
FILLING IN A BLANK: SARAH DUKES OFFUTT, 1852–1900

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Little was known about Sarah, but researching her story offered a chance to visit nearby repositories and sites that figured in her life. Three cousins—one known and two “new”—shared family letters.

When my father first mentioned Sarah Dukes, he referred to his maternal grandmother as “a blank.” She died 16 years before he was born and his mother had shared little information. Discovering Sarah’s birth and marriage in Baltimore, my adopted home of 40 years, was part of an intriguing portrait drawn from multiple sources.

Sarah “Sadie” Dukes was born to Captain Levin Dukes and his wife, Susan Taggart, on 6 April 1852, probably at their home at 123 East Lombard Street.¹ She was the third child and second daughter; siblings James and Susie were five and three, respectively.² The family lived near the maritime hub of Fells Point. But Levin’s schooner, the *Elizabeth Jane*, sailed its regular Baltimore-Philadelphia run from Smith’s Wharf, on today’s Inner Harbor.³ Levin likely hailed from Maryland’s Eastern Shore and Susan Taggart was perhaps born in Washington County, Maryland.⁴ They married in Baltimore in 1847 at Seamen’s Bethel Union in Fells Point.⁵ When Susan died of consumption on 23 May 1853, no relatives were nearby to help the young widower.⁶ Sadie, their youngest child, was only 13 months old.

By 1858, the family was living a few blocks away at 210 East

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Baltimore Street with James Pawley Jr., a well-to-do glass and china merchant.⁷ James's unmarried sister probably lent a hand with Levin's young children.⁸ The relationship must have been affectionate; in his will drafted 12 years later, Pawley provided for the Dukes children.⁹

NEW LIFE IN GEORGETOWN

Levin moved to Georgetown to work for the Potomac Tug Boat Company by the end of 1859. In October of that year he purchased a frame house at 66 Market Street.¹⁰ It was two doors away from John Lambie, Scotland-born contractor, retired from the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.¹¹ John T. Kelley, grocer and native of Baltimore County, lived between the Dukes and the Lambie families.¹² On 4 January 1860, Levin married Lambie's 24-year-old daughter, Margaret.¹³ Levin also owned and rented out a larger brick home closer to the Potomac River.¹⁴



Figure 1. 66 Market Street today; photo taken by author.

Levin and Margaret had two daughters, Maggie and Fannie.¹⁵ Margaret was pregnant with their third child when Levin died of

a heart attack on 16 March 1866—stricken on his boat, *Belle Abearn*, moored in the Potomac.¹⁶ His death at age 54 was noted in Georgetown and Baltimore papers.¹⁷ The funeral was held three days later from the family home; he was buried in an unmarked grave in nearby Oak Hill Cemetery.¹⁸ Margaret gave birth to Anna Leventeen six weeks later.¹⁹ When Anna died in her eighth month, she was laid to rest beside her father.²⁰

Levin left no will. Margaret was named administratrix of his estate and legal guardian to all six children. Probate records reveal a comfortable home with books, musical instruments, and valuable furnishings. The personal estate—household furnishings, cash, Baltimore City stock, notes, and partial ownership of two tugboats—was valued at \$8,200.²¹ Careful management would be required to support the widow and children. The tugboat interests were sold and the stock certificate cashed, but the family kept the houses until Levin's youngest child turned 21 in 1884.²²

Margaret wrote the probate court:

“My stepson is in his 19th year. I think I can board him for a hundred dollars a year, but shall expect him to clothe himself. My stepdaughters I will clothe, for a hundred dollars each, the oldest [Susie] stays with me, the youngest [Sadie] with an Uncle in Baltimore.”²³

Perhaps Margaret favored Susie. The “uncle” she mentions was Pawley, who had housed the family in Baltimore before Levin re-married.²⁴ Nothing indicates Pawley was a blood relative; his later bequest to the siblings identified them only as Levin Dukes's orphans.²⁵

