



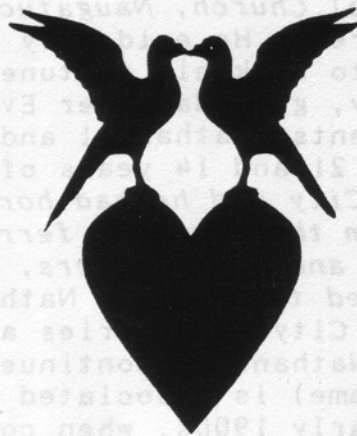
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This announcement (with a sample of work above) describes the occupation of Thomas Stephen⁷ Terrel, great-great grandfather of new DOR member, Pamela Poulin. As she explains, "New York City Directories of the mid-1800s to early 1900s confirm his occupation, that of an artist--a painter, silhouette cutter, sign carver, who also liked to dance and play the flute. His own sign consisted of three separate carved monkeys, suspended, hanging from tail of the higher monkey (one monkey survives!). Most everyone in my family is artistic in some way, either in music or art, or both (also very outgoing, sometimes flamboyant, with good sense of humor)."

On the next page is more on this line as shared by Pamela who herself is a clarinettist, sings and plays piano. She asks if this artistic streak is an accident, or is there something in "Terrill-ness" that makes this so? This is an intriguing question as an artistic streak runs through my family, and among the membership are oil painting artist and art painting educator, Mary Brady Biggs and organ builder, Dudley Terrill to mention a few. In past issues we have featured ancestor artists and poets. Is there an artistic gene lurking here? Let us hear from you if you or your Terrill ancestors have this artistic "Terrill-ness" trait...and be as flamboyant as you wish! ntt

DESCENDANTS OF NATHANIEL⁶ TERRILL

By Pamela Paulin

Nathaniel⁶ [Irijah⁵, Moses⁴, Josiah³, John², Roger¹], as Donald Lines Jacobus states in his article "*The Terrill Family of Connecticut*" [TAG Vol.25, p. 49] was baptized 13 March 1803 [Congregational Church, Naugatuck, CT], the youngest of eleven children. He evidently went from Naugatuck to New York City to seek his fortune. In a short, unpublished autobiography, granddaughter Eva Mary⁸ Terrill writes that her grandparents, Nathaniel and Sarah (Eger) Terrill, were married at 21 and 14 years of age respectively. *"They lived in New York City and he had horses and carriages to convey passengers from the downtown ferries. They had fifteen children, 4 sons and 11 daughters, four of whom died in infancy--one was burned to death."* Nathaniel's profession is confirmed in New York City Directories as coachman as early as 1846; the name Nathaniel (continued by son and grandson of same first name) is associated with coach activities through the early 1900s, when coaches were exchanged for trucks.^(a)

I suspect that Nathaniel came to New York in the mid-1820s and married ca. 1830. His wife Sarah lived to be 82; I do not know when Nathaniel died. According to a handwritten insert in a Terrill family Bible (publ 1858), he did indeed have 15 children, born between c. 1830 and 1845 (almost one per year!): *i.* Sophronia (mar.c. 1863); *ii.* Mary Jane; *iii.* Hannah; *iv.* Nathaniel; *v.* Sarah; *vi.* died; *vii.* Thomas Stephen (1837-1914); *viii.* & *ix.* died; *x.* Irijah (named after his grandfather); *xi.* died; *xii.* Alma; *xiii.* Garret Lewis (1843-1910, fought and was wounded in the Civil War); *xiv.* Ellen Marie and *xv.* Emma.

Thomas Stephen Terrill⁷ was born at 87 Wooster Street in Greenwich Village, NYC on 18 August 1837. He married Sarah Podger, born in Exeter, Devonshire, England, who was his exact age to the day! They had six children: *i.* Eva Mary (1858-1925); *ii.* Thomas Read (my great grandfather, 1860-19?); *iii.* Lillian Amelia (1870-1925); *iv.* Samuel Podger (1873-1925); *v.* Bessie Emily (1876-1911) and *vi.* Florence Margaret



From a drawing by
Thomas Read⁸ Terrill
Painter, Jersey City, NJ

(1878-1942). Mother Sarah was the general and when food and supplies ran low, threw Thomas Stephen out of their new house in Jersey City, sent him to his Greenwich Village artist loft to create works of art to sell. He would return home several weeks later with a wagon load of goods, forgiven and accepted back into the fold.

