

WILLIAM LEACH, SR. to EDITH REBECCA LEACH

Edith Rebecca Leach was born September 2, 1852 in Grayville, White County, Illinois and died January 30, 1924 in Blythedale, Harrison County, Missouri. White County, Illinois was opposite across the Wabash River, the state line, from Gibson County, Indiana. She married John Robert Moore on May 15, 1870 in Blythedale, Missouri. Edith Rebecca Leach and her husband John Robert Moore are buried in the Cedar Hill Cemetery, Blythedale, and Harrison County, Missouri.

In 1866 at the age of fourteen Edith Rebecca Leach came to Harrison County, Missouri with her mother, Mary Sneed Varner Leach and her brothers Eli, Salathiel, and perhaps Eugene. This was four years after her father, Salathiel Guinn Leach, died of typhoid fever during the Civil War. She was living with the Samuel and Susan Moore family at the time of the 1870 Missouri Census, Harrison County. ¹

It was assumed that Salathiel, Sr. was buried near Helena, Arkansas but many of the Union soldier's graves were later moved from Helena, Arkansas to the National Cemetery in Memphis, Tennessee. The body was not moved back to Illinois. ²

The Leach family is thought to be Scotch-Irish coming to Northern Ireland from Scotland. From 1740-1770 thousands of Scotch-Irish migrated to America because of their religious beliefs and the depressing political and economic conditions. Many came to Pennsylvania and then migrated down the Shenandoah Valley to settle in Virginia but many continued on into the Carolina's. ³

William Leach, Sr. was a stonemason and came to Monroe County, Virginia (West Virginia) from Prince Edward County, Virginia at the close of the Revolutionary War with his wife Susanna Hughes. Two of William's sisters, Susan (m. Isaac Foster) and Nancy (m. Alexander Clark) came with them. William and Susanna settled on the Washington Nickell place in the Sinks, some of his close neighbors being James Gregory, and John and William Brown. He owned slaves and left personal property valued at \$274.67. After his death in 1807 the widow and most of her children went to Kentucky. Joshua, Mary, and Elizabeth remained in the Sinks. In 1815 some of the family returned as far as Charleston, Virginia (West Virginia) with a stone to mark their father's grave but the spot could not be identified and they returned to Kentucky.

Children were: Reuben, John, James, Mary, Matthew, Joshua (1773-1858), Esom, William Jr., and Elizabeth.

The people from Monroe County came from Ulster area of Ireland during the period 1725-1775. They were leaving religious persecution at the time. Some also came from the Palatine area of Germany for the same reason. ⁴

The 1810 Virginia Census, Monroe County, page 19, lists the following:

Susannah Leach	M	< age 26	1	
	F	< age 26	1	
		> age 45	1	Plus one free person

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There is also a Wm Leach age < 25 , page 20; Esom Leach age 25-45, page 4; and Absalom Leach age 25-45, page 14 listed on the 1810 Virginia Census, Monroe County but it is not known if Absalom had any relationship to the family.

William Leach Jr., great-grandfather of Edith Rebecca Leach, was born about 1776 in Sinks, Monroe County, West Virginia (Virginia at the time) and married Jane Thompson on January 21, 1794. A William Leach was one of the early settlers in the Northwest Territory that was formed in 1784 when land was given by the State of Virginia to the United States. This land was the area from the Ohio River to the Mississippi River and north and included the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois.⁵

John Severns was the first settler in the Northwest Territory. John was living in the area that became West Virginia with his family when he and his brothers were captured by Indians. His parents and sisters were killed but John and his brother lived with the Indians for several years. His brother married an Indian. John escaped and ultimately married in Pennsylvania. He and his family returned to the Northwest Territory and settled on the Potaka River operating a ferry. The Potaka River flows west in southwestern Indiana and empties into the Wabash River passing thru what is now Gibson County. The Indians trusted him and he helped settle many disputes between the settlers and the Indians.

One William Leach came to the area in 1809 or 1810 with the early families of Montgomery, Mounts, Stone, Roberts, Warrick and Hargrove. Most of these families came from Virginia, the Carolinas, Tennessee, and Kentucky. ⁶ Later Robert Thompson Leach, son of William and Jane Thompson Leach, married Catherine Stone, daughter of Thomas and Dorcas Montgomery Stone.