Neighbor John T. Kelley, Levin's business partner John B. Davidson, and Margaret pledged \$12,000 to guarantee her fiduciary performance.²⁶ Four months later, concerned about financial exposure, Kelley and Davidson petitioned the court to

compel Margaret to provide counter security.²⁷ Nothing happened for several months but after Margaret remarried in 1867 and moved to Sussex County, Delaware, they revived the petition.²⁸ Margaret refused to furnish counter security. At the hearing, James, Susan, and Sarah Dukes chose Kelley as their new guardian.²⁹ Kelley reported to the court regularly on house maintenance and the siblings' room, board, and personal expenses.³⁰ Margaret retained guardianship of her biological children, with her husband, John Collison, furnishing counter security.³¹

SADIE IN BALTIMORE

In 1870 Pawley's household included Sarah, age 18. Retired from his glass business, Pawley was partially paralyzed.³² On Sadie's behalf, Kelley paid Pawley \$25 per quarter for her room.³³ James, age 23, a house painter paying his own expenses, also lived with the Pawleys. A year earlier, James had received a final \$500 disbursement from his father's estate.³⁴ Susie lived with the Kelley family, by then residing in Darnestown, Montgomery County, Maryland.³⁵

Jackson Square Methodist Church received Sadie as a probationer on 20 February 1871, and later as a full member.³⁶ The five-year-old church, situated on a partially developed square, was near the Pawley residence.³⁷ Sadie found a close friend and mentor in Mary "Mollie" Hucorn, 18 years her senior.³⁸ Mollie, a saleswoman, never married.³⁹ They attended Sunday school together and later lived at the same address on North Broadway, Fells Point's main thoroughfare.⁴⁰ Sadie wrote a flowery tribute to Mollie, calling her "mother," that was among her things when she died.⁴¹ Apparently Sadie was closer to Mollie than to her stepmother.

In another sign of growing independence, Sadie began managing her accounts, signing receipts for her income payments.⁴²

On 2 April 1872, James Pawley Jr., died at age 63.⁴³ His will, drafted in 1870, created a life trust for Captain Levin Dukes's orphans, funded with Baltimore City six percent stock worth \$2,500. Sadie, who perhaps helped care for him, received interest on \$1,000, James and Susie on \$750 each.⁴⁴ That income would have provided more than half of Sadie's annual room and board. Within months of Pawley's death, Sadie joined the Kelley family and Susie in Darnestown.⁴⁵ She was 20 years old.

LIFE IN DARNESTOWN

John T. Kelley had purchased *Pleasant Hills*, a 272-acre farm with a substantial brick home, on 20 April 1868.⁴⁶ The Darnestown property, about 25 miles northwest of Georgetown,⁴⁷ was one of the town's finest homes.⁴⁸ Kelley prospered as a farmer and became a civic leader, serving several terms as justice of the peace.⁴⁹

Before the Civil War, Darnestown was a sleepy village where residents rode out to meet the thrice-weekly mail delivery; it was "by no means, a handsome place."⁵⁰ A soldier from Boston called it "of the Rip Van Winkle order."⁵¹ A packet-boat trip to Georgetown via the C&O Canal took a full day.⁵² With the war, activity surged. Businesses sprang up to serve the 18,000 Union troops stationed along the Potomac River to protect Washington, D.C.⁵³ *Pleasant Hills* had been the site of one such encampment.⁵⁴

Susie and the Kelley family joined the Darnestown Presbyterian Church within a month of moving.⁵⁵ The small 13-year-old parish was pushing away from its parent church in nearby Neelsville. John Kelley quickly assumed a leadership position.⁵⁶ The Darnestown church was central to the town's development and to the lives of the Dukes sisters.



Figure 2. Darnestown Presbyterian Church; photo taken by author.

Susie married first, to William C. Henderson, son of Rev. James S. H. Henderson, who had shepherded both churches for several years but now served only at Neelsville.⁵⁷ The 17 December 1872 wedding prompted Sadie to write to her stepmother, Margaret Collison. Sadie's only extant writing offers a glimpse of her personality.⁵⁸

Contact between them had apparently been sporadic, hampered by changing addresses. Still, Sadie reported that everyone had looked for Margaret at the wedding. Sadie described Susie's white alpaca dress with a short train and the handsome wreath on her head—"her things were plain but rich." She expressed pride in Susie and her new brother—"not for his beauty, because that will never be found, but he is so gentlemanly." Mrs. Kelley hosted a dinner party honoring the couple after the noon wedding, probably held at church.⁵⁹

