

*Life Story
of*



Francis Pugsley James

1807-1888

Sally Clarke Wells James

1812-1889

THE PURPOSE OF THIS BOOKLET

We are putting these booklets together on our ancestors, not for the purpose of aiding in any genealogical research, although there might be that possibility for some readers. We are not making an effort to include all the names, dates, and places we might discover if we searched. We do not want to take that much time because of the magnitude of our task.

Our intention is to preserve the life stories of our ancestors as completely as we can. The family traditions, anecdotes, and accomplishments that might be lost to our posterity if we don't record them. There are also mementoes, certificates, photographs, especially photographs, that might be forever lost if we don't find a way to share them. This is our effort to do so.

We feel it is not an accident that so many family records have ended up in our hands from both sides of our families. We feel we have them because we will take care of them and share them. We are getting old and we realize that if we die without doing something about these family treasures, they will probably not be preserved for future generations. We're not sure how to share them but preparing these books and booklets is at least the first step. Our children or grandchildren may have to take it from there and we trust that they will. *Wilbur P. + Donna Lynn Bliss*

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Maine to Ohio to Indiana to Iowa

Francis Pugsley James was born April 25th, 1807 in York County, Maine. He was named for his maternal grandfather, Francis Pugsley. His younger brother Joseph also was given his mother's maiden name for a middle name. In addition there was one more brother and six sisters. Francis was next to the oldest of nine children of Samuel and Mary Pugsley James.

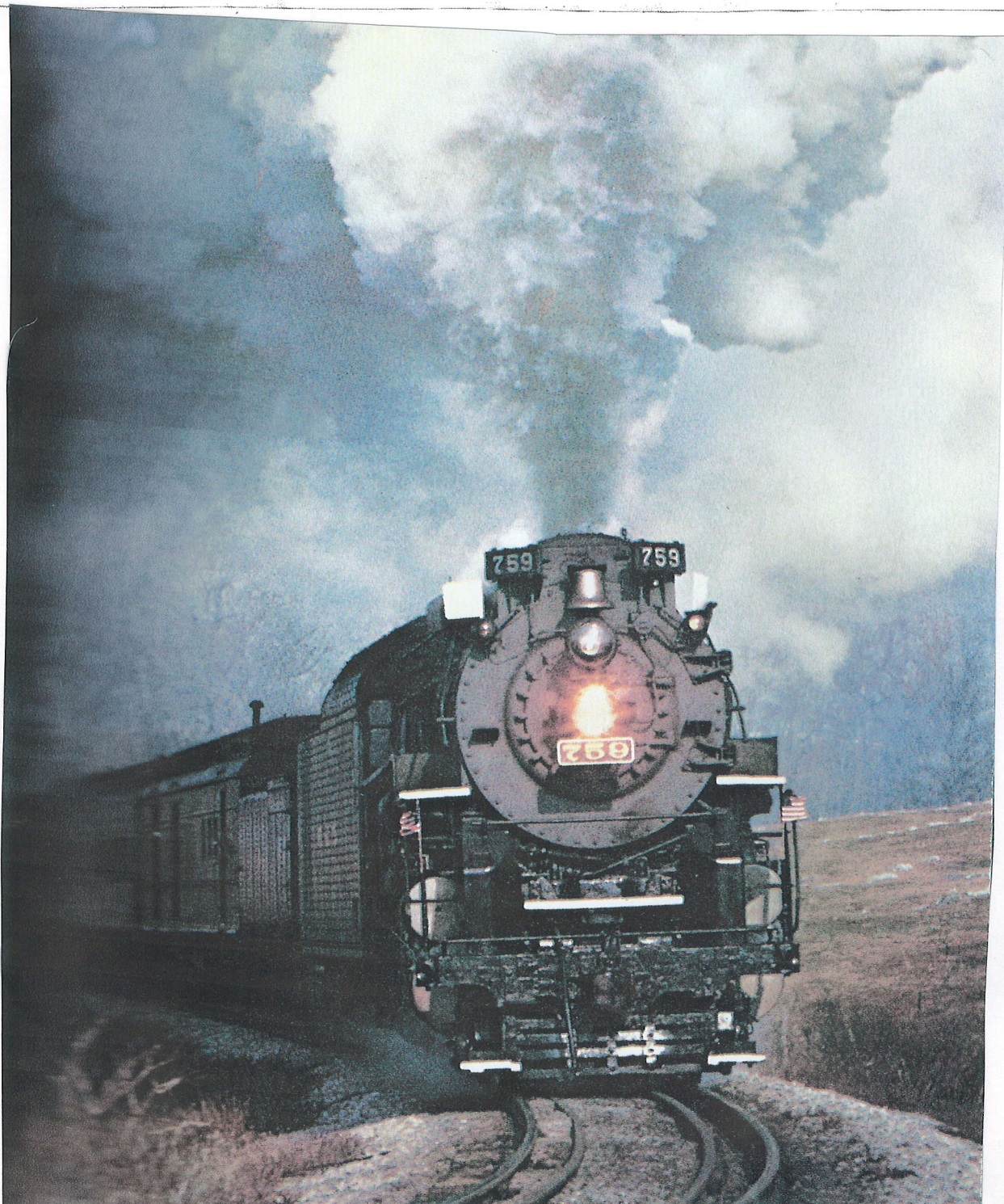
When Francis was 10 years old his family moved to Athens County, Ohio. There he met Sally Clarke Wells whose parents were Sarah and Varnum G. Wells. She was born near Merietta, Ohio. They married on the 7th or 11th of February, 1830. Francis was 23 and Sally 18 when they were married in Athens County, Ohio.

