

## Hammond-Hale Pictures

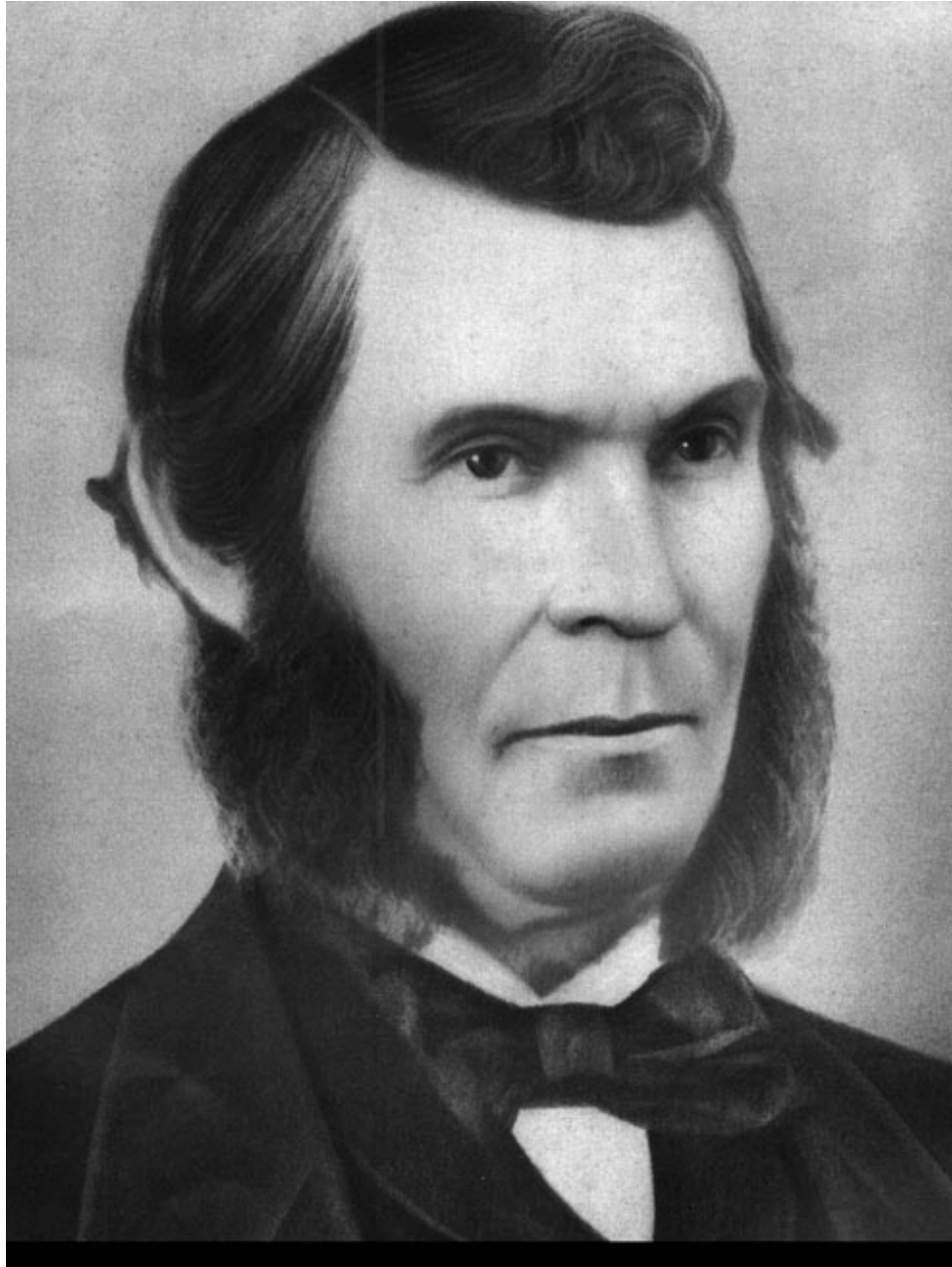
These pictures are from a Hammond Ancestor photo book kept by Emma Mai Hammond. We have no indication as to whom was responsible for putting together this Hamond-Hale family album (*ca.* 1870). It was probably a family project, promoted by either Merwin K. or Julius A. Hammond. It was a treasured volume of the Hammond-Jameson family. The album is now in the care of Paul Hammond Watlington, Jackson, Tenn.

Jonathan Hale of Glastonbury, Conn., who went to Bath, Ohio as a pioneer of the Western Reserve of the State of Connecticut, along with his brother-in-law, Jason Hammond and wife. Jason Hammond was an older brother of Calvin Hammond who moved to the Western Reserve some years later. In Glastonbury, Conn., the Hales, Welles and Talcotts had lived for three generations and Jonathan Hale and his wife Mercy Piper were kin to all of them. (From a daguerreotype photo probably after 1845 in *The Jonathan Hale Farmj* by John J. Horton, 1961.)



