

Historical Research and Sources Regarding the Butler/Hillsboro, Illinois Seward, Slayback, and Coudy Families

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Introduction

This document contains loosely organized information and source documentation regarding my Seward, Slayback, and Coudy ancestors. As branches of all three families settled in the Butler/Hillsboro area of Illinois in the early 1800's, much of this information comes from Hillsboro historical sources.

The first 5 entries in the Table of Contents were obtained from Xerox copies of the original historical publications made on my December 2004 trip to Hillsboro and were provided by The Journal-News newspaper in Hillsboro courtesy of Richard Slepicka.

The last 4 entries in the Table of Contents contain scans of manuscripts and books obtained from Ann Tindall who has done considerable research in the Butler/Hillsboro area while documenting her Ware ancestors there. She and I are not related but much of our research has overlapped.

Information on individuals listed in the Table of Contents comes from my genealogy file “notes” sections for them and contains information recorded by myself and several distant Seward and Slayback cousins including James R. Kuttler, Joyce M. Franz, and Deanna Holm which I obtained from them via e-mail. In most cases the source of the information is specified.

As a general rule text in brackets [] are notes by myself and repeated dots (.....) indicates non-relevant text which was not included in a quote.

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Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois (1918)

“Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois” edited by Newton Bateman, LL.D. and Paul Selby, A.M. and **“History of Montgomery County”** edited by Alexander T. Strange, Volume 11. Illustrated – Chicago – Munsell Publishing Company, Publishers, 1918

Page 848 regarding Butler Grove Township:

“The first settlements in the township were made in 1818, the first settler being James Cress, other soon followed him.”

“The township was named from **Butler Seward**, one of the oldest settlers. His place was known as Butler’s Grove, and hence the name of the township, Butler Grove.”

“When the pioneers of Butler Grove Township came here they found Indians and the wildest of conditions prevailing. Wild game was plentiful but the settlers were in danger of attacks from wolves and other denizens of the forest and prairies, and every inch of land had to be either cleared of forest growth or cleared of the heavy sod, the later being almost as difficult a task as the former.”

Page 849:

“The second settler of the township was **Israel Seward**, who came her from Hamilton County, Ohio, in 1819, locating about one-half mile south of what became the village of Butler, his farm being known as Seward’s Hill, or Butler’s Grove. He was a man of commanding character and exerted an influence for good on this section that has never been lost. **George C. Seward**, a son of **Israel Seward** who succeeded to the homestead, was the first white child born in Butler Grove Township, his birth occurring October 11, 1821. **Israel Seward** was a cousin of the distinguished statesman, **William H. Seward**, secretary of state under President Lincoln.”

“The first marriage in the Butler precinct was that of William H. Brown to **Miss Harriet Seward**.” [Harriet was a daughter of Col. John Seward and sister of Israel Seward.]

“The first mill [to grind grain] in the township was erected by Jacob Cress in 1825..... The second mill was built by **Mr. Seward** [does not specify which one] about one-half mile south of Butler, in 1830, and was operated by steam, but didn’t not prove a success, as it was built upon to expensive a scale for the neighborhood. In later years the mill was torn down and the machinery taken to Butler.”

Page 850:

“**William Seward** came with his parents, **Israel and Margaret Seward**, in 1818 [conflicts with the date given on page 849 of 1819]; George Seward, son of Israel, was born in this county in 1821.”

Page 851:

“The old Springfield road runs through Butler Grove Township from northeast to southwest. As early as 1825 it was one of the most traveled thoroughfares in the southern part of Illinois, and brought people through Butler Grove Township who would otherwise never have see this locality.”

“**Israel Seward**, although the chief organizer of Butler Grove Community, belonged to the whole county. As commissioner of education, the promoter of township endowment funds, through the sale of the sixteenth section of land set apart by Congress, and his occupancy of many other positions of honor and trust, places him well up in the county’s early pioneer heroes.”

Page 852:

Regarding the village of Butler in Butler Grove Township: “Butler was built upon land entered by **William Seward** [son of Israel], and was laid out in 1855 and incorporated in 1865.....”

“Before Hillsboro attained it present importance and Litchfield became a mercantile and commercial center, Butler was one of the most important trading points in the county but now it is more of a residence district. In 1865 the place was incorporated as a village and reorganized in 1873. The first officers under the reorganization were:, **William Seward**,.....[7 other names listed] trustees.”

Page 853:

“The following persons have engaged in business in Butler during it’s past history”
[Perhaps 50 names are listed in several categories. Unfortunately no dates are given.]

“General Merchants:..... **A.B. Seward** [probably Alonzo B. Seward, son of William, grandson of Israel].....”

“Grain Merchants:.....Charles Coudy.....”

“Carpenters.....Charles Coudy.....”

“Postmasters.....Alexander Coudy.....”

Page 884:

Regarding Hillsboro (about 2 miles from the village of Butler): “In the early days almost all of this section was covered with timber, principally oak, soft and sugar maple, cottonwood, elm, walnut, ash, pecan, hickory and similar growths of this climate.”

Page: 891:

“Hillsboro is beautifully located on high rolling ground, commanding a delightful view of the surrounding country. It is sixty-five miles northeast of St. Louis and about 200 miles southwest of Chicago.”

Page 896:

“Hillsboro in common with all other towns maintains its places for the repose of the dead. These are cared for with scrupulous and exacting interest. The Oak Grove Cemetery is the larger one, and is kept in splendid condition. Its location is good and its beauty appealing..... The Rountree Cemetery is quite an old one, though not large, and contains the remains of a number of the oldest settlers of the city. The Catholics also maintain a cemetery for the reception of their dead.”

Regarding “Hillsboro Academy and College”:

“Very early in the history of Hillsboro, the academy was built and started on a broad and liberal foundation. Being the only institution of its kind for a long distance, it was patronized by students from all sections of the west and south, some even from as far south as Louisiana. Upon its rolls were names which have since become famous in local and state history.....The history of the Hillsboro Academy is an interesting one”

“In 1835 the people of Hillsboro united their purses and built what was then esteemed a most magnificent building. The architect was Dr. Shurtleff, later the founder of Shurtleff College of Upper Alton. The building was called the Hillsboro Academy, and it’s stock was bought by public spirited men of Hillsboro, the most prominent of whom was John Tillson, who not only gave the land and the largest amount towards its erection, but also guaranteed the teachers their full pay and presented the school with a fine set of philosophical apparatus, piano and other equipment. Among the other stockholder are found the names of.....**Israel Seward**....[about 12 names are listed].....the academy opened the first Wednesday in November, 1837..... In 1841 Edward Wyman became principal.....”

“In 1846..... the trustees of the Hillsboro Academy sent in a petition to the senate asking consent to transfer their charter to the ‘Literacy and Theological Institute for the Lutheran Church of the Far West’..... The petition was granted in 1847, the name of the academy was changed to Lutheran College generally known as Hillsboro College.”

“In 1852 the Lutherans, thinking Springfield a more favorable locality for their college, moved it to that city. the college, on being removed to Springfield, obtained a new charter dated June 21, 1852, creating a body for the founding and maintaining in or near the city of Springfield, Illinois an institution of learning to be know by the name of ‘The Illinois State University’..... Thus Hillsboro citizens and their friends practically founded the first Illinois state university.”

Past and Present of Montgomery County Illinois (1904)

“Past and Present of Montgomery County Illinois” by Jacob L. Traylor (Illustrated), The S. J. Clarke Publishing Company, 1904.

Page 117:

“.... **Israel Seward**, came to Montgomery county at a very early epoch in the development of this portion of Illinois and established his home near Hillsboro. He afterward removed to the farm near Butler.”

Page 685:

“The first court of Montgomery county was held at the home of Joseph McAdams..... The grand jury selected to serve at this first term of the circuit court were **John Seward**, [followed by about 16 other names]..... The county commissioners’ court was held in the spring of 1821 and consisted of John Beck, **John Seward** and John McAdams as county commissioners.”

Page 695:

“While the village of Hillsboro contained but two hundred and fifty inhabitants in 1934, it contained the elements of citizenship that were soon to make it an educational center for the people of this section of the state; accordingly in 1836, with John Tilson as moving spirit the Hillsboro Academy was projected..... Professor Edward Wyman and Miss E.F. Hadley were selected as assistants..... To this institution of learning many of the boys and girls who received academic instruction in our county for the succeeding forty years are indebted to the ‘Old Academy’. The course of instruction provided was both classical and scientific. In fact, providing a basis for a course in any of the eastern institutions of learning. For many years the pride of Hillsboro was its academy, for it brought a most desirable class to reside here that their children might have the advantages of a higher education. [Hillsboro Academy] was compelled, for lack of patronage, to close its doors some twenty-five or thirty years ago [calculates to about 1874-1879]. We will mention, however, that the old structure was used for high school purposes by the schools for some few years later. I call attention to the desecration of the old college building [would have been about 68 years old in 1904], by using it as a horse barn and pig sty and that in a most public place, where every passerby who enters Hillsboro by the Vandalia road must view this old building put to shame. Far better had the torch been applied when the period of it usefulness was over. Its massive columns, giving it the appearance of some ancient seat of learning, made us believe that really we had been to college.”

Page 754 - 755

“When Butler Grove township was surveyed in 1819 it include one settler..... This settler was Jacob Cress who in 1818 entered a farm in section 34.” The next to locate in this township was **Israel Seward**, of Hamilton county, Ohio.” In 1819 Mr. Seward pitched his tent on what is known to us as Seward’s hill. Mr. Seward was the first school commissioner of the county and when teachers made their reports directly to the county commissioner. As the state had provided a small allowance for each child enrolled, it was necessary to make this report to the school commissioner and receive this pittance in addition to the subscription fee paid by the parent.”

“**Mr. Seward** left many descendants in the neighborhood of the village of Butler. **Butler Seward**, who was a brother to Israel, made his settlement in Seward’s Grove in 1829, and doubtless it is from this fact that the township derives its present name. **Butler Seward**, however, afterward removed northward to what was know as Seward’s Point. This is located in Raymond township [the next township north of Butler Grove Township].”

“**Mr. Seward** erected a mill about one mile south of the present village of Butler in 1839. This venture, being upon rather a large scale, did not prosper, and Mr. Seward soon found himself in financial embarrassment. Mr. Seward was not the man to let a matter of this kind discourage him, and when the gold fever of 1849 swept over the country Mr. Seward, in company with others, made the overland journey to that western country, and there, in the ‘new Eldorado’, he amassed considerable fortune, and be it said to his credit he returned to Illinois and paid all his outstanding obligations. He disposed of the old mill which had been his undoing, and once more stood among his fellow men free from the obligations that had, in a measure, clouded his former good name. My information in regard to this Seward does not reveal his relationship to **Israel Seward and Butler Seward.**” [I believe this passage refers to Israel as 1850 census data shows him in El Dorado Co, California as an inn keeper and gold trader before reappearing in Butler, IL in 1860 census data.]

History of Bond and Montgomery Counties, Illinois (1882)

“**History of Bond and Montgomery Counties, Illinois.**” Edited by William Henry Perrin. Illustrated. Chicago: O.L. Baskin & Co., Historical Publisher, Lakeside Building. 1882.

Page 181:

“The first settlements were made in the southern part of the State, and not until about the years 1816-1817 was there a settlement made by whites in what is now Montgomery County.”

“In what is now Hillsboro Township, on Shoal Creek, the next settlement was made by Kentuckians and Tennesseans in 1817-18, among whom were the following, viz.:.....**Israel Seward**.....[among about 22 names]....”

Page 182:

“For a number of years after the first settlements were made in the wilderness, life possessed few pleasures and comforts, and was hard in the extreme and often dangerous. The people were exposed to danger, and were forced to undergo the most arduous toil to maintain life. The following extract from an article by Mr. Collidge will give the reader some idea of the life led by the early settlers until civilization and prosperity improved the times. The article referred to says: ‘The earliest houses or cabins were of logs, one story high, and usually of one room. The door was frequently made of split stuff, and the openings for light sometimes were defended by a frame or rude sash, with oiled paper for glass, but more usually the opening was closed only by a solid shutter. In the summer, this was left unclosed; in the winter, the cabin was lighted down the chimney or through an open door. In such a residence we have seen the entire family of father and mother and well grown boys and girls and the occasional guest sleeping on the floor.... The kitchen utensils were a pot for boiling potatoes, a bake-kettle for bread and a skillet for frying meat..... Chairs or seats were made at home, strong, durable and weighty, but not luxurious. The pantry was a rustic shelf or two in a corner, with a bit of cloth before them..... A tea-kettle was a superfluity, and irons were supplied by a couple of flat stones. The hearth was the naked earth; the chimney was outside the hours’.”

Pages 183-184:

“After 1830 wagons began to be seen. Prior to this, the ox-cart was the universal vehicle of transportation..... These carts were not built for rapid movement. A yoke of oxen usually lounged onward at the rate of a mile and a half an hour, and five days was the usual time for a trip to St. Louis.”

“The plague of insects was intolerable to man and beast. A green-headed fly was the most formidable pest. In the heat of the day, horses were frantic, and for safety were put in stables. Cattle would dash through thickets of hazel brush to dislodge their tormentors or stand midside deep in pools of water. The people would at times maintain ‘smudges’ to drive away mosquitoes, and cattle would seek and stand in the smoke for hours for relief. With the increase of land cultivation, these pests have disappeared.”

“Instead of our gay chandeliers, and coal oil lamps, were candles of tallow or wax, and an old-fashioned affair, dignified by the name lamp, that was stuck in a crack in the wall and held lard in a heart-shaped sheet-iron basin in which was a wick which burned well and gave a torch-like glare.”

“The clothing for both sexes was made at home. If of cotton, the cotton was raised, picked, ginned, carded, spun, woven, colored and cut and made at home. If of wool, the sheep were raised, the wool clipped, picked by hand, carded, spun, colored, woven and made up at home. All members of the household, male and female, men, women and children, were usually employed in some part, if not all parts of the manufacture. It is true that men and boys frequently wore clothing either made entire of the dressed skins of animals or had their clothes ‘foxed’ with them..... Boots were nearly unknown, and shoes were indulged in as a luxury only by grown up people, while moccasins made at home sufficed for the smaller members. However, as soon as tanning could be done, and it was also often done at home, it was not infrequent that the shoe-maker went from house to house with his implements, and made the shoes for the family. There are no doubt many now living in the county who never wore boots until they were nearly grown, and perhaps, never saw any until nearly grown.”

“Additional to other troubles and trials of the pioneers in the early period of the country were prairie fires. These fires have always been a source of terror to people living in a prairie country, and much damage and loss of property and even of life have resulted from them. The tall prairie grass, from four to six feet high, when dry, with strong winds prevailing, presented combustible matter only surpassed by kerosene, gunpowder, etc. ‘In time of peace prepare for war’, is an adage that was very generally observed by settlers living on the verge of the prairies, and later in the prairies themselves. As soon as the grass began to die and dry up in the fall of the year, preparations against fire were made by burning or plowing roads around fields and farms.”

Page 185:

“The second marriage celebrated in the county was David McCoy to Miss Kirkpatrick, and the third, William H. Brown to **Miss Harriet Seward**. The license of the later couple were the first returned to the Clerk’s office of Montgomery County.” [Harriet was a daughter of Col. John Seward and sister of Israel Seward.]

Page 186:

“This tendency to independence and self-government, led to the formation of Montgomery County, when there were but a few hundred people within its present circumscribed limits. It was set off from Bond County, by act of the Legislature, passed at the session of 1820-21 and approved on the 12th of February of the later year.”

Page 187:

“..... and the first court of the newly-organized county was held at the house of Joseph McAdams, and after the relocation to the county seat, at the house of Luke Steel, until a building of a court house at Hillsboro. The grand jury were as follows: **John Seward**.... [followed by about 16 other names]..... The first County Commissioners’ Court was held April 7, 1821, the Commissioners being John Beck, John McAdams and John Seward.”

Page 221:

“Hillsboro is beautifully situated on high rolling ground, commanding a fine view of the surrounding country, and on the Indianapolis & St. Louis Railroad, some sixty-five miles nearly northeast of St. Louis and about two hundred miles southwest of Chicago..... It is a city of about two thousand inhabitants, and is noted for its intelligent and enterprising inhabitants, for its excellent schools and handsome and spacious churches.”

Page 234:

“From a sermon delivered March 10, 1878, upon its semi-centennial anniversary, by Rev. N. S. Dickey, at the time pastor, we compile the following sketch of the Presbyterian Church of Hillsboro: Hillsboro, March 10, 1828. – Rev. John M. Ellis met several people of Hillsboro and vicinity, at the house of John Tillson, Jr. and formed a church, to be known by the name of the ‘Presbyterian Church of Hillsboro’. John Tillson, Jr., was received on certificate, and **Mrs. Margaret Seward** on examination; John Tillson, Jr., was ordained as Ruling Elder. It thus appears that this church began with two members, one of whom was made Ruling Elder.”

Pages 242-246:

“Says Mr. Rountree, in his early reminiscences of Hillsboro: ‘It is a remarkable fact that Hillsboro, like Jacksonville, was a kind of Athens of Illinois. The early citizens, coming as they did from the older States, where education was the rule, the great mass of them were intelligent, well educated men and women’.”

“The Academy. – About the year 1836, the people united together and built the Hillsboro Academy. At the time of its erection it was one of the most magnificent temples of learning in the State. John Tillson was the moving spirit in its construction and endowment, and to him, more than to any other single individual is the community indebted for the high reputation of the institution. Young men and boys came from all the surrounding country to receive academic and collegiate training at Hillsboro Academy, and afterward College. He brought [lists the first superintendent and several teachers]..... with Prof. Edward Wyman associate in the male department..... The first session commenced the first Wednesday in November, 1837 and was liberally patronized for years.”

“The Academy was changed to a college and carried on several years as such by the Lutherans, but was abandoned by them in 1852, when they removed their institution to Springfield. The building then became the property of the common schools, and has since been used by the city as the high school department. It has lost nothing in this capacity from the high standard of excellence it occupied, and is still an educational institution of more than ordinary merit. It stands in the most pleasant part of the city, near the center of a gently rolling piece of ground, whose rich, grassy carpet is shaded

with a profusion of fine old forest trees of a century's growth. In a word, no city of its size and population possesses better facilities than Hillsboro for a good common-school education."

Thru the Years 1865-1965 – Butler Centennial, Butler, Illinois

"Thru the Years 1865-1965 – Butler Centennial, Butler, Illinois"

(No page numbers are shown)

"The village of Butler was incorporated in 1865, and the first officers to govern the village were: Trustees: [lists 6 including]..... **William Seward**....."

"**William A. Seward** [son of Israel Seward] deeded the land for the original town of Butler on April 21, 1856. Later, he deeded a first addition in 1865, and a second addition in 1867. **George Seward** [another son of Israel Seward] deeded an addition in 1866 and a second addition in 1871. The village derived its name from the fact that many of its earliest settlers came from Butler County, Ohio. Before being incorporated the village was called 'Bagdad'." [An 1874 landholdings map of Butler shows that both William and George Seward owned land immediately adjacent to and on opposite sides of the village of Butler which in turn was immediately adjacent to land owned by their father, Israel Seward. It is assumed that Israel likely gave William and George their land from his holding when they became of age.]

"**William Seward** carried the mail between Hillsboro and Jacksonville, for a number of years, in the early days. **George Seward** also carried mail at one time between Hillsboro and Jacksonville, and Hillsboro and Alton."

"In the early morning hours of Oct. 2, 1877, a fire broke out in the building adjoining Seward's hall, and continued its destructive work until all the business buildings, and the hall containing all the village records and other village property were destroyed despite all efforts made to save them."

"**George C. Seward**, son of Israel and Margaret Seward was the first white child born in Butler Grove township. He was born on Oct. 11, 1821, on "Seward Hill", ½ mile south of Butler. He married Miss Unity Phillips, daughter of Capt. Thomas Phillips in 1848, following the death of his first wife in 1845, and resided most of his life in the Butler community. The village of Butler was laid out on land deeded by him, and his older brother William. The children of **George C. and Unity Seward** were seven in number: **Harriet, Thomas, Benjamin, George T., Clara, Jesse and an infant who died quite young.**"

"**Jesse**, the sixth child, was born in 1863. He married Miss Frances Jeanette Howard, and they resided in Butler nearly all of their married life except for a short time in

Hillsboro. Mr. Seward followed the trade of carpenter. They became the parents of seven children: **Ruth, Mary, Jesse, Neva, Florida, Allan, and Esther**. Ruth, Jessie, Neva and Allan are deceased. **Mary** married Bruce Rhoads and has one son, **Wm. Stanton**. **Florida** married Homer Bramel and they are the parents of seven children; **Jerry, Ray, Agnes, Neva, Rex, Norman, and Bobbie**. Esther married Claude Norvell and she has two children: **Lorain and Larry**. **Allan** married Mary Pope and they had three children: **Maxine, Jack and Michael**. Jesse Seward had 14 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren.”

“**Tom**, the second child, lived for many years with his widowed mother Mrs. Unity Seward in the home place in Butler and after her death he lived with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Seward.”

“**George T. Seward**, the fourth child, was for many years an undertaker in Hillsboro, assisted by George Walter. He also ran a furniture store. He married Miss Katie Rolfing and to this union were born **Lamar and Jay**. **Lamar** married Miss Bernice Winn of Irving, and they had one son, **George**, who is a doctor in North Manchester, Ind. Mrs. George T. Seward was an accomplished musician and for many years played the pipe organ at the Presbyterian church in Hillsboro.”

“The only descendants of George C. Seward, one of the original founders of Butler, living in Butler at this time are Mrs. Claude Norvell, Mrs. Bruce Rhoads, and a great grandson, **Jack Seward** with his wife Karen Clinard Seward, and his four small sons, **Gregory, Jeffry, Brette and Eric**.”

“**Col John Seward**, a veteran of the War of 1812, and his wife, Mary Butler Seward, settled on the hill ½ mile south of Butler in 1828. [Note: other records clearly show John Seward and family in the area as early as 1821 so ‘1828’ is either a typo, or perhaps in this year he relocated from another home in the area.] The winter of 1828-29 was so mild that he sent to New Jersey for more of his family to come and enjoy the ‘Florida weather’. **Butler Seward**, his son, lived where Mr. and Mrs. Roland Brown afterwards lived, and another son, **Israel Seward** built the home where Mr. and Mrs. Harold Anderson and family now live just south of Butler.”

“Israel’s son-in-law, George Burnap, built part of the Chisholm-Latham home in 1832.” [My information shows a George Burnap as a brother-in-law of Israel, the husband of Israel’s sister Maria (Seward) Burnap who was a daughter of Col. John Seward.]

“Many descendant of Col. John Seward are living in Montgomery County at this time.”

“(Contributed by Mrs. Ruth Chisholm Latham)” [It is not clear how much of the previous text was contributed by Mrs. Latham.]

Illustrated Atlas Map of Montgomery County, Ill. (1874)

Landholding Summary From "Illustrated Atlas Map of Montgomery County, Ill., 1874, Published by Brink, McCormick & Co., of Illinois".

The detailed maps for Butler Grove Township and Hillsboro Township show landholdings adjacent to and/or near the village of Butler owned by the following:

Israel Seward (120 acres)
 Israel Seward (55 acres)
 Israel Seward (78 acres)
 Israel Seward (20 acres)
 Israel Seward (40 acres)
 Israel Seward (30 acres)
 George Seward – son of Israel (95 acres)
 George Seward – son of Israel (41.5 acres)
 William Seward – son of Israel (70 acres)
 Clarence Seward – son of Israel (80 acres)
 George Burnap – husband of Israel's sister Maria (80 acres)
 Joseph Burnap – nephew of Israel, son of George (80 acres)
 Joseph Burnap – nephew of Israel, son of George (80 acres)
 Joseph Burnap – nephew of Israel, son of George (40 acres)
 Crosier Slayback – nephew of Israel's wife Margaret (80 acres)
 Justus H. Ware – grandnephew of Israel's wife Margaret (Slayback) Seward (280 acres)
 James Coudy – Possibly a descendent of Oliver Coudy (80 acres)
 Alex. Coudy – Possibly a descendent of Oliver Coudy (90 acres)

Any land originally owned by Israel's father, Col. John Seward, in the early days of the Butler area likely was passed on to Israel when the Col. died in 1847.

Israel Seward passed away in 1869, five years prior to when these maps were made so it can probably be assumed that land show as owned by him in 1874 was in fact owned by his widow Margaret (Slayback) Seward when the maps were published.

It is likely that the land owned by Israel's sons George, William, and Clarence was given to them by Israel when they came of age.

George Burnap was the husband of Israel's sister, Maria (Seward) Burnap. Joseph Burnap was his son. Land owned by Joseph Burnap is close to that of Israel Seward suggesting that it could have been passed to Israel's sister and her husband when Col. John Seward passed away.

Crosier Slayback was a son of Israel's wife Margaret (Slayback) Seward's brother David Slayback.

Justus H. Ware was the son of Margaret (Slayback) Seward's niece, Sarah "Sally" (Slayback) Ware (wife of Benjamin Ware). There are numerous Ware property's shown in the vicinity of "Ware's Grove" about 2 miles northeast of Butler.

How James Coudy and Alex(ander) Coudy fit in is not clear but it is possible that they are descended from Oliver Coudy who arrived in Hillsboro in the mid 1830's with his brother Matthew (who married Israel's daughter Mary Seward).

The Journal News (Hillsboro, IL) – November 4, 2004

From "The Journal News" (Hillsboro, IL) Thursday Nov. 4, 2004, Section 3B "Back Thru The Years – From the files of the Hillsboro Journal and the Montgomery County News – Compiled by Richard Slepika.

"Week of November 4, 1904 - J.D. Walker recently sold his 203-acre farm, just south of Butler. This farm is one of the oldest in the county. It was settled in about 1822 by Israel Seward, and the patent, which Mr. Walker transferred to the new purchaser, is signed by John Quincy Adams. The house, still standing on the place was a sort of 'wayside inn' in the olden days. The late George Seward [Israel's son] used to point out the spot on the floor of one of the rooms, where Lincoln slept one night. He said Lincoln drove up riding in an old rattle-trap buggy with a hole in the dash board through which one of Lincoln's long legs were sticking, and without saying a word got out and began unhitching his horse. Mr. Lincoln was on his way home to Springfield after attending court at Vandalia. It is said that the first court ever held in Montgomery County was held in an old cabin on the Seward farm."

[Note: John Quincy Adams (1767-1848) was president of the United States from 1825 to 1829 and was from Massachusetts where he apparently spent most of his life when he was not in Washington or Europe. In a quick look at the Microsoft Encarta Reference Library (2004) I can not find a connection or relationship between John Quincy Adams and Illinois, so I don't understand why he is mentioned in the above passage unless the person referred to here was someone other than the former U.S. President.]

A Woman's Story of Pioneer Illinois (1870)

The book "**A Womans's Story of Pioneer Illinois**" by **Christiana Holmes Tillson** (written in 1870, first published in 1919, and re-published by the **Southern Illinois University Press** in the 1990's with an introduction by **Kay J. Carr**) contains several references to Colonel John Seward, his son Israel Seward, and their respective families.

The book is primarily about the experiences of the author and her family after settling in frontier Illinois. The book's jacket reads in part: "John and Christiana Tillson moved from Massachusetts to central Illinois in 1822. Upon arriving in Montgomery County near what would soon be Hillsboro, they set up a general store and real estate business and began to raise a family." John Tillson had apparently spent some time in the area for a couple of years before bringing his wife there to settle and building a home.

Israel Seward and his family are credited with being among the first settlers in the area arriving in 1819. (Whether Col. John Seward and his family came to the area with his son Israel or followed a couple of years thereafter is not clear.) The book's author more than once talks of travelers staying at Col. Seward's residence. It is not mentioned in the book but I believe it possible that this residence was also home to Israel Seward and his family during the time period covered in the book (the early to mid 1820's) as Israel is well documented as being in the inn-keeping business throughout his life.

Information in square brackets [] are Ted Hine's notations.

Page 15: "The next winter, 1820-21, he [John Tillson], with **Israel Seward**, Hiram Rouontree, and Eleazer Townsend, went with a petition to the legislature, then in session, asking that a new county (Montgomery) be formed north of Fayette and Bond, their lands being within the new county. Their petition was granted, and in the spring Mr. Seward received the appointment of probate judge....."

Page 74: "Mr. Black said that **Colonel Seward** [Col. John Seward, Israel's father] had been down, and left word for us to go to his house and remain until ours could be made ready for occupancy..." [I believe this would have been in 1822 when John Tillson first brought his wife to the Hillsboro area.]

Pages 75-77: "We arrived at the Seward's, three miles from our place, about sunset. Mrs. Seward [**Mary Butler-Seward**, wife of Col. John Seward], a dear, good woman, and **Harriet** [daughter of John and Mary Seward], now Mrs. Wm. H. Brown of Chicago, were the only members of the family at home. Before our evening meal was ready the Colonel [John Seward] with his boy, John [**John Butler Seward**, Israel's brother], arrived from Vandalia. The legislature having removed from Kaskaskia, were to hold their first session at Vandalia that winter, and Israel Seward, Jr. [son of Col. John Seward, brother of John Butler and Harriet Seward - Israel was not a "Jr."], with his wife [**Margaret Slayback**] and niece, **Sally Slayback**, had taken a house there to board members of the legislature, leaving their two older children, William and George, with their grandfather [Col. John Seward]. The old Colonel was all smiles and gave me a most cordial welcome, as had also Mrs. and Miss Seward; and it was a cordial to my feelings, particularly after my introduction and experience with my nearest neighbor. I wish I could describe him as I first saw him in front of the house. Imagine a very tall, lank man, with his legs encased in a pair of linsey pantaloons, rough and dirty; over these, leggings that came above the knees, made from an old bed-blanket and tied up with some buckskin strings; then an old drab overcoat and a shabby hat; a saddle girth

tied around his waist, and a coarse, woolen scarf around his neck, and all dirty....."

"It was the twenty-eighth of November when we arrived at **Colonel Seward's**, and I had a more homelike feeling than for many weeks. We had a clean, comfortable meal, Mother Seward (Mary Butler-Seward) and Harriet each performing their part in the domestic duties, while the Colonel [John Seward] talked politics and discussed the affairs of the state. Their house was about the size of ours, but had not been divided by any partitions. On the opposite side from the fireplace were two beds, standing foot to foot: there was a square frame over each, from which were suspended curtains that went around the front and foot of each bed. The curtains were arranged to leave about a foot of space between the bed and the curtain, to which we could pin our dresses, and by inexpansiveness could stand within the curtain and feel that we had all the privacy of a dressing room. One of the beds was for the Colonel and his wife and we had the other, while Harriet slept in a small bed, which during the day, was rolled under the Colonel's. After breakfast Friday, Mr. Tillson left on business planning to return Saturday night. I had a pleasant, quiet day with Mrs. Seward and Harriet. Towards night it began to snow and blow, and as I stood by the window - the house had but one - watching the storm, a loud rapping announced the arrival of more company. Miss Harriet opened the door and ushered in two respectable-looking gentlemen. One she introduced as Mr. Conover; although I well remember the looks of the other, I cannot recall his name; but as if it had occurred yesterday I remember how he divested himself of his leggings and buffalo overshoes, and with what a satisfied look he gazed at the fire and took a survey of the room. They were members of the legislature from Sangamon, on the way to Vandalia. Before we had finished our evening meal Mrs. Butler Seward came to call on me. She lived about a quarter of a mile from the Colonel's, in the same grove. As they had other company at the Colonel's she invited Harriet and myself to return with her and pass the night, so we went, Harriet arising while it was yet dark to go home and assist her mother, while I remained to breakfast. Saturday night your father came up, bringing the carriage, and said he would take us all to preaching the next day. Sunday morning, December 2, was cold and pinching: winter had commenced in earnest. We rode about two miles to a log cabin which, during week days, was the schoolhouse of the village When we arrived the service had just commenced: a movement was made to give Harriet and myself a seat by the fire..... The preaching had commenced at ten A. M., and it was not until between four and five o'clock that we were released from the rant."

Page 85: "The Townsends and Seward's, New Yorkers, were the only families who had any better notions of what belonged to refinement and comfort within twenty miles..... We remained at **Colonel Seward's** about two weeks."

Page 86: "I will not stop to relate any of the oddities of old **Colonel Seward**. He was always pleasant to me, and after we were in the carriage starting for St. Louis [apparently for a visit] he came to say he was sorry we could not have stayed longer and very confidentially told us that next week Mr. Brown and **Harriet** were going to be married. I had suspected that something was brewing, but Mrs. Seward and Harriet had

hinted nothing....." [My information shows that **Harriet Seward** married William H. Brown on December 22, 1822.]

Page 105: "The mail was brought in once in two weeks. The mail carrier would arrive on Monday night about sunset, leave the mail for Montgomery County, and proceed as far as **Colonel Seward's** on his way to Springfield, that being the northern terminus of the mail route."

Page 125: "The next year, the winter of 1824, the brick house at the county seat – Hillsboro – was commenced, and our arrangements made for renting the farm. The house was to be built by contract – a one story brick house. The reason of our giving up our abode at the farm, where your father had expected to remain, was a dispute that had been going on between **Colonel Seward** and the county commissioners about the county seat. It had been located on the west side of Shoal Creek, and adjoining Colonel Seward's farm and but a mile from our house and had been named Hamilton, after Hamilton, Ohio, Colonel Seward's former place of residence. Things worked out smoothly for a while, until the misunderstanding with the Colonel. Then there was a petition to the legislature and a new location. The county seat was changed from the east to the west side of the creek."

Page 144: "I spent one day at Colonel Seward's , one at Butler Seward's....."

Page 145: "When preparing breakfast I never know whether it was for my own family, or several more. The 'bounty-landers', who were on their way from the military tract to Vandalia, would, after spending the night at **Colonel Seward's**, get on in the morning as far as the land-office, of course arriving just in time for breakfast."

Toast to the Butler Pioneers (1937)

The following text of "Toast to the Butler Pioneers" (1937) by Mayme (Bryce) Ware was obtained via e-mail in 2005 from Joyce Franz, a Slayback descendent and researcher. It provides a fascinating glimpse of Col. John Seward, his son Israel, and their families as early pioneers of Butler, Illinois.

Source and Notes:

(Joyce's) SOURCE: Margaret Grotts of Hillsboro, IL, a descendant of Col. John Seward, Jr.; she owns the original, handwritten copy of this document. Margie had typed the article and she was kind enough to share with me a copy of her typed document; Joyce Franz received document Oct. 20, 2000.

Notes by Joyce Franz:

Items within parenthesis were added by me to clarify; they were not in the original text. Illinois became the 21st state of the Union on Dec. 3, 1818. Israel and Margaret's son, William, would have been 15 months old about November 1819; which agrees with the statement that they prepared to leave after harvest. - J. Franz

In the following presentation of "Toast to the Butler Pioneers" by Mayme (Bryce) Ware, she isn't referring to John Seward and his wife as her grandparents, but rather was indicating that John was a grandpa and his wife a grandma. It is how she chose to tell the history of Butler; as a bedtime story to her grandchildren. Mayme was married to George Ware; was born in Butler and lived there all her life. She knew the history of the Seward family. - J. Franz

Note by Margaret (Margie) Grotts (to Joyce Franz):

"Toast..." was presented by Mayme to the gathering of the alumni of the Butler School on Thanksgiving night, 1937. There were oyster suppers and these went on for years. Actually, anyone who was interested was welcome, so there may be Church members, politicians, friends and friends of friends and me!!!

Notes by Ted Hine:

Mary Grace "Mayme" Bryce was a native of the Butler/Hillsboro area and in 1893 married George Vincent Ware who was a grandson of early Hillsboro area resident Benjamin Ware, Jr. who married Sarah "Sally" Slayback, a niece of Margaret Slayback-Seward. Mayme (Bryce) Ware was not a Seward descendent.

Margaret Grotts, who provided the following text to Joyce Franz, descended from Israel Seward's sister Martha Maria Seward who married Israel's friend George Burnap. The Burnaps were among the many settlers who followed Israel and his father, Col. John Seward, to the Butler/Hillsboro area.

Toast to the Butler Pioneers
by Mary Grace "Mayme" (Bryce) Ware, 1937

President of the Alumni Association, Honorable Toastmaster, Members of the Board of Education, Comrades in the Alumni and guests:

"Tell us a story, Grandma, tell us a story about long, long time ago, please, Grandma!"

"Well, if you children will get quiet and settle down, Grandma will try to tell you a story."

Once upon a time in the state of Ohio, there lived a man by the name of John Seward. He was married, had a wife and several children, some of whom were married and had children of their own, so he was "Grandpa John" and of course his wife was "Grandma."

He was a farmer, industrious and a good manager. His son, Israel had inherited his father's good traits but he was young and ambitious, so one day he said to his father, "Father, I hear that over west in the new state that was just admitted into the Union last year they are giving land away. They tell me that a man can get on a horse in the morning and ride around in a circle all day, and the government will give him a grant to all the land within that circle. I would like to get in on this free or cheap land proposition while I am young." They all agreed it might be a good plan, so made their preparations to move after harvest. Grandpa (Col. John Seward, Jr.) and Grandma (Mary Butler Seward), their son Israel, his wife (Margaret Slayback Seward) and baby boy (William A. Seward), 15 months old.

They did not have trucks to load their goods in as we have, but they got their wagons in good repair and covered with nice new white canvas ready for their long journey from their old home in Ohio to their new home somewhere in Illinois. They did not have hard roads in those days nor hardly any laid out roads, but had to follow Indian trails or buffalo paths, and so, with the poor roads and the slow traveling of the oxen, they made very slow progress, but they kept on bravely traveling west, day by day, across the wilderness of Ohio and Indiana and the vast prairies of Illinois.

One day they came to the top of a high hill, and they stopped to let the oxen rest, and they got out to look around. They looked south and they saw a broad valley. They looked west and they saw heavy timber. Then north and saw acre after acre of rolling prairie land and northeast more timber. And they said, "Right here is where we will settle. Plenty of land, plenty of timber for fuel and it seems plenty of water."

Now do you children know where that hill was? Well, it was just south of our town, up on the hill where Malinda Jane lives. There was an old two-story house over northwest of where Malinda lives and they moved into it and lived for several years.

It was in October 1819, 118 years next October when they settled there and they named the hill Seward's Hill and the grove nearby Seward's Grove.

That is where we used to have our picnics, in Seward's Grove. And when in 1855 the town was laid out they named it Butler because that was the name of the county in Ohio from which they had moved.

They were very busy getting ready for winter, getting up wood and making their house comfortable, and when spring came they were very very busy putting in their crops. They did not have tractors nor gang plows, nor discs, nor combines like Daddy has, but they did the best they could with the tools they had and were very happy.

They liked it so well here that they wrote back to their relatives telling them what a delightful place to the west, so year by year some of them did come and locate near by and soon the whole settlement was filled with aunts, uncles and cousins and a number of their old neighbors moved here too.

One who came with his family was Mr. George Burnap, who had married a sister of Uncle Israel Seward and these two brothers-in-law began buying stock, as their sons were now old enough to look after the farm work.

As the country was so sparsely settled, it took quite a while to round up their stock and get it together. Now you think they drove it to Butler and loaded it on the freight train, don't you? No, they couldn't do that for there was no railroad here then. The railroad was built in 1854, 35 years after they had settled on Seward's Hill. Uncle Israel was so pleased to have it, but he could only hear the rumbling of the train through the trees as it went gliding over the track, but he wanted to see it. So he called his sons and they came with their axes and cut down a large number of trees, making a wide open space so he could enjoy watching the trains go by.

So, because they had no railroad, Uncle Israel and George Burnap drove their stock on foot to market in St. Louis - - cattle, hogs, and sometimes turkeys. When they were taking turkeys they would stop at a grove in the evening and let them fly up in the trees to roost. In the morning, shoo them down and go on with 200 or 300 of them.

Mr. Burnap and Uncle Israel did right well with their stock buying, so decided to build new homes. Mr. Burnap built the west part of the "ell" of what is now Mrs. Chisholm's home. He was her grandfather, you know. And Uncle Israel built where Malinda Jane now lives. He built a big house, a long house with lots of bedrooms upstairs and long porch along the whole front of the house and around the roof of the porch was a railing so they could sit up there too.

They needed a big house, for there were Grandpa and Grandma, Uncle Israel and his wife, who was called Aunt Peggy (Margaret). They had had 11 children, one died when small, but ten grew to men and women, 2 girls and 8 boys. Imagine how much noise 8 boys in one house could make. One of the daughters married a man in St. Louis (Mathew Coudy), the other a carpenter in Butler who afterwards had a store and had the Post Office in his store for several years. One of the sons went to the war (Civil War) and news came back. I can remember....I was a little girl... of hearing them say, "Jimmie Seward was such a good boy" and all were so sorry he had to die. Another son left home while he was young, went to New Orleans where he married and went into business, but afterwards moved to Colorado where he died.

Uncle Israel always wanted to give or help his boys so each could have a farm. But one son said, "No farm for me! I want to be a merchant", so his father helped him buy a store. So that left five boys who wanted to be farmers. Shall I tell you where those farms were? One was where Mr. Cline lives, one the Frisbie Hoes farm, one where the Henry boys own, one the Garrett farm where Mr. Orpin lives and one where Mrs. Ida

Brown lives. So Mr. and Mrs. Seward could sit on their porch and see the farms where their five boys lived. Now, wasn't that nice.

There were children in all those homes. So, of course these children must have schooling. They did not have then what we call the Public School System, so when you sent a child to school the parents had to pay the teacher out of his own pocket. They called these subscription schools. In 1849 they built the first school house out of logs on some of the Seward land west of Butler. Uncle Perry Williamson taught some year in that school house. One of the first teachers was Miss Mary Burnap, granddaughter of Mr. John Seward. After she had taught a year or two, she did just like Mary Louise. She got married, so they had to find another teacher, so her sister, Miss Camilla Burnap (Jenkins) taught. Then she married Mr. Jenkins and they lived and raised their family in the house her father had built. They had two sons and five daughters so you may be sure there was always something doing in that house with all those young folks. It was the dandiest home in which to have parties, for Aunt Camilla always loved having the young folks come to her home. Several of her daughters were teachers, two of them taught in the Butler School and their Granddaughters taught here too. Miss Camilla (Birdie) Jenkins and Miss Margaret Chisholm (Gaylor). We do not have Seward descendants on our teaching force today, but our graduate today is a great great great grandson of John Seward and one of John Seward's great great granddaughters is married to a man who is president of our school board and perhaps in a few years one of their daughters who are great great great granddaughters may be teaching in our school.

When there were too many children to be accommodated in the log school house, a frame school house was built on the same site on which our present school house stands. In 1857, John McGowan (husband of Israel's daughter Cornelia) built his house. First one room, then years afterward another room was added.

But I want to tell you about a term of school in this one room. They only had five months of school as the children were needed at home. I have an old schedule giving the names and attendance of those who went to this school taught by Mr. Charlie Parks, 75 years ago. There were 45 boys and 37 girls, a total of 82 in a one room taught by one teacher. For these five months he received \$150. I find among this long list of names only one whom I know to be living and that is Mrs. Cannon, who was then Illinois Berry, aged 5.

They held Sunday school in this school house. In August, 1858, a minister from Hillsboro and an officer in the church, Dr. Washburn (Hattie Turner's grandfather) came over and organized a church and later a church was built and on July 3, 1864 the Presbyterian Church was dedicated.

Among the first or charter members of this church were Mr. and Mrs. Israel Seward, their son, William, who was the baby boy when they moved here. Mrs. Martha Burnap, sister to Uncle Israel; Mrs. Mary McReynolds, great grandmother to Mrs. Grotts; Mrs. Minerva Steese (or Steele or Steere), grandmother of Mrs. John L. Dryer; Mrs. Sarah

Ware, grandmother of George V. Ware and my father, Mr. Bryce, who had moved here from Ohio in 1856.

