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Lindenwood, December 1851. GEORGE C. SIBLEY.

To Cyrus & Origen Sibley, Blakeley, Alabama.

“It is certainly desirable and fit to know something of one’s ancestry and family relatives.”

In the year 1637, John Hampden, Oliver Cromwell and John Pym, with many other Puritans, weary of the despotic tyranny of Charles 2nd and Archbishop Land, determined to emigrate in a body from England to North America, with the purpose of establishing themselves as the nucleus of a free community. But the King prohibited their embarkation and obliged them to abandon their projected enterprises. Among the many young men who were thus baulked in their purpose of escaping from civil and religious oppression with these distinguished leaders, were two brothers, JOHN and EBENEZER SIBLEY, natives of Middlesex County, near the city of London.

They both contrived to escape, however, sometime in the year 1640 or ’41, and safely landed in that part of North America then known as “North Virginia”; now called New England. They immediately located themselves in the then young and thriving town of Salem,(now of Essex County, Mass.) built on the site of the ancient Indian town Naumkeag. They were both young unmarried men before they left England. John, the eldest, not being as it is supposed over twenty-six or seven years of age, if so much. What their pursuits were, or their position in society before and after their emigration is merely conjectural. It is believed they were “in good repute” probably well educated and of very active, enterprising disposition, and were, not improbably, in the military service of the Parliament under the command of Cromwell.

In their new home they were most probably “Tillers of the ground”. (Note--The date of the emigration of the two brothers John & Ebenezer is rather conjectural. One authority gives it as 1614, another at 1620 to 1624. Derrick Sibley of Cincinnati says his record states it at 1682. I am not inclined to adopt the dates and historical circumstances as I have given them above. The precise facts cannot now be known or found out I presume).

John, whose line is now to be traced, lived to the great age of ninety-six years. He married late in life. Nothing is known of his wife, nor can I learn anything further of his younger brother Ebenezer. John left five sons & daughters, viz: John, Joseph, William, Samuel, Benjamin; the names of his daughters are not given. One of the daughters married the once famous Freegrace Marble, the ancestors of all the Marbles of Sutton. The dates of the births of these seven children of John not known, though that of John the eldest son is reasonably conjectured to have occurred about 1659.

Some years before he died, John I removed with his family from Salem, to the town of Sutton (now part of Worcester Co., Mass.) where he died. Of his descendants, who are very numerous and very widely scattered throughout the United States & elsewhere, I possess no knowledge that is authentic or reliable except as to John the eldest son, from whom we trace our lineage. The other four sons and two daughters may each have left as numerous families & descendants as their elder brother John. If so, and I know nothing to the contrary, the Sibleys must be quite numerous in the land without taking into account the possible families of the tribe of Ebenezer, brother to John of England.

John II, the eldest son of John of England, was born in Salem about the year 1659. He married in Salem about 1710 or 1712. Nothing known of his wife except that her maiden name was Zerniah. He died in Salem about 1754, a very old man. He and his wife Zerniah had six children, viz: John, born in Salem, Nov. 13th, 1714. Bethiah, born in Sutton, Oct.2, 1724. Ebenezer, born in Salem, Feb. 28th, 1717.

Timothy, born in Sutton, Nov. 2, "27, Steven, born in Salem, Oct. 1st, "20. Mary, born in Sutton, Feb. 19, "30. Mary married Capt. Trask of Sutton & by him bore twenty-one children.

Of Il John my record says: "He was very highly esteemed and always called Capt. John. I have no information of any of the five sons except Timothy, the youngest. If the other four sons were as fruitful as Timothy & Mary, their descendants must have greatly increased the number of Sibleys. We proceed with the lineage.

I Timothy, the youngest son of Il John, was born in Sutton, 2nd of November, 1827. On the 28th day of May '53, he married Mary Wood of Uxbridge, daughter of Col. Ezekiel Wood. She died in July same year. Oct. 16, 1753, he married Annie Waite, daughter of Benjamin Waite of Ipswich. She was born Oct. 14th, 1733. Was baptized seven days later. Died at Sutton 12th of March, 1794, in the 61st year of her age. She was long a member & a pious one of the Presbyterian church. Was a lady of very fine personal appearance and much excellence of character. About the year 1809, Timothy married the widow Amedon of Boston by whom he had no children. He died in Sutton, his native place, 1819, in his 92nd year.

