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The following pages are scans of photos provided by Judith (Morris) Tooman, great-granddaughter of Sarah Belle (Jones) Morris (1853-1940). These were in Sarah's photo album, but the subjects are unnamed. Many were taken in the P. F. Finch Studio in Lebanon, Ohio. Our hope is that someone might be able to help us put a name and / or date to these photos.

The first three pages are a bit about the family that was provided by Judy.

The photographer was Philo Ferris Finch (1833-1922) and he was active in the area from 1859-1889. https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Finch-8048

We have other photos by P. F. Finch provided to WCGS in the past, if you would like to see them to compare: <u>https://sites.rootsweb.com/~ohwarren/Places/grahamalbum.htm</u>

Any information would be appreciated.

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Generation 1

 JESSE P.¹ JONES was born on 08 Mar 1819 in PA. He died on 08 Mar 1885 in Hamilton Co., OH; bur Lebanon Cem., Warren Co., OH. He married Emeline Cunningham, daughter of Jesse Cunningham and Sarah Jane Bryant, on 17 Jun 1852 in Hamilton Co., OH. She was born on 18 Jan 1835 in Hamilton Co., OH. She died on 25 Jul 1888 in Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., OH; bur Lebanon Cem., Warren Co., OH.

Notes for Jesse P. Jones:

Family tradition says Jesse went to the gold fields of CA, with friend Chris Long, via New Orleans, prior to his marriage to Emeline. There is a Jesse Jones enumerated in the El Dorado, CA, 1850 census, age 40, b PA, living on the middle fork of the America River. However, there were many with this same name.

In 1850, the family lived in Turtlecreek Twp., Warren Co., OH, and in 1870, were enumerated in Lebanon.

By 1880, they were enumerated with Reading, in Sycamore Twp., Hamilton Co., where he was a farmer, age 62, born in PA, as were his parents; Emeline was 45, Charles, 28, and Briggs, 9. Also in the household was her mother, enumerated as Jane Cunningham, age 66, born in PA, as were her parents; and two servant girls.

In his will signed 20 Dec 1884, pro. 4 Aug 1885, he gave to wife Emeline, in lieu of dower, all the portion of the farm on which they live, "East of the Cleaveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Indinapolis Rail Road" with improvements, in Sec. 28, and 34, TR 1, Miami Purchase in Sycamore Twp., Hamilton Co., OH, during her natural life. Also, all stock, household goods, furniture, provisions and other goods and chattles which may belong to me at my decease to have has her own property, excepting from the above devised land, 20 acres bounded on the North by the County Road leading from the Reading turnpike road to the Miami Canal, on the West by said Rail Road, extending Southward down the middle of said Rail Road, to a point far enough to include twenty-six acres strict mesure, said South line to be parallel with said County Road.

To dau. Sarah B. Morris and my son Charley C. Jones, in equal portions, all of said farm mentioned in item two, that lies West of said Rail Road being about 40 acres of land more or less.

To son Briggs C. Jones, all the 20 acres reserved and mentioned in Item Two, to be used and controlled by my wife until said son arrives at his majority. Should he died before he arrives to majority, then my wife shall have the same during her natural life. There shall be reserved through said 20 acres, a strip 16 feet wide as now used for a private road leading from my present dwelling house to said county road.

Any share and interest in my estate that comes to dau. Sarah B. Morris or given to her by this will shall be held and used and controlled solely by her as her separate property free from her husband during the period of her natural life. At her death, whatever may remain of her said property share shall go to and the property of her children in equal portions. In the event that she should die leaving no child or children, the said remainder shall go to her brothers and their legal representatives.