Mrs. Israel Seward, whose name was Margaret, was always called Aunt Peggy. She was truly a pioneer woman. Busy as she must have been with her large family, she made a home where she entertained not only her friends and neighbors, but the strangers who came within their gates. Travelers passing through the country were made welcome. Abraham Lincoln, when he was carrying the mail from Vandalia to Springfield, often ate a meal or spent a night at her home. Mr. Israel Seward and his two sons, William and George, at different times carried the mail from Hillsboro to Jacksonville. But then went on horseback, not in a car like our mail carrier now drives. But they did not have so much mail in those days.

Aunt Peggy always wore a white cap, only on Sundays she put on a black silk one. In pioneer days there were not as very many doctors and a trained nurse had never been heard of. The neighbors helped each other in times of sickness. Once when Aunt Peggy was sent for, to visit a family who were sick, she went to the chicken house, caught a chicken, chopped off its head, dipped it into a pail of hot water and started for the home where there was sickness, plucking the feathers from the chicken, scattering them on the way in haste, to have it ready to prepare broth for the sick and cook the rest for the family. She was always full of cheer and scattered sunshine all along her life's pathway. The keynote of her life was kindness.

<Note: "Aunt Peggy" was the first woman member of the Hillsboro Presbyterian Church when it was formed in March 1828. Her husband, Israel, joined the church the following July 1829. - M. Grotts>

Now I can see that the littlest of you are getting sleepy, so Grandma must quit, but before you go to sleepy eye town, let us give a toast to the pioneers.

So here's to the Pioneers, who founded our town, who built and established our churches and schools, who were honest, upright honorable, Christian men and women, and who made of our community, a community known far and wide for its friendly neighborliness.

And now shall we close our eyes for a minute while we say our goodnight prayer.

Our dear Father, we do so thank Thee that Thou didst lead these pioneers to the top of this hill, and we thank Thee for their true-hearted lives and we pray Thee to help each one of us to do our part in carrying on the task which they began, that of making Butler the best and the happiest place in all the world to live. Help us to be good children. In Jesus name.

Now good-night children. Happy dreams!

Col. John Seward (1765-1847) – Father of Israel

Notes by Ted Hine - April 2004.

According to his great grandson Horace R. Coudy, John Seward was a Col. (as was his father) and fought in the War of 1812.

Notes obtained from Joyce Franz - January 2005

COL. JOHN⁴ SEWARD, JR. (JOHN³, OBADIAH², OBADIAH¹) was born 10 Jun 1765, and died Apr 1845. He married MARY BUTLER 12 Jun 1785. She was born 10 Sep 1767, and died 1841.

Notes for COL. JOHN SEWARD, JR.:

John lived in Hurdstown, New Jersey; was commissioned Colonel of his father's own regiment, the 2nd Sussex, November 25, 1809, and was detailed to command the regiment in the War of 1812; commanded at General Training Day at Old Snufftown, New Jersey, previous to the War of 1812. Emigrated to Ohio in 1815 and from there, in 1819, to a farm about two miles southwest of Butler, Illinois, where he died.

SOURCE: J. Frederick Seward - Line of J. Frederick Seward, compiled by J. Frederick Seward, gr. grandson of Israel Seward; comments on document; copy sent to Joyce Franz by Margaret Grots of Hillsboro, IL, a Col. John Seward, Jr., descendant; received Oct. 20, 2000

Settled at Hurdstown, New Jersey. Commissioned November 25, 1809, Colonel of 2nd Sussex Regiment, Commissioned Lieutenant in War of 1812 from Sept. 5, 1814, to Dec. 9, 1814. Removed to Ohio in 1815 and later to Hillsboro, Montgomery Co., Illinois.

SOURCE: Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Rare Books Dept. - "Obadiah Seward of Long Island, NY and His Descendants", by Frederick Whittlesey Seward, Jr., M.D., 1948, Arranged and Edited by Marjorie Seward Cleveland; pages 79 & 81 (pg 80 is photo); researcher Joyce M. Franz, Sept. 10, 2000

"John Seward, Jr., was Justice of the Peace many years and Commissioner of Deeds, some of the old deeds dating back to 1790, bear his name. ..."

(His son, Obadiah, and daughter, Emaline,) "...died during their residence at Snufftown and were buried in the old Seward burial ground. About 1815, John Seward and family removed to Hurdstown, having first to cut a road through the wilderness. He afterwards removed to Ohio and thence to Hillsboro, Illinois, from which place he revisited the old homestead about fifty years ago."

"Dr. Samuel removed the members of the Seward family, in 1838, from the old family burial ground to the cemetery at Florida, Orange County, New York."

SOURCE: Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Rare Books Dept. - "Obadiah Seward of Long Island, NY and His Descendants", by Frederick Whittlesey Seward, Jr., M.D., 1948, Arranged and Edited by Marjorie Seward Cleveland; pages 81 & 82, written by J. P. Crayon, Rockaway, N.J.; researcher Joyce M. Franz, Sept. 10, 2000

More About COL. JOHN SEWARD, JR.:

Burial: Oak Grove Cemetery, Hillsboro, Montgomery Co., Illinois

Military service: Colonel of his father's regiment, the 2nd Sussex; commanded the regiment in the War of 1812

More About MARY BUTLER:

Burial: Oak Grove Cemetery, Hillsboro, Montgomery Co., Illinois

Children of JOHN SEWARD and MARY BUTLER are:

i. FRANCES "FANNY" SEWARD, b. 25 Apr 1787; d. 23 Aug 1824; m. GEORGE VANDERGRIF.

Notes for GEORGE VANDERGRIF:

I think this is probably the right George Vandergriff. George's wife, Fanny, died in 1824.

1830 Census, Town of Hamilton, Fairfield Twnshp, Butler Co., Ohio; Image #13/Roll: M19_127, pg 4

George Vandegriff, head of household

Males:

0-5 - 2

5-10 - 1

10-15 - 1

15-20 - 1

20-30 - 2

40-50 - 1(George)

Females:

5-10 - 1

10-15 - 1

20-30 - 2

Total 12

Note: All are probably children of George and Fanny. -- J. Franz

SOURCE: "Electronic" - Ancestry.com - Images Online, Image #7; researcher Joyce M. Franz, May 4, 2002

ii. NANCY SEWARD, b. 08 Nov 1789; m. (1) GEORGE COURSEN, 1812; d. 1818; m. (2) ? ?; m. (3) DANIEL SEWARD, 04 Oct 1816; b. Abt. 1765; d. Illinois.

Notes for DANIEL SEWARD:

Daniel is the son of James Seward and he is Nancy's second cousin. After Daniel's death, Nancy married a third time. No children.

SOURCE: "Obadiah Seward of Long Island, NY and His Descendants" by Frederick Whittlesey Seward, Jr., M.D.; arranged and edited by Marjorie Seward Cleveland; 1948; page 81

Daniel was a tavern owner in Hamilton, Butler Co., Ohio.

SOURCE: Seward descendant Melanie Weber, Telephone conversation, Nov. 11, 2000.

Marriage Notes for NANCY SEWARD and DANIEL SEWARD:

I had the year of Nancy and Daniel's marriage as 1818 from the book "Obadiah Seward of Long Island, NY and his Descendants", page 81.

Melanie Weber has the original marriage record of Nancy and Daniel. According to the record they were married Oct. 4, 1816.

SOURCE: Joyce M. Franz and E-mail from Melanie Weber dated Nov. 10, 2000.

iii. JOHN BUTLER SEWARD, b. 18 Aug 1792; d. 02 Aug 1859; m. MARY SWALLOW, 07 Feb 1818.

17. iv. ISRAEL SEWARD, b. 03 Sep 1795, Vernon, Sussex Co., New Jersey; d. 27 Aug 1869, Butler, Montgomery Co., Illinois.

18. v. JANE SEWARD, b. 01 Nov 1797.

19. vi. MARTHA MARIA SEWARD, b. 24 Mar 1800; d. 01 Feb 1865.

vii. OBADIAH SEWARD, b. 13 Sep 1802; d. 24 Apr 1812.

viii. EMALINE SEWARD, b. 26 Nov 1806; d. 30 Apr 1812.

20. ix. HARRIET SEWARD, b. 20 Apr 1807; d. 1882, Hyde Park, Cook Co., Illinois.

Notes obtained from James Kuttler - January 2005

1793 NEW JERSEY STATE MILITIA CENSUS, Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., NJ.
SOWARD, Jno.

9 April 1804, The first annual town meeting was held at the house of John Seward, Jr., lately occupied Mrs. Hilah Seward.

The New Jersey Assembly in 1804 passed an act to gradually abolish slavery within the state. The act provided that every child born of a slave after the fourth of July of that year was to be free, but should remain the servant of the owner of the mother, as if bound out by the Overseer of the Poor, until the age of twenty-five years, if a male, or twenty-one years, if a female. All slave births were to be recorded by the county clerk. The records are copies from a manual which is part of the county clerk's files in Newton, NJ.

Liamans, boy, b. Sept. 11, 1804, to [unstated], owned by John Seward, Hardiston Tp.

During the War of 1812, the Second Regiment of New Jersey Detailed Militia was stationed at Paulus Hoeck, NJ, and commanded by Lieutenant Colonel John Seward.

History of Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., NJ, James P. Snell's History of Sussex and Warren Counties (1881). John Seward, a man of much enterprise, came in 1805, and resided on the farm occupied by Elias H. Riggs. In 1812 he departed for the West with his family. The late distinguished William H. Seward was descended from this stock.

1815, power of attorney, Joseph Bloomfield of Burlington Co., NJ, appointed John Reily as attorney to convey title to S19, T2, R3, to Col. John Seward of Sussex Co., NJ. Signed Joseph Bloomfield. Witn: Thos. Adams, Stogdale Stokes.

1815, mortgage, John Seward as above to Joseph Bloomfield as above, S19, T2, R3. Signed John Seward. Witn: M. G. Wallace, James McBride, Danl. Millikin.

1815, deed, Joseph Bloomfield of NJ to John Seward, Sussex Co., NJ, S19, T2, R3. Signed Joseph Bloomfield by John Reily, atty. Witn: M. G. Wallace, James McBride, Danl. Millikin.

1815, deed, Butler Co., OH, John Seward of NJ to John B. Seward of Sussex Co., NJ, S19, T2, R3. Signed John Seward. Witn: Nancy Coursen, Archibald Talbot.

Note by Ted Hine - Feb. 2005

The book "A Womans's Story of Pioneer Illinois" by Christiana Holmes Tillson (written in 1870, first published in 1919, and re-published by the Southern Illinois University Press in the 1990's with an introduction by Kay J. Carr) contains several references to Colonel John Seward, his son Israel Seward, and their respective families.

The book is primarily about the experiences of the author and her family after settling in frontier Illinois. The book's jacket reads in part: "John and Christiana Tillson moved from Massachusetts to central Illinois in 1822. Upon arriving in Montgomery County near what would soon be Hillsboro, they set up a general store and real estate business

and began to raise a family." John Tillson had apparently spent some time in the area for a couple of years before bringing his wife there to settle and building a home.

Israel Seward and his family are credited with being among the first settlers in the area arriving in 1819. (Whether Col. John Seward and his family came to the area with his son Israel or followed a couple of years thereafter is not clear.) The book's author more than once talks of travelers staying at Col. Seward's residence. It is not mentioned in the book but I believe it possible that this residence was also home to Israel Seward and his family during the time period covered in the book (the early to mid 1820's) as Israel is well documented as being in the inn-keeping business throughout his life.

Information in square brackets [] are Ted Hine's notations.

Page 15: "The next winter, 1820-21, he [John Tillson], with Israel Seward, Hiram Rouontree, and Eleazer Townsend, went with a petition to the legislature, then in session, asking that a new county (Montgomery) be formed north of Fayette and Bond, their lands being within the new county. Their petition was granted, and in the spring Mr. Seward received the appointment of probate judge....."

Page 74: "Mr. Black said that Colonel Seward had been down, and left word for us to go to his house and remain until ours could be made ready for occupancy..." [I believe this would have been in 1822 when John Tillson first brought his wife to the Hillsboro area.]

Pages 75-77: "We arrived at the Seward's, three miles from our place, about sunset. Mrs. Seward [Mary Butler-Seward], a dear, good woman, and Harriet [daughter of John and Mary Seward], now Mrs. Wm. H. Brown of Chicago, were the only members of the family at home. Before our evening meal was ready the Colonel [John Seward] with his boy, John [John Butler Seward], arrived from Vandalia. The legislature having removed from Kaskaskia, were to hold their first session at Vandalia that winter, and Israel Seward, Jr. [son of Col. John Seward, brother of John Butler and Harriet Seward - Israel was not a "Jr."], with his wife [Margaret Slayback] and niece, Sally Slayback, had taken a house there to board members of the legislature, leaving their two older children, William and George, with their grandfather [Col. John Seward]. The old Colonel was all smiles and gave me a most cordial welcome, as had also Mrs. and Miss Seward; and it was a cordial to my feelings, particularly after my introduction and experience with my nearest neighbor. I wish I could describe him as I first saw him in front of the house. Imagine a very tall, lank man, with his legs encased in a pair of linsey pantaloons, rough and dirty; over these, leggings that came above the knees, made from an old bed-blanket and tied up with some buckskin strings; then an old drab overcoat and a shabby hat; a saddle girth tied around his waist, and a coarse, woolen scarf around his neck, and all dirty....."

"It was the twenty-eighth of November when we arrived at Colonel Seward's, and I had a more homelike feeling than for many weeks. We had a clean, comfortable meal, Mother Seward (Mary Butler-Seward) and Harriet each performing their part in the

domestic duties, while the Colonel [John Seward] talked politics and discussed the affairs of the state. Their house was about the size of ours, but had not been divided by any partitions. On the opposite side from the fireplace were two beds, standing foot to foot: there was a square frame over each, from which were suspended curtains that went around the front and foot of each bed. The curtains were arranged to leave about a foot of space between the bed and the curtain, to which we could pin our dresses, and by inexpansiveness could stand within the curtain and feel that we had all the privacy of a dressing room. One of the beds was for the Colonel and his wife and we had the other, while Harriet slept in a small bed, which during the day, was rolled under the Colonel's. After breakfast Friday, Mr. Tillson left on business planning to return Saturday night. I had a pleasant, quiet day with Mrs. Seward and Harriet. Towards night it began to snow and blow, and as I stood by the window - the house had but one - watching the storm, a loud rapping announced the arrival of more company. Miss Harriet opened the door and ushered in two respectable-looking gentlemen. One she introduced as Mr. Conover; although I well remember the looks of the other, I cannot recall his name; but as if it had occurred yesterday I remember how he divested himself of his leggings and buffalo overshoes, and with what a satisfied look he gazed at the fire and took a survey of the room. They were members of the legislature from Sangamon, on the way to Vandalia. Before we had finished our evening meal Mrs. Butler Seward came to call on me. She lived about a quarter of a mile from the Colonel's, in the same grove. As they had other company at the Colonel's she invited Harriet and myself to return with her and pass the night, so we went, Harriet arising while it was yet dark to go home and assist her mother, while I remained to breakfast. Saturday night your father came up, bringing the carriage, and said he would take us all to preaching the next day. Sunday morning, December 2, was cold and pinching: winter had commenced in earnest. We rode about two miles to a log cabin which, during week days, was the schoolhouse of the village When we arrived the service had just commenced: a movement was made to give Harriet and myself a seat by the fire..... The preaching had commenced at ten A. M., and it was not until between four and five o'clock that we were released from the rant."

Page 85: "The Townsends and Swards, New Yorkers, were the only families who had any better notions of what belonged to refinement and comfort within twenty miles..... We remained at Colonel Seward's about two weeks."

Page 86: "I will not stop to relate any of the oddities of old Colonel Seward. He was always pleasant to me, and after we were in the carriage starting for St. Louis [apparently for a visit] he came to say he was sorry we could not have stayed longer and very confidentially told us that next week Mr. Brown and Harriet were going to be married. I had suspected that something was brewing, but Mrs. Seward and Harriet had hinted nothing....." [My information shows that Harriet Seward married William H. Brown on December 22, 1822.]

Page 105: "The mail was brought in once in two weeks. The mail carrier would arrive on Monday night about sunset, leave the mail for Montgomery County, and proceed as

far as Colonel Seward's on his way to Springfield, that being the northern terminus of the mail route."

Page 125: "The next year, the winter of 1824, the brick house at the county seat - Hillsboro - was commenced, and our arrangements made for renting the farm. The house was to be built by contract - a one story brick house. The reason of our giving up our abode at the farm, where your father had expected to remain, was a dispute that had been going on between Colonel Seward and the county commissioners about the county seat. It had been located on the west side of Shoal Creek, and adjoining Colonel Seward's farm and but a mile from our house and had been named Hamilton, after Hamilton, Ohio, Colonel Seward's former place of residence. Things worked out smoothly for a while, until the misunderstanding with the Colonel. Then there was a petition to the legislature and a new location. The county seat was changed from the east to the west side of the creek."

Page 144: "I spent one day at Colonel Seward's , one at Butler Seward's....."

Page 145: "When preparing breakfast I never know whether it was for my own family, or several more. The 'bounty-landers', who were on their way from the military tract to Vandalia, would, after spending the night at Colonel Seward's, get on in the morning as far as the land-office, of course arriving just in time for breakfast."

Israel Seward (1795-1869) – Son of Col. John Seward

Notes by Ted Hine - April 2004

According to a letter written by Israel Seward's grandson Horace R. Coudy to Betty Seward Hulburd-Hine in Oct. 1946:

"My grandfather Israel Seward married Margaret Slayback of Lexington Ky and they settled at Hillsboro Ill in 1819."

Family artifacts left by Horace R. Coudy indicate that he visited Hillsboro, Illinois several times in his later life. Hillsboro was the birthplace of his mother and longtime home of his grandparents Israel and Margaret Seward. In 1938 he and his wife Mary apparently spent the spring months there and in 1939 he visited again briefly with his brother Lee Coudy. (Hillsboro is in south-western Illinois about 50 miles from St. Louis.)

An article from The Montgomery News, a Hillsboro newspaper, hand dated March 7, 1938 was kept by Horace. It contain most of what little I currently know about Israel and Margaret Seward. It reads:

"Descendants of Pioneers Visit Here ---

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Coudy of St. Louis are in Hillsboro for a vacation stay and they are making their home while here at the residence of former County Superintendent of Schools John H. Grigg and Mrs. Grigg, in Tillson Place. Mr. Coudy, a retired business man of St. Louis has never lived in Hillsboro but his ancestors were pioneer settlers at Hamilton, the town which preceded Hillsboro, about 1821 and was located west of here and which was abandoned when the present site of Hillsboro was chosen as the county seat, in 1823.

The mother of Mr. Coudy was Caroline Seward, one of the daughters of Colonel Israel Seward, who came here from Ohio and whose family before that was from New York. Colonel Israel Seward and his wife, "Aunt Peggy" Seward, and their children, who settled on the present Butler hill, south of Butler, were the grandparents of Horace Coudy. They came to this county before it was a county and built their large log cabin in a grove of trees north of the present Jenkins or Chisholm farm, south of Butler, previous to 1821. The grove was called "Seward's Grove" and their house still stands today, with additions and clapboarding to turn it into a large two-storied modern-looking house called "the Walker place" for a good many years, now "the Roberson place".

Colonel Israel Seward and his wife kept an inn, where lawyers, legislator and other travelers between Springfield and the then-capital, Vandalia, stopped overnight. One of their sons, the first George Seward in the county, was the second mail carrier in the county. Abraham Lincoln, Springfield attorney and Illinois legislator, slept in the home later on in history, going to Vandalia from Springfield, on horseback. Mrs. Margaret Seward outlived her husband and eventually moved to Hillsboro to make her home, in the red brick house north of the Courthouse which once was "the Starr hotel" and now is a rooming house owned by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harkey. Mrs. Margaret Seward was one of the founders and first two members, the other having been John Tillson of Hillsboro, of the Hillsboro Presbyterian church, in March 1828. The church's 110th anniversary is to be observed this month.

Colonel Israel Seward was an uncle of William Henry Seward of New York, that American statesman who was from 1861 to 1869, secretary of state, serving his first term as such in the cabinet of Abraham Lincoln. William Henry Seward was instrumental, as secretary of state, in the purchase of Alaska from Russia in 1867. The purchase price was \$7,200,000, a price which was returned many times over, to the treasury, by the discovery of rich gold fields there, twenty years after the purchase. But for years, Seward's purchase was derided, as a place of ice, snow, Indians and seals and was called "Seward's Folly".

Horace Coudy, the descendant of Hillsboro pioneers, now visiting the scenes of the early life of his family in Illinois, has spent most of his life in St. Louis. An uncle of his was the first husband of the late Mrs. Susan Rice, widow of the late Judge E. Y. Rice and the mother of the late Mrs. Amos Miller of Hillsboro. Horace Coudy has many cousins "several times removed" living in the county, including Mrs. Mary Cory, Mrs. J.D. Chisholm, Mrs. John O. Fisher and LeMar Seward of Hillsboro, Jesse Seward of Butler and many others at Raymond and other places.

There are two books valuable to such Montgomery county residents as are interested in pioneer life in Hillsboro, in which the Tillsons, the Swards, the Rountrees, the Killpatricks and other "first families" in the county appear. They are Mrs. John Tillson's book, "A Woman's Story of Pioneer Illinois", a copy of which is available at the Hillsboro Public Library, and the papers of Judge Hiram Rountree, published in the Hillsboro Democrat in the early 70's, written by Judge Rountree and published before his death and re-published by The Montgomery News, in 1931 and 1932. Judge Rountree's articles are not available at the library, except in bound form in The Montgomery News. A copy in the form of clippings, pasted in a book, is owned by his granddaughter, Mrs. E. M. Stubblefield of Hillsboro. The Illinois State Historical Library at Springfield also filed the Montgomery News' copies in which Judge Rountree's papers were re-published during 1931 and 1932."

Another Montgomery News article from around the same date told of a Tea Party given by one resident of Hillsboro to honor the 91st birthday of another resident. It reads in part:

".....So too, were Mr. and Mrs. Horace Coudy, of St. Louis who are spending the spring months in Hillsboro, in the scenes of the youthful days of Mr. Coudy, a grandson of the late Israel and Peggy Seward, pioneer Hillsboro settlers. Monday was the 55th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Coudy....."

Authors Note:

The first newspaper article above refers to Israel Seward being an "uncle" of William Henry Seward, President Abraham Lincoln's Secretary of State. The genealogical information I have accumulated indicates that Israel Seward was in fact William H. Seward's first cousin, not uncle. They shared the same grandfather, Col. John Seward (1730-1797) of Revolutionary War fame. William H. Seward's father was Samuel S. Seward (1768-1844), a son of Col. John Seward and Israel Seward's father was John Seward (1765-1845), also a son of Col. John Seward.

In a small booklet written and published by Upton Seward Coudy (grandson of Israel and Peggy Seward) in 1923 in honor of his recently deceased mother, Mary Caroline Seward-Coudy (daughter of Israel and Peggy Seward) he wrote regarding his mother's childhood near Hillsboro, Illinois:

"The writer can recall many an evening spent in the old home, around the open fire place, listening to Mother entertain all the children with weird stories of the Indians, who were camped within a block of home. The Indians were quite friendly in those days, making neighborly calls to sample Mother's cooking and, finding sample satisfactory, taking a goodly portion back to the wigwam. The old-fashioned peacock feather duster was their special delight, and many a brave buck would plant himself on the kitchen

floor and, moving his fingers scissor-like, demand that Mother dismantle the same feather duster and braid the feather in his long black, shining hair. At times their visits were occasioned by a desire to trade - their bear and venison meals were enjoyed by all; but one time, a proposal to swap Indian blankets for a white girl papoose for a time occasioned some uneasiness, but no attempt was made to steal the child.

Among the many pleasant memories of her happy childhood, were the frequent visits of Abraham Lincoln to her father's home at Butler, Illinois; how, as a little girl, she would run down the hill to meet father's friend. Mr. Lincoln would reach out his long arms and lift her to a seat beside him in his old well-known buggy, with holes cut in the dashboard to allow for his unusual height."

Notes from Joyce Franz - January 2005

Excerpt from "Toast to the Butler Pioneers" - by Mayme (Bryce) Ware

Quote:

Page 1

...Israel had inherited his father's good traits but he was young and ambitious, so one day he said to his father, "Father, I hear that over west in the new state that was just admitted into the Union last year they are giving land away. They tell me that a man can get on a horse in the morning and ride around in a circle all day, and the government will give him a grant to all the land within that circle. I would like to get in on this free or cheap land proposition while I am young." They all agreed it might be a good plan, so made their preparations to move after harvest. Grandpa (Col. John Seward, Jr.) and Grandma (Mary Butler Seward), their son Israel, his wife (Margaret Slayback Seward) and baby boy (William A. Seward), 15 months old. ...

...they came to the top of a high hill, and they stopped to let the oxen rest, and they got out and looked around. ...

Page 2 ...settled there and they named the hill Seward's Hill and the grove nearby Seward's Grove. ...

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Note: Items within parenthesis were added by me to clarify; they were not in the original text. Illinois became the 21st state of the Union on Dec. 3, 1818. Israel and Margaret's son, William, would have been 15 months old about November 1819; which agrees with the statement that they prepared to leave after harvest. - J. Franz

According to this same article, Israel and his brother-in-law, Martha Maria's husband, George Burnap, went into business together, buying stock. Since the railroad did not come to the area until 1854, they "drove" the cattle, hogs and sometimes turkeys, to market at St. Louis. It seems their joint venture was profitable. They were able to be

away on these "drive s" because they both had sons old enough to look after their farms. - J. Franz

SOURCE: Margaret Grotts of Hillsboro, IL, a descendant of Col. John Seward, Jr.; she owns the original, handwritten copy of this document. Margie had typed the article and she was kind enough to share with me a copy of her typed document; Joyce Franz received document Oct. 20, 2000

The following is a transcription from the book, "Obadiah Seward of Long Island, NY and His Descendants", page 112.

Quote:

Israel Seward in December 1820, together with John Tillson, Hiram Roundtree and Eleazer Townsend, went with a petition to the legislature, then in session at Vandalia (Illinois) asking that a new county (Montgomery) be formed North of Fayette and Bond, their lands being with the new county.

Their petition was granted and in the spring of 1821 Israel Seward received the appointment of probate judge. Hillsboro was selected as the county seat. ...

...When the Swards migrated they probably went by way of the Forbes Road -- later known as the Penn-road.

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SOURCE: Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Rare Books Dept. - "Obadiah Seward of Long Island, NY and His Descendants", by Frederick Whittlesey Seward, Jr., M.D., 1948, Arranged and Edited by Marjorie Seward Cleveland; page 112; researcher Joyce M. Franz, Sept. 10, 2000

Israel went to California for the 1849 Gold Rush. He was back home by the 1860 census enumeration. He was not a poor man, but I'm sure he wanted to make his fortune while the opportunity was presenting itself. His son, Clarence, went with him, but Margaret still had sons at home to work the farm while Israel was away.

1850 El Dorado Co., California, Weaverville & Vicinity, enumerated Sept 23, 1850; Roll: M432_34, p 255; lines 16-21, Dwelling #1, Family #7

Hotel

Israel Seward, 55, m, *Hotel K G Trader, R.E. Val \$2000, b. NJ

Clarence Seward, 19, m, Clerk, b. IL

Grace S. Pollard, 30, f, Occ: blank, b. PA

Thomas Philips, 24, m, Clerk, b. IL

Alexander Perrin, 25, Carpenter, b. England

Benjamin P. Keene, 38, Physician, b. Georgia

Note: *Hotel K = Hotel Keeper ---- G Trader = Gold Trader

Israel was a Hotel Keeper and Gold Trader while in California for the Gold Rush of 1849.

SOURCE: "Electronic" Genealogy.com - Census Images Online, Image #11 of 48 1; researcher Joyce M. Franz, Aug 9, 2004

1860 Montgomery Co., Illinois, Twp 9, Range 4, Butler, IL post office, enumerated June 16, 1860; Roll: M653_214; p 63 lines 35-40, p 64 line 1; Dwel ling #455, Family #466

Seward, Israel, 65, m, Farmer, R.E. Val \$16000, Pers Prop \$2000, b. NJ

Margaret, 62, f, b. KY

Clarence, 28, m, Farmer, b. IL

James, 25, m, Farmer, b. IL

Edward, 17, m, Farmer, b. IL, attended school within year

Keeler, Thos, 30, m, Farm Laborer, b. Ireland

Martin, Mary A., 17, f, Servant, b. OH

SOURCE: "Electronic" Ancestry.com - Census Images Online, Images # 63 & 64 of 358; researcher Joyce M. Franz, Aug 10, 2004

The following is also a transcription from the book, "Obadiah Seward of Long Island, NY and His Descendants", pages 120-121.

Quote:

History of Montgomery County (Illinois)

Butler Grove Township

By William Henry Perrin (1880) p. 323

The next settler was Israel Seward, (20) who moved from Hamilton County *, Ohio in the year 1819, and located his home upon what is known as "Seward's Hill", about one half mile south of the Village of Butler. Mr. Seward was a noble type of the pioneer, a man of more than ordinary powers of intellect, and a devoted Christian. Though dead, he still lives in the influence which he formerly exerted upon the community that he was instrumental in founding. The exact date of Mr. Seward's death was not obtained.

William Seward, a son, was born in Indiana one year before the family moved to Illinois. He was for a number of years mail carrier between the cities of Hillsboro and Jacksonville. His whole life has been identified with the history of the township and he is justly considered one of the most prominent citizens. The original home of Israel Seward is now owned by his son, George C. Seward, the first white child born in Butler Grove Township. ...

... Israel Seward was a cousin of the late William H.

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NOTE by Joyce Franz:

*Hamilton County is incorrect. This should be city of Hamilton, Butler County, Ohio. Hamilton County and the city of Hamilton are often confused by those unfamiliar with the area.

SOURCE: Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Rare Books Dept. - "Obadiah Seward of Long Island, NY and His Descendants", by Frederick Whittlesey Seward, Jr., M.D., 1948, Arranged and Edited by Marjorie Seward Cleveland; pages 120 & 121; researcher Joyce M. Franz, Sept. 10, 2000

Another transcription from the "Obadiah Seward....." book.

Israel Seward, Jr., with his wife and niece, Sally Slayback, had taken a house there (Springfield, IL) to board members of the legislature, leaving their two older children, William and George, with their grandfather

Note: Text in parenthesis added by me to clarify. - J. Franz

SOURCE: Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Rare Books Dept. - "Obadiah Seward of Long Island, NY and His Descendants", by Frederick Whittlesey Seward, Jr., M.D., 1948, Arranged and Edited by Marjorie Seward Cleveland; page 85; researcher Joyce M. Franz, Sept. 10, 2000

Israel was a drummer boy in the same regiment as his father during the War of 1812. He migrated with his father to Hamilton, (Butler County) Ohio in 1815. He would have been twenty years old when he arrived in Hamilton, and being adventurous, learned the business of river boating on the Ohio. This is where he met George Burnap, who eventually would marry Israel's sister, Martha Maria. He and George would buy goods and travel the river all the way to New Orleans, selling their wares. But in 1819, he gave this up to accompany his father to settle in Montgomery County*, Illinois. I've read they came by oxen and wagon. Like his father, he apparently sold his Revolutionary War land patents and used this money to buy land in Montgomery County*. His name is on many, many old deeds in this area. He accompanied John Tillson, Jr., to the legislature in Vandalia to establish the new county of Montgomery in 1821 and was appointed the first probate judge of Montgomery County as well as the first school commissioner. They settled in Blooming Grove and opened a tavern. It has been verified that (Abraham) Lincoln stayed in this tavern on his trips from Vandalia to his home in Springfield. This log cabin tavern was on the east side of the present Route 127, at Blooming Grove. He was also a farmer. Mr. A. H. H. Rountree,** in his reminiscences, states Israel opened a steam flouring mill, saw mill and carding machine on his place in 1841. He also says he went to California and "made a pile." I have not read this any place else.***

Mr. Rountree wrote many recollections of Hillsboro, which are on microfilm at the Hillsboro Library. About Israel he wrote, "...was a man of great energy and decision of character, and was a progressive man. He owned the first span of mules ever driven about Hillsboro, if not in the whole county. He owned also the first jack we ever saw. This jack was a large coarse animal whose hoofs, being badly neglected, had become much like rockers, making it difficult to get around. He traded the jack about Vandalia and in getting him home was one of the ridiculous episodes in the life of James Scott. On a balmy spring day, Jim was sent to Vandalia to ride the jack to Hillsboro. All went well till they got into the prairie this side of Van Buren when the beautiful grass demoralized the jack, who in spite of Jim's kicking, striking, biting, crying and we fear, swearing, would browse on the grass. Jim was alone and certainly in great tribulation. When a friend from home met him and gave him a switch with which to persuade the jack to go along. Jim will never forget that jack nor his troubles."

His (Israel's) wife, nicknamed Peggy, was spoken with affection by my Mother. She did not know her, but said her Mother told stories of Aunt Peggy's many kindnesses. There is a book written about her, but I haven't been able to find a copy. She was the second member of the Presbyterian Church of Hillsboro -- the first woman. Her husband joined later. Then, in 1858, they were charter members of the Butler Presbyterian Church. There are many Slaybacks recorded in Hillsboro's histories. They are her relatives. Mr. Rountree wrote about her: "...she has lived to see our county emerge from a wilderness to its present condition. She has undergone all the early hardships of settling a new county and had hard struggles for many years. Her house has given comfort and shelter to thousands. She had a matronly dignity, which memories are dear to us all."

I read somewhere Israel and Peggy owned a tavern in Vandalia where the State Capitol was at this time. Now I can't remember where I read this, but hope to before this goes to "print."

NOTES:

*Montgomery County was not formed until 1821. Israel himself was one of the men who petitioned for the formation of Montgomery County. - J. Franz

**The name Rountree is spelled "Roundtree" in the book "Obadiah Sewa rd of Long Island, NY and His Descendants." - J. Franz

***Apparently from this comment, Israel made quite a profit from his stay in California during the 1849 gold rush. I don't know when he went to California, but he was in El Dorado County, Weaverville & vicinity in 1850, and back home before the 1860 census enumeration. - J. Franz

SOURCE: Margaret Grotts of Hillsboro, IL, a Col. John Seward, Jr., descendant; received Oct. 20, 2000; Margie doesn't remember the source of the article.

...Israel Seward was second to locate in Butler Grove in 1819 in "Seward 's Grove." (John) Butler Seward was his brother and he settled in 1829 and his place was called "Butler's Grove" and it is doubtless that Butler Grove got its name from him. When pioneers came there, they found Indians and wild game plentiful. There were no roads, everything was wild.

Israel Seward and wife "Aunt Peggy" had farm on brow of hill between Butler and Hillsboro. Their place was Stage and Mail stop on Vandalia-Springfield Route, and there was combination Inn where travelers refreshed themselves and Stage Drivers replaced tired horses for fresh ones for the Stage Run.

Abraham Lincoln often stayed there overnight. It was told one time he drove up in an old rattle trap buggy and without saying a word got out and began to unhitch his horse. Israel Seward was cousin of distinguished Statesman, William H. Seward, Secretary of State under Lincoln. ...

SOURCE: Copy of handwritten document provided by Ann Tindall, a Ware descendant, to Joyce M. Franz, Oct. 26, 2000

Transcription of excerpt from handwritten document entitled, "Butler Grove Township Genealogy," compiled in 1947 by Amelia C. Westcott, pg 20. Amelia wrote this copy of her work in Aug. 1949.

...Second mill built by Israel Seward 1/2 mile south of Butler in 1839 and operated by steam, but did not prove success as built on too expensive scale for neighborhood. In later years torn down and machinery taken to Butler.

SOURCE: Copy of handwritten document provided by Ann Tindall, a Ware descendant, to Joyce M. Franz, Oct. 26, 2000

Notes obtained from James Kuttler - January 2005

An Israel Seward and a John Butler Seward bought many Public Domain Land Tracts in Montgomery Co., IL.

1821, Montgomery Co., IL, appointed probate judge.

1850 Census, Weaverville, El Dorado Co., CA, Israel Seward, 55, NJ, hotel keeper, \$2000; Clarence, 19, clerk.

1860 Census, Montgomery Co., IL, Israel Seward, 65, NJ, farmer, \$16,000 + \$2000; Margaret, 62, KY; Clarence, 28, IL; James, 25, IL; Edward, 17, IL.

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Israel and Margaret are buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Hillsboro, Montgomery Co., IL.

Margaret Slayback-Seward (1798-1877) – Wife of Israel

Notes By Ted Hine - April 2004

Several references found among the effects of Margaret Slayback Seward's grandson Horace R. Coudy suggest that her nick name was "Peggy" (including a newspaper article which appeared in the Hillsboro, Ill newspaper in March of 1938 when Horace was visiting.

Notes from Joyce Franz - Jan. 2005

In 1850 Israel is in California at the time of the gold rush, staying at a hotel. Their son, Clarence, is with him. See Israel's notes to view that census extract. - J. Franz

1850 Montgomery Co., IL, Southwest part of district No 22, enumerated Aug 25, 1850, p 106; Roll: M432_121, p 106; lines 8-16, Dwelling #167, Family #169

Seward, Margaret, 51, f, R.E. Val \$4000, b. KY
 Charles, 28, m, Farmer, R.E. Val \$400, b. IL, mrd within year
 Jane, 22, f, b. IA, mrd within year (Charles' wife)
 Francis, 19, m, Farmer, b. IL, attended school within year
 James, 16, m, Farmer, b. IL, attended school within year
 Cornelia, 10, f, b. IL, attended school within year
 Edward, 7, m, b. IL, attended school within year
 Noach, William, 26, m, Farmer, b. Germany
 Shangles, Peter, 22, m, Farmer, b. PA

Note: Margaret's son, George and family, live in Dwelling #169, two dwellings away.
 Her son, William, lives three dwellings away, next door to George, in Dwelling #170.

SOURCE: "Electronic" Genealogy.com - Census Images Online, Image #25 of 150; researcher Joyce M. Franz, Aug 10, 2004

In the 1870 Montgomery Co., Illinois census, Margaret can be found in the household of her daughter and son-in-law, John Henry and Cornelia McGowan. See the notes for John Henry McGowan to view this census extract. - J. Franz

Excerpt from "HILLSBORO DEMOCRAT", Wednesday Evening, Dec 10, 1873

Article entitled "Early Reminiscences from Illinois - Montgomery County and Its Early Settlers."

Reminiscences of A. H. H. Roundtree (Hiram Roundtree)

At what date the Slaybacks arrived in our County, we can't learn exactly. Mrs. Margaret Seward, wife, or rather widow, of the late Israel Seward, who came previous to the organization of the County, and settled what is called Seward's Grove, south of Butler, was of the Slayback family, and came first. Afterwards three brothers, Solomon, and David Slayback with their families came, besides John, an old bachelor. They made their settlements farther west, near the West Fork of Shoal Creek. ...

... She was present at our semi-centennial, where she spoke of the days of yore. We are sorry to learn that she is sick at her daughter's (Mrs. Coudy) in St. Louis.

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Editor's Note: The County of Montgomery in Illinois was formed in 1821. They arrived in Illinois about 1819. ....Joyce Franz

SOURCE: Copy of the above Newspaper article, in its entirety, was provided by Deanna (Adams) Holm, researcher and Slayback descendant, February 2000

Margaret's Obituary -- "Hillsboro Democrat", June 22, 1877

#### MARGARET SEWARD

Wife of Israel

Another of the old residents of Montgomery county has passed away. One by one the men and women who laid the foundation of the social and political fabric of the great State of Illinois are dropping out of our midst.

Margaret Slayback was born in the State of Kentucky, but removed at an early age to Ohio, where she was united in marriage with Israel Seward. They soon removed to this state and settled upon the old and well-known homestead near Butler, Illinois, where they lived till the death of Mr. Seward, several years ago. Since that time, Mrs. Seward has been living with her children, spending most of her time with her daughter, Mrs. McGowan, of Butler. She had enjoyed fair health for a lady of her age, and when taken with her last sickness no one had any suspicion of its fatal character till a few hours before her death. She was sick but a short time. She quietly breathed her last at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. McGowan, in Butler on the 15th of June.

Her funeral took place from the Presbyterian Church in Butler, of which she was a member, and her remains were deposited by the side of her husband in Oak Grove Cemetery in this city. (Hillsboro)

Mrs. Seward was seventy-nine years of age in last April. She was the mother of ten children, all of whom arrived at full age, and nine of whom are yet living.

There are few living among us who have witnessed a greater change in the condition of society in Illinois, or seen more of that major growth which raised this State since 1819 from the feeblest to the fourth in rank in a union of 31 states. Mrs. Seward always took great delight in reciting the privations and planning of the pioneer times. Before the days of railroads her house was a noted stopping place for the prominent men of the day, in traveling to and from the capitol. Lincoln and Wm. H. Seward, the latter of whom was a first cousin of her husband, slept at affirmed times under her roof.

NOTE: Margaret had 11 children. There was a daughter, Sarah Maria, who died in childhood, possibly infancy. - J. Franz

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Montgomery News, September 8, 1905, by "Old Bill Loper"

Israel Seward and his wife "Aunt Peggy", whose pictures appear at the bottom of the first page, are two historical characters of Montgomery county. John Seward, Israel Seward's father, was one of the first county commissioners of this county. He was an uncle\* of the Hon. W. H. Seward, President Lincoln's Secretary of State. Israel was a



man of great energy and decision of character, and was a progressive man. He owned the first span of mules ever driven about Hillsboro if not in the whole county, and he and his brothers used the first span of horses driven with check lines ever used in the county. He kept a "tavern" on the Springfield road just south of Butler, at which Lincoln, Douglas, and many other men who afterward became distinguished, used to stop. He died in 1871, leaving his widow, "Aunt Peggy", surviving him several years. "Aunt Peggy" was a well known woman, loved and revered by all who knew her. She was very charitable and used to ride for miles to relieve cases of destitution that needed immediate help. She hastily killed a chicken, and mounting her horse, picked the chicken as she rode to the place where relief was administered. There are many living today who remember her whole-souled hospitality, her matronly dignity and her uniformed kindness to everyone. Peace to the ashes of these old pioneers!

Note: \* Israel and W. H. Seward were first cousins. - J. Franz

SOURCE: Margaret Grotts of Hillsboro, IL, a Col. John Seward, Jr., descendant, provided copies of the Obit and the Montgomery News article; received Oct. 20, 2000

"Grandmother Margaret was a wonderful lady; see the little printed book about her in our effects; it is an inspiration!" (No one has this "little printed book". - J. Franz)

SOURCE: J. Frederick Seward - Line of J. Frederick Seward, compiled by J. Frederick Seward, gr. grandson of Israel and Margaret (Slayback) Seward; The above comment is by J. Frederick found on the document he compiled; copy sent to Joyce Franz by Margaret Grotts of Hillsboro, IL, a Col. John Seward, Jr., descendant; received Oct. 20, 2000

In a note attached to some of the papers Margie sent to me, she made this comment about Margaret (Slayback) Seward. "My mother did not know her "Aunt Peggy", but my Grandma Chisholm knew her and spoke so lovingly of her."

SOURCE: Joyce M. Franz, October 22, 2000

Excerpt from "Toast to the Butler Pioneers" - 1937, by Mayme (Bryce) Ware, read as an address at a school graduation in 1937.

