

The Riddle Family Tree, 2008



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Andrew Riddell
b. d. & m circa 18th century His ancestors came from Scotland to Ireland around 1645 after Oliver Cromwell granted the family four townlands in Monaghan County, Ireland: Comasoo, Glanish, Annamacneal, and Mulcrank in return for the help they gave in his civil wars.

The first record of the Riddle family name appears in the Doomsday Book (1085), where it is spelled, "Ridle," "Ridel," and "Ridell". It is likely that the name originated in Normandy. The exact meaning of Riddle is unclear.

One early version of the Riddle name is Ryedale meaning "valley of rye." Another possible meaning of the name is to "rid" or clear the "deli" or small valley.

The only children that we have a record of are two sons:

Maxwell—dates unknown

John b. 21 years after Maxwell in Glanish, Monaghan County, Ireland d. 1827 in Philadelphia, PA

Susan details unknown

Lord John Henderson details unknown

Susan b. 1760 in Glanish, Monaghan County, Ireland d. 1844 in Allegheny, PA

Susan details unknown

Samuel Ralson Thornburg details unknown

James

unknown

James Haines
b 1734

Jared Haines

Huldah Howell

Aaron Boylan (I)
all details unknown

James Boylan

Catherine Parkinson
all details unknown

Reverend Samuel Dunlop
He helped settle the village of Cherry Valley, New York where he ran a school.

Anna Dunlop

Elizabeth Guest
Killed by Native Americans in a Revolutionary War massacre on November of 1778 at Cherry Valley, New York.

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John Riddle
He and Susan had 13 children, but only the names of 12 of them were recorded. One of them was born in the USA, but the rest were born at Glanish and Garremar which is 3 miles from Ballybay and 4 miles from Monaghan, the county seat of Monaghan County, Ireland.

Their children were:
William—dates unknown
James—dates unknown
Andrew—dates unknown
Elizabeth (died in childhood)
Ann (died in infancy)
Maxwell b. 1721 d. 1870 buried in Enon Cemetery in Byesville, Ohio.

Elizabeth—dates unknown
Isaac—dates unknown
John—dates unknown
Mary—unknown
Hugh

Annie b. 1800 d. Aug. 2, 1862 in Allegheny, PA

Annie was born in America, when her mother was 49, and died at 16 years of age in Pittsburgh.

Susan met John, a man who was known for his good looks, at church one Sunday and eloped on horseback with him when she was 16-years-old. For this her family disinherited her.

Two of her sons, William and Andrew, came to America, apparently in search of adventure. In 1816, many years after letters from the two boys had stopped coming, Susan, John, and some of their children left their lands in the hands of their son, Maxwell, and came to America in search of William and Andrew.

The fate of the two boys was traced until the time they joined the Continental army. Meanwhile Maxwell, after his wife died, came to America and the crown assumed control of the Riddell land. The family never completely forgave Maxwell for abandoning the family lands.

Susan Henderson

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Hugh Riddle

He came to America in 1816 with his parents; they lived in New York City for a few years and then moved to Pittsburgh. John died in Philadelphia in 1827 where he had traveled on horseback to visit his daughter whose husband had recently died. Like his father, Hugh was a stone mason and contractor. Apparently successful, he built the Sixth Street bridge, the State Penitentiary, and many other buildings around Pittsburgh. On October 10, 1833 he married Eliza in Clinton, PA. Their children were:

Mary b. Aug. 1, 1834. She married Charles Merts of Allegheny, PA who became Henry Warner's business partner. d. April 5, 1886

John Henderson b. August 29, 1836 d. unknown

Henry Warner b. Feb. 8, 1838 d. December 16, 1920

Susana b. September 25, 1841 d. 1930 in Pittsburgh.

James Thornburg b. March 14, 1843 d. Feb. 27, 1894

Thomas J. b. June 5, 1845. He took morphine and died in the arms of H.W.R. II on Dec. 26, 1900. He left a wife, Henrietta K. (b. July 8, 1859, d. Feb. 14, 1931) and a daughter, Maude (b. April 27, 1879, died June 19, 1947).

