

DANIEL WEBSTER LAMBERT

My grandfather Daniel Webster Lambert, born in January 1837 not far from Athens, Ohio was the ancestor of probably the greatest number of people who ever graduated from Otterbein College. Although he did not go to the college himself, he certainly believed in education and did his best to see that his ten (10) children were educated.

He went to a Quaker Academy probably at Mt. Pleasant, O. He was a younger son of a younger son and so my father used to say, himself, his father and his grandfather, and his great grandfather spanned to whole history of the U. S. in their lives. The great grandfather was Abner Lambert of Mattemuskeet, not far from New Bern in North Carolina. He came to Ohio at the age of 60 or so. At that time his son, my father's grandfather was a child of 10 (1800). He was the youngest son of a second wife. Abner married again in Ohio and had six more children making sixteen in all. Abner Jr., my father's grandfather married Elizabeth Stanton and both were brought up Quakers. But Abner was stubborn and he would not appear in meeting the proper number of times before they were married. Therefore, they put him out of the Quaker church. So he never got back in. His wife was put out when she married him but in three years she begged to get back in and was taken back. Therefore every other of their children was Quaker born. Those who were not Quaker born had to choose their own religion when they grew up. Daniel was an odd child and so had to choose for himself, although he always went to the Quaker church up to that time. As a young man he was a stone cutter but in his wanderings he came upon a revival meeting of the United Brethren Denomination and became converted to that faith. After that he became a United Brethren minister. They lived in southern Ohio near Athens.

He married Deborah Vernon Embree, a Quaker girl. Her father came from Chester County outside of Philadelphia from a place called Embreeville after the family. She became a United Brethren. In the early days before North Carolina John Lambert, an ancestor founded Lambertville, New Jersey. John was a favorite name in the family.

Daniel and Deborah had ten (10) children ... the first born in 1860 and the last in 1880. Daniel preached in several churches in southern Ohio and owned a farm also. Before 1900, Daniel bought a property on East Park St. and moved to Westerville, O. The property was a very useful place in which to live. He owned a horse and buggy and a cow. He had pasture land, garden and an orchard. He had come to Westerville to see that his younger children graduated from Otterbein College.

Ida, the oldest had married before she had a chance to go to college. Her husband was brother of Joseph Harris who was to marry a younger sister Bertha. His name was Jordan and he became a farmer in southern Ohio and later in Kansas. His son was to become very highly educated and also his daughter. The son Arthur became head of the Botany Department of the University of Minnesota, and his daughter, after going to London, England, became librarian of the Botanical Gardens in St. Louis.... and married a merchant and writer of scientific books.

Eva married Sam Selby, brother of the founder of the Selby Shoe Company. She had five children, one of whom was Grace, who went for a while to Otterbein ... married Lynn Smith who had big apple orchards in southern Illinois. They had ten (10) children. Grace was named mother of the year for the state of Illinois one year. All of their children graduated from the University of Illinois.

Another son was Paul Selby, Attorney General of the State of Ohio under Governor Bricker. They were close friends and when Bricker moved from Upper Arlington in Columbus to Washington D. C. Paul went to Washington also. Paul married his second cousin Ellis Hopkins, sister of Earl Hopkins, who taught violin for a while at Otterbein College and for many years at Capitol University. He started the Columbus Symphony of which his sister Norma was concert master. Paul and David Putnam, Norma's husband were graduates in Law from Ohio State. Earl's wife, Mabel Dunn Hopkins was professor of violin at Otterbein for many years.

Frank died at 17 when Elsie the youngest child was born. He had diphtheria.

Alva went to Otterbein but did not graduate. One son Glen, married Mabel Flemming a graduate of Otterbein.

Hannah went to Otterbein but did not graduate. She married John Mayne who also went to Otterbein but left to take his theological work. He was a minister in the Presbyterian Church. They had five (5) children and after he died Hannah came to Westerville to live. She lived beside her father on East Park St.

Her son Horace, who gave Mayne Hall to Otterbein in memory of his mother, graduated from Otterbein. Helen did not graduate but was in the class of 1915. She married Rev. Walter Roush who graduated in the class of 1915. Helen died of the flu in 1918. Dwight graduated and his two daughters Jean Mayne Fulton and Henrietta Mayne Hobbs graduated from Otterbein and her husband went to Otterbein but was in the second World War so finished his education elsewhere.

Daniel Ira Mayne went to Otterbein but after the first World War graduated in Engineering at Ohio State and from New York University in Patent Law. He became head of the Patent Department of Eastman Kodak Co. and died about two years ago.

John Mayne graduated in 1923 when several of the cousins graduated. He became a minister of the Congregational Church but also served in recent years in the Foundry Methodist Church in Washington D. C. His wife went to Otterbein three years (Anna Wilson)

Ira became a minister in the Presbyterian Church. One of his two daughters, Ruth graduated from Otterbein. The other, Natalie, graduated from college at Tulsa, Oklahoma when he was a professor there and she took work at the University of Chicago. Ruth is now Mrs. Warren Dickerson.

Bertha married Joseph Harris who became a District Supt. in the United Brethren Church and later President of Bonebrake Theological Seminary. They had six boys.

Paul Joseph graduated from Otterbein in 1923. Daniel Alfred in 1923. Paul made advertising motion pictures and had a Masters Degree from Northwestern University.

Daniel was with the Metropolitan Opera Co, studied abroad and taught voice in the Opera Dept. Oberlin college for many years. Robert died as an infant.

Theodore died at the age of 16 of appendicitis. His name was Theodore Otterbein Harris. He was buried from the college church at Otterbein and the High School class came to the funeral.

James graduated and became a minister of Music. He later married the widow of his cousin, Daniel Charles, Caroline Woodward Charles. He died on Easter morning in 1960 in Syracuse, N.Y. where he was minister of music at the First Presbyterian Church.

Richard Harris graduated from Otterbein also

Joseph graduated in 1898 but Bertha his wife did not finish her college work till the time her sons were going to college. She graduated in 1926.

Caroline graduated in 1901. She married Oscar Charles, also a graduate of Otterbein and they spent 25 years in the Philippines. He was supervisor of American Schools and she taught English in a High School. They had two sons who graduated ... Philipp and Daniel. Philipp married a girl who went to Otterbein, Dorothea Flickinger. Daniel married Caroline Woodward who went but did not graduate. ~~EMIXXX~~ Philipp had three children Richard who graduated and his wife Astrida Salnais who graduated. Mary Ann who graduated and her husband is also an Otterbein graduate, Dr. Joseph Wetherill Eschbaush. David who went but did not graduate.

My father William Otterbein Lambert had three children, Myself, Elsie Pauline, Mary Lucile, and Charles Otterbein. My mother Loretta Adams went to Otterbein but did not graduate. I married Richard Warfel a graduate of DePauw University. Lucile married Leroy Webner who graduated from Wooster College and Charles married Bernice Jackson of Canton, O. Lucile's daughter Mary Sue Webner graduated in 1958 and married Fred Smith who graduated in 1957.

So since Daniel chose to go to Westerville to see that his children graduated from Otterbein many others have followed in his footsteps.