The following particulars of this remarkable old gentleman are copied from a communication on this subject that I recently received from Derrick Sibley of Cincinnati, who is the son of Asa Sibley the 8th child of said Timothy.

"I visited our grandfather Col. Timothy Sibley repeatedly in Sutton. He was what we used to designate in New England as "a gentleman of the old school". He wore a cocked hat which was placed on the top of a huge wig having large curls behind, and three rows of smaller ones behind each ear, all neatly crimped & powdered. The other parts of his costume were, a ruffled shirt bosom and wrists, the coat in its cut like those worn by the better sort of Quakers. Vest cut with flaps in a circular form below the pockets. Small clothes terminating at the knees and fastened with highly polished [sic] silver buckles. The shoes were also fastened with large silver buckles ornamented with raised figures & always bright and shining. When he rode out he wore white or russet topped boots & silver plated spurs. When sitting at home the wig was laid aside carefully in its case, and a very fine knit bright scarlet worsted cap with a silk top knot, worn in its stead. In person he was somewhat above the ordinary size of men, though not corpulent, in height nearly six feet.

If we were to divide mankind into four classes in point of mental ability, no one wwho [sic] knew him well would hesitate to place him in the first class. He possessed fine colloquial powers, was sociable and communicative, his words well chosen, combining fluency with tersness, [sic] and he had a singular ability of saying much in few words. In appearance he was grave, bordering on austerity. I never heard him laugh, and very seldom have I seen him smile.

Yet he was considered very pleasant company for all classes, & young people especially were pleased with his society. When two of his neighbors had any disagreement it was customary to refer the matter to him & his opinion was "the end of the law." Important public interests were frequently committed to his management & disposal. The children of Col. Timothy Sibley & Anna Waite were fifteen in number, viz:

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| 1 Timothy, born July 19, 1754     | 9 Jonathan, born Mar 8, 1766   |
| 2 Joshua, born Nov. 16, "55       | 10 Benjamin, born Apr. 29, "68 |
| 3 John, born May 19, "57(twin of) | 11 Solemon, born Nov, 17, "69  |
| 4 Stephen, born May 19, "57.      | 12 Mary, born Dec. 4, "71      |

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| 5 Stephen 2nd, born Nov. 10, '59                          | 13 Arteman, born Muly 9, '75 |
| 6 Ebenezer, born Dec. 15, '61                             | 14 Nahum, born Sept. 11, '75 |
| 7 Anna, born Arp. 7, '62                                  | 15 Sallie, born June 6, '79  |
| 8 Asa, born Mar. 27, '64 (All were born in Sutton, Mass.) |                              |

[In Arteman's birthdate, the letter "M" is slightly blurred but clear. From context it is most likely that this is a typo introduced by a later copyist and that the month was originally written by Sibley as "July."]

Now follows so much of the statistical history of the above named children of Col. Timothy & Anna Sibley, their families, etc. as I have been able to obtain.

First. Timothy-- the 1st child of Timothy & Anna. He married Mary Barston, dau. of Rev. Jeremiah Barston of Great Barrington, Mass., She was born 1st of June 1756, and died some 18 years since. He died in Thompson county in 1829. Their children were viz: 1st Timothy Willard, born 11 Sept. 1779, died March 11, 1820. 2nd, Mary, born Dec. 8th, 1780, died 1st Oct. 1821. 3rd, Anne, born 15th January, 1782, died \_\_\_\_\_. [This space was left in the typescript from which I am copying. It is not clear whether the empty line represents a blank left by Sibley (perhaps to indicate that Anne had not yet died or that he meant to look up her death date later and insert it) or an unclear word that the transcriber could not make out. I am inclined to believe the former.] 4th Cyrus, born 6th Jan. 1784. 5th Artemas, born 4th Arpil, [sic] 1786, died 6th. Salome, born, 13th Sept. 1788. 7th Benjamin Franklin, born 1790, died 1793. 8th, Susan, born 16th July, 1793. Franklin 2nd, born 17th Jan. 1796. 10th, Origen, born 25th June 1798. Note. Mary, the 2nd child married Nehemiah Scarborough of Providence, R. I. She left one child. Anne, the 3rd child married Stephen Wilmarth, 2 children both dead. Cyrus, 4th child, married Eliza Ann Humphries, 12th June 1827 in Alabama. Their children in 1840 were six: Artemas O., Salome Jane, Willard, Syrus Blue, Helena Jane, and Henrietta. (Salome died in 1835). Salome, sixth child of Timothy married Elijah Jewett of Thompson Co., Conn. 14th Sept. 1814. Their children in 1840 were two: Nehemiah [sic] & Cyrus. Origen, the 10th child of Timothy and Mary Sibley [Here nearly a whole line is struck through. Most probably this is correction of an error on the part of the typist and not a reproduction of Sibley's mistakes, although there is nothing to show for certain.] married Elisabeth Barlow in Alabama, 14th of Nov. 1833. Their children in 1840, Josephine, Salome Elisabeth, & Origen C. Of B. Franklin 2nd I have no account whatever. All the children of Timothy and Mary were born in Sutton, Mass., except Origen, who was born in Thompson, Conn.

