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ASA RUBY

1769-1803

ASA RUBY, the son of Peter Ruby II and Jane Brooks was born July 3, 1769. One researcher wrote that Asa was born in the Common-wealth of Virginia. Another wrote that he may have been born on the way from York, Pennsylvania to Virginia in what is now known as Hardin, County, Kentucky. We believe that he was born in Vir-ginia - now known as Hardin County, Kentucky.

Asa married Jane Rogers on April 23, 1790 in Nelson County, Ken-tucky. She was born September 21, 1774, the daughter of Mathew Rogers and Eleanor Carter of Cedar Creek, Hardin County. Asa and Jane had six children and according to entries in the bible of their son, Mathew Rogers Ruby, and the book, "The Emison Families" by James Wade Emison, their names, births, marriages, chil-dren and deaths are as follows:

1. James Rogers Ruby was born February 2, 1791 in Hardin Coun-ty, Kentucky and died August 29, 1845 in Ringgold, Iowa. He married Susannah Baysinger, March 18, 1815 in Breckenbridge County, Kentucky. She was born March 26, 1779 in Greenbrier Virginia, the daughter of Johan Peter Baysinger and Barbara Schneider. Johan was born in Germany in 1750 and migrated to America in 1770. He married Barbara Schneider in 1771 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Johan died in 1808.

James and Susannah had twelve children and according to ent-ries in Addison Sparks Ruby's book, "Genealogy of Ruby Famil-ies" and correspondence with Mrs. Margaret Ruby Tindle, who is a descendant of Bonerges F. Ruby, son of James and Susannah, the names, births, marriages, children and deaths of their children are as follows:

1. Margaret A. Ruby born October 16, 1816 and died October 12, 1899. She married (first) James Benson in Edgar Coun-ty, Illinois. They had two children:
    They had three children:
    James married (second) Melissa Conley in Diagonal, Iowa. They had nine children:
      1. Dora Benson who married Henry Graham.
      2. Laura Benson who married L.S.Miller.
      3. Thomas Benson who did not marry.
      5. Eva Benson who married Frank Kallaus.
      7. David Benson who did not marry.
2. Susannah Benson married (first) James Powell. They were divorced. They had one daughter:
   1. Maggie Powell.

Susannah Powell married (second) William Vance. They had three children:
   1. Larance Vance - not married.
   2. Belle Vance who married Logan Smith.
   3. Lula Vance who married Clip Conley.

Margaret Ruby Benson married (second) Miles Conley. They did not have any children.

2. Asa Ruby, son of James and Susannah, was born July 18, 1818, and died December 18, 1897. He married Anna Conley. They had five children:
   2. Olive Ruby who married Alfred Lewis. They had three children:
       1. W. Sherman C. Lewis who married Lou Pierce. They had two children:
           1. Ivory C. Lewis; 2. Pearl Lewis.
       2. James F. Lewis who married Allie Preast. They had two children:
           1. Alfred Lewis; 2. Mail Lewis.
       3. Minnie Lewis who married Ray Trullinger. They had six children:
   3. William J. Ruby the son of Asa Ruby and Anna Conley, married Jenny Stranahan. They had four children:
       2. Lumma Ruby who married William Patterson.
       4. Howard Ruby who married Lauretta Goahring.

4. Hyram Ruby, son of Asa and Anna married (first) Nancy M. Tweedy. They had three children:
   1. Annie Mae Ruby who married Dent Moore. They had four children:
   2. Myrtle M. Ruby who married George A. Baysinger. They had seven children:
   3. Mary L. Ruby who married Claude E. Zink. They had nine children:

Hyram Ruby married (second) __________. They had Asa. Hyram married (third) __________. They had Ernest and Sheridan.
5. Jonathan Ruby, son of Asa and Anna, married Lottie Funk. They had three children:
   1. Lillie Ruby who married Ernest Mull.
   2. Charles Ruby who married Alta Guild.

3. James H. Ruby, son of James Rogers Ruby and Susannah Baysinger, was born April 5, 1820 and died December 13, 1898. He married Cynthia Conley. They had ten children:
   1. Harriet Ruby who married Charles Campbell. They had nine children:
      3. Abot Campbell who married Granville Kendal.
      5. Thomas E. Campbell who married Minnie B. Reeves.
      7. Cora L. Campbell who married Jesse C. Foltz.
   2. A. Baldo Ruby who married Minerva Andrews.
   3. Sarah Ruby who married James Baker. They had three children:
      1. Orvil Baker who married Margaret McCallann.
      3. Thomas Baker who married Anna Smith.
   4. Margaret Ruby who married Thomas M. Gregory. They had eight children:
      1. William Gregory who married Elizabeth McClelland.
      2. Loretta Gregory who married Frank McClelland.
      3. Aaron A. Gregory who married Bertha A. Ruby.
      4. Lucille Gregory who married (first) George Curry. They were divorced. She married (second) Thall Bannon.
      5. Thomas Gregory who married Lillie Wright.
      7. Elsie Gregory who married Harry Hardy.