*The mother of William Leach, Jr. is said to be Susanna Hughes born about 1744 in Sinks, Monroe County, Virginia. Some family members think that the father of William Leach, Jr. is a John Leach. William Leach, Jr. would have been born before 1775 to be over age 45 in the 1820 Indiana Census. One son of William Leach, Sr. was Joshua and he was known to have been born in 1773.

The 1820 Indiana, Gibson County, page 247, lists the following:

Wm. Leach	M	age 16-20*	1	*Robert Thompson
		> age 45	1	
	F	age < 16	1	
		>age 45	1	

The 1830 Indiana, Gibson County, page 156, lists the following:

William Leach	M	age 60-70	1
	F	age 50-60	1

Robert Thompson Leach, grandfather of Edith Rebecca Leach, was born about 1803 in Gibson

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County, Indiana and died in 1839 in Gibson County, Indiana. The cause of this early death is not known but there was a large epidemic of Asiatic cholera in the Northwest Territory at that time.⁷ Robert Thompson Leach married Katherine (Catherine) Stone on April 24, 1824 in Gibson County, Indiana. Gibson County was formed from Knox County in 1813 and Princeton was chosen as the County Seat in 1814. Katherine Stone's father, Thomas Stone, was the sheriff of Gibson County, Indiana.⁸

The 1830 Indiana, Gibson County, page 136, lists the following:

Thompson Leach	M	under 5	3 (Salathiel, Sr., ?William, ?Thomas)
	M	age 20-30	1
	F	age 20-30	1

The 1840 Indiana, Gibson County, Montgomery Township, page 30, lists the following:

Katherine Leach	M	under age 5	1
	M	5-10	1
	M	10-15	2 (Salathiel, Sr.)
	F	under age 5	1
	F	30-40	1

Katherine (called Catherine in 1850) married Robert T. McReynolds and they were living in Sangamon County, Illinois in 1850.⁹ By 1860 they had moved to Menard County, Illinois¹⁰ and in 1870 there were living in Wilson County, Kansas.¹¹ Robert T. and Catherine Leach McReynolds moved to Sangamon County, Illinois, then to Iowa, and finally to Wilson County, Kansas. Robert T. McReynolds moved to Nebraska after the death of Catherine. On June 9, 1895 Robert T. McReynolds died in Clay County, Nebraska at the home of his son, Logan McReynolds.¹²

The 1850 Illinois Census, Edwards County, page 273, lists the following:

S.G. Leach	M	age 25	IN	Tanner
Mary Leach	F	age 27	IN	
Eugene	M	age 2	IL	

The 1860 Illinois Census, Menard County, page 893, lists the following:

Salathiel Leach	M	age 35	IN	farmer	Real estate \$3900
					Personal prop. \$1200
Mary Leach	F	age 37	IN		
Eugene Leach	M	age 10	IL		
Edith Leach	M	age 7	IL		
Eli Leach	M	age 5	IL		
Robert Leach	M	age 1	IL		

Living in the household at this Census is Robert, age 1, and Aaron Curry, age 15. It is not known

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the association of the Curry's and the Leach's.

The 1870 Missouri Census, Harrison County, Marion Township, page 109 lists the following:

Mary Leach	F	age 47	IN	Keeping house	Real Estate	\$1200
					Personal Prop.	\$560
Eli Leach	M	age 15	IL	Farm Laborer		
Salathiel Leach, Jr.	M	age 8	IL	at school		

Robert Leach no longer appears in the Census report. He must have died between 1860 and 1867 at the time of the closure of the estate of Salathiel Leach, Sr.

The 1870 Missouri Census, Harrison County, page 115B, lists the following:

Samuel Moore	M	age 70	KT	Retired Farmer	Real Estate	\$ 3000
					Personal Prop.	\$ 1975
Susan Moore	F	age 63	KT	Keeping house		
John Moore	M	age 19	IN	Farmer		
Edith R. Moore	F	age 18	IL	Keeping house		

In 1876 the Moore family went by wagon train to Whitman County, Washington Territory. This train included Samuel, Susan, John, Edith, and Harley, the son of John and Edith Moore. After the death her husband in 1877 Susan Clark Moore returned from the Washington Territory to live with John Robert and Edith Rebecca Leach Moore.

