

Descendants of Eliza Ruth Woodruff and Ephraim Thomas Leaming

Generation No. 5.1

ELIZA RUTH⁵ WOODRUFF (*Ann Maria⁴ Hibben, William³, Thomas², John¹*) was born January 11, 1833 in OH, and died December 25, 1882 in Yellow Springs, Greene Co., OH. She married **EPHRAIM THOMAS LEAMING** Abt. 1849. He was born 1812 in PA, and died November 03, 1895 in Springfield, Clark Co., OH.

Children of **ELIZA WOODRUFF** and **EPHRAIM LEAMING** are:

- i. **JAMES CALVIN⁶ LEAMING**, b. March 31, 1850, Wilmington, Clinton Co., OH; d. September 28, 1888, Springfield, Clark Co., OH.
- ii. **MINERVA LEAMING**, b. May 7, 1853; d. November 1, 1858, Brunswick, MD.
- iii. **FRANK C. LEAMING**, b. July 2, 1855, OH; d. September 16, 1920, Lexington, Fayette Co., KY. He m. **IDA E.** (unknown) Abt. 1884; b. April 1868, NY; d. February 1923, Lexington, Fayette Co., KY.
- iv. **CAROLINE HIVLING LEAMING**, b. May 19, 1857, Wilmington, Clinton Co., OH; d. January 21, 1910, Yellow Springs, Greene Co., OH. She m. **ADDISON ARCHIBALD JOBE** October 17, 1877; b. April 24, 1852, Belmont Co., OH; d. August 01, 1927, Dayton, Montgomery Co., OH.
- v. **ANNA MARIA LEAMING**, b. May 01, 1859, Wilmington, Clinton Co., OH; d. September 24, 1861, Wilmington, Clinton Co., OH.
- vi. **CHARLES ADKINSON LEAMING**, b. March 21, 1861, Wilmington, Clinton Co., OH; d. January 18, 1925, Urbana, Champaign Co., OH. He m. **MARY CLIFFORD SROUFE** September 24, 1883, Yellow Springs, Greene Co., OH; b. December 18, 1859, Yellow Springs, Greene Co., OH; d. December 30, 1941, Springfield, Clark Co., OH.
- vii. **RUTH LEAMING**, b. October 27, 1861, Wilmington, Clinton Co., OH; d. September 16, 1862, Wilmington, Clinton Co., OH.
- viii. **HARRY LEAMING**, b. December 21, 1862, Wilmington, Clinton Co., OH; d. October 11, 1864, Wilmington, Clinton Co., OH.
- ix. **KATIE LEAMING**, b. February 24, 1865, Wilmington, Clinton Co., OH; d. April 20, 1865 in Wilmington, Clinton Co., OH.
- x. **ROBERT D. LEAMING**, b. December 1869, OH.
- xi. **EDWARD J. LEAMING**, b. December 1870, OH.

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ELIZA RUTH WOODRUFF 1833 - 1882
and
EPHRAIM THOMAS LEAMING 1812 - 1895

*Again we are reminded that in the midst of life
we are dead.¹*

Eliza Marries A Widower

Eliza Ruth Woodruff was the first child of Ann Maria Hibben and Calvin Brown Woodruff. She was born January 11, 1833,² probably in Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio. About 1849, she married Ephraim Thomas Leaming who was born in 1812, in New Jersey. (Plate 4) Ephraim was a clothing merchant in Wilmington and almost twenty years older than Eliza. He had been married before to Rachel (unknown) and had a son, Samuel A. Leaming, born about 1840.

Eliza and Ephraim had eleven children between the years of 1850 and 1870. Four of them died as infants. Anna Maria, Ruth, Harry and Katie are buried at Sugar Grove Cemetery in Wilmington.³ Daughter Minerva died at the age of 5 years⁴ and the eldest son, James Calvin, died at the age of 38 in 1888. Even before the death of their father in 1892, the youngest sons, Robert D. and Edward J. Leaming, apparently departed from Ohio to 'see the world.' Ephraim's obituary records them as residing in La Junta, Colorado, perhaps following the footsteps westward of their first cousin, William Hibben Woodruff, who was then living in nearby La Veta, Colorado. By June 1900 both Robert and Edward had enlisted to serve in the Spanish American War and had arrived in the Philippine Islands. Robert was a member of Company M, 31st Regiment, US Volunteers at Bagangle⁵ and Edward was with Troop F, Third Cavalry at Vigan.⁶ No further records of Robert have been found, and when his sister, Caroline, died in 1910 his whereabouts was unknown to the family. On the other hand, there is a census after census record of Edward's movements. In 1910 he was a laborer at a fruit farm in Puerto Rico;⁷ in 1920 he was a miner at a quicksilver mine in Santa Cruz County, California;⁸ and in 1930, at the age of 61, he was an inmate at the Santa Clara County Almshouse in California.⁹

The life and descendants of Frank C. Leaming, Caroline H. Leaming and Charles Adkinson Leaming have been documented in Generation 6.1 of this chapter.

