

***THESE ARTICLES WERE GIVEN TO ME YEARS AGO FROM MY FATHER. I CAN'T TELL YOU WHERE HE OBTAINED THEM. THE REV DAVID BADGLEY IS BURIED ON THE FARM WHERE I GREW UP, AND BECAUSE OF MY INTEREST IN THE FAMILY AND THE CEMETARY, MY FATHER SHARED THE INFORMATION WITH ME.***

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**A SHORT SKETCH OF THE BADGLEY FAMILY**

Seeing that there has been whole families disappear since my recollection, I will give a short sketch of the Badgley family and neighborhood. The Shooks have all disappeared, the Simpsons, the Beers, the Bonehams, the Marmies, the Hands, and the Teters. None left to tell the story, knowing that I must soon pass away I wish to leave this bit of history for future reference. Most of the above were relatives of the Badgley's. ***This is written by Elijah Badgley, 1887.***

We start with my grandfather David Badgley. The Rev. David and Rhoda Badgley, his wife, my grandparents on father's side Adam and Eva Stroud on mother's side. They all emigrated from Hardy Co., Virginia to this country arriving at Kaskaskia on the 4th of July 1797. He left 300 acres of land on the Alleghany Mountains that he never sold and it remains so to this day. He owned a foundry there that he sold for continental money which he brought with him to this country. Finally they thought it worthless and it was destroyed in various ways.

Anthony Badgley, a brother of the Rev. David, emigrated to this country with David. He had three sons and five daughters. Simion Badgley and Eliza Dixon is all that is now living, they still live on Athony's farm that was settled ten miles west of Waterloo on what is known as Bonds Lake and farmed there. Then moved to the place were John Badgley now lives, his great grandson. He bought 400 acres of land there in 1840 and his descendants still own most of it. As the family married off they settled around him and followed farming. His family consisted of five boys and four girls. The boys Aaron, Jobe, David, Ichabod, and Abrug. The girls, Mary, Betsy, Rachel, and Priscilla. He was born in Essex Co., New Jersey in 1749. Emigrated to Hardy Co., Virginia in 1768.

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He (Rev David Badgley) died Dec. 1824 at the age of 75 years. Rhoda, his wife was born 1752 died 1835, her maiden name was Roda Valentine. Her father was John of Long Island. Eldest son of Rev. David, Aaron was born in Hardy Co., VA. 1773 he married Hethy Strawther, moved to this country in 1797. His wife and two children died the first year they were here. In 1799 he married Catherine Strand, they had five boys and three girls -- Isaac, Adam, Elijah, Strather, and David. The girls were Pedidah, Rebecca, and Eva. They all raised families. He died Dec 29th, 1858, being 85 years old. Was a

member of the Baptist Church for fifty years. He served as justice of the peace for 8 years and served as a ranger on the frontier in 1812 and 1815. He made a trip to Virginia in 1813, which took six months on horseback to make while this was still a territory. He hauled the first goods to Springfield that were sold there. He hauled in the winter when it was very cold. The goods were for Gov. Edwards. Then Springfield was a small place, three log houses, one shoe shop, one blacksmith shop, etc. There were no bridges across creeks, after he left Edwardsville on Koko creek. He had to keep to the dividing ridges between creeks. One night on the trip he had to camp out, couldn't make it from one settlement to another. His camp was north of where Bunker Hill is now. He made three trips that winter with a five horse team. He took his son Adam, then a small boy with him. In the early days he had what they call a hand mill to grind wheat and corn. It was the only mill in 15 miles. His buggy then was a one horse cart, there being no buggies in the country at that time. Men and women all rode horseback. In 1807 he took a trip across the State into Arkansas afoot and alone. There he joined Col., Titsworth and they in a piroque went down to the mouth of the Arkansas River, then from there up to the Post of Arkansas to assist one of his sister with a small family to move up to her fathers.

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That trip was attended with great difficulties and hardships. They attempted to pack on horseback across to New Madrid without a road or guide. It was in the dry season and they suffered greatly for water, having been three days and nights without water. They finally got through safely and the family was raised to be grown. Isaac married Unity Taylor, they had four boys and five girls. Elijah married Sarah Simpson, she died, then he married Emily Estes and raised six boys and five girls. Adam married Eva Zanes, they had one boy and one girl. Strather married Priscilla Tate, they had seven boys and four girls. Priscilla died and he married Emily Moore. David married Amy Abbot, they had three boys and five girls. Pedidah married John Koen, they had six boys and four girls. Eva married Cornelious Retteninghouse, they had four girls. Rebecca married Wm. Tate, they had two boys, and six girls.