5. Mary Ruby who married Joseph McNeer. They had four children:
   1. Laura McNeer who married Lee Danielson.
   3. James E. McNeer who did not marry.


7. James W. Ruby who married (first) Jennie Falls. He married (second) Mattie Falls. They had three children:
The children of James W. Ruby and Jennie Falls and Mattie Falls are as follows: (It was not recorded which children were born to Jennie and which to Mattie)

1. Laura Ruby who married William Carne.
3. Dwight Ruby who did not marry.

James W. Ruby married (third) Mary Richmand. They had one son:

1. Thomas Bert Ruby who married Bell Billings.

James W. Ruby married (fourth) Manda Minkler. They had one son:


8. Kate L. Ruby, daughter of James H. Ruby and Cynthia Conley married Cass Alley. They had two children:

2. Albert Alley who did not marry.

9. Charles Ruby, son of James H. Ruby and Cynthia Conley, married Jemima Kendal. They had seven children:

1. Attie Ruby who married William Hafer.
2. Homer C. Ruby who married Alberta Daniels.
3. Ralph D. Ruby who married Dollie Morrow.
4. Rollie Ruby who did not marry.
5. Hallie H. Ruby who married Pearl Huston.
7. Clifford Ruby who did not marry.

10. L. Josephine Ruby, daughter of James H. Ruby and Cynthia Conley. She married Stephen Alley. They had four children:


4. Bonarges F. Ruby, the son of James Rogers Ruby and Susannah Baysinger, was born April 8, 1822 and died April 13, 1898. He married (first) Lovina Rogers. They had one child:

1. Sarah Ellen Ruby who married Ben Miller. They had eight children:

2. Ida Miller who married Charles Ross.
3. Adaline Miller who married Wesley Conley.
4. Lovilla Miller who married Logan Smith.
5. Frank Miller who married Ida Bagwell.
7. Ola Miller who married Dick Adkins.
8. Ethel Miller who married Edd Smith.

Bonarges F. Ruby married (second) Mary (Polly) Blakesley. They had three children:

1. J. Addison Ruby who married Melissa Short. They had four children:

Children of J. Addison Ruby and Melissa Short (cont'd):


2. Amos Fiss Ruby, son of Bonerges F. Ruby and Mary Polly Blakeley, was born May 31, 1952 and died March 28, 1922. He married Sarena Conley, daughter of Henry D. Conley and Susan Campbell Conley. Sarena was born October 19, 1855 and died March 17, 1921. Amos and Sarena had nine children:

1. Bart Bement Ruby (called Mint) was born January 7, 1875 in Diagonal, Ringgold County, Iowa. He died June 25, 1939. He married (first) Anna Crocker. They had three children:
   1. Major Vernon Ruby;
   2. Doris Ruby;
   3. Carson Ruby.

   Bart Bement Ruby married (second) Winnie Alice Loe Hogue who was born May 23, 1877 in Kinderhook, Illinois. She died December 11, 1950 in Chariton, Iowa. Bart and Winnie Alice had six children:
   1. Alma Ruby who died as an infant.
   2. Florence May Ruby who married Orville Lee Davison.
   4. Loel Franklin Ruby who married several times - the names of his wives were not available.
   6. Margaret Maxine Ruby who was born April 3, 1920 in Knowlton, Ringgold County, Iowa. She married Dr. Cletus Eugene Tindle. He was born March 23, 1919 in Diagonal, Iowa. They had one daughter:
      1. Cindy Tindle who was born May 31, 1951. She married James Allen Smith.

"I wish to express here my sincere appreciation for all the material - charts with family data - photographs and encouragement to continue this research, to Mrs. Margaret Ruby Tindle. Especially for the material on the family of Bonerges Ruby."  JWR

2. Lula Ruby, daughter of Amos and Sarena was married to S. Franklin Ruby.
3. Fannie Ruby who married George Kessler.
4. Frank Ruby who married Effa Clark.
5. Chauncy Ruby who married Floyd Kessler.

