First Generation

1. **Isaac H. Ritchey**¹ was born in Jul 1835 in Pennsylvania.² He enlisted in Company I, 39th Ohio Infantry on 5 Mar 1865.³ He was drafted as a private. He was discharged on 7 Jun 1865.⁴ The following article appeared in the Thursday Morning, November 2, 1893 edition of the Marietta Times "..Isaac Richey and sons caught and sold 980 turtles out if Duck Creek this summer. The total was 4,945 pounds, and they sold at an average of 8 3/4 cts. a pound. - Lower Salem Tribune." In 1898 he was living in Salem Township, Washington Co., Ohio in Warner area.⁵ He appeared in the census in 1910 in Marietta, Washington Co., Ohio. He was living with his son Wallace and family. He died on 2 Mar 1919 in Dayton, Montgomery Co., Ohio. He was buried in Dayton National Cemetery, Dayton, Ohio.

Isaac H. Ritchey and Susanna "Susan" Emma Swords were married on 22 Oct 1855 in Washington Co., Ohio.⁶ They were married by Peter Snyder, Justice Of The Peace.⁷ **Susanna "Susan" Emma Swords** (daughter of William Swords and Elizabeth [née unknown]) was born about 1838 in Ohio.¹ She died before 1863. (Isaac remarried on Feb 12, 1863) Isaac H. Ritchey and Susanna "Susan" Emma Swords had the following children:

- i. William J. Ritchie⁸ was born about 1856 in Ohio.⁸
- ii. **Walter Ritchie**⁸ was born about 1858 in Ohio.⁸
- iii. **Wallace W. Ritchie** (born on 28 Jun 1860).

Isaac H. Ritchey and Alice Olivia Hall were married on 12 Feb 1863 in Washington Co., Ohio. 10 They were married by Joseph Palmer, Justice of the Peace. 11 Alice Olivia Hall (daughter of Margaret [née unknown]) died before 1870. Alice is not listed in 1870 census. Isaac is living with his step-father and mother, John and Matilda Dick - and Emma and Willis are living with their uncle, William Hall. Isaac H. Ritchey and Alice Olivia Hall had the following children:

- 5 i. **UNKNOWN Ritchey** was stillborn on 13 Sep 1864 in Washington Co., Ohio. UNKNOWN Ritchey was buried in Mound Cemetery, Marietta, Ohio. Cemetery record lists "Child of Isaac Ritchey."
- 6 ii. Emma Ora "Orie". Ritchie was born in May 1866 in Washington Co., Ohio. She died in 1951.
- 7 iii. Willis Ellsworth Ritchie was born in Dec 1867 in Washington Co., Ohio. He died on 12 May 1939 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio.

Isaac H. Ritchey and Mary Jane Dillehay were married on 11 Jul 1871 in Noble Co., Ohio. ¹² They appeared in the census on 21 Jun 1880 in Moundsville, Noble Co., Ohio. Isaac's occupation is listed as a cooper. The following appeared in the Monday, April 13, 1896 edition of the Marietta Weekly Leader on page 3, Column 2, "Isaac Ritchie, of Warner, Ohio, was in the city yesterday, the first time for thirty years, says the Parkerburg Journal. Mr. Ritchie was a resident of this city for ten years about 30 or 40 years ago, and says he made the first oil barrel ever manufactured in this city and that he sold it for \$11 as a sample. He afterwards carried on a cooper shop here for ten years during which time he made thousands of oil barrels. Things have changed wonderfully since Mr. Ritchie used to live here and he could scarcely recognize the city." Mary Jane Dillehay was born in Sep 1847 in Ohio.² Isaac H. Ritchey and Mary Jane Dillehay had the following children:

- +8 i. Effie Barbara Richev (born on 8 Nov 1875).
- +9 ii. Lumley Hamilton Richey (born on 23 Jan 1878).
- +10 iii. Arthur A. Richey (born on 1 Jan 1880).
- +11 iv. **Benjamin Franklin "Ben" Richey** (born on 29 Mar 1882).
- 12 v. Ella M. Ritchie¹⁴ was born on 19 Jul 1886 in Salem Twp., Washington Co., Ohio.¹⁵

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