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"THREE BROTHERS"

This article is intended to address the widely circulated but flawed "three brothers" theory for our Terrill ancestors in this country.

One of the places the "three brothers" story appears is in the Williams Brothers History Of Lorain County, Ohio which was published in 1879. Thus, it unfortunately carries the weight of "official" and printed information. A sketch of the Terrell family is contained in the Ridgeville section in the biography of Harry⁶ (Ichabod⁵, Oliver⁴, Josiah³, John², Roger¹) as follows:

"John Terrell, with two brothers, Roger and Jesse, emigrated from England to America about the year 1630. Roger is mentioned in history, in 1639, as one of the New Haven colonists who settled Milford, Conn.; he coming from Wethersfield, and probably Watertown, Mass., to Wethersfield.

"Jesse settled at Naugatuck. The first mention of John, at Milford, is on the church record as follows: John Terrell and his wife, Abigail, baptized August, 1644: so that probably he came to Milford a few years later than his brother Roger. Subsequently he settled in New York, and owned two acres of land where the city hall now stands. John had a son John, who was born in 1655. This John had eight children, among whom was Josiah, born in 1695."

The publishers did not give any formal contributor credit for the Ridgeville section of the book although Jay⁷, son of Harry⁶ Terrell, contributed to the geology section of the book. Since Jay⁷ was involved in extensive research on the family when this history was printed, and, since the sketch is of his father, it is safe to assume that he was the major compiler of the Terrell information printed in this history. Jay⁷'s notes, letters, etc. on the family research were copied after his death and made available by the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland in manuscript form.

This manuscript shows clearly that the "three brothers" theory came from the pen of Philo⁷ Terrill, Jr. who corresponded with Jay⁷ (Philo, Jr.⁷, Philo⁶, Eliakim⁵, Phineas⁴, Samuel³, John², Roger¹). Philo⁷'s letter of 10 March 1879 to Jay⁷ states: "As I take it there were 3 brothers came

Milford
map

over to this country from England with the colonists about 1630-1637, two of them Roger and John settled in Milford, a town about 9 miles from here...." On 12 March 1879 he further says, "I learned since I wrote the above that of the 3 brothers who came over from England, Roger settled in Milford, Jesse in Naugatuck and John in New York; that John owned 2 acres of land in New York City where the City Hall now stands and that he d. without heirs."

Philo7's next letter, 18 Nov 1880, says "Since writing you last I have obtained more facts that give me I believe the true lines through to Roger Terrill who settled in Milford in 1639..." and there follows the now accepted progression of children showing John2, etc. He quotes from deeds that support and reinforce these relationships.

The dates of these letters are extremely important as it seems since the Lorain county history was published in 1879, or before Philo7 really got the family history straight in 1880, that his early surmises and errors were printed in this history. In contradiction to what is printed in the Lorain county history, he says that John died without heirs, and that deeds prove that John2 is the son of Roger1. As for Jesse, he rather disappears after initial mention by Philo7. He may be a later Jesse since Naugatuck was not established until 1814 from Waterbury, Bethany and Oxford.

To further compound this misinformation is a printing error made in the Families of Early Milford by Abbott. For the Terrill family she shows on p. 737, Roger1 who m. Abigail Ufford and their children John2, etc. On p. 738 John2 is shown as son of John1 and Abigail Ufford, an obvious misprint, but to the casual reader this may again be proof of the John1, John2 descent.

There were a couple of early John Terrills, one who settled in New London and m. Sarah Willey and a John Turell, son of Daniel and Lydia b. 1649 according to Boston records. At any rate, I have never seen any proof that Roger1 and these Johns were related, or brothers, although further research does need to be done in this area.

The southern branch of the family also has their "three brothers" story, although these three brothers are John Tyrrell who settled in North Carolina, William who settled in the Norfolk area of Virginia and James who "went north to settle the New England branch of the Tyrrell family."

As Ronald A. Bremer, a former research specialist in Utah for the LDS church says in his "American Genealogical Sources",... "Whenever I hear a story of three brothers I know it probably is not true. Where did the three brothers land?.....You make sure in America they tell you who they are, when they came and how they came or you will never get them across the pond!" My sentiments exactly.

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TERRILL RECORDS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND

Signers of Allegiance & Fidelity. 900 men over 18 years of age. One Terrill only: TYRRELL, EDWARD; Fredrick Co. Maryland; 5 Feb 1777.