To dau. Sarah B. Morris, subject to all conditions set forth in item five, and to my sons Charley C. Jones and Briggs C. Jones, subject to items set forth in item four, all the land and my interest and estate in the 40 acres adjoining my present homestead now owned and held by Sarah J. Cunningham during her natural life less however, one third which I further give to my wife in lieu of her dower during her natural life. I nominate and appoint my son Charley C. Jones executor and request no bond be required of him as such. Signed Jesse P. Jones Wit: Rudolph Vedder and Buy F. Jackson

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Notes for Emeline Cunningham:

Emeline died in a fall down an elevator shaft at Breed and Crane Coffin Co., Cincinnati, OH, while selecting a casket for her mother. She died intestate. Her estate was estimated at \$3,000. Henry Dimick of West Chester, OH, was appointed administrator with her heirs, Charles C. Jones, Sallie

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B. Morris (former Jones), and Briggs C. Jones, all of Evendale, OH, relinquishing their right to administer.

Letters were issued Aug. 9, 1888.

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Jesse P. Jones and Emeline Cunningham had the following children:

SARAH BELLE² JONES was born on 24 Jun 1853 in Pisgah, Butler Co., OH. She died on 06 Aug 1940 in Lebanon, Warren Co., OH; bur Lebanon Cem., Warren Co., OH. She married William Franklin Morris, son of James K. Morris and Charlotte Ann Snook, on 03 Mar 1874 in Lebanon, Warren Co., OH. He was born on 21 Aug 1847 in Lebanon, Warren Co., OH. He died on 26 Sep 1928 in Hartwell, Hamilton Co., OH; bur Lebanon Cem., Warren Co., OH.

Notes for Sarah Belle Jones:

Sarah Belle (Sallie) attended National Normal university in Lebanon, OH, and was a member of the class of 1872. In 1937, she was the oldest alumni attending the reunion. Some noteworthy students of National Normal included Sec. of State Cordell Hull, Ohio Gov. Cooper, Gov. & Senator Hatfield of WVA, Senator Robinson of KY, John W. Withers, Dean of the College of Education at NY Univ., and Dr. Cunningham, Pres. of Alfred Holbrook College. While living in Hamilton Co., she was a member of the Lockland Presbyterian Church. In 1930, she was a roomer on Broadway St., Lebanon, Warren Co., OH.

Notes for William Franklin Morris:

On 24 Jan 1863, after the death of his father, he was placed under the guardianship of Ephraim K. Snook, his uncle.

He worked as a dry goods clerk at an early age and later sold farm machinery. He and Sarah (Sallie) were married at her father's house in Lebanon, Warren Co., OH, located on the hill overlooking Broadway Street, a short distance from the old Lebanon Pike Highway 42.

They lived in Lebanon until 1877, when they moved to Evendale, Hamilton Co., OH, to live with Mrs. Jesse (Sarah Jane Bryant) Cunningham, Sarah's grandmother. The farm house, built by Jesse Cunningham, was referred to as the "white brick" house. In the 1880 census, Reading, Sycamore Twp., Frank was enumerated as a farmer with wife Sallie, Jessie who was enumerated as a daughter but was Jesse Jones Morris, a son, and son James.

The family lived there until the 1888 deaths of Sarah (Bryant) Cunningham and Emeline (Cunningham) Jones, the grandmother and the mother of Sallie Morris. When the Jones estate was divided in about 1900, Sallie was given the "red brick" house and surrounding grounds as her share and the Morris family lived there. He was a member of the Evendale Board of Education for 20 years. In about 1918, they moved to Hartwell in Hamilton Co. He was a member of the Walnut Hills Universalist Church.

Sometime after the death of Frank in 1928, Sallie moved back to Lebanon.

Sources: Marriage record, Warren Co. OH; Lebanon Vital Statistics; Obits: William and Sarah (Jones) Morris; 1850 & 1870 Warren Co., OH Census; 1900 Hamilton Co., OH Census; Guardianship records, Warren Co., OH; Cemetery Inscriptions, Lebanon Cem., Warren Co., OH; family history by Robert Lincoln Morris.

 CHARLES CUNNINGHAM JONES was born on 15 Apr 1856 in Lebanon, Warren Co., OH. He died on 20 Jan 1917 in Hamilton Co., OH; bur Lebanon Cem., Warren Co., OH.