Second. Joshua, 2nd child of Col. Timothy & Anna Sibley died of King's Evil, Sept ["28" was written and then struck through. Probably it was a transcriber's error.] 29th 1774. He was never married. (Note: WFM: Scrofula-supposedly healed by touch (of a king))

Third. John, 3rd child of Col. Timothy & Anna Sibley, married in Great Barrington, Mass., in 1780 to Elisabeth "opkins, [sic. The figure represented as a single quotation mark is hard to make out and might be a superscripted, rubbed out "h." daughter of the Rev. Samuel Hopkins, Dr., late of Newport, Rhode Island. She died in Fayetteville, North Carolina, 25th Oct. 1790. The children of this first marriage of John Sibley (my father) were viz: 1 George Champlain, born 1st April ["28" has been struck through] 1782 at Great Barrington, Mass., married 19th August 1815, at St. Louis, Missouri, to Mary S. Easton, daughter of Hon. Rufus Easton of St. Louis. She was born in Rome, N.York, 26th Jan. 1800. Baptized and received into the 1st Presbyterian church of St Charles, Mo., 25th March, 1832. He, George Champlin,

was baptized in infancy by his grandfather Dr. Hopkins and on the 30th of Jan. 1836 was received into the same church in St. Charles. George C. & Mary E. Sibley have resided in Missouri ever since their marriage. Since 1827 they have resided at "Lindenwood" their farm near the city of St. Charles. They have never had any children. 2nd. Samuel Hopkins, born the 16th April, 1784, at Newport R. I., married, 22nd of June, 1809, at Wilmington, N. Car. to Margaret I McDonald (who was born in Falmouth, Jamaica, 22nd Dec. 1795; now living at Richmond, Missouri, with her daughter Ann St. Levier.)

[Here come to lines of text which were printed on top of each other and are thus difficult to read. For the first words, all that can be made out is "died" and "Margaret Sibley"; it is not clear whether these words belong to the top line or the bottom line. Later, the top and bottom lines become more easily readable. The top reads: "17th May 1823 in his 40th year. The children of Samuel" (although the digit "4" in "40th" is somewhat unclear) and the text apparently picks up with the lower line of text, which, as far as it can be deciphered, reads "are four, viz Anna Hopkins, born at Wilmington, N. Car.," The document then continues with regular text as follows:]

11th April, 1810. Elisabeth, born at Natchitoches, 22nd Dec. 1811. John George, born 21st Mar., 1814, at Natchitoches. Henry Hopkins, born at Natchitoches, 20th May, 1816.

The families of the four children are as follows:

Ann Hopkins, the eldest child, was married at Lindenwood, 24th, 1851 (WFM no month given in mss) to Lieut Robert Levier, U. S. Army. He is a nephew of Gov. Levier of Tennessee, was born at Greenville, Tenn. 13th Oct. 1807. They now reside at Richmond, Missouri, have had two children, viz: Charles, born at Ft. Leavenworth on the Missouri River, 30th Sept. 1832 (Now at college in Lexington, Mo.) Isabel, born at Richmond, 21st Apr. 1841, died at Richmond, 22nd Apr. 1850, aged nine years. 2nd, Elizabeth, the 2nd child of Samuel H. & Margaret Sibley, married Lieut. Francis Lee, U. S. Army, at Natchitoches 30th Nov. 1825. He was born the 13th April 1803 in Chester Co., Pa. They have had five children & one grandchild born, viz: George Sibley Lee, born at Ft. Leavenworth, La., 11th Jan. 1829. Margaret Mary Lee, born at Ft. Jessup, La., 13th Dec. 1831 (married 11th Jan. 1829. To Alex Ch\_\_\_\_\_ [It is not clear whether this space was left by GCS to be filled in later with the information, or whether a transcriber left a blank space because he could not make out the word.] St Charles, died at Fort Howard, Green Bay, 19th Nov. 1850, leaving an infant son named Francis G. Lee.) Francis Henry Lee, born at Fort Jessup, 3rd Sept, 1834, died at Palatko, Florida, 26th Aug. 1841. Alice Lee, born at Pittsburg, Pa., 3rd Feb. 1839; Henry Hopkins Lee, born 14th Oct. 1842.