The next day Sadie travelled with Susie and Willie to their new residence with his parents in Neelsville. The couple's room had a handsome chamber set and small parlor stove; "everything [was] as neat and nice as could be." Wedding gifts—some beautiful,

some practical—were in evidence. The Hendersons welcomed Susie warmly and Sadie thought her “comfortably fixed.”⁶⁰

Sadie reported that she herself was wonderfully improved—but “not in looks for as you know I always was good looking”—and enjoying excellent health again. She expressed her intent to keep in touch and perhaps visit someday, but admitted that, on one letter, she didn’t make out the address “as plain as I might.” She asked after Margaret’s mother and her younger half-sisters, Maggie and Fannie, unsure if they were old enough to correspond. She signed the letter as “your true daughter.”⁶¹

SADIE’S COURTSHIP

Like Susie, Sadie probably met her future husband, Lemuel Offutt, at Darnestown Presbyterian Church. He had been baptized there as an adult on 1 January 1871.⁶² Sadie, a Methodist in Baltimore, joined the church on 7 June 1873.⁶³ Her motivation may have been partly romantic.

Outspoken, “good-looking,” and a former Georgetown and Baltimore resident, Sadie cut a worldly figure in Darnestown. Although an orphan of limited means, she lived comfortably with a prominent family. Lemuel, born in 1851, lived in a small log cabin with his widowed mother and siblings.⁶⁴ They struggled to maintain the family’s 241-acre farm.⁶⁵ Despite his circumstances, Lemuel was smart, ambitious, and hard working. He attended the new church-affiliated Andrew Small Academy, and later taught there.⁶⁶ While keeping financial books for local businessmen, he began to study medicine with local doctors Charles Nourse and William Waters.⁶⁷

Two of Lemuel’s letters to Sadie survive from this period.⁶⁸ Their courtship was constrained by convention, marked by chance encounters at church and messages carried by friends. His flowery prose was direct, his handwriting elegant. In one letter, “Lem” advised her to “turn a deaf ear” to gossip about

inviting him to attend church with her because his “attention to her and offer of service was sufficient to establish [her] prerogative.” He thought it “frank and good of [her] to speak to [him] about it.”⁶⁹ Concerned about appearances but not shy, she was able to discuss the sensitive subject with him.

He cited her “love and care” for him as incentive to keep to his duty. He expressed hope “in the real joy that love and tenderness holds out for me.” Unhappy about failing to help her into the carriage at church or missing a debate she would attend, he reminded her that he was working towards “bringing about the fullness of [their] earthly happiness.” He complained mildly of her infrequent notes, but knew she didn’t write “unless on business or sometimes in answer to [my letters].”⁷⁰

In 1874, Lemuel enrolled in Baltimore’s University of Maryland School of Medicine, where for two years he attended classes at Davidge Hall.⁷¹ He also worked at the Baltimore Infirmary, the first teaching hospital associated with a medical school.⁷² He was living nearby at 196 Barre Street, on the city’s west side.⁷³ To be near him, Sadie apparently returned to East Baltimore and lived with Mollie Hucorn.⁷⁴

The early months of 1876 were eventful. Lemuel submitted his thesis on typhoid fever to the university on 24 January 1876 and graduated on 29 February.⁷⁵ The fourth and final account of Sadie’s inheritance from her father, submitted on 26 April 1876, provided a residual payment of \$500.⁷⁶ Probably about that time Sadie was photographed at Egbert Guy Fowx’s studio at No. 1 North Gay Street.⁷⁷



Figure 3. Sarah “Sadie” Dukes, circa 1876;
from author's collection.

Lemuel moved to Penn Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, to assume the practice of Dr. Luther Clagett, formerly of Montgomery County, Maryland.⁷⁸ He returned to Baltimore to marry Sadie on 25 January 1877. Rev. Steven V. Leach, of Jackson Square Methodist Church, officiated at the ceremony, held at the North Broadway home of neighbor Morton D. Banks.⁷⁹

MARRIED LIFE

Sadie gave birth to James Hucorn Offutt in Penn Township on 27 December 1877. His middle name honored Sadie's friend, Mollie. Daughter Mary Ella was born on 30 March 1880. A female servant lived with the family to help Sadie with their two small children; a young photographer also boarded with them.⁸⁰ Another son, Lemuel, was born on 8 January 1881.