Six years later, with 4 young children, the family moved to Salem Township, Delaware Co., Indiana. They had 11 known children including twins, a boy and a girl. The boy lived but one day. Our ancestor, Sarah Ursula, was their 2nd child. Eighteen years later in 1854, when Francis was 47 years old, they made their final move to Jefferson County, Iowa where other relatives lived, including their daughter Sarah's family (the Long). They bought 230 acres of land to farm.

Religion, Railroads Etc.

Francis and Sally were Adventists who observed Saturday Sabbath. They were involved in the community in many ways. In 1857 they quit claimed 50 feet on either side of the track to be laid through their farm to the Burlington and Missouri River Rail Road Company.

Sally served the area of Beckwith near Fairfield, Iowa, for many years as a nurse. We assume that was as a practical nurse serving the needs of members of the community. The record is silent as to whether or not she was a midwife but there is that likelihood.





Death and Burial

Francis died on February 11th, 1888 at 80 years of age, bequeathing all of his estate to his "beloved wife, Sally P. James". When Sally died, a year later, the Fairfield Ledger printed the following obituary. Some of the dates are incorrect and it says there were 12 children, though we only have record of 11.

Death of Mrs. James

Mrs. Sally James, widow of Francis P. James, died very suddenly at her home just west of Beckwith Saturday night about 10:30. After the family had retired for the night, Mrs. James aroused one of her grandsons, telling him to go for a neighbor, that she was very sick. Before assistance came she was dead. Mrs. James was in the 78th year of her age. She was born near Marietta, Ohio, and was married to Francis P. James, who died a little more than a year ago, on February 7th, 1830. The family removed to Indiana in 1836 and thence to Iowa in 1846 (sic). Their first residence in Iowa was near Salem, and in 1847 (sic) they came to Jefferson County, settling on the farm on which both husband and wife died. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. James, only two of whom are now living. The funeral occurred Monday morning, and the remains were interred in Bethesda cemetery. "

Isaac's 2nd Wife's Family - Sarah James
Family Group Record

Husband Francis Pugsley James				
Born	25 Apr 1807	Place	Shapleigh, York, Maine	LDS ordinance dates
Christened		Place		Baptized 29 Jun 1990
Died	11 Feb 1888	Place	Beckwith, Buchanan Township, Jefferson, Iowa	Endowed 3 Oct 1990
Buried		Place	, Jefferson, Iowa	Sealed to parents 2 Nov 1990
Married	11 Feb 1830	Place	, Athens, Ohio	Sealed to spouse 5 May 1987
Husband's father Samuel James				
Husband's mother Mary Pugsley				

Wife Sally Clarke Wells				
Born	21 Jan 1812	Place	of Athens, , Ohio	LDS ordinance dates
Christened		Place		Baptized 14 Sep 1990
Died	23 Mar 1889	Place	Beckwith, Buchanan Township, Jefferson, Iowa	Endowed 3 Oct 1990
Buried		Place	, Jefferson, Iowa	Sealed to parents Uncleared
Wife's father Varnum G. Wells				
Wife's mother Sarah Davis				

Children List each child in order of birth.	LDS ordinance dates	Temple
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1	F	Mary Patience James		
	Born	13 Nov 1830	Place of, Athens, Ohio	Baptized 14 Sep 1990
	Christened		Place	Endowed 2 Nov 1990
	Died	Abt 1885	Place Downey, Los Angeles, California	Sealed to parents 2 Nov 1990
	Buried		Place	
	Spouse Carpenter			
	Married	1852	Place , , Indiana	Sealed to spouse Submitted
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2	F	Sarah Ursula James		
	Born	18 Jan 1832	Place of, Van Buren, Iowa	Baptized 14 Sep 1990
	Christened		Place	Endowed 4 Oct 1990
	Died	5 Jul 1877	Place Fairfield, Jefferson, Iowa	Sealed to parents 2 Nov 1990
	Buried		Place , Van Buren, Iowa	
	Spouse Isaac C. Long			
	Married	27 Mar 1859	Place , Jefferson, Iowa	Sealed to spouse 2 Nov 1990
				LANGE