3rd, John Q. Sibley, 3rd child of Samuel H. & Margaret Sibley, has no family that I know of. He resides near his uncle Robert McDonald in Louisiana.

4th, Henry Hopkins, the 4th child of Samuel H. & Margaret Sibley is now a Captain of Dragoons in the line U. S. Army. He bears the Brevet rank of Major conferred on him by Congress for excellent service in the late Mexican War. He graduated at West Point with distinction. He has been married several years and has several children, but I am not informed of any particulars. He is now is [sic] service in Texas. The foregoing are the descendants of John & Elizabeth Sibley as far as are known to me.

John, 3rd son of Timothy and Anne Sibley, married again 10th Nov. 1791, at Fayetteville N. Car., the widow of Edward Winslow (no issue by his first marriage). Her maiden name was Mary White. She died in Fayetteville 25th Oct. 1811. An excellent lady. The issue of this second marriage of my father,

Henry Robert & Ann Eliza, both born in Fayetteville. 1st of Henry Robert, born, 20th August, 1792, married at Alexandria, La., on 17th Dec. 1820 to Mary Wells. Their children, eleven as follows:  
John Hopkins Sibley, born 17th July 1822, died 23rd Aug, 1822.  
2nd, Eliza Johnston Sibley, born 22 July 1823, died 5th Oct. 1839;  
3rd, Ann Harris S. born 30th Oct. 1825, married 27th Feb. 1845.  
Samuel Hopkins S. born 15th Sept. 1827; Martha Jane, born 6th Dec. 1829, died 6th Dec. 1839; Mary White S. born 25th Nov. 1832; Caroline Melissa, born 3rd Oct. 1834, died 12th Sept. 1836; Louisiana Johnston, born, 1st Jan. 1837, died 14th June 1846; Helena H. born 4th March 1839; Robert Henry born 24th Aug. 1842, died 29th June 1846.

An infant not named was born 23rd Sept and died Oct. 14th 1831. All these were born at or near Alexandria, La.

2nd, Ann Eliza Sibley, 2nd child of John & Mary Sibley, was born in Fayetteville, N. Car., 16th Aug. 1796, married at Natchitoches 14th April 1813 to Josiah Stoddard Johnston. He perished 19th May 1833 in the steamboat Lioness, blown up with powder on Red River. He was at the time in the Senate of the U. S. from Louisiana. They had a son born 13th Jan. 1814, died seven days later, not named. A second son was born at Alexandria in 1815 named William Shaler Johnston, who died at Alexandria 20th Sept. 1839, leaving an infant son, probably Albert Sidney. His wife's maiden name was Williams. She, Ann Eliza, is now the wife of Henry D. Gilpin, a distinguished lawyer of Philadelphia, formerly attorney-general of the U. States.

And Joh, [sic] the said third son of Timothy Sibley, amrried [sic; this is a probably a typo on the part of a previous transcriber] a 3rd time; his 3rd wife was Ulolette Mahse, a French lady, native of Natchetoches. The marriage took place at Natchetoches 10th Feb. 1813. Their children are five, viz: 1st, Henrietta, born 23rd July 1815, married B. F. Chapman 5th June 1834. (He died). In June 1843 she married Dr. Rayburn. She died Oct. 1846, no offspring. 2nd. Helena, born 27th Aug. 1817. In Sept. 1836 she married Capt. Philip E. Kimball. He died in New Orleans in Oct. 1847. She died 28th Jan. 1850. No offspring. 3rd, Horatio, born 29th Jan. 1821, died in July 1851, was never married. 4th Rufus, born 22nd May, 1822, married in 1847. I think in Texas & has one child. I have no particulars. 5th Samuel Hopkins, born 15th July 1827.

