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The Odell family name¹ is reported by some to go back to the times of the Norman Conquest and comes from the parish of Odell in Bedfordshire. The name was also known as Wahull, Wadhul, Wodhull, and other variant forms. The name Wodhull was corrupted to Odell as the two forms sounded very similar when pronounced. Odell was pronounced and sometimes spelled Odle with the accent on the first syllable. Many colonists to the United States were from this family line. Records were not kept in England before the middle of the 1500's and it is difficult to trace most families back before this time. Land titles for the aristocracy can sometimes be traced back to the 1200's. Odell is from "Woad-hill", a mustard-like herb called woad, cultivated in this area. The woad plant is a source of a blue dye noted from the time of Julius Caesar.²

In the survey of land holdings in Domesday's Book, Walter de Flanders was the holder of the Wahull lands in 1086. Walter was the brother of Matilda of Flanders, the queen of William the Conqueror. William the Conqueror granted the land to Walter de Flanders. Odell Castle was about ten miles from Bedford, England but was destroyed in the 1600's but has been rebuilt as a manor house. This house was destroyed in 1931 but has also been rebuilt as the home of Lord Luke of Pavenham.

Thomas Odell I, (Sr.)³ was born in England about 1660 and probably immigrated to the area now known as Maryland. His parents were thought to be Reginald, born about 1634, and Priscilla Odell, born about 1638, and both were from Odell, Bedfordshire, England. Thomas is thought to have immigrated to Maryland about 1682.⁴ Sharon Doliente believes the first immigrated to Massachusetts and from there to Maryland or Virginia. There was a Reginald or Rignal Odell living in Boston during the later part of the 17th century.⁵

In April 1691, Thomas married the widowed Sarah Ridgely Brewer, born about 1664, in Anne Arundel County, the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Howard Ridgely.⁶ They lived in the South Hundred,⁷ All Hallows Parish in Anne Arundel County, Maryland where Thomas was a coroner, militia officer, and He Majesty's Justice for the Crown. Thomas Odell and Colonel Henry Ridgely, his father-in-law were vestrymen of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Queen Anne's Parrish.^{8 9}

On April 6, 1700 he purchased two parcels of land, "*Anthel*" of 617 acres and "*Murrays Addition*" of 89 acres from John Murray, Planter. Rent of this land was to go to Lord Baltimore. On May 7, 1718 he sold this land to George Bailey and his wife, Sarah, gave her consent.¹⁰ In 1701, he bought eight hundred acres of land called "*Darnall's Grove*" in Prince George County, Maryland from Robert Bailey for 350 pounds sterling.¹¹ This land was on the west side of the Patuxent River and on the west side of a branch called Collington River in Queen Anne's Parrish near the present day town of Upper Marlborough, Maryland.¹² The Patuxent River is the dividing boundary between Anne Arundel County and Prince George County. Upper Marlborough is just west of the Patuxent River in Prince George County.

On April 9, 1705 Thomas Odell was unanimously elected as a vestry for Queen Anne's Parish a division of St. Paul's Parish in Prince George County.¹³

Colonel Ridgely had three wives and he was the father of Sarah Ridgely, wife of Thomas Odell.

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The children of Thomas Odell I, Thomas II and Henry Odell, are mentioned in Colonel Ridgely's will of 1705 and probated in 1710.¹⁴ Sarah was widowed at the time of her marriage to Thomas Odell I but she was wealthy from her family and the family of her deceased husband, John Brewer, Jr.^{15 16}

In 1706 Thomas Odell I was one of eleven commissioners appointed to lay out the town of Upper Marlborough. One hundred acres of land was divided into 100 lots. On each lot was to be built a twenty foot square house.¹⁷

Thomas Odell I reportedly died in Prince George County in 1722. His will was dated April 29, 1717 and probated on April 11, 1722.¹⁸ Sarah Ridgely Brewer Odell was the executrix. In the will Thomas I gave Sarah 500 acres on the dwelling plantation and at her death the land went to Rignall Odell. Thomas Odell II received 250 acres where he lived.¹⁹ Henry received the remainder of the tract where Thomas Odell II lived. Ann and Sarah received their inheritance at age 16 or at their marriage. Henry and Rignall were to live with their mother until age 21.^{20 21}

On June 28, 1727 the inventory of the estate of Sarah Ridgely Brewer Odell was listed.²² Thomas Odell II swore that the inventory was correct.²³

The inventory²⁴ of the estate of Thomas Odell I included a silver hilted sword. Thomas was a military member of the Ann Arundel County militia and referred to as "*Captain*."²⁵ Swords at that time often signaled the wearer was a gentleman of honor and were worn on all state and special occasions.²⁶ Thomas Odell I was a royalist.

Their children listed in the will included:

Thomas	born on January 7, 1692 and died ca. 1763
Elizabeth	born on June 5, 1696
Henry	born on April 15, 1698 and died 1738
Anne	born on March 11, 1701 and died September 13, 1702
Anne	born on November 18, 1703 died 1771
Rignall	born on October 24, 1705 and died in 1754
Sarah	born on April 10, 1709

Henry Odell was named for his grandfather, Henry Ridgely,²⁷ the father of Sarah Ridgely Brewer.

Thomas Odell II (Jr.) was born in All Hallows Parrish, South River Hundred, Anne Arundel County, Maryland on January 7, 1692. He married Margaret Beall about 1712 in Prince George County, Maryland. Her sister Sarah Beall married Rignall Odell, the brother of Thomas. They were the daughters of James and Sarah Peerce Beall. James was baptized in Fife, Scotland on February 5, 1652 and he died about May 15, 1725.²⁸

A congregation of people from Scotland came to Maryland in 1690 from Fifeshire under Elder Ninian Beall. In 1685 Lord Baltimore (George Calvert) had ceased granting land for immigration thus there is no record of the Beall's before 1690. Col. Ninian Beall died at age 92 at *Fife's Largo* in Prince George County near Upper Marlboro.²⁹ The relationship of Thomas Beall I to

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Col. Ninian Beall is not known at this time but Col. Beall did have a son named, Thomas.³⁰

In 1698 James Beall bought land from Colonel Ninian Beall. James Beall and family lived at *Ball Christ(e)*³¹ at the time of his death and he had 6,065 acres of land at that time. Membership in the Episcopal Church was required in Maryland but at the time of his death James was Presbyterian. Margaret Beall Odell married second to Robert Lazenby II. She survived him.³²

On November 25, 1704 Col. Ninian Beall gave one-half acre of land in Prince George County, Maryland for a church on the western branch of the Patuxent River. Trustees of this church included Ninian Beall, Jr., Thomas Beall, Sr. (I), Thomas Beall, Jr. (II), and James Beall.³³

Capt. Thomas Graves/Dr. John Peerce/Sarah Sprigg

Sarah Peerce was the daughter of John, Jr. and Sarah Sprigg Peerce and the granddaughter of Capt. Thomas Graves (Gent.) who was an original founder of Jamestown, Virginia having arrived on the third supply ship in 1608. Capt. Graves was not living in Jamestown at the time of the “Starving Time” in the winter of 1609-1610 having returned to England for medical treatment. He was the same “*Thomas Graves of Dublin in the Realme of Ireland*” who received a patent in Virginia on November 22, 1622 on the Eastern Shore. It is not known why he was listed as being from Dublin because the planters were to be from England. He was alone when first arriving in Virginia apparently leaving behind his wife and children. Graves returned to England several times and his wife was Kathryn (Kathrine). Thomas was one of the original planters of the Virginia Company.³⁴

Thomas Graves agreed to transport 100 persons to Virginia for which he was given the above patent of land in Accawmacke County and in Elizabeth City County.³⁵

By 1616 the Jamestown Colony only had a population of 351 with only 81 farmers or tenants.³⁶

On July 30, 1619 Thomas Graves represented Smythe’s Hundred (later Southhampton Hundred) at the first meeting of the Burgesses at Jamestown under Governor George Yeardley. In 1620 he was on the Eastern Shore (Accawmacke County). Thomas was listed “*without family*” on the Muster’s of Inhabitants in Virginia of 1624-25. There were only 51 persons on the Eastern Shore at this time. In 1621 Capt. Graves was captured by the Indians but was released when Capt. John Smith intervened. He served as a justice in Accawmacke County for several years. At this time he held the title of Esquire. In 1634 he was a member of the vestry of Hungar’s Parish. Capt. Graves apparently died in 1635.³⁷

John Peerce, Jr. was the son of Dr. John Peerce who³⁸ was born in the 1600’s and was a surgeon on the ship *Adventure of Hull*. On April 11, 1666 he referred to himself as “*I John Peerce Chirurgeon of the good Shipe called the Adventure of Hull.*”³⁹

Records note that “*came John Peirce Chirurgeon (on November 18, 1673) of St. Marys County and proved right to fifty acres of land for transporting himself into this province in Anno 1663.*” Dr. Peerce then sold this land to John Boulds.⁴⁰

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On May 25, 1668 Abdaloe Martin asked Dr Peerce to be the executor of his will and care for Abdaloe's three daughters all under age seventeen until they were twenty-one years of age. Abdaloe Martin's estate was given to Dr. Peerce.⁴¹ Dr. Peerce owned land in Harvey Town, Calvert County, that was willed to him by Abdaloe Martin for which Dr. Peerce had to pay a fee of five thousand pounds of tobacco to Lord Baltimore.

