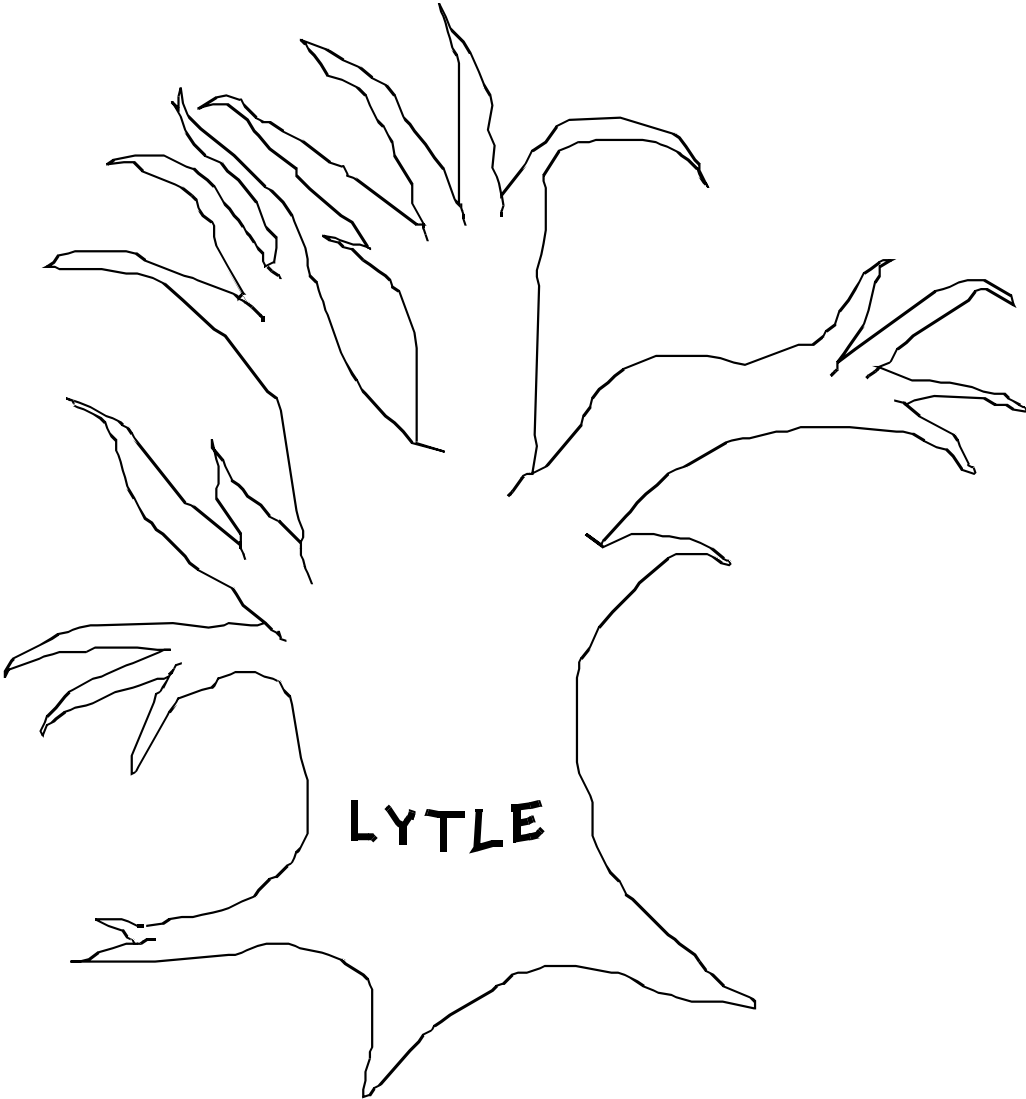


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## Some Miscellaneous Lytles

This issue is devoted to a handful of miscellaneous Lytles, all of whom may actually be related. Then again, maybe not! But here they are.



### Jesse Lytle

Jesse is actually a Lytle Plantation descendant. His mother was Jane “Jenny” Lytle, who was born on the plantation in about 1815. Jenny’s mother was Pink Lytle, who was one of the original slaves, and possibly a sister of Frank Lytle, from whom most of us descend.

Jesse lived from 1841 to 1914. He, his brother William, and their wives (sisters Maria and Mary Hoover, respectively) were the last Lytles by name to live in Randolph County, North Carolina.

### Andrew Nelson Lytle

Andrew Lytle was born in 1902 and passed away just this past December 12, 1995. He is doubly descended from one William Lytle, who owned land for a short time on Caraway Creek, somewhere near the Lytle Plantation. William Lytle’s father was the judge Robert Lytle, who lived in Orange County, North Carolina, and who, like our Thomas Lytle, was originally from Lancaster County, Penn.

Andrew was a very well-known southern author. One of his works, “A Wake for the Living”, chronicles his family and its background. His papers should become public in the next three months, and I hope to find more details of his family research, and I am told there is a reel of microfilm dedicated to just that.