Dr. Lemuel visited patients on horseback. His strenuous circuit exposed him to the elements and kept him away from home for long stretches.⁸¹ In 1883, he became ill and the young family retreated to Montgomery County while he recuperated.⁸² Returning to Pennsylvania several months later, he established an office practice at 201 East Otterman Street in Greensburg, a few blocks from the family residence on West Otterman. He held morning, afternoon, and evening office hours.⁸³ Thirty-three years as Greensburg's "popular old time Doctor" earned him a reputation among his peers as a gifted diagnostician.⁸⁴ His patients and their families considered him a "guide and a counsellor, a confidant and a friend."⁸⁵ As his wife, Sadie enjoyed a certain prominence.

Lemuel and Sadie were charter members of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, founded in 1892. She was the first chairman of the church's Women's Group; he served as an elder in his later years.⁸⁶

They had five more children after moving to Greensburg. James, Mary, Sarah, Susan, and Rose all lived to adulthood, but three children died young. Lemuel died in 1889 at age eight, four months after an infant brother, William, died.⁸⁷ A baby girl, Courtney, died in 1893.⁸⁸

The following year, Lemuel wrote to his sister, Courtney Stauffer, in Walkersville, Maryland, upon the death of her 15-year-old daughter Mary: "I know too well nothing but time destroys the agony attending such a loss."⁸⁹ Like many couples of that era, he and Sadie experienced that agony multiple times.

Sadie, age 48, died of viremia [sepsis] on 7 December 1900, after being ill for several months.⁹⁰ The published death notice described her as "modest and unassuming" and "known to all our people, an especial favorite with the children."⁹¹ She was buried in Brush Creek Cemetery, in nearby Adamsburg.⁹²

SADIE'S LEGACY

Sadie's death left a gaping hole in the family. Elexis "Mammy" Hebrank, already living with the family, raised Sadie's youngest daughters, Susan, age nine, and Rose, age six.⁹³ Identified as a "servant" in 1900 and as a friend in 1910, Elexis may have been with the family as early as 1894, when Rose's parents gave her the middle name Elexus.⁹⁴

In 1904 Lemuel married again to Leola Edwards, a 35-year-old music teacher and member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church.⁹⁵ Sadie's children reportedly did not accept Leola.⁹⁶ That may have contributed to "sundry and unhappy differences" between Lemuel and Leola that prompted a formal separation 10 years later.⁹⁷ Lemuel paid Leola \$5,000 and she returned to her native Ohio.⁹⁸ Lemuel died on 25 March 1918, and like his wife Sadie, was deeply mourned by the community.⁹⁹

The themes of Sadie's life echoed in the lives of her children. Her son, James Hucorn Offutt, a civic leader in Greensburg, died suddenly of a heart attack in 1928 at age 50, leaving a young family behind.¹⁰⁰ Sadie's two oldest daughters, Mary and Sarah took on traditional roles as wives and mothers; Mary was known for being outspoken but also for her early church involvement.¹⁰¹ Sarah was remembered as a happy person who welcomed all visitors, despite tragic losses in her life.¹⁰² Susan and Rose were unusually independent for their time. Susan followed her father's career path, graduating from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine in 1919. She practiced homeopathic medicine in Pittsburgh at Magee Women's Hospital and, at one time, was on the Mayo Clinic staff in Rochester, Minnesota.¹⁰³ In her 40s, she married a colleague, Dr. Francis B. "Frank" Edmundson.¹⁰⁴ Rose, the youngest, graduated from the Stanford University School of Nursing, and for 30 years worked as a psychiatric social worker at Napa State Hospital in Napa, California.¹⁰⁵

Sadie was the first of the three Dukes siblings to die. Susie Henderson, whose husband was a clerk for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, died in Baltimore on 5 September 1906. She is buried in the Neelsville Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Montgomery County.¹⁰⁶ James Dukes had moved to Chicago by 1880 and died there on 3 February 1907.¹⁰⁷ Whether Sadie and Susie visited one another as adults is unknown, but they honored their relationship. Sadie named a daughter Susan; Susie named a daughter Sarah and named her son Lemuel Offutt Henderson.¹⁰⁸

Mollie Hucorn outlived her young friend by more than 20 years. She died in 1928 in Baltimore, a resident of the Methodist Episcopal Home for Aged on Fulton Avenue.¹⁰⁹

Sadie left few words of her own. Still, from other sources, the portrait of a complicated woman, who experienced joy and sorrow, emerged to fill my father's "blank."