John Sibley, father of the three foregoing families, died at Natchetoches 8th April 1837. He was a physician, served through the Revolutionary war [sic] in the army as surgeon. Settled after the peace in Fayetteville, N. Car., removed to Natchetoches, [sic] La.,

in 1804 or 5, and there resided till his death; held several offices of trust [sic (missing word)] under the Gen'l government, and in the Senate of Louisiana several sessions. His widow still lives at Natchetoches. Robert Levier quit the army several years ago. Is now clerk of \_\_\_\_ Co., lives on a farm.

Francis Lee is still in the army, a Lieut Col. of Infantry Brevet Rank of Colonel. He served in the late Mexican war under Taylor & Scott with distinguished gallantry in command of the 4th regiment of Infantry, being the Lieutenant Major. He was twice Brevetted, first Lieut. Col. and second as full Colonel. He is at this time at Fort Snelling, upper Mississippi (with all his family) in command of troops there. Fourth. Steven, twin brother of John, died 20th June 1759, two years old.

Fifth. Stephen, the 5th of Col. Timothy & Anne Sibley, married 23rd of Feb. 1785, at Great Barrington. He died 10th of April 1829 at Grafton, Ohio. She died at the same place 1st Jan. 1835, aged 75 years. Their children six, viz:

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| 1 John, born 15th March 1792  | 4 Mark, born 6th Nov, 1796 at Ct. Barrington. |
| 2 Giles, born 6th March 1793  | 5 Nancie, born 16th Oct. 1798                 |
| 3 George, born 20th Aug. 1794 | 6 Mary, born 28th July 1801                   |

John, the ledest [sic; most likely a transcriber's typo as "eldest" is clearly intended] son of Stephen & Jemima Sibley, married Rhuba Boynton, 10th Jan. 1815, by whom he had four children. Henry Artemas, Mary, Charles. W. & William. Rhuba died at Grafton, Ohio, 14th March 1827 In April 1828 John Married Clarissa Wilbourne of Great Barrington, with whom he is still in McHenry Co., Illinois. By his present wife he had three children: Robert K., Stephen and Sarah Ann. John was formerly a merchant but is at present a farmer in easy circumstances. Giles, 2nd child of Stephen & Jemima Sibley, married Lydia Stumpton of La Grange, Ohio, in Nov. 1839 where they are still living. He is a farmer. No offspring. George, 3rd child of Stephen & Jemima Sibley, married Rhoda Boynton of West Uxbridge, Mass., sister of his brother John's wife Rhoda, 10th Jan. 1817. They had five children, viz: Mark Sumner, born 24th Nov. 1817; Frances M. born 10th June, 1822; Elbert M. Born 9th June 1825; Thadeus P., born 23rd March 1827; George, born 8th March 1835. Mark Sumner is the eldest, married Lucretia A. Preston, 30th Sept. 1839, have three children, Mary Francis, Henry A. & James W. Francis M. their 2nd child married David B. Simmons of Medina Co. Ohio, 10th Jan 1842. They have three children, David P. Simmons, Sarah E. S. and George Sibley Simmons. Elbert M. their 3rd child married Mary A. \_\_\_\_ of Medina, 10th Sept. 1849. Thadeus P. their 4th child and George the 5th, were both born at Grafton, Ohio.

George, 3rd child of Stephen & Jemima Sibley, whose family is given above, died at Grafton, Ohio, 15th Oct. 1845. He was a worthy man, an excellent citizen and greatly esteemed; was one of the best farmers of his country and left a competency for his family. They now live on the old farm.

Mark Hopkins, the 4th child of Stephen & Jemima Sibley was married 29th Nov. 1821 to Maria Greene Clark of Canandaigua, Ontario Co., N. York. She being 18 years old. They have since resided in Canandaigua. They have had three children, viz: Mary Hopkins Sibley, born 19th Sept 1822; John Clarks, born 6th May 1824; Emily Ward Sibley, born 20th Oct. 1829. Mary Hopkins Sibley, eldest child of Mark & Maria, married 20th Sept. 1844, at her father's in Canandaigua, John G. of LaRoy, N. York, a lawyer. They now reside in the city of Buffalo, N. York. They have one child, John Sibley G., born 28th [sic] Feb. [sic] 1849. John Clarke Sibley, the 2nd child is a practicing lawyer in Canandaigua, unmarried. Emily Ward Sibley, the 3rd child lives at home with her parents, unmarried. (Note--Mark Hopkins Sibley, the 4th child of Stephen & Jemima Sibley, whose family is given above, is an eminent lawyer, now a judge. He served with distinction in the senate of New York repeatedly, and in the Congress of the United States (H. Rep). At this time is about retiring from public services. He is in affluence and very happy in his family.