We were not able to obtain any further information on the children of Amos and Sarena.
3. Bartholomew Ruby, the third child of Bonerges F. Ruby and his second wife Mary Polly Blakesley Ruby, married Viola Sabin. They had six children:
   1. S. Franklin Ruby who married Lula Ruby, daughter of Amos Fiss Ruby and Serena Conley Ruby.
   2. Lillie Ruby who married Willard B. Alcorn.
   5. Robert Ruby who did not marry.

Bonerges F. Ruby married (third) Elizabeth Blakesley. They had six children:
   1. Chauncy Ruby who married (first) Mary Rollings. They had four children:
      1. Alvin S. Ruby who married Edna Carll.
      4. Bula Inice (may have been Beulah Inez) who married Roy Follis.
   2. Ida May Ruby, daughter of Bonerges F. Ruby and Elizabeth Blakesley, married Michael Baysinger. They had six children:
      1. Peter Baysinger who married Maggie Hencely.
      2. Valentine Baysinger who married the widow of Peter Baysinger, Maggie Hencely Baysinger.
      5. Lydia R. Baysinger who married Spurgeon Peddy.

Ida May Ruby Baysinger married (second) Lyman Goodrich. They had two children:
   1. Lyman Goodrich, Jr., who did not marry.
   2. Edith Goodrich who did not marry.

3. William R. Ruby, the son of Bonerges F. Ruby and Elizabeth Blakesley, married Emma C. Fires. They had four children:
   2. Chester W. Ruby who married Myrtle Anderson.

4. Albert S. Ruby, the son of Bonerges F. Ruby and Elizabeth Blakesley, married Cora White. They had three children:
Children of Albert S. Ruby and Cora White (continued):
1. Clemie Ruby who married Ernest Roberts.
3. James Ruby who did not marry.

5. Charles E. Ruby, the son of Bonerges F. Ruby and Elizabeth Blakesley, married Edith M. Malone. They had two children:
   1. Charles E. Ruby, Jr., who did not marry.
   2. David R. Ruby who did not marry.

6. Otis B. Ruby, the son of Bonerges F. Ruby and Elizabeth Blakesley, married Carrie H. Fitzgeralds. They had seven children:
   1. Robert H. Ruby.
   2. Jennie M. Ruby.
   5. Stella M. Ruby.
   6. Albert F. Ruby.

Bonerges F. Ruby married (fourth) Lovina Jackson. They had three children:

1. Mary E. Ruby who did not marry.
2. Oscar L. Ruby who married Lizzie Hampton.
3. Rosa Ruby who married (first) Sherman Jackson. They had five children:
   1. Bessie Jackson.
   2. Willard Jackson.
   3. Helen Jackson.
   4. Margaret Jackson.
   5. Eva Jackson.

Rosa Ruby Jackson married (second) Charles Cummins. They had two children:
1. Loslen Cummins.
2. Juanita Cummins.

In Addison Sparks Ruby's Book "Genealogy of Ruby Families", he wrote:

"The Rubys and Baysingers, as far back as known, were tillers of the soil and keepers of flocks and herds; hence their reason for going west while lands could be gotten for $1.25 per acre. The Country was new and sparsely settled. Corn meal was often made by grating soft corn on a grater made by punching a piece of tin full of holes with a nail - flour was made from buckwheat by grinding it on a coffee mill. Rabbits, quail, prairie chickens, turkeys, deer were plentiful which was a tremendous help in supplying food. Houses were made from timber that grew along the creeks, with such tools as any farmer had - walls were round logs which were notched so as to make the cracks small. The roofs were of clapboard weighted down with heavy logs to keep them from blowing away in the wind. The floors were either just the
ground or split logs with the flat side down - the fireplace was made with sod and the hearth of dirt. Much of the cooking was done in the fireplace as well as furnishing the heat for the home. Good medicine was non-existant - the wives provided what medical care was needed. God had not forgotten those who went to a new part of the country for the purpose of bettering their condition by getting homes for themselves and their children."

So, it seems that history repeats itself with the same pattern as the Swiss ancestors who left home to provide a better opportunity for themselves and their families.