Quote:

Page 4 ... Mrs. Israel Seward, whose name was Margaret, was always called Aunt Peggy. She was truly a pioneer woman. Busy as she must have been with her large family, she made a home where she entertained not only her friends and neighbors, but the strangers who came within their gates. Travelers passing through the country were made welcome. Abraham Lincoln, when he was carrying the mail from Vandalia to Springfield, often ate a meal or spent a night at her home. Mr. Israel Seward and his

two sons, William and George, at different times carried the mail from Hillsboro to Jacksonville. But then went on horseback, not in a car like our mail carrier now drives. But they did not have so much mail in those days.

Aunt Peggy always wore a white cap, only on Sundays she put on a black silk one. In pioneer days there were not as very many doctors and a trained nurse had never been heard of. The neighbors helped each other in times of sickness. Once when Aunt Peggy was sent for to visit a family who were sick, she went to the chicken house, caught a chicken, chopped off its head, dipped it into a pail of hot water and started for the home where there was sickness, plucking the feathers from the chicken, scattering them on the way in haste, to have it ready to prepare broth for the sick and cook the rest for the family. She was always full of cheer and scattered sunshine all along her life's pathway. The keynote of her life was kindness. ...  
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SOURCE: Margaret Grotts of Hillsboro, IL, a descendant of Col. John Seward, Jr.; she owns the original, handwritten copy of this document. Margie had typed the article and she was kind enough to share with me a copy of her typed document; Joyce Franz received document Oct. 20, 2000

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## **Mary Seward-Coudy (1827-1923) – Daughter of Israel Seward**

Notes by Ted Hine - 2003

As of the 1900 Census, Mary C. Coudy was living at 1617 Euclid Ave., St. Louis MO. (and her son, Lee Coudy was living at 1604 Euclid Ave., St. Louis). She was a 73 year old widow and all 5 of her children were still living.

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Notes by Ted Hine - April 2004

The following is quoted from a recently discovered printed and bound booklet authored by Mary Seward Coudy's son, Upton Seward Coudy, after her death in 1923. (In addition to the quotes here the booklets contains poetry by Upton Seward Coudy and prayers read at her funeral service.) I found the booklet among Betty Seward Hulburd-Hine-Alderson's family history papers and photos.

"Mary Caroline Seward was born in Blooming Grove, now Butler, Illinois, January 17, 1827. Her father was Israel Seward, a direct descendent of Col. John Seward of Revolutionary fame, and Willian H. Seward, Secretary of State under President Lincoln."

"Her mother was Margaret Slayback, of the Kentucky family of that name and closely related to Alonzo Slayback, a prominent St. Louis lawyer of the early days."

"Mrs. Coudy was one of a family of two girls and eight boys, her only sister, Mrs. Cornelia McGowan of Pana, Illinois, and her brother, Henry Seward, of Los Angeles, Calif.; Clarence Seward, of Hoopston, Ill.; Frank Seward, of Denver, Colo.; Charles Seward, of Farmington, Minn.; William Seward, of Butler, Ill.; Edward Seward, of St. Louis, MO.; James Seward, of Butler, Ill.; George Seward, of Butler, Ill."

"Mrs. Coudy was the last of the family to pass to the great beyond."

"Mary Caroline Seward was married in Butler, Illinois, to Matthew Coudy on September 25th, 1848, and came to St. Louis in a schooner wagon, crossing the Mississippi River at St. Louis."

"Their first home was on Seventeenth Street, near Washington Avenue. Later they built a home on the block of ground bounded by Sixteenth Street, Wash and Franklin Avenue, and here their family was born and reared. The family consisted of three girls and 4 boys; Lillian (deceased); Agnes (Mrs. A.H. Eilers); Margaret (Mrs. Ben P. Corneli), deceased; James, deceased; Horace, Upton, and Lee."

"Mrs. Coudy had eleven grandchildren: Roy and Ralph Eilers; Clifford Corneli; Elmer, Morman, Harold, and Hazel (Mrs. Earl Hulburd) Coudy; Upton Seward, Jr., Culver, and Virgil Coudy; Mildred Coudy (Mrs. Eugene Coleman)"

"There are nine great-grandchildren; Agnes, Roy, Fern, and Ray Eilers; Florence Eilers; Harriet Nan, and Betty Seward Hulburd; Dorothy Jane Coudy; Edith Coleman."

"The writer can recall many an evening spent in the old home, around the open fire place, listening to Mother entertain all the children with weird stories of the Indians, who were camped within a block of home. The Indians were quite friendly in those days, making neighborly calls to sample Mother's cooking and, finding sample satisfactory, taking a goodly portion back to the wigwam. The old-fashioned peacock feather duster was their special delight, and many a brave buck would plant himself on the kitchen floor and, moving his fingers scissor-like, demand that Mother dismantle the same feather duster and braid the feather in his long black, shining hair. At times their visits were occasioned by a desire to trade - their bear and venison meals were enjoyed by all; but one time, a proposal to swap Indian blankets for a white girl papoose for a time occasioned some uneasiness, but no attempt was made to steal the child."

"Among the many pleasant memories of her happy childhood, were the frequent visits of Abraham Lincoln to her father's home at Butler, Illinois; how, as a little girl, she would run down the hill to meet father's friend. Mr. Lincoln would reach out his long arms and lift her to a seat beside him in his old well-known buggy, with holes cut in the dashboard to allow for his unusual height."

"Mrs. Coudy for years made her home with her son, Upton, and passed away in his home, as the golden sun was setting on the evening of October 26, 1923."

"Her birthdays and wedding anniversaries were always an occasion for the gathering of her family and friends. She had a remarkable memory, entertaining at all times with selection from her storehouse of poems. The following is a copy of an invitation sent out on her ninetieth birthday, January 17th 1917:"

"I am glad to meet my friends so dear,  
 From near and far away;  
 you must not think I am growing old -  
 I am Ninety years old today.

Perhaps you think that I am old,  
 Tho my hair is streaked with grey,  
 But I am as young as any of you-  
 I am Ninety years old today.

I have two daughters near me,  
 My three sons close at hand.  
 I have all the comforts one should ask;  
 Now don't you think that's grand?

So please come round and seem me oft;  
 Please do not stay away,  
 I love to see your smiling face -  
 And I am Ninety years old today.

And so each day of the fleeting years,  
 Please think of me. I say,  
 And let all pleasures banish tears,  
 'Cause - I am Ninety years old today.

I was raised way off in Illinois,  
 Away from care and harm;  
 I have always looked at the bright side,  
 Both on and off the farm.

I came here away in the Forties,  
 When the City was a Town,  
 When Grand Avenue was a wilderness,  
 With her fields of golden brown.

I want to live just ten years more -  
 To reach my hundred mark.  
 You know I am a young girl yet  
 That lovers like to spark.

And may the Lord His measure give

To each of you, I pray;  
 And may you always happy be,  
 'Cause I am Ninety years old today.

I still can sing and recite for you,  
 Entertain you in my way;  
 So don't forget me in the days to come -  
 I am NINETY years old today."

"Many called during the day and evening"

"The funeral services of Mrs. Mary C. Coudy were conducted at Third Baptist Church, Sunday, October 28, 1923 at 3:00 p.m. Dr. Samuel E. Ewing officiated."

"Dr. Ewing spoke as follows:"

"Mrs. Mary C. Coudy was born near Butler (Montgomery County), Illinois, January 17th 1827. She lived to the unusual age of 96 years, 9 months and 9 days. She was one of ten children; all the other members of her family have entered into rest. We have here this afternoon four children (one daughter and three sons), eleven grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Four generations mourn the departure of the good woman. Mrs. Coudy was converted at the early age of twelve and united with the Presbyterian Church. She, with the other members of her family, came to St. Louis in 1848. In 1851 Mrs. Coudy and her husband, Matthew Coudy, were baptized into the membership of the Third Baptist Church by the pastor, Rev. Jos. Walker. At this time the Third Church was worshipping in the hall at the corner of Thirteenth and Market streets. There was no baptistry in the building and it was necessary for the services to be held at the Second Baptist Church. At that time there were thirty-five members of the Third Church. We have time to mention only a few outstanding characteristics of the noble woman. The age to which our sister Coudy was spared was quite remarkable. Her's was not a strong, robust body, but wonderfully gifted with endurance, and during all these decades she was exceedingly active in service to her family and community. Mrs. Coudy was especially noteworthy in the realm of the mental. God endowed her with wonderful gifts of mind, and it was her happy privilege to cultivate those gifts and store her heart and mind with the richest treasures that could be found. From earliest years of her life she loved the Scriptures. It would be difficult to estimate how much of the Old Book, "The Bible," she had stored in her heart. She put it there for use. God gave her a good memory, and she did not select a verse here and there, but memorized the Scriptures by paragraphs and chapters. At any time during the day or night she could recite them most fluently. Just a little while before she passed away she recited the entire 23rd Psalm."

"The burial was in Bellefontaine Cemetery beside her husband".

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Notes by Joyce Franz - January 2005

1900 St. Louis Co., City of St. Louis, Missouri, 27th Ward, Superv. Dist # 11, Enumerator's Dist #406, Sheet 9B, enumerated June 9, 1900; Series: T62 3, Roll: 900, Book: 2, p 248B; lines 73-77, Dwelling #152, Family #190

1617 Euclid Ave.

Cowdy, Mary, head, w, f, Jan 1827, 73, widow, 5 children/5 living, b. I L, father b. NJ, mother b. KY, can read & write, Owns mortgage free, house

Upton S., son, w, m, Dec 1865, 34, mrd, b. MO, father b. Ireland, mother b. IL, Manager, can read & write

Cella, dau-in-law, w,f, Apr 1873, 27, mrd, 1 child/1 living, b. MO, prnts b. Massachusetts, can read & write

Upton S., gr son, w, m, Mar 1900, 2/12, single. b. MO, prnts b. MO

Foncanon, Mamie, Boarder, w, f, Oct 1867, 32, single, b. MO, prnts b. O H, Physician, can read & write

Note: #1 Mamie Foncanon is Mary's grandniece.

#2 Mary's son, Lee, lives at 1602 Euclid Ave, Dwelling #31, Family #48

SOURCE: "Electronic" Genealogy.com - Census Online, Image #178 of 299; researcher Joyce M. Franz, Jan 26, 2005

In the 1920 St. Louis Co., MO census, Mary is a widow and living in the household of her son, Upton S. Coudy. See Upton's notes to view this census extract. - J. Franz, Jan 2005

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### **Matthew Coudy (1813-1883) – Husband of Mary Seward-Coudy**

Note by Ted Hine - March 2005

There are references which spell his name "Matthew" however both his tombstone and a cemetery record hand written and signed by him clearly show his first name spelled "Mathew" so I assume that this is the correct spelling.

Notes by Ted Hine - Feb. 2003:

The Coudy name is spelled as "Cowday" in the 1860 census.

In both the 1860 and 1880 census Mathew Coudy and his family are show to be living in St. Louis. In the 1860 census his occupation is shown as "builder and in the 1880 census his occupation is shown as "retired builder".

Notes by Ted Hine - April 2004

In a recently discovered letter to Betty Hulburd-Hine (my mother) written in April of 1946, Horace R. Coudy (her grandfather) wrote regarding his father Mathew Coudy:

"My father's family came from So. France, French Huguenots, and when they were expelled from France by the Catholics, they all went to Belfast Ireland for a short time & then to the US. They settled in Hancock Md. where my father was born. His parents died and he was raised by relatives till a young man. He and his brother Oliver came west to see what they could do & went by river to Vicksburg Miss. then north to Alton as boats did not land at St. Louis, to small a town. They heard of an academy to be built in Hillsboro (IL), "Wyman Academy" so they decided to try for the contract, missed the stage coach which made two trips a week so they walked. Only 40 miles, grass taller than heads. Arrived in Hillsboro in due time then had to go on to my grandfather Israel Seward who was in charge of building. Father often told us when he went up to house, mother [Horace's], a young girl of about 16 was a riding pal [Mathew's future wife]. Any way they built the academy -(still standing, saw it in 1938). Abe Lincoln always stopped at grandfather's on his way Springfield to Vandalia which was then the capital of Ill. Mother said he would drive up in a buckboard - dashboard cut out so his leg could reach around the horse's neck. He'd jump out, throw her up and catch her in his arms. Uncle Oliver married a Hillsboro girl and passed away some years later in the coach on his way from Springfield where he was a legislator from his district. Later his widow married Judge Rice - grandchildren still living in Hillsboro. Father and mother married in 1848, moved to St. Louis. Bought half a block of land, built a home, went into contracting business and later built eight more houses. When I was 12 yrs father retired. Passed away Dec 31st 1883. I went to send a telegram to Uncle James at Hancock, Md. and when I returned mother had a telegram stating uncle James passed away at 1 p.m. Father at 12:00 noon - 1 hour apart. Father 70 - uncle James 80."

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Notes by Joyce Franz about Mathew Coudy

I have been unable to locate an 1850 Missouri census for Mathew Coudy. - J. Franz Jan 26, 2005

1860 St. Louis Co., 8th Ward St. Louis City, MO census, P.O. St. Louis, enumerated July 28, 1860; Series: M653, Roll: 652, Book: 1, p 471; lines 6-1 0, Dwelling #746, Family #1500

Cowday, Matt, 45, m, Builder, R.E. Val \$1200, Pers Prop \$300, b. Ireland  
     Mary C, 29, f, b. IL  
     Mary A, 10, f, b. MO, attends school  
     Mgt., 1, f, b. MO  
 Cline, Martha, 19, f, b. IL

Note: There is some discrepancy as to where Mathew was born. This census and the 1900 census of his widow's household indicate he was born Ireland. In a letter written by his son, Horace, (see below) says he was born in Maryland.

SOURCE: "Electronic" Genealogy.com - Census Online, Image #163 of 572; researcher Joyce M. Franz, Jan 26, 2005

1880 St. Louis, St. Louis Co., MO census, p 2, Enumeration Dist #76, enume rated June 1, 1880; Roll: T9\_720, Family History Film 1254720, p 150B, Image: 0274; lines 1-6, Dwelling #10, Family #10

925 N. Seventeenth St.

Coudy, Matth., w,m, 68, mrd, Retired Builder, b. Ireland, prnts b. Ireland  
 Mary C., w, f, 53, wife, mrd, Keeping house, b. Ireland, prnts b. Ireland  
 Maggy M., w, f, 20, dau, single, Bookkeeper, Unemp 3 mos during year, b. MO, prnts b. Ireland  
 Horace R., w, m, 18, son, single, Bookkeeper, b. Mo, prnts b, Ireland  
 Upton S., w, m, 15, son, single, attends school, b. MO, prnts b. Ireland  
 Lee, w, m, 11, son, single, attends school, b. MO, prnts b. Ireland

Note: Birth locations of Mathew's parents and of Mary and her parents are all wrong.

SOURCE: "Electronic" Ancestry.com - Census Images Online, Image #2 of 37; researcher Joyce M. Franz, Jan 26, 2005

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 Notes by Joyce Franz From 1860 census regarding Charles Coudy:

1860 St. Louis Co., 8th Ward St. Louis City, MO census, P.O. St. Louis, enumerated July 28, 1860; Series: M653, Roll: 652, Book: 1, p 471; lines 6-10, Dwelling #746, Family #1500

Cowday, Matt, 45, m, Builder, R.E. Val \$1200, Pers Prop \$300, b. Ireland  
 Mary C, 29, f, b. IL  
 Mary A, 10, f, b. MO, attends school  
 Mgt., 1, f, b. MO  
 Cline, Martha, 19, f, b. IL

SOURCE: "Electronic" Genealogy.com - Census Online, Image #163 of 572; researcher Joyce M. Franz, Jan 26, 2005

Living next door to Mathew in 1860 census is a Charles Coudy. I don't know the relationship, possibly brother or cousin.



1860 St. Louis Co., MO, St. Louis Ward 8, Independent City, P.O. St. Louis, p 163, enumerated July 28, 1860; Roll: M653\_652; lines 11-15, Dwelling #747, Family #1501

Cowday, Chas., 30, m, Builder, R.E. Val \$6000, Pers. Prop. \$300, b. PA  
 Jane, 25, f, b. PA  
 Alex, 9, m, b. PA, attends school  
 Chas., 6, m, b. PA  
 James, 2, m, b. MO

SOURCE: "Electronic" Ancestry.com - Census Images Online, Image #163 of 570; researcher Joyce M. Franz, Feb 24, 2005

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## **Oliver Coudy (? , ?) – Brother of Matthew Coudy**

Note by Ted Hine - April 2004

See Mathew Coudy notes.

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Note by Ted Hine - January 2005

In and e-mail dated Jan. 27, 2005 James R. Kuttler says:

"Now for Oliver:

He was in the 1840 Census, Montgomery Co., IL, and on 17 November 1840, Montgomery Co., IL, Oliver Coudy, clerk, witnessed a marriage license.

On 9 May 1839, Montgomery Co., IL, Oliver married Susan R. Allen. He may have died by 29 November 1849, because on that date Susan Coudy married Edward Young Rice. This was Edward's second marriage also. He had several children by a previous marriage, and he and Susan also had several. However, Oliver and Susan apparently had just one child. [I got this all from a History of Montgomery County.] She was another Isabella Coudy, and she married Festus C. Bolton, 13 December 1865, Montgomery Co., IL. [This came from the State of Illinois online marriage records.] Looking for him on the Census turned up:

Festus C. Bolton, 17, OH, in the 1860 Census, Leicester, Livingston Co., NY, living with Festus Cone, 73 [probably his grandfather].

1880 Census, Brookfield, Lynn Co., MO, Festus E. (sic) Bolton, 37, OH, NY, NY, RR engineer; Isabella, 33, IL, Ire, KY; Mamie, 13, KS; Edward, 3, IL.

And that's all I could find on him, but there is an Edward Bolton, 1877, IL, OH, IL, in the 1900 Census, Buffalo, Erie Co., NY, and there is an Edward Bolton, 53, IL, OH, IL, in the 1930 Census, Waco, McClennan Co., TX.

I am not at all sure that this is the right one, or even that these are both the same person, but the ages and birthplaces are exactly correct. If it is the right one, there are no wife and children, so perhaps he never married.

And that's all I found.

Jim"

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## **James Coudy (abt. 1808-1883) – Brother of Matthew Coudy**

Note by Ted Hine - January 2005

In an e-mail to me dated January 27, 2005, James R. Kuttler (Jim) wrote:

"Delegates to the Maryland House from Washington Co.: James Coudy, 1860, 1861 (April Special Session, June Special Session, July Special Session [dns]), 1868 (D).

1870 Census, Hancock, Washington Co., MD, James Coudy, 62, Ire, farmer, \$8000 + \$2000; Susan, 44, PA; Zella E., 6, MD; Edward M., 4, MD; Ellen M., 1, MD.

1880 Census, Hancock, Washington Co., MD, James Coudy, 73, Ire, Ire, Ire, collector on canal; Susan, 53, PA, PA, MD; Isabel E., 15, MD; Edward M., 14; Ellen M., 11, MD; Mary A., 9, MD.

The first item is from the Maryland State Archives, which are online. The reason for the special sessions was that Maryland was deciding whether or not to secede from the Union. The Civil War started in April 1861. Maryland was a border state that did stay in the Union, but had many, many Southern sympathizers, particularly from the part of Maryland around Hancock. A little geography: the northern border of Maryland is the Mason-Dixon Line, the southern border is the Potomac River. At Hancock, which is on the Potomac, Maryland is at its narrowest, with Pennsylvania and Virginia only about 10 miles apart there.

Since James did not serve [dns] in the July session, and in 1868 is listed as a Democrat (D), it is quite possible that he was a Southern sympathizer. [This is just speculation on my part.]

In 1880 he is a "collector on canal", which would be taking tolls on the C & O canal. The C & O [for Chesapeake and Ohio] canal runs parallel to the Potomac on its northern (Maryland) side. It still exists today, although not used as a canal, and is a very long, thin park, used for hiking and cycling.

James seems to have had a much younger wife, and small children when he was fairly old.

I couldn't find James or his wife Susan in any subsequent Censuses. [Of course, the 1890 is lost.] He may have died, and she died or remarried. I also couldn't find Edward. But I did apparently find [Isa]belle:

1910 Census, Washington, DC, Robert S. Moffitt, 48, married (1) 6 years, MD, MD, PA, retail merchant, dairyman; Agnes, 39, 2 children, 1 living, MD, Ire, MD; Ellen Marie, 3, DC; Belle Coudy, sister-in-law, 42, single, MD, Ire, MD, milliner, wholesale house.

Agnes must be Isabel's sister, listed as Mary A. in the 1880 Census. So this set me to looking for Robert Moffitt [or Moffett] and I found:

1920 Census, Indian Springs, Washington Co., MD, Robert S. Moffett, 57, MD, MD, MD, poultry farm; Agnes C., 48, MD, MD, MD; Ellen M., 13, DC.

1930 Census, Indian Springs, Washington Co., MD, Robert S. Moffett, 67, 42 when married, MD, MD, MD, post master, 4th class office; Mary A., 59, 31 when married, MD, Northern Ireland, PA.

Indian Springs is on Rte 70 between Hancock and Hagerstown, MD.

In the Censuses it consistently indicates that James was born in Ireland. In the last one, Mary Agnes specifically says Northern Ireland, which, of course, is where Belfast is. [The Republic of Ireland got its independence from Great Britain in 1921, so "Northern Ireland" is a term that wouldn't have been used before then.] Incidentally, Summer before last, my wife and I attended a wedding in Northern Ireland, and toured both North and South [Republic of] Ireland then. We didn't go into Belfast however. Note that James was born about 1807 and Mathew in 1813, so James could have been born in Belfast and Mathew in Hancock, although the Censuses also consistently give Ireland as Mathew's birthplace too. While I was in Ireland, I went to the National Genealogy Offices in Dublin to see if I could find anything on my Irish ancestors (McNally). They also emigrated around the 1810 time period. I was told essentially that it was very, very hard to locate anyone in Ireland before about 1850, and the only way to do it would be to dig them out of original church records, which are only available in the local parishes."

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From Jim Kuttler - Feb. 2, 2005

"While rooting around, I also found a couple of James Coudy's children:

R.L. Polk & Co.'s Baltimore city directory for 1899, p. 336, Edwd. M. Coudy, motorman; Ellen M. Coudy, stenographer; Mrs. Susan Coudy [Edward's wife?]; all at 1603 Edmonston Avenue.

As for what you might find in France, je ne sais pas. The European IGI on Family Search had some 16th Century Huguenot Coudy on it, but hard to say if a relative."

Jim

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## **Charles Coudy (abt 1830, ?) – Possible 1<sup>st</sup> Cousin of Mathew Coudy**

Notes by Ted Hine - Feb. 2005

There is evidence to suggest that Charles Coudy was possibly a first Cousin of Mathew Coudy (1813-1883) but some assumptions have been made in showing him as such.

In December of 2004 I visited the Bellefontaine Cemetery in St. Louis and obtained records for the Coudy plot there (plot 727, block 117). "Mathew and Charles Coudy" are show as the owners and purchasers of the plot at a time assumed to be prior to the first interment on it in 1858. Mathew is my great-great grandfather and his children are well documented. However, I had never heard of Charles Coudy and had no idea who he was or how he fit into the family tree. In addition, of the 22 interments in the plot between 1858 and 1949 I had never heard of, and could not immediately account for, 8 with the surname Coudy (see list below) including 2 with the first name Charles.

Curious as to who the mystery Coudys were I checked census records for St. Louis, MO and Hillsboro/Butler, IL (where Mathew had met and married Mary Seward and where his brother Oliver had settled). The only census record found for a Charles Coudy (for any census year) was from the 1860 St. Louis census (details below) but oddly, not in later census records. It shows a Charles Coudy (age 30, born PA) living with his wife Jane (age 25, born PA) and 3 children, Alex (age 9, born PA), Charles (age 6, born PA) and James (age 2, born MO) living right next door to Mathew and Mary Coudy. The proximity to Mathew and the fact that there is an Alexander Coudy and 2 Charles Coudys on my cemetery plot list of unknown Coudys is to big a coincidence to ignore and very strongly suggests that next-door neighbors Mathew and Charles must have been related and that this is in fact the Charles who co-purchased the cemetery plot with Mathew.

Charles and his family must have moved to Missouri between about 1854 and 1858 as indicated by the birth dates and birth places of his two youngest sons as shown the 1860 census. This time frame would be consistent with Charles being in St. Louis at a time to share in the purchase of the cemetery plot with Mathew.

But.... how were Charles and Mathew related?

A letter from Horace R. Coudy (Mathew's son) to his granddaughter Elizabeth Hulburd-Hine dated April 19, 1946 provides some clues. Horace wrote in part regarding his father Mathew Coudy's family:

"My father's family came from So. France, French Huguenots, and when they were expelled from France by the Catholics, they all went to Belfast Ireland for a short time &

then to the US. They settled in Hancock Md. His parents died and he was raised by relatives till a young man."

According to the 1860 census data, Mathew was age 45 and Charles age 30, 15 years younger than Mathew. The fact that Horace's letter indicates that Mathew was raised by "relatives till a young man" after his parents died suggests that Mathew's parents likely were not around to father a child 15 years younger than Mathew. This makes it unlikely that Mathew and Charles were brothers. But the letter also suggests that relatives were around to raise Mathew whom he would have in theory grown close to and who may have also immigrated to the U.S. at the time Mathew's parents did (sometime not long before about 1813). This suggests the possibility that Mathew's father had a brother and that Charles and Mathew could therefore be first cousins. The fact that Charles is shown as being born in Pennsylvania is not inconsistent with this theory in that Hancock, MD is only about 2 miles from the Pennsylvania/Maryland border.

There are of course other ways that Charles and Mathew Coudy could have been related but first cousin is my best guess based on the information I have. Another possibility, given their age difference is that Charles could have been a nephew of Mathew's, the son of an unknown brother.

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Burials in the Coudy plot at the Bellefontaine Cemetery, St. Louis (plot 727 block 117) which I strongly believe are not descended from Mathew and Mary Coudy and therefore are likely descended from, or related to, Charles Coudy:

Mathew Coudy (interred Feb 24, 1858) (not the Mathew who co-purchased the plot.)  
Charles B. Coudy (interred July 20, 1871)  
George E. Coudy (interred August 29, 1880) [a leg and arm only]  
Louisa Coudy (interred Sept 28, 1885)  
Louisa Coudy (interred July 17, 1887) (a second Louisa)  
Charles W. Coudy (interred July 17, 1893)  
John B. Coudy (interred July 18, 1895)  
Alexander Coudy (interred January 6, 1906)

Bellefontaine Cemetery interment records have provided some clues as to who most of these Coudys were:

Mathew Coudy was one month old when interred in 1858.

There was no interment record for Charles B. Coudy (int. 1871). However other interment records suggest that the half owner of the cemetery plot may have been "Charles W. Coudy" as Jane Coudy (wife of Charles in the 1860 census) appears to use the name "Mrs. Charles W. Coudy" on some interment documents in future years when authorizing the burial of other family members which she signed using the first name Jane. If the half owner of the plot was in fact Charles W. Coudy, Charles B. Coudy

would likely be the son of Charles and Jane shown in the 1860 census.

Records show that only the "limbs" of George E. Coudy were interred in 1880 and a note in the Coudy plot file shows that an arm and a leg were delivered from a local hospital (but not a complete body). The 1906 interment of Alexander B. Coudy was signed for by "George E. Coudy son of Charles Coudy" so it is likely that they were brothers with George being born after the 1860 census and living his life as an amputee (for unknown reasons).

The two Louisa Coudys interred in 1885 and 1887 both died in infancy, the first at age 3 years, 6 months, and 8 days and the second aged 6 months. Both interment documents were signed by Jane Coudy (likely the wife of Charles). Since Jane would have been at, or over, 50 years old in 1885 and 1887, I suspect that these two young girls probably were her granddaughters but I have no way of knowing which of Jane's sons they may have belonged to.

The Charles W. Coudy interred in 1893 was age 4 months, 15 days and the interment document was again signed by Jane Coudy who I again assume to be the grandmother. On the same date in 1893 the interment document for John Coudy (age 11 months) was also signed by Jane Coudy (though other cemetery record show John interred in 1895 (which I suspect was a transcription error).

Alexander B. Coudy (int. 1906) is very likely the son of Charles and Jane Coudy shown in the 1860 census.

In summary, it's clear that most (if not all) of the 8 Coudys that I can't identify as belonging to Mathew and Mary Coudy do in fact belong to Charles and Jane Coudy. Five of them died in infancy, and two, Alexander and George, are pretty clearly the sons of Charles of Jane. The last, Charles B. Coudy, is a mystery but I suppose it possible that this could be a transcription error and he could be Charles W. Coudy, the apparent husband of Jane and half owner of the plot. On the other hand, it is interesting to note that Jane is definitely not buried in the plot and (assuming no transcription error for Charles B.) neither is her husband Charles who co-purchased the plot with Mathew. Perhaps they moved elsewhere after the 1860 census (which would explain why they don't show up in later census records in St. Louis) but close enough that Jane could be around for the burial of some of her assumed grandchildren as wife (widow?) of the plot's half owner.

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1860 Census Data on Mathew and Charles:

1860 St. Louis Co., 8th Ward St. Louis City, MO census, P.O. St. Louis, enumerated July 28, 1860; Series: M653, Roll: 652, Book: 1, p 471; lines 6-10, Dwelling #746, Family #1500

Cowday, Matt, 45, m, Builder, R.E. Val \$1200, Pers Prop \$300, b. Ireland  
 Mary C, 29, f, b. IL  
 Mary A, 10, f, b. MO, attends school  
 Mgt., 1, f, b. MO  
 Cline, Martha, 19, f, b. IL [likely a servant or boarder]

SOURCE: "Electronic" Genealogy.com - Census Online, Image #163 of 572; researcher Joyce M. Franz, Jan 26, 2005

Living next door to Mathew in 1860 census is a Charles Coudy. I don't know the relationship, possibly brother or cousin (researcher Joyce Franz note).

1860 St. Louis Co., MO, St. Louis Ward 8, Independent City, P.O. St. Louis, p 163, enumerated July 28, 1860; Roll: M653\_652; lines 11-15, Dwelling #747, Family #1501

Cowday, Chas., 30, m, Builder, R.E. Val \$6000, Pers. Prop. \$300, b. PA  
 Jane, 25, f, b. PA  
 Alex, 9, m, b. PA, attends school  
 Chas., 6, m, b. PA  
 James, 2, m, b. MO

SOURCE: "Electronic" Ancestry.com - Census Images Online, Image #163 of 570; researcher Joyce M. Franz, Feb 24, 2005

Note by Ted Hine - The census misspelled the Coudy name as Cowday for both Mathew and Charles however there is no doubt that this is the correct Mathew because the names and birth dates of his wife and children are all correct.

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 A few final notes and possibilities:

The "History of Montgomery County" (Illinois) edited by Alexander T. Strange, Volume II published in 1918 by Munsell Publishing Company, Chicago shows a "Charles Coudy" (p. 853) in a list of "Grain Merchants" in Butler, Illinois (near Hillsboro). No date is given so this information could have been from any time in the middle or late 1800's. It is thus possible I suppose that this is the same Charles Coudy that shows up in St. Louis in the 1860 census and that he could have resided in Butler (60 miles from St. Louis and where Mathew's brother Oliver had settled), for a short time before 1860 and/or for a time after 1860. This could explain why Charles and his family don't show up in St. Louis census records after the one in 1860. It is also possible that the Charles mentioned in Butler, IL was a son of Oliver Coudy, Mathew's brother (though the St. Louis Charles would have been too young to be a son of Oliver.)

One final thought. While exploring the Oak Grove Cemetery in Hillsboro, IL in December of 2004 I accidentally ran into and photographed a single stone Coudy

monument apparently containing two graves whose occupants I have also been unable to place on my family tree. The two inscriptions, on opposite sides of the monument, read:

"Catharina Coudy who departed this life Nov. 2, 1863 aged 62 years".

"Alexander Coudy who departed this life Dec. 2, 1864 (maybe reads 1861) aged 11 years, 9 months".

Coudy is not a common name even today so I have to believe that anyone with this name in Hillsboro, IL and/or St. Louis in the mid 1800's has to be related. But who were Catharina and Alexander? Several possibilities occur to me.

Catharina would have been born about 1801 and was thus older than both Mathew and Oliver. She was not likely a wife of either Coudy brother as Mathew's wife was Mary and Oliver's was named Susan. Could she have been an unmarried sister who followed them to Hillsboro? Or, could she have been the wife of another unknown Coudy brother or cousin who also made it to Hillsboro? Her age suggests that she would have been old enough to be the mother of the St. Louis Charles Coudy (born about 1830) which in turn suggests the possibility that Charles could have left St. Louis after the 1860 census to take over his mother's Hillsboro land and/or business after her 1863 death. This could explain both Charles' absence from future St. Louis census' and the Charles that is mentioned in the above referenced Hillsboro historical information. (But there is no record of a Charles Coudy in Hillsboro, IL or nearby census records.)

The Alexander buried in Hillsboro is also a mystery but it is interesting to note that the name Alexander shows up in Charles' branch of the family in the Bellefontaine Cemetery in St. Louis. Alexander is likely not a son of Catharina as she would have had to have given birth to him when she was almost 50 years of age or older. Could he have been a son of Oliver and Susan Coudy (of Hillsboro)? Perhaps, if Alexander's death date is assumed to be 1861 (and not 1864 which I think is the more likely reading of the gravestone). In this case he would have been born in about 1849. Oliver Coudy is believed to have died prior to when his wife (widow) re-married in 1849, so I suppose its possible that Alexander was a son of Oliver but the timing, while possible, is perhaps a bit of a stretch.

## **William A. Seward (1818-1888) – Son of Israel Seward**

From the "Semi-Centenarians of Butler Grove Township, Montgomery Co., ILL. ", page 31 - by Rev. T. E. Spilman, September 1878

WILLIAM SEWARD,  
son of Israel and Margaret Seward, was born in Hamilton, (Butler County) Ohio, Aug. 17th, 1818. His parents moved to Montgomery Co., Ill. when he was about fifteen



months old. They settled upon the top of what is now known as "The Seward Hill," one half mile south of Butler.

When about ten years of age, William returned to Hamilton, Ohio and spent three months at school. Other than this his whole life since fifteen months of age has been spent in the vicinity of Butler. When quite a youth he carried the mail for four years on horseback from Hillsboro to Jacksonville.

In the 24th year of his age he was united in marriage with Miss Susan Fuller of East Fork, about ten miles South East of Hillsboro.

The officiating minister was Rev. T. A. Spilman, the father of the writer of these sketches.

In the year 1858 Mr. Seward made a profession of religion and united with the Presbyterian Church of Butler.

In 1858 he was ordained a Deacon of the church, and about the year 1865 was elected and ordained a ruling elder.

Mr. Seward's residence is situated on the north side of the "Seward Hill" where he has lived for thirty-six years.

SOURCE: Copy of article provided by Ann Tindall of Florida, a Ware descendant; Oct. 26, 2000

Transcription of excerpt from handwritten document entitled, "Butler Grove Township Genealogy", compiled in 1947 by Amelia C. Westcott. She wrote this copy of her work in Aug. 1949.

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Israel Seward had a son William, born before he came to Butler, born Aug 17, 1818 at Hamilton, Ohio. He was son of Israel and Margaret Seward and they brought him to Butler (Montgomery Co., IL) when 15 months old.

When a young man he carried mail for 4 years on horseback from Hillsboro, Ill. to Jacksonville, Ill. He married in 1814 Susan Fuller of East Fork Township, born in 1818 in Ohio, came to Ill. June 1840, settled in East Fork Tp. Had 7 children.

SOURCE: Copy of handwritten document provided by Ann Tindall of Florida, a Ware descendant, to Joyce M. Franz, Oct. 26, 2000

1850 Montgomery Co., IL, Southwest part of district No 22, enumerated Aug 25, 1850, p 106; Roll: M432\_121, p 106; lines 26-31, Dwelling #170, Family #172

Seward, William, 32, m, Farmer, R.E. Val \$1500, b. OH  
 Susan, 32, f, b. OH  
 Alonzo, 7, m, b. IL, attended school within year  
 Almeda, 2, f, b. IL  
 Israel, 3/12, m, b. IL

Moon, Ezekiel, 25, m, Farmer, R.E. Val \$500, b. NJ

Note: William's mother lives in Dwelling #167.  
 William's brother George lives in Dwelling #169.

SOURCE: "Electronic" Genealogy.com - Census Images Online, Image #25 of 15 0;  
 researcher Joyce M. Franz, Aug 10, 2004

1860 Montgomery Co., Illinois census, P.O. Butler, Twp 9, Range 4W, p 5 3,  
 enumerated June 14, 1860; Roll: M653\_214, p 53; lines 25-31, Dwelling # 376, Family  
 #386

Seward, Wm, 41, m, Farmer, R.e. Val \$6000, Pers Prop \$2000, b. OH  
 Susan, 40, f, b. OH  
 Alonzo, 17, m, b. IL, attends school  
 Almeda, 12, f, b. IL, attends school  
 Clarence, 7, m, b. IL, attends school  
 Ellen, 4, f, b. IL  
 Cornelia, 1, f, b. IL

NOTE: William's brother, George C. Seward, and family, live in the next dwelling #377

SOURCE: "Electronic" Ancestry.com - Census Images Online, Image #`11 of 2 0;  
 researcher Joyce M. Franz, Feb 4, 2005

1880 Montgomery Co., Illinois census, Butler, Supervisor's Dist #6, Enumerator's Dist  
 #143, p 20D, enumerated June 14, 1880; Roll: T9\_237,Family His tory Film: 1254237, p  
 193D, Image: 0390; lines 44-48, Dwelling #41, Fami ly #41

Cherry Street

Seward, Wm, w, m, 61, mrd, Farmer, b. OH, fawther b. NJ, mother b. KY  
 Susan, w, f, 61, wife, mrd, Keeping house, b. OH, father b. N Y, mother b VA  
 Clarence F., w, m, 26, son, single, Farmer, b. IL, prnts b. OH  
 Mary E. w, f, 23, dau, single, b. IL, prnts b. OH  
 Cornelia W., w, f, 21, dau (marital status blank), b. IL, prn ts b. OH

SOURCE: "Electronic" Ancestry.com - Census Images Online, Image #20 of 2 5;  
 researcher Joyce M. Franz, Feb 4, 2005

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 Note by Ted Hine - March 2005:

From "Thru the Years 1865-1965 - Butler Centennial, Butler, Illinois" (No page numbers are shown)

"The village of Butler was incorporated in 1865, and the first officers to govern the village were: ..... Trustees: ..... [lists 6 including].... William Seward..."

"William A. Seward [son of Israel Seward] deeded the land for the original town of Butler on April 21, 1856. Later, he deeded a first addition in 1865, and a second addition in 1867. George Seward [another son of Israel Seward] deeded an addition in 1866 and a second addition in 1871. The village derived its name from the fact that many of its earliest settlers came from Butler County, Ohio. Before being incorporated the village was called 'Bagdad'." [An 1874 landholdings map of Butler shows that both William and George Seward owned land immediately adjacent to and on opposite sides of the village of Butler which in turn was immediately adjacent to land owned by their father, Israel Seward. It is assumed that Israel likely gave William and George their land from his holding when they became of age.]

"William Seward carried the mail between Hillsboro and Jacksonville, for a number of years, in the early days. George Seward also carried mail at one time between Hillsboro and Jacksonville, and Hillsboro and Alton."

"In the early morning hours of Oct. 2, 1877, a fire broke out in the building adjoining Seward's hall, and continued its destructive work until all the business buildings, and the hall containing all the village records and other village property were destroyed despite all efforts made to save them."

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## **George C. Seward (1821-1897) – Son of Israel Seward**

The following is a transcription from the book, "Obadiah Seward of Long Island, NY and His Descendants", page 120.

Quote:

...The original home of Israel Seward is now owned by his son, George C. Seward, the first white child born in Butler Grove Township. He was born Oct. 11, 1821, and has resided at the home he now occupies for the last 30 years.

SOURCE: Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Rare Books Dept. - "Obadiah Seward of Long Island, NY and His Descendants", by Frederick Whittlesey Seward, Jr., M.D., 1948, Arranged and Edited by Marjorie Seward Cleveland; page 120; researcher Joyce M. Franz, Sept. 10, 2000

1850 Montgomery Co., IL, Southwest part of district No 22, enumerated Aug 25, 1850, p 106; Roll: M432\_121, p 106; lines 22-25, Dwelling #169, Family #171

Seward, George, 28, m, Farmer, R.E. Val \$1200, b. IL  
 Unity, 22, f, b. IL  
 Lewis, 5, m, b. IL, attended school within year  
 Harriett, 2, f, b. IL

Note: 1. Lewis is from George's first marriage to Harriet Casey.  
 2. George's mother lives two dwellings away in Dwelling #167.  
 3. George's brother, William, lives in the next dwelling, Dwelling #170.

SOURCE: "Electronic" Genealogy.com - Census Images Online, Image #25 of 150; researcher Joyce M. Franz, Aug 10, 2004

1860 Montgomery Co., IL census, P.O. Butler, Twp 9, Range 4W, p 53, enumerated June 14, 1860; Roll: M653\_214; lines 32 - 39, Dwelling #377, Family # 387

Seward, Geo C., 38, m, Farmer, R.E. Val \$5000, b. IL  
 Unity J., 31, f, b. IL  
 Harriet C., 11, f, b. IL  
 Thos J., 8, m, b. IL  
 Benj H., 6, m, b. IL  
 George T., 3, m, b. IL  
 Clarrie M., 8/12, f, b. IL  
 Neal, James, 21, m, Farm Laborer, b. IL

NOTE: George's brother, William A. Seward and family, are in the previous dwelling #376

SOURCE: "Electronic" Ancestry.com - Census Images Online, Image #11 of 20; researcher Joyce M. Franz, Feb 4, 2005

From the "Semi-Centenarians of Butler Grove Township, Montgomery Co., ILL. ", page 32, 33, 34 - by Rev. T. E. Spilman, September 1878

GEORGE C. SEWARD,  
 son of Israel and Margaret Seward, was born in Montgomery Co., Ill. Oct. 11th, 1821.

In May 1844 he was united in marriage with Miss Harriet Casey of Jeffers on Co., Ill. In Sept. 1845 his wife died at Butler, Ill. and on Feb. 1st, 1848 he was united in marriage

at the age of twenty seven years, near Butler, Ill. with Miss Unity Phillips, daughter of Captain Thomas Phillips who recently died in Hillsboro, Ill.

One incident, or accident in the life of Mr. Seward is remembered with interest by his friends.

It was his lot in his younger days to be mail carrier for several years on the lines between Hillsboro and Jacksonville and Hillsboro and Alton .

During that time there came a freshet\* which raised the waters of Shoal Creek to an immense height. George attempted to cross the stream with a two-horse conveyance. A part of the bridge being gone he was carried away by the current. He got out of the carriage, stepping on one of the horses, and caught hold of a small Elm tree which he, after becoming wet nearly all over, climbed, and in the branches of which he remained until the next day.

It was about one o'clock in the afternoon, and in the month of Dec., when he took refuge in the tree. It was a little after dark when his friends discovered him.

The stream was now about three fourths of a mile wide, and the current baffled their efforts to get to the tree. The logs which were carried down the stream would strike the slender tree and partially dislodge him.

He could see and hear his friends from his lonely perch, which probably helped to beguile the uncomfortable hours of the night; but it was not until about 9 o'clock in the morning that with a horse trough and poles they succeeded in reaching and rescuing him.

Mr. Seward has never lived elsewhere than in Montgomery Co., and has been for thirty two years upon the farm where he now resides.

In the year 1865 Mr. Seward united with the Presbyterian Church of Butler.