Dr. John Peerce's children included John, Jr. and Sarah Peerce.

Dr. John Peerce, Sr. might have been a *Buccaneer Physician* according to opinion of Sharon Doliente, referring to the writings of Rosemary Spicer, MD.⁴² The *Buccaneer Physician's* brought many herbal medicines back to England following their buccaneer raids in the Caribbean and these medicines were incorporated into English practice. Dr. John Peerce, Sr. had many medicines listed in his will of April 14, 1679⁴³ that were willed to his son, John, Jr. Thomas Odell II was the administrator of the will of his mother-in-law, Sarah Peerce Odell.⁴⁴

In August of 1675 Dr. Peerce was placed in command of horsemen and soldiers at the house of Mattapenny Swell and granted a commission from Capt. Henry Darnall and the Council.⁴⁵

On December 20, 1677 Dr. Peerce was given one thousand acres of land by Lord Baltimore. Dr. Peerce must have been a friend and held in "high esteem" by Lord Baltimore because land was not usually given. This land was called "*Pierce's Encouragement*."⁴⁶

On November 27, 1678 Dr. Peerce proved his rights for one hundred acres of land for Sarah his wife for transporting herself and Mary Gore to the province. Dr. Peerce died in 1679.

On November 26, 1680 John Peerce, Jr. sold land in Calvert County, Maryland to William Diggs for thirteen thousand pounds of tobacco. This land was called "*Pierces Encouragement*" and was willed to John Peerce, Jr. by his father, Dr. John Peerce.⁴⁷

On September 23, 1685 John Peerce, Jr., an original proprietor for the District of Colombia, had been granted warrants for land that was named "*Port Royal*" and "*Jamaica*."⁴⁸ This land was later patented on June 1, 1687 in Charles County which was later Prince Georges County. The patent refers to "*all that Tract or parcel of land called Jamaica lying in Charles County called Port Royal lying in Charles County*." Later this land became part of the District of Colombia. John Peerce, Jr. was on the list of the Original Proprietors for DC.⁴⁹

John Peerce, Jr. may have been lost at sea in 1699. An entry in Calvert County notes "*John Pearce late of Calvert County deceased*."⁵⁰ In 1700/01 Sarah Spring Peerce, daughter of Thomas Sprigg and Kathryne (Graves) Roper Sprigg, was noted in a deed from Thomas Sprigg, Sr. as "*feme sole*" and not "*widow*"⁵¹ This indicates that the whereabouts of John Peerce, Jr. was still unknown. No will of John Peerce, Jr. is known again suggesting an untimely death. Thomas Spring, Sr. gave two hundred acres of "*Northampton*" to his eldest and well beloved daughter Sarah Pearce and with her children John Pearce and Sarah Pearce (Beall)." By 1725 Sarah had married Enoch Coombs.⁵²

Sarah Peerce died in 1736 and Thomas Odell II was the administrator of her estate.

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On June 6, 1692 Port Royal, Jamaica disappeared during an earthquake. Port Royal was known “*as the most wicked city in the world*” in Jamaica. Port Royal was a city in Jamaica that was very important in commerce at that time. This connection between Dr. John Peerce, Sr. surgeon, and his son, John Peerce, Jr. with locations named *Port Royal* and *Jamaica* make a strong case that Dr. John Peerce, Sr. was a *Buccaneer Physician*.⁵³ The reason for these names may have been from his surgeon father or from his trips to Jamaica.

On November 30, 1715 Thomas Odell II, (Jr.) bought two hundred fifty acres of land in Prince George County from John and Joseph Brewer. This land was part of five hundred acres of land given to John and Joseph Brewer and Thomas Odell II and Henry Odell all who were grandsons on Col. Henry Ridgely. Each had one hundred and twenty-five acres of land before the purchase. The land was called *Marys Delight* and was part of *Darnalls grove*.⁵⁴ In 1688 Henry Darnall received the first grant of land from Lord Baltimore. Henry Darnall was an early speculator in land and did not plan on settling his family on the land. The early farmers that bought the land raised crops and tobacco. The tobacco was transported to the Potomac River port of Georgetown where the goods could be shipped from Maryland.

In 1721 Thomas Odell II was listed as an Elder attending the Presbyterian Synod meeting. Thomas Odell was a member of the Episcopal Church but his son, James, joined the Presbyterian church of his wife’s family.⁵⁵

On December 20, 1725 Thomas Odell II and his wife, Margaret (Beall) Odell, received one slave, named Sarah, from Sarah (Sprigg) Peerce Coombs and her husband Enoch Coombs. The deed states “*gave to my grandson Thomas Odell and Margaret his wife of Prince Georges County.*” Sarah was the maternal grandmother of Margaret Beall Odell.⁵⁶

On April 20, 1745 Thomas Odell II sold his household furniture and personal property, 19 slaves, hogs, cattle, and horses for 300 pounds sterling to James Edmonston.^{57 58}

On April 15, 1747 Thomas Odell II mortgaged 375 acres of his land called *Mary’s Delight* which was part of the *Darnalls Grove* tract in Prince George County for 200 pounds sterling to John Philpott and Edward Lee, Jr. who were London Merchants. This land was sold with the right to later redeem the property for 200 pounds sterling. This mortgage was later repaid as the land was then sold by his grandson, Rev. Thomas Odell on December 19, 1789.^{59 60}

On February 14, 1725/6 Thomas Odell II bought *Ball Christe* from John Beall.⁶¹ In 1725 James Beall was living on the land called *Ball Christe* that he had obtained by warrant in 1714. After 17614 he obtained three other tracts of land called Beall’s Reserve, Bread and Cheese Hall, and Father’s Gift. Other land holdings included the Enclosure, Good Luck, Rovers Content. James had 6,065 acres of land at his death.⁶²

On February 14, 1726/26 John Beall gave part of *Ball Christe* to Margaret Beall, his sister,⁶³ about three hundred acres of land. Margaret Beall was not mentioned in the will of Thomas and Margaret Beall Odell II.⁶⁴

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On September 16, 1747 Thomas and Margaret Beall Odell II sold 303 acres of land in Prince George County, Maryland to their son, James Odell for 17 pounds and 10 shillings. This land was part of the “*Ball Chryste*” tract.⁶⁵ *Ball Chryste* originally lay in Prince George County but in 1748 when Frederick County formed the land was in Frederick County. In 1776 when Montgomery County was formed this land now was in Montgomery County.⁶⁶ This land had been originally given to Margaret Beall Odell by her brother, John Beall.⁶⁷

In 1745 the Maryland assembly passed “*an Act for the laying out one Acre of Land and convenient to the Rock Creek Landing, on Potomack River, on the land George Gordon now lives, and for the Building a Rolling-House thereon.*” In 1745 George Gordon built a warehouse where tobacco inspection was conducted on this site. The site of the warehouse had a ferry, a tobacco inspection warehouse and a house for public entertainment. This area quickly became a shipping point from Maryland. The junction of Rock Creek and the Potomac River was the farthest point upstream that ocean boats could travel at that time.