Figure 4. Sarah (Dukes) Offutt, date unknown; from author's collection.

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⁴¹ Poem from Sadie [Dukes] to Miss Mollie E. Hucorn, Baltimore, Md., undated; Jack Gates Papers, privately held by Susan Gates Payerchin, [ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE,] Uniontown, Pa., 2011. Jack Gates's mother was Sadie's namesake daughter, Sarah Dukes Offutt Gates. Payerchin, Gates's daughter, gave digital copies to the author in 2011.

⁴² Receipt signed by Sadie E. Dukes for "twenty five dollars for quarters," 9 March 1871; Levin Dukes Probate, Case 1946; Old Series Administration Case Files, 1801–1878; RG 21; NAB.

⁴³ "Local Matters: Death of a Merchant," *The* (Baltimore) *Sun*, 3 April 1872, p. 1.

⁴⁴ "Maryland Register of Wills Records, 1629–1999," *FamilySearch*, Baltimore City, JHB 38:214, James Pawley, Junior, will, 31 May 1870.

⁴⁵ Sadie [Dukes] to "Dear Ma" [Margaret Collison], letter 20 December 1872; Gail Jenis Papers, privately held by Gail Jenis, [ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE,] Deptford, N.J., 2011. Jenis provided a transcribed copy of the letter to the author, probably done by Jenis's "Aunt Lida Lynch," Margaret's granddaughter.

⁴⁶ Montgomery Co., Md., Land Record EBP 5:320, bond of conveyance from William S. Offutt Jr and Ara J. Offutt, to John T. Kelley; digital images, Maryland State Archives [MSA], *MDLandRec.Net* (www.mdlandrec.net : accessed 18 June 2017). The home stayed in the Kelley family until 1968; see Sandra L. H. Gimbert, "18th century estate priced at \$875,000," *Montgomery Journal*, 11 September 1987, clipping from Kelley Family File.

⁴⁷ The distance was calculated using the directions feature at *Google Maps* (www.maps.google.com : accessed 18 June 2017).

⁴⁸ Roger Brooke Farquhar, "Old Homes and History of Montgomery County, Maryland, (Silver Spring, Md. : Judd & Detweiler, Inc., 1962), 249–50 on *Pleasant Hills*.

⁴⁹ *Portrait and Biographical Record of the Sixth Congressional District, Maryland...* (New York, N.Y.: Chapman Publishing Company, 1898), 759–760.

⁵⁰ Eleanor N. Darby, "Reminiscences of Alice Darby Nourse," *The Montgomery Story* 47 (November 2004): 1. For the quote regarding its appearance, see Susan E. Jones, "A Description of Darnestown," brief

manuscript, 14 March 1862; folder: Darnestown, vertical files; Jane C. Sween Library, Montgomery County Historical Society.

⁵¹ “Darnestown in the Past,” *Little Acorn* (June 1982), 1, quoting Union soldier Alonzo H. Quint of Boston, whose regiment camped there; folder: Darnestown, vertical files; Jane C. Sween Library, Montgomery County Historical Society.

⁵² Darby, “Reminiscences of Alice Darby Nourse,” 2.

⁵³ Darnestown Historical Society, *A Brief History of Darnestown* (Gaithersburg, Md.: EMC Printing Co., 1992), 5.

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⁵⁵ Darnestown Presbyterian Church (Darnestown, Md.) Records, Book 1, p. 8, Register of Church Members, arranged chronologically, photocopy; Jane C. Sween Library, Montgomery County Historical Society. Susie Dukes and the Kelleys joined the church on 9 May 1868.

⁵⁶ For the history of the Darnestown Presbyterian Church, see John F. Wells, Jr., *A History of the Darnestown Presbyterian Church* (Darnestown, Md.: Darnestown Presbyterian Church, 1955): 4–5. For Kelley’s role, see “Darnestown Presbyterian Church Records, Book 1, p. 2, Register of Elders. Jno. T. Kelley became an elder on 16 June 1868.

