# SOME DESCENDANTS OF JAMES and CHRISTEAN IRWIN

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## THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED TO MY AUNT,

#### **BLANCHE IRWIN**

WHOSE EFFORTS AT KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH FAMILY MADE THIS WORK POSSIBLE.

#### INTRODUCTION

There is still much to discover about the origins of our family, but I have chosen to put into print what has been gathered up to now, and to let younger relatives try to fill in the missing generation[s] which first came to this country.

Data on current family members was provided by someone in that branch of the family. Wherever pictures or documents were sent to me, I have tried to include them. [Those not used did not copy well.]

Much information from a century ago, especially of a personal and often trivial nature, was obtained from reading newspapers published in or near Lawrence County, Illinois, which are available on microfilm from the Illinois State Historical Library in Springfield. Principal sources were "The Sumner Press" in Sumner and the "Rural Republican" in Lawrenceville [both in Lawrence County].

Issues before 1885 were rarely available, and even after that, many individual issues and in some cases, whole years were missing. [Sumner Press had nothing for 1893 or 1899] In general, the newspapers covered the time from 1885 until 1912.

United States Census records were searched, and all those found were recorded here. [The 1890 Census is missing because it was accidentally destroyed by fire many years ago.] Where possible, a copy of the Census was made. However, some pages were in very bad condition, making copies unreadable.

The spelling of some names varied from source to source [i.e. Wagy or Waggy, Corbin or Corban]. My rule has been that I usually use the same spelling that my source material used, which can mean different spellings on the same page.

Some pages in this book have a border around them. This indicates that the enclosed data is about the family of an IRWIN in-law. Where possible, these have been placed on the left-hand side, so they can be read separately or concurrently with the IRWIN story.

I have tried to avoid errors, and ask pardon for those that escaped the editing process.

Marjorie Molloy Jansen [Harvey]

#### CORBIN and CHARLOTTE IRWIN

Corbin Wagle IRWIN was born on the 22nd of February, 1847 in Union County, Ohio. He was named after a neighbor, Corbin WAGLE, who appears on the same page of the 1850 Census. (Both names were spelled "Corban" in Census records.)

Corbin moved with his family to Lawrence County, Illinois when he was ten. Shortly thereafter, his three brothers next older in age died within the same month, leaving Corbin almost isolated in the middle of the family, with his remaining brothers more than ten years older and ten years younger. According to family tradition, his oldest brother, John, enlisted in the army soon after the outbreak of war in 1861, so it is no wonder that Corbin followed as soon as he could.

He was sixteen years old when he enlisted in the cavalry during the Civil War, but he gave his age as 18. He later told his granddaughter [Mary HAUGEN] that he was able to convince them he was older because he had a gray streak in his hair. He also told her he had a silver plate in his head [and let her feel it]. Perhaps this accounted for the gray streak. There is no mention of a head injury in his military file, so it must have occured either before or after the War.

Corbin reported for duty with Captain Goodenow's Company, 16th Regiment Illinois Cavalry on June 2nd, 1863 at "Clairmont". [Claremont was just a few miles away in Richland County, Illinois.] He was described as 5' 9" with fair complexion, blue eyes and light hair.

Seven months later, on January 3rd, 1864, Corbin was captured at Jonesville, Virginia. He was sent to Richmond, where he was hospitalized at Belle Isle on January 23rd for "rubeola". He was released from the hospital, but returned the same day to be treated for "convalescent smallpox". He is described in these records as a "farmer, age 17". He was returned to the Union forces on March 24th, probably in a prisoner exchange, and then hospitalized at Annapolis. His problem may have been simply hunger, as his records there say there is no disease, but debility, and he needs lots of food and rest. The first treatment listed is "2 oz Whiskey"<sup>3</sup>

"I remember Grandpa telling Civil War stories to Joy and me. As I remember, Corbin wanted to enlist in the Union Army as one

Regimental Descriptive Book, 16th Cav., Illinois

Memorandum from Prisoner of War Records, included in Corbin's Service Record.
 Medical Descriptive List, included in his Service Record.

#### THE LATHROP [LOTHROP] FAMILY<sup>1</sup>

Reverend John LOTHROP was a minister at Egerton in Kent, England. He moved to London in 1624, becoming pastor of a Congregational church. He was arrested in 1632 and imprisoned for two years, during which time his first wife died. He was released in 1634 on the condition that he leave England. He arrived in Massachusetts in September, 1634, and organized a church in Scituate. He married again about that time, as he had a child baptized in 1636. Later he founded the town and church of Barnstable.<sup>2</sup>

Among the children of his first wife was Samuel LATHROP, who was born in England about 1623. Samuel's mother may have been Hannah HOWSE. In 1644 in Massachusetts Colony, Samuel married Elizabeth SCUDDER, daughter of Thomas SCUDDER and Elizabeth LOWERS. Samuel and his family resided at Barnstable and Scituate in Massachusetts and at New London and Norwich in Connecticut. He died on the 2nd of February, 1700. His wife's date of death is not known. They had nine children: John, Elizabeth, Samuel, Sarah, Martha, Israel, Joseph, Abigail and Anne.

Samuel (II) LATHROP was born in March 1650. He married Hannah ADGATE in November, 1675, with whom he had seven children: Hannah, Elizabeth, Thomas, Samuel, Simon, Nathaniel and Margret. After Hannah's death on November 9, 1695, he married Mary EDGERTON. Samuel (II) died December 9, 1732 in Norwich, Connecticut Colony.