In November of 1747 the Court for Prince Georges County minutes recorded that “*One Thomas Odell is recorded as petitioning the Court for a ‘Lysance for keeping a Publick house at the mouth of Rock Creek for the Ensuing year’ and leave is given to him to do so provided he give the usual security to keep it according to the conditions established by the State Assembly.*”⁶⁸

On May 5, 1748 Thomas Odell sold two hundred and three acres of land that was part of the tract called “*Ball Chryste*” to James Edmonston for fifty pounds. This land was described as “*whereon the late Thomas Odell formerly dwelt.*” Also sold at this same time was a one acre lot in the town called Queen Ann on the Paytuxent River “*late in the possession and occupation of Thomas Odell deceased.*”⁶⁹ On January 23, 1750 James Edmonston willed one hundred acres of land plus the lot in Queen Ann to Thomas Odell II.⁷⁰ In 1784 this one acre lot was later sold by Thomas Odell III (Rev.), grandson of Thomas Odell II. In 1706 Queen Anne was formed and was a major tobacco collection site. In 1897 Queen Ann was renamed Hardesty.⁷¹

In 1761 Thomas and Margaret Beall Odell were listed in her mother’s will and were living in South Carolina by 1758. Thomas Odell owned a four hundred acre plantation in the original Berkeley County on Ninety-Six Creek.⁷² Their children included:

William	born about 1714
Rachel	born about 1716
Thomas	born about 1718
Sarah	born about 1720
Mary	born about 1722
James	born about 1725
John	

James Odell was born about 1725/1726 in Prince George County, Maryland and married Martha Prather. James was named for his maternal grandfather. Martha was born on April 20, 1730 in Prince George County, Maryland. Martha was born on April 20, 1730 in Prince George County and her parents were John Smith Prather and Elizabeth Nuthall Prather.^{73 74}

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On April 21, 1748 James Odell was given three hundred and three acres of the “*Ball Christe*” land from Thomas and Margaret Beall Odell. They lived on a plantation called “*Ball Christe*” in Frederick County, Maryland until James died in 1763. On August 12, 1763 an inventory ⁷⁵ of the estate of James Odell was recorded but it was not filed until April 3, 1778 by Martha Odell Lazenby.⁷⁶ Margaret Odell Lazenby was the administrator of James Odell’s estate.⁷⁷

“*Ball Christe*” originally was in Prince Edward County but then was in Frederick County when it was formed in 1748. Later it was in Montgomery County when it was formed from Frederick County.⁷⁸

James Odell was a corporal in the Colonial Militia of Prince Georges County.⁷⁹

Martha Smith Odell married Robert Lazenby after the death of James Odell and probably died after 1790 in the Carolinas.

Mary and Thomas Odell were named as children of James and Martha Prather Odell.⁸⁰

Their children included:⁸¹

Thomas born on May 15, 1752

Mary; John; Rachel; Rignall; Margaret; Elizabeth; Eleanor; Martha; Sarah; and Charlotte

Thomas Odell (III) (Rev.)⁸² was born on May 15, 1752 in Frederick County, Maryland and was married twice. He served as a First Lieutenant in the Upper District of Frederick County Militia⁸³ during the Revolutionary War. He was listed as Thomas Odle and not Thomas Odell. Other information known is that his first was Elizabeth Garrett, daughter of John Garrett,⁸⁴ whom he married in Frederick County, Maryland and⁸⁵ his second wife was Grace Austin whom he married in Berkely County, West Virginia in 1778 after the Civil War.^{86 87} Elizabeth Garrett Odell died in the early years of the Revolutionary War after having one child, Nathan Garrett Odell on November 4, 1772

Rev. Thomas Odell III and his son, Nathan Garrett Odell were mentioned in the will written on November 21, 1775 made by John Garrett, Sr., father-in-law of Rev. Thomas Odell. In this will John Garrett, Sr. also mentions his daughter, Elizabeth Garrett to whom he gave “*one Negro named Sarah.*”^{88 89}

On December 4, 1784 Thomas Odell “*of Berkely County in the State of Virginia*” sold Lot #37 in Queen Ann, Prince Georges County, for twenty-five pounds and his wife, Grace Odell, released her dower on this property on February 28, 1785.⁹⁰

On April 28, 1786 Thomas Odell of Berkely County, Virginia, plantar, deeded one hundred acres that was part of “*Ball Christe*” to Richard Jones of Prince Georges County, Maryland.⁹¹

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In 1799 Thomas Odell III moved to Mason County, Kentucky and on November 11, 1800 his daughter, Martha, married Benjamin Northcutt in the clerks office.

In 1801 Rev. Thomas Odell III moved to Union Center, Adams County, Ohio with several other Revolutionary War soldiers. They named their township, Liberty Township. He co-founded a Methodist class and the first services were held in the Odell home. In 1804 the Briar Ridge Methodist Episcopal log church was built.⁹²

Thomas was a Methodist Episcopal minister and died on August 27, 1827 in Brown County, Ohio. Grace Austin Odell died at Odell, Tippecanoe County, Indiana on July 6, 1835.

On November 21, 1775 Rev. Thomas Odell and his son, Nathan Garrett Odell (Sr.) were mentioned in the will written by John Garrett, Sr., father-in-law of Rev. Thomas Odell.^{93 94}

On December 19, 1789 Thomas Odell of Berkely County, Virginia was noted as the “*grandson and heir at Law to the late Thomas Odell of South Carolina deceased*” when Thomas sold about three hundred and seventy-five acres of land “*called Mary’s Delight it being part of a tract called Darll’s Grove*” of Prince George County, Virginia.⁹⁵ On June 4, 1794 Thomas sold two hundred and three acres of land called “*Ball Christie.*” in Montgomery County, Virginia to Thomas and Rebecca Sharp.⁹⁶

Francis Asbury, Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church of America, appointed Thomas Odell as a minister of the church. To “*administer the the ordinances of Baptism, Marriage and Burial of the Dead, in the absence of an elder, to feed the flock of Christ.*”⁹⁷

The children from the first marriage included:

Nathan Garrett(Sr.) (from Elizabeth Garrett) born on November 4, 1772.

The following list of the children from the second marriage to Grace Austin was taken from DAR records.⁹⁸

James Odell	born November 11, 1772
Martha Odell	born August 4, 1779
Nancy Odell	born 1782
Mary Odell	
John Wesley Odell	born August 19, 1789
Elizabeth Odell	born 1793
Thomas Odell IV	born March 20, 1796
Deborah Odell	born March 20, 1796
Sarah Odell	
Rhoda Odell	born April 11, 1799
Charlotte Odell	born 1801

On August 25, 1827 Thomas Odell III died in Decatur, Ohio. Elizabeth Odell was mentioned in her fathers will and thus died after November 21, 1775. She must have been ill because her father mentions her son, Nathan Garrett Odell, and her husband, Thomas Odell III. Thomas

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married Grace Austin in 1778. ⁹⁹ He was originally buried in Adams County, Ohio but was later reinterred in Salem Cemetery, Davis Township, Fountain County, Indiana

Nathan Garret Odell, Sr. was born in Maryland on November 4, 1772 and on February 4, 1794 married in Berkley County, Virginia (now West Virginia) to Rebecca Sharp. This area is adjacent to Maryland and is the far north east county in West Virginia. In the early 1810 they moved to Adams County, Ohio and later to Wayne County, Ohio where the family homesteaded. He was a farmer and operated a grist mill until moving to Michigan. In 1812 Nathan Odell was elected a Justice of the Peace in Ashland County, Ohio. ¹⁰⁰ In 1828 they were pioneer settlers in Porter Township, Cass County, Michigan, where Nathan died on September 28, 1835 and Rebecca died in November of 1835.

Rev. Thomas Odell and his son, Nathan Garrett Odell(Sr.) were mentioned in the will written on November 21, 1775 by John Garrett, Sr., father-in-law of Rev. Thomas Odell. ^{101 102}

The 1820 Ohio Census, Wayne County, Pike Township, page 145 lists the following:

Nathan Odell 111201 11101 8 white persons and 8 slaves were listed

James Odell 20020 00020

The family lived for many years in Virginia, but did not own slaves. Nathan, Sr. was a miller, owned a mill, and farmed in Virginia. In 1810 the family moved to Adams County, Ohio and later to Wayne County, Ohio. In 1812 Nathan was a Justice of the Peace in Mohican Township,, Ashland County, Ohio. He also owned and operated a grist mill and farmed in Wayne County, Ohio. Nathan Garrett Odell, Sr. was a pioneer settler in Cass County.