Jonathan Hale

Ward Kingsbury Hammond married Sophronia, a daughter of Jonathan Hale and Mercy J. Piper in the new brick house on the Hale farm at Bath Township, Ohio, 31 May, 1827. Both of them were born in New England; Ward at Fairlee, Vt., and Sophronia at Glastonbury, Conn. Ward K. was a nephew of Jason Hammond who had married Rachel Hale, older sister of Jonathan, in 1788 and migrated to Ohio with the younger Jonathan in 1810. Calvin Hammond, Ward's father and brother to Jason, and family arrived at nearby Hammonds Corners in Summitt Co. in 1815. Ward and four siblings grew up in Ohio and the families had ties both of kinship and proximity with the Hales. The Hammond-Hale relationship was thus sealed a second time in marriage in Ohio long before their migration to Illinois in 1844. The photo album of 1871 did not include a photo of Ward K. or of Sophronia Hale but it was of their family of eight surviving children and their families at that date.



Ward Kingsbury Hammond

Merwin Kingsbury Hammond, grandson of Calvin Hammond, was born in Hammonds Center, Medina Co., Ohio, a son of Ward K. Hammond and Sophronia Hale, the oldest child of Jonathan Hale and Mercy Piper of Bath, Ohio, who were married in the home of Jonathan Hale in May, 1827. He shared in the California Gold Rush in 1850, going overland and returning by ship on the Nicaraguan Route. He married and settled in business and later banking in Stockton, Jo Daviess Co., Illinois. Merwin remarried after the death of his wife in 1904, and built a fine new home which is serving as a bed and breakfast in 2002.



Merwin Kingsbury Hammond

Samantha A. Fowler Hammond, first wife of Merwin Kingsbury Hammond and mother to all ten of his children. Their home was in Stockton, Ill., and he was a merchant and later a banker. She was born January 14, 1836 at Hanover, Ill., daughter of Daniel and Anna Fowler. Samantha and Merwin were married on July 7, 1858 and several weeks later moved to Stockton. Samantha died March 4, 1904 in Stockton and is buried in Ladies Union Cemetery there.





**Samantha Fowler Hammond**

Mercy Jane Hammond Steffens (*b.* 1837, *d.* 1908) was the youngest of three daughters of Ward K. and Sophronia Hale. After a public school and advanced education she worked with her family on the farm until she was twenty three. She then married Richard Steffens on Oct. 25, 1860. Mr. Steffens and his brother had recently moved to Spring Valley, Fillmore County, Minn. Her early years there were pioneer living in poor conditions compared to her home in Jo Daviess Co., Ill. She was less than a hundred miles northwest of Hanover but public transportation was difficult at that time. Nine children were born to them but five of them died young. As the transcontinental railroads opened up from Chicago to the Washington-Oregon area several members of this family moved to Minneapolis and then some on to Seattle, Washington.



Mercy Jane Hammond

Julius A. (*b.* 1833, *d.* 1902, twin to Julia Sarah Hammond) and Merwin K. Hammond were the older sons of Ward K. and Sophronia Hale Hammond. By the time the family settled in Jo Daviess Co., Ill., in 1846, they were the mainstay of this farming family. Ward K. tried lead mining some months and later went to try lumbering in the North woods near Minneapolis for a summer while the rest of the family tended the farm. Provided with a better than average education, attending Knox College at Galesburg where his Uncle Royal Hammond lived, he studied in both the academic and scientific departments. Then he studied toward the ministry of the Methodist Church at Rock River Seminary at Mount Morris, Ill., and one year at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., in the theological department.

In 1861, Mr. Hammond was received on trial in the Rock River Conference and was stationed at Hanover, Ill. After nine months preaching his health failed and he was obliged to resume farming at which he and his family had done well. In 1864 he purchased 120 acres for his own farm and added to it until he had 280 acres. In 1859, he was married to Miss Lydia Carrie Witt. He remained an active member of the Methodist Church of Hanover and active in civic duties and served two years as a district Representative to the Illinois Legislature.



**Julius A. Hammond**

Lydia Carrie Witt married Julius A. Hammond on March 29, 1859. She was the daughter of Rev. Samuel and Catherine Cook Witt, natives of Somerset County, Penn., who was a minister in the Evangelical Association in Pennsylvania. After his death she moved with her mother to Circleville, Ohio where she grew to womanhood and was educated. Before her marriage she had taught school in Mount Carroll public schools, and at Peoria and Freeport in Illinois before coming to Hanover to teach in the upper department of the public school.

To this couple were born eight children, six of whom grew to maturity in the comfortable home which they provided. The first born girl, Carrie, died young and Joseph A., a promising young man of 19 years, died in 1889.



Lydia Carrie Witt Hammond

Julia Sarah Hammond Edgerton (*b.* April 25, 1833, in Hammonds Corners, Medina Co., Ill. — twin to Julius A.) was the second girl born to Ward K. and Sophronia Hale. The first born was Pamela, born at Hammonds Corners, who lived into her teenage years and was well remembered by her siblings. She is said to have died of tuberculosis. She was remembered also by a third cousin, Eveline Bosworth Cook who wrote an extensive memory record of early years of the Hales and Hammonds in Ohio. Julia was thirteen by the time the family moved to Hanover in 1846 and was good help around the home and farm. After her public school education she married Sereno Dwight Edgerton on Sept. 22, 1849 who became a prosperous farmer near Hanover and they reared seven children. A public school named Edgerton was organized in 1848 where Edgerton, Jameson and Hammond children studied.