Twins, died as their mother was giving birth to them.

Eliza Thornburg

b. unknown. Died in 1848 while in childbirth to the twins.

George Robinson

He was born Nov. 21, 1801 in Washington County, PA. When he was 18, after his father had died, he became a carpenter. Sometime after that he broke his leg and consequently spent 2 years in bed—studying math. Back on his feet, he taught school for a few years; he then became a civil engineer. In 1830 he began work on the Ohio and then the Pennsylvania & Ohio Canal, which brought him to Ravenna. When the canals were finished in 1835 he became the Chief Engineer of first the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad and then the Cleveland and Mahoning Railroad until 1836. Meanwhile in 1804 he became president of the Second National Bank of Ravenna. On July 26, 1831 he walked 8 miles there and 8 miles back (alone) to marry Maria in Lancaster, OH. They had these children:

Alfred K. b. Depressed by the death of his wife, Sarah Elson, in 1886, Alfred committed suicide by taking morphine in St. Louis in 1889. He had been a civil engineer.

Elizabeth Maria b. August 28, 1836, d. 1903. She married Thomas Francis Wildes.

Frances Helen, b. 1839 was a school teacher. She died in 1905.

William Henry b. Feb. 3, 1841 d. Oct. 8, 1861. He joined the 7th Ohio regiment and died of typhoid fever. He was the first person from this area to die in the Civil War.

George F. b. January 1844 d. July 14, 1917. He became a judge in Ravenna. After he died his sons, Thomas, Richard, and Henry (known locally as Tom Dick, and Harry) donated the land and money that helped establish Robinson Memorial Hospital in memory of their father.

Mary Adelaide b. May 26, 1847 d. September 1929. She married Zenas Smith b. 1867. After Smith died in 1879, she married Adolph Herman, who died in 1910. She lived with Emily until she, Mary, died.

Emily Howard b. September 26, 1842. She was the first woman to graduate from Ravenna High School, class of 1861. d. March 11, 1931.

Maria Louisa Johnson

Charles Stuart Haines

Harriet Minerva Haines

Mary P Scudder

John Driscoll Fitz-Gerald

Osee Melinda Boylan

Harriet Minerva Haines

Aaron Ogden Fitz-Gerald

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James Thornburg Riddle

He worked as a bookkeeper and "trimmer" or upholsterer and curtain and sash maker for the Riddle Manufacturing Co. According to legend he used to walk uptown every morning and have steak, fried potatoes, and a shot of whiskey for breakfast. He married Emily on November 24, 1864.

Their children were:

Mary b. 1868 d. 1868 (5-months-old)

Charles b. 1871 d. 1879 (8-years-old)

Harry Hugh b. Feb. 8, 1874 d. Feb. 18, 1950

Emily Welton

Mary b. 1843 d. Nov. 23, 1917 d. Nov. 23, 1917

Henry Warner Riddle

For his first job he worked as a mailman traveling on horseback from Pittsburgh to Bethany, W. VA and back the next day. When he was 13 he became an apprentice to learn carriage wood working. At 19 he began working his way down the Mississippi River practicing his trade. In 1861, he came to Ravenna where he and his brother-in-law, Charles Merts took over a carriage manufacturing company. In 1891 he bought out Merts and became the head of "The Riddle Coach and Hearse Company" which produced horse-drawn and later motor-driven carriages and hearses. The business, whose name was eventually changed to "Riddle Manufacturing Company" was tremendously successful, but after metal stamped mass-produced vehicle bodies became popular the company decided that rather than take the financial risks that modernization would entail they would, in 1925, go out of business.

Henry and Emily were married in Ravenna on January 22, 1866 and they had these children:

Bessie Eleanor b. April 3, 1867 m. Frederick M. Paltzoff (b. Jan. 8, 1867, d. Feb. 28, 1933) d. July 23, 1955.

Maxwell Forman b. November 8, 1870 d. January 27, 1931.

