

Ancestors of Martha Jane Reed

Generation No. 1

1. Martha Jane Reed, born February 01, 1864 in Whitley Co., IN; died September 16, 1886 in Nappanee, Elkhart Co., IN. She was the daughter of **2. Martin Van Buren Reed** and **3. Mary R. Souder**. She married (**1**) **George Barron Miller** March 20, 1884 in Nappanee, Elkhart Co., IN. He was born September 08, 1864 in Mt. Pleasant, PA, and died March 30, 1937 in Roanoke, Huntington Co., IN. He was the son of John Murray Miller and Elizabeth Barron.

Notes for Martha Jane Reed:

Previously called the Pippenger Cemetery. Her tombstone indicates that she died at age 22 years, 8 months and 15 days.

Born in Whitley County, Indiana, Martha Jane moved to Kosciusko County with her family a few years later as they resided there by 1870. Her father's property was on the border with Elkhart County, and very near Nappanee.

Her marriage to George Miller was attended by her brother, Jacob W. Reed, her sister Mary Alice Reed Wysong and her husband Daniel Wysong.

The book Cemeteries of Elkhart County, Indiana, indicates that she died at the age of 22 years, 8 months and 15 days. She is buried in section 1, Row 19, of Union Center, West, Cemetery, along with her parents and her sister Lavina May.

More About Martha Jane Reed:

Burial: Abt. September 19, 1886, Union Twp., Elkhart Co., IN

Notes for George Barron Miller:

His death certificate shows that he was born in 1864 and the internment records show he died at age 72.

His death certificate indicates that the principal cause of death was "diabetes swelitus" and that the duration was 12 years. It also indicates that he was a divorced white male, but that his wife was a Jennie Miller.

The record of George's burial can be found on page 2667 of Volume 9, M, of the Lindenwood internment records.

In the early part of the year 1836 comparatively few settlers were located within the bounds of what is now DeKalb County. Joseph MILLER, the first surveyor of DeKalb County, and his father, transported their goods by way of Fort Wayne to Shryock's Mill, and from thence to the farm about a mile below Auburn. (It is possible he may have been related to our MILLERS.) They were forced to cut their path through the dense forest. They left most of their goods and their families on the Maumee and penetrated the woods, going East, by means on a small pocket compass, to the Saint Joseph. Circling the worst and impassable swamps they cut a road back, a distance of 12 miles, in order that their wagons might pass, and also had to bridge a tamarackswamp on the route. This road was afterwards known as "Miller's Trace," and served as a highway for many immigrants. It was located where the road ran westward from the St. Joseph river at the place of Judge Widney's. The area was so wild that as late as October 1874, a bear was killed in Richland Township. By 1874 the construction of the Chicago Division of the B & O was nearly completed and the Baltimore Land and Development Improvement Company sent a special agent out to locate a suitable division point. A total of 604- acres was bought by the agent for the site of Garrett. He negotiated with farmers and closed the contracts

for their lands before they were aware he was buying all the land around for a purpose. He purchased a total of 12 farms. The 50 acres upon which Garrett was laid out cost \$17,000 and within six months a total of \$90,000 worth of lots were sold from it. Garrett became the Division headquarters for the B & O, the primary business being coal. In June 1876, a new township was formed and named Keyser after William KEYSER, then second vice president of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. (Could he be part of our KEYSER family?) The original platt of Garrett was recorded at Auburn on April 9, 1875, and was named in honor of John W. GARRETT then the president of the B & O, the first common carrier in America. The first Garrett fire department was organized in 1884 by B. & O. apprentice boys. The fire apparatus was a hand pumper and a hose cart. The water was furnished by a pump in the B & O engine room. The Interurban System was an important part of the development and growth of Garrett. The Toledo and Chicago Interurban Company began regular service to Garrett May 10, 1906. It was the fourth line out of Fort Wayne.

George Miller came to Indiana in the mid-1870's. He lived somewhere around Nappanee in Elkhart County, where his brother Jerimiah was living. His marriage record shows that at the time of his marriage to Martha Jane Reed, he was 20 years of age and a farmer in Jefferson Township, Kosciusco County. The marriage record also indicates that he was born in Fayette County, PA, and that his parents were John Miller and Lydia Barrow. In the next few years, after the death of Martha Jane in 1886, he moved to Garrett, in DeKalb County. His death certificate indicates that he joined the B & O Railroad in 1890. Both the US census records for 1900 and 1910 indicate that he was employed by the B & O. The 1900 census indicates he had been married to Caroline for 11 years. The 1910 census indicates they had been married for 23 years and listed George's age as 47. When Carline died in 1914, they were living in Altona, DeKalb County. The 1920 US Census indicates that he had a third wife, Addie, whose father was born in Missouri and mother in Indiana. The Census indicates that they were living at 516 West King Street in Garrett and that George was still employed by the railroad as a Distributor. On September 21, 1922, his son Grover applied for a marriage license. He indicated thereon that his father was George Miller, born in Pennsylvania, occupation Railroader, and living in Garrett, Indiana. He also listed the name of his mother as Caroline (deceased), although this was actually his step-mother.