Anthony Badgley was born in 1760 in Hardy Co., Virginia settled on a piece of land 4 miles north of Belleville where Antone Fournie now lives. This was in 1804. He lived in a tent until he could build a house. The house is still standing in good shape this is 1888. He died in 1837. He married a women by the name of Elizabeth Denbo, now age 78 better known as old Aunt Betty. They were members of the Baptist Church and must esteemed by all who knew them. They seemed to live easy and contented. Everything seemed to pass off smoothly and pleasantly with them. Uncle used to have an old black bob tailed pony, one that he rode while he was out on ranger service. He called it darky. He would get out on that pony to hoop up the hounds on the chase which he was quite fond of. He never craved office, was never in an uproar with his neighbors. His family and number of grandchildren that lived to be grown; Hiram eldest son married Rhoda Hand. They had two boys and three girls.

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Simion the second son married Louisa Reed. They had one boy, and two girls. Butler the third son married Elizabeth Smirls. They had two boys and three girls. The eldest daughter of Anthony, Dema, married twice. Last husband was Solomon Teter. They had two girls. Second daughter Nancy married Joseph Beer. They had three boys and five girls. Third daughter, Elizabeth married Thos. Beer. They had four boys and one girl. Fourth daughter Delina married Wm. Abbot. They had two girls. The fifth daughter Eliza married three times. The last time to George Dixon. They had one boy and three girls. Simion Badgley was born 1806 and died Sept 8, 1890.

Jobe Badgley, second son of Rev. David Badgley was born in Hardy Co., Virginia August 1, 1788. He emigrated to this country with his father in 1797. He was raised on a farm, but thinking it a hard way of living with **olf wooden mallord**, plain wooden harrow, and the reap hook or sicle as it was called in those days, he took up the trade of making and laying brick. He made the first brick that were made in this part of the country. His kiln was on the branch of John Hartman's farm at the **old ford**, and the branch has been called brickyard branch ever since. The brick he made was what they called slab brick, used bo sand, the molds were dipped in water, the brick were tough enough, but it was terrible gaummy and nasty work. He married Micha Wilderman and improved the place where Joseph Million now lives. He put a saw mill and ran it with oxen. The oxen walked on a large inclined wheel. He also bought a water mill out on silver creek, saw mill also. He built the first brick house where Centreville now is, for a man by the name of Glass. He built the first brick house on what is now the Westfield Plank road at the junction of the Collinsville road for one of the Whitesides, but the house like the builder has long since disappeared. Although brought up in early times he was no hunter, he raised a large family and it was a great place of resort.

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He went to Texas and died April 11th 1854. His wife was born Dec 12th 1793 and died Feb 22nd, 1856. They raised eight boys and two girls. This would be ten grandchildren of the Elder David. John born Sept 26th 1813, died June 8th 1852. Benj. born Dec 11th 1816, died Sept 11th 1842. David born April 25th 1819, married twice Harriet Badgley, she died then he married Roda Whiteside. They had five boys and four girls. Aaron born Jan 29th 1821, died March 25th 1849. Never married. George born Feb 28th 1826, died Feb 1st 1874. He married Roda Brown. They had two boys and four girls. Peter born Aug 30th 1828, He married Loretta Wilderman. They had two boys and three girls. He died about 1910 or 1912. William W. born Feb 22, 1832, married twice. Sady Rittenhouse was his first wife, the second was America Roads. They had three boys and one girl. Thomas died in infancy. Emily born Oct. 14th, 1811, died Oct 4, 1843, she married Solman Spann. They had one boy and three girls. Roseta born April 17, 1823, died in March 1854, married Charles Scott. They had three boys and two girls. Making 17 girls and 16 boys, a total of 33 grandchildren of Jobe. David the 3rd son of Rev David Badgley was born in Hardy Co., Virginia, emigrated to this country with his father in 1797 to buff against hardships of a new country and the west. I never saw him but have heard the older ones talk about him. He was killed by a horse throwing him against a tree in 1811. He married and raised four children. Absolam, Abrum, Percilla, and

Sarah. His widow married a man by the name of Porter. They had two sons.