Their children included:

Thomas	born on June 22, 1796	Methodist minister who went to Muscatine, Iowa. Nancy Drake Odell, his wife, died and Thomas married again. They moved to Shawnee, Kansas and Thomas died in 1861.
James	born on September 24, 1798	Married Jane Traverse on November 23, 1856. Married Caroline Loupee on February 27, 1859.
Nathan Garrett	born on October 3, 1803	
John	born on March 4, 1801	
Elizabeth	born on May 21, 1806	
Enos Prater	born on August 7, 1808	
Lorenzo Dow	born on October 9, 1810	
Rebecca	born on May 17, 1812	
Silas P	born on April 15, 1814	

Nathan Garrett Odell, Sr. died in 1835 in Cass County, Michigan.

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Nathan Garrett Odell, Jr. was born in Berkley County, Virginia (now West Virginia) on October 3, 1803 and died on February 18, 1844 in Cass County, Michigan. ¹⁰³

On February 12, 1829 he married Sarah Drake in Holmes County, Ohio and on September 20, 1842 he married first Sarah Drake in 1828 and then to Eliza Shivel in Cass County, Michigan. Holmes County, Ohio is adjacent to Wayne County, Ohio where the Odell family had settled. Sarah and Nancy Drake, wife of Nathan's oldest brother, Thomas Odell, may have been sisters.

After their marriage Nathan Garrett and Sarah Drake Odell left Ohio and went to Porter Township, Cass County, Michigan with several other families. Nathan homesteaded¹⁰⁴ and cleared the land to develop very productive farms. Nathan held Certificate No. 1457 for 80 acres in St. Joseph County, Section 12, Township 8, South of Range 13 from the land office in Monroe issued on January 1, 1831. He also held Certificate No. 23267 for 178 acres in Cass County, Section 10, Township 8, South of Range 13 from the General Land Office of Kalamazoo that was issued on May 1, 1839. It is also thought that he held Certificate No. 902 ¹⁰⁵ for 80 acres from Monroe, Michigan Territory, Section 1, Township 8, South of Range 13 issued on November 10, 1830. Many members of the Odell family homesteaded in Cass County, Michigan.

Nathan Garrett Odell, Jr. and his wife belonged to the First Baptist Church in Porter. When the family first settled in Cass County the land was mostly forests. There were few roads and they mainly followed the Indian trails. Nathan was interested in agriculture and developed and upgraded his land.

The children from the first marriage included:

James Sharp	born on January 10, 1830	married Carolin Loupee
Thomas J.	born on January 30, 1831	married Lavina Travers
David D.	born on March 27, 1833	married Malinda McGaughey
Margaret M.	born on November 9, 1834	
John S.P.	born on October 30, 1836	

The children from the second marriage included:

Eliza Sara Wealthy	born on December 25, 1842
Nathan Ebenezer	born on December 27, 1843

David D. Odell was born on March 27, 1833 in Cass County, Michigan. He moved to Decatur County, Iowa where he married Malinda McGaughey on December 24, 1854 in Terre Haute, Decatur County, Iowa. It is not known why he moved to Iowa. David was an early settler in Decatur County, Iowa.

David D. Odell enlisted into the Union Army, Seventeenth Iowa Volunteers, Company A. ¹⁰⁶ on February 22, 1862 in Leon, Iowa. David D. Odell is listed as a farmer on his military Certificate of Disability for Discharge¹⁰⁷ and is noted to have been medically unfit for duty two months before his discharge. He died on March 24, 1867 in Decatur County, Iowa and is buried in the Miller Cemetery¹⁰⁸, Burrell Township, Terre Haute, Decatur County, Iowa.

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The Seventeenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry¹⁰⁹ was formed in 1862 from several Iowa Counties. Company A formed in Leon, Decatur County, Iowa under the leadership of Captain J.S. Young. The units traveled to Des Moines where, three days later, they boarded a boat to Eddyville and then went by train to Keokuk, Iowa. Between March and April of 1862, the Seventeenth Infantry mustered in Keokuk, Iowa.¹¹⁰ After medical examinations they drilled for two weeks. On April 19, 1862, the units left Keokuk by steamer to reach Benton Barracks, St. Louis, Missouri where they received uniforms and guns. On May 5, 1862, the Regiment left by boat to travel down the Mississippi River, up the Ohio River, and down the Tennessee River to Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee. The Battle of Shiloh had occurred on April 6th and 7th of 1862 and the men could not believe what they saw at the site. Almost all vegetation had been destroyed. Over 10,000 men had died on each side. The Confederates had come from Corinth, Mississippi for the Shiloh attack on April 6th and retreated on April 7th back to Corinth, Mississippi. The first battle of the Iowa Regiment, which was part of General Grant's Union army, was to attack Corinth, Mississippi on May 28, 1862 just south of Shiloh, Tennessee. The Confederate army retreated during the night and the Iowa Regiments followed the retreating Confederates engaging in several fights. They camped at Clear Springs, Mississippi after several days of marching and engaged in many scouting raids from this camp. The first pay from the Government was with corn in Clear Springs.

On September 19, 1862, the Battle of Iuka, Mississippi was a major engagement for the Iowa Regiment of the Union Army as about seven hundred Union soldiers and eight hundred Confederate soldiers were killed. The Union Army won the Battle. There was great confusion in the command at Iuka and at one time the troops under the command of Captain John L. Young were being fired on by both Union and Rebel troops. A second Battle of Corinth occurred on October 6th and 7th of 1862. It was about this time that David Odell must have been sent back to Keokuk, Iowa with a tumor in his abdomen. The Seventeenth Infantry of the Iowa Regiment was preparing for the Battle of Vicksburg, Mississippi.¹¹¹

The discharge papers of David D. Odell¹¹² from the U.S. Army on November 11, 1862 state that he entered the army at age 29. Private David Odell was a member of Captain J.S. Young's Company A, Seventeenth Regiment, Iowa Volunteers enrolling at Leon, Iowa on February 27, 1862 for three years. He was discharged on November 11, 1862 at Keokuk, Iowa by reason of a Surgeon's Certificate of Disability. He was described as being six feet in height, of light complexion, blue eyes, and sandy hair. Andrew J. Baker, Lieutenant, was also in this unit. Lieutenant Baker was a brother of John Baker, the ggg grandfather of the author.

The Certificate of Disability states: “*I certify that I have carefully examined said David D. Odell of Captain Young's Company and find him incapable of performing the duties of a soldier because of a large tumor in the abdomen, nature uncertain, yield's to no treatment. Admitted Sept. 2, 1862. Signed, Surgeon in Charge, (Signature not readable).*”

Malinda McGaughury Odell, the widow of David D. Odell, applied on July 5, 1870 for a Widow's Pension¹¹³ of \$8 dollars per month commencing March 24, 1867. She was to be given an additional \$2 dollars per month for each child. The children listed on the application include:

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Nathaniel	born on October 5, 1856
Mary	born on July 11, 1858
Sarah	born on January 31, 1861
Rilda	born on January 24, 1864
James	born on August 17, 1866

Malinda McGaughey Odell died on November 1, 1911 and is buried in Miller Cemetery¹¹⁴, Burrell Township, Terre Haute, Decatur County, Iowa. Terre Haute, Iowa was founded in 1854 by Mordicia Miller. Terre Haute, Iowa was reported to have disappeared by 1915. At one time the town included two stores, one blacksmith, one hotel, one shoe shop, one cooper, a school house, physician, a post office and a population of seventy five. The town was located close to the railroad line about three and one-half miles southwest of Decatur City, Iowa where the I and M railroad bed crossed Elk Creek on the road from Decatur that continued south to Eagleville, Harrison County, Missouri. A railroad was never built through the town.

