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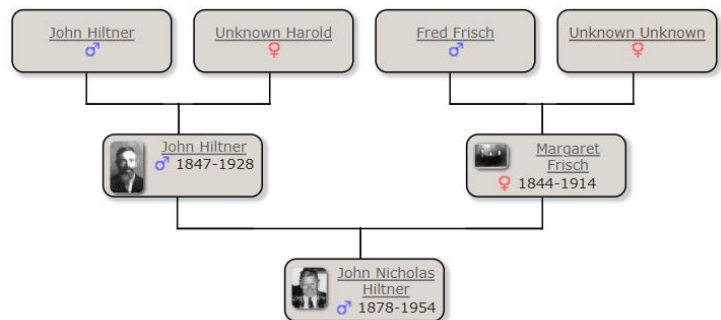
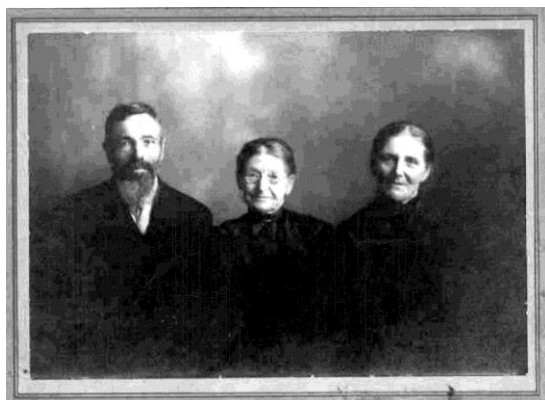
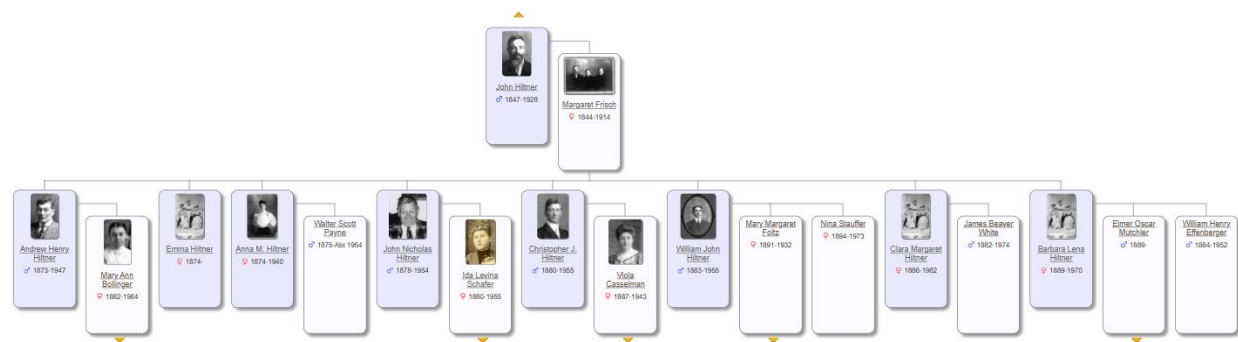


Image above is a xerox copy from Martha Knaggs. Note on the back: "John & Margaret (Frisch) Hiltner and sister". It is unclear which woman is Margaret and who the sister is.

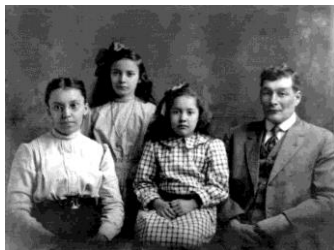
John Nicholas Hiltner's parents: John Hiltner and Margaret Frisch

John Hiltner was born 20 Feb 1847 in Bavaria, Germany. His father was also named John Hiltner and his mother possibly had the maiden name Harold, both parents born and died in Germany. Margaret Frisch was born 10 September 1844 in Bavaria, Germany, a daughter of Fred Frisch and unknown mother. No more is known about Margaret and John's parents or possible siblings. John and Margaret emigrated in 1873 and married in Defiance County, Ohio on May 22nd 1873 (marriage record in appendix). John was 26 and Margaret was 29. They were a farming family and had eight children, all born in Defiance County, Ohio. John was naturalized 11 October 1879 (naturalization record in appendix). Margaret Frisch was not naturalized. By 1895 they owned 40 acres in Palmer Township (1895 and 1919 plat maps in appendix).

Margaret (Frisch) Hiltner died 3 June 1914. John Hiltner died 10 June 1928 in Palmer Township, Putnam County, Ohio. Margaret and John are buried in the Monroe Cemetery, Continental, Putnam County, Ohio.



Children of John Hiltner and Margaret Frisch:



Andrew Hiltner (1873-1947) married Mary Ann Bollinger (1882-1964) in 1903 in North Dakota. Before 1920 they were living in Minnesota, by 1930 they were living in Michigan. They were a farming family and had three children; two reached adulthood.

Emma Hiltner was born October 5th, 1874, a twin with Anna. No more is known.



Anna Hiltner was born October 5th, 1874. In 1900 Anna married Walter Scott Payne (1875-abt 1954) in Putnam County, Ohio. Anna and Walter lived in Crawford, Wyandot County, Ohio. In the 1900 US census Anna and Walter are listed in Walter's parents' household. In 1910, US census Anna is listed as Anna Hiltner, widow, age 33, living in her parents' household. In 1910, 1920, and 1930

Walter is in his parents' household, listed as married. Apparently Anna and Walter separated about 3 months after they married. They divorced many years later. Anna died in 1940.



John Nicholas Hiltner (1878-1954) married Ida Levina Schafer (1880-1955) on December 24th 1903. They were a farming family and raised four children in Putnam County, Ohio.



Christopher J. Hiltner (1880-1955) married Viola Casselman (1887-1943) in 1907. They had one daughter.

From Christopher's obit: Mr. Hiltner and his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Waters, owned and operated the Seaward Motel at Marathon (Monroe County, Florida). He had been in Florida four years. Prior to that he had worked as a construction engineer at Leipsic (Putnam County, Ohio).



William John Hiltner (1883-1955) first married Mary Margaret Foltz (1891-1932) in 1910. They had four daughters. After Mary died, William married Nina Stauffer (1894-1973). William was a building contractor, a member of Lodge No. 570, F&AM, and a member of the Methodist Church.



Clara Margaret Hiltner (1886-1962) married James Beaver White (1882-1974) in 1911 in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan. Photo of three Hiltner sisters: most likely Barbara Lena, Clara and Anna.

Barbara Lena Hiltner (1889-1970) married Elmer Oscar Mutchler (1889-?) in 1909 in Putnam County, Ohio. They had one or two daughters. They divorced in 1925 in Michigan. Barbara later married William Henry Effenberger (1884-1952). Barbara's obituary: Effenberger - Mrs. Barbara Case, 80, of 545 San Esteban. A concert Soprano, Detroit WWU, WCX, Chicago WGN, Concert appearances U.S. and Canada. Faculty, Washington College of Music, Washington, D.C. Soloist, Swain Memorial Methodist Church, Jacksonville, Fla. Survived by daughter Mrs. Edward Howell Jr. Services 8:30 P.M. Tues. Van Orsdel Coral Gables Chapel. Interment Jacksonville, Fla. - The Miami Herald, Miami, Florida. Monday, 25 May 1970. (Unknown where the name Case is from).

John Nicholas Hiltner and Ida Levina Schafer



John Nicholas Hiltner was born 2 October 1878 near Napoleon, Defiance County, Ohio, the fourth of eight children of Margaret Frisch and John Hiltner. Ida Levina Schafer was born 19 Aug 1880 in Putnam County, Ohio, the tenth of thirteen children of Mary Morris and William Schafer. John and Ida Levina grew up just north of North Creek on farms within a few miles of each other. In the 1900 census John is listed as a boarder and farm laborer on the farm of David H. Groff in Monroe Township, Putnam County, Ohio.

John married Ida Levina Schafer on December 24th 1903.



They were a farming family and raised four children in Putnam County, Ohio. In the 1910, 1940 and 1950 census John's occupation is listed as carpenter. In the 1920 and 1930 census John's occupation is listed as farmer. John and Ida Levina celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 24 December 1953. John died 5 September 1954, and Ida Levina died the following year on 26 October. They are buried in the Monroe Cemetery, Continental, Putnam County, Ohio near John's parents.



1903. She survives.

Other survivors include four children, Mrs. Ruth Simon, of Continental, Ray C. and Roy P., both of North Creek, and William A. of Williams Bay, Wis.; 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Two sisters, Mrs. Clara White, Norristown, Pa., and Mrs. Barbara Effenberger, Jacksonville, Fla., and two brothers, Chris Hiltner, Marathon, Fla., and William J. Hiltner, Toledo, also survive.

Mr. Hiltner was a member of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, North Ridge. The body will remain at the residence until services. The Walls-Walker Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Obituary: North Creek - Mrs. Ida Levina Hiltner, 75, rt. 1 Continental, near North Creek, died unexpectedly at 9:15 p.m. Wednesday at Defiance City Hospital of a heart attack. She had been admitted Oct. 17 for minor surgery.

The body, removed to the Walls-Walker funeral home, Continental, will be returned today to the residence, where services will be conducted at 1:45 p.m. Saturday, followed by rites at the North Creek Methodist church at 1 o'clock, Rev. C. W.

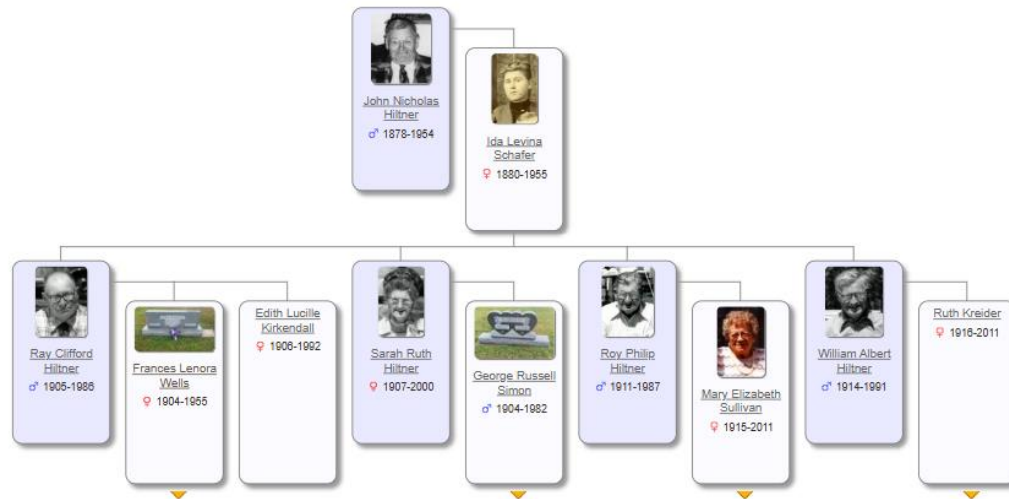
Bollinger, Continental, Ev. United Brethren pastor, will officiate, and burial will be in Monroe cemetery.

Mrs. Hiltner, the last of a family of 12 children of the late William and Mary (Morris) Schafer, was born Aug. 19, 1880 in North Creek. She had spent her entire life in the North Creek area.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. George (Ruth) Simon, Continental; three sons, Ray and Roy Hiltner, North Creek, and William Albert Hiltner, Williams Bay, Wis.; 16 grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

Her husband, John Hiltner, to whom she was married Dec. 24, 1903, died Sept. 5, 1954.

Mrs. Hiltner was a member of the Country Women's Club, WCTU, North Creek Methodist church and WSCS.



Children of John Nicholas Hiltner and Ida Levina Schafer:



Ray Clifford Hiltner (1905-1986) married Frances Lenora Wells (1904-1955) in 1926 in Putnam County, Ohio. They had three daughters. Ray farmed the homestead. A year after Frances died, Ray married Edith Lucille Kirkendall (1906-1992). Edith Lucille was a widow of Charles Roosevelt Sherrard with four children.

Obituary: NORTH CREEK - Ray C. Hiltner, 80, died Monday, at 1 a.m. in Lima Memorial Hospital.

He was born Sept. 28, 1905 in Putnam County, the son of John and Lavina (Schafer) Hiltner. He married Frances Wells in 1926 and she died in 1955. He married Lucille Sherrard in 1956, and she survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Mrs. John (Lenore) Webb, Mrs. Myrle (Ruth Ann) Hinesman, Mrs. Robert (Helen) Williamson, and Mrs. Robert (Jean) Davis, all of Defiance; one step-daughter Nondys Dunlap of Lima; two step-sons, Marlen Sherrard of Wildwood, Fla., and Terry Sherrard of Vaughnsville; 11 grandchildren, 11 step-grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Roy of Continental, and Albert of Ann Arbor, Mich.; and a sister, Ruth Simon of Cloverdale.

He was an apiarist and a master carpenter. He attended the Dupont Church of the Brethren and was a member of Continental F and AM Lodge 570, of which he was past master in 1952 and 1985. He belonged to the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Toledo and was president of the Putnam County Scottish Rite; he was a member of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, Continental Chapter 129 of the Order of the Eastern Star, Continental Senior Citizens, the National Rifle Association, and the Ohio Beekeepers Association, and he was a committeeman for the Putnam County Republican Party.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Snyder Funeral Home in Continental with Rev. Terry Porter officiating. Burial will be in Monroe Cemetery. Visitation will be from 7-9 p.m. tonight, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 a.m. until time of services. A masonic service will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.



Sarah Ruth Hiltner (1907-2000) married George Russell Simon (1904-1982) in 1930. George farmed and was a member of the Continental Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons Post 570. George and Ruth had four daughters. Ruth was a school teacher.



Roy Philip Hiltner (1911-1987) married Mary Elizabeth Sullivan (1915-2011) in 1933. They had four children.

Obituary: Continental - Roy P. Hiltner, 76, died at 9:35 a.m. Tuesday at his home, at Route 1, Continental, near North Creek.

He was born Oct. 23, 1911, in Putnam County, son of John and Lavina (Schafer) Hiltner. In 1933, he married Mary Sullivan, who survives. He was a retired farmer. He formerly managed the old Defiance airport, where he was a flight instructor, and also formerly managed the North Creek Telephone Co. He was a member of North Creek United Methodist Church, the National Rifle Association and the Putnam County Farm Bureau.

Also surviving are three sons, John, Charles (Charlie Bill) and David, all of rural Continental; a daughter, Mrs. Rex (Barbara) Shalter of Route 2, Ottawa; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Ruth Simon of Route 2, Cloverdale; and a brother, Albert of Ann Arbor, Mich.

He was preceded in death by a grandchild and a brother, Ray.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Snyder Funeral Home. Rev. Marilyn Chivington will officiate. Burial will be in Monroe Cemetery. Visitation is from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. until services on Friday.

Obituary: Mary Elizabeth Hiltner, 95, died at 2:05 p.m. Feb. 27, 2011, at her residence.

She was born June 20, 1915, in Hillsboro to Corbin and Clara Anderson Sullivan, who preceded her in death. On June 21, 1933, she married Roy P. Hiltner, who died Nov. 17, 1987.

Mrs. Hiltner was a homemaker. She was a member of North Creek United Methodist Church and its United Methodist Women.

Survivors include two sons, Charley Bill (Janet) Hiltner and David L.(Donna) Hiltner, both of Continental; a daughter, Barbara (Rex) Shalter, of Miller City; a sister, Jeanie Plummer, of Ottawa; eight grandchildren, Jeff Hiltner, Tammy Herman, Bill Hiltner, Amy Miller, Jim Hiltner, Matt Hiltner, Stacy Ruck and Erica Verhoff; two step-grandchildren, Craig Shisler and Robin Slattman; 21 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and her special friend and caregiver, Sister Marcille Liebrecht, of North Creek.

She was preceded in death by a son, John W. Hiltner; a daughter-in-law, Shelva Hiltner; a grandson, John N. Hiltner; a brother, David "Mose" Sullivan; a sister, Helen Daeger; a sister-in-law, Eloise Sullivan; and a brother-in-law, Bill Plummer.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Continental. The Rev. Terry Porter will officiate. Burial will be in Monroe Cemetery, Continental.