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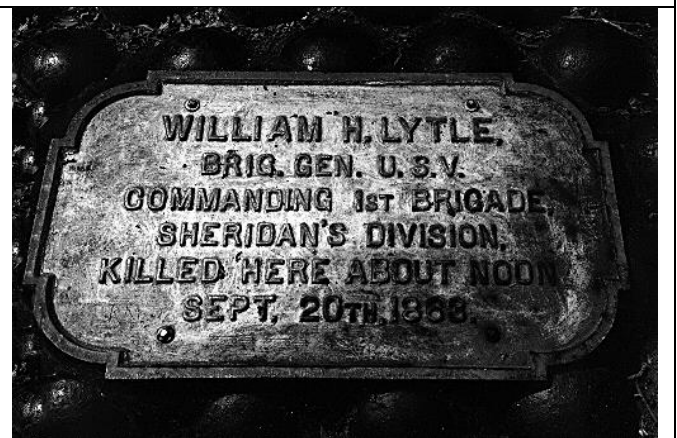
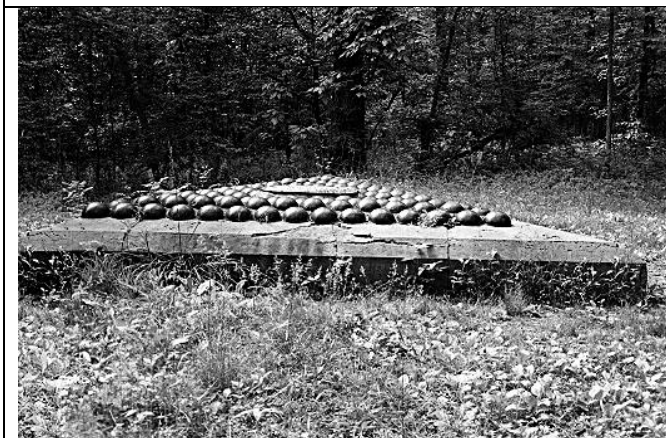
## General William Haines Lytle

William Lytle (1826-1863) was a Union general in the Civil War, and died at the battle of Chickamauga, June 20, 1863. His great grandfather, also named William Lytle, was a founder of Cincinnati, and there is a Lytle Park downtown to this day. This great grandfather may have been a brother or cousin to judge Robert Lytle of Orange Co., NC.

William H. Lytle was described as "short in stature, thin in the flanks, but broad, full-chested." This reminds me very much of many of Frank Lytle Sr.'s descendants, so there may well be a family trait connecting them.

William was known as the "soldier poet", his two most famous work being "Anthony and Cleopatra."

Several vivid first-hand accounts exist of his bravery on the battlefield that day and how he died. He performed well for quite some time after being shot, and did everything he could to keep his men safe. His last act was to remove his sword and indicate that he did not wish it to fall into the enemy's hands.



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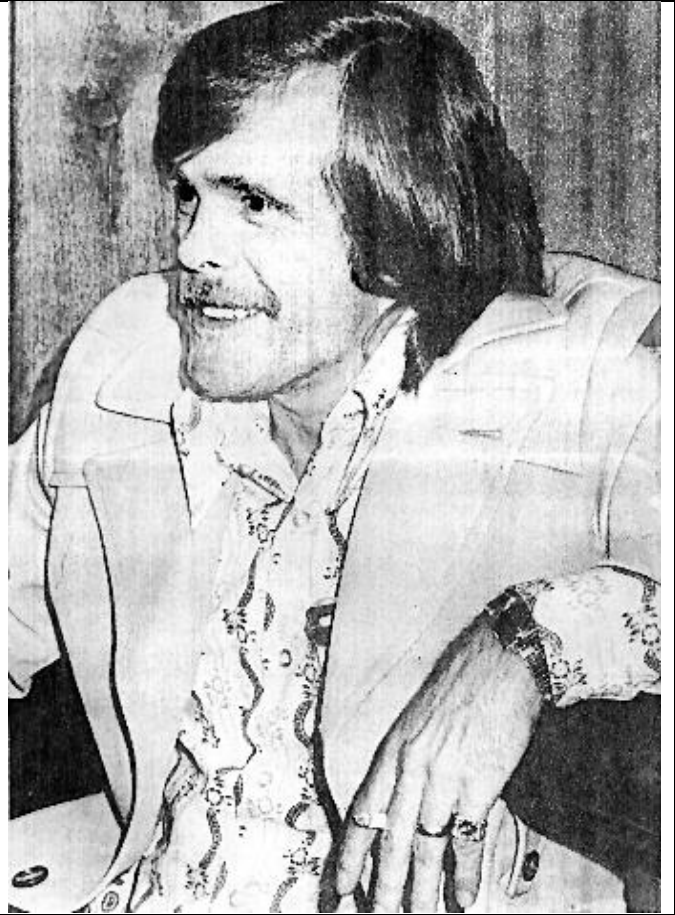
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## **“Johnny Paycheck”**

Real name Donny Lytle, born in 1938. He is best known for two things. First, the popular hit song “Take This Job and Shove It!”, which came out in the late 1970’s, about the time this photo was taken. Later he served time in prison after a man was killed in a bar fight.

His family background is unknown, but cousin Judy (Lytle) St. Onge says Donny is a near twin to one of her brothers. Judy’s family is from Oklahoma; I have heard both Oklahoma and Ohio given as Donny’s native state.



## **Obituary - Floyd Ryel (March 16, 1918 - August 16, 1995)**

Just as this bulletin was ready to print came word of Floyd Ryel’s death last August in Warren, Ohio. Floyd’s wife is Dorothy (Swaney) Ryel, descended from Dorcas (Lytle) Swaney (1810-1884).