5. John B. Ruby who was born January 3, 1824 and died November 6, 1868 was the fifth child of James Rogers Ruby and Susannah Baysinger. He married Rachel Harvey. They had five children:
   1. Calvin S. Ruby who married Ida M. Kechler. They had five children:
      1. Hattie M. Ruby who married R. Van Dorn.
      3. Frank E. Ruby who married Mary Groves.
      5. Lottie C. Ruby who married Elles Lehman.
   2. Margaret Ruby who married Sam Starr. They had three children:
      1. Loue Starr who married _____ Lloyd.
      2. Lizzie Starr who married _____ Perkins.
      3. a son whose name was not recorded.
   3. James Ruby who married Mahala Dusenbery. They had four children:
      1. Arthur Ruby.
      2. Clyde Ruby.
      3. Lloyd Ruby.
      4. Vera Ruby.
   4. T. Marshall Ruby who married Mary McMullen. They had eight children:
      1. Harry Ruby.
      2. Guy Ruby who married Rose Duniher.
      7. Jennie Ruby who did not marry.
      8. Hazel Ruby who did not marry.
   5. Delila Ruby who married (first) _______ Engle. They had two children:
      1. George Engle.
      2. Rachel Engle.
Delila Ruby Engle married (second) Mark Kent. They had five children:
1. Dory Kent who married Frank Field.
2. Roy Kent.
3. Ethel Kent.
4. Oscar Kent.
5. Rosey Kent.

6. Valentine G. Ruby married Harriet Conley. They had nine children:
1. Houston Ruby who married Nancy Clark. They had seven children:
   1. Lorin Ruby who married Jessie Bliss.
   3. Lyda Ruby who married Albert Frazee.
   5. Floyd W. Ruby who married Frankie Winerd.
   6. Jennie Ruby who did not marry.
   7. Chester Ruby who married Emma Campbell.
2. Susannah Ruby who married Josiah Jarvis. They had two children:
   2. Lillian Jarvis who married Charles Graham.
3. John B. Ruby who married (first) Ellen Falls. They had two children:
   1. George L. Ruby who did not marry.
John B. Ruby married (second) Eva Crew. They had two children:
4. Mary E. Ruby married Thomas McKune. They had two children:
   1. Oscar McKune who did not marry.
   2. Nora McKune who married Sam Wagner.
5. J. Milberm Ruby who married Mary Stahl. They had three children:
   1. Harriett Ruby who married Lee Wentzel.
   2. Verna Ruby who married George Nickle.
   3. Clemment Ruby who married Dean Lane.
6. L. Warner Ruby who married Angelina Wilber. They had seven children:
   5. Luva F. Ruby who married James Campbell.
   6. Pearl M. Ruby who married Ernest Fields.
Children of Valentine G. Ruby and Harriet Conley (cont'd)

7. Colin J. Ruby who married (first) Matilda Falls. They had three children:

Colin J. Ruby married (second) Mary Hensley. They did not have any children.

8. Julia E. Ruby who married John Dillenburggg. They had three children:
   2. Clyde Dillenburggg who did not marry.

9. Alfred G. Ruby who married Rachael Falls. They had one daughter:
   1. Effie Ruby who married Lewis Stange.

Valentine G. Ruby died September 6, 1895.

7. Barbra-Ann Elizabeth Ruby, the seventh child of James Rogers Ruby and Susannah Baysinger, was born January 3, 1830 and died May 4, 1900. She married Chauncy Blaksley. They had eight children:
   1. Sophia Blaksley who married Ryenza Conley. They had five children:
      1. Prudence Conley who married George Wilkie.
      4. Joseph Conley whose wife's name was not recorded.
      5. Eva Conley who married Clarence Dant.

2. Haslip Blaksley who married Mary Devose. They had five children:
   2. Ryenza Blaksley who married Edna Philbric.
   3. Isaac Blaksley who married Mamie Philbric.
   4. Solomon Blaksley who did not marry.
   5. William O. Blaksley who did not marry.

3. Anna Blaksley who married George Conley. They had six children:
   1. Valda Conley who married Pearl Lowry.
   3. Alice Conley who married Andrew Whitted.
   4. Leo Conley who married Mabel Wrotees.
   5. Harley Conley who did not marry.
   6. Lester Conley who did not marry.

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4. Obadiah H. Blaksley who married Rebecca Baysinger. They had seven children:
   1. Rhoda Blaksley who married William Jackson.
   2. Rozena Blaksley who married William Case.
   4. Virgil Blaksley who did not marry.
   5. Ruth Blaksley who married Joseph Wright.
   6. Vernon Blaksley who did not marry.
   7. Truman Blaksley who did not marry.

