

# Family Group Sheet

---

**Husband: William Hiram Benthall**

---

Born: 20 Jan 1844 in: n Mount Vernon, Black township, Posey Co., IN  
Married: 21 Apr 1864 in: Sheller, Jefferson Co., IL  
Died: 23 Dec 1930 in: Waltonville, Jefferson Co., IL  
Father: Cornelius Canaday Benthall  
Mother: Rachel Rowe

---

**Wife: Sarah Jane Wilson**

---

Born 1: 04 Jun 1840 in: n Tamaroa, Perry Co., IL  
Born 2: 04 Jun 1840 in: Livingstone Co., Missouri  
Died: 18 Nov 1929 in: Waltonville, Jefferson Co., IL  
Father: Jeremiah J. Wilson  
Mother: Eliza Ball  
Other Spouses: Harvey Sturdivant

---

**CHILDREN**

---

1	Name: Harvey Cornelius Benthall Born 1: 15 Jan 1865 in: Franklin Co., IL Born 2: 15 Jan 1865 in: Jefferson Co., IL Died: 15 Nov 1935 in: Mt. Vernon, Jefferson Co., IL Married: 01 Apr 1892 in: Vancouver, Clarke Co., WA Spouse: Eva Maria Smith
M	
2	Name: James William Benthall Born: 24 Sep 1866 in: Jefferson Co., IL Died: Aft. 1910 in: Sesser, Franklin Co., IL Married: 01 Jan 1900 in: Jefferson Co., IL Spouse: Lola L. Lemmons
M	
3	Name: Martha Jane Benthall Born: 11 Feb 1868 in: Jefferson Co., IL Died: 1941 in: Sheller, Jefferson Co., IL Married: 18 Dec 1888 in: Jefferson Co., IL Spouse: George Jackson Davis
F	
4	Name: David Augusta Benthall Born: 05 May 1869 in: Jefferson Co., IL Died: 23 Jan 1943 in: Du Quoin, Perry Co., IL Married: Jun 1897 Spouse: Ida B. Dues Married: 02 Feb 1918 in: Tamaroa, Perry Co., IL Spouse: Martha Irene Loucks
M	
5	Name: Rachel Margaret Benthall Born 1: 01 Apr 1872 in: Waltonville, Jefferson Co., IL Born 2: 01 Apr 1873 in: Jefferson Co., IL Died: 26 Jun 1958 in: Peru, La Salle Co., IL Married: 11 Sep 1892 in: Jefferson Co., IL Spouse: Charles Edward Robinson
F	
6	Name: Julia Etta Benthall Born: 15 May 1874 in: Jefferson Co., IL Died: 04 May 1949 in: Peoria, Peoria Co., IL Married: 10 Jan 1892 in: Near Mount Vernon, Jefferson Co., IL Spouse: Harley J. Hill
F	
7	Name: Cora Bell Benthall Born: 14 Jul 1880 in: Bald Hill Township, Jefferson Co., IL Died: 13 Aug 1975 in: Mount Vernon, IL Married: 04 Oct 1903 Spouse: Evan Sylvester Sulcer
F	

## Family Group Sheet

<b>Husband:</b>	<b>William Hiram Benthall</b>
aka:	William Hardy Benthall
Source:	Notes Recorded by Alice Benthall Black.
Born:	20 Jan 1844
in:	n Mount Vernon, Black township, Posey Co., IN
Died:	23 Dec 1930
in:	Waltonville, Jefferson Co., IL
Relationship with Father:	Cornelius Canaday Benthall - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Rachel Rowe - Natural
Reference number:	4

Burial:	Dryden Cemetery, Bald Hill Twp., Sheller, Jefferson Co., IL
Guardian:	After his parents deaths and the deaths of his brothers, Elijah and Joel, in 1852, he resided with his uncle Reuben Benthall.
Military service:	Bet. 1862 - 1965 Co. D and F, Indiana 60th Infantry
Occupation:	Farmer
Other(1):	Personal description at enlistment: "Height 5' 10"; complexion, light; color of eyes, dark; color of hair, dark, his occupation was farmer.
Other(2):	He received a pension of \$100/month from 1912 until his death for his military service.
Religion:	Missionary Baptist Church

<b>Address and Phone(s)</b>	
-----------------------------	--

### Medical

#### Notes

1850 Posey Co. (Black Twnp), IN Census:

340 340 Corenlius C. Benthall 42 Farmer NC

Rachel 36 KY

Mary A. 15 IN

Thomas 13 "

Rebecca 11 "

Samuel 9 "

Wm. H. 7 "

Jacob J. 4 "

Joel C. 2 "

David Culley 17

1860 Jefferson Co IL Federal Cencus T4, SE

2346/2291 Harris, William 41 M NC

Ann 39 F Ind

Mary E 17 F Ind

Rebecca 14 F Ind

Rachel J 9 F Ind

Alonzo 8 F Ind

Martha E 5 F Ind

Charles W 9/12 M ILL

Benthall Wm H 16 Ind

1870 Jefferson Co., Cencus

10/10 BENTHALL, W.H. 25 Ind. Wm. H. Benthall and Sarah J.

Sarah 30 IL Sturdevant m. Apr. 28, 1864

Harvey 5 IL Jeff. Co.