William Albert Hiltner (1914-1991) married Ruth Kreider (1916-2011) in Toledo in 1939.

This BAAS obituary appeared in the ADS, written by: Arthur D. Code (University of Wisconsin). William Albert Hiltner, PhD, DSc (hon) - (1915-1991)

Distinguished Astronomer, Professor, Researcher, Engineer, Author (Astronomical Techniques, Photometric Atlas of Stellar Spectra, et al)

BIO: William Albert "Al" Hiltner was born on August 27, 1914 on his parents' farm in North Creek, Ohio, some 45 miles southwest of Toledo. He received his early education in the one room school house that served this farm community. Al acquired his interest in astronomy while still very young, apparently from an amateur astronomer who lived near the family farm. He purchased a small telescope and was disappointed when he found that Vega still looked like a "star" despite the magnification afforded by the telescope. Al graduated from a small high school in a graduating class of 17 in 1932.

The following year he entered the University of Toledo where he majored in physics and math. It was in his senior year that he decided to make astronomy his life work. Commenting on that choice many years later Al said, "One makes a decision to do astronomy when one is helpless to prevent it!" He received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Toledo in 1937 and started graduate studies in astronomy at the University of Michigan. This was not the end of his interest in Toledo, where he frequently spent his weekends until he married Ruth Kreider, a former classmate. He returned again to Toledo 30 years later to accept an honorary DSc. degree from this, his first alma mater.

At the University of Michigan AI obtained an MS degree in 1938 and a PhD in astrophysics in 1942. His thesis research was on the spectra of Be stars, with emphasis on determining color temperatures through accurate spectrophotometry. For this research he and Robley Williams constructed the University of Michigan microphotometer. Later they published the Photometric Atlas of Stellar Spectra. As a National Research Council Fellow he continued his association with the University of Michigan and observed and carried out a productive research program at McDonald Observatory. In 1943 he was appointed an Instructor at Yerkes Observatory and he and his family, which now included two daughters, moved to Yerkes Observatory in Williams Bay Wisconsin, a village only slightly larger than North Creek, Ohio. During the early days at Yerkes he continued his spectroscopic studies of Be stars and some of the other pathological cases that had been Otto Struve's favorites.

During World War II AI was engaged in the production of front surface mirrors, and in military optics design and modeling, an experience which influenced his later interest in astronomical instrumentation. It was following the end of the war that I came to Yerkes Observatory as a graduate student and had the opportunity to work with AI on two projects. Otto Struve had suggested that AI develop a program in photoelectric photometry at Yerkes and I was appointed his assistant. We started with a simple system employing a sensitive galvanometer to record the output of a photomultiplier. It was my task to sit near the 40 inch pier, in the basement, in front of the galvanometer scale. From the observing floor above AI would call out the instructions to read the position of the dancing spot of light on the scale. From this humble beginning AI brought photometry and later polarimetry and electronic imaging at Yerkes into the modern era.

In 1945 Hiltner and Chandrasekhar went to Canada to photograph a total eclipse of the sun. This represented a unique collaboration with the theorist Chandrasekhar, for I believe that the paper showing those photographs remains the only observational research paper ever published by Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar. Another interaction between Chandra and AI, however, had a much greater impact on astronomy. Chandrasekhar had predicted that when electron scattering was the dominant contributor to the stellar opacity the limb intensity would show linear polarization reaching 11 % for pure electron scattering. AI set out to measure this polarization in eclipsing binary systems. He found polarization, but it did not change with binary phase. Indeed many early type stars showed polarization in the several percent range. As the data collected, it became clear that the polarization was produced in the interstellar medium. In 1949, in back-to-back papers in Science, AI Hiltner and John Hall announced the discovery of interstellar polarization. Interstellar polarization gave the first evidence for galactic magnetic fields and a powerful diagnostic on the nature of interstellar grains.

Over the years AI published over 200 papers in scientific journals. While he continued measurements of polarization, photometry and spectral classification of early type stars he was most interested in binary stars. He made valuable contributions to our understanding of Wolf-Rayet binaries, and after the discovery of x-ray binaries he turned his attention to the study of the optical radiation from these x-ray sources. He enjoyed sharing this research with students and young astronomers and imparting to them the enthusiasm that he himself had for scientific inquiry.

As AI progressed through the ranks from Instructor to Professor at the University of Chicago, he took on increased responsibilities as both an instrument innovator and policy maker.

Starting in 1959 and continuing until his departure from Yerkes Observatory in 1971, he was the University of Chicago's representative on the Board of Directors of AURA. The facilities which now cover the summit of Kitt Peak owe much to the efforts of the early Board members. He played an important role in the development of the Cerro Tololo Interamerican Observatory in Chile. In 1966 CTIO was without a director and AI served as one of the interim directors until the appointment of Victor Blanco in 1967. He also served as President of AURA from 1968 through 1971. His departure from the Board following his term of office was a result of his departure from Yerkes Observatory after 27 years of productive and diverse activity.

AI returned to the place where he had received his training in 1970 to become chairman of the Department of Astronomy at the University of Michigan. His ability to imagine and to make things happen led to a fruitful collaborative agreement between Michigan, Dartmouth and MIT. The MDM consortium started with the move of the Michigan 1.3 meter telescope and later the construction of a 2.4 meter telescope, which was designed by AI and now bears his name.

When AI retired from the University of Michigan in 1985 it was not just to be a professor emeritus but rather to take on a new challenge. The Carnegie Institution had embarked on a collaborative effort to produce a very large southern hemisphere telescope. In 1986 AI joined the staff of the Carnegie Observatories to become the Project Manager for the Magellan Telescope Project, a program to build an 8-meter telescope to be placed in Chile.

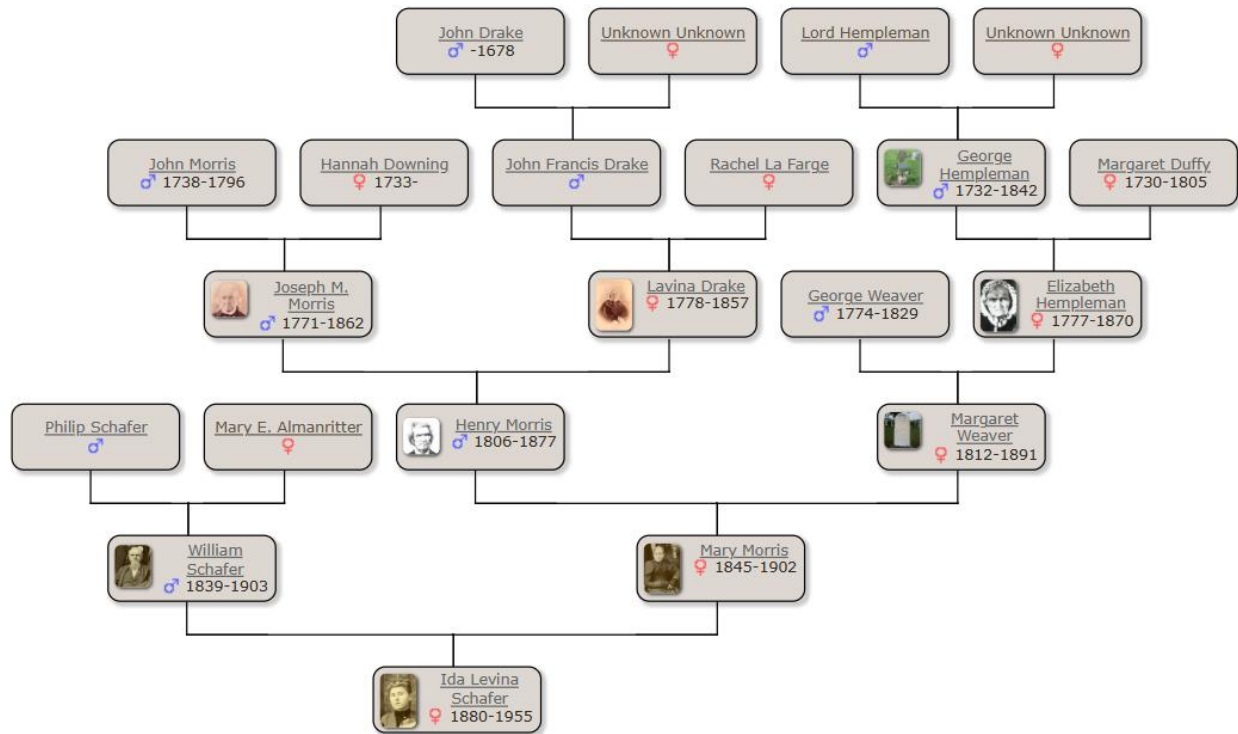
One of the characteristics which his younger colleagues have remarked on was his ability to keep up-to-date, to keep learning, and as such it was not at all remarkable that he had been chosen to head the Magellan Project. This characteristic, however, applied to his personal as well as his professional life. During his years at Yerkes Observatory he enjoyed sailing on Lake Geneva and canoeing with the family in northern Wisconsin in spite of the fact that he had not learned to swim in his youth. He did learn to swim, however, at the age of 64 and took great pride in that accomplishment, which he enjoyed the rest of his life.

For the last 10 years of his life AI had been under the care of a cardiologist for a deteriorating heart condition. He had resisted surgery until finally in September of 1991 he decided to risk surgery as a last resort. They were unable to get his heart to beat on its own after removing the support system. He is survived by his wife Ruth, and four children, two sons and two daughters.

AI was a great success as a scientist, a teacher, a builder, and a scientific leader, and went out of his way to instill these attributes in the younger astronomers who had the opportunity to work with him.

Obituary: HILTNER RUTH MOYER KREIDER HILTNER, aged 94, died February 5, 2011. Ruth was born in Toledo, OH on April 23, 1916, to Mary Elizabeth Moyer and Rev. Henry Royer Kreider. Ruth married William Albert Hiltner on August 12, 1939. They lived for many years in Williams Bay, WI and later in Ann Arbor, MI. Ruth was active in volunteer work all her life, including serving as President of the Badger Girl

Scout Council from 1966 to 1970. Ruth is survived by brother Henry Kreider, daughter Kathryn Mook; sons William and Stephen; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; her daughter Anne; and her sister Josephine Auten. Interment will be at Lutheran & Reformed Cemetery, Rebersburg, PA. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Ruth and Albert Hiltner Fund in Astronomy at the University of Michigan, 500 S. State St. Suite 5000, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1382.



Ida Levina Schafer's parents: William Schafer and Mary (Morris) Schafer

A son of Philip and Mary E. (Almanritter) Schafer, William Schafer was born on February 4th, 1839 in Darmstadt, Germany. In 1854, when William was 14, he and his parents emigrated from Germany. No more is known about William's parents or possible siblings.

Note on back of xeroxed family photo from a no longer functioning link of a rootsweb family tree, "Their land was heavily timbered, so they cleared and drained the land and made a very productive farm of it. William Schafer held an elected township or county office almost from the date of his residence in that part of the county. The village of North Creek which was platted in 1879, was partly located on his farm."

Mary Morris was born on August 5th, 1845 near Columbus Grove, Allen County, Ohio, the seventh of ten children of Margaret Weaver and Henry Morris.

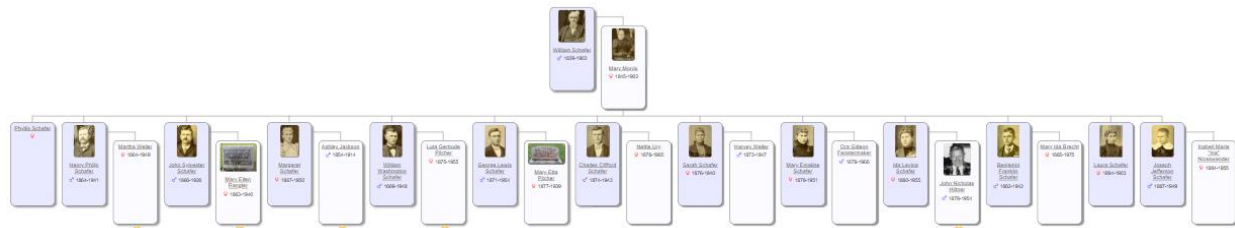
William and Mary married August 6, 1863 and had thirteen children; twelve survived to adulthood.

William Schafer residence in 1880: Schafer farm, Palmer Township, Putnam County, northwest corner of section 7, 133 acres, in 1895 113 acres. (1895 plat map in appendix).

WILLIAM SCHAFER – whose parents, Philip and Mary E. (Almanritter) Schafer, settled in the county in 1854, was born in Germany, February 4, 1839. His wife, Mary, daughter of Henry and Margaret (Weaver) Morris, was born in this county, August 5, 1845, and they were married in Allen county, Ohio, August 6, 1863. They have eight children: Philip H., born September 11, 1864; John S., February 18, 1866; Margaret C., September 19, 1867; William W., September 26, 1871; George L., December 12, 1874; Charles C., September 26, 1876; Sarah E., August 22, 1877; and Mary E., June 17, 1879. He has been justice of the peace of this township for fourteen years; he is one of the present county commissioners, which office he has filled since 1875, and is the postmaster of North Creek. His father-in-law, Mr. Henry Morris, was an old pioneer settler, was one of the first associate judges of the county, and died January 8, 1877. Occupation, farming. Address, North Creek, Putnam county, Ohio.

Source: Hardesty's Atlas of Putnam County 1880. This account has different birth years from other sources, does not include their first daughter, Phyllis, who may have died very young, nor their children born 1880 and later: Ida Levina, Benjamin Franklin, Laura and Joseph Jefferson. No more is known about William's parents Philip and Mary (Almanritter) Schafer.

Mary (Morris) Schafer died October 10th, 1902 in North Creek, Putnam County, Ohio. William Schafer died shortly thereafter: January 1st, 1903. William and Mary are buried in the Monroe Cemetery, Continental, Putnam County, Ohio.



Children of William Schafer and Mary (Morris) Schafer:

Phyllis Schafer (no info)



Henry Philip Schafer (1864-1941) married Martha Weller (1864-1949) in 1888 in Putnam County, Ohio. They had six children.



John Sylvester Schafer (1866-1926) married Mary Ellen Rangler (1863-1940) in 1889 in Putnam County, Ohio. John's occupation listed in censuses: 1900-blacksmith; 1910-manager of tile manufacturing; 1920-restaurant owner in Putnam County, Ohio. They had eight children.



Margaret Schafer (1867-1950) married Ashley Jackson (1854-1914) in 1891 in Putnam County, Ohio. They had one daughter, Edith Jackson.



William Washington Schafer (1869-1948) married Luta Gertrude Pilcher (1875-1955) in 1894 in Putnam County, Ohio. They were a farm family and raised eight children.



George Lewis Schafer (1871-1954) married Mary Etta Pilcher (1877-1939) in 1894. (Mary Etta was a sister of Luta Gertrude Pilcher.) They were a farm family and had seven children.



Charles Clifford Schafer (1874-1943) married Nettie Ury (1878-1965) in 1899 in Putnam County, Ohio. Nettie was a bookkeeper; Charles was a farmer and manager of a grain elevator. They had one daughter.



Sarah Schafer (1876-1940) married Harvey Weller (1873-1947) in 1897 in Putnam County, Ohio. They had four children, two survived to adulthood.

Obituary: Mrs. H.E. Weller Died Sunday At Silver Lake

Mrs. H.E. Weller of Silver Lake died Sunday evening at 5:15 following an illness of about two years. She was sixty-four years old. Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2:00 at the West Manchester church. Rev. Kreider will be in charge. Burial will be at Pleasant Hill. She was born in Ohio on August 22, 1876 to William and Mary Morris Schaffer. She was married on March 7, 1897 to Harve E. Weller, the wedding taking place at North Creek, Ohio. They moved to the Silver Lake neighborhood from Ohio about twenty-six years ago. She was a member of the Church of the Brethren for forty-six years.

The following children survive: Mrs. Orpha Ballenger of North Manchester, Mrs. Laverda Badman of Silver Lake, and Prof. Forest Weller of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. Two infant sons preceded her in death. She was a member of a large family of which six brothers and three sisters survive.



