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of Milford, Connecticut

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Have been putting off finalizing the newsletter hoping to be able to give you all of the details of our DOR "pin" project, which is in the final stages of completion. Finally did find a source to make our pins, in British Columbia no less, and the first one is to be cast sometime late this week, and I'll have the first copy sometime after the 17th, not in time for Christmas giving unfortunately.

The pin will be made in sterling silver, and available in solid gold, and will look just like the "Tyrell knot" logo above, in outline form, with a stick/clasp back due to the design. There will be nothing engraved on it, so it will be appropriate for wearing anytime and with anything. The cost will depend upon the quantity ordered and I'm hoping to be able to make the silver pin available in the teens, and the gold will be about four times that. This is the estimate of the manufacturer who won't know the actual cost until the pin is cast and weighed. Please indicate your interest in obtaining a pin or pins, or your lack of interest, when you send your 1991 dues so that I can have an idea of how many to order. Full details will be in the next newsletter which I'll try to get out early in the year.

In order to keep up with inflation and the U.S. Postal Service, (postage is slated to increase in February) dues for 1991 will be \$10. Instead of a membership card, you'll be receiving a Certificate of membership and descent as shown below. (8x10)

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

is a descendant of Roger and Abigail (Ufford) Terrill
and a member in good standing of the commemorative body

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DOR CERTIFICATE NO. _____

DATE _____ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR _____

For those members not descending from Roger¹, the same certificate will be issued stating you are a member in good standing only, and if at some future date your descent is proven, a corrected certificate will be sent. They will be numbered by the order in which you joined DOR.

This has been another exciting year of discovery for DOR. There is more to share than can be contained in this newsletter. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

Wishing one and all peace and contentment in 1991. NTT

PIONEER CELEBRATION AT RIDGEVILLE, OHIO - 1880

The following article was submitted by member Jane Davies Coven. It was published 8 July 1880 in the Elyria Constitution, Elyria, OH. [It is not reproduced in full.NTT]

An event long to be remembered by all who attended it was the pioneer celebration at Ridgeville Center last Saturday. Despite the busy time there was a large attendance, especially of old gray-headed men from 60 to 80 years, and what was particularly noticeable, nearly all these venerable people appeared hale and hearty with reasonable prospects of many years of active life before them.

On looking over the fine and highly cultivated farms of Ridgeville, with all the modern improvements in buildings and in the art of cultivation by the use of reapers, mowers, threshers and improved machinery to make labor easy to the tiller of the soil, it seemed scarcely possible that there was assembled at this interesting meeting a band of pioneer men and women who had seen this now farmer's paradise one unbroken wilderness, inhabited only by wild beasts and Indians. One could scarcely realize that this high order of culture came about under their observation and by the assistance of these venerable fathers through the brief period of four score years.

The exercises were opened by Dr. L. D. Griswold, of Elyria who made a brief introductory speech. After a piece of music, the Rev. Dr. Bronson, of Mansfield, was announced to deliver the address. He gave a brief sketch of his advent into the then wilds of Lorain county, saying that he came to Columbia with his parents from Connecticut in 1807 when he was about six months old. That the city of Cleveland was then a small Indian trading point composed of a few log cabins, that Euclid avenue, now the boast of the Forest City, was then a common country road, that his father's team was the first to cross the Cuyahoga river, and that for nearly one year they were the only white family in that then dense wilderness, now Lorain county.

The speaker in referring to the leading men of Lorain county of today, spoke in terms of praise of the character and public service of Hon. James Monroe. He also eulogized the leading men (Republicans only) of Ohio, and closed with the admonition that all must go and vote and vote right, that the issue was whether the slums of ignorance or intelligence should rule the country. That meant of course that intelligence is Republicanism and Democracy the slums of ignorance—One thing is sure, the Rev. gentleman with all his experience in life has not yet learned that the rules of propriety forbid political discussion at a meeting of this sort and that his language was an insult to every Democrat on the ground. [Politicians and journalists feuding even then! NTT]