Samuel (III) LATHROP, son of Samuel (II) and Hannah, was born in Norwich, Connecticut Colony on the 6th of January, 1685. He married Deborah CROW on July 24, 1715, and they had five children: Deborah, Ezra, Elisha, Elizabeth and Hannah. Samuel died on the 7th of November, 1754 in Norwich.

Ezra LATHROP, son of Samuel (III), was born in Norwich on December 4th, 1718. He married Charity PERKINS on January 20th, 1743. She was the daughter of Jabez PERKINS and Charity LEONARD (or LENARD), and was born in Norwich on December 12, 1724. They had six children: Ezra, Jedidiah, Hannah, Charity, Elkanah, and Samuel. Ezra died on the 9th of November, 1760.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Unless otherwise noted, this LATHROP information was obtained from A GENERAL MEMOIR OF THE LO-LATHROP FAMILY IN THIS COUNTRY, Rev. E. B. HUNTINGTON and Mrs Julia HUNTINGTON, Ridgefield, CN 1884

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>THE PIONEERS OF MASSACHUSETTS, Charles Henry POPE, Boston, 1900

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brother had, but was refused because of his age. Then he pointed out the streak of gray hair above his forehead, so was finally accepted, even though he was under the acceptance age. At some time his horse was shot from under him and he was injured at some time. He was wearing a silver plate in the top of his skull, from an injury. He was also captured and was given very little food."

#### Mary IRWIN HAUGEN

He was allowed to visit home that fall and was late returning, so marked AWOL.<sup>1</sup> He was finally mustered out on August 19, 1865, age really 18. For the rest of his life, he was active in veterans groups, attending conventions both for the "GAR" [Grand Army of the Republic] and the "Ex-Prisoners of War". In 1890, he applied for and was granted a pension for his army service.<sup>2</sup> The Sumner Press recorded his 'Veteran' activities.<sup>3</sup>

- 4 Aug 1892: [Chauncey] Squire CARVER and Corbin IRWIN attended the GAR meeting Saturday night.
- 9 Aug 1900: [Sumner] C. W. IRWIN attended the Civil War Reunion.
- 21 Aug 1902: Corbin IRWIN attended the GAR reunion in Sumner. It was the 16th reunion of the 15th mustering district. 234 attended.
- 29 Oct 1908: C. W. IRWIN returned Sunday from White Hall where he attended a reunion of ex-prisoners of the Civil War, and from accounts seen in the White Hall exchanges, a splendid time was enjoyed by these battle-scarred veterans. [See newspaper article "Ex-Prisoners Reunion"]
- 9 Sep 1909: C. W. IRWIN attended the Sumner veterans' reunion August 24 - 26.
- 31 Oct 1912: C. W. IRWIN returned from the GAR reunion in Charleston.

Corbin Wagle IRWIN married Charlotte Alice LATHROP on 13 June, 1872 [see LATHROP Family]. The marriage was performed by his uncle, Reverend William WAGY. This was just two months before the death of his father, James. Corbin worked as a carpenter and farmer. It is not known exactly where he and his family lived during the first few years of his marriage, but apparently it was near Sumner, as that is where his son, Otto, was born in 1876.<sup>4</sup> Their next child, Earl, was born in 1878 in Wayne County<sup>5</sup>.

Company Muster Roll, Sept-Oct 1864

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Invalid Class, Appl. No. 867838, Cert. 637743, IL, August 4, 1890

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> THE SUMNER PRESS, Sumner, Illinois

Information given by Otto IRWIN when interviewed for his 50th Wedding Anniversary.
 Birthplace according to Earl's daughter, Vesta.

Elkanah LATHROP, son of Ezra and Charity, was born on the 9th of November, 1754 in Norwich. No information is available on him except that he moved to Vermont and had a son, Russell LATHROP.

Russell LATHROP was born in 1793 in Franklin County, Vermont. He married Cynthia POWELL on January 12th, 1815. [Cynthia was born in 1794 in Windsor County, Vermont. Her parents were Rowland POWELL and Mary JANES. It is said that Governor BRADFORD of Massachusetts was an ancestor of hers.<sup>1</sup>] They moved west to Taylor County, Indiana, in 1837. Then in the 1840s, they moved again to Lawrence County, Illinois. Cynthia died in December 1853 and Russell died in September 1872 at the age of 79.

Levi LATHROP, son of Russell and Cynthia, was born July 3, 1820 in Franklin County, Vermont. He married Louisa DRAPER on November third, 1842 in Decatur County, Indiana. In the 1850 Census, this family was listed in Johnson County, Indiana:<sup>2</sup>

		Age		Place of birth	Value of estate
LATHROP	Levi	29	farmer	VT	\$500
	Louisa	25		IN	
	Thomas R	6		IN	
	Ezra A	5		IN	
	Nancy	3		IN	
	Catherine	2		IN	

Soon after this, the family moved to Illinois, as Levi's father had done ten years earlier. In 1860, the Census shows them in Petty Township, Lawrence County.<sup>3</sup>

LATHROP	Levi	41	farmer	VT	4000 / 500
	Louisa	37		IN	
	Thomas	16		IN	
•	Ezra	14		IN	
	Nancy	12		IN	
	Catherine	11		IN	
	Charlotte	10	~	IN	
	Elizabeth	8		${\rm I\!L}$	
	Marion	6		IL	
	Emma	4		${\rm I\!L}$	

Louisa died on the 22nd of May, 1867, before the next Census was taken. In 1870, Levi still had all his children living with him.<sup>4</sup>

