

G R I F F I T H

FAMILY HISTORY

IN WALES - 1485 - 1635

IN AMERICA - FROM 1635

Giving Descendants of

JAMES GRIFFIS (Griffith) b. 1758

in Huntington, Long Island, New York

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GRIFFITH

Church records at Hempstead begin in 1725.

Church records in Huntington begin in 1723.

The first GRIFFITH record is that of William baptized in Huntington, New York, by Rev. Prime, June 6, 1736.

The marshals who took censuses in the early days, the population and the clerks were often not well educated, with the result names were spelled in various ways.

No decision as to the identity of a person on the early censuses and records can safely be based solely on the spelling. The script was often very difficult to read.

Origin and meaning of the family name -

GRIFFITH: Bapt. (Welsh)

A variant of GRIFFIN.

GRIFFIN means: the son of 'Griffin' or "Griffith", the name of many Welsh princes.

Variations are: Griffiths, Griffeth.

The name GRIFFITH was often recorded as GRIFFIN, GRIFFITH, GRIFFITHS, GRIFFETH, GRIFFIS, GRIFFEN, GRIFFING, ETC.

In writing this history, to avoid confusion, the name GRIFFITH only was used, except to clarify how the name GRIFFIS got started.

GRIFFITH - THEIR WELSH HISTORY 1485 - 1602

1. RICHARD GRIFFITH, of Walton, Pembroke, South Wales, married Elsbeth, sister of Wm. Mor Esq.
Richard was a soldier of Henry VII, and was present at Bosworth Field 1485.
2. GRIFFITH GRIFFITH (Richard¹)
married Jowan, daughter of Seimont David Esq. of Koksol, Gent.
They had a son, John Griffith.
3. JOHN GRIFFITH (Griffith², Richard¹)
married Ann, daughter of Edward Lanfort
They had two sons, Edward born 1602, John and two daughters.
4. EDWARD GRIFFITH, born 1602 (John³, Griffith², Richard¹)
married Mary 1653.
Edward left London for Virginia October 24, 1635 at age 33.
He had been in the King's service and was convicted, as the record states, while in line of duty, of justifiable manslaughter, and at once granted pardon by the King January 7, 1625. He was afterwards a trusted servant and financial agent for Lady Wake 1633.

Reference:

RICHIART PENGRUFFWYND by Z. T. Griffin -

The visitation of Lewys Dwnn, in the Counties of Carmarthen, Pembroke, and Cardigan, South Wales, signed by Richard Pengriffin, Ano. R.R. Jams 1613, as found on page 244, Vol. 11.

The Parish off Walton H. off Ros. Bedson, S. Meothig,

: Richiart Pengruffwund - Elsbeth, sister of Wm. Mor Esq.:

: Gruffydd Pengruffwund - Jowan, dochder of Seimont David Esq.:
of Koksol, Gent.

: Sir Richard Pengruff - Annes	:	: John Pengruff - Ann V	:
: wnd person o Walton yn Rows	:	: Edward Langfort	:
: yn Sir Benffro.	:		:

: Edward b. 1602: : John b. 1609: : Jowan: : Katrin:

Ano R.R.Jams 1613
Richiart Pengriffin.

THE GRIFFITH COAT OF ARMS

Coats of Arms were often used for purposes of identification and recognition on the field of battle as well as in civil life.

In 1528 Henry VIII, King of England, appointed a commission to visit each country of his kingdom, and summon his subjects of rank to appear for examination as to their heraldic rights. This procedure was repeated at irregular intervals and a record, known as "visitations", kept.

The ancient GRIFFITH Coat of Arms which is correctly described below has been in the GRIFFITH family for many centuries. It was, in its original form, used by GRIFFITH AP CYNAN, KING OF NORTH WALES, A.D. 1079.

<u>Heraldic Language</u>	<u>English Translation</u>
<u>Arms:</u> Gules, 3 loincels passant in pale argent, armed azure.	On a red shield three young lions in a walking position, one above another - lions silver with blue paws.
<u>Crest:</u> A demi-lion rampant sable, armed gules.	A half-lion rampant, black with red paws.
<u>Motto:</u> Virtus omnia Nobilitat	Virtue ennobles all things.

As a matter of personal taste, which is permissible, some members of the family vary the shape of the shield and of other features of the Arms. The mantle and helmet which are sometimes seen with Coats of Arms are merely ornamental and may be correctly included or omitted.

Besides its family significance and inspiration this Coat of Arms painted in full brilliant colors makes an excellent mural ornament.

GRIFFITH FAMILY TREE - One Branch

RICHARD - Elsbeth
b. 1465

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GRIFFITH - Jowan
b. 1510

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JOHN - Ann Langfort
b. 1555

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EDWARD - Mary
b. 1602

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RICHARD - Susanna Haight
b. 1654

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SAMUEL

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* WILLIAM - Abiah Gates
bapt.1736 m. 1756

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* JAMES (2nd son) - Sarah Totten
b. 1758

* WILLIAM (4th child)
b. 1763; m. Content Harris

* Registered GRIFFIS

GRIFFITH of FLUSHING and HUNTINGTON, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK.