His third wife, Addie, died in December 1928, at their residence at 516 West King Street, a property that George purchased on February 25, 1929 (DeKalb Co. Quit Claim Deed #4375, recorded March 16, 1929). The same property was sold by George Miller on July 19, 1935 (Warranty Deed #3911). The deed of sale indicates that George was unmarried and living in Allen County. He then married Jennie in October 1935, but was thereafter divorced. Their marriage certificate stated that his father was John Miller and his mother Lizzie Barron.

His obituary in the Huntington "Herald-Press," indicates that he was living in Roanoke with his daughter (actually his step-daughter Myrtle), Mrs. Robert Akom. His death certificate indicates that he had been living with her for a period of seven months, and that he died at the age of 72 years, 6 months and 22 days. It also states that he had been a Boilermaker for the B & O Railroad and that he had last worked at that occupation in 1930. It also confirms that he was divorced and that his wife's name had been "Jennie Miller."

George is buried next to his wife Addie. Both graves are unmarked.

More About George Barron Miller:

Burial: April 01, 1937, Fort Wayne, Allen Co., IN

Generation No. 2

2. Martin Van Buren Reed, born May 03, 1837 in Hayesville, Richland Co., OH; died July 15, 1887 in Kosciusko Co., IN. He was the son of **4. Jacob W. Reed** and **5. Jane Stafford**. He married **3. Mary R. Souder** October 24, 1861 in Whitley Co., IN.

3. Mary R. Souder, born July 17, 1836 in Liberty Twp., Crawford Co., OH; died July 17, 1917 in Kosciusko Co., IN. She was the daughter of **6. William W. Souder** and **7. Margaret Latimer**.

Notes for Martin Van Buren Reed:

Previously called the Pippenger Cemetery.

After their marriage, Martin and Mary REED settled in Whitley County, purchasing property from his father, Jacob Reed, in Richland Township, Section 32, a short distance to the northwest of the town of South Whitley. Martha Jane was born there in 1864. Martin then sold his property to Jacob on November 9, 1865 (Book Q, page 330). They then moved to Jefferson Township of Kosciusko County as the 1870 Census lists Martin as a Farmer with property value of \$2000 and a personal estate valued at \$400. Mary is listed as being unable to read or write. Listed with them are their children Mary A., Martha J., Jacob and William F.

A 1879 map of Jefferson Township shows Martin's property in the northwest corner of the township (Section 5), on the border with Elkhart County. The map shows him owning 94.29 acres. Martin remained in Jefferson Township until his death there in 1887 at the age of 50 years, 2 months and 12 days.

Martin was apparently a heavy smoker as indicated by a sales slip, filed with his estate papers, from the J. Dietrich & Co., Nappanee, "Dealers in Dry Goods, Notions, Boots, Shoes, Ready-made clothing, Hats and Caps, Groceries and Provisions." It indicates that Martin purchased tobacco and matches on April 4, 1887, tobacco on April 15, April 27, May 19 and again on June 8. These items were purchased shortly before his death and thus payment was made from the estate. "An Account of the Sale of Personal Property" on file in the Justice Building, Warsaw, Indiana, shows his personal property was sold for \$771.97. The listed items indicates that Martin was a farmer and a beekeeper. Among the items sold were two stands of bees, three swarms of bees, 21 pigs, three cows, one heifer, one steer and five calves. The most valuable possessions were one iron-gray mare that sold for \$156, one brown mare (\$140) and an iron-gray colt (\$107).

The following entry in the Kosciusko County records, dated April 1890, identifies his grandson and sons : "Now comes Grover C. Miller, William F. Reed, Daniel E. Reed, Charles W. Reed, heirs of Martin V.B. Reed deceased ..."

More About Martin Van Buren Reed:

Administrative account: 1892, Kosciusko Co., IN

Burial: Abt. July 18, 1887, Union Twp., Elkhart Co., IN

Notes for Mary R. Souder:

As administratrix of Martin's estate, Mary signed several papers in 1892 with "her X mark" indicating that she was unable to write her name. Mentioned in the estate papers are her daughter Mary Alice Reed Stahley, her sons William F., Daniel E. and Charles M., and her grandson Grover C. Miller. These six were required to sign for the sale of the property that was still held in Section 32 of Richland Township, Whitley County (East half of the North half of the South West Quarter). Mary's one-sixth of the 40 acres was sold at private

sale for \$200.00. This property was just to the East and across the road from the home of Martin's brother, James S. Reed - about one mile to the NW of the town of South Whitley.