Floyd had been on the newsletter mailing list from the start, and was active in genealogy. He very often sent newspaper articles and other items of interest on the present-day Swaney descendants. A few years ago he also put together a very thorough Swaney Family History.

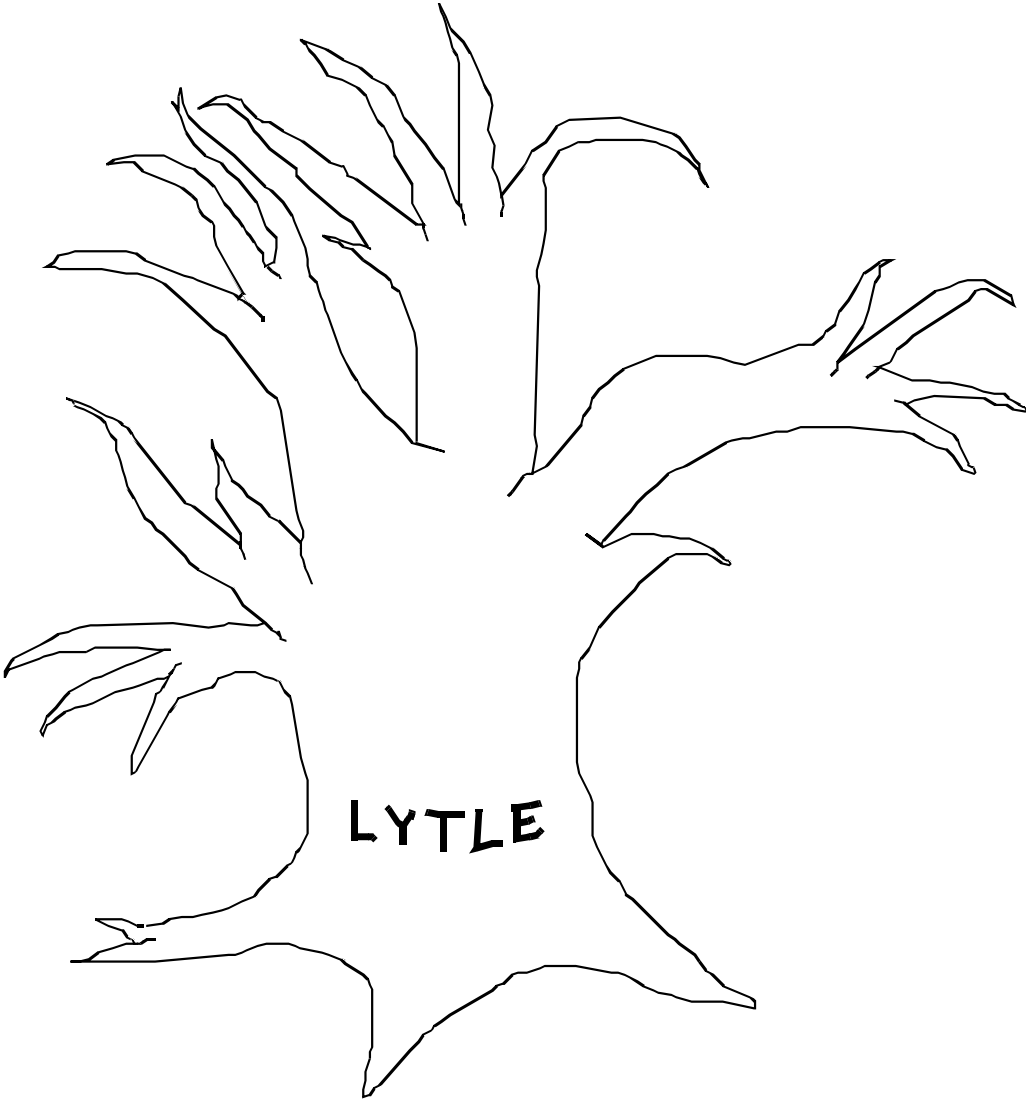
Professionally Floyd was a TV and Radio broadcaster for 30 years, retired from WHHH in Indianapolis in 1983, and was inducted into the Broadcaster’s Hall of Fame in 1986. As a very young man in 1935 he obtained his first FCC license, and was active in the field ever since, including American Radio Relay League and American Federation of Television and Radio Artists.

In addition to Dorothy, two daughters, Joyce Dorman and Marsha McElwain, one grandson, one brother and one sister survive him.

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## Three Lytle Sisters

The last three children of Francis Lytle (Frank Jr., 1794-1880) were Demerious (Maris, 1849-1939), Eleanora (Ellen, 1851-1903) and Louisa (Liza, 1852-1923). Though Francis had two other daughters by his third wife, Martha Bulla, their whereabouts are unknown after about 1870. These would be Eunice, who married Jonathan Cry, and Deborah, who was a Civil War widow of William "Willis" Brewer.

These last three daughters' lives were intertwined in many ways. Several pictures exist from about 1870. There is also one of their father from this time period. It was common for photographers to travel with portable studios and even fancy dress wear for those who did not have good clothing or could not afford it.



Demerious Lytle, ca. 1870



Ellen Lytle, ca. 1870

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Louisa (left) and Demerious Lytle, ca 1870



Louisa (right) and Demerious, 1919

Louisa and Demerious spent most of their lives near Rock Port, Missouri. They both raised large families there. Demerious was first married to Nathan Ezekial Robinett and had 10 children, some of whom died young. Louisa married George Washington Breazile and raised 10 boys (two other sons and two daughters died young).

