

Asa Darnall - " ... a descendant of one of the old historic families of our country. According to the traditional and written history of the Darnall family, they were of the city of London, England, and originally of Wales. Philip Darnall, of London, was a relative of Lord Baltimore ... Two of his sons, Colonel Henry Darnall and John Darnall, immigrated to Maryland about 1665. Colonel Henry Darnall was Lord Baltimore's land agent, and judge in disputes arising from land titles. ... His residence was first at Woodyard, Prince George's county; at a later period at Portland Manor, Anne Arundel County. He died about 1712, and was buried at Woodyard, where his tomb is still in the possession of some of his descendants - the Wests - who have preserved a long and interesting history of the Darnall family. ... It is said that Charles Carroll, Sr., married a Darnall. Charles Carroll, Jr., married Mary Darnall, a daughter of Colonel Henry Darnall. Another daughter, Eleanor Darnall, married David Carroll, and they were the parents of John Carroll, the first archbishop of Baltimore. Henry Darnall has had numerous descendants from his family of sons and daughters...who settled principally in the southern States. His brother, John Darnall, did not appear to be a man of so much distinction. ... He also had a family, from whom have originated the Darnall's that are widely scattered in the northern and southern States. Some of both the northern and southern branches of the family spell their names Darnell, but most of them spell it Darnall... It has been said of them (the Darnall's) that they have, from their earliest history, been principally engaged in agricultural pursuits. It is also said of them that when you find a Darnall, he is more apt to be found in moderate circumstances than in luxury and affluence, and that he may be wild, but is sure to be honest and truthful, his chief pride being in principles of honor and morality.

There were five brothers-John, Isaac, Thomas, James and William Darnall - who were doubtless grandsons of John Darnall, the emigrant from London - who lived somewhere in the western part of Maryland, about forty miles from the city of Baltimore. John Darnall was married at this place to Mary Ann McDonald, a lady of Scotch descent. Remaining there still a few years longer after marriage, about 1780 he started to Kentucky, but stopped in western Virginia, and there staid (sic) something near ten years. ... He then removed to Kentucky, and settled in Montgomery County. Here he died, a few years later, and left his wife in charge of a family of sixteen children, all of whom she lived to see brought up to years of maturity, and the most of them to have families of their own. These, according to their birth, were as follows: Cornelius, William, Henry, Rebecca, Thomas, Ezekiel, Drucilla, Reuben, Susanna, Sarah, John [Asa's father, the subject of this survey], Amos, Anna, George, Zenas and Elizabeth, all of whom, but three, left families. John was married January 11, 1812, to Zilah Caywood. They remained in Kentucky until about 1832, when, with several of his brothers and sisters and their families, he removed to Indiana and settled in the wild woods near Danville, Hendricks County. There he brought up his family of children and lived until the death of his wife, which occurred when the youngest son was nearly grown. Then he lived with different members of his family until the time of his death, near Winterset, Iowa. He was a farmer all his life ... himself and wife ... were members of the Baptist church; afterward they united with the Christian church ... Their family ... consisted of eleven children - George, Wilford, Gideon H., Salina, Jefferson, Asa [the subject of this survey], Eliza A., Malinda, John S., Christopher C., and George T. George, the elder, Salina, and Jefferson are dead. The others are living and have families - Wilford, at Lebanon, Indiana; Gideon, John S., and George T. at Winterset, Iowa; Malinda, now Mrs. Shaffer, in Illinois; and Eliza A., now Mrs. Scott, Christopher C. and Asa, the subject off this sketch, at

Ottawa, Kansas. The brothers of John Darnall, Sr., who moved with him to Indiana, brought up their families there, and some of them still remain in Hendricks...

Asa Darnall was born December 10, 1823, in Montgomery county, Kentucky, and was, therefore, about nine years old when his parents removed to Indiana. ... before he entered into any business for himself he was married, February 14, 1842, to Miss Sarah Eliza Scott, oldest daughter of Solomon J. Scott, M.D., who was one of the most noted physicians of the State of Indiana ... He was born in Nova Scotia, and came with his parents to the city of Baltimore in the United States, when he was about two years old. (from notes written in July 1870, by Dr. Solomon J. Scott to Mrs. Sylvia Enarcha Ashby, daughter of Rev. Asa and Sarah E. Darnall.)

'My great-great-grandmother was Mary Stuart, sister of Charles Stuart, King of Scotland. ... Mary ... was married to John Gilmore ... John Gilmore and Mary had but one daughter, and they called her Mary. She married Robert Scott, of Scotland, and had nine children, three of them sons - William, Robert and John Gilmore, my father. ... I was born March 7, 1798 ... '

He was married to Rebecca Reeves, whose parents then lived opposite Cincinnati, on the Kentucky side of the river, by whom he had thirteen children, eight of whom are still living. Dr. Scott ... died in the fall of 1874, and was buried at Sherman City, Texas ... at the age of eighty-two years.

Asa Darnall ... after his marriage ... opened up a small farm, near that of his father ... improved and lived upon it four years. He then sold it, and in the fall of 1848, went to Davis county, Iowa, where he bought a farm near Bloomfield. ... in 1849 removed to the western part of Iowa, Mills county, near Glenwood. This he sold, in the spring of 1853, to go to Council Bluffs ... he sold out and went to the central part of the State, two and one-half miles from Winterset, Madison county...in the spring of 1860 he removed to Kansas ... near Baldwin City, Douglas county ... in 1874, he moved to Lawrence.

The oldest child, Volney Johnson, was born November 10, 1842, and died May 11, 1844. Alvah Newton was born December 2, 1848, and died May 14, 1850. Another son died in a few hours after its birth. The only son now living is William Simpson, who was born April 17, 1856, at Winterset, Iowa; was married November 7, 1878, to Miss Jennie Munger, and is living at home with his parents. ... Their only daughter, Sylvia Enarcha, now Mrs. Ashby, was born September 16, 1844, at Milroy, a little town that was then in existence near Greencastle, Indiana. She has had three children - John Alvah, born July 21, 1862 and died September 30 of the same year; Annie Enarcha, born January 28, 1866, and Bertha Genevieve, born February 16, 1869..."<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *The United States Biographical Dictionary – Kansas Volume*. (Chicago and Kansas City: S. Lewis & Co., [1879]), 626-629. Accessible at the Kansas Historical Society; Topeka, KS – Microfilm roll number: LM 406 no. 2.