

Descendants of Elisha Allen Bridgewater

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The Bridgewater Register
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Generation No. 1

1. ELISHA ALLEN² BRIDGEWATER (*WILLIAM*¹) was born Bet. 1769 - 1775 in Virginia, and died 1818 in Robertson Co., TN. He married MARGARET "PEGGY" DORRIS, daughter of ISAAC DORRIS and SUSANNAH BARKER. She was born Bet. 1775 - 1785 in North Carolina, and died May 1842 in Robertson Co., TN.

Children of ELISHA BRIDGEWATER and MARGARET DORRIS are:

- i. SON³ BRIDGEWATER, b. Bet. 1794 - 1802.
2. ii. WILLIAM DORES BRIDGEWATER, b. October 27, 1802, Tennessee; d. 1877, Greene Co., IL.
- iii. SUZANNA BRIDGEWATER, b. February 29, 1804, Robertson Co., TN; d. October 31, 1847; m. ISIAAH DORRIS, September 13, 1827.
- iv. DAUGHTER BRIDGEWATER, b. Bet. 1804 - 1810.
- v. MARTHA BRIDGEWATER, b. January 07, 1807, Robertson Co., TN; m. JOSIAH FROST DORRIS.
- vi. SOPHRONIA BRIDGEWATER, b. 1810.
- vii. DAUGHTER BRIDGEWATER, b. Bet. 1810 - 1820.
- viii. HARRIET BRIDGEWATER, b. February 13, 1814, Robertson Co., TN; d. January 17, 1852; m. ISIAAH DORRIS, May 03, 1848.

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2. WILLIAM DORES³ BRIDGEWATER (*ELISHA ALLEN*², *WILLIAM*¹) was born October 27, 1802 in Tennessee, and died 1877 in Greene Co., IL. He married NANCY PAISLEY May 25, 1827. She was born May 06, 1810 in Dripping Springs, KY, and died 1905 in Beardstown, Cass Co., IL.

Children of WILLIAM BRIDGEWATER and NANCY PAISLEY are:

3. i. MARGARET ELIZABETH⁴ BRIDGEWATER, b. February 07, 1829, Tennessee; d. September 17, 1926, Pleasantview, Schuyler Co., IL.
- ii. BIDDY ASKADA BRIDGEWATER, b. January 23, 1831, Geneva, Morgan Co., IL; m. JEREMIAH LENT, July 18, 1850, Morgan Co., IL.
4. iii. HARRIET LUCINDA BRIDGEWATER, b. December 25, 1832, Geneva, Morgan Co., IL; d. February 23, 1926, Roodhouse, Greene Co., IL.
- iv. WILLIAM MOSES BRIDGEWATER, b. July 22, 1834, Geneva, Morgan Co., IL; d. November 11, 1834, Geneva, Morgan Co., IL.
- v. HIGHLA EMELINE BRIDGEWATER, b. November 25, 1835, Illinois.
5. vi. ELISHA GREENING BRIDGEWATER, b. August 26, 1837, St. Marys, Hancock Co., IL; d. September 23, 1913.
- vii. SUSAN R. BRIDGEWATER, b. August 16, 1839, St. Marys, Hancock Co., IL; d. 1850, Illinois.

- viii. NANCY M. BRIDGEWATER, b. June 05, 1841, St. Marys, Hancock Co., IL; m. JOHN ALBERT STARKS.
- 6. ix. JOHN THOMAS BRIDGEWATER, b. March 15, 1844, Brown Co., IL; d. July 16, 1936, Jacksonville, Morgan Co., IL.
 - x. JAMES T. BRIDGEWATER, b. April 04, 1846, Brown Co., IL; d. about 1859, Illinois.
 - xi. ORCEMAS A. BRIDGEWATER, b. April 24, 1848, White Hall, Greene Co., IL; d. Bat. 1856, Illinois.
 - xii. STEPHEN E. BRIDGEWATER, b. December 23, 1849, Scott Co., IL; d. about 1850, Illinois.
 - xiii. CHARLES MONTGOMERY BRIDGEWATER, b. February 11, 1851, Scott Co., IL; m. DRUZILLA JANE GARRETT, August 24, 1885, Greene Co., IL.
 - xiv. ISABELLA N. BRIDGEWATER, b. October 26, 1853, Illinois; d. about 1875, Illinois.