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This makes four grandchildren of the Rev David. Percilla married four times, her first husband was Issac Ogle. She had seven boys, and two girls. Sarah married Peter Caslin and had one boy and two girls. Abram married Rebecca Simpson and had four boys and three girls. He has been dead about thirty years. Absolam married Nellie Enoch, they had two boys and five girls. He was born in 1805, Nellie in 1804. This makes 26 grandchildren of the Elder David.

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*Jan. 1890*

Ichabod, fourth son of the Rev David was born in Hardy Co., Virginia in 1790. He died in St. Clair Co., Ill in 1856. He married three times, his first wife was Betsy Atcheson. He raised a family of two sons, and seven girls. He settled on a place in the bottom's known as Bonds Lake in Monroe County, and lived there until it became necessary for him to move up and care for his father and mother. He cared for them while they lived, then hired the home and lived on it until his death. That is the place where his grandson now lives, John P. Badgley. I think that the place was settled in 1804 or 1805. He served as Justice of the Peace four years, was fond of vocal music and taught singing some. Was a member of the Baptist Church. Raised a family of nine children, two boys, and seven girls. His oldest son Ephraim married Melinda Little. They raised a family of seven, four boys and three girls. His son David married a Jones. They moved to Texas, their number not known. Three girls and two boys died in Arkansas. The eldest daughter Mahala married John Haskins, he died, then she married a man by the name of Clampet, they had one son and one daughter. Hannah married Obed Harrison, no children. Rhoda married John Tate, they had three boys and two girls. Pega married Joseph Whiteside and had four boys and three girls. Poly married Ichabod Jones, they had one daughter. Jones died then she married Anthony Akeman, she died in Gillespie, Illinois.

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Rosetta married Paten Pritchett, they moved to Oregon, number of children not known. Lisbeth married a man by the name of Franklin.

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*Written in 1891*

Abrum, 5th son of the Rev. David Badgley was born in Hardy Co., Virginia in 1793. Died in St. Clair Co., Illinois in 1857. He came to this country with his father in 1797. He was a pleasant man to get along with and firm in his opinion. When he undertook anything, he gave it a fair trial before he gave it up. Never seemed to be in a worry or push about his work and was a good farmer. He liked most of the early settlers, served as a ranger to guard the frontiers and keep the Redman at bay. He would sometimes pull teeth to relieve the sufferers of their pain but never charged for the service. He served one term as Justice of the Peace. He also served as assessor for St. Clair Co., for one term. Also as Co. Commissioner twice. He built an ox mill, but sold it and retired from business. He settled the place where his grandson now lives, James Alton Badgley. He used to ride a horse he called "Tome". This was a great saddle horse, he never stopped for a fence, when he was out on a chase with the hounds, but would tell old "Tome" to go on over when they came to a rail fence. He was married three times, his first wife was Rachel Bonham, they had seven children, then he married the widow Henly, and had one girl by her. Abrums family is as follows: Martin married Percilla Smirls, they had six boys and five girls. He died Feb 19th 1888 in Bates Co., Mo. Rufina married Wm. Helum, they had three boys and one girl, she died in High Prarie. Rhoda married Samuel Ogle, they had four boys and three girls. She died out in Kansas. Martha married James Ogle, they had two boys and one girl. She died in Adams Co., Ill.

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Hannah married Wm. Benson, they had one child. She died in St. Clair Co. Suffie married Johnson, they had two boys and one girl. She also died in St. Clair Co. Polly married three times, 1st to Wm. Stanley, then Atcheson, then Noah Pate, she had four girls. Nancy Pane married Tollbert Smirls, they had five boys and four girls. They live in Macaupin Co., Ill.

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*Written in 1890*

Mary, oldest daughter of the Rev. David Badgley, born in Hardy Co., VA. came to this country with her parents. She married Pemira Hand and they settled on a piece of land that her father gave them, where Marion Badgley now lives. They raised a family of two boys and seven girls. They sold the place and moved to Green Co., Ill. Both died near Greenfield, Ill. They owned a good farm at their death. Seemed to live honest and upright. Seemed to be a rather bad manager. Two of the girls went to Texas and one to California, and what became of the family, God only knows. They all disappeared from this part of the country. Names of her children were Soleman, Rachel, Rebecca, Stephen, Rhoda, Sarah, Persilla, Milla and Terinda.

