

### William Emory Witherell

William Emory Witherell, was born at Portville, New York, on October 6, 1846 and died at his home at Endeavor, Pennsylvania, this county, Saturday July 13, 1912. He was a son of William and Lydia Nanette (Blossom) Witherell. On August 6, 1865, he was married at Portville, to Mary Ellen Pulver. Her death occurred some five years ago at Endeavor, where they settled soon after their Marriage, and where the subject of this sketch was written. He was continuously employed by the firm of Wheeler & Dusenbury, (sp ?) lumbermen. Their home was blessed with a family of seven children, six of whom survive as follows: Minnie Nanette, Franklin J., Mary E., George W, H. B., and G. B. Witherell. From the pen of S. D. Irwin, Esq., we learn that Comrade Witherell, was a young, 16 year old, when he answered the call of President Abraham Lincoln, for volunteers to defend the flag and the Union. He enlisted August 30, 1862, as a private in Company I, 154th New York Volunteers, 2d Brigade, 2d Division, 11th Army Corps, and served at corps headquarters during his entire term. His battle list include several hard fought battles, **Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Peach Tree Creek and Atlanta**. He was honorable discharged July 11, 1865, at Blandensburg, Maryland. He was one of the earliest members of Capt. George Stow Post, **Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.)**, and was afterwards an active and enthusiastic member of Eli Berlin Post, No. 626, ever true and loyal to the principles of our beloved order, of **G.A.R.**, and an honored member of the same. In civic life he was a good citizen and filled many local positions of honor and trust, having been school director, road master and other offices, in which he

performed his duties with honesty and fidelity. In faith he was a Presbyterian and a valued member of the church. His useful life is ended but his memory still remains. Previous to his death he expressed a desire that his funeral should be conducted by the **G. A. R.**, of which noble order he was so long a member and which he loved so well. That desire was strictly fulfilled for on Monday, July 15, at 2 o'clock p.m., a large company of his comrades for these days met at the Presbyterian church at Endeavor. Beautiful and appropriate hymns were rendered by the church choir, and the Rev. J. F. Scherer, his pastor delivered an able and appreciative sermon in the presence of his comrades and the large assembly of people who came in from the countryside to show their respect for this departed hero. The sermon it should be said fitted the occasion his pastor paid a high tribute to the worth of this Christian gentleman and good soldier. The active pall bearers were for the most part composed of Sons of Veterans, bright young men, who marched in admirable order from the church to the cemetery, a distance of about a mile, while the honorary pall bearers were composed of his old comrades, who rode in carriages. At the cemetery the **G. A. R.**, took charge of the ceremonies, which were strictly performed according to the beautiful ritual of the **Grand Army of the Republic**, which is always impressive. Altogether, it was one of the largest and best conducted events of the kind of late years, considering the reduced ranks of veteran soldiers (civil war) at the present time.

*This brief biographic sketch of William Emory Witherell , the maternal grandfather of Roy Elmer Smith, was found among papers of Bessie June (Smith) Imes . It is believed that this document was written as an obituary . Virginia (Shadaline) Conn, or Roy E. Smith, may have past this brief sketch on to Bessie Imes , In years past. It is now in the hands of Richard R. Imes, the great-grandson of William Emory Witherell and Mary Ellen Pulver,*