The Odell and McGaughey families were early settlers in the Terre Haute area of Decatur County, Iowa.¹¹⁵

The children of David D. Odell and Malinda McGaughey were:

Sarah Odell	b. January 31, 1861	d. October 6, 1924	m. January 27, 1881 (Horace Pryor)
Nathan Odell	b. October 5, 1856	d. April 7, 1935	m. February 1, 1885 (Amelia Action)
Mary Odell	b. July 11, 1858	d.	m. (Lorenze Don Schaffner)
Rilda Odell	b. January 24, 1864	d.	m. (Alleson Hamilton)
James Odell	b. August 17, 1866	d. June 27, 1943	m. 1. Sarah DeVoss b. 12/21/1872 d. 09/23/1925 2. Rose Cox
Boy Odell		died at birth	

Sarah Odell was born January 31, 1861 in Decatur County, Iowa, according to her obituary, and died October 6, 1924 in Blythedale, Harrison County, Missouri. She married Horace Vernon Pryor on January 27, 1881 in Decatur City, Decatur County, Iowa. After their marriage they lived near Terre Haute, Decatur County, Iowa for about five years and then moved to the Donaby area of Harrison County, Missouri in 1886.¹¹⁶ She and her husband lived on this farm until their deaths. The couple were members of the Donaby Church. Their children included Ira, Florence, Ollie and Clara. Ollie Pryor later married Frank White, grandfather of the author's wife, Betty White Baker.

William Pryor and Sarah Peach Pryor¹¹⁷ were the parents of Horace Vernon Pryor. They came to America from England in 1851, settled in Joe Daviess County, Illinois, and began farming. On September 17, 1851 William, age 28, and Sarah Peach Pryor, age 29, and Sarah Jane Pryor, age 3, arrived in New York on the ship, *Rajah*, from Liverpool. William was listed as a gardener and their stated destination was New York.¹¹⁸

In the March 30, 1851 England Census William and Sarah Peach Pryor are listed as living in the Parish of Handsworth, South Yorkshire, England. Living with them are their children Mary and

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Sarah Jane. William was born in Cropston, Leicestershire, England and Sarah Peach was born in Blakewell, Derbyshire. The family moved around because Mary was listed as born in Hoyland, Yorkshire and Sarah Jane was listed as born in Meerbrook, Derbyshire, England. ¹¹⁹

Sarah Pryor Stanbrough¹²⁰, sister of Horace Vernon Pryor, in a letter to Lena Marie White Smith dated June 12, 1834 reported that “*My father and mother came to this country in 1851. I was 4 years old the day that we got on the boat and we was on the ocean 6 weeks Father went back to England on a visit in 1876 and Aunt Fanny came home with him*”. William Pryor returned to England in 1876 for the sister of Sarah Peach Pryor, “Aunt Fannie Peach,” and they returned to America. Three months later, “Aunt Fanny Peach” died of cancer at the age of fifty-one.¹²¹

The county seat of Joe Daviess County, Galena was the richest city in the state because of the mining in the area. During 1845-1856 there would be twelve to fifteen steamboats at a time tied to the docks in Galena. Jo Daviess County provided many generals and soldiers to the Union Army during the Civil War, including Ulysses Grant.

The 1860 Illinois Census, Jo Daviess County, Rush Township, page 781, dwelling 3303 and family 3428 lists the following:

	Age	Occupation	Rel.Est.	PerProp.	Bir.Pl.
William Pryor	36	farmer	700	340	England
Sarah Pryor	39				England
Mary	14				England
Sarah G.	13				England
Rosa	9				Illinois
Walter P.	6				Illinois
Horace V.	3				Illinois
Burton	1				Illinois

Last Will and Testament of William Pryor¹²²
 January 13, 1892

I William Pryor of the village of Warren in the County of Jo Daviss in the State of Illinois do make and declare this to be my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

First

I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be fully paid.

Second

I give devise and bequeath unto my wife Sarah Pryor the income of all of my property personal real and mixed so long as she remains my widow and hereby charge that my said property shall not be incumbered or transferred during the widowhood of my said wife.

Third

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I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Teal. Sarah Jane Stansbrough. Inez B. Hart. share and share alike the east half of the west half of the south east quarter of Section number Nineteen (19) in the Township number twenty (29) north of Range number Five (5) east of the fourth (4) Principal Meridian containing Forty (40) acres of the land more or less.

Fourth

I hereby give and bequeath unto my son Walter Byron Pryor the sum on one dollar to be paid within one year from the death or widowhood of my said wife.

Fifth

I hereby give and bequeath unto my sons Horace Vernon Pryor and William Rezo Pryor the sum of five hundred dollars each to be paid within one year from the death or widowhood of my said wife.

Sixth

After said payment and performance of the directions and legacies declared in the foregoing clauses of this will. I give devise and bequeath unto my sons Ira Barton Pryor and John William Pryor all the residue and remainder of my property real personal and mixed share and share alike.

The foregoing will was signed by the said William Pryor in our presents and attested by us in his presents at his request. Joseph Hicks and Jennie E. Hicks of Warren, Ills Presented and admitted on February 18, 1892 and Recorded in Book R Probate Records page 316 by Joseph Hicks. Edward C. Slothower was appointed the executor on February 19, 1892.

William Pryor died on February 8, 1892 in Warren, Jo Daviess County, Illinois. Sarah Peach Pryor died on January 3, 1914 in Warren, Jo Daviess County, Illinois. They are both buried in the Elmwood Cemetery, Warren, Jo Daviess County, Illinois.

The Petition of Edward C. Slothower, nominated executor of the Will and Testament, before the Honorable Wm. T. Hodson, Judge of the County Court of Jo Daviess County, reported that Sarah Pryor, widow, Mary Teal, Sarah J. Stansbrough, Inez B. Hart, W. Bryon Pryor, Horace V. Pryor, Ira B. Pryor, Willard R. Pryor, John W. Pryor were his only children and heirs of law before the Court on Feb. 19, 1892.

The estate included 160 acres of land in Wayne Township, Lafayette County, Wisconsin, 40 acres of land in Jo Daviess County, and Blocks five and six in Jesse Wrights Addition in Warren, Illinois. The total value was listed as \$2500 dollars.

The inventory of the estate of William Pryor included the following:

1	Secretary	10
3	Stools	25
3	Beds and Bedding	30
2	Lounges	5
12	Chairs	6
5	Tables	15

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2	Bureaus	2
3	Carpets	3
1	Roller	15
1	John Deere Plow	2
1	Hay Rack	20
1	Corn	3
1	Corn Sheller	3
1	Water Tank	2
1	Ton Seed Corn	2
1	Sorgum Mill	5
1	Pair Trunks	8
1	Cutter	3
1	Buggy	15
100	Bu Corn	35
1	Corn Planter	10
1	Cultivator	5
1	Hay Rake	5
1	Dearing Mower	20
1	Ton Hay	6
100	Bu Oats	25
1	Set Light Harness	15
1	Yearling Colt	50
1	Mare	85
1	Mare	100
	Total	533

School Books and Family Library	100
One Sewing Machine	40
Beds, Bedsteads, Bedding for widow and family	100
Stoves and pipes used in the family with the Necessary Cooking Utensils	50
Household and Kitchen Furniture	100
1 Milch(sp) cow and calf	50
2 Sheep and Fleeces	15
One Horse, Saddle and Bridle	150
Provisions for widow and family for one year	200
Food for the stock above specified for six months	50
Fuel for widow and family for three months	50
Other Property	100
Total	1005

On February 26, 1892, Sarah Pryor requested that she for this she receive four hundred and seventy-two dollars in money. She signed the document with an “X” and her mark was attested by John Pryor. Sarah also received money for her “Widows Board” from the estate.

