

Descendants of Rev. Samuel Bottorff and Anna Swartz through the 3rd generation from John and Elizabeth Ohlweiler Swartz

Anna Swartz, the second daughter of John Swartz and Elizabeth Ohlweiler, was born on 21 Sep 1795 in Pennsylvania, died on 10 Mar 1878 in Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in New Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.¹ {FSID: L7K3-F86}

Anna married **Rev. Samuel Bottorff**, son of **Rev. John Henry Bottorff** and **Sophia Fricker** on 16 Dec 1812 in Clark County, Indiana.² Samuel was born 28 Feb 1790 in Pennsylvania, died 16 Jul 1868 in Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in the New Chapel Methodist Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.³ {FSID: LWFD-97V}

Anna and Samuel raised 8 children: **Simon, John S., Elizabeth, Lewis Wesley, George S., Sarah Ann, Sophia, and James Wiley**.⁴ There is a 4-year gap between Elizabeth and Lewis, which may be evidence of an infant who did not survive.⁵

Anna and Samuel married about a year after his service in the Indiana Militia during the War of 1812. It appears from Anna's pension application file that Samuel served for a very brief time which included the Battle of Tippecanoe in 1811. Unfortunately, his service was before war was officially declared and her pension application was rejected.⁶

Samuel's family was well known and well respected in Clark County. In his 1909 history of the county, Lewis Baird says, "It is seldom indeed that a Bottorff is found who is not well-to-do and the name has become synonymous with thrift and industry."⁷ Samuel's parents, like John and Elizabeth Swartz, moved to Clark County from Pennsylvania before 1810 and began as millers on Muddy Fork. Samuel briefly took over that mill with his brother Lewis, after their father died in 1859.⁸ The Bottorff children were numerous, and they intermarried with the same families as the Swartz children creating a complex interrelated network of kin across Clark and Floyd Counties.

¹ Elise Swartz Eberhart, *Three Swartz/Schwartz men of Floyd and Clark County, Indiana* (Indianapolis, Indiana: Ye Olde Genealogie Shoppe, 1986), 286; *This source is full of factual errors and obvious copying/typing errors, especially in the generations after John Schwartz and Elizabeth Oldweiler. It also appears to be the foundation for several other Swartz genealogies. It should be used with caution and all statements checked against original records where possible.* For birth, death, and burial: Find A Grave (<http://www.findagrave.com>: accessed 2 Mar 2020), Anna Schwartz Bottorff, memorial number 14985206.

² Kenneth Gene Lindsay, editor, *Early Marriages in Indiana: Clark County 1807-1815* (Evansville, Indiana: Henna Publishing Co., 1977) p. 62. Also - Clark, Indiana, Marriage records 1810-2001, A: 18 (9 is also written at the top of the page), Bottorff -Swartz, 1812; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 2 Mar 2020); *married by James McCampbell; the volume is extremely battered but this page is quite readable.*

³ *Find A Grave* (<http://www.findagrave.com>: accessed 2 Mar 2020), Rev. Samuel Bottorff, memorial number 39297698. Also - Member # 237301 - Ancestor John Henry Bottorff through son Samuel Bottorff and Anna Swartz; digital images, DAR, "Ancestor Search," *DAR Genealogy Research - Ancestor Search*: (https://services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search/default.cfm?Tab_ID=1: accessed 7 Mar 2020); State of Arizona, County of Yavapai. "J.H. Hall and Beatrice C. Hall, father and mother respectively of Sarah (Sally) E. Hall, depose and say: That Samuel Bottorff was born on February 28, 1790. That the record of his birth was taken from the records of the family bible, which family bible was published by R.P. Desilver of 255 Market Street, Philadelphia, in the year 1836. That said family bible is now in the possession of J. N. Hall and Beatrice C. Hall, his wife." (signed by both) (notarized by) F. A. Hathaway on 7 April 1927; James N. Hall was the grandson of Elizabeth Bottorff Ruddell and her husband James C. Ruddell.

⁴ Birth years for the children of Anna and Samuel are calculated from census and tombstone records. See the individual child paragraph for specific citations.

⁵ Descendants of these children have been traced down to living individuals in a public Ancestry tree [Descendants of John Swartz/Schwartz and Elizabeth Ohlweiler](#).

⁶ "War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files." Database and images. Fold3 (www.fold3.com : accessed 6 Mar 2020); Bottorff, Samuel, widow's application 1666, widow Anna Bottorff. Samuel Bottorff, corporal of Captain Charles Beggs Company, Indiana Militia, Charlestown, Clark County. Soldier Enlisted September 11, 1811, discharged November 23, 1811. "...that he was in the Battle of Tippecanoe in 1811." *Pension Application rejected because service, while confirmed, was before the formal declaration of war in 1812.*

⁷ Captain Lewis C. Baird, *Baird's History of Clark County Indiana* (Indianapolis, Indiana: B.F. Bowen & Company, 1909), p. 597.

⁸ Baird, p.57.

When they married Samuel owned no land. In 1818 Samuel bought 114 acres of survey 91 of the Illinois Grant, near the town of Sellersburg and they seem to have settled into farming.⁹ Samuel bought and sold land frequently throughout their married life, starting in the mid-1820s. He was, probably preparing support for his sons as they came of age. He purchased several lots in Jeffersonville, which would eventually be sold to sons Simon and John S. who were merchants and town dwellers.¹⁰ His farmland purchases would be sold to George, James, and Lewis as they came of age.¹¹ He also sold land to oldest daughter Elizabeth shortly after she was widowed.¹² Samuel was so active in his land trading that, it seems likely, he was speculating in addition to creating future farms for his sons.¹³

In 1824 Samuel served as one of the bondsmen for the administrators of the estate of John Swartz¹⁴. And in 1826 he was a witness to the recording of the division of his father-in-law, John Swartz's real estate, which included an apportionment to Samuel and Anna of roughly 18 acres.¹⁵ Shortly afterwards he and Anna sold their portion of John Swartz's estate to Jacob Swartz.¹⁶

From 1820 to 1840 Samuel and Anna appear on the census in Charlestown, Clark County.¹⁷ By 1850 they have moved into Jeffersonville and are no longer actively farming.¹⁸ In 1860, Anna and Samuel sold a lot in Jeffersonville to son James W. Bottorff, and he at once sold back to Anna a life estate in a strip of that lot 66 feet wide. After her death, the strip of land would become the common property of his siblings, named in the deed, as George S. Bottorff, Lewis W. Bottorff, Elizabeth Ruddell widow of James Ruddle, and Sarah Ann Thompson, wife of Greenberry Thompson. Two children were not included. Simon was deceased, and John S. had moved out of the state, perhaps he had made separate arrangements with James. That the deed is with Anna alone, even though Samuel was alive, is unusual and probably indicates that she and James were setting this up to provide for her after Samuel's death. The lot faced Chestnut Street near where Anna's younger brother Jacob had recently built a substantial residence.¹⁹

While Samuel and Anna may have not been living on a farm between 1850 and his death in 1868, they were still clearly involved with the family's farming activities. In 1864 and 1865, Samuel paid Internal Revenue taxes on slaughtered hogs and other farm produce.²⁰

Samuel and Anna were active in the Methodist Church, probably all their lives.²¹ Samuel was regularly referred to as Reverend Bottorff although there is no evidence that he had received a formal education or ordination

⁹ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 18: 74, Weather John & Thomas to Bottorff Samuel, 26 June 1818; FHL microfilm 1,428,597, item 2.

¹⁰ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 33: 133, Bottorff Samuel & wife to Bottorff Simon, 20 August 1833; FHL microfilm 1,428,612, item 3. Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 39: 576, Bottorff Samuel & wife to J. W. Bottorff, 12 May 1849; FHL microfilm 1,428,615, item 2. Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 40: 290, Bottorff Samuel & wife to Simon Bottorff, 8 February 1850; FHL microfilm 1,428,615, item 2.