Demerious and Ellen both spent several years in Sundance, Wyoming. Their brothers Henry and Newton did, also. Ellen may have married in Wyoming, but it is not certain. She and her husband, Frank Miller, adopted a daughter, Maude, who later married Elijah “Lije” Townsend and lived in Montana. Ellen died in 1903, in Colorado according to the Rock Port newspaper, which did not mention her by name, but stated that Demerious and Louisa had been “notified of their sisters death in Colorado.”

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Ellen (upper left) in a photo of Demerious with Nathan Robinett and their family, ca1885.



Maude Miller, adopted(?) daughter of Ellen and Frank Miller, ca 1900

Demerious returned to Rock Port. She was remarried there to Isaac Harris in 1899. Isaac died in 1916. Frank Miller returned there also. Louisa was married secondly to John G. Wolf (1832-1905) in 1902. They were married barely two years before he died. Louisa then married Frank Miller.

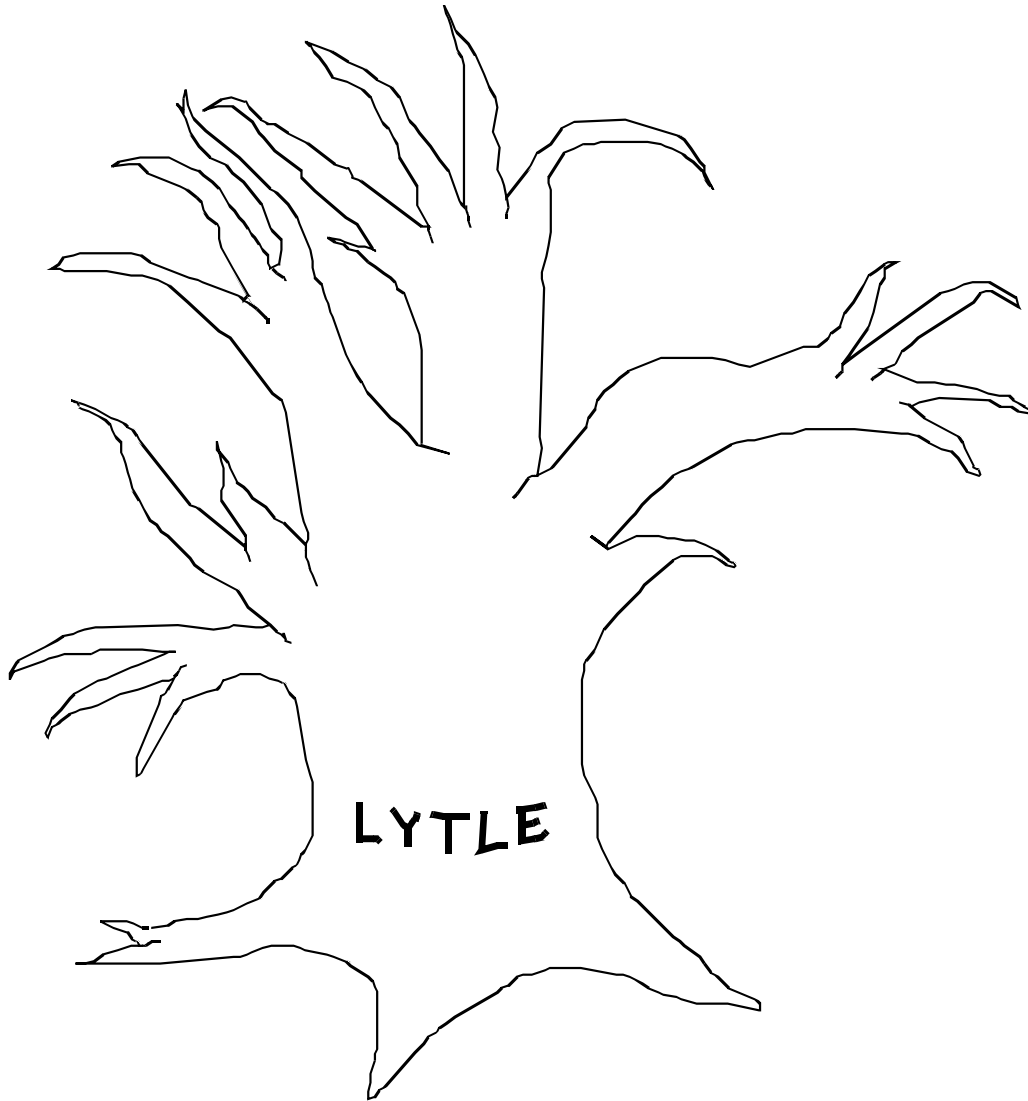
Neither Ellen's death place nor grave have been identified for certain. Louisa died in 1923, and is buried in the Green Hill cemetery, presumably next to George Breazile, with no marker. Demerious passed away in 1939 and is buried in Millsap Cemetery next to Isaac Harris. The exact death dates, places and cemeteries of Nathan Robinett and Frank Miller have not been identified.