From the obituary of their son, Henry LATHROP, in THE SUMNER PRESS, 2 July 1903.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 1850 CENSUS, Johnson Co, Indiana, Pleasant Township

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 1860 CENSUS, Lawrence Co, Illinois, Petty Twp, page 95

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 1870 CENSUS, Lawrence Co, Illinois, Petty Twp, pages 34-35

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On December 1st, 1879, he purchased a farm in Four Mile Township in Wayne County, Illinois, about fifty miles southwest of Petty Township. [The legal description was: N 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Section 3, Town 3 S, Range 5 E, Four Mile Township, Wayne County, Illinois.] Soon thereafter, several of Charlotte's brothers also purchased land there, where some of the LATHROP descendants are still living today (1996). The 1880 Census found Corbin and Charlotte on their farm with two young sons, Otto and Earl, and Charlotte's brother, Ezra. 2

IRWIN	Corbin	33	farmer
	Charlotte	27	keeping house
	Otto	4	
	Everet	2	
LATHROP	Ezra	34	farmer

Their family continued to grow, with the addition of a girl, Flora Maude, on June 2nd, 1880. She was their third daughter, but the first to survive. Three years later, twin girls made their appearance on the 29th of July, 1883. They were named Cora Mae and Dora. Dora died at the age of 15 months. A son, Charles, joined the IRWINS on the 7th of January, 1887, but he lived only 18 months.

Shortly after the birth of their daughter, Gertrude in April 1889, Charlotte became very ill. Corbin's mother, Mary IRWIN, came over from Lawrence County and stayed about a month to help care for her.

4 Jul 1889: Aunt Mary IRWIN has returned from her son's in Wayne County where she was called several weeks ago to see her daughter-in-law, who was dangerously ill at the time.<sup>3</sup>

Corbin and Charlotte then went to Petty township [Lawrence County], where they visited family and friends while Charlotte recuperated.

8 Aug 1889: Corbin IRWIN and lady, of Wayne County, are visiting J. McCausland.<sup>4</sup>

22 Aug 1889: Mrs Lottie IRWIN, who is making an extended visit here for her health, was taken suddenly worse Saturday.<sup>5</sup>

5 Sep 1889: Mrs. Charlotte IRWIN is convalescent.6

Soon after this, Corbin moved his family back to Lawrence County, where they rented a place near the old family property [the area called Pasturefield].

<sup>2</sup>1880 CENSUS, Illinois, Wayne County, FourMile twp, E.D. 140, page 12

<sup>1</sup> Information on land transactions in Wayne County courtesy of Suellyn LATHROP, Topeka, KS.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> THE SUMNER PRESS, Sumner, Illinois

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LATHROP	Levi	52	farmer	VT	4100 / 800
	Thomas	25	work in town	IN	
	Ezra	24		IN	
	Nancy	22		IN	
	Catherine	21		IN	
	Charlotte	20		IN	
	Elizabeth	18		${ m IL}$	
	Marion	16		IL	
	Emma	14		IL	
	Joel	10		IL.	
	George	9		IL	
	Grant	8		肛	

Levi died on the 27th of March, 1873, at the age of 53. He and Louisa are buried in Lone Tree Cemetery, Sumner, Lawrence County, Illinois.

#### LEVI and LOUISA LATHROP:

Thomas, b. 1844, IN;

m. Anne

đ.

Ezra, b. 1845, IN;

d

Nancy, b. 1847, IN;

d.

Catherine, b. 1848, IN;

m. Jacob Franklin STINE;

d. Apr 1899, Petty Twp, Lawrence Co, IL;

Charlotte Alice, 7 Jul 1851, IN;

[See CORBIN and CHARLOTTE]

m. Corbin IRWIN, 13 Jun 1872, Lawrence Co, IL;

d. 18 Mar 1899, Lawrence Co, IL;

Elizabeth, b. ca 1852, IL

đ.

Francis Marion, b. ca 1854, IL

d.

Emma, b. ca 1856, IL;

m. Oliver SMITH, Oct 1888;

d. 7 Sep 1889;

Joel, b. ca 1860, IL;

d.

George, b. 1861, Lawrence Co, IL;

m. Rosa Ellen PETTY, Sep 1884, Sumner, IL;

d. 1923, Sumner, IL;

Grant, b. Aug, 1862, IL;

d. 7 Feb 1882, Lawrence Co., IL



Charlotte

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3 Jul 1890: [Pasturefield] A few of the many friends of Mrs Charlotte Irwin honored her with a surprise party and presented her with some valuable gifts.1

On August 22, 1892, Corbin sold the Wayne County farm,<sup>2</sup> and that fall he bought the house of Thomas LYTLE in Pasturefield. In November, the IRWIN family moved in, just a few weeks after the birth of their youngest child, Albert, on October 27, 1892. Corbin continued to do carpentry whenever work was available. The following items appeared either in "The Sumner Press" or the "Rural Republican".

> 19 Sep 1890: [Pasturefield] Dewis EARNHART and Corbin IRWIN are erecting a barn near Birds. [RR]

31 Oct 1890: [Pasturefield] Corbin IRWIN is erecting a house for Weed WHITE in Jasper County. [RR]

7 Jul 1892: Corbin IRWIN of Pasturefield has been working on the McNeal store building. [SP]

4 Nov 1897: Corbin IRWIN is building a barn for Asa Paddick of Chauncey. [SP]

27 Jan 1898: Corbin IRWIN of Pasturefield is building a large granery and shed for A. A. Correll, [SP]

3 Jan 1901: [Chauncey] A. A. Correll is making repairs on his dwelling. Corbin IRWIN of Pasturefield is doing the carpenter work. [SP]

In 1899, Charlotte became seriously ill again [possibly with pneumonia], and despite the nursing efforts of her sister, Catherine LATHROP STINE, died on the 18th of March, 1899. She was 47, and her youngest child, Albert, was only six. Catherine then became ill and died about a month later, thus leaving both families motherless within a brief period of time.

