

Descendants of Edward Maxey

Generation No. 1

1. EDWARD¹ MAXEY was born Abt. 1694 in France, and died Bef. May 20, 1740 in Goochland Co, VA. He married SUSANNAH GATES Abt. 1714.

Children of EDWARD MAXEY and SUSANNAH GATES are:

2. i. WALTER² MAXEY, b. 1716, Henrico Co, VA; d. 1791, Franklin Co, VA.
- ii. JOHN M. MAXEY, b. Abt. 1718.
- iii. EDWARD MAXEY, JR., b. Abt. 1720.
- iv. SUSANNAH MAXEY, b. Abt. 1722.
- v. ELIZABETH MAXEY, b. Abt. 1724.
- vi. WILLIAM M. MAXEY, b. Abt. 1726; d. 1768, Cumberland Co, VA.
- vii. NATHANIEL MAXEY, b. Abt. 1728.
- viii. SYLVANUS MAXEY, b. Abt. 1730.

Generation No. 2

2. WALTER² MAXEY (*EDWARD*¹) was born 1716 in Henrico Co, VA, and died 1791 in Franklin Co, VA. He married MARY ANN NETHERLAND 1737 in Goochland Co, VA.

Children of WALTER MAXEY and MARY NETHERLAND are:

- i. JANE DICIA³ MAXEY, b. Abt. 1738.
- ii. JOSIAH MAXEY, b. Abt. 1741.
- iii. JEREMIAH MAXEY, b. Abt. 1743.
- iv. WALTER MAXEY, JR., b. July 09, 1745.
- v. MARY M. MAXEY, b. 1747.
- vi. LUCY MAXEY, b. 1749.
3. vii. JESSE MAXEY, b. Abt. 1750, Cumberland Co, VA; d. Abt. 1808, Gallatin, Sumner Co, TN.
- viii. SUSANNAH MAXEY, b. 1751.
- ix. ESTHER MAXEY, b. November 14, 1761.

Generation No. 3

3. JESSE³ MAXEY (*WALTER*², *EDWARD*¹) was born Abt. 1750 in Cumberland Co, VA, and died Abt. 1808 in Gallatin, Sumner Co, TN. He married (1) UNKNOWN WIFE Abt. 1768. He married (2) ELIZABETH LOVING Abt. 1772.

Child of JESSE MAXEY and UNKNOWN WIFE is:

4. i. WILLIAM M.⁴ MAXEY, b. September 12, 1770, Goochland Co, VA; d. May 29, 1838, Jefferson Co, IL.

Generation No. 4

4. WILLIAM M.⁴ MAXEY (*JESSE*³, *WALTER*², *EDWARD*¹) was born September 12, 1770 in Goochland Co, VA, and died May 29, 1838 in Jefferson Co, IL. He married MARY EMILY ALLEN February 14, 1793 in Gallatin, Sumner Co, TN.

Children of WILLIAM MAXEY and MARY ALLEN are:

5. i. HENRY BURCHETTE⁵ MAXEY, b. June 04, 1795, Sumner Co, TN.
- ii. CLARISSA MAXEY, b. November 15, 1793.
6. iii. BENNETT NELSON MAXEY, b. February 17, 1797, Sumner Co, TN; d. February 01, 1846, Jefferson Co, IL.
7. iv. ELIHU MAXEY, b. May 16, 1800, Sumner Co, TN; d. October 11, 1853, Jefferson Co, IL.

8.
 - v. HARRIETT MAXEY, b. January 18, 1801, Sumner Co, TN; d. March 15, 1877, Jefferson Co, IL.
 - vi. VYLINDA A. MAXEY, b. December 31, 1803.
 - vii. CHARLES HARDY MAXEY, b. January 25, 1805.
 - viii. JOSHUA CANNON MAXEY, b. September 02, 1807.
9.
 - ix. WILLIAM MCKENDREE ADNEY MAXEY, b. January 14, 1812, Tennessee; d. 1890, Iowa.
 - x. HOSTILLINA MAXEY, b. 1813.
 - xi. JEHU G. D. MAXEY, b. March 16, 1814.

Generation No. 5

5. HENRY BURCHETTE⁵ MAXEY (*WILLIAM M.⁴, JESSE³, WALTER², EDWARD¹*) was born June 04, 1795 in Sumner Co, TN. He married MARGARET TAYLOR Abt. 1815.