The 1880 Missouri Census, Harrison County, Colfax Township, page 20 lists the following:

Moor, John	29		farmer	Ind	Ky	Ky
, Edith	27	wife	keeping house	Ill	Ind	Ind
, Harry ¹³	7	son		Mo	Ind	Ill
, No name	6/12 (Dec) ¹⁴	son		Mo	Ind	Ill
Moor, Susan	73	mother		Ky	Pa	Va

Salathiel Guinn Leach, Sr., father of Edith Rebecca Leach, was born July 10, 1825 in Gibson County, Indiana and died about October 15, in Helena, Phillips County, Arkansas of typhoid fever.¹⁵ He was a private in Company A, Commanded by Captain Elkins, of the 10th Illinois Calvary Volunteers, United States Army at the time of his death.¹⁶ He was the son of Robert Thompson Leach and Katherine Stone Leach.

In 1840¹⁷ Salathiel, Sr. is living with his mother, Katherine Leach, in Gibson County, Indiana.

In the early 1840's Mary Sneed Varner married George Hussy and they had one known child, Albert Romans Hussy. Apparently both father and son died as no further record has been found except the Bible records of Mary Sneed Varner Hussy Leach.¹⁸ In her Bible Death Records Mary Leach notes the death of Albert Romans Leach on June 4, 1844.

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On June 11, 1847 Salathiel Guinn Leach, Sr. was married to Mary Sneed Varner¹⁹ but the location of their marriage is not known.

By the 1850 Census²⁰ Salathiel, Sr., Mary, and Eugene, age 2, are living in Edwards County, Illinois. Gibson County, Indiana and Edwards County, Illinois are adjacent to each other with the Wabash River as the border. Edwards County, Illinois is adjacent to Gibson County, Illinois on the Wabash River at Grayville, Illinois. Eugene Thompson Leach, son of Salathiel, Sr. and Mary Varner Leach, reported his birth place as Graysville, Edwards County, Illinois. Graysville is located on the Wabash River with a portion of the city in Edwards County and the remainder in the adjacent White County, Illinois. Some family records use White County, Illinois as the birthplace of Eugene Thompson Leach.

By the 1860 Census²¹ the family is living in Menard County, Illinois. Eugene Thompson Leach listed his home as "*Indian Creek*," on February 4, 1865 at the time of his enlistment during the Civil War.²² There was a town Indian Point on the Indian Creek River. This location of the town and Indian Creek would have been just a few miles from the Abraham Lincoln early home site in New Salem, Illinois.²³ The family must have known Abraham Lincoln well. Catherine Stone Leach McReynolds, mother of Salathiel Leach, Sr., had moved to Sangamon County, Illinois by 1850²⁴ well before the election of Abraham Lincoln as President of the United States. Lincoln campaigned extensively for the Illinois State legislature and for Congress in this area before being elected President.

To this union were born Eugene T. Leach, Eli A. Leach, Salathiel Leach, Jr., Robert Thomas, and Edith Rebecca Leach. All of the children were born in Illinois.²⁵ In 1866, four years after Salathiel Sr. died, Mary Sneed Varner Leach moved with her family to Harrison County, Missouri. Eugene Thompson and Edith Rebecca remained in Harrison County, Missouri; Eli Asbury went to Kansas then later to Farmington, Washington, and on to Ilo, Idaho;²⁶ and Salathiel Jr., went to Farmington, Whitman County, Washington.²⁷ Eli was trained in medicine but farmed most of his life. Eli and his wife, Lucinda Smith, lived in Elk and Pratt counties of Kansas from 1874 to 1888 when they moved to Farmington, Whitman County, Washington. After 1893 Eli and Lucinda moved to Ilo, Nez Perce County, Idaho and became successful farmers.²⁸

Private Salathiel G. Leach, Sr. was in the 10th Regiment Illinois Calvary, Company A was organized at Camp Butler under the command of Colonel James A. Barrett in the latter part of September 1861 and mustered into service on November 25, 1861.²⁹ The unit was mounted on their own horses. The unit moved to Quincy, Illinois in January 1862 for further training until they moved to Benton Barracks in St. Louis, Missouri by rail on March 15, 1862. About April 1, 1862 the unit left by rail for Rolla, Missouri and then marched to Springfield, Missouri arriving on April 4, 1862. The men were issued sabers and pistols at the Benton Barracks and later they were issued rifles that did not work so were soon abandoned.

The First Battalion of the 10th Illinois Calvary, including Company A, D, G and K, under the command of Major E.P. Shaw left Springfield, Missouri on June 15, 1862 to go to join General S. R. Curtis in Jacksonport, Arkansas. The unit reported to Jacksonport, Arkansas on July 4,

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1862. They marched and fought enroute toward Helena, Arkansas from July 4 to 12 and were in action at Cotton Plant, Arkansas on July 7, 1862. On August 6, 1862 the unit moved to Old Town Landing, Arkansas and remained there until the unit marched back to in Helena, Arkansas on October 6, 1862.