James 3 IL

Martha 2 IL

David 1 IL

1880, Jefferson Co. IL Cencus:

## Family Group Sheet

---

196-200 Benthall, William 34 Ind.

Sarah 44 Missouri

Harvey 15

James 14

Martha 12

David 11

Rachel 8

Julia 6

1900 Jefferson Co. (Bald Hill Twp) IL Census: page 120

Dwl#                                      Born      Parents Bn:

120    W. H. Benthall    Jan 1844 56 M    Ind F -- Ind M -- Ind

Sarah J.      Jun 1840 59 F    Ill F -- Ill M -- Ill

Cora B.    Jul 1880 19 F    Ill F -- Ind M -- Ill

1910 Jefferson Co., (Elk Prarie Twp) IL Census: p 65b

210/211 Benthall William H. Head M W M1 46 IN US US

Sarah J. Wife F W M1 46 IL TN TN

Secil Thodore Grandson M W 6 IL IL IL

1920 Jefferson Co., IL Federal Census, Elk Prarie Township

101-103 Benthall William H Head M W 75 M IN IN IN

Sarah J Wife F W 79 M IL US US

1930 Jefferson Co. Federal Census, Elk Prarie Township

7/7 Benthall, William Head Own \$1000 M W 86 Wd IN IN IN

Harvey C Son M W 86 Wd IL IN IL

William Hiram Benthall was "mustered" into the Civil War on 9 Dec 1861 in Company F, 60th Indiana Infantry. He re-enlisted again in 1864. Before the close of the war, companies F and D were consolidated. He was "mustered" out of Co. F and D, 60 Indiana Infantry in March 21, 1865. He first served as a bugle boy.

While on furlough in 1864, he married Sarah Jane Wilson Sturdevant in Jefferson Co., IL in the home of Bob Clampet. They spent all but two years of their married life in the SW part of Jefferson Co. They lived two years in northern Franklin Co. They were married about 65 years.

He spent most of his young life until the Civil War on a farm near Mount Vernon, IN. One story has it that W. H. Benthall was brought to Illinois by his aunt, Becky Harris. It is now known that he lived with his uncle Reuben Benthall after the death of his parents. It was Reuben that brought him to Illinois - first to Perry, then to Jefferson Co.

-----  
The Consent form for the marriage of William Hiram is as follows:

Mount Vernon, Illinois

State of Illinois

County of Jefferson

Personally came before me William H. Benthall who after being duly sworn says upon his oath that his guardian Joseph Wilburn has given his consent to the marriage of the said Wm. H. Benthall with Sarah J. Sturdevant and he further says upon his oath that Sarah J. Sturdevant is over eighteen years of age.

(signed) William H. Benthall

Sworn and Subscribed before me this 20th day of April 1864.

(signed) W. Dodds, Clk (?)

[Last line illegible]

-----

---

## ***Family Group Sheet***

---

*There is extant newspaper information concerning the 64th wedding anniversary of William and Sarah. There is also a hand written document of their information by their granddaughter, Alice Benthall Black and is in the possession of Rose Marie Black Randolph Varner.*

-----  
*From article in the handwriting of Alice Lucille Benthall Black submission to the news paper):*

*Waltonville Couple married 64 yrs.*

*His age 84 yrs 3 mo.*

*Her age 87 yrs 10 mo.*

*William H. Benthall was born in Posey Co. Ind. near Mount Vernon Jan. 20 1844, he was son of Cornelius and Rachel Benthall and is the only surviving member of a family of 8 children.*

*He spent most of his young life up until the Civil War on a farm near Mt Vernon, Ind.*

*He was mustered into the Civil War Dec. 9, 1861 in Co. F. 60th Ind. Infantry and re-enlisted again in 1864 and before the close of the war Co. F and D were consolidated so he was mustered out in Co. F. and D. 60th Ind. Infantry in Mar. 1865 he served 3 years, 3 mo. and 17 days, and while out on Furlough in 1864 he was married to Sarah Jane Wilson Sturdvant on April 21 at Bob Clampet's by John B. Ward.*

*She was before he marriage Sarah Jane Wilson daughter of Jerry and Liza Wilson and was born in Perry Co. Ills. Near Tamaroa June 4, 1840 where she spent most of her life up until her marriage to Harve Sturdvant April 20, 1858 and he died in Nov. 1858. She was one of family of children of whom two are living Mrs. M. H. Dayton of Nebr. and Jack Wilson of Mo.*

*Mr. and Mrs. have spent all of their married life in Jefferson Co. except for 2 yrs, spent in North part of Franklin Co. and have made their home in Waltonville Ills.*

*They have reared a family of 7 children all of whom are living. They are Harve and Mrs. Martha Davis of Waltonville Cora Sulcer and Rachel Roberson of near Waltonville James. . .*

-----  
*Another similar handwritten article includes information that they were in the care of their olderst son [Harvey]. Wm. H. was an active reader of the Daily Herald since it was first published, until his eyesight prevented it. He is limited in walking with the aid of cane or wheel chair and is almost deaf. Mrs. Benthall was badly crippled with Rheumatism, but is able to cook and do dishes.*