4. EDWARD⁴ GRIFFITH (John³, Griffith², Richard¹).
born 1602 in Wales,
married in 1653, Mary, in Flushing, New York.
children:

1. Richard,⁵ b. approx. 1654; m. Susanna Haight,
had 14 children.
2. John, b. " 1656; m. Elizabeth,
had 11 children.
3. Samuel, b. " 1657; m. Jan. 14, 1685,
had 2 dau.
4. Deborah, b. " 1658
5. Edward, b. (1670) m. had 3 children

BORN 1648?

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EDWARD GRIFFITH who was born in 1602 in Wales left London, England for Virginia on October 24, 1635, age 33, on the "ABRAHAM".

Two boats left London, England on October 24, 1635; the "Abraham" and the "Constance" with 132 men and 4 women bound for Virginia, all in the service of Capt. Claybourne and his partners. Edward was on the "Abraham", his brother, John, born 1609, was on the "Constance". There is no record of John remaining in America.

EDWARD was in the service of Capt. Wm. Claybourne in the war between him and Lord Baltimore in 1638, where Edward was captured by Lord Baltimore but was able to escape to Maryland and came to New Amsterdam in 1640 where he proved himself to have been a prisoner and was released and set at liberty. For a time he lived in Gravensend, but finally to Flushing, Long Island, New York, where he ever afterwards lived and died leaving issues there.

From History of Long Island by Ross, Vol. 1, EDWARD GRIFFITH bought fifty acres of the lands of Midout "on the west side of the road near the Flatbush", Feb. 28, 1653, from Gerritt Bycken, and, sold same July 27, 1653 to Bartel Loot and Peter Loot.

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SAMUEL, b. approx. 1657, brother of our Richard⁵;
m. Jan. 14, 1685, Elizabeth Platt, b. Sept. 15, 1665,
dau. of Isaack Platt of Huntington, N.Y.
They removed to Derby, Conn. where Samuel died early in 1691. His widow and two infant daughters returned to Huntington, N.Y. The inventory of Samuel (listed as Samuel Griffin) estate, Derby, 14 Jly 1691, names:

widow - Elizabeth; and
children - Phebe 6 (b. 1685) and
Elizabeth 4 (b. 1687)

Phebe m. Obediah Rogers, Huntington, N.Y.
Elizabeth m. Jonathan Wicks, Huntington, N.Y.

Lands in the vicinity of that of Samuel, remained in
the family until recent years.

FOOTNOTE: A RICHARD GRIFFITH emigrated from Wales and was one
of the first settlers of Long Island. He lived in
Flushing and had several children; but, it is un-
certain how many. The family of JOHN GRIFFEN at
Purchase, N.Y. and John and Joseph at Amawalk,
New York, were descendants of his, but this is
not of our line and this Richard was not a son of
Edward and Mary.

Research proves that the RICHARD who married
Susanna Haight was the son of Edward and Mary.

5. RICHARD⁵ GRIFFITH (Edward⁴, John³ b. abt. 1654, Griffith²,
Richard¹)

married Susanna Haight. They had fourteen (14) children:

the oldest	Samuel,
then	Joshua,
	Jonathan,
	Edward,
	Obediah,
	Joseph
	Gilbert,
	James,
	Richard,
	Abraham,
	Deborah,
	Sarah,
	Mary,
	Miriam

Samuel left several children. He went East (Huntington
is east of Flushing).

James went to Oxford and was a military man. He
married in Boston, but had no children.

Jonathan, Edward, and Obediah settled in Westchester Co.

Jonathan was a military character, and had no children except an adopted son.

Several of the children of Richard and Susanna settled in Nine Partimers, Dutchess County, New York.

Descendants of Isaiah, Obediah and Gilbert immigrated to Canada.

(Reference - New York Genealogical and Biographical Records)

WILL OF RICHARD GRIFFITH of Flushing, New York, (abstracts of Wills and Deeds in New York, Liber 9, Page 357) names - wife - Susanna, children - Samuel, 30 pounds, Joshua 20 pounds, Deborah, Mary, Jonathan, Edward, James, Joseph, Gilbert, Isaiah, Sarah and Miriam.
DATED - 10th mth, 27th day, 1722.
PROVED - Feb. 5, 1722/23.

6. SAMUEL⁶ GRIFFITH (Richard 2nd⁵, Edward⁴, John³,
Griffith², Richard¹)

Children: Several.

EARLY NEW YORK STATE CENSUS RECORDS 1663-1772 by Carol M. Meyers:

EXACT LIST OF ALL YE INHABITANTS NAMES OF OLD AND YOUNG FREEMAN AND SERVANTS WHITE & BLACK EC.

WITHIN YE TOWN OF FFLUSHING AND P'CINTS, 1698:

GREFFIN, RICH'D AND SUSAN HIS WIFE

Samuel, Sarah, Richard

(It would appear that this is GRIFFITH).

LIST OF FREEHOLDERS IN SUFFOLK COUNTY, 27 February 1737:

SAMUEL GRIFFING (it is the belief that this is the above SAMUEL GRIFFITH).

New York Genealogical and Biographical Records states SAMUEL went east. (This could be east from Flushing to Huntington). SAMUEL left several children.

Family tradition -

Albert Buffett Griffith told his daughter-in-law, Lillian Evelyn Soper Griffith, that his great, great grandfather's name was SAMUEL.