Notes for Charles Cunningham Jones:

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Charles never married. He lived on the family farm until his death, except for about three years when he purchased and operated a ranch at Glenwood Springs, CO. The white brick house which reverted to Charles was then inherited by his sister Sarah (Jones) Morris and his brother Briggs C. Jones. It was rented to a Mr. Frazer until both Cunningham properties were sold in 1918.

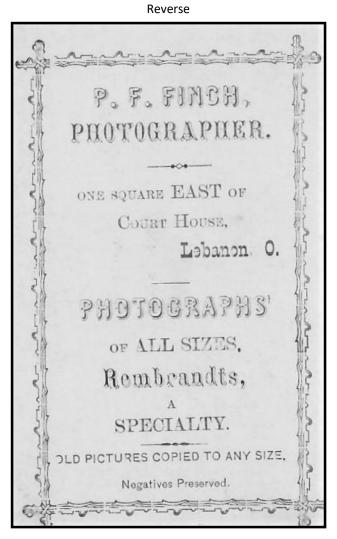
iii. BRIGGS CUNNINGHAM JONES was born on 16 Mar 1871 in Lebanon, Warren Co., OH. He died on 31 Oct 1952 in Las Vegas, NV; bur Oak Hill Cem., Glendale, Hamilton Co., OH. He married DRUCELLA VARLEY. She was born on 22 Aug 1866 in Mt. Orab, Brown Co., OH. She died on 25 Apr 1960 in Mt. Orab, Brown Co., OH, bur Oak Hill Cem., Glendale, OH.

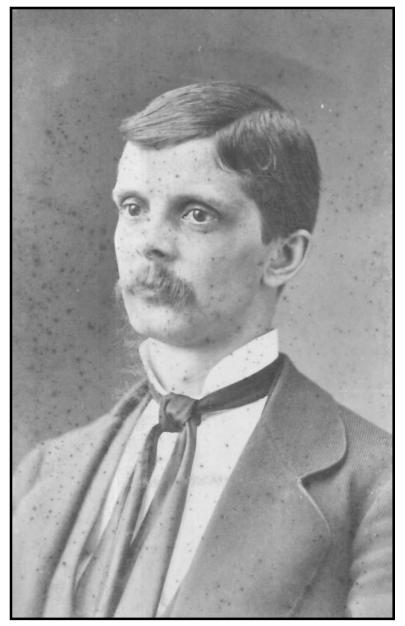
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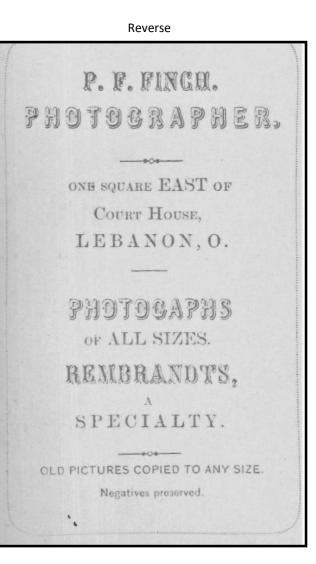
Briggs was a pharmacy chemist in the Navy. In 1910, they lived in NYC where he was a druggist for the National US Supply Dept. In 1920, he and family lived in Port au Price, Haiti, where he worked in the Office of the Sanitary Engineer of Haiti. Their residence in the US was Mt. Orab, OH.