All of the children were artistic--several paintings, sketches and chalk drawings survive. Sons Tom and Sam also made their livings through their art; Lillian and Bessie went to the Pratt Institute for hat and clothes design (Bessie may also have been the most talented painter). The youngest, Florence, was a concert pianist, performing in New York City at the turn of the century, frequently heard with orchestras Walter Damrosch conducted. Her son, Gordon, who tragically died in a automobile accident at 25, was a talented pianist with his own "big band". Sam's sons Robert and Stephen were both artists, Robert making his living through his art, painting murals, designing town coat-of-arms and, since he was also good-looking, serving as the model for Camel billboards in the 40s (perhaps you remember the poster of the man sitting in his easy chair with his dog at his feet). Eva's daughter, Bessie, was in demand as a contralto soloist in oratorio and cantatas.

My grandmother Adelaide⁹ Terrill fostered art and music among her five daughters, each playing one wind instrument, one stringed instrument and piano,---with everyone practicing before school each day. My mother, Lillian, was a prolific artist in various media--oils, water-colors, mosaics, textiles, pastels--a professional musician (contralto soloist, pianist) and dramatist; a real Renaissance woman.



Pamela Paulin

(a) New York City Directories contain fascinating information on all facets of life in the City, from ferry schedules (in some cases, every three minutes from early morning to late at night!), fares coachmen may charge, all churches, schools, police and fire stations--everything one would need to know to live there.

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People are what they are because they have come out of what was.

Carl Sandburg

THOMAS TERRILL OF NEW JERSEY

In the last issue of the newsletter we examined Thomas Terrill of Southold, LI. We will now examine Thomas² son of Roger¹.

In the Milford, Connecticut Land Records, Volume 3, p. 134 is a deed executed by Thomas Terrill, which reads in part:

"This deed of sale made this seventeenth day of May in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand six hundred ninty and four WITNESSETH that Thomas Terrill of Essex County in the Province of East Jersey for and in consideration of a considerable matter of vallow [value] in hand received already to my content Have given granted bargained and sold and do by these presents give grant bargain and sell unto my brother Daniel Terrill of Milford in the County of Newhaven in the Colony of Connecticut in New England severall parcels of land hereafter mentioned which was part of my inheritance and portion in my fathers lands who was late of Milford deceased, namely one parcell of sale meadow lying in the great meadow containing about two acres bounded with the Beech or Sea South, with John Uffits meadow East, with a Creek North and with brother Samuel Terrill his meadow West; also another parcell of meadow containing about two acres lying in the Oyster meadow in two parts or pieces bounded with Ephraim Smith his meadow North with the highway or Comon West and a Creek East also one parcell of Upland lying on Oyster miner plain which was brother Joseph Terrill last part of his division of land late of Milford deceased--which land is bounded with land that was Roger Newtons East 40 rods and a path South 24 rods, and with land that was Mr. Thomas Oviatts west 40 rods and with Comon North 24 rods containing in all six acres, also one other parcell of land in the West field comonly called the Rock lott containing about twenty and three acres bounded with brother John Terrill his land East with Nothrupp land South, with Beards land West and with a highway North, all which above said parcells of upland and meadow which was formerly my fathers Roger Terrill late of Milford deceased and my said brother Josephs late of said Milford deceased now my said brother Daniel Terrill his heirs and assigns shall have and hold....In wittness whereof I the abovesaid Thomas Terrill have hereunto set my hand and date the day and year first above written." [Recorded May 25, 1694.]

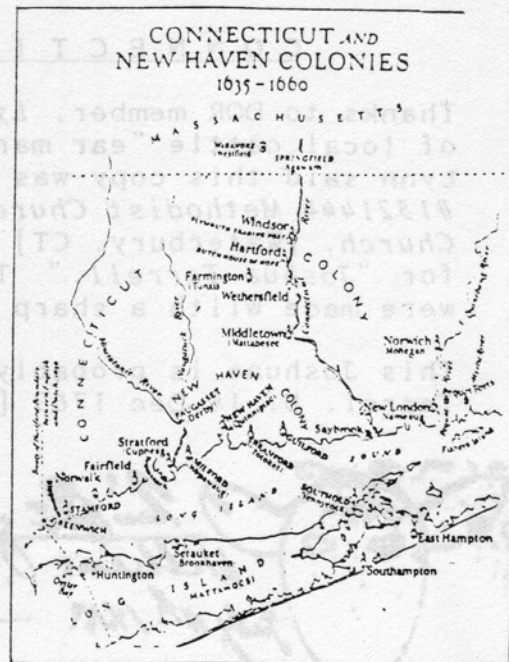
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This document leaves little doubt that Thomas², son of Roger¹ was of Essex, New Jersey as of 17 May 1694. A Milford deed of 29 June 1688 shows "Thomas Terrell of East Hampton upon Long Island"...not Southold. This deed further identifies his land "situate in Milford aforesaid which did formerly belong to my honourable father Roger Terrell of said Milford deceased," which he is selling to Daniel Terrell.