This children of Mr. Seward are as follows:

By his first wife:

Lewis, born April 28, 1845

By his second wife:

Harriet C., wife of Lloyd C. Washburn, born Dec. 19, 1848

Thomas I., born July 25, 1851

Benjamin H., born Oct. 29, 1853

George T., born Sept. 14, 1856

Clara M., born Sept. 19, 1859

Jesse J., born Sept. 12, 1863

Infant, without name, born Dec. 17, 1867. Died Feb. 15, 1868.

NOTE by Joyce Franz:

\*freshet - a great rise or overflowing of a stream caused by rains or melted snow.

SOURCE: Copy of article provided by Ann Tindall of Florida, a Ware descendant; Oct. 26, 2000

1880 Montgomery Co., Illinois, census, Butler, Supervisor's Dist #6, Enumerator's Dist #143, p 24, enumerated June 15, 1880; Roll: T9\_237, Family History Film: 1254237, p 195D, Image: 0394; lines 18-21, Dwelling #76, Family #77

Filcomb Street

Seward, Geo C., w, m, 58, head, mrd, Farmer, B. IL, father b. NJ, mother b. KY

Una J., w,f, 51 wife, mrd, b. IL, father b. Georgia, mother b. PA

Thomas, w, m, 28, son, single, Farmer, b. IL, prnts b. IL

Jessie, w, m, 16, son, single, works on farm b. IL, prnts b. IL

SOURCE: "Electronic" Ancestry.com - Census Images Online, Image #24 of 25; researcher Joyce M. Franz, Feb 4, 2005

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Note by Ted Hine - March 2005

"Thru the Years 1865-1965 - Butler Centennial, Butler, Illinois" (No page numbers are shown)

"William A. Seward [son of Israel Seward] deeded the land for the original town of Butler on April 21, 1856. Later, he deeded a first addition in 1865, and a second addition in 1867. George Seward [another son of Israel Seward] deeded an addition in 1866 and a second addition in 1871. The village derived its name from the fact that many of its earliest settlers came from Butler County, Ohio. Before being incorporated the village was called 'Bagdad'." [An 1874 landholdings map of Butler shows that both William and George Seward owned land immediately adjacent to and on opposite sides of the village of Butler which in turn was immediately adjacent to land owned by their father, Israel Seward. It is assumed that Israel likely gave William and George their land from his holding when they became of age.]

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"George C. Seward, son of Israel and Margaret Seward was the first white child born in Butler Grove township. He was born on Oct. 11, 1821, on "Seward Hill", ½ mile south of Butler. He married Miss Unity Phillips, daughter of Capt. Thomas Phillips in 1848, following the death of his first wife in 1845, and resided most of his life in the Butler community. The village of Butler was laid out on land deeded by him, and his older brother William. The children of George C. and Unity Seward were seven in number:

Harriet, Thomas, Benjamin, George T., Clara, Jesse and an infant who died quite young."

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## **Charles O. Seward (1822-1901) – Son of Israel Seward**

In 1850, while his father and brother, Clarence, were in California at the time of the gold rush, Charles and his second wife, Jane, were living with his mother on the farm. See his mother's file to view the 1850 Montgomery Co., Illinois census extract. - J. Franz

Margie Grotts, of Hillsboro, Montgomery Co., IL, a Seward descendant, told me Charles moved to Minnesota.

SOURCE: Margaret Grotts, a descendant of Col. John Seward, Jr.; List of Children of Israel and Margaret (Slayback) Seward, compiled by Margie from a "Seward" book; mailed to Joyce Franz Oct. 20, 2000

Farmington, MN newspaper, 31 July 1873, "We regret to announce that neighbor Charles Seward is suffering from another runaway team - a load of hay passing over his body and bruising him severely. If he gets over this, we trust he will avoid such annual accidents - this being the third time, at about this season of the year, he has met with similar misfortunes."

SOURCE: Courtesy of James R. Kuttler <Jim.Kuttler@jhuapl.edu> Jan 26, 2005, Descendants of John Seward, p 29

1880 Dakota Co., Minnesota census, Town of Lakeville, Supervisor's Dist # 2, Enumerator's Dist #197, enumerated June 19, 1880; Roll: T9\_618, Family History Film: 1254618, p 198C, Image: 0079; lines 12-21, Dwelling #3, Family #3

Seward, Chas, w, m, 58, mrd, Farmer, b. IL, father b. NJ, mother b. KY

Jane E, w, f, 52, wife, mrd, Keeping house, b. IN, father b. PA, mother b. KY

Florence, w, f, 28, dau, single, School Teacher, b. IL, father b. IL, mother b. IN

Edwin, w, m, 26, son, single, Works on farm, b. IL, father b. IL, mother b. IN

James, w, m, 19, son, single, Works on farm, b. MN, father b. IL, mother b. IN

Martha, w, f, 16, dau, single, Doing housework, b. MN, father b. IL, mother b.

IN

Grant, w, m, 15, son, single, At school, b. MN, father b. IL, mother b. IN

John, w, m, 13, son, single, At school, b. MN, father b. IL, mother b. IN

Osborne, Polly, w, f, 78, mother-in-law, widow, b. KY, prnts b. PA

Hillis, w, m, 37, bro-in-law, single, Farmer, b. IN, father b. PA, mother b. KY

SOURCE: "Electronic" Ancestry.com - Census Images Online, Image #27 of 27; researcher Joyce M. Franz, Feb 4, 2005

"Dakota Co. Tribune," (MN newspaper) March 8, 1901 (Follow-up to obituary)

Charles Seward, whose death on Feb. 28 we announced in last week's Tribune, was born near Hillsboro, Montgomery Co., Illinois. His early life was spent there and he received a good education, finishing with an academic course. For four years he was surveyor of his native county and afterwards was employed on the U.S. government survey, in 1857-'58, in Minnesota. Mr. Seward moved his family to this state in 1858, and afterward lived on a farm and followed agricultural pursuits. Mr. Seward was twice married. In 1847 he was wedded to Maria McCauley of Preble county, Ohio, and she died in 1848. To this first marriage one daughter was born -- Mrs. Maria Foncannon, now living at Kirksville, Missouri. On the 11th of June, 1850, he was married to Jane Osborn, at Bainbridge, Indiana, and she survives. To them was given fifty years of happy married life, their golden wedding being celebrated last June. To this last marriage the following children were born and survive: Charles E. of Princeton, Minn.; Mrs. Florence Trumble of Excelsior, Minn.; James of Tacoma, Wash.; Grant who lives near Dawson; John and Martha of Farmington. Two children died and are interred here. The deceased was a man always highly respected and of such genial, pleasant ways that he had a host of friends, who will sincerely mourn his death and extend to the bereaved ones their sympathy. He was a charter member of Sunbeam Lodge, No. 31, I.O.O. F., of this place and for many years active in the good work of the order. The funeral was held Saturday morning, March 2d, at the house, the Rev James Rodgers officiating. The pall-bearers were H.B. Chase, J. P. Marsh, A. L. Needham, E. G. Record, Cornelius Tippler and J. M. D.. Craft, all old friends of the deceased. The remains were interred in the old cemetery in Judson's grove.

SOURCE: Courtesy of James R. Kuttler <Jim.Kuttler@jhuapl.edu> Jan 26, 2005 - Descendants of John Seward, p 29 & 30

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### **Henry S. Seward (1824-1894) – Son of Israel Seward**

Margie Grotts of Hillsboro, Montgomery Co., IL, a Seward descendant, told me he went to New Orleans.

SOURCE: Margaret Grotts, a descendant of Col. John Seward, Jr.; List of Children of Israel and Margaret (Slayback) Seward, compiled by Margie from a "Seward" book; mailed to Joyce Franz Oct. 20, 2000

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### **Clarence S. Seward (1831-1916) – Son of Israel Seward**



Clarence was a California forty-niner; died after I was married; used to visit us at 314 Oak Street, Hillsboro, Illinois; was a great talker; took a great shine to Florence, but she never grew warm over his kisses.

SOURCE: J. Frederick Seward - Line of J. Frederick Seward, compiled by J. Frederick Seward, gr. grandson of Israel Seward; comment was on the document; copy sent to Joyce Franz by Margaret Grots of Hillsboro, I L, a Col. John Seward, Jr., descendant; received Oct. 21, 2000.

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## **Capt. James G. Seward (1834-1864) – Son of Israel Seward**

Notes by Ted Hine - Feb. 2005

In Feb 2005 Joyce Franz (a Seward and Slayback researcher) and I had both been researching James G. Seward's civil war involvement and discovered that he appears in two different Illinois Infantry Regiments. We wondered if both service records were for the same person. I e-mailed our findings to Seward researcher Jim Kuttler and his e-mail response dated Feb. 18, 2005 follows:

Ted and Joyce:

By coincidence, I also researched James Glenn Seward in the Civil War, using the same resources. I found the same information:

2nd Lieutenant, Co. C, 70th Illinois Infantry. Organized at Camp Butler (Springfield) and mustered in July 4, 1862, for three months. Assigned to guard duty at Camp Butler, IL, till October. Mustered out October 23, 1862.

Captain of Co. H, 143rd Illinois Infantry. Organized at Mattoon, IL, and mustered in for 100 days June 11, 1864. Moved to Memphis, TN, June 16-19. Attached to 3rd Brigade, Memphis, TN, District of West Tennessee. Transferred to 3rd Brigade July 12. Duty at Memphis, TN, till July 27. Moved to Helena, AR, District of Eastern Arkansas, July 27-28, and duty there till September 10. Mustered out September 26, 1864. Regiment lost by disease during service: 55. (James died 25 September.)

... and came to the same conclusion. This is definitely the same person. Note that these units were never engaged in any combat. However, the telling fact is that the 143rd lost 55 men to disease while spending the summer in Arkansas. Presumably, James was one of them.

I am a bit of a Civil War buff. The 70th Illinois was a unit of what were called "ninety-day men". Particularly in the early part of the war, it was expedient to raise units for short periods of enlistments, to encourage men to join up. Later most enlistments were for three years, although the 143rd Illinois was apparently also a short-term affair, even late

in the war. Midway through the war, volunteers weren't sufficient and a draft was instituted.

Sorry, that I forgot to mention that I'd found this.

Jim

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Note by Ted Hine - Feb. 18, 2005

In December 2004 I had visited the Oak Grove Cemetery in Hillsboro, IL and taken pictures of the Seward plot. Following is an e-mail I sent to Jim Kuttler on Feb 18th in response to his above e-mail in which I comment on what I now believe to be James' tombstone:

Jim:

Thanks for the info and research. I think you've pretty much put the mystery to rest.

Joyce and I have pretty much concluded that the left most gravestone in the photo I send you (which I took in the Oak Grove Cemetery, Hillsboro in December) of the Seward plot is likely that of James G. Seward. I had originally guessed that the stone read Capt. John C. or G. Seward but I now think it's more likely that it in fact reads James and not John. The location next to James' parents and grandparents is logical and I can find no reference to a Capt. John C. or G. Seward anywhere. It is also likely this is the stone read and documented by my great grandfather Horace Coudy in 1939 though the date info is now substantially unreadable.

Do you suppose that James is actually buried there or that the gravestone is simply a memorial? (During the civil war, did the army actually transport bodies back home for burial as they do today?)

Ted

Jim's response:

I would guess that he is actually buried there. He was not killed in a battle, when he might be buried at the battle site. Even then, the Union was pretty good about identifying burials when at all possible. In this instance, he would likely have been embalmed and sent home.

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Note by Ted Hine - Feb. 18, 2005

There is a one day discrepancy between the death date given by James' military records (Sept. 25, 1864) and that written down from the tombstone by Horace R. Coudy

in 1939 (Sept. 24, 1864). Since the date on the gravestone is now substantially unreadable it is impossible to say whether Horace had written it down wrong.

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### **Francis H. Seward (1836, ?) – Son of Israel Seward**

In 1850 Frank is 19, single, and still living at home in his mother's household while his father and brother, Clarence, are in California at the time of the gold rush. See his mother's notes to view the census extract. - J. Franz.

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### **Dewald/Tewald "David" Slayback (1720-1791) – Father of Solomon, Sr.**

Summary by Joyce Franz:

Dewald/Tewald "David" Slayback was born about 1720 in Alsace, France and died April 04, 1791 in New Jersey. He is buried in a cemetery in the area of Mercer Co. (formerly Middlesex Co.), Windsor Twp., New Jersey. David is the Anglicized version of Dewald. He came to America in Sept. 1733 and settled in New Jersey. In 1761 he petitioned the New Jersey Colony for natural citizenship. David had 9 children and among them was a son, Solomon, who became Solomon Slayback, Sr., father of the subject of this narrative, Solomon, Jr.

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NOTE: His name, David, is the anglicized version of Dewald/Tewald found in various accounts of the family's passage to America. I note this to clarify he is the same person. - Joyce Franz ... "When David Slabach left Alsace with the rest of his family, there was also a Hans Michael Hammer, of Steinselz, on board the ship....Sept. 1733. In 1761 when David Slayback petitioned the New Jersey Colony for natural citizenship, his petition included Michael Hammer of Huntington County, ( Amwell Townshi p, Hunterdon Co., NJ) about 15 miles North of Princeton, both were made English at Perth Amboy that year. Steinselz is on the Lauter River about a mile from Cleeburg, which is on the Seltz River in the Rhine Basin. . . ."

NOTES by Joyce Franz:

1. Huntington County was misspelled by Bill, should be Hunt erdon County. The information in the parenthesis was not in Bill's lette r, it was added by me for clarification.

2. Hunterdon was created 1714, the County Seat is Flemington O8822. - E-mail from Deanna (Adams) Holm, April 19, 2000, Subj: Fw d: 3 scans Slayback book; her source: "The Handy Book for Genealogists".

3. Michael Hammer was from Amwell Twp., Hunterdon Co., N J. He was on the same ship as Johannes, Maria Eliz and the children. Dav id and Michael were naturalized together.

SOURCE: Letter dated May 31, 1990, from Bill Slabaugh, Slayback Family Historian, to Deanna (Adams) Holm, Slayback descendant and researcher.

The ship was the "Pink Mary" of Dublin. She arrived in Philadelphia from Rotterdam September 29, 1733 with 177 persons aboard. Captain James Benn listed 55 men passengers "above 14 years" including Johannes Slabach and John Henry Slabach. See notes for David's father, Johannes Heinrich Schlabbach, for more information about their arrival. - J. Franz

Family tradition states that the entire family went to Lancaster Co., PA to settle, but after a couple of years, Dewald "David" moved to New Jersey where other travelers on the "Pink Mary" had settled. David, along with fellow "Pink Mary" passenger, Michael Hammer were naturalized together at Perth Amboy, April 5, 1761.

SOURCE: "Electronic" E-mail dated May 20, 2004, from Bill (F. W.) Farnsworth, attachment - Narrative about his ggggg grandfather, Dewald "David" Slayback, born 1690

#### NATURALIZATION OF DAVID SLAYBACK

Perth Amboy, April 5, 1761

Journal of the Proceedings of the Majesty's Council for this Province of New Jersey at a Session of the General Assembly of said Province, begun and holden at Perth Amboy, Thursday, March 3rd, 1761.

#### THE HOUSE MET

Present

The Hon. Hunter Morris,  
Andrew Johnson,  
David Ogden,  
Esquires  
Samuel Woodruff,  
Charles Read

Mr. Fisher and Mr. Dye from the House of Assembly presented for the concurrence of this House, a Bill entitled, "An Act for the Naturalization of David Slayback, Henry Lutts, Michael Hammer and John Allison." which bill was severally read the first time and ordered to the second reading.

April 6, 1761

House Met --Present as before.

Mr. Read from the Committee to whom the Bill entitled "An Act for the Naturalization of David Slayback" was referred, reported the same without Amendment. Ordered that the Bill be read a third time, which being done, and on the question "Resolved that the same be passed." Ordered that the speaker do sign his name.

April 7, 1761

The House met. Present as before.

After which his Excellency, Thomas Boone, Governor of the Province, was pleased to give his assent to the following Bill, enacting the same. II I, An Act for the Naturalizing of David Slayback, Henry Lutts, Michael Hammer and John Allison, New Jersey Archives, First series, Vo 17, Pages 227- 229 and 232.

SOURCE: A photo copy of the "Naturalization of David Slayback" was provided to me by Deanna (Adams) Holm, February 12, 2000; transcribed by Joyce M. (Withworth) Franz February 14, 2000

#### WILL OF DAVID SLAYBACK

In the name of God, Amen, I, David Slayback of the township of Windsor, in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey, being sick and weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory thanks being given to God calling unto mind the mortality of the body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament; that is to say principally and first of all I give and commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it.

My body I commend to the earth to be buried in decent and Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors, never doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estates wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with. I give, devise and bequeath in the following manner and form.

ITEM. It is my Will and I order that all my just and lawful debts and funeral charges and the sum of sixteen pounds, 13 shillings and eight pence for the land I bought of Doctor Israel Clark, shall be paid by my Executors out of my moveable estate. I give and bequeath to my dear and loving wife, during her natural life, any room in my Mansion House where I now live, likewise the whole of my moveable estate that shall remain after the payment of my debts and charges heretofore mentioned. And after her decease it is my will, that if there is a sufficiency of my moveable estate left, that my son William have to the amount of 25 pounds and the remainder, if there be any, to be equally divided between my three sons, William, Abel and Jessee, which I bequeath to them, their Heirs and Assigns forever.

ITEM. It is my Will, and I freely forgive my son John all the debts he owes me for the lands I bought him, and paid for, he paying to his Mother, my loving wife, the sum of four pounds per yearly, and every year during her natural life, if she demands it or stands in need of it.

ITEM. It is my Will and I freely forgive my son Solomon all the debts he owes me for the lands I bought for him and paid for, he paying to his Mother, my loving wife, the

sum of four pounds per year, and every year during her natural life if she demands it or stands in need of it.

ITEM. I give and demise and bequeath to my son William Slayback, to him, his heirs and assigns forever, eight acres of land to be bounded on the road leading from the meeting house to Princeton, and run a line parallel with the road leading to Princeton to my cross fence, to said Princeton road, and then along said fence to said Princeton road to contain eight acres strict measure, together with all buildings thereon. And also one other lot to contain two acres on the corner of my place adjoining the Princeton Road and Samuel St\_\_t's lands.

ITEM. I give, devise and bequeath to my two sons, Abel and Jessee, to them, their heirs and assigns forever, all my lands with the buildings and improvements except the two lots given to William. To be equally divided between my said two sons Abel and Jessee, their heirs or assigns quantity and quality share and share alike. And in case my two sons Abel and Jessee cannot agree on a division themselves, that then they shall choose three men to divide the lands whose determination on the division shall be final and conclusive to the parties. And I do appoint and ordain my trusted friend Jonthan Combs, and my two sons, John Slayback and Abel Slayback, my Executors to this my Last Will and Testament. And I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and annul all or any former Testaments, Wills, Legacies and bequests executed by me in anywise before named, willed or bequeathed; rectifying and con\_\_ning this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereto set my Hand and seal the 20th day of March in the year of our Lord, seventeen hundred and ninety one.

DAVID SLAYBACK

(Seal)

The above published and declared by the said David Slayback as his Last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who, in his presence and the presence of each other, have here unto subscribed our names.

George G. Berger  
Rutas Cowenhover  
John S. Berger

The foregoing Will be proved. Probate was granted by his Excellency William Peterson Esq., unto John and Abel Slayback, two of the Executors in the said Will named, they both being duly sworn well and truly to perform the same and exhibit a true and perfect inventory, and render a just and true account when thereunto required. Given under the Prerogative Seal the day and year aforesaid.

BOWES REED, Rerr.

SOURCE: Will transcribed and copy provided by Deanna (Adams) Slayback, February 12, 2000

A reasonable assumption as to where David was buried is that since the above Will was written in Mercer Co., Windsor Twp., NJ, about 16 days before he died, he was probably buried in that area.

SOURCE: Bill E. Slabaugh, Slayback Family Historian, E-mail dated Feb 18, 2000; Deanna (Adams) Holm, both Slayback descendants and researchers

#### Search Results

Database: Full Context of New Jersey Early Germans  
The Early Germans of New Jersey; Their History, Churches and Genealogies  
PERSONS NATURALIZED BY ACT OF ASSEMBLY 1714-1772.

April 7, 1761----- David SLAYBACK, Henry Luts, Michael HAMMER and John Allison.

SOURCE: "Electronic" - Ancestry.com - New Jersey Early Germans; researcher Joyce M. (Withworth) Franz, May 3, 2000

New Jersey State Archives, P.O. Box 307, Trenton, NJ 08625; Pension Slip  
The following is the state record (not federal) of David's pension file  
(The following is a transcription of the slip.)

Commissary General's Department.  
Slayback, David  
Ref: C.G.D., No. 2, Voucher No. 30.

Received from Azariah Dunham, A.C.P., Certificate No. 77, dated July 26, 1780;  
Amount in Continental, 563:17:7 1/2; Amount in Specie, 15:0:8 3/4; Interest  
commenced March 1, 1780; Interest to January 1, 1787, 6:3:1 1/2. Same deposited in  
State Treasury.

The above document is proof of David's service in the Revolutionary War, but it does not give us any data as to when served, nor his rank.

SOURCE: NJ State Archives; researcher Joyce M. (Withworth) Franz, Received Aug. 1, 2000

Three of Dewald's children, David, Jr., Eve, and Anne, are buried in Rut Jansen/Johnson's cemetery, known as Johnson Cemetery in Mercer Co., New Jersey, and we don't know why. The only connection between Dewald Slayback and Rut Jansen/Johnson's family is Rut's daughter, Elizabeth. She is married to Abel Covenhoven/Conover. Abel is great grandson of Dewald, making Dewald Elizabeth's great grandfather-in-law. The children of Dewald would be Abel's great aunts and uncles; Elizabeth's great aunts and uncles-in-law. Rut's Will left his son, John, in

charge of the cemetery. John is married and has a son, but we don't know who John's wife is. Maybe (or may be not) there is a Slayback connection here. Also, Rut's son, Gerrard, is married to Judith ?. We don't know her maiden name either. - J. Franz, June 11, 2002.

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### **Solomon David Slayback, Sr. (1753-1814) – Father of Margaret Slayback**

Summary By Joyce Franz:

Solomon, Sr. was born August 2, 1753 in Trenton, Middlesex Co., New Jersey. He married Sarah Hoagland about 1773 and they had a total of 12 children. While living in New Jersey, Solomon, Sr. served in the American Revolutionary War of 1776. Between 1793 and 1795, Solomon, Sr. took his wife, and 9 children at the time, and moved westward to Lexington, Fayette Co., KY, along with his brother William, and Martin Hoagland, a carpenter, probably Sarah's brother. We can narrow the time to this 2 year span because his 9th child, Solomon, Jr. was born in New Jersey August 8, 1793 and his 10th child was born December 30, 1795 in Fayette County, Kentucky. His last two children were also born in Fayette County, Kentucky. At some time, Solomon, Sr. crossed the Ohio River and moved into Hamilton County, Ohio. He died in 1814 in Hamilton Co., OH and is buried in St. Mary's, now Springdale Presbyterian Cemetery, located on Rt. 4 (Springfield Pk.) and Cameron, Springdale, Hamilton Co., Ohio.

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An excerpt from Bill Farnsworth's Narrative about William Slayback, b 1759 :  
 "...On 26 September 1807 Solomon Slayback "of the State of Kentucky" purchased some 530 acres of land in Hamilton County Ohio being most of Section 25, Township 2, Range 2 from Jesse Hunt of Cincinnati and Abijah Hunt of Mississippi[\*].

"Then on 14 March 1810 Solomon Slaback and Sarah sold one acre of this property to the Baptist Church of Pleasant Run Ohio with William Slaback and Abel Slaback as witnesses to the transfer[\*\*]. In this deed the surname is spelled both ways -- with and without the "Y". ..."

SOURCE: "Electronic" E-mail dated May 20, 2004, from Bill (F. W.) Farnsworth, attachment - Narrative about his gggg grandfather, William Slayback, born 1759. His sources: \*Hamilton Co., OH Deed Record Book G, p 360; \*\*Hamilton Co., OH Deed Record Book IH, p 439

Inscription on Solomon's tombstone reads:

Sacred  
 to the memory of



## SOLOMON SLAYBACK

who departed this life,  
 April 28th. 1814; in the  
 62nd year of his age.

My wife and children, all farewell.  
 Until we meet, where saints do dwell,  
 When from our dusty beds we'll rise,  
 We'll hail each other in the skies.

SOURCE: Personal visit to St. Mary's (Sprinddale Presbyterian) Cemetery by Joyce M. (Withworth) Franz, February 7, 2000

"Pioneer Ohio Newspapers" 1793-1810, pg 151  
 by Karen Mauer Green  
 Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore

Vol. IV, Sat, 11 June 1814, No. 197  
 Sarah Slayback and Wm. Slayback, administrators of the estate of Solomon S layback,  
 dec'd, regarding the estate settlement.  
 "The Western Spy" (Cincinnati newspaper), 5 Jan 1811 to 29 Dec 1815

SOURCE: Cincinnati Historical Society Library, researcher Joyce M. (Withworth) Franz,  
 May 8, 2000

DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Patriot Index:

Slaybach, Solomon b c 1753 d aft 1798 m Hoagland Sol. N.J.

(Transcription of the above line:

Slaybach, Solomon born circa 1753 died after 1798 married Hoagland in Sol. New Jersey)

SOURCE: Extract of the DAR Patriot Index researched and provided by Deanna (Adams) Holm, Slayback researcher and descendant, February 7, 2000

Solomon, Sr.'s family was substantiated by Solomon Slayback, Jr. who lived in Collinsville, Ill. Alonzo W. "Lon" Slayback, b. 1838, went to see his Uncle Solomon, Jr. and copied the bible listings from him about 188

SOURCE: Deanna Holm E-mail dated Jan 13, 2005 (Didn't save this e-mail, it was an aside comment to a lot of other non-relevant info. - J. Franz )

Apparently, Solomon had promised William Slayback, Sr., 154 acres of land in consideration of work done by William or for some other reason, but Solomon died before that transfer of 154 acres to William took place

The following document was executed by the heirs of Solomon, making that I and transfer of 154 acres to William. This may have been difficult for William to accomplish; could have been a messy situation. We will never know, except that Solomon died in 1814 and this Deed was processed April 20, 1820 and actually recorded Oct 6, 1820. Took William six years to get the Deed for the land.

HAMILTON COUNTY OHIO DEEDS, BOOK U page 434.

The heirs of SOLOMON SLAYBACK deceased, to Wm. Slayback and Release.

Whereas Solomon Slayback late of the County of Hamilton in the State of Ohio now deceased in his life time namely on the twenty sixth day of September one thousand eight hundred and seven did purchase from Abigail and Jesse Hunt the section number twenty five town ?trbv entire range two in t he Miami purchase and in the County of Hamilton aforesaid with the exception of forfeited one sixth part thereof, leaving to said purchase five hundred and thirty three and one third acres the deed for which is recorded in the Records of the County of Hamilton aforesaid in Book G. No. 1 Page 3 60 and also whereas William Slayback senior did finish apart of the consideration for said land and it was understood and agreed by between the said Solomon and William that he the said William should receive a deed f or one hundred and fifty four acres of land lying in the north west corner of said twenty fifth section. Yet nevertheless the said Solomon departed this life without making a deed to him the said William for the said one hundred and fifty four acres of land therefore the heirs and legal representatives of t he said Solomon Slayback Dec. have agreed to release to the said William Slayback sen. all their right title and interest of in and to and ever the said land and premises. Therefore know all men that we SARAH SLAYBACK RELICT of the said Solomon David Slayback and Sarah his wife, John Slayback, Abel Slayback and Amelia E. Slayback his wife, William Slayback and Catherine his wife, Solomon Slayback, Sarah Slayback, John Gaston and Elizabeth his wife late Elizabeth Slayback, James McCally & Mary his wife late Mary Slayback, Israel Seward and Margaret his wife late Margaret Slayback all heirs at law and legal representatives of the said Solomon Slayback dec. for a nd in consideration of the premises and of the sum of one dollars to them paid by the said William Slayback senior they have given granted forgave and sold released remitted and forever quit claimants the said William Slayback, sen. forgive forever all their right title interest property claims and demands of the aforesaid one hundred and fifty four acres of land situated in t he North-west corner of the aforesaid twenty fifth section described as follows, Beginning at the north west corner of the section - Thence eastwardly with the North line of the section forty eight chains & sixty links to the north west corner of the forrest. Thence south with the west line of the forest thirty one chains and ninety five links thence westward ly parallel with the first line forty nine chains and fourteen links to t he west line of the section Thence north with the section line thirty o

ne chains and ninety five links to the place Beginning. To have and to hold the said land and premises with the appourtenances unto him the said William Slayback, Senr. To the only proper use benefit and behoof of him t he paid William Slayback His heirs and assigns forever, hereby placing him the said William Slayback Senr. In precisely the same situation as t he said Solomon Slayback stood in His lifetime and as they the said hei rs & representatives aforesaid now stands They assigning and setling over to him the said William Slayback, senr. His Heirs & Co. the full use and benefit of the warrents of General warranty & Is contained in the de ed from Mess. Hunt to said Solomon Slayback dec. In

Witness whereof the said heirs representatives of aforesaid have to this D eed set their hands and seals this first day of April one Thousand eight Hundred and twenty.

Sarah Slayback (Seal)Solomon Slayback (Seal)  
 David Slayback (Seal)John Gaston (Seal)  
 Sarah Slayback (Seal) X her markElizabeth Gaston (Seal)  
 John Slayback (Seal)Sarah Slayback (Seal)  
 William Slayback, Jr. (Seal)James C. McCallie (Seal)  
 Catharine Slayback (L.S.) Mary McCallie (Seal)  
 Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence  
 Of Mrs. Hugh M. Hall, Caleb Crane.

State of Ohio Hamilton County SS. Be it remembered and it is hereby Certified that on the twentieth day of April AD 1820 before me the Subscriber Caleb Crane a Justice of the Peace in your said County

Personally came Sarah Slayback Current of Solomon Slayback deceased, David Slayback and Sarah his wife, John Slayback, William Slayback and Catharine his wife, Solomon Slayback, Sarah Slayback, John Gaston and Elizabeth his wife the grantors in the within deed named and acknowledged the same to be their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In testimony whereof. I have hereunto set my hand and subscribed my Na me and seal the day and year above written.

Recorded Oct. 6th 1820.Caleb Crane J.P. (Seal)

SOURCE: Copy of the land transfer Deed provided by Deanna (Adams) Holm, a Slayback descendant and researcher, via E-mail dated Feb. 6, 2000

"Abstract of Book 1 & Book A, probate record 1791-1826, Hamilton County, Ohio" Cincinnati, Ohio: Hamilton County Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society, 197 7, 294 pgs.

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Solomon Slaybuck/Slayback decd accts as passed allowed.

SOURCE: "Electronic" Genealogy.com - Database: Family and Local Histories - HeritageQuest Online; researcher Joyce M. Franz, Aug 10, 2004

More information on Solomon from Betty Jean (Ogg) Favour, descendant of Solomon Slayback, Sr.

Solomon moved westward to Lexington, KY with family and his brother William, and Martin Hoagland, carpenter -- probably Sarah's brother, in 1804. Left New Jersey because of ban on slaves. He lived near Henry Clay in Fayette Co., KY

NOTE: Solomon must have moved to KY prior to 1804, as his last three children were born in Fayette County, KY; Amaziah in 1795, Jesse in 1797 and Margaret in 1798. The move to KY had to be between 1793 and 1795. We can narrow the time to this 2 year span because his 9th child, Solomon, Jr. was born in New Jersey August 8, 1793 and his 10th child was born December 30, 1795 in Fayette County, Kentucky. As mentioned earlier in this paragraph, his last two children were also born in Fayette County, Kentucky. - Joyce Franz

SOURCE: Letter from Betty Favour; found on David Slayback Website, <<http://members.aol.com/DavidS1929/slayback/schlabch.html>>, March 31, 2000

UPDATE TO ABOVE NOTE: An excerpt from Bill Farnworth's Narrative about his gggg grandfather:

Dates for moving to KY seem to be correct, "...since on 1 August 1795 Solomon Slaback and Sarah, his wife, sold 270 acres of land on the Assunpink Brook in Middlesex County New Jersey for 850 pounds. (\*) There is no further record of them in New Jersey, so it is probable that they removed about this time. ..."

"...Solomon is mentioned in Fayette County, Kentucky Court Records (volume 4) by Michael Clark in 1803, 1804 and 1805. ..."

SOURCE: "Electronic" E-mail dated May 20, 2004, from Bill (F. W.) Farnsworth, attachment - Narrative about his gggg grandfather, William Slayback, born 1759. His source: (\*) Middlesex Co., NJ Deed Records Vol 6, p 257

New Jersey State Archives, P.O. Box 307, Trenton, NJ 08625; Pension Slip  
These are state records (not federal) of Solomon's pension file  
(The following are transcriptions of the slips. Each slip begins with Solomon's name.

Slayback, Solomon

County: Middlesex

Ref: Indents, Rev. War. 206.

Received certificate No. 1464 for the depreciation of his continental pay in the Middlesex County Militia, issued \_\_\_\_\_, for 2:13:9.

Note: The next slip contains this info and is more complete.

Slayback, Solomon

County: Middlesex

Ref: Militia, 2d Year, page 186.

Received certificate No. 1464 (Voucher No. 43) for the depreciation of his continental pay in the Middlesex County Militia, dated June 10, 1784, as signed by Thomson Steele; amount, 2:13:9; 2d year interest, 0: 3:2.

Slayback, Solomon

County Middlesex

Ref: Militia, 2d Year, page 109

Received certificate No. 1464 (Voucher No. 123) for the depreciation of his continental pay in the Middlesex County Militia, dated June 10, 1784, as signed by Thomson Stelle; amount, 2:13:9; 2d year interest, 0: 3:2.

SOURCE: NJ State Archives; researched by Joyce M. (Withworth) Franz, received slips Aug. 1, 2000

The following was written by Alonzo Slayback. Alonzo's father was Alexander Lambdin Slayback, who was a lawyer and a great mason.

St. Louis Missouri, Dec. 28, 1869

Solomon Slayback, Sr., lived in New Jersey near Princeton, and was a soldier of 1776, - a rebel. He migrated to Kentucky early. He has a large family. 12 children.

David Slayback            born Sept. 26, 1774

John S.                    born Oct. 4, 1776

Anna                      born May 26, 1779

William                  born April 25, 1781

Sarah                     June 22, 1783

Elizabeth                Dec. 11, 1785

Abel Slayback, Doctor\* Feb. 5, 1788

Mary Slayback           Oct 26, 1790

Solomon, Jr.             Aug 8, 1793

Amaziah                 Dec 30, 1795

Jesse                                      Jan 25, 1797

Margaret                                  Mar 27, 1798

Of these, Dr. Abel Slayback of Cincinnati was my grandfather. All are dead now, except two--, \*Mary, (who married a cousin of William H. Seward ,) and survives her husband; and Solomon Slayback, Jr. whom I visited at Collinsville, Ill., Dec. 21, 1869, and from whom I learned these facts. I copied the family record from an antique family bible in his possession. He has four married daughters living --- all near him, --- honest, plain, comfortable, hospitable. He himself looks older than he should.

A. W. Slayback

\*Note: Margaret married Israel Seward, first cousin to WILLIAM HENRY SEWARD - Secretary of State under President Abraham Lincoln and his successor, President Andrew Johnson. See notes for Margaret Slayback and her husband, Israel Seward for documentation of this fact. Mary married James McCallie. - J. Franz

SOURCE: "Electronic" E-mail dated May 13, 2001, Subj: From Carol Belding to Deanna Holm, forwarded to Joyce M. Franz.

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**William Slayback (1781- 1848) – Son of Solomon Slayback, Sr.**

1820 Hamilton Co., OH, Springfield Twp; Roll: M33\_87, Page: 330, Image Number: 265; last name on page

William Slayback

Males

0-10 - 2 (1800-1810) - 1 male could be son, John, since I don't have a d.o.b. for him, or a son of whom we are not aware; 2nd male unknown

26-45 - 1 (1775-1794) - William himself

Females

26-45 - 1 (1775-1794) - wife, Catherine

1 in Manufactures

Note: Daughter Elizabeth was born sometime after this census, since no female children are indicated. - J. Franz

SOURCE: "Electronic" Ancestry.com - Census Images Online, Image #6 of 13; researcher Joyce M. Franz, April 20, 2004

William Slayback found in: The National Genealogical Society Quarterly, Volumes 1-85, 1600s-1900s

Listed in: Volume 40, Page number: 119

Settlers in Montgomery Co., Ill, Before 1840

Slayback, David, b. 9-26-1774, N.J.

Isaac, b. 11-3-1809

Solomon W., b. 9-9-1817, Hamilton, Butler Co., Ohio

John.

William.

SOURCE: "Electronic" - Genealogy.com - Genealogy Library, Historical Records; researcher Joyce M. Franz, Sept 26, 2002

I believe this is the William who made the land purchases in 1831. This William is the only one I have in my files that would fit the date. His brothers David, John and Solomon made land purchases around the same time.

Land Purchases:

SLAYBACK WILLIAM Type: FD Section: W2NE Sect: 24 Township: 09N Range: 05W Meridian: 3 Acres: 80.00 Price: 125 Total: 10000 Date: November 28 1831 Residence: 444 Volume: 343 Page: 071 ID: 187597 Corr-Tag 0

SLAYBACK WILLIAM Type: FD Section: E2NW Sect: 24 Township: 09N Range: 05W Meridian: 3 Acres: 80.00 Price: 125 Total: 10000 Date: November 28 1831 Residence: 444 Volume: 343 Page: 071 ID: 187598 Corr-Tag 0

SOURCE: "Electronic" - Ancestry.com, Database: Illinois Public Land Purchase Records; researcher Joyce M. Franz, July 29, 2001

The following 4 documents pertain to action against the Wabash & Erie Canal by the estate of William Slayback (b. 1781) for damages to the estate during construction of Canal; lands taken and trees destroyed.

DOCUMENT #1:

To the Board of Trustees of the Wabash & Erie Canal:

The complaint of Andrew Taylor executor of the last will & testament of William Slayback late of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, deceased, to your Board showeth that said Slayback in his lifetime was the owner of the following tracts of land, situate in said County, to wit: The south east quarter of to south west quarter of section thirty-one (31) Township twenty-three (23) north of range four (4) west. Also the south west fraction of

section twenty-eight (28) township twenty-three (23) north of range five ( 5) west. Also the east half of the south east quarter of section thirty-five (35) north of range five (5) west – with the appertuances and that a portion of the same is intersected by the Wabash & Erie Canal in such a manner as to make much injury and damage to the estate of said decedent. The amount of said premises taken for the canal is about five acres and about four hundred growing trees and the damage done said estate, in the life time of said testator by means of the construction of said Canal he believes to be not less than one thousand dollars and occurred in the following way to wit: said Canal comes through and destroys about five acres of s aid land & there were cut and used for the construction of said canal, from said lands about five hundred growing trees of different kinds and sizes to the great damage of said estate, the timber having been intend ed by said testator to supply his prairie farm.

Being advised that provisions have been made by your Board for the assessment and satisfaction of such damages as may have been or may be sustained by any persons, by the construction of said Canal, to be considered with reference to and in connection with the benefits resulting from the construction of said canal to the persons claiming such damages; and that by your order three disinterested and judicious persons have been appointed appraisers to ascertain and appraise any such damages, who a re to be called out on complaint made to your board, by persons conceiving themselves aggrieved –

The undersigned therefore proposes to submit his said damages to said appraisers upon

the principle above named, and asks that they may be called out to assess the same and that upon their finding and award after inspection of the said premises and examination of witnesses or other proof your Board will pay the undersigned his damages as found.

LaFayette, Ind Andrew Taylor, Executor  
 March 20 or 30, 1849 By Orth & Brackett  
 Attys

## DOCUMENT #2

State of Indiana } In the Tippecanoe Circuit Court  
 Tippecanoe County } ss. of Said State - February  
 Term 1853

To the Honorable Judge of Said Court your petitioner Jesse Andrew, administrator with the will annexed of the late William Slayback, decease d, of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, represents:

That heretofore to wit about the first day of April 1849 Andrew Taylor, then executor of the last will and testament of said Slayback, deceased, fixed with the board of trustees of the Wabash & Erie Canal his claim for dam age in behalf of the estate of said Slayback, whereof the annexed, mark ed "A" is a true copy; that said Board never has appraised, assessed or pa id, or caused the same to be done said damages therein set



forth, or in any wise made satisfaction thereof, but have wholly failed so to do: that said matters set forth are true and your petitioner asks that process issue herein against the present Board of Directors of Said Wabash & Erie Canal to the Sheriff of Vigo County, Indiana, according to law.

Jesse Andrew - Adm'r with the wil

annexed fo William Slayback dec'd

by Orth & Brackett --

his attorneys

### DOCUMENT #3

State of Indiana }Tippecanoe Circuit Court  
Tippecanoe County} ss April term, A.D. 1855

Jesse Andrew, Admr.}  
With the Will annexed of}  
William Slayback dec'd}  
vs. Action for damages  
The Board of Trustees of the}  
Wabash & Erie Canal}

The defendant for answer to the complaint, says –

Par. 1st. The defendant denies each and every allegation contained in said complaint.

Par. 2nd The defendant says, the damages complained of, are on account of the construction of the said Canal west of the Tippecanoe River and that more than one year elapsed after the completion of that portion said Canal for which the land of the said Slayback was appropriated, and for which the growing trees, in their complaint mentioned were cut and used before any proceeding whatever was instituted or commenced, either by the said Slayback in his lifetime, or by his legal representative, or by any one else for the recovery of the damages therefore. Wherefore the Defendant insists that the plaintiff's action is barred.

Par. 3rd. The defendant says That no application whatever was made by the said William Slayback in his lifetime, nor by his legal representative after his death, within two years next after the property of the said Slayback was taken possession of as alleged in the complaint, for the recovery of the damages claimed in this action. Wherefore the defendant says the plaintiff is barred of his action in this behalf.

Huff, Baird & LaRue

Att'ns for Defendant

## DOCUMENT #4

Jesse Andrew, Admr.            }  
 with the Will annexed of       }  
 William Slayback, Dec'd.       }  
                   vs.Action for Damages  
 The Board of Trustees of the }  
 Wabash & Erie Canal            }

Par. No. 4 Additional - filed by way of amendment before issue taken on answer already filed.

And for further answer to said complaint says that the cause of action upon which the plaintiff sues did not accrue within six years next preceding the time at which this action was commenced. Wherefore the defendant says the plaintiff is barred by the statute of limitations.

Huff Baird & LaRue  
 Att'ns for Defendant

SOURCE: Tippecanoe County Historical Ass'n, Lafayette, IN; documents received and transcribed by Joyce M. Franz, June 17, 2002

William was the legal guardian of his granddaughter, Amaretta, from Nov. 20, 1845 until his death. His son, Amaretta's uncle, Amaziah took over the responsibility. (See Amaretta's notes for the complete record of guardians.)

Guardian Book 1, Tippecanoe County, IN

p. 34

William Slayback guardian of Amaretta Slayback

3 years Nov. 20, 1845

Surety : Jesse Andrews....report made Feb. 24, 1848

SOURCE: Tippecanoe County Historical Association, 1001 South St. Lafayette, IN 47901; researcher Joyce M. Franz, July 8, 2002; E-mail dated July 18, 2002 from Kim Wainscott, historian; subj: RE: Slayback research.

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**Solomon Slayback, Jr. (1793-1871) – Son of Solomon Slayback, Sr.**

Summary by Joyce Franz:

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Authority of Law by The Adjutant General of Ohio, 1916, page 395, Vol 1, that Solomon served in the War of 1812. He is listed on the Roll of Capt. William T. Cullum's Company. (County unknown.) Served from September 4, 1813, until March 2, 1814... Sergt, Solomon Slayback.