3	M	Elisha John James		
	Born	21 May 1834	Place of, Athens, Ohio	Baptized 14 Sep 1990
	Christened		Place	Endowed 5 Oct 1990
	Died	12 Dec 1854	Place , Van Buren, Iowa	Sealed to parents 2 Nov 1990
	Buried		Place , Van Buren, Iowa	
	Spouse			
	Married		Place	Sealed to spouse

4	F	Hannah Anne James		
	Born	10 Oct 1836	Place of, Athens, Ohio	Baptized 14 Sep 1990
	Christened		Place	Endowed 2 Nov 1990
	Died	26 Mar 1873	Place , Jefferson, Iowa	Sealed to parents 2 Nov 1990
	Buried		Place , Jefferson, Iowa	
	Spouse Richard Ellis Caviness			
	Married	16 Sep 1858	Place , Jefferson, Iowa	Sealed to spouse 2 Nov 1990
				LANGE

Family Group Record

Husband Francis Pugsley James

Wife Sally Clarke Wells

Children List each child in order of birth.

LDS ordinance dates

Temple

5	F	Anna Maria James			
		Born	23 Nov 1838	Place	of, Delaware, Indiana
		Christened		Place	
		Died	20 Jan 1874	Place	, Jefferson, Iowa
		Buried		Place	Monmouth, , Illinois
		Spouse	Cyrus Gibson Pugsley		
		Married	30 Sep 1866	Place	, Jefferson, Iowa
				Sealed to spouse	2 Nov 1990
					LANGE

6	F	Marcia Francis James			
		Born	21 Jun 1843	Place	Salem Township, Delaware, Indiana
		Christened		Place	
		Died	26 Dec 1923	Place	Fairfield, Jefferson, Iowa
		Buried		Place	, Jefferson, Iowa
		Spouse	William Francis James		
		Married	6 Mar 1864	Place	Salina, Jefferson, Iowa
				Sealed to spouse	2 Nov 1990
					LANGE

7	F	Eunice Margaret James			
		Born	25 Dec 1846	Place	Salem Township, Delaware, Indiana
		Christened		Place	
		Died	22 Jun 1900	Place	, Jefferson, Iowa
		Buried		Place	, Jefferson, Iowa
		Spouse	Eber Davison		
		Married	22 Sep 1867	Place	Fairfield, Jefferson, Iowa
				Sealed to spouse	Submitted
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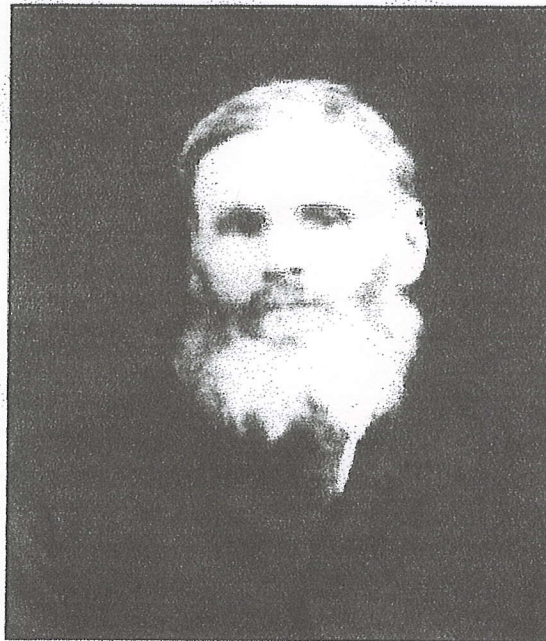
8	F	Susan Almira James			
		Born	1 Apr 1849	Place	, Delaware, Indiana
		Christened		Place	
		Died	3 Aug 1880	Place	, Jefferson, Iowa
		Buried		Place	, Jefferson, Iowa
		Spouse	James D. Huff		
		Married	4 Feb 1869	Place	, Jefferson, Iowa
				Sealed to spouse	25 Oct 1990
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9	F	Esther Jane James			
		Born	22 Feb 1853	Place	, Delaware, Indiana
		Christened		Place	
		Died	5 Jan 1885	Place	, Jefferson, Indiana
		Buried		Place	, Jefferson, Indiana
		Spouse	Richard Ellis Caviness		
		Married	21 Mar 1875	Place	, Jefferson, Iowa
				Sealed to spouse	8 May 1991
					LANGE