Betsy, second daughter of the Rev. David came to this country with her parents from Virginia, 1797. She married three times, first to a man by the name of Starr, they had one son.. He (Starr) died, then she married Titsworth, and had a son by him. Titsworth died and she married Poel Smith and had a daughter by him. Her two sons lived and died in

Montgomery Co., Ill, near Hillsborough. One of her grandsons is County Surveyor of Montgomery Co., and lives at Litchfield.

Rachel, third daughter of Rev. David Badgley came here with her parents. She married Daniel Starr, they raised a family of six, three boys and three girls. They lived on a place in Monroe Co., near Bonds Lake. He was a farmer, but they only lived to be about 60 years old. Their youngest son, Daniel married and moved to Texas, and died there, his widow is still living.

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She stays with her son Burton. Rachel's children, Permira married Crosia Tuning. Henry married Betsy Narkow, Daniel married Phillipe Penn, Catherine married three times, last one named Malone. Rhoda married three times last one named Henry Rhiley.

Parsila, 4th daughter of Rev. David Badgley came to this country with her parents in 1897. She married Soloman Teter. They had no children, and lived on a piece of land where Unity Church now stands. She was unhealthy and died at about the age of 35 years. Next I will try to give the number of the Rev. David's grandchildren, which I figure is 55. They are now scattered over nearly all the United States.

### **THE STROUD FAMILY**

My grandparents on mother's side, the old folks were Adam and Eva. They came from Virginia and raised a family of eight, Adam, Samuel, Peter, Catherine, my mother Rebecca, Susan, Polly, and Betsy. They owned a tract of land in the bottoms of Monroe County, north of Fountain Creek. The old folks died there, then the children left there and went to Arkansas, and never sold the land. I believe that two of their heirs sold their undivided interest. It has since sold for taxes. The son, Adam kept a Post Office somewhere in Arkansas for a long time. Susan and Samuel came back. She married a man by the name of Goacher and had no children. Sam died in Jersey Co., Ill.

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Isaac, the oldest son of Aaron Badgley was born in Monroe Co., Ill. in 1800, died in Washington Co., Ill. He married Unity Taylor, they had a family of ten, five boys and five girls, Abigah, Joseph, Louis, Billington, Rufus, Hethe, Catherine, Maryann, Samantha, and Amy. He was never satisfied in one place, but moved from place to place, always on the move. Five of the children were dull, two went blind and two to the asylum. When he died he owned a place in Washington County and twenty acres here. He seemed to live hard and poor but honest. Two of his boys were engineers. His wife was a good woman and a worker.

Elijah, second son of Aaron Badgley was born in St. Clair Co., Ill. June 15th 1802. Now the oldest Badgley on record being 86 years old. He married Sarah Simpson. They had three boys and three girls. She died and then he married Emily Estes, they had three boys and two girls. she died in 1869. He had a great deal of sickness in his family. He was almost blind for 2 years, finally one of his eyes bursted, since then he has had better

health. He made a brock to build his house, 1829, the house stood until 1887 and then burned down. He has studied a great deal on perpetual motion, but one side was always too heavy or the other too light. He was always fond of debating in school and was a good debater. The names of his children were, George W., Alpheus, Atlas, Shadrick, John, Edgar, Rhoda, Susan, Harriet, Eliza, and Hannah.

Adam, the third son of Aaron, was born in St. Clair Co., Ill. Jan. 31, 1813, died Jan 17th, 1899. He married Eva Zanes Aug 17th, 1834 on a Sunday. She was born in Monroe Co., Ill. March 29th, 1809, died Dec 16th, 1893. He had two children, Rebecca and Austin. Rebecca married Wm. Boggy. She died Sept. 1864. Austin born Nov 24th, 1845, married Jennie Henderson July 1, 1872. Went to housekeeping were Gus Jeffrey now lives in a log cabin, no floor, the household goods were few and home made, no stove, but cooked by the fireplace, ate corn dodgers, squirrels and some times venison. When I was a boy at home father had an ox team and an old stiff horse that we worked in the lead in plowing. I would drive the team, and punch the weeds out from under the team and one of the others would carry a paddle to clean the old barshair plow. Father took me with him to haul goods to Springfield, I think about 1855. He now had a splendid team, he made three trips that winter and it was very cold. We had no bridges after we left Edwardsville.