It would seem that historians mistook the Milford Thomas² who lived for a time in East Hampton for the Thomas who was of Southold/Mattituck. East Hampton was settled in 1649 by about thirty families from Lynn, Massachusetts and the towns adjacent. The town continued an independent plantation until 1657 when they put themselves under the jurisdiction of Connecticut. According to Rev. Ephraim Whitaker in his *History of Southold, L.I.*, "Easthampton, Long Island, in the beginning of its history, chose to put itself under the Government of Connecticut rather than unite with the Jurisdiction of New Haven:...but Southold effectively resisted [leaving the New Haven Colony for Connecticut]...and successfully maintained its original character." So as can be seen, in the early years these are two very distinct places...geographically, governmentally and theologically.



Thomas² first wife was Margaret Dayton, who died c. 1684 [Torrey]. Margaret is the granddaughter of the original immigrant, Ralph Dayton, who settled in East Hampton in 1650. This would support the East Hampton connection. Margaret's father, Robert Dayton, in the codicil to his will of 11 Feb 1711 provides for his granddaughter, Mary Terrill.

Thomas² m. 2nd Mary Hampton and by 1694 was of East Essex, NJ. Unfortunately the records of East Hampton do not show baptisms, marriages and deaths until September of 1696 so some exact dates are lost to us.

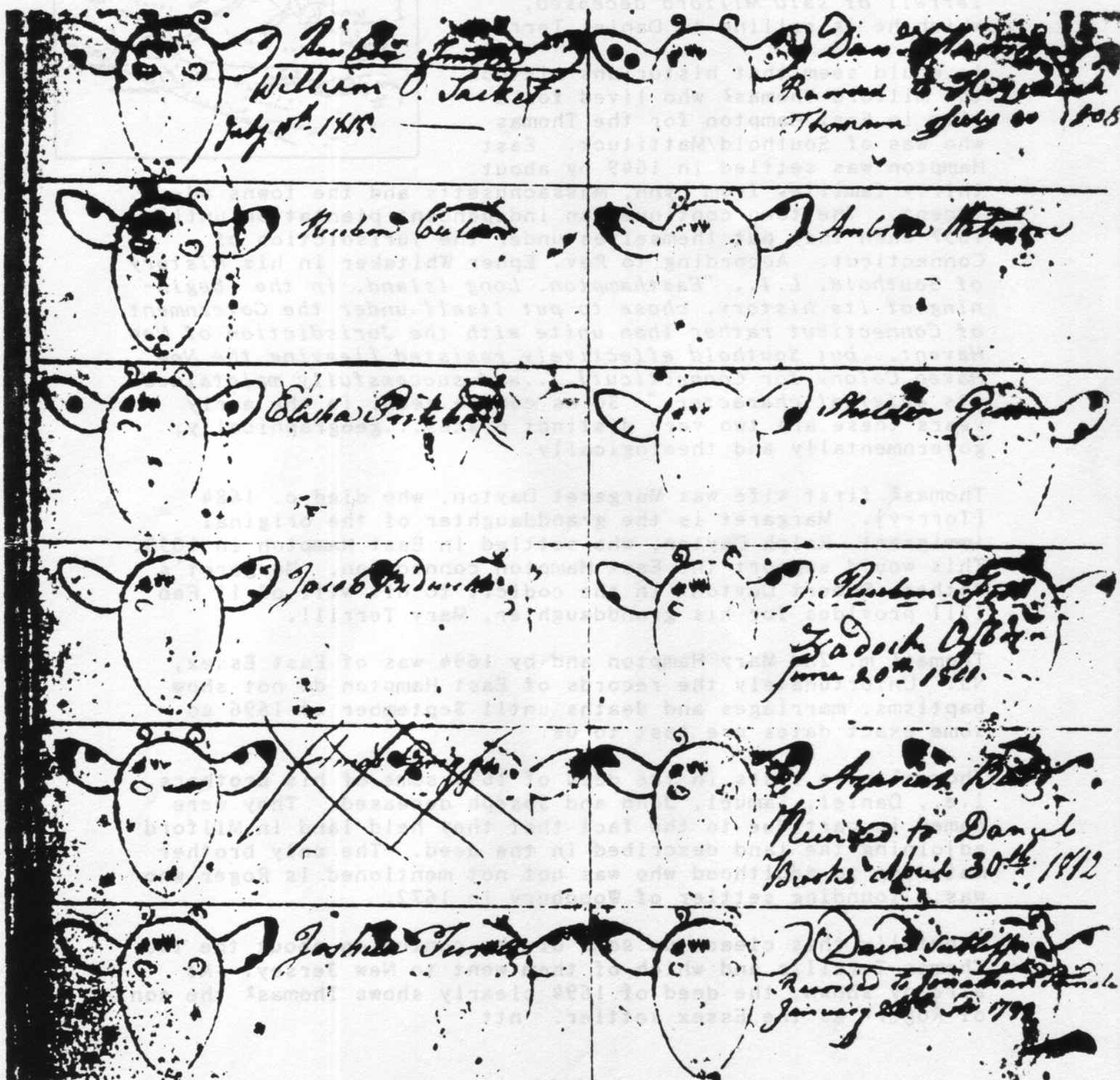
Thomas² also lists in the deed of 1694 some of his brothers, i.e., Daniel, Samuel, John and Joseph deceased. They were named in part due to the fact that they held land in Milford adjoining the land described in the deed. The only brother maturing to adulthood who was not mentioned is Roger who was a founding settler of Woodbury in 1672.

