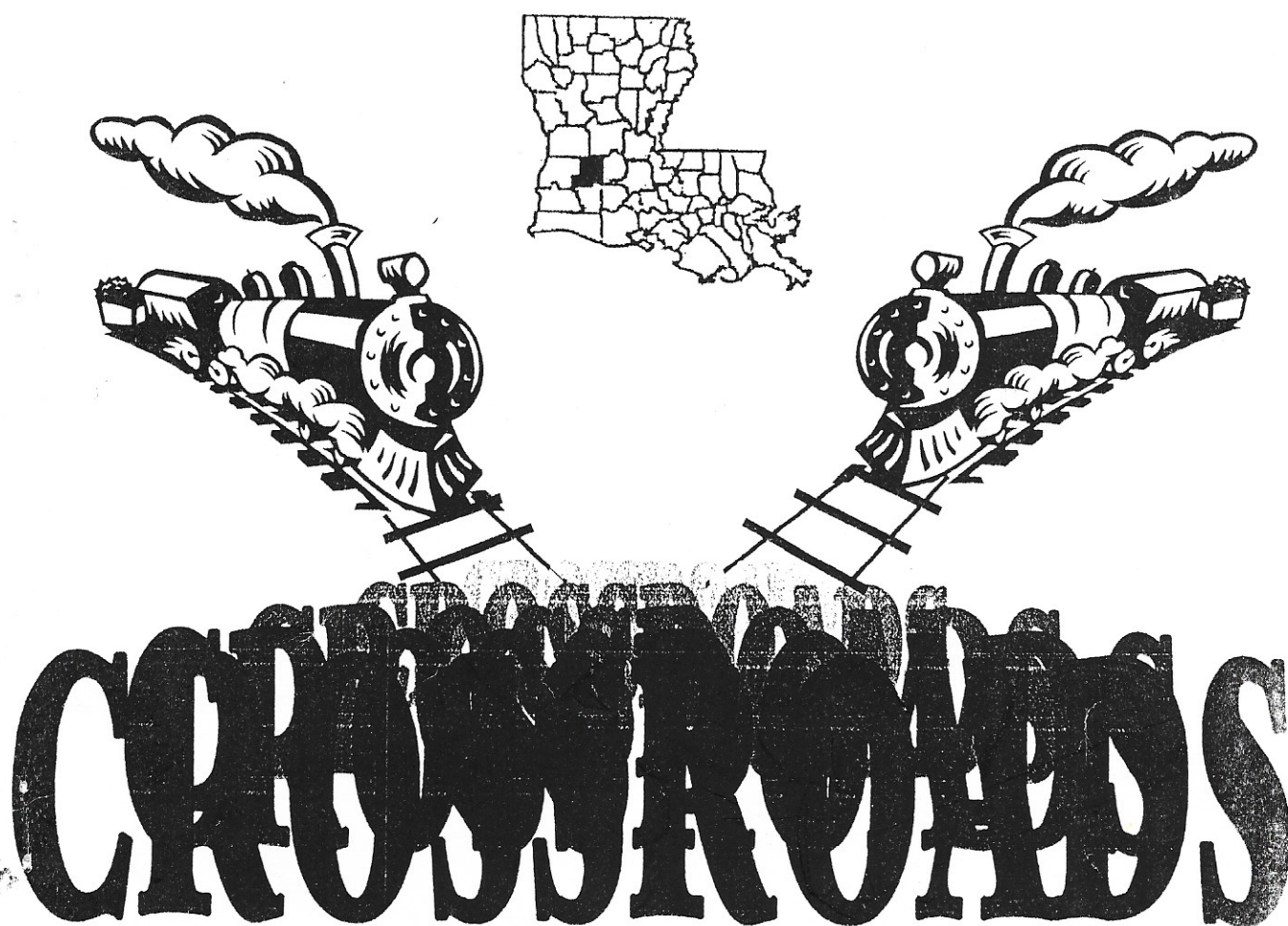


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Membership fees are \$12.00 per calendar year for a single person, which includes an annual subscription to CrossRoads, our new publication, which will be published quarterly.

Single copies and back issues are available for \$3.00 each to anyone.