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3. MARGARET ELIZABETH⁴ BRIDGEWATER (*WILLIAM DORES*³, *ELISHA ALLEN*², *WILLIAM*¹) was born February 07, 1829 in Tennessee, and died September 17, 1926 in Pleasantview, Schuyler Co., IL. She married (1) THOMAS BUNFILL May 04, 1847 in Morgan Co., IL. He was born 1819 in Greene Co., PA, and died 1871. She married (2) ALFRED CHUTE April 26, 1877 in Schuyler Co., IL.

Children of MARGARET BRIDGEWATER and THOMAS BUNFILL are:

- 7. i. HARRIET SOPHRONIA⁵ BUNFILL, b. September 20, 1851, Bethel, Morgan Co., IL; d. December 28, 1929, Mt. Sterling, Brown Co., IL.
- ii. SUSANNAH MARIA BUNFILL, b. 1854, Morgan Co., IL; d. 1939; m. DAVID L. SMEDLEY, June 07, 1873, Schuyler Co., IL.
- iii. WESLEY S. BUNFILL, b. January 17, 1856, Morgan Co., IL; d. May 08, 1934; m. ADELIA HEDRICK, October 25, 1882, Brown Co., IL.
- iv. ELIZA BUNFILL, b. 1859, Illinois.
- v. WILLIAM JEREMIAH BUNFILL, b. November 06, 1865, Schuyler Co., IL; d. May 09, 1951; m. HELEN OLIVIA CHUTE, December 04, 1884, Brown Co., IL.
- vi. MARGARET BUNFILL.

4. HARRIET LUCINDA⁴ BRIDGEWATER (*WILLIAM DORES*³, *ELISHA ALLEN*², *WILLIAM*¹) was born December 25, 1832 in Geneva, Morgan Co., IL, and died February 23, 1926 in Roodhouse, Greene Co., IL. She married JOHN WESLEY CHAPMAN August 08, 1850 in Greene Co., IL. He was born January 11, 1833 in Walkerville Twp., Greene Co., IL, and died December 04, 1927 in Roodhouse, Greene Co., IL.

Children of HARRIET BRIDGEWATER and JOHN CHAPMAN are:

- i. NANCY EMELINE⁵ CHAPMAN, b. March 18, 1852, Walkerville Twp., Greene Co., IL; d. October 07, 1929, Greene Co., IL.
- ii. JAMES HENRY "BUD" CHAPMAN, b. 1853, Walkerville Twp., Greene Co., IL.
- iii. LORNA JANE CHAPMAN, b. January 14, 1857, Walkerville Twp., Greene Co., IL.
- iv. LAURA EMALINE CHAPMAN, b. 1859, Greene Co., IL; m. PETER KINSER, April 07, 1872, Greene Co., IL.
- v. MARY CATHERINE "KATE" CHAPMAN, b. May 25, 1864, Greene Co., IL; d. Before 1960; m. SQUIRE VINYARD, November 18, 1883, Greene Co., IL.

5. ELISHA GREENING⁴ BRIDGEWATER (*WILLIAM DORES*³, *ELISHA ALLEN*², *WILLIAM*¹) was born August 26, 1837 in St. Marys, Hancock Co., IL, and died September 23, 1913. He married SYLVIA JANE BOIRUN September 21, 1865 in Greene Co., IL, daughter of BENJAMIN BOIRUN and MARIA WOOD. She was born February 18, 1850 in Walkerville Twp., Greene Co., IL, and died February 01, 1905.

Children of ELISHA BRIDGEWATER and SYLVIA BOIRUN are:

- i. ADDIE M.⁵ BRIDGEWATER, b. December 03, 1866, Bridgewater, Greene Co., IL; d. November 18, 1964; m. JOHN M. VOILES, September 28, 1884, Greene Co., IL.
- 8. ii. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BRIDGEWATER, b. July 04, 1869, Bridgewater, Greene Co., IL; d. 1957.

6. JOHN THOMAS⁴ BRIDGEWATER (*WILLIAM DORES*³, *ELISHA ALLEN*², *WILLIAM*¹) was born March 15, 1844 in Brown Co., IL, and died July 16, 1936 in Jacksonville, Morgan Co., IL. He married LUCINDA SWEETIN

February 23, 1865 in Greene Co., IL, daughter of AZARIAH SWEETIN and SARAH WELLS. She was born October 08, 1843 in Hillview, Greene Co., IL, and died April 08, 1908 in Kansas City, Jackson Co., MO.