On October 15, 1862 Salathiel Guinn Leach died of typhoid fever in Helena, Phillips County, Arkansas.³⁰ He is not listed in cemeteries of Helena, Arkansas.³¹ Contact with the Department of Veteran Affairs for burial information on Veterans in VA National Cemeteries did not locate the burial location of Salathiel, Sr.³² The 10th Illinois Calvary lost twenty five men and officers in combat and two hundred sixty-five men and officers from disease, accidents, and imprisonment during the entire Civil War. Many of those buried in the Helena, Arkansas Cemetery were moved to the National Cemetery in Memphis, Tennessee.

On April 17, 1863 Mary Sneed Varner Leach, the wife of Salathiel Guinn Leach, Sr., applied for a Widow's Claim for Pension, Claim No. 34,983, in Menard County, Illinois.³³ She stated that she married Salathiel G. Leach, Sr. on June 11, 1847 and had remained a widow since his death. On July 19, 1867 Catherine McReynolds, Greenview, Menard County, Illinois signed an affidavit stating that she personally knew Mary and Salathiel Leach having been present at the birth of their third child, Eli A. Leach on August 15, 1855. This was signed before Henry G. Margold, Justice of the Peace.³⁴ Catherine Stone Leach McReynolds was the mother-in-law of Mary Sneed Varner Leach. Catherine's first husband, Robert Leach, had died and in 1841 she married Robert McReynolds.

Mary apparently did not receive the pension at this time. In 1876 after moving to the Washington Territory she married John Campbell. He was married at the time of his marriage to Mary Sneed Varner Leach. After discovering his other marriage Mary separated from John Campbell and began again to request her Widows Pension.

In 1876³⁵ Mary Varner Sneed Leach moved to the Territory of Washington, County of Whitman by wagon train from near Eagleville, Harrison County, Missouri to Council Bluffs, Iowa. She was traveling with Salathiel, Jr. and the Moore, Hammer, and Barcus families.³⁶ The group crossed the Missouri River by ferry and in Omaha, Nebraska loaded their wagons and baggage and traveled by train to Odgen, Utah. They again traveled by wagon train to the area of Garfield, Washington Territory and arrived on July 25, 1876.³⁷ The first year in Washington was described as being very difficult.³⁸ Mary Varner Sneed Leach lived with Salathiel G. Leach, Jr. before her marriage and subsequent separation from John Campbell.

Mary Sneed Varner Leach homesteaded eighty three acres of land in Whitman County, Washington Territory.³⁹

On October 22, 1876 Mary Sneed Varner Leach was married to John A Campbell by J.P. Quarles, Justice of the Peace.⁴⁰ John Robert Moore and William H. Muncey were witnesses.⁴¹ Mary Varner Sneed Leach Campbell separated from John A. Campbell in 1883 or 1884 immediately after having proof that John Campbell had a wife living at the date of his marriage to Mary Sneed Varner Leach. This affidavit was signed by Salathiel Leach, Jr. the son,

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age 29, Farmington, Whitman County, Washington on October 2, 1891.⁴²

Apparently John A. Campbell was “*married and abandoned his wife in the State of Missouri*” according to an affidavit signed by Mary R. Murphy, daughter of John A. Campbell, age 41, of Carterville, Williamson County, Illinois.⁴³ She further stated that her mother, Martha Jane Campbell, died on January 30 1877 in the attendance of Mary R. Murphy.

On November 3, 1891 Mary Davis,⁴⁴ the mother of John Campbell, appeared before J.H. Pillsbury, Judge of the County Court, Petersburg, Menard County, Illinois⁴⁵ and reported that John Campbell was her son. In 1849 John Campbell had married Martha Jane Connor and in 1854 the couple moved to Missouri. In the fall of 1859 Mary Connor Campbell was brought back to Illinois by her brother, John Connor. Mary Connor Campbell lived in Illinois until her death.⁴⁶

On November 30, 1891 Mary E. Sharp, sister of John Campbell, filed an affidavit that stated that John Campbell had not been heard from after leaving his wife, Mary Connor Campbell, in Missouri in 1855 until 1875. This was her first contact after John Campbell left his wife in Missouri. This affidavit by Mary E. Sharp was sent to John Campbell at Pine Creek, Idaho.⁴⁷ John Campbell presented this affidavit to the Court when he was living in Murray, Idaho stating that he had a wife at the time of his marriage to Mary Sneed Varner Leach.⁴⁸