Queries are free to members; \$3.00 for non-members—and will be published as space permits. Please include all necessary information, such as names, dates, places, or place references.

We encourage and welcome contributions of genealogical and historical interest for inclusion in CrossRoads; especially material pertinent to Allen Parish. The Society does not assume responsibility for accuracy of information submitted and published, nor does it assume responsibility for any copyright infringement of submitted and published material. We reserve the right to edit and/or reject material not suitable for publication.

We will accept donations of books, periodicals, and other material of Genealogical and Historical interest relating to this area. These will be placed in the Genealogy Room of the Kinder Library.

- Welcome new members:
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Allen Parish Genealogy Society will start keeping family file folders, which contain family histories, pedigrees and family group sheets, newspaper clippings, and other items of interest. These will offer an excellent source for research.

Anyone interested can get further information from any Society member. The Library will stock the necessary forms, and any member will be glad to assist you.

All new members are asked to supply a five generation Ancestor Chart, which will be kept in a file in the Genealogy Room of the Kinder Library.

A blank five-generation ancestor form is included in each issue of CrossRoads.

Of interest:

The first Kinder High School yearbook "The Yellow Jacket" was published in 1941 by The Senior Class, and was dedicated to "Mr. Fred Allen, Teacher, coach, and Friend".

Mr R.G. Hanchey was school Principle, and Mr. T.J. Griffin was Parish School Superintendent.

After much deliberation, the Society members chose a name for our Publication: "CrossRoads". Some version of this name has been used in several other instances in this area. For instance: There was a sign coming into Kinder from the South: "Welcome to Kinder; Crossroads to every where". Also during the early 60s, there was a weekly publication called "The Crossroads Examiner". The Publisher was Harold Mathis, and the Editor was Leo LaFargue. Patsy Hamilton was office manager, and Mrs. Lester Armand was Society Editor. Subscription rate was \$3.50 per year. Anyone know when and why it was discontinued?

This is our first issue, and we hope all will find it enjoyable and informative.

The Society members are in the process of recording all of Rev. Paul Leeds Church Records, starting back in 1893 to the last book of church records up to his death. These will eventually be made available for research in the Genealogy Library of the Kinder Branch of Allen Parish Libraries. These records include the formation of some of his churches, Births, Deaths, Baptisms, Church members, Ministers, and many of the meetings. The finished works will offer a rich source of genealogical and historical information for researchers in these areas. Further updates will be made available as the work progresses.

Queries:

GORDON, MARCANTEL, FONTENOT, LEJEUNE, LORMAND, BUSHNELL

Researching the above surnames: Thomas Jefferson Gordon b. abt. 1843 poss. in Alabama, married. Lucretia Bushnell of Rapids Parish; settled in Hecker, LA. Need any information on them. Contact: Ethel F. Sacker @ PO Box 179 Kinder, LA 70648

A brief history of Rev. Paul Leeds.

Paul Leeds was born: December 9, 1869 on a farm near Benton Harbor, Michigan to: Alexander Brown Leeds and his second wife; Susan Tabitha Armstrong.

He had one sister; Leah "Daisy" Leeds, who married Horace Knotts.

He had one half-sister; Mary Leeds, who married V. C. Holland; and two half brothers; Alexander Brown Leeds, Jr. and Lodowick Coleman Leeds.

When only a small child his family moved to Berrien Springs, Michigan, where he grew up, and attended school.

Paul Leeds moved to Dallas, Texas about 1886, where he was converted by Rev. Luther Rees, and received into the church by D. Cyrus I. Schofield, and entered the ministry of the Congregational Church. He was ordained in 1893, then moved to the Jennings, Welsh, Kinder, Louisiana area, where he met his future wife, Miss Besse Allen, a school teacher living near Lake Charles. She accepted a teaching position in Welsh, where Bro. Leeds conducted frequent services. They took their meals together in a boarding house, after which he would walk her home.

They were married on March 01, 1907, and lived in Welsh for a brief period, then moved into the parsonage in Kinder.

He had began missionary work in the Piney Woods of southwest Louisiana, especially working among the Alabama, Coushatta, and Choctaw Indians. He started many churches around the Kinder area, such as, Edna, China, Indian Village, Oaklin Springs, Iowa, Green Oak, Bayou Blue, and Emad.