-----  
*William H. is found in the home of Rueben Benthall (his father's brother) in Jeffeson Co. in in 1860 Cencus. Alice Benthall Black states that he was brought to Jefferson Co. by his aunt Rachel Harris. Perhaps she is some relation to William Harris was was the adminstrator of William's father's will in 1952.*

-----  
*Notes from Peggy Claire:*

*William Hardy Benthall was born to Cornelius and Rachel Benthall in Black Township, Posey County, Indiana.*

*After his parents'and the deaths of his two brothers Elijah and Joel in 1852, he resided with his uncle Reuben Benthall. He probably is the William A. or R. Benthall, 9 years of age, who is with Reuben and Elizabeth Benthall in Tamaro Township, Jefferson County, Illinois in the 1860 Census. (Errors were made in the age of other family members compared to their ages in the 1850 Black Township, Posey County, Indiana Census.) He spent most of his young life until the Civil War on a farms either in Indiana or Illinois. One story has it that he was brought to Illinois by his aunt, Becky (Mrs. William) Harris, but it would appear that it was his Uncle Reuben who brought him first to Perry and then to Jefferson County.*

*William Benthall enlisted in the Civil War at Mt. Vernon, Indiana, on 09 December 1861, as an 18 year old private into Company F, 60th Indiana Infantry for three years. He re-inlisted again on 25 February, 1864, at c, Louisiana,*

---

## ***Family Group Sheet***

---

*and served until the end of the war.*

*His personal description at enlistment was as follows: "Height 5 feet 10 inches; complexion, light, color of eyes, dark, color of hair, dark, that his occupation was farmer."*

*Before the close of the war, companies F and D were consolidated. He served in various capacities including being a bugel boy, with the Pioneer Corps, as a teamster, and performing guard duty. The unit was stationed at many different places in the south, primarily at Munfordville, Kentucky; New Orleans and Thibadeaux, Louisiana; Vicksburg, Mississippi; Arkansas, and Texas. In this unit, three officers and 165 enlisted men lost their lives during service, a total of 312. He was "mustered" out of Co. F and D, 60 Indiana Infantry in 21 March, 1865 at Indianapolis, Marion Co., Indiana.*

*He later received a pension from the government for his service from about 1912 til his death in December, 1930, amounting to a rate of \$100 per month.*

*While on furlough in 1864, he married Mrs. Sarah Jane Wilson Sturdvant in Jefferson County, Illinois, at the home of Bob Clampet. They spent all but two years of their married life in the southwestern part of Jefferson County. They were married for about 65 years.*

*The Consent form for their marriage is as follows:*

*"Mount Vernon, Illinois, State of Illinois, County of Jefferson*

*Personally came before me William H. Benthall who after being duly sworn says upon his oath that his guardian Joseph F. Wilburn has given his consent to the marriage of the said Wm. H. Benthall with Sarah J. Sturdevant and he further says upon his oath that Sarah J. Sturdevant is over eighteen years of age.*

*(signed) William H. Benthall--Sworn and Subscribed before me this 20th day of April, 1864.--(signed) W. Dodds, Clk (?)* [Last line illegible]

*From an article in the handwriting of Alice Lucille Benthall Black submission to the newspaper:*

*"Waltonville Couple married 64 yrs. His age 84 yrs 3 mo. Her age 87 yrs 10 mo.*

*William H. Benthall was born in Posey Co. Ind. near Mount Vernon Jan. 20 1844, he was son of Cornelius and Rachel Benthall and is the only surviving member of a family of 8 children. He spent most of his young life up until the Civil War on a farm near Mt. Vernon, Ind.*

*He was mustered into the Civil War Dec. 9, 1861 in Co. F. 60th Ind. Infantry and reinlisted again in 1864 and before the close of the war Co. F and D were consolidated so he was mustered out in Co. F. and D. 60th Indiana Infantry. In 1865 he served 3 years, 3 mo. and 17 days, and while out on Furlough in 1864 he was married to Sarah Jane Wilson Sturdvant on April 21 at Bob Clampet's by John B. Ward.*

*She was before the marriage Sarah Jane Wilson daughter of Jerry and Liza Wilson and was born in Perry Co. Illinois near Tamaroa June 4, 1840, where she spent most of her life up until her marriage to Harve Sturdvant April 20, 1858, and he died in Nov. 1858. She was one of family of children of whom two are living Mrs. M. H. Dayton of Nebraska and Jack Wilson of Missouri.*

*Mr. and Mrs. Benthall have spent all of their married life in Jefferson County, Illinois, except for 2 years spent in the northern part of Franklin County where they have made their home in Waltonville, Illinois.*

*They have reared a family of 7 children all of whom are living. They are Harve and Mrs. Martha Davis of Waltonville, Cora Sulcer, and Rachel Roberson of near Waltonville James. . ."*

*Another similar handwritten article includes information that they were in the care of their oldest son [Harve]. It reads as follows*

*"Wm. H. was an active reader of the Daily Herald since it was first published, until his eyesight prevented it. He is limited in walking with the aid of cane or wheel chair and is almost deaf.*

*Mrs. Benthall was badly crippled with rheumatism, but is able to cook and do dishes."*

*Sarah died 18 November, 1929, at 89 years of age, with cause of death being "carcinoma of tyloma."*

