

THE OHIO TINGLES

Ohio is a big State and the Tingles who emigrated there from the northern portion of Virginia (now West Virginia) helped to populate it and increase its financial worthiness many times over. Two such people were GEORGE ROBERTS TINGLE and his wife SARAH McFARLAND. One of their many descendants is DOLLI TINGLE BRACKETT, who has prepared a captivating article for us.

Dolli is a member of our staff and a loyal supporter of the effort to unravel the mysteries of far-flung TINGLE genealogy. After graduating from the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts, she steadfastly pursued her vocation as a painter, designer and artist. She is probably best known as the designer and artist of eight secular Christmas stamps. One of these issues proved so popular that the U.S. Postal Service sold 800 million, far more than any other Christmas stamp ever. An example of her artistic ability is the lovely masthead designed for our family newsletter. She and her husband, Ward, also a noted portrait and landscape artist, live in Westport, Connecticut. Herewith, Dolli's story:

George Roberts and Sarah (McFarland) Tingle

My father was born in Cambridge, Ohio in 1879. His father's name was Thomas J. Tingle, mother was Rebecca McPherson and some body was a minister's daughter. Rebecca? Her mother? Oh, yes, and there was a letter dated 1919 from a Thomas Radcliffe Tingle to a cousin of my Dad's stating our family came from Snow Hill, Maryland and went on to tell of two brothers, one a doctor, one a lawyer who owned a merchant ship that was burned at sea by pirates. Lovely story. I've never found a word of truth in it. But I wondered for years and wished I knew more.

In 1973, out of the blue, a man named Seeger Kerns wrote me asking if I had any information on the Tingle family. Enthusiastically I sent him a copy of my precious letter. He gently told me it wasn't too much to go on.

Seeger must have felt sorry for me, I was so unknowing. He sent me brochures from the National Archives and told me how to apply for a copy of the census. You must give them names, dates and locations for them to help you out. I could only go back as far as 1880. But it was a start and I applied for the Cambridge, Ohio census.

Back came a big xeroxed page in fine Spencerian writing. The 1880 census. A family to each line down the page. Toward the bottom I found my grandfather T.J. and wife Rebecca, my father and his brother. Ages, profession of the householder and states where his and his wife's parents were born. Several lines above were my great grandparents, Dr. John Perry Tingle and wife, Amanda Clark Tingle. Two doors down were Evaline, Sarah and Mary Jane, the Doctor's sisters, keeping house as spinsters and widow. I was overcome and bitten by the genealogy bug then and there.

A letter to the Cambridge City Hall asking for more information was hand delivered to John Tingle, ex-Mayor of Cambridge, who turned into a third cousin! But John's Son, Lewis, was like finding gold. (Hi, Lew!) For he's a young lawyer, interested in the family tree, and with access to Court records as well as the Founder's Cemetery. He sent me his chart of my great grandparents and their offspring.

GEORGE ROBERTS TINGLE

B. SEPT. 6, 1775
M. SARAH M^cFARLAND
D. JULY 18, 1830

<u>WILLIAM</u>	<u>JOSEPH D.</u>	<u>EVALINE R.</u>	<u>ALFRED M.</u>	<u>SVSAN</u>	<u>GEORGE TODD</u>	<u>MARY JANE</u>	<u>JOHN PERRY</u>	<u>SARAH A</u>
B. D. at 15 yrs. of spider bite	B. 1799 M. D.	B. 1801 D. Unmarried	B. M. MARGARET JANE NEWELL D. 1842	B D 1836	B. JUNE 11, 1810 M. AMANDA SHERGLEY M. HESTER ELIZA WOODS D. 1880	B. 1813 D. 1886 M. JOHN LINDSEY	B. 1814 M. AMANDA CLARK D. OCT. 22, 1887	B. 1820 D. 1893 UNMARRI

Lewis's family descended from Alfred M. Tingle. Mine from Dr. John Perry Tingle And about this time, I heard from a lady in Riverside, Connecticut, asking, if I knew anything about her Tingles. She is Vi Geer, and another 3rd cousin! For she is descended from George Todd Tingle.

Seeger, by now a good pen pal, found a page in Colonial and Revolutionary Lineages of America. Pub. 1967 by the American Historical Society Inc. of New York. I sent for Wm. G. Wolfe's Stories of Guernsey County which corroborated Seeger's info given here below:

I. GEORGE ROBERTS TINGLE, first of this line to be of definite record, was born September 6, 1775, and died before July 30, 1830, the date when administration papers on his estate were filed in the probate court of Guernsey County, Ohio. His forebears are said to have come in 1650 from England to the Snow Hill area in Worcester County, Maryland. Originally from Martinsburg, Virginia, now West Virginia., he settled first in Morgantown in the same State. In 1807 he went on horseback to Cambridge, Guernsey County, Ohio, then Muskingum County. On September 9, 1807 he bought a lot there, hastily building a log cabin in which to reside while his homestead was being erected. The following year he brought his family out to the new home which he maintained as a tavern. "The Sign of the Crossed Keys," on Wheeling Avenue between 6th and 7th St's. The Masonic Lodge of Cambridge was organized there, June 22, 1822. From the latter year to 1824 he served as county treasurer. He became one of the most popular and influential residents of the town and acquired considerable property.

George Roberts Tingle married Sarah McFarland of the country near the forks of the Cheat River in West Virginia, who survived him. Among their nine children was a son GEORGE TODD TINGLE, of whom further.

(Muskingum Co. ,Ohio Deed Book B, pp. 225-26, Guernsey Co., Ohio, Probate Court, Book of Estates, Administrations, Etc., Estate Docket, Book A, p. 45. Newton: "History of Pan Handle, West Virginia," 1879, p. 268. Cyrus P.B. Sarchet: Sarchet History, Guernsey Co., Ohio," 1911, Vol. I, pp. 144, 167. William G. Wolfe: "Stories of Guernsey County, Cambridge Stories," pp. 550-52. Family rec'ds)

I was busy with artwork during the next years so Tingle-searching was sporadic. But Lewis got to Morgantown, found a book stating that a GEORGE TINGLE was a rifleman in the Revolutionary War, enlisting from Shepherdstown, near Martinsburg. I went to Morgantown too, and to Martinsburg where I found the same George who bought 22 acres of land in 1773, made a Will in 1776, and died in 1777. The plot thickened and we felt we'd found GEORGE ROBERTS TINGLE's heir. The widow of a soldier, who, in the following years proved to have been the mother of JOHN, WILLIAM, GEORGE ROBERTS TINGLE & a daughter, the oldest child, JANE.

JANE TINGLE married to Joseph Dunlap in 1785, John and William sold the 22 acres in Martinsburg in the early 90's and the scene shifted to Morgantown where William and George Roberts surfaced as adults, buying property, applying for licenses to keep "ordinaries", and with William becoming an important personage, ending as a lawyer, quite affluent. Some of you might possibly be descended from William's line, for he left a passel of children when he died in 1811, probably under 40 years of age. From his Will and inventory of his goods, I have these names.

William Tingle b. 1773 about,
m. Jane (or Jean)
d. 1811.

James S. Delia Augustus B. Geo. Edmund Suzannah Mary William

They are all listed as "infants" in William's Will. And though I have looked at it many times, I could be mistaken and George E. could be two children, George & Edmund, though I don't think so.