On June 22nd, 1908, in Kinder, Louisiana, "Brother" and Mrs. Leeds first and only child was born: Elizabeth "Marie" Leeds. Marie graduated from Kinder High School in 1925, then enrolled in Louisiana College at Pineville, Louisiana, where she met and married Heard Rogers from Oakdale, Louisiana.

Marie and Heard Rogers had a son, Paul Leeds Rogers, born on October 05, 1931.

Rev. Paul Leeds died Wednesday October 15, 1958 in Kinder, Louisiana; leaving behind his wife, Besse, one daughter, Marie Leeds Heard, one grandson, Dr. Paul Leeds Rogers, and one great-grandson.

Source:

Wanda Kuntz Johnson

Rev. Paul Leeds obituary: Lake Charles American Press newspaper.

Excerpts from: Biography of Rev. Paul Leeds, submitted to the Allen Parish Archives, by Mike Miller

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Rev. and Mrs. Paul Leeds and Marie
1915

Piney Woods Missionary

By Wanda Kuntz Johnson

When a new mother and a friend knelt to dedicate the new baby, Paul Leeds, to the Lord, they did not realize how many people would be reached some day. Paul, like the Paul in the Bible, grew to be a man of faith and love for the people.

While in his early twenties he left Michigan, his birthplace, and went to Dallas to find work. Young Paul knew there should be something more in his life than he now had. One night as he listened to a message, his life was changed, and as a result, he knew he would spend his life serving the Lord. Not long after this, there was a call to a friend of the need for someone to serve a church in Southwest Louisiana, to preach until they could find a permanent pastor. He was willing to come, but did not know he would spend the rest of his life in this area.

For sixty-five years, with few vacations, he walked from one preaching point to another, doing what he liked best. Preaching and helping those he met were an every day event. Many interesting, sometime humorous stories have been told of him. One of my favorite stories was the time he was driving along on an unfamiliar road. To his amazement, he came to a dead end (in those days they did not have signs to tell you there was a turn) and the car jumped the ditch and landed in a field. He turned to his speechless wife and calmly said, "You know, Bess, I believe we are on the wrong road."

Life was different in those days. Paul had much to learn, but he was an eager student of the Word and people. As his preaching points were scattered from *Who da thought it* (in the Mittie area) to Lake Charles, he walked many miles. One day he received a note, "Your former church is sending you \$43.05 as a love gift from your friends for the express purpose of buying a pony". He found one that would do, and now could cover more places in a day. This was not to last too long, as he met a farmer who did not have a horse, and the young preacher was back walking again. Often he had fourteen or more preaching points. He was faithful to the people of his church, but he always could find time for anyone wanting a funeral held, or a wedding, or just needed to talk.

At near eighty-nine years of age, he came to the close of his life here on earth. Brother Leeds, as he was affectionately called by all, had been instrumental in organizing more than twenty churches and missions. During his lifetime he had performed over 650 weddings, and conducted over one thousand funerals, besides the ones he assisted with.

Continued:

There were many newspaper and magazine articles published at the time of his death, including the following:

Triumphant Home-Going

On Wednesday morning, October 15, 1958, the Reverend Paul Leeds fell asleep in Christ. Between 11:00 and 12:00 Tuesday night, he suffered a heart attack that proved to be the means by which the Lord put him to sleep in Christ. He lived only a few hours after the attack, going to be with the Lord at 4:20 Wednesday morning. He had been active the day before, having filled out his diary for that day before lying down to rest. The funeral was held Thursday afternoon at 3:00 in the Congregational Church of Kinder, which he had pastored for sixty-five years. The largest crowd that ever assembled for a funeral in Kinder, or the surrounding area, gathered for the service.

This is only a small sketch of a man who served faithfully the One who called him. How do I know all this? He was my pastor, and had a great influence on me, as he did thousands of others.

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Kith and Kin-----The dictionary defines Kith as—familiar friends, neighbors, or relatives.

People all share four basic needs: the need to live, to love, to learn, and to leave a legacy.
(Anonomous.)