Julia Sarah Hammond

Metta V. Edgerton was the oldest child of Julia Hammond and S. D. Edgerton and by 1868 taught in the Edgerton Public School. She married Rev. G. W. Abbott, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Wymore, Nebraska. They lived in Iowa but kept in touch with relatives in Hanover.



Metta V. Edgerton

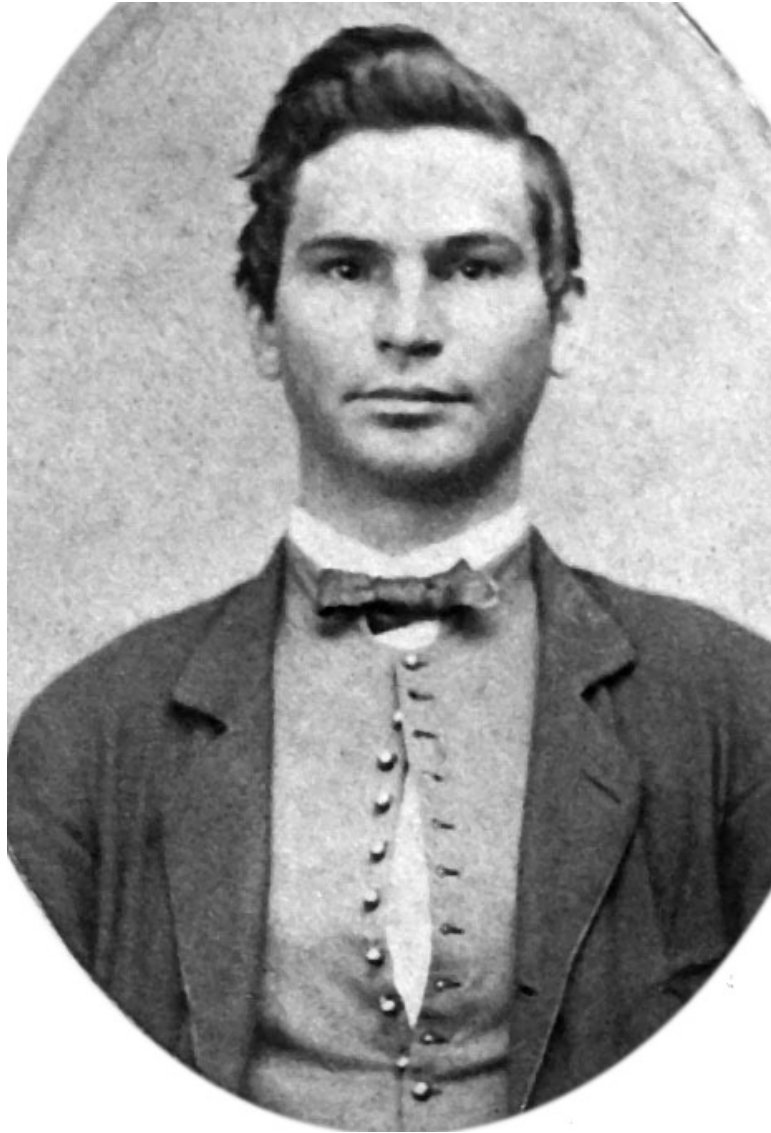
Charles Newell Hammond (*b.* 25 June 1835 in Medina Co., Ill., *d.* 1891) was the sixth child of Ward K. and Sophronia. He served with the 96th Volunteer Illinois Infantry in Kentucky and Tennessee in the Civil War and later volunteered for a Pioneer Corps that later became the First Organized Army Engineer Unit. The Engineer group was to aid in construction projects, forts, bridges and roads and to reconstruct the railroads the Army needed. At his post in Chattanooga, Tenn., he served as a quarter master in ordering, receiving and dispatching building materials to the projects of the War in 1863–65 as the Federal Army moved on to Atlanta, Ga., and beyond. Several notes and letters from him were preserved by his family and relatives.

After his discharge from service Charles N. returned to Hanover, Ill., married Miss Edna C. Dean of that place and returned to farming. They were comfortably situated and their first three children were born in Illinois before they sold their farm and moved to Madison Co., Tenn., about 1877. His brother Edwin O. had served with the Federal Forces there in 1862 after the Battles of Shiloh and Corinth, Miss. Charles and Edna bought near Jackson, Tenn., about 900 acres of timbered and farming land and harvested timber there for the next several years. They had been well received there and they encouraged Charles' youngest brother, Orson Ward Hammond, to come from Texas and join him in his venture, which he did in 1886. However Orson had worked at carpentry since 1873 in various places and preferred to try his hand at farming. More capital was needed to pursue Charles and Edna's dreams and was hard to find. Charles N. died in an incident (1891) on his farm as he protected his chickens from robbery. They had five young children and Edna and the children continued on the property and prospered. Descendants are now prominent leaders in the city of Jackson and Memphis, Tenn.



