

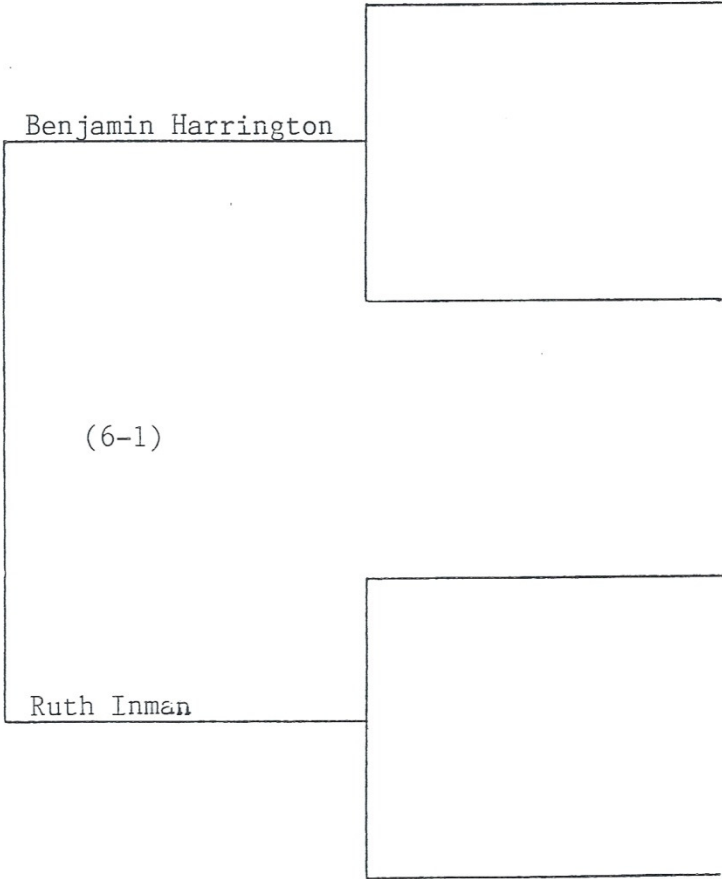
Chapter 6

The Book of Ira

containing the
collateral lines of ancestry
provided by
Ira's wife
Sarah Ann Harrington

PEDIGREE CHART

The Book of Ira
Ancestral lines
of his wife
Sarah Ann Harrington



BENJAMIN HARRINGTON
RUTH INMAN

It is traditionally understood that the Harringtons were formally from Rhode Island and evidently Benjamin's parents moved to Enfield, Connecticut (Map #6) for the marriage of Benjamin and Ruth (Inman) Harrington is recorded as having taken place in Enfield. That would lead to the assumption that the Inmans were settlers in the Enfield area. We know that Benjamin and Ruth moved further west into New York where their daughter Sarah Ann Harrington married the widower, Ira Rice, who by a prior marriage had a family of five young children and was residing in the area of Palmyra, New York (see 1-6). Soon after the marriage of Ira and Sarah Ann early in the year 1825 they prepared to claim acreage property in an 1812 War land offering made by the government of the United States of America in payment for Ira's services in the war.

Whether or not the Harringtons were a part of this migratory move into Michigan is not known but it is very possible that Sarah Ann was not without family members who went with them. There are Harringtons of Utah who claim ancestral kin from Michigan and it is possible that some of the Harringtons were a part of the great exodus of pioneers to cross the Plains in a later migration of those who left Nauvoo as did Ira and Sarah Ann (Harrington) Rice in 1846. These possibilities have not been thoroughly investigated in order to discover the extended lines of Sarah Ann's progenitors.

The writer made an effort to locate some Harringtons in Michigan, both in the land records and any local resident, without success. Research on this line of genealogy must yet bring to light further knowledge to make it possible to connect lines of ancestry that would fit into this chapter.