More About Mary R. Souder:

Burial: Abt. July 20, 1917, Union Twp., Elkhart Co., IN

Children of Martin Reed and Mary Souder are:

- i. Mary Alice Reed, born July 17, 1862 in Whitley Co., IN; died October 24, 1940 in Garrett, Dekalb Co., IN; married Wm. Harrison Stahley May 22, 1883 in Elkhart Co., IN; born 1864; died Aft. 1887.
- 1 ii. Martha Jane Reed, born February 01, 1864 in Whitley Co., IN; died September 16, 1886 in Nappanee, Elkhart Co., IN; married George Barron Miller March 20, 1884 in Nappanee, Elkhart Co., IN.
- iii. Jacob W. Reed, born September 09, 1866 in Jefferson Twp, Kosciusko Co IN; married Hattie E. Jackson May 04, 1887 in Whitley Co., IN; born August 1870; died March 26, 1892.

More About Hattie E. Jackson:

Burial: Abt. March 29, 1892, Nappanee, Elkhart Co., IN

- iv. William Franklin Reed, born March 10, 1870 in Jefferson Twp, Kosciusko Co IN; died November 17, 1950 in Nappanee, Elkhart Co., IN; married (1) Mathilda Brumbaugh February 02, 1889 in Nappanee, Elkhart Co., IN; born January 26, 1870; died August 16, 1907 in Nappanee, Elkhart Co., IN; married (2) Amanda Miltenberger July 16, 1913 in Whitley Co., IN; born March 10, 1870; married (3) Cora Adell Jackson Abt. 1925; born December 23, 1878; died June 20, 1947 in Nappanee, Elkhart Co., IN.

Notes for William Franklin Reed:

The 1870 census for Jefferson Township, Koscuisco County, IN, shows William F. Reed as age 3/12.

More About William Franklin Reed:

Burial: Abt. November 20, 1950, Nappanee, Elkhart Co., IN

- v. Lavina May Reed, born September 18, 1872 in Jefferson Twp, Kosciusko Co IN; died February 19, 1873 in Jefferson Twp, Kosciusko Co IN.

More About Lavina May Reed:

Burial: Abt. February 22, 1873, Union Twp., Elkhart Co., IN

- vi. Daniel Edward Reed, born February 26, 1875 in Jefferson Twp, Kosciusko Co IN; married Jennetta Roose June 12, 1897 in Elkhart Co., IN; born 1876 in Indiana.

Notes for Daniel Edward Reed:

Daniel worked as a day-laborer.

- vii. Charles M. Reed, born June 26, 1878 in Jefferson Twp, Kosciusko Co IN; died May 17, 1923; married Ella --- 1900 in Union Twp., Elkhart Co., IN; born June 1878 in Indiana; died Aft. 1900.

Notes for Charles M. Reed:

Charles worked as a millhand.

Generation No. 3

4. Jacob W. Reed, born May 09, 1797 in Pennsylvania; died December 12, 1878 in Jackson Twp., Kosciusko Co., IN. He was the son of **8. James Reed**. He married **5. Jane Stafford** December 23, 1823 in Richland Co., OH.

5. Jane Stafford, born September 16, 1801 in Pennsylvania; died January 19, 1883 in Whitley Co., IN. She was the daughter of **10. James Stafford** and **11. Jane Culbertson**.

Notes for Jacob W. Reed:

Born in Pennsylvania, Jacob moved to Richland County, Ohio, where, on December 23, 1823, he was married to Jane Stafford. The marriage was performed by Josiah Gallup, Justice of Peace, and is recorded in Vol. 1, page 130. Their first daughter and son were born in Richland

County, Ohio. The Census records for 1830 indicate that the family was living in Vermillion Township of Richland County. Two daughters and one son are shown in the 1830 Census. The Ohio 1835 tax records shows Jacob W. living in Hayesville, Vermillion Township, Richland County. Although neither daughter is shown in the 1850 census, indicating that they probably had married and left home, the three sons are shown: Jacob, age 22; James, age 16; and Martin VanB., age 13. The census also shows William and Mary J. Stout living next to Jacob and Jane. Thus it would appear that Mary J. Stout is one of the daughters shown in the 1830 census.

All of their children were born in Ohio and they moved to Whitley County, Indiana, in 1845. The land records show that Jacob purchased property in Section 32, Range 8, of Richland Township, Whitley County on September 9, 1845. The deed was recorded in book B, page 450, on January 7, 1846.