The estate of William and Sarah Peach Pryor was settled in 1914.^{123 124} The total value of the

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estate was thirteen thousand seven hundred and eighty-five dollars and forty-three cents. The Probate lists expenses including the following:

Jan. 10, 1914	Funeral Expenses	122.50
Jan. 10, 1914	Warren Sentienl Leader	.35
Jan. 19, 1914	Balance on board and Telegraph Esp.	33.79
Feb.16, 1914	Paid Sheean for legal advice and Exp.	3.50
Mar. 2, 1914	Taxes	89.84
	Executor's comm on \$600 interest	36.00
Mar. 5, 1914	Draft to H.V. Pryor	500.00
	Exchange on above draft	.25
Mar. 6, 1914	Draft to Willard Pryor	500.00
	Exchange of same	.25
Mar. 11, 1914	Walter B. Pryor	1.00
Mar. 14, 1914	Draft to Ira B. Pryor	3961.00
Mar. 14, 1914	To self	3961.00
	Total amount of money received,	10485.43
	Total amount of money expended	10241.96
	Balance on have for purposes noted below	243.47
	Report of sale of Forty (40) acres of will	
	Received from sale of land, Dec. 13, 1913,	\$3500.00
Mar. 10, 1913	Paid to Inez Hart	1000.00
	Paid to Sarah Stansbrough	1000.00
	Paid to Mary Teal	1000.00
Jan. 6, 1914	Paid to Mary Teal	166.66
	Paid to Inez Hart	166.67
	Paid to Sarah Stansbrough	166.67
		\$3500.00

Money was paid to Mary Teal from March 1911 thru 1913 for expenses of "widow board" of Sarah Peach Pryor who was living with her family until Sarah's death in 1914. The difference of two hundred forty-three dollars and forty-seven cents noted above was for "*taxes, final court costs and such other expenses as may be paid*". The final executor of the estate was E.C. Slothower and the Probate was closed on May 26, 1914.¹²⁵

Horace Vernon Pryor, born on October 3, 1857, left Warren, Jo Daviess County, Illinois in 1874, at the age of seventeen, and came to Decatur County, Iowa, near Lamoni, to live with his "Uncle Jimmy" Smith and they became life long friends. He married Sarah Odell on January 27, 1881 in Decatur County, Iowa. Sarah Odell Pryor was born in Decatur County, Iowa on January 31, 1861. They lived near Terre Haute, Iowa for five years before moving to Missouri.

In 1886, Horace Vernon and Sarah Odell Pryor moved to a farm about four miles north of Blythedale, Missouri. Horace Vernon and Sarah Odell Pryor gave ten acres of land for the location of the Donaby Church and School.¹²⁶ The Donaby Church and School¹²⁷ was the social center of the area at which singing schools, eloquent debates on literary subjects, softball games,

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spelling bees, and oyster suppers were held at the center. An annual homecoming was held each summer in the church yard which was full of large trees where the horses were tied during the meetings. Tables were set with the food, and after the morning services that were held in the Church, a community meal took place. A Christmas program with Santa, candy, fruit, and gifts was held each year. The Donaby Church fell into disrepair and was destroyed in 1960.

In 1920, at the age of fourteen, Truman Ben White, father of Betty Ruth White Baker, returned to Blythedale by train in from Capulin, Union County, New Mexico where his father, Frank White, had homesteaded. Truman then lived with his grandparents, Horace Vernon and Sarah Odell Pryor, until Sarah Odell Pryor's death on October 6, 1924. Truman described living with his grandparents as follows:

*Eventually I was moved away,
To Grandpa's Pryor I got to stay.
Here I was happy as could be,
Living with them was Heavenly.
This happy home was to be short lived,
Because before long Grandmother died.*¹²⁸

Following the death of his wife, Sarah Odell Pryor, Horace Vernon Pryor lived in Bakersfield, California and Boise, Idaho in the homes of his son, Ira Pryor, and daughter, Florence Pryor McConnell. On October 20, 1932 he married Alice Gusewelle.¹²⁹ Alice died on December 14, 1954 in Bethany, Missouri.¹³⁰

Wayne McQuerry remembered Horace Pryor drove "a very nice Whippet automobile" as he passed the farm where Wayne and his parents lived. This 1930 Whippet sedan with nine thousand miles was sold at the Estate Sale of Horace Pryor in 1933.¹³¹

Horace died suddenly on a Saturday afternoon, August 19, 1933, while putting chains on his car to go to the polls to vote. He was found in his garage by his hired man, Ike Yates. Mr. Pryor was lying face down and efforts to revive him by neighbors and Dr. See were unsuccessful.¹³²

The Estate of Horace Pryor listed \$9269.30 of personal property and \$6120.00 of real estate¹³³ and Truman B. White was the executor of the estate. The estate was filed and approved on September 11, 1933.¹³⁴ Samuel J. Moore owned the property immediately east.

The obituary of Horace Vernon Pryor described him as "*a friendly man and had friends. He was a man of strong likes and dislikes. To his friends he was loyal, steadfast and true. Himself, a man of unfailing energy and undeviating character, he had small tolerance for slothfulness or any phase of drunkenness or crime. Here was a man who left the imprint of his individuality on the community in which he lived. His home was the mainspring of his existence. Edgar Guest has said that it 'it takes a heap o' livin' in a house to make it home. A heap of sun and a heap of shadow'. The modern conveniences which electricity made possible were the pride and delight of his heart. The shadow that fell across this home was indeed when two beloved daughters, Mrs. Frank White (Ollie Pryor) and Mrs. Frank Harrison (Clara Pryor) were born away by the silent angel of death. Once again the shadow fell when the wife of his youth and the mother of his*

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*children died on October 6, 1924.”*¹³⁵

Sarah Odell Pryor¹³⁶ was described in her obituary as “*a cheerful and kind neighbor and a good worthy wife and mother. She had been in failing health for two years before her death but died suddenly after becoming worse in the morning and dying that evening*”. The funeral was preformed by Alva L. Ragsdale.

The children of Horace Vernon Pryor and Sarah Odell Pryor were the following:

Ollie Pryor	b. December 11, 1886	d. August 19, 1908	m. September 24, 1904
Ira Pryor	b. July 19, 1882		
Florence Pryor	b. March 12, 1884	d. 1970	m. November 8, 1907
Clara Pryor	b. February 27, 1889	d. before October 6, 1924	

On August 19, 1933, Horace Vernon Pryor died and is buried in the Cedar Hill Cemetery, Blythedale, Missouri adjacent to Sarah Odell Pryor.

Ollie Pryor was born on December 11, 1886 in Harrison County, Missouri and died on November 29, 1908. She lived but twenty-two years, eleven months, and eighteen days. She married Frank White on September 4, 1904. They lived on a farm a few miles north of Blythedale, Harrison County, Missouri.

In February of 1903 Ollie Pryor White united with the Christian Church of Blythedale, Missouri. Truman Ben White was born on July 12, 1905 on the farm north of Blythedale, Missouri. Dorrel White was born on July 17, 1907 and died on April 8, 1908, seven months before the death of his mother,¹³⁷ Ollie Pryor. Dorrel was reported to have died of a tumor of the jaw. A photograph of Dorrel White during his first year shows an enlarged jaw. It is possible that this was tuberculosis of the jaw as mandible involvement was more common in children plus his mother, Ollie, died of tuberculosis.

The family moved to Colorado in 1908 because of Ollie Pryor White’s health. Her health did not improve and the family returned to Blythedale, Missouri where she died of tuberculosis. She was survived by her brother, Ira; two sisters, Florence and Clara; and both of her parents.¹³⁸

The obituary states “*The deceased leaves a devoted husband, one little son (Truman White, step-father of the author), father, mother, and one brother and two sisters to mourn her departure.*”¹³⁹

The children of Frank and Ollie Pryor White are as follows:

Truman Ben White	b. July 12, 1905	d. February 23, 1990	m. 1. April 4, 1928 2. February 12, 1967
Dorrel White	b. July 7, 1907	d. April 8, 1908	

Ollie Pryor White died on November 29, 1908 and was buried on December 1, 1908 in the Cedar Hill Cemetery, Blythedale, Harrison County, Missouri.

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Truman Ben White was born to Frank Marion White and Ollie Pryor on July 12, 1905 in Blythedale, Harrison County, Missouri and died on February 23, 1990 in McAllen, Hildago County, Texas. After the death of his mother, Ollie Pryor White, Truman lived with his paternal grandparents, Elwood and Amelia Mock White. In 1911 Frank White homesteaded in Capulin, New Mexico and he and Truman moved to New Mexico. In 1913 Frank White married Nora Alice Allman and they remained on the homestead in Capulin, New Mexico. In 1915 the family moved back to Blythedale, Missouri but in 1917 they returned to New Mexico. In 1920 Truman moved back to Blythedale and lived with his maternal grandparents, Horace and Sarah Odell Pryor. This was a very happy home for Truman but in 1924 Sarah Odell Pryor died and Truman again made his home with his paternal grandparents, Elwood and Amelia Mock White. ¹⁴⁰

In 1925 Truman graduated from Blythedale High School in the class with his future wife, Ruth Marie Moore. On April 4, 1928 the couple was married. Truman worked in the Citizens Bank of Blythedale, Missouri and ultimately became the major owner and President of the bank. Truman and Ruth had four children.