In the tumultuous days preceding and during the Revolution, many records and many buildings were destroyed. At best the records are sketchy and inconsistent, and, obviously the spelling by clerks laboriously writing by hand was casual and irregular; for instance, in one book we find the name spelled GRIFFIS on one page and then spelled GRIFFITHS on another page.

GRIFFITH OF HUNTINGTON, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK.

7. WILLIAM GRIFFITH (Samuel⁶, Richard⁵, Edward⁴, John³,
Griffith², Richard¹)

(This was recorded as GRIFFIS)

Baptized June 6, 1736 (Rev. Prime),
Married Abiah Gates, January 27, 1756.

Children:

- William Gates, bapt. Nov. 7, 1756, settled in Oneida Co., N.Y.
James, b. June 4, bapt. July 2, 1758;
m. Sarah Totten, Jan. 11, 1785 (Rev. Hartt).
Anna, b. Dec. 19, bapt. Mar. 1, 1761,
d. Aug. 11, 1835,
m. Alexander Brush, Nov. 11, 1781 (Rev. Hartt)
William, b. Feb. 7, 1763,
d. 1847 in Upper Canada, near Chatham
m. Content Harris, a widow from England,
b. Jan. 8, 1767.
Stephen, b. Dec. 19, 1763,
d. Dec. 24, 1838
Nathaniel, b. Oct. 4, 1768,
d. Mar. 3, 1842,
m. Anna Ruland, Mar. 4, 1789 (Rev. Hartt)
Joel, b. Dec. 26, 1770,
d. 1816.
Esther, b. Mar. 22, 1773, bapt. Feb. 27, 1774 (Rev. Prime),
d. June 28, 1829.
Epenetus, b. Oct. 2, 1775,
m. (1st) Mary Smith (dau. Epenetus Smith and
Susanna Scudder, b. Jan. 31, 1781, d. Jan. 19, 1813.

(Children William Griffith and Abiah Gates, continued)

Epenetus, m. (2nd) Elizabeth Vail, Feb. 15, 1815.

John, bap. Nov. 29, 1778,

m. Hannah Smith at Smithtown (Church records).

Daniel, b. Apr. 1, 1777.

Jeremiah, b. Jan. 9, 1781, bap. Sept. 18, 1781 (Rev. Hartt).

CHURCH RECORDS in Huntington begin in 1723.

The first GRIFFITH (Griffis) record is that of WILLIAM baptized in Huntington, New York, by Rev. Prime, Jan. 6, 1736.

For William Griffis, Jr. (Reverend William Griffis), 1797-1878 (son of William, b. 1763) and his descendants see records compiled by Mary Martha Ryan Jones and Capitola Griffis Welch 1969, which record states that William Griffis told his son that his ancestors came from Wales and they spelled the name GRIFFITH OR GRIFFITHS - he could never give any reason why they changed it to GRIFFIS.

GRIFFITH IN HUNTINGTON, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

GRIFFITH RECORDED AS GRIFFIS due to a lisp.

According to the family legend, as told by Albert Buffett Griffith to his daughter-in-law, Lillian Soper Griffith, WILLIAM GRIFFITH had difficulty pronouncing "th", and in a name or word the "th" sounded like an "s". As this speech impediment was an embarrassment to him, he allowed the clerk to record his name as GRIFFIS rather than confessing the spelling was GRIFFITH which would have called the clerk's attention to the impediment.

The descendants of his son WILLIAM continue to spell the surname GRIFFIS,

whereas the descendants of his son JAMES spell this surname GRIFFITH.

JAMES remained in Huntington, New York, where his descendants are now living.

WILLIAM born Feb. 7, 1763, died in 1847 at the home of his son, the Reverend William Griffis, in Dawn Township on the River Sydenham in Upper Canada, near Chatham. When he was about

thirty years of age he moved from near Albany, New York, to Fredericksburg, "in the incorporate counties of Lenox and Addington". His township was Adolphustown, Midland District, and Province of Upper Canada. Here he resided the remainder of his life.

WILLIAM GRIFFITH AND ABIAH GATES GRIFFITH named two of their children WILLIAM, as follows:

William Gates, baptized Nov. 7th, 1756, served in the American Revolution, settled in Oneida County, New York.

William, born Feb. 7, 1763, served in the American Revolution from Dec. 1, 1775 until the fall of 1780, in periods of from three to five months each, first doing fatigue duty, then garrison duty and scouting. He was engaged in the Battle of Schoharie.

(The above information regarding the two WILLIAMs, William Gates and William, and other detail are of record).

GRIFFITH OF HUNTINGTON, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK.

8. JAMES GRIFFITH (William⁷, Samuel⁶, Richard⁵, Edward⁴,
John³, Griffith², Richard¹)

(Recorded as GRIFFIS)

b. June 4, bap. July 2, 1758,
m. Jan. 11, 1785 Sarah Totten (Rev. Hartt)
Children:

Sarah
Jerusha
Abiah

Jesse, b. 1788,
d. 1855

m. (1st) Betsey Samis, Sept. 9, 1814,
d. June 17, 1816,

m. (2nd) Hannah Bishop, June 15, 1822
b. 1793

d. Dec. 18, 1848
(Old cemetery records)

(Children of James Griffith and Sarah Totten, continued)

William, b. 1790

Peter, b. 1792; d. 1864

m. Sept. 30, 1825, Susan Oakes

All baptized August 4, 1797 by Rev. Joshua Hartt)

The descendants of JAMES reverted to the original spelling of the family name, e.g. GRIFFITH.