Ephraim Retires And The Family Moves To Yellow Springs

After a long career as a clothier in Wilmington, Ephraim moved his family to Yellow Springs, Greene County, Ohio about 1875. It is likely that the Yellow Springs area was chosen as the widow of Eliza's brother, Joseph Oliver Woodruff, and her family were living there. Widow Sarah Elizabeth Stucker Woodruff's second husband was William Hibben,¹⁰ Eliza's uncle. Sarah and William and the children of both marriages, as well as the Ephraim Leaming family, are recorded living in Yellow Springs, Miami Township in the 1880 Census.¹¹

Eliza And Ephraim Die

Two years later on December 25, 1882, Eliza died shortly before her fiftieth birthday.

THE WILLIAM HIBBEN LINE

Again we are reminded that in the midst of life we are dead. Only last week we made mention of the death of two of our old and respected citizens, and to-day it is our painful duty to record another. One more family made desolate, a kind and loving mother taken in the prime of life, and while Christmas brought joy and gladness to you and I, to them it brought pain, sorrow and death. Last Monday night at about 10:30 Mrs. E. T. Leaming, who had been sick but a comparatively short time, and who during the last hours of her sickness, was in an unconscious condition, passed peacefully and seemingly without pain, into the great future beyond. Mrs. Leaming had been a resident of our village for years, and was widely known as a warm hearted, generous and amiable woman. . . Her remains were taken to Wilmington, her former home, for interment, Wednesday morning.¹²

Ephraim died November 3, 1895, and was buried beside Eliza in the William Hibben lot at Sugar Grove cemetery.¹³

A telegram was received by friends on Monday announcing the death of the venerable Ephraim Leaming, which occurred at the home of his son, in Springfield, at 2:30 o'clock on Monday. The deceased was a merchant in Wilmington for nearly forty years, and removed with his family to Yellow Springs about twenty years ago. He was about eighty-five years of age and was in vigorous health until a week or two prior to his death. He was well known throughout Clinton county, particularly to our older citizens. The remains were brought to Wilmington on Tuesday afternoon and were interred in Sugar Grove cemetery yesterday (Wednesday) from the residence of Mr. Nathan Millikan,¹⁴ on South Spring street, at 2:30 o'clock. His surviving children are Samuel Leaming, of Cincinnati, Frank Leaming, of Baltimore, Md., Charles Leaming, of Springfield, Ohio, Edward and Robert Leaming, of La Junta, Colorado, and Mrs. Charles Job, of Yellow Springs.¹⁵

Generation 5.1 End Notes:

- ¹ Unknown newspaper, Yellow Springs, Greene County, Ohio, about December 26, 1882, obituary of Eliza Ruth Leaming.
- ² Calculated from death records, age 49 y 11 m 14 d.
- ³ *Clinton County, Ohio Cemetery Report, 1798 - 1978*, Wilmington, Ohio, (The Clinton County Ohio Historical Society), page 637-38, section 3, lot 6.
- ⁴ Tombstone inscription, Sugar Grove Cemetery, Wilmington, Clinton Co. OH, Sect. 3, lot 16, "MINERVA dau. of E.T. & E.H. LEAMING died Nov. 1, 1858 at Brunswick, Md aged 5yrs 3ms 27ds."
- ⁵ US Census 1900, T623-1840, page 5B, line 61, enumeration 184, Military book 2, page 183A, Company M, 31st Regiment US Volunteers, Bagangle, Philippine Islands.
- ⁶ US Census 1900, T623-1839, page 6B, line 59, enumeration 160, Military, Troop F, Third Cavalry, Vigan, Philippine Islands.
- ⁷ US Census 1910, T624-1759, page 4A, line 25, enumeration 199, Sabana Hoyos, Arecibo, Puerto Rico.
- ⁸ US Census 1920, T625-148, page 2A, line 17, enumeration 237, Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County, California.
- ⁹ US Census 1930, T626-218, page 2A, line 2, enumeration 93, Santa Clara County Almshouse, San Jose Township., Santa Clara County, California.
- ¹⁰ William⁴ Hibben (*William³, Thomas², John¹*), born 1824.
- ¹¹ US Census 1880, T9-1019, page 10, line 36, Miami Township, Greene County, Ohio; US Census 1880, T9-1019, page 290, Yellow Springs, Greene County, Ohio.

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¹² Unknown newspaper, [Note 1].

¹³ *Clinton County, Ohio Cemetery Report, 1798 - 1978*, [Note 3], page 637, section 3, lot 6.

¹⁴ Husband of Sally Jennie McLain, half sister of Eliza Ruth Woodruff.

¹⁵ Unknown newspaper, Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio, November 6, 1895.