Mary Emaline Schafer (1878-1951) married Ora Gideon Fenstermaker (1878-1966). They were a farming family and had eight children in Putnam County, Ohio.



Ida Levina Schafer (1880-1955) married John Nicholas Hiltner (1878-1954) in 1903. They had four children in Putnam County, Ohio. They were a farming family, John also worked as a carpenter.



Benjamin Franklin Schafer (1882-1942) married Mary Ida Brecht (1885-1975). They had seven children. Benjamin farmed his parents' Schafer farm in Palmer Township, Putnam County, northwest corner of section 7. (see 1919 Plat Map of Palmer Township in appendix)

Benjamin's obituary: Death Claims Widely Known Stock Buyer.

CONTINENTAL, March 9 - Funeral services for Benjamin F. Schafer, well-known livestock buyer, will be held from the North Creek church at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Schafer, a lifetime resident of the North Creek community, five miles north of here, died from a heart attack as he entered his automobile following the games at the district basketball tournament at 11:30 p.m. Saturday.

Schafer, for the past 10 years, local purchasing agent for Brady Bros., livestock shippers, is survived by his widow, the former Ida Brecht, two sons, Floyd Schafer, North Creek, and Ernest Schafer, Toledo, four daughters, Mrs. George (Freda) Blossom, Toledo; Mrs. Felix (Pauline) Tischinac, Toledo; Miss Helen, Toledo, and Mrs. Wayne (Lenore) Johnston, North Creek. A son, Nolan, died in an accident in Toledo in 1935.

Three sisters and three brothers also survive: William, Mt. Cory; Charles, McClure; Joseph, Toledo; Mrs. John (Lavina) Hiltner, North Creek; Mrs. Ora (Emma) Fenstermaker, Leipsic; and Mrs. Margaret Jackson, Gladstone, Mich.

Ben Schafer, the son of William and Mary Morris Schafer, had resided within a few rods of the place of his birth during his lifetime. Saturday evening he accompanied his grandsons, Doyle and Don Schafer and Donald Oliver, to tournament games at Leipsic and was entering the car to return to North Creek when stricken.

About 10 years ago, Schafer quit farming the old Schafer homestead at North Creek to devote all his time to act as local purchasing agent for Brady Bros. He was a member of Continental chapter No. 570 F. and A.M., belonged to North Creek M. E. church and has taught adult Bible class there for 12 years.

Funeral is in charge of Fuller Funeral Home, Leipsic. Rev. Paul Fisher, Gilboa, will officiate, assisted by Rev. E. F. Root, church pastor. Interment will be in Monroe cemetery, north of here. (published in The Lima News, Monday, March 9, 1942)

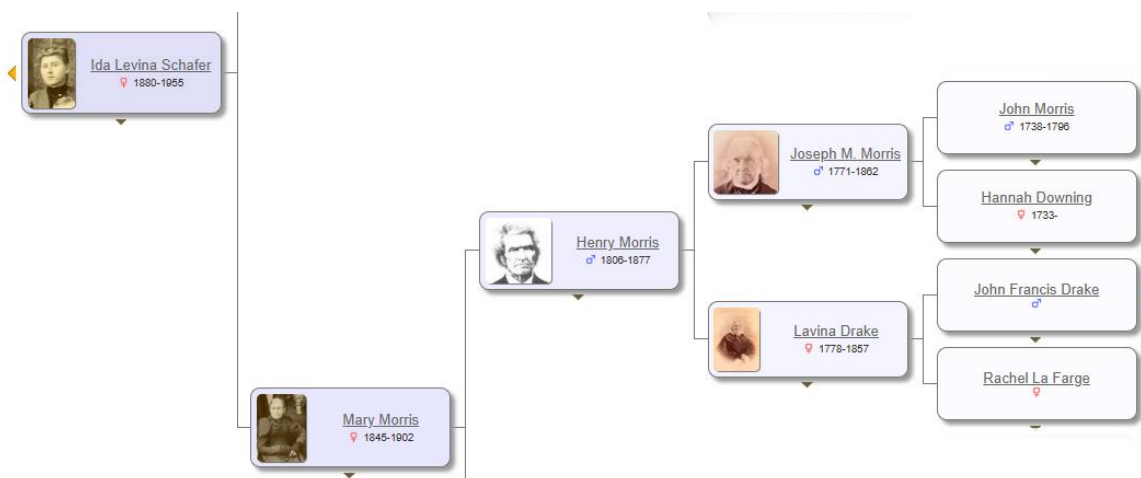


Laura Schafer (1884-1903)

Obituary: Laura Schafer was born in North Creek, Putnam County, Ohio, July 13, 1884, and died in North Creek, where she always lived, September 1st, 1903, at the age of nineteen years, one month and eighteen days. Her death resulted from flux of three weeks duration. She died as a Christian. The last words she said were: "I set with the King." She is survived by seven brothers and four sisters. Her brothers are: Philip, John, William Louis, Charley, Benjamin and Joseph, all residents of North Creek. The sisters are, Mrs. Maggie Jackson, of Gladstone, Michigan; Mrs. Sarah Well, Mrs. Annie Fenstermaker and Lareina Schafer, of North Creek. Her mother is a sister of the late Dr. Morris, who died the 10th of last October and her father, who was a brother of John and Harmen Hoffman and Margaret Taflinger, of this city, died last New Years day. The Lima News, Lima, Ohio. Wednesday, 30 September 1903.



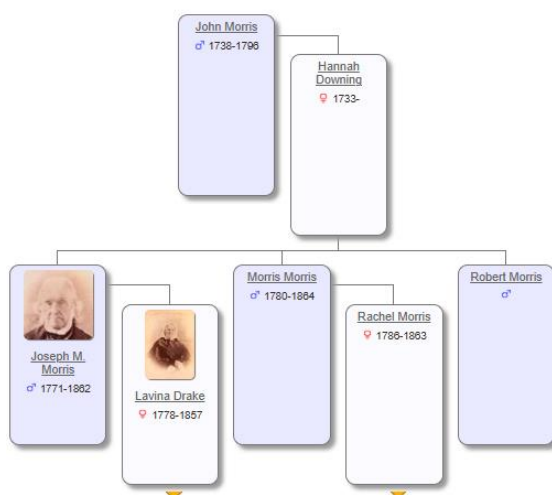
Joseph Jefferson Schafer (1887-1949) married Inabell Marie "Ina" Niceswander (1884-1955) in 1908 in Putnam County, Ohio. They had at least two sons. Joseph's occupation on census: 1910-grain dealer; 1920-reamer for a shipyard; 1930-metal polisher.



Morris line all the way back -

**Ida Levina Schafer's 2x great grandparents:
John Morris and Hannah Downing**

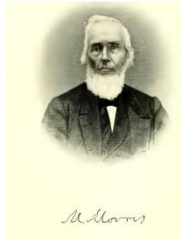
John Morris was born in Maryland or in Wales in 1738. Hannah Downing was born December 9th, 1733 in Wales. No more is known about Hannah Downing. They had three sons. According to a Sons of American Revolution application John Morris served in the second Battalion, was discharged in 1771 and received a certificate from John White. John Morris died in Pennsylvania in 1796.



Children of John Morris and Hannah Downing:

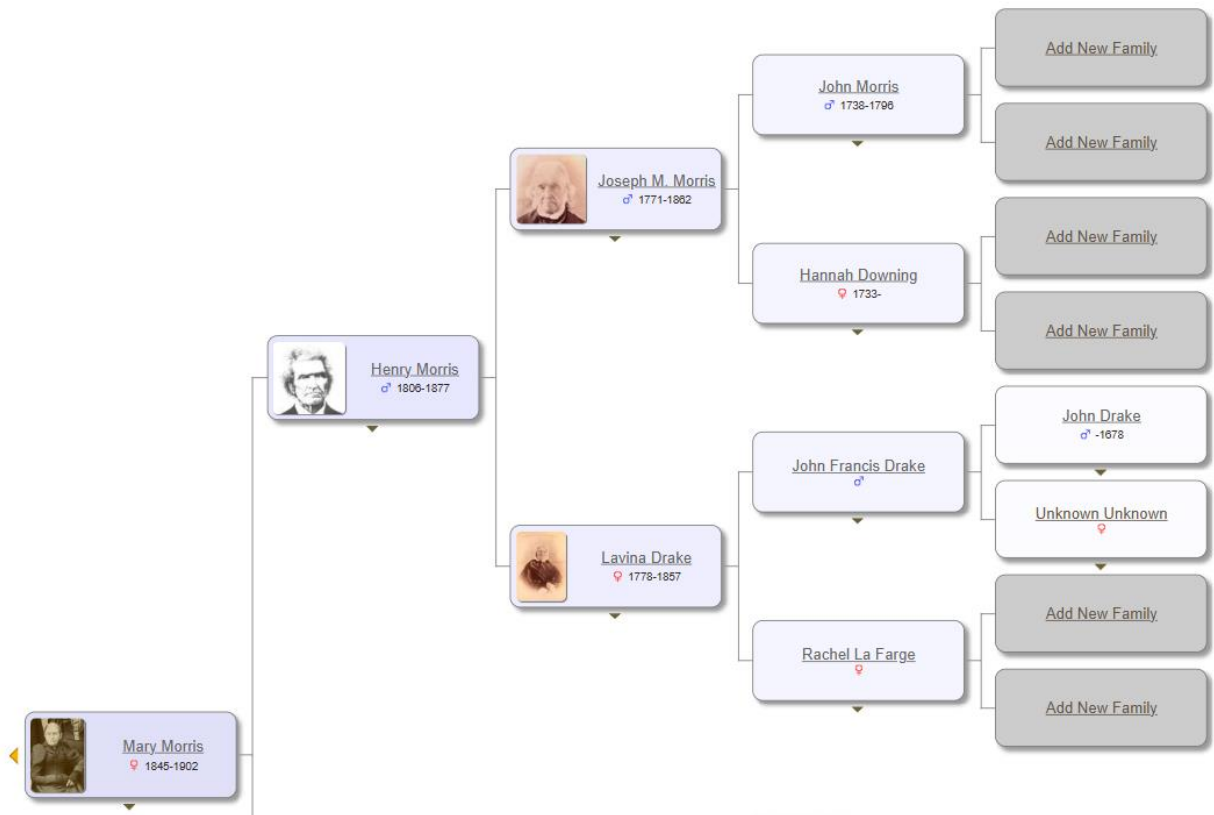


Joseph M. Morris (1771-1862) married Lavina Drake (1778-1857) in 1796 in Jamestown, Virginia. They had fourteen children. They were a farming family and Joseph was an ordained Baptist Minister. They are Ida Levina Schafer's great grandparents. They are buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, South Charleston, Clark County, Ohio.



Morris Morris (1780-1864) married Rachel Morris (1786-1863) in 1803 in Bourbon County, Kentucky. It is unknown if Morris and Rachel shared common ancestors. They had seven children. A note on Morris Morris's findagrave memorial: "His family heritage is that of Wales that settled in Virginia. From Monongahela County, Virginia the family moved to Fleming County, Kentucky. Unwilling to rear his family amid the influence of slavery, they moved to Indiana in 1821 at the age of 40".

Robert Morris (no info)



**Ida Levina Schafer's great grandparents:
Joseph M. Morris and Lavina Drake**

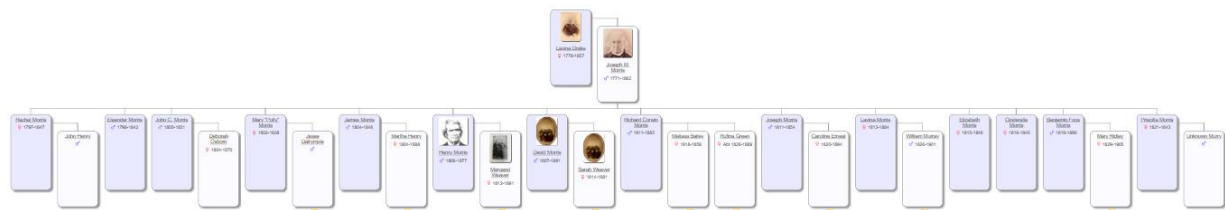
Joseph M. Morris was born December 8th, 1771 in Cecil County, Maryland, the oldest son of John Morris and Hannah Downing. Lavina Drake was born July 7th, 1778 in Monmouth County, New Jersey, the daughter of John Francis Drake (no dates known) and Rachel La Farge (no dates known). Lavina Drake's paternal grandfather was John Drake, who died in 1678.

Joseph M. Morris and Lavina Drake married January 10th, 1796 in Jamestown, Virginia. Joseph M. Morris was a farmer and ordained Baptist Minister. Lavina (Drake) Morris was a midwife and practical nurse. They had fourteen children.

In 1808 Joseph Morris and his family moved to Ohio from Kentucky where their first seven or eight children were born. *Source: Elizabeth Morris Hartman's History, Wm Morris, (self-published, copy from Allen County Historical Society, Lima, Ohio)*

Joseph Morris was an early settler near Lisbon; was one of the early school teachers of the village, and was a minister of the Baptist Church, reaching over a period of half a century. He raised a large family of children, who inherited the noble traits of their father, and who filled well their stations in life.

Source: The history of Clark County, Ohio, Steele, Alden P; Martin, Oscar T; Beers (W.H.) & Co., Chicago, (<https://archive.org/details/historyofclarkco02stee>)



Children of Joseph Morris and Lavina Drake:

Rachel Morris (1797-1847) her headstone reads "wife of John Henry". No more is known.

Elleanor Morris (1798-1842) no more is known.

John C. Morris (1800-1831) in 1824 married Deborah Osborn (1804-1870) in Plattsburg, Champaign County, Ohio. They had one son.

Mary "Polly" Morris (1802-1838) was married to Jesse Dalrymple. They had three children.

James Morris (1804-1846) in 1824 in Clark County, Ohio married Martha Henry (1804-1888). They had eleven children.



Henry Morris (1806-1877) in 1832 married Margaret Weaver (1812-1891). Margaret Weaver was a daughter of George Weaver and Elizabeth Hempleman. Henry and Margaret are Ida Levina Schafer's grandparents. They had a farm of 139 acres Near Columbus Grove, Allen County, Ohio. In addition to farming, Henry was a Baptist minister and Allen County judge in court of common pleas. They had ten children.



David Morris (1807-1891) in 1831 married Sarah Weaver (1814-1881). Sarah was a sister of Margaret Weaver. David and Sarah had six children.

Richard Corwin Morris (1811-1883) in 1839 married Malissa Bailey (1818-1859). Richard and Malissa had two children. After Malissa's death, Richard married widow and mother of five, Rufina Green (?-1889). Richard and Rufina had three children.

Joseph Morris (1811-1854) married Caroline Ernest (1820-1894). They were a farming family and had five children. (birth dates might be wrong for Richard and Joseph).

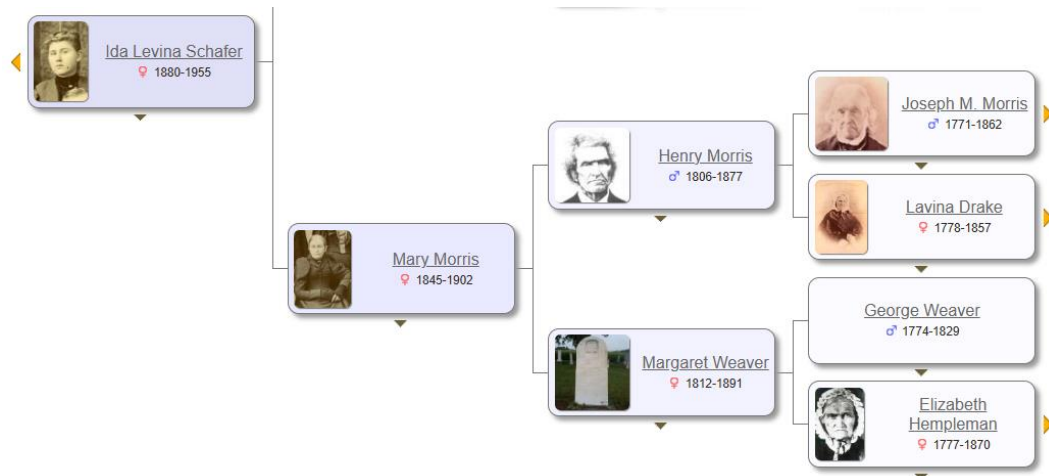
Lavina Morris (1813-1884) married William Murray (1826-1901) and had one son.