Children of HENRY MAXEY and MARGARET TAYLOR are:

- i. WILLIAM PERIGAN⁶ MAXEY, b. Abt. 1817; d. May 11, 1818, Moore's Prairie Township, Jefferson Co, IL.
 - ii. ELIZA MAXEY, b. Abt. 1819.
10. iii. JAMES C. MAXEY, b. June 14, 1827, Shiloh Township, Jefferson Co, IL.

6. BENNETT NELSON⁵ MAXEY (*WILLIAM M.⁴, JESSE³, WALTER², EDWARD¹*) was born February 17, 1797 in Sumner Co, TN, and died February 01, 1846 in Jefferson Co, IL. He married SARAH H. OVERBEY October 05, 1819 in Jefferson Co, IL.

Child of BENNETT MAXEY and SARAH OVERBEY is:

11.
 - i. WILLIAM HENRY⁶ MAXEY, b. August 01, 1823, Field Township, Jefferson Co, IL; d. March 03, 1859, Field Township, Jefferson Co, IL.

7. ELIHU⁵ MAXEY (*WILLIAM M.⁴, JESSE³, WALTER², EDWARD¹*) was born May 16, 1800 in Sumner Co, TN, and died October 11, 1853 in Jefferson Co, IL. He married (1) EVELINE TAYLOR Abt. 1820 in Jefferson Co, IL. He married (2) SARAH R. GUTHRIE April 20, 1851 in Jefferson Co, IL.

Children of ELIHU MAXEY and EVELINE TAYLOR are:

- i. HOSTELINA⁶ MAXEY, b. Abt. 1822.
 - ii. PERIGAN MAXEY, b. Abt. 1824.
 - iii. WILLIAM MAXEY, b. Abt. 1826.
 - iv. THOMAS MAXEY, b. Abt. 1828.
 - v. ELIHU MAXEY, b. Abt. 1830.
 - vi. HENRY MAXEY, b. Abt. 1832.

8. HARRIETT⁵ MAXEY (*WILLIAM M.⁴, JESSE³, WALTER², EDWARD¹*) was born January 18, 1801 in Sumner Co, TN, and died March 15, 1877 in Jefferson Co, IL. She married THOMAS MACKKEY CASEY October 05, 1819 in Jefferson Co, IL.

Children of HARRIETT MAXEY and THOMAS CASEY are:

- i. UNKNOWN⁶ CASEY, b. July 09, 1820.
12.
 - ii. WILLIAM MACKKEY CASEY, b. December 15, 1825; d. March 07, 1898, Jefferson Co, IL.
 - iii. WESLEY BARGER CASEY, b. June 04, 1834.

9. WILLIAM MCKENDREE ADNEY⁵ MAXEY (*WILLIAM M.⁴, JESSE³, WALTER², EDWARD¹*) was born January 14, 1812 in Tennessee, and died 1890 in Iowa. He married UNKNOWN WIFE Abt. 1833.

Notes for WILLIAM MCKENDREE ADNEY MAXEY:

Dr. William M. A. Maxey, the son of William M. Maxey was born in Tennessee and was six years of age when the family moved to Illinois in 1818. He was reared amid the stirring scenes of the pioneer period, and when a young man bought timber from which he split rails at fifty cents per hundred to pay for his tuition for a few months at a subscription school, in which the three fundamentals of "readin', writin', and 'rithmetic" constituted the course of study.

Despite this limited intellectual discipline, however, he subsequently became not only one of the best informed men of the community but in due time read medicine and for more than forty years was one of the most successful physicians in Jefferson County. Medical men being few in those days caused a wide demand for his services, and it is said that his patients were scattered over three counties. In waiting on them he rode many hundred miles and was not infrequently absent from home three while making his professional calls. He also devoted considerable attention to agriculture, and his farm was one of the best improved and most productive in the county.

For many years Captain S.T. Maxey, his son, had his possession the old pair of saddle bags in which his father carried medicines to treat all diseases common to humanity in the early times, the leather being still strong and the contents of the bags the same as when he discontinued his practice, after his long and arduous service.

Dr. Maxey was not a physician, but was a local minister. He died in Iowa in 1890, at the age of 78. Dr. Wm M.A. Maxey was the grandfather of Olen Maxey and Mrs. Fred Upcraft of this city.

(History Of Jefferson County; Illinois Continental Historic Bureau; 1962)

Child of WILLIAM MAXEY and UNKNOWN WIFE is:

- i. S. T.⁶ MAXEY, b. Abt. 1835.