ANCESTOR CHART

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b. Date of Birth
p.b. Place of Birth
m. Date of Marriage
d. Date of Death
p.d. Place of Death

4 William Henry Talbott
(Father of No. 2)
b. CIRCA 3-1843
p.b. CARROLL, Fairfield Co OHIO
m. 27-3-1879
d. 23-4-1917
p.d. Fairfield Co. OHIO

2 Ralph Franklin Talbott
(Father of No. 1)
b. 24-6-1887
p.b. CARROLL, Fairfield Co. OHIO
m. 27-4-1908, Gayman, TX Co. OKL.
d. 31-1-1966
p.d. NEWARK, Licking Co. OHIO

5 MISSOURIA Elizabeth COOPER
(Mother of No. 1)
b. 1-9-1858
p.b. Lockville, Fairfield Co. OHIO
d. 14-9-1903
p.d. Lancaster, Fairfield Co. OHIO

1 Ramona Gayle Talbott
b. 21-1-1929
p.b. Ft. Madison, Lee Co. Iowa
m. 11-10-1946 - Moss Bluff, Cal - LA -
d.
p.d.

6 George Washington Sherrill
(Father of No. 3)
b. 28-11-1852
p.b. Schuyler Co. I.
m. 11-4-1877
d. 7-1-1917
p.d. Hancock Co. I. - Greenwood Cem.

3 EFFIE Nevada Sherrill
(Mother of No. 1)
b. 5-4-1887
p.b. Browning, Schuyler Co. I.
d. 20-9-1969
p.d. Lake Charles, Cal - LA -

7 Mary Matilda SKILES
(Mother of No. 3)
b. 7-11-1858
p.b. Schuyler Co. I.
d. 9-4-1932
p.d. Keokuk, Lee Co. Iowa

CHARLES PERRY BRUCE
(Spouse of No. 1)
b. 10-16-1926
p.b. Lake Charles Cal. Louisiana
d.
p.d.

8 William Wallace Talbott M.D.
(Father of No. 4)
b. 9-10-1798 - Quaker
p.b. Calvert Co. M.D.
m. CIRCA 1826
d. 27-8-1889 - Bloom Twp -
p.d. Fairfield Co. OHIO - Hoshor Cem.

9 Elizabeth MARGARET HOSBOR
(Mother of No. 4)
b. 25-1-1801
p.b. Scioto, N.W. TER. (Now POSS.) OHIO
d. 31-5-1893
p.d. Fairfield Co. OHIO - Hoshor Cem.

10 Isaac Newton COOPER
(Father of No. 5)
b. 28-3-1828?
p.b. OHIO?
m. 29-11-1853, Fairfield Co. OHIO
d. 28-3-1883
p.d. Fairfield Co. OHIO

11 Lucinda MONTAGUE
(Mother of No. 5)
b. ca. 8-1836-37?
p.b. ORANGE Co. Va.
d.
p.d. Lancaster, Fairfield Co. OHIO

12 Alexander George Sherrill
(Father of No. 6)
b. 22-11-1829
p.b. Shelby Co. I.
m. 9-12-1849
d. 23-5-1906, Littleton, I.
p.d. Schuyler Co. I., Bauer Cem.

13 Mary Jane GRAY
(Mother of No. 6)
b. 1832
p.b. Pa? OHIO?
d. 9-8-1914
p.d. Schuyler Co. I., Bauer Cem.

14 Thomas Jefferson SKILES
(Father of No. 7)
b. 26-9-1826
p.b. Wayne Co. Mo.
m. 24-2-1848
d. 18-6-1913
p.d. Schuyler Co. I.

15 Nancy Ann Whalen
(Mother of No. 7)
b. 25-12-1830
p.b. Ind.? IRELAND? ORphan
d. 14-7-1887
p.d. Browning, Schuyler Co. I.