⁵⁷ Montgomery County Circuit Court, Marriage Record, entry for Wm. C. Henderson and Susan R. Dukes, 1872, EPB 1:142 (1865–1886); T1928-373; MSA.

⁵⁸ Sadie [Dukes] to “Dear Ma” [Margaret Collison], letter 20 December 1872; Gail Jenis Papers.

⁵⁹ *Ibid.*

⁶⁰ *Ibid.*

⁶¹ *Ibid.*

⁶² Darnestown Presbyterian Church (Darnestown, Md.) Records, Book 1, p. 8, Register of Church Members.

⁶³ Darnestown Presbyterian Church (Darnestown, Md.) Records, Book 1, p. 9, Register of Church Members.

⁶⁴ For a picture of the log cabin, see Maryland Department of Planning, “Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties,” digital images, *Maryland Historical Trust* (www.mht.maryland.gov/secure/medusa/PDF/Montgomery/M;%2024-30.pdf: accessed 19 June 2017), Offut Farm/Woodbyrne, MHIP no. 24-30, continuation sheet, eighth image of 50. For his birth date, see Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, “Pennsylvania Death Certificates, 1906–1964,” digital images, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 19 June 2017), certificate no. 27745 for Lemuel Offutt.

⁶⁵ Affidavit of R. D. Beall, 7 August 1874, Claim of Mary Ann Offutt, G2726; Correspondence and other papers relating to claims received

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⁶⁸ Lemuel to “My wonderful darling Sadie,” letter, undated [est. 1873], and Lem to “Dear Sadie,” letter, undated [est. 1873]; Jack Gates Papers.

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⁷¹ Richard J. Behles, Historical Librarian/Preservation Officer, Health Sciences & Human Services Library, University of Maryland at Baltimore, to Malissa Ruffner, email, 31 March 2009, “Your great grandfather Dr. Lemuel Offutt;” Offutt Research Files, 2017; privately held by author, Baltimore, Md. For the history of Davidge Hall, see The Medical Alumni Association of the University of Maryland, “Davidge Hall,” website; *Archival History of the Medical School and its 19th Century Facility* (www.medicalalumni.org/davidge-hall/ : accessed 18 June 2017).

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⁷⁴ Jackson Square M.E. Church Records 1866–1879 (Baltimore, Maryland); Tuesday Night Class Records, unpaginated. Mary Hucorn and Sadie E. Dukes names appear sequentially, both with a 136 N. Broadway address.

⁷⁵ For Lemuel’s dissertation titled “Typhoid Fever,” see *University of Maryland Theses 1876*; digital images, *Internet Archive* (www.archive.org/details/univers76cnse : accessed 19 June 2017), [p.] 84. For his graduation, see *University of Maryland, Sixty-Ninth Annual Circular of the School of Medicine, Session 1876–’77* (1876), 11, list of February 29th, 1876, graduates; digital images, *Internet Archive* (www.archive.org/stream/medicine37unse#page/n835/mode/2up : accessed 19 June 2017). Both items were originally viewed in person at the University of Maryland Health Sciences & Human Services Library in Baltimore in 2009.

⁷⁶ Fourth and Final Account of John T. Kelley, Guardian to Sarah E. Dukes, orphan of Levin Dukes, deceased, April 26, 1876; Levin Dukes Probate, Case 1946; Old Series Administration Case Files, 1801–1878; RG 21; NAB.

⁷⁷ Ross J. Kelbaugh, *Directory of Maryland Photographers* (Baltimore: Historic Graphics, 1988), 20. Fowx operated his studio on Gay Street between 1868 and 1875, after working with notable photographers Matthew Brady and Alexander Gardner during the Civil War.

⁷⁸ Luther S. Clagett to Lemuel Offutt, 19 May 1876, deed, Westmoreland County (Pa.), Deeds 89:334; digital images, *Westmoreland County Record of Deeds* (www.wcdeeds.us/dts/ : accessed 19 June 2017). For Luther's place of origin, see "To Hold Rites Today for Dr. L. S. Clagett," *The* (Baltimore) *Sun*, 17 May 1925, p. 5.

⁷⁹ For the exact location of the wedding see, "Married," undated, unidentified clipping; Jack Gates Papers. Sadie and Mary Hucorn were probably living at 136 North Broadway. M.D. Banks resided at 134 North Broadway; see *Woods's Baltimore Directory for 1876* (1876), 41, entry for Morton D. Banks.