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## Francis Lytle Jr. - 200 Years



Francis Lytle Jr. 1796-1880

This issue is dedicated to Francis (Frank) Lytle Jr., who was born 200 years ago this month. He was born on July 29, 1796, in Randolph County, North Carolina, and was the oldest of Frank Lytle's nine children. He died December 29, 1880, in Shenendoah, Page County, Iowa at the Lytle House which was run by his son Thomas. His descendants are by far the largest branch of the Lytle family and make up the majority of the readers of this publication.

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## Old Family Nicknames

The Lytles had their share of family nicknames. Going back to Frank Sr., it appears that his full name was probably Francis, just like that of his oldest son. An 1817 document lists Francis Lytle Jr. in a court case. Some of the older Randolph County records also refer to Francis Lytle, and it appears that they refer to the Senior Frank, though it is not conclusive. The father otherwise appears almost always as “Frank” and the son almost always as “Francis”, which is a handy way to distinguish them.

Among Frank Sr.’s other children, appear the following nicknames:

Elizabeth - Betsy (Walden)

Albert - Bird

Mary - Polly (Laughlin)

Catherine - Kate or Katie

Deborah - Deb (Robbins)

Dorcas, Alfred, and Rebecca had no nicknames that have turned up.

Among the spouses of these children, a few nicknames occur. Both Francis and Albert were married to women named Winnie, which was a nickname for Winnifer. Francis’ third wife was Martha “Patsy” Bulla, where Patsy was, in fact, a common nickname for Martha, just as Polly is for Mary. Dorcas Swaney’s husband William was known as Bill.

Francis Jr.’s children also had nicknames, some of which were handed down from his siblings:

James - “Uncle Jimmy”

Mary - Polly (Buller)

Francis - Frank (known in Indiana and points west as Frank Jr.)

Thomas - “Dutch” (not sure how he picked this one up!)

Albert - Bird

Newton - Newt

Luke - “Colonel” (when he lived in southern Missouri; many older or otherwise distinguished gentlemen were called “Kentucky Colonels”)

Demerious - Demaris, Maris

Eleanora - Ellen

Louisa - Liza (this Louisa is pronounced with a long I, hence “Liza”)

Elizabeth Walden had several children; one of them was albert “Bird” Walden.

Dorcas Swaney had 14 children. One of them was named Doctor Nixon Swaney, and known as “Doc”. A descendant of the same name lives today in Randolph County, NC. It was not uncommon to use a title for a name. General appears as a name among Elizabeth Waldens descendants.