1890 OKLAHOMA VETERANS CENSUS INDEX

Special Schedule of the Eleventh Census Enumerating Union Veterans and of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

TERRELL, RUBEN H.	Okla Co. OK	Oklahoma City	1890
TERRILL, DAVID B.	Okla Terr OK	Cimmarron City	1890

1859 SPECIAL KANSAS CENSUS

Index contains the names of legal voters, heads of families, and others who were residing in the territory of Kansas during the year 1859. Unfortunately, this is only a partial list of those who were known to be in the area at that time:

TERIL, DERIAS	Bourbon Co.	002	Marmaton Twp
TERRELL, ANDREW JR.*	Coffee Co.	004	California Twp
TERRIL, JOHN	Linn Co.	008	Paris Twp
TERRILL, S.E.	Brown Co.	016	Claytonville Twp
TERRILL, CHANCY	Shawnee Co.	007	Topeka Twp
TERRILL, G.P.	Wyandotte Co.	032	Wyandotte Twp
TERRILL, H.	Allen Co.	002	Geneva Twp
TERRILL, J.G.	Linn Co.	006	Mound City Twp
TERRILL, JOSIAH	Linn Co.	006	Mound City Twp
TERRILL, M.H.	Nemaha Co.	003	Granada Twp
TERRILL, MRS.	Coffee Co.	001	Ottumwa Twp
TURRELL, NOBEL C.	Coffee Co.	001	Ottumwa Twp
TYRREL, G.	Coffee Co.	NPL	Avon Twp

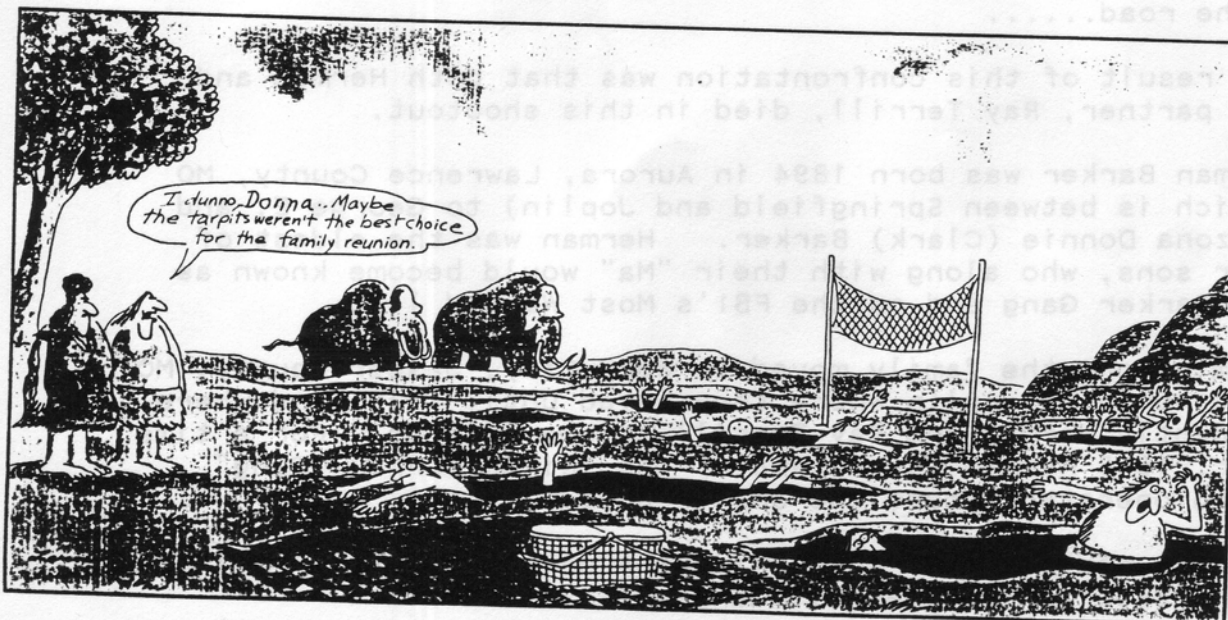
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN, MIDDLESEX, NJ

From the records of the church as published in The Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey, Vol. 49, p.41-42:

ABLE TERRILL m. REBECCA DUNHAM 22 Sept. 1810

ELIAS TERRILL m. ESTHER KINSEY 8 Feb 1812

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RAY TERRILL - PUBLIC ENEMY

In America's Most Wanted - Public Enemy Number One: THE BARKERS, written by Sue L. Hamilton and published 1989 in Minnesota we find an infamous member of the Terrill tribe. The following is excerpted from this book on the Barkers:

September 19, 1927

"We sure showed that bunch of hick cops, didn't we, Ray?" laughed 33-year-old Herman Barker to his partner, Ray Terrill. The eldest Barker brother had just escaped from the police after being caught robbing a bank in Missouri.