The STINE and IRWIN families continued to visit each other frequently after the deaths of Charlotte and Catherine. These items are all from The Sumner Press.

> 16 Jun 1904: [Hazel Dell] Gertie and Bertie IRWIN called on Frank STINE Sunday.

7 Jul 1904: [Hazel Dell] Misses Pearl and Perna STINE visited their uncle Corbin IRWIN of Union, Friday.

23 Mar 1905: [Hazel Dell] Miss Gertie IRWIN of Union called on Misses Pearl and Perna STINE Sunday.

8 Aug 1908: [Hazel Dell] Pearl STINE spent Sunday at Corbin IRWIN's of Union.

THE SUMNER PRESS, Sumner, Illinois

Information from Suellyn LATHROP of Topeka, KS.
 THE SUMNER PRESS, Sumner, Illinois

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> RURAL REPUBLICAN, Lawrenceville, Illinois

Charlotte LATHROP IRWIN and her husband moved to Wayne County, Illinois in the late 1870s, purchasing a farm in Four-Mile Township. In 1880, her brother Ezra [the one missing when their father's Will was written] was living with them. During the following years, several other family members also moved to Four-Mile Township, making it a large LATHROP settlement.

Catherine [Katie] LATHROP STINE, and her family lived in Hazel Dell in Petty township, not far from the IRWINS, and her family was particularly close to Charlotte IRWIN's family when the latter moved back to Lawrence County. When Charlotte became ill in 1899, Catherine took over the job of nursing her. Soon after Charlotte's death in March, Catherine also became ill, and died the following month.

Their families remained close, especially STINE daughters, Pearl and Perna, and the IRWIN girls, Flora, Cora and Gertrude.

The STINE family in the 1900 Census consisted of:

STINE	Frank	Nov 1851	48
	Pearl	Dec 1876	23
	George	Feb 1879	21
	Harry	Apr 1883	17
	Perna	Sep 1885	14
	Соттіе	Oct 1888	11
	Bernard	Sep 1992	7

Following are a few excerpts from THE SUMNER PRESS [Sumner, Illinois] regarding the LATHROP family.

- 3 May 1883: [Petty] Joel LATHROP was racing on horseback at night with some other boys. He was thrown and knocked out. He will recover. He was scolded by the doctor.
- 11 Sep 1884: George LATHROP married Ella PETTY in Sumner. Both are from Petty.
- 12 Sep 1889: The funeral of Emma SMITH nee LATHROP was last Sunday.
- 13 Jan 1898: [Pasturefield] Joel-LATHROP of Wayne County visited his sister, Mrs STINE, last week.
- 14 Apr 1898: [Pasturefield] Mrs Kate STINE and daughter, Pearl, visited Charles LATHROP of Richland County last week.
- 22 May 1902: Henry LATHROP (brother of Levi) celebrated his 85th birthday in Germantown, Richland County. Attending were 8 children, 44 grandchildren and 9 greatgrandchildren.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> LATHROP land transactions in Wayne County courtesy of Suellyn LATHROP, Topeka, KS.

In 1900, the Census shows Corbin's family in Petty Township:1

<b>IRWIN</b>	Corbin	Feb 1847	53	ОН	Carpenter	
	Earl E	Apr 1878	22	IL	At school	9 m
	Flora	Jun 1880	19	${ m IL}$		_
	Cora M	Jul 1883	16	${ m I\!L}$	cc	5 m
	Gertie	Apr 1890	10	${ m IL}$	66	6 m
	Bert	Oct 1892	7	${ m I\!L}$	cc	6 m

The last column above is for the number of months at school. [Is it possible that Earl was attending college for nine months? There is no mention of it elsewhere.]

Within the next few years, Earl, Flora and Cora had all moved away, and in 1904, both Earl and Flora presented Corbin with grandchildren. He began to court a widow, Mrs Diana OLDEN WAGNER, and they were married in October, 1905. [License #595, obtained 18 October 1905, recorded in Register 2, page 201, Lawrenceville, IL.] The following items both appeared in the 26 October 1905 issue of THE SUMNER PRESS.

Marriage Licenses: ... Corbin W. IRWIN of Petty,
Mrs Diana Wagner of Richland County.

Last Thursday at the home of C. W. IRWIN in Petty Township occurred his marriage with Mrs Diana Wagner of Germantown, Richland County. Squire Joseph Rosborough of Chauncey performed the ceremony. The Press extends best wishes and congratulations to this worthy couple for a happy married life.

There is a mention in the newspaper of a party in 1906 attended by "Corbin IRWIN and his wife", but soon thereafter, it became obvious that there was not much togetherness. During 1907, 1908 and 1909, Corbin made many trips (alone) away from home, visiting daughters, Flora, Cora and Gertrude, reunions, and serving on jury duty in Lawrenceville. Diana also visited friends and family in other counties. The following item appeared in The Sumner Press in 1909:

4 Feb 1909: Lawrenceville: The suit of Corbin W. IRWIN for divorce was dismissed.

The couple remained separated, and finally, in 1911:

. . .