5. Della J. Blaksley who married Marion Conley. They had eleven children:
   2. Clyde L. Conley who married Lelia Terrill.
   3. Mack Conley who did not marry.
   7. William Conley who did not marry.
   8. Harold Conley who died as a child.
   9. Ollis Conley who did not marry.
  10. Fenton Conley who did not marry.

6. Abbigill Blaksley who married Duella Conley. They had eight children:
   1. Lena Conley who married Thomas Crane.
   2. Sylvia Conley who married Harry Searl.
   3. Flossie Conley who married Charles McCoy.
   5. Lelia Conley who married Arthur Fry.
   6. Dale Conley who did not marry.
   7. Vera Conley who did not marry.
   8. Dwight Conley who did not marry.

7. Lovisa J. Blaksley who married Frank Rose. They had three children:
   1. Clark Rose who married Margaret Mitchell. They had one son:
   2. Lusta G. Rose who married Harvey A. Reetz.

8. Miley Blaksley who died in childhood.

Barbra-Ann Elizabeth Ruby Blaksley died May 4, 1900.

8. Jane Ruby, the eighth child of James Rogers Ruby and Susannah Baysinger died as a child.

9. Milbern Jonathon Ruby, the ninth child of James Rogers Ruby and Susannah Baysinger, was born November 27, 1836 and died March 23, 1916. He married Lovisa Wilson. They had five children:
The children of Milbern J. Ruby and Lovisa Wilson (cont'd)

1. Mariah Adaline Ruby who married John Riley. They had eight children:
   1. William J. Riley who married Etta Bracken.
   2. Lovisa Riley who married William Fry.
   4. Hannah M. Riley who married Frank Roberts.
   7. Frank J. Riley who married Jane Smith.

2. James Ruby who married Anna Taylor. They had four children:
   1. Eunice Ruby who married Jack Thomas.

3. Ida Ruby who married Walter Norton. They had two children:
   1. Lucinda Norton who married Howard Whithead.

4. John W. Ruby who married Cora Hedges. They had two children:
   2. Arthur Ruby who did not marry.

5. Edward M. Ruby who married Cora Fitch. They had four children:
   1. Harold E. Ruby who did not marry.
   2. Gwendolyn Ruby who married Solon Youmans.
   3. Wauneta Ruby who did not marry.


10. Solomon Ruby, the tenth child of James Rogers Ruby and Susannah Baysinger died at birth.

11. Addison Sparks Ruby the eleventh child of James Rogers Ruby and Susannah Baysinger, was born December 20, 1839. He married Hortensa B. Whitcomb, June 28, 1860. She died at the age of 29 years. They had five children:
   1. Arba V. Ruby who married Stella Bernett. They had six children:
      1. Bertha Ruby.
      2. Lillian Ruby.
      3. Addison J. Ruby who married Florence Taylor. They had four children:
Children of Arba V. Ruby and Stella Bernett (continued):

5. Everett V. Ruby who married Ava Newton. They had three children:
6. Minnie H. Ruby who married Claus H. Seivers. They had four children:

2. Harriett Jane Ruby, the second child of Addison Sparks Ruby and Hortensia Whitcomb was born 1859 and died in 1874 at the age of fifteen.

3. Zelphla A. Ruby (she preferred to spell her name Zilpha) was the third child of Addison and Hortensia. She married Frank Bonebrake. They had three children:
   1. Lola A. Bonebrake who married William Grosvenor. They had one daughter:
      1. Zelphla A. Grosvenor.
   2. Walter A. Bonebrake who died at the age of eighteen.
   3. Perca Bonebrake who died at the age of eight.

4. Cora B. Ruby, the fourth child of Addison and Hortensia was married to Andy Goodson. They had six children:
   1. Glee Goodson who married Eva Ross. They had one son:
      1. Robert Lee Goodson.
   2. Clara Goodson who married Leo Williams.
   3. Meral Goodson who married Fred Stahl. They had one daughter:
      1. Wilma Stahl.
   5. Lowell Goodson who died at the age of ten months.

