

DAVIS, JOHN ARTHUR

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ANCESTORS OF JOHN ARTHUR DAVIS

1. MORGAN DAVID, born in Glamorgan County, Wales, about 1623; came to Pennsylvania about 1684 and acquired 100 acres of farming land in Merion Township in 1686; died there in 1724; married Catherine _____ in Wales; they had 7 children; she was twice remarried and died May 25, 1741.
2. His son, EVAN DAVID, born in Merion Township, Pennsylvania, about 1686; moved with his family to Newcastle County, Delaware, about 1723; died there in 1748; married Jane Rees in Pennsylvania about 1712; there were 4 children; she died in 1723.
3. His son, JOHN DAVID, born in Merion Township, Pennsylvania, 1715; moved with his parents to Newcastle County, Delaware, about 1723; at age 16 he went to work on a farm in Maryland; settled on a farm that was partly in Delaware and partly in Maryland; died in Cecil County, Maryland, in 1779; married Mary Tyron Davis, daughter of John Davis, in Prince Georges County, Maryland, in 1738; they had 10 children who used the surname of Davis; she died about 1765.

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4. His son, THOMAS NICHOLAS DAVIS, born in Newcastle County, Delaware, 1712; moved to Cecil County, Maryland, about 1758; served in the Revolution as Private, Captain John Mitchell Co., 4th Battalion, Maryland Continental Line; in 1787 moved to Virginia, and the next year, with his family and slaves, migrated across the Allegheny Mountains to Wheeling Creek, in eastern Ohio; the following year went down the Ohio river to what is now Marysville, Kentucky, settled on Guide Run in Lewis County in 1796, where he acquired much land; died there about 1805; married about 1760, Rebecca, daughter of Pierre and Ann (Ducier) Ward of Montgomery County, Maryland; she was born about 1715; there were 7 children; she died in 1813.
5. His son, DAVID WARD DAVIS, born in Cecil County, Maryland, September 10, 1762; served in the Revolution as Private, 4th Regiment, Maryland Continental Line; discharged July 6, 1779; moved with his parents to Virginia, 1787, and to Mason County, Kentucky, in 1788; moved to Ohio about 1801 and remained until 1809, then returned to Kentucky and settled

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in Lewis County; built a large log raft and came down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers with his family and slaves to Arkansas in 1825; established a plantation on land between Crowley's Ridge and the L'Angeville river of Forrest City, St. Francis County, Arkansas; died there August 19, 1837; married Elisabeth Brandenburg in Kentucky about 17 ____, who was born in Pennsylvania in 17 ____; they had 11 children; she died in Arkansas in 1865.

6. His son, CORNELIUS DAVIS, born in Ohio, October 6, 1806, came with his father to Arkansas, 1825; to market his cotton crops he built log rafts on bottom land then subject to Mississippi river overflow, and when floods came floated the bales down to New Orleans where he sold the cotton and the logs and obtained money to buy clothes and supplies for his family and slaves, which he shipped up the river to Helena, Arkansas, and then hauled by wagons to his farm; while in Memphis, Tennessee, during the Civil War he agreed to carry written military information through the Mississippi river blockade to Confederate forces in Arkansas, was captured by Union soldiers and

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imprisoned for a time at Helena, Arkansas; died on his farm three miles south of Forrest City, St. Francis County, Arkansas, October 28, 1869; married Elizabeth Halbert, in Arkansas, November 17, 1831; they had four sons and 3 daughters; she died October 15, 1850; their son, Lieutenant Henry Halbert Davis, Confederate Army, was killed in battle of Shiloh, April 5-7, 1863.

7. His son, JOHN MARSHALL DAVIS, born on his father's farm, St. Francis County, Arkansas, July 14, 1845; engaged in farming and later moved to Forrest City when elected Sheriff of St. Francis County; owned farm and timberland in the St. Francis river bottom east of Crowley's Ridge; died May 17, 1923; married January 18, 1874, Hester Ann, daughter of Reverend Arthur and Drucilla Davis, , born in Tennessee, 1850 (not related); they had 3 sons and 8 daughters.

8. His son, ARTHUR WILSON DAVIS, born in Forrest City, Arkansas, March 18, 1876; when he was about 18 years of age he came to Tempe, Arizona, to live with his aunt, Mrs. Sallie (Davis) Hayden, and worked for a year

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as clerk and delivery man at the store of Mr. Charles T. Hayden; returned to Arizona where he began his railroad employment; died at Prescott, Arizona, May 24, 1924; Married at Salt Lake City, Utah, August 29, 1903, Caroline McKinney, daughter of Guilielms or William, born in Edinburgh, Scotland, and Maria Ellen (Gibbons) McKinney, born at Omaha, Nebraska, October 2, 1881; they had a son and a daughter, Nellie Mae.

9. His son, ARTHUR MARSHALL HAVIS, born at Winslow, Arizona, June 7, 1907, where his father was employed by the Santa Fe Railroad Company; moved with his parents to Prescott, Arizona, where he attended the public school and graduated from the high school; won a statewide prize for typewriter speed and accuracy; attended Stanford University for a year, 192__ and 192__; came to Washington with Senator Carl Hayden in 1927 to work in his office while attending the George Washington University law school; graduated in 193__; returned to Arizona that year, where he was admitted to the Bar and began the practice of law; President of the Arizona State Bar

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Association, 1955; married Martha Jeannette Osterman, born in Washington, D. C., February 3, 1913, daughter of John Gilbert and Gertrude (Leonard) Osterman, at Washington, D. C., June 20, 1931;

Children:

1. JOHN ARTHUR, born at Phoenix, Arizona, on November 16, 1940,
2. ERN LOUISE, born at Phoenix, Arizona, on October 14, 1947,
3. WILLIAM GILBERT, born at Phoenix, Arizona, on July 2, 1952.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION:

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