Solomon's wife, Ella is buried here also, but she is his second wife. His first marriage was to Phoebe Day and was solemnized April 16, 1818, in Hamilton County, Ohio. Phoebe was born about 1794 and died January 25, 1819, in Butler Co., Ohio. She is buried in the same cemetery as her father-in-law, St. Mary's (Springdale Presbyterian) Cemetery, Rt. 4 (Springfield Pk.) and Cameron, Springdale, Hamilton Co., OH. We believe Solomon and Phoebe may have had at least one child, a son. We have no information on this child, except that he was a son. He survived, because no child of Solomon and Phoebe's is buried in St. Mary's Cemetery. I have visited the cemetery, walked it and checked their records.

On December 21, 1820, in Butler County, OH, Solomon married his second wife, Ella "Elly" House. She was born December 26, 1800, in Madison Co., Virginia. Solomon and Elly had a total of nine children. According to the 1830 census, Solomon and his family were living in Eaton, Washington Township, Preble Co., Ohio.

In December of 1835 he began purchasing land in Illinois. By the time the 1840 census was enumerated, he and his family were living in Madison Co., Illinois, Ridge Prairie Precinct. They may have moved there when he began purchasing land in 1835, but I don't know. In 1850, 1860 and 1870 he is enumerated in the census in Collinsville, Madison Co., Illinois.

Elly died December 1871 and was buried here in Glenwood Cemetery on December 26, 1871. Solomon followed within a week, dying also in December 1871 and buried 5 days after Elly, on December 31, 1871.

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Solomon Slayback served in the War of 1812. He is listed on the Roll of Capt. William T. Cullum's Company. (County unknown.) Served from September 4, 1813, until March 2, 1814

Sergt, Solomon Slayback

SOURCE: "Roster of Ohio Soldiers in the War of 1812," Published Under Authority of Law by The Adjutant General of Ohio, 1916, page 395, Vol 1; received by Joyce Franz, Nov. 1, 2000 from Ohio Historical Society, Archives/Library Division, 1982 Velma Ave., Columbus, OH 43211-2497

Name: SOLOMON SLAYBACK  
 Company: 2 REGIMENT (ZUMALT'S), OHIO MILITIA.  
 Rank - Induction: SERGEANT

Rank - Discharge: SERGEANT  
 Roll Box: 191  
 Roll Exct: 602

SOURCE: "Electronic" Ancestry.com - Database: War of 1812 Service Record s;  
 researcher Joyce M. Franz, Nov. 2002

Land Purchases:

December 29, 1835

SLAYBACK SOLOMON Type: FD Section: E2SW Sect: 24 Township: 09N Range:  
 05W Meridian: 3 Acres: 80.00 Price: 125 Total: 10000 Date: December 29 1835  
 Residence: 068 Volume: 343 Page: 257 ID: 325475 Corr-T ag 0

February 19, 1836

SLAYBACK SOLOMON Type: FD Section: SWNW Sect: 19 Township: 09N Rang e:  
 04W Meridian: 3 Acres: 39.96 Price: 125 Total: 4995 Date: February 19 1836  
 Residence: 000 Volume: 324 Page: 177 ID: 216809 Corr-T ag 0

August 28, 1837

SLAYBACK SOLOMON Type: FD Section: SWSE Sect: 33 Township: 10N Rang e:  
 05W Meridian: 3 Acres: 140.00 Price: 125 Total: 5000 Date: August 28 1837  
 Residence: 068 Volume: 339 Page: 181 ID: 183193 Corr-T ag 0 (there is an error  
 on this record; it should be 40 acres, not 140 acres)

Note: In the 1830 Eaton, Preble County, Ohio census Solomon is enumerated with his family. These land purchases place Solomon in Illinois possibly as early as 1835, after the birth of his daughter, Mary. Solomon is enumerated in the 1840 census of Madison Co., Illinois. That fits with the birth locations of Mary (b. 1835 OH) and Julia (b. 1837 IL). It is becoming more questionable that Solomon could be the father of Abraham, born 1841 in Ohio.

SOURCE: "Electronic" - Ancestry.com, Database: Illinois Public Land Purchase  
 Records; researcher Joyce M. Franz, July 29, 2001

The following is an excerpt from an E-mail dated Feb 5, 2000, from Deanna Holm, a  
 Slayback descendant and researcher.

Excerpt from "HILLSBORO DEMOCRAT", Wednesday Evening, Dec 10, 1873

Article entitled "Early Reminiscences from Illinois - Montgomery County and Its Early  
 Settlers."

Reminiscences of A. H. H. Roundtree (Hiram Roundtree)

... three brothers, Solomon, and David Slayback with their families came, besides John and old bachelor. They made their settlements farther west, near the West Fork of Shoal Creek. ...

... Solomon Slayback, after living on the West Fork for some years, re-moved we believe to Madison, and afterwards to St. Clair County, where he raised his family, and some two years ago he and his aged wife died at a very advanced age, (over eighty,) within eight days of each other in Collinsville, leaving six children, all grown, all married, and perhaps all have descendants. They were Abraham, Margaret, Mary, Susannah, Amanda and Julia. ...

Note: Elly died December 1871 and was buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Collinsville, Madison Co., Illinois, on December 26, 1871. Solomon followed with in a week, dying also in December 1871 and buried 5 days after Elly, on December 31, 1871. - J. Franz

SOURCE: Copy of the above Newspaper article, in its entirety, was provided by Deanna (Adams) Holm, researcher and Slayback descendant, February 20 00

I can't find Solomon in the 1820 census for Ohio or Illinois. His son would be with him. I believe that Phoebe died giving birth to this child. Solomon doesn't come up on the index for any state. If he is in the household of someone else, we will never find him, because only head of household is named. - J. Franz

Preble County, Ohio Library  
Preble Co., OH Common Pleas Court Records, 1808-1840, Vol. #1, by Aurdey Gilbert, pg 86

May 18, 1827, State of Ohio vs. Solomon Slayback - indictment - judgment ( 252)

252 is the page number in the record book at the Courthouse.

Bob is going to check it out at the Courthouse the next time he gets to Eaton in Preble County.

RESEARCHER: Robert Firmin Shannon, Oct. 9, 2001

1830 Eaton, Washington Township, Preble Co., OH census; page 358  
Solomon Slayback  
males  
under 5 yrs - 1 (1825-30) (Israel)  
5 under 10 - 1 (1820-25) (probably son from first mrg. to Phoebe)  
30 under 40 - 1(Solomon, Jr.)

## females

under 5 yrs - 1(1825-30) (Susan)

5 under 10 - 1 (1820-25) unknown, unless a dau who died before 1840 census

30 under 40 - 1 (Elly)

TOTAL = 6

SOURCE: The National Archives, Washington, D.C. - 1949, Microcopies of Record in the National Archives: No. 19, Roll 128, 1830 Census, Vol. 13, page 358; received Nov 1, 2000 by Joyce Franz from Ohio Historical Society, Archives/Library Division, 1982 Velma Ave., Columbus, OH 43211-2497

1840 Census for Madison Co., Illinois, Ridge Prairie Precinct; Roll #64

## Solomon Slayback

## males

5 under 10 - 1 (1830-35) (unknown, possibly son who died before 1850)

10 under 15 - 1 (1825-30) (son, Abel)

15 under 20 - 1 (1820-25) (son, Israel)

20 under 30 - 1 (1810-29) (probable son by 1st wife, Phoebe)

40 under 50 - 1 (this would be Solomon)

## females

under 5 - 1 (1835-40) (daughter Julia)

5 under 10 - 2 (1830-35) (\*there are 3 girls between age 5 and 10 in 1840, only 2 listed here.)

10 under 15 - 1 (1825-30) (daughter, Susan)

40 under 50 - 1 (this would be Elly)

Total members in household - 10

Total in household Over age 30 - 2

3 members of household in Agriculture (This would probably be Solomon and the two older males.)

NOTE: #1 \*Margaret, Amanda & Mary all fit this category; which is missing and where is she? All three survived and married.

#2 Abraham would not appear on this census, as he was born in 1841.

#3 Very possible Abraham not son of Solomon, but grandson. The son by Solomon's first wife, Phoebe, is a very good candidate for father of Abraham.

SOURCE: Researched and copy of census provided by Robert Firmin Shannon, Jr., Feb 5, 2000; extract & notes by Joyce M. (Withworth) Franz, Feb 6, 2000

1850 Madison Co., Illinois, Township 3, North Range 8, Principle Meridia n; roll 119, page 521, Lines 1-6, Enumerated Oct. 22, 1850, Dwelling #1, Family #1

Solomon Slayback--56--m----Farmer---real estate value \$100---New Jersey  
 Elly-----49--f-----Virginia  
 Abel-----19--m-----Ohio  
 Margaret-----17--f-----Ohio  
 Amanda-----16--f-----Ohio---Attended school in last year  
 Julia-----13--f-----Illinois---Attend ed school in last year

Where is Abraham? He would be about 9 years old. Where is Mary? She would be about 15 years old. She could be married. - J. Franz, April 2000

SOURCE: Researcher Robert Firmin Shannon, Jr. Feb 10, 2000; and also by Joyce Franz, April 24, 2000 (We both researched this census at different times.)

1860 Madison Co., Illinois census, Twp 3, (Range) N8W, Collinsville P.O , p 47, enumerated June 15, 1860; Roll: M653\_208, Page: 0; lines 39 & 4 0, Dwelling #345, Family #338

Slayback, Saml (Solomon), 65, m, Laborer, b. NJ  
 Ellen (Ella/Ellie), 59, f, Housekeeper, b. VA

Note: This has to be Solomon and Ella. Age and birth location fit. The se are the only two Slaybacks that came up on the 1860 index in Madison Co ., Illinois

SOURCE: "Electronic" Ancestry.com - Census Images Online, Image #491 of 79 8; researcher Joyce M. Franz, Apr 16, 2004

1870 Madison Co., Illinois census, Township 3, Range 8, Collinsville P.O ., p 22, enumerated June 3, 1870; Roll: M593\_251, Page: 207, Image: 41 6; lines 30-33, Dwellings #157 & 158, Families #182 & 183

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Gehoke, John H, 52, m, w, Bell Maker, R.E. Val \$300, b. Hanover, prnts foreign born  
 Slayback, Salom, 77, m, w, Laborer, b. NJ

158/183

Gehoke, Anna M., 40, f, w, Housekeeper, b. Bremen, prnts foreign born  
 Slayback, Ella, 67, f, w, Housekeeper, b. VA

Note: Isn't it strange the men were in one dwelling and the women in another?

SOURCE: "Electronic" Ancestry.com - Census Images Online, Image #22 of 77; researcher Joyce M. Franz, referral from Patti Davidson-Peters, Apr 16, 2004

I have 1871 as the death date on Solomon, Jr. and that comes from Alonzo Slayback, Jr.'s daughter, Hazel Slayback. She lived in St. Louis, never married and studied the Slayback genealogy her whole life! ... My brother visited her in 1970 and gave me all the items from her genealogy that she'd given him. I have a family group sheet filled out by her.

Note for clarification: Hazel's group sheets didn't include any children for Solomon, Jr. Only as he related to his parents. - J. Franz

SOURCE: Deanna Holm E-mail dated Feb 5, 2000

Glenwood Cemetery, Collinsville, Madison Co., IL - record for Solomon Slayback:  
Slayback Solomon Section: C, Lot: 272

Details:

BURIAL DETAILS

ID: 312

Last Name: Slayback

First Name: Solomon

Maiden Name:

Section: C [View Map](#)

Lot: 272

Portion:

Born: 1792

Born CA: N (probably means not known)

Died: Dec 1871

Burial Source:

Burial Date: 12/31/1871

Obit Location:

Obit Date:

Remarks: Birthdate may be 1812 as someone wrote 1812 next to Solomon's name.

Note: The 1812 notation must be reference to the fact that he was a Veteran of the War of 1812. See above note concerning the "Roster of Ohio Soldiers in the War of 1812." Solomon is listed there. - J. Franz, Nov 13, 2002

Years:



Months:

Days:

There is no personal profile for Solomon Slayback (Note: Update.... the re is now.)

SOURCE: "Electronic" <<http://www.glenwoodcemetery.com/index.html>> Glenwood Cemetery, Collinsville, Madison Co., Illinois; researcher Joyce M. Franz, Nov 13, 2002

I wrote the following narrative to be posted on Patti Davidson-Peters' Moore & Pilcher website <<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~sunnyann/slayback.html>>. Her Moore line is connected to our Slayback line by marriage. I also submitted tombstone photos to Patti and she made cemetery pages for the stones. They can be reached by links set up within the narrative and on Solomon's Descendants page <<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~sunnyann/slaybacksol.html>>.

A slightly altered version is posted as a personal profile for Solomon on the Glenwood Cemetery site <<http://www.glenwoodcemetery.com/index.html>>. At the end of the narrative, I added a 3-generation outline of Solomon's descendants for the Glenwood site.

Solomon Slayback, Jr.

1793 - 1871

A Narrative by Joyce M. Franz

A Slayback Descendant

[jranz@fuse.net](mailto:jranz@fuse.net)

Note: #1 The photograph of Solomon Slayback, Jr., is courtesy of Deanna (Adams) Holm.

Note: #2 In addition to myself, Slayback descendants whose research contributed to the data in this narrative are: Bill Slabaugh, Deanna Holm, Bob Shannon.

Solomon, Jr.'s grandfather, Dewald/Tewald "David" Slayback was born about 1720 in Alsace, France and died April 04, 1791 in New Jersey. He is buried in a cemetery in the area of Mercer Co. (formerly Middlesex Co.), Wind or Twp., New Jersey. David is the Anglicized version of Dewald. He came to America in Sept. 1733 and settled in New Jersey. In 1761 he petitioned the New Jersey Colony for natural citizenship. David had 9 children and among them was a son, Solomon, who became Solomon Slayback, Sr., father of the Solomon, Jr. buried here.

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westward to Lexington, Fayette Co., K Y, along with his brother William, and Martin Hoagland, a carpenter, probably Sarah's brother. We can narrow the time to this 2 year span because his 9th child, Solomon, Jr. was born in New Jersey August 8, 1793 and his 10th child was born December 30, 1795 in Fayette County, Kentucky. His last two children were also born in Fayette County, Kentucky. At some time, Solomon, Sr. crossed the Ohio River and moved into Hamilton County, Ohio. He died in 1814 in Hamilton Co., OH and is buried in St. Mary's, now Springdale Presbyterian Cemetery, located on Rt. 4 (Springfield Pk.) and Cameron, Springdale, Hamilton Co., Ohio.

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~~~~~end of narrative - dated April 17, 2004~~~~~

To: <jfranz@fuse.net>
Subject: Sgt. Soloman Slayback War of 1812

Date: Saturday, June 19, 2004 5:22 PM

Joyce, I placed this marker in Glenwood during the summer of 2000. I got my info from Doris Bauer's records & the National Archives. I have enclosed a photo of the marker. I am a member of the General Society of the War of 1812.

Regards,
Gene Beals

To: <jfranz@fuse.net>
Subject: Re: Sgt. Soloman Slayback War of 1812
Date: Saturday, June 19, 2004 10:43 PM

Joyce,

I am not related to the Slaybacks. I marked Soloman's grave & three other War of 1812 Veterans buried in Glenwood in 2000. I began a process of marking the graves of the veterans who served during the wars in the 19th Century in 1997. I have marked besides the War of 1812 vets, 60 Civil War vets, 2 Mexican War vets, 1 Black Hawk War vet, & 2 Spanish American War vets. My work has been completed. The General Society of the War of 1812 is a fraternal organization for direct descendants of a soldier who served in the War of 1812. The women's organization is called the Daughters of the War of 1812. I have always felt that our veterans should always be remembered.

The birth date came from the records compiled by Doris Bauer. She has worked many years to compile an inventory of Glenwood. See Codes & Abbreviations section on the Glenwood Cemetery site for further details on burial sources. I got the military data from the National Archives which I needed to submit to obtain the marker from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

Regards,
Gene

John S. Slayback (1776 - ?) – Son of Solomon Slayback, Sr.

1830 Hamilton County, OH, Springfield Twp, Image #533/Roll: M19_132, p 267

John Slayback - living alone
Males: 50-60 - 1 (1770-1780) John himself

Note: John's brother, David, lives in previous dwelling. William & Levi Slayback, 1st cousins of John and David, live next door to each other also. David is 4 dwellings away from cousin Levi. - J. Franz

SOURCE: "Electronic" Ancestry.com-Images Online, p 35; researcher Joyce M. Franz, June 26, 2002

The National Genealogical Society Quarterly, Volumes 1-85, 1600s-190 0s Listed in:
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Settlers in Montgomery Co., Ill, Before 1840

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Note from Deanna (Adams) Holm: I believe that John was married to Catherine Davidson and she probably died very early in their marriage and he probably never married again. By the time the Hillsboro Settlers was written they figured he was a bachelor.

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War of 1812 - SLAYBACK JOHN 2 REGIMENT (FINDLAY'S), OHIO VOLS. AND MILIT IA. Induction Rank - PRIVATE Discharge Rank - SERGEANT Roll box - 191 Roll-Exct 602

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Land purchases:

SLAYBACK JOHN Type: FD Section: E2NE Sect: 24 Township: 09N Range: 05W Meridian: 3 Acres: 80.00 Price: 125 Total: 10000 Date: April 03 1834 Residence: 068 Volume: 343 Page: 139 ID: 203808 Corr-Tag: 0

SLAYBACK JOHN Type: FD Section: NESW Sect: 10 Township: 09N Range: 0 4W Meridian: 3 Acres: 40.00 Price: 125 Total: 5000 Date: February 15 1837 Residence: 068 Volume: 339 Page: 156 ID: 203807 Corr-Tag: 0

NOTE: It appears from these land records that John probably arrived in Illinois about 1833/34.

SOURCE: "Electronic" - Ancestry.com, Database: Illinois Public Land Purchase Records; researcher Joyce M. Franz, July 29, 2001.

### **David Slayback (1774-1836) – Son of Solomon Slayback, Sr.**

1820 Hamilton Co., OH census, Springfield Twp, Image #266/Roll: M33\_8 7, p 169

David Slayback, Name #2 on page

2 males 0-10 (1810-20) Crosier b. 1819 & Solomon b. 1817  
 2 males 10-16 (1804-10) Isaac b. 1809 & 1 unknown  
 1 male 30-45 (1775-90) David b. 1774

3 females 0-10 (1810-20) all unknown  
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 1 female 40-45 (1775-90) Sarah, 2nd wife, b. 1790

1 in agriculture

Note: #1 Unknowns could be Sarah's children from her first marriage. I have 3 girls and 1 boy from her first marriage and I don't have dates of birth for any of them.

#2 Name #1 on this same page is a Sarah Slayback as head of house hold, David's mother.

#3 Name #3 is Levi Slayback, but I'm not certain which Levi he might be. They are all related to this David and his father.

SOURCE: "Electronic" Ancestry.com-Images Online, Image #7 of 13; researcher Joyce M. Franz, Mawrch 16, 2003

1830 Hamilton County, OH, Springfield Twp, Image #533/Roll: M19\_132, p 267

David Slayback

Males Females

|                                                                |                                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 0-5 - 2 born 1825-30 (Clement & Wm Sarah's                     | 10-15 - 1 1815- 20 (? could be from |
| 5-10 - 2 born 1820-25 (Anderson & Ashton Peck)                 | first mrg to ?                      |
| 10-15 - 2 born 1815-20 (Solomon W. & Crosier Sarah's 1st mrg?) | 15-20 - 2 1810- 15 (? from          |
| 15-20 -1 born 1810-15 (?) David's 2nd wife)                    | 30- 40 - 1 1790-1800 (Sarah,        |
| 50-60 - 1 bon 1780-90 (David himself)                          |                                     |

Note: David's brother, John, lives in next dwelling. William & Levi Slayback, 1st cousins of David and John, live next door to each other also. David is 4 dwellings away from cousin Levi. - J. Franz

SOURCE: "Electronic" Ancestry.com-Images Online, p 35; researcher Joyce M. Franz, June 26, 2002

David Slayback found in: The National Genealogical Society Quarterly, Volumes 1-85, 1600s-1900s

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SLAYBACK DAVID Type: FD Section: NWNE Sect: 25 Township: 09N Range: 05W Meridian: 3

Acres: 40.00 Price: 125 Total: 5000 Date: December 03 1832 Residence: 068

Volume: 343 Page: 095 ID: 203804 Corr-Tag 0

SLAYBACK DAVID Type: FD Section: W2SW Sect: 24 Township: 09N Range: 05W Meridian: 3
 Acres: 80.00 Price: 125 Total: 10000 Date: April 18 1831 Residence: 068 Volume: 343 Page: 054 ID: 203805 Corr-Tag 0

SLAYBACK DAVID Type: FD Section: E2SE Sect: 24 Township: 09N Range: 05W Meridian: 3
 Acres: 80.00 Price: 125 Total: 10000 Date: April 18 1831 Residence: 068 Volume: 343 Page: 054 ID: 203806 Corr-Tag 0

SOURCE: "Electronic" - Ancestry.com, Database: Illinois Public Land Purchase Records; researcher Joyce M. Franz, July 29, 2001.

Sarah "Sally" Slayback (1805-1889) – Daughter of David Slayback

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Note* There were two sons, Austin and Justus. Austin died in infancy. - J. Franz

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From the "Semi-Centenarians of Butler Grove Township, Montgomery Co., ILL. ", pages 63 & 64 - by Rev. T. E. Spilman, September 1878

MRS. SARAH WARE,
 daughter of David and Catharine Slayback, was born in Lexington, Ky., Sept. 13th, 1805.

In 1807 she removed to Butler County, Ohio, and in 1821 came with her Uncle, Israel Seward, to Montgomery Co., Ill and located on the "Seward Hill" south of Butler.

Sarah Slayback lived with Israel Seward for six years, and at his residence, March 12th, 1828, was united in marriage with Benjamin Ware, who was born May 27th, 1796, and died upon the farm where Mrs. Ware now resides, July 31st, 1855.

The house in which Mrs. Ware at first resided with her Uncle on the "Hill ," is the old two-story building now standing tenantless in the barn yard. The property is now in the hands of Mrs. M. A. Anderson.

On the 10th of June 1829, Mrs. Ware, with her husband, removed to the farm upon which she now resides with her son Justus, two miles N. E. of Butler upon a handsome elevation of land known as "Ware's Grove." On this farm Mrs. Ware has lived for forty-nine years.

Mrs. Ware made a profession of religion when about twenty years of age, and about five years later united with the Presbyterian Church of Hillsboro, at that time under the pastoral care of Rev. T. A. Spilman, from whom, about forty-five years ago, she obtained a Bible which is still in her possession.

When the Presbyterian Church was organized in Butler, Ill., Aug. 29th, 185 8, Mrs. Ware was one of the original members.

About one year ago, (1877) Mrs. Ware had an attack of sickness, after recovery from which, the sight of her left eye returned so that she can, without the aid of glasses, read type such as that in which this sketch is preserved, with great ease, and also see clearly objects at a distance.

The children of Sarah and Benjamin Ware are as follows:

Austin B., born Feb. 20th, 1829. Died April 19th, 1829.

Justus H., born July 11th, 1834.

The Grove, upon what is called the "Seward Hill," had been settled for ten years before there was a death in it, and the first death occurring was that of Austin B. Ware, oldest son of Benjamin and Sarah Ware.

SOURCE: Margaret Grots mailed a copy of above article to Joyce Franz; received October 25, 2000; a second copy of article provided by Ann Tindall of Florida, a Ware descendant, Oct. 26, 2000

The following are excerpts from a letter written by Lestina (Brigham) Ware, wife of Benjamin's nephew, David Smith Ware, to her sister, Eveline (Brigham) Sawyer. David and Lestina lived in the house with Aunt Sally during the winter of 1865. This letter describes a little about the living arrangements in the house and a little about the times. The letter is dated Dec. 6, 1855. The original handwritten letter was transcribed by Mary Emma (Osborn) Houser and presented recently at the Ware's Grove Church 140th Anniversary.

Without complements (sic) or ceremony permit me this bright sunny afternoon to introduce you to the cottage which now affords me and mine a pleasant home. It is the dwelling of Aunt Sally (Uncle Benjamin's widow) a rather small, neat house near the edge of the grove upon the western side, a pleasant situation -- rather retired, all the better for that. We occupy the parlor and bedroom adjoining and have a chamber in the chamber, also in the cellar which is a very good one too. Aunt's family is small and she was very willing to have us live here this winter. She feels very lonely since her husband's death and appeared very glad at the prospect of our stopping here for the winter. The School House is situated in the grove but a few rods to the east of here, so it will be very convenient for David and more pleasant for me. He commences school next Monday. The prospect is he will have quite as many scholars as the house will accommodate. ...

... O such nice big apples I never saw in such an abundance in New Hampshire. Aunt Sally has a large supply of apples and freely offers us as many as we wish to use, either to cook or otherwise. She is willing I should have all the milk I wish to use, either sweet or sour. Just as we were about to sit down to our first meal, Aunt gave us a large plate full of nice honey in the comb. They have a large lot of bees and yesterday they came out of the hives. ...

... We are so situated that we need not go into Aunt Sally's room for anything, as there are two entrances to the cellar, two doors that conduct upstairs (altho but one flight) and the water we both have to go out of doors for. It is in a well nicely stoned up. The water is rather hard and I will use rainwater for washing when I can get it. ...

SOURCE: A copy of the transcription of the original handwritten letter provided by Margie Grotts of Hillsboro, Montgomery Co., Illinois, a descendant of Col. John Seward, Jr.; received by Joyce M. Franz, Nov. 2, 2000.

Crosier Slayback (1819-1889) – Son of David Slayback

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1850 Montgomery Co., Illinois Census - South West Part of District 22, Enumerated Aug. 25, 1850; Roll 121, p.105, Lines 17 - 22, Dwelling #155, Family #157

Crosier Slaback, 30 m Farmer R.E. Value \$300 b. OH
 Mernerva 27 f NY
 Emaline 8 f IL
 Charles 6 m IL
 Mary 4 f IL
 Byron1 m IL

Note: Crosier's brother, William, and sisters, Mary and Eurilla, are 3 dwellings away in dwelling #158, the household of Allen and Phoebe (Peck) Gray, their half-sister.

SOURCE: FTM Online: GenealogyLibrary.com Census Image; Researcher Robert Firmin Shannon, Jr., April 23, 2000; Joyce Franz, April 24, 2000

Illinois Census Index, 1860 Montgomery Co., Butler P.O. - Crosier Slayback is listed in this index.

SOURCE: Ancestry.com, Database: 1790-1870 Illinois Census Index; research ed by Joyce Franz, Feb. 12, 2000

1860 Butler, Montgomery Co., IL census, Butler P.O.

Slayback, Crosier, 39, m, Farmer, OH
 Minerva, 37, f, NY
 Emline, 16, f, KY
 Charles, 14, m, IL
 Mary, 12, f, IL
 Byron, 10, m, IL
 Amelia, 9, f, IL
 William 3, m, IL
 *William L., 12, m, TX

*Possibly nephew to Crosier, son of Crosier's brother, Ashton and his wife Olive. - J. Franz

SOURCE: Margaret Grotts of Hillsboro, IL, a Seward descendant; sent to Joyce Franz, Oct. 20, 2000.

Hillsboro Democrat Article Regarding Slayback Family (1873)

HILLSBORO DEMOCRAT
Wednesday Evening, Dec. 10, 1873

EARLY REMINISCENCES.
FROM ILLINOIS MONTGOMERY COUNTY
AND ITS EARLY SETTLERS

At what date the Slaybacks arrived in our County, we can't learn exactly. Mrs. Margaret Seward, wife, or rather widow of the late Israel Seward, who came previous to the organization of the County, and settled what is called Seward's Grove, south of Butler, was of the Slayback family, and came first.

Afterwards three brothers, Solomon, and David Slayback with their families came, besides John an old bachelor. They made their settlements farther west, near the West Fork of Shoal Creek. David settled in the edge of the prairie, while Solomon settled nearer the creek, in the timber, and John made his bachelor establishment a little north of David's, where he lived all by himself, and was the first person we ever saw who literally kept bachelor's hall, and run a farm. He lived and died there at an advanced age.

Solomon Slayback after living on the West Fork for some years, removed we believe to Madison, and afterwards to St. Clair County, where he raised his family, and some two years ago he and his aged wife died at a very advanced age, (over eighty,) within eight days of each other in Collinsville, leaving six children, all grown, all married, and perhaps all have descendants. They were Abraham, Margaret, Mary, Susannah, Amanda and Julia.

Abraham we believe is married and lives in California and we are not farther posted about the details of his family. (I believe this is a mistake because it was Abel that settled in San Francisco, he's in the 1870 Census ,one of his sons died in Sonoma County. D. Holm)

Margaret married Henry Brown, and resides at Lebanon, in St. Clair county, and has five children, all small. Willie, Alice, Lyman, Libbie and Frank. They have arrived at great wealth, and Mr. Brown uses it freely in the advancement of the Methodist church, and its interests, of which he is a prominent member, and we trust he will be long spared to fill the full measure of a Christian gentleman.

Susannah married Mr. Shafer, who died early near Collinsville, leaving three children,--- Mary, James, and Emma, all grown. Mary married Mr. Turer, son of Capt. Turer, of one of the Atlantic Steam Ships. They have three children, all small. They still reside in Collinsville.

James is fast becoming an old bachelor, which fact precludes farther comment.

Emma, married Mr. Sanders and died early leaving two children in Collinsville.

Amanda married Charlie Wilkins, one of the leading merchants of Collinsville. They have we believe several small children.

Julia married Mr. *S.C. Moore, a manufacturer of Bells, Etc., in Collinsville, and estimated to be the wealthiest man in his county. They have several children, all small. (*Should be I.C. Moore - Isaac Cook Moore - son of Joseph - P. Davidson-Peters).

Mary is dead but whether she ever married or left any descendants we can't say.

Mrs. Seward has already been sketched. She was present at our semi-centennial where she spoke of the days of yore. We are sorry to learn that she is sick at her daughter's (Mrs. Coudy) in St. Louis.

David Slayback was the progenitor of the Slayback family, raised in our County. He had been married before he came to Illinois with his second wife, who also had been married before. Mr. Slayback had by his first wife three children. Ann, Sarah, and Isaac, and by his second wife, Mrs. Peck, who we believe, had four children by her former husband. Mrs. Newell, of Cincinnati, and Owen Peck of Indiana. Phoebe now Mrs. Gray, of California, and Nancy, widow of John Tennis, now of California, who we learn is married again. Of the Slayback children of Mrs. Peck, were Solomon, Crozier, Ashton, Chamberlain, Clement, Anderson, Mary and Eurilda.

Ann Slayback, married Benj. Wykoff, and settled on the West Fork, near the old Slayback homestead, where they raised five children. John Jerome, David, Morrill, and Henry.

John Wykoff was killed by the cars running over him near Butler, a few years since; he was unmarried.

Jerome married Miss Yowell, and died early, leaving one or two children, concerning whom we are not sufficiently posted to speak.

David married Miss Massa, who died leaving one child, and a short time ago, he again married a Miss Yowell, sister of the wife of Jerome. They live on the West Fork.

Merrill Wykoff, also married a Miss Yowell, sister of his brothers' wives. They have several children, concerning whom we have not sufficient information to speak.

Henry married Miss Brookman, and we believe have no children.

Benjamin Wykoff and wife are still living at their homestead on the West Fork, and tho' we have not seen them for several years they must be getting old and infirm.

Sarah Slayback, married Benjamin Ware, brother of Obadiah, who died several years ago leaving one son, Justus Ware, who occupies the old homestead in Ware's Grove, with whom Aunt Sally still lives. She is still a hale old woman, who no doubt remembers the early scenes of our County.

Justus Ware married Miss Luceba Brigham, of New Hampshire, and they have three living children out of four. Mary, George and Amy, all small. Justus is very prosperous.

Isaac Slayback, married Miss Paden, sister of Uncle Jimmy Paden, and settled near Wares Grove, where his wife died early, leaving three children, Benjamin, William, and Mary.

Isaac afterwards married Kate Scherer, daughter of the late David Scherer; he died soon after, leaving no children by his second wife; who afterwards married Dan Hefley, and is living north of Butler. After the death of Isaac Slayback, Uncle Jimmy Paden raised his children to man and womanhood. When Benjamin and William died within a few weeks of each other. Mary married Frank Chrisman, and resides in Hillsboro. Uncle Jimmy Paden had so managed the Isaac Slayback estate that on her marriage, Mary may be said to have been the richest bride in the county.

Solomon Slayback, Jr. married Sarah Kennedy, and for many years occupied the old homestead, and there raised three children, Allen, James and Harriet.

Allen married Martha Cline, daughter of the late John D. Cline, and resides in Missouri, where they are raising a family of four or five children.

James married a Miss Maria Cheatham, and now resides in Missouri, where his wife recently died suddenly leaving two children.

Harriet first married Eli Cress son of the late Joseph Cress, who died early, leaving one child. Eli still living. Harriet afterwards removed with her father and brothers to Missouri, where she again married a Mr. Gregg, who now lives at Fort Scott in Kansas. Solomon and wife are still living in Missouri. She is in poor health. We will continue the Slayback family next week.

Wednesday Evening, Dec. 3.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY
AND ITS EARLY SETTLERS.**

We commenced last week a sketch of the Weber family, and promised a continuation this week. We spoke of M.N. Weber, and Louisa, Nicholas, Harry, Lawrence, Marshall and Olive. We now proceed to say that Minerva Weber married Crosier Slayback, son of David Slayback who made a very early settlement on the West Fork, where he raised a large family whom we will sketch in a future article.

Crosier first settled near Cherry Grove, and after several removals, he bought the place on which he now resides some six miles north of Hillsboro, where he has raised a large family, Emeline, (Whitaker) Charles, Olive, Byron, (now dead) Amelia, (Willer) and Eurilla.

Amelia married Doctor L.L. Whitiaker, and has four living children of five. Frank, Byron, Maggie, and Blanche.

Charles has studied medicine, and obtained his degree of M.D., though we believe he does not practice yet. He settled at Butler, and engaged in the sale of drugs, but has recently sold out, and is now living in Pana? aiding his successor. He is still a bachelor, and if he dont hurry up and get married he will soon be called an old bachelor.

Olive is fond of literature, and can use her pen freely. She is now engaged in teaching in the public schools of Hillsboro.

Amelia is still at home, a fine buxom lass, full of fun, and mischief and the life of the home circle, some of the bachelors had better be looking after her if they want a good wife.

Byron, after having arrived at manhood, died at home, unmarried, a fine scholar and an excellent young man, whose loss was deeply mourned and regretted.

Willie is beginning to think himself a man, being 17 years old, and still at home.

Eurilla is 13 years old, the baby and pet of the family.

Age is mellowing the locks of Crosier and Minerva, who are quietly growing old together, surrounded as they are by their large family.

Joseph Weber, brother of Michael N. Weber, came about 1841, bringing his father and mother who were quite aged. Grandfather Nicholas Weber died about 1843, and his wife died a few years later.

Joseph Weber brought his wife and family also. His wife died soon after his father, and he afterward married Mrs. Weller widow of John Weller, and mother of the Weller family in this County, whom we will sketch on a future occasion. Joseph Weber was the father of several children, Jacob, Margaret, Martha, Pearl, Perry, Wm. Wallace, Willard, Julia and Hattie. He settled we believe the place now owned by Crosier Slayback.

Jacob Weber married Jane Kendrick, daughter of the late Rev. J.C. Kendrick, she died early, leaving one child Ellen, now grown and keeping house for her father at his place six miles north of Hillsboro. Jake never married again, and is a staid old widower, not likely to marry unless some woman should surround him and capture him unawares.

Margaret and Martha died early, before reaching maturity.

Pearl married Mary Osborn, the daughter of the late James Osborn, he died early leaving his wife and one child that died soon after; his widow married Joseph Grantham, and died soon after leaving one child. He settled the Jake Weber place.

Perry after arriving at manhood died unmarried.

Wm. Wallace married Elizabeth Osborn, also a daughter of the late James Osborn, and sister of the wife of Pearl Weber. They with two children reside near Irving.

Willard married Mary Rutledge, daughter of Mark Rutledge, and lives near Audubon, with we believe five children. Willard fought through our Civil War and returned all right. He is now one of the Supervisors of the County, and is becoming quite corpulent and dignified, and we believe is prospering well.

Julia married Mr. James P. Hancock, who died in the service in our Civil War, leaving his widow with three children. She resides in Hillsboro.

Hattie first married Dan Tyler, of Litchfield, who died soon after their marriage, leaving no children. She afterwards married Mr. Hacker and resides in St. Louis.

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Crosier Slayback has already been sketched in connection with the Weber family. He and his family are we believe all that bear the name in Montgomery. The rest are all settled throughout the Western States and Pacific slope.

Ashton Slayback who also married into the Weber family has been sketched. He has no descendants in Montgomery.

Chamberlain went to California several years ago; he now resides in Idaho, and we believe is unmarried.

Clement went to Missouri a few years ago and there married and settled. We have no further detailed information about him or family.

Anderson went to Texas many years ago and there married and settled. He has several children, concerning whom we have not sufficient information to speak.

Mary Slayback and her sister, Durilla, went to California many years ago with Allen Gray and there married brothers of the name of Lowe, and from there removed to Coos County, Oregon, where they settled, and where they still live-- Their husbands are both County Officers; David, Eurilla's husband being County Judge. They both have families concerning whom we are not sufficiently posted to speak.

Of Mrs. Slayback's Peck children we remarked that two of them, Mrs. Newell and Owen Peck never came to Illinois. Nancy and Phoebe however, did come and married here. Nancy married John Tennis, and raised quite a family. After the death of her husband, she and family removed to California, where she married again, and still lives. Of her children, Clarinda married Wm. P. Harkey, son of Soloman Harkey, and with her husband returned on a visit a few years since; he has arrived at wealth. His mother and brother, Lee, are now visiting him.

The rest of Mrs. Tennis' children, Caroline, James, Lansing and Parthenia, we believe, are all married and prospering.

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Hillsboro Democrat Article Regarding the Swards (1873)

From and e-mail sent by Jim Kuttler – August 25, 2005

5 February 1873, Hillsboro Democrat, Montgomery Co., IL (from an article on early settlers by A. H. H. Rountree): John Seward, the other of our first county commissioners, settled with his son at Seward's Grove. Israel Seward and Butler

Seward were his sons. Mrs. Burnap and Mrs. Glenn, wife of James Glenn, and Mrs. Dan Seward and Mrs. W. H. Brown of Chicago were his daughters. He was an uncle of the late Hon. W. H. Seward. His son Israel Seward left a large family, among them are: William, George, Clarence of Butler; Henry of New Orleans; Charles of Minnesota; Frank and Edward of near Butler; Mrs. Cowdy of St. Louis; Mrs. McGowan of Butler, his daughters. Israel Seward for many years kept a public inn on the Springfield Road, made a large farm, and at one time built a steam flouring mill, saw mill and carding mill on his place about 1841. In his old age he went to the California gold rush and made his pile there and then returned home and died two years ago. He was a man of great energy and decision of character; he owned the first span of mules ever driven about Hillsboro; he owned the first jack we ever saw. Butler Seward settled first on the Burnap place close to the Springfield Road, then removed to Chicago where both he and his wife died. He left a daughter Mrs. Dr. Herrick and a son Oscar Seward.

About Nancy and Daniel Seward (From Jim Kuttler)

The following e-mails were exchanged between myself and Seward researcher Jim Kuttler in August 2005 regarding Nancy and Daniel Seward:

From Jim 8/23/05:

All:

I recently obtained a copy of "Seward Cousins", three years (1968 - 1971) of a quarterly newsletter edited by Mildred Seward Pierce. On pp. 161-2 of Vol. II, No. 4, I found transcripts of a couple of documents which I thought I would pass along, as perhaps being of some interest to each of you.

They concern Daniel Seward, son of James Seward, son of Obadiah Seward, and his wife Nancy Seward, daughter of John Seward, son of Col. John Seward, son of Obadiah Seward. Their 1816 marriage was between cousins, uniting two different branches of the descendants of Obadiah. Nancy had been married before, to a George Coursen, who died in 1816. Although Daniel was much older than Nancy, he does not seem to have been married previously. They do not seem to have had any children, either together or from previous marriages.

The documents:

At a Special Term of the Court of Probate began and held in the Town Of Hillsboro, on this the 1st day of Feb. 1843, on application of Nancy Burk and George Burnapp, Letters of Administration were issued to them as follows: State of Illinois; Montgomery County. The People of the State of Illinois, to all to whom these presents shall come, greetings: Know ye that whereas Daniel Seward of the County of Montgomery and the State of Illinois, died intestate as it is said on or about the 30th day of December, 1842, having at the time of his death personal property in this state, which may be lost, destroyed or diminished in value if speedy care may not be taken of the same, to the end therefore that the property may be collected and preserved for those who shall appear to have a legal right or interest therein, we do hereby appoint Nancy Burk administratrix and George Burnapp, also of the County of Montgomery and State of Illinois, administrator of all and singular the chattels, rights and credits which were of the said Daniel Seward, and at the time of his decease, with full power and authority to secure and collect the said

property and debts, whatsoever the same may be found in this State, and in general to perform all other acts which now are, or hereafter may be required of them by law. Witnesseth: W. D. Sherley, Probate Justice of the Peace for Montgomery County in Hillsboro this 1st day of February 1843.

Daniel Seward owned lots in Hamilton, Butler Co., OH. He was in Hamilton, Ohio, in 1837 and in Montgomery County, Illinois, by Aug. 21, 1838, at which time he ordered lumber and brick for his house. Monies from his estate were paid half to widow Nancy and the other half to brothers and sisters of Daniel Seward or their legal representatives.

I, Nancy Seward, of the Town of Hillsboro, Montgomery County, State of Illinois, being of sound mind and memory and conscious of the uncertainty of life, do make this my last Will and Testament as follows, to wit: I give and bequeath my house and lot in which I now live, and the lot near the house now used by me for raising vegetables and corn, and my wood lot in the bottom, being in all three lots in the village of Hillsboro aforesaid, set off to me by the Court as my portion of the Real Estate of my deceased husband Daniel Seward, to my brother-in-law George Burnap and his heirs and assigns forever. I give and bequeath to my nieces Mary Rucker, Camilla Jenkins, Emeline Burnap, Caroline Coudy and Cornelia Seward my furniture and household property, consisting of all the moveable articles in the house, to be equally divided between them as may be by my Executor George Burnap. I give and bequeath whatever of money I may have at the time of my death, after paying all just claims against my estate and my funeral expenses, to my brother Israel Seward. I give and bequeath to my sisters Jane, Maria and Harriet whatever wearing apparel I may have at the time of my death, to be equally divided between them. I hereby appoint my brother-in-law George Burnap my Executor of this my last Will and Testament and request that no security may be required of him in taking out letters testamentary. I give and bequeath to the Treasurer of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and the Treasurer of the American Home Missionary Society, located in the City of New York the sum of Fifty Dollars to each of said Societies, to be paid previous to the bequest made to my brother Israel Seward. Witness my hand and seal this 27th day of May 1854. (signed) Nancy Seward. This last Will and Testament signed, sealed and published in the presence of us the subscribers by the said Nancy Seward as her last Will and testament and signed by us as witnesses at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other the day and year aforesaid. Jane Eccles, A. H. Brown, J. T. Eccles. Filed and proven Nov. 20, 1865.