5. Bertha A. Ruby, the fifth child of Addison and Hortensia was married to Aaron A. Gregory. They had two children:
   1. Lucetta Gregory who married Wilmer Hickman. They had two children:
      1. Elizabeth Hickman; 2. Robert Hickman.
   2. Merritt Gregory who married Bernice Berry. They had three children:

Addison Sparks Ruby married (second) Harriett B. Stahl on April 23, 1876. They had six children:

1. Ora M. Ruby, the first child of Addison and Harriett was married to Byron B. Adams. They had five children:
   2. Lloyd L. Adams who married Bessie Crawford. They had three children:

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Children of Ora M. Ruby and Byron B. Adams (continued)

4. Percella B. Adams who married Howard D. Thompson. They had one son:
   1. Howard D. Thompson, Jr.

2. Zetta May Ruby, daughter of Addison and Harriett, died at the age of nine months.

3. Arthur G. Ruby son of Addison and Harriett died at the age of eight years.

4. Altha Ira Ruby, son of Addison and Harriett, married Erma Mace. They had four children:
   2. Dorothy M. Ruby.
   3. Altha I. Ruby.
   4. Glen A. Ruby.

5. Ima L. Ruby, the daughter of Addison and Harriett, married Dr. Ray S. Wycoff. They had three children:
   1. Raymond E. Wycoff.
   2. Ruby F. Wycoff.

6. A. Everett Ruby who married Mearle Lemon. They had one son:
   1. Kenneth A. Ruby who married Dorothy ______. They had two children:

Addison Sparks Ruby, at the age of 87 compiled the Ruby Family Genealogy and published it in a small booklet form. The names, dates, etc., presented here on the James Rogers Ruby families are all taken from this booklet. He acknowledged the assistance of many in his family for the material in the history. He wrote that there may be errors of commission or omission and that these facts are as correct as can be at the time he published the booklet - 1926. I am sure there are many additions to the family tree since that time. Mrs. Margaret Ruby Tindle, a descendant of Bonerges F. Ruby, has been most helpful in providing material on the family of Bonerges F. Ruby. It is hoped that she will decide to publish a book on the Iowa Rubys from her vast knowledge of the Iowa Rubys. Picture of Margaret follows:

Addison Sparks Ruby died March 5, 1936.

12. Leezeutta S. Ruby, the twelfth child of James Rogers Ruby and Susannah Baysinger, was born April 24, 1842 and died November 8, 1906. She married L.T. Reynolds. They had four children:
   1. Sarah Jane Reynolds who married John C. West. They had nine children:
      1. Gertie West who married Wilson C. Pittman
      2. Nora B. West who married J.T. Pittman

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Children of Sarah Jane Reynolds and John C. West (cont'd);
3. Lorenza C. West. He married Emma Harron.
5. Ir West. He married Stella Miller.
6. R.D.West. He married Effie Scott.
7. Mabel V. West. She married Elliot Scott.
8. Arlie L. West. He married Marion Damon.
There were no further records on Sarah and John's children.

2. Charles D. Reynolds whose wife's name was not recorded. They had two children - only their names were recorded;
   1. James Reynolds; 2. Oscar Reynolds.

3. John Reynolds. There were no further records available.

4. Mary A. Reynolds who married (first) I.B.Gentzler. They had one son;
   1. Ernest T. Gentzler who married Myrtle Johnston. They had two daughters whose names were not recorded.

Mary A. Gentzler married (second) D.R.Sims. They had four children;
   1. Earl G. Sims who married Mabel R. Fisher. They had four children - only their names were recorded;
   2. Jennie L. Sims who married A. Larson. They had five children - only their names were recorded;
   3. Goldie E. Sims who married Byron R. Bagger. They had one daughter - only her name was recorded;
      1. Dorothy Bagger.
   4. Daisy Sims who married Alfred Gustafson. They had two children - only their names were recorded;
      1. Donald Gustafson; 2. Edna Gustafson.

Leezeeta S. Ruby Reynolds married (second) Thomas Brott. They had five children;
1. Thomas Oscar Brott who married Bertha Minich. They had six children:
   2. Hally H. Brott. He married Georgia Snow.
   3. Truman C. Brott. He married Ethel Easther.
   5. Leonard Brott. He married Christina Martendale.

2. Nellie Brott who married Bruce A. Smith. They had two children:
   1. Ralph Smith who married Mary F. Hancock. They had one son;
      1. Carl Smith.
   2. Harley Smith who married Ethel Demerest. They had one daughter;
      1. Lois E. Smith.
3. Clifford A. Brott who married Elizabeth Burley. They had three children:
   1. Luvia E. Brott who married Carl E. Blaker. They had one daughter:
      1. Laura Etta V. Blaker.
   2. Gerald R. Brott - not married.
   3. Clifford A. Brott, Jr., - not married.