Generation No. 6

10. JAMES C.⁶ MAXEY (*HENRY BURCHETTE*⁵, *WILLIAM M.*⁴, *JESSE*³, *WALTER*², *EDWARD*¹) was born June 14, 1827 in Shiloh Township, Jefferson Co, IL. He married NANCY J. MOSS October 31, 1850.

Notes for JAMES C. MAXEY:

The family is the first institution and lies at the base of everything that is good in society and it is well to study the history of our family and try to improve wherein our ancestors may have done amiss in the past, or at least maintain the record of sobriety, patriotism and honor handed down to us. It ought to be an inspiration to every one to know he has descended from a long line of upright, intelligent men and women. Vicious indeed is the one who would bring reproach intentionally upon a name that has been maintained in honor for many generations, and it is always a great pleasure for an individual to know the origin and beginning of his house and surname, and how long it has stood, with good actions and virtue of his predecessors.

No family in Southern Illinois has a longer line of traceable ancestors, worthier to be honored and more sterling in characteristics than the Maxey family, which name has existed in America for nearly three centuries, and which is the oldest and best known in Jefferson county, Illinois, therefore it is with no little pleasure that the biographer herein sets forth the record, in brief outline of the Maxey family, of which the subject is an honored representative.

James C. Maxey was born in Shiloh township, Jefferson county, June 14, 1827, and he enjoys the distinction of being the oldest living native born citizen of this county, the son of Burchett Maxey and the grandson of William Maxey. Jesse Maxey was the subject's great-grandfather. He was one of the earliest settlers of Tennessee, and in a fight with the Indians near Gallatin he was shot and scalped by an Indian and left on the field for dead, but revived and lived for twenty years.

He was the son of Edward Maxey, whose father was Walter Maxey, the first of this distinguished family to emigrate from Wales, where it originated. This was about the year 1725 when Walter Maxey crossed the Atlantic ocean in an old time sailing vessel that required weeks to make the passage to America. He settled in Maryland and ever since the name has been prominent in various states, his descendants having settled in Virginia, then removed to Sumner county, Tennessee, later came to Jefferson county, Illinois, one of these being Burchett Maxey, father of the subject of this review, who was one of the earliest of the pioneers in this county,

having set about the establishment of a new home in the wilderness for his wife and two children, having for neighbors red men and wild beasts, but he was of heroic mould and nothing daunted him, consequently he laid a sure foundation for succeeding generations in this locality.

It was in the year 1816 that Burchett Maxey brought his good wife and two children, Eliza and Perigan, overland from Sumner county, Tennessee, the youngest child, Perigan, being about one year old, died soon after they reached Moore's Prairie, where it was buried, having been the first white person buried in Jefferson county. It was in the springtime that this long and arduous trip was made through an unfrequented country, over almost impassable roads and across dangerous streams, consequently the hardships of the undertaking is apparent.

The family soon afterward settled near the present city of Mount Vernon and in 1823 Mr. Maxey built a log house on the site now occupied by the Third National Bank. Additions were later added and the house stood where it was originally built until about 1902, when the old buildings were wrecked to make way for the new building of the Third National Bank. This was the first building erected on what is now the public square of Mount Vernon.

Burchett Maxey also built the first jail in Jefferson county, having been the lowest bidder when the county authorities asked for bids on the first bastille. It was built of logs and cost three hundred and twenty dollars, having stood near the site of the present jail. Mr. Maxey was a prominent character in the early days of Jefferson and took an active part in the affairs of the same, playing well his part in its organization and subsequent development.

James C. Maxey, the subject of this sketch, received his early educational training in the log school-houses of the pioneer days in Jefferson county, one of the schools which he attended having been taught by Henry G. Hook near Walnut Hill, which school the father and mother of the honorable William J. Bryan also attended. This was about the year 1837. Reared amid such rural environments it is not strange that our subject should early turn his attention to farming and stock raising, making these his life work and, useless to add that he has been eminently successful, establishing an excellent home and laying by a competency for his declining years.

James C. Maxey's happy domestic life dates from October 31, 1850, when he was united in marriage with Nancy J. Moss, who was also a descendant on the maternal side of an influential pioneer family, Lewis Johnson. Her father, Ransom Moss, settled near Shiloh church in an early day and when his first wife died old Shiloh cemetery was laid out and she was the first person buried there.