GRIFFITH OF HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK

9. PETER GRIFFITH (James⁸, William⁷, Samuel⁶, Richard⁵,
Edward⁴, John³, Griffith², Richard¹).

b. 1792

d. 1864

m. Sept. 30, 1825 SUSAN (by Rev. Hartt)

children:

Albert Buffett (named for a family friend)

b. Sept. 18, 1826

d. March 24, 1901

m. Catherine Mahan, b. Mar. 9, 1837

d. Mar. 11, 1892

Mary

Sarah

Adelaide

10. ALBERT BUFFETT GRIFFITH (Peter⁹, James⁸, William⁷, Samuel⁶,
Richard⁵, Edward⁴, John³,
Griffith², Richard¹)

b. Sept. 18, 1826

d. March 24, 1901

m. Catherine Mahan, b. Mar. 9, 1837

d. Mar. 11, 1892

children:

Edward H. d. Nov. 7, 1860, 1 yr., 6 mths, 7 days.

Frances,

(Children of Albert Buffett Griffith & Catherine Mahan,
continued)

Cecilia,
Sarah A.,

Albert Devine (The "Devine" after a family friend)
b. Mar. 15, 1868,
d. April 13, 1933,
m. Dec. 25, 1892, Lillian Evelyn Soper.

Due to a severe leg injury, he was unable to serve in the
Civil War.

Ira Theodore Soper, (father of Lillian Soper Griffith),
enlisted by falsifying his age to be with his older
brother in the Civil War.

After the passing, March 11, 1892, of his wife Catherine,
he lived with his son, Albert Devine, where he died
March 24, 1901. He and his wife were interred in the
family plot in the Huntington Rural Cemetery.

GRIFFITH IN HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK. NINTH GENERATION IN AMERICA

11. ALBERT DEVINE GRIFFITH (Albert Buffett¹⁰, Peter⁹, James⁸,
William⁷, Samuel⁶, Richard⁵,
Edward⁴, John³, Griffith²,
Richard¹)

b. March 15, 1868,
d. April 13, 1933

m. December 25, 1892 Lillian Evelyn Soper, b. April 6, 1875
d. June 23, 1941

children:

Edward Dodge (named for a family friend)
b. December 10, 1893,
d. December 14, 1893

Clarence Albert, b. December 28, 1894
d. August 9, 1969

m. (1st) Irma Claire Huxley, July
14, 1920

b. March 17, 1892
d. March 17, 1952

(Children of Albert Devine Griffith and Lillian Evelyn Soper Griffith, continued)

Clarence Albert, continued

m. (2) Dec. 18, 1952 Edna Elizabeth
Johanns Walther (widow)
b. July 18, 1905.

Ethel Lillian, b. April 8, 1896,

d. June 1, 1967,

m. Jan. 16, 1915, Philip Otho Carr.

Russell, b. April 17, 1902

Mildred Evelyn, b. April 20, 1904

m. Sept. 6, 1941, Clifford Spencer Peets.

In the early 1880s he was co-owner of a livery stable with many fine carriages and race horses. He often told of hiring a horse and carriage to Tom Thumb and his wife when these little midgets were at the height of their fame. He thought they were a very delightful couple.

After the livery stable business, THE HUNTINGTON MARKET (Choice Meats), on Main Street, Huntington, New York, established in 1888, which business is now the oldest family owned meat market in the Town of Huntington and owned and operated on Main Street, Huntington, New York, at this time by his grandson, Clarence Albert Griffith, Jr.

Among his illustrious customers were the following:

Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th President of the U.S., and his charming wife, when they lived in Oyster Bay, New York, during his presidency and for many years after.

William McAdoo, son-in-law of President Woodrow Wilson, during McAdoo's term of office as Secretary of the Treasury and many years thereafter.

He was an unpretentious, industrious family man who gave good, sound advice and money to those in need and never betrayed a confidence or ever told anyone, not even his own family, of all those he helped along the way, as he lived by his creed of being of service to his fellow man.

He and his wife are buried in the family plot, Huntington Rural Cemetery, Huntington, N.Y.

GRIFFITH IN HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK. TENTH GENERATION IN AMERICA

12. CLARENCE ALBERT GRIFFITH (Albert Devine¹¹, Albert Buffett¹⁰,
Peter⁹, JAMES⁸, WILLIAM⁷, SAMUEL⁶,
RICHARD⁵, EDWARD⁴, JOHN³,
GRIFFITH², RICHARD¹)

b. December 28, 1894

d. August 9, 1969

m. (1st) July 14, 1920, Irma Claire Huxley,

b. March 17, 1892

d. March 17, 1952

daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Fred B. Huxley
of Ontario, New York.

m. (2nd) Dec. 18, 1952, Edna Elizabeth Johannis Walther (widow)

b. July 18, 1906.

daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Henry N.
Johannis of Halesite, New York.

child:

Clarence Albert Griffith, Jr.,

b. December 25, 1928

m. February 2, 1952, Diana Warner

Drohan, b. May 13, 1929, daughter
of Mr. & Mrs. John H. Drohan of
Huntington, New York.