---

## ***Family Group Sheet***

---

*William died at the age of 86 years of age 23 December 1930, at Waltonville, Illinois. The cause of William's death was cronic endocarditis. Two of his obituaries read as follows:*

*"W.H. Benthall Died Today At An Early Hour/Was Waltonville's Grand Old Man and Loved And Respected By All Who Knew Him/Last Survivor of Civil War There/Was Born in 1844 and Spent Many Years As Farmer in Bald Hill, Locating in Waltonville 25 Years Ago"*

*William H. Benthall, one of the most highly respected men in Jefferson County, died at the family home in Waltonville at an early hour this morning. Mr. Benthall arose, apparently in his usual health, ate breakfast, and did chores about the place, returned to the house, complained of feeling unwell, lay down and died in a very short time.*

*Mr. Benthall was born January 24, 1844, and spent the greater part of life in Bald Hill township. About 25 years ago he located in Waltonville where he remained until his death. Mrs. Benthall died November 18, 1929.*

*Mr. Benthall is survived by three sons and four daughter as follows:*

*David, Harvy, and Jim, of Waltonville, and Mrs. Ed Robinson, Mrs. Evan Sulcer, Mrs. Jack Davis, Waltonville, and Mrs Harl Hill of Peoria.*

*Funeral services will be held Wednesaday afternoon at 1 o'clock at Dryden cemetery, conducted by the Rev. C. W. Maulding.*

*Mr. Benthall served in the Civil War and was the last survivor of the war living in Waltonville or vicinity.*

*He and his wife enjoyed a married life of considerably more than 50 years.*

*He was one of the most popular men who ever lived in Waltonville, and was universally loved and respected. He was of a cheerful, sunny disposition, and ever had a cheerful greeting and pleasant word for all. Citizens of Waltonville pay tribute to him as a man and citizen and say he will be missed in the community of which he formed a part so many long years.*

*He farmed in Bald Hill township many years.*

*Mr. Benthall was well known to many Mt. Vernon people and was loved and respected by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance in Mt. Vernon as well as in the locality in which he lived.*

\*\*\*\*\*

*Aged Loved And Respected Citizen Passes To His Reward*

*William Benthall, son of Cornelius and Rachel Benthall, was born January 20, 1844, near Mt. Vernon, Posey County, Indiana, and was the last survivor of a family of three sisters and five brothers.*

*At an early age he enlisted in the Civil War, December 9, 1861, with Company F, 60th Indiana Infantry. At expiration of his term of service, Company F and D having been consolidated, he again enlisted and was mustered out with the Company in March 1865. Having served his country in her time of need for a period of three years, three months, and 17 days.*

*In the year 1864, while at home on furlough, Mr. Benthall was united in marriage to Sarah Jane Wilson Sturdevant who a short time ago preceeded him in death.*

*To Mr. and Mrs. Benthall were born four daughter and three sons, all of whom survive. Namely: Harvey, Mrs. Martha Davis, Mrs. Rachel Robertson, and Mrs. Cora Sulcer of Waltonville; James of Scheller; Dave of Elkhville, and Mrs Julia Hill of Peoria, Illinois; also 24 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.*

*The greater part of their married life was spent in Jefferson County. For a number of years the family home having been in Waltonville.*

*Mr. Benthall's church membership was with the Missionary Baptist Church, of which for many years he has been an ardent supporter. Well respected by neighbors and all who knew him, he was a most useful citizen, having served his township as supervisor and in various other capacities. As a farmer, success crowned his efforts, he having*

---

## Family Group Sheet

---

*amassed enough of the world's goods to enable him to retire from active labor in his declining years -- yet not withstanding, the loving ministrations of children and friends, it seemed he was unable to rally from the shock associated by death of his beloved companion with whom he had been associated for so many years and when on the of December twenty third the Great Commander summoned to answer to "The Last Roll Call."*

*"Soldier, his arms are now laid down,  
No more to join in war's din;  
Lay down this sword, take up the crown  
And to the Kingdom enter in.  
Lords, Captain of our Faith,  
Leaders who fought, alone the fight:  
Take home this warrior, give him rest.  
Who all triumphs by Thy might."*

*Funeral services held at Dryden church, Dec. 24th at one p.m. conducted by Eld. C.W. Maulding of Mt. Vernon.*

\*\*\*\*\*

*60th Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry*

*Organized at Evansville and Indianapolis, Marion Co., INd., February 19 to March 21, 1862. Duty at Camp Morton, Indianapolis, Marion Co., INd., guarding prisoners February 22 to June 20, 1862. Left State for Louisville, Ky., June 20; thence moved to Munfordsville, Ky., and duty there till September. Attached to Garrison of Munfordsville, Ky., Dept. of the Ohio, to September, 1862. Reorganizing Indianapolis, Marion Co., INd., to November, 1862. 1st Brigade, 10th Division, Right Wing 13th Army Corps (Old), Dept of the Tennessee, to December, 1862. 1st Brigade, 1st Division, Sherman's Yazoo Expedition, to January, 1863. 1st Brigade, 10th Division, 13th Army Corps, Army of the Tennessee, to August, 1863. 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 13th Army Corps, Dept. of the Gulf, to June, 1864. District of LaFourche, Dept. of the Gulf, to December, 1864. District of Southern Alabama, Dept. of the Gulf, to February, 1865. 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, Reserve Corps, Military Division West Mississippi, February, 1865. 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, 13th Army Corps (New), Military Division West Mississippi, February, 1865.*