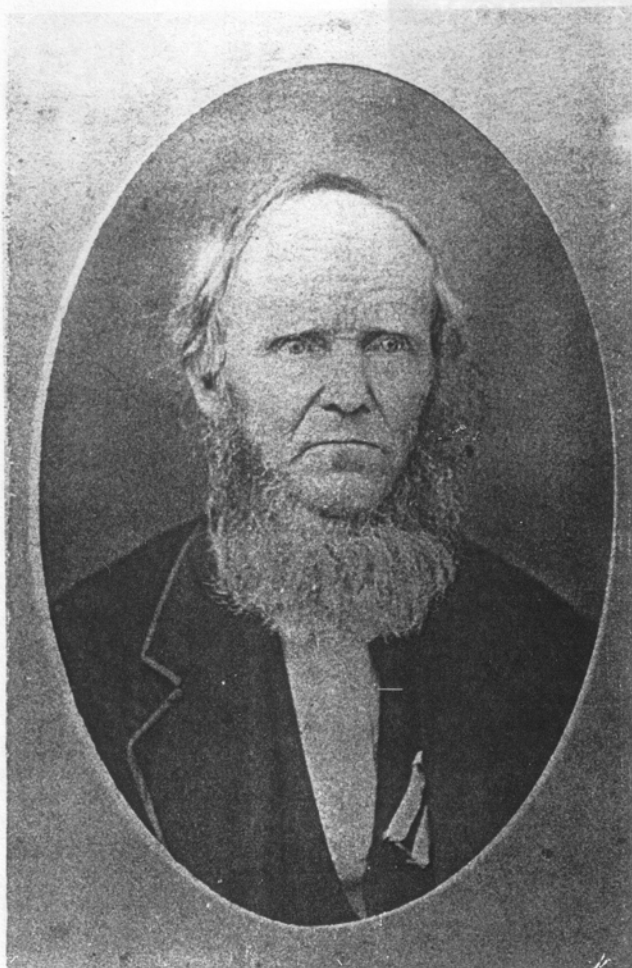
After Clark Eldred, of Elyria, spoke, UNCLE ICHABOD⁶TERRELL, [Ichabod⁵, Oliver⁴, Josiah³, John², Roger¹] the only survivor of the first settlers of Ridgeville was the next speaker. He is remarkable well preserved for a man of his years [he was bn. 1 Oct 1800]. His eye is sparkling, his voice vigorous as that of a man of fifty. He said that he was not educated for speech making, but could give a hunter's turkey call now as well as fifty years ago. He was requested to do so and gave it with a gobble in perfect imitation of a genuine turkey.

WYLLYS⁶TERRELL [Joel⁵, Josiah⁴, Josiah³, John², Roger¹] spoke of the hardships of the early settlers, recounting privations in food and clothing. He said among his early playmates were the young Indians who stopped with their parents on their way from Sandusky to Cleveland; that he frequently saw Chief Good Hunt and his squaw, Nancy, who was burned at the stake near Sandusky for being suspected to be a witch.

Laurell Beebe [son of Chester and grandson of David and LYDIA⁵(TERRELL) Beebe, Lydia descends from Moses⁴, Josiah³, John², Roger¹; Laurell m. LUCINDA⁷ TERRELL, dau. of Tillotson⁶ of Ichabod⁵, Oliver⁴, Josiah³, John², Roger¹] spoke at some length and exhibited the original contract under which the land was purchased of the Connecticut Land Company.

He was followed by his wife [LUCINDA⁷ TERRELL], who in a neat little talk related her recollections of the journey from Connecticut to the new settlement.

PHILANDER LORENZO TYRREL ???



This photograph came into the possession of DOR member Daniel B. Gray and is thought to be the likeness of Philander Lorenzo⁷ Tyrrel (Philander⁶ Laurel⁶, Ichabod⁵, Oliver⁴, Josiah³, John², Roger¹).

Can any of the membership identify this as Philander?

Philander Lorenzo⁷ was b. 20 Aug 1812 in Cheshire, Canandaigua, New York where his mother, Lora (Beebe) was staying with her parents away from the dangerous Indian frontier during the War of 1812 while his father, Philander Laurel⁶ was serving in the militia from Cuyohoga/Lorain County, OH. He m. Sarah (Sally) Bates on 17 Sept 1834 in Portage Co. OH and traveled with the Mormons to Caldwell Co., MO in 1838/40. They were founding settlers of Monroe Co., IA in 1843 and had eleven children.