Elizabeth Morris (1815-1846) no more is known.

Cinderella Morris (1816-1840) (birth year may be wrong for Cinderella or Benjamin.)

Benjamin Foos Morris (1816-1896) in 1851 married Mary Ridley (1829-1905). They had one daughter.

Priscilla Morris (1821-1843) may have been married to a man named Murry.





Ida Levina Schafer's grandparents: Henry Morris and Margaret Weaver

Henry Morris was born April 14th, 1806 in Bracken County, Kentucky the sixth child of fourteen children of Joseph M. Morris and Lavina Drake. Margaret Weaver was born May 11th, 1812 in South Charleston, Clark County, Ohio, the eighth of eleven children of George Weaver and Elizabeth Hempleman. Henry Morris and Margaret Weaver met at church and were married on August 30th, 1832 at Margaret's home in London, Madison County, Ohio.

They were a farming family and raised ten children, all of whom married and pursued farming.

See 1880 plat map Henry Morris farm 139 acres in Monroe Township, Allen County, Ohio in appendix.

Henry Morris died January 8th, 1877 and Margaret (Weaver)

Morris died September 7th, 1891. They are buried in Truro Cemetery, Columbus Grove, Putnam County, Ohio.

A letter written by Margaret Weaver Morris, (date and recipient unknown)

"We started for our new home October 2, 1832, with a yoke of oxens, a team of horses and a cow, which we had no trouble with for she followed the oxens. We had very little trouble from my father's home to Bellefontaine as the path or road was wide enough for our wagons, but the mud was deep, or so we thought then. We were told there was a good road cut through the forest to a small place called Lima, northwest of Bellefontaine, but this was not so. There was a path most of the way, but only wide enough for a horse or one man to walk through. We spent many days, and yes weeks, cutting down trees and dragging them out of the way, and then the mud was hub deep. It was bitter cold before we reached Lima. And when we did reach Lima we were a little disappointed, it was nothing but swamp. There were four families and a bachelor living in Lima. We met them all, they came cutting into the forest to meet us. I guess they were as glad to see us as we were to see them. I'll never forget them. I was so afraid they would be the last white people I would see for a long time as my husband wanted to go north till he found good land. Their names were, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Absalom Brown, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Cole, Dr. and Mrs. William Cunningham, Mr. John Brewster and a baby girl, daughter of the Brown's. Of all that we had to go through I believe the hardest for me was to leave Lima, not because it was beautiful, but because of the people. Maybe I should write something in this letter about Lima, I have already told you about the people, so I'll tell you about the corn mill that was there. It was a stump of a big tree center burned out and a log attached to the end of a young sapling bent over to act as a pestle. It worked alright but it took a day, from sunrise to sunset to convert a bushel of corn into samp. There was no newspaper, no inlet or outlet either by rail or earth. There was one small creek, where Indians had learned to raise hogs and drove the hogs to the creek to water each day and so the Indians called it Keshko sepe, meaning hog river and the white men called it Hog Creek. That was Lima,

Ohio. We tried to find a path cut through to the north but they told us there wasn't any, that no one but Indians were north of Lima and their paths went in from some other way. There was a family that went west of Lima that same year and settled on something that sounded like sugar creek. But my husband wasn't going west, he was going north, so we came north. I knew we did not come straight north as some of the trees were too big for us to cut so we went around them. But the road we cut was traveled by many a settler and is still being used as a road. It was winter when we finally reached a ridge of good farming land. We staked off 160 acres of this government land on the ridge and paid \$1.25 per acre for it. We built a house 16 ft. square out of poles and my husband chink and daub the house. We built a fire in one end of it, allowing the smoke to go out of the house through the cracks and crevices. The door was also the window, as it grew colder, much below zero, my husband fashioned a door of poles, and made hinges of hides. We lived this way for a year. We then built a log cabin with puncheon floor, and a square hole with paper pasted over it for a window. This was equal to the finest home in these parts.

We brought three barrels of flour with us which lasted a year, with corn meal. We had plenty of wild meat, such as deer and turkey, and we gathered wild berries. But I remember one winter, I think it was in 1834 as George was just a baby, we were without bread for four months, as the nearest place we could get grinding done was Cherokee, in Logan county, or Sidney in Shelby county. But we had plenty of pumpkins and squashes and a few potatoes. My husband worked hard clearing the ridge and as soon as we would get a spot cleared we would plant it. The country was beautiful here, but I did get lonesome for other people. My husband, Henry, was born in Kentucky, the son of Joseph and Lavina, and he knew nothing but fighting the Indians or making friends with them and clearing forest. He was a small boy when he came to Ohio with his father but he remembers it so clearly and how he worked with his father to cut a road from the Ohio River to Oldtown and then to their homestead near South Charleston, Ohio.

O, the joy I felt when one day Henry was out hunting for meat for our dinner and he was east on the ridge and he thought he saw a piece of white cloth blowing in the wind through the trees. He went very quickly to see what it could be and discovered we had neighbors. After almost four years of loneliness we had neighbors. Their name was Turner and they had taken up a homestead a few miles to the east of us. They were as glad to see us as we were to see them. A few days after this our first little girl was born and we named her Elizabeth."

From: Von Hof Erbert or Hofferbert Family History by Florence Hofferbert Brenneman

Henry Morris was a Baptist minister and Allen County Judge in Court of Common Pleas, appointed by the legislature, served for seven years.

SOME OF THE EARLY COUNTY OFFICIALS: In 1834, Putnam County was organized as a separate county, and William Cochran, Henry Morris, and Silas McClish were, by the Governor, duly commissioned as Associate Judges.

Source: Hardesty's Atlas of Putnam County 1880, [https://www.ohiohistory.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Hardesty-s Atlas of Putnam County 1880.pdf](https://www.ohiohistory.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Hardesty-s%20Atlas%20of%20Putnam%20County%201880.pdf), page 187.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP: The first settlement in what is now Pleasant Township was made in 1832, and the earliest residents were William Turner, Eckless Ney, McDonald Osborn, Henry Morris, James Porter and Wm. McComb. Hardesty's Atlas of Putnam County 1880, page 194.

Henry Morris followed farming but like his father, he was a minister of the gospel, in the Baptist faith, being recorded as one of the pioneer ministers in the history of Putnam County. His teacher was his father, Joseph Morris. It says he was ordained in a Baptist Church about fifty miles south of his home, in Oldtown [Chillicothe], in the same church where he and Margaret met.

Henry and Margaret Morris settled on Section Three, Town Two, South Range, Seven East, in October 1832, in Putnam County, Ohio. They lived on the farm and farmed and Father preached the gospel of

Jesus Christ until his death. They raised ten children. They were the first settlers in that neighborhood. Their nearest neighbor was [sic] S. S. and J. J. Clevenger, three miles west of them. Judge Henry Morris, a native of Kentucky, came to Clark County, Ohio with his parents in 1812, when but six years of age.

In the fall of 1832 he came to the farm on which his widow now lives, and where he died in 1877. It was then Putnam County, and in 1833 he was made the first associate judge of the Territory, which he held three years, and then resigned to attend to home duties. He was a leader in the affairs of the community, as well as in religious matters, being a teacher for over thirty years of the doctrine of predestination. His parents were Joseph M. and Lovina (Drake) Morris, who died in Clark County, Ohio. He was married August 30, 1832 to Margaret Weaver, born May 11, 1812, in Clark County, Ohio, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Hempleman) Weaver, natives of Virginia, but very early settlers of Clark County. The children born to this union were George, living in Monroe township, this county; Mrs. Elizabeth Hartman, residing in Monroe Township, this county; Mrs. Lovina Holcomb (deceased, leaving one son, Henry M., who is now residing in Russell County, Kansas); Joseph, a physician in Columbus Grove, Putnam County, Ohio; Mrs. Sarah Crables [sic] (deceased, leaving a son, Henry M., in Russell County, Kansas, and a daughter, Mrs. Bogard [sic] in Putnam County, Ohio); Mrs. Mary Schaeffer, residing in Putnam County, Ohio; John, residing in Russell County, Kansas; Mrs. Ellen [sic] Schlosser [sic] and Mrs. Catherine Schlosser [sic].

Source: History of Allen County, Ohio. 1885.

Father H. Morris was a consistent member of the Old School Baptist Church and a fervent Democrat.
Source: History of Allen County, Ohio, part IV: Biographical sketches.

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Source: History of Allen county, Ohio, Rusler, William, (1921), page 671.

Obituary: DIED At his residence, three miles west of Columbus Grove, Monday morning, January 8th, 1877, of paralysis of the heart, Henry Morris, aged 70 years, 8 months and 84 days.

Source: findagrave: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/65300223/henry-morris>

One by one the old pioneers of the country are dropping into the grave, and but a little while and the tales of the early days will only be told by those who have heard them from the lips of those who have passed to their reward.

Henry Morris, better known throughout the country as "Judge" Morris, was born in Kentucky in 1806, and came to Clark county, this State, when only 4 years old. He remained in Clark county until 26 years of age, at which age he was married, and then moved to Putnam county, settling on the farm from which he will to-day be carried to the grave. This county was organized in 18[??], Mr. Morris settled

here in 18[??], and in consequence of both labor and length of residence is entitled to be ranked as one of our pioneers. He was a constant Christian, a good neighbor, and leaves behind him a family of 8 children and his aged companion.

It is superfluous for us to undertake a eulogy of the virtues of the Judge before a community in which he has been so long established, but we can hardly refrain from saying that if the position occupied by the children of the Judge does not speak volumns in favor of their home training, then we have made a serious mistake in our conception of the result of home influence.

For the incidents of his death we are under obligations to Dr. Joseph Morris, a son, and one of our oldest practicing physician. He was called to his father the Sunday evening before death, his father complaining of sharp pains shooting across his breast and down his arms. The Doctor found the pulse at 60 per minute full and strong, and his condition very nearly normal. After a thorough diagnosis of the case he pronounced it Neuralgia, and leaving his directions returned to town.

Monday morning the Judge got up, dressed himself, and sat at the breakfast table with the family as usual, though still suffering considerably from the Neuralgia. After breakfast he asked Mrs. Morris to bring in some wood for the fire-place, and then laid down on the lounge in the sitting-room. Mrs. Morris brought in one load, and, in passing, asked him how he felt, to which he replied, "about the same." It was only a few steps to the wood house and perhaps not a half moment elapsed between the time of asking the question and the return of the lady with the second load of wood, but in that half moment the dark angel had come and gone and Henry Morris had passed out of the darkness into the light.

Doctor Morris tells us there were no dangerous symptoms at the time of the diagnosis the evening before, and the actions of Mr. Morris would indicate nothing serious, and expressed his opinion that the cause of death was the Neuralgia striking the heart producing paralysis of that organ.

Henry Morris Monroe Township, Allen County, Ohio Agriculture Census, 28 September 1850	Value of home manufacture - 30 Value of animals slaughtered - 30 * * * * *	Indian corn, bushels of - 800 Oats, bushels of - 205 Wool, lbs of - 200 Irish potatoes, bushels of - 8 Butter, lbs of - 100 Hay, tons of - 4 Molasses, gallons of and from what made - 2 Value of animals slaughtered - 100 * * * * *
Acres of Land Improved - 100 Unimproved 105 Cash value of farm 5000 Value of farming implements and machinery 100	Henry Morris Monroe Township, Allen County, Ohio 1860 Agriculture Census Acres of Land - Improved - 115 unimproved - 90 cash value of farm - 6150 value of farming implements and machinery - 6	Henry Morris Monroe Township, Allen County, Ohio Agriculture Census, 27 Jul 1870 Improved acres of land - 85 Woodland acres - 72 Value of farm - 6200 Value of farming implements and machinery - 110 Total amount of wages paid during the year including value of board - 75
Livestock Horses - 6 milch cows- 8 other cattle -16 sheep - 28 swine - 20 value of live stock - 400 wheat, bushels of - 464 Indian corn, bushels of - 800 Oats, bushels of, 50 Wool, lbs of - 100 Irish potatoes, bush. of - 100 Value of orchard produce in dollars - 14 butter, lbs of - 350 Cheese, lbs of - 100 Hay, tons of - 12 Maples sugar, lbs of - 5	Live Stock 1 June 1860 Horses - 11 Milch cows - 7 Working oxen -2 Other cattle - 17 Sheep - 54 Swine - 8 Value of live stock - 1112 Produce during the year ending June 1, 1860 Wheat, bushels of - 230 Rye, bushels of - 34	Horses - 10 Milch cows - 6 other cattle - 8 sheep - 28 swine - 9

value of all livestock – 600
Winter wheat - 225
Indian corn - 750

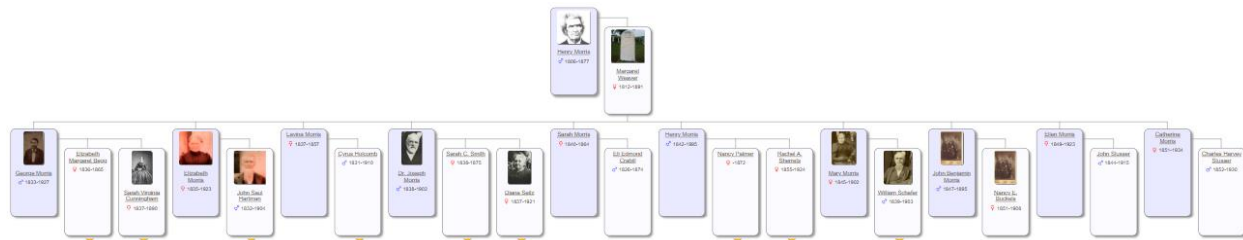
Oats - 180
wool – 60
Irish potatoes – 20

butter – 400
Clover seed 20

Henry Morris Last will

Proceedings had in the probate court of Allen County Ohio held at the courthouse in Lima in said county on the 13th day of January AD 1877. Be it remembered that on the 13th day of January AD 1877 the court made an order herein which said order is in the words and figures following to wit: the last will and testament of Henry Morris was this day produced in court and thereupon came Daniel Schlosser Nathan Schlosser and Eliza J. Schlosser the three subscribing witnesses to said will and in open court upon their oaths testify to the due execution of said will which said testimony was reduced to writing and by said witnesses subscribed and filed with said will and the court being satisfied from said testimony that said will was legally attested and executed and that said testator at the time of executing the same was of full age and of sound mind and memory and under no restraint, ordered that said will and testimony be recorded and thereafter to wit on the 16th day of January AD 1877 came Margaret Morris the widow of said testator and upon hearing her rights under said will and also under the law fully explained to her by the court she did then and there elect to take under the said will G W Overmyer probate judge. The will referred to in forgoing order is herein recorded in the words and figures following to wit - I Henry Morris of Monroe Township, Allen County and state of Ohio being of sound mind and memory but advanced in years and somewhat feeble in body do make sign and seal this my last will and testament this nineteen 19th day of September One Thousand Eight and Hundred and Seventy Six in the manner following to wit after my debts and funeral expenses are paid I will my wife Margaret have all rents and profits of all the lands and real estate that I may be in possession of at my death and the interest on all money I may have on interest together with the interest on all money arising from the sale of any property. She having the right to sell any property, she may see fit the foregoing as giving in lieu of Dower so long as she may live or remain my widow, but if she sees fit to marry again then to have dower in real and personal property according to law, but under no circumstances she shall not sell or lease the real estate more than two years at one time, and I appoint my son George to rent the real estate collect rent take charge of her money collect interest and pay rent and interest to her yearly, and after the death of my wife Margaret my property both personal and real be disposed of in the following manner. The heirs of my daughter Levina have eight hundred dollars and the heirs of my daughter Sarah have eight hundred dollars. My son George have five hundred dollars, my daughter Elizabeth have five hundred dollars, my son Joseph have one hundred dollars, my daughter Mary have five hundred dollars, my son John B. have nine hundred dollars, my daughter Elenar have five hundred dollars, my daughter Katharine have five hundred dollars, and what may be left if any to be equally divided between my following named children (to wit), George, Elizabeth, Joseph Henry, Mary, John B., Elanor, and Katharine. I will my son George Morris to be executor of this my last will and testament. In testimony thereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. Signed Henry Morris (seal), at the request of the testator and in his presence we subscribe our names as witnesses Daniel Schlosser Nathan Schlosser wife Eliza J. Schlosser. Testimon to said will referred to in the foregoing order is herein recorded in the words and figures following to wit: the state of Ohio Allen County SS. Allen Probate court we Daniel Schlosser Nathan Schlosser and Eliza J. Schlosser being duly sworn in open court this 13th day of January AD 1877 depose and say that we were present at the execution of the last will and testimony of Henry Morris hereunto annexed that we saw the said Henry Morris the testator subscribe said will and heard him publish and declare the same to be his last will and testament and that the said testator at the time of executing the same was of full age and of sound mind and memory and not under any restraint and that we signed the same as witnesses at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other. Daniel Schlosser, Nathan Schlosser Eliza J.