*SERVICE.--Siege of Munfordsville, Ky., September 14-17, 1862. Seven Companies captured September 17, paroled and ordered to Indianapolis, Marion Co., INd. Three Companies which escaped capture being guarding Railroad Bridge over Rolling Fork, near Lebanon; also ordered to Indianapolis. Regiment reorganizing at Indianapolis to November. Ordered to Memphis, Tenn., and duty there till December 20. Sherman's Yazoo Expedition December 20, 1862., to January 3, 1863. Expedition from Milliken's Bend, La., to Dallas Station and Delhi December 25-26. Chickasaw Bayou December 26-28. Chickasaw Bluff December 29. Expedition to Arkansas Post, Ark., January 3-10, 1863. Assault and capture of Fort Hindman, Arkansas Post, January 10-11. Moved to Young's Point, La., January 17. Expedition to Greenville, Miss., and Cypress Bend, Ark., February 14-29. Duty at Young's Point and Milliken's Bend till April. Movement of Bruinsburg and turning Grand Gulf April 25-30. Battle of Port Gibson May 1. Battle of Champion's Hill May 16. Siege of Vicksburg, Miss., May 18-July 4. Assaults on Vicksburg May 19 and 22. Advance on Jackson, Miss., July 4-10. Siege of Jackson July 10-17. Moved to New Orleans, La., August 24. Expedition to Mew and Amite Rivers September 24-29. Western Louisiana "Teche" Campaign October 3-November 30. Action at Grand Coteau November 3. Moved to Algiers December 13, thence to Texas December 18. Duty at Du Crow's Point and Pass Cavallo till March, 1864. Moved to Algiers, La., thence to Alexandria, La. Red River Campaign April 26-May 20. Retreat to Marganza May 13-20. Duty at Thibodeaux till November, and at Algiers till February 24, 1865. Veterans and Recruits transferred to 26th Indiana Infantry February 24. Regiment mustered out March 11, 1865.*

*Regiment lost during service 2 Officers and 43 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 3 Officers and 165 Enlisted by disease. Total 213.*

---

*Source: A Compendium of the War of the Rebellion by Frederick H. Dyer. Copyright, 1908.*

\*\*\*\*\*

*William H Benthall  
Enlist Date Enlist Place Enlist Rank Enlist Age  
04 December 1861 Priv*

*Served Indiana Enlisted F Co. 60th Inf Reg. IN Mustered Out at Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN on 21 March 1865*

---

## ***Family Group Sheet***

---

*Source: Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Indiana*

*Abbreviation: INRoster*

*Published by Holloway on 1865-66*

*Name of Regiment    Date of Organization    Muster    Date Regiment    Type*  
*Indiana 60th Infantry Regiment    01 March 1862    21 March 1865    Infantry*  
*Officers Killed or Mortally Wounded    Officers -- 2*  
*Died of Disease or Accident -- 3*  
*Enlisted Killed or Mortally Wounded -- 43*  
*Enlisted Died of Disease or Accident -- 165*

*List of Soldiers*

*Regimental History*

*Battles Fought*

*Battle at Arkansas Post, Arkansas on 11 January 1863*

*Battle at Vicksburg, Mississippi on 14 June 1863*

*Battle at Jackson, Mississippi on 10 July 1863*

*Battle at Grand Coteau, Louisiana on 03 November 1863*

---

<b>Marriage Information</b>	
Wife:	Sarah Jane Wilson
Married:	21 Apr 1864
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Sheller, Jefferson Co., IL

---

---

***Marriage Notes***

---



## Family Group Sheet

<b>Wife:</b>	<b>Sarah Jane Wilson</b>
Born:	04 Jun 1840
in:	n Tamaroa, Perry Co., IL
Died:	18 Nov 1929
in:	Waltonville, Jefferson Co., IL
Relationship with Father:	Jeremiah J. Wilson - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Eliza Ball - Natural
Reference number:	4
Burial:	Dryden Cemetery, Bald Hill Twp., Sheller, Jefferson Co., IL
<b>Address and Phone(s)</b>	

### Medical

### Notes

#### OBITUARY:

#### BENTHALL

*Mrs. Sarah Jane Benthall, wife of Wm. H. Benthall, passed serenely into the kingdom of heaven at her home in Waltonville, Ill., at 5 a.m., Nov. 18, 1929. Death was not unexpected as her condition had been such for the last few days that it was realized death was a question of but a comparatively short time. Sarah J. Wilson was the daughter of Jerry and Eliza Wilson, of near Tamaroa, Perry county, Illinois, where the subject of this sketch was born, June 4, 1840, where she spent most of her life until her marriage to Harvey Sturdevant, which occurred April 20, 1858, he died Nov. 1858. She was again married to Wm. H. Benthall, while he was home on a furlough, April 21, 1864, at Robert Clampet's, by John B. Ward. Her age, was 89 years, 5 months, and 14 days.*

*The following named children were born to this union, namely: Harvey C. Benthall, Mrs. Martha Davis, Mrs. Rachael Robinson, Mrs. Cora Sulcer, of Waltonville, and James W. Benthall, of Scheller, Ill., David Benthall, of near DuQuoin, Ill., Mrs. Julia Hill, Peoria, Ill.*