From - The Long Islander, Thursday, August 14, 1969.

C. A. GRIFFITH PROMINENT NATIVE

Clarence Albert Griffith of 160 West Neck Road, Huntington, active in business, real estate, banking and community affairs here, passed away Saturday at his home. Mr. Griffith suffered a heart attack earlier in the summer.

Mr. Griffith was the founder and owner of several businesses and real estate properties in Huntington. Since World War 11, however, his real estate properties in Huntington. Since World War 11, his career in banking dominated his business activities and he served the Security National Bank of Long Island, formerly the First National Bank of Huntington, as both a director since

1942 and a vice president. He retired from the bank this Spring.

Until his death, Mr. Griffith was chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners for the Huntington Fire Department, a position he held for more than 45 years. He was a charter member and past president of the Huntington Rotary Club, a former president of the Huntington Businessmen's Association; a member of the Jephtha Lodge No. 494 F. and A.M.; the Sons of the American Revolution, and a charter member of American Legion Post No. 360. He also served on the advisory commission for the 1939 New York Worlds Fair.

Mr. Griffith was a director of the Huntington YMCA, as well as the Suffolk County Chapter of the American Society, and the Hotel Huntington Corporation. He belonged to the Huntington Yacht Club.

Born in Huntington in 1894, to Albert and Lillian Soper Griffith, he graduated from Huntington High School in 1913. During World War I, Mr. Griffith served in the American Expeditionary Forces in France and was discharged with the rank of first sergeant.

In 1920 he married Irma Huxley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Huxley of Ontario, N.Y. After her death in 1952, he married Edna Elizabeth Johanns Walther who survives.

Also surviving are his son, C. Albert of Huntington; a sister, Mildred Peets of Riviera Beach, Fla.; a brother Russell of Huntington; his stepson, Charles R. Walther of New York City and nine grandchildren.

Huntington Fire Department, Jephtha Lodge and American Legion Huntington Post, held services Monday night at the Fasbender-Touey Funeral Home. Religious services were Tuesday afternoon at St. Peter's Lutheran Church where he was a member, with the Rev. John A. Kavasch officiating. Interment took place in St. John's Memorial Cemetery, Cold Spring Harbor.

GRIFFITH IN HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK. ELEVENTH GENERATION IN AMERICA

13. CLARENCE ALBERT GRIFFITH, JR. (CLARENCE ALBERT¹², ALBERT¹¹, ALBERT BUFFETT¹⁰, PETER⁹, JAMES⁸, WILLIAM⁷, SAMUEL⁶, RICHARD⁵, EDWARD⁴, JOHN³, GRIFFITH², RICHARD¹)

Clarence Albert Griffith, Jr., continued

b. December 25, 1928

m. February 2, 1952, Diana Warner Drohan,

b. May 13, 1929, Brooklyn, N.Y.

children:

Jonathan Huxley b. June 6, 1953
Mark Randall b. Oct. 12, 1955
Andrew Warner b. Sept. 7, 1958
Carolyn b. Apr. 7, 1961
Peter Drohan b. Nov. 3, 1965
Matthew William b. June 17, 1968

Graduated from Huntington High School, 1947

Graduated from Hamilton College, Clinton, New York, 1951,
where he was a member of Chi Psi fraternity.

Post-graduate at New York University, New York, N.Y.

He is active in many diversified businesses which he founded.
He takes high interest in civic affairs.

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MILDRED GRIFFITH PEETS

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b. December 25, 1928

m. February 2, 1952, Diana Warner Drohan,

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Children:

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ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS FOR 1969 EDITION:

- p. 8. Carlyle Griffis Wells is pleasantly located in Lakehurst Residence Club, Apt. 425, 1569 Jackson Street, Oakland, California, 94612; Telephone 451-3648. He drives his car on lengthy pleasure jaunts and enjoys companionship of family and friends, ever mindful of those less favored than himself.

Helen and Barney de Giere are enjoying retirement as of July 1, 1971.

Stephen (Steve) de Giere was awarded a B.A. Degree in Art, and Robert (Bob) a B.S. Degree in Recreation from California State College, 12 June 1971. Steve entered a painting, among 300 others in the State, and came out with 3rd prize, a very fine honor. He was married 24 January 1971.

- p. 15. Ryan, Col. Samuel, was born Peter Gee, 22 May 1789, in Killenaule, Co., Tipperary, Ireland. On his way to England in 1809, was impressed into British naval service, and served until his dramatic escape in June 1816, on Lake Erie following the War of 1812.

At Buffalo, New York, in 1818, he joined the United States Army and rendered valuable service.

A copy of his biography, dictated by him to his son David J. Ryan, gives his story in full. He did not reveal his true name to his children until 1874, two years before his death. He declared a reward had been offered for his head after his desertion, and changed his name from "Peter Gee" to "Samuel Ryan" to escape detection. A copy of his biography is in the Mariner's Museum, Newport News, Va., also in the Wisconsin State Historical Museum.