The 1850 Census lists Jacob as a farmer living with Jane, and their sons Jacob, James and Martin. The 1860 census shows the value of Jacob's land at \$1000 and the value of his personal property at \$150. By 1860, the census records indicate that only Martin was still living with the parents. Neither Jacob nor Jane could be located in the 1870 census. The Kosciusko County Cemetery Records show that both Jacob and Jane are buried in the cemetery of the Spring Creek Church of Brethern, in Section 2 (second section from the North), in Row 8. The cemetery is located on the East side of Kosciusko County road 700E, about 2.5 miles north of State Road 14. Jacob's grave marker indicates he died at the age of 81 years, 7 months and 3 days. It was made by the Manchester Marble Works.

More About Jacob W. Reed:

Burial: Abt. December 15, 1878, Jackson Twp., Kosciusko Co., IN

Notes for Jane Stafford:

The 1850 census for Whitley County indicates that Jane was unable to read or write.

Jane's obituary confirms that she was born in Pennsylvania, moved to Ohio with her parents and that she came to Whitley County, Indiana, with her husband in 1845. At the time of her death in 1883, six of her eight children were still living. She died at the age of 81 years, 4 months and three days. Jane's tombstone is engraved with the following: "Their names are graven on the stone, Their bones are in the clay, And ere another day is gone, Ourselves may be as they." Her obituary appeared in the Columbia City newspaper on January 31, 1883.

More About Jane Stafford:

Burial: Abt. January 22, 1883, Jackson Twp., Kosciusko Co., IN

Marriage Notes for Jacob Reed and Jane Stafford:

Marriage record in Vol. 1, page 130, Richland County, OH. They were married by Josiah Gallup, Justice of the Peace.

Children of Jacob Reed and Jane Stafford are:

- i. Daughter Reed, born Abt. 1824 in Richland Co., OH.
- ii. Jacob Reed, born April 21, 1826 in Richland Co., OH; died August 07, 1893 in Whitley Co., IN; married Harriet Smith July 05, 1857 in Whitley Co., IN; born Abt. 1835.

Notes for Jacob Reed:

Jacob came to Whitley County, Indiana, with his parents in 1845. After the death of his father, Jacob took over the family farm and continued to reside there until his death in 1893. He and his wife Harriet had one son and three daughters. He was a member of the Univ.

Church in Collamer, Indiana. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. J. B. Foster of Roann. His obituary appeared in the Columbia City newspaper on August 16, 1893.

More About Jacob Reed:

Burial: Abt. August 10, 1893, S. Whitley, Whitley Co., IN

- iii. Mary Jane Reed, born 1828 in Richland Co., OH; married William Stout August 07, 1845 in Richland Co., OH; born 1825 in New Jersey.

Notes for Mary Jane Reed:

The 1850 census for Whitley County shows William and Mary J. Stout living next to Jacob W. and Jane Reed. It is thus concluded that Mary Jane Reed, listed in the Ohio marriages, is the daughter of Jacob and Jane. The census shows that she was over the age of 20 but unable to read or write.

- iv. James S. Reed, born December 25, 1832 in Hayesville, Richland Co., OH; died August 04, 1898 in Whitley Co., IN; married Esther Ann Cullimore August 21, 1859 in Whitley Co., IN; born 1837 in Ohio; died December 18, 1927 in Whitley Co., IN.

Notes for James S. Reed:

His tombstone indicates that he died at age 65 years, 7 months and 10 days.

His will names his wife Esther and their four living children. The will is signed with "his + mark" indicating that James was not able to write his name. His wife's acknowledgement of the will, dated October 19, 1908, is signed "Esther Ann Reed."

James came to Whitley County, Indiana, with his parents in 1845. On March 20, 1856, he and Jacob Reed purchased from Henry Salsman, a property in Section 31 of Richland Township, Whitley County. The deed is recorded in Book J, page 58. James and his wife Esther Ann had six children. At the time of his death in 1898, only four were living, Sarah and Daniel having died at a young age. His residence was three miles northwest of South Whitley in Richland Township. His will states that he gave to his wife "the west half of the South West Quarter of Section Twenty Nine (29) Township Thirty-one (31) North, Range eight (8) East in Whitley County." The 1939 Plat Book of Whitley County, Cleveland Township, shows that property as belonging to an Esther Reed.

James, his wife Esther, Sarah and Daniel are buried in the cemetery across from the Spring Creek Church of the Brethern. The church and graveyard are located in Kosciusko County, just across the border from Whitley County, on the east side of county road 700E, 2.5 miles north of State Road 14. The grave site is adjacent to that of James' parents. The obituary of James Reed appeared in the Columbia City newspaper on August 7, 1898.

His will leaves to his wife, Esther, the "South West Quarter of Section Twenty Nine (29) Township Thirty one (31) North, Range Eight (8) East in Whitley County ... being the farm upon which I now reside ..." That property is located two miles to the West, and one mile to the North of the town of South Whitley.

More About James S. Reed:

Burial: Abt. August 07, 1898, Kosciusko Co., IN

Probate: December 10, 1908, Columbia City, Whitley Co., IN

More About Esther Ann Cullimore:

Burial: Abt. December 21, 1927, Kosciusko Co., IN

Marriage Notes for James Reed and Esther Cullimore:

Married by Hendricks, Justice of the Peace.