⁸⁰ 1880 U.S. Census, Westmoreland Co., Pa., pop. sched., Penn Borough, ED 103, p. 278 (stamped), dwelling 5, family 5, Lemuel Offutt; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 22 August 2010); citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 1203.

⁸¹ Samuel T. Wiley, ed., *Biographical and Historical Cyclopaedia of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania* (Philadelphia: John M. Gresham & Company, 1890): 145. See also "Dr. Offutt's Death Brings Deep Sense of Loss to Community."

⁸² "Dr. Offutt's Death Brings Deep Sense of Loss to Community."

⁸³ American Medical Association, *American Medical Directory* (Chicago: American Medical Association, 1906): 804.

⁸⁴ H. M. Zundel, ed., *The Burg of Greene in Pictures Seen: A Collection of Pictures of Greensburg and Vicinity, Including Views, Maps, Scenes, Parades, Groups, Prominent Persons, Historic Sketches and Sentimental Quotations* (Greensburg, Pa.: Chas. M. Henry Printing Company, 1927), 215. For his diagnostic skill, see "Dr. Lemuel Offutt," undated clipping, 1918, from unidentified newspaper; Ruffner Family Papers, privately held by author, Baltimore, 2017. The clipping was inherited from her father, James S. Ruffner, son of Mary Ella (Offutt) Ruffner, Lemuel's oldest daughter.

⁸⁵ "Dr. Lemuel Offutt," Ruffner Family Papers.

⁸⁶ *Westminster Presbyterian Church, 75th Anniversary, 1891–1966* (Greensburg, Pa.: Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1966), unpaginated. The charter member list appears on the 4th leaf. The section on Westminster Women begins on the 8th leaf. For Lemuel's service as an elder, see "Dr. Offutt's Death Brings Deep Sense of Loss to Community."

⁸⁷ Wiley, *Biographical and Historical Cyclopaedia of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania*, 145.

⁸⁸ Della Reagan Fischer, comp., *Brush Creek Churches Cemetery, Hempfield Twp., Westmoreland Co., Pennsylvania* (McKeesport, Pa.: n.p., 1972), 99. The author visited on 28 September 2010; Courtney's name appears on a large family stone, with a birth year and death year of 1893. No smaller headstone was placed for her.

⁸⁹ Letter from Lem to Courtney [Stauffer], 6 November 1894; Nancy Franck Papers, privately held by Nancy Nicodemus Greenwood Franck, [ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE,] Walkersville, Md., 2012. Nancy Franck is the granddaughter of Courtney Stauffer. The letter was scanned by the author on 20 March 2012.

⁹⁰ Westmoreland Co., Pa., Registration of Deaths, 1893–1906, 1:125, entry for Sarah Offutt, 7 December 1900; Orphans Court, Greensburg, Pa.; FHL microfilm 1,316,375.

⁹¹ “Mrs. L. Offutt,” *Greensburg* (Pennsylvania) *Daily Tribune*, 17 December 1900, p. 1.

⁹² Brush Creek Cemetery (Adamsburg, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania), Sarah Dukes Offutt, section a; personally read, 2010.

⁹³ “Mammy” appears on family picture captions. See Alexis “Mammy” Hebrank photographs, circa 1903, privately held by Susan Gates Payerchin, [ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE,] Uniontown, Pennsylvania, 2011. Payerchin provided copies of the photographs and transcribed captions, including “Mammy raised the children after their mother died.” For the ages of Susan and Rose, see 1900 U.S. Census, Westmoreland Co., Pa., pop. sched., Greensburg Ward 1, ED 100, p. 30A, dwelling 574, family 625 [smudged], household of Lemuel Offutt, line 46; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 22 August 2010); citing NARA microfilm publication T623, roll 1497.

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images, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 22 August 2010); citing NARA microfilm publication T624, roll 1429. Rose Elexus Offutt was baptized on 14 November 1895; see Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath-School Work, *Minutes of the Session of the Presbyterian Church* (partially pre-printed volume used for minutes and registers), Part V, Register of Baptisms, p. 140, entry for Rose Elexus Offutt; Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Pa.