Nancie Sibley, 5th child of Stephen and Jemima Sibley, married Rev. C. P. Bronson of Norwalk, Huron Co., Ohio, 19th Oct. 1826. Died at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, 8th Sept. 1827, childless. Mary Sibley, 6th child of Stephen & Jemima Sibley was married at Grafton, Ohio, 20th Sept. 1824, to Hon. Franklin Wells of Greenfield, Mass. He died 13th Oct. 1845, leaving by her three children: Herman, Maney, [Naney? Nancy?] & Mary S. In 1849 she married S. B. Bader of Montreville, Medina Co., Ohio, a respectable

farmer. All her children by Mr. Wells live with them at Montreville. No. [? The letters are very unclear] Wells, Mary's 1st husband was a highly intelligent and respectable gentleman, for many years of the Magistracy & Judiciary of Ohio. He was a brother of Hon. Henry Wells the present chief Justice of the Common Pleas of Mass.

Sixth, Ebenezer, the 6th child of Col. Timothy & Anna Sibley, of his marriage and family I have scarcely any information. It appears that he settled in Vermont in early life. If he still lives, which is not probable he is 90 years old and past. One document that I have said that in 1831 he was living in West Ford, Vermont, and then had 10 children. From another I learn that about five years ago three of his sons were living not far from Burlington, Vt., to wit: John, having 5 children, Timothy, having 6 children, and Warren, 3; and also another son Silas B. living in Illinois. The only daughter of Ebenezer was Louisa (now dead). She married a son of Col. Wales of West Ford by whom she had one son Toney Wales, a practicing lawyer living in Burlington, Vt.

Seventh. Anna, the 7th child of Col. Timothy & Anna Sibley. She never married. In one communication she is said to have been remarkably handsome. She died 2nd April 1784 in the 22nd year of her age.

Eighth. Asa, the 8th child of Col. Timothy & Anna Sibley, died at Rochester, New York, 26th day of Feb. 1829, in his 65th year. On 10th Jan. 1737, he was married to Irene Carpenter of Woodstock, Conn. She died Oct. 1846 aged 80 years. The children of Asa & Irene Sibley were six, viz: 1- Derrick, born 22nd May, 1788

2-Sophia, born 5th Oct 1790

3-Lucy, born 21st July 1792

4 Levi Waite born 4th March. 1801

5-Mary Anne, born 16th Dec. 1804

6-George A. born 6th Apr. 1809.

Derrick the 1st child of Asa & Irene Sibley, married Abby Kisley of Hartford, Conn. She died. They had 5 children, 3 of them died in their infancy. The other 2, James W., born in 1816, and Sarah Ann. James W., son of Derrick & Abby, married Mary Hastings. [sic] They have 3 children: James Hastings, Mary Hulda and Frank H. Sarah Ann, sister of James W. married Lewis A. Alling. She died in July 1849, leaving 2 children, Mary Alida [? Slightly unclear] & Louisa A.

Derrick married again Rachel Roberts of Monroe Co. N. York. They have had 2 children, one died an infant, the other Caroline was recently married to Mr. Evans of Cincinnati. Derrick now resides in Cincinnati. He and his son James W. are of the firm of Tweed, Sibley & Wright of that city. He resided many years ago in Rochester, N. Y. and represented his county in the legislature repeatedly. Sophia, the 2nd child of Asa & Irene Sibley married Owen Hall of \_\_\_\_\_, Their children, 3, Sophia Edna (married Edwin Thompson) Edwin Oscar & Asas Sibley Hall. Edwin Oscar Hall in [sic] now and has for the last 10 years been a resident of Honolulu in one of the Sandwich Islands, was many years connected with the mission there, for the last two years with the Gov't & the Press. He is also a merchant. The 5th child of Sophia by Hall (Asa L) died of cholera 2 years since in his 32nd year. Her first husband died many years ago in Canandaigua, [sic] N. Y. She afterwards married Joseph W. Seymour of Canandaigua, and by him had three children viz: Owen F., Mary Elizabeth & Theodore Sedwick. She died 5th Feb. 1841. Levi Waite the 4th child of Asa [this was spelled "Asas" as previously but the last "s" was struck through] & Irene Sibley, (the 3rd Lucy, died in infancy) Married Nancy Kenington of New artford, [sic - presumably "Hartford" was intended?] N. Y. They had 6 children Augusta, born July 1825, Amanda M. (Married this one child) William Wisneo, Henrietta (dead). George A. & Levi B. Levi died in Rochester 13th Aug. 1844.