- 2 v. Martin Van Buren Reed, born May 03, 1837 in Hayesville, Richland Co., OH; died July 15, 1887 in Kosciusko Co., IN; married Mary R. Souder October 24, 1861 in Whitley Co., IN.

6. William W. Souder, born 1800 in Pennsylvania; died Bef. October 29, 1867 in Whitley Co., IN. He was the son of **12. Souder**. He married **7. Margaret Latimer** May 28, 1842 in Richland Co., OH.

7. Margaret Latimer, born 1809 in Pennsylvania; died Aft. 1850.

Notes for William W. Souder:

This William is probably the father of Mary R. Souder. The Ohio 1850 Census lists the family with a daughter Mary, age 15, and that is the only Souder family in the 1850 Census that has a daughter Mary that age. All other Souder families were checked. They were living in Liberty Township of Crawford County, Ohio for both the 1840 and 1850 Census. William Souder was executor of the estate of George Latimer, Blooming Grove Township, Richland County, Ohio, dated December 15, 1853. The 1830 Census shows a William Souders living in Middletown Township of Columbiana County, however the "s" on the end of the name might indicate a different family. However, a William Sowders married a Nancy Stephens in Columbiana County on 11 April 1822, and this is possibly the first wife of this William. Need to find them in the 1860 census.

The "Index to Landowners of Whitley County, Indiana, 1862," lists at least three Souder/Souders families: "Conrad", "Christ", "G.D." and a "C." The Reed family was then living in Richland Township of Whitley County and Mary R. Souder married Martin Reed there in 1861. William Souder could not be found in the 1860 Census for Whitley County and was not listed in the 1862 index of landowners. That would indicate that he came to Whitley County sometime in 1862 and before October 1864.

The history of Washington Township, Whitley County, Indiana, shows that a William Souder was appointed guardian of an Albert Schumacher in 1863. A Deed filed on October 24, 1864 records the purchase of a property by William W. Sauder from the estate of Christian Neff, deceased. The property consisted of "the undivided two-thirds of the east half of the south-west-quarter of section twenty-eight (28), township thirty-one (31), north of range ten (10) east, Whitley county, Indiana." The described property is in Union Township, to the south-east of Columbia City. After William's death, his widow Margaret sold half of that property. The deed was filed on March 10, 1869. It indicates that she sold about 80 acres, for \$437.50, to a George W. Lawrence. The Whitley County Court House in Columbia City holds the estate records of William Souder in File 74, Box 4S. The final settlement of his estate indicates that the sale of his personal estate, on November 22, 1867, netted \$470.30 and the sale of his real estate \$794.67. However, the claims against the estate exceeded this by \$18.24. The papers confirms the name of his widow as Margaret and also mentions a brother George. Margaret received \$47.20. An amount due his brother George remained unpaid and an amount due from Joseph B. Souder remained uncollected. The final settlement was processed starting March 1870 and the estate was filed February 4, 1890.

Notes for Margaret Latimer:

A Margaret is shown in the 1850 census (September 25) for Whitley County as living with the family of Christian Sowder. Her age is listed as 48, and the census shows she was born in Pennsylvania.

Children of William Souder and Margaret Latimer are:

- i. Eldest Souder, born Abt. 1824 in Ohio.
- ii. Eldest Girl Souder, born 1827 in Ohio.
- iii. George Souder, born 1829 in Ohio; married Hannah Long December 04, 1851 in Whitley Co., IN; born 1831 in Ohio.

Notes for George Souder:

The 1850 census for Whitley County, Indiana, shows a George Souder living with the Christian and Susan Souder family. Perhaps this George is the son of William. The Whitley County Marriage Records compiled by the DAR also list the marriage of a George Souder on December 4, 1851. This family is listed in the 1960 census, roll 307, page 158, line 34.

- iv. Alexander Souder, born 1830 in Middletown Twp., OH.
- v. Hannah Souder, born 1833 in Middletown Twp., OH.
- 3 vi. Mary R. Souder, born July 17, 1836 in Liberty Twp., Crawford Co., OH; died July 17, 1917 in Kosciusko Co., IN; married Martin Van Buren Reed October 24, 1861 in Whitley Co., IN.
- vii. Almidia Souder, born 1837 in Liberty Twp., Crawford Co., OH.
- viii. Almira Souder, born 1837 in Liberty Twp., Crawford Co., OH.
- ix. Jr. William H. Souder, born 1840 in Liberty Twp., Crawford Co., OH.
- x. Ellen Souder, born 1844 in Liberty Twp., Crawford Co., OH.
- xi. Sarah Souder, born 1846 in Liberty Twp., Crawford Co., OH.
- xii. John Souder, born 1848 in Liberty Twp., Crawford Co., OH.