(A copy submitted to C. Welch by Marion Gibson, p. 20, makes this brief summary possible).

p. 16. New address for Mr. and Mrs. William E. Craig, Jr.,
(Mary Winchell Ryan Craig): 757 Mesa Road South,
Millersville, Maryland 21108

Sandra Nancy writes: "My grandfather, Michael J. Ryan, in addition to his Olympic participation and coaching (also in the Olympics) won the Boston Marathon in 1912. He has a great silver trophy to commemorate this event. He has also been honored by inclusion in the Helms Foundation Hall of Fame."

Michael J. Ryan passed away suddenly 27 December 1971. He had been in poor health for the past five years.

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Sandra's High School was St. Monica's, in Santa Monica, not Santa Monica H.S.

The Dresbecks moved in the summer of 1969 to Bellingham, Washington, where Leroy is teaching at Western Washington State College. He and Sandra are both professional historians. She did the biographical and geographical glossary included in the Papers of George Mason, published in May 1970. This work was heavily dependent upon genealogical studies in Virginia and Maryland.

Their fourth child, Sarah Elizabeth, was born 7 September 1969, Bellingham, Wash.

Address: 111 Viewcrest Road, Bellingham, 98225.

James Paul Ryan is now a Lieut. Commander in the Navy, on duty in Viet Nam as an advisory to the Vietnamese Navy. He and Mary Ellen are now the parents of a second and a third daughter: Amy Elizabeth, b. 21 July 1970, Lakewood, Calif., Laura Eileen, b. 29 November 1971, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Address: 3809 W. Vera St., Milwaukee, 53209
c/o Mrs. Arthur L. McGurdy.

Richard Ryan and Susan have a second child: Sheri Diane, b. 20 Jan. 1970, Downey, Calif. He is now out of the Navy and working for Los Angeles County, branch of Social Welfare. Address: 8223 Adoree St., Downey, Calif. 90242.

Correction: Julie Eileen (not Julia).

(This will be before page 29 so as not to break the continuity of that family information beginning with page 29.)

p. 31. Address: Dr. Norris E. Axthelm
1122 Sierra Drive,
Riverton, Wyoming 82501

p. 33. Mr. and Mrs. Hubert A. Higgins were moving to
Aurora, Nebr., 68818, winter of 1969-70.

p. 29. Thomas Harris³ Griffis (In a book written in 1898
by his 2nd wife, Lucinda Huff Griffis, his name is
given as Thomas Henry Griffis.) Other additions
and changes for pp. 29, 35, 36 are from her book;
those for later than 1898 are from records of
descendants of Gilbert Lewis⁴ Griffis:

1st wife of Thomas, Jane Ann Taylor, married in
1849; died 20 March 1851.

child:

i. Agnes Ann, b. 19 March 1850; d. 25 May 1850.

children: (2nd marriage)

ii. Mary Lowesa, b. Camden Co., W. Canada

p. 35. iii. George Henry, b. Neenah, Winnebago Co.,
Wisconsin.

iv. Lily J. Etholia.

p. 36. v. James Cornelius Irving, b. Grand Chute

vi. Gilbert Lewis

vii. Anne E.

viii. Martha Lucinda, b. Appleton, Outagamie Co.,
Wisconsin.

ix. Eddie, b. Sydenham, W. Keith River, Can.

d. 12 Aug. 1871, Dresden, Canada West

p. 47. Gilbert Lewis⁴ Griffis, m. Grace Rife, 19 Nov. 1891;
d. 2 Dec. 1937. They lived on a farm outside of
Lincoln, Neb., where both daughters were born; then
moved into Lincoln where he owned and operated an
I.G.A. grocery store, attached to his house next door.
He was a butcher and grocer until his death.

Children:

- i. Hazel Irene, b. 5 May 1893; m. Howard Adam Durham, 19 Aug. 1919. He was a professor at Wesleyan Univ., Lincoln, Nebr., until his family was nearly grown, then moved to Ft. Collins, Colo., and taught at Colorado State College until his retirement. Hazel died at Ft. Collins, 25 Dec. 1967.

Children: (surname Durham)

1. Howard Griffis, b. 21 Nov. 1920, Beatrice, Neb., d. 2 Dec. 1920.
2. Almeda Grace, b. 15 Dec. 1921, Beatrice; m. 22 Dec. 1945, Carl N. Hittle.

Children: (surname Hittle)

- (1) Douglas Carl, b. 16 Apr. 1947, Ft. Collins, Colo.
 - (2) David Frank, b. 13 Oct. 1950, Champaign, Ill.
 - (3) Donald Howard, b. 6 May 1953, Costa Rica, Central America
 - (4) Kenneth b. 12 May 1954, Champaign, Ill.
d. 3 March 1955.
 - (5) Craig Allen, b. 18 May 1956, Champaign, Ill.
3. Rosemary, b. 1 May 1925, Lincoln, Nebr.; m. Theodore Sezbecke 27 Dec. 1951.

Children: (surname Sezbecke)

- (1) John Theodore, b. 21 Feb. 1954, Kenosha, Wisc.
- (2) Michael Matthew, b. 24 Jan. 1955, Kenosha, Wisc.
- (3) Karen Lynn, b. 2 July 1957, Kenosha, Wisc.
- (4) Mark Adam, b. 11 July 1959, Calif.
- (5) Linda Marie, b. 25 Dec. 1961, Calif.