Circuit Court: Corbin IRWIN vs Diana IRWIN; divorce. Decree granted as prayed.<sup>2</sup>

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 1900 CENSUS, Lawrence Co, Illinois, Petty Twp, E.D. 116, Sheet 4
 <sup>2</sup> THE SUMNER PRESS, Sumner, Illinois, 12 October 1911

Meanwhile, other events in Corbin's life were being recorded in the Sumner newspaper.

- 17 Jan 1907 [Chauncey] Corbin IRWIN was here to assist at the WAGY funeral last Friday. [Deceased, Miss Stella WAGY, 23, daughter of James, granddaughter of Rev. Wm. WAGY]
- 17 Oct 1907: Corbin IRWIN is in Jacksonville attending a Prisoners Reunion.
- 7 Nov 1907 [Pasturefield] Mrs. Nat HOUSE of Champaign and Miss Cora IRWIN were called home last week on account of the serious illness of their father, C. W. IRWIN, and sister, Miss Gertie.
- 2 July 1908: Assessment Roll [Personal Property Tax] Corbin IRWIN, \$42.
- 1 July 1909: Assessment Roll [Personal Property Tax] Corbin IRWIN, \$59.

In November of 1909, Corbin's son, Earl, moved to western North Dakota to take up a homestead. Evidently the youngest son, Bert, accompanied Earl, as "two sons" are mentioned below. Corbin's daughters were all living in Champaign County. Also, his oldest son, Otto, moved to Washington early in 1910, leaving Corbin with no family members in Lawrence County. This was a perfect time for another, and very long, trip.

24 Mar 1910: Corbin IRWIN left last Thursday morning for a visit with his two sons in North Dakota, and may go to Washington before he returns. [The Sumner Press]

Cora left Champaign and accompanied Corbin for the first leg of this trip, then filed for a homestead herself. See the "Letter from the West" written by Corbin in August and reprinted in the Sumner newspaper. He finally returned home in November.

10 November, 1910: Corbin W. IRWIN returned Saturday noon from a trip through the Northwest where he visited his son, Earl, in Dakota and in Washington, visited the families of D. E. WAGNER and Harvey IRWIN. He reports all doing well, and was pleased with his trip and the country generally. [The Sumner Press]

About this time, his youngest daughter, Gertrude, who had been living in Champaign County, [near Flora and Cora] married William MANGUS and moved to Chicago, so Corbin's next trip was to visit them.

12 Jan 1911: C. W. IRWIN is in Chicago visiting his daughter, Mrs Gertrude MANGUS. [The Sumner Press] CORBIN 4 - 11

He also revisited Four-Mile Township in Wayne county, where so many of his LATHROP relatives had moved.

16 Feb 1911: C. W. IRWIN has been visiting relatives and friends in Wayne County.<sup>1</sup>

Three years later, Corbin was again in North Dakota visiting Earl and Cora [who had just married Henry BOWEN], when he died suddenly on the 11th of February, 1914, just before his 67th birthday. The following is a reminiscence by Mary IRWIN HAUGEN, Earl's daughter who was five years old at the time.

"The families had been to our place that day, February 11, 1914, to celebrate Mama's birthday, and had gone home. He went to the barn to visit with Papa who was milking the cows, but got tired, so went to the house and lay down to rest. Soon he called, "Jubie, Jubie"! Mama went and raised his head up and he was gone. I don't think I'll ever forget that. He had come out to visit. I remember him telling stories of the Civil War and so on. Papa went back on the Great Northern Railroad with him, and he was buried in the Lathrop Cemetery next to Charlotte LATHROP IRWIN, my Grandmother."

Corbin and Charlotte are buried in the Lathrop section of Leach Cemetery, Petty Township, Lawrence County, Illinois. Six of their ten children survived them.





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> THE SUMNER PRESS, Sumner, Illinois

#### CORBIN and CHARLOTTE IRWIN:

Mary Louise, b. 17 Aug 1873, Lawrence Co, IL;

d. 16 Nov 1873, IL;

Olive E., b. 21 Sep 1874, Lawrence Co, IL;

d. 21 Sep 1874, IL;

Otto Barnes, b. 17 Jan 1876, Sumner, Lawrence Co, IL;

[See OTTO and MARIE]

m. Marie CHRISTENSEN, 2 Jan 1908, St. Louis, MO;

d. 6 Jun 1969, Okanogan, WA;

Everette Earl, b. 29 Apr 1878, Lawrence Co, IL;

[See EARL and JULIA]

m. Julia Elvira BOWEN, 24 Dec 1902, IL;

d. 29 Mar 1958, Trenton, ND;

Flora Maude, b. 2 Jun 1880, Wayne Co, IL;

[See FLORA and NATHANIEL]

m. Lee Nathaniel HOUSE, 7 Jan 1903;

d. 3 Jun 1968, Kosciusko Co, IN;

Dora M., b. 29 Jul 1883, Wayne Co, IL;

d. 3 Nov 1884, Wayne Co, IL;

Cora Mae, b. 29 Jul 1883, Wayne Co, IL;

[See CORA and HENRY]

m. Henry BOWEN, 27 Jan 1914, Plentywood, MT;

d. 17 May 1972, Williston, ND;

Charles R., b. 7 Jan 1887, Wayne Co, IL;

d. 6 Jul 1888, Wayne Co, IL;

Gertrude, b. 8 Apr 1889, Wayne Co, IL;

m1. William MANGUS, 1910;

m2. Roy BIRRER;

d. 22 Jul 1929, CA:

Albert W., b. 27 Oct 1892, Lawrence Co, IL;

d. 19 Dec 1943, Butte, MT.