Schlosser sworn in open court and subscribed before me by said Daniel Schlosser Nathan Schlosser and Eliza Schlosser this 13th day of January AD 1877 and signed G W Overmyer Probate Judge.



Children of Henry Morris and Margaret Weaver:



George Morris (1833-1927) in 1857 married Elizabeth Margaret Begg (1836-1865) they had three children. After Elizabeth died, George married Sarah Virginia Cunningham (1837-1890). George and Sarah had six children. Their farm was in the northwest corner of Monroe Township 2, South Range 7 East. See appendix 1880 Plat Map of Monroe Township, Allen County, Ohio.

Pioneer Passes - George Morris, 93, succumbs to illness at farm home in Allen-co

Columbus Grove, Oct. 17 – (Special) – George Morris, retired farmer, of Monroe-tp, died at his home Sunday morning, following an illness of general debility. Had he lived until Thursday, he would have reached the age of 84 years. He lived his life-time in the same district, three miles southwest of Columbus Grove, where he was born in 1833.

Up to a few years ago, across the road, less than 60 rods away, lived Mrs. Elizabeth Hartman, who was 90 years of age at the time she died. She too was born in the same district in which she lived.

Morris and Mrs. Hartman were children of Judge Henry Morris, one of Allen-co's first white settlers. The first white settler had arrived in Lima just two years before George Morris was born. A year before the Shawnees started their westward trek and Allen co was cleared of Indians.

Mrs. Hartman was not quite 30 when she was married and for 70 years she and her brother lived on adjoining farms. Altho the district is southwest of Columbus Grove, the farm lands lie in the Monroe-tp, Allen-co.

Morris saw the dense forests of northern Allen-co developed into fertile fields of the farming community.

He is survived by five children, Mrs. Maggie Morris Trumbo, of Columbus Grove; John B. Morris of Rushville, Ind., the Misses Anna and Catherine Morris and George Morris, Jr., residing at the family home. His wife died many years ago.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the country residence. Interment will be in Truro cemetery, just south of his home. *The Lima News, Lima, Ohio. Monday, 17 October 1927, page 4.*



Elizabeth Morris (1835-1923). Elizabeth's early history is featured in her brother George's obituary. Elizabeth married John Saul Hartman (1832-1904). At the age of nineteen (Elizabeth) met John Saul Hartman at a "husking-bee". They fell in love and were married at Elizabeth's home by her father, Judge Henry Morris, on March 4th 1855. They started housekeeping on eighty acres of

land south of the old Morris' Homestead on which they built a log cabin. Elizabeth and John had nine children.

Lavina Morris (1837-1857) married Cyrus Luther Holcomb on 7 April 1853, and they had two children. Lavina died at age 20. Their two children were raised by Lavina's parents, Henry and Margaret Morris. Cyrus Luther Holcomb married again and had another family.



Dr. Joseph Morris (1838-1902) in 1860 married Sarah C. Smith (1838-1875). They had five children. Joseph served as a surgeon in the Union army in the Civil War. Unit: 1" Lt. Asst. Surg 173 Ohio Inf.



After Sarah's death, Joseph married Diana Seitz (1837-1921) and they had two children.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP - DR. JOSEPH MORRIS – The subject of this sketch was born in Monroe township, this county, December 10, 1838. His parents, Henry and Margaret Morris, settled here in 1832.

Dr. Morris has been twice married; his first wife, daughter of James and Mary Smith, was born in this county April 6, 1839; the second and present wife, Diana, daughter of Daniel and Catherine Seitz, was born in Fairfield county Mary 8, 1837. Children: Galenus, born July 23, 1861; Alfred, October 1, 1862; Josephine, July 11, 1864, deceased; Sarah Lucinda, born September 21, 1866, died August 5, 1877; Frank, born May 25, 1868; Rosella, January 17, 1870; Robert D., May 28, 1877; Lizzie, July 20, 1879. Dr. Morris's father and mother were the first settlers in Monroe township (this township has since been struck off to Allen county). They settled on the farm where mother Morris now lives, and here she lived

six weeks without seeing the face of a woman. Soon afterward other families came in, William and Rebecca Turner being the first family to settle in Pleasant township. Dr. Morris has practised medicine and surgery in Columbus Grove since 1870.

Source: Hardesty's Atlas of Putnam County 1880.

Sarah Morris (1840-1864) in 1859 married Eli Edmond Crabill (1826-1874). They had two children. After Sarah's death, Eli married Elizabeth Conway and had two more children.

Henry Morris (1842-1895) in 1866 married Nancy Palmer (?-1872). Henry and Nancy had two children. After Nancy died, Henry married Rachel A. Sherrets (1855-1924). Henry and Rachel had six children.

HENRY MORRIS, farmer, P.O. Columbus Grove, Putnam County, was twice married; first, November 20, 1866 to Nancy Palmer, by whom he had two children, Margaret V. being the only one now living, born September 24, 1869. His wife dying February 7, 1872, Mr. Morris was married, November 11, 1875, to Rachael Sherret, born January 1, 1855; daughter of Malinda (Suery) Sherret, natives of Tuscarawas County, Ohio. They have three children living: John E., David L. and Elizabeth L. Our subject's father, Judge Henry Morris, a native of Kentucky, came to Clark County, Ohio with his parents, in 1812, when but six years of age. In the fall of 1832 he came to the farm on which his widow now lives, and where he died in 1877. It was then Putnam County, and in 1833 he was made first associate judge of the Territory, which he held three years, and then resigned to attend to home duties. He was a leader in the affairs of the community, as well as in religious matters, being a teacher for over thirty years of the doctrine of predestination. His parents were Joseph M. and Lovina (Drake) Morris, who died in Clark County, Ohio. He was married August 30, 1832 to Margaret Weaver, born May 11, 1812, in Clark County, Ohio, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Hempleman) Weaver, natives of Virginia, but very early settlers of Clark County. The children born to this union were George, living in Monroe township, this county; Mrs. Elizabeth Hartman, residing in Monroe Township, this county; Mrs. Lovina Holcomb (deceased, leaving one son, Henry M., who is now residing in Russell County, Kansas); Joseph, a physician in Columbus Grove, Putnam County, Ohio; Mrs. Sarah Crables (deceased, leaving a son, Henry M., in Russell County, Kansas, and a daughter, Mrs. Bogard in Putnam County, Ohio); Mrs. Mary Schaeffer, residing in Putnam County, Ohio; John, residing in Russell County, Kansas; Mrs. Ellen Schlosser and Mrs. Catherine Schlosser.

Source: History of Allen County, Ohio, part IV: Biographical sketches, page 671.



Mary Morris (1845-1902) married William Schafer (1839-1903) in 1863. They were a farming family. William was also a justice of the peace, a county commissioner and postmaster of North Creek. In 1880 they had 133 acres; in 1895 113 acres. They had thirteen children. They are Ida Levina Schafer's parents.



John Benjamin Morris (1847-1895) in 1879 married Nancy E. Buckels in Clark County, Ohio. They had six children. By the 1885 census they were farming in Barton County, Kansas.

Ellen Morris (1849-1923) in 1866 married John Slusser (1844-1915). Per the 1910 US Census they had nine children. The spelling of her last name is found two different ways. The spelling

"Slusser" is on their gravestone and Schlosser is found on John's military marker and Ellen's death certificate.

Catherine Morris (1851-1934) married Charles Harvey Slusser (1852-1930). Charles was a brother of John Slusser. They had seven children.



Weaver Line all the way back.

Ida Levina Schafer's great grandparents:

George Weaver and Elizabeth Hempleman

George Weaver was born in 1774 in Hardy County, Virginia. Elizabeth Hempleman was born in 1777 near Philadelphia. George and Elizabeth married in 1800 in Hardy County, Virginia.



Elizabeth Hempleman, second child of four of George Hempleman and Margaret Duffy Hempleman, was born near Philadelphia in 1777, and married George Weaver in 1800, in Hardy County, Virginia. They, in company with her father and brother George, started on that journey with two horses and a wagon, but in those days of travel, across the Blue Ridge mountains it was almost an impossibility with an empty wagon, and they, like their brother had to abandon the wagon somewhere in the mountains, and load all their possessions on the two horses, and the family traveling on foot to Clarke County, Ohio, and late in the fall they

settled on a farm west of South Charleston, Ohio. It being late in the fall, no houses were obtainable, and they were compelled to live in an open camp for want of better shelter, there being plenty of timber in those days, they had no trouble in keeping warm, by burning large heaps of logs, and by these log heaps they did all their cooking. They lived in Clarke County, about ten years, in 1817 or 1818 they moved into Madison County, Ohio, and engaged in farming and the raising of stock. They were prosperous and accumulated a large fortune for those days, leaving about three thousand acres of land to their children when they died.

To George and Elizabeth Hempleman Weaver were born eleven children as follows: Catherine, Elizabeth, Jacob, Solomon, John, Joseph, George, Margaret, Sarah, David and Mary.

From: History of the Hempleman Family in America, Whiteley, George, (1912)

George Weaver, also a native of Pennsylvania, settled on the place now owned by Aaron Weaver about 1817-18, as we find his deed recorded in January, 1818. He was married to Elizabeth Hempleton. Their children were Jacob, who married Polly Nagley, and settled on the home farm where he resided till his death; Solomon, married Lydia Niles, and settled near the home place, but subsequently removed to Illinois and settled near Clinton, where he now resides; one daughter married David Morris, but is now deceased; John, married Elizabeth Morse, and settled and resides in this township: Elizabeth, married John H. Surfus, and settled here first, but subsequently removed West and now resides in Illinois; George, married a Miss Morse, and resides in Illinois; Joseph, married a Miss Cobbler, and settled in the West; David, settled in the West; Mary, married John Sterritt, and settled in Monroe Township, but subsequently removed to the West. Mr. George Weaver, the father of this large family, was one of those industrious, thoroughgoing Pennsylvanian farmers, who knew how to make money and how to invest all his surplus capital, and the result was that he became owner of 3,000 acres of fine land.

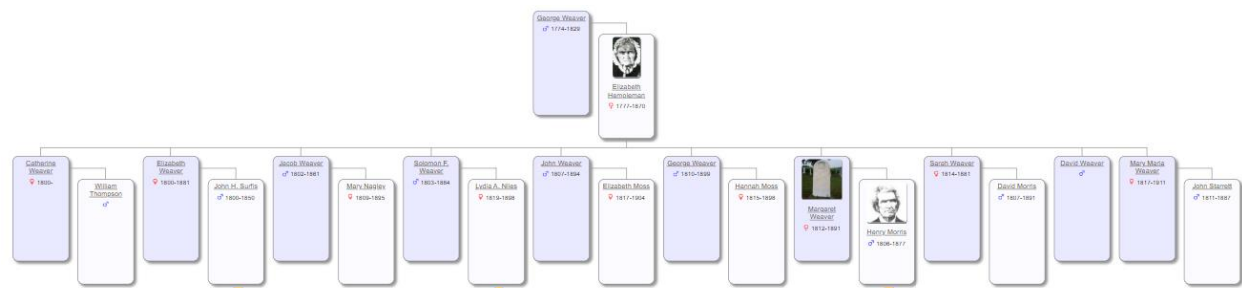
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It is believed that the first grist-mill ever erected in the township was in the northwest corner of the township, on the Little Darby, built by George Van Ness, about 1820. This was a three-story frame, quite an imposing structure at that early day, and was, of course, run by water-power. But it continued in use until about two years, when the dam was washed out and never rebuilt, and consequently the building was never used again for mill purposes. About 1825, Messrs. Lockwood & Nelson erected a gristmill on the Little Darby, in the northeast part of the township, on land now owned by Mrs. Hampshire. Subsequently, these men were succeeded in the ownership of the mill by James Snodgrass, and he again by Albert Lombard, who was succeeded by L. D. Mann, who was the last to run the mill, after which it stood idle and went, to decay. About 1830-31, George Weaver and his son John built a saw-mill on the Little Darby, on lands now owned by Joseph Weaver. This saw-mill was run about ten years and then went into decay. These appear to have been the principal early mills. In later years there have been a few other mills, principally of the portable kind, which have been moved from place to place as timber and occasion required.

From: CHAPTER VIII. PIKE TOWNSHIP, The History of Madison County, Ohio, Published by: W. H. Beers & Co., Chicago, 1883 pages 749 and 752.

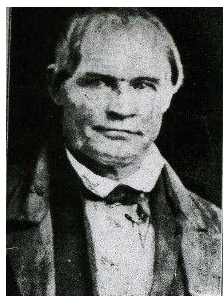
The family moved to Clark County, Ohio after their fifth child was born in 1807. George Weaver died in 1829 and is buried in the family graveyard, Weaver Burying Ground, on the Weaver family farm near Little Darby Creek in the southeast corner of the Pike Township, Madison County, Ohio.



Children of George Weaver and Elizabeth Hempleman:

Catherine Weaver was born in 1800. She was married to William Thompson. No children were born to this union.

Elizabeth Weaver (1800-1881) was born in Virginia. She married John H. Surfis (1800-1850) in 1821 in Clark County, Ohio. They had three children; their first died at age six, and is buried on the Weaver family farm in the Weaver Burying Ground, Pike Township, Madison County, Ohio. By the 1870 census Elizabeth was a widow living in Texas Township, DeWitt County, Illinois.



JACOB WEAVER

Jacob Weaver (1802-1861) was born in Virginia. In 1837 he married Mary Nagley (1809-1895) in Madison County, Ohio. They had eight children.

JACOB WEAVER, deceased, was born April 3, 1802, in Virginia, and when a boy, with his parents, George and Elizabeth Weaver, he emigrated to Clark County, Ohio, where they remained until about 1835, at which time they came to Pike Township, Madison County, and settled on the farm where his widow now resides. On November 7, 1837, he married Miss Mary Nagley, born September 3, 1809. To them were born seven children, viz.: Sarah, born September 3, 1838; died August, 1840; Jane, Born November 20, 1842; John, born April 3, 1844; Henry, born April 20, 1847; Aaron, born April 9, 1850; Joseph, born April 20, 1854; and one child died in infancy. The parents of Mrs. Weaver were John and Elizabeth Nagely, who emigrated from Virginia to Clark County, Ohio, when she was but six weeks old. They located to Clark County, Ohio, about eighteen years, when they rented in Madison County. They were the parents of six children, of whom four are now living - Mary, Ichabod, Aaron and Robert. Mrs. Nagely died in April 1850. Her husband, prior to her decease, had gone to California, from which time all trace of him was lost. Mr. Weaver had served at Trustee and Justice of the Peace in Pike Township, and was a member of the F. & A.M. After leading a life of usefulness, he quietly passed away, respected by all who knew him, on June 24, 1861. He left to his family a large estate. His widow, who has seen nearly three-quarters of a century, survives her husband, and resides on the homestead with her son Aaron, an

industrious young man, of good standing in the community. *History of Madison County, Ohio*, (W.H. Beers 1883).

