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MARY TODD'S KINSFOLK

The wide circulation of two books featuring Mary Todd, *The Biography of a Marriage*, by Ruth Painter Randall, and *Love Is Eternal*, by Irving Stone has brought many inquiries to the Foundation about the kinsfolk of Abraham Lincoln's wife. The genealogical information at hand on the Todd family is very fragmentary indeed, but such data as we have been able to gather is submitted in hopes that some Todd kinsman may prepare an adequate history of this prominent American family.

Upon Lincoln's marriage to Miss Todd he acquired a large number of in-law kinsfolk. Mary had three brothers, three sisters, four half brothers and five half sisters, fifteen in all. Inasmuch as most of them married and had children, Lincoln became a brother-in-law to about twenty-five people, and thirty-four nephews and nieces could truly call him "Uncle Abe." To our knowledge a listing of the names of all these is not available and we regret our inability to provide such a list at this time but some data is presented.

The forebears of Mary Todd were of Scotch descent and in 1679 fled from persecutors in Scotland to the north of Ireland. Thirty-six years later Andrew and Robert Todd migrated with their families to America. We shall be primarily interested in the descendants of Robert as he was Mary Todd's first known American ancestor.

a. Robert. 1697-1775. Established home in Providence Township, Montgomery County, Penn. where he is buried in the cemetery of Providence Presbyterian Church. Married (1st) Jean Smith. Children: a John, b David. Married (2nd) Isabella Bodley. Children: c William, d Andrew, e Robert, f Samuel, g Levi, h Elizabeth, i Mary, j Rebecca, k Sarah.

aa John. He was a clergyman and an educator in Virginia.

ab David. 1723-1785. Born in the north of Ireland, he was taken to Pennsylvania by his father. Late in life he moved to Lexington, Kentucky and lies buried in the Todd family burial lot. Married Hannah Owen, a Quaker of Welsh descent. Children: a John, b Robert, c Levi, d Owen, e Elizabeth, f Hannah.

ah Elizabeth. Mary Todd also traced her maternal ancestry through Elizabeth who married William Parker. Their daughter Elizabeth, married General Andrew Porter. Gen. Porter and wife also had a daughter Elizabeth, who married her cousin, Major Robert Parker. A daughter of the major and his wife named Eliza Ann married Robert Smith Todd, father of Mary Todd.

aba John. 1750-1782. Represented Kentucky County in General Assembly of Virginia, 1777. Introduced a bill for Negro emancipation in 1780. Succeeded Gen. Geo. Rogers Clark in command at Kaskaskia and governor of Illinois Territory. Killed in Battle of Blue Licks.

abb Robert. 1754-1814. General Robert Todd represented Kentucky in the Virginia Legislature. First senator from Fayette County after Kentucky was accepted into the Union.

abc Levi. 1756-1807. Born in Pennsylvania. Studied law and surveying under Uncle John Todd (aa) in Virginia. Was major, colonel, brigadier and major general of Kentucky forces. Married (1st) Jane Briggs (2nd) Jane Holmes. Children: a Hannah, b Elizabeth, c John, d Nancy, e Nancy, f Ann Maria, g Robert, h Jane, i Margaret, j Roger North, k Samuel.

abca Hannah. 1780-1832. Born in Fort Harrod, Kentucky. Married Rev. Robert Stuart. John Todd Stuart, first law partner of Abraham Lincoln was one of their seven children.

abcb John (Dr.). 1787-1865. Married Elizabeth Smith. Moved to Edwardsville, Ill., in 1817. Children: John B. S. married Catherine S. Hoffman, Francis Walton married Mrs. L. M. Jackson, William L. married Mrs. Clarissa J. Pike, Elizabeth J. married (1st) Harrison J. Grimsley (2nd) Rev. John H. Brown, Lockwood married Emily Husband, Frances S. married Thomas H. Shelby.

abcd David (Judge). Settled in Missouri in 1817. Children: Ann E. married Campbell.

abce Robert Smith. 1791-1849. Born near Lexington, Ky. Married (1st) Eliza Ann Parker. Children: a Elizabeth, b Levi, c Frances, d Mary Ann, e Robert Parker, f Ann, g George. Married (2nd) Elizabeth Humphries. Children: h Robert Smith, i Margaret, j Samuel Briggs, k David H., l Martha, m Emilie, n Alexander H., o Elodie, p Katherine.

abcg Roger North. Married Miss Ferguson. They had 8 children. One son, Robert L. married (1st) Sallie Hall (2nd) Martha Edwards.

abcj Samuel. Settled in Missouri 1817.

abcca Elizabeth P. 1813-1888. Married Ninian W. Edwards Feb. 16, 1832. Children: Julia married Hon. E. L. Baker, Elizabeth married Wm. Clover, Charles, Albert S.

abccb Levi O. 1815-. Married Louisa Searls. Children: Louisa married Edward D. Keyes, Ella married Mr. Canfield, 2 others.

abccg Frances. 1817-. Married Dr. William S. Wallace. Children: Frances, Edward D., Charles E., Mary F. married Col. John P. Baker, 1 other.

abccd Mary Ann. 1818-1882. Married Abraham Lincoln. Children: Robert, Edward Baker, William Wallace, Thomas (Tad). Robert married Mary Harlan. They had 3 children: Mary, Abraham, Jessie. Mary married Charles Isham. They had one child, Lincoln. Jessie married Warren Beckwith. They had Robert Lincoln and Mary. There are no other living descendants except the last three named.

abccge Robert Parker. Died in infancy.

abccgf Ann Maria. 1820-1885. Married C. M. Smith. Children: Edgar, Allen, Clara, Minnie.

abccgg George. 1825-. Surgeon in Confederate Army. Married (1st) Miss Curry (2nd) name not known. Two children.

abccgh Robert Smith. Died in infancy.

abccgi Margaret. Married C. H. Kellogg. Children: Franklin Pierce and 3 others.

abccgj Samuel B. Unmarried. C. S. A. Killed at Shilo.

abccgk David H. Officer in C. S. A. Died from wounds at Vicksburg. Married Mrs. Williamson. They had one child.

abccgl Martha K. Married Clement B. White. No children.

abccgm Emilie. 1836-1940. Married Gen. Ben Hardin Helm, C. S. A. Killed at Chickamauga. Children: Ben, Katherine, Elodie married Walter Lewis.

abccgn Alexander H. Unmarried. C. S. A. Killed at Baton Rouge.

abccgo Elodie O. Married Col. N. H. R. Dawson, C. S. A.

abccgp Katherine. Married W. W. Kerr. Four children.