Generation No. 4

8. James Reed, born Abt. 1770.

Children of James Reed are:

- i. William Reed, born Abt. 1790.
- ii. Rebecca Reed, born Abt. 1795 in Pennsylvania; married (1) James Stafford November 19, 1818 in Richland Co., OH; born Abt. 1798 in Pennsylvania; died Abt. February 1823 in Richland Co., OH; married (2) William McLaughlin December 04, 1823 in Richland Co., OH; born Abt. 1790.

Notes for Rebecca Reed:

The 1840 census for Vermillion Township, Richland County, shows Rebecca McLaughlin with the following children: one son age 10 to 15 and one son age 15 to 20. Apparently her husband William had died a short time earlier.

Notes for James Stafford:

The following received from Cathy Stoppel of Stayton, OR, in April 2002: "My James Stafford appears on 1820 census in Vermillion next to his brother-in-law George Moore who witnessed his will dated 23 Nov 1822. James mentions two daughters Jemyma and Elizabeth wife Rebecca as well as his brother Thomas Stafford who owes him money. Another brother Nathan is also witness to the will. Daughter Jemyma was born 24 Aug 1819 which would be consistent with a 19 Nov 1818 marriage. James widow remarries William McLaughlin 4 Dec 1823 and her brother (?) Jacob W. marries Jane Stafford 23 Dec 1823."

Extracts from his will are as follows: "I James Stafford of Vermillion Township Richland County ... all my personal property to be praised and to be sold and for my dear beloved wife Rebecca G. Stafford, to have the use of the place till Iemgina my daughter arrives at the age of eighteen years for which she must give my two daughters schooling and raise them ... all the money that Brother Thomas is owing me ... and all my estate divided into three equal shares between my wife Rebecca and my two daughters Jemyma and Elizabeth ..." The executor was W. Linus Hayes and the will was witnessed by Nathan Stafford.

More About James Stafford:

Probate: March 31, 1823, Richland Co., OH

- iii. James Reed, born Abt. 1795.
- 4 iv. Jacob W. Reed, born May 09, 1797 in Pennsylvania; died December 12, 1878 in Jackson Twp., Kosciusko Co., IN; married Jane Stafford December 23, 1823 in Richland Co., OH.
- v. Alexander Reed, born 1799; married Catherine Whistman May 11, 1822 in Richland Co., OH; born Abt. 1800.

Notes for Alexander Reed:
Alexander's association with the family has yet to be proven. He is shown in the 1850 census for Kosciusco County, without wife, indicating she possibly was deceased.

vi. Charles Reed, born Abt. 1805.

10. James Stafford, born February 18, 1776 in Pennsylvania; died July 10, 1839 in Mifflin Twp., Richland Co., OH. He was the son of **20. Andrew Stafford** and **21. Rachel Wilcox**. He married **11. Jane Culbertson** Abt. 1795 in Pennsylvania.

11. Jane Culbertson, born February 09, 1777 in Pennsylvania; died November 20, 1854 in Mifflin Twp., Ashland Co., OH.

Notes for James Stafford:

This is possibly the James Stafford shown in the 1800 census for Robeson Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania (249:01). The family is shown with two adults between the ages of 26 and 45, and a male and female under the age of ten. The 1810 census for Franklin & Salem Townships, Westmoreland County (page 786), shows a James Stafford, indicating the family had possibly started its movement toward Ohio.

By a deed dated 14 August 1819, a Charles Stewart conveyed property just north of Hayesville, Ohio, to James Stafford. The 1820 Ohio census (page 217) indicates that the James Stafford family was living in Vermillion Township of Richland County, Ohio. It was not until 1846 that Mifflin and Vermillion townships became part of the formation of Ashland County. James purchased his property in Mifflin Township in 1834. According to his G-G-grandson William Stafford, the sons Samuel and Thomas purchased the mill property and the rest of the family went to Indiana. The Stafford descendents remained on that property for many years.

The will of James gave to his wife Jane their orchard lot, the spring lot, the mansion house and furniture. In addition it provided \$50 annually in an agreement with their sons. He gave \$1 each to the three children of his daughter Agnes and \$500 each to his daughters Mary, Martha and Jane. His son James was given \$1,000 and his sons John, Samuel, Nathaniel and Thomas received \$100 each. His daughters Isabia and Margaret received \$50. The will also provided that should his wife live longer than the term of agreement between testator and sons, the farm and grist mill was to be rented and the wife to receive one-third of the rent.

More About James Stafford:

Burial: Abt. July 13, 1839, Mifflin Twp., Richland Co., OH

Probate: November 04, 1839, Richland Co., OH

Notes for Jane Culbertson:

It is assumed that Jane's surname is Culbertson based on the fact that Culbertson was used for the middle name of her son Thomas.