Solomon F. Weaver (1803-1884) in 1836 married Lydia A. Niles (1819-1898) in Madison County, Ohio. In 1850 they moved their family to DeWitt County, Illinois and bought a 642-acre farm. They had ten children; seven reached adulthood. Solomon and Lydia are buried in the Weaver cemetery, the family graveyard on their farm near Clinton, DeWitt County, Illinois along with other relations.

John Weaver (1807-1894) in 1836 married Elizabeth Moss (1817-1904) in Madison County, Ohio. They had nine children.

Joseph Weaver born in 1808 or 1809 - no more is known.

George Weaver (1810-1899) in 1834 married Hannah Moss (1815-1898). They were a farming family and had five children. By 1857, George and his family were living in Texas Township, DeWitt County, Illinois.



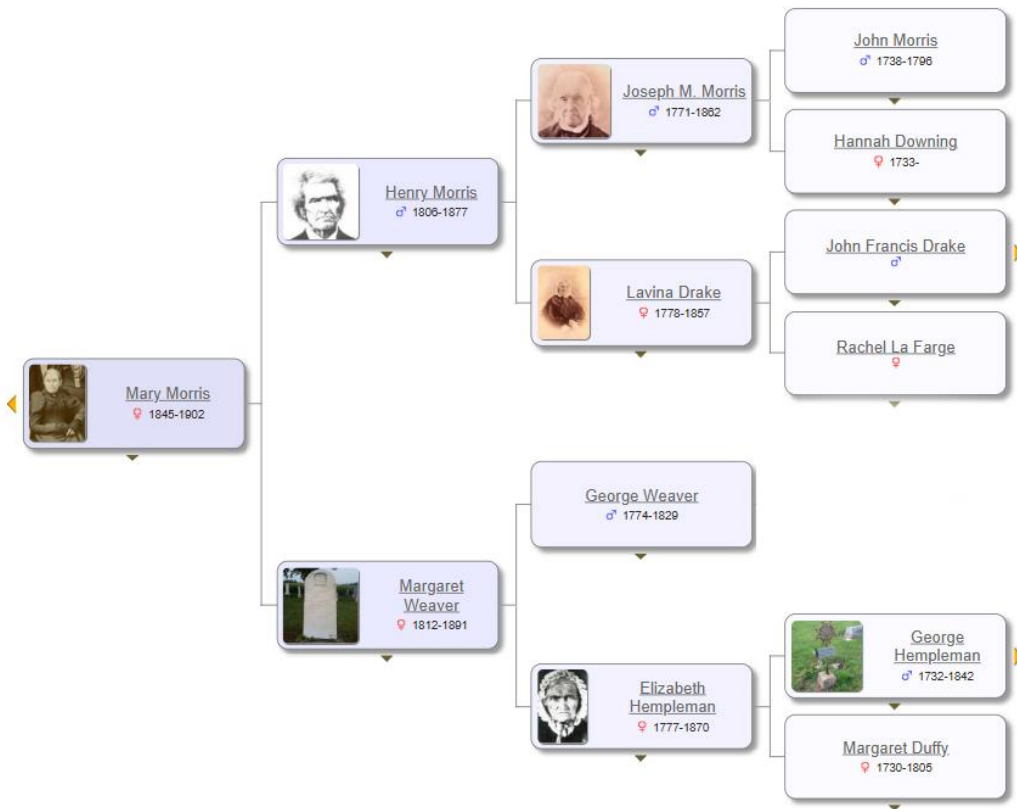
Margaret Weaver (1812-1891) married Henry Morris (1806-1877) in 1832. Henry was a son of Joseph M. Morris and Lavina (Drake) Morris. Margaret and Henry are Ida Levina Schafer's grandparents. Margaret and Henry had a farm in Allen County, Ohio. In addition to farming, Henry was a Baptist minister and Allen County Judge in Court of Common Pleas. They had ten children.



Sarah Weaver (1814-1881) in 1831 married David Morris (1807-1891) in Madison, Lake County, Ohio. David Morris was a son of Joseph M. Morris and Lavina (Drake) Morris. Sarah and David had six children.

David Weaver (no information)

Mary Maria Weaver (1817-1911) in 1836 married John Starrett (1811-1887). By the 1860 census they were living in Liberty Township, Schuyler County, Missouri. They had seven children.



Hempleman line all the way back.

Ida Levina Schafer's 2x great grandparents:

George Hempleman and Margaret Duffy

George Hempleman was born in 1732 in Hesse Kassel, Germany, the son of Lord Hempleman and unknown mother. Margaret Duffy was born in Germany in 1730. Margaret's parents are unknown. George and Margaret emigrated in 1752 and married in 1756 in Richmond, Virginia at St. John's Church. They had four children. George Hempleman served in Revolutionary War as a private in Captain William Johnson's company, 10th battalion, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania militia. Margaret died in 1805 in Hardy County, Virginia. It is unknown where Margaret is buried. George Hempleman died in 1842 at the age of 110. He is buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, South Charleston, Clark County, Ohio with a military marker.

A Brief History of the Hempleman Family in America By George Whiteley

George Hempleman, one of the founders of the Hempleman family of America, was born in Hesse Castle, Germany in the year 1732. He was the son of Lord Hempleman of Germany and had he stayed in Germany would have taken the title of his father, but love is blind and more precious than gold or title. He had fallen in love with Margarette Duffy, she had stolen his heart and he vowed to marry her. This he could not do and live in Germany, for she was poor and a daughter of one of the peasants living on one of the

farms of Lord Hempleman. He a peer, and she a peasant's daughter, they could not marry out of their station, so they planned to go to America, the land of the free. Little did they know of the hardships that were ahead of them, or perhaps their stout hearts would have failed; but this they knew not, and together ran away, or as we say today, eloped. They could get along well so long as they were on land, for they could earn their way, but when they reached the ocean another obstacle faced them. They had no money to pay for their transportation, but they arranged with a company there to carry them to America, by them agreeing to allow this company to sell them after they landed in America to the party or parties that would pay this company the price of their transportation, they to work for this party until their passage money was earned. A bargain was made with this company and they sailed for America. There were no steamer in those days and the vessels were crude and their voyage was stormy and hard, but not half so hard as when they landed, for they landed in Richmond, Va., in 1752, strangers in a strange land, and among strangers, to find that they were to be sold like black slaves into slavery or servitude to pay for their transportation. They had not yet married, perhaps thinking not best to do so, until all things were settled here in America.

George Hempleman was sold at auction to a cotton planter in one of the Carolinas, Margarette Duffy was sold to a tobacco planter near Richmond, Va. After the sale it must have been a bitter parting to those two young people, neither knew whether they would ever see each other again, for in this strange land they knew not where they were going.

It is the understanding of the writer that their time of servitude was four years each, but before the separation, which must have been heart-rending, they agreed that after their servitude was finished they should each return to Richmond, Va. their starting place: and their meeting point was to be the Little Old St. John's church, which is an Episcopal church, the one in which Patrick Henry afterward made his famous speech before the Revolutionary war, when the leading men of Virginia met in this church and Patrick Henry made his famous speech in which he said "give me liberty or give me death," and this so fired their hearts and upon this Virginia seceded from the crown, and cast her lot with the colonies. This church is still preserved on account of this event, and they yet hold services in this church. It was the good fortune of the writer, a few years ago, to visit this old church and photograph same, also the grave of the minister that afterwards married George Hempleman and Margarette Duffy after their return from servitude, and the writer is proud of the privilege of presenting to the Hempleman family a cut of this sacred little old church and grave. Also a cut of the tree at the spring where George Hempleman with his son George and family camped in 1808, the first night when they reached Clarke County, Ohio. The old elm tree is still standing and leans over the hole where once there was a famous spring.

George Hempleman fell in cruel hands and when he returned he was broken in health. Margarette Duffy was more fortunate, she fell in good hands and being used to hard

work fared better. Neither heard of each other until their time of servitude had expired: but true to their promise, each started for Richmond and the little old church. Margarette Duffy being only a short distance from Richmond, reached there first, and went direct to the old St. John's church, attending every service regularly, hoping soon to see her lover return. Time wore on and she almost lost hope of every seeing him again. Finally, one cold crisp morning as she sat watching every passer through the door, she saw a stout young German man coming through the door, pause for a moment, look around, seemingly looking for someone that he did not see, then he sat down, and drew from his hands a pair of white mittens, and laid them across his knees: immediately Margarette Duffy recognized those mittens as the ones she had knit in Germany and gave to her lover, George Hempleman. Time had wrought such changed in those two young folks that it was no wonder that neither knew the other, but at the close of the service, those two wanderers were reunited. What a happy reunion for them this must have been. They were married in the little old church in 1756. The grave of the minister that united these two young Germans lies at the east door of this little old church as you will see in the cut.

Soon after this they moved into Pennsylvania, and settled within three miles of Philadelphia, and the following children were born to them: Elizabeth, George, Katherine and Nancy.

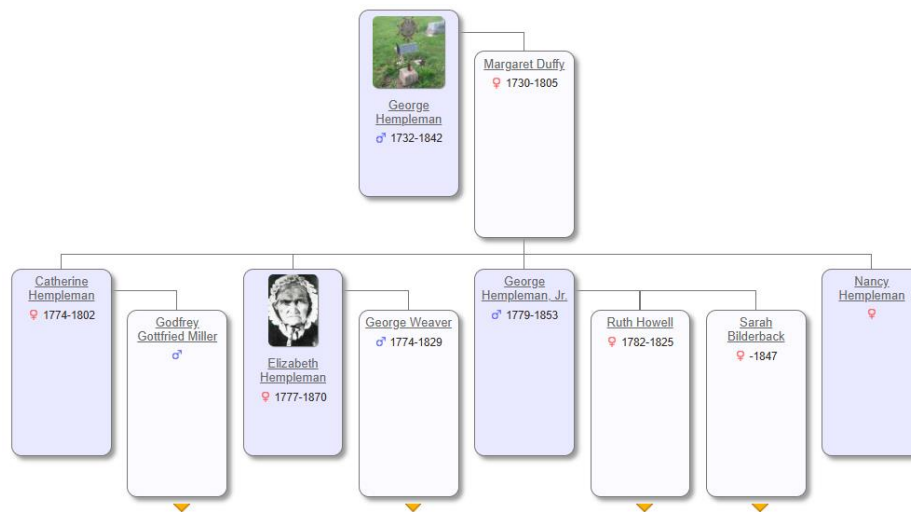
When the war broke out between the Colonies and England George Hempleman cast his lot with the Colonies and enlisted in Capt. Wm. Johnson's company, fourth battalion of the Lancaster militia in 1781. Battalion commander not stated. (Reference Effie Hempleman, Springfield, Ohio) And at the close of the war was honorably discharged.

After the war George Hempleman and family moved to North Carolina, and from there to Hardy County, Virginia. George Hempleman, in 1805, lost his wife, and she was buried in Hardy County, Virginia. In 1808, George Hempleman in company with his son George and family and his daughter Elizabeth, who had married George Weaver, started for Ohio with two wagons. The mountain roads were rough and they had not gotten far until one of their wagons fell over the mountain side and the team was killed and wagon lost. They gathered up what they could and loaded into the other wagon and all went afoot, and somewhere on the route this wagon was also lost and had to be abandoned. The bedding and what they could gather up was strapped onto the horses and the men and children carried what they could, and in the fall of 1808 reached Clarke County, Ohio, and camped for the first night on Masses Creek, two miles south of South Charleston, Clarke County, Ohio. They camped near the old spring near the Samuel Briggs farm, made famous by the number of people that camped at that spring on their way from the East to Ohio. A cut of the old Elm tree that stood by this famous spring is shown in this pamphlet, and the tree is still standing.

Near by this spring lived Samuel Briggs. That evening, Mrs. Briggs sent her son Samuel with a bucket full of milk and some provisions to those campers. Among the children was one called Elizabeth, daughter of George Hempleman, Jr. who afterwards became the wife of this boy, Samuel Briggs, who carried the milk and provisions to them.

The Hempleman and Weaver families moved on a few miles west of South Charleston and there located on the Little Miami river. The country was then in a wilderness. Their first shelter was poles fastened like a roof and covered with grass, and they gathered leaves for a bed, and so lived until houses could be built.

George Hempleman, Sr. lived with his son George until he died in the year 1842, at the age of 110 years, and was buried at South Charleston, Ohio.



Children of George Hempleman and Margaret Duffy:

Catherine Hempleman (1775-1802) married Godfrey Gottfried Miller in 1796 in Stokes County, North Carolina. They had the following children: Elizabeth b. 1798, Margaret, b. 1800 and Catharine, b. 1801. After Catherine's death, Godfrey Miller married Susanna Myers (maiden name probably Helsabeck) on 1 Jan 1803 in Stokes County. Godfrey and Susanna had four children.



Elizabeth Hempleman (1777-1870) in 1800 married **George Weaver (1774-1829)** in Hardy County, Virginia. They are **Ida Levina Schafer's** great grandparents. They had eleven children.

George Hempleman Jr. (1778-1853) married Ruth Howell (1782-1825) and had nine children. After Ruth's death George married Sarah Bilderback (?-1847) and had twins.

Nancy Hempleman. No information.

U.S., Sons of the American Revolution Membership Application

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

ANCESTOR'S SERVICE

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National Number..... State Number.....

ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OHIO SOCIETY

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TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF
THE OHIO SOCIETY

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

I, George Hempleman Hess being of the age of twenty-one years
and upwards, to-wit, of the age of 46 hereby apply for membership in this
Society by right of lineal descent in the following line from George Hempleman
who was born in Castle Hessia Germany the day of 1732
and died in South Charleston Ohio on the day of 1842
and who assisted in establishing American Independence.

I was born in Near Springfield County of Clark

State of Ohio on the 27th day September 1876

- (1) I am the son of John Lemuel Hess born 1854 died 1898 and
his wife Sarah Hempleman born 1857 died 1890 married 1875
(2) grandson of George Hempleman 1st born 1827 died 1902 and
his wife Margaret Hill born 1829 died 1917 married 1850
(3) great-grandson of George Hempleman 2nd born died 1853 and
his wife Sarah Bilderback born died 1847 married 1836
(4) great-great-grandson of George Hempleman 1st born 1732 died 1842 and
his wife Margaret Duffy born died 1805 married 1756
(5) great-great-great-grandson of born died and
his wife born died married
(6) great-great-great-great-grandson of born died and
his wife born died married

and he, the said George Hempleman (No. 4) is the ancestor who assisted in
establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of private soldier

County, Penna. Militia, Penna.

Witnessed and recommended by the undersigned mem-
bers of the Society

Charles B. Zimmerman
Forest M. Remy
Amos C. Smith

Signature of applicant, (Name in full)

George Hempleman Hess
Springfield Ohio
Street,
1417 Woodward Ave

Occupation

Carpenter
No. 1000 S. E. 11th St. N.W.

"Section 1. Any man shall be eligible to membership in the Society, who, being of age of twenty-one or over, and a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor who was at all times unflinching in his loyalty to, and rendered active service, in the cause of American Independence, either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militiaman, or minute man, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress, or of any one of the several Colonies or States, or as a signer of the Declaration of Independence; or as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence; or as a member of any Continental, Provincial, or Colonial Congress or Legislature; or as a recognized patriot who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain."—Constitution of National Society S. A. R., Article III, Section 1, adopted June 8, 1897.

Membership is based upon one original claim; when the applicant derives eligibility by descent from more than one ancestor and it is desired to take advantage thereof, separate applications, to be marked "Supplemental Application," should be made in each case and filed with the original.

State fully such documentary or traditional authority as you found the following record upon, and also the residence of ancestor, with dates of birth and death, if known.

By order of the Board of Trustees, May 8, 1911, the recipient of a certificate granted on this application agrees to surrender his certificate upon failure to pay his membership fee, unless his membership shall cease by reason of death or actual disability, to be determined by the Society of which he is a member.

My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the war of the Revolution were as follows:

Name of Revolutionary Soldier, George Hempleman

Revolutionary Service & Rank Private- Captain Wm. Johnson's

Company-Tenth Battalion-Lancaster Militia 1781.

At close of war was honorably discharged.