"IRWIN home in Illinois"

This is most likely the house purchased in Pasturefield in 1892 when Albert was born.

#### **GERTRUDE**

Gertrude IRWIN was born in Four-Mile Township in Wayne County, Illinois on the 8th of April, 1889. The family returned to Lawrence County when she was very young. Her mother's death occurred just before Gertie's tenth birthday.

Her family and friends made sure that she was not lonely during her adolescent years, especially after her older brothers and sisters had left home.



28 Jun 1900: [Chauncey] Miss Gertie IRWIN of Pasturefield visited Miss Myrtle McNEAL.<sup>1</sup>

16 Jun 1904: [Hazel Dell] Gertie and Bertie IRWIN called on Frank STINE Sunday.

21 Jul 1904: [Landes] Gertie IRWIN is back home in Pasturefield after a week with the Earl IRWIN family.

23 Mar 1905: [Hazel Dell] Miss Gertie IRWIN of Union called on Misses Pearl and Perna STINE Sunday.

27 Apr 1905: [Pasturefield] Gertie IRWIN is staying with Mrs. Bob ARMITAGE of Landes.

27 Apr 1905: [Landes] Misses Gertie IRWIN and Sadie PADDOCK were guests of Miss Augusta BAKER Sunday.

14 Sep 1905: [Landes] Miss Gertie IRWIN spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mr and Mrs Robert ARMITAGE.

When she finished high school, she went to stay with one of her sisters in Champaign County. She probably found work there, because this next item shows her as a visitor to her father's place. However, she was back in the Pasturefield home a few months later when she became ill.

27 Jun 1907: Miss Gertie IRWIN arrived from the north [Champaign County] to visit.

7 Nov 1907 [Pasturefield] Mrs. Nat HOUSE of Champaign and Miss Cora IRWIN were called home last week on account of the serious illness of their father, C. W. IRWIN, and sister, Miss Gertie.

She moved back to Champaign County, and remained there until she married William MANGUS, and moved to Chicago. Six months later, they moved to Deshler, Ohio.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All of these news items are taken from THE SUMNER PRESS, Sumner, Illinois.



#### CORBIN IRWIN WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

[Back row] ALBERT and eight unidentified persons [Front] CORBIN, two unidentified persons, CORA and GERTRUDE

[PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AFTER 1900]

CORBIN 4 - 15

20 Jul 1911: We are in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Gertrude MANGUS, formerly Miss Gertrude IRWIN of Petty township, asking us to change her address from Chicago to Deshler, Ohio, where her husband has entered business for himself. <sup>1</sup>

This writer has no other information about Gertrude, except that her first husband died, and she married Roy Birrer. There were no children from either marriage.

She died 22 July 1929, just three months after her 40th birthday.

#### **ALBERT**

Albert was the youngest in the family of Corbin and Charlotte. He was born on the 27th of October, 1892 in Petty township, Lawrence County. When his mother died, he was only six years old. Unlike his sisters, who were often mention in local news, Bertie got his name in the paper only on rare occasions. [See previous page for 16 Jun 1904.]

29 Oct 1908: [Pasturefield] Bert IRWIN went Monday to visit his sister, Mrs HOUSE, near Champaign.

Bert had just turned 17 when his brother, Earl, moved to North Dakota in 1909. Bert went with him to look for work in that area. When the Census was taken the following year, Bert was not with Earl's family.

His niece, Mary IRWIN HAUGEN, writes:2

"Somehow, I remember a tall young man being at our place at times and I think that must have been Albert W. [Uncle Bert]. I do remember my folks talking about him trying to find work, which was almost impossible at that time. He did work on the Great Northern railroad and then into Montana to the copper mines in Butte."

Albert IRWIN died in Butte on December 19, 1943 at the age of 51.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Both news items on this page were taken from THE SUMNER PRESS, Sumner, Illinois. <sup>2</sup> Recollections of Mary IRWIN HAUGEN, 1994, Medford, OR.

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## PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS STATE OF ILLINOIS, LAWRENCE COUNTY, SS.

To all who shall see these Presents, ---Greeting:

Know ye, that license and permission has been granted to any Minister of the Gospel authorized to marry by the Church or Society to which he belongs, any Justice of the Supreme Court, Justice of any inferior Court, or Justice of the Peace, to celebrate and certify the Marriage of

Mr Corban Irwin and Miss Charlotte Lathrop now both of this County, according to the custom and laws of the State of Illinois.

Witness, T. E. Adams, Clerk of the County Court, in and for the County of Lawrence, and the Seal of said Court hereunto affixed, at Lawrenceville, this Tenth day of June, A. D. 1872.

T. E. Adams, Clerk

State of Illinois, Lawrence County, ss:

I hereby certify, that on the Thirteenth day of June, A. D. 1872, I joined in the Holy State of Matrimony Mr Corban Irwin and Miss Charlotte Lathrop according to the custom and laws of Illinois. Given under my hand and seal, this Fourteenth day of June, A. D. 1872