Charles Newell Hammond

Lt. Edwin O. Hammond, (*b.* 1838, *d.* 1893), son of Ward K. and Sophronia Hammond, was an early volunteer in the War of the Rebellion. A farmer with his brothers in 1861, he enlisted July 23, 1861 and renewed his enlistment in 1864 after being in some terrible battles with his unit at Pittsburg Landing, near Savannah, Miss., at Corinth, Miss. and later in the siege of Vicksburg, Miss. He enlisted as a private and was in command of his company of 96 men at Pocataligo, So. Carolina when he was wounded and sent to a hospital in New York by ship from South Carolina which they had recently captured. He married Adeline Bostwick on March 13th 1864 while home on a Veterans furlough. After the war ended he returned to Hanover with a severely limited right arm, and returned to farm work in Lena, Ill. He received a disability pension from the U. S. Military which aided him and his family of four children. He died in Lena in 1893, at 54 years of age.



Edwin O. Hammond

Royal Cornelius Hammond (*b.* 19 Oct. 1843, *d.* 22 Oct. 1870) was born as the ninth child of Sophronia Hale and Ward K. Hammond during a year or more spent in Delaware, Ohio, before making the long river boat trip to Knox Co., Ill., where many Hammond relatives had already moved for new lands and opportunities. About a year later the family traveled to Cincinnati, Ohio, on the Ohio River and then had steamboats to help them down the Ohio and up north again on the Mississippi River to the Illinois River above St. Louis, Mo. and thence up the Illinois River as far as Peoria. From there they traveled overland to Galesburg and Ontario township where Ward K's mother and brother Royal Hammond and wife Emeline Rogers Hammond lived. Ward took out settlement papers on a farm in or near Ontario township and they lived two years in Knox Co., where several Hammond and Burt kinfolks lived. They were hard years for the family and by late 1846 they moved on to a more settled area in Jo Daviess Co., Illinois, but kept in contact with these families.

Royal C. Hammond served in the Civil War with the 96th Illinois Voluntary Infantry Regiment but must have served under an assumed name as he was under age as he signed up. He was in battles in Kentucky and Tennessee before joining the battle for Atlanta in 1864–65. After the war he married a Miss Susan Irwin and settled in Rome, Ga., where he had served during the War.





Royal Cornelius Hammond

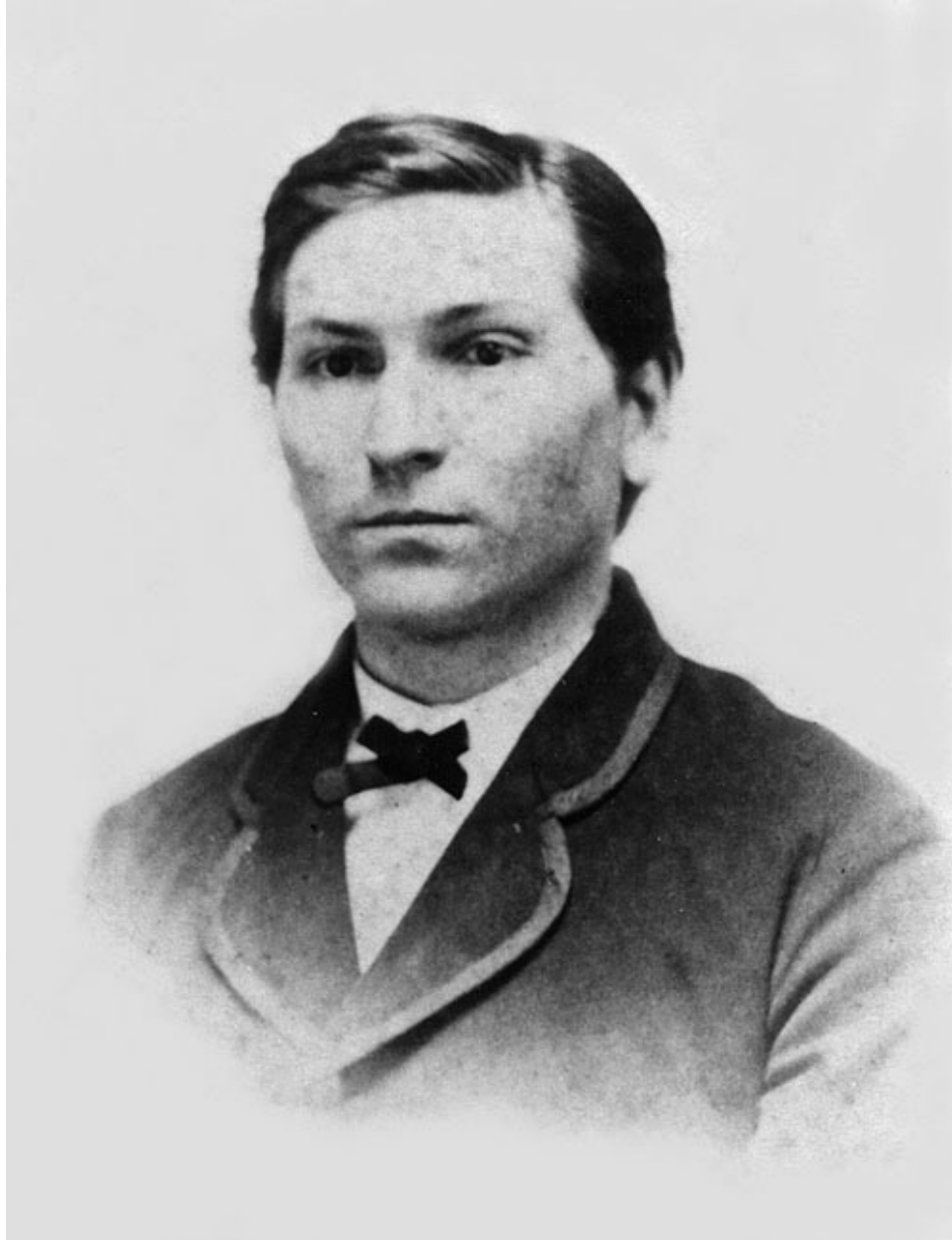
Susan Irwin became Royal C. Hammond's wife after his military service. They lived some years in Rome, Ga., where they had two girls before his sudden death on Oct. 22, 1870. Susan and the girls remained in Georgia which makes one wonder if his wife was not a Southern girl. Little is known of them. There were Irwin families in Jo Daviess Co. at this time.