4. Adam Francis, b. 21 June 1926, Lincoln, Neb.; m. Beverly Ball, b. 14 March 1930; m. 24 July 1949.

Children: (surname Durham)

- (1) Deborah Ann, b. 12 Mar. 1952, Calif.
- (2) David Edward, b. 8 Nov. 1954, "
- (3) Deanna Lee, b. 29 Nov. 1959, "
- (4) Daniel Adam, b. 16 Nov. 1963, Concord, Calif.

5. Virginia Helen, b. 12 Dec. 1928, Lincoln, Nebr.; m. John Robert Popish, 26 Aug. 1950.

Children: (surname Popish)

- (1) Lynne Marie, b. 7 July 1954, Ft. Collins, Colo.
- (2) Susan Kay, b. 1 Dec. 1956, Ft. Collins, Colo.
- (3) Dale Robert, b. 30 Mar. 1957, Ft. Collins, Colo.
- (4) Steven Howard, b. 19 May 1959, Ft. Collins, Colo.

6. Charlotte Louise, b. 14 Oct. 1933, Lincoln, Nebr.; m. Donald George Schumacker, 24 Aug. 1952.

Children: (surname Schumacker)

- (1) James Kenneth, b. 14 Oct. 1953, Lawton, Oklahoma
- (2) Terresa Jane, b. 24 Jan. 1955, Denver, Colo.

- ii. Marion Gladys, b. 6 July 1897; m. Milton Foulkes Jones, 1 June 1918. (She never used the name Marion, just Gladys). Died 19 March 1966, Omaha.

p. 47 Error: Gladys attended Wesleyan Univ., Lincoln, Nebr. She did not attend Nebr. U. Gladys was a professional church organist all her life.

p. 47 continued:

Milton Foulkes Jones moved his family from Nebraska to Yonkers, N.Y. in 1928. He was with Travelers Ins. Co. He moved to the home office in Hartford, Conn., in 1934 and lived there until his death. He was vacationing in Florida at time of death. Gladys continued to live in West Hartford, Conn., and died in Omaha, Nebr. 1966, while visiting her daughter, Dorothy. She and Milton are buried in West Hartford, Conn.

Children: (surname Jones)

1. Gilbert Foulkes, b. 11 June 1921, Beatrice, Nebr.; m. 2 Oct. 1946, Phoebe Wright Sears.

Children: (surname Jones)

- (1) Gwyne Wright, b. 4 Nov. 1947, Elyria, Ohio.
- (2) Craig Milton, b. 13 May 1953, Nashville, Tenn.
- (3) Braudie Anu, b. 1965, Woodland Hills, Calif.

Their address: Rt. 3, Florence Station, Omaha, Nebr. 68112. (Duda's, not Jones)

2. Dorothy Ruth, b. 25 March 1923, York, Nebr.; m. Walter James Duda 10 July 1945, Corpus Christi, Texas. (Their address above).

Children: (surname Duda)

- (1) Walter Milton, b. 28 May 1947, Omaha, Nebr.; m. Linda Bernice Schmidt 23 Aug. 1969.
- (2) Laraine Kay, b. 23 March 1949, Omaha, Nebr.; m. George Dale Roberts 15 Aug. 1970.
- (3) James Gilbert, b. 12 Apr. 1951, Omaha
- (4) Clare John, b. 9 Sept. 1954, Omaha

3. Elizabeth Jean, b. 14 Feb. 1931, Yonkers, N.Y.; m. Henry Bryce Roberts, 20 Nov. 1954.

Child: (surname Roberts)

- (1) Julie, b. 30 June 1957, Hartford, Conn.

p. 41. New address for Mr. and Mrs. John Richard Carlson:
Larimore, N. Dak. 58251. He is a Law-Enforcement
Officer there.

Becky is a Senior at North Dakota State University.

p. 46. Due to a painful and serious eye condition, Miss
Frances L. Griffis could not supply current informa-
tion for the 1969 book. Eye surgery that winter was
reported by Frances' sister-in-law, Vera Griffis, and
a Christmas card from Frances in 1970 stated that her
eye sight was not good.

On 21 December 1971, a grand-niece of Frances wrote
for her, and hopefully she will send family data.
She is the granddaughter of Jessie Griffis Tracy.
Address: Mrs. John Davison,
816 West Nectarine,
Lompoc, Calif. 93436

p. 50. Address of Josie Griffis, widow of wm. Case Griffis:
237 E. Morris,
Dillon, Montana 59725

Her son, Donald L. Griffis (p. 50 and 60) owns the
Phillips 66 station in Dillon, having sold his previous
business.

p. 50 New address for the Reverend and Mrs. John C. Gilbert
(Grace Alice Griffis):
2845 Briarwood Drive,
Livermore, Calif. 94550

p. 51. Susan Joy Gilbert married Paul Sherman, 13 Sept. 1969,
in the Detroit Covenant Church.

She was a 1969-70, 3rd year student at Wayne State
University, having changed her major to music.

Paul, a veteran of Vietnam conflict, a student at
Henry Ford Community College, majoring in Education.

p. 52. Joan Karen Nix married Donald Arthur Albrecht in the
Winnetka Covenant Church, 24 July 1971, in a beautiful
ceremony.