⁹⁵ Allegheny County, Pa., Marriages, 1885–1905, Vol. 67, Series E, license no. 19473, Lemuel Offutt and Leola Edwards, 29 June 1904; Orphans Court, Pittsburgh, Pa.; FHL microfilm 878,609.

⁹⁶ Susan Gates Payerchin to Malissa Ruffner, email, 20 June 2017, “Sadie, Lem and Leola,” Offutt Research Files, 2017; privately held by author,

Baltimore, Md. Payerchin wrote that her grandmother did not tell all her children that she had had a stepmother for ten years.

⁹⁷ Dr. Lemuel Offutt to Leola R. Offutt, 9 September 1914, Articles of Agreement (separation agreement), Westmoreland Co. (Pa.) Deeds 654:170; digital images, *Westmoreland County Record of Deeds* (www.wcdeeds.us/dts/ : accessed 19 June 2017).

⁹⁸ “Leola Offutt,” *The Alliance Review* (Alliance, Ohio), 2 February 1952, p. 14, col. 6.

⁹⁹ Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, “Pennsylvania Death Certificates, 1906–1964,” certificate no. 27745 for Lemuel Offutt. See “Dr. Offutt’s Death Brings Deep Sense of Loss to Community.”

¹⁰⁰ “J. H. Offutt Funeral on Wednesday,” *Greensburg* (Pennsylvania) *Daily Tribune*, 25 June 1928, p. 1, col. 7.

¹⁰¹ Nancy Nicodemus Greenwood Franck (Walkersville, Md.), interview by Malissa Ruffner, 20 March 2012; notes privately held by Ruffner, Baltimore, Md., 2017. Franck remembers childhood visits from Mary Offutt Ruffner, her mother’s first cousin. For Mary’s early involvement as a Sunday School teacher, see Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath-School Work, *Minutes of the Session of the Presbyterian Church*, Minutes of Session, Statistical Reports, p. 137 (1900) and p. 149 (1901), Miss Mary E. Offutt listed as Intermediate Teacher.

¹⁰² Susan Gates Payerchin, Uniontown, Pennsylvania, to Malissa Ruffner, Facebook private message, 17 March 2017. Payerchin is Sarah’s oldest granddaughter. Sarah was widowed at age 38; see “Deaths - John Edward Gates,” obituary, *Morning Herald* (Uniontown, Pennsylvania), 7 June 1926, p. 5; digital images, *Historical Newspapers* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 31 March 2010). Her oldest daughter, Betsy, died after an appendectomy, before her 21st birthday. See “Pennsylvania Death Certificates, 1906–1964,” digital images, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 19 June 2017), certificate no. 15597 for Sarah Elizabeth Seese.

¹⁰³ “Deaths,” *Journal of the American Medical Association* 165 (28 September 1957): 384, entry for Susan Offutt Edmundson.

¹⁰⁴ Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Division of Vital Records, Marriage Certificates, Book 17 (arranged by Soundex number), Francis B. Edmundson, age 48, and Susan R. Offutt, age 44 (21 March 1936); T318-17; MSA.

¹⁰⁵ “Rose E. Offutt,” *Napa Register* (California), 26 June 1963. The Napa Valley Genealogical and Biographical Society provided a copy of the obituary without a page or column number.

¹⁰⁶ Baltimore City, Maryland, death cert. no. B93353, Susan [?] Henderson (1906).

¹⁰⁷ 1880 U.S. Census, Cook County, Illinois, pop. sched., Chicago, ED 111, sheet 32D, dwelling 740, family 374, Jas. M. Duke head of household; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com : downloaded 5 May 2013); citing NARA microfilm publication T9, roll 193. See Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, Death Certificates, certificate no. 17718, James Dukes, 3 February 1907; FHL microfilm 1,239,751.

¹⁰⁸ "In Memoriam," *The (Baltimore) Sun*, 9 September 1942, p. 24; digital images, *ProQuest Historical Newspapers* (www.proquest.com : accessed 4 December 2013, via library subscription), death notice for Lemuel Offutt Henderson, son of William C. and Susan R. Henderson.

¹⁰⁹ Baltimore City, Maryland, Health Department, Bureau of Vital Statistics, death record, certificate no. D77122, Mary E. Hucorn (1928); CM1132-152, (scanned microfilm) CR 48195; MSA.