5. Ira Brott who married Laura J. Campbell.

James Rogers Ruby and Susannah Baysinger had twelve children. Their many descendants lived in and around Edgar County, Illinois where James and Susannah lived until 1855. They then moved to Ringgold County, Iowa. From Ringgold County, their descendants have scattered all over the country to establish homes of their own - but the "home" has always been referred to as Iowa. Many of their descendants served in the Civil War. Nearly all able-bodied men of military age volunteered for service in the war. Among those to enlist in the Ruby families were:

   2. Bonerges F. Ruby - 8th Iowa Cavalry.
   3. Addison J. Sparks Ruby - 8th Iowa Cavalry.
   4. J.A.Benson Ruby - 8th Iowa Cavalry.

James Rogers Ruby died August 29, 1845 in Ringgold County, Iowa.

2. MATHEW ROGERS RUBY the second child of Asa Ruby and Jane Rogers was born in Hardin County, Kentucky, December 18, 1792. He married Esther Hughes, daughter of John Hughes, Revolutionary War Soldier and Esther Thorne. Mathew and Esther were married December 18, 1812. A complete history of Mathew and Esther and their nine children is shown in Chapter VI - MATHEW ROGERS RUBY.

3. Peter Ruby son of Asa and Jane was born and died January 26, 1794.

4. Jane Ruby, daughter of Asa and Jane was born February 27, 1796 in Hardin County, Kentucky. She married Valentine Baysinger, the brother of Susannah Baysinger Ruby - James Ruby's wife. James was Jane's brother. Jane and Valentine lived in Edgar County, Illinois and moved with James and Susannah to Ringgold County, Iowa in 1855. Jane and Valentine had six children - only their names were recorded:
   1. Peter Baysinger.
   2. Mathew Baysinger.
Children of Jane Ruby Baysinger and Valentine Baysinger (cont'd);

4. James Baysinger.
5. Elizabeth Baysinger.

We were not able to find any further records pertaining to the children of Jane and Valentine.

The following excerpt from the Hopkins County, Kentucky Deed Book #4, page 274, dated February 12, 1824, concerns Jane and Valentine and other members of Jane's family:

"....We, THOMPSON T. GREEN and NANCY, his wife of Henderson County, Kentucky; JOHN HARVEY and SARAH, his wife of Hardin County, Kentucky; VALENTINE BAYSINGER and JANE his wife, and JAMES RUBY of Breckenridge County; do appoint MATHEW R. RUBY of Henderson County; for our true and lawful attorney in fact... Recorded in Hardin County by JAMES RUBY and SARAH HARVEY on January 19, 1824; in Breckenridge County, by VALENTINE and JANE BAYSINGER on January 27, 1824 in Henderson County, by THOMPSON T. GREEN on February 12, 1824."

Soon after the Civil War, Jane and Valentine moved to Coffee County, Kansas. A short acknowledgement of Jane's contribution to the Iowa Ruby history is given in Addison Sparks Ruby's Book, "Genealogy of the Ruby Families"

"The early history of the Ruby family was obtained from Jane Ruby Baysinger in 1874, who was then on her deathbed in Coffee County, Kansas. She was, at that time, past eighty years old."

We do not know the exact date of Jane's or Valentine's deaths or where they are buried. It is assumed to be in Coffee County, Kansas.

3. Sarah Ruby, the daughter of Asa Ruby and Jane Rogers, was born May 13, 1799 in Hardin County, Kentucky. She married John Harvey. There is no record of children or any further reference to Sarah and John other than the above reference to the Hopkins County Deed Book.

4. Nancy Ruby, the daughter of Asa and Jane, was born October 8, 1802 in Hardin County, Kentucky. She married Thompson T. Green. They lived in Henderson County, Kentucky. It was interesting to note that Thompson T. Green was one of witnesses for the Will of John Hughes, September 25, 1824. John Hughes was the father of Esther Hughes, wife of Mathew Rogers Ruby. Mathew and Nancy were brother and sister.

We were not able to find any records of children or the dates of Nancy and Thompson's deaths. The exact location of the cemetery was not available.

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Asa and Jane owned 400 acres of land near Pittman's Creek and Deer Creek, Kentucky. In 1802 this land was surveyed and the record of the survey is shown in the Hopkins County, Kentucky Book, #1, page 97:

"1/17/1802; ASA RUBEN(RUBY); 400 acres; PITTMAN'S CREEK, Ent'd & Surveyed for Asa Ruby (Ruby) 1 M.W. o 21; 1 M.W. o 16; 2 horses, (Asa d - 1803). Above Grant issue his heirs 11/15/1815. Surveyed 368 acres on CTF of Henderson Co. Court (Hopkins County) on PITTMAN'S CREEK. Bounded----at a MILITARY CORNER with MILITARY LINE and STEPHENSON'S LINE--Stephen Ashley's Line."