I had not previously had the date of Daniel's death. To identify all the persons mentioned in Nancy's Will: her siblings who were living in 1854 were John Butler Seward (not mentioned), Isreal Seward, Jane Seward (married Humphrey Miller and then James Glenn), Martha Maria Seward (married George W. Burnap) and Harriet (married William H. Brown). Israel's daughters were Mary Caroline (married Matthew Coudy) and Cornelia (didn't marry until 1866). Martha Maria Burnap's daughters were Mary (married Henry Rucker), Cornelia (married Charles Jenkins) and Emaline (died unmarried in 1857).

Jim Kuttler

From me to Jim (8/25/05):

Jim:

Thanks and Wow! You've just solved a mystery that has puzzled me regarding the Butler/Hillsboro, IL Swards. Last December and again in June when I visited the Oak Grove Cemetery (Hillsboro) I photographed gravestones which I could not connect to the family tree. It's now clear that they belong to Nancy and Daniel.

(Attached are downsized photos for those of you with dial-up internet access. If you have broadband and want higher resolution files, let me know. In the photo of the two gravestones..... what I call the "Old

Seward Plot" can be seen just behind the two large tree trunks. It contains the graves of my ancestors Israel Seward, his father John Seward, their wives and a couple of other Seward.)

Nancy and Daniel's gravestones are getting hard to read, particularly Daniel's. On Nancy's the name and relationship to Daniel is readable but on Daniel's I could not make out the last name so I couldn't definitely identify this stone as belonging to a Seward. The logical assumption was that Seward was Nancy's married name (not both her married and maiden names) and I couldn't identify Daniel as being related to the Butler/Hillsboro descendents of John and Mary Seward (which I now know he wasn't). Your e-mail explains all of this and, looking at the photos now, it's clear that these are the graves of Nancy and Daniel. The dates for Nancy are hard to read but the death date MAY read Oct. ?, 1865. This would tie out to the "Filed and proven Nov 20, 1865" date which I assume is the date her will would have been entered into probate. Daniel's dates are unfortunately totally unreadable.

I had no idea that yet another sibling of Israel had followed him (and their parents John and Mary) to pioneer Illinois. Your e-mail is the first and only reference I've seen which connects Nancy to Hillsboro. My current count is now that 4 of Israel's siblings followed him (in addition to his parents) to Montgomery County at various times, John Butler Seward, Harriet Seward-Brown, Martha Maria Seward-Burnap, and Nancy Seward.

Do you have any information suggesting that Nancy's sister Jane (mentioned in the will) was also in the Hillsboro area????

Nancy's cousin relationship to Daniel is interesting. The Caroline Coudy mentioned in Nancy's will must be Mary Margaret Caroline Seward-Coudy (daughter of Israel, granddaughter of John). This is the only place I've ever seen my great great grandmother referred to as Caroline. She is always referred to as Mary in Coudy materials passed on to me.

A comment on your reference to Emaline Burnap (daughter of George Burnap and Martha Maria Seward) who you indicated died "unmarried" in 1857: I show she was married to Isaac W. Fink and had a daughter, Mary Fink. I believe I got this information from you a couple of months ago after I e-mailed you photo's of the Burnap plot/gravestones in the Oak Grove Cemetery. Emaline shares a gravestone with her parents which is clearly labeled with her married name (Fink).

Thanks again for the great information.

Ted

From Jim 8/25/05):

Thanks Ted:

You are absolutely correct about Emaline Burnap - a lapse on my part.

Here is a transcript of a newspaper article from "Seward Cousins":

5 February 1873, Hillsboro Democrat, Montgomery Co., IL (from an article on early settlers by A. H. H. Rountree): John Seward, the other of our first county commissioners, settled with his son at Seward's Grove. Israel Seward and Butler Seward were his sons. Mrs. Burnap and Mrs. Glenn, wife of James Glenn, and Mrs. Dan Seward and Mrs. W. H. Brown of Chicago were his daughters. He was an uncle of the late Hon. W. H. Seward. His son Israel Seward left a large family, among them are: William, George, Clarence of Butler; Henry of New Orleans; Charles of Minnesota; Frank and Edward of near Butler; Mrs.

Cowdy of St. Louis; Mrs. McGowan of Butler, his daughters. Israel Seward for many years kept a public inn on the Springfield Road, made a large farm, and at one time built a steam flouring mill, saw mill and carding mill on his place about 1841. In his old age he went to the California gold rush and made his pile there and then returned home and died two years ago. He was a man of great energy and decision of character; he owned the first span of mules ever driven about Hillsboro; he owned the first jack we ever saw. Butler Seward settled first on the Burnap place close to the Springfield Road, then removed to Chicago where both he and his wife died. He left a daughter Mrs. Dr. Herrick and a son Oscar Seward.

This does have much in it that we haven't already seen, but it does mention "Mrs. Glenn" and "Mrs. Dan Seward" as though they were local. Jane Seward married (1) Humphrey Miller, who died 18 April 1829, (2) James Glenn. I note that Israel Seward named a son James Glenn in 1834, so presumably Jane married James Glenn between 1829 and 1834. I can't find any further reference to James Glenn, unless he is the 75 year old one, born VA, in the 1870 Census of Litchfield, Montgomery Co., IL, with a 48 year old wife, Catherine, born OH.

I find the tombstones fairly readable. Nancy's clearly reads: NANCY/Wife of/DANIEL SEWARD/BORN/Nov. 8 1789/DIED/Oct. 6, 1865 (Of course I already knew her birthdate, which helps, and I am not entirely sure of the 6 in her death date - perhaps you can see it better in your high res picture?) Daniel's seems to say: In memory of/DANIEL SEWARD/who died/Dec. 30 1842/ in the 68th year/of his age. (Again, I already have his death date. What I am unsure of, and would really like to verify, is the 68th year. I have a bad birthdate for Daniel of about 1765, which I have long suspected is too early, although his brother Caleb was born in 1762. If he died in his 68th year, it would make him born 1775, which seems plausible, although that would be a tight fit between his brothers John, 1774, and James, 1776. So if you could verify 68th year on your high res picture, I would appreciate it.)

Jim

From me to Jim (8/25/05)

Hi Jim:

Thanks for the 1873 article. I hadn't run into that particular one and I agree with you..... not much new in it but it confirms what we already surmised from other sources and provides a good summary of Israel. The reference to "Mrs. Glenn" combined with Nancy's bequest in her will to Jane provide pretty strong circumstantial evidence that Jane also resided in the Hillsboro area. The next time I pass through Hillsboro (nothing currently planned) I'll have to check out the Oak Grove Cemetery for Glenn tombstones and see if I run into a Jane and/or James. (This stuff seems to never end.)

Regarding Daniel's marginally readable gravestone..... You certainly deciphered a lot more of it than I was able to (perhaps you have more experience at it than I do). And yes, it certainly helps to already know a hard to read date cause then we can see what we expect to see. I've attached cropped portions of all the photos I took of Daniel's headstone in both December and June which contain all the pixels that the full photo contains (so the resolution is as good as it gets). The lighting conditions and camera angle were different and so may provide some clues as to whether his age was in fact 68. Since you suggested 68, I can definitely say that this is a possibility (but I may be just seeing what I expect to see). In any case, these photos are the best I can provide short of another trip to Oak Grove (and experience suggests that may not provide anything better). Combined with your analysis of most likely birth dates I would tend to agree that 68 is probably correct. Let me know if this is what you decide to show in your data so I can be consistent. I can't tell from my photos whether Nancy's death date reads Oct. 6 or 8 so I think I'll go with 6.

Thanks again.

Ted

From Jim (8/26/05)

Thanks Ted:

It's not a bad thing that "this stuff never ends" eh?

The second and third picture definitely seem to indicate 68th year is what it says. (And yes, gravestone inscription follow a fairly consistent pattern, so phrases like "in the ___ year of his age" are pretty standard.) So I believe that I will go with 1775 for his birthdate. As I said, I had thought all along that 1765 was too early. For one thing, Daniel was apparently a sargeant in the War of 1812. If he had been born in 1765, he would have been pushing 50 then. However, if he was in his late 30s, that seems more reasonable. Incidentally, I have tons of information on Daniel. He was a saloon keeper, slave owner, and bought and sold dozens of properties in Butler Co., OH. Even though he is not of your Seward line, would you like his data?

Jim

From me to Jim (8/26/05)

Jim:

Not a bad thing but frustrating sometimes.....

1775 it is. And yes, please send me whatever you've got on Daniel. I'm intentionally not going out of my way to collect a lot of info on not-directly related Swards (preferring to wait for the publication of your book). However, since Daniel was married to a gr..gr..... aunt, is buried with many of my more direct relatives, and resided (at least for a time) in Hillsboro, he's tangentially relevant to my ancestral Montgomery County experience (which you may recall includes many Swards, Slaybacks, and Coudys). Now that I know who Nancy and Daniel were I have to go back into my digital biographies and make the appropriate updates before I get back to working on my father's side of the family. (In addition to putting together his digital biography I'm currently tracing one set of his grandparents who, similar to my Seward ancestors in Hillsboro, were early pioneer settlers of southeast Idaho, owned a cattle ranch, and, I've just learned, founded a co-operative irrigation company that today still provides water to a large chunk of that part of the state. Fascinating stuff but I'm finding it harder to dig up detailed information about the Turners in Caribou County, ID than I did the Swards in Montgomery County, IL.)

Thanks.

Ted

From Jim (8/26/05):

Ted:

Okay, here's the piece of the book with Daniel Seward ... so far. I actually have some more material on him, consisting of a lawsuit where he was suing somebody over some copper brew kettles. Apparently he at one time brewed beer as well as sold it. But the suit was so long, and added so little to the genealogy, that I haven't gotten around to transcribing it.

Jim

AFB Daniel Seward, son of James Seward, b. about 1775, NJ, d. 30 December 1842, Montgomery Co., IL, m. **Nancy Seward**, 4 October 1816, Butler Co., OH. Nancy (AEHB), daughter of John and Mary Butler Seward, b. 8 November 1789. Nancy was the widow of George Coursen and Daniel's second cousin. Daniel lived in Hamilton, Butler Co., Ohio, on a farm adjoining his brother Caleb. He kept a tavern in the southern part of Hamilton. Daniel and Nancy are buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Hillsboro, Montgomery Co., IL: In memory of/DANIEL SEWARD/who died/Dec. 30 1842/ in the 68th year/of his age, NANCY/Wife of/DANIEL SEWARD/BORN/Nov. 8 1789/DIED/Oct. 6, 1865.

23 February 1810, Indenture, John Sutherland and Henry Brown, both of Butler Co., OH, to Daniel Seward of Butler Co., OH. Consideration \$40.75. Land, 4 acres & 4 poles, Lot 17, an outlet on plan, adjoining the Town of Rossville in Butler Co., OH. Signed John Sutherland and Henry Brown. Witnessed in Montgomery Co., OH, by John Folkeith, J. P. Witnesses: James Steele and James Beck.

14 October 1811, deed, James Ayers of Hamilton Co. to Daniel Seward, Hamilton lots 76, 77. Witn: William Shores Jr., John Sutherland Jr. [These lots were just acquired by Ayers from Joseph Hough & Jean his wife.]

Ohio Soldiers in War of 1812: Sgt. Daniel Seward, Capt. Lemuel Connelly.

1 February 1813, deed, Thomas Hunter, tax collector of Fairfield Twp., to Daniel Seward, highest bidder. Hamilton lot 40. Signed Thomas Hunter. Witn: Isaac Stanley, Thomas Stone.

29 January 1814, James Madison, President of the U. S. to Daniel Seward of Butler Co., OH. Land in S32 T4 R2. (Daniel Seward deposited a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Cincinnati.) Edward Tiffin, Comm'r of General Land Office, witness. Signed James Madison.

1 February 1814, Indenture, David K. Este & Stephen Crane, administrators of estate of David Sloan, dec'd, late of Butler Co., OH, to Daniel Seward, \$19 (highest bid), 4 acres, Hamilton lot 39. Signed David K. Este, Stephen Crane. Witn: D. Wade, Wm. Cory.

30 September 1816, Indenture, Daniel Seward of Butler Co., OH, to John Garver of Butler Co., OH. Consideration \$200. Land, 50 acres, S12, T3, R2. Signed Daniel (X) Seward. Witn: James Heaton, John (X) Murphy..

1817, deed, Daniel Seward & Nancy his wife, of Butler Co., OH, to Jesse McConnell. Consideration \$180. Land, 4 acres & 4 sq. poles, Rossville outlet 17. Signed Daniel (X) Seward, Nancy Seward. Witn: Harriet Smith, James Heaton. recorder 17 May 1817.

1819, deed, James Clark to Daniel Seward, S36, T2, R2. Signed James Clark, Witn: Jonathan Pierson, James Heaton.

7 August 1819, Indenture, Daniel Seward & Nancy his wife, of Butler Co., OH, to James Clark of Butler Co., OH. Consideration \$2700. Land, 100 acres, S11, T1, R2. Signed Daniel his (D) mark Seward, Nancy Seward. Witn: James H. Heaton, Samuel Kennedy.

1819, deed, Robert Joyce & Elizabeth his wife to Daniel Seward, Hamilton lot 40. Signed Robert Joyce, Elizabeth Joyce. Witn: James Heaton, William Vandegriff.

1819, deed, Daniel Seward & Nancy his wife, of Butler Co., OH, to Joseph Catterlin of Butler Co., OH. Consideration \$150. Land, Hamilton lots 26 and 27 (2 quarters) forming a plat of 3 poles in width by 12 poles in length. Signed Daniel his (D) mark Seward, Nancy Seward. Witn: James Heaton, Samuel Miller. Recorded 29 January 1820.

1820 Census, Fairfield Twp., Butler Co., OH (p. 47A), Daniel Sewart [sic], M one 16-25, one 26-44, F one 10-15, one 16-25. [The 1765 birthday must be way too early if this is he.]

1821, deed, Daniel Seward & Nancy his wife, of Butler Co., OH, to John Sutherland of Butler Co., OH. Consideration \$700. Land, SE quarter S12, T3, R2, 110 acres, after deducting 50 acres deeded by Daniel Seward to Jacob Garver off the west side. Signed Daniel (X) Seward, Nancy Seward. Witn: Dan Millikin, John McClure Jr. Recorded 19 November 1821.

1821, deed, John Sutherland & Nancy his wife to Daniel Seward. Lot 1 in Sedam's plat in S1 T1 R3. Signed John Sutherland, Nancy R. Sutherland. Witn: Dan Millikin, John McClure Jr.

Pleas at Hamilton before the Honorable Joshua Collett Esquire President & his Associates Judges of our court of common pleas of the county of Butler in the State of Ohio on the twenty fifth day of February, One thousand eight hundred twenty eight. In Chancery. Daniel Seward vs. Blair & Blair. ... here at Hamilton comes Daniel Seward by George Sargeant his Solicitor, and exhibits here in Court his certain petition or bill in equity against Adam Blair and William Blair ... Daniel Seward your Orator humbly complaining sheweth ... that one Adam Blair ... in or about the month of April, 1821, came to the house of your Orator and was received by your Orator as a boarder in his house and continued to board with your Orator for about six months, and that the said Blair had with him and claimed the services of one mulatto boy for the term of eight years, one month and nineteen days, at the expiration of which the said Blair alleged that said boy, which he called Joe Hammond would be

twenty one years of age, and the said Blair produced to your Orator a certain Indenture hereto annexed marked A as evidence of his authority to dispose of the said Joe and his services for the term aforesaid, and then and there promised to make a good and valid Indenture of the said Joe to your Orator for the term aforesaid in consideration whereof your Orator was to board the said Blair at the customary price of boarding to the amount of one hundred dollars which was to be in full satisfaction for the services of said Joe for the term aforesaid, and the said Blair then and there agreed to make execute and deliver to your Orator a good and sufficient Indenture of the said Joe and warrant his performance and service for the term aforesaid, and the said Blair averred that he had power right and legal authority the same to do, and the said Blair in pursuance of the above agreement continued to board with your Orator for about six months, the said Joe remaining in service of your Orator in the mean time in pursuance of the aforesaid agreement and until about the twentieth day of September A. D. One thousand eight hundred and twenty seven, when he absconded and left the services of your Orator without your Orator's consent. Your Orator further states to your honors that the said Blair though often requested never made an Indenture of said Joe to your Orator, but the said Blair contriving how to deceive defraud and cheat your Orator on the day of A. D. One thousand eight hundred and twenty seven, commenced suit against your Orator for the services of said Joe, and as your Orator is informed and verily believes recovered Judgement (allowing your Orator's account, the boarding not taken into consideration) for the residue of the hundred dollars for the services of the said Joe, being twenty dollars together with forty nine dollars and fifty eight cents cost, and that the said Blair contriving how to defraud your Orator, has (as your Orator is informed and believes) transferred and assigned said Judgement to one William Blair, whom your Orator prays may be made a defendant to this bill of complaint, with apt and proper words to charge him. The said Adam Blair combining and confederating with the said William Blair and others, at present to your Orator unknown, how to deceive and defraud your Orator and to harass and injure him, your Orator, have sued out execution against your Orator for the amount of the Judgement and costs aforesaid which is now in the hands of the Sheriff of the county of Butler, all of which is contrary to equity and good conscience. Your Orator therefore prays that the said Blair and Blair may be compelled on their corporal oaths severally to state whether the said Judgement was not recovered for the services of the said Joe as above stated, and whether the said Adam Blair did not board with your Orator and how long and whether they or either of them ever paid your Orator a cent for the same, and that the said Blairs may answer all the allegations in the above bill as fully and effectually as if the same were here again repeated and interrogated. Your Orator being without remedy in this case by the strict rules of common law, pray that your Honors will grant your writ of Injunction commanding the plaintiff Sheriff &c. to stay all further proceedings, and your writ of Subpoena &c. that the same may be brought before your honorable court and that your Honors will grant such other and further relief as shall be agreeable to equity and good conscience and your Orator as in duty bound will ever pray &c.

A. This Indenture made the nineteenth day of September A. D. One thousand eight hundred and twelve witnesseth that David Porter and William Arnold, Overseers of the poor for Lucern township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, do hereby with the approbation and consent of William Roberts and Thomas Gregg Esquires, two of the Justices of the Peace for the said county, put and place Joe Hammond, a yellow boy aged four years and four months, to Adam Blair his administrators, heirs or assigns as a servant until the said servant shall be twenty one years of age and no longer, during all which time of sixteen years and eight months the said servant his Master and Mistress faithfully shall serve, and that honestly and obediently in all things as a dutiful servant ought to do. And the same Adam his administrator, heirs or assigns shall teach or cause to be taught the said servant to read and write reasonable well, and shall and will find and provide for the said servant sufficient meat drink apparel washing and lodging during the said term, at the expiration thereof shall and will give the said servant one suit of apparel which shall be new. In witness whereof the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the date first above written. David Porter, William Arnold, Adam Blair, Present James Blair, Basil Brashear. Approved by the subscribers, Justices of the Peace in and for Fayette County, Pennsylvania, the day and date above written. Witness our hands and seals, William Roberts, Thomas Gregg.

Whereupon it is ordered and decreed that the said Adam Blair and William Blair their solicitors attorneys and agents, the Sheriff of Butler county and every of them be and they are hereby enjoined from proceeding at law against the said Daniel Seward on the Judgement aforesaid mentioned in the complainant's said bill of complaint until the hearing of the said cause in our said court of chancery, and further the Sheriff of the county aforesaid is commanded that he give notice to the said Adam Blair and William Blair to be before the Judges of our said court of common pleas at Hamilton on the twenty fifth day of February next to answer to the bill aforesaid &c. The same day is given to the said Daniel Seward &c.

On which day to wit the twenty fifth day of February aforesaid before the Judges aforesaid here at Hamilton comes the said Daniel Seward by his solicitor aforesaid, and the Sheriff of the county aforesaid to wit John Hall Esquire now returns that by virtue of the writ aforesaid to him directed he hath given notice to the said Adam Blair and William Blair that he should be before the Judges of our said court of common pleas at the day and place aforesaid as by the said writ he was commanded, and the said Adam Blair and William Blair being called, by J[] Corwin Esquire, their solicitor likewise come and the said Adam Blair and William Blair by protestation not confessing or acknowledging all or any of the matters or things in and by the said bill set forth and complained of to be true in manner and form as the same are therein and thereby set forth and alleged, saith they are advised by their counsel that there is no matter or thing in the said bill contained good and sufficient to call these defendants in question in this honorable court for the same, but that there is good cause for demurrer thereunto, and therefore these defendants do demur thereunto and for cause these defendants say that the complainant's said bill (in case the allegations therein contained were true which these defendants do in no sort admit) contains not any matter of equity whereon this court can ground any decree of give the complainant any relief or assistance, as against these defendants, wherefore and for divers errors and imperfections in the said bill appearing these defendants do demur in law thereunto and humbly demand the Judgement of this honorable court whether they shall be compelled to put in any further or other answer to the said bill and humbly pray to be hence dismissed, with their reasonable costs most wrongfully sustained. But because the court now here are not yet advised to give their Judgement of and upon the premised aforesaid, day therefore is given to the parties aforesaid before the Judges aforesaid here at Hamilton until the nineteenth day of May next to hear their Judgement thereon because the court now here thereof not yet &c.

On which day to wit the nineteenth day of May aforesaid before the Judges aforesaid here at Hamilton come the parties aforesaid by their solicitors aforesaid. Whereupon the cause coming on to be heard, the Bill, demurrer and exhibits being read and heard, the court on mature deliberation do sustain the demurrer and do order adjudge and decree that the injunction heretofore allowed in the above cause be dissolved and the bill dismissed and that the complainant do pay the costs of this suit, which costs are taxed at ten dollars and ninety seven cents.

8 August 1826. I hereby give notice that I intend to apply to the court of common pleas for the county of Butler Ohio at their next session, to wit on the 11th day of September next, for a license to keep tavern at the place where I now reside in the town of Hamilton in the county aforesaid. Daniel Seward

11 May 1827, Indenture, Matthew G. Wallace of town of Franklin, Warren Co., OH, to Daniel Seward of Town of Hamilton, Butler Co., OH. Consideration \$180. 10 acres (known as 20 acres laid off by Cornelius R. Sedam), S1, T1, R3. Signed Matthew G. Wallace and Rebecca Wallace. Witness Norris Crane and Jonathan Pierson, J. P.

26 April 1828, Indenture, Daniel Seward of Butler Co., OH, to Matthew Brenan of same place. Consideration \$400. Land, 35 acres, S36, T2, R2, being part of 109 acres sold to Seward by James Clark. Signed D. Seward and Nancy Seward. Witness Isaac G. Barnet, mayor, Wm. Doty, Samuel Heming Jr. and Jonathan Pierson, J. P.

21 May 1829, Indenture, Ludlow Heirs of Hamilton Co., OH, to Daniel Seward of Town of Hamilton, Butler Co., OH. Consideration \$55. Lots 76 and 77 in Hamilton, Butler Co., OH. Signed A. Dudley, Martha Dudley, James Ludlow, Josephine Ludlow, Jephtha D. Garrard, Sarah Belle Garrard and Israel L. Ludlow. Witness Ruhamah A. Riske and James Foster.

1830 Census, City of Hamilton, Butler Co., OH (p. 1A), Seward, Daniel, M one 15-20, one 30-40, F two 15-20, one 30-40, one 60-70.

8 June 1833, Indenture, John Woods of Hamilton, Butler Co., OH, to Daniel Seward of same place. Consideration \$225. Land, 10 acres in S1, T1, R3, being the two outlots on plat of outlots laid out by Cornelius R. Sedam, Daniel Seward already has Lot 1. Signed John Woods and Sarah Woods. Witness Rebecca Woods and Wm. Hunter, J. P.

12 August 1834, Indenture, John Reilly of Hamilton Co., OH, to Daniel Seward of Hamilton, Butler Co., OH. \$400. Land, 8 acres, being lots 4, 5 and 6, outlots of Town of Hamilton. Signed John Reilly and Nancy Reilly. Witness John Whitworth and Jonathan Pierson, J. P.

To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of common pleas for Butler County now sitting. The undersigned respectfully asks your honors to grant him a license to keep a tavern in the house now occupied by him in Hamilton Butler county believing such a house is needed for public convenience. Daniel Seward

The State of Ohio, Butler County } Personally appeared in open court Daniel Seward who being duly sworn deposes and saith thus, he gave notice of his intention to apply for tavern license at the present term by posting up advertisements in 3 of the most public places in our [?] for more than 20 days prior to the convening of this court. Sworn & subscribed in open court this [scratched over] July 1835. John Reily, Clerk -- Daniel his D mark Seward

[on outside] Daniel Seward Petition for Tavern License. July Term 1835. License -- 13.00, Back time 4.37. from day of March -- \$17.37.

November 30, 1838. Deed, Butler County Book 6, p. 471. Daniel Seward of Montgomery Co., Illinois, to John Woods of Hamilton Co., Ohio. Consideration \$4300. Sec. 1, Twp. 1, Rge. 3, 10 acres and Outlot # 1, 2, 3, and North half of 4, containing 35 acres in town of Hamilton. Signed: Daniel (X) Seward and Nancy Seward. Witness: Thos. H. Wilkins and Richard Eastin. Signature of Daniel and Nancy notarized in Montgomery Co., IL.

1840 Census, Montgomery Co., IL, Daniel Seward, M one 10-15, one 40-50, F one 40-50.

At a Special Term of the Court of Probate began and held in the Town Of Hillsboro, on this the 1st day of Feb. 1843, on application of Nancy Burk and George Burnapp, Letters of Administration were issued to them as follows: State of Illinois; Montgomery County. The People of the State of Illinois, to all to whom these presents shall come, greetings: Know ye that whereas Daniel Seward of the County of Montgomery and the State of Illinois, died intestate as it is said on or about the 30th day of December, 1842, having at the time of his death personal property in this state, which may be lost, destroyed or diminished in value if speedy care may not be taken of the same, to the end therefore that the property may be collected and preserved for those who shall appear to have a legal right or interest therein, we do hereby appoint Nancy Burk administratrix and George Burnapp, also of the County of Montgomery and State of Illinois, administrator of all and singular the chattels, rights and credits which were of the said Daniel Seward, and at the time of his decease, with full power and authority to secure and collect the said property and debts, whatsoever the same may be found in this State, and in general to perform all other acts which now are, or hereafter may be required of them by law. Witnesseth: W. D. Sherley, Probate Justice of the Peace for Montgomery County in Hillsboro this 1st day of February 1843.

Daniel Seward owned lots in Hamilton, Butler Co., OH. He was in Hamilton, Ohio, in 1837 and in Montgomery County, Illinois, by Aug. 21, 1838, at which time he ordered lumber and brick for his house. Monies from his estate were paid half to widow Nancy and the other half to brothers and sisters of Daniel Seward or their legal representatives.

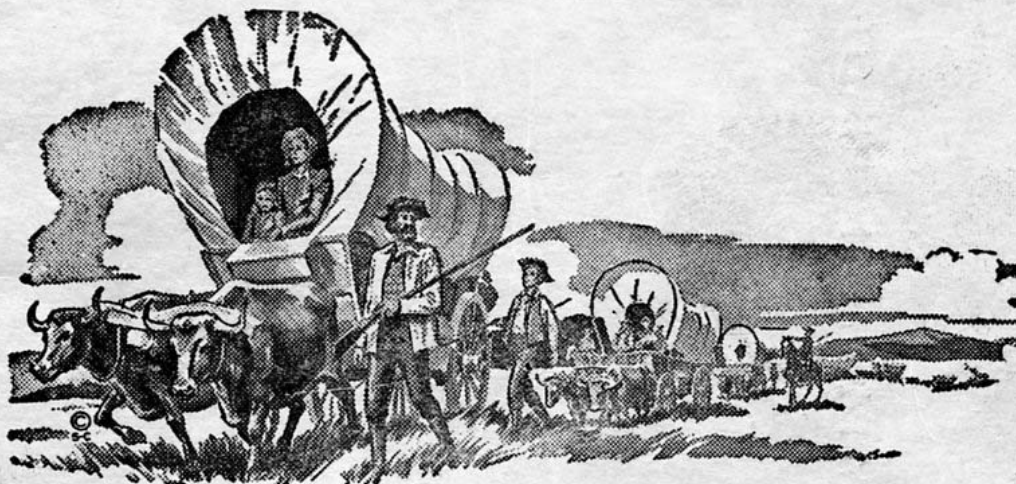
1850 Census, Montgomery Co., IL, Nancy Seward, 60, NJ, \$2000.

I, Nancy Seward, of the Town of Hillsboro, Montgomery County, State of Illinois, being of sound mind and memory and conscious of the uncertainty of life, do make this my last Will and Testament as follows, to wit: I give and bequeath my house and lot in which I now live, and the lot near the house now used by me for raising vegetables and corn, and my wood lot in the bottom, being in all three lots in the village of Hillsboro aforesaid, set off to me by the Court as my portion of the Real Estate of my deceased husband Daniel Seward, to my brother-in-law George Burnap and his heirs and assigns forever. I give and bequeath to my nieces Mary Rucker, Camilla Jenkins, Emeline Burnap, Caroline Coudy and Cornelia Seward my furniture and household property, consisting of all the moveable articles in the house, to be equally divided between them as may be by my Executor George Burnap. I give and bequeath whatever of money I may have at the time of my death, after paying all just claims against my estate and my funeral expenses, to my brother Israel Seward. I give and bequeath to my sisters Jane, Maria and Harriet whatever wearing apparel I may have at the time of my death, to be equally divided between them. I hereby appoint my brother-in-law George Burnap my Executor of this my last Will and Testament and request that no security may be required of him in taking out letters testamentary. I give and bequeath to the Treasurer of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and the Treasurer of the American Home Missionary Society, located in the City of New York the sum of Fifty Dollars to each of said Societies, to be paid previous to the bequest made to my brother Israel Seward. Witness my hand and seal this 27th day of May 1854. (signed) Nancy Seward. This last Will and Testament signed, sealed and published in the presence of us the subscribers by the said Nancy Seward as her last Will and testament and signed by us as witnesses at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other the day and year aforesaid. Jane Eccles, A. H. Brown, J. T. Eccles. Filed and proven Nov. 20, 1865.

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Butler
Centennial

Butler, Illinois

History of Butler

The village of Butler was incorporated in 1865, and the first officers to govern the village were: President, Thomas Colvin; Clerk, Joseph Hickman; Trustees: George W. Brown, Jr., Thomas Elliman, Carl Brell, W. M. Keeley, William Seward, and Thomas Watkins.

William A. Seward deeded the land for the original town of Butler on April 21, 1856. Later, he deeded a first addition in 1865, and a second addition in 1867. George Seward deeded an addition in 1866 and a second addition in 1871. The village derived its name from the fact that many of its earliest settlers came from Butler County, Ohio. Before being incorporated the village was called "Bagdad".

The Butler M. E. Church was organized in 1856, with 10 original members and in 1863 a Methodist church was erected at a cost of \$2350. In recent years, after the M. E. and Presbyterian churches united and decided to hold services in the Presbyterian church, the M. E. church was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cress who converted it into a modern dwelling and now reside in it.

The Presbyterian Church was organized in 1858, with 14 original members, and the present church was erected at a cost of \$2200 and dedicated in 1864. In May, 1957 an addition was built on the south side for Sunday School rooms and a modern kitchen unit installed in the south end. This room is used for church society and community meetings also.

See Pictures 1 and 2

Montgomery M. E. Church was organized in 1836 with 14 original members, and for some years the congregation worshiped in a school house, but in 1872 the present church was built.

Ware's Grove Evangelical Lutheran church was organized in 1860 with 6 original members. The present church was built and dedicated in 1862. In the summer of 1957, a new addition was started and finished and dedicated in 1958.

The first school house in Butler, was built of logs in 1849. In 1863, a very imposing building, for that day, was built of bricks with 2 rooms upstairs and 2 rooms downstairs with halls and cloak rooms across the front, at a cost of \$10,000. Later an additional room was built on at the back, and a big gymnasium built on the south and west of the school building. A metal fire escape was added to the west side of the building. In 1961, this building (now nearly a hundred years old) was razed and removed, and the present modern building erected. Teachers of the Butler school at the present time are: John Hanke, 5th and 6th grades; Mrs. Homer Attebery, 3rd and 4th grades and Mrs. Howard Hodges, 1st and 2nd grades. Mrs. Leonard Pryor, Jr., and Mrs. Wm. Rhoades are in charge of the hot lunch program and Lester Robertson is janitor.

See Pictures 3 and 4

In 1856 a post office was established in Butler and the first postmaster was Henry Richmond, and he was succeeded by Samuel Haywood, Alexander Coudy, and Bryant McReynolds. In 1865 S. H. McGowan and Samuel Haywood started up in business in Butler, and J. H. McGowan was appointed postmaster. Later he kept the postoffice in the store of A. B. Seward. In 1872 J. H. McGowan and T. J. Watkins started a general merchandise store and McGowan moved the postoffice to this building, and was still postmaster in 1878.

William Seward carried the mail between Hillsboro and Jacksonville, for a number of years, in the early days. George Seward also carried mail at one time between Hillsboro and Jacksonville, and Hillsboro and Alton. There was no record available of Postmasters from 1878 to the 1900's. Miss Lelia Hoes was postmistress prior to 1907, and Miss Fannie Washburn was Postmistress from 1907 to 1918.

Miss Ruth Hall was postmistress from 1918 to 1919 and Arthur Berry in 1919. Mr. John Holcomb was appointed postmaster in 1920 and served until 1942 when he retired because of ill health. Harry M. Lane was appointed to succeed him and he served one year. Jesse Thacker was appointed in 1944 and he retired Dec. 31, 1961. Mrs. Jay Hall, our present Postmistress, was appointed and took over the post office in January 1962.

Albert Foster was the first rural Route 1 mail carrier out of Butler and Clayton Cory the first for Route 2. Otto Lebeck was the second Route 1 carrier and Ol Elliman took over Route 2 in 1921. At first he carried the mail in a horse drawn vehicle, and later when the roads were good enough for a car to travel, he took over both routes, until 1932 when he traded routes with W. R. Lodge and went to Sabetha, Kan. Mr. Lodge came here from Kansas and carried the mail until 1936 when Kenneth Baird took over and is Butler's rural mail carrier at the present time.

See Picture 5

In the early days Butler was a thriving community with several dry goods and grocery merchants, grain merchants, a hay press building, hay merchants, carpenters, wagon makers, cabinet makers, harness makers, millers, a tanner, tailors, hardware merchant, blacksmith, butcher, shoemaker, dressmaker

and milliner, jeweler, drug store, cheese factory, 15 saloons, and several physicians. A very good hotel was located where Floyd Rogers up-to-date motel is now located. At one time Butler handled more grain and livestock than any town in Montgomery County except Litchfield. There was a police magistrate, constable and a justice of the peace.

In the early morning hours of Oct. 2, 1877, a fire broke out in the building adjoining Seward's hall, and continued its destructive work until all the business buildings, and the hall containing all the village records and other village property were destroyed despite all efforts made to save them.

In 1878, there were two firms in Butler, handling general merchandise—Brown & Bro. and McGowan and Watkins.

In early days, a cheese factory stood where Mr. and Mrs. Leon Beeler now have their home.

At one time Jesse Osborn operated a creamery in a building beside the depot, and later a group of men used this building as a milk station, bringing their milk to it to ship to St. Louis. This building now belongs to Oscar Freeman, and is used to serve lunches at election time by the W.S.C.S. of which Mrs. Freeman is president.

See Pictures 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10

In 1886 Elbert Busby came to Butler and held the position of Agent, at the Butler depot until 1928 when he retired and Harry Kidwell took over and operated it until it was discontinued in September, 1933. At the time that Mr. Busby was agent, his brother Jim was night dispatcher and his brother Bill was also employed at the depot. I am told that in the early 1900's and possibly a little earlier, there were 50 trains going through Butler daily.

In 1916, Frank Ware bought C. B. Munday's elevator by the

railroad track on the west side of Butler and built a good warehouse, scale house and office and started up in business with W. G. Cooper and Virgil Pickering to assist him. At this time, he moved his family from their farm home on Ware's Grove hill to Butler. Later, Alan Wilson and Leslie Cress also worked at the elevator. In 1926, Frank went to Hillsboro to assist at the Barnstable & Ware Feed Store and Elevator and in 1928 he moved his family to Hillsboro. W. G. Cooper ran the Butler elevator for a number of years and then worked at the Hillsboro store until his retirement.

See Pictures 11 and 12

The start of Walnut Ridge Hatchery, located on the lots where Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Foster now have their home, by Mrs. Dorthea Johnson was in an incubator in the library of her home with 140 Barred Rock eggs. Three weeks later hatched 125 fluffy baby chicks. Later she sold baby chicks to neighbors. In April 1917 Dorthea married Jesse H. Rainey, a widower, and retired farmer and carpenter who had spent most of his life on a farm west of Butler. His experience as a carpenter proved valuable in the business.

Five 300-egg incubators came next, and later Mr. Rainey built a combination garage and hatchery and Mrs. Rainey bought one 10,000 egg incubator. Mrs. Rainey's work in establishing a high standard for hatching eggs, was recognized by the University of Illinois Poultry Division and the International Baby Chicks Assoc. In 1926 they used four incubators that hatched 40,000 eggs at one time. Fred Beck, a Civil War veteran, and the father of Mrs. Rainey and also of Mrs. Ed Holcomb, Sr., took over the job of making the boxes in which to ship the baby chicks. In 1927 Mrs. Rainey moved her hatchery to Litch-

field to facilitate shipping. In 1927, Mr. Rainey was killed by a hit-and-run driver and at this time Mrs. Rainey lives with her son, Harold, and his family in Sullivan, Ind.

See Pictures 13 and 14

The mayors of Butler from 1877 to date are as follows: Thomas Colvin 2 yrs., Wm. Seward 1 yr., Thomas Colvin 2 yrs., Henry S. Stanley 4 yrs., Henderson Howard 1 yr., Henry S. Stanley 2 yrs., Wm. W. Brookman 1 yr., Charlie Lapp 1 yr., W. W. Rhoads 1 yr., Henry S. Stanley 2 yrs., Henderson Howard 3 yrs., Henry S. Stanley 1 yr., Henderson Howard 2 yrs., Charles Lapp 1 yr., Henderson Howard 1 yr., George W. Dayer 1 yr., Stanley Walker 1 yr., Wm. A. Edwards 2 yrs., Henderson Howard 1 yr., Charles Hoes 1 yr., L. D. Osborn 1 yr., Wm. Rhoads 3 yrs., W. A. Edwards 2 yrs., James Ward 4 yrs., J. H. Rainey 2 yrs., James Ward 6 yrs., Frank Ware 6 yrs., W. F. Grotts, 3 yrs., Wm. Rhoads 4 yrs., Homer Bramel 17 years, Fred Lewey 3 yrs., Elsworth Henry 5 yrs., and Lawrence McBroom 4 yrs and is the present mayor.

In 1870 there were 204 voters in Butler Grove township and 19,131 acres improved. There were 679 horses, 65 mules, 1757 sheep, 2410 swine, and 1268 cattle. There were 2,734 bu. of wheat and 4,228 bu. of corn raised on 217 farms. Butler Grove township was composed of fertile prairie land, and luxuriant timberland, and occupied by Indians when early pioneers came. Jacob Cress came from Indiana in the summer of 1818 and brought much stock with him. Due to immense swarms of flies they traveled by night, and put bells on the animals so as not to lose them in the dense prairie. Mr. Cress built the first flour mill in Butler Grove Township in 1825 and it was powered by horses, and kept running day and night. In 1845

he changed to steam power. It was built east of Butler and north of Hillsboro on his farm.

The Blooming Grove Cemetery containing 5 acres of land located about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile east of Butler was laid out and surveyed by J. P. Bayless, Deputy Co. Surveyor, Nov. 29, 1865. Henry Richmond was elected president of the Association and Samuel M. Haywood, Moses Berry and Samuel D. Washburn directors. Under the rules and regulations adopted Feb. 10, 1866 by the Blooming Grove Cemetery Assoc. "the size of the lots shall be 16 ft. square and the price \$10 per lot". The first lots were sold Jan. 15, 1867 and the last one Nov. 17, 1872.

The earliest known club in Butler Grove township was known as the "Farmer's Club" and this later merged into one known as "The Grange".

The first lodge organized in Butler was the "Modern Woodmen".

At one time there was a Royal Neighbors organization that met in the old Haley hall. Also in the early days there was a Masonic Lodge and an Odd Fellows lodge in Butler.

Butler Grove Household Science club was organized in November, 1901, and continued until Butler Grove Home Bureau took its place in 1936. In the early 1920's Butler had a Campfire Girl organization, and later a Girl Scout and Boy Scout troop. In recent years the Boy Scouts were under the leadership of Larry Norvell.

See Picture 15

Butler Busy Bees 4-H club was organized in 1946 and the present leaders are Mrs. Leonard Pryor, Jr., and Miss Sharon Skinner. Butler Grove township is also proud of the Butler Grove Lassies under the leadership of Mrs. Howard Hodges and the Prairie Rangers under the leadership of Glen Niehaus. At the south edge of Butler on the east side of the highway is the

Butler 4-H park which is considered one of the best in the state. This plot of ground which contains some beautiful shade trees, was purchased in 1956 by Montgomery County Soil Conservation district and the 4-H club and F.F.A. club has a 99-year lease on it. The first building was built in 1957, and 3 more buildings were added later. These improvements were made possible through donations and over \$16,000 has been put into them. John Keith is president of the park board and has worked loyally to improve the park.

Mrs. James Busby is head of a group who meets once a week in the town hall to sew on cancer dressings. Mrs. Busby started this work in 1956. She prepares the dressings for the other ladies to sew.

Butler Grove township has an active A-T. A. that was organized April 19, 1939, and met in the basement of Ware's Grove church until 1951 when township country schools consolidated and Ware's Grove schoolhouse was no longer needed for school purposes. The A-T. A. bought the schoolhouse and have held their meetings there since that time, and also put on entertainment there for the public to add to their treasury.

In 1919 the Farmers Co-Op store was built, with a grain elevator to the east of it, beside the railroad. Roland Brown was manager of the store, with Sam Briggs and Bert Newcome in charge of the elevator. In 1922 Oscar Freeman was hired to help in the store and Fred Norvell and Rome Newcome to run the elevator. In 1933, Mr. Brown died and Jim Busby became manager assisted by Mrs. Brown. In 1948 the Farmers Store burned down and the present building, just south of the railroad and east of the hard road, was erected to house the Montgomery Service Co. of which Clarence Zerrusen is county general manager, with

McBroom, and Mrs. Mildred Prose is our village clerk. Board members are Joe Gray, Leonard Pryor, Jr., Glen Beam, Robert Crawford, Rudolph Wooden and David Osborn. Jesse Masters served as village clerk for 42 years until the time of his death. The park is wired for lights and has a dance floor with a building at the west end for the musicians. At the west side of the park is a ball diamond with flood lights and bleachers for spectators.

This is not a complete history, but it is offered with the hope that many people and events, Floyd Rogers owns and operates a modern motel where the old hotel used to be and a service station and the Town Pump tavern on the south side of the motel. Ed and Trella Cashman operate the Village Inn tavern on the east side of Main Street. The Kut N* Curl Shop, an up-to-date beauty parlor, is operated by Mrs. Robert Crawford in her home west of Butler school. Don Boliard erected a new block building to the south of his home and operates Don's Garage.

See Pictures 18 and 19

A town hall is located in the northeast corner of the Butler park where the town board meets one night each month. The present mayor is Lawrence George Adams in charge of the Butler elevator. Other Butler employees of the Service Co. are Wilbur Foster, Robert Crawford, Leonard Pryor, Jr., Paul Skinner, Pearl Dewitt, Don Englemen, Keith Koonce, and Oscar Freeman. Mrs. Wm. Voyles is secretary and bookkeeper.