Susan Irwin Hammond

Orson Ward Hammond was photographed thus on his 22nd birthday. This is our Tennessee Hammond grandfather who was born on June 6, 1846 in the log house that served the growing family on a small homestead in Knox Co., Illinois just north of Galesburg which the writer Carl Sandburg later called home. His grandmother, Roxana Field Hammond, widow of Calvin Hammond lived in Ontario and Galesburg with his now prosperous Uncle Royal and Aunt Emeline, who had no children. Orson lived in Hanover, Illinois, with his mother Sophronia and near his brother Julius A. Hammond during the Civil War years. As he finished his public school education there was now an upper school in Hanover and a rail line into Chicago and points nearby. He taught school for a year or so and worked a year or more as apprentice to an accomplished cabinet maker carpenter.

He continued living with his mother until her death in 1873 and he then followed the railways into Texas where he labored for ten years with a construction company building railway stations and section houses in over thirty Texas counties from 1873 to 1883. He visited Hanover from year to year and found there his wife, Mary Eliza Jameson (*b.* 1858, *d.* 1918) daughter of Matilda Craig and the older Samuel Jameson who was one of the early settlers at Hanover. In 1883 the couple moved to Texas to try sheep raising and farming there. But Charles N. was in Tennessee and invited them to come work with him where there was more rain. They moved in 1886 to Jackson, Tenn., and settled there.



Orson Ward Hammond

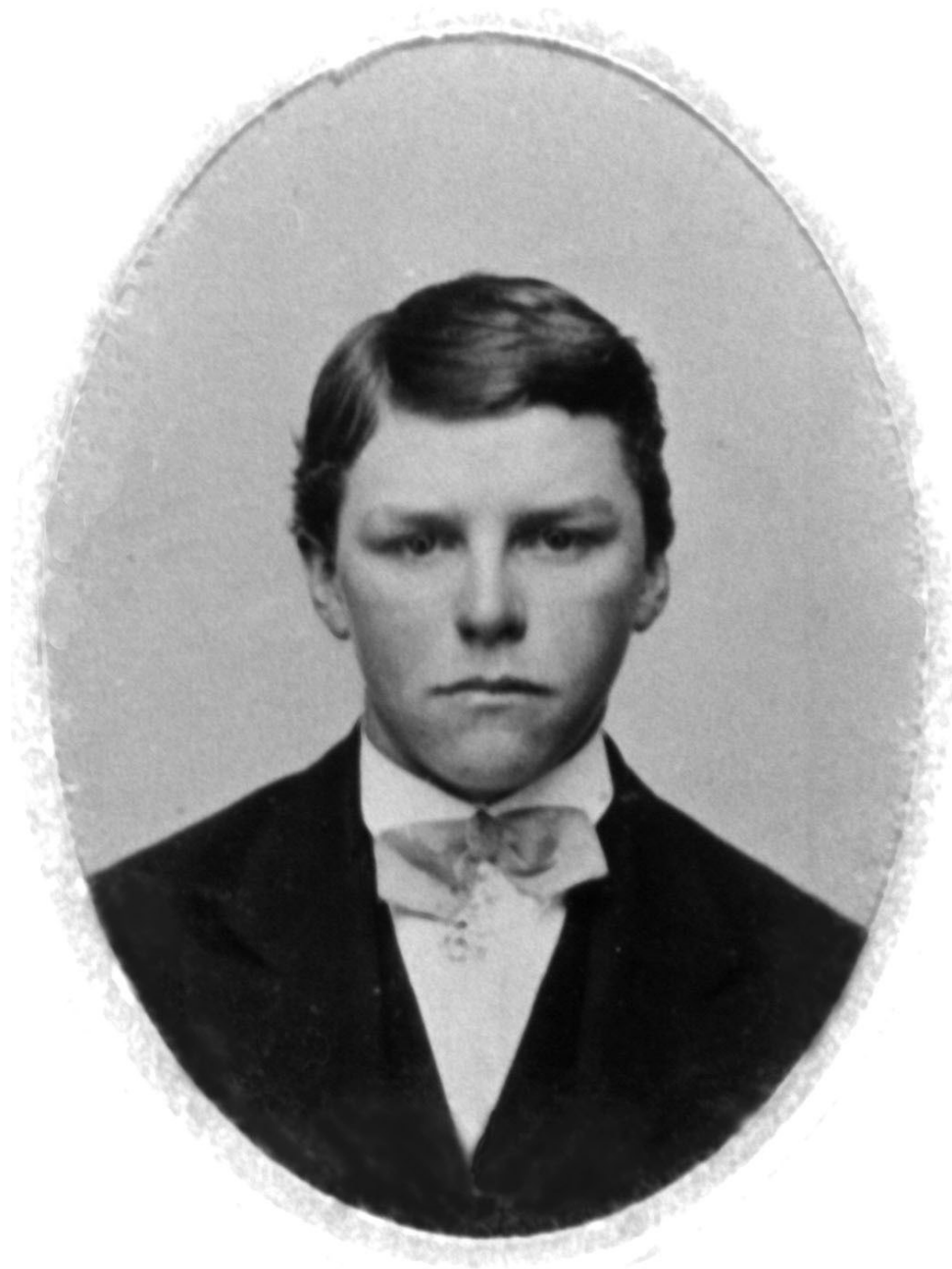
Clara Edgerton was a daughter of Julia Hammond Edgerton.



