

II. Jonathan Conger, b. 16 April, 1813, in or near Vicksburg, Miss.; m. Emily Jane Stowers. Their children were all b. and raised near Port Gibson, Miss., and all are buried there and names are inscribed on a monument on the square at Port Gibson. Jonathan was a prosperous cotton planter of his day, also a large slaveholder.

CHILDREN.

1. Juliet C. (8), b. 9 Nov., 1844, d. 1 Jan., 1904; m. Lewis E. Stowers; had dau., Margaret M. (9) Stowers. Sons: Benj. F. (9) and Lewis E. (9) Stowers, Jr., all single; residing at Swanlake, Miss.

2. Caleb G. (8), never m.

3. Volney S. m. Amanda Hale from Albany, N. Y. Both are dead, leaving one dau. (9), who m. Lawrence Bass of Greenville, Miss. They have two sons: 1. Lawrence (10), Jr. 2. Volney (10) of Benoit, Miss.

III. Joshua, b. 3 July, 1815; d. 15 Dec., 1816.

IV. Isaac Elum, b. 8 April, 1817; d. 23 May, 1831.

V. Martha Margaret, b. 8 Oct., 1820; d. 30 Oct., 1836.

VI. Eliza Mary, b. 20 March, 1822; d. 2 Sept., 1822.

VII. John Venable Lobdell, b. 12 Jan., 1824, was the youngest of three brothers, the two elder being Llewellyn and Jonathan C. Lobdell.

They grew up to young manhood in Warren County, Mississippi, their father owning property on the Big Black river.

In the early 40's the three brothers came to Bolivar County, Mississippi, which was at that time sparsely settled, but gave rich promise of reward to the cotton planter.

The younger brothers, Jonathan C. and John V. Lobdell, purchased in Bolivar County several sections of virgin land extending along an elevated ridge, and the first year the high cane being cut and the land planted in corn an abundant harvest followed. The following year, their barns being filled, they sold corn to many planters coming to Bolivar County, and from this incident they called their plantation "Egypt." The name applies today to one of the most prosperous portions of Bolivar County.

About 1849, John V. Lobdell, finding his health impaired, sold his interest in the Egypt plantation, and moved with his family and slaves to Brazoria County, Texas, where his father-in-law, Col. Thomas J. Coffee, had preceded him to engage in sugar planting.

Purchasing a plantation on the Brazos river, he made three cotton crops there, but being entirely cured of his malady (asthma) by his sojourn in Texas, he returned to Bolivar County, Mississippi, in January, 1853, purchasing and opening a plantation on Lake Vermilion, where he again engaged in cotton planting, and there he lived until his death in 1859.

He was a man of high ideals, devoted to his wife and children, loved by his slaves, and esteemed by all who knew him.

John Venable Lobdell m. 5 Sept., 1848, at Louisville, Ky., Minerva Lee Coffee. b. 2 April, 1830, near Canton, Madison Co., Miss., dau. of Thomas Jefferson Coffee and his wife, Malinda Graves Williams Haley. Mr. Lobdell was a planter, resided near Prentiss, Boliver Co., Miss., where he d. 13 Aug., 1859. The family were Methodists; Mr. L. a Whig in politics.

Mrs. Lobdell remarried to Judge Geo. T. Lightfoot, by whom she had one son:

Geo. T. Lightfoot. b. 12 Jan., 1871; d. 6 Nov., 1876.

I was deeply grieved to hear of the death of this estimable woman, who passed away in Jan., 1907. Our correspondence I had greatly enjoyed, as she was interested in the work and took great pains to give me assistance. The following tribute to her memory was written by two old friends who are themselves over eighty years old:

IN MEMORIAM.