¹¹ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 38: 379, Bottorff Samuel & wife to G. S. Bottorff, 7 May 1844; FHL microfilm 1,428,614, item 2. Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 40: 222, Bottorff Samuel & wife to Lewis Bottorff, 21 March 1850; FHL microfilm 1,428,615, item 2.

¹² Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 51: 170, Bottorff Samuel & James W. to Elizabeth Ruddell, 22 February 1859; FHL microfilm 1,428,620, item 1.

¹³ There are 35 deeds created by Samuel and Anna Bottorff between 1820 and 1868.

¹⁴ Clark, Indiana, Civil Court Partition Book, 1: 300-302, Swartz John deceased; FHL microfilm 2,312,951.

¹⁵ Clark, Indiana, Civil Court Partition Book, 1: 180 - 181, John Schwartz deceased; FHL microfilm 2,312,951.

¹⁶ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 25: 382, Heirs of John Swartz to Jacob Swartz, 3 June 1827; FHL microfilm 1,428,599, item 1.

¹⁷ 1820 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana population schedule, Charlestown, p. 5, line 11, Samuel Bottorff; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 7 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm M33, roll 13...1830 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, Charlestown, p. 57, line 21, Samuel Bottorff; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 7 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm M19, roll 28.... 1840 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, p. 298, Samuel Bottorff; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 7 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm M704, roll 75.

¹⁸ 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, p. 175A, dwelling 467, family 493, Samuel Bottorff; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 7 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 138; *the digital image on Ancestry is very hard to read.*

¹⁹ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 67: 255, A. & Samuel Bottorff to James W. Bottorff, 22 May 1860; FHL microfilm 1,428,627, item 3. Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 67: 145, Bottorff James W to Anna Bottorff, 25 May 1860; FHL microfilm 1,428,627, item 3.

²⁰ Clark, Indiana, United States, "Internal Revenue Assessment Lists for Indiana, 1862-1864," various pages and dates - roughly alphabetized by surname, Bottorff Samuel; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 7 Mar 2020); citing Internal Revenue Assessment Lists for Indiana, 1862-1864; (NARA microfilm M765; Records of the Internal Revenue Service, RG 58; line 15; 29 April 1864, Bottorff Samuel, Utica.

²¹ "Death of an Old Lady," *The Evening News*, 11 May 1878, p. 1, col. 2; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (https://newspaperarchive.com : accessed 8 Jul 2020).

for the ministry. It seems more likely that like others on the frontier at this time, he was licensed to preach by the Methodist Church and the title was a courtesy.²² Three of Anna's brothers were licensed to preach in this way and all of them were commonly addressed as Reverend by their communities. When Samuel and Anna died, they were laid to rest in the cemetery of the New Chapel Methodist Church²³ where they had worshiped for years and where many members of both families were buried. They were the second generation of both their families to lie in the New Chapel Cemetery. They would not be the last.

Anna outlived Samuel by ten years. Her obituary, published 11 May 1878 in *The Evening News* in Jeffersonville, referred to her 68 years of membership in the Methodist Church, her numerous family connections in Clark County, and gave her place of death as the residence of Merritt Hall, Jeffersonville, which was the home of her daughter Elizabeth Ruddell and her granddaughter Sarah N. Hall.²⁴

Neither Samuel or Anna left a will and there is no identifiable record of probate for either of them, which is unusual given that at the time of Samuel's death, they owned property.²⁵

1. **Simon Bottorff** was born in 1813 probably in Clark County, Indiana, died in Dec 1859 in Jefferson County, Kentucky,²⁶ and was buried in Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky.²⁷ *FSID: {L7GF-QWK}*

Simon married **Mary Colden** on 9 May 1836 in Clark County, Indiana.²⁸ Mary was born in 1815 in New York and died in 1855. Her parentage is unknown.²⁹ *{FSID: LHRH-V72}*

They had two known children: **Ann E.** and **Alice V.**³⁰

Simon worked with his brother John and their Swartz cousins in various dry goods businesses in Jeffersonville between 1839 and 1857³¹. He bought two Jeffersonville lots from his parents in August of 1839 and Feb of

²² William Warren Sweet, editor, *Circuit Rider Days in Indiana* (Indianapolis, Indiana: W. K. Stewart Co., 1916), 311.

²³ *Find A Grave*, digital images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 7 Mar 2020), Rev. Samuel Bottorff, memorial number 39297698; *stone says Rev. but there is no indication Samuel was ever formally ordained. Find A Grave*, digital images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 2 Mar 2020), Anna Schwartz Bottorff, memorial number 14985206.

²⁴ "Death of an Old Lady," *The Evening News*, 11 May 1878, p. 1, col. 2; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (<https://newspaperarchive.com> : accessed 8 Jul 2020).

²⁵ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 51: pg unreadable, Wilbur Garrett H. & wife to Samuel Bottorff, 4 March 1861; FHL microfilm 1,428,620, item 3. *This is the last purchase recorded for Samuel and I have been unable to find a matching sale for this land. There may be other pieces where there is no recorded sale to match a purchase. Samuel bought and sold land frequently as well as "selling" land to his children. In the latter case, the transaction may not have been recorded until the land passed out of the hands of the family many decades later.*

²⁶ 1860 U.S. census, Jefferson, Kentucky, population schedule, Louisville, p. 329 (upper right-hand corner), line 18 - S. Bottorff; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com); citing NARA microfilm M653, roll T655 roll 14; Mortality Schedule - S. Bottorff, age 46, male, white, born IN, Died December (1859) Merchant, cause of death - congestion of brain.

²⁷ *Find A Grave*, digital images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 8 Jan 2022), Simon Bottorff, memorial number 45838706; section B, lot 20, grave 1A; *This is a memorial page and has no stone photograph. The date given in the memorial is September 1860 which is an error based on the 1860 Census Mortality schedule, see note 25.*

²⁸ Clark, Indiana, Marriage records 1810-2001, D: 110, Bottorff-Colden, 1836; digital images, *Ancestry*, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 1 Nov 2021.)

²⁹ *Mary's parentage has been impossible to determine. On FamilySearch, she is supposed to be the daughter of a Peter Colden, but there is no Peter Colden in any county nearby in either 1830 or 1840. There are no Colden/Coalden/Colten households in Clark County, Indiana or Jefferson County, Kentucky in either 1830 or 1840. There are a Gideon Colten and a Charles Colten in Washington County, Indiana in 1830 but not in 1840 and there is nothing to connect Mary with either of these men.*

³⁰ 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, p. 162A, dwelling 272, family 283, Simon Bottorff; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 9 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 138. *The connection of these two women to Simon and Mary is based solely on this census record. There are no birth or death certificates that name parents for either woman. Neither appears to have an obituary and only there is only one line of descent known via Ann. None of those descendants appears to have taken an autosomal DNA test and targeted testing was not pursued as of Jan. 2022.*

³¹ 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, p. 162A, dwelling 272, family 283, Simon Bottorff; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 9 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 138; in household - G. Wiley Swart (*sic*), age 22 (clerk), John F.