"Where to now, Barker?" asked Terrill.

"We'll head for Ma's. She'll hide us out," replied the brown-eyed, black-haired thief, knowing that many a criminal found safety with his gray-haired "Ma.".....

"We need some supplies," said Barker, pulling into a store parking lot in Newton, Kansas. The job was quick. The two stole what money they could, and raced for their vehicle, blasting down the road.

"What next?" asked Terrill, after the pair had driven a safe distance.

"We'll lay low for awhile now and then...Hey! We've got trouble!" said Barker looking in his rear-view mirror. Police near Wichita, some 20 miles south of Newton, had heard about the robbery, and spied a suspicious-looking vehicle speeding down the road. Several Squad cars were now tailing Barker and his partner.....

As Terrill checked the guns, keeping them out of sight, Barker slowed down and stopped the vehicle at the side of the road.....

The result of this confrontation was that both Herman and his partner, Ray Terrill, died in this shootout.

Herman Barker was born 1894 in Aurora, Lawrence County, MO (which is between Springfield and Joplin) to George E. and Arizona Donnie (Clark) Barker. Herman was the eldest of four sons, who along with their "Ma" would become known as the Barker Gang and on the FBI's Most Wanted list.

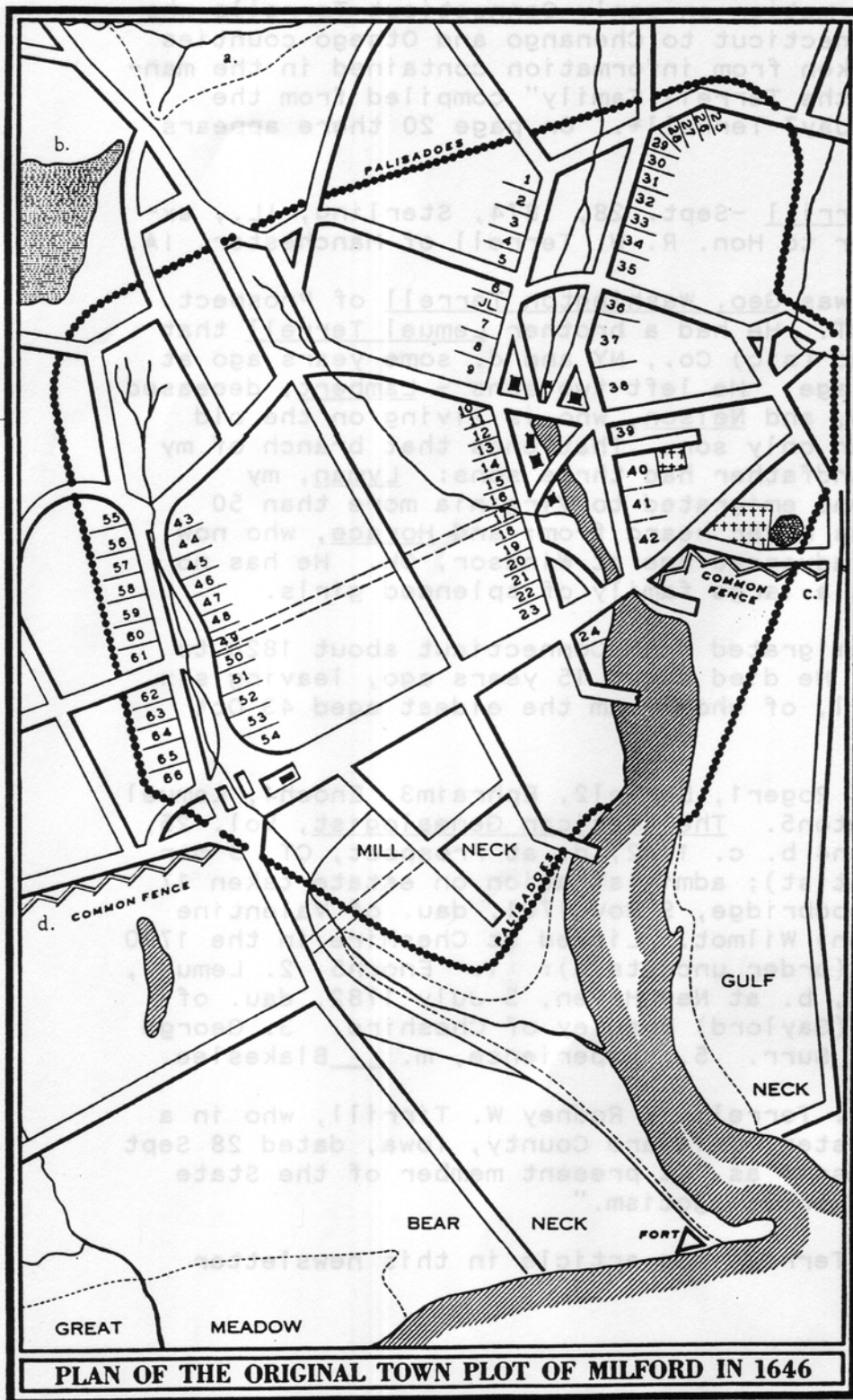
From Aurora the family moved to Webb City, Jasper County, MO just north of Joplin where they lived until 1910, and where evidently Herman and Ray Terrill became friends. For a time in c. 1915 Herman was a part of the "Kimes-Terrill Gang" which operated around the Joplin area.