More About Jane Culbertson:

Burial: Abt. November 23, 1854, Mifflin, Ashland Co., OH

Children of James Stafford and Jane Culbertson are:

- i. Martha Stafford, born Abt. 1799 in Pennsylvania; married James McClure 1831 in Richland Co., OH; born Abt. 1800.

Notes for Martha Stafford:

Although William Stafford indicated that Martha married a John McClure, the will extract indicates he was James McClure.

Notes for James McClure:

James was possibly a brother of the Ann McClure that married James Stafford in Richland County on March 3, 1839.

- ii. James Stafford, born Abt. 1800.

Notes for James Stafford:

Perhaps this is the James Stafford who married Ann McClure in Richland County on 3 March 1839.

- iii. Agnes Stafford, born Abt. 1801 in Pennsylvania; died Bef. 1839 in Allegheny Co., PA; married Cunningham Abt. 1820; born Abt. 1800.

Notes for Agnes Stafford:

Agnes died before 1839 because her children are mentioned in her father's will but she is not.

- 5 iv. Jane Stafford, born September 16, 1801 in Pennsylvania; died January 19, 1883 in Whitley Co., IN; married Jacob W. Reed December 23, 1823 in Richland Co., OH.
- v. Isabia Stafford, born Abt. 1805 in Pennsylvania; married James Weddell March 20, 1849 in Ashland Co., OH; born Abt. 1805.

Notes for Isabia Stafford:

The marriage records for Ashland County show her name as Biah Stafford.

- vi. Mary Stafford, born 1805 in Pennsylvania; died Aft. 1839 in Columbiana Co., OH; married William McCarran 1828; born Abt. 1803 in Columbiana Co., OH.

Notes for Mary Stafford:

In 1839 she lived in Columbiana County, Ohio.

- vii. John Stafford, born 1807 in Pennsylvania; died 1855 in Indiana; married Mariaih Ennis March 16, 1837 in Richland Co., OH; born 1810 in Ohio.

Notes for John Stafford:

John and Mariaih are shown in the 1850 census for Jackson Township of DeKalb County, Indiana. With them are seven of their children, all born in Ohio. Mariaih's name in the census was written as "Marra."

- viii. Samuel D. Stafford, born December 26, 1814 in Pennsylvania; died July 06, 1867 in Ashland Co., OH; married Elizabeth Van Guilder September 27, 1857 in Ashland Co., OH; born July 11, 1829 in Ohio; died March 22, 1872.

More About Samuel D. Stafford:

Burial: Abt. July 09, 1867, Mifflin, Ashland Co., OH

Notes for Elizabeth Van Guilder:

The family of John Van Gilder, Elizabeth's father, is shown in the 1840 census for Vermillion Township, Richland County, Ohio.

- ix. James Stafford, born 1818 in Ashland Co., OH; died February 01, 1887 in Spencerville, DeKalb Co., IN; married Anna McClure March 03, 1839 in Richland Co., OH; born 1819 in Ohio; died October 1873 in Indiana.

Notes for James Stafford:

James and Anna came to DeKalb County in 1844 and settled in Jackson Township, entering 80 acres of land from the government. The 1850 census for Jackson Township shows James and Anna, with the following children: Samuel, age 10; John, age 6; James, age 4; and Emanuel, age one. James is shown as age 42, and born in Pennsylvania, indicating he may not be a son of James and Rebecca.

Having gone back to Pennsylvania in about 1841-5, James probably accompanied the family of Nathaniel and Lucinda.

- x. Nathaniel Stafford, born 1820 in Pennsylvania; died 1895 in Newville, DeKalb Co., IN; married Lucinda

Franks April 18, 1841 in Richland Co., OH; born 1823 in Ohio; died 1878 in Indiana.

Notes for Nathaniel Stafford:

Nathaniel and Lucinda are shown in the 1850 census for Jackson Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. With them are five children. Margaret, Mary and Samuel are shown as born in Pennsylvania, indicating the family moved from Ohio, back to Pennsylvania, in about 1844, and then moved to Indiana in early 1850.

More About Nathaniel Stafford:

Burial: 1895, Newville, DeKalb Co., IN

Notes for Lucinda Franks:

The marriage records for Richland County show her name as Phebe Franks.

More About Lucinda Franks:

Burial: 1878, Newville, DeKalb Co., IN

- xi. Margaret Stafford, born 1820 in Pennsylvania; died in Wolf Lake, Noble Co., IN.
- xii. Thomas Culbertson Stafford, born July 20, 1825 in Ohio; died September 30, 1873 in Mifflin, Ashland Co., OH; married (1) Phebe Stevens March 05, 1839 in Richland Co., OH; born Abt. 1815; died February 06, 1895; married (2) Margaret Elizabeth Harlan March 13, 1851 in Mifflin, Ashland Co., OH; born June 13, 1833 in Ohio; died August 20, 1908 in Mifflin, Ashland Co., OH.