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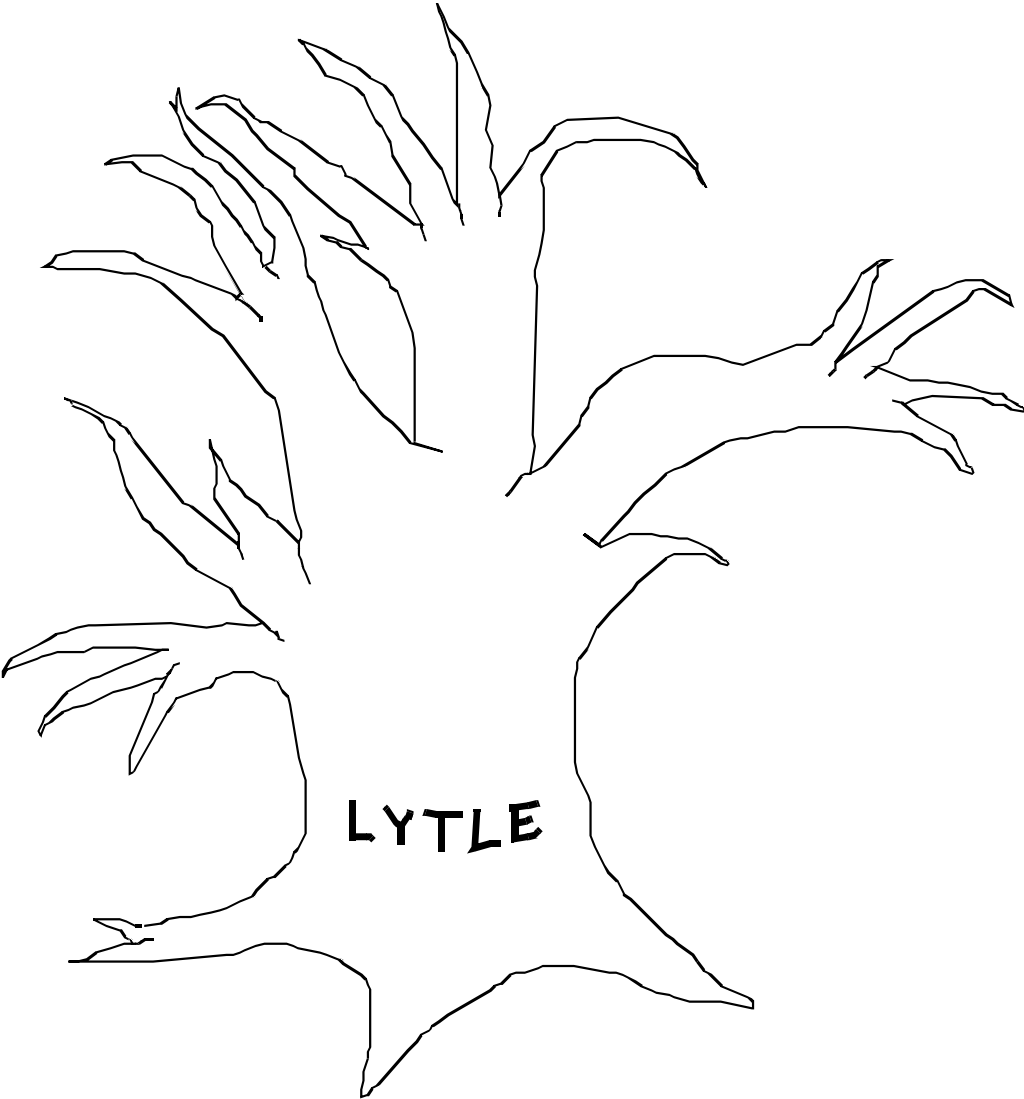
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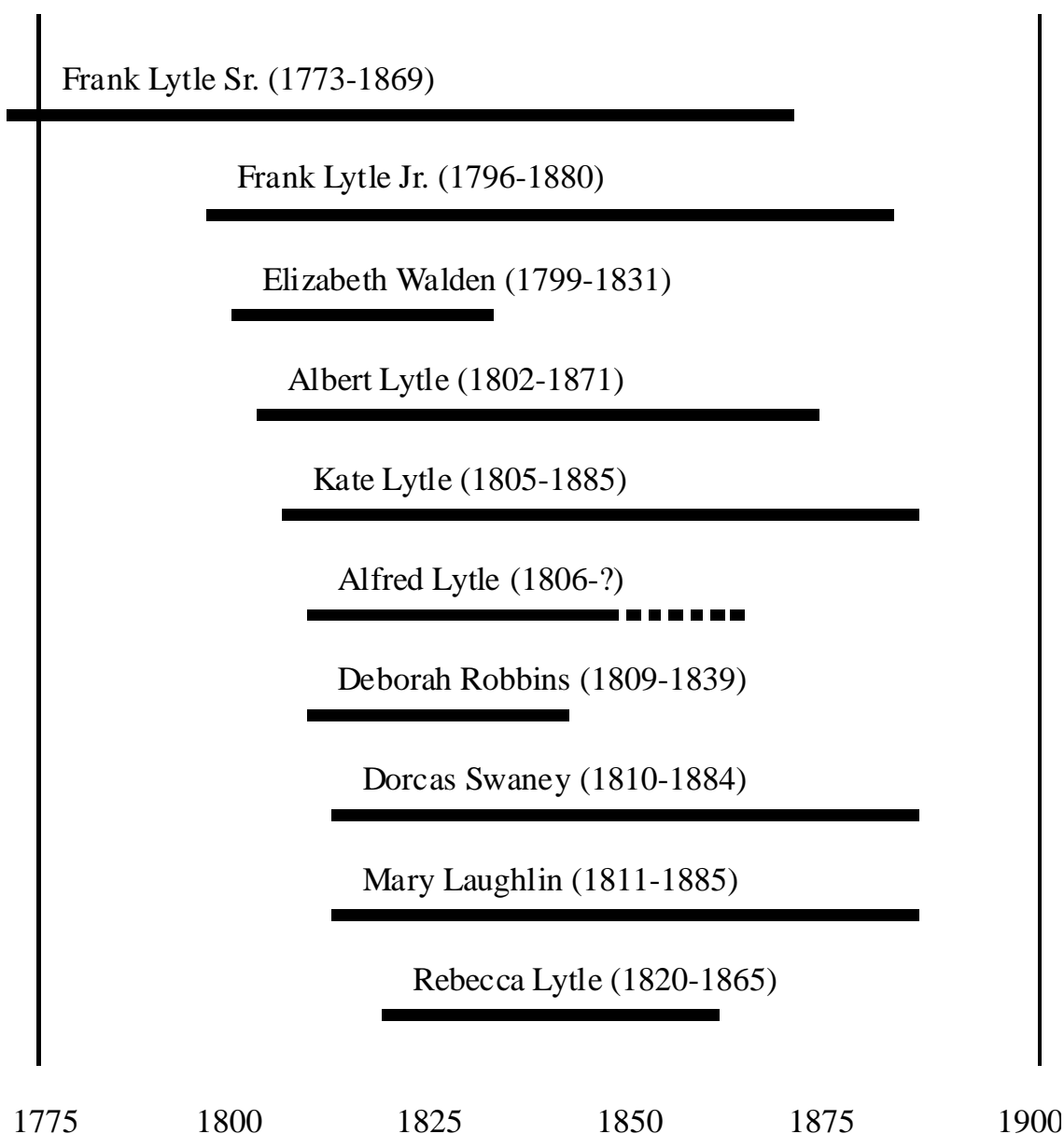
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## The Lytle Lifelines

The Lytles have, for the most part, been quite long-lived. For Frank to attain the age of 97 in the 1800's was nearly unheard of. There have been a few people among his descendants who have made the 100 mark, and many into their 90's. Some died young, and some were killed in the Civil War.

To give an idea of just how large a spread can occur in a few generations, the following Lytle families' timelines will help. Included are Frank Sr., his sons Frank Jr. and Albert, and James, son of Frank Jr. Four generations cover over 175 years!