Can any of the membership enlighten us about Ray Terrill and the Missouri Kimes-Terrill Gang?

PLAN OF THE ORIGINAL TOWN PLOT OF MILFORD (After Lambert)

a, part of fresh meadow; b, part of dreadful swamp; c, part of Eastfield common line fence; d, part of Westfield common line fence. First Congregational meeting-house against lot No. 9; second Congregational meeting-house against lot No. 38; Episcopal Church against No. 17; and Town House against No. 15.

The location of the house of each first planter, as they were recorded in 1646, is seen on the plan of the town, by finding the same number which is prefixed to the name of each individual in the following list. The exact quantity of land in the house lot of each person, is here placed against his name:



	a.	r.	p.
1 John Astwood	7	2	0
2 Richard Baldwin	3	0	0
3 Benjamin Fenn	2	11	3
4 Samuel Cooley	2	1	20
5 John Peacocke	1	3	0
6 Henry Stonhill	2	3	20
7 Nathaniel Baldwin	3	2	0
8 James Prudden	2	0	0
9 John Sherman	4	0	0
10 Thomas Baker	3	2	0
11 Stephen Freeman	2	0	0
12 John Fletcher	2	3	30
13 John Baldwin	2	1	10
14 Frances Bolt	2	1	20
15 Micah Tompkins	2	1	20
16 John Birdseye	2	3	20
17 Edward Harvey	2	3	0
18 John Lane	2	2	20
19 William East	2	3	0
20 Thomas Lawrence (sold to Wm. East.)	2	0	0
21 Thomas Sandford	2	3	0
22 Timothy Baldwin	4	0	0
23 Alexander Bryan	4	0	25
24 Jasper Gunn	0	3	0
25 Tomas Hine	3	0	0
26 Henry Lyon	3	0	0
27 John Stream	3	0	0
28 William Slough	3	0	0
29 James Prime	3	0	0
30 Thomas Reed	3	0	0
31 Robert Denison	3	0	0
32 Zachariah Whitman	7	2	0
33 Thomas Welch	4	2	0
34 Thomas Wheeler	3	0	0
35 Mr. Edmond Tapp	7	2	0
36 Tho. Buckingham	2	3	0
37 Robert Plum	5	3	0
38 Richard Platt	4	1	0
39 Thomas Tapping	1	1	20
40 Mr. Peter Prudden	7	2	0
41 Mr. Wm. Fowler	7	2	0
42 Thomas Lawrence	1	0	0
43 George Clark, Junr.	4	1	0
44 John Burwell	2	0	20
45 Henry Botsford	2	2	0
46 John Smith	1	3	20
47 John Rogers	1	3	20
48 Philip Hatley	3	3	20
49 Roger Tyrrell	2	3	20
50 Nicholas Camp	6	1	20
51 John Fowler	1	2	20
52 Joseph Baldwin	2	1	20
53 Thomas Tibbals	1	2	20
54 Wid. Martha Beard	4	1	00
55 Thomas Campfield	3	0	0
56 Thomas Ford	3	0	0
57 William Roberts	3	0	0
58 John Smith	4	0	0
59 Thomas Bailey	3	0	0
60 William Brookes	3	0	0
61 John Brown	3	0	0
62 Nathaniel Briscoe	3	0	0
63 Edward Riggs	3	0	0
64 Andrew Benton	3	0	0
65 George Clark, Senr.	4	2	0
66 George Hubbard (sold to John Stream.)	4	2	0