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The goods were for Gov. Edwards and they were the first goods ever sold in Springfield. They were hauled from Belleville. Ephraim and I bought the first reaper that was run in the settlement. Ealen Messenger and Whit Scott had one up near O'Fallon. I had never saw one run before. The trouble was that the ground was not prepared as it is now. Apple and peach trees scattered around over the fields, then there was a lot of sassafras and to persium sprouts. When we came to them we had to stop and cut them out. After the second year we had all and more than we could cut. I invented the first horse scraper that was used in the County. *This was written in 1890.*

Anthony Strother, forth son of Aaron was born in St. Clair Co., Ill. He married Percilla Tate. They had seven boys and four girls. Aaron, Wilson, Albert, Morgan, Alonzo, Asbery, Elma, Milly, Ann, Elizabeth, and Malissa. His wife died Feb. 1869. She was a good quiet peaceable women. She came from Pennsylvania. They lived where Gus Jeffrey now lives. After she died he married Emily Moore, nee Simpson. He left that place the spring of 1876 and moved to Bates Co., Mo. He has done well there dealing in stock. Here I must tell of a trade he and brother David made when we were boys at home. He and David had to gather goose eggs and they had two little calves. So David traded Strother his calf for his claim on the goose eggs. So Strother is still dealing in calves and doing well.

David, fifth son of Aaron was born in St. Clair Co., Ill. in 1817 and died in Jasper Co., Ill. in 1878. He married Amy Abbott. She was from Indiana. They had three boys, John, William, and Frank and five girls, Flora, Martha, Nancy, Lizzie, and Malissa. They moved to Randolph Co., Ill. Finally he and his wife separated. He went to Jasper Co.,

Ill. and died there. He left the place in Randolph County for his widow and children. The widow and two youngest daughters are now living in St. Louis, Mo. He always seemed to take hold of business in the middle and work backwards. He raised a respectable family.

Pedidah, oldest daughter of Aaron, was born in St. Clair Co., in 1804. She married John, he was from Tennessee. They had five boys, Abram, Isaac, Elijah, Jacob, Strother, and William. Four girls, Rebecca, Martha, Nettie, and Malissa. They did a great deal of moving around. She died in 1845. He then married a French woman. Pedidah's children all dead but two, Abram and William. They served one summer in Blackhawk War. They studied a great deal on Spiritualism. I often laugh at a little mishap that happened to John when he was helping me plow corn. He had an old horse that he called Peter. As we were coming to dinner old Peter began to stumble and John slipped down on Peter's neck. the old horse kept trying to get up, but John being heavy the horse kept stumbling. The horse came down and John rolled off. I have a good notion to knock him in the head, said John.

Rebecca, second daughter of Aaron, was born in St. Clair Co., Ill. in 1806, died in 1858. She married Wm. Tate. They had two boys, Aaron and William. Six girls, Malinda, Louise, Hanah, Emily, Lotte, and Adline. Tate was a great reader, would often sit up until Twelve o'clock and read. But he fell back \$700.00 in 1850. He went to Cal. was six months on the way with an ox team, was sick while there and had to leave or die. Came home worse off than when he went. Sold his place, settled up his debts and moved to Randolph Co., Ill. Rebecca came up to Strother's and died. He lived there a number of years, sold the place and move to Vernon Co., Mo., and died in 1873. He came here from Fayette Co., Penn. He was fond of hunting and killed a great many deer. He served two summers in the Blackhawk War. He was too good to others for his own good.

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Eva Zanes Badgley died Dec. 16th 1802 at her home north of Belleville and was buried in the Aaron Badgley graveyard. Her maiden name was Eva Zanes. Her father, Nordica Zanes, and his brother which I think was James, came from Zanesville, Ohio to Illinois territory in about 1808. Nordica married Rebecca Stroud. He died in a few months. The brother returned to Zanesville. Nordica's wife shortly after his death had twins, two girls Margaret and Eva. Margaret died soon. They were born in 1809. They lived and he and the child died in the American Bottoms at Moredock Estes. They had four children, Eliza, born 1815 Shadrack, Ganar, and Emily. George Estes died and Rebecca was left again a widow, now with five children. However they kept the family together until about 1830, then the mother died. Then the children necessarily separated, Eva going to Aaron Badgley's, the Estes children to their Uncle Ichabod Valentine. Eva was married to Adam Badgley Aug 17th, 1834. They settled in the immediate neighborhood and in 1841 they moved to the old homestead where she died Dec 16th 1893. They raised two children Rebecca and Austin. Rebecca died and Austin and his father lived on the home place.

