with sleek-looking black walnut. He laid out long wooden foot pedals that look like a giant piano keyboard, complete with short black pedals for sharps and flats.

Then he wired it for sound. Unlike the former organ with its mechanical workings, this one runs on electronic circuitry. A complex arrangement of circuit boards and wires translate the organist's playing — keys pushed, stops pulled and pedals pressed downward — to circuits that send signals to a central point. From there, the signals travel through a slender cable to a roomful of pipes behind the sanctuary wall.

The organ also has a memory, like a computer.

When it debuts next weekend, played by church organist William Metevier, Terrill will be listening more carefully than most.

"I listen sometimes as an organist, and I enjoy it that way," he said. "But when I listen as an organ builder, I am more critical."

Eventually the organ will sit in a niche at the front of the church, behind the choir seats. Terrill has already affixed a small white square to the keyboard area that identifies the work as his own — Dudley Terrill, Bow, N.H., 1989. Less noticeably, he has carved a thin design on the side of the organ that represents three archers' bows arranged in a flower-like pattern. It is part of the Terrill family crest.



## THE "TURREL TRAIN"



John D. & Cloise Turrel

New DOR member, John D.<sup>10</sup> Turrel (John Daniel<sup>9</sup> John Lyman<sup>8</sup>, Jared Daniel<sup>7</sup>, Jared<sup>6</sup>, Jesse<sup>5</sup>, Jesse<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Roger<sup>1</sup>) has kindly shared an interesting piece he wrote for a local historical journal entitled "Jared Daniel Turrel--The Man and His Train," about the life of his great grandfather. In this he relates how Jared Daniel's<sup>7</sup> father, Jared<sup>6</sup>, emigrated from Connecticut westward into New York State where he married Nancy Rowley of New Canaan in Columbia County in 1796.

Jared Daniel<sup>7</sup> was born to them 18 July 1810 in Mendon, in what is now Monroe County, NY. Jared<sup>6</sup> died in the military service during the War of 1812 leaving Nancy with six young children. The family suffered from this circumstance, and Jared Daniel<sup>7</sup> was at an early age thrown upon his own resources to handle the challenges life had dealt him. He worked hard to afford himself the opportunity to attend school and by 1827 he was successfully engaged in the retail merchandising business in Perry, Ontario County, NY. He married a Castile area farm girl, Jane Schuyler, in 1834. She was descended from a long line of Dutch settlers and family tradition had it that her great grandmother was a sister of George Washington's mother.

In 1854, suffering from what we would now call job "burn out," Jared Daniel<sup>7</sup> made a career change joining the New York Central Railroad. His hard work and the experience he gained with his early assignments positioned him to accept Central's offer to take charge of their important Attica to Batavia, NY road. When he started running this 10.36 mile operation on 1 January 1856 as both conductor and superintendent, he moved his family to Attica, settling eventually into an impressive two-story brick house at 66 Main Street.

*"There seems to be no record of the locomotive in the early years of the run, but sometime during Jared Turrel's stewardship the Central assigned Number 170 to it...It seems that all locomotives in those days had names, and this one was named Iris...at some later time its name was changed to J.D. Turrel and large steel name plates with cutout brass letters were attached to the sides...It was known to the locals as either Turrel's Train or more simply as The Turrel. Upon hearing the train's four-times-a-day departure whistle they's say 'There goes The Turrel.'"*

John writes that he has in his possession Jared Daniel's<sup>7</sup> railroad lantern with his name etched into the glass globe in Old English letters. About his community life, he says "Jared Daniel served for many years as Supervisor of the Town of Attica and he was a member of the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors. He was a staunch Democrat, but one obituary states that in more than one election his name was placed on both tickets and he was elected without opposition...Jared continued to run his train into the 1890's...and press reports called him in his later years the oldest working conductor on the Central and perhaps in the nation."

Jared Daniel<sup>7</sup> died 28 July 1894 at age 84. At the turn of the century the following was written of him in an editorial in the Attica newspaper:

*"...there is another class of heroes whose fame is not gained by a sudden act of bravery upon the battle field, the high seas, or where the Fire King deals death and destruction. I refer to 'The Every Day Hero,' who goes about his duties fulfilling the Master's work, practicing the Golden Rule in all his labors, holding the respect and esteem of his fellowmen, and at whose death the community in which he is known awakens to a sudden sense of terrible loss. The memory of such men also lives long in the hearts of American people, and such a man was the late Jared D. Turrel...."*

## ISABEL ( ) UFFORD

Several names have been suggested for the maiden name of Abigail (Ufford) Terrill's mother, Isabel. Surmises include Bryan, Camp and Curtis. I am going to identify, as best I can, where the idea for these possible last names might have originated.