a = Acre
r = Rod = 1/4 Acre = 40 Perches
p = Perch = 1 Square Rod

PLAN OF THE ORIGINAL TOWN PLOT OF
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NEW YORK TERRELLS

The following information on early Connecticut Terrells who emigrated from Connecticut to Chenango and Otsego counties in New York was taken from information contained in the manuscript "Notes on the Terrell Family" compiled from the research files of Jay7 Terrell*. On page 20 there appears the following:

"Letter A. A. Terrill -Sept. 28, 1874, Sterling, IL., extract from letter to Hon. R. W. Terrell of Manchester, IA.

"My grandfather was Geo. Washington Terrell of Prospect, Waterbury Co., CT. He had a brother Lemuel Terrell that moved to Chinango (sic) Co., NY and d. some years ago at a very advanced age. He left two sons - Lambert, deceased with no children, and Nelson, who is living on the old homestead with an only son. That ends that branch of my family.---My grandfather had three sons: Lyman, my father; Andrew who emigrated to Virginia more than 50 years ago and was never heard from; and Horace, who now lives at a very advanced age at Windsor, OH. He has no living sons, but a large family of splended girls.

"My own father emigrated from Connecticut about 1828 to Otsego Co., NY. He died about 15 years ago, leaving six sons and one girl, of whom I am the eldest aged 43 Oct 19, 1874."

This line descends Roger¹, Daniel², Ephraim³, Enoch⁴, Lemuel and George Washington⁵. The American Genealogist, Vol. 25, page 45 shows Enoch⁴ b. c. 1742; d. at Prospect, CT, 9 Mar 1804 ae. 62 (a Baptist); administration on estate taken 17 Mar 1804; m. at Woodbridge, 9 Nov 1761, dau. of Valentine and Rachel (Johnson) Wilmot. Listed at Cheshire in the 1790 census. Children (order uncertain): 1. Enoch⁵ 2. Lemuel, m. Amarilla Bradley, b. at New Haven, 5 July 1782, dau. of Reuben and Hannah (Gaylord) Bradley of Cheshire. 3. George W. 4. Anna, m. ___Burr. 5. Experience, m. ___Blakeslee.

The Honorable R. W. Terrell is Rodney W. Tirrill, who in a letter from Manchester, Delaware County, Iowa, dated 28 Sept 1880 describes himself as "at present member of the State Senate of Iowa - without egotism."

*For more in Jay7 Terrell see article in this newsletter "Three Brothers."

Q U E R I E S

NOTE: Although you should forward correspondence on queries to the person placing the query, Nancy Tyrrel Theodore, DOR Research Coordinator, asks that you share new and pertinent research information with her. Thank you.

Response to query 34) from member Jan Howard:

"The Nathan Terrill referred to was born 12 April 1755, New Milford, CT, married 26 February 1778, Dorothy Phelps. He died 24 January 1834, Knox County, possibly Clinton Township.

"The Nathan, born 26 February 1736, New Milford, was the son of Nathan (bpt. 22 October 1693, Milford, CT) and Ruth Buck Terrill. Nathan (born 1736) married Elizabeth Lyon. He died in Stratford, 1783."

35) Sarah Hendrick (1780-1828) m Daniel Terrel (1777-1850) in Wilton, CT, c1800. Seven daughters, one son reached adulthood and (presumably) married. Seeking all data on spouses and children of these issue: Salina (b 1801), Maria (b 1803, m Ebenezer Bundy), Polly Ann (b 1809, m poss. Chauncey R. Lockwood), Sarah Ann (b 1812, m. Luther G. Lockwood), Hiram (b 1817), Abby E (b 1821). Have in hand most Wood descendants of Angeline (b 1807, m Benedict Preserve Wood) and a few Tuttle descendants of Aurinda/Orinda (b 1805 m Samuel P. Tuttle), but looking for more as part of collection of all descendants of Andrew Hendrick/Handrake/Handrick (1753-1819), father of Sarah Hendrick. Also need parents and ancestry of Daniel Terrel (1777-1850). The Daniel Terrel family lived Wilton/New Canaan/Norwalk/Westport/Fairfield area of Connecticut.---G. Richard Handrick (126) 516 Concord Ave, Lexington, MA 02173.