Hopefully this clears up some of the confusion about the two Thomas Terrills and which of them went to New Jersey. As already shown, the deed of 1694 clearly shows Thomas² the son of Roger¹ as the Essex settler. ntt

CONNECTICUT "EAR MARKS"

Thanks to DOR member, Lynn Sandell, we can see the record of local cattle "ear marks" used for identification c. 1800. Lynn said this copy was made from the "last part of film #1521444 Methodist Church records & Olde Congregational Church, [Waterbury, CT] several pages." Note the ear marks for "Joshua Terrell." These ear marks, or cuts and notches, were made with a sharp tool such as a knife.

This Joshua6 is probably the son of Matthew5 & Mary (Parker) Terrel. b. 16 Dec 1769 [Joshua4, Gamaliel3, John2, Roger1].



JOSIAH⁴ TERRILL FAMILY IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

According to Anderson's *History of Waterbury, Connecticut*, Capt. Josiah⁴ Terrill (Josiah³, John², Roger¹) commanded a company of minute men of Lt. Col. Stanley's Regiment, who responded to the alarm of Tryon's invasion of Connecticut and the New Haven Alarm of 5 July 1779. His company, composed of 60 troops, was called the Ring-bone Company. (A ring-bone is a bony growth just above a horse hoof often causing lameness ...in other words they were there to harry and hopefully cripple the enemy. in true minute men fashion.)

Josiah⁴ was an experienced military man having served during the Colonial Wars in the campaign of 1755 when Capt. Slapp's Regiment was organized and in the pay of New York; and commanded Company C in 1766. As a regular, he was a Capt. in Col. Cook's Regiment in 1777 with 10 "able men" in his command.

Josiah⁴, was bap. November of 1732 in Milford, CT and married Eunice Hoadley, daughter of William, 22 Dec 1756. Two of their sons, Joel⁵ b. 23 July 1757 and Elihu⁵ b. 8 Apr 1759 also fought in the Revolution.

Anderson puts the Revolutionary service of our Connecticut ancestors in perspective by explaining that *"it is estimated that at this time [summer 1776] Connecticut had fully twenty thousand men in the service, while her available force did not exceed twenty-three thousand.*

"Waterbury men enlisted in six of the eight companies forming Col. Douglas's regiment [5th Battalion, Wadsworth Brigade] of which Phinease Porter was Major. Every commissioned officer of its 4th company was from Waterbury...with Capt. John Lewis, Jr. as 1st Lieut...seventeen names are given of those who received their discharge at a later date. Fifteen of the seventeen were from Waterbury." Among those fifteen names are those of "Elihu Tirrel" and his cousin "Jared Terril".

