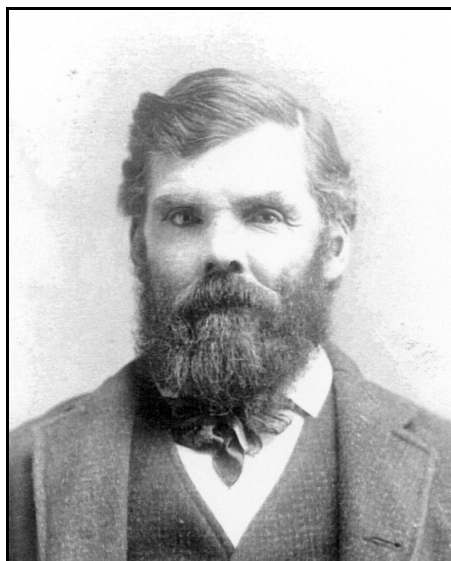


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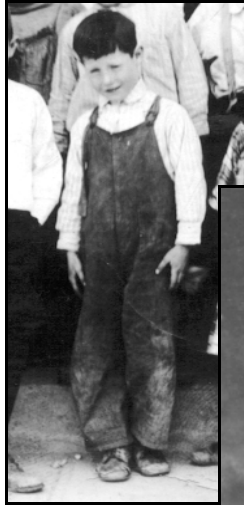
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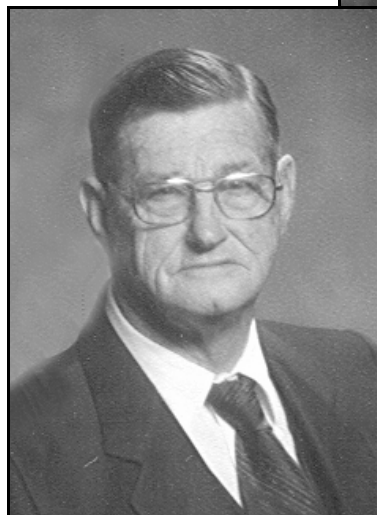
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To
Ralph Williams Price
(1910-1998)

Whose integrity and strength of
character exemplified the best
attributes of the Price generations.





RICHARDS CASTLE, HEREFORDSHIRE, ENGLAND

As it appeared in 1955, according to a sketch by William Albert Green (www.ewgreen.org.uk). Richards Castle, located near the Welsh border, was home to the Preece (or Price) family line at least as far back as the mid-1700s. William Preece (father of Ezekiel Preece or Price) and William's father Thomas Preece were each christened at Richards Castle. Today, there is very little of the historic town that has survived.

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PREFACE

We glimpse past lives, as it were, by lightning flashes. Never do we have the whole story. Instead, we accumulate bits and pieces of lives, scenes plucked from what is too often a dark landscape, and when we put the oddments together to tell a story, we hope we finally get it right. Too often, we get it wrong, but even where we err, more of the story still gets told.

While researching the histories found in this volume, certain lessons began to materialize. What came to the forefront was the realization that, generation after generation, principles of love and sacrifice were being constantly repeated. Family members, even in the most modest circumstances, helped other family members, doing what they could, when they could.

This is the touchstone we discovered:

Love is invariably at the core of family experiences. And love should be passed on.

It is a type of stubborn love that is not always expressed in affection, but is so very much expressed through compassion, sacrifice, and endurance.

Indeed, in any family's history, sacrifice after sacrifice is found. Wives follow husbands with dutiful loyalty; husbands lead wives and children into new and daring enterprises that may succeed or fail by a hair's breadth; families undergo incredible hardships to help each other through hard times and tragedy. Orneriness and tenderness, obstinacy and sweetness, somehow find a way to coexist. Although failures may abound in full measure, each generation somehow makes the way easier for a rising generation.

The stories in this volume exemplify some of the varied ways in which families interact and shape their distinct destinies. It is noted that care, concern, and support for one another are constants, conveyed from generation to generation. (There can be exceptions, but the exception is never the rule.)

There is a lesson to be learned when we inquire about the lives of those who have given us their genes and have determined our personal destinies more than we are aware. The lesson is this:

Love should be passed on. Pass it on.

INTRODUCTION

This wasn't originally planned to be a book...it started, innocently enough, as an informal compilation of family stories and photos intended solely for our immediate family's personal pleasure. However, one good thing kept leading to another. As other family members offered contributions, and as new information and delightful new discoveries steadily mounted, our family compilation grew. Eventually we realized the information and stories needed to be shared in the form of a book. Then it kept expanding and became not one, but *two* books! (*Williams-Rogers*, printed in 2004, carrying information concerning the James Clark Williams family, became a companion volume to this one.)

In its finality, this volume is available in two versions: the first version covers three generations, centering on the family of Ezekiel Price and Rhoda Watkins Price; the stories concern their parents, their own family, and the families of their children—this is the format designed for the Price family at large. The second, longer, version includes all of the information found in the first, but adds stories of a fourth generation—specifically, events concerning the children of Angus Byard Price and Lucy Ellen Williams, told especially for the benefit of descendants of that branch of the Price family.

The credit for either version of this book belongs to the Price and Watkins ancestors who ventured from England and Wales to the United States. The Price descendants who have contributed their treasured writings and photos to this present compilation have been unfailingly and amazingly generous. It couldn't have been done without you! Unfortunately, partly because of the very informal (and sometimes erratic) way this compilation began, we may not always give credit where credit is due; particularly to those now unidentified or deceased persons who originally wrote some of the brief biographies or who supplied certain photos. Many of the stories and photos in this volume came from multiple sources. We hope we have not slighted anyone; if so, we apologize, but still offer our extreme gratitude.

In many instances, written contributions have been edited both in content and punctuation while being adapted and/or amplified for this book. If we have offended anyone in the editing process, we offer our regrets. Our aim has been correctness, clarity, and enlightenment. At the end of each entry, we have tried to give credit for our sources.

Mistakes in a compilation of this sort are inevitable. Those who wish to offer corrections or other constructive help can reach us through the internet at:

ldkrrk@hotmail.com. Just remember, we tried our best! Someday, all of this will be done again by someone else, better and more completely.

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(Our apologies to those we may have missed!)

FIRST GENERATION

The Parents of Ezekiel Price and Rhoda Elizabeth Watkins and Their Siblings

William Preece

Sidebar: His Siblings:

*Jane Preece, Charlotte Preece (Radnor), John Preece,
Mary Preece, Ezekiel Preece, Francis Preece*

Mary Pugh

Sidebar: Her Siblings

*Ann Pugh, Evan Pugh,
Thomas Pugh, John Pugh*

Robert James “Jimmie” Watkins

Sidebar: His Siblings

*Hannah Watkins (Leak), Benjamin Watkins,
Mary Watkins (Butler), Catherine Ann Watkins (Mantle),
James Watkins, Thomas Watkins*

Mary Smallman

Sidebar: Her Siblings

*Joseph Solomon Smallman, Samuel Henry Smallman, Hannah
Smallman (Phibbs), Sarah Smallman (Phibbs), George Smallman,
David Smallman,
Reuben Michael Smallman, Silas Smallman*