36) Hannah Brundage, b 12 Aug 1777 (location unknown) m Ebenezer6 Turrill in Genessee County (now Wyoming Co.) NY on 21 Mar 1799, d Sparta, Ontario 16 Feb 1846. Does anyone have additional information?---Bruce W. Tyrrell (149) 36 Hansen Avenue, Beaconsfield, P.Q., Canada H9W 5P3

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*Whilst thy father lives
Study his wishes;
After he is dead
Study his life.*

---Confucious

OHIO WOLF BOUNTIES

DOR member Jane Davies Coven shares her discovery of some Terrill wolf scalp certificates issued from the present Lorain County, OH (Lorain County created in 1822 from Huron, Cuyahoga and Medina Counties).

The certificates are on strips of paper which measure about 8 1/2" by 4". The wording varies slightly on the individual certificates. On some the person had to swear the wolf was over 6 months old, and several times the applicant turned in three scalps at once. The certificates were given to the Western Reserve Historical Society in a donation of the papers of Handel Shumway. Of the about 100 certificates, there are two for Terrills, both issued by Zaphna Potter, Justice of the Peace:

Columbia Twp. August 29, 1818

Personally appeared Noah Terrel of the above township and produced one wolf scalp and took the oath prescribed by law he is entitled to the sum of 4 dollars in performance of that act to encourage the killing of wolves.

Columbia Twp. June 1, 1819

Personally came Benjamin F. Terril before me and produced one wolf scalp and took the oath required by law he is therefore entitled to the sum of 4 dollars from the treasury of the State of Ohio.

The Williams Brothers History of Lorain County, Ohio relates that "the first wolf killed in the township (Ridgeville) was shot by Garry Root, in 1812, then a lad of fourteen years. This was quite an event, as the cunning animal was rarely bagged by the most experienced hunter."

The fact that Noah collected on a wolf scalp would be in character according to a description of him in the same county history:

"About this time also, (1810) Noah Terrell and Thomas Osborn came into town. Terrell was a valuable acquisition to the settlement, being skillful in the manufacture of every kind of wooden dishes, such as milk-bowls, trenchers, cups and saucers, salt-cellars, pepper boxes, and little kegs which took the place of pails. Being a Terrell, he was of course a hunter, and supported his family to a great extent by his gun. He subsequently removed to Ridgeville, where his daughter Harriet was soon after born. She was the first child born in that township."

Noah6 is descended Noah5, Jesse4, Samuel3, John2, Roger1. He was b. c. 1774 and m. Esther Beebe, daughter of David Beebe, Sr. and Lydia (Terrill) Beebe; Lydia5 the daughter of Moses4 Terrill of Josiah3, John2, Roger1.

LET US INTRODUCE



Debbie Hathaway Barber (106), her mother Winifred Terrill Hathaway and her uncle David Eugene Terrill, Jr. (118). This branch of the family descends:

WINIFRED AMELIA¹⁰ TERRILL and DAVID EUGENE¹⁰ TERRILL, JR.
 children of
 DAVID EUGENE⁹ TERRILL
 son of
 BRUCE HOADLEY⁸ TERRILL
 son of
 EUGENE WAYNE⁷ TERRILL
 son of
 SHELBY WAYNE⁶ TERRILL
 son of
 ELIAS⁵ TERRILL
 son of
 AARON⁴ TERRILL
 son of
 JOSIAH³ TERRILL
 son of
 JOHN² TERRILL
 son of
 ROGER¹ TERRILL

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NEW D O R M E M B E R S

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		Calgary, Alberta, Canada T3H 1R9	

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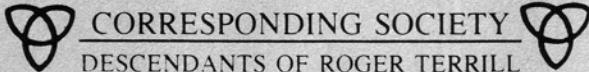
When a society or a civilization perishes, one condition can always be found; they forgot where they came from.

Carl Sandburg

LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS

In the measurements of boundary lines, old deeds have two different systems of measuring, linear and chain. Following are the terms and their equivalents:

16.5 feet = 1 rod, or 1 pole, or 1 perch
40 rods = 1 furlong
8 furlongs = 1 mile
1 chain = 100 links, or 66 feet, or 4 rods
1 link = 7.92 inches
A square chain = 16 square rods, or 1/10 acre



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