Several more affidavits were filed in an attempt to reestablish the Widow’s Pension for Mary Sneed Varner Leach. In a letter to the Honorable Commissioner of Pensions, Washington D.C. from Louisville, Kentucky by Special Examiner, A.F. Burnley, was of the opinion that the marriage of Mary S. Leach “*to John A. Campbell was null and void , and therefore that claimant is the legal widow of the soldier Salathiel G. Leach*”. This opinion was signed and dated April 13, 1896.⁴⁹ The marriage was annulled. Mary Sneed Varner Hussy Leach was called “*Grandma Campbell.*”

On May 11, 1898 while visiting in Washington Edith Rebecca Leach Moore wrote to Harley Dean Moore, her son, in Blythedale, Missouri the following “*Mothers health is a great deal better than when we first came her mind is not quite right at times yet. Salathiel wants to come home with us he thinks it would help her when Eli comes then we will know what she will do as she wants to see him first.*”⁵⁰

Mary Sneed Varner Leach was known in the area as “*Grandma Campbell*”⁵¹ because of her marriage to John A. Campbell that was later annulled. Mary Leach was not found on the 1900 Census. In August of 1902 Edith Leach Moore wrote that Mary Sneed Varner Leach was confined to a medical facility located at “*medical lake.*”⁵² On August 15, 1902 Edith Leach Moore wrote in a letter that Eli, Salathiel, and she went to visit Mary Leach. The letter noted that “*after we told Mother she said she knew me. She is poor and is very bad stooped but they said her health was good. She wanted to get up and fix our supper for us. I don’t think she fully realized who we was.*”⁵³ Mary Sneed Varner Leach may have had Alzheimer’s which would have been termed “*insane*” at that time.

The obituary of Mary Sneed Varner Leach states that the funeral “*took place at Silver creek*

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cemetery last Monday in the presence of a vast throng of sorrowing relatives and friends.”

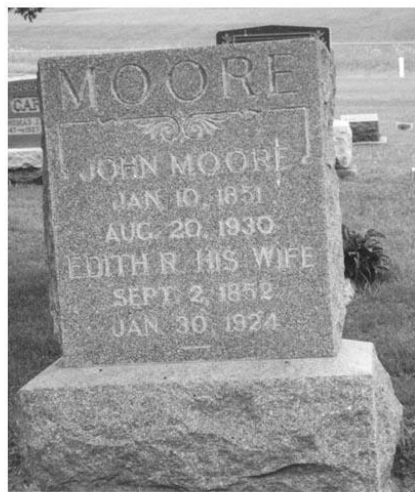
“Mrs. Leach, familiarly known as Grandma Campbell, is known far and wide, as for many years before she became too feeble to get around she devoted her entire time to doing good in the way of nursing and other kindly acts and though her familiar face will be seen no more many there are who are left behind that will pass along through life’s uncertain journey blessing the name.”
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The obituary implies that the body was brought to the cemetery from another location which may have been the Medical Lake facility. On March 18, 1904 Mary Sneed Varner Leach of Garfield, Whitman County, Washington was buried in the Silver Creek Cemetery, Whitman County, Washington.⁵⁵



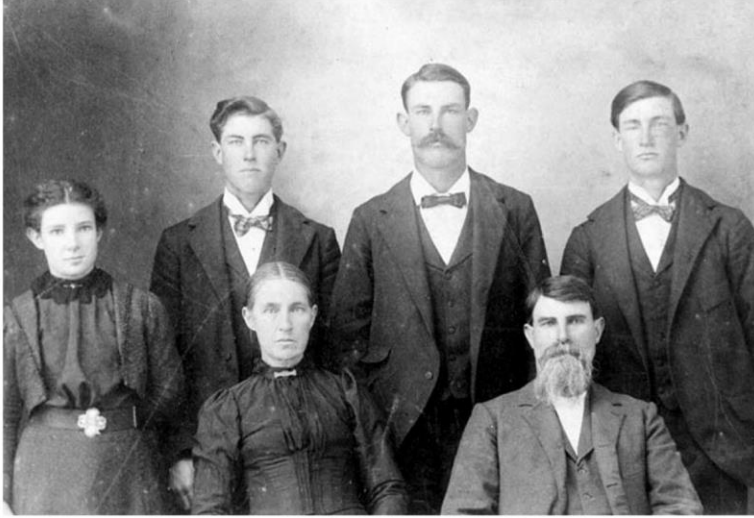
c. 1915

Eli Asbury, Eugene Thompson, Edith Rebecca, and Salathiel Guinn, Jr. Leach



John Robert Moore
Edith Rebecca Leach Moore
Cedar Hill Cemetery
Blythedale, Missouri