1850.³² And he lived in Jeffersonville for most of the rest of his life. His business activities were varied. In addition to his dry goods business, in 1850 and 1851 he appears in newspaper ads throughout southeast Indiana, listed as a director in the Knox Insurance Company.³³ And in 1855 he was one of the Jeffersonville branch directors of the Bank of the State of Indiana.³⁴ Mary Colden Bottorff died suddenly in July 1855 from an accidental overdose of laudanum and was reportedly buried in Clark County³⁵, although no cemetery record has been found for her.³⁶ Simon appears to have run into business troubles around the time of Mary's death and declared bankruptcy in 1857.³⁷ Around 1858, Simon moved his family to Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky where he died in 1859.³⁸ His daughters and their families were living in Louisville in 1860.³⁹ There is no record of Simon selling his lots in Jeffersonville, he does not appear to have left a will, and no probate process or obituary has been found for him in either Clark County, Indiana or Louisville, Kentucky.⁴⁰

2. **John S. Bottorff** was born 28 Jan 1815 in Clark County, Indiana, died on 4 Dec 1892 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, and was buried in Mount Moriah Cemetery, Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.⁴¹ {FSID: LZBR-91T}

John married first **Sarah Jacobs**, daughter of Thomas Jacobs and Mary Holman⁴², on 27 Sep 1835 in Jeffersonville, Clark County, Indiana.⁴³ Sarah was born on 26 Sep 1818 in Clark County, Indiana, died on 3 May 1854 in Jeffersonville, Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in New Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.⁴⁴ {FSID: MSLF-Z45}

Swartz(sic) age 18 (clerk). Also see *History of the Ohio Falls Cities and their Counties with illustrations and biographical sketches.*, 2 volumes (1882; reprint, Cleveland, Ohio: L.A. Williams & Co., reproduction by Unigraphic, Inc. 1966), 2: 545, biographical sketch of G. W. Swartz; "Assignment of Assets," *The Daily Democrat*, 21 May 1856, p. 4, col. 2; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (<https://newspaperarchive.com> : accessed 1 Nov 2021) and various City Directory entries for Jeffersonville Indiana.

³² Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 33: 133, Bottorff Samuel & wife to Bottorff Simon, 20 August 1833; FHL microfilm 1,428,612, item 3. Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 40: 290, Bottorff Samuel & wife to Simon Bottorff, 8 February 1850; FHL microfilm 1,428,615, item 2.

³³ "Knox Insurance Company (formal notice of organization)," *Daily Journal*, 2 Jul 1850, col. 3; digital images, *NewspaperArchive.com* (<https://newspaperarchive.com> : accessed 1 Nov 2021.)

³⁴ "Organization of the Bank of the State of Indiana," *The Daily Ledger*, 8 November 1855, p. 2, col. 3; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (<https://newspaperarchive.com> : accessed 1 Nov 2021), and other similar insertions in various other Indiana newspapers.

³⁵ "Death by Swallowing Laudanum," *The Courier-Journal*, 14 Jul 1855, p. 2, col. 3; digital images, *Newspapers.com* (www.newspapers.com : accessed 1 Nov 2021.)

³⁶ There is a memorial in the New Chapel Cemetery section of Find a Grave that is linked to Mary. *Find A Grave*, digital images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 8 Jan 2022), Mary M. Bottorff, memorial number 59763884. – *However, the memorial has no birth or death date and there is no stone in the cemetery.*

³⁷ "Sale of assets at auction (bankruptcy auction)," *The Louisville Daily Journal*, 31 Jan 1857, p. 2, col. 7; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (<https://newspaperarchive.com> : accessed 1 Nov 2021.)

³⁸ 1860 U.S. census, Jefferson, Kentucky, population schedule, Louisville, p. 329 (upper right-hand corner), S. Bottorff; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com); citing NARA microfilm M653, roll T 655 roll 14; Mortality schedule, page 3 line 18.

³⁹ 1860 U.S. census, Jefferson, Kentucky, population schedule, Louisville, ward 6, p. 354, dwelling 583, family 693, C. B. Smith; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 1 Nov 2021); citing NARA microfilm M653. *Both daughters and Ann's husband are living in the household. Alice did not marry until 1868 and continued to live with her sister's family even after her marriage.*

⁴⁰ *Perhaps Simon's lots in Jeffersonville were part of the sale of assets in 1857 but they are not listed in the newspaper article. Simon's daughters were adults at his death and living in Kentucky. If they had inherited the Jeffersonville lots, it seems reasonable there would be a sale. The family has no listed Real Estate in 1860 or 1870 although the two daughters each have a Personal Estate valued at \$7,000 which might indicate an estate distribution or a recent real estate sale. However, there is no evidence to back up this speculation.*

⁴¹ Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) Board of Health, death certificate (short form) 12023 (stamped) (1892), John S. Bottorff; digital image, FamilySearch, "Philadelphia City Death Certificates, 1803-1915," (www.familysearch.org : accessed 10 Mar 2020); FHL film #1902108. Mt. Moriah (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), *order for the interment of John S. Bottorff, 1892*, digital images, "Pennsylvania and New Jersey, Church and Town Records, 1669-2013". Citing: Historic Pennsylvania Church and Town Records and Methodist Church Records," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 10 Mar 2020)...*Find a Grave*, digital images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 17 Jan 2022), John S Bottorff, memorial number 208477342; *shared stone with wife Ellen - his portion reads "John S. Bottorff 1.28.1815 - 12.4.1892"*

⁴² *Sarah was one of a group of Jacobs siblings who married different lines and generations of the Swartz family. For further elaboration and sources see <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/MSLF-Z45> and also the write-up on Rev. George Swartz and Nancy Fry's family at <https://www.mcwieser.info/mcleland-wieserfamily/>.*

⁴³ Clark, Indiana, Marriage records 1810-2001, D: 90-91, Bottorff-Jacobs, 1835; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 12 Jan 2022); FHL film number 549315.

⁴⁴ *Find A Grave*, digital images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 12 Jan 2022), Sarah Bottorff, memorial number 14985280; *Inscription reads "Sarah, wife of John S. Bottorff, Born Sep 18, 1818, Died May 3, 1854". Memorial gives just year of death, but the stone is readable for the month and date.*

They had 6 known children: **Samuel Rufus, John T.** (died as an infant), **Oscar F.** (died as an infant), **Laura, Mary E., and John Lawrence.**⁴⁵

John married next **Ellen W. Guilder**, daughter of John Guilder and Sarah Leonard, on 11 Oct 1854 in Clark County, Indiana.⁴⁶ Ellen was born on 21 Jun 1818 in New York City, New York, died on 4 Mar 1896 in Vineland, Cumberland County, New Jersey, and was buried in Mount Moriah Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.⁴⁷ *FSID: {L1JZ-4S9}*

They had one son: **Leonard Gilder.**⁴⁸

John apparently began adult life as a merchant, working with brother Simon in their dry goods store in Jeffersonville, employing various Swartz cousins and teaching them the trade.⁴⁹ John was an active speculator in land, buying and selling Clark County farmland and several lots in Jeffersonville between 1838 and 1872.⁵⁰ In 1856 his Jeffersonville home was robbed of silver plate worth \$400, a substantial sum for the time⁵¹. John, Ellen, and their young son Leonard, along with first wife Sarah's younger children Laura, Mary, and John Lawrence, appear in Flushing, New York on the 1860 census where he was listed as superintendent for the New York and Flushing Railroad.⁵² John worked for various railroad companies for the rest of his life. By 1864, he, Ellen, and Leonard as well as Laura and Mary had moved to Philadelphia where they joined the Philadelphia Methodist Church⁵³. John's older children eventually all married and settled in Indiana and John maintained close ties to family in Clark County as well as visiting several times for funerals and business.⁵⁴ As a railroad employee he undoubtedly had easy and inexpensive access. John was an employee of the Chestnut and Walnut Street Railway in Philadelphia from at least 1870 till his death in 1892⁵⁵. He was active in the formation of the Conductors and Car Drivers Mutual Aid Society of the employees of the C&W Railway and was elected vice-

⁴⁵ 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, p. 322 (upper left-hand corner), dwelling 268, family 280, John S. Bottorff; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 10 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 138...*Find A Grave*, digital images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 12 Jan 2022), John T. Bottorff, memorial number 14984226...*Find A Grave*, digital images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 12 Jan 2022), Oscar F. Bottorff, memorial number 14985250.