Please let me know if you can identify this picture. NTT



TERRILL/CANFIELDS

The following Canfields who married Terrills are descendants of the immigrant Thomas Canfield:

TERRELL, Spencer, m. Jenette Canfield, 7th gen. in America. Ch: Miles, John, Jane (d. age 44). Jenette was the daughter of Abiel and Pamela (Steele) Canfield, b. 1813.

TERRELL, Frank M. m. Flora Louise Canfield, 8th gen. in America, d. 1888 in Quincy, MI, daughter of Jabez and Sarah (Eldred) Canfield, b. 13 Sept 1858 at Stow, OH. Married Frank M. Terrell 1888 (I'm not certain whether it meant Flora or Frank d. in 1888. The first line came from the spouse index - the second from the Canfield index).

TERRILL, Caroline m. Judson Canfield, 6th gen. in America, 24 Oct 1824. Ch: Almeda, Jay, Betsey, Andrew, Eliza. Judson son of Jeremiah and Mary (Bennett) Canfield, bp. 18 Jan 1801.

Submitted by Genevieve (Canfield) Martinson, Editor
Canfield Family Association

NEW YORK CENTRAL STATION & TURREL'S TRAIN

In 1842 what was to become part of the New York Central began serving Attica from Batavia. Another line was to go on to Buffalo but when the Central was formed in 1850, that trackage was sold and the Attica line became a branch; Buffalo traffic was routed west out of Batavia. In 1856 Jared Daniel Turrel (1810-1894) was named Superintendent and Conductor of the Attica Branch, a post he held for 37 years. The engine was named J. D. TURREL. The Central continued service to this site until 1934.

This plaque, now on the New York Central Station at Attica, NY, was dedicated by DOR member John D. Turrel on 8 July 1990. John, who is the great grandson of Jared Daniel Turrel, related that the weather for the dedication was glorious and that there was a good turnout for the ceremony. A full account of Jared and the Turrel Train, written by John, appears in the April 1990 issue of *Historical Wyoming*. This publication can be obtained from the Office of Wyoming County Historian, 26 Linwood Avenue, Warsaw, NY 14569 for a cost of \$1.75. Portions of this article were excerpted in the January 1990 DOR newsletter.

MEMORIALS

DOR member, ELDON J. SANDELL, b. 17 March 1905 in Montgomery County, Iowa to Fredrick Wm. and Iva Aileen (Dedrick) Sandell, passed away on 7 November 1990. His maternal grandmother is Lucinda Belle Tyrrell, daughter of Benjamin G. and Rachel (Copas) Tyrrell. Eldon is the brother of member Lynn Sandell who has been doing extensive original research on their line ~~which descends from immigrant David Tyrrell~~ (see newsletter Volume II, Number 2). DOR extends its deepest sympathy to the Sandell family.

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MAUDIE KATHERINE (COOK) WIGNALL, granddaughter of Oliver H.⁷ Tyrrel (Philander Laurel⁶, Ichabod⁵, Oliver⁴, Josiah³, John², Roger¹) died 17 July 1990 at Graham Hospital in Canton, IL. Maudie was b. 15 September 1908 in Smokey Hollow, Monroe County, Iowa to Dawson and Leona⁸ (Tyrrel) Cook, and married Clifton Wignall on 9 August 1939 in Albia, Iowa. She is survived by Clifton; three sons, Terry of Mapleton, IL, Milo of Molalla, OR and Michael of Martinez, CA; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild. Maudie loved family history and contributed greatly to the family research in Monroe county, Iowa. Our heartfelt sympathy to her family.

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QUERIES

NOTE: Although you will forward answers to queries to the person placing the query, Nancy Tyrrel Theodore, the DOR Research Coordinator, asks that you share new and pertinent research information with her as the central control depository. Thank you.

- 25) [Following are several quotes from letters received by NTT regarding this query.] "I saw your notice in The Genealogical Helper and was hoping you could help me. I am trying to locate a descendant of H. B. and Betsey Turrill.