Alexander BRYAN, the Milford planter, came from Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, England according to an article in The American Genealogist (TAG) by Howard J. Banker, PhD, Carnegie Institution of Washington, Department of Genetics. His research shows that Alexander is the son of Thomas Bryan who married twice and had at least thirteen children. On page 98, Banker states: "Possibly one of the sisters [of Alexander] whose further record is especially uncertain may be the 'widow Ovyatt' of the Wendover deed since Alexander Bryan of Milford, Connecticut, in his will mentions his 'cousin Thomas Oviatt,' believed to have been then living in Milford and there is evidence that he came from Wendover, England." Thin proof, at best. And, this theory is further weakened by the following which appears in Volume X of TAG in an article on the Oviatt family, i.e., "Some have erroneously confused Thomas Oviatt with Thomas Ufford of Milford, but the latter was from Nazing, co. Essex, and was a different individual, with a different history and a different family."

The Nazing connection for the Ufford family is strengthened by an article found in Volume XIV of TAG entitled "Origins of the Botsford Family." This article, extensively researched under the direction of Donald Lines Jacobus, states on page 61: "We saw at the start that the nucleus of the Milford group was made up of Prudden's Hartfordshire followers. Others had joined his company during their sojourn in Boston. A few from Wethersfield joined them during the stay in New Haven [perhaps our Roger<sup>1</sup>]. These later families were of diverse origin in England. The Camps and Uffords were from Nazeing, Essex..." This is the only reference I can find to the possibility that Isabel's maiden name may be CAMP, besides the fact that Nicholas Camp was Roger<sup>1</sup> Terrill's neighbor in Milford, a fact which may or may not be of significance.

As for the CURTIS possibility, in A History of the Old Town of Stratford and the City of Bridgeport, Connecticut by Rev. Samuel Orcutt, we find on p. 118, "--Thomas Uffott came from England in the ship Lion in 1632, with William Curtis; was made freemen in Boston that same year; may have lived in Roxbury;...and may have been related to the Curtis family by marriage..." Not much to go on really.

To digress a moment, much has been published about Roger<sup>1</sup> and his origins in this country. It is sometimes difficult to sort the wheat from the chaff, but let's try. One seemingly unfounded story that keeps appearing in print is that he is from Nazing and also came over on the "Lion" with his wife Isabel in 1632. Gov. Winthrop in his Journal states the number that arrived on that ship was one hundred and twenty three passengers. Charles Edward Banks in his The Planters of the Commonwealth lists the names of the passengers known to have come on this ship and Roger's<sup>1</sup> name does not appear. However, William Curtis' name is there with those of his family and is identified as being from Nazing, although he identifies the Ufford family, seemingly incorrectly, as being from Newbourne, Suffolk County, England. Banks accounts for only ninety one passengers, however, so we are left to speculate on those names omitted. Nazing is in the very same vicinity of Copthall in Essex where a Roger Terrell does appear as discussed in some detail in the February and March, 1989 DOR newsletters.

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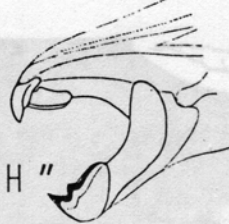
## SIR WALTER RALEIGH

*Sir Walter Raleigh*, that gallant soldier, sailor, historian, poet and courtier who legend says spread his cape so that his Queen, Elizabeth, could step unsullied, and who lost his head by the command of her successor, counted a Tyrrell in his family. Sir Walter's brother, Carew Raleigh, had a son, Carew, who had a daughter, Anne, who married Sir Philip Tyrrell of Buckinghamshire, England. Thus Sir Phillip and Anne's great uncle was Sir Walter Raleigh.



## DINICHTHYS-TERRELLI

### "TERRELL'S TERRIBLE FISH"



Jay<sup>7</sup> Terrell (1827-1904) Harry<sup>6</sup>, Ichabod<sup>5</sup>, Oliver<sup>4</sup>, Josiah<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Roger<sup>1</sup>, is known to many of that branch of the Terrell family whose ancestors removed from Milford to Waterbury, CT and later, to Cuyahoga/Lorain County, OH, as the person responsible for collecting a mass of Terrell genealogical material later compiled into the unpublished typescript entitled "Notes on the Terrell Family," now on deposit with and available thru the Western Reserve Historical Society. Terrell family history researchers owe him our debt of thanks for this collection.

Jay<sup>7</sup>, however, is also known for other searching and collecting. He is credited with the discovery of a class of fish fossils called "Dinichthys-Terrelli," or, "Terrell's terrible fish." And, terrible fish they were. Armor-clad monsters of the old Huron sea, probably fifteen to twenty feet in length. Their powerful jaws were set in a head more than three and a half feet broad, and it is thought that these massive monsters of the deep were able to crush a much larger body than that of a man. Jay<sup>7</sup> discovered these specimens near his home in Sheffield, Lorain County, OH, and with this contribution to science, was credited with finding and preserving some of the most interesting and valuable Palaeontological material ever discovered. If you want to know more about this and other of Jay's discoveries, refer to pages 30 thru 32 of the History of Lorain County, Ohio, Williams Brothers, 1879.

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## THE SUNNY SIDE OF GENEALOGY by Fonda D. Baselt

New member, Fonda Baselt, has brought a special dimension to DOR. The Baltimore Genealogical Publishing Company has published her collection of humorous anecdotes, poems, wills, epitaphs and other miscellany from genealogy with such gems as this written about a hanging by a fastidious soul: "He died during a public ceremony, when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed beneath him." I thoroughly enjoyed this 102-page book which is filled with such morsels. You can order The Sunny Side of Genealogy directly from Fonda. The cost is just \$8.00 including postage and her address is: 707 Park Lane Drive, Champaign, IL 61820.