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Abrum, the fifth son of the Rev. David Badgley. (on all the old records in possession of this family his name is spelled Abraham). Therefore Abrum and Abraham are one and the same. Abraham was my great great grandfather and the Rev. David was my great great great grandfather. All of this Badgley history was recopied from written records that my Uncle William M. Badgley had in his possession in Sept. 1933. I am now this Dec 1973 recopying this history and will attempt to bring it up to date. Most of the following down to where the James A. (Alton) Badgley family end is part of the original history.

*Geo. R. Badgley, Dec 10th, 1973*

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### **RECORD OF THE FAMILY OF ABRAHAM BADGLEY**

Abraham Badgley was born in Hardy Co., Virginia, April 26th, 1793. Rachel Badgley (nee Bonham) his first wife was born in Jersey Nov 23rd. 1789. They were married July 30th, 1812. Their children were: Benjamin, born Feb 20th, 1813, Martin Jones born Oct. 30th, 1815, Polly born Oct 6th, 1817, Araminta born July 5th, 1819, Gillard born June 29th, 1821, Sophia born Oct. 31st, 1822, Martha born Dec. 16th, 1824, Hannah born April 7th, 1827, Rhoda Valentine born March 4th, 1829. A son was born May 30th, 1833, and Rachel Rufina born June 9th, 1835. Rachel, wife of Abraham died Sept 14th, 1835. His second wife was Arpha Johnson who was born Nov. 10, 1810, and was married to Abraham March 2, 1837. Their children were: the first daughter born dead March 26th, 1838, the second daughter also born dead Oct. 31, 1839. The third a son also born dead Nov. 6, 1841. Abraham Felix born Oct 25th, 1843, Nancy Jane born Sept 16th, 1845. Another son born dead Sept. 16th, 1847 and a daughter born dead Nov. 26th, 1850. Arpha, the second wife of Abraham died, Nov. 29th, 1850. The third marriage of Abraham was to Mrs. Syntha Henly, a widow. Deaths to children of Abraham and Rachel were as follows: Benjamin died July 10th, 1814, Gillard died Sept. 11, 1821, Jasper Newton, died Aug. 13th, 1835, Araminta died Aug. 14th, 1835, Hannah died Aug. 19th, 1849, Rhoda died March 29th, 1874, Martin Jones died Feb. 19th, 1888. Deaths to children of Abraham and Arpha were as follows: Abraham Felix, died March 4th, 1854. Abraham Badgley died March 7th, 1857.

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The record of the Rev. Martin Jones Badgley family, second son of Abraham Badgley. He was born Oct. 30th, 1815. His wife Perscilla Badgley, nee Smirls was born Dec 12th, 1817. They married Oct 30th, 1835. Their children were as follows: Sarah Ann born June 17th, 1837, James A. born May 10th, 1839, Alfred Thompson born Nov 17th, 1840, Mary Maranda born March 17th, 1842, a boy born May 18th, 1844, Cornelia born July 22, 1846, Jasper Newton born May 15th, 1849, Celia Jane born Nov 13th, 1851, William Abraham born Dec 1st, 1853, Leander Hanibal born Oct 27th, 1856, and Martha Bell born Nov 23, 1858.

The deaths of the Martin family is as follows: Jasper Newton died Aug 15th, 1850, Cornelia Abagal died Dec 8, 1853, Mary Maranda died Jan 3, 1854, Leander H. died Oct 20, 1888, Alfred T. died Aug. 20, 1891, Sarah Ann died Aug. 6, 1909, Martha Bell died July 9, 1922, James A. died Aug. 15, 1922, Celia Jane died March 31, 1927, and William A. died June 3, 1933. The Rev. Martin Badgley died Feb 19, 1888 and his wife died Aug 13, 1897.