See Picture 16

See Picture 17

At the present time Butler has a good Red & White general merchandise store, owned and operated by Wm. Klump. An efficient barber shop in the south room of Mr. Klump's store is owned and operated by Floyd Karrick (for the past 21 years).

long thought forgotten, can be relived in memory. No family history was omitted intentionally from this book.

We are grateful to those who supplied us with information for the history. Following is a list of those who helped: Ed. Holcomb Sr., John Keith, Wilbur Foster, Warren Masters, Carl Niehaus, Oliver Elliman, Knowlton Grantham, Charles Westcott, Joe Gray, Mrs. Leonard Pryor Jr., Mrs. Edw. Holcomb Sr., Mrs. Edw. Dammann, Mrs. Ida T. Brown, Mrs. Clay Latham, Mrs. Hayden Rogers and Mrs. Alvin Mullins.

Most of the pictures were supplied by Floyd Karrick and others by Mrs. Edw. Dammann, Mrs. Lawrence McBroom, Mrs. James Busby and Mrs. Ione Streight.

The compilers of this history were Mrs. Wesley Osborn, Mrs. Lawrence McBroom and Mrs. Mildred Prose.

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Butler Grove township sent 80 men to the Civil War.

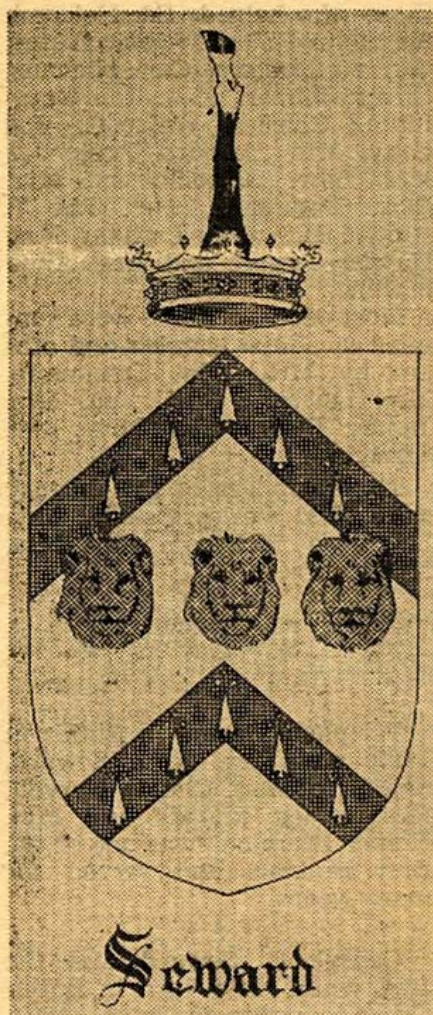
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Telephones came to Butler in 1890, and Mrs. Jesse Seward, mother of Mrs. Claude Norvell, Mrs. Bruce Rhoads and Mrs. Homer Brammel, was one of the first centrals and served for many years.

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George C. Seward was the first white child born in Butler Grove township on Oct. 11, 1821. In his young manhood, when he carried mail between Hillsboro and Alton, at one time Shoal Creek was flooded out of its banks and he tried to cross it with a two-horse conveyance. Part of the bridge was gone and he could not make it so he climbed out on one of the horse's back and grabbed a tree limb and climbed up. He spent the night in the tree until 9 o'clock the next morning when his friends rescued him with long poles and a "horse trough".

Butler Pioneer Families



George C. Seward

George C. Seward, son of Isreal and Margaret Seward was the first white child born in Butler Grove township. He was born on Oct. 11, 1821, on "Seward Hill", ½ mile south of Butler. He married Miss Unity Phillips, daughter of Capt. Thomas Phillips in 1848, following the death of his first wife in 1845, and he resided most of his life in the Butler community. The village of Butler was laid out on land deeded by him, and

his older brother William.

The children of George C. and Unity Seward were seven in number: Harriett, Thomas, Benjamin, George T., Clara, Jesse and an infant who died quite young.

Jesse, the sixth child, was born in 1863. He married Miss Frances Jeanette Howard, and they resided in Butler nearly all of their married life except for a short time in Hillsboro. Mr. Seward followed the trade of a carpenter. They became the parents of seven children: Ruth, Mary, Jesse, Neva, Florida, Allan and Esther. Ruth, Jessie, Neva and Allan are deceased. Mary married Bruce Rhoads and has one son, Wm. Stanton. Florida married Homer Bramel and they are the parents of seven children: Jerry, Ray, Agnes, Neva, Rex, Norman and Bobbie. Esther married Claude Norvell and she has two children: Loraine and Larry. Allan married Mary Pope and they had three children: Maxine, Jack and Michael. Jesse Seward had 14 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

Tom, the second child, lived for many years with his widowed mother Mrs. Unity Seward in the home place in Butler and after her death he lived with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Seward.

George T. Seward, the fourth child, was for many years an undertaker in Hillsboro, assisted by George Walter. He also ran a furniture store. He married Miss Katie Roling and to this union were born Lamar and Jay. Lamar married Miss Bernice Winn of Irving, and they had one son, George, who is a doctor in North Manchester, Ind. Mrs. George T. Seward was an accomplished musician and for many years played the pipe organ at the Presbyterian church in Hillsboro.

The only descendants of George C. Seward, one of the original founders of Butler, living in Butler at this time are

Mrs. Claude Norvell, Mrs. Bruce Rhoads and a great-grandson, Jack Seward with his wife, Karen Clinard Seward, and his four small sons, Gregory, Jeffry, Brette and Eric.

Col. John Seward

Col. John Seward, a veteran of the War of 1812, and his wife, Mary Butler Seward, settled on the hill $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south of Butler in 1828. The winter of 1828-29 was so mild that he sent to New Jersey for more of his family to come and enjoy the "Florida weather". Butler Seward, his son, lived where Mr. and Mrs. Roland Brown afterwards lived, and another son, Israel Seward, built the home where Mr. and Mrs. Harold Anderson and family now live just south of Butler.

Israel's son-in-law, George Burnap, built part of the Chisholm-Latham home in 1832. The hewn walnut timbers and wooden pegs can be seen in the attic. In 1872, Charles W. Jenkins and his wife Camilla, built on the front part of the house and lived there.

Many descendants of Col. John Seward are living in Montgomery County at this time.

(Contributed by Mrs. Ruth Chisholm Latham).

James H. Ward

James H. Ward married Margaret Jane Lipsey, and came from Morrisonville to Ware's Grove in 1889. He farmed, and acquired land in this vicinity and south of Butler until he owned 800 acres of good farming land.

Their children were: Etna, Lency, Clarence, Dent, Morey, Viola and Amy.

In 1910 Mr. Ward retired from farming and moved to Butler to a house at the south end of Main street, which he had built, and where Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Williams now reside. He died at this home in 1932, and Mrs. Ward lived alone in the home until her death in 1946.

The Wards had 13 grand-

children, 30 great-grandchildren and 21 great-great-grandchildren. Ward descendants residing in Butler or Butler Grove township at this time are Mrs. Viola Lane, Mrs. Harold Anderson and her three sons: Bill, Tom and Jerry, Mrs. Howard McBroom, Mrs. Elmer Culp and son David, Mrs. Amy Wilson, Howard Ward, Michael Henry, Mrs. Frances Norvell and George Ward.

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The first settler in Butler Grove township was Jacob Cress in 1818, next was Isreal Seward in 1819.

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The first physician in Butler was Charles Harper, who came here in 1857.

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George C. Welge

George C. Welge and his wife, Sophia E., came to Butler from Frankfort, Germany, in 1847. Their children were John, Louis, Sophia, Wilhelmina and Henry.

Henry married Miss Martha Simmons, an artist, who came to Butler in 1866 from Republic, Ohio, after her graduation from Ohio Female college. They were the parents of four children: Mary, Anna Blanch who died in infancy, Henrietta (Nettie), and William. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Welge were very hospitable people and their home was open to friend and stranger. Everyone knew him as "Uncle Henry". He was a veterinarian, and raised fine horses, and had his own race track at his farm east of Butler. He also raised sheep, and would drive a thousand at a time to market in St. Louis with his sheep dogs.

William, son of Henry and Martha Welge, graduated from Business College in Dixon and was a teacher in Montgomery County and afterward moved to St. Louis, where he married Miss Annette Tuttle, of Booneville, Mo. They became the parents of Wm. Henry, Jr., Albert

good cold drinks. We came to school in a spring wagon, and picked up all the children along the way. A grandmother told me recently that she used to ride all the way to school on Bill Turner's lap when she was a little tot. We carried our dinners in a big tin bucket and handed their share out to the younger ones—sandwiches and cookies, cake or a piece of pie. We kept our horses in a nearby barn and fed and watered them at noon. No buses in those days! One of the little tots when asked what he did all day, said "sometimes I take one nap, sometimes two." When the teacher was questioned, she said "Well, if he can sleep with all these children around, he needs sleep worse than books". The old school house in no longer there for a new up-to-date one has taken its place.

Trains came through Butler regularly and it was a great treat to get to ride on one."

The above article was written by Mrs. Ida Turner Brown, our oldest and best loved citizen of Butler. She was born and raised on the Turner farm two miles northwest of Butler and married Roland Brown and lived in Butler all of her married life. Her husband died in 1933 and she continued to live in Butler and help run the Farmer's Co-Op Store and Elevator, previously managed by her husband. She has always been active in church work and community affairs.

Williamson

In 1843, William and Eliza Williamson came from Butler county, Ohio, to Montgomery county arriving on "Seward Hill", weatherbeaten and everything thoroughly soaked from the rains. They stayed in the home of Israel Seward for three days, drying out their clothes and bedding, and then located on a farm northwest of Butler, and at first lived in a log cabin and could shoot game for the

table from their front door. On this farm Perry Williamson was born in 1845. Mrs. Grace Karrick was his daughter and her descendants who are living in Butler at the present time are Mrs. Hayden Rogers, Mrs. Lorene Rhoads and Floyd Karrick. Granddaughters of Mrs. Karrick who live in Butler and vicinity with their families are Mrs. Betty Karrick McBroom and Mrs. Marcella Mutchler and Mrs. Violet Singleterry.

Frank Dammann Family

Frank Dammann was born in Hanover, Germany in 1852 and was one of seven children of Henry and Dena Dammann. The Henry Dammann family came to America in 1855, landing at New Orleans. Because of yellow fever, they soon left and came to Hillsboro where they lived for a short time before moving to a farm 9 miles north of Hillsboro where Frank Dammann grew to manhood. He and Katherine Rupp (1863-1933) of Corydon, Ind., were married January 6, 1881 and spent their entire married life at two farms which they owned, the first near Nokomis, and the second 2 miles east of Butler. They became the parents of six children as follows: Emma (deceased), wife of Rev. L. W. Nordsick (deceased); Fred (deceased) formerly of East St. Louis; Mary, retired teacher, of Hillsboro; Lottie, wife of Jesse Thacker of Butler; Nette, wife of Howard Hope, of Hillsboro; and John of Butler. There are nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

See Pictures 20 and 21

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The first railroad came to Butler, from the west, in 1855.

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The first school teacher in Butler in 1849 was Miss Burnap.

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The first marriage was that of William H. Brown to Miss Harriette Seward.

In Memory Of Our Grandparents

Louis and Minna Brinker

And Our Parents

Charles and Anna (Brinker) Dammann

Grace Dammann Young

Laura Dammann Dohler

Maye Dammann Rice

Edward L. Dammann

**In Memory Of
Uncle Dorm and
Aunt Rosetta Crane
Mary A. and Frisby Hoes
George, Lula and Norris Mitts
George Stein and Bobby Boliard**

**In Memory Of
The Kaiser Family
Joseph - Ben - George - Theresa**

**In Memory Of
Hattie E. Stephenson**

**In Memory Of
Oliver Richard and
Hester Idella Lewey**

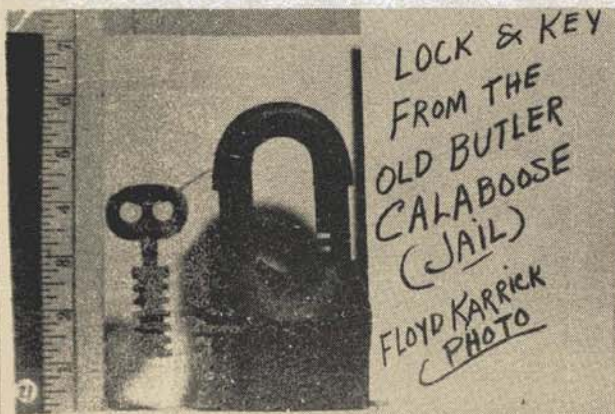
**A Memoriam To Our Ancestors
Who Lived On The Jenkins Hill
Since 1828**

**Colonel John and Nancy Seward
George & Mary Seward Burnap
Charles and Camilla
Burnap Jenkins
James and Frances
Jenkins Chisholm
Mrs. H. Clay Latham
and Daughters**

**In Memory Of
Henry and Martha
Simmons Welge
Henrietta (Nettie) Welge
William and Annetta
Tuttle Welge
William Henry Welge, Jr.
Capt. Jesse Lee Givens**



The old Butler Calaboose still stands today. Originally in the Butler park, it was moved nearly 50 years ago and now is a shed on the O. E. Freeman property. The interior is lined solid with 2x4's; the sides, floor and ceiling are 4-inches thick. Barn in far background is on the Glenn Beam farm, once the A. G. Luddeke place.



This massive padlock, about 100 years old, can be seen at the Butler Barber Shop.

Centennial Briefs

Butler obtained electric lights in 1910.



The Seward family Coat of Arms reproduced in the Butler Pioneer family section of this centennial book was brought to the United States from England in 1660.



The first store in Butler was moved from Woodsboro by "Uncle Billy Woods" and one of the first sales made in it was when Henry Berry walked up to the counter and laid down a mink skin and asked for 10¢ worth of pepper.



Abraham Lincoln used to ride through Butler on his trips to Springfield, and often spent the night in the house where Mr. and Mrs. Harold Anderson now live. This farm was then occupied by Israel Seward and his family. A sofa, upon which Mr. Lincoln often sat while resting in the Seward home, was afterward owned and treasured by Mrs. John Wallis.

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SEMI-CENTENARIANS

OF

BUTLER GROVE TOWNSHIP,

MONTGOMERY CO. ILL.

ALSO

A BRIEF HISTORY

OF THE

VILLAGE OF BUTLER.

BY

REV. T. E. SPILMAN.

Sept. 1878.

Of these children all are living, except John B. who was killed at the battle of Corrinth while fighting for the Union.

WILLIAM SEWARD,

son of Israel and Margaret Seward, was born in Hamilton, Ohio, Aug. 17th, 1818. His parents moved to Montgomery Co. Ill. when he was about fifteen months old. They settled upon the top of what is now known as THE SEWARD HILL, one half mile south of Butler.

When about ten years of age, Willaim returned to Hamilton, Ohio and spent three months at school. Other than this his whole life since fifteen months of age has been spent in the vicinity of Butler. When quite a youth he carried the mail for four years on horseback from Hillsboro to Jacksonville.

In the 24th year of his age he was united in marriage with Miss Susan Fuller of East Fork, about ten miles South East of Hillsboro.

The officiating minister was Rev. T. A. Spilman, the father of the writer of these sketches.

In the year 1858 Mr. Seward made a profession of religion and united with the Presbyterian Church of Butler.

In 1858 he was ordained a Deacon of the church, and about the year 1865 was elected and ordained a ruling elder.

Mr. Seward's residence is situated on the north side of the "Seward Hill" where he has lived for thirty-six years.

MRS. SUSAN SEWARD,

daughter of Moses and Elizabeth Fuller and wife of Wm. Seward, was born in the year 1818, in Clark Co. Ohio near

Carlyle. She came to Ill. in June 1840, and settled in the community known as East Fork, and was united in marriage with Mr. Seward in 1841.

In the family of Mrs. Seward's parents there were eight children, one son and seven daughters, all of whom lived to be heads of families, and all of whom are living still except the two oldest daughters.

Mrs. Seward made a profession of religion when about nineteen years of age and united with the Baptist Church in Clark Co. Ohio. In 1868 she connected herself with the Congregational Church of Hillsboro, Ill.

The children of Wm. and Susan Seward are as follows:

Alonzo B., born April 25th, 1843. Died at Butler, Ill. March 29th, 1877.

Almeda, wife of Thomas J. Watkins of Butler, Ill. born April 9th, 1848.

Israel, born May 23d, 1850. Died at Butler, Ill. Aug. 25th, 1851.

Clarence F., born July 22nd, 1852.

Mary Ellen, born Nov. 28th, 1855.

Cornelia W., born Feb. 22nd, 1859.

William Lincoln, born Nov. 4th, 1861. Died at Butler, Ill., Nov. 3d, 1864.

GEORGE C. SEWARD,

son of Israel and Margaret Seward, was born in Montgomery Co. Ill. Oct. 11th, 1821.

In May 1844 he was united in marriage with Miss Harriet Casey of Jefferson Co. Ill. In Sept. 1845 his wife died at Butler, Ill. and on Feb. 1st, 1848 he was united in marriage at

the age of twenty seven years, near Butler Ill. with Miss Unity Phillips, daughter of Captain Thomas Phillips who recently died in Hillsboro, Ill.

One incident, or accident in the life of Mr. Seward is remembered with interest by his friends.

It was his lot in his younger days to be mail carrier for several years on the lines between Hillsboro and Jacksonville and Hillsboro and Alton.

During that time there came a freshet which raised the waters of Shoal Creek to an immense height. George attempted to cross the stream with a two-horse conveyance. A part of the bridge being gone he was carried away by the current. He got out of the carriage, stepping on one of the horses, and caught hold of a small Elm tree which he, after becoming wet nearly all over, climbed, and in the branches of which he remained until the next day.

It was about one o'clock in the afternoon, and in the month of Dec., when he took refuge in the tree. It was a little after dark when his friends discovered him.

The stream was now about three fourths of a mile wide, and the current baffled their efforts to get to the tree. The logs which were carried down the stream would strike the slender tree and partially dislodge him.

He could see and hear his friends from his lonely perch, which probably helped to beguile the uncomfortable hours of the night; but it was not until about 9 o'clock in the morning that with a horse trough and poles they succeeded in reaching and rescuing him.

Mr. Seward has never lived else where than in Montgomery Co., and has been for thirty two years upon the farm where he now resides.

In the year 1865 Mr. Seward united with the Presbyterian Church of Butler.

The children of Mr. Seward are as follows: By his first wife,

Lewis, born April 28th, 1845.

By his second wife:

Harriet C., wife of Lloyd C. Washburn, born Dec 19th, 1848.

Thomas I., born July 25th, 1851.

Benjamin H., born Oct. 29th, 1853.

George T., born Sept. 14th, 1856.

Clara M., born Sept. 19th, 1859.

Jesse J., born Sept. 12th, 1863.

Infant, without name, born Dec. 17th. 1867. Died Feb. 15th, 1868.

WILLIAM WATSON

was born in Machergknappan, Denegall Co. Ireland, Jan. 14th, 1800. He left Ireland for America at eighteen years of age, with the entire family, consisting of parents, two brothers and a sister, and came to Albany N. Y. where he lived for about five years.

He then removed to Geneva, N. Y. and lived there five years, and from there went to Genesee Co. N. Y. where he lived ten years. Here, Aug. 1834, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Taft.

On the 26th of Nov. 1839 he came to the farm on which he now resides in Montgomery Co. Ill., five miles north of Hillsboro near to the Montgomery Chapel.

JOSEPH BURNAP

was born in Hamilton, Butler Co. Ohio, Aug. 20th, 1821.

On the 13th, of June 1832 he came with his parents to Montgomery Co. Ill. to the farm south of Butler now owned by C. W. Jenkins.

In 1845 he located on the farm, which he now owns and upon which he resides, one mile S. E. of Butler.

On the 16th of May 1848 he was united in marriage, at Fillmore, Montgomery Co. Ill., with Miss. Catharine Bost, who died at Butler, Ill., Oct., 22nd 1850. Their only child was:

George, born July 18th, 1849. Died at Butler, Ill., Oct. 16th, 1850.

In Oct. 1853 he was united in marriage, at Ware's Grove, near Butler, with Miss. Sarah Hugg.

In June 1869 Mr. Burnap made a profession of religion and connected himself with the Presbyterian Church of Butler, and not long after was elected and ordained a Ruling Elder of that Church.

The children of Joseph and Sarah Burnap are as follows.

John, born Oct. 2nd, 1854.

Carrie S., born April 14th, 1857.

William Herbert, born July 6th, 1859.

Samuel, born Dec. 25th, 1860. Died April 14th, 1865.

Horace, born Jan. 18th, 1864.

Mary, born Sept. 9th, 1866.

Camilla M., born July 12th, 1873.

MRS. SARAH WARE, *Justus Ware*

daughter of David and Catharine Slayback, was born in Lexington Ky., Sept. 13th, 1805.

In 1807 she removed to Butler County, Ohio, and in 1821 came with her Uncle, Israel Seward, to Montgomery Co. Ill., and located on the "Seward Hill" south of Butler.

Sarah Slayback lived with Israel Seward for six years, and at his residence, March 12th, 1828, was united in marriage with Benjamin Ware, who was born May 27th, 1796, and died upon the farm where Mrs. Ware now resides, July 31st, 1855.

The house in which Mrs. Ware at first resided with her Uncle on the "Hill," is the old two-story building now standing tenantless in the barn yard. The property is now in the hands of Mrs. M. A. Anderson.

On the 10th of June 1829, Mrs. Ware, with her husband, removed to the farm upon which she now resides with her son Justus, two miles N. E. of Butler upon a handsome elevation of land known as "Ware's Grove." On this farm Mrs. Ware has lived for forty-nine years.

Mrs. Ware made a profession of religion when about twenty years of age, and about five years later united with the Presbyterian Church of Hillsboro, at that time under the pastoral care of Rev. T. A. Spilman, from whom, about forty-five years ago, she obtained a Bible which is still in her possession.

When the Presbyterian Church was organized in Butler, Ill., Aug. 29th, 1858, Mrs. Ware was one of the original members.

About one year ago, (1877) Mrs. Ware had an attack of sickness, after recovery from which, the sight of her left eye

DANIEL HEFLEY

was born in Montgomery Co. N. C., Nov. 4th, 1818. His father died when he was a child, and in the fifteenth year of his age, in the year 1833 he came with his mother to Montgomery Co. Ill., locating ten miles north of Hillsboro. After a residence in this place for nearly two years he removed to Hillsboro and learned the blacksmith's trade with John McEwen. He remained in Hillsboro a little over five years and then went to the "Seward Hill" south of Butler Ill., and worked at his trade for five years, being employed by Israel Seward, and living with him. At the expiration of these five years, he was united in marriage, Dec. 12th, 1849, with Mrs. Catharine P. Slayback, daughter of Mrs. Mary Scherer now living in Butler, Ill.

At about the time of his marriage Mr. Hefley bought an acre of land and the small house on the Hill in which Mr. E. Fox now lives, where he lived and worked at his trade for about ten years.

While welding iron a heated cinder lodged in one of Mr. Hefley's eyes, which resulted in the loss of its sight. This occurred about the year 1850, and about the year 1854 he bought a farm and built the house upon it in which he now resides about one and a half miles north of Butler.

About twenty years ago Mr. Hefley, from some unknown cause, lost the sight of his second eye. His vision is such however as to enable him to discern objects dimly when placed between himself and the light.

In the year 1878 Mr. Hefley buried his wife, her death occurring at her residence, near Butler Ill., on the 27th of February.

The children of Daniel and Catharine Hefley are as follows :
Camilla E., wife of George Sharp of Butler, Ill., born July 20th, 1851.

Mary C., wife of Charles Houser of Texas, born Aug. 13th, 1853.

William Henry, born Dec. 20th, 1855. Died near Butler, Ill., May 20th, 1857.

David C., born May 23d, 1858.

Elisabeth J., born Oct. 9th, 1860.

James H., born Dec. 1st, 1862.

George W., born Dec. 13th, 1866.

WILLIAM WILLIAMSON

was born at Springdale, Hamilton Co. Ohio, Sept. 9th, 1818.

When six months old he moved with his parents to Dearburn, Ind., where he lived until the tenth year of his age.

From Dearburn he removed about the year 1828, to Butler Co. Ohio, where he lived with his relatives until the year 1838. On the first day of March, 1838, he was united in marriage with Miss Eliza M. Swallow of Hamilton Co. Ohio.

In 1843 Mr. Williamson came to Montgomery Co. Ill., arriving on the 18th of Oct. at "Seward's Hill," where he spent three days enjoying the hospitality of Israel Seward and family.

He then located upon a farm five miles N. W. of Butler where he lived until the Spring of 1844. On the 24th of Jan. 1844 he bought the farm where he now resides one and a half miles N. W. of Butler, and removed to it on the fifth day of March following.

Mr. Williamson made a profession of religion in Dearburn Co. Ind., in the 9th year of his age, but his first connection with the Church was at Cherry Grove, Montgomery Co. Ill.

About the year 1844, he united with the M. E. Church of that place.

MYNDERT VROOMAN

was born in Johnstown, Montgomery County N. Y., May 12th, 1807.

On the 19th of Jan. 1832 at Johnstown N.Y., he was united in marriage with Miss Julia Ann Sammons.

In Oct. of the year 1854 Mr. Vrooman left the State of N.Y. and came to Montgomery Co. Ill., and occupied for nine years the brick building three miles S. W. of Butler now owned by Mr. George Grassel. In the year 1863 he removed to the farm upon which he now resides about two miles S. W. of Butler.

MRS. JULIA ANN VROOMAN,

daughter of John and Emma Sammons, and wife of Myndert Vrooman, was born in Johnstown, Montgomery Co. N. Y., March 13th, 1815, where she lived until her marriage with Myndert Vrooman, Jan. 19th, 1832.

Of the few large families in which there has never a death occurred, that of Myndert and Julia Vrooman is one.

Their children are as follows:

Shuler S., born Nov. 8th, 1833.

Ann E., wife of William E. Scott of Pana, Ill., born Dec. 19th, 1835.

John C., born July 12th, 1840.

Sidney S., born March 22nd, 1842.

Sarah C., wife of Clarence S. Seward of Butler, Ill., born Sept. 22nd, 1843.

Jacob S., born June 17th, 1845.

Emma F., wife of Perry Williamson of Butler, Ill., born Aug. 13th, 1847.

The children of Francis and Sarah J. Phillips are as follows:

Thomas B., born March 15th, 1857. Died near Butler, Ill., Jan. 7th, 1861.

Harriet V., born Dec. 11th, 1859.

George F., born Nov. 1st, 1860. Died near Butler Ill., Aug. 4th, 1864.

Caroline, born June 12th, 1864. Died near Butler Ill., Nov. 14th, 1876.

Nettie J., born Nov. 4th, 1867. Died near Butler Ill., Jan. 10th, 1869.

David, born Nov. 22nd, 1869.

MRS. ANNA WIKOFF,

daughter of David and Catharine Slayback, was born in Hamilton Co. Ohio, June 24th, 1807.

On the 2nd of Sept., 1828, in Hamilton Co. Ohio, she was united in marriage with Benjamin Wikoff who was born in Huntington Co. N. J., Oct. 11th, 1801, and died at his residence near Butler, Ill., Oct. 27th, 1874.

From Hamilton Co. Ohio, Mrs. Wikoff removed, about the year 1831, to Shelby Co. of the same State, where she resided about seven years. She then came to Montgomery Co. Ill., and after having made her home at two different places in the County located, in 1844, on the farm where she now resides three miles west of Butler.

The children of Benjamin and Anna Wikoff are as follows:

John H., born July 7th, 1831. Died near Butler, Ill., Aug. 11th, 1871.

Jerome, born Feb. 17th, 1833. Died near Butler, Ill., Aug. 11th, 1864.

David S., born Aug. 30th, 1836.

Benjamin M., born Sept. 4th, 1839.

Henry S., born Dec. 26th, 1843.

A
BRIEF HISTORY
OF THE
VILLAGE OF BUTLER.

In gathering up the scraps of history contained in the following pages we have been obliged to rely largely upon the memories of persons who have been long residents of the community. Some of the dates, therefore, which we give may be only approximates to truth; some names may be omitted, and some facts not accurately recorded. Yet, with the pains which we have taken to secure accuracy, we believe that following statements may be relied upon as an outline history free from any serious error.

The Village of Butler derived its name from the fact that many of its earliest settlers came from Butler County, Ohio.

The Village was built upon land belonging to William Seward, and laid out by him about the year 1855.

In the first survey, which was by James Starr, eighty-six lots were laid out. Some time afterward the most of the remaining lots which constitute the Village were surveyed by a Mr. Bayless.

The town was incorporated about the year 1865.

The first School-house built in the District was of logs, and built in 1849, near the residence of Geo. Seward. It

was afterwards purchased by Dennis Crowley, removed to the village, and now constitutes a part of his residence.

The first School-house erected in the village, was built about the year 1857, by John H. McGowan. About eight years afterward an addition was made to it so that it consisted of two rooms.

When there were more pupils than could be accommodated in these two rooms, the deficiency was met by securing a private room for a portion of the school until the year 1863, when, at the cost of about \$10,000 the present neat and commodious building was erected, which is free from debt.

We give below, according to the best of our information the names of those who have taught school in the Village of Butler.

We have not attempted to fix upon the dates of the service of those who taught in the earlier history of the Village, but give names as we have received them from those who are familiar with the history of the place.

This record commences about the year 1857.

TEACHERS OF THE BUTLER PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Charles Seward, George Paisley, Rev. Daniel Lee, Rev. — Mize, Edwin Keeler, Charles Parks, Jesse C. Barrett.

We have dates from the year 1863. The School term generally commences in one year and closes in the next. During the term there may have been assistant teachers who taught but a short time, but we mention their names in connection with the year in which the school commenced.

In 1863, Andrew Waters.

In 1864, James W. Colvin.

In 1865, Jesse Barrett and Miss Abbie Cunningham.

In 1866, E. Hodson and Miss Jane Hickman.

In 1867, S. T. Sanford and Miss Jane Hickman.

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NAMES OF BUTLER MERCHANTS, MECHANICS, PHYSICIANS &c.

DRY GOODS, GROCERY, BOOT & SHOE MERCHANTS.

William Wood, Samuel Haywood, Thomas Wallace, Wallace & Nelson, Alexander Coudy, Coudy & Mehagen, Thomas Morrison, C. Meisner, G. Geist, Henry Wilson, S. M. Hedges & Bro., J. R. Roth, Staten & Wickersham, J. Baum & Co., L. D. Washburn, A. W. Marshall, Cheatham & Bros., A. H. McCallister, Fred Arnsted, Mrs. Susan Gunderman, Watkins & Mackey, A. B. Seward & Co., J. H. McGown, Brown & Bro., Cannon & Williams, Williams & Colvin, Colvin & Son, McReynolds & Garrett, McGowan & Watkins.

GRAIN MERCHANTS.

Wm. Wood, Samuel Haywood, Charles Coudy, Frank Lyford & McGill, M. McMurtry, J. H. Haywood, John Nelson, Alex. Hoxey, G. D. Brookman, Kirkanbaum & Co., Thomas Elliman & Bro., Dickerson & Bro., Capt. Wm. Young, John G. Moore, H. & J. S. Weaver, Mr. Hay, (bought for Soule & Gibson, Indianapolis, Ind.,) George Vanneever, Brown & Bro., (bought for Soule & Gibson,) A. B. Davis, Davis & Elliman, John Noonan, L. Washburn, Brown & Bro.

HAY PRESS.

The Hay Press of Butler was built by J. B. Christy, about the year 1871.

HAY MERCHANTS.

J. B. Christy, S. M. Haywood, J. H. McGowan, and J. R. Mitchel.

CARPENTERS.

William Wilson, Henry Wilson, S. M. Haywood, J. H. McGowan, Joseph Chenneworth, Milton Chenneworth, Charles Coudy, Charles Vorhees, George Vansandt, Jerome Vansandt, John Hostetter, Athan Cannon, Marcus Cannon, M. M. Stuckey, Wm. Brookman, H. H. Titcomb, T. J. Watkins, Charles Westcott, William Wharton.

CABINET MAKERS.

Carl Brell, Conrad Schroeder, Wm. Vansandt.

WAGON MAKERS.

John Born, Hermann Tetzlaff, George Cooper.

HARNES MAKERS.

John Fehr, John Vrooman & Bedford Stanley, Charles E. Moore, Alexander Mutchler, Bedford Stanley.

TINNERS & HARD-WARE MERCHANTS.

Fred Schmidt, Tinner & Hard Ware merchant. Thomas Kessinger, Hard Ware merchant.

MILLERS.

John Cunningham, John Cunningham & George Baker, L. Hoffman, August Roth, B. F. Rhodes, John Strunk, Thomas Kessinger, J. N. Wood.

TAILORS.

Wm. Weber, Fred Klemme, Hamilton Hose, John Hose.

BLACKSMITHS.

Robert Bryce, Joseph Rogers, J. C. Sammons, Balford Richmond, Lewis Schardon, Peter Simons.

BUTCHERS.

James Brookman & Bryant McReynolds, Wallace Nelson, & Thompson, Fred Luddeke, John Van Doren, Fred Anderson & Amasa Washburn, and Henry Stanley.

SHOE-MAKERS.

McReynolds & J. C. Railing, L. D. Washburn, Manufacturer and Merchant, Christain Keachley, Hermann Wygant, Frank Shuford, Claudus Hough, Rollond Rakow, Frank Shuford (2nd time.)

PROPRIETORS OF THE BUTLER HOTEL.

Bryant McReynolds, Richard Barrett, Mrs. Elnora Duke, Mrs. Mary Pollard, Thomas Kessinger, William Brookman, Mrs. Menerva Steere, J. W. Webb, Wm. Brookman (2nd time,) Henderson Howard.

POST MASTERS.

Henry Richmond, Samuel Haywood, Alexander Coudy, Bryant McReynolds, J. H. McGowan.

DRESS MAKERS & MILLINERS.

Mrs. Lewis Vansandt, Dress-maker & Milliner. Miss Carrie Lockhart, Dress-maker. Mrs. Cordelia Schardon, Milliner. Mrs. Laura Gray, Milliner., Miss Annie Boyd, Dress-maker & Milliner.

JEWELERS.

Charles Witherspoon and J. W. Webb.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

Henry Richmond, James Ghaston, George Burnap, Wm. Wood, James Judd, Wm. Elliman, G. D. Brookman, Jerome Kendrick, A. W. Marshall.

POLICE MAGISTRATES

Henry Richmond, James Judd, J. B. Christy, and George W. Brown.

CONSTABLES.

D. W. Manners, Wm. Wharton, M. M. Stuckey, John Van Doren, Charles Wright, Daniel Bost.

VILLAGE CLERKS.

D. W. Manners, J. H. McGowan, James Judd, J. E. Hickman, A. W. Marshall.

CHEESE FACTORY.

The Butler Cheese Factory is owned by a Stock Company called The Mont Cabanne Creamery Co. It was built in the year 1875, at a cost of about \$3,000, with apparatus costing about \$1,600.

PHYSICIANS.

Charles Harper, —Sargent. J. B. White, Jesse Stick, C. R. Ross, Daniel Schardon, P. L. Brown, Benjamin Perlee, J. H. Kester, John Enlow, A. Gifford.

The physicians at the present time are Charles Harper, Daniel Schardon, and A. Gifford.

DRUGGISTS.

Ross & Brown, E. L. Thomas, Frank Seward, Charles Slayback, Wm. Diddle, G. W. Parr, W. A. Wesner.

EXPRESS AGENTS.

Thomas R. Wallace, A. R. Fink, Coudy & Mehagen, James Judd, Thomas Elliman, William Elliman.

FIRES.

In 1866 a Store belonging to J. R. Roth, near the Rail Road, and also an adjacent Drinking Saloon, were destroyed by fire.

A Plaining Mill, located in the western part of the town belonging to D. W. Manners was burned about the year 1867. It had been in operation about one year.

In the Spring of 1875 a small dwelling house belonging to Wm. Vansandt near Robert Bryce's Blacksmith Shop was destroyed by fire.

CHURCHES.

BUTLER M. E. CHURCH.

The M. E. Church of Butler was organized under the ministerial labors of Rev. —Boon, a local preacher, about the year 1856.

The original members were as follows :

Mrs. Alexander Gray, Moses Berry, Mrs. Eliza Berry, Mrs. J. M. Ghaston, Mr. Thomas Wood, Wm. Williamson, Mrs. Eliza Williamson, James Wood, and his wife and Mrs. Benaiah Kelly.

Its pulpit has been regularly supplied by the following ministers :

Revs. J. E. Lindley, —Aldridge, —Cabric, R. W. Travis, T. S. Johnson, A. E. Orr, J. H. Holloway, W. F. Lowe, M. M. Cooper, J. D. Bodkin, D. Stubblefield, S. T. McIlheren, George Barrett, R. M. Beech, J. W. Lapham, and E. D. Randle.

The Church Edifice in which the congregation now worship, was erected in the year 1863 at a cost of about \$2.350.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Butler Presbyterian Church was organized in the School House in Butler, Aug. 29th, 1858, by a Committee consisting of Rev. R. M. Roberts, Minister, T. W. Washburn, M. D., and J. T. Eccles, Elders. The original members were fourteen in number and their names were as follows :

Mrs. H. K. Harper, Mrs. Catharine Coudy, Israel Seward, William Seward, Mrs. Mary Cunningham, Mrs. Susana Cunningham, Mrs. Martha Burnap, Robert Bryce, S. M. Hedges,

Mrs. Margaret Seward, Mrs. Deliverance Hugg, Mrs. Mary McReynolds, Minerva Mrs. Steere, Mrs. Sarah Ware.

The names of the Ministers who have stately supplied the Presbyterian Church are as follows:

Rev. R. M. Roberts, Rev. W. L. Mitchel, Rev. — Todd, Mr. Cornelius V. Monfort, Licentiate, Rev. — Loughed, Mr. Moses Paisley, Licentiate, Rev. T. E. Spilman.

The Church Edifice belonging to the Presbyterian Congregation was built at the cost of about \$2.200 and dedicated to the service of God, July 3d, 1864, Rev. T. W. Hynes preaching the dedication sermon, and Rev. R. M. Roberts assisting in the service.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

About the year 1868 a Baptist Church, consisting of about thirteen members, was organized in Butler, by Rev. — Johnson, and enjoyed for a time the ministerial labors of Rev. Mize, then teaching school in Butler.

No efforts, of which we are aware, have been made for some years to revive or retain the organization.

We give as, follows, a brief account of the other Churches in the Township, outside of the Village.

CHERRY GROVE M. E. CHURCH.

We find that as early as the year 1843, there was existing a church with a considerable membership in the community now called Cherry Grove, three and a half miles N. W. of Butler. Just what its membership was, and how long it had existed as a Church we have not ascertained. But from some cause, probably deaths and removals, this Church so declined that in a few years there remained of it but a feble remnant. About the year 1852 it was reorganized, and prob-

Scans from “History, Memories and Records of Butler Grove Township”

The following handwritten pages regarding the genealogy of Butler Grove residents were obtained from Ann Tindall, a Butler/Hillsboro Ware family descendent and researcher. Ann only sent scans of the pages containing information relevant to my family and indicated that it was written by Amelia Dale Westcott. Ann said regarding the document and author:

“the latest date I could find was a death in Dec. 1947.... She died in Oct. 1961 at age 93. On the last page.... ‘Compiled in 1947 in Chicago by Amelia C. Westcott. This copy made Aug. 1949.’”

The author apparently didn’t identify her sources.

History, memoirs and Records of Butler Grove Township

Dedicated to the Children and their Descendants of those whose Histories are briefly given on these pages.

Preface.

Having been suggested to me some years ago that I make a Genealogical work for and of Residents of Butler Grove Township and having over twelve years experience in that line, I am now endeavoring to compile this for those interested in Butler Grove. Starting at beginning when surveyed by Government and getting records for benefit of present and future Generations. The Authors sole intention is to give memoirs and records of Butler Grove and is task very difficult to fully accomplish, but hope that those who may read these pages will find their ancestors at the beginning of Township History. With sincere wishes for continued prosperity with a hope and faith for the future of Butler Grove, I submit these pages for your consideration.

Butler Grove Township.

Is bounded on North by Raymond Township, on the East by Irving Township, on South by Hillsboro Township, on West by North Litchfield Sp. The only town in Butler Grove is Butler, built in Center of Township on land belonging to William Seward and laid out by him in 86 lots in 1855. It was started about time of building of Railroad and called Bagdad until changed to Butler in 1856 by Chas. W. Jenkins. It was incorporated as village in 1865 and was reorganized in 1873. Many years ago it was one of most important trading points in County but now is more of residence district. Butler Grove was one of first sections of Montgomery County to be settled when Government made survey in 1819 with fertile prairie and considerable timber of Black and White Oak, Hickory, Sycamore, Walnut, Willow, Cottonwood and Elm. The first settlements in Township were made in Spring of 1818. The first settler being Jacob Cress. He was father of "Uncle Jake" Cress who lived North of Hillsboro, Illinois many, many years for rest of his life. He was brought by his father from Indiana in 1815, when only few weeks old, as his father left North Carolina in 1817 lived in Indiana one year, then came to Montgomery County, Ill. and settled in Butler Grove Township. As he came West from Indiana to Illinois, the journey had to be made along buffalo trails. He brought with him horses, cattle, and drove of hogs from Indiana, in order to keep from losing his hogs on the prairie, he had them belled and this measure of precaution indicates his capability. He had 6 daughters and 2 sons, eight in all. He died at age of 86 yrs. His descendants lived on part of his farm until few years ago. Mrs. Will Cress and her daughter Marie were last to leave and she has since died.

and Marie lives around Hillsboro & Butler.

The "Uncle Jake" Cress farm of 5.26 acres was bought by Oberle Bros. who reside on their adjoining farm, which had originally belonged to the Cress farm in 1817.

Jacob Cress Sr. was born Dec. 26, 1779 in North Carolina. He married Catharine Best, their son Jacob Cress was born May 5, 1818 in Harrisburg Indiana and died July 1, 1903 Butler Grove, Ill. He married Jan. 23, 1848 Helena Scherer born Oct. 8, 1818 in Virginia and died Mar. 19, 1902 Butler Grove, she was daughter of Rev. Daniel & Rachel Scherer of N. Car. Jacob & Helena had 11 children, 9 sons & 2 daughters.

- I Absalom Alexander Cress born Dec. 7, 1840. Had son Edward Cress born Dec. 16, 1870, married Jennie Linp wiler. They had 2 daughters Elizabeth and Gertrude. "Alex" married 1898 a second wife Mrs Augustus (Lane) Lewry, of Fillmore, Ill. she died Nov. 12, 1940.
- II John M. Cress born Feb. 8, 1842 married and lived in the West. Had 1 child
- III Jacob Daniel Cress born Aug. 25, 1845 lived in Calif.
- IV William S. Cress born Feb. 11, 1848, died Oct. 15, 1909, married Jan. 4, 1900 Mattie Schoft of Wichita, Kan. born 1863 died Feb. 11, 1943. Had 2 children John B. & Marie L. John B. Cress born 1901, married & died, had 2 daughters Ellen Marie Cress & Martha J. Cress. Marie L. Cress born Sept. 2, 1902
- V Samuel E. Cress born Sept. 15, 1849 died Apr. 18, 1933.
- VI Benjamin L. Cress born Dec. 10, 1850
- VII Sophia Lucretia Cress b. May 28, 1853 married Mr. Orvil Blackman of Dixon, Ill.
- VIII Joseph E. Cress born Apr. 17, 1856, died Dec. 31, 1934 S. Dakota.
- IX James H. Cress born Sept. 2, 1858 died Nov. 21, 1862 Butler, Ill.
- X Mary Illinois Cress born Apr. 4, 1861, d. Mar. 5, 1862 Butler, Ill.
- XI Thomas J. Cress born June 13, 1864 died Aug. 26, 1897.
married Nellie Witherspoon born 1865

Seward.