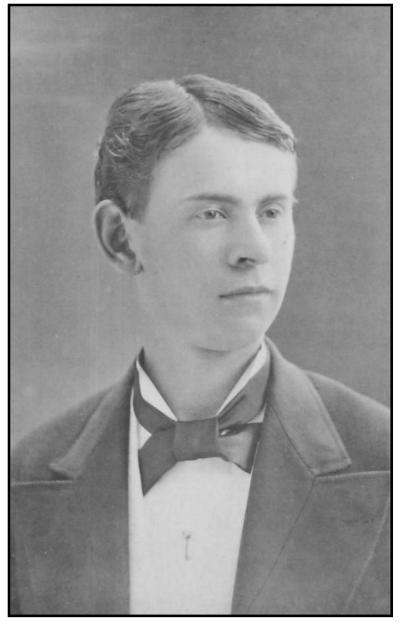
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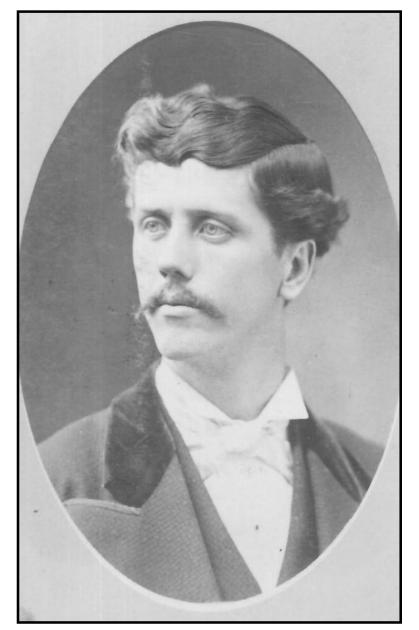