10	M	Joseph Orrin James			
		Born	22 Feb 1853	Place	, Delaware, Indiana
		Christened		Place	
		Died	23 Feb 1853	Place	Salem Township, Delaware, Indiana
		Buried		Place	
				Baptized	Child
				Endowed	Child
				Sealed to parents	25 Feb 2004
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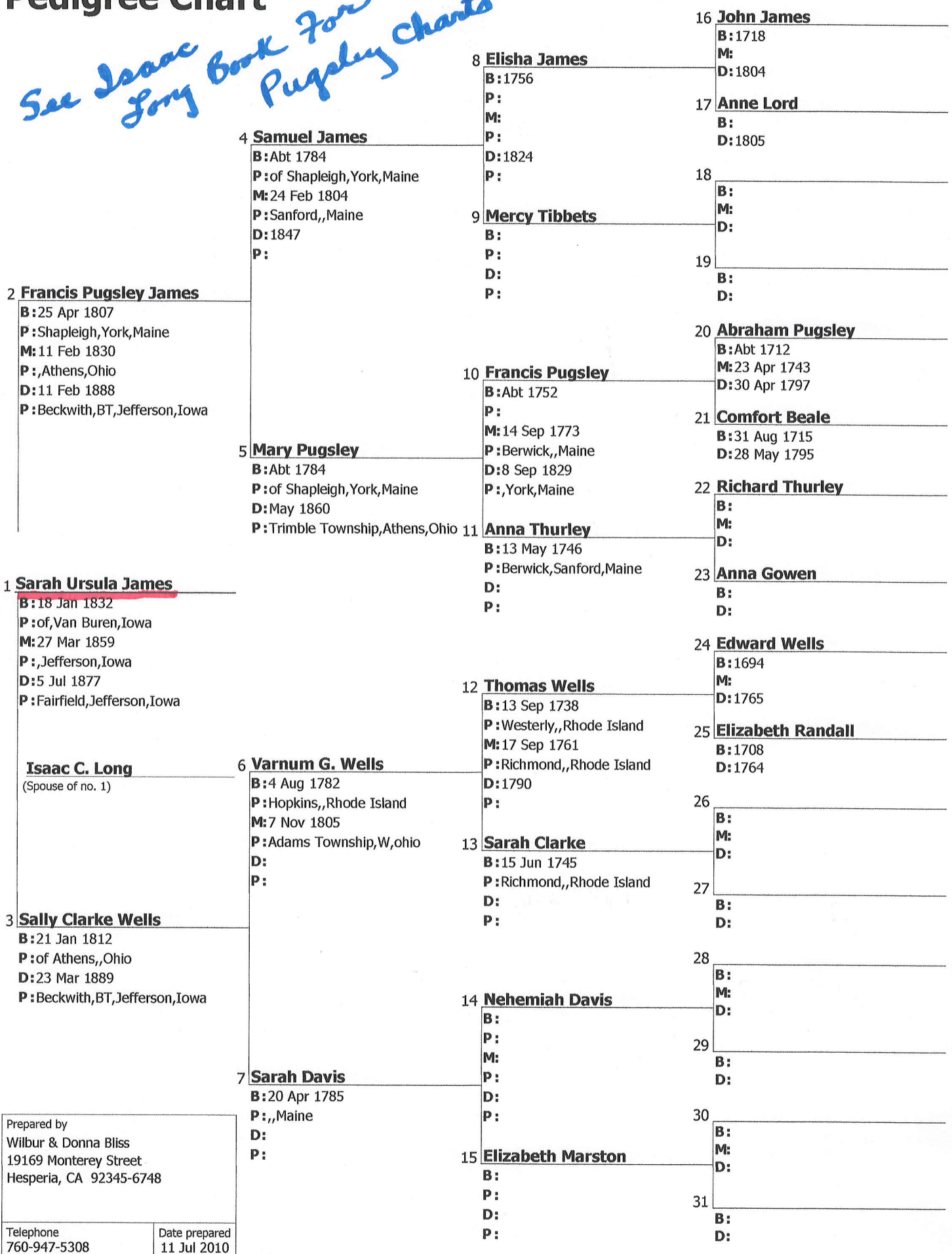
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10	M	Joseph Orrin James	
Spouse			
Married		Place	Sealed to spouse
11	F	Sylvia Ellen James	
Born		13 Oct 1857	Place , Delaware, Indiana
Christened		Place	Baptized Sub 10 Jul 2002
Died		Place	Endowed Sub 10 Jul 2002
Buried		Place	Sealed to parents Sub 10 Jul 2002
Spouse			
Married		Place	Sealed to spouse



Isaac Long

Pedigree Chart

See Isaac Long Book For Pugsley Charts



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