Bedonna Jean
Joy Ann
Betty Ruth
Jimmy Dale

Truman was a very active community leader, Angus cattle breeder, implement dealer, Elder in the Christian Church, and 4- H leader.

Truman and Ruth White lived in Blythedale, Missouri their entire lives and are buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery in the same city. ¹⁴¹

Betty Ruth White is the wife of the author and they live in Topeka, Kansas. ¹⁴²

The United States of America,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas, Nathan G Odell of Wayne county, Ohio

has deposited in the General Land Office of the United States, a certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Monroe,

whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said Nathan G Odell,

according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for the East half of the North East quarter of Section one - in Township eight, South of Range thirteen, West, in the District of lands offered for sale at Monroe, Michigan Territory, containing eighty acres

according to the official plat of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General, which said tract has been purchased by the said Nathan G Odell

NOW KNOW YE, That the **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,** in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, have Given and Granted, and, by these presents, do give and grant, unto the said Nathan G Odell and to his heirs and assigns, of whatsoever nature thereto belonging, unto the said Nathan G Odell - the said tract above described: To Have and to Hold the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities and appurtenances, of whatsoever nature thereto belonging, unto the said Nathan G Odell - heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, I, Andrew Jackson

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the city of Washington, the ~~first~~ ^{Ten} day of ~~September~~ ^{November}, 1830, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ~~thirty~~ ^{fifty} and of the Independence of the United States the ~~thirty~~ ^{fifty} ~~fourth~~ ^{fourth}.

By the President,

E. H. Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Nathan Odell
Homestead Certificate No. 902
Monroe, Michigan Territory
November 10, 1830

Certificate
No. 902

E. H.

Certificate
No. 1457

The United States of America,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas, Nathan S. Odell June of St Joseph County, Michigan,
has deposited in the General Land Office of the United States, a certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Monroe

whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said Nathan S. Odell June
according to the provisions of the act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for
the East half of the 1/4 section 1, quarter 1 of section 36, township 36 North, of
Range 11 West, in the District of lands subject to sale at Monroe, Michigan,

containing Eighty Acres,
according to the official plat of the survey of the said lands, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General, which said tract has been pur-
chased by the said Nathan S. Odell June

NOW KNOW YE, That the **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several
acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, have given and granted, and, by these presents, do give and grant, unto the said Nathan S. Odell June
and to his heirs, the said tract above described: To
have and to hold the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities and appurtenances, of whatsoever nature thereunto belonging, unto the said Nathan S.
Odell June
and to his heirs and assigns forever

In testimony whereof, I, Andrew Jackson

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto
affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the 11th day of January in the year of our
Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty one and of the Independence of the United States the

11th day of January
By the President,

Nathan Odell
Homestead Certificate No. 1457
St. Joseph County, Michigan
January 1, 1831

E. H. Commissioners of the General Land Office.

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ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES.



CERTIFICATE OF DISABILITY FOR DISCHARGE.

(To be used, in duplicate, in all cases of discharge on account of disability.)

David D Odell private of Captain J. L. Young's Company, (A) of the Seventeenth Regiment of United States was enlisted by J. L. Young of the Regiment of at Leon Iowa on the 22 day of February 1862, to serve four years; he was born in Cass Co in the State of Michigan is twenty nine years of age, six feet inches high, light complexion, blue eyes, Sandy hair, and by occupation when enlisted a farmer During the last two months said soldier has been unfit for duty days. (Here consult directions on Form 12, p. 269, Medical Dept. Gen. Reg.)

STATION: U. S. Military Hospital DATE: Keokuk Iowa Nov 8 1862

Commanding Company.

I CERTIFY, that I have carefully examined the said David D. Odell of Captain Young's Company, and find him incapable of performing the duties of a soldier because of (Here consult par. 1134, p. 245, and directions on Form 12, p. 269, Med. Dept. Gen. Reg.)

A large tumor in the abdomen nature uncertain, yields to no treatment Admitted Sept 2 1862 M. J. Faylor M.D. Surgeon in Charge

DISCHARGED, this Eleventh day of November 1862 at Keokuk, Iowa Chas. Call Commanding the Post

NOTE 1.—When a probable case for pension, special care must be taken to state the degree of disability. 1 St. 13 Prof. U. S. A. NOTE 2.—The place where the soldier desires to be addressed may be here added.

Town—

County—

State—Military Command

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Death of Horace Pryor

Our community was shocked and saddened Saturday afternoon when word was received that Horace Pryor had suddenly passed away. He was in his garage, putting the chains on his car preparatory to going to the polls to vote. Ike Yates, who is employed on the Pryor farm, came to the garage to ask Mr. Pryor concerning some tools and found him lying on the floor, face down. Calling Mrs. Pryor and neighbors they tried to revive him and Dr. See was called but life was extinct. Mr. Pryor's death came as a shock. While not in rugged health, he had been about as usual and the end came suddenly. It is expected that the funeral will be held Thursday. A son-in-law, F. E. McConnell is on the way and upon his arrival the time of the services will be determined. His daughter, Mrs. McConnell will be unable to come. Mrs. Pryor's daughter Mrs. Hugh Gusewelle, with her husband, is with her mother. We hope to have a fitting obituary for next week's issue.

Horace V. Pryor

**b. October 3, 1857
m. January 27, 1881
d. August 19, 1933**

**Buried Cedar Hill Cemetery
Blythedale, Harrison County, MO**

DEATH OF MRS. PRYOR.

Sarah O'Dell Pryor was born in Decatur county, Iowa, January 31, 1861, and departed this life at her home near Blythedale, October 6, 1924, aged 63 years, 8 months and 5 days.

She was united in marriage to Horace V. Pryor January 27, 1881, at Decatur City, Iowa. To this union four children were born: Ira Pryor of Bakersfield, California; Florence McConnell, of Boise, Idaho; Ollie White and Clara Harrison, who preceded her in death.

With her husband she moved to Harrison county and located on a farm near the Donaby church in 1888 where she spent the last 38 years of her life.

She obeyed the gospel and united with the Christian church at Donaby and lived a true Christian life.

She had been in failing health for nearly two years, taking sudden worse Monday morning and peacefully passed away in the evening.

She leaves to mourn a husband, one son, one daughter, two brothers, Nathan of Nasher, Okla., and Jim of Kerton, Iowa; six grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

She was a cheerful and kind neighbor and a good worthy loving wife and mother.

Funeral services were at Blythedale Christian church Friday, October 10, Alva L. Ragsdale officiating.

**Ollie Pryor White
b. December 11, 1886
d. November 29, 1908**

**Buried Cedar Hill Cemetery
Blythedale, Harrison County, MO**

**Sarah O'Dell Pryor
b. January 31, 1861
d. October 6, 1924**

**Buried Cedar Hill Cemetery
Blythedale, Harrison County, MO**

Obituary

Sister Ollie White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Pryor, was born December 11, 1885, and departed this life November 29, 1908, age 22 years 11 months and 18 days. She united with the Christian church at Blythedale, in February, 1903 and lived devoted Christian life until death. She was united in marriage to Bro F. M. White, September, 4, 1904. To this union was born two sons, the youngest, little Dorrel, having preceded her to the better world near seven months ago, where with out stretched hands, he could beckon mamma to come.

The deceased leaves a devoted husband, one little son, father, mother, one brother and two sisters to mourn her departure.

Her funeral service was conducted by the writer in the Blythedale Christian church on December 1st, in the presence of a large audience of sorrowing friends and relatives, after which the remains were tenderly laid to rest in the cemetery at that place.

May the bereaved lean upon the Savior for comfort, and strive to be a mother to the motherless, and a companion to the companionless, that Heaven may bring in the end a glorious reunion is the prayer of your brother in sympathy. W. H. HOBB

OBITUARY—PRYOR

"We can be great by helping one another,
We can be loved for very simple deeds.
Who has the grateful mention of his brother
Has really all the honor that he needs."

Some seven or eight centuries before the birth of Christ, King Solomon, who has been acclaimed one of the wisest men of all ages, penned the following words: "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly."