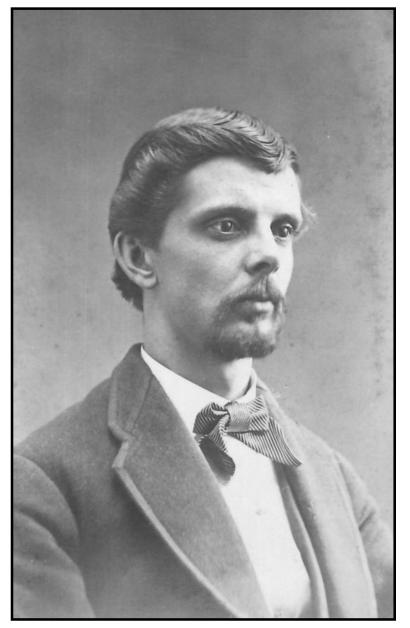




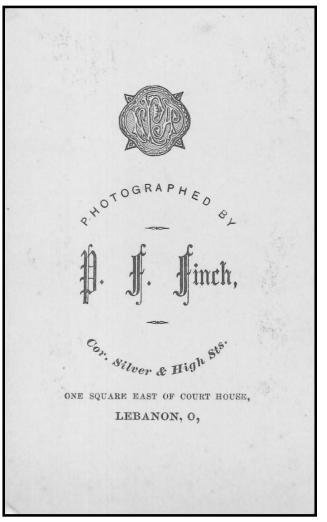


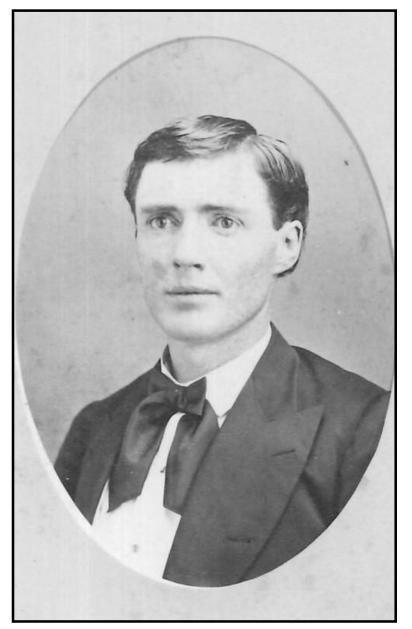




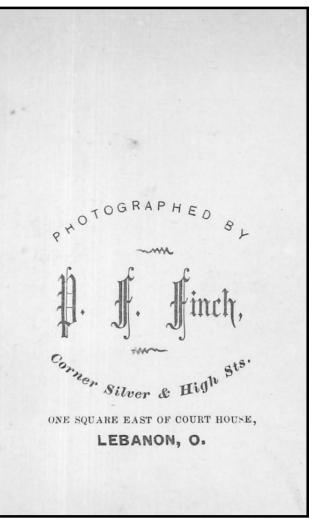


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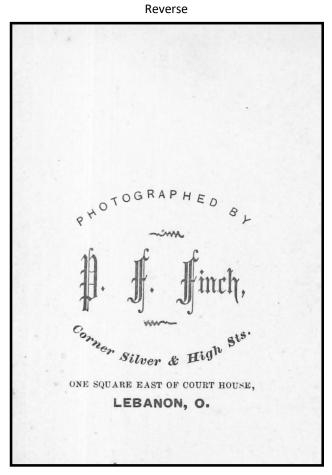


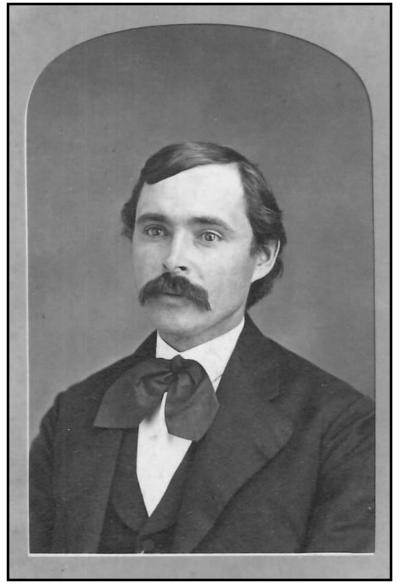


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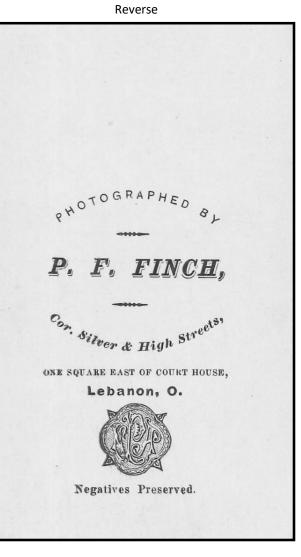




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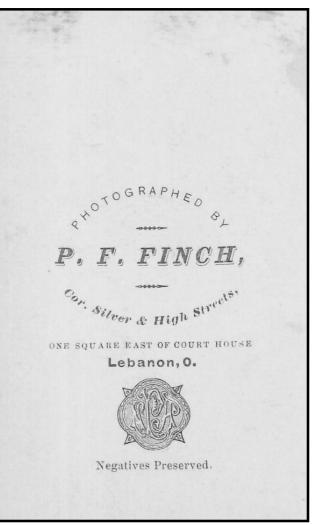
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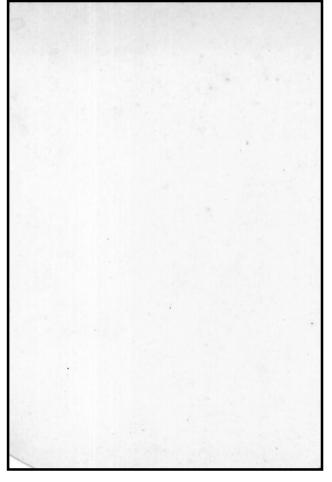
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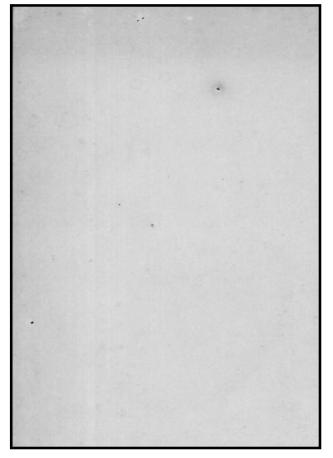