Children of JOHN BRIDGEWATER and LUCINDA SWEETIN are:

- i. SARAH JANE⁵ BRIDGEWATER, b. November 30, 1865, Hillview, Greene Co., IL; d. May 06, 1954; m. DAVID D. LOOPER, October 04, 1880.
9. ii. WILLIAM CROW BRIDGEWATER, b. March 28, 1868, Hillview, Greene Co., IL; d. December 20, 1907.
- iii. HARRIET EMELINE BRIDGEWATER, b. April 01, 1871, Hillview, Greene Co., IL; d. October 14, 1947; m. EDWARD TUCKER, February 05, 1886.
- iv. ELISHA BRIDGEWATER, b. March 01, 1873, Hillview, Greene Co., IL; d. 1875.
- v. JOHN CALVIN BRIDGEWATER, b. July 17, 1875, Hillview, Greene Co., IL; d. August 07, 1947; m. ALTA MILLER, December 13, 1896.
10. vi. ORNAN WALTER BRIDGEWATER, b. December 21, 1877, Hillview, Greene Co., IL; d. April 06, 1954, Jacksonville, Morgan Co., IL.
- vii. HARRY C. BRIDGEWATER, b. September 13, 1879, Hillview, Greene Co., IL; d. 1880.

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7. HARRIET SOPHRONIA⁵ BUNFILL (*MARGARET ELIZABETH⁴ BRIDGEWATER, WILLIAM DORES³, ELISHA ALLEN², WILLIAM¹*) was born September 20, 1851 in Bethel, Morgan Co., IL, and died December 28, 1929 in Mt. Sterling, Brown Co., IL. She married JOHN EMSLEY STEPHENS June 23, 1868 in Schuyler Co., IL. He was born April 13, 1850 in Schuyler Co., IL, and died May 23, 1936 in Brown Co., IL.

Children of HARRIET BUNFILL and JOHN STEPHENS are:

- i. MARY L.⁶ STEPHENS, b. June 04, 1869, Schuyler Co., IL; d. May 31, 1949; m. EMSLEY A. DAVIS, May 25, 1888, Brown Co., IL.
- ii. AZORE E. STEPHENS, b. September 29, 1871, Schuyler Co., IL; d. February 12, 1872.
- iii. JESSE PEARL STEPHENS, b. June 14, 1874; d. December 04, 1955; m. WILLIAM H. DAVIS, August 17, 1893, Schuyler Co., IL.
- iv. NORA STEPHENS, b. June 11, 1877; d. January 28, 1962; m. (1) WESLEY NEAL; m. (2) ARTHUR G. DAVIS, May 17, 1896, Brown Co., IL.
- v. ETHEL AMELIA STEPHENS, b. May 15, 1881; d. March 25, 1952; m. CHARLES HENNERS.
- vi. HATTIE LOUISE STEPHENS, b. May 09, 1885; d. December 07, 1961, Hutchinson, KS; m. JAMES NEWTON COLE, September 05, 1906; b. July 21, 1880, Versailles, Brown Co., IL; d. October 07, 1945, Monmouth, Warren Co., IL.
- vii. HELEN STEPHENS, m. LELAND LANIER.
- viii. MAUDE STEPHENS, m. HALLIE MOORE.

8. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN⁵ BRIDGEWATER (*ELISHA GREENING⁴, WILLIAM DORES³, ELISHA ALLEN², WILLIAM¹*) was born July 04, 1869 in Bridgewater, Greene Co., IL, and died 1957. He married ROSE ANN COX May 10, 1891 in Greene Co., IL. She was born March 03, 1873 in Illinois, and died April 09, 1937 in White Hall, Greene Co., IL.

Children of BENJAMIN BRIDGEWATER and ROSE COX are:

- i. LENA F.⁶ BRIDGEWATER, b. August 1891.
- ii. GUY BRIDGEWATER, b. June 1894; m. HALLIE.
- iii. WARD J. BRIDGEWATER, b. May 31, 1896, Greene Co., IL; d. August 22, 1991; m. NORMA.
- iv. FITZHUGH LEE BRIDGEWATER, b. April 22, 1898, Bridgewater, Greene Co., IL; d. March 1968; m. GEORGINE ADELE PIPER, December 25, 1924, Whitehall, Greene Co., IL; b. September 04, 1900; d. February 1968.

9. WILLIAM CROW⁵ BRIDGEWATER (*JOHN THOMAS⁴, WILLIAM DORES³, ELISHA ALLEN², WILLIAM¹*) was born March 28, 1868 in Hillview, Greene Co., IL, and died December 20, 1907. He married EMMA MANGER December 16, 1887. She was born February 1866 in Illinois.