⁴⁶ *No marriage record has been found in Clark County, Indiana for John and Ellen. Their son Leonard was born in Indiana in 1856 according to 1860-1880 census entries but his first census appearance was in Flushing NY in 1860.*

⁴⁷ *Find A Grave*, digital images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 17 Jan 2022), Ellen W. Gilder Bottorff, memorial number 208477383; *shared stone with John S. Bottorff her portion reads "also wife Ellen W. daughter of John & Sarah Gilder 6.21.1818 - 4.3.1896"*

⁴⁸ 1870 U.S. census, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Philadelphia census district 90, p. 138 (stamped), dwelling 109, family 112, Bottorff, Jno S.; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 10 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 1445 and 1880 U.S. census, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Philadelphia enumeration district (ED) 585, p. 2B, dwelling 19, family 19, Bottorff John S.; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 10 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm T9, roll 1186. *Also, will of his mother Ellen Gilder Bottorff see footnote 59.*

⁴⁹ 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, p. 322 (upper left-hand corner), dwelling 268, family 280, John S. Bottorff; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 10 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 138... *History of the Ohio Falls Cities and their Counties with illustrations and biographical sketches*, 2 volumes (1882; reprint, Cleveland, Ohio: L.A. Williams & Co., reproduction by Unigraphic, Inc. 1966), 2: 545, biographical sketch of G. W. Swartz... "Assignment of Assets," *The Daily Democrat*, 21 May 1856, p. 4, col. 2; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (<https://newspaperarchive.com> : accessed 1 Nov 2021), and various City Directory entries for Jeffersonville Indiana.

⁵⁰ *There are 11 Clark County, Indiana deeds recording purchases and sales by John S. Bottorff between 1838 and 1872. The first recorded deed is a sale so there were probably additional purchases that have been missed or not recorded. See Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901 various volumes*

⁵¹ "Burglary," *The Louisville Daily Journal*, 6 October 1856, p. N.p., col. 1; digital images, *Newspapers.com* (www.newspapers.com : accessed 17 Jan 2022.)

⁵² 1860 U.S. Census, Queens, New York, population schedule, Flushing, p. 76, dwelling 499, family 627, John L.(sic) Bottorff; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 10 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm M653, roll 845.

⁵³ Bottorff John S. and family membership entry; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 10 Mar 2020); Historical Society of Pennsylvania; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Citing: *Pennsylvania and New Jersey, Church and Town Records, 1669-2013*. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Historical Society of Pennsylvania. And *Methodist Church Records*. Valley Forge, Pennsylvania: Eastern Pennsylvania United Methodist Church Commission on Archives and History.

⁵⁴ *John is mentioned as visiting son Samuel R. Bottorff and son-in-law Frederick Ellison, paymaster of the Illinois & St. Louis Railroad, as well as being present for the funerals of his mother and sister. "Railroad Bumpers - Mr. John S. Bottorff," The Daily Evening News, 12 May 1880, p. 4, col. 3; digital images, NewspaperArchive (<https://newspaperarchive.com> : accessed 28 Apr 2021)... "Death of an Old Lady," The Evening News, 11 May 1878, p. 1, col. 2; digital images, NewspaperArchive (<https://newspaperarchive.com> : accessed 8 Jul 2020). "Death of Mrs. Elizabeth Ruddle (sic)," The Daily Evening News, 23 Nov 1882, p. 4, col. 3; digital images, NewspaperArchive (<https://newspaperarchive.com> : accessed 28 Apr 2021).*

⁵⁵ "Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995," database, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 17 Jan 2022), John S. Bottorff entries 1870 - 1889 inclusive... Pennsylvania Philadelphia Board of Health, death certificate (short form) 12023 (stamped) (1892), John S. Bottorff; digital image, FamilySearch, "Pennsylvania, Philadelphia City Death Certificates, 1803-1915," (www.familysearch.org : accessed 10 Mar 2020.)

president of the Society in 1882.⁵⁶ John's death was announced in the Philadelphia papers⁵⁷, but no mention was made in the Jeffersonville papers. There appears to be no probate filed for John in either Pennsylvania or Indiana.⁵⁸ Ellen moved to Cumberland County, New Jersey about 9 months before she died in 1896.⁵⁹ Her will was submitted for probate in Philadelphia.⁶⁰

3. **Elizabeth Bottorff** was born on 1 Feb 1816 in Indiana, died on 23 Nov 1882 in Indiana, and was buried in New Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.⁶¹ {FSID: KJDV-QNV}

Elizabeth married **James C. Ruddell**, son of **Cornelius Ruddell** and **Margaret Wilson**, on 10 Jul 1836 in Clark County, Indiana.⁶² James was born on 8 Jan 1816 in Clark County, Indiana, died on 19 Nov 1848 in Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in New Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.⁶³ {FSID: KJ4T-26N}

They had two children: **Sara A.**, and **James Marion**.⁶⁴

In 1842, James filed a petition with the US District Court for Indiana and was declared bankrupt under the 1841 Congressional Act for Establishing a Uniform Bankruptcy.⁶⁵ His farmland was sold in April 1843 by the court to settle his debts.⁶⁶ Ironically, the Bankruptcy Act was repealed just a few months later. In 1841, James and Elizabeth had sold 2 lots in Utica along with his brother William and wife.⁶⁷ Given the sale, the bankruptcy filing, and James' insolvent estate, it seems probable that he was involved in the early Clark County land speculation craze that ended with the Panic of 1837. Just 4 years after the bankruptcy sale James died, leaving Elizabeth with 2 young children and his remaining debts. His brother Wilson Ruddell was appointed administrator of his estate and Elizabeth was made guardian of her children, both of whom were minors. In 1849 the estate was settled with \$142.52 going to the Elizabeth as widow and guardian of the children.⁶⁸ Elizabeth never remarried.

⁵⁶ "Conductors and Drivers," *Philadelphia Inquirer*, 13 Feb 1882, p. 2, col. 3; digital images, *Newspapers.com* (www.newspapers.com : accessed 17 Jan 2022.)

⁵⁷ "Deaths - Bottorff," *The Philadelphia Times*, 6 Dec 1892, p. 5, col. 3; digital images, *Newspapers.com* (www.newspapers.com : accessed 17 Jan 2022.)

⁵⁸ *Both online and microfilm probate and will indexes checked for Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania and Clark County, Indiana.*

⁵⁹ Pennsylvania Philadelphia Board of Health, death certificate (short form) 18337 (1896), Ellen W. Bottorff; digital image, FamilySearch, (www.familysearch.org : accessed 17 Jan 2022).... "Well Known Ladies Dead," *The News*, 7 May 1896, p. 4, col. 5; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (https://newspaperarchive.com : accessed 28 Apr 2021). "Deaths - Bottorff," *The Philadelphia Times*, 4 Mar 1896, p. 5, col. 1; digital images, *Newspapers.com* (www.newspapers.com : accessed 17 Jan 2022).

⁶⁰ Ellen W. Bottorff Probate Packet, *Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1683-1993* database, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 17 Jan 2022.)

⁶¹ *Find A Grave*, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com : accessed 12 Mar 2020), Elizabeth Bottorff Ruddell, memorial number 15005135; *The headstone for Elizabeth and her husband is a double stone with full dates for both, probably erected when James died in 1846 and fully inscribed when Elizabeth died in 1882... Works Progress Administration, "Indiana, WPA Death Index 1882-1920," database, Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 12 Mar 2020), *Elizabeth Ruddell, 23 November 1882; citing Book H page 21 within the series produced by the Indiana Works Progress Administration.*

⁶² Clark, Indiana, Marriage records 1810-2001, D: 55, Ruddell-Bottorff, 1836; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com); *they were married by Elizabeth's uncle Jacob Swartz.*

⁶³ *Find A Grave*, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com : accessed 12 Mar 2020), James C. Ruddell, memorial number 15005126.