"In the late 1830's and early 1840's they lived in Pleasant Ridge, Ohio (now part of Cincinnati). Betsey Turrill died in 1841; I have no information on H.B. They had at least two children, Theressa Maria and Alexis Homer, but I suspect there were others. I am not a Turrill relative, but have some letters written by the above, and wonder if any of this family survive."

[NTT responded to this letter and identified H.B. as Heman Bassett⁶ who removed to Ohio in 1818 with his father, Jared⁵ and descends Caleb⁴, Daniel³, Daniel², Roger¹. The response follows.]

"As to how I came by these letters, they were sent to me by my late father. As to how he came by them, let me quote his accompanying letter:

'The enclosed letters, etc. are, in reality, a gift to you from Joe Kirk (a friend of my father). The people, writers, addresses, etc. are not his ancestors and are unknown to him....Joe believes that the letters were collected by a brother-in-law who died in 1910 and his wife (Joe's sister) died in 1915. When her estate was settled the personal items - clothing, knick-knacks, etc. - were parceled out to surviving siblings. Joe ended up with the letters. He has had them stashed away since 1915 through many, many moves - Nebraska, Utah, L.A., Palm Desert, Hemet - but has never been able to throw them away or otherwise dispose of them. In my many chats with him he has learned of your interest of old things, etc. He had mentioned them to me a few times and one day, he got them out and asked me to read them to him. Naturally, we discussed them from time to time and finally one day he got them out again and said he wanted Karen to have them.'

"As you can see, these letters have managed to hang in there for 150 years. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading them, but now I think it's time to pass them on to a descendant of Heman Bassett. Please place a query in your newsletter that I would like to be in contact with a direct descendant of Heman Bassett⁶ regarding these letters. Karen Mencotti, Rt. 1, Box 244, Chapel Hill, TN 37034. [Excerpts from these letters can be found elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter. NTT]

- 26) Need information on JARED HENRY TURREL (known as Henry) b. 18 July 1837, a railroad conductor, d. 13 November 1879 in Hannibal, MO. John D. Turrel, Jr., Route 2, Box 238, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864.

QUERIES con't.

- 27) Does anyone have knowledge of a JOHN G. TURREL and another TYRELL man who were supposed to have married two LONGWELL girls of Sussex County, NJ. They were both daughters of Charles Longwell who was born in 1815 in Vernon, NJ. Their mother was Elizabeth or Sarah (Paddock) Longwell. One daughter was Lucinda E. b. 3 Aug 1858 in Vernon and married John; the second, Edith, was also born in the 1850s. The Turrell/Tyrell men could have been brothers. James N. Longwell, 808 53rd Avenue E.-Unit 279A, Bradenton, FL 34203.
- 28) Looking for information on DAVID TERRILL who was a refugee in Nova Scotia, Canada and a resident of Massachusetts in 1785. Lynn Sandell, 344 N. State Street, San Jacinto, CA 92383.
- 29) Has anyone heard this tale? A party from NY set out with a wagon train across the prairies. A bragart among them claimed he would kill the first Indian he saw. Finally, seeing a squaw sitting under a tree, he followed through and shot her.

Several hours later the wagon train was accosted by the Indian tribe. The chief spoke to the wagonmaster, stating that they did not want to attack the entire group, but only wanted the one who had killed the squaw. The wagonmaster had little choice and turned the killer over. The Indians skinned him alive in front of the pioneers.

My late great-great uncle, the REV. CHARLES LEIGH TERRILL claimed that his uncle, DEVINE TERRILL, was with that wagon train, and saw the incident happen. The question is: Did Devine Terrill indeed have that experience, or was it a generalized folk tale which he told when returning to Michigan from the California gold fields? The year was about 1855. Perhaps in telling the folk tale, Devine might have inserted himself in it to startle the family. Or could he actually have been there? Donna Terrill Northuis, 9619 - 108th Avenue North, Seminole, FL 34643.

KEEPING IN TOUCH - THE MIDDLE EAST

"Our David is currently in the Middle East. I will enclose his address in hopes that you will send him a Christmas card with news of home to help lessen the loneliness at this special times of year.