*This is the first time death has invaded the family circle of seven children and the father and mother. She was of a family of six children and only one survives, Mrs. Maggie Dayton, of Nebraska. She also leaves twenty-seven grandchildren and twenty-one great grandchildren.*

*Mr. and Mrs. Benthall have spent their entire married life of 65 years in the southwestern part of Jefferson county, except for 2 years spent in the northern part of Franklin county. Their younger lives were spent on a farm where they were successful. A few years ago they moved to Waltonville, Ill., where they have lived retired lives. In her latter years, however, the shrine of her devotion was her aged husband who has so loyally and faithfully ministered to her and now waits in the twilight, "Til the day dawn and the shadows flee away." The shine of her devotion was her home and her family and he worship of tenderness and care which she bestowed upon him, her aged husband, who needed her most.*

*"Grandma," as she was familiarly called was a quiet, modest, unassuming, lovable character, and her never failing devotion to loved ones was a marked trait of character, and she discharged every obligation of life with fidelity, no duty being neglected, and no responsibility slighted. Her long, busy and useful life was an inspiration to those who knew her best.*

*Mrs. Benthall had been a member of the Missionary Baptist church for more than 50 years, where she lived a consistent Christian life and was a regular attender at that church in her younger life when able to attend.*

*"I have lost my soul companion, a long life linked with my own, and day by day I will miss her more, as I walk through life alone; past her sufferings, past her pains, ceased to weep, for tears are vain, she who suffered is at rest, gone to Heaven with the blest."*

*Funeral services were conducted at the Universalist church in Waltonville, Ill., by Rev. Cyrus Maulding, of Mt. Vernon, Ill., after which the body was interred in Dryden cemetery. The floral offerings were many and beautiful.*

-----

## ***Family Group Sheet***

---

1880, Jefferson Co. IL Census:

196-200 Benthall, William 34 Ind.

Sarah 44 Missouri

Harvey 15

James 14

Martha 12

David 11

Rachel 8

Julia 6

1860 Perry Co., IL Census TAMAROA P O

172 STURDIVAN Wm 26 M W Farmer 200 300 MO

Elizabeth 21 F W IL

Laura 1 F W IL

Sarah 18 F W IL

---

## Family Group Sheet

<b>Child:</b>	<b>Harvey Cornelius Benthall</b>
Born:	15 Jan 1865
in:	Franklin Co., IL
Died:	15 Nov 1935
in:	Mt. Vernon, Jefferson Co., IL
Relationship with Father:	William Hiram Benthall - Unknown
Relationship with Mother:	Sarah Jane Wilson - Unknown
Reference number:	2
Burial:	17 Nov 1935 Dryden Cemetery, Bald Hill Twp., Sheller, Jefferson Co., IL
Occupation:	Farmer
Other(1):	In 1903 he lost his left arm when a tree fell on it
<b>Address and Phone(s)</b>	

### Medical

Cause of death: Blocked Intestines

### Notes

0/10 BENTHALL, W.H. 25 Ind. Wm. H. Benthall and Sarah J.  
Sarah 30 IL Sturdevant m. Apr. 28, 1864  
Harvey 5 IL Jeff. Co.  
James 3 IL  
Martha 2 IL  
David 1 IL

1880, Jefferson Co. IL Census:

196-200 Benthall, William 34 Ind.  
Sarah 44 Missouri  
Harvey 15  
James 14  
Martha 12  
David 11  
Rachel 8  
Julia 6

1920 Jefferson Co Federal Census, Mclellon Township

82/84 Benthall Harve Head Own Free M W 54 Wid IL IN IL  
Alice Dau F W 19 S IL IL IL  
Arduc Dau F W 13 S IL IL IL

1930 Jefferson Co. Federal Census, Elk Prarie Township

7/7 Benthall, William Head Own \$1000 M W 86 Wd IN IN IN  
Harvey C Son M W 86 Wd IL IN IL

Harve lost his left arm when a tree fell on it. There was too much damage to be able to save the arm so it was amputated at the elbow. The arm is buried in the grave of his infant daughter at Dryden Blackjack) Cemetery, near Sheller, IL. It was said that he had phantom pains in his arm. The arm was exhumed and a finger straightened, thus relieving the pain. The stone on the grave notes the presence of the arm as being buried 9 Aug 1903.

Obituary dated 15 Nov 1935:

### HARVE BENTHALL DIES AT HOSPITAL; FUNERAL SUNDAY

Harve C. Benthall, a resident of Waltonville, died at the Mt. Vernon Hospital at one o'clock this afternoon. He had been a patient there for the past three weeks.