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John Robert and Edith Rebecca Leach Moore Family
Back: Mary Susan, Harry Leonard, Harley Dean, Harvey Walter
Front: Edith Rebecca Leach Moore and John Robert Moore
c. 1905



Edith Rebecca Leach Moore
b. September 2, 1852
m. May 15, 1870
d. January 20, 1924



John Robert Moore
b. January 10, 1851
d. August 20, 1930

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Territory of Washington }
 County of Whitman } 64:
 On the 22^d day of October AD 1876
 the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the County of
 Whitman did join in holy matrimony John A. Camp-
 bell and Mary Leach by the authority of a license
 issued by the County Auditor dated the 18th day of Octo-
 ber 1876.
 This Oct 23^d of Oct 1876.
 Witnesses: John Moore Justice of the Peace
 William Muncey
 Recorded this 7th day of November 1876.
 James Stewart Auditor.
 Territory of Washington }
 County of Whitman }
 I, Jesse R. Quarles Justice & ex-officio
 Clerk of the Probate Court in & for the said County and
 Territory do hereby certify that the foregoing is a
 true & correct copy of the Marriage Certificate
 of John A. Campbell and Mary Leach as the
 same appears in the records of my office
 that according to law I now have the custody
 and of said records.
 Witness my hand and the seal of said
 Court this 10th day of Nov. at Colfax, W. T.

October 23, 1876
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Witnesses:
 John Moore
 William Muncey

January 10, 1882
 Certified as a true and correct copy
 of the marriage certificate
 Clerk of Probate

GENERAL AFFIDAVIT.

State of Washington, County of Whitman, Casey Bell
 In the matter of the claim of Mary S. Leach for
restoration to the Pension roll personally appeared before me,
 a Notary Public within and for the county and state
 aforesaid, S. G. Leach aged 29 years, a resident of
Hamington, County of Whitman, and State
 of Washington, well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and
 who being duly sworn according to law, states in relation to the above named claim as follows:
That he is a son of the claimant,
and that she lived with him prior to
her supposed marriage with Campbell
and that she has continued to live with the
affiant since her separation from the said
Campbell. That she cohabited with the affiant
at the time of her separation from Campbell
and the affiant knows from personal knowl-
edge, that his mother separated from the
said Campbell immediately after she had
proof that Campbell had an unlicensed wife
living at the date of her marriage to him,
and that she had not lived or cohabited
with any man since her separation
from the said Campbell, and is still the legal
widow of the said Casey Bell Leach.
 Affiant further states that he has no interest in said case, and is not concerned in its prosecution.
S. G. Leach Affiant.
 Sworn to and subscribed before me on the 10 day of Jan, 1891, and I
 hereby certify that the contents of this affidavit was fully made known to the affiant before
 signing and that I have no interest in this claim.
 Official Signature W. A. [Signature]

Claim for Restoration to the
 Pension Roll
 by
 Mary S. Leach

October 21, 1891
 Whitman County, Washington

Affidavit by S. G. Leach
 stating that Mary S. Leach
 formerly known as Mary S. Campbell
 lived separate from John Campbell
 immediately after discovering
 that he had been married at the
 time of their marriage.

Signed: S. G. Leach

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Civil War Picture
Salathiel Leach, Sr.
 c. 1862
 b. July 10, 1824
 d. October 15, 1862
 Helena, Arkansas

BASE OF SOLDIER: <i>Leach, Salathiel G.</i>				
BASE OF DEPENDENT: <i>Widow, Leach, Mary</i> <i>Minor, Leach, S. E., Jr.</i>				
SERVICE: <i>A 10 Ill. Cav.</i>				
DATE OF FILING	CLASS	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	DATE FROM WHICH PAID
	<i>Invalid</i>			
<i>1863 Dec 17</i>	<i>Widow</i>	<i>24,962</i>	<i>24,983</i>	
<i>1866 Jan 21</i>	<i>Minor</i>	<i>287,404</i>	<i>196,303</i>	
ATTORNEY:				