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The record of the family of James Alton Badgley. The first son of Martin and Perscilla Badgley, my grandfather James A. Badgley was born May 10, 1839. His wife Lucy Badgley nee Sissom was born Jan. 30, 1849. Both were born in St. Clair Co., Ill. They were married Nov 26, 1865. Their children were as follows: James Russell, and a twin brother born Aug 24, 1866, the twin brother lived about two months and died, Luella Jane born Aug 1, 1869, Cora Perscilla born June 11, 1874, William Martin born July 27, 1876, and Leander Hanibal born Oct 30, 1888. J. Russell Badgley oldest son of James Alton Badgley married Lillian Badgley, nee Phillips Aug 12th, 1896. They had four children, George born Jan 29, 1898, Edith born in July 1901, she lived three days and died, Claude A. born July 17, 1904, William H. born July 27th, 1906. Luella Jane married William Ebert and they had two children, one girl and one boy Cynthia and Russell.

Cora Priscilla married Henry Stites and had one son, Ralph. William Martin married late in life having stayed home with his parents until their death. At their death he bought the farm and lived their with his Uncle William Abraham. They batched until William A's. death. This farm was some of the acreage purchased in the very early 1800's and the house was erected in 1812 and remodeled in about 1903 or 4. The logs were covered outside with weatherboarding and inside it was plastered. Also three additional rooms were added, one down and two up. James A. Badgley died Aug. 15, 1922. His wife Lucy died Oct. 25, 1926. They are buried in the cemetery at Shiloh, Ill. Wm. Martin Badgley married shortly after the death of Wm. Abraham. He married Jennie McCann of Albion, Ill. Daughter of Rev. McCann. In a short while he came down with a heart condition, sold the farm and moved to Belleville. He died in 1953 and is buried in Albion, Ill.

Leander H. married Catherine Schauchner who lived in O'Fallon Ill. They bought an acre of land from his father, built themselves a home and lived in it several years then sold the home and moved to O'Fallon, Ill. where Lee and his two girls are now living. Virginia was born Sept. 10, 1918, and Mildred was born Nov. 12th, 1922. They have never married and have remained at home with their parents. Catherine (Aunt Christy we called her) passed away Jan 12, 1968. She is buried in the O'Fallon Cemetery.

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The Record of the family of James Russell Badgley, eldest son of James A. Badgley.

J. Russell Badgley was born Aug 24th, 1866. His wife Lillian Badgley nee Phillips, was born June 17, 1873. They were married Aug. 12, 1896.

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Their children were: George Russell, born Jan 29, 1898. Edith Lillian, born July 20, 1901, and died July 23, 1901, Claude Alton born July 17, 1904, and William Henry born July 27, 1906. All were born in St. Clair Co., Ill., about 5 miles north of Belleville and in Caseyville Township and were raised on a farm. At the age of 75 years our father Russell (he used Russell as his given name), had a severe heart attack and from then on was unable to do any hard labor, so he sold the farm and moved to Swansea where he and mother lived with his son William, until his death Dec 18, 1945. Mother continued to live there a short while and then moved with her son Claude in Belleville. She lived there until the age of 89, then fell and broke a hip. We then had to place her in a nursing home until the time of her death. She died the 14th, 1967 at the age of 94. Both are buried in the Messinger Cemetery, a short distance north of Belleville on the Old Collinsville Road. It is a Historical site under State sponsorship.

Record of George R. Badgley (Myself and family). I was born Jan 29, 1898. My wife Paula Deimling, daughter of William and Mary Deimling, nee Mueller was born Oct. 1, 1897. We married Jan. 29, 1927. I was employed at the Orbon Stove Co. in Belleville, Ill at this time in the pattern shop as a pattern maker. We took our honeymoon the first chance I had of getting off from work for two weeks which was in Sept. of 1928. Went to Denver, Col. and vicinity. Our means of transportation was our 1923 model "T" Ford roadster. Didn't miss a lick going or coming. Had a great time. We had two children: Lillian Marie, born Dec 9, 1930, and Betty Ann born Sept 23, 1933. We rented a place in Belleville to start housekeeping. In 1929 and the early 1930's we had a depression and for a long time every one was out of work or I should say about 9 out of every 10 workers was out of work. I got it in the neck in 1931 and was out for 18 months without an income. We moved to the country and I rented 3 upstairs rooms from my Uncle William Badgley for a short while and then moved to a four room cottage, which I rented from a cousin, this was also in the country. While living in the upstairs at Uncle Will's house which was an old Badgley homestead belonging to the Badgley's for many years, Lillian was the sixth generation to live in this house, which was built in 1812. As my parents lived with my grandpa and grandmother Badgley when first married, I was born in this home. It was a log house when I was born, but had been remodeled and added to at the time Lillian lived there. Betty Ann was born in the cottage that we moved into after leaving the old homestead. After the depression ended we moved back to Belleville. With my copy of this history, I am enclosing with this letter which I have written to my grandchildren, regarding, mostly my life time of work. Paula passed away April 4, 1971. She is buried in Green Mount Cemetery, Belleville, Ill.