Mary Ann the 5th child of Asa & Irene Sibley, married Edwin Scranton of Rochester, N. Y. in 1825. They had 10 children: Stella B., Adrian O., Cora Irene, Edwina Jane died 10 weeks old, Beulah Mary, Hamlet Edwin died 7 months old, Edwin Levi died in 1841, 9 months old, Melford Clark died in 1845, 10 months old, Clifford S. died in 1846, an infant, Bertha L. born 29th Nov. 1848 (Stella, the 1st child married Galusha Phillips of Rochester 3rd Oct. 1848, Adrian, George 2nd ch was born 6th Oct 1828, married Mary Sheldon 10th Sept. 1850, at Rochester: Cora Irene the 3rd ch. Born 29th June 1830, married John E. Sabine of Rochester, 28th Nov. 1848. They have one child born in Feb. 1850, called Gera Louisa. W. Scranton is a printer. He and wife Mary Ann and family now (Dec. 1851) live in Rochester). George A. the 6th child of Ann & Irene Sibley, married in 1833. He died of consumption in Jan. 1836, age 36, no offspring.

Ninth. Jonathan the 9th child of Col. Tomothy [sic] & Anne Sibley I know but very little about. Nothing at all of his family. He is said to have settled in the state of Maine as a farmer. "married into the Davis family". I shall probably find out ere long more about "Uncle Jonathan," (He died 19th Feb. 1826.)

Tenth: Benjamin, the 10th child of Col. Timothy & Anne Sibley, married at Charlton, Mass. (no date) to Zilpha Davis: they had 4 children, Samuel, Patty, Zilpha & Hiram. (Samuel married Lucinda Holbrook of Hanover, N. Y. they had 3 children, Giles, Aurilla & Lucinda. Giles and Aurilla are both dead, Lucinda is yet living, unmarried. Samuel married for his 2nd wife Almyra Dickson of Mendon, N. Y. They have had 5 children, George, Elizabeth, Mary, George 2nd, and Helen. George, Mary & Helen are dead). Patty and Zilpha, 2nd and 3rd children of Benjamin both died in Infancy. Hiram, the 4th child of Benjamin and Zilpha Sibley was born at North Adams, Berkshire Co., Mass., 7th Feb. 1807; married 24th Jan. 1833 at N. Adams, Elizabeth M. Tucker, daughter of Giles Tucker. In 1844 removed to Rochester N. Y. wehre [sic – this is almost undoubtedly a typo for "where," made by one of the transcribers] they now reside. He is in affluent circumstances and lives in handsome style. Very hospitable and very happy in his family. One daughter, Louisa, now 17, and one son 6 years old (this is all that I have been able to learn of Uncle Benjamin Sibley, his family and descendants.) He died at Mendon N. Y. 2nd Oct. 1829.

Eleventh. Solomon, the 11th child of Col. Timothy & Anna Sibley, as yet I know nothing at all of his family. About 20 years ago he was living on his fine farm in Ward, Mass., and then had 10 children.

Twelfth. Polly, the 12th child of Col. T. & Anna Sibley: "She was twice married, first "to Abner Cummings, son of Jacob Cummings of Topsfield, near Salem, upon Abner's death she married Reuben Waters. One of their sons Col. Reuben Waters was in "1852, a member of the legislature of Mass., another son was Capt. Waters, late of the U. S. Army. He resigned, settled on a farm at the "Sulphur Springs" below St. Louis, where he died about 8 years ago leaving a widow and several children. Capt. W. Served in the Missouri Legislature one session from St. Louis Co. Polly was living in 1832.

Thirteenth. Artemas, the 13th child of Col. Timothy & Anna Sibley, died on the 10th Aug. 1777, 4 years and 1 month old.

Fourteenth. Nahum, the 14th child of Col. T. & Anna Sibley, died on the 12th Sept. 1796, just 21 years of age, unmarried.

Fifteenth, Sally the 15th and last child of Col. Timothy and Anna Sibley married Amasa Cummings, brother of Abner C. the 1st husband of her sister Polly. 20 years ago she was living in Ward, Mass., near her brother Solomon. I have never heard any more about her or her family. (Seh [sic;

clearly this is a typo for "she"] died 21st Mar. 1833) Whether Solomon & Polly and Ebenezer are living I am not informed. All the other children of Col. Timothy are dead.

