

Chapter 6

The Family Grows



Emma Richardson Crummel

Isaac and Elizabeth's first child was Emma D. Richardson, born around 1850 in Eatontown, NJ. At about the age of twenty-one Emma married Asa Crummel of New Egypt on July 8, 1867. The union produced two sons, Ryers and Rudy Crummel, the grandsons of Isaac and Elizabeth.

Ryers became the chief of the Sand Hill Band of Indians. He married twice and had two daughters, Virginia and Clorice, who died in 1995.

Virginia married Joseph Morris and had nine children: Angelica, Herman, Elmer, Richard, Joseph, Virginia, Lillian, Rudolph and Rodman. These were the great-great-grand children of Isaac and Elizabeth.

Clorice had eight children: Reginald, Elizabeth, Howard, Clorice, Irene, Florine, Ryers, and Helen.

Rudy produced Englmar and Juanita.

Englmar's children were Thelma, Margie and Lenamae.



**Asa and Ryers Crummel of
New Egypt**



Isaac Whitfield Richardson

The second child born to Isaac and Elizabeth was Isaac Whitfield Richardson (1851-1921). At age twenty-three Isaac married Jennie Gibson (1852-1931) on April 24, 1874 at the Methodist Church in Eatontown. The Reverend J. Lavelle was the minister.

Jennie's white plantation owner father sent her to Tarrytown, New York, to escape the turmoil from the War Between the States. They bought property on Branchport Avenue in Long Branch before moving to Sand Hill. Their first son, Jonathan,

was born in 1875. Adeline Richardson was born in 1879. Later Edith, Charles, Isaac R. and Robert G. Richardson were born. The family moved to Richardson Heights on Sand Hill. This is where August Ernest Thomas was born in 1906.

Isaac and Jennie produced six children: Jonathan, born January 31, 1875, Adeline, my grandmother, born September, 1879, Edith Laura, born 1880, Isaac Revey, born 1884, Charles H. born 1888, and Robert G.

Jonathan Richardson married a Nicaraguan Indian, and had one daughter, Eugenia, who became a piano teacher. Her two daughters are Alberta and Rhonda Vandever.



Jennie Gibson Richardson



**Adeline Richardson
Thomas**

Adeline married Julian George Thomas and produced Madeline, August and Allen Thomas. August married Marie Harris and produced six children: August Ernest, Madeline Hope, Claire Florence, Wayne Isaac, Fortune Harris and Marie Jean Thomas.

Robert Richardson married Eva and produced

Fred, Isaac, and Florine

Richardson. Fred married Ollie and produced Carol Richardson. Isaac married Gloria and produced Camille Richardson.

The third child of Isaac and Elizabeth was Elizabeth Richardson, born about 1853. She married a white man, Theodore (Dory) Vanderveer of New York. Elizabeth



Robert Richardson



**Theodore B.
Richardson**

assimilated with whites and refused to be seen with her Indian clan. Their marriage produced Elizabeth, Luxemma (Luxie), and Eccus Vanderveer. Eccus married Louise Burkhard, the daughter of a German candy maker who lived near Sand Hill. The grandchildren were Lawrence, Allen, Robert Esther and Alvin.

The fourth child of Isaac and Elizabeth was Theodore B. Richardson, born July 20, 1853. He married Margaret Thorn and

produced Theodore, Theodora, Rochelle, Richard and Charlotte Richardson. These were the grandchildren of Isaac and Elizabeth. Theodore made a comfortable living as a waiter in a large hotel and built a large ten-room Victorian style house on the top of Sand Hill. The house was hit by lightening and eventually torn down.

Theodora married Sterling Bell and produced the great-grandchildren Alma, Marguerite and Edmonia Bell. Alma's children are Carole, Theodora, Micheal and Albert Ashby. The next generation includes Charlie, Sterling, a Washington attorney, Phillipa, Michelle and Rebecca Ashby.

The fifth child born to Isaac and Elizabeth was Richard P. Richardson, born on May 2, 1856. Richard married Anna Snow and produced Restella, Anna, Theodore, Emma, Julia, Lucille and Alphonso Richardson.

Restella married a George Fox and produced Louise, Ethella and Constance Fox. The next generation includes Lionel, Janet, Theodore, Malvan, Doreuda, William, Pearl and Allen Coleman.

The sixth child of Isaac and Elizabeth was Susan, born April 1858. Susan



**Joseph and Anna
Richardson & Family**

Richardson married Robert Thorn, the brother of Margaret who married Theodore Richardson. Two Richardsons siblings married two Thorn siblings. Susan and Robert produced three children who died in infancy, Lottie, Robert and Luxie Thorn. A daughter, Arita Thorn, married Fred Nichols, but had no offspring. Arita died in 1967.

The seventh child of Isaac and Elizabeth was Joseph S. Richardson, born April 22, 1865. Joseph married Anna

Jackson and had eleven children: Emma, George, Leona, Isaac, Frederick, Christina, Ryers, Charlotte and Julian Russell Richardson.

The great-grandchildren were Christel, Dorothy, Marion, Lois, Irene, Herbert, Anna, Gloria, Julian and Willa Richardson. Dorothy lived on an Indian reservation in Massachusetts until she died at her daughter, Phyllis Jackson's, house in Woodbridge, Virginia in 1995.



Restelle Richardson & Johnson Revey

The eighth child of Isaac and Elizabeth was Restelle, born 1868 and died in 1939. At age twenty-five Restelle married thirty-year-old Johnson Revey of Little Silver on October 19, 1893 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Asbury Park.

Johnson Revey inherited one hundred acres of land in Tinton Falls from his father, Benjamin Revey and

his mother, Lucinda Johnson.

Restelle and Johnson spent the summers farming the land in the Reeveytown section of Tinton Falls, located in the southern end of the borough.

They produced two sons, James and Robert, and daughter who died as a child. Robert's son, James, was known as Lone Bear and later became the Director of the New Jersey Indian Office, which was located on Main Street in East



James Revey circa 1910

Orange, NJ. A daughter, Mercedes, married John Cook and today lives in Sag Harbor, Long Island, NY. Her two daughters, Carole Clark and Joy Fitzgerald, live in Hempstead, Long Island.

Restelle Elizabeth Richardson Revey is listed in *Lives of New Jersey Women, Past and Promise*, Scarecrow Press. Known as Aunt Del, she became an expert seamstress and beader of Indian crafts, making traditional garments, bags, dolls, shirts, jackets and other articles. During the winter Restelle and Johnson returned to Sand Hill where she created Indian crafts to sell in New York.

Restelle and Johnson owned a hotel in Asbury Park called The Sneaden. During the 1930s they purchased an apartment house on 110th Street in New York City to use as a retreat for Indians in the area. They are buried with the rest of the Richardsons and Reveys in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Neptune, New Jersey.

After serving with the 82nd Airborne Lone Bear, James Revey, visited schools, museums, universities and powwows as a speaker on Native American customs of the Delaware-Lenape culture. He operated the Lone Bear Indian Craft Company at Penn Station in New York for forty years and was active with the American Indian Council until his death in May 18, 1998. He was buried at Hillside Cemetery in South Plainfield.