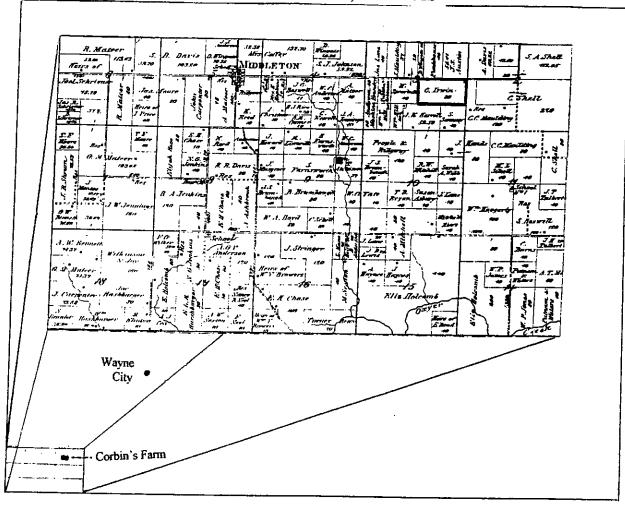
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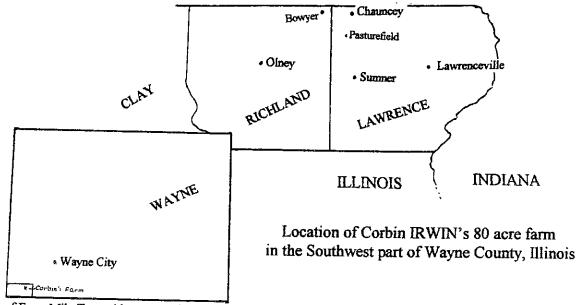
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#### WAYNE COUNTY, ILLINOIS



Property Owners in the South 1/2 of Four-Mile Township as of 1880.1



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This Map of Four-Mile Township was copied from STANDARD ATLAS OF WAYNE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, 1881

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#### LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF LEVI LATHROP, DECEASED1

In the name of God Amen: I, Levi Lathrop of Petty Township, in the County of Lawrence and State of Illinois of the age of Fifty three years and being of sound mind and memory, do make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament, in manner following, that is to say, First I give and bequeath to my son, Thomas R Lathrop, the sum of five (5) dollars, To my son Ezra A LATHROP, the South East quarter of the South East quarter, of section nineteen (19) in Town four (4) North of Range thirteen (13) West, Provided he returns home, and claims it within five (5) years. The remainder of my land estate being the West half of the North West quarter of section twenty nine (29) and the West Helf of the South West quarter of section twenty (20), all in Town (4) four, Range 13 West, and all my personal property, after paying my debts, I give and bequeath to my daughters Nancy, Catherine, Elizabeth and Emma, and my sons Francis Marion, Joel, George and Grant LATHROP, for their use as a home, so long as they shall remain unmarried and occupy it for that purpose, Provided that if in the Judgement of my Executor the aforesaid real estate and personal property can be sold in such a manner that it will be of greater value to my children each above named including my daughter Charlotte IRWIN, I hereby authorize said executor to make such sale on a credit of not less than one year for the personal property, and not less than three years for the Real Estate, and in case my son Ezra A LATHROP shall not return and claim the land bequeathed to him in the five years above specified, then my Executor shall sell the tract of land bequeathed to him on the same terms as my other Real Estate and divide the proceeds of said sales equally among all my children except Thomas A LATHROP, whom I have given a fair share of my property. I further hereby appoint my Brother Henry LATHROP sole executor of this my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills made by me in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th day of March in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and seventythree.

#### Levi Lathrop

The above instrument of one piece of paper was at the date therof signed, sealed, published, and declared by the said Levi LATHROP as and for his last will and Testament in presence of us, who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

E. T. FYFFE, Residing in the Town of Petty Lawrence Co III

J. S. Sherraden, residing in the town of Petty, Lawrence Co. Ill.

<sup>1</sup> WILL BOOK Number 2, page 215, Lawrenceville Courthouse, Lawrence Co, Illinois

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The twelfth annual reunion of Lawrence county soldiers is now a matter; of history. As was stated last week the shower Wednesday morning prevented the formal opening of the reunion until in the afternoon, at which "time Mayor B. F. Sumner gave the keys. of the city into the hands of the commander of the reunion association, G. W. Broadstone, and welcomed the peopie to our city. On behalf of the association, Mr. Broadstone responded in 2 neat speech of thanks for the courtesies extended. The crowd was not large the first day and a thunder shower coming up early in the evening, drove ! the people to their homes early.

Thursday morning the sun shone out bright and clear and soon the people began to arrive at the grounds, until the crowd numbered fully 5000 people. The program began with an invocation by Rev. M.B. Baker followed by Col. Johnson, of Lancaster, in one of his characteristic old time speeches which always pleases his audience.

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## [A LETTER SENT BY CORBIN IRWIN TO THE SUMNER PRESS; PRINTED NOVEMBER 5, 1908]

#### **EX-PRISONERS' REUNION**

Our meeting at White Hall this year was the most successful of almost any meeting the association of the Ex-Prisoners of War has ever held. White Hall is a thriving little city of 3,100, just sixty-six miles north of St. Louis on the Chicago & Alton, and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railways.

Every preparation was made by the local committees in charge, and every train was met by the reception committee with automobiles, taking us to a room on Main street where all exprisoners were registered and assigned places for entertainment during our stay in the city. Every old soldier was cared for at a private house, and all are loud in their praise of entertainment accorded them.

On Wednesday afternoon and evening, the sessions were held in the Presbyterian church, and the program, which was all by local talent, was one of the best our association has ever had the pleasure of listening to. The vocal solos by Harry L. TURNER and Miss Birdie DUNCAN, respectively, were indeed excellent and brought tears to the eyes of not only the "boys in blue", but the audience of about five hundred or six hundred people.

The "camp-fire" talks by the Ex-Prisoners were greatly appreciated by the large audience.