Eight children were born to the subject and wife, namely: John R., deceased; Walter S., who is a member of the firm of Rackaway & Maxey; Oliver W., deceased, Oscar S. and Albion F., both successful farmers of Mount Vernon township; James Henry, agent of the Standard Oil Company and secretary and treasurer of the Mount Vernon Ice & Storage Company; Lillie, who is the wife of I. F. Sugg, a merchant of Kinmundy, Illinois; Moss, a physician and surgeon of Mount Vernon, Illinois.

Our subject Was one of the loyal defenders of the national government during the days of the rebellion, having enlisted in Company I, Fifty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, performing well his duty at all times and was honorably discharged at the close of the war.

Mr. Maxey has never aspired to positions of public trust, although he has been called upon to serve in various responsible public offices. He has been school trustee of Shiloh township; also Supervisor of Moore's Prairie township for two years and also was Supervisor of Mount Vernon township for a period of four years.

By strict economy as Supervisor, and by encouraging paupers to at least partially support themselves he cut down the expenses of the township about one half, and it was due to his untiring efforts and good management that he succeeded in inducing the County Board of Supervisors to vote with him in a decision to build the four splendid granitoid walks leading from each door of the court-house, connecting with the curbing around the court-house square. He has always manifested an abiding interest in the development of his county and township

and his support could always be depended upon in furthering any movement looking to the betterment of the public in general.

Mr. Maxey and his faithful life companion are now living at their pleasant and cozy home on Taylor avenue, both enjoying splendid health and a well earned respite from very active and useful lives, the subject being now (1909) in his eighty-second year and Mrs. Maxey in her seventy-sixth year, having rounded out fifty-eight years of harmonious and blissful married life. They have the undivided respect and admiration of a wide circle of friends who know them only as ever honest, kindly and gentle.

SOURCE: WALL'S HISTORY OF JEFFERSON CO 1909

Children of JAMES MAXEY and NANCY MOSS are:

13.
 - i. WALTER S.⁷ MAXEY, b. March 08, 1854, Field Township, Jefferson Co, IL.
 - ii. JOHN R. MAXEY, b. Abt. 1856; d. Bef. 1909; m. CARRIE SNODSMITH, Abt. 1876.
 - iii. OLIVER W. MAXEY, b. Abt. 1858, Mt. Vernon, Jefferson Co, IL; d. Bef. 1909, Mt. Vernon, Jefferson Co, IL.
14.
 - iv. OSCAR STEPHEN MAXEY, b. Abt. 1860, Jefferson Co, IL.
 - v. ALBION F. MAXEY, b. Abt. 1862.

More About ALBION F. MAXEY:
Occupation: 1909, Farmer

- vi. JAMES HENRY MAXEY, b. May 26, 1865; m. MARY KELLER, October 03, 1888.

Notes for JAMES HENRY MAXEY:
James Henry Maxey was the manager of the Standard Oil Plant and of the Ice & Cold Storage Company of Mt. Vernon, IL

More About JAMES HENRY MAXEY:
Occupation: 1909, Manager of the Standard Oil Plant

- vii. LILLIE MAXEY, b. Abt. 1867, Mt. Vernon, Jefferson Co, IL; m. I. FRANK SLUGG, Abt. 1885.
15. viii. MOSS MAXEY, b. Abt. 1869, Jefferson Co, IL.

11. WILLIAM HENRY⁶ MAXEY (*BENNETT NELSON⁵, WILLIAM M.⁴, JESSE³, WALTER², EDWARD¹*)¹ was born August 01, 1823 in Field Township, Jefferson Co, IL, and died March 03, 1859 in Field Township, Jefferson Co, IL. He married ELIZABETH J. STARNES February 06, 1845 in Field Township, Jefferson Co, IL, daughter of FRANCIS STARNES and UNKNOWN WIFE.

Children of WILLIAM MAXEY and ELIZABETH STARNES are:

16.
 - i. MELISSA VIRGINIA⁷ MAXEY, b. 1848, Field Township, Jefferson Co, IL; d. 1915, Field Township, Jefferson Co, IL.
 - ii. GEORGE W. MAXEY, b. October 31, 1850, Jefferson Co, IL.
17.
 - iii. LAURA L. MAXEY, b. July 21, 1852, Field Township, Jefferson Co, IL; d. July 15, 1927, Field Township, Jefferson Co, IL.
 - iv. ALLEN ROBINSON MAXEY, b. February 19, 1854, Jefferson Co, IL; d. October 03, 1923, Jefferson Co, IL; m. FRANCES REYNOR, Abt. 1875.
 - v. MARY L. MAXEY, b. 1857, Illinois; m. UNKNOWN MAYFIELD, Abt. 1875.
 - vi. WILLIAM HENRY MAXEY, JR, b. September 1859, Jefferson Co, IL; d. December 24, 1919, Marion Co, IL.