Asa Ruby died in 1803 and his Will was probated May 2, 1803 in Henderson County Court House, Henderson, Kentucky. A copy of his Will and the Abstract is shown in Reference #1. Shown on a following page.

In 1818 Jane Ruby had 400 acres of land surveyed on Deer Creek, (the same 400 acres that Asa had surveyed in 1802). In the Henderson County Survey Book #1, page 213, October 22, 1818, the following record is shown:

"HENDERSON CO. SURVEY BK. I, P. 213: Surveyed for JANE RUBY 400 acres; on DEER CREEK ---- near HER IMPROVEMENT, also a MILITARY CORNER running with said MILITARY LINE ----thence with ----BRAND'S LINE-------and LAWRENCE KEEN'S MILITARY LINE."

According to provision in his Will, Asa left his entire estate to his wife Jane, until such time as she would marry again. In that event she would receive only one third and two thirds would be divided between their children: James, Mathew, Jane, Sally, and Nancy. After Jane's death, sometime after 1818, the estate was equally divided between the children of Asa and Jane.

We have not found a marker for the graves of Asa and Jane but we are certain they are buried in the Ruby Cemetery in Webster County, Kentucky.
Reference #1. Copy of Marriage Record of Asa Ruby and Jane Rogers dated April 23, 1790 in Nelson County, Kentucky.

I. Know all men by these presents that we, Asa Ruby and William Rogers, are held and jointly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of fifty pounds current money to be paid to our creditors or commandants for lawful purposes.

Jointly and severally jointly by these presents, to be paid on demand and at any time before the 23rd day of April, 1790.

We have this to a marriage of mutual interest to ourselves and enter into the above bond, Asa Ruby and Jane Rogers, both of this county.

The condition of this present obligation is as follows: That if the above bond be not duly executed to the satisfaction of the above obligees to be inserted, this obligation is to be voided and returned to the parties of the first part.

To witness,

William C. Rogers.
ASA RUBY
Chapter V
Reference #2  Copy of Asa Ruby's Will
#3  Copy of Abstract of Will

dated January 3, 1908
Probated April 1803
Henderson County Courthouse, Kentucky
CHAPTER V ASA RUBY
Reference #3

ABSTRACT OF WILL
of
ASA RUBY

Henderson County, Henderson, Kentucky
Henderson Court House.

Book A, page 28,
May 2, 1803 - Probate Court

ASA RUBY, witnessed by John Ruby and his beloved wife Jane
thereof exhibited in court witnessed by Alexander Andrew and
David Eastwood, Esquire, two of the witnesses thereon named
as the law directs and thereupon ordered to be recorded to
wit in the name of God, Amen.

I, ASA RUBY, of the County of Henderson, and South Side of
Green River, State of Kentucky, being weak of body but perfect
in mind and memory, you may say this considering the uncertainty
of this mortal life, and being of sound mind, Bless God for the
same. I do make and publish my last Will and Testament in manner
and in form as follows:

"FIRST: I give and bequeath my beloved wife Jane all of
my personal property during her life of Widowhood. If, my
beloved wife should marry, she shall on that day have her
third and no more. The other two thirds to be divided amongst
my two sons and three daughters; James, Mathew, Jane, Sally,
and Nancy. Whereby, I do appoint my brother John Ruby and
my beloved wife Jane, to be my children's executors, to do
justice by them.

Of this, my last Will and Testament, signed, sealed and
delivered on this fifth day of February 1803."

SIGNED: ASA RUBY
(his mark X)

Witness present:
Alexander Andrew
David Eastwood of Henderson County, Kentucky.

I do certify that this foregoing and testament of Asa Ruby has
been recorded and agreeable with the order of the court, having
compared the same with the original. F. Barbour

JWR:rr
Chapter V - ASA RUBY
Reference #5. Margaret Maxine Ruby Tindle

Margaret Maxine Ruby Tindle, the daughter of Bart Bement Ruby and Winnie Alice Loe Hogue, of Diagonal, Iowa is pictured below.

Margaret is married to Dr. Cletus Eugene Tindle. They have one daughter Cindy, Mrs. James Allen Smith. We are especially grateful to Margaret for all the material and photographs she so graciously shared with us for this history. We are hoping she will publish a history with all the wonderful material and photographs she has accumulated in her research on the Ruby families.