I will now conclude for the present this history of the Sibley tribes with a brief account of myself. Born in Great Barrington, Mass., on Apr. 1st, 1782, baptised in New York by my maternal grandfather, Dr. Hopkins in the year 1784 or 5. Lived with Dr. Hopkins until about 1786, afterwards with an uncle, David Hopkins, near Baltimore, then till 1788 with my uncle Stephen Sibley in Great Barrington. [sic] Meanwhile my father was released from the Revolutionary army and having decided to settle down professionally at Fayetteville, N. C. collected his family there (my mother, younger brother Samuel Hopkins and myself) On the death of my mother Oct. 1790 my brother and I were sent to Orange Co., N. C. to live at Col. Shephard's an old friend of father's. There we remained until about the year 1793 when we again returned to Fayetteville. My father having again married. For some two or three years I was kept steadily at an excellent school in Fayetteville, after which my brother Hopkins and I were sent up to the Pittsborough Academy at Chatham Co., N. Car. (a school in higher repute than even the University of N. C.) I was a regular and constant pupil in that large and excellent and very popular institution for four years, after which I spent 2 years at the Fayetteville academy, then recently established. I was then placed in the counting house of Mr. John Winslow, a merchant of Fayetteville, purposely to learn practical bookkeeping accounts, etc. Mr. W. having been regularly bred a merchant according to the strict English manner. (My father paid a premium after the English fashion for my commercial and financial education. One of his axioms was, that without such an education (insert for meaning "one is not") fitly educated). I continued with Mr. Winslow till the autumn of 1805, when I came to St. Louis, Oct. 21st, under an appointment in the Indian Department from President Jefferson. In 1808 I established an Indian factory or trading house and stockade 300 miles up the Missouri at the point then called Fort Osage, now occupied by the town of Sibley. I continued in the Indian service till 1822. In 1825 I was honored by President Adams, with the appointment of commissioner to lay out a road from Fort Osage to New Mexico, make treaties with the Supervening tribes, etc This employed me from May 1825 till Oct. 1827 (My compensation for this service was \$8.00 per day and all my expenses paid, viz: servants, horses, subsistence, etc) On the completion of this service, I settled my accounts with governments, and now have the satisfaction of being able to show complete acquittances from every pecuniary obligation that I ever owed the government besides commendation for faithful services rendered.

In 1830 our Missouri legislature established a board of internal improvement, and directed certain reconnaissances and surveys, maps, estimates, etc. to be made, appropriating money for the purpose. The government and senate (democratic) appointed me (whig) a command of the board, which consisted to [fo? Possibly a typo for "of"?] five members. On organizing the board at St. Louis in May 1839, I was unanimously chosen president of the board, in which capacity I acted until a subsequent legislature abolished the whole system. In 1840 I was induced to suffer myself to be run on the Harrison ticket for congress. We had but 2 representatives then, and they had to be elected by general ticket. So I had to "stump it" all over Missouri, very nearly. Nobody expected our whig ticket to succeed in August by some 12,000 votes. But it was deemed best to try so as to aid Harrison at the presidential election in November. The result was that mycolleague [sic] Samuel and I received upwards of 21,000 votes (the heaviest whig vote ever cast in the state). We were beaten, but the locofoco majority was reduced

more than 4,000. In May 1844 I attended the whig convention in Baltimore as a delegate representing our first district, and had the pleasure to vote for the nomination [sic] of Clay and Frelinghuisen.

I have now done with politics except as a voter and with all desire for public offices and honors, The 5th day of next April, should I live to see it, will complete the three score and ten years that I shall then have sojourned here on earth. I am, [sic] I trust, now living for a far better world than this. I yet enjoy a large measure of health and strength of body, and am favored with many comforts and privileges.

I hear several families of Sibleys in Virginia, Georgia, S. Car., Minnesota, Michigan, New York and New England, about whom I have instituted inquiries, and am in hopes of eliciting much additional information.

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General Albert Sidney Johnson's mother was a Sibley. She was a daughter of Dr. John Sibley of Natchitoches, La. On her mother's side she was a direct descendand [sic] of the Montezumas, the ruling monarchs of Mexico at one time. (See life of Albert Sidney Johnson).

General Johnson's middle name was "Sibley" and not "Sidney". This was an inadvertant [sic] mistake made when he was enrolled as a cadet at East Point, and ever afterwards clung to him. G. C. S.

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