Notes for WILLIAM HENRY MAXEY, JR:
William H. Maxey's father died sometime after he was conceived and before 1860 when the census was taken.

12. WILLIAM MACKEY⁶ CASEY (*HARRIETT⁵ MAXEY, WILLIAM M.⁴, JESSE³, WALTER², EDWARD¹*) was born December 15, 1825, and died March 07, 1898 in Jefferson Co, IL. He married JULIA ETHEL KENNEDY March 09, 1852.

Child of WILLIAM CASEY and JULIA KENNEDY is:

- i. LILY CAROLINE⁷ CASEY, b. October 1859; d. January 12, 1896; m. JAMES TYSON MUSGROVE, 1880, Centralia, Marion Co, IL.

Generation No. 7

13. WALTER S.⁷ MAXEY (*JAMES C.⁶, HENRY BURCHETTE⁵, WILLIAM M.⁴, JESSE³, WALTER², EDWARD¹*) was born March 08, 1854 in Field Township, Jefferson Co, IL. He married (1) ALMEDA HICKS 1888 in Field Township, Jefferson Co, IL. He married (2) ESTELLA WIEDERMAN 1900 in Field Township, Jefferson Co, IL.

Notes for WALTER S. MAXEY:

Walter S. Maxey was a druggist in Mt. Vernon, IL

More About WALTER S. MAXEY:

Occupation: 1909, Druggist in Mt. Vernon, IL

Children of WALTER MAXEY and ESTELLA WIEDERMAN are:

- i. WALTER CHARLES⁸ MAXEY, b. Abt. 1902.
- ii. JAMES WAYLAND MAXEY, b. Abt. 1904.
- iii. MARGARET MOSS MAXEY, b. Abt. 1906.

14. OSCAR STEPHEN⁷ MAXEY (*JAMES C.⁶, HENRY BURCHETTE⁵, WILLIAM M.⁴, JESSE³, WALTER², EDWARD¹*) was born Abt. 1860 in Jefferson Co, IL. He married MARY ELLEN BROWN Abt. 1880 in Jefferson Co, IL.

More About OSCAR STEPHEN MAXEY:

Occupation: 1909, Farmer and stock raiser of Jefferson County, IL

Children of OSCAR MAXEY and MARY BROWN are:

18. i. ETHEL R.⁸ MAXEY, b. 1882, Mt. Vernon, Jefferson Co, IL; d. October 10, 1962, Mt. Vernon, Jefferson Co, IL.
- ii. ROY C. MAXEY, b. Abt. 1884.
- iii. EMMA RUTH MAXEY, b. Abt. 1886, Jefferson Co, IL; m. UNKNOWN HENRY, Abt. 1904, Mt. Vernon, Jefferson Co, IL.

15. MOSS⁷ MAXEY (*JAMES C.⁶, HENRY BURCHETTE⁵, WILLIAM M.⁴, JESSE³, WALTER², EDWARD¹*) was born Abt. 1869 in Jefferson Co, IL. He married (1) LULU SWIFT 1892 in Jefferson Co, IL. He married (2) WINNIE TANNER 1904 in Mt. Vernon, Jefferson Co, IL, daughter of ALLEN TANNER and UNKNOWN WIFE.

Notes for MOSS MAXEY:

In an age when there is no little just discrimination between the true and the false, when real assurance is better appreciated than unpretending merit, it is a pleasure to contemplate the career and character of such a man as the subject of this memoir, who, though unassuming, has not been underestimated by the people and who in return for their confidence and attachment has taught them how valuable may be those professional services that must be sought for and are never obtrusively displayed, as it were, from the house tops or on the public square.

Though a man of unpretentious worth, he possesses the magnetic force that silently attracts men and those mental qualities and personal graces that grapple them to him as with bands of steel, also the tact and power that make his fellows as events, subserve his purposes and add to his honorable reputation in one of the most useful and exacting callings which appeal to the human mind.

Dr. Moss Maxey is a scion from superior stock. In his life currents are mingled the sturdy strength of old Virginia ancestry and the ardor of antecedents whose early experience was loosely interwoven with the pioneer history of the West. For many years both branches of his family have been closely identified with the rise and progress of Jefferson county and today there are few names as widely known or as greatly esteemed in Southern Illinois, as the one which he so honorably bears.