Died at the residence of her son, Jno. V. Lobdell. Mrs. M. L. Lightfoot, a highly esteemed and beloved citizen, in her 77th year. She was one of the first pioneers of Bolivar county. She with her husband, John Lobdell, moved to Bolivar in 1847. She was left a widow in early life and subsequently married Judge Lightfoot, and after his death she moved to Rosedale with her son, Jno. V. Lobdell. She has been an honored and Christian citizen. She was for many years a member of the Methodist Church (which she loved), until called to be at rest with her God, whom it was her delight to serve.

M. B. S.

At a meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church of Rosedale, Mississippi, the following resolutions were adopted:

It is with heartfelt feeling of sorrow and loss we tender this tribute to the memory of our departed friend and fellow member, Mrs. L. M. Lightfoot. Gifted with a brilliant and cultivated intel-

lect, as she was, and devoting these gifts to God to work in service here, we felt strong to work with her to the Celestial City of God. In her careful and efficient work as secretary and treasurer of our society for years she displayed rare qualities of energy and of devotion to the work. In her life as a Christian, in her close consistent walk with God, in her faith in a prayer hearing and answering God, it was sweet for us to be in union of spirit with her. We miss her in our work, we miss her in the social circles which she graced for many years, and those of us near to her in age especially mourn the breaking of sweet ties that blossom and ripen for years. We offer loving sympathy to her son, Jno. V. Lobdell, his noble wife, and the dear grandchildren, and as for ourselves, it will be our prayer that as she lived and as she died we may attain to that holy peace and resignation which was hers in the closing days of her life.

I. E. B.

**CHILDREN OF JOHN VENABLE LOBDELL (FIRST) AND
MINERVA LEE COFFEE, HIS WIFE.**

I. Henry Lee (8), b. 5 Sept., 1850; d. 23 Aug., 1852.

II. Elizabeth (8), b. 4 Oct., 1853; m. Holland Thomas Coffee.

III. Florence Coffee (8), b. 27 July, 1857; m. Thomas Norfleet McLemon.

IV. John Venable (8) (second), b. 25 Oct., 1859, near Prentice, Miss.; m. 1 June, 1887, near Bolivar, Miss., Marie Coralie Guibert Nugent, b. 21 Jan., 1867, in New Orleans, dau. of Richard James Nugent and Marie Coralie Smith. The family are Methodists, residing at Rosedale, Miss., where Mr. L. is treasurer of Bolivar county, also engaged in insurance; is a Democrat in politics.

Children of John Venable (8) (second) and Marie Coralie Guibert Nugent, his wife:

I. Richard Nugent (9), b. 27 May, 1888.

II. Coralie Guibert (9), b. 19 Dec., 1889.

III. John Venable (9) (third), b. 8 Jan., 1892.

IV. Florence Elizabeth (9), b. 4 Sept., 1894; d. 12 Oct., 1894.

V. Lilian Hardeman (9), b. 7 Sept., 1895.

VI. Mildred Lee (9), b. 18 March, 1898.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

CHILDREN OF JAMES ALEXANDER (6) AND CELESTE (ALLAIN) LOBDELL.

I. Albert Gallatin, b. 29 Sept., 1844, at New Orleans, La., d. 29 June, 1902, in Covington, La.: m. first, on 12 April, 1866, to Mary Hazen Pattison, b. 7 Nov., 1845, at New Orleans, d. 24 Nov., 1891; m. second, on 22 Oct., 1895, to (widow) Tennessee Estelle Lobdell (nec Watson), widow of Livingston Llewellyn Lobdell of Bolivar Co., Miss., and laterly of Houston, Texas. No children by second marriage. His widow survives and is living with her son, Robert Livingston Lobdell, at Covington, La.

II. James Alexander, b. 13 Jan., 1847; unmarried.

EIGHTH GENERATION.

CHILDREN OF ALBERT GALLATIN (7) AND MARY (PATTISON) LOBDELL.