⁶⁴ 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, p. 2, dwelling 619, family 667, Elizabeth Ruddle; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 11 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 138... "Death of Mrs. Elizabeth Ruddle (sic)," *The Daily Evening News*, 23 Nov 1882, p. 4, col. 3; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (https://newspaperarchive.com : accessed 28 Apr 2021)... Clark, Indiana, Wills book, R: 76, Elizabeth Ruddell; FHL microfilm 1,415,985, item 2. *A third child is often given in online trees as William W. Ruddell born and died in 1837. There is no gravestone recorded for an infant of this name, he is not mentioned in any of the records of the family, and there were several other Ruddle families having children at this time in Clark County*

⁶⁵ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 36: 27 & 28, James Ruddell bankruptcy sale, April 1843; FHL microfilm 1,428,614, item 1. *The text of the deed gives the date of bankruptcy filing as 1842.*

⁶⁶ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 36: 27 & 28, James Ruddell bankruptcy sale, April 1843; FHL microfilm 1,428,614, item 1.

⁶⁷ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 35: 37 & 38, James C. Ruddell & Elizabeth his wife and William Ruddell and Rebecca his wife to James Robertson, 1842; FHL microfilm 1,428,613, item 2.

⁶⁸ Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, D: 168, James C. Ruddell; FHL microfilm 1,415,966, item 2.

In 1850 Elizabeth was enumerated as the widowed head of a large household in Jeffersonville, composed of her two children and several single men, primarily laborers.⁶⁹ Perhaps she was running a boarding house. She bought part of lot 152, next to her parents, in Jeffersonville on 22 February 1859 from Samuel & James W. Bottorff.⁷⁰ In 1870, son James Ruddle, a single 28 year old as well as daughter Sara and son in law Merritt N. Hall, are enumerated in Elizabeth's household.⁷¹ She resided in the household of Merritt Hall on the 1880, still in Jeffersonville and probably still living in the same house which she had owned since 1859.⁷² In 1880, Elizabeth took the train to visit son James in California, where he had resided for about 4 years.⁷³ Elizabeth signed her will on 8 June 1882, leaving everything to her daughter Sarah A. Hall and appointing Sarah as her executor.⁷⁴ Her obituary, giving her cause of death as consumption of over 20 years duration, was published on 23 Nov 1882 in the Daily News of Jeffersonville.⁷⁵ Sarah, who lived with Elizabeth her entire life and nursed her mother in her final illness, died of consumption in 1899.⁷⁶ Elizabeth's son James never married and died in California in 1895.⁷⁷

4. **Lewis Wesley Bottorff** was born on 17 Nov 1820 in Utica, Clark County, Indiana, died on 16 Nov 1894 in Wellington, Sumner, Kansas, and was buried in Fairview Cemetery, Riverdale, Sumner, Kansas.⁷⁸ {FSID: K26L-42C}

Lewis married **Sarah Ann Prather**, daughter of **Basil Robertson Prather** and **Rachel Holman**, on 9 Aug 1842 in Jeffersonville, Clark County, Indiana.⁷⁹ Sarah was born on 19 Sep 1819 in Clark County, Indiana, died on 23 Feb 1898 in Oklahoma, and was buried in Fairview Cemetery, Riverdale, Sumner, Kansas.⁸⁰ {FSID: KHST-88Q }

They had 7 children: **James Franklin**, **Rachel Ann** (died young), **Joseph Fletcher** (died young), **Charles Newton**, **Mary Elzada**, **Sarah Miranda**, and **Flora Marie**⁸¹

Lewis began preparing to migrate out of Clark County even before he married. In 1841 he purchased land in Adams County, Illinois,⁸² which was an early migration point for many members of the family, including Uncle

⁶⁹ 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, p. 2, dwelling 619, family 667, Elizabeth Ruddle; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 11 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 138; Elizabeth has no occupation, but it appears from the way the page is arranged that she is keeping either a hotel or a boarding housing. If a boarding house it is a large one. There are nearly 40 persons listed as part of the dwelling. However, the numbering of the next page further confuses the issue but there appear to be nearly 100 dwelling numbers missing.

⁷⁰ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 51: 170, Bottorff Samuel & James W. to Elizabeth Ruddell, 22 February 1859; FHL microfilm 1,428,620, item 1.

⁷¹ 1870 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com); citing NARA microfilm M593.

⁷² 1880 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, enumeration district (ED) 151D, p. 28, dwelling 143, family 164, Ruddell, Elizabeth; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 12 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm T9, roll 269; in household of son in law Merritt N. Hall.

⁷³ "Death of Mrs. Elizabeth Ruddle (sic)," *The Daily Evening News*, 23 Nov 1882, p. 4, col. 3; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (https://newspaperarchive.com : accessed 28 Apr 2021). Obit mentions that she visited her son at Oakland California 2 years before her death.

⁷⁴ Clark, Indiana, Wills book, R: 76, Elizabeth Ruddell; FHL microfilm 1,415,985, item 2; "*I give and bequeath all my estate of what nature and kind soever to Sarah A. Hall. I do hereby appoint Sarah A. Hall executrix of this my last will and testament.*" *Elizabeth her X mark Ruddell*.

⁷⁵ "Death of Mrs. Elizabeth Ruddle (sic)," *The Daily Evening News*, 23 Nov 1882, p. 4, col. 3; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (https://newspaperarchive.com : accessed 28 Apr 2021).

⁷⁶ "Mrs. Hall Expires After a Long Illness of Consumption," *The Evening News*, 14 Sept 1899, p. 1, col. 2; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (https://newspaperarchive.com : accessed 28 Apr 2021).

⁷⁷ "Bud" Rudell's (sic) Remains," *The News*, 18 Nov 1895, p. 4, col. 4; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (https://newspaperarchive.com : accessed 28 Apr 2021).

⁷⁸ *Find A Grave*, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com : accessed 16 Mar 2020), Lewis Wesley Bottorff, memorial number 20693221. "Obituary of L.W. Bottorff," *Sumner County Standard*, Thursday 29 November 1894, p. cover page, col. 6; digital images, *Newspapers.com* (www.newspapers.com : accessed 16 Mar 2020.)

⁷⁹ Clark, Indiana, Marriage records 1810-2001, E: 23, Bottorff-Prather, 1842; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 16 Mar 2020.)

⁸⁰ *Find A Grave*, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com : accessed 19 Mar 2020), Sarah Ann Prather Bottorff, memorial number 20693229.