Aimee Howard b. December 12, 1875 d. April 24, 1973

Henry Warner b. September 4, 1880, d. September 12, 1962

Emily Howard Robinson

Harriet Riddle b. in Ravenna, Ohio on August 12, 1905 d. March 21, 1946.

Maxwell b. on Ryedale farm near Ravenna (as were Eleanor, Janet, and Hugh) on July 29, 1907 d. May 21, 2002.

Eleanor b. September 24, 1908 m. Thomas L. Long (b. Feb. 28, 1908 d. April 15, 1972) on Dec. 18, 1937. Their daughter, Martha, died in 1947 in infancy. d. January 2, 1977.

Janet b. July 1, 1914 married George Frederick Ward, known as Monty, (b. Galapois, OH on Sept. 10, 1915 d. July 12, 1977) on July 4, 1938. Janet died on Dec. 26, 1991.

Hugh Warner b. July 15, 1916 d. March 13, 2003

Mary Estelle Fitz-Gerald

Aaron and Harriet married at Newark, New Jersey on May 20, 1869. They had these children:

John Driscoll b. May 2, 1873 d. 1946.

Charles Stewart Haines b. June 27, 1875 d. 1939.

Osee Clare b. August 12, 1877 d. April 12, 1878.

Aaron Boylan b. March 6, 1878 d. 1959.

Mary Estelle b. January 18, 1884. d. Oct. 24, 1968

Harriet Minerva Haines

b. in Newark, N.J. on December 20, 1847 d. Oct. 29, 1931 at Ryedale farm in Ravenna.

Harry Hugh Riddle

He left Ravenna when he was 17 to work at George Worthington Co. (a wholesale hardware store) for \$3 a week to pay back the \$2600 debt that his late father owed H.W. Riddle I. He paid the debt back and in 1912 he joined the board of directors of the company where he worked until he retired in 1939.

He married Alice on July 1, 1903. They had these children:

Harry Hugh Junior b. June 10, 1906 d.

Emily Margaret b. January 12, 1907

Mary Elizabeth b. April 25, 1915 d.

Alice Dougherty

b. April 14, 1880

Mary (Betty)

First marriage to: **Barton Mombberger** b. **May 30, 1904. They were married on Oct. 14, 1944 (They separated about one year later.) d. April 4, 1975.**

They had one son:

Carter b. July 5, 1945 d.

Second Marriage to: Edwin Parsley Carter

b. Nov. 11, 1885 m. d. Nov. 14, 1972

They had one son:

Dudley Welton Carter b. July 24, 1955 d.

Henry Merrill

He married Lois Anne on April 27, '39 in Ravenna and they had these children:

John b. October 19, 1941 d.

Susan b. October 3, 1946 d.

Lois Anne Meyers

b. September 9, 1912 in Alliance, Ohio. d.

Harriet Riddle Jones

She married Argyle on October 12, 1928 in Ravenna.

They had these children:

Persis Elsyth b. March 21, 1939 d. She married Herbert D Smith (b. June 17, 1923) on March 27, 1964 in Los Vegas. Herbert died on January 10, 2008.

Mary Gwyneth b. July 10, 1941 d.

Argyle Jones

b. March 17, 1902 d. July 1, 1974

Aimee Riddle Merrill

They had these children:

Henry Riddle b. November 14, 1907 d.

Emily Robinson b. August 27, 1911 d. September 24, 1998

Carl Murdock Merrill

b. August 10, 1872 d. January 30, 1931

Henry Warner Riddle II

In April 1901, 7 months after he had turned 21, he was elected mayor of Ravenna, the youngest man to be so elected in the U.S.A. He bought Ryedale farm in 1905 where he raised bloodhounds and horses. He and his family moved there permanently in 1924. After the Riddle Manufacturing Co. went out of business in 1925, he managed the family's properties, served as president of Ravenna National Bank, and as chairman of the board of Robinson Memorial Hospital. He married Mary in Newark New Jersey on November 2, 1904. They had these children:

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