- p. 53. Herbert A. Griffis and Helen Lawrence Gold were married 6 June 1970, at 11 A.M. in a private ceremony in Palm Desert Community Church. They were attended by Helen's daughter, Linda, and Mr. Frederick Heitkamp. Edwin Sayre, cousin of Helen, sang appropriate solos, with Mrs. Sayre at the organ.

Helen teaches a special class for the Palm Springs Unified School District. Their address:
76-990 Robin Drive
Indian Wells, Calif. 92260

Ethel, Herb's former wife, resides in Minneapolis.

- p. 56. C. N. Griffis, now 82, Founder of the Peruvian Times, is active in the policy and direction of the business.
- p. 60. Patricia Ann Waisanen graduated from college and received an Associate Degree in Nursing at a special church ceremony, 4 June 1971. She is now a Registered Nurse in the Aurora, Minnesota, Hospital.

Correction and addition to 1968 edition:

Valerie Jan (not Jane)

George Waisanen was an honor student in High School. He is an ambitious person, and in addition to his many duties he cuts timber and pulp wood on his own land as a hobby.

- p. 63. Notes for William Griffis Book (July 1971) reported by D. N. Griffis.

D. N. Griffis retired from Pan American Airways after 31 years in the airline. Active in private business ventures. New address: 4140 El Prado,
Miami, Fla. 33133

- i. William Davis - employed as draftsman and continues architectural studies at N.Y. Institute of Technology.
- ii. Stephen Noel - Junior at Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida.

iii. Andrew Bacon - Senior in High School.

iv. Jane Ann. High School Freshman

Andrew Bacon Griffis, born 8 Sept. 1954, Miami, Florida.

(My sincere apologies for omitting him in 1969 book. C.W.)

p. 64 Donald I. Griffis, manages the Peruvian Times and associated publications.

i. Eleanor M. Educated in Lima and in England. Resided and worked in Montreal for Montreal Engineering Co. and later with Canadian Pacific. Now resides in Lima, Peru, and is secretary and assistant to her father.

ii. Susan J. - Attended University at St. Louis, Mo. and Madrid, Spain. Currently studying for a degree in History at the University in Lima.

iii. Anne C. Attending Lawrence University at Appleton, Wisconsin; will be a Junior starting Fall of 1971.

iv. Gillian M., will be attending Russell Sage College at Troy, N.Y. in Fall of 1971.

v. Allison J. -

vi. Gail H. -

(Nothing to report on v and vi at this writing)

p. 65. Corrections:

William Clair⁷ Griffis (Wm.⁶; Wm.⁵; Herbert⁴; Wm.³; Wm.²; Wm.¹)

Kelley (not Kelly)

Addition:

ii. Martha Kelley Griffis, b. 5 June 1970, Springfield, Minnesota.

p. 66. Family information adds some facts concerning Donald Lee Griffis:

He enlisted and served with the U.S. Army in Korea after graduating from Virginia (Minn.) Junior College.

He graduated from Montana State College with the highest honors ever awarded up to that time to a graduate of that school.

While serving in Viet Nam, Don received commendations for special service and an Oak Leaf Cluster was added to these awards just before he left Viet Nam. Don never mentions these, but they were sent to his parents by his commanding General.

From Viet Nam he was located in Munich, Germany, still with the Military Intelligence, and completing work on his M.A. Degree in Education.

Don was in Southeast Asia again in 1971.

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To All: This must necessarily conclude my efforts as family historian. However, I shall be in touch with you in getting this supplement to you and in making the 1969 book available as long as copies are on hand.

Capitola Griffis Welch

January 1972

- p. 8. John Arthur Wells and Donna; their child Jay Arthur,
b. 5 Dec. 1971.
- p. 30. Grace Irene Graham Axthelm: Born 22 July 1886,
Raymond, Nebr. Died 31 Dec. 1971, Gothenburg, Nebr.

Ethel Van Wey writes 9 Jan. 1972:

"My mother had a heart attack on Nov. 7th and died on Dec. 31st of 1971. Her funeral was this last Monday. The two families from Riverton, Wyoming came, as did the other families who live in this territory. We feel mother was blessed with death because we knew she could not get better, and had she lived, she would have been bedfast. She would have chosen death to being bedfast, had she been able to have a choice.

My father, who is totally blind, is living by himself. This is his desire and he is getting along very well. He eats at least one hot meal a day with us and we keep a watch over him. His mental attitude is so great and positive that it is a pleasure to help him."

- p. 31. Timothy Lee Axthelm, son of Cecil Alfred Axthelm, married Mary Frances Lindsay, Nov. 15, 1969, Manhattan, Kansas. She was born May 13, 1948, Casper, Wyoming. Present address: North Platte, Nebr. Child:

Donnie Kay, born July 15, 1970, Gothenburg, Nebr.

Mark Anderson Axthelm, son of Cecil Alfred Axthelm, married Stephanie Kay Weber, April 2, 1970, North Platte, Nebr. She was born Sept. 27, 1951, Wheatland, Wyoming. Present address: North Platte, Nebr. Child:

Jamie Lee Axthelm, born May 29, 1971 at Gothenburg, Nebr.

- p. 41. R. L. Currier is now a Manufacturers' Representative for automotive lines.

Mr. Wesley G. Smillie, father of Lorene Currier, passed away in Fargo, 4 Feb. 1971, after several years of failing health. Mrs. Smillie carries along bravely, alone in the family home.