⁸¹ 1850 U.S. census, Adams, Illinois, population schedule, Camp Point, p. 30 (stamped), dwelling 41, family 41, Lewis Borthoff (sic); digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 97; Household... *Find A Grave*, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com : accessed 13 Mar 2020), Rachel Bottorff, memorial number 182077673; confusing text entered in "gravesite details." *Find A Grave*, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com : accessed 13 Mar 2020), Joseph F. Bottorff, memorial number 166661405; *stone says "son of L. W. and S. A. Bottorff, died 24 Feb 1849 aged 10 m 28 days...According to FamilySearch Flora M. was born in 1858 in Illinois, but no sources are given. The family has not been found on the 1860 census and there is no Flora or Marie on the 1870 so she died young. Given the general accuracy of the family information on FamilySearch and elsewhere, I suspect the existence of a family bible.*

⁸² Adams, Illinois, Deed Records, S: 84, McFarland Wm & wife to Bottorff Lewis W., 4 January 1842; digital images, *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org : accessed 19 Mar 2020); witnesses Lewis McFarland and Samuel Bottorff.

and Aunt William and Nancy Spangler and several of his Swartz cousins, the older children of Uncle John Swartz.⁸³ By 1850 he and Sarah were living in Adams County, while continuing to purchase and sell land in Clark County.⁸⁴ By 1870 most of the family had moved to Jasper County, Illinois and by 1885 they were in Sumner County, Kansas where they would remain for the rest of their lives.⁸⁵ The family appears to have thrived in Kansas. Son Charles Newton Bottorff became a well-known local preacher and briefly served as state legislator.⁸⁶ Thanks to railroad expansion, Lewis and Sarah were not cut off from their families in Indiana and Illinois. Although older daughter Mary had remained in Illinois after her marriage Lewis and Sarah travelled back to Illinois via train to visit them.⁸⁷ Also, local newspapers record visits by Sarah's niece and nephew and visits back to Indiana by sons Charles and James.⁸⁸ In 1887 Lewis' birthday celebrations were described in the Riverdale newspaper and his obituary was prominent in the same paper just seven years later.⁸⁹ Sarah spent the remainder of her life living with daughter Sarah Miranda and her husband.⁹⁰

5. **George S. Bottorff** was born on 3 Jan 1822 in Indiana, died on 2 Aug 1868 in Indiana, and was buried in Charlestown Cemetery, Charlestown, Clark County, Indiana.⁹¹ *FSID: LHPN-YH9*

George married **Ann Eliza Long**, daughter of **John William Long** and **Ann Sutfield Woodson**, on 14 Mar 1843 in Jeffersonville, Clark County, Indiana.⁹² Ann was born on 1 Nov 1822 in Indiana, died on 12 Mar 1866, and was buried in Charlestown Cemetery, Charlestown, Clark County, Indiana.⁹³ *FSID: LHPN-YZ4*

They had three known children: **Calvin R.**, **Ann E.**, and **John S.**⁹⁴

George and Ann Eliza apparently lived quiet uneventful lives. There are few surviving records that mention them and neither appear to have had either an obituary or appeared in the local newspapers. George bought

⁸³ 1850 U.S. census, Hancock, Illinois, population schedule, p. 323A, dwelling 752, family 753, William Spangler; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 21 Jan 2022); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 109...1850 U.S. census, Adams, Illinois, population schedule, Houston, p. 119 (stamped) 237 (written), dwelling 1, family 1, Household of Robert Dismore; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 15 Sep 2019); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 97...1850 U.S. census, Adams, Illinois, population schedule, Camp Point, p. [62], dwelling 67, family 67, Wiley Swartz household; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 15 Sep 2019); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 97.

⁸⁴ 1850 U.S. census, Adams, Illinois, population schedule, Camp Point, p. 30 (stamped), dwelling 41, family 41, Lewis Borthoff (*sic*); digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 97...Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 39: 710, N. Huckleberry to L. W. Bottorff, 20 October 1849; FHL microfilm 1,428,615, item 2...Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 40: 222, Bottorff Samuel & wife to Lewis Bottorff, 21 March 1850; FHL microfilm 1,428,615, item 2...Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 40: 222 & 223, Bottorff Lewis & wife to Samuel Bottorff, 21 March 1850; FHL microfilm 1,428,615, item 1.

⁸⁵ 1870 U.S. census, Adams, Illinois, population schedule, Newton, p. 18, dwelling 123, family 123, Bottorff (*sic*) Lewis; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 232...1885 State Census, Sumner, Kansas, population schedule, p. 6, line 310, Bottorff, L. W.; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com.)

⁸⁶ "Rev. C. N. Bottorff left on last Friday for Topeka," *Sumner County Standard*, 12 January 1887, p. unpaginated, col. 3; digital images, *Newspapers.com* (www.newspapers.com : accessed 19 Mar 2020)... "The Kansas City Times published a frivolous charge in regard to Representative Bottorff," *Sumner County Standard*, 3 May 1887, p. cover page, col. 3; digital images, *Newspapers.com* (www.newspapers.com: accessed 19 Mar 2020)... "Unanimously Vindicated," *Sumner County Standard*, 10 March 1887, p. unpaginated, col. 5; digital images, *Newspapers.com* (www.newspapers.com : accessed 19 Mar 2020)... "C. N. Bottorff Called Home," *The Solomon Tribune*, 11 January 1923, p. unpaginated, col. 4 & 5; digital images, *Newspapers.com* (www.newspapers.com : accessed 19 Mar 2020.)

⁸⁷ "Grandpa Bottorff has sold his farm to his son Charlie...", *Sumner County Standard*, 27 September 1888, p. unpaginated, col. 2; digital images, *Newspapers.com* (www.newspapers.com.) *Story also mentions plans to visit son James Franklin in Cherokee County, KS and an extended visit to family in Illinois.*

⁸⁸ "Riverdale news," *Sumner County Standard*, Thursday 24 May 1888, p. unpaginated, col. 3; digital images, *Newspapers.com* (www.newspapers.com : accessed 19 Mar 2020.)

⁸⁹ "The relatives and friends of Grandpa and Grandma Bottorff gave them a pleasant surprise on Friday the 17th in honor of Grandpa's birthday," *Sumner County Standard*, 1 December 1887, p. unpaginated, col. 1; digital images, *Newspapers.com* (www.newspapers.com : accessed 19 Mar 2020)... "Obituary of L.W. Bottorff," *Sumner County Standard*, Thursday 29 November 1894, p. cover page, col. 6; digital images, *Newspapers.com* (www.newspapers.com : accessed 16 Mar 2020.)

⁹⁰ 1895 Kansas State census, Sumner, Kansas, population schedule, Seventy-six, p. 5, dwelling 1, family 1, line 1, Colbert Morris; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 21 Mar 2020.)

⁹¹ *Find A Grave*, digital images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 25 Mar 2020), George S. Bottorff, memorial number 88184269.

⁹² Clark, Indiana, Marriage records 1810-2001, F: 35, Bottorff-Long, 1843; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 25 Mar 2020); item 5 on film 1415852.

⁹³ *Find A Grave*, digital images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 25 Mar 2020), Ann E. Bottorff, memorial number 88184229.

⁹⁴ 1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Charlestown, p. 186, dwelling 349, family 331, George S. Bottorff; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 25 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm M653.

farmland from his parents in 1844 and lived on that land the rest of his life⁹⁵. In 1860, he bought part of lot 155 in Jeffersonville from his younger brother James Wiley, perhaps as speculation or to build a future retirement home.⁹⁶ However, in July 1863 when George registered for the draft, he was still a resident of Charlestown.⁹⁷ During the Civil War George paid taxes on his farm income, a carriage and a piano, the only one of his family to show musical interest.⁹⁸ When first Ann and then George died within a couple of years, they left 3 minor children. William Prather was named George's administrator and guardian of the heirs.⁹⁹ The farm was sold in 1869¹⁰⁰ and it appears that by 1880 all 3 of George's children had left Indiana. Calvin and John moved to Osage County, Kansas and Ann and her husband to Dekalb County, Missouri.¹⁰¹

6. **Sarah Ann Bottorff** was born on 17 Nov 1823 in Clark County, Indiana, died on 7 Mar 1907 in Greenwood, Johnson, Indiana, and was buried in New Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.¹⁰² {FSID: L7GF-QK4}

Sarah married **Greenberry Vernon Thompson**, son of **Joshua Thompson** and **Chloe Redman**, on 12 Sep 1844 in Jeffersonville, Clark County, Indiana.¹⁰³ Greenberry was born on 3 Dec 1817 in Clark County, Indiana, died on 21 Sep 1882 in Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in New Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.¹⁰⁴ {FSID: L7GF-7H9 }

They had 9 children: **Alice, Sophia, Charles Melville** (died young), **Edward A., Anna, Arthur Bradford** (died young), **Augusta** (died young), **Winford S.**, and **Willey Delaware**.¹⁰⁵

Sarah and Greenberry, like younger brother James Wiley and family, were the "perseverers" among Anna and Samuel's children. They appear to have been farmers, from the first census of their marriage in 1850 Greenberry

⁹⁵ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 38: 379, Bottorff Samuel & wife to G. S. Bottorff, 7 May 1844; FHL microfilm 1,428,614, item 2.