Burchett Maxey, the doctor's grandfather, who erected the first house on the present site of Mount Vernon in the year 1818 was a native of Virginia, where his birth occurred in 1795, and to his son, James C. Maxey, the subject's father, belongs the distinction of being the oldest native born citizen of Jefferson county at the present

time. Burchett Maxey removed from his native place to Sumner county, Virginia, in his younger days, thence migrated to Southern Illinois and was one of the first permanent settlers in what is now the county of Jefferson. He bore his full share in the pioneer history of this part of the state, but has long been sleeping the kept fiat knows no awaking, leaving to his descendants a name that lives in the memories of the present generation and is destined to be handed down to future years as one of the leaders of civilization into what is now one of the most prosperous and enlightened counties of the commonwealth.

James C. Maxey, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume, married Nancy Moss, like himself, a native of Jefferson county, and became the father of eight children whose names are as follows: John R. deceased; Walter S., a druggist of Mount Vernon; Oscar, a farmer and stock raiser of Jefferson county; A. F. who is also engaged in the pursuit of agriculture in the county; Henry, manager of the Standard Oil plant and of the Ice & Cold Storage Company, of Mount Vernon; Lillie married Frank Sugg, of Kinmundy, Illinois; Oliver, deceased; and Dr. Moss Maxey, of this review.

Doctor Maxey is a native of Jefferson County, Illinois, and since infancy his life has been very closely associated with the place of his birth. In the free wholesome outdoor life of the farm, he spent his early years and while still quite young learned the lessons of industry and thrift in his father's fields and under the direction of his parents laid broad and deep the solid mental and moral foundation upon which his subsequent career as a distinguished member of the medical profession rests.

After attending the district schools until acquiring a pretty thorough knowledge of the branches taught therein he turned his attention to farm labor and was thus engaged on the family homestead until deciding to what vocation or profession his future life should be devoted. Having selected medicine as the calling most suited to his tastes and inclinations, the doctor in 1894 entered the Missouri Medical College at St. Louis, where he pursued his professional studies and researches until completing the prescribed course three years later, receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine from that institution in 1897.

Immediately after his graduation Doctor Maxey located at Mount Vernon, where he soon gained recognition and built up a practice which continued to grow in magnitude and importance until his place among the successful physicians and surgeons became permanently fixed and a liberal income assured.

At the beginning of his career he was actuated by a laudable ambition to advance in his noble calling and become a true healer of human ills and with this object in view he devoted every energy to the acquiring of a profound knowledge of medical science with the ability to apply the same to the treatment of diseases. His watchfulness over the interests and welfare of his patients, his devotion to his profession, his sound sense and good judgment combined to complete his acknowledged fitness for his calling and in due time his name and fame spread far beyond the limits of the field to which his talents were principally devoted and earned for him an honorable reputation among the distinguished physicians and surgeons in the southern part of the state.

In addition to his general practice the doctor was for eight years one of the surgeons of the Mount Vernon Car Manufacturing Company, discharging the duties of the same with signal ability which has added much to his reputation as a painstaking and untiring devotee of the healing art.

Doctor Maxey has met with unusual success as a surgeon and among his professional brethren is considered a skillful operator. In medicine he has few equals and no superiors in the city of his residence as is indicated by the extensive practice he now commands, which has been as successful financially as professionally and which has resulted in the accumulation of a handsome cornucopia and gained for him a place among the well-to-do men of his city and county.

The doctor has spared no pains to keep abreast of the times in all matters relating to his life work and in touch with the trend of professional thought, being a close and diligent student, a critical observer and to no small degree an investigator whose discoveries have added very materially to his own success and assisted others in

their professional work. He holds membership in various societies and organizations for the advancement of professional thought, among which are the Jefferson County Medical Society, the National Association for the Study and Preservation of Tuberculosis; the Association for the Advancement of Science and other societies of like character, in the deliberations of which he keeps well informed and in close touch with the leading spirits among the membership.

Doctor Maxey is highly esteemed in the community and his intercourse with his fellows has been such as to command the respect and confidence of all. Like most enterprising men he takes an active interest in secret fraternal work and belongs to several organizations with this principle as a basis, the most noted being the Masonic Order, in which he has risen to a high degree and been honored at intervals with positions of honor and trust. He is past master of Mount Vernon Lodge, No.31, and is a member of the Royal Arch Chapter besides having a wide acquaintance among the leading Masons of his own and other states.