Date of Birth and Birthplace 1732 Hessie Castle Germany

Parents of Soldier, Lord Hempleman, a German Nobleman, Married

Margaret Duffy at Richmond, Virginia, 1756.

Names of Children-Elizabeth, George, Katherine, Nancy.

Died 1842 Near South Charleston Ohio 110 Years old

Body buried South Charleston Cemetery Lot #51 Section 3 So. Division

Inscription on Monument-Hempleman- Grave Marked by Metal Marker.

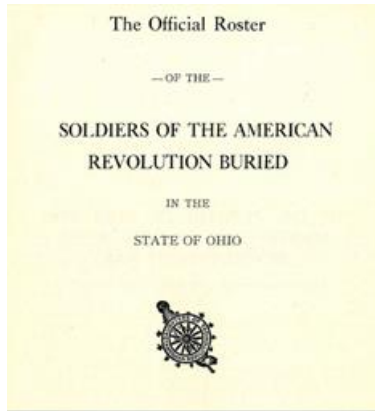
"George Hempleman, a Soldier of the Revolutionary

War Born 1732 Died 1842."

Said George Hempleman was sold into slavery on reaching America to
pay for his transportation, as was also Margaret Duffy.

They each served four years in servitude, after which they were
married in Church of Patrick Henry fame (Little Old St. Johns)

After war went to N. Carolina, to Virginia and to Ohio in Fall of 1808.



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HEMPLEMAN, GEORGE, (Clark Co.)

Pvt Capt Wm Johnson's Company 4th Bn, Lancaster Mil 1781. At close of war was honorably disch. Br 1732 Castle Hessie, Germany. Parents, Lord Hempleman, a German nobleman. Mar Margarett Duffy, 1756, Richmond, Va. Children: Elizabeth, George, Katherine, Nancy. D 1842 near South Charleston, O. Bur Old M. E. Chapel Cem (body was moved to Charleston Cem). Lot 31, Sec 3. South Division. MI: "Hempleman." GM by S. A. R. metal marker about 1906. "George Hempleman, a soldier of the Revolutionary War. Born 1732 — Died 1842." about 1906. Sold himself into slavery to pay for transportation to America, served 4 yrs to a cruel master and was broken in health at end of servitude. Farmer. Was mar in church of Patrick Henry fame (Settle Old St John's). After war went to N. C.; to Va., to Ohio in fall of 1808.

Ref: Effie Hempleman's D.A.R. credentials and history of Hempleman family. Fur infor Lagonda Chap.

Include the poem "Our Noble Ancestors"?

NATURALIZATION RECORD

In the Matter of the Naturalization of

Charles Wilson

Defiance Probate Court, Oct 11 1879

Be it Remembered, That on the 11 day of October 1879, Charles Wilson an alien and a native of Sweden a free white person, came into Court and showed to the satisfaction of the Court that he has heretofore made the necessary declaration of his intention to become a **Citizen of the United States**, and moreover proved that he has resided in the UNITED STATES for five years last past, and in the State of Ohio for one year last past, and during all that time he has behaved as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same; and thereupon the said Charles Wilson, here in open Court, makes solemn oath that he will support the **CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES**, and that he does absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance to every **Foreign Prince, Potentate, State, or Sovereignty** whatsoever, and particularly all allegiance and fidelity to Emp of Austria whose subject he was; whereupon it is ordered by the Court that a **Certificate of Naturalization** be issued to him

Jacob D Greary
Probate Judge.

In the Matter of the Naturalization of

Frank Woosaka

Defiance Probate Court, Oct 11 1879

Be it Remembered, That on the 11 day of October 1879, Frank Woosaka an alien and a native of Bohemia a free white person, came into Court and showed to the satisfaction of the Court that he has heretofore made the necessary declaration of his intention to become a **Citizen of the United States**; and moreover proved that he has resided in the UNITED STATES for five years last past, and in the State of Ohio for one year last past, and during all that time he has behaved as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same; and thereupon the said Frank Woosaka, here in open Court, makes solemn oath that he will support the **CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES**, and that he does absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance to every **Foreign Prince, Potentate, State, or Sovereignty** whatsoever, and particularly all allegiance and fidelity to Emp of Austria whose subject he was; whereupon it is ordered by the Court that a **Certificate of Naturalization** be issued to him

Jacob D Greary
Probate Judge.

In the Matter of the Naturalization of

John Hiltner

Defiance Probate Court, Oct 11 1879

Be it Remembered, That on the 11 day of October 1879, John Hiltner an alien and a native of Bavaria a free white person, came into Court and showed to the satisfaction of the Court that he has heretofore made the necessary declaration of his intention to become a **Citizen of the United States**; and moreover proved that he has resided in the UNITED STATES for five years last past, and in the State of Ohio for one year last past, and during all that time he has behaved as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same; and thereupon the said John Hiltner, here in open Court, makes solemn oath that he will support the **CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES**, and that he does absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance to every **Foreign Prince, Potentate, State, or Sovereignty** whatsoever, and particularly all allegiance and fidelity to King of Bavaria whose subject he was; whereupon it is ordered by the Court that a **Certificate of Naturalization** be issued to him

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John Hiltner naturalization papers

Naturalization Record, Vol. 2 page 23, Defiance County Probate Court And Marriage Record - Book vol 2A page 240, Defiance County Probate Court, Defiance County Records Center, 510 Court St. Defiance, Ohio.

The State of Ohio, Defiance county ss:

On the 8th day of May, in the year 1873, I solemnized the marriage of Reuben Q. Wirt with Margaret M. Brillm.

Lucius C. Loveland, L. P.

Filed May 10. 1873. Jacob J. Greene, Probate Judge.

The State of Ohio, Defiance county ss:

On the 8th day of May, in the year 1873, I solemnized the marriage of John May with Hannah E. Harper

Jacob Lehman, V. D. M.

Filed May 10. 1873. Jacob J. Greene, Probate Judge.

The State of Ohio, Defiance county ss:

On the 12th day of May, in the year 1873, I solemnized the marriage of David (Dennis) H. French with Clarinda Williamson.

W. H. Willeking, L. P.

Filed May 20. 1873. Jacob J. Greene, Probate Judge.

The State of Ohio, Defiance county ss:

On the 15th day of May, in the year 1873, I solemnized the marriage of Jonas M. Fulmer with Lambertha A. Price.

D. P. Busigaw, L. P.

Filed May 20. 1873. Jacob J. Greene, Probate Judge.

The State of Ohio, Defiance county ss:

On the 15th day of May, in the year 1873, I solemnized the marriage of Calvin Flemming with Martha L. Doyle.

W. S. Thomas, Minister.

Filed May 20. 1873. Jacob J. Greene, Probate Judge.

The State of Ohio, Defiance county ss:

On the 22nd day of May, in the year 1873, I solemnized the marriage of John Hiltner with Margaretha Frisch.

Joh. Deinsdoffer, Minister.

Filed May 26. 1873. Jacob J. Greene, Probate Judge.

The State of Ohio, Defiance county ss:

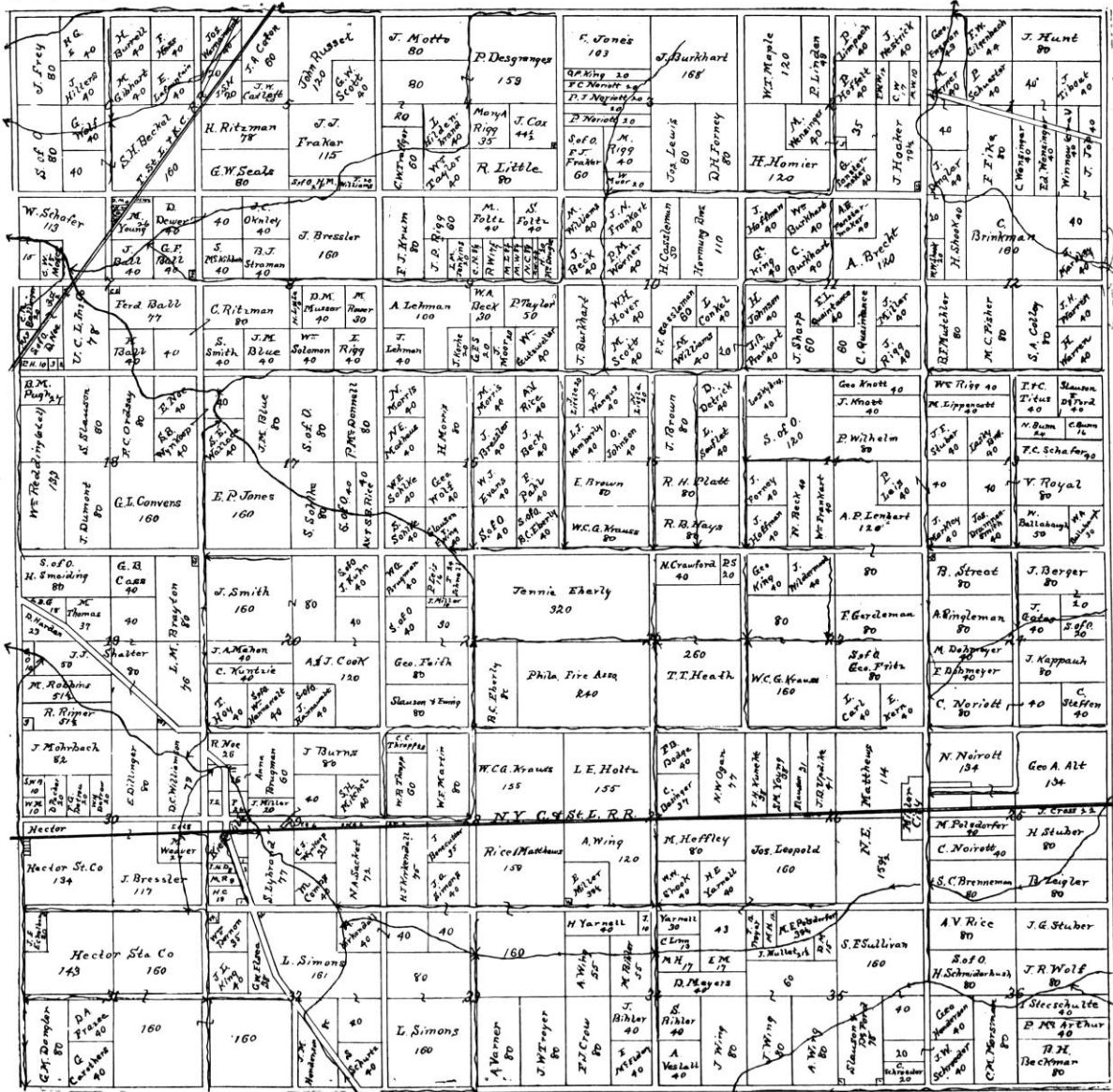
On the 22nd day of May, in the year 1873, I solemnized the marriage of Jacob Patton with Miss Lucy Hammon.

Wm. Willeman L. P.

Filed June 11. 1873. Jacob J. Greene, Probate Judge.

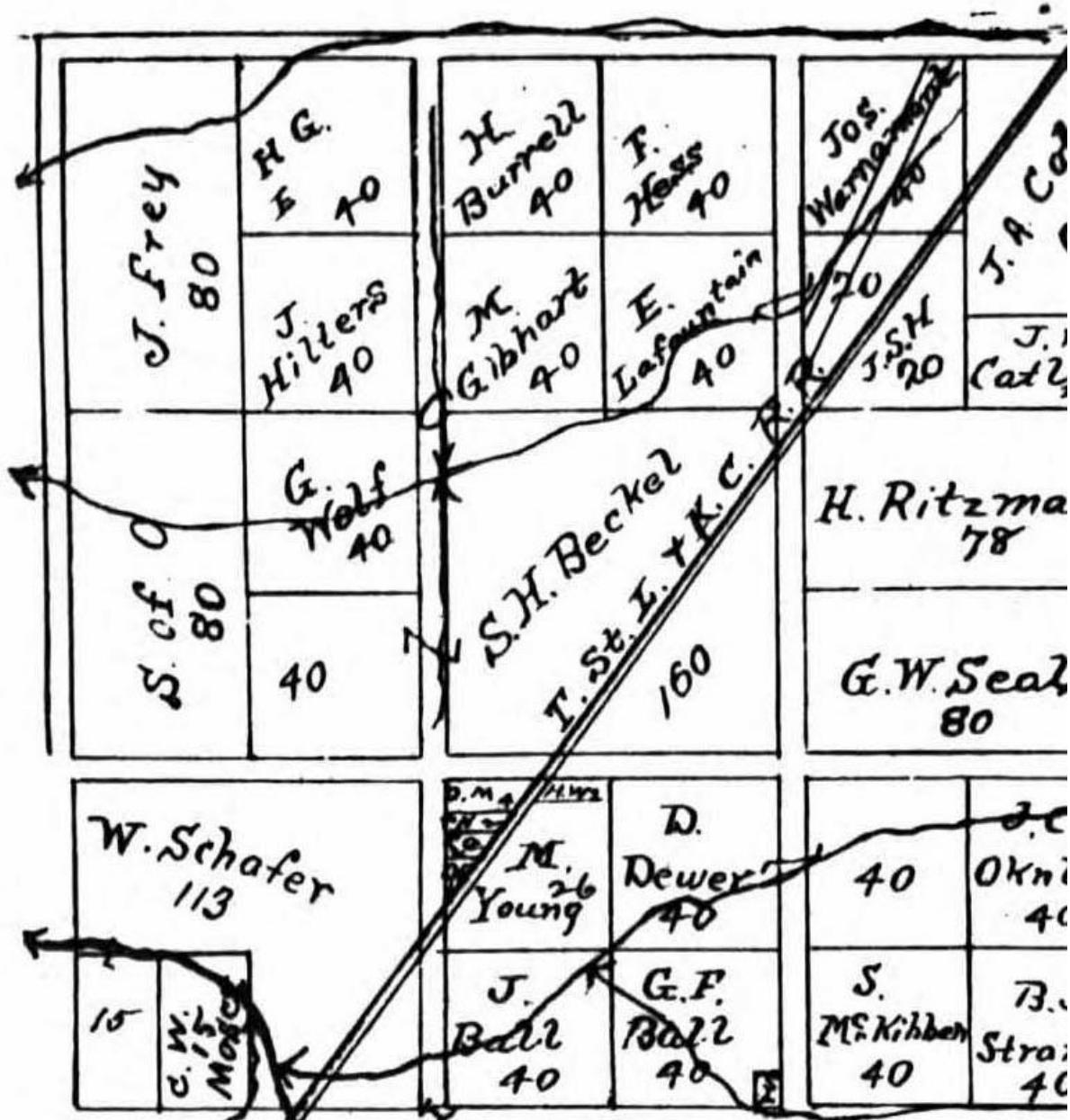
John Hiltner & Margaret Frisch - marriage record