⁹⁶ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 67: 145, James W. Bottorff & wife to George S. Bottorff et al, 25 May 1860; FHL microfilm 1,428,627, item 3.

⁹⁷ Bottorff, George S., 3: 31; "Consolidated Enrollment Lists, 1863-1865 (Civil War Union Draft Records);", *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 25 Mar 2020); Charlestown Township, Bottorff, George S. age 41, white, Farmer born IN no prior military service.

⁹⁸ Clark, Indiana, United States, "Internal Revenue Assessment Lists for Indiana, 1862-1864," p. no page given - roughly alphabetized by surname, Bottorff Geo S.; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 7 Mar 2020); citing Internal Revenue Assessment Lists for Indiana, 1862-1864; (NARA microfilm M765; Records of the Internal Revenue Service, RG 58; lists for 1862-1864 pages various.

⁹⁹ Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, H: 483, estate of George S. Bottorff; FHL microfilm 1,415,963, item 4.

¹⁰⁰ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 589: 321, Heirs of George S. Bottorff to M. S. Cole, 31 March 1869; FHL microfilm 1,428,624, item 2.

¹⁰¹ 1870 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Charlestown, p. 343, dwelling 105, family 105, Calvin K. (sic) Bottorff; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 25 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 303...1870 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Charlestown, p. 16, dwelling 102, family 102, Bottorff, Samuel; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 26 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 303...1870 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, p. 45, dwelling 323, family 344, Bottorff, Jno S.; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 26 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 303.

¹⁰² Johnson County, Indiana, death certificate no. 450 (1907), Sarah Ann Thompson; digital image, "Indiana Death Certificates 1899-2011," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 31 Mar 2020.) Works Progress Administration, "Indiana, WPA Death Index 1882-1920," database, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 31 Mar 2020), Sarah A. Thompson, age 83, female, died 7 March 1907; County Health Office, Franklin. citing book H-24 on page 44 within the series produced by the Indiana Works Progress Administration...*Find A Grave*, digital images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 31 Mar 2020), Sarah Ann Bottorff Thompson, memorial number 72255781; *headstone reads Sarah A. Wife of C. V. Thompson Born Nov 17, 1823 - Died Mar 7, 1907...* "Twin Cousin" of W. S. Jacobs passes away at home of daughter at Greenwood," *The Evening News*, 8 March 1907, p. 2, col. 3; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (<https://newspaperarchive.com>: accessed 10 Jul 2020.)

¹⁰³ Clark, Indiana, Marriage records 1810-2001, E: 66, Thompson-Bottorff, 1844; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com); film 1415852 item 5.

¹⁰⁴ *Find A Grave*, digital images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 31 Mar 2020), Greenberry Thompson, memorial number 72255688. "Death of a Venerable Citizen," *The Daily Evening News*, 22 Sep 1882, p. 1, col. 5; digital images, *Newspapers.com* (www.newspapers.com : accessed 31 Jan 2022.)

¹⁰⁵ 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Silver Creek, p. 30B, dwelling 160, family 160, Greenbury (sic) Thompson; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 31 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 138...*Find A Grave*, digital images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 31 Mar 2020), Charles M. Thompson, memorial number 15005219...*Find A Grave*, digital images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 31 Mar 2020), Arthur B. Thompson, memorial number 15005213...1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Silver Creek, p. 65, dwelling 497, family 488, G. V. Thompson; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 31 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm M653... *Find A Grave*, digital images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 31 Mar 2020), Augusta "Gussie" Thompson, memorial number 72255706...1870 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Silver Creek, p. 15, dwelling 122, family 129, Greenberry Thompson; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 31 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 303.

is always listed as owning real estate)¹⁰⁶, raising the 6 of their children to survive infancy in the same community where they had grown-up, emmeshed in a web of relationships stretching across 4 generations, although few of those children would remain within that web.¹⁰⁷ Greenberry was the executor of his father's will in 1876 and both were active in the Methodist Church.¹⁰⁸ When Greenberry died in 1882, Sarah was the only heir named in his will.¹⁰⁹ She survived Greenberry for more than 20 years, moving between the households of her daughters Alice in Indiana and Sophia in Illinois. For the last 3 years of her life she was gravely ill, possibly from a stroke or suffering with dementia, and lived with Alice and her family in Greenwood, Johnson County, Indiana.¹¹⁰

7. **Sophia Bottorff** was born on 22 May 1825 in Utica, Clark County, Indiana, died in 1850 in Jeffersonville, Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in New Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana. She had no known marriage and no known children.¹¹¹ {FSID: LJLG-9H5}

There have been attempts to marry Sophia off to various people. On Find a Grave she is shown as married to Albert Lawrence¹¹². Albert Lawrence did marry a Sophia Bottorff, but there were several Sophia Bottorffs in Clark County during this period. Albert and his Sophia are enumerated on the 1850 census as well as in the censuses of 1860 and 1880 with their growing family. Sophia Bottorff, daughter of Samuel and Anna is enumerated in the household of her father in 1850.¹¹³ Sophia is not mentioned in the obituary of her mother in 1878 nor in the family land transaction documents of the 1860s and neither is a possible widower or children.¹¹⁴ She is undoubtedly the Sophia Bottorff buried in 1850 in the New Chapel Cemetery.

¹⁰⁶ Although Greenberry owned land as he is listed as a landowner on every census between 1850 and 1880 and he devises all of his real estate to his wife Sarah in his will, there are no deeds listed with Greenberry as the grantee. It seems likely that Greenberry inherited his land from his father but no evidence for this has been discovered and given the unusual nature of his father's will, the necessary proof would seem to have to be in Clark County Loose probate papers which were heavily damaged and destroyed by floods in the 1920s.

¹⁰⁷ 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Silver Creek, p. 30B, dwelling 160, family 160, Greenbury (sic) Thompson; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com : accessed 31 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 138...1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Silver Creek, p. 65, dwelling 497, family 488, G. V. Thompson; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com : accessed 31 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm M653...1870 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Silver Creek, p. 15, dwelling 122, family 129, Greenberry Thompson; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com : accessed 31 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 303...1880 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Silver Creek, ED 34, p. 251 (stamped), dwelling 138, family 141, Thompson Greenberry; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com : accessed 31 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm T9, roll 269.

¹⁰⁸ Clark, Indiana, Wills book, F: 140, Joshua Thompson; FHL microfilm 1,415,963, item 2; *This unusual will does not make provision for the division of his property or name his heirs. Instead, he states "It is my will that my estate should be settled up by compromise if it can be satisfactorily done....if it cannot be then it is my will that my estate shall be settled up according to law."* The only family member named is son Greenberry Thompson who he names executor... "Death of a Venerable Citizen," *The Daily Evening News*, 22 Sep 1882, p. 1, col. 5; digital images, *Newspapers.com* (www.newspapers.com : accessed 31 Jan 2022.)