Funeral services will be held at 2 P.M. Sunday at the Waltonville M.E. church. Burial will be made in the

## ***Family Group Sheet***

---

*Dryden cemetery. The body will remain at the home until the funeral hour.*

*Mr. Benthall was born in Jefferson county on Jan. 15, 1865, and his age was 70 years and 11 months. He was a son of the late William H. and Sarah Wilson Benthall.*

*He spent many years engaged in farming and was industrious and successful throughout his active life. He had been retired in 1918.*

*He was united in marriage with Eva Smith in 1912 (sic), and she survives (sic) as well as one daughter, two brothers, and four sisters. The daughter is Mrs. Alice L. Black of Waltonville. The brothers are Dave Benthall of Du Quoin. The other is James Benthall of Scheller and sisters are Mrs. Julia Hill of Peoria, Mrs Cora Sulcer, Rachel Robinson and Martha Davis all of Waltonville.*

*Harve and Eva raised Ray Benthall after his mother passed away. They also raised Leonard Denning. Pictures of him and a birth announcement stating "Just arrived - I came at 8:15 A.M. Jan 18, 1927 to Mr. & Mrs. O. L. Denning. I weigh 9 1/2 lbs. Leonard Junior Denning."*

---

*Notes from the Funeral Book of Harve C. Benthall (in the possession of Rose Marie Black Randolph Varner):*

*Rev. Weiss conducted the Services at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Waltonville, IL. Burial is at the Dryden (Blackjack) Cemetery on 17 Nov 1935.*

*Bearers were Harry Hill  
Paul Hill  
Russell Roberson  
Waymen Sulcer  
Rolla Benthall  
Charley Davis*

*Music by Effie Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hicks, and Mr. William E. Foreman. Songs: "Does Jesus Care" and "Good Night Here Good Morning There"*

---

*Funeral sermon of Harvey C. Benthall:*

*The spirit of Harvey C. Benthall passed serenely into the kingdom of peace above, at one-o'clock at Mt. Vernon Hospital, Nov-15-1934 where was taken for treatment three weeks ago. The announcement of his death will bring sorrow, to his many friends, He was the eldest son of the late Wm H. and Sarah Wilson Benthall, was born in Franklin Co. Ill, Jan 15 1865 and was seventy years, and eleven months at the time of his demise. He moved with his parents to Jeff. county when quite young, and has resided there most of his life except a few years spend in the West, where he was married to Miss Eva Smith, at Hood River, Oregon April-1-1892. This this union three children were born namely, Mrs. Alice L. Black of Waltonville, Ill, Ardyce, who died at Mt. Vernon Hospital, Dec-26-1920, and an infant daughter who died many years ago. His wife died May-6-1912, leaving the care of the two small children to the father and her last words to him were, "Be good to the girls," and he has fully lived up to his promise to her, by being a kind and loving father. Beside the daughter he leaves two granddaughters, Rose Marie and Evalina (sic), with whom he was been so closely associated. Also two brothers and four sisters - James W. Benthall of Scheller, Ill., David G. Benthall of Du quoin Ill. Mrs. Julia Hill, of Peoria Ill., Mrs. Rachel Robinson, Mrs. Martha Davis, Mrs. Cora Sulcer of Waltonville, Mr. Benthall being the eldest of a family of seven children and the first to pass to the "Great Beyond." After the death of his wife, he with his two daughters, moved to Waltonville where he has since resided. After his marriage in the west, he returned to Ill. where he was engaged in farming, and stock raising, and in his active years, ranked as one of Jefferson county's successful farmers. Mr. Benthall was of a very kind disposition, and when one leaves us who has not only been a kind neighbor, and loving father, and has made an unusual contribution to the life of a community in which he lived, we feel the loss more keenly. He was a man of many virtues absolutely unselfish, freely making any sacrifice, that might benefit his lived ones. Mr. Benthall had been a constant sufferer, for several years and although his sufferings were intense, no murmur or complaint came from his lips, the Lord was his Shepherd and led him safely through the dark valley of sickness and as the sun of life was sinking in the West, we believe he heard the Masters call, "It is enough, come home," and with a song of victory, his spirit winged its flight, through the gates ajar, into the havens of rest, ever to be with his lived ones and sing the praises of his redeemer. -- Cora Hartley*

---

## ***Family Group Sheet***

---

*A Hand bill publicizing a Sale by H. C. Benthall is extant and in the possession of his granddaughter, Rose Marie. Dated April 6th, 1923, he is selling mules, cows, hogs, farming tools, hens and guineas.*

-----

*Alice, Ed, Rose Marie and Evalena lived with him. I can remember he wanted me to get old enough to ride to the farm with him in his buggy. Also we would walk to the post office and he would buy me candy from the Clover Farm Store across the street from the post office. We would then sit on the Library steps just back of the post office and eat the candy.*

-----

*Harve had asthma and had to sleep sitting in a chair the last few years of his life. He died from a blocked bowel.*

-----

---

---

<b>Marriage Information</b>	
Wife:	Eva Maria Smith
Married:	01 Apr 1892
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Vancouver, Clarke Co., WA

---

---

---

### ***Marriage Notes***

---

## *Family Group Sheet*

<b>Child:</b>	<b>James William Benthall</b>
Born:	24 Sep 1866
in:	Jefferson Co., IL
Died:	Aft. 1910
in:	Sesser, Franklin Co., IL
Relationship with Father:	William Hiram Benthall - Unknown
Relationship with Mother:	Sarah Jane Wilson - Unknown
Burial:	Maple Hill Cemetery, Sesser, Franklin Co., IL
<b>Address and Phone(s)</b>	
<b>Medical</b>	
<b>Notes</b>	
<b>Marriage Information</b>	
Wife:	Lola L. Lemmons
Married:	01 Jan 1900
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Jefferson Co., IL
<b>Marriage Notes</b>	