SPC David A. Terrill
002-60-2283
4/3 ACR, N Troop
APO NY 09209

Thank you,

Dudley & Bobbie Terrill"

If other members have loved ones serving in the Middle East, please let me know and I'll publish their mailing address in the next newsletter. NIT

HEMAN BASSETT TURRILL 6

The following are excerpts from letters written by Heman Bassett Turrill and his wife, Betsey from Pleasant Ridge, Ohio to friends in Far West, Indiana circa 1839-1841. Heman descends Jared⁵, Caleb⁴, Daniel³, Daniel², Roger¹.

"Our circumstances have made it impossible for me to visit the Far West this summer which I much regret. I have had a strong desire to see that region of country ever since you moved and would yet this fall if any of the friends would accompany me, but they seem to have all of their strong home attractions that will render it difficult or impossible for any of them to leave. I still, however, cherish the desire to see the intervening country soon and especially your shady retreat; if however I should be disappointed, I will endeavor to bear it with fortitude, bearing in mind that our fondest anticipations of future bliss are often frustrated and our airy castles vanish like the mists of night before the meridean sun.

"We have a daughter that attracts the attention of the family considerable. She will be three months old the (10th) inst. We call her Theresa Maria. Don't laugh, this was Betsey's choice. Sherman goes to a select school in Carthage. It is, however, too far (for) him to walk every day. Horatio has likewise been to school this summer and made some proficiency. Charlana is learning her ABC's at home. We have no school at present

"The people have gathered a plenteous harvest of grass and wheat much greater than was anticipated last fall. Oats have been remarkably good. I still attend market once a week with butter. It is as you are aware a wearisome business. It has sold from 39 to 40 cents this summer. William is building a frame house at Crossroads this summer. It is nearly finished. John obtained a very good assortment of goods () the East and has quite a run of custom. But alas, he has met with an unexpected breavement having discharged his boarders and made other arrangements necessary to lighten the burden devolving on his wife. He no doubt anticipated a large share of domestic happiness in the bosom of his family. But an Allwise providence has seen fit to remove the partner of his bosom (Sophia). She was taken sick about the first inst. and died on the 7th of August. Her disease was fever attended with diarrhoea. The best medical assistance was procured but nothing was able to arrest the progress of disease. But his loss is undoubtedly her gain. She was to all human appearance prepared for the change expecting it. From the first she gave such directions concerning the family as deemed to her suitable. This is the second bereavement he has had lately which makes it double afflicting. Every dispensation of Providence of this nature should remind us of our own mortality and the necessity of a preparation for Eternity. His youngest child is about four months old....I should like to write more but Betsey is teasing me to leave her a little space. Respectfully, H. B. Turrill 9 Aug 1839

"I have just returned from our afflicted Brothers. Mother is there with Elizabeth. They expect to stay awhile with him. Mr. Hopkins and Eliza were there until after the funeral when they returned home...Grandmother Turrill says she will save some flower seeds for Mary if she can send them to her...Betsey Turrill 10 Aug 1839

"...Betsey has formerly written most of the letters to you and she esteemed it a pleasure and a privilege. She looked with much anxiety for your last letter and read its contents with great satisfaction - but the duty of writing now devolves on me alone.

"Betsey has not enjoyed good health this summer but was not prevented from attending to family duties most of the time. On the 29th of August she presented me another son which we call Alexis Homer and in two weeks she was able to walk about the rooms.

HEMAN BASSETT TURRILL con't.

"But O how soon are our anticipations of future happiness disappointed - She as we suppose took some cold which brought on a cough and spitting of blood and after a painful illness of two weeks she was called to exchange worlds - to bid adieu to all earthly things on the (28th) of Sept. She died without a struggle - so easily we hardly knew when her spirit had departed - her disease being of such a nature mostly confined to the breast, her mind was unaffected enjoying her senses perfectly to the last. She knew on whom she trusted, death had no terrors to her - all was calm and peace within. 'O let me die the death of the righteous.'

"But I sorrow not for her as for those who have no hope. My loss although irreparable to me, was undoubtedly her gain. Almost her last words to me were 'be ready to meet me in heaven.' O how fleeting, how transient are all subliminary joys. What indeed is our life. It is like a vapor that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away.