More About Thomas Culbertson Stafford:

Burial: Abt. October 02, 1873, Mifflin, Ashland Co., OH

More About Phebe Stevens:

Burial: Abt. February 09, 1895, Ashland Co., OH

12. Souder, born Abt. 1775 in Germany.

Children of Souder are:

- 6 i. William W. Souder, born 1800 in Pennsylvania; died Bef. October 29, 1867 in Whitley Co., IN; married Margaret Latimer May 28, 1842 in Richland Co., OH.
- ii. George Souder, born Abt. 1805 in Pennsylvania; died Aft. February 04, 1890 in Indiana.

Notes for George Souder:

The estate papers of William refer to "one George Souder a brother."

- iii. Christian Souder, born 1812 in Germany; died Abt. February 1887 in Whitley Co., IN; married Susan Kistler Abt. 1845; born 1825 in Ohio.

Notes for Christian Souder:

The Christian Souder family is listed in the 1850 census for Whitley County, Indiana. Christian was listed as a farmer, born in Germany, with a property valuation of \$600. His wife Susan and their first three children were listed. Also with the family was a George Souder, age 25, possibly a brother. All three children were listed as being born in Iowa, indicating the family had moved there in about 1840, and had moved back to Indiana in about 1849 or early 1850. Also listed with the family is a Margaret Sowder, age 48 and born in Pennsylvania. Perhaps this is Margaret Latimer Sowder, wife of William, indicating possibly that William died prior to 1850.

The 1860 census for Indiana shows a Christian Souders, age 48, living in Richland Township of Whitley County. The 1862 plat of Richland Township, Whitley County, shows the property (Section 11) of Christian as two parts totalling 120 acres, just a few miles to the southeast of the town of Larwill.

More About Christian Souder:

Probate: February 22, 1887, Whitley Co., IN

- iv. Conrad Souder, born April 30, 1816 in Germany; died July 24, 1853 in Richland Twp., Whitley Co., IN;

married Mary McCune November 30, 1837 in Richland Co., OH; born February 15, 1823 in Pennsylvania; died September 16, 1893 in Whitley Co., IN.

Notes for Conrad Souder:

The Ohio marriage records show a Conrad Sowders marrying a Mary McEwen in Richland County on 30 November 1837.

The first three children of Conrad and Mary were born in Richland County, Ohio. The family moved from there in the fall of 1846, settling on Section 9 in Richland Township of Whitley County, Indiana. There he cleared a farm of 160 acres and provided a home for his family.

The 1850 US census for Whitley County, Indiana, lists Conrad Souder, age 36, a farmer with property valued at \$800. With the Conrad Souder family is a John McCune, age 28, probably a brother of his wife Mary. Several properties away is listed the household of a Christian Souder, age 38. Both he and Conrad were listed as born in Germany and both had children born in Ohio and Iowa. The ages of Conrad's children would indicate that they moved from Ohio to Iowa in about 1845, and then from Iowa to Whitley County, Indiana, in about 1848. Conrad and Christian are possibly brothers of William. The 1862 plat of Richland Township, Whitley County, shows the property of Conrad as 80 acres in Section 9, just a few miles to the South of the town of Larwill.

Notes for Mary McCune:

The 1850 census for Indiana lists a Mary Sowders, age 40, born PA and living in Richland Township of Whitley County.

Generation No. 5

20. Andrew Stafford, born Abt. 1753. He was the son of **40. James Stafford** and **41. Catherine Carty**. He married **21. Rachel Wilcox** Abt. 1775.

21. Rachel Wilcox, born Abt. 1755.

Children of Andrew Stafford and Rachel Wilcox are:

- i. Catherine Stafford, born 1775.
- 10 ii. James Stafford, born February 18, 1776 in Pennsylvania; died July 10, 1839 in Mifflin Twp., Richland Co., OH; married Jane Culbertson Abt. 1795 in Pennsylvania.

Generation No. 6

40. James Stafford, born Abt. 1715. He was the son of William Stafford and Mary Phillips. He married **41. Catherine Carty** Abt. 1735.

41. Catherine Carty, born Abt. 1715.

Children of James Stafford and Catherine Carty are:

- i. David Stafford, born Abt. 1748.
- ii. Mary Stafford, born Abt. 1750.
- 20 iii. Andrew Stafford, born Abt. 1753; married Rachel Wilcox Abt. 1775.
- iv. David Stafford, born Abt. 1755.
- v. John Stafford, born Abt. 1757.
- vi. Mary Stafford, born Abt. 1759.
- vii. Stafford, born Abt. 1760.
- viii. Elizabeth Stafford, born Abt. 1761.