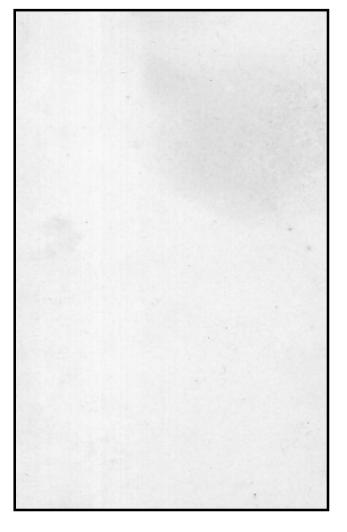


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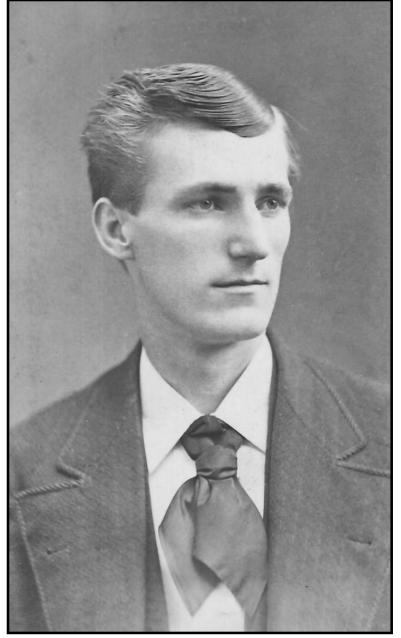
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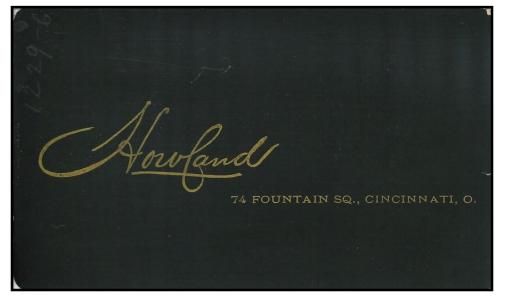


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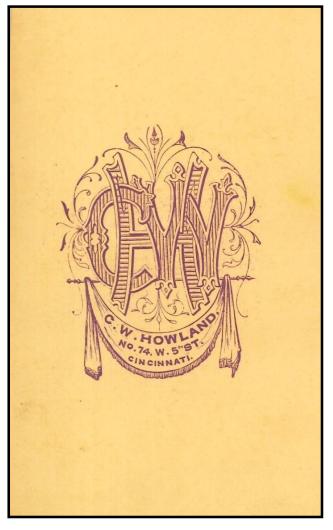


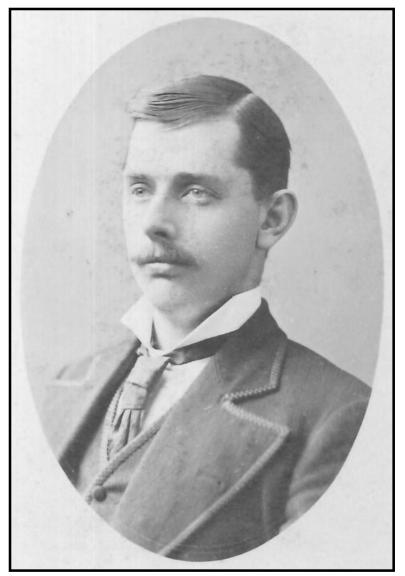




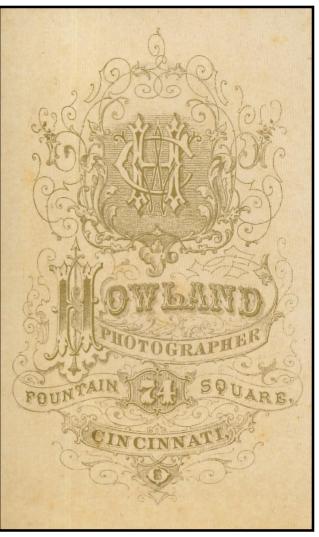








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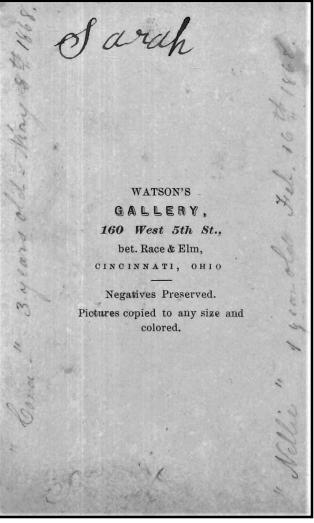