Children of WILLIAM BRIDGEWATER and EMMA MANGER are:

- i. BESSIE O.⁶ BRIDGEWATER, b. August 1894, Illinois.
- ii. SADIE B. BRIDGEWATER, b. September 1899, Illinois.

10. ORNAN WALTER⁵ BRIDGEWATER (*JOHN THOMAS*⁴, *WILLIAM DORES*³, *ELISHA ALLEN*², *WILLIAM*¹) was born December 21, 1877 in Hillview, Greene Co., IL, and died April 06, 1954 in Jacksonville, Morgan Co., IL. He married ETHEL IRENE BLACKWELL December 06, 1897 in Kansas City, KS, daughter of GEORGE BLACKWELL and ELIZABETH LOCKER. She was born May 06, 1881 in Gilead, Calhoun Co., IL, and died November 05, 1955 in Carrollton, Greene Co., IL.

Children of ORNAN BRIDGEWATER and ETHEL BLACKWELL are:

- i. ORNAN WALTER⁶ BRIDGEWATER, b. July 16, 1899, Kansas City, Jackson Co., MO; m. HESTER JANE AGEE, December 24, 1921; b. About 1900, Illinois.
- ii. LEORA BRIDGEWATER, b. October 29, 1901; d. May 11, 1982, San Bernardino Co., CA; m. JAMES CECIL CROSBY, October 15, 1924; b. February 19, 1901; d. March 22, 1989, San Bernardino Co., CA.
- iii. MILDRED BRIDGEWATER, b. July 22, 1903; m. CHARLES W. CONRAD, December 19, 1923.
- iv. GRACE ELIZABETH BRIDGEWATER, b. April 22, 1906; d. November 14, 1909.
- v. WILMA BRIDGEWATER, b. January 03, 1909; d. February 13, 1995, San Diego Co., CA; m. (1) VICTOR TANNER SCHMUCH; b. January 02, 1908; d. December 23, 1980, San Diego Co., CA; m. (2) EDWARD ERNEST ELHOFFER, August 08, 1927.
- vi. RUSSELL BRIDGEWATER, b. April 08, 1911, Hillview, Greene Co., IL; d. September 12, 1977, Jerseyville, Jersey Co., IL; m. JULIA E. SNYDER, March 26, 1930; b. July 08, 1907, Illinois; d. September 1992.
- vii. INFANT BRIDGEWATER, b. April 02, 1914; d. April 02, 1914.
- viii. HARLAN JOHN BRIDGEWATER, b. December 06, 1915; m. LEONA WADE, June 15, 1937.
- ix. LOUISE JEAN BRIDGEWATER, b. April 26, 1918; d. December 19, 1996; m. JEFFERSON FINLEY SMITH; b. April 28, 1909; d. September 16, 1980.
- x. ETHEL MAE BRIDGEWATER, b. July 27, 1920, Hillview, Greene Co., IL; m. (1) MARK SANFORD, June 04, 1939; m. (2) GEORGE W. HUGHES, November 09, 1951, Los Angeles Co., CA; b. About 1918.

The ancestry of Elisha Allen Bridgewater has not been researched as far as I have learned. My thoughts, and a direction for further research: Elisha may be the son of William Bridgewater of Henrico Co., Virginia. William executed a will on July 28, 1790, naming children: William, *Elisha*, Jonathan, Mary, Elizabeth, Sarah, Susanna, and Martha. Susannah was recently married to Joseph Jopling by bond posted February 13, 1790. The will was proved in Henrico Co., Virginia, court on December 2, 1793.

Stretching further, at some risk of inaccuracy, William may be a brother of Jonathan Bridgewater [1724-1805] of Henrico and Amherst Counties, Virginia, and with that connection, if established, he is then a son of Nathaniel Bridgewater, grandson of Samuel and Frances Bridgewater of Henrico Co., Virginia, and great-grandson of Thomas Bridgewater of Sulhampstead Abbots, Berkshire, England. Thomas was a nephew or grandnephew of Henry Bridgewater, *Gentleman*, of Burghfield, who devised items to his nieces and nephews, including Thomas Bridgewater, in 1599.

Elisha's ancestry at this time is *entirely conjecture* and should not be accepted or copied as fact. It is only offered to provide focus for continued research into solving this particular ancestral mystery.

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