'Beyond the flight of time
Beyond the reign of death
There surely is some blessed clime
Where life is not a breath.
There is a world above. Where parting is unknown.
A long eternity of love. Formed for the good alone.
And faith beholds the dying here, translated to that glorious sphere.'

"Mrs. Castner has the babe and expects to keep it a few days til another place can be provided. Your mother is now here and may stay with me this winter. These things however are not yet determined on. My mother expects to live in Indiana this winter with Mr. Stone in Rush Co....

"The Lord continues to bless the church in Reading by frequent additions. The members are united and act in harmony. We some expect Mr. Graves to leave us. The churches in and about Pickaway are anxious to have his services...There has been a great revival in the Temperance cause in Cin. Thousands have signed the pledge and several hundred drunkards have reformed. 30 Sept 1841

"P.S. Oct 4th This having not been sent as soon I expected, I would just say that I have employed Mrs. Thalia Dayton to live with me and oversee the affairs and take care of the babe. This will be very confining business. Your mother will also live here all or part of the time as she thinks best....Yours in love and friendship. H. B. Turrill

The letters in full contain a lot of news of friends and family and upon reading them all, one can't help but be struck by the eloquence, sensitivity and deep devotion of Heman Bassett, and the sense of family of both he and Betsey. It would seem their friends in Far West are related to Betsey. NIT

O O O H E L I J A H

LANE, Daniel, Unlicensed Tavern Keeper. State of Ohio, Trumbull Co. Think you will be interested in the findings of the Grand Jury against one David Lane - that David Lane of Hartford in the Co aforesaid not being a tavern keeper nor having obtained a permit from the Clerk of the Court aforesaid to sell or retail spirituous liquor by the less quantity than one quart - did on the 15th day of Sept 1820 at Hartford aforesaid in the Co aforesaid with force & arms sell & retail on one half pint of whiskey being spirituous liquor by the less quantity than one quart, to one ELIJAH TYRREL for the consideration of six & 1/4 cents to the bad example of all others in like cases offending against the statute law in such cases made & provided & against the peace & dignity of the state of Ohio: filed 11 Apr 1821. FORCE & ARMS? NIT

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John²
Abig²/Roger²

Note: An updated and complete membership list will be published with the next newsletter. NTT

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JOEL⁵ TURRILL

The following submitted by DOR member David O. Reed is an interesting Revolutionary War history note written by Sarah⁷Turrill Whiting in about 1873. She also mentions a letter written by Joel⁵ Turrill who descends Daniel⁴, Daniel³, Daniel², Roger¹. Joel⁵ was b. 11 Aug 1750 and d. 14 Nov 1776 in the Army. Sarah's note explains that Joel⁵ was her grandfather on her mother's side, that she has a brother Leman W. Turrill and that George Turrill has the original letter in a frame. The note reads:

"Skenesborough, called from its first settler, Major Skene, was seized by a detachment of volunteers from Connecticut and was held by them until 1777, when upon the approach of Burgoyne the fort stores and a large number of batteaux loaded with provisions were burned by the Americans to prevent their falling into his hands. It was a place of considerable military importance during the Revolutionary War. It is now called Whitehall, it lies on the west side of Lake Champlain, 24 miles south of Ticonderoga in Washington County, NY."

As you can see from the map, Whitehall lies at the extreme southern tip of Lake Champlain in Northeastern New York. It is surmised that these notes were made in connection with the service of Joel⁵. He did not have sons, but daughters Esther and Phebe⁶ when he died at age 27. Phebe⁶ m. James Beebe⁶ Turrill her 2nd cousin (James⁵, Capt. James⁴, Daniel³, Daniel², Roger¹). They are the parents of Leman W. and the writer of the historical note, Sarah. Leman W.⁷ had a son, George⁸, and I am assuming that he is the George who has the letter from Joel⁵. In addition, this is the same family as Heman Bassett⁶ mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter—H.B., Phebe and James are all second cousins.



Behold the Work of the Old...
 Let your Heritage not be lost,
 But bequeath it as a Memory,
 Treasure and Blessing...
 Gather the lost and the hidden
 And preserve it for thy Children.

Christian Meitz 1846

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