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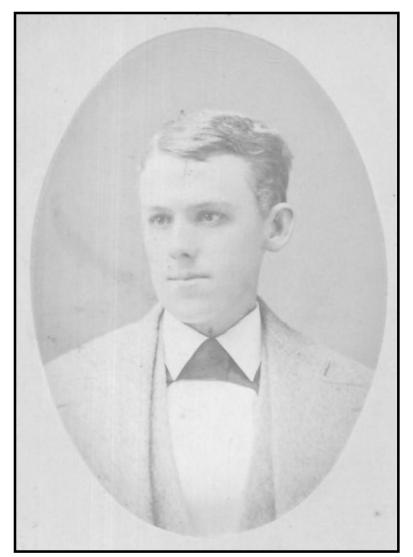
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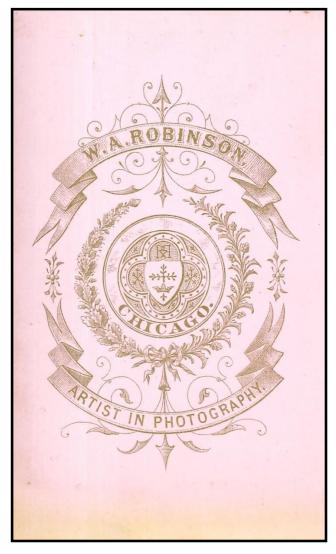
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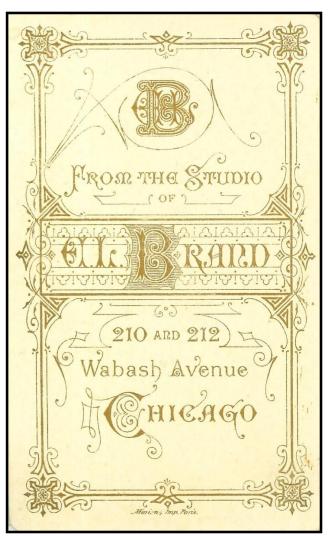


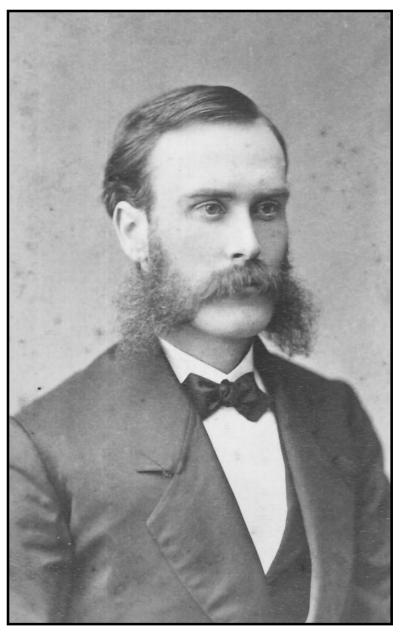




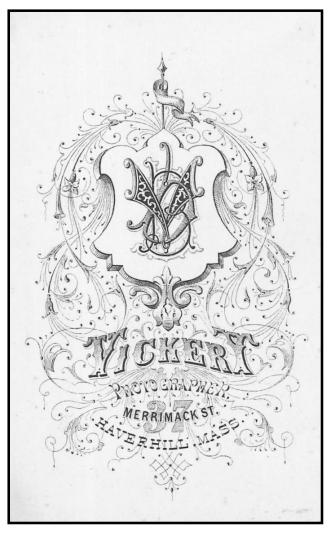
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