The business session Thursday morning was held in a room on Main street, where J. M. SWALES, of Springfield, was re-elected president for the ensuing year; Comrade INES, of Bloomington, vice president; Dr. WATSON, of Chicago, secretary, and Rev. KNAPP, of Bloomington, chaplain. The next meeting place is Mason City, and we might add right here that if White Hall ever bids for the association to meet there again, she will get a pretty strong vote.

At the conclusion of the business session, a large number of automobiles were in waiting and each old soldier, with wife or daughter, was taken over the beautiful little city, out to their fine cemetery to see a \$2500 monument erected in 1904 in memory of departed soldiers and sailors.

After the auto trip, the "boys" were lined up and given tickets to a banquet given by the ladies of the M. E. church, and as the procession marched along Main Street from our headquarters to that beautiful church with "Old Glory" in the lead, we could not but think of the contrast - starving in prisons in 1862-5, and marching to an excellent banquet in a church in 1908.

After partaking of every delicacy imaginable almost, many toasts were responded to, M. B. ROSS of White Hall being toast master. Rev. W. M. HAILEY, pastor of the church in which the banquet was given, paid a deep and lasting tribute to the guests, and many eyes were dimmed

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with tears during his remarks. Dr. H. W. HURD, also of White Hall, in his eulogy of the old soldier remarked that his best friend was the wife who remained at home and mended the socks and other wearing apparel to send to the front for the husband to wear while in defense of this, the greatest country on earth.

In conclusion we wish to repeat that one of the best sessions the association has ever held was in White Hall and all who were present will always appreciate the kindness and hospitality at the hands of the good people of that nice little city.

We had the pleasure of stopping with Mr. and Mrs. TURNER who were more than kind in their hospitality and showed us every kindness while in their city. We are also under obligations to their son-in-law, J. D. ROWE, who assisted in making our stay pleasant. He is a genial gentleman and we think well of him but was more than sorry to learn as we were leaving that he has been following after the Peerless Leader of the Platte<sup>1</sup>. Nevertheless, we had a splendid time and will ever remember our stay in that city.



[A LETTER SENT BY CORBIN FROM OKANOGAN, WASH., DATED AUG 20, 1910 to MR. JAMES I. WAGNER, EDITOR OF THE SUMNER PRESS<sup>2</sup>]

#### LETTER FROM THE WEST

Dear Sir and Friend:

On Mar. 16, my daughter, Cora, and I, left Illinois for the west. We had a delightful trip arriving at Trenton, N.D. on March 18. Northwestern Dakota is a very pretty country, a vast plain somewhat broken in part and ordinarily a grand wheat and oats country; this year however, the crop is almost a complete failure on account of the hot winds. This new country some day will be very valuable and thickly settled. Here my daughter filed on a homestead and will make her home. I put my time while in Dakota in building houses. Carpenters are in demand at three and four dollars per day. I helped in building nine homes, but when hot winds came I gave up the building business and on Aug. 1st, continued my journey west to the Land of the Big Red Apple, The Okanogan<sup>3</sup>. The trip over the Rocky Mountains can hardly be described, the scenery is so grand and so different from anything seen in the east, it would well repay any one for the trip if they saw nothing more. By the way, had I provided myself with a gun, I might have shot two bears. They were close beside the road chained to a tree and watched over by their owner. I expect to hunt deer and bear too, this fall as large and small game are very plentiful in the mountains near here.

A reference to William Jennings BRYAN, Democratic candidate for President.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> THE SUMNER PRESS, Sumner, Illinois, 8 September 1910

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Okanogan is an area in Eastern Washington, between the Cascade Mountains and the Columbia River.

Okanogan, where I am now visiting with relatives and friends, is a thriving town of six or seven hundred people in the heart of the greatest apple growing country the world has ever seen, and where the Government is spending a million and a half in putting in an irrigating ditch that furnishes thousands of acres of apple land. While the country is comparatively new, there are a number of bearing orchards, besides crops and garden of all most all kinds. The soil is the celebrated volcanic ash and will grow anything planted. The trees this year are loaded with fruit, and the people are getting rich raising fruit and selling off their surplus land at good figures. There is no boom but many people are coming in and buying fruit land and fortunes are made almost in a day in speculating in land. H. S. IRWIN, who is Post Master of Okanogan, some four months ago, bought one hundred and sixty acres of land three miles from the town, for thirtythree hundred dollars, planted a part of it in fruit trees and just a few days ago sold one hundred and twenty acres for ten-thousands dollars. What do you think of that? Aren't that going some? I could name a number of such sales since I arrived. Our friends who wish to get "rich quick" couldn't do better than to come to the Okanogan country. I shall spend the winter in southern California and about February 1 expect to return home to sell out and return to this the garden spot of the west. I am in excellent health and of course enjoying myself immensly. With best wishes for yourself and all inquiring friends I am,

Very truly,

C. W. IRWIN

#### A FINE EXHIBIT<sup>1</sup>

In C. H. WAGNER's grocery can be seen a fine exhibit of fruit and vegetables grown by Otto IRWIN on H. S. IRWIN's farm at Okanogan, Washington. The exhibit was brought here by C. W. IRWIN who lately returned from that place. The apples are almost perfect in shape and color and we can only anticipate the flavor.

Mr. (H.S.) IRWIN went to that state nineteen years ago and has made good there. He is interested in land and industries in his home town and is one of the ten organizers of the First National Bank of that city. Harve, as he is known to his many friends here is a Petty township boy and we all are glad to hear of his success in that far-away state.

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