Salathiel Leach, Sr.
 U. S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865
 National Park Service, online, 2007

Obituary
Mary Sneed Varner Hussy Leach Campbell

Passing of Mrs. M. S. Leach.
 The funeral of Mrs. M. S. Leach, a well known and highly respected pioneer of Whitman county, who died last Friday, took place at Silver creek cemetery last Monday, in the presence of a vast throng of sorrowing relatives and friends. The services were conducted by Elder George Silvers of the Garfield Christian church.
 Deceased was born in Posey county, Indiana, in 1823, moved to Whitman county in 1876, and has resided at and near Farmington ever since, being 80 years of age at the time of her demise. She is survived by four children, three sons and one daughter; two sisters, two brothers, 24 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.
 Mrs. Leach, familiarly known as Grandma Campbell, is known far and wide, as for many years before she became too feeble to get around, she devoted her entire time to doing good in the way of nursing and other kindly acts, and though her familiar face will be seen no more, many there are who are left behind that will pass along through life's uncertain journey, blessing her name.

b. October 23, 1823
 m. June 11, 1847
 d. March 18, 1904
 buried: Silver Creek Cemetery
 Farmington, Whitman County, Washington



Mary Sneed Varner Hussy Leach Campbell

Edith Rebecca Leach was the wife of John Robert Moore. They were married on May 15, 1870

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in Harrison County, Missouri. ⁵⁶ ⁵⁷On October 1, 1870 the couple was living with Samuel and Susan Clark Moore.⁵⁸ The obituary of John Robert Moore, husband of Edith Rebecca Leach Moore, states that *“he was united in marriage to Edith Rebecca Leach, the daughter of Salathiel and Mary Leach, who preceded him in death, passing away January 30, 1924. To this union were born five children, the eldest dying in infancy. The surviving children are Harley D. (Dean) Moore, Harvey W. (Walter) Moore, Harry Leonard Moore and Mrs. Mary (Susan) Moore Craig. There are also eighteen grandchildren and great-grandchildren all of whom reside near Blythedale.”* ⁵⁹

In 1852 ⁶⁰ the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church was founded and three years later a log cabin was built in Taylor Grove north of Blythedale, Missouri. The original log cabin also served as a school and was located on land of Samuel Moore and Susan Clark Moore, owned by later John and Edith Leach Moore, and then the Harry Leonard Moore and family. The church was formed by Baptist pioneers from several states. An early pastor was William Moore. Several of the early pastors were from the Cainsville, Missouri area and rode horse back to conduct the church services on Saturday and Sunday. The pastors were paid with meat, corn, or anything that the families had to spare. The families would invite the pastor to eat with them and it was considered a great honor if the pastor came to your home. The families would come to church by ox teams and wagons, on horseback or walked. The early church also served as a social area but the Taylor Grove cemetery is all that remains at this location. Susan Clark Moore, the wife of Samuel Moore, is buried in this cemetery.

In June 1877, the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church records listed 154 known persons who were or had been members. At that time, there were 44 resident members. The early church would exclude members that were not in favor by the members. On such action was forbidding play parties and a resolution was passed reading *“Whereas, we, the members of the Mt. Pleasant No. II Church, believe that the attendance of so called parties, where they keep time by marching with their feet, are demoralizing and unbecoming to a Christian. Therefore, be it resolved that any member who will attend such places commit an offense and that they be held to account for such demeanors and, if the fault be not acknowledged, they may be excluded for a persistence in such conduct”*.⁶¹

In 1878, after the log cabin began to deteriorate a new church was built four miles east. Some members of the Mt. Pleasant Church had left for more convenient church locations. In the early days of the church, revival meetings were held, usually in the winter, and could last two or three weeks.

The early settlers lived in one room log cabins and did their cooking in a fireplace. By 1862 the nearest railroad was at Ottumwa, Iowa. Hogs would be driven the 120 miles to Ottumwa for sale. This trip took two weeks to drive the hogs on foot and five days to return by team and wagon.

Later Edith Rebecca Leach Moore and John Robert Moore became members of the Donaby Non-Denominational Church,⁶² built in 1872, that was located four and one-half miles northeast of Blythedale, Harrison County, Missouri in Clay Township, Range 26 W., Section 30, Township 66 and 67 north on land donated by Horace Vernon and Sarah Odell Pryor. ⁶³ The church was very large, white, trimmed in dark brown with double doors and a tall belfry housing a large bell.