1. Alma Gay, b. 16 March, 1867; m. H. D. Higinbotham. Resides at Arlington, N. J.

2. Maud Holliday, b. 22 Oct., 1869; m. C. S. Fay of New Orleans, La.

3. Celina Wright, b. 2 March, 1872; m. R. H. Carter of New Orleans, La.

4. Mary Bertha, b. 27 Aug., 1874; m. J. H. Duggan of New Orleans, La.

5. Albert Gallatin, Jr., b. 9 Nov., 1877; m. in New Orleans, 12 Feb., 1900, to Miss Ashton Pillow. Is general freight and passenger agent of the Franklin and Abbeville Railway Co., and resides at Franklin, La. Children:

Rosemary (9), Lois Fay (9), Albert Gallatin III (9).

6 and 7. Edith and Ida, b. 9 June, 1881; Edith unmarried; Ida m. W. B. Donovan of New Orleans, La.

8. Walter Reginald, b. 18 Feb., 1885; d. 5 Dec., 1887.

9. Marion Regina, b. 22 Sept., 1888; unmarried.

IX. Hannah, b. 4 Feb., 1814, d. unmarried 23 July, 1840.

X. Jacob Lyman, b. 23 Jan., 1816, d. 27 July, 1855, at Victor; m. 2 Feb., 1843, at Victor, Joanna Farr, b. 1819, at East Bloomfield, Ontario Co., N. Y., d. June, 1885, at Victor, N. Y., dau. of Daniel and Lucia (Wright) Farr.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

CHILDREN.

1. Frances M. 2. Burton H. 3. Byron Jacob. 4. Oliver.

1. Frances M., b. 25 June, 1844, d. in Victor, 27 March, 1897; m. in Victor 30 June, 1874, Bolivar Ellis, b. 25 Feb., 1833, at Victor, son of Henry and Isabel (Bennett) Ellis of Victor. Have one dau. living at Victor. Isabell Ellis (S), b. 16 June, 1875, at same place.

2. Burton H., a farmer living in Victor, b. 18 March, 1846; m. 19 March, 1873, at Victor, Amelia S. Ketchum, b. 1848 at East Bloomfield, Ontario Co., N. Y., dau. of Nelson and Nancy S. (Blaney) Ketchum of Victor. In politics, a Democrat; a Universalist in religion. Has two children:

Nelson L. (S), b. 31 Jan., 1876; unmarried.

Marion F. (S), b. 30 Sept., 1879; unmarried. Both son and dau. are successful teachers.

3. Byron Jacob, b. 28 Dec., 1848, is now living at Los Angeles, Cal.; m. 4 June, 1884, at Vinton, Benton Co., Iowa. Mary A. George. Has one son—

Jacob Karl Lobdell (S), b. at Los Angeles 13 April, 1887.

4. Oliver, a farmer living at Victor, was b. 3 March, 1851; m. 19 Oct., 1881, at Victor, Lilla Armstrong, b. 8 Dec., 1850, at Pittsford, Monroe Co., N. Y., dau. of Wm. Henry and Mercy Ann Olney Armstrong of Pittsford. Mr. Lobdell is a Universalist in religion; a Democrat in politics. Children:

1. Ellery Byron (S), b. 5 Feb., 1883; d. 10 May, 1891.

2. Lulu May (S), b. 1 Feb., 1885; d. 14 April, 1892.

3. Ina Frances (S), b. 10 Feb., 1887.

2. Emma Glasner (8) m. Wm. H. Pettit of Belvidere.
3. Wm. A. Glasner (8) m. Cora L. Gilman. Residence, Chicago, Ill.

III. Wm. Wallace Webb, b. 13 Dec., 1827; m. Lydia A. Ray, d. 15 May, 1897. No children.

IV. Charles Wesley Webb, b. 21 April, 1830; m. Mrs. Adeline Eaton. Is now (1903) living with his son, Benj. Webb, in Elroy, Wis.