Lillian married Lee Lemon Feb 17th, 1953. He was in service at the time and a college man. Is at present an English Professor at the University of Neb. They lived in Lincoln, Neb., although parted and divorced. They have four children, Kristy, born Sept. 24, 1954 and now married to Ronald Lewis as of last summer. Geoffrey, born July 28, 1956,

Kathy born Nov 6, 1959, and Gregory born June 18, 1961.

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Kristi and Ron have their own apt in Lincoln, Greg, Kathy, and Jeff live with Lillian in a nice residence at 1908 "B" St. of their own. Lillian is presently teaching in one of the High School of Lincoln.

Betty Ann married James Helfrich, Oct. 12th 1957. James was born Nov 19th, 1930. They have three children, Kimberly born Nov 27th, 1958, Timothy born March 19th, 1963, and Theodore born March 20th, 1968. Jim is a painter by trade and is now and has been for the passed several years the Business Representative of Painters Local #85 of Belleville.

History of the family of Claude A. Badgley, a second son of James Russell Badgley. Claude was born July 17th, 1904 in St. Clair Co. In his early working years he worked in a coal mine, later he became a metal pattern maker and became a very skilled man at this trade, being rated a top mechanic. He was also a handy man in working with wood. November 30th, 1935 he married Ethel B. Maul of Belleville, Ill. Ethel was born March 1st, 1906. They had one child, Judith born July 16th, 1939. She married William C. Ferguson, June 1st, 1963. He was born Feb. 14, 1941. They had two children Kelly June, born August 1st, 1965, and Christopher Charles, born March 12th, 1967. Claude and his family lived in Belleville, Ill until he retired from work. Shortly thereafter he and Ethel sold their home in Belleville and moved to Ottawa, Ill., where Judith and family live so as to be near their immediate Kin-Folks. William G. works for the Daily Times News Paper in Ottawa as manager of classified advertising.

History of the family of William H. Badgley, third son of James Russell Badgley. William was born July 27th, 1906 in St. Clair County. He was and still is an outstanding mechanic just recently returned. He was a pattern maker by trade, but worked the last several years of his working life as a machinist specialist doing research and experimental work. April 28th, 1929 he married Cecelia Koderhandt. She was born Dec 25th, 1906. They live in Belleville, Ill. They had two children, William Stanley Badgley born Jan. 18th, 1930, and Mabel Lee Badgley born July 21st, 1931. William Stanley married Margaret Jane Falk, July 8th, 1951. They have three children, Brad Lee born Aug. 16th, 1952, Kirk William born Sept 13th, 1954, and Todd Dixon, born Aug. 23rd, 1960. They reside in Belleville. William Stanley Badgley is president of the First National Bank of Belleville, one of the larger banks of the Southern Illinois. He maintained this position while yet a young man and is much respected and admired by all who know him or have dealings with him. Mabel Lee married Don R. Dixon Feb. 10th, 1951. Don was born Dec. 27th, 1941. They reside in Belleville and have four children, two boys and two girls. Scott William, born Nov 6th, 1953, Thomas Allen born Nov. 8th, 1955, Susan Lynn, born June 22nd, 1959, and Sandra Lee, born Oct 8th, 1960. Don is a realtor, has his own business and is highly respected and also

about town and has a thriving business.

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*I would like to add at this time that Uncle Lee who is 86 years old is at present in a nursing home in O'Fallon. He has lived a long and useful life and has been active in the Baptist Church since early boyhood.*