In the battle of Long Island in August of 1776, *"Major Porter's regiment... 'was in the thickest of the fight...' In the retreat from Long Island to New York, Major Porter is said to have been in the last boat which put off in the fog from the Brooklyn shore.*

"About two weeks later, September 15th, an attack was made upon New York. The 5th battalion, under Col. Douglas, to which Major Porter belonged, with the 4th company under Capt. Lewis...was stationed at Kip's Bay. This was near Thirty-fourth street. The main body of the army was then at Harlem Heights. The British ships ascended the North and the East rivers, and their fires swept across the whole island, under cover of which, Howe landed near Kip's Bay." This proximity proved too much and the troops fled although Major Porter was taken prisoner and suffered nearly three months of hunger and imprisonment. This battalion was at the battle of White Plains, October 28 and the term expired 25 December 1776.

Serving in other companies were: Sgt. Enoch Terrell, 1st company; and, Eliakim Terrill, 3rd company.

Elihu⁵ also served in Hooker's Regiment under Capt. Curtis and was discharged from that service 21 May 1777.

Joel⁵ was in the 10th Company of the Continental 10th Regiment which was organized in 1775 "for the safety of the colony." His uncle Israel⁴ Terrell of Milford was 2nd Lieutenant for this company. During the Revolution, Service records show Joel joined the Munson Company 26 May 1777, was Cpl. 2 Mar 1778 and discharged 26 May 1780 having served for three years.

The following pension records were abstracted by G. Richard Handrick:

ELIHU TERREL (roll 2358) - Pension S.3773. Served as private in Conn. troops. Pension application dated 8 August 1833, while Elihu, age 74 yrs, was resident of Ridgeville, Lorain co., OH. He enlisted in April 1776 while living in Waterbury, New Haven co., CT. He was discharged Christmas day 1776. His service record includes several battles. He was drafted again in 1778 and served one month. Elihu was b. Waterbury, CT in 1758, and lived there until about 20 years ago [i.e. c. 1813], then moved to Lorain co., where he now lives. Testament to truth of Elihu's statements given by Jared Terrel, aged 75, who also served in the Revolution. [Jared⁵ cousin, son of Moses⁴ of Josiah³.]

JOEL TERRILL (roll 2358) - Pension W.4353. Served 3 years, from 1777, as corporal in Conn. troops. Joel Terrill, of Lorain co., OH, d 22 March 1825. A deposition, dated 9 Nov 1837, by Elihu Terrill, named as brother of Joel, states that Joel lived in New Haven co., Conn., until 1810, when he moved to Ridgeville, Lorain co., OH, residence of Elihu Terrill. A short military record of Joel enlisting spring 1775 at New Milford, Conn., states that one commander was Israel Terrell. Elihu was a substitute for his brother for a short time in the war. Eunice Terril [sic], in a deposition dated 9 Nov 1837, stated she was age 79 on 9 Sept 1837 [i.e. b 9 sept 1758], that she m. Joel in December 1778, and that he d 22 March 1825. Giving more on his service record, she stated that Joel lived in Waterbury, New Haven co., Conn., at the time of enlistment. She repeated some of this in another deposition for widow's benefit, dated 15 Nov 1837 and given at Elyria, OH.

A Bible record, furnished by David Beebe, Belinda Beebe, and Molly Terrill, gives the following statistics:

Joel Terrill [sic] b 13 July 1757 Eunice Hodge b 9
Sept 1758 & m. 30 Dec 1778
Wyllys b 15 Feb 1780
Polly b 5 May 1785 d 12 Apr 1805 ae 19y 11m 7d

A Pension Bureau letter, dated 10 Dec 1923, gives all these matters clearly. There is other correspondence, but no petition by Joel for pension, only by his widow, Eunice.

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Interments at Fair Haven, 1842: May 15 Wife of DARIUS
TYRRELL age 31, disease Pneumonitis.

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DOR member Donna Northuis sent this picture taken at the Terrill family reunion on the homestead south of Hudson, MI in 1934. The ladies are from left - Levancha "Loa" (Millins) McQueen 1862-1956, daughter of James and Mary (Trumbull) Millins; and Mary Blanche⁸ (Terrill) Hawkins 1862-1936, daughter of Jerome⁷ and Melinda (Campbell) Terrill. The men from left to right are Charlie⁸ Terrill 1877-1958, Rome⁸ Terrill, Jr. 1876-1943; Guy⁸ Terrill 1872-1935; Jim⁸ Terrill 1870-1948, and George⁸ Terrill 1867-1935; all of them were sons of Jerome⁷ and Mary (Trumbull Millins) Terrill. [Hiram⁶, Zalmon⁵, George, Jr.⁴, George³, Daniel², Roger¹.]



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