Frank Lytle Sr. and his Children

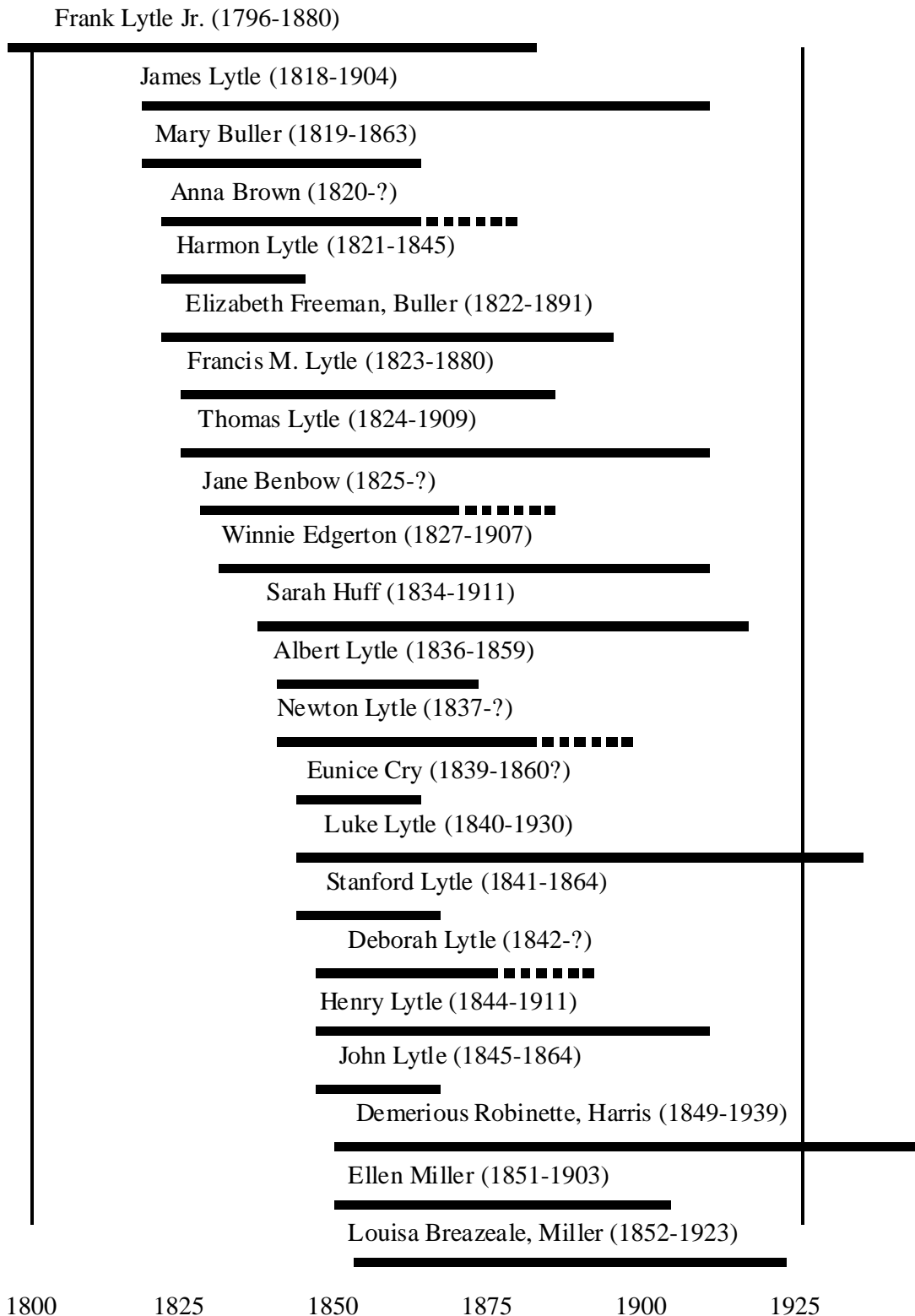


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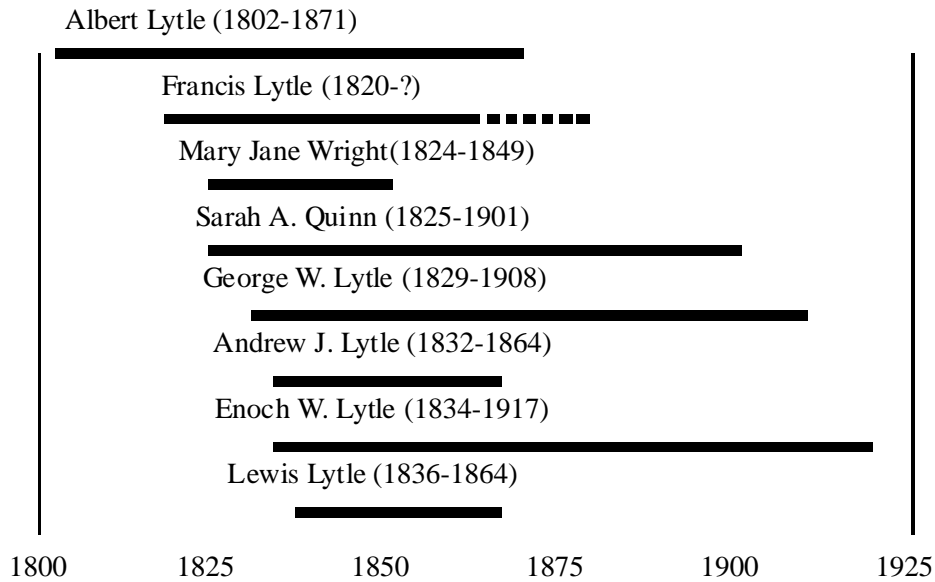