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⁶⁴ Two tall round oak stoves one on each side of the church provided the heat. Horace Pryor had the pews custom-made and shipped from his home state of Illinois. The pews were arranged around the stoves for classes. Community wood cutting was held each fall to provide the winter's supply of firewood. Gas lights provided the light for the services.

The Donaby Church was the social center of the community. Singing schools, debates, spelling bees, and oyster and pie suppers were held in the church. The church also sponsored a softball team. The Christmas program was held on Sunday night before Christmas and everyone took part. People from all churches in the area came to this program. Santa with candy and gifts ended the evening. When the snow was too deep for the horses the families walked carrying lanterns to come to the program.

Two highlights of the year held during the summer included a revival and an annual homecoming. The church yard was full of large trees under which the teams of horses were tied and the tables set for the food. All types of food and ice cream were provided by the families attending.

The following was a partial list of families who attended the Donaby Church. John R. Moore and Edith Rebecca Leach Moore, Willard Moore, Harvey Richardson, Edgar Mathis, John Harrold, Harlie McQuery, Dale Harvey, Roy Allman, Walter Young, Johnny Wilson, Grace Wallace (Dale), Charlie Canady and Hugh Baker. The Donaby Church began to crumble and was destroyed in the 1960's.

Edith Rebecca returned again to Farmington, Whitman County, Washington for a visit with John Robert Moore by August 1902 and wrote to her brothers and sisters on August 15, 1902. She reported in her letter that:

"I have been having a fine time here and don't want to come back for a year I like this country three times better than I thought I would."

"When we come to Spokane a chinaman sit down in the seat and turned his back to me I did want to pull his fue"

"I caught a fish in the Columbia River. I seen an elephant and a girl riding a camel and leading two or three more and several different kinds of people"

"I haven't seen an ugly Indian yet they are all pretty. I had my picture taken with a buck I will bring it back with me when I come I had the most fun at Uncle G. ⁶⁵"

"I am not a whit home sick and don't care any thing about comming (sic) home." ⁶⁶

On August 15, 1902 Edith wrote to Harley Moore from Farmington, Washington and reported that:

"We had just got back from George Hammers ⁶⁷ Wednesday. We found them all well. Your Pa phoned down to Eli yesterday and he will meet us as Lewiston tomorrow. Salathiel went with us

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up to Spokane and from there we hired a rig and went to medical lake after we told Mother⁶⁸ she said she knew me. She is poor and is very bad stooped but they said her health was good. She wanted to get up and get our supper for us. I don't think she fully realized who we was. After we talked a while she wandered worse and seemed very nervous. She could not be left alone if she was where she could go out of doors.

I am feeling better than when I left home I think I have gained in flesh as I have a good appetite and my food agrees with me better than it had all Spring. One reason that I feel better is that I have not been on my feet so much have been ironing today.⁶⁹ Edith Rebecca Leach Moore would sign her letters "Edith R Moore" or "J and Edith R Moore".

In 1908 the mail delivery time from Washington and Idaho to Blythedale, Missouri was two to three weeks.⁷⁰

On February 18, 1908 Harvey Walter Moore wrote from Ilo, Idaho⁷¹ noting that he was pleased that Harley Dean Moore had written reporting that their parents were well in Missouri. Leonard Moore was still in Washington on June 2, 1908 as noted in a letter that Harvey wrote to Harley Moore.

Obituary Edith R. Leach

Edith R. Leach was born in Sangamon county,⁷² Ills., September 2, 1852, and departed this life January 30, 1924, aged 71 years, 4 months and 28 days. She came to Harrison county in 1866 and with the exception of two years in the state of Washington, she has resided in Harrison County. She was married to John Moore May 15, 1870, and to this union were born five children, the eldest died in infancy. She leaves to mourn her departure husband and four children, Harley D, Harvey W., Harry Leonard and Mary Susan Craig. All were present when she passed away. Fourteen grandchildren and three brothers, Eugene T., Blythedale: Eli A., Braigmont,⁷³ Idaho: S.D.,⁷⁴ Garfield, Wash. She had been a member of the Christian church nearly fifty-one years. She was a good woman all her life.

Many thanks to the kind friends who were with us in our great sorrow. HER BROTHER⁷⁵

Edith Rebecca Leach Moore is buried in the Cedar Hill Cemetery, Blythedale, Missouri.

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- ⁶⁸ Mary Sneed Varner Leach, mother of Edith Rebecca, Salathiel Guinn, Robert Thompson, and Eli Asbury Leach
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