V. James Edward Webb, b. 21 July, 1832; m. Mary McMahan, d. Has one dau., Mrs. Lillie E. Wearne, Omaha, Neb.

VI. Lucius Allard Webb, b. 14 June, 1838; m. Asenath Lisdall. Resides at Portland, Ore. Has one dau., Mrs. Clara J. Harvey (8) of Woodlawn, Portland, Ore.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

CHILDREN AND DESCENDANTS OF FLOYD KEELER (6) AND CLARINDA (DE WOLF) LOBDELL.

1. James Monroe. 2. Wilber Fisk. 3. Bartow Stewart. 4. Mervin H. 5. Luceba J. 6. Luella J. 7. Albert. 8. Alice J. 9. Marett Elizabeth. 10. Gertrude. 11. John Ellis. 12. Jesse Wing.

I. James Monroe, b. 26 April, 1848, in Boone Co., Ill.; unmarried.

II. Wilber Fisk, b. 17 Oct., 1849; d. unmarried 30 March, 1880.

III. Bartow Stewart, a commercial traveler, residing at Janesville, Wis., was b. 28 May, 1853, at Belvidere, Ill.; m. 22 March, 1878, Mary Della Smith, b. 11 April, 1855, at Bolivar, Allegany Co., N. Y., dau. of Richard De Los Smith and Margret Lodema Andrus.

CHILDREN.

1. Bartow S., b. 9 Dec., 1887.

2. Kenneth L., b. 23 Nov., 1897.

IV. Mervin H., b. 2 Feb., 1855; m. Jean Concannon.

V. Luceba J., b. 26 April, 1856; m. Wm. M. Ray, b. 21 Jan., 1858, at Belvidere, Ill., son of Adam and Mary (Hadley) Ray. They reside at Belvidere, where the following children were b. to them:

1. Jennie I. Ray, b. 16 March, 1882.

2. Ethel C. Ray, b. 22 May, 1884; d. 25 Jan., 1892.

3. John Venable, married — Coffee; is now living in Bolivar Co., Miss. Several children.

3. Sarah, married Seth Rundell, her cousin; is living in Warren Co., Miss. Several children.

4. Mary, married first John Walker and second, John Gorman. I know nothing of her family, nor of 1. Gilbert, nor Nos. 5 and 6, except that one of them, a daughter, married a Stotts, and the family are living in Texas.

Sarah, sister of Joshua, 1752, married first — Sprague and had children (particulars not known); married second Daniel Hubbard of Lenox, Berkshire Co., Mass., by whom she had two children:

1. Daniel, married —, and had children living on the Onondago River, Broome Co., N. Y.

2. Sarah, married — Seymour. Children also living in Broome Co.

Hannah, sister of Joshua, 1752, married first Jerry Goodrich and settled in the great bend of the Ohio or the Miama Valley. She had five children by Goodrich, viz.: Abijah, Jacob, Jerry, Hannah and Lucy. Who the second husband was, or whether they had children, I do not know.

Simon, brother of Joshua, 1752, married Grace Pomeroy of Berkshire Co., Mass.; moved from Stephentown to Rensselaerville, and had 8 children, viz.: Rebecca, Simon, Jacob, Gideon, Lydia, James, Isaac, Grace. Probably some of them removed west.

Huldah, sister of Joshua, 1752, married John Hamlin, and removed from Stephentown to the county of Chenango or Otsego; N. Y. She had 3 children, Gilbert, John, Marcia. I know nothing of their descendants.

Mary, sister of Joshua, 1752, married Peleg Allyn, and moved from Stephentown, first, to the Owasco Lake, Cayuga Co., N. Y., and afterward to, or near, the Wabash Valley, Indiana. They had several children, among whom was a son Abijah, who visited me a few years ago. He raised a family of 14 or 15 children, some of whom are living in the state of Missouri.

Abraham, brother of Joshua, 1752, moved as before stated, with his brother James and other relatives, into the state of Mississippi; there married Sarah Kennard and moved first to the Parish of East Baton Rouge, and afterward to the Parish of West Baton Rouge, state of Louisiana. Had six children: Polly married Asa