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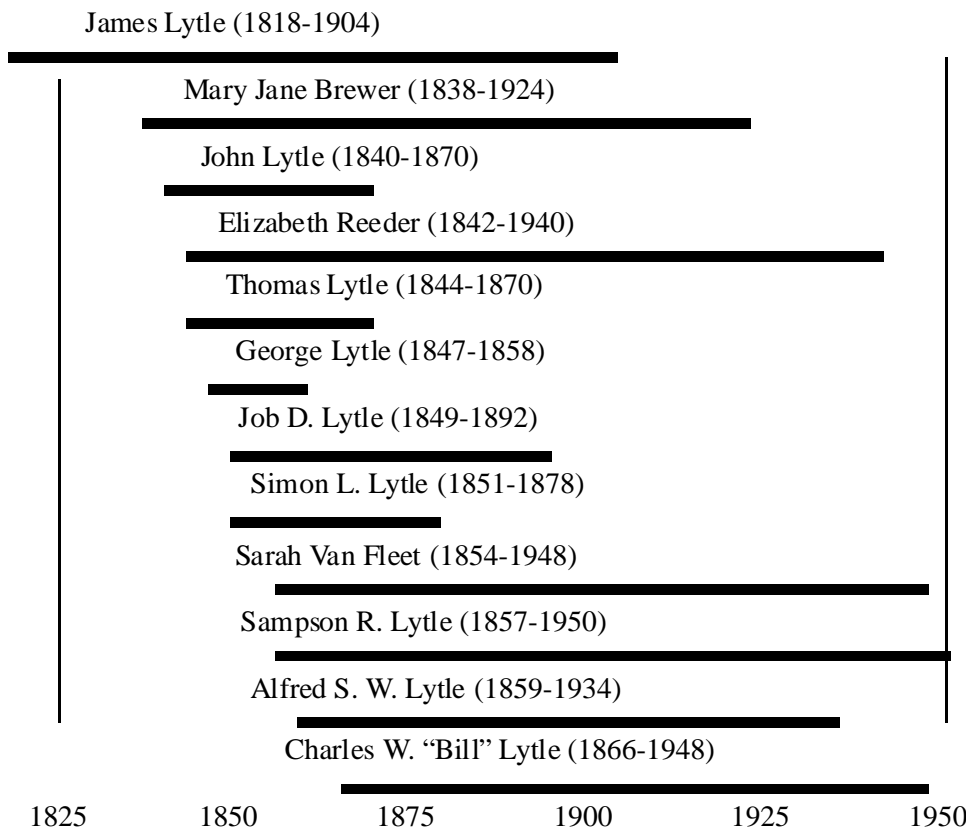
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## Albert Lytle and his Children:



## James Lytle and his Children:





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## **Electronic News!!**

Three big events in the world of computers and electronics, as related to our Lytle family.

### **- Newsletter Makeover**

The back issues of this publication, the *Lytle Plantation News*, have all been reformatted and redone in a word processing program known as FrameMaker. The back issues can now be reprinted quickly any time a new family member joins the mailing list. No more fussing with master copies and poor quality reproductions. They are printed directly from computer screen to a laser printer. As a matter of fact, and I almost hate to admit this to long-time subscribers, the quality of print for pictures is now much higher than it was when the bulletins were originally sent out several years ago.

### **- Electronic Delivery**

One cousin in California, Alan Barber, uses FrameMaker at his Hewlett-Packard job site. Alan now receives his newsletter electronically, through internet email. Anyone else who uses FrameMaker or can print or view PostScript files may also receive an electronic copy.

### **- Lytles on the Internet**

The Lytles now have an electronic home, thanks to cousin Betty Sellers in Indiana. As part of her coordinating the Indiana genealogical pages (part of the "GenWeb" project), she has found some megabytes for the Lytle families. People with internet browsers, such as America On Line (AOL), Prodigy, Compuserve, or other internet providers can now get a look at the Lytle database. This includes several Lytle families who may or may not be connected, most of whom came into Maryland and Pennsylvania in the early to mid-1700's. To visit this site, use this electronic address:

<http://www.dsenter.com/~kyseeker/lytle/intro.html>

As of this date, there is a large database online for genealogical researchers, consisting of about 7500 names. There is also a small amount of Lytle history, which will be growing over the next several months. Some of the articles and pictures from this publication will be put online in the hopes of being able to find more relatives who are looking for their Lytle roots.

## **Newsletter Hits 10-Year Mark**

Well, folks, here it is the completion of ten year of the Lytle Plantation News. Don't know what we can possibly do for another ten, but we'll just see what comes along. Don't forget to send in a narrative about your grandparents or a bible record, photograph, obituary, or whatever you can come up with. Or drop a line and tell a bit about yourself. It would be nice to say a bit about who's on the mailing list (name, job, place or residence, etc.) so some of us can know who's out there. There are over 80 names on the mailing list, now, and several families pass around the newsletter or make copies. How about adding an interested cousin to the list? We may make it to 100 subscribers! Watch for another issue next January or so. See you then.

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