In politics he is a Democrat; entirely inactive as far as participation in party affairs is concerned notwithstanding which he is familiar with the leading questions and issues of the day and profoundly versed in the history and policies of the various political organizations which have marked the progress of the United States from the founding of the government to the present time.

As indicated in a preceding paragraph Doctor Maxey is a student not only of matters relating to his profession but of a wide range of subjects including history, science, sociology, evolution and history of comparative religion, his acquaintance with the world's best literature being both general and profound.

He has always been a good reader and finds his chief enjoyment in his magnificent library where in converse with the wise and great of the ages he acquires the knowledge and intellectual acumen which renders him an authority on the literature of all countries and all times and make him a welcome addition to circles and gatherings having in view the mental improvement of their members.

The doctor has exercised sound judgment and wise discretion in building up his library which is pronounced by scholars and others capable of judging to be the finest collection of standard works in Mount Vernon and one of the largest and most valuable in the state. He selects his books with the greatest care, keeping in mind their literary merit and worth, allowing none but those of recognized ability on his shelves, the number of volumes at this time being considerably in excess of one thousand, among which are none of a slight or frivolous character, all being standard and of the highest order of literary excellence. In his collection are a number of very rare editions that have come down from remote times and not a few of his choice books are beyond price and cannot be duplicated.

Doctor Maxey was first married in 1892 to Miss LuLu Swift, of Mount Vernon, the union resulting in the birth of two children, a son, Hugh W., and a daughter by the name of Vivian, aged fifteen and twelve years, respectively. His second marriage was solemnized in 1904 with Miss Winnie Tanner, the accomplished and popular daughter of Allen C. Tanner, a prominent citizen of Mount Vernon and one of the enterprising men of Jefferson county.

(Walls History of Jefferson County, IL; By John A. Wall; 1909)

Children of MOSS MAXEY and LULU SWIFT are:

- i. HUGH W.⁸ MAXEY, b. 1894.
- ii. VIVIAN MAXEY, b. 1897.

16. MELISSA VIRGINIA⁷ MAXEY (*WILLIAM HENRY⁶, BENNETT NELSON⁵, WILLIAM M.⁴, JESSE³, WALTER², EDWARD¹*) was born 1848 in Field Township, Jefferson Co, IL, and died 1915 in Field Township, Jefferson Co, IL. She married JAMES R. FIELDS² August 22, 1867 in Jefferson Co, IL, son of HARRY FIELDS and MARY BRAZEL.

Children of MELISSA MAXEY and JAMES FIELDS are:

- i. WILLIAM OSCAR⁸ FIELDS, b. 1868, Rome (Dix), Jefferson Co, IL; d. 1928, Rome (Dix), Jefferson Co, IL; m. LENA HAWKINS, Abt. 1891.

Notes for LENA HAWKINS:

Elizabeth McCaskill Wimberly wrote this about Lena: "We do have an interesting family! One of the most delightful one being Aunt Lena Hawkins Fields - ! We all were devoted to her and also looked forward to having her visits - as she often said, To think I can winter in the lovely state of South Carolina with family."

- ii. OSCAR FIELDS, b. 1869.
- iii. HARRY A. FIELDS, b. 1871.
- iv. LENORA E. FIELDS, b. 1877.
- v. JOHN W. FIELDS, b. February 20, 1878, Rome (Dix), Jefferson Co, IL; d. February 23, 1878, Rome (Dix), Jefferson Co, IL.

More About JOHN W. FIELDS:

Cause of Death: Jaundice

Medical Information: Baby - 3 days old

- vi. ROBERT FIELDS, b. 1879, Rome (Dix), Jefferson Co, IL; d. 1906, Rome (Dix), Jefferson Co, IL.

17. LAURA L.⁷ MAXEY (*WILLIAM HENRY⁶, BENNETT NELSON⁵, WILLIAM M.⁴, JESSE³, WALTER², EDWARD¹*) was born July 21, 1852 in Field Township, Jefferson Co, IL, and died July 15, 1927 in Field Township, Jefferson Co, IL. She married WILLIAM M. MYERS January 14, 1869 in Field Township, Jefferson Co, IL, son of DAVID MYERS and RUTH FIELDS.

More About WILLIAM M. MYERS:

Buried: Antioch Cemetery, Texico, Field Township, Jefferson Co, IL

Medical Information: Eyes were Blue-Grey

Children of LAURA MAXEY and WILLIAM MYERS are:

- i. OTTIE F.⁸ MYERS, b. January 1870.
- ii. WILLIAM MYERS, b. Abt. 1872.
- iii. LOUISE MYERS, b. Abt. 1874; m. MARSHALL DAVIS, Abt. 1892.
- iv. MINTA MYERS, b. Abt. 1876.
- v. CHARLES MYERS, b. Abt. 1878, Field Township, Jefferson Co, IL; d. Abt. 1887, Field Township, Jefferson Co, IL.