16 George Talbott
b. 18-3-1771 - Calvert Co. M.D.
m. CIRCA 1796 - Quaker Road, H. 2
d. 17-11-1811 - ERIE Co. Pa.
Cont. on chart No. A-1

17 Mary Elizabeth ALLWITT
(Mother of No. 8)
b. 16-1-1774 - Calvert Co. M.D.
d. 1830 - ERIE Co. Pa.
Cont. on chart No. A-1

18 George HOSBOR
b. 4-6-1774 - Lancaster Co. Pa.
m. CIRCA 1797
d. 4-11-1835, Fairfield Co. OHIO, Hoshor Cem.
Cont. on chart No. H-2

19 BARBARA Mathias
(Mother of No. 9)
b. 20-11-1776 VA
d. 4-11-1835 - Fairfield Co. OHIO
Cont. on chart No. H-2

20 William COOPER
(Father of No. 10)
b. CIRCA 1801 - OHIO
m.
d. Fairfield Co. OHIO
Cont. on chart No. _____

21 MISSOURIA
(Mother of No. 10)
b.
d.
Cont. or chart No. _____

22 DAVID MONTAGUE
(Father of No. 11)
b. 2-25-1800 VA
m. 27-12-1819 ORANGE Co. VA.
d. 3-2-1834 Fairfield Co. OHIO
Cont. on chart No. M-2

23 NANCY HERDON
(Mother of No. 11)
b. ca. 1803. ORANGE Co. VA.
d. 7-2-1879 - Fairfield Co. OHIO
Cont. on chart No. H-2

24 ALEXANDER G. SHERRILL I.
(Father of No. 12)
b. 6-1778 CALDWELL Co. Pa.
m. 1820 - Tenn.
d. 6-1862 Schuyler Co. I.
Cont. on chart No. S-5

25 Elizabeth RIDINGS
(Mother of No. 12)
b. 1791 - Tenn.
d. 15-7-1852 Schuyler Co. I.
Cont. on chart No. _____

26 DAVID GRAY
(Father of No. 13)
b.
m.
d.
Cont. on chart No. _____

27 SYLVIA
(Mother of No. 13)
b.
d.
Cont. on chart No. _____

28 Moses Justus SKILES
(Father of No. 14)
b. 9-2-1823, Mount Co. Pa.
m. 1825 Wayne Co. Mo.
d. 13-10-1877 - Schuyler Co. I.
Cont. on chart No. SS-4