## *Family Group Sheet*

<b>Child:</b>	<b>Martha Jane Benthall</b>
Born:	11 Feb 1868
in:	Jefferson Co., IL
Died:	1941
in:	Sheller, Jefferson Co., IL
Relationship with Father:	William Hiram Benthall - Unknown
Relationship with Mother:	Sarah Jane Wilson - Unknown

Burial:	Dryden Cemetery, Bald Hill Twp., Sheller, Jefferson Co., IL
---------	---

<b>Address and Phone(s)</b>	
-----------------------------	--

### **Medical**

### *Notes*

<b>Marriage Information</b>	
Husband:	George Jackson Davis
Married:	18 Dec 1888
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Jefferson Co., IL

### *Marriage Notes*

## Family Group Sheet

<b>Child:</b>	<b>David Augusta Benthall</b>
Born:	05 May 1869
in:	Jefferson Co., IL
Died:	23 Jan 1943
in:	Du Quoin, Perry Co., IL
Relationship with Father:	William Hiram Benthall - Unknown
Relationship with Mother:	Sarah Jane Wilson - Unknown
Burial:	26 Jan 1943 Dryden Cemetery, Bald Hill Twp, Sheller, Jefferson Co., IL
<b>Address and Phone(s)</b>	

### Medical

Cause of death: Suicide

### Notes

*David Benthall took his own life by hanging himself in a barn at his home in DuQuoin, IL.*

<b>Marriage Information</b>	
Wife:	Ida B. Dues
Married:	Jun 1897
Beginning status:	Married

### Marriage Notes



## Family Group Sheet

<b>Child:</b>	<b>Rachel Margaret Benthall</b>
Born:	01 Apr 1872
in:	Waltonville, Jefferson Co., IL
Died:	26 Jun 1958
in:	Peru, La Salle Co., IL
Relationship with Father:	William Hiram Benthall - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Sarah Jane Wilson - Natural
Burial:	Old Baptist cemetery., n Sesser, Franklin Co., IL
<b>Address and Phone(s)</b>	

### Medical

### Notes

1900 Jefferson Co. (Bald Hill Twp) IL:

Page	Dwl#	Names	Age	Sex	Birth
107	107	Ed Robinson	Oct 1866	33 M	ILL F - Ill M - SC
		Rachel M	Apr 1873	27 F	ILL F - Ill M - Ill
		Boyd	Dec 1893	6 M	
		Earl	Sep 1895	4 M	
		Willie	Aug 1899	9/12 M	

<b>Marriage Information</b>	
Husband:	Charles Edward Robinson
Married:	11 Sep 1892
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Jefferson Co., IL

### Marriage Notes

## *Family Group Sheet*

<b>Child:</b>	<b>Julia Etta Benthall</b>
Born:	15 May 1874
in:	Jefferson Co., IL
Died:	04 May 1949
in:	Peoria, Peoria Co., IL
Relationship with Father:	William Hiram Benthall - Unknown
Relationship with Mother:	Sarah Jane Wilson - Unknown

<b>Address and Phone(s)</b>	
-----------------------------	--

### **Medical**

### *Notes*

<b>Marriage Information</b>	
Husband:	Harley J. Hill
Married:	10 Jan 1892
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Near Mount Vernon, Jefferson Co., IL

### *Marriage Notes*

## Family Group Sheet

<b>Child:</b>	<b>Cora Bell Benthall</b>
Born:	14 Jul 1880
in:	Bald Hill Township, Jefferson Co., IL
Died:	13 Aug 1975
in:	Mount Vernon, IL
Relationship with Father:	William Hiram Benthall - Unknown
Relationship with Mother:	Sarah Jane Wilson - Natural
Burial:	15 Aug 1975 Maple Hill Cemetery, Sesser, Franklin Co., IL
Census:	Listed on 1900 Federal Census for Bald Hill Twonship, Jefferson Co., IL living at home with her parents.
<b>Address and Phone(s)</b>	

### Medical

### Notes

*Cora is listed as still being at home with her parents in the 1900 Jefferson Co. (Bald Hill Township) IL.*

*Cora B. Sulcer  
Waltonville*

*Funeral services for Mrs. Cora B. Sulcer, 95, of Waltonville, will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the Fry Funeral Chapel in Waltoville. Rev. Floyd hartley will officiate.*

*Friends may call after 6 p.m. today at the Fry Funeral Chapel.*

*Mrs. Sulcer died at 5:50 a.m. Wednesday at Good Samaritan Hospital. She had been a resident of Hickory View Manor for eight years.*

*Mrs. Sulcer, the daughter of William and Sarah Benthall, was born on July 14, 1880.*

*She married Evan Sulcer on Oct. 4, 1902. He died in 1944.*

*She was a member of Oakland Baptist Church.*

*She is survived by one son, Wayman Sulcer, Mt. Vernon; one daughte, Mrs. Russell (Delia) Elliston, Waltonville, five grandchildren; and nine great-grand-children.*

<b>Marriage Information</b>	
Husband:	Evan Sylvester Sulcer
Married:	04 Oct 1903
Beginning status:	Married

### Marriage Notes