Clara Edgerton

Frederick Edgerton was a son of Julia Hammond Edgerton.





Frederick Edgerton

Mercy Jane Hammond Steffens with one of her daughters, probably Alice Vienna Steffens, one of the family's early genealogists. Alice V. married but divorced later and worked as a business woman in Minneapolis, Minn. She secured, extended and had printed about 1929 the Hale/Hammond ancestor chart that was circulated among this Hammond family and is still available. Mercy Jane Hammond, at the request of her son, Dr. Orson Richard Steffens, wrote a memory resume of her life and memories of the family ancestors in 1902 at her home in Spring Valley, Minn. This gave insight into the migration from Ohio to Peoria, Ill., by primitive steamboats of the early 1840's, and of the life in Knox County prior to life in Jo Daviess County. The family passed these items on to Charles Hammond Steffens who later lived at Hubbard, Iowa, and his daughters Alice Mercy Steffens and Charlotte Steffens passed them on to us. Alice Mercy also brought together the older pictures of her family in a pictorial album that has now become "lost" to much of the family. This photo album would greatly aid family researchers should it come to light through descendents in 2002. Alice Mercy Hammond also wrote of the extended Steffens/Hammond relatives at 83 years of age in 1974.



Mercy Jane Hammond Steffens

Dora Etta and Ina Dell Hammond were daughters of Charles N. and Edna Dean. They were born in Jo Daviess County, Ill., but grew up in Madison Co., Tenn.



Dora Etta and Ina Dell Hammond

Frederic Hammond, Sr. (*b.* 1873, in Illinois) was a son of Charles N. and Edna Dean Hammond. He grew up in Madison Co., Tenn., and married Lottie Young, daughter of the Bemis Mill superintendent. They raised a family in Bemis, Tenn.



Frederic Hammond, Sr.

Rollie Hammond was the son of Susan and Royal C. Hammond. This photograph was taken in September 1872 in Belleview, Iowa, when he was 3 years old. Rollie was a nickname for Royal so his proper name was likely Royal as was his father's.





Rollie Hammond

Una S. Hammond was a daughter of Susan and Royal C. Hammond. This photograph was taken in Sept. in Rome, Ga.



Una S. Hammond

Emeline Rogers Hammond was the wife of Royal Hammond of Ontario, Ill., and later Galesburg, Knox County. Royal Hammond was a brother to Ward K. Hammond. There were five children of Calvin and Rachel Field Hammond of Connecticut, Vermont and Ohio. (See article and picture of Royal in Knox Co. Ill. Historical Biography, *ca.* 1890.)