Notes for CHARLES MYERS:

Charles Myers, about 17 years old, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a revolver at the farm of his father, William Myers, two miles northeast of Dix, IL.

- vi. BEN MYERS, b. Abt. 1880.
- vii. WILL MYERS, b. Abt. 1882.
- viii. PAMELA MYERS, b. Abt. 1884.
- ix. MARY MYERS, b. Abt. 1886.

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18. ETHEL R.⁸ MAXEY (*OSCAR STEPHEN⁷, JAMES C.⁶, HENRY BURCHETTE⁵, WILLIAM M.⁴, JESSE³, WALTER², EDWARD¹*) was born 1882 in Mt. Vernon, Jefferson Co, IL, and died October 10, 1962 in Mt. Vernon, Jefferson Co, IL. She married ALVA C. JOHNSON Abt. 1900 in Mt. Vernon, Jefferson Co, IL.

Notes for ETHEL R. MAXEY:

The Evansville Press

Evansville, Ind.

October 11, 1962

Mrs. Ethel R. Maxey Johnson 80, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Luther Kent, on Lower Mt. Vernon Rd.,

last night at 10 after a lingering illness. Mrs. Johnson, a native of Mt. Vernon, Ill., had been living in Evansville since 1946. She formerly lived in Gallatin Co. Ill. Ethel was the daughter of Oscar Stephen Maxey and Mary Ellen Brown Maxey.

She was a member of Forest Hills Pilgrim Holiness Church. She was the widow of Alva C. Johnson, custodian at the church for many years, who died July 27. Surviving besides Mrs Kent are another daughter, Mrs Lawrence Cox, Indianapolis; sons, William Merlin, Neil and Carroll, all of Clearwater, Fla; a sister, Mrs. Emma Ruth Henry, and a brother, Roy C. Maxey, both of Mt. Vernon, Ill.; 18 grandchildren and 11 greatgrand children. Funeral will be at Forest Hills Church Saturday at 10 AM. The Rev . Alfred Case will officiate. Burial in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Submitted by: Virginia R. Black, granddaughter. June 27, 1998

More About ETHEL R. MAXEY:

Buried: October 12, 1962, Oak Hill Cemetery; Jefferson Co, IL

Notes for ALVA C. JOHNSON:

The Evansville Press

Evansville, Ind

July 28, 1962

Alva C. Johnson, 80 died at his home on Lower Mt. Vernon Rd. yesterday at noon. He had been ill a year. He was a native of Mt. Vernon, Ill born December 16, 1881. He farmed land in Illinois before moving to Evansville in 1946. He was a member of Forest Hills Pilgrim Holiness Church, and a custodian there for eight years before retiring three years ago.

He and his wife, Ethel, observed their 58th wedding anniversary last March. Surviving besides his wife are daughters, Mrs. Lawrence Cox, Indianapolis, and Mrs. Luther Kent, Evansville; sons, W. Merlin, Neil and Carroll, all of Clearwater, Fla; sisters , Mrs. L. E. Tate, Paragould, Ark, and Miss Nelle Johnson, Montebello, Calif; and 18 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Funeral will be a Forest Hills Church, Monday, at 10 a.m. The Rev. Alfred Case will officiate. Burial in Oak Hill Cemetery., Evansville.

Submitted by: Virginia R. Black, granddaughter

June 27, 1998

Children of ETHEL MAXEY and ALVA JOHNSON are:

- i. UNKNOWN⁹ JOHNSON, b. Abt. 1902; m. LUTHER KENT, Abt. 1920.
- ii. UNKNOWN JOHNSON, b. Abt. 1904; m. LAWRENCE COX, Abt. 1922.
- iii. WILLIAM MERLIN JOHNSON, b. Abt. 1906.
- iv. NEIL JOHNSON, b. Abt. 1908.
- v. CARROLL JOHNSON, b. Abt. 1910.

Endnotes

1. *1850 & 1860 Census of Jefferson County, IL*, 215/219 in 1860 and 383/383 in 1850 census, On-line census of Jefferson County, IL.
2. Cemetery Records of Jordan Chapel; Jefferson Co, IL, Pictures of tombstones with dates.