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Carmen Miranda's family reunion.

## THE FAR SIDE

DON'T FORGET YOUR  
1990 DUES!!



Robert and Janet Irwin

## SOUTH POLE ADVENTURER

Robert J. Irwin<sup>11</sup> is the 2nd child born to Robert D. and Leah<sup>10</sup> (Terrell) Irwin, Burt<sup>9</sup> Adelbert<sup>8</sup>, Alonzo<sup>7</sup>, Tillotson<sup>6</sup>, Ichabod<sup>5</sup>, Oliver<sup>4</sup> Josiah<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Roger<sup>1</sup>.

He grew up during the depression and left school early to go to work. He enlisted in the Navy in the fall of 1945 at age 17 and after completing boot camp at Great Lakes, was assigned to the new carrier U.S.S. *Philippine Sea*. He has a certificate that states he is the owner of one plank in the flight deck due to being a member of the original crew of that ship.

The expedition to Antarctica was known as "Operation Highjump" and was Admiral Richard E. Byrd's fourth to the South Pole. The U.S.S. *Philippine Sea* was the first carrier ever to cross the Antarctic circle. Bob recalls that when he was on lookout watch duty he would often see Admiral Byrd walking on the flight deck for exercise. When they got to the Ross Sea, icebergs were numerous and a real danger. The Bay of Whales lived up to its name with many sightings. It was "summer" in the Antarctic region when they were there, with somewhat warmer temperatures and two to four hours of darkness each day.

The carrier could not penetrate the ice shelf, so over 100 tons of equipment and supplies had to be off loaded at sea, a six day operation and a first for those days. Smaller ships and an icebreaker took the gear in. Admiral Byrd remained at Antarctica and the carrier returned to the U.S.

Bob received his discharge from the Navy in 1947 and in 1950 he married Janet Bryden. They have six children and eleven grandchildren. He has worked at Smith Industries (formerly Lear) for 34 years and plans to retire in February 1990. Bob is a life member of the V.F.W. and also the Society of Mayflower Descendants and attends the United Methodist Church.

Bob's *Order of the Penguin* certificate, officially established by Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, certifies that he crossed the Antarctic Circle at Longitude 174-05W aboard the U.S.S. *Philippine Sea* on 24 January 1947.

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## TERRILL'S IN NEW JERSEY

DOR member, Eugene F. Throop, found the following Terrill information in the Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey:

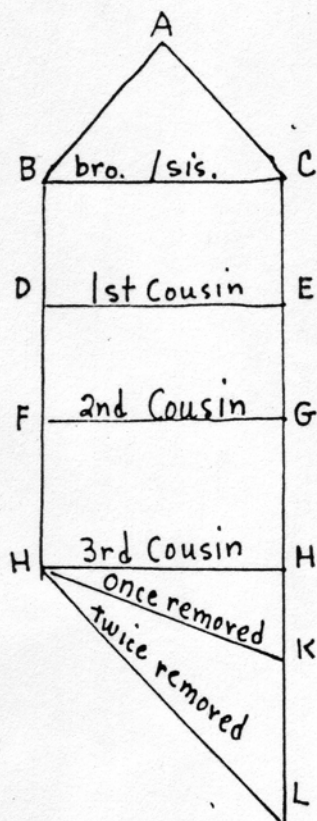
Vol. 49 - *Records of the First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen, N.J.*

- p. 39 - John Terrill of Elizabethtown, N.J. m. 29 May 1800 Miriam Moors\* of Woodbridge, N.J.
- p. 41 - Able (sic) Terill m. 22 Sept. 1810 Rebecka Dunham
- p. 42 - Elias Terrill m. 8 Feb 1812 Esther Kinsey

\*Eugene further says, "This is my ancestor John Terrill born 1780 who settled later in Crawford Co., PA. Marrium Terrill's obit (it was Marrium on all other records not Miriam) said they were married over 65 years....I believe "Moors" should have been Moore. A Moore genealogy said that prior to 1800 Moore was commonly spelled Moors in the old records, the origin of the surname coming from somebody who lived on the Moors back in England!"



# RELATIONSHIPS



Have you ever been visiting cousins and wondered exactly what relationship you are to someone? Once you learn the following method, you will be able to tell quickly and accurately, and all you need is the back of an envelope.

First, establish the person (m or f) who is a common ancestor (A)

Next, make a triangle by placing the two children of (A) below, as shown by (B) and (C). These are either brothers, sisters, or a brother and a sister.

Now, create a ladder. (D) is the child of (B) and (E) is the child of (C). (D) is the first cousin of (E). As you go down the ladder, one rung at a time, you have 1st cousin, 2nd cousin, 3rd cousin, etc.

However, any time one line extends further as in (K) and (L), then they are once removed, twice removed, etc. In the diagram shown, the relationship of (L) to (H) is 3rd cousin, twice removed.

This can be used on any number of generations.

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