29 Mathilda SWAZEA
(Mother of No. 14)
b. 23-2-1806 - Mo
d. 14-9-1831 - Schuyler Co. I.
Cont. on chart No. _____

30 WHALEN
(Father of No. 15)
b.
m.
d.
Cont. on chart No. _____

31
(Mother of No. 15)
b.
d.
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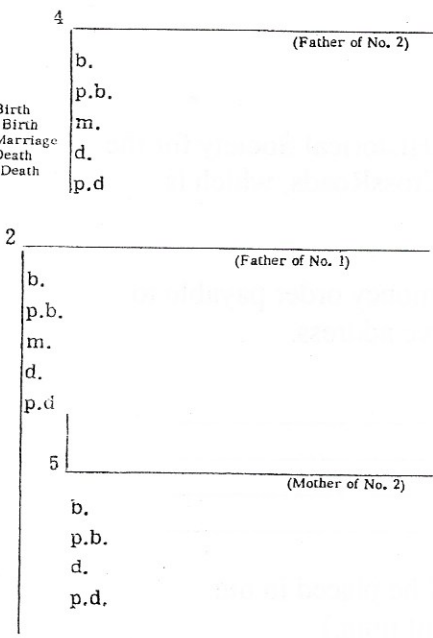
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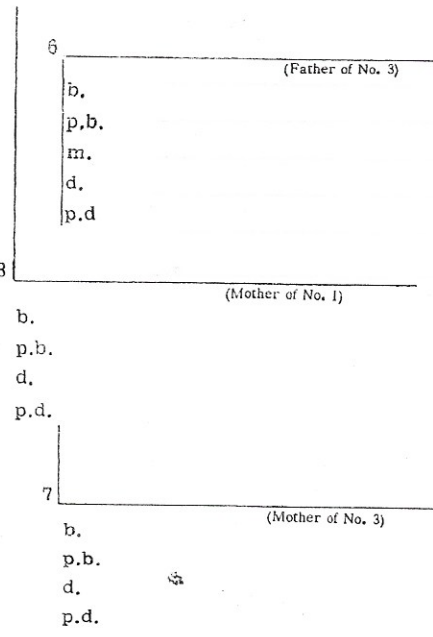
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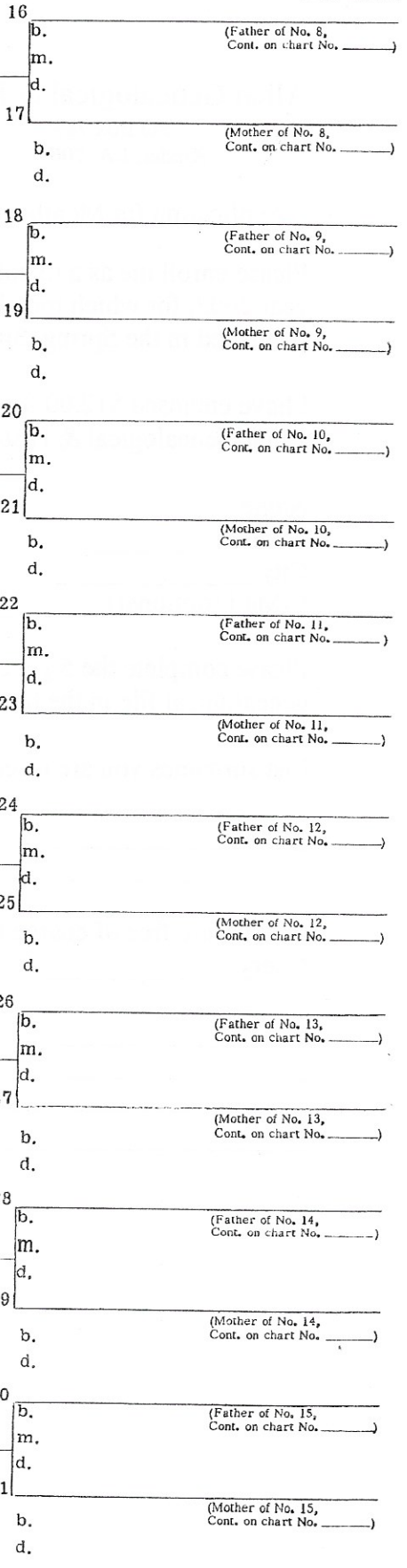
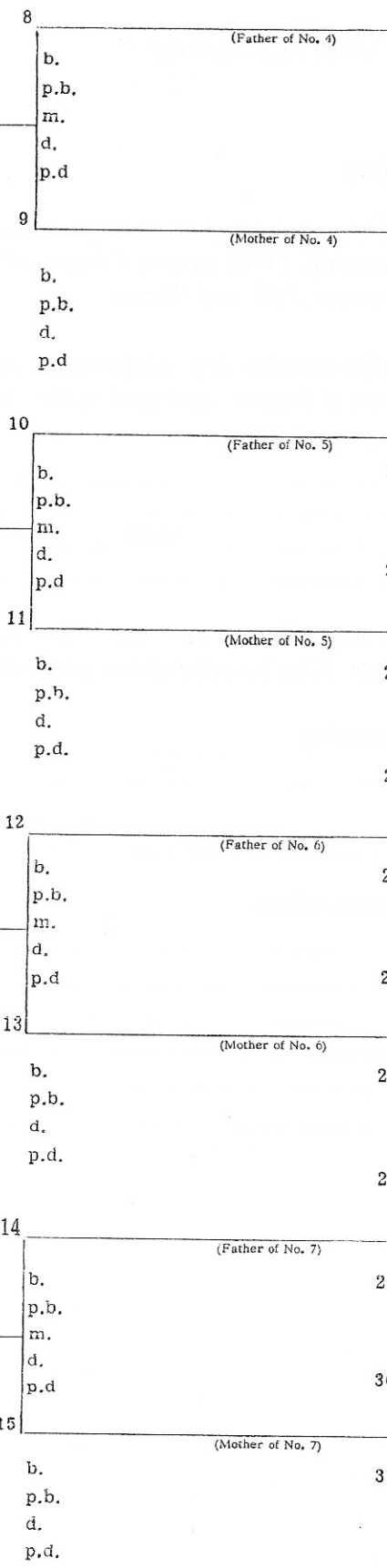
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 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.



(Spouse of No. 1)
 b. d.
 p.b. p.d.



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