¹⁰⁹ Clark, Indiana, Wills book, H: 61, Greenberry V. Thompson; FHL microfilm 1,415,963, item 4... "Kansas Will and Estate Records, 1868-1918," database, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com : accessed 31 Mar 2020), Greenberry A (sic) Thompson; Record of Wills vol 2-3, Marion County, Kansas, page 198-199; *actual text of the will and statement of witnesses upon admission to probate is verbatim that entered in Clark County, Indiana records, except for mistake on middle initial. The Clark County book says V. There is an affidavit from Richard C. M. Gill, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Clark County, Indiana dated 31 December 1882 stating that it is a true copy and the Executrix has posted bond.*

¹¹⁰ "Twin Cousin" of W. S. Jacobs passes away at home of daughter at Greenwood," *The Evening News*, 8 March 1907, p. 2, col. 3; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (https://newspaperarchive.com: accessed 10 Jul 2020.)

¹¹¹ *Find A Grave*, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com : accessed 30 Mar 2020), Sophia Bottorff, memorial number 39299404; *no stone photo.*

¹¹² *Find a Grave*, digital images (https://www.findagrave.com/ : accessed 08 February 2022), Sophia Bottorff Lawrence, memorial 72277081...1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica Township, p. 378, dwelling 638, family 638, Albert Lawrence; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com : accessed 7 Feb 2022); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 138. *Sophia Lawrence who is listed in the household of Albert Lawrence is 26, born IN. There are two children in the household under age 5. Presumably, these are the children of Sophia and Albert. In the 1880 household Albert and Sophia are listed with two children under the age of 20 while still living in Utica, Clark County.* 1880 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, ED 36, p. 269 (stamped), dwelling 284, family 284, Lawrence Albert; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com : accessed 7 Feb 2022); citing NARA microfilm T9, roll 269.

¹¹³ 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, p. 175A, dwelling 467, family 493, Samuel Bottorff; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com : accessed 7 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 138; *digital image on Ancestry is very hard to read.*

¹¹⁴ "Death of an Old Lady," *The Evening News*, 11 May 1878, p. 1, col. 2; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (https://newspaperarchive.com: accessed 8 Jul 2020)...Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 67: 145, Bottorff James W to Anna Bottorff, 25 May 1860; FHL microfilm 1,428,627, item 3.

8. **James Wiley Bottorff** was born on 27 Dec 1826 in Clark County, Indiana, died on 17 Feb 1904 in Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in New Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.¹¹⁵ {FSID: KJDV-QXC}

James married **Sarah Catherine Prather**, daughter of **Isaac Prather** and **Mary Magdalena Shuford**, on 29 Nov 1848 in Jeffersonville, Clark County, Indiana. Sarah was born on 24 May 1829 in Clark County, Indiana, died on 9 Jun 1904 in Charlestown, Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in New Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.¹¹⁶ {FSID: KJDV-33X}

They had five children: **Ausmon T.** (died young.), **Laura Luisa**, **Anna Mary**, **Rosella**, and **Olin Simpson** (died young.)¹¹⁷

James and Sarah were also perseverers. James, usually known as Wiley, bought farmland from his parents in 1849 and they settled there for the rest of their lives.¹¹⁸ Wiley entered land purchases primarily in partnership with his family. In 1859 he and his father bought land that they then sold to sister Elizabeth, and James Wiley bought part of lot 155 in Jeffersonville with brother George.¹¹⁹ In 1878 he and George's heirs sold their joint part of the lot to Greenberry who had purchased George's other portion in 1869.¹²⁰ Wiley and Sarah died within a few months of each other in 1904, both suddenly - both aged 78.¹²¹ James Wiley and Sarah were the first of their family to have government-issued death certificates.¹²² They are the only couple, in the generations of the Swartz family covered in these articles, whose family bible is known to survive in the possession of descendants. The bible, which records the births and marriages of themselves and their children and the deaths of themselves and most of their children, is in the possession of the descendants of daughter Rosella Bottorff Grosback. Scanned images have been shared on Find a Grave, and directly with this author.¹²³

¹¹⁵ Clark, Indiana, death certificate no. 277 (1904), James W. Bottorff; digital image, *Ancestry*, "Indiana, Death Certificates, 1899-2011," *Indiana Death Certificates* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 2 Apr 2020)... *Find A Grave*, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com : accessed 2 Apr 2020), James Wiley Bottorff, memorial number 39299352; *memorial includes photos of Family Records sheets from the James W. Bottorff and Sarah Catherine Prather family bible. Photos included births, marriages and deaths pages.* Uploaded by Find a Grave member Lynn Uhl... "Death of Wylie Bottorff at Sellersburg," *The National Democrat*, 26 Feb 1904, p. 2, col. 2; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (https://newspaperarchive.com: accessed 10 Jul 2020).

¹¹⁶ Clark, Indiana, death certificate no. 279 (1904), Sarah Catherine Bottorff; digital image, *Ancestry*, "Indiana, Death Certificates, 1899-2011," *Indiana Death Certificates* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 2 Apr 2020)... *Find A Grave*, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com: accessed 2 Apr 2020), Sarah Catherine Prather Bottorff, memorial number 48358360.

¹¹⁷ James Wiley Bottorff and Sarah Catherine Prather Family Bible, *The Holy Bible* (New York: T. Carlton & Z. Phillips, 1854), privately held by Lynn Uhl, [ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE], purchased circa 1854.

¹¹⁸ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 39: 576, Bottorff Samuel & wife to James W. Bottorff, 12 May 1849; FHL microfilm 1,428,615, item 1...1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Charlestown, p. 169 (stamped), dwelling 261, family 261, Wiley Bottorff; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 2 Apr 2020); citing NARA microfilm M432; *next door to brother George S. Bottorff*...1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Charlestown, p. 46, dwelling 348, family 330, James W. Bottorff; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 2 Apr 2020); citing NARA microfilm M653... 1870 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Charlestown, p. 16, dwelling 101, family 101, Bottorff James W.; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 2 Apr 2020); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 303...1880 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, ED 23, p. 25 (stamped), dwelling 30, family 30, Bottorff, J. W.; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 2 Apr 2020); citing NARA microfilm T9, roll 269...1900 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Charlestown, ED 4, sheet 12, p. B, dwelling 298, family 300, James Bottorff; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 2 Apr 2020); citing NARA microfilm T623.

¹¹⁹ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 67: 145, James W. Bottorff & George S. Bottorff, 25 May 1860; FHL microfilm 1,428,627, item 3.

¹²⁰ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 68: 495 & 496, James W. Bottorff et al to Greenbury Thompson, 1879; FHL microfilm 1,428,628, item 1; *James W. Bottorff and wife Catherine and Samuel Bottorff and wife Annie E. appeared in court in Clark County to acknowledge deed 20 Dec 1878. Calvin R. Bottorff and wife Mary A. and John Bottorff and wife Laura B. appeared before a notary in Osage County, Kansas on 13 December 1878. Received and recorded in Clark County records 11 January 1879*... Also, Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 68: 495, Bottorff to Thompson, 3 December 1878; FHL microfilm 1,428,628, item 1.

¹²¹ "Death of Wylie Bottorff at Sellersburg," *The National Democrat*, 26 Feb 1904, p. 2, col. 2; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (https://https://newspaperarchive.com: accessed 10 Jul 2020)... "Jeffersonville items," *The Courier-Journal*, 12 June 1904, p. 6, col. 3; digital images, *Newspapers.com* (www.newspapers.com : accessed 4 Apr 2020.)

¹²² Clark, Indiana, death certificate no. 277 (1904), James W. Bottorff; digital image, *Ancestry*, "Indiana, Death Certificates, 1899-2011," (www.ancestry.com : accessed 2 Apr 2020)... Clark, Indiana, death certificate no. 279 (1904), Sarah Catherine Bottorff; digital image, *Ancestry*, "Indiana, Death Certificates, 1899-2011," *Indiana Death Certificates* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 2 Apr 2020.)

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