Izreal Seward was second to locate in Butler Grove in 1819 in "Seward Grove". Butler Seward was his brother and he settled in 1829 and his place was called "Butler's Grove" and it is doubtless that Butler Grove got its name from him. When pioneers came there, they found Indians and wild game plentiful.

There were no roads every thing was wild.

Izreal Seward and wife "Aunt Peggy" had farm on brow of hill between Butler and Hillsboro. There place was stage & mail stop on Vandalia - Springfield Route, and there was Combination Inn where travelers refreshed themselves and Stage Drivers replaced tired horses for fresh ones for the Stage Run.

Abraham Lincoln often stayed there over night. It was told one time he drove up in an old rattle trap buggy and without saying a word got out and began to unhitch his horse.

Izreal Seward was cousin of distinguished Statesman,

William H. Seward Secretary of State under Lincoln.

Izreal Seward had son William born before he came to Butler born Aug. 17, 1818 at Hamilton, Ohio. He was son of Izreal & Margaret Seward and they brought him to Butler when 15 months old.

When a young man he carried mail for 4 years on horse back from Hillsboro, Ill. to Jacksonville, Ill. He married in 1841 Susan Fuller of East Fork Township - born in 1818 in Ohio, came to Ill. June 1840 settled in East Fork Sp. Had 7 children.

Along, Almeda, Izreal, Clarence, Mary Ellen, Cornelia, Hon Lincoln

- I Alonzo B. Seward born Apr. 25, 1843, died Mar. 29, 1877 Butler, Ill.
 II Almeda Seward born Apr. 9, 1848, wife of Thomas Watkins of Butler, Ill.
 III Loyal Seward born May 23, 1850, died Aug. 25, 1851 Butler.
 IV Clarence Seward born July 22, 1852, married Sarah C. Vrooman, born Sept. 22, 1843. Had 2 daughters, Anna and Agnes Seward.
 V Mary Ellen Seward born Nov. 28, 1855
 VI Cornelia W. Seward born Feb. 22, 1859.
 VII William Lincoln Seward born Nov. 4, 1861, died Nov. 3, 1864 Butler, Ill.

George C. Seward a younger brother of William, was born Oct. 11, 1821 was first baby born in Butler Grove Sp. He married May, 1844 to Harriet Casey of Jefferson County, Ill. She died Sept. 1845 Butler, Ill. had son Lewis Seward born Apr. 28, 1846.

George C. married again Feb. 1848 to Unity Phillips born 1819, died 1897. she was daughter of Capt. Thomas Phillips. Had 7 children.
 Harriet C. Thomas S. Benjamin H. George T. Clara T. Jesse J. Infant.

- I Harriet C. Seward born Dec. 19, 1848 wife of Lloyd C. Washburn.
 II Thomas S. Seward born July 25, 1851.
 III Benjamin H. Seward born Oct. 29, 1853.
 IV George T. Seward born Sept. 14, 1856, died Mar. 8, 1936 married Katie Ralping born Feb. 24, 1869, died Dec. 29, 1929. Had 2 sons. Lamar & J. Frederick
 1 George Lamar Seward born Oct. 6, 1882, married Sept. 30, 1901 Bernice Winn born Nov. 12, 1881. Had one child, George Winn Seward born Dec. 27, 1906 married June 19, 1933 Eva Taylor born Nov. 27, 1907. He is a Doctor. Had 4 children: Sandra, Cynthia, Taylor, Steven.
 (1) Sandra Seward born Sept. 4, 1937
 (2) Cynthia Seward born Dec. 31, 1940
 (3) Taylor Seward born Nov. 7, 1945
 (4) Steven Seward born Oct. 26, 1946
 2 J. Frederick Seward born Mar. 29, 1890 Hillsboro, Ill. married June 3, 1914 Florence Elizabeth McFarland born Jan. 25, 1891, d. May 5, 1941. They were married in Kings Highway Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, Mo. Had 3 children: William McFarland, George Theodore, Martha Jane.
 (1) William McFarland Seward born June 19, 1915 Hillsboro, Ill. married Feb. 10, 1943 at St. Louis, Mo. to Judith Anne Swanger. William was Capt. 404th Ordnance Lt. Okinawa and Korea. Had 2 children Judith Anne, & Jarle Fleming
 1- Judith Anne Seward born Apr. 10, 1944 Arlington, Virginia.
 2- Jane Fleming Seward born Nov. 30, 1946 St. Louis, Mo.
 (2) George Theodore Seward born July 30, 1916 Denver, Colo. Sgt 1st Armored Division England, Africa, and Italy. Recommended for field Commission shortly before killed Mar. 3, 1944 Anzio Beachhead.
 (3) Martha Jane Seward born Aug. 14, 1917 Springfield, Ohio. Sgt 6716 WAC, Hq. Co. 2 years service overseas Naples, & Ligon, Italy. married Feb. 9, 1946 St. Louis, Mo. to Clarence Louis Downing. Had 1 ch. Mary Catherine Downing born Sep. 3, 1947 St. Louis, Mo.
 V Clara T. Seward born Sep. 19, 1859 married Dr. C. W. Hickman.

- VI Jesse J. Seward born Sept. 12, 1863 married Sept. 25, 1887 Jeannette Howard born Feb. 5, 1865 - Had 7 children:
- Mary Unity, Jessie Catherine, Ruth Hallie, Neva Myrtle, Florida Belle, Esther Harriet, Allen Thomas.
- 1) Mary Unity Seward, born Aug. 12, 1889 married Bruce Rhoads, 1 child Billie Rhoads.
 2. Jessie Catherine Seward born Dec. 30, 1890 died.
 3. Ruth Hallie Seward born Oct. 31, 1892 died at 11 months.
 4. Neva Myrtle Seward born Oct. 9, 1895 - died at 16 years.
 - 5 - Florida Belle Seward born Feb. 2, 1897 married Homer Bramel records P. 80
 - 6 Esther Harriet Seward born Feb. 15, 1905 married had daughter Lorraine East born Mar. 30, 1925 married June 3, 1944 Howard Caborn born May 4, 1923 Butler, Ill. 1 ch. Richard Kent Caborn born Oct. 6, 1946
Esther Harriet husb. 2, Oct. 2, 1928 Claude Norvell, had 1 ch.
 - 7 Allen Thomas Seward born Aug. 27, 1907 married Mary Pope, daughter of Oscar Pope. Had 3 ch. Maxine 16 yrs, Jack 10 yrs, Michael 6 yrs.
- VII Infant Seward, born Dec. 17, 1867 died Feb. 15, 1868.

All that are left of Sereal Seward Descendants around Bytler are Descendants of George J. Seward and his brother Jesse J. Seward and his Descendants.

George C. Seward like his brother William carried mail for several years between Hillsboro, Ill. and Jacksonville Ill. and Hillsboro and Alton Ill.

During that time there came a freshet which raised the waters of Shoal Creek to an immense height.

George attempted to cross the stream with a 2 horse conveyance.

A part of bridge being gone he was carried away by the current. He got out of the carriage stepping on one of the horses, and caught hold of a small elm tree which he, after becoming wet nearly all over, climbed in the branches of which, he remained until next day. It was about one o'clock in afternoon and in December when he took refuge in the tree.

It was a little after dark when his friends discovered him. The stream was now about three quarters of mile wide, and the current baffled their efforts to get to the tree.

The logs which were carried down the stream would strike the slender tree and partially dislodge him. He could see and hear his friends from his lonely perch, which probably helped to beguile the uncomfortable hours of the night; but it was not until nine o'clock in morning that with a horse trough and poles they succeeded in reaching him.

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Henderson Howard.

+ Bramel

Henderson Howard born July 6, 1826 in Tenn. In 1834 moved to Green Co. Ill. for 4 years, then Scott Co. for 4 yrs. Mason Co. 9 yrs. then Waterford, Fulton Co. and Beardstown 1 or 2 yrs. then Mont. Co. in the ditchfield & then Hillsboro, & near by community till Sep. 1878 moved to Butler to take charge of Butler Hotel. Mar. 25, 1848 while living in Mason Co. he married Mary Jane Brown, she died June 20, 1862 at Hillsboro. Then Oct. 10, 1862 at Hillsboro he married w. 2. Mary Jane Mariceau b. Jan. 15, 1832 in Ind. He was painter by trade, having learned it in Beardstown. June 23, 1846 he left home to engage in Mexican War served 1 yr. In War of Rebellion he served in Union Army nearly 1 yr. Had 4 ch. by w. 1. Jas. H. Wm. Alfred, Martha, Belle, Williams Alfred Howard died June 1865. Hillsboro. Martha C. Howard died at 2 yrs. old. Mary Belle Howard married William Paden, 4 ch. Josie, Cathryn, Neurt, Warwick Josie Paden born May 9, 1888 Hillsboro died Aug. 23, 1921 married Aug 23, 1914 Albert B Mack, born Sep. 2, 1887 Butler. Had son William P. Mack, born Aug 6, 1918 - Hillsboro, married Nov. 11, 1939 at Long Beach, Calif. to Ruth G. McMillan, 1 ch. Wm. P. Mack Jr, born Apr. 20, 1943. Albert + son both in Navy many years. Cathryn Paden born Nov. 28, 1893 Hillsboro married Oct. 11, 1917 Wesley W. Deborn. born Feb. 1, 1892 Butler. Have 2 sons David Paden + Edward Howard (P. 7). Henderson Howard + w. 2. had 6 ch. Florida, Jeannette, Margaret, Juv. Lydia, Jesse, Florida Howard born Jan. 15, 1863, died 1928. Jeannette Howard born Feb. 5, 1863 married Sep. 25, 1887 Jesse Seward b. Sept. 2, 1863, 7 ch. Mary, Jessie, Ruth, Neva, Florida, Esther, Allan. Mary Unity Seward born Aug. 12, 1889 married Bruce Rhoads. Jessie Catherine Seward born Dec. 30, 1890 died. Ruth Hattie Seward born Oct. 3, 1892 died at 11. mo. Neva Myrtle Seward born Oct. 9, 1895 died at 16 yrs. of age. Florida Belle Seward born Feb. 2, 1898. married Dec. 18, 1917 Homer Earl Bramel born May 30, 1896. Had 7 ch. Jerald Bruce, Ray Homer, Agnes Marie, Neva Elaine, Rex Allan, Norman Arthur, Bobby Eugene.

- (1) Jerald Bruce Bramel born Apr. 5, 1918 married Dec. 31, 1945 Kathleen Jeffrey of Belleville, Ill. Have son Ronald Lee Bramel born Oct. 28, 1946.
- (2) Ray Homer Bramel born Dec. 26, 1921 married Nov. 25, 1942 Frances Trkavich of Taylor Springs. Have 3 ch. Jerald Ray, Marcia Ann, Randolph Lee. Jerald Ray Bramel born Nov. 16, 1944. Marcia Ann Bramel born Sep. 22, 1946. Randolph Lee Bramel born July 24, 1947.
- (3) Agnes Marie Bramel born Nov. 6, 1923 married Dec. 22, 1942 E. V. Barbatti of Taylor Springs. Have son Robert Vincent Barbatti, b. Dec. 4, 1946.
- (4) Neva Elaine Bramel born Aug. 5, 1926 m. Dec. 24, 1945 Richard Puckett of Litchfield. Have son Carl Dennis Puckett born Sep. 6, 1947.
- (5) Rex Allan Bramel born Oct. 30, 1927.
- (6) Norman Arthur Bramel born Aug. 31, 1929.
- (7) Bobby Eugene Bramel born June 21, 1933, died Oct. 16, 1935.

Esther Harriet Seward born Feb. 15, 1900 married — East. 1 ch. Lorraine East, born Mar. 30, 1925; married in Ark. June 2, 1944 Edward Howard Osborn, born May 4, 1923 Butler. 1 son Richard Kent Osborn born Oct. 6, 1946. Esther East married husf. 2, Claude Norvell Oct. 2, 1928. Allan Thomas Seward, born Aug. 27, 1907 married Mary Pope, daughter of Oscar Pope. Have 3 children Maxine Seward 16 yrs. Jack Seward 10 yrs. Michael Seward 6 yrs. Lydia F. Howard, Jesse Howard d. at 3 wks. Joseph Howard, Margaret C. Howard born Mar. 24, 1868, d. Mar. 19, 1938, married Avery Anderson. 4 ch. Rhea Joe, Don, Rex Anderson.

Burnap and Jenkins.

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George Burnap married in 1818 in Ohio Martha Maria Seward, daughter of Col. John Seward and came to Illinois in 1830. Building the same year the story and half house 1 mile South of Butler, later years was made into 2 story front. 6 ch. Joseph, Mary, John, Samuel, Camilla, Emeline.

1 Joseph Burnap born Aug. 20, 1821 Hamilton, Ohio. Came with his parents June 13, 1832 to Mont. Co. Ill. to farm S. of Butler known as Jenkins farm. In 1845 he located on farm 1 mile S. E. of Butler which he owned. He married May 16, 1848 at Fillmore, Mont. Co. Ill. to Catharine Bort who died Oct. 22, 1850 at Butler. Their only child George born July 18, 1849. d. Oct. 16, 1850.

Jos. Burnap m. W. 2. Oct. 1853 Sarah Hugg. 7 ch. John, Carrie, Wm, Samuel, Horace, Mary, Camilla.

- (1) John Burnap born Oct. 2, 1854. (2) Carrie Burnap born Apr. 14, 1857.
 (3) William Herbert Burnap born July 6, 1859.
 (4) Samuel Burnap born Dec. 25, 1860. died Apr. 14, 1865.
 (5) Horace Burnap born Jan. 18, 1864 (6) Mary Burnap born Sept. 9, 1866.
 (7) Camilla Burnap born July 12, 1873.

Joseph Burnap lived many years, moved to Texas, then Washington. died there.

2 Mary Burnap born 1823 married Henry Rucker, lived in Chicago.

3 John Burnap born 1820 married Elizabeth Glenn.

4 Samuel L. Burnap born 1827 married Ruth Shepherd of Chicago.

5 Camilla Burnap born 1832 married Charles W. Jenkins b. May 29, 1827

6 Emeline Burnap born 1834 married Dr. J. W. Fink of Hillsboro, d. 1858, leaving her daughter Mary Fink who married Dec. 9, 1886 Henry Cory, 1 ch. Yvonne Cory, married Albert Evans, had 4 girls.

Martha Marie Lucia Juliet Alberta.

Jenkins, Charles W. born May 29, 1827 Darlington, S. Car. came to Mont. Co. Ill. with his Cousin Joseph Wood Mar. 1837 stayed in Co. until Sept. 1848 when he went to Springfield to live.

At the residence of George Burnap on Seward Hill South of Butler on Apr. 27, 1854 Chas. W. Jenkins married Camilla Burnap, born Feb. 21, 1832, daughter of George + Martha (Seward) Burnap.

He moved to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile South of Butler Aug. 1856.

In 1865 he was elected Circuit Clerk and moved his family to Hillsboro the County Seat of Mont. Co. Ill. for the 4 year term in Public Service and then returned to Butler for rest of his life. on what is now called "Chisholm Place". Had 7 ch. Minnie, Camilla, Frances, Roland, Emma, Fred, Maria.

1 Minnie Jenkins born Apr. 19, 1855, died Aug. 1, 1896, married Nov. 28, 1889 to Will Hamilton born Oct. 5, 1861.

2 Camilla Jenkins born Mar. 1857, died Mar. 19, was High School Teacher, was 1st woman to have State Certificate to teach.

3 Roland Jenkins born Aug. 12, 1861 died 1907 married 1886 Minnie Briggs, died Jan. 5, 1929. 4 ch. Sarah, Camilla, Alice, Irene, Charles.

(1) Sarah Camilla Jenkins born Feb. 14, 1887 died July 20, 1932, married Otto Bremer, born 1887, died Dec. 26, 1946 Had 6 children, Alice, David, Otto, Stephen, Frederick, Bremer.

(2) Alice Jenkins born Aug. 18, 1889, died 1917, m. Frank Lindhorst.

(3) Irene Jenkins born Aug. 13, 1893, is a nurse.

(4) Charles Burnap Jenkins born Nov. 1896.

4 Emma Jenkins born Sept. 22, 1863 died June 26, 1896 a teacher, married Feb. 28, 1884 George Franklin. Had 2 ch. Joy + Camilla

(1) Joy Elizabeth Franklin born Sep. 13, 1887 married Stanley Stephenson, Had 5 ch. Betty Ann Stephenson, Camilla Stephenson, Stanley Stephenson, Donna Lou Stephenson, Franklin Stephenson.

- (2) Camilla Franklin married W. J. Hudson, Had 3 children
Anna Hudson, Jean Hudson, William J. Hudson Jr.
- 5- Frederick Jenkins born Jan. 20, 1866 married 1887 Ella Gregoire
had 1 ch, Jessie Unifred Jenkins.
Jessie Unifred Jenkins m. Victor Pinkham. 1 ch. Unifred Elaine Pinkham.
- 6- Maria Jenkins born Feb. 15, 1868 died Mar. 8, 1941 married Nov. 29, 1893 Joe Ludeman.
died Mar. 4, 1935. They lived and both died in Honolulu, Hawaii. 2 ch.
(1) Josephine Ludeman born Dec. 22, 1894 married Michael Sosnowsky
lived in Honolulu but now have returned to U.S. to live
(2) Geraldine Ludeman born Aug. 7, 1901 died 1927. married - Williams 2 ch.
John J. Williams born Jan. 3, 1924
Frances Williams married Stanley Schmidt - 3 ch. Frances - Fred.
7. Frances Jenkins born Nov. 3, 1869 married Aug. 29, 1892 Jas. Chisholm
born Sept. 17, 1861 died Mar. 5, 1937. 2 ch. Ruth & Margaret.
- I Ruth Chisholm born June 11, 1893 St. Paul, Minn.
married June 14, 1916 Clay Latham born Apr. 20, 1891 Irving. 2 ch.
(1) Frances Caroline Latham born Aug. 20, 1922
married May 22, 1943 John H. Mc Kenzie born Mar. 9, 1919
(2) Margaret Ruby Latham born May 29, 1926 she is an Air Pilot.
married Aug. 21, 1947 to Claude F. Grotto born Nov. 29, 1916, 1 ch.
- II Margaret Chisholm born Dec. 30, 1894
married July 22, 1922 William L. Gaylor of N. Y. City.

Phillips, Francis born Feb. 14, 1828 Randolph Co. Ill. son of Burrell
and Harriet (Brown) Phillips. Burrell born Bowling Green
Ky. died 1832. His wife Harriet born St. Genevieve, Mo. died
when Francis was 2 weeks old. He was brought to Mont. Co. Ill.
1834 by his Uncle Capt. Thomas Phillips who lived on farm
which is owned by Grassell descendants. In 1850 his company
with others crossed plains to California taking from Feb.
to Aug. He spent summer of 1852 in Cassville, Wis. and
on into Minn. north of St. Anthony Falls about 200 miles.
After year returned to Butler, bought farm engaged
in farming, married 1856 Sarah J. Scherer daughter of
David and Mary (Wagner) Scherer. Had 6 children:
Thomas B. Harriet W. George F. Caroline Nettie J. Allen David

- 1 Thomas B. Phillips born Mar. 1857 died 1861.
- 2 Harriet W. Phillips born Dec. 11, 1858, died Feb. 21, 1914 married Jesse Rainey
- 3 George F. Phillips born Nov. 1, 1862, died Aug. 4, 1864
- 4 Caroline Phillips born Jan. 12, 1864, died Nov. 14, 1876
- 5 Nettie J. Phillips born Nov. 4, 1867 died Jan. 10, 1869
- 6 Allen David Phillips born Nov. 22, 1869 died May 28, 1943

Their mother died 1911. Sept. 1859 Francis Phillips moved to
farm 3 1/2 miles North of Butler and Nov. 4, 1870 house and nearly all
effects were destroyed by fire, but comfortable dwellings were
again erected. Francis witnessed many changes that took place
and the numerous adventures of his early life were very entertaining
He was always a man of high character and
upright principles

Rogers

Vrooman,

C Sammons,

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Rogers Family came from Kentucky in 1916 and lived on Watson farm near Montgomery Church, in Butler Grove. Had 8 ch. Elmer, Hayden, Judge, Clay, Ray, Perry, Margaret, Lindsey.

- 1 Elmer Rogers married in Ky. and lived there.
- 2 Hayden Rogers born Nov. 6, 1890, married Dec. 23, 1919 Mabel Robinson, 2 sons Carl & Floyd. (1) Carl P. Rogers b. Sep. 3, 1921 lost in war in Navy. (2) Floyd Rogers born Jan. 25, 1924 runs filling station in Butler. He married Mary Louise Long, 1 ch. a little girl. Hayden m. w. 2. Dec. 4, 1943 Lois Kerrick born 1910
- 3 Judge Rogers b. Dec. 11, 1892 married June 13, 1925 Mary Hughes, 2 ch. Donald Rogers & Elaine Helen Rogers, b. Dec. 6, 1928
- 4 Clay Rogers born Dec. 14, 1894 married Florence Ellington d. Feb. 15, 1929 Had twin sons born May 10, 1928 Carroll Edward & Gerald Roland Rogers. Clay m. w. 2. Nov. 3, 1934 Ruth Cayce
- 5 Perry Rogers born Feb. 10, 1897 married Sep. 18, 1924 Blanch Schafer, born Nov. 10, 1908. Had 1 ch. Arline Unifred Rogers born, Sep. 4, 1925.
- 6 Margaret Rogers,
- 7 Ray Rogers,
- 8 Lindsey Rogers born Jan. 28, 1905 married Sep. 1922 Opal Ward, b. Dec. 10, 1903 1 ch. Jacqueline Rogers, b. Jan. 28, 1925, m. July 8, 1941 Carl Borman.

Vrooman, Myndert, born May 12, 1807 Johnstown, N. Y. died Dec. 15, 1890 Butler, Ill. married Jan. 19, 1832 at Johnstown to Julia Ann Sammons, born Mar. 16, 1815 d. Dec. 31, 1891 Butler, Ill. daughters of John & Emma Sammons. They left N. Y. State Oct. 1854 came to farm 3 miles southeast of Butler & later to farm he bought only 2 miles S.W. of Butler. Had 7 ch. Shuler, Ann, John, Sidney, Sarah, Jake, Emma. Shuler S. Vrooman born Nov. 8, 1833 Ann E. Vrooman born Dec. 19, 1830 wife of Wm E. Sewth of Pana. John C. Vrooman born July 12, 1840 Sidney S. Vrooman born Mar. 22, 1842 died Jan. 31, 1911. Sarah C. Vrooman born Sep. 22, 1843 married Clarence Seward, born July 22, 1852 Butler. 2 ch. Anna & Agnes Seward. Jake Vrooman born June 17, 1845 married Emma V. Steere. Emma F. Vrooman born Aug. 13, 1847 married Perry Williamson of Butler. Had 2 ch. Eleanor & Grace records page 48.

- Sammons, John Clement, born Aug. 25, 1821 Johnstown, N. Y. married Jan 13, 1848 Elizabeth Bedell born Sep. 1, 1827 Denmark N. Y. daughter of Wm & Regina Bedell. He was blacksmith. 6 ch. Emma Elizabeth, Ella Regina, Estella Frances, Leonard Eugene, 2 infants.
- 1 Emma Elizabeth Sammons born Jan. 4, 1850 married Edward Grimes, 4 ch. Roy Grimes was a Dr. Ernest Grimes, Charles Grimes & daughter.
 - 2 Ella Regina Sammons born June 2, 1851 died Feb. 18, 1864.
 - 3 Estella Frances Sammons born June 4, 1853 died Dec. 15, 1937
 - 4 Leonard Eugene Sammons born Mar. 11, 1864 died May 26, 1945

J. Pickerill

Wickoff

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- James Evans Pickerill born Mar. 4, 1858, died Feb. 3, 1918 married 1884;
to Martha Williams, b. Apr. 6, 1865; d. Mar. 21, 1943. She m. hus 2, in 1929 James
Spears, b. Oct. 29, 1860 died Aug. 24, 1947. She had 7 ch.
- Jonnie F., Minnie R., Virgil J., Della, Gylpha, Burl, Elmer.
- I Jonnie F. Pickerill born Feb. 12, 1885 - died Aug. 20, 1939 married wife 1 -
5 ch. Obert, Robert, Roberta, Mary, Owen.
- 1 Obert Pickerill m. w. 1. Sep. 28, 1935 Rowena Roland, m. w. 2, Sep. 16, 1936
Dorothy Saunders. 3 ch. Judy, David, + Sharon K. Pickerill, b. May 16, 1936
- 2 (Robert Pickerill born Sep. 28, 1915 - married.
- 3 (Roberta Pickerill born Sep. 28, 1915 - m. has 2 ch. live in Litchfield.
- 4 Mary Pickerill married Nov. 23, 1939 Charles Gibbs.
- 5 Owen Pickerill married Nancy Cash. Have 3 ch. Leonard, James, Janet K.
- Jonnie Pickerill married w. 2, Feb. 1935 Mary Duncan.
- II Minnie B. Pickerill born Nov. 27, 1887 married E. C. Benson, 4 ch.
- Alma, Carson, Catherine, Gordon Earl.
- 1 Alma Benson married Oct. 29, 1932 Ross Buckhart, m. hus. 2, Jan. 16, 1937
Wayne McCammon, 3 ch. Barbara, John, Mary Kay
- 2 Carson Benson married Nov. 3, 1946 Dorothy Brown, 1 ch. Connelly
- 3 Catherine Benson, married Seilen P.
- 4 Gordon Earl Benson, single.
- III Virgil J. Pickerill born July 28, 1890 married Faye Satterlee b. Aug. 27, 1890
4 ch. Dorothy, Lueda, Russell, Martha, Virgil married w. 2, Florence.
- 1 Dorothy Pickerill b. Mar. 14, 1912 Butler, married Aug. 30, 1931 Paul Wesley
Burris b. Aug. 9, 1906 Butler - 2 ch. Beatrice Ellen, + Paula Beth.
Beatrice Ellen Burris born Nov. 1, 1936 Butler.
Paula Beth Burris born Feb. 28, 1946
- 2 Lueda Pickerill born Aug. 21, 1914 m. Nov. 3, 1937 Chas. Usher, 1 ch. Robbie.
- 3 Russell Virgil Pickerill born Apr. 2, 1923 m. Nov. 4, 1945 Helen Margery Davis
b. Apr. 22, 1924. Russell was in Navy - M. M. 2^o C. of World War II.
- 4 Martha Hope Pickerill born Sep. 30, 1928.
- IV Della Pickerill born Dec. 3, 1892 married Nov. 5, Alva Cranfill b. Apr. 27, 1890.
3 ch. James, Kenneth Burl, Paul William.
- 1 James Cranfill born Jan. 12, married Evelyn Harriet Paine, 2 ch. Jerry Lee, Janet
Ray.
- 2 Kenneth Burl Cranfill born Sep. 14
- 3 Paul William Cranfill born June 1, 1931
- V Gylpha May Pickerill born May 4, 1895; m. Glenn Cress b. Nov. 5, 1895.
- VI Jesse Burl Pickerill born Apr. 22, 1898, m. Oct. 20, 1927 Emma Rucker.
born Aug. 29, 1904. 2 ch. Evelyn, Larry.
Evelyn Pickerill born Nov. 2, 1930
Larry Burl Pickerill born July 9, 1946
- VII Elmer Crawford Pickerill born May 31, 1906. died June 1906.
- Wickoff, Benjamin born Oct. 11, 1801, N. J. d. Oct. 27, 1874 Butler, m. Sep. 2, 1828
Anna Slayback, b. June 24, 1807 daughter of David + Catherine
Slayback. Came to Butler 1844, located on farm 3 mi. west of Butler
5 ch. John, Jerome, David, Ben, Henry.
- John H. Wickoff born July 7, 1831, died Aug. 11, 1871 Butler.
- Jerome Wickoff born Feb. 17, 1833 died Aug. 11, 1864.
- David Wickoff born Aug. 30, 1836
- Ben Wickoff born Sep. 4, 1839
- Henry S. Wickoff born Dec. 26, 1843

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| Cemetery | Last Name | First Name | Birth | Death | Age yy-mm-dd | mil | other | Sect # | Row # | Plot # | |
|----------|-----------|----------------|-------|-------|-----------------|-----|---------------|--|-------|--------|----|
| 09-04-02 | SANDERS | Margaret A. | | 1834 | | | 1916 | wife of Jefferson | N 1/2 | 02 | 34 |
| 09-04-02 | SANDERS | William D. | | | 01 22 | | 1882 00-11-16 | son of J. & M.A. | N 1/2 | 02 | 31 |
| 09-04-02 | SATTGAST | Evelyn L. | | 1915 | | | 1989 | wife of Harold T. | S 1/2 | 13 | 32 |
| 09-04-02 | SATTGAST | Harold T. | | 1909 | | | 1964 | | S 1/2 | 13 | 33 |
| 09-04-02 | SAUNDERS | Cecile B. | 11 08 | 1922 | | | | wife of Dean F. | E | 04 | 22 |
| 09-04-02 | SAUNDERS | Dean Franklin | 01 25 | 1919 | 08 21 | | 1991 | X CPL USMC WWII marr. 04/03/1948 | E | 04 | 23 |
| 09-04-02 | SCHAFER | Edward F. | | 1911 | | | 1978 | | S 1/2 | 18 | 09 |
| 09-04-02 | SCHAFER | Helen A. | | 1904 | | | 1975 | wife of Edward F. | S 1/2 | 18 | 08 |
| 09-04-02 | SCHIEFF | Lillie | 02 25 | 1880 | 02 19 | | 1970 | | S 1/2 | 15 | 08 |
| 09-04-02 | SCHERER | Alice May | 05 14 | 1888 | 10 14 | | 1932 | mother | N 1/2 | 08 | 12 |
| 09-04-02 | SCHERER | Archie | | | 06 05 | | 1885 00-02- | son of Geo. A. & Alice M. | N 1/2 | 08 | 10 |
| 09-04-02 | SCHERER | David | | | 11 29 | | 1860 55-10-27 | "came from Orange Co, NC 1834" | N 1/2 | 01 | 25 |
| 09-04-02 | SCHERER | David Young | 02 03 | 1842 | 04 12 | | 1920 | | N 1/2 | 06 | 05 |
| 09-04-02 | SCHERER | Electa | | | 10 17 | | 1861 32-09-05 | wife of J.W. dau of O. & E. Ware | N 1/2 | 05 | 18 |
| 09-04-02 | SCHERER | George A. | 11 14 | 1862 | 08 21 | | 1936 | father | N 1/2 | 08 | 13 |
| 09-04-02 | SCHERER | infant | | | 08 22 | | 1871 00-00-01 | son of D.W. & H. (found in 1940's by W. Sanders) | | | |
| 09-04-02 | SCHERER | Jacob W. | | 1826 | | | 1899 | | N 1/2 | 05 | 17 |
| 09-04-02 | SCHERER | Louisa Morrell | 06 04 | 1843 | 03 26 | | 1930 | wife of David Y. | N 1/2 | 06 | 06 |
| 09-04-02 | SCHERER | Mary | | | 03 17 | | 1898 91-07-11 | wife of David | N 1/2 | 01 | 24 |
| 09-04-02 | SCHERER | May Leota | 05 08 | 1881 | 12 06 | | 1882 | | N 1/2 | 08 | 08 |
| 09-04-02 | SCHERER | Nellie | | | | | | **bet Archie Scherer & Alice Scherer | N 1/2 | 08 | 11 |
| 09-04-02 | SCHERER | Robert A. | 01 12 | 1869 | 01 12 | | 1899 | | N 1/2 | 06 | 07 |
| 09-04-02 | SCHERER | Sarah A. | | 1842 | | | 1890 | | N 1/2 | 05 | 15 |
| 09-04-02 | SCHERER | Stella A. | | | 04 05 | | 1869 02-00-10 | dau of J.W. & S.A. | N 1/2 | 05 | 14 |
| 09-04-02 | SEAMON | Virgil S. | 09 27 | 1919 | 07 14 | | 1975 | X Sgt. US Army WW II | S 1/2 | 05 | 17 |
| 09-04-02 | SEIVERS | Manord L. | 05 24 | 1923 | 10 07 | | 2000 | X SSgt. US Army Air Force WW II | S 1/2 | 16 | 32 |
| 09-04-02 | SEWARD | Jeannette | | 1885 | | | 1960 | wife of Jesse J. | N 1/2 | 15 | 29 |
| 09-04-02 | SEWARD | Jesse J. | | 1863 | | | 1959 | | N 1/2 | 15 | 30 |
| 09-04-02 | SEWARD | Jessie | | 1890 | | | 1926 | | N 1/2 | 15 | 27 |
| 09-04-02 | SEWARD | Neva | | 1895 | | | 1911 | wife of Jessie | N 1/2 | 15 | 26 |
| 09-04-02 | SHERMAN | David T. | 05 31 | 1824 | 05 13 | | 1913 | | N 1/2 | 09 | 19 |
| 09-04-02 | SHERMAN | Mary A. | 02 10 | 1835 | 03 25 | | 1923 | wife of David T. | N 1/2 | 09 | 20 |
| 09-04-02 | SHOCKEY | Amanda J. | | 1880 | | | 1952 | wife of William A. | S 1/2 | 08 | 19 |
| 09-04-02 | SHOCKEY | William A. | | 1878 | | | 1947 | | S 1/2 | 08 | 18 |
| 09-04-02 | SKINN | Helen | | 1922 | | | | wife of Paul | S 1/2 | 03 | 22 |
| 09-04-02 | SKINN | Paul | | 1918 | | | 1996 | | S 1/2 | 03 | 23 |
| 09-04-02 | SLAYBACK | James E/F. | | | 01 12 | | 1887 00-02-22 | son of A.J. & Martha | N 1/2 | 12 | 35 |
| 09-04-02 | SLEIGHT | Fred S. | | 1861 | | | 1936 | | N 1/2 | 08 | 20 |
| 09-04-02 | SLEIGHT | Lula | | 1862 | | | 1919 | wife of Fred S. | N 1/2 | 08 | 21 |
| 09-04-02 | SLEPICKA | Lumir | 04 10 | 1912 | 10 02 | | 1994 | marr. 01/11/1940 | E | 02 | 14 |

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| 09-04-02 | WERNER | Robert Oland | 11 22 1932 | 09 11 1997 | | X | CPL US Army Korea | N 1/2 | 15 | 07 |
| 09-04-02 | WESTCOTT | Amelia Cram | 04 04 1868 | 10 20 1961 | | | | S 1/2 | 07 | 10 |
| 09-04-02 | WESTCOTT | Betsy W. Baldwin | 08 18 1838 | 01 29 1920 | | | "Mother" | N 1/2 | 07 | 15 |
| 09-04-02 | WESTCOTT | Charles M. | 08 07 1822 | 03 09 1889 | 66-07-02 | | "Father" b. N. Scituate, RI | N 1/2 | 07 | 16 |
| 09-04-02 | WESTCOTT | Charles M. | 06 25 1895 | 03 13 1988 | | | | S 1/2 | 07 | 20 |
| 09-04-02 | WESTCOTT | Chas. M., Jr. | 09 06 1924 | | | | | S 1/2 | 07 | 17 |
| 09-04-02 | WESTCOTT | Eliza W. | | 10 31 1883 | 19-10- | | dau of C.M. & B. | N 1/2 | 07 | 14 |
| 09-04-02 | WESTCOTT | Faith Iola | 05 01 1894 | 12 09 1965 | | | (on back of family stone) | S 1/2 | 07 | 12 |
| 09-04-02 | WESTCOTT | Grace L. | 10 05 1893 | 05 16 1980 | | | wife of Nathan H. | S 1/2 | 07 | 22 |
| 09-04-02 | WESTCOTT | Louise N. | 07 03 1929 | | | | wife of Chas. M., Jr. | S 1/2 | 07 | 18 |
| 09-04-02 | WESTCOTT | Lucy Gertrude | 07 18 1901 | 01 20 1993 | | | (on back of family stone) | S 1/2 | 07 | 13 |
| 09-04-02 | WESTCOTT | Mary Joyce | 03 01 1899 | 06 20 1948 | | | | S 1/2 | 07 | 08 |
| 09-04-02 | WESTCOTT | Nathan H. | 11 14 1892 | 10 27 1986 | | | marr. 11/22/1916 | S 1/2 | 07 | 23 |
| 09-04-02 | WESTCOTT | Olive M. | 03 03 1893 | 08 22 1967 | | | wife of Charles M. | S 1/2 | 07 | 19 |
| 09-04-02 | WESTCOTT | Thomas Knowlton | 09 20 1862 | 09 07 1912 | | | | S 1/2 | 07 | 11 |
| 09-04-02 | WESTCOTT | Warren Dale | 06 06 1896 | 01 03 1897 | | | | S 1/2 | 07 | 09 |
| 09-04-02 | WHITE | Dale L. | 03 31 1929 | | | | | E | 01 | 13 |
| 09-04-02 | WHITE | Frances J. | 06 23 1927 | | | | wife of Dale L. | E | 01 | 12 |
| 09-04-02 | WHITLOW | Dorothy I. | 09 08 1943 | 08 25 1998 | | | wife of Samuel J. | E | 06 | 01 |
| 09-04-02 | WHITLOW | Samuel J. | 10 26 1945 | | | | marr. 06/27/1980 | E | 06 | 02 |
| 09-04-02 | WHITTEN | Howard C. | 05 27 1907 | 06 13 1979 | | X | US Army WWII Korea | E | 02 | 20 |
| 09-04-02 | WHITTEN | Ruth Evelyn | 09 16 1918 | | | | wife of Howard C. | E | 02 | 19 |
| 09-04-02 | WIKOFF | Anna Eliza | 11 04 1863 | 10 29 1865 | | | wife of Jerome | N 1/2 | 01 | 30 |
| 09-04-02 | WIKOFF | Anna Slayback | 6 24 1827 | 05 13 1896 | 30-10-13 ? | | wife of Benj. M. | N 1/2 | 01 | 31 |
| 09-04-02 | WIKOFF | Ben M. | 1882 | 1951 | | | | N 1/2 | 17 | 21 |
| 09-04-02 | WIKOFF | Benj. M. | 10 11 1801 | 10 27 1874 | 73-00-16 | | b. Hunordon Co., NJ | N 1/2 | 01 | 32 |
| 09-04-02 | WIKOFF | Benjamin M. | 09 04 1839 | 11 09 1917 | | | "Father" | N 1/2 | 15 | 15 |
| 09-04-02 | WIKOFF | Charles H. | 05 20 1868 | 02 17 1924 | | | "Son" | N 1/2 | 15 | 17 |
| 09-04-02 | WIKOFF | Clifford E., Jr. | 06 10 1960 | 07 31 1988 | | | | E | 05 | 03 |
| 09-04-02 | WIKOFF | David S. | 8 20 1836 | 07 01 1885 | 49-11- ? 1/2 | | | N 1/2 | 12 | 29 |
| 09-04-02 | WIKOFF | Dora | 09 15 1878 | 10 16 1898 | | | dau of David S. & Olive V. | N 1/2 | 12 | 31 |
| 09-04-02 | WIKOFF | Emma A. | 1884 | 1962 | | | wife of Harry L. | N 1/2 | 14 | 14 |
| 09-04-02 | WIKOFF | Freddy | | 03 14 1885 | 00-05-17 | | son of D.S. & O.V. | N 1/2 | 12 | 28 |
| 09-04-02 | WIKOFF | Gladys E. | 12 30 1918 | | | | wife of Wilbur E. | E | 04 | 05 |
| 09-04-02 | WIKOFF | Harry L. | 1884 | 1963 | | | | N 1/2 | 14 | 15 |
| 09-04-02 | WIKOFF | Henry S. | 12 26 1843 | 07 03 1908 | | X | Co. C 70th IL Vol. | N 1/2 | 01 | 27 |
| 09-04-02 | WIKOFF | Ira | 1882 | 1922 | | | "Daddy" | N 1/2 | 12 | 38 |
| 09-04-02 | WIKOFF | Jerome | 02 17 1833 | 08 11 1864 | | | | N 1/2 | 01 | 29 |
| 09-04-02 | WIKOFF | John H. | 7 7 1831 | 08 10 1871 | 40-01-04 ? | | b. Shelby Co., OH killed ??age 10y | N 1/2 | 12 | 21 |
| 09-04-02 | WIKOFF | Lily M. | 1890 | 1928 | | | wife of Ben M. | N 1/2 | 17 | 20 |

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| 09-04-02 | WIKOFF | Lutilla A. | 09 10 1844 | 03 29 1923 | | | | "Mother" wife of Benjamin M. | N 1/2 | 15 | 16 |
| 09-04-02 | WIKOFF | Nancy L. | | 02 12 1863 | 20-05-13 | | | wife of David S. | N 1/2 | 12 | 30 |
| 09-04-02 | WIKOFF | Rebecca C. | 03 28 1849 | 07 04 1925 | | | | wife of Henry S. | N 1/2 | 01 | 28 |
| 09-04-02 | WIKOFF | Wilbur E. | 02 09 1920 | 10 26 1983 | | | | E | | 04 | 06 |
| 09-04-02 | WILEY | Alice J. | 07 25 1884 | 08 26 1943 | | | | "Mother" wife of Louis A. | S 1/2 | 04 | 09 |
| 09-04-02 | WILEY | Hazel M. | | 1897 | | | | | S 1/2 | 04 | 06 |
| 09-04-02 | WILEY | Louis A. | 01 30 1883 | 03 13 1905 | | | | "Father" | S 1/2 | 04 | 08 |
| 09-04-02 | WILEY | Rosella M. | | 1889 | | | | | S 1/2 | 04 | 07 |
| 09-04-02 | WILLIAMS | Bertha M. | | 1901 | | | | wife of Charles W. | S 1/2 | 13 | 12 |
| 09-04-02 | WILLIAMS | Charles W. | | 1893 | | | | | S 1/2 | 13 | 13 |
| 09-04-02 | WILLIAMS | Doc Floyd | | 1864 | | | | | S 1/2 | 13 | 15 |
| 09-04-02 | WILLIAMS | Don B. | | | 12 30 1890 | 00-08-29 | | son of C.H. & M.E. | N 1/2 | 11 | 01 |
| 09-04-02 | WILLIAMS | Hattie M. | | 1872 | | | | | S 1/2 | 13 | 14 |
| 09-04-02 | WILLIAMS | Rhoda B. | | 1830 | | | | | S 1/2 | 13 | 18 |
| 09-04-02 | WILSON | Alberta M. | | 1923 | | | | wife of Kenneth M. | S 1/2 | 12 | 17 |
| 09-04-02 | WILSON | Amy Ward | 10 21 1893 | 06 30 1989 | | | | wife of Sumner G. | S 1/2 | 06 | 27 |
| 09-04-02 | WILSON | Bertha M. | | | | | | wife of Earl C. | S 1/2 | 16 | 10 |
| 09-04-02 | WILSON | Callie D. | | 1894 | | | | wife of Henry M. | S 1/2 | 17 | 05 |
| 09-04-02 | WILSON | Charles W. "Bud" | 07 25 1923 | 08 12 1981 | | | X | marr. 08/12/1950 Sgt. US Army WW II | S 1/2 | 16 | 06 |
| 09-04-02 | WILSON | Earl C. | | | | | | | S 1/2 | 16 | 11 |
| 09-04-02 | WILSON | Edgar L. | | 1889 | | | | | S 1/2 | 12 | 16 |
| 09-04-02 | WILSON | Florence J. | 06 14