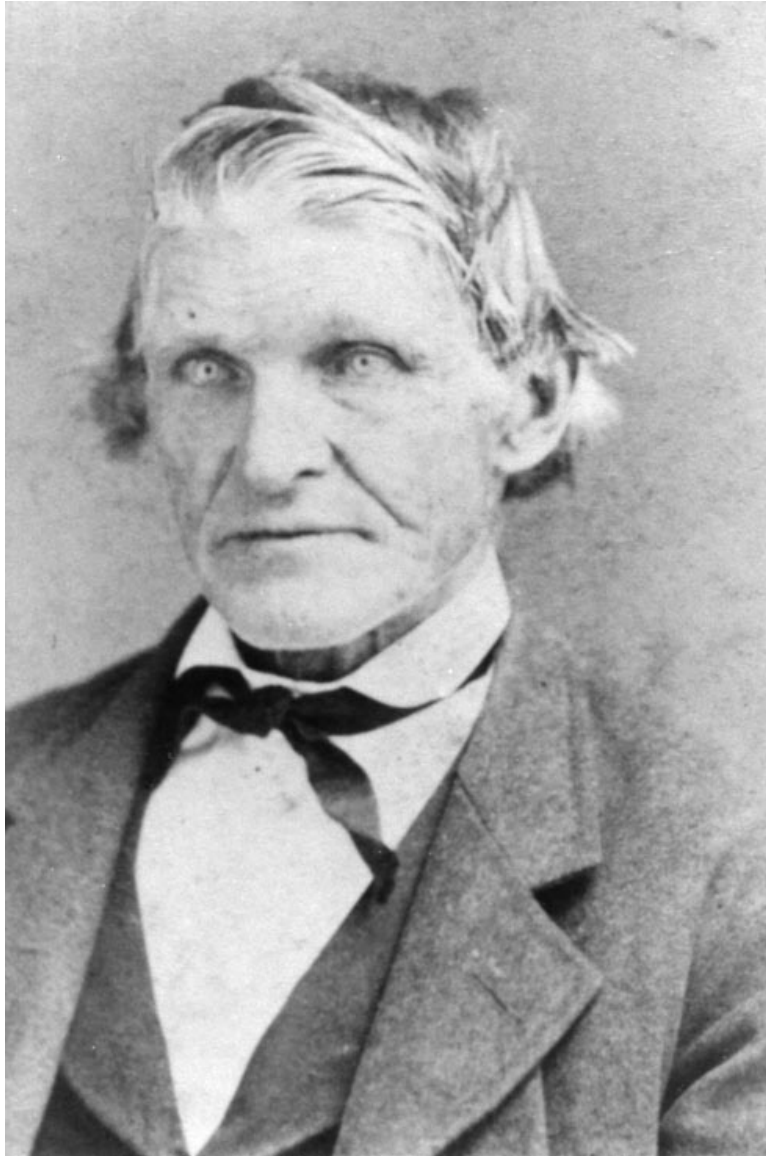
Emeline Rogers was born to Rufus Rogers and Evangelia Booth Rogers in Chesterfield, Massachusetts. There were six sons and two daughters in the family. In 1837 the family moved to Bath, Ohio where many from New England had settled. Being Congregationalists they encountered the Hammonds in that church in Bath, and Royal Hammond and Emeline were married on May 24, 1838. They continued to live for six years at Bath, Ohio, and then moved to Ontario Township, Knox Co., Illinois. As Royal's father Calvin (1775–1826) had died, Mrs. Roxana Hammond moved with them to Knox Co. and lived with them until her death in 1850. Emeline and Royal shared sixty two years of married comfort before his death, six years on the homestead at Ontario township and then in Galesburg as he operated a very successful grocery store there. They had no children but helped many.

Apart from Royal's household, John Burt who married Lucinda Hammond (1801–1840) moved to Knox Co. with their five children in the early 1840's also. These children were cousins to the Hammond Hale family at Hanover and kept in touch with them.



Emeline Rogers Hammond

Andrew Hale, of Bath, Ohio, son of Jonathan Hale and Mercy J. Piper, was a brother to Sophronia Hale Hammond of Hammonds Corners, Medina Co., Ill., and after 1846 of Jo Daviess Co., Ill. Andrew Hale lived with his family in "Old Brick", home of his father and continued farming with him on the homestead until he married and later built a wing onto Old Brick for his family as it grew. It was he rather than his father who carried most of the burden of farming the homestead after the death of Jonathan's wife Mercy J. Piper Hammond in 1829. It was Andrew who purchased from other members of the family from time to time to reassemble the rather large holding of his father Jonathan. In effect, Andrew held the Old Homestead together for another generation and his daughter Sophronia J. Ritchie and granddaughter Clara Belle Ritchie who later purchased the entire farm and gave it and a million dollars to develop it into a preservation and teaching park for the Western Reserve of Connecticut in Ohio. Samuel Ritchie, Sophronia's husband was ingenious enough to earn a fortune of such size in developing industry and mining as well as lumber in this part of Ohio in the 1880's and 1890's which the family protected and increased until the 1950's when the gift was realized.



Andrew Hale

Jane Mather Hale, daughter of Sarah Cozad Mather, who married Jonathan Hale after the death of his first wife Mercy J. Piper of Connecticut. Mrs. Mather was known as a teacher and able widow by people in Bath, Ohio though she lived in Euclid, which has long since become a part of Cleveland, Ohio. She was an educated, able person who had children of her own by her former marriage. The blended family was sufficiently harmonious for one son to choose Mrs. Mather's daughter Jane as his wife and the oldest son William Hale married Mrs. Mather's orphaned niece and adopted daughter, Harriet Carlton, who had come to live with Mrs. Sarah Hale in her new home and to help with the house and family.

Both younger marriages were successful and so was Jonathan's second marriage, as Sarah Hale joined into family and community activities and bore three more Hale children to make a total of ten for Jonathan. Andrew and Jane Mather Hale had six children.

Jane and Andrew Hale had possession of the "Old Brick" home of Jonathan and most of the farm from about 1844 until his death and then his son Charles Oviatt Hale until about 1935. Jane's daughter Sophronia J. Hale Ritchie and granddaughter Clara Bell Ritchie arranged for use of the home and farm as a Pioneer Museum and Village Center by 1956.





Jane Mather Hale

William Charles Oviatt married Sophronia Hale's sister Pamela. They made their home off the farm as he was a business man but kept close ties with Jonathan Hale and the homeplace. When it became a vacation place in the summer they were frequent guests. Having no children of their own they adopted two: Generva and Charles. This W. Charles later married Pamela L. Hale, a daughter of Andrew and Jane Hale. William C. Oviatt evidently was a prominent business man near present day Akron, Ohio and was greatly appreciated by the Hales.