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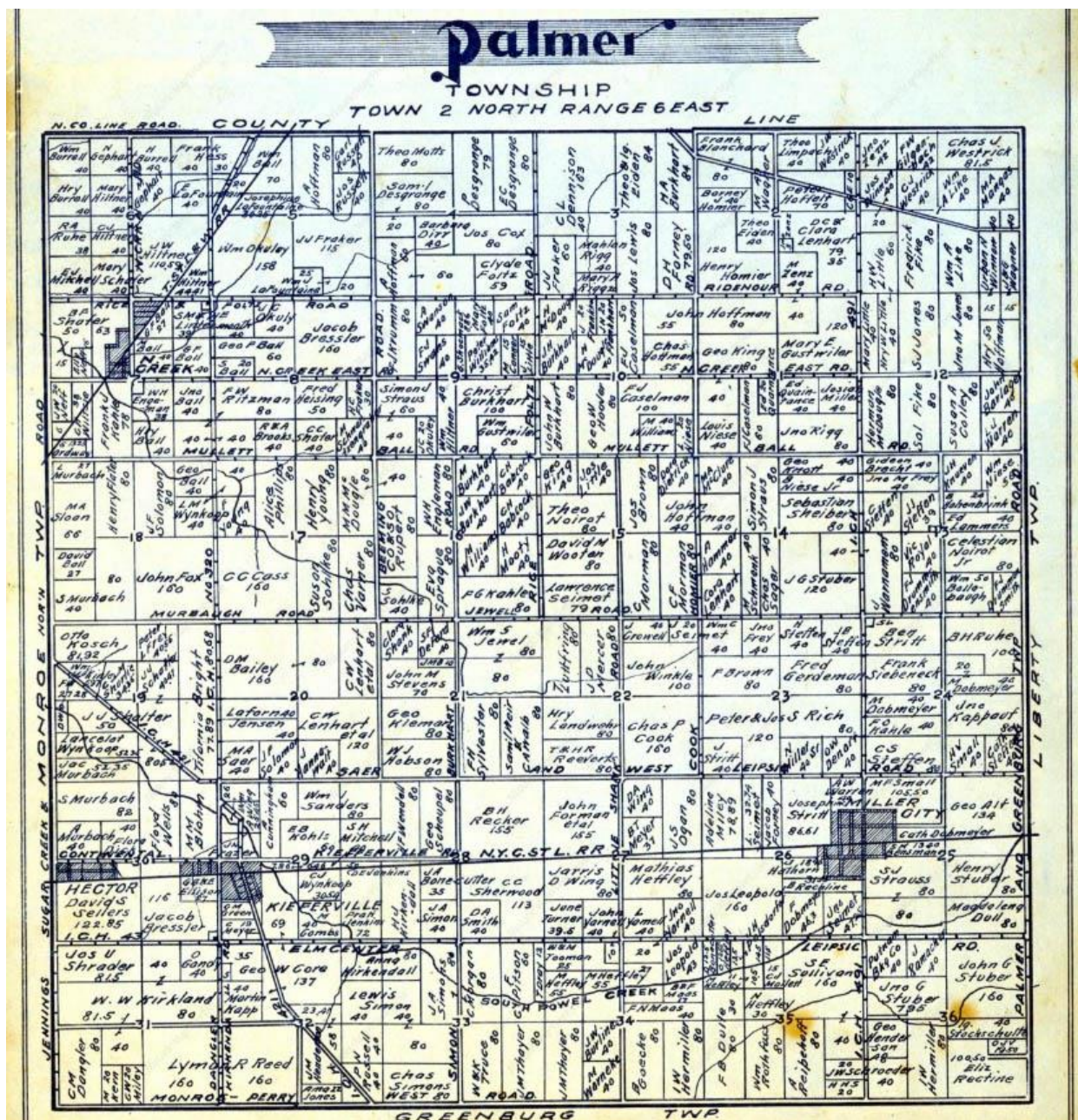


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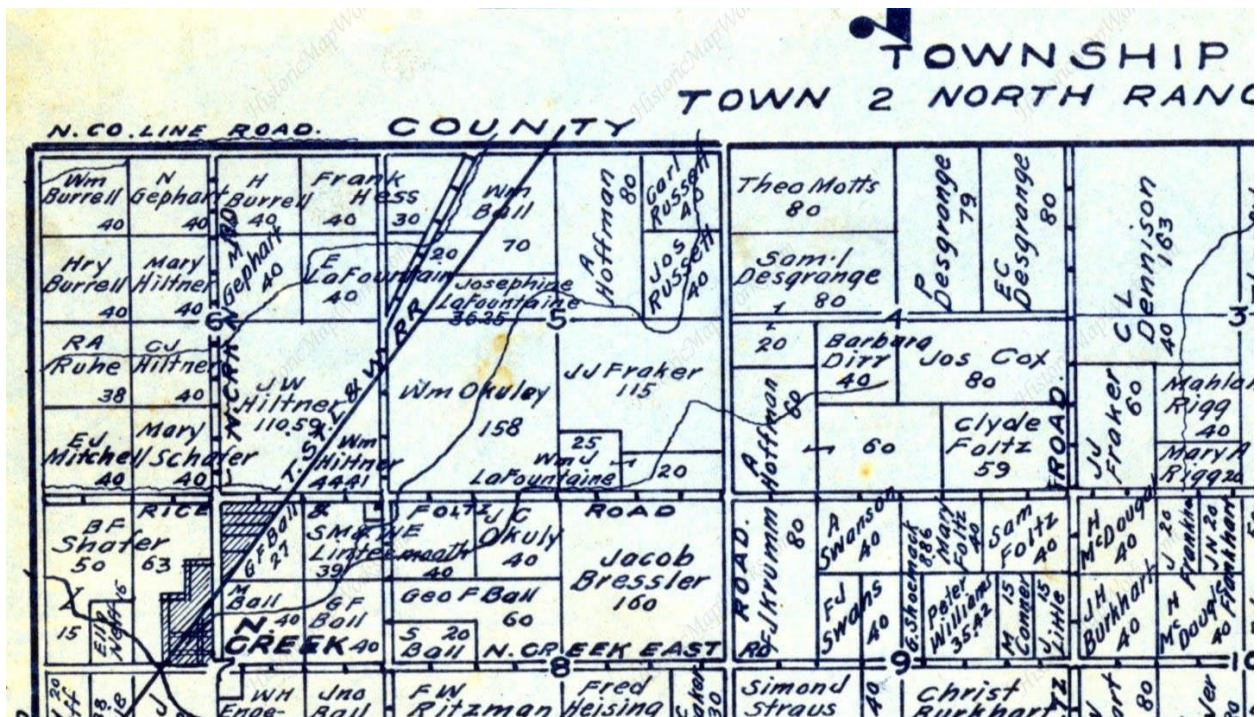
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John N. Hiltner

NORTH CREEK—Funeral services for John N. Hiltner, 75, who died Sunday morning of a heart ailment at his home near here, will be at 1:45 p. m. Wednesday in the residence and at 2 p. m. in the North Creek Methodist Church. The Rev. Ralph G. Younge will officiate. Burial will be in Monroe Cemetery.

Mr. Hiltner was born in Richland Township, Defiance County, Oct. 2, 1878. He married Ida Levina Schafer Dec. 24, 1903. She survives.

Other survivors include four children, Mrs. Ruth Simon, of Continental, Ray C. and Roy P., both of North Creek, and William A. of Williams Bay, Wis.; 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Two sisters, Mrs. Clara White, Norristown, Pa., and Mrs. Barbara Effenberger, Jacksonville, Fla., and two brothers, Chris Hiltner, Marathon, Fla., and William J. Hiltner, Toledo, also survive.

Mr. Hiltner was a member of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, North Ridge. The body will remain at the residence until services. The Walls-Walker Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Hiltner, John N. The Lima News, Tue, Sep 7, 1954

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Miss Larima Schafer

My Dear Vima

I received your kind
and welcomed letter and
It was very sad
news to me. It is so bad
but it can't be helped.

Dear Vima I didn't
expect to go to your
father funeral last Sunday
night. I thought he looked
so well. Dear Vima
it makes me feel so bad
to think how sad it
must be for you. I didn't
stay very long last night
after you went to bed
it was so long for me

to think how my
Dear Loving Girl is left
without a father and mother.
But she is not left alone
yet. Dear Larima don't
take it so hard for I
know it is a hard matter
for my Dear Girl. As I
said to you last Sunday
night that I wouldn't get
to see you so night.
But I didn't expect this.
Dear Vima I hope I will
get to see you keep from
to slight for you are the
only one I do love and
how I love you are to me.
Don't lose get your Boy
John from your dear Boy John.

Marriage License.

The State of Ohio,

Putnam County, ss.

To any Person Legally Authorized to
Solemnize Marriages in the State of Ohio:

I, A. M. Heidlebaugh,

Judge of the Probate Court within and for the County
and State aforesaid, have **LICENSED**, and do hereby

LICENSE AND AUTHORIZE

Mr. John Kiltner and
Miss Ida Lavinia Schaefer
to be joined in **MARRIAGE**.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name

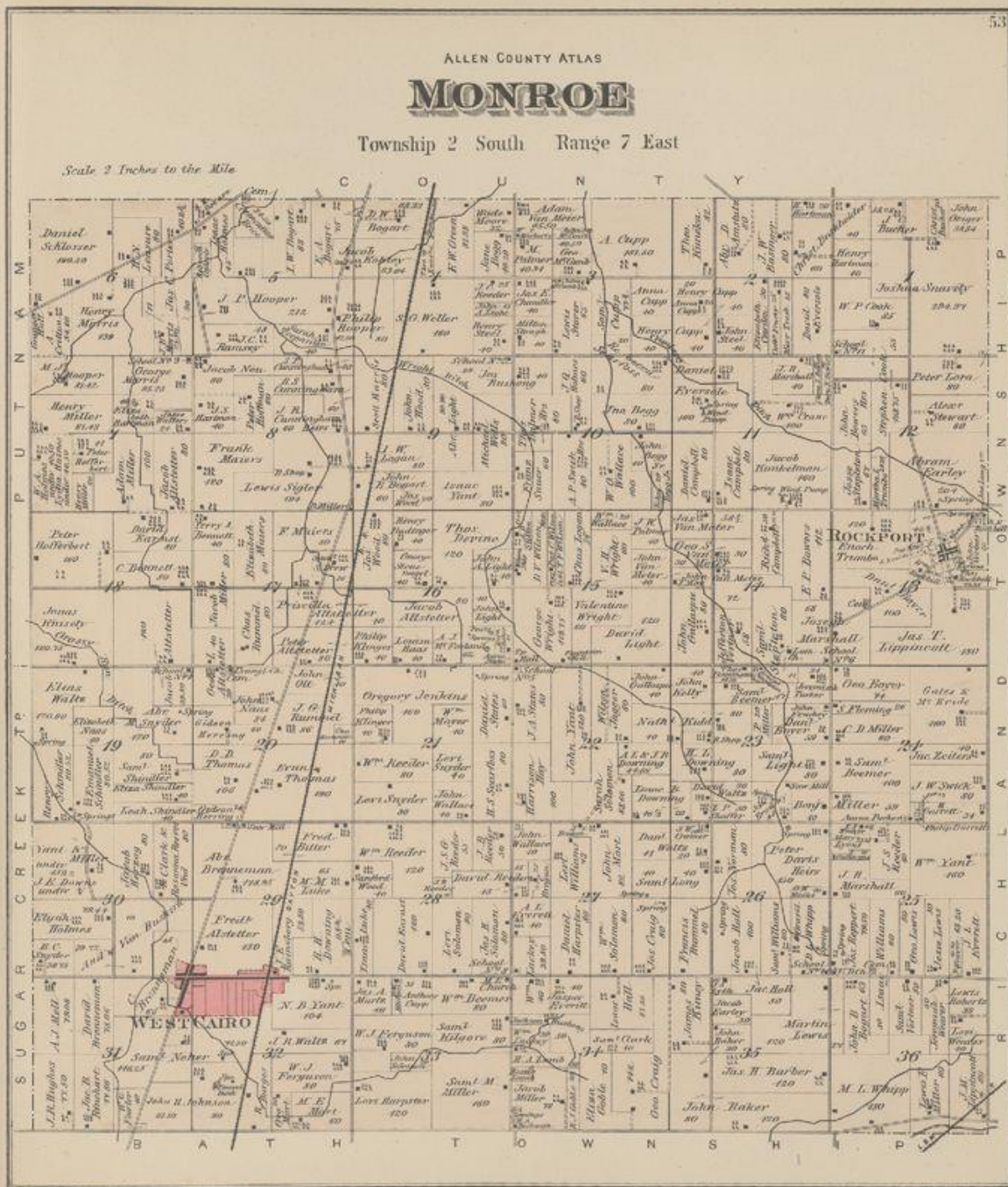
and affixed the Seal of said Court,

at Ottawa, this 22nd day
of December A. D. 1903

A. M. Heidlebaugh
Judge of the Probate Court.

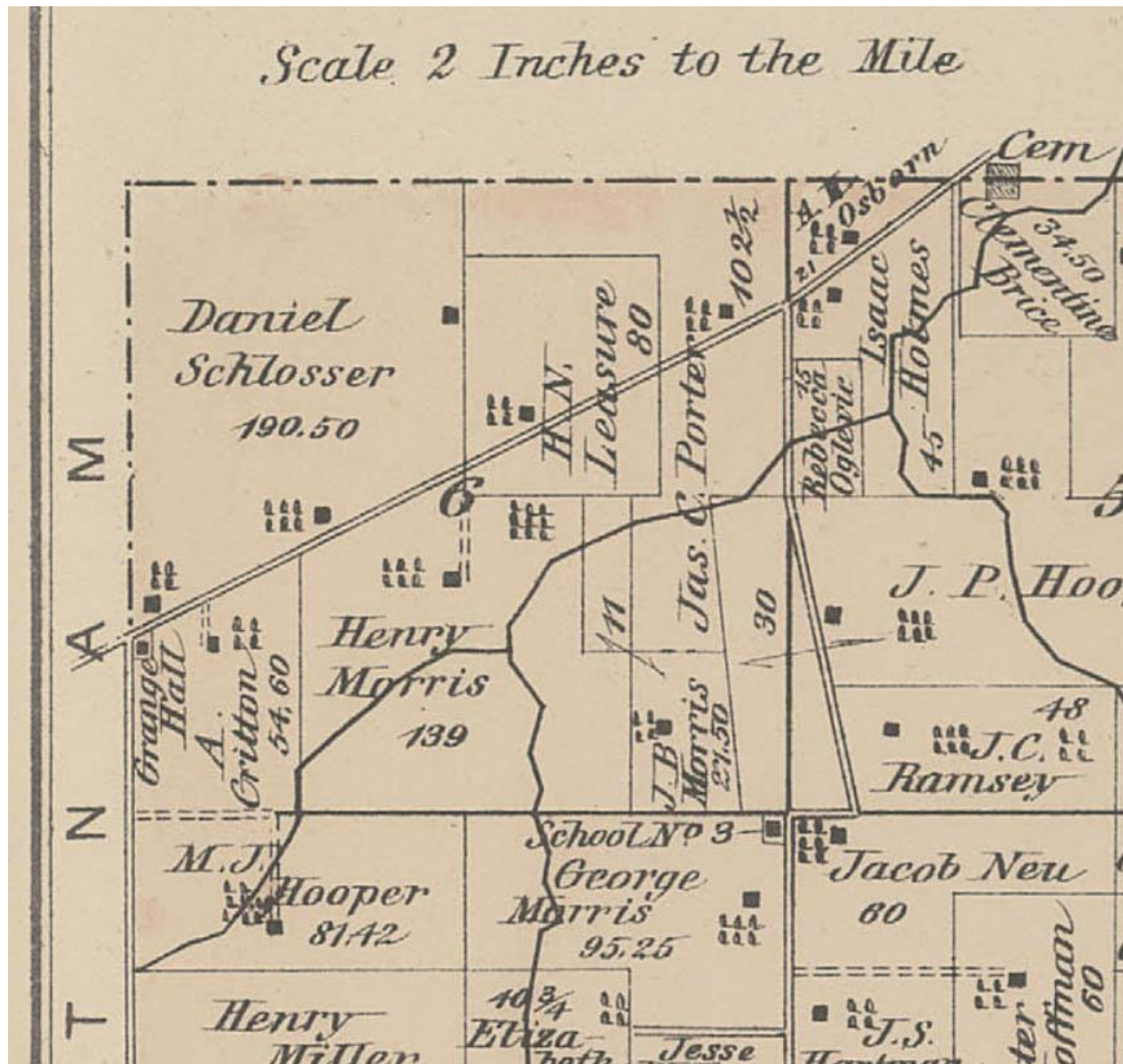
By _____
Deputy Clerk.

N. B.—Unless the person solemnizing the marriage, return a certificate thereof to the Probate Court within thirty days after performing the ceremony, he is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof may be punished by a fine of Fifty (\$50) Dollars.



Monroe County, Allen Township – see northwest corner for farms of Henry Morris and Margaret (Weaver) Morris and George Morris.

Hardesty's Atlas of Putnam County 1880, https://www.ohiohistory.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Hardesty-s_Atlas_of_Putnam_County_1880.pdf, (<https://www.ohiohistory.org/preserving-ohio/state-historic-preservation-office/historic-atlases/>), 241.



Henry Morris and Margaret (Weaver) Morris and George Morris