

named after his father. He believed that his grandmother was a Burson before her marriage. The information regarding his parents was documented with family records and pictures although dates of his grandparents births and deaths were unknown to him although he was certain that they were buried in a cemetery in Guernsey County. His father was a stone mason and a farmer. In 1864, his father, then 51 years of age, and his mother, Elizabeth then 50, were offered land in Illinois by Elizabeth's parents. The Winnett family had moved to Illinois near 1862 and had purchased thirty-nine parcels of land of 40 acres each for a total of some 1,600 acres west of Union Center Road in Cumberland County to east of Long Point United Brethern Church (no longer standing) about three miles west of Casey, one of the largest tracts of land ever purchased in the area and perhaps the greatest at that time. Elizabeth's parents offered the land west of the Union Center Road and the Reed Schoolhouse (now a private home) to Middleton Robey and wife, Elizabeth, if they would move to Illinois and farm the land. The Robey family moved to the new land during the same year. It is unbelievable today to know that the land purchased by the Winnett family was bought for \$1.25 an acre. Noah was only one year old, John 4, and sister, Mary, 8 years old when their parents journeyed to Illinois to claim the land offered to them. They remained in Illinois only six months, however, and returned to Mt. Emphraim, Ohio to close out property there in order to move permanently to Illinois. The family returned to their Illinois land in 1871 to establish their homestead. The property was believed to be at least 80 acres of timbered land just west of the Reed Schoolhouse in Cumberland County near the Union Center Road which divided Clark and Cumberland Counties. The timber had to be cleared from the land in order to establish tillable soil for crops. Noah and John, then 8 and 11 years of age, were placed in a nearby one room schoolhouse for educational purposes.