William Charles Oviatt

Pamelia Hale Oviatt married William C. Oviatt. The Oviatt's were able to travel and visited the Jo Daviess County Illinois kinfolks. Being a highly literate family the Hales and Hammonds kept in touch with one another surprisingly well. The Oviatts often visited Florida in the winters.



**Pamelia Hale Oviatt**

Pamelia L. (Millie) Hale was the older of Andrew and Jane Hale's children included in this album. Photos before 1871 were a relatively costly item, and these pictures reveal Andrew and Jane's family as not only "good looking" but rather prosperous. Pamelia L. (Millie) corresponded with Charles N. Hammond while he was a soldier in Tennessee and some of his letters to "Millie" are still with the Charles N. Hammond family.



Pamelia L. (Millie) Hale

Clarissa (Clara) Hale was the third of Jane and Andrew Hale's girls. She later married L. H. Ashmum and they had two daughters, Kate M. and Fannie M. Ashmum.





clarissa (Clara) Hale

Sophronia (Fronie) J. Hale was the daughter of Andrew and Jane Hale who married the dashing young entrepreneur Samuel J. Ritchie, who turned into a millionaire in the 1870–1890 period, and built a lovely mansion in Akron for his wife and daughter, Clara Bell Ritchie. Sophronia J. Ritchie and her daughter were the ones who gave at Clara Bell's death a million dollars plus the Jonathan Hale Farm to the Western Reserve Historical Society in 1956 to be a teaching museum in remembrance of the work of early Connecticut pioneers in this region.



Sophronia J. Hale

Othello W. Hale (*b.* July 5, 1841, *d.* Nov. 13, 1906) and first wife Elizabeth Hanson (*b.* 1839 in England, *d.* 1876). Othello W. was a child of William Hale and Harriet Carlton. He was a younger brother to Sophronia Hale Hammond. In his later years he became the acknowledged historian of the Hale family and visited Hanover, Galesburg, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Jackson, Tenn., gathering news about the family and recording it. Much of his correspondence is still available at the Western Reserve Historical Society.



Othello W. Hale and Elizabeth Hanson Hale

Emily F. Hale was a daughter of James H. Hale (brother to Sophronia). It is noteworthy that O. W. Hammond knew these children of his mother's siblings in Bath, Ohio, while he was in Hanover, Illinois, at the date of receiving the album.



Emily F. Hale

Veteran Edwin O. Hammond with his wife Adeline Amelia Bostwick (*b.* Jan. 11, 1848, in Illinois, *m.* March 13, 1864 in Hanover, Ill.) Edwin was only home on furlough at that time and returned to his 45th Ill. Infantry Regt. a few weeks later. Adeline gave birth to their first child in February 1865 while Edwin was still with the U. S. Army, by that time in a hospital in New York following wounds received Jan. 15, at Pocatigo, S.C., from whence he went by ship to New York.

After the war was over Edwin returned to Hanover, and was discharged as a disabled veteran with a life pension. Nevertheless, he and Adeline bought a farm home in Lena, Stephenson Co., Ill., just east of Stockton, Ill. where his brother Merwin Hammond had settled.





**Edwin O. Hammond and Adeline Bostwick Hammond**

Lewis Burt was the middle child of five children born to Lucinda Hammond, daughter of Calvin Hammond and Roxana Field Hammond at Fairlee, Vt., in 1801, prior to their move to Bath Township, Medina Co., Ill., in 1814/15. She was a sister to Royal Hammond of Knox Co., Ill., and Ward K. Hammond of Hanover, Ill. Lucinda and John Burt were married in 1824 in Bath Township, Ohio and she died in 1840.

After the death of Lucinda, John Burt moved to Knox Co., Ill., and their family may have influenced the migration of other Hammond relatives to this county. Children of Jason Hammond and Rachel Hale also migrated to Knox Co., Ill., in the 1840's. One of these, Horatio Hammond, had a small genealogy of family ancestors in New England down to his time in Galesburg in 1866 which was among the papers of O. W. Hammond at his death in 1930.



Lewis Burt

The Julius A. and Carrie Witt Hammond family of Hanover, Ill. Their oldest child Carrie died young, so this would be Luella W., Edna O., Gail and Sophronia Hale (*b.* 1868), and Merwin O. (*b.* 1869). This picture was among the souvenirs of O. W. and Mary Eliza Hammond. *The date of this photo is uncertain, but believed to be ca. 1878*



Julius A. and Carrie Witt Hammond Family

Sophronia Hale Hammond, Mrs. Charles L. Soyster, was the fifth daughter of Julius A. and Carrie Hammond. This picture was found in a memorial booklet published by her husband as a tribute after her death in 1898 in Sheldon, Iowa. Charles Soyster was a wholesale salesman working through North Iowa. They had two children, Merwin H. (*b. ca.* 1892), and Charles J. (*b. ca.* 1893).



Sophonra Hale Hammond soyster

Believed to be Prof. C. W. Edwards and Edna O. Hammond, daughter of Julius and Carrie Hammond. He taught music in Minneapolis, to which city Julius Hammond and his wife moved in retirement before their death. *Not positively identified.*





C. W. Edwards and Edna O. Hammond Edwards