## Descendants of Asher Witherell

### **Asher Witherell**

b: Abt. 1786 in Massachusetts

### **Lydia Sears**

b: Abt. 1783 in Massachusetts

m: 15 August 1806 in Barre, Massachusetts

## Great-Great-Great Grand-Parents

### **William Witherell**

b: 7 May 1816 in Old Lester, New Hampshire

d: 13 July 1899 in East Hickory, Pennsylvania

### **Lydia Nanette Blossom**

b: 3 October 1816 in Portage, New York

m: Bef. 1841 in Portage, New York

d: 28 June 1906 in Endeavor, Pennsylvania

## Great-Great Grand-Parents

### **William Emery Witherell**

b: 6 October 1846 in Portville, New York

d: 13 July 1912 in Endeavor, Pennsylvania

### **Mary Ellen Pulver**

b: 14 February 1849 in Brindleville, New York

m: 6 August 1865 in Portville, New York

d: 28 June 1906 in Endeavor, Pennsylvania

## Great Grand-Parents

### **Minnie Nanette Witherell (Smith) Shadaline**

b: 10 February 1870 in Endeavor, Pennsylvania

d: 5 November 1926 in Morgantown, West Virginia

### **Homer Charles Smith**

b: 5 March 1864

m: 29 October 1887

d: 9 January 1943

2nd Marriage to

Henry I. Shedaline

## Grand-Parents

### **Roy Elmer Smith**

b: 17 September 1890 in Endeavor, Pennsylvania

d: 29 October 1966 in Painsville, Ohio

buried: Lutheran church, Lenox, West Virginia

### **Bessie Blanche Berkebile (Rolly)**

b: 15 April 1890 in Reitz, Pennsylvania

m: 17 September 1908, location unknown

d: 21 November 1956 in Ridgeley, West Virginia

buried: Lutheran church, Lenox, West Virginia

## Children of Roy Elmer Smith and Bessie Blanche Berkebile

1. **Bessie June Smith Imes**

2. **Lucille Margaret (Smith) Stevens**

3. **Kenneth Leroy Smith**

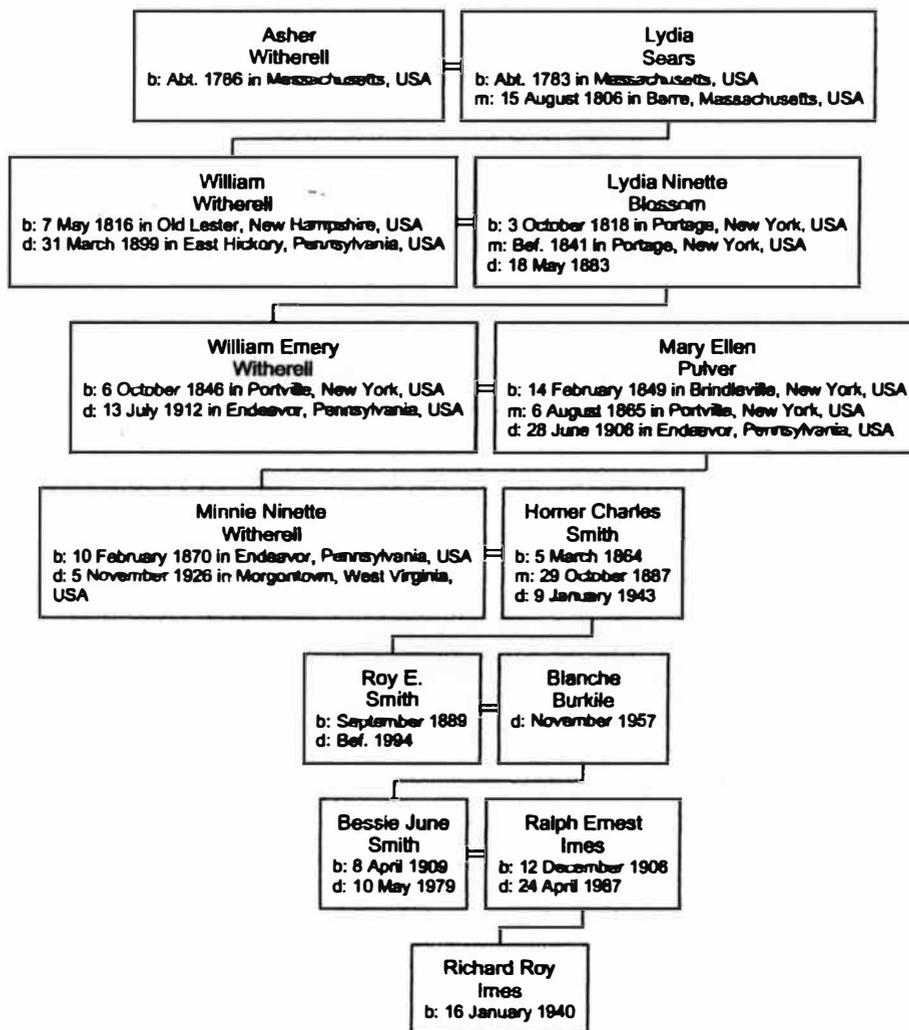
4. **Louise Nanette (Smith) Kemmer**

5. **Donal Homer Smith**

6. **Betty Virginia (Smith) (Sirma) Elkins**

7. **Patricia Lea (Smith) Sima**

### *Direct Descendants of Asher Witherell*



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