Horace V. Pryor was a friendly man and he proved the truth of the statement made by Isreal's ruler so many hundreds of years ago; for not only was he a friendly man but he also had friends. He was a man of strong likes and dislikes. To his friends he was loyal, steadfast and true. Himself, a man of unflinching energy and undeviating character, he had small tolerance for slothfulness or any phase of drunkenness or crime. Here was a man who left the imprint of his individuality on the community in which he lived.

He was born at Warren, Ill., the son of William and Sarah Peach Pryor, who were natives of England. At the age of 17 he left Illinois and for several years he made his home with "Uncle Jimmie" Smith near Lamoni, Iowa. A friendship was thus formed that endured throughout their lives. He was married January 27, 1881, to Miss Sarah O'Dell. A home was established near Terre Haute, Iowa, where the family lived for about five years. In 1886 Mr. Pryor with his family moved to the farm in the Donaby neighborhood which was to be his home for almost half a century. He loved the soil and today the fertile acres of his farm bear silent witness of his unremitting toll and ceaseless efforts.

His home was the mainspring of his existence. The modern conveniences which electricity made possible were the pride and delight of his heart. Edgar Guest has said that it "takes a heap o' livin' in a house to make it home. A heap of sun and a heap of shadow." The shadow that fell across this home was dark indeed when two beloved daughters, Mrs. Frank White and Mrs. Frank Harrison, were borne away by the silent angel of death. Once again the shadow fell when the wife of his youth and the mother of his children died on October 6, 1924.

Following the death of his wife, Mr. Pryor spent several months in California and Idaho at the homes of his son and daughter.

On October 20, 1932, he was married to Mrs. Alice Gusewelle, who by her kind and winning personality, brought joy and sunshine into the home once more; but only a few short happy months were to be their portion. For on August 19, 1933, he very quietly and quickly passed over into that mysterious realm from which no traveler ever returns. At the time of his death he had reached the age of 76 years, 10 months and 16 days.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alice Pryor; one son, Ira Pryor of Bakersfield, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. Florence McConnell of Boise, Idaho; three brothers, Ira Pryor, Bakersfield, Calif.; Bryon Pryor, Bakersfield, Calif.; John W. Pryor, Liberty, Mo.; three sisters, Mrs. Inez Hart, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Mary Teale, Dorchester, Neb.; Mrs. Mary Stanbraugh, Dixon, Ill.; six grandchildren, Mrs. Beulah McGrath, Belva and Robert McConnell, Lee and Paul Pryor, Truman White, and Erma Harrison; and also six great-grandchildren survive him.

"Men talk too much of gold and fame,
And not enough about a name;
And yet a good name's better far
Than all earth's glistening jewels are.
Who holds his name above all price
And chooses every sacrifice
To keep his earthly record clear
Can face the world without fear.

"Who keeps his name without a stain,
Wears no man's brand and no man's chain;
He need not fear to speak his mind
In dread of what the world may find.
He then is master of his will;
None may command him to be still,
Nor force him, when he would stand
fast,
To flinch before his hidden past.

"Not all the gold that man may claim
Can cover up a deed of shame;
Not all the fame of victory sweet
Can free the man who played the
cheat;
He lives a slave unto the last
Unto the shame that mars his past.
His only freedom here may own
Whose name a stain has never known."

Obituary

Horace Vernon Pryor

Blythedale, Harrison County, Missouri
August 19, 1933

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William Pryor

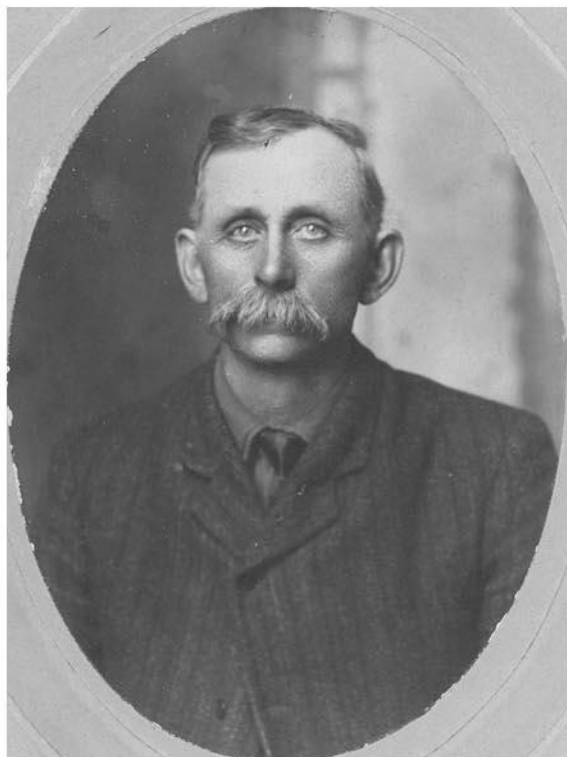
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m. December 25, 1844
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d. February 8, 1892
Jo Daviess County
Illinois



Sarah Peach Pryor

b. February 17, 1821
England
d. January 3, 1914
Jo Daviess County
Illinois

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Horace Vernon Pryor

b. October 3, 1857
m. January 27, 1881
d. August 19, 1933

Bryon Walter Pryor
b. June 6, 1854



Sarah Odell Pryor

b. January 31, 1861
m. January 27, 1881
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Horace Paul, Cholie (Richardson), Ira, and Robert Lee Pryor
c. 1922

Ira Barton Pryor
b. May 4, 1859



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b. August 1, 1847



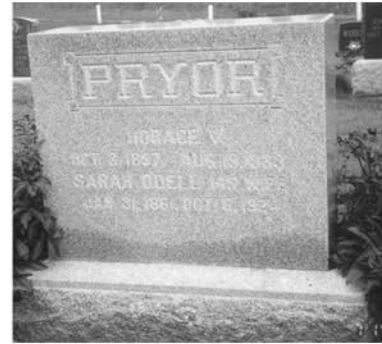
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Ollie Pryor White
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Frank Marion White
Nora Alice Allman White



Horace Vernon Pryor
Sarah Odell Pryor

Cedar Hill Cemetery
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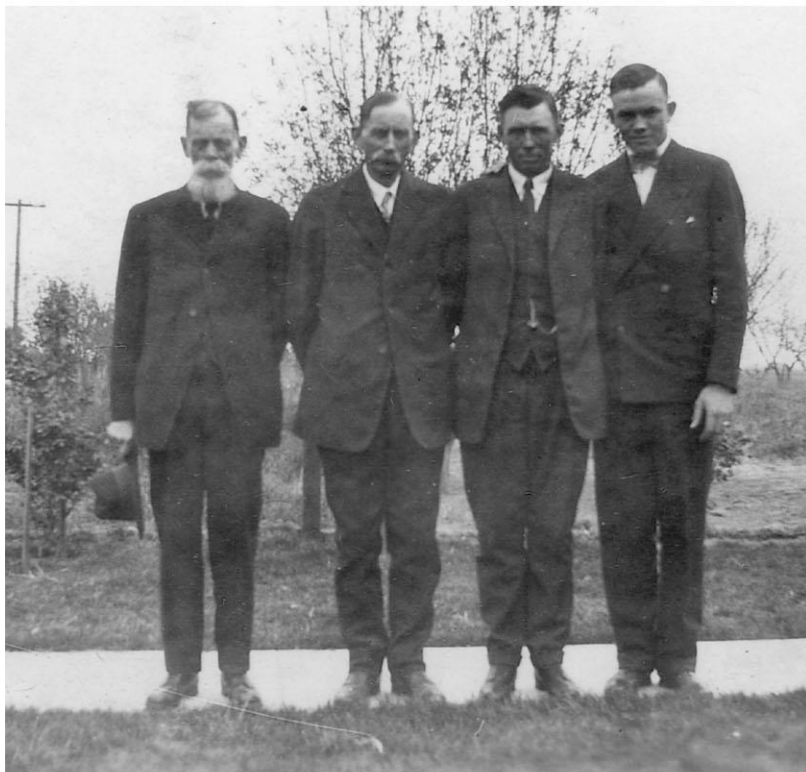


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Elwood White



Harley Dean Moore
Elzadia Florence Dale Moore

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Ira Barton, Horace Vernon, Ira, Robert Lee Pryor
Bakersfield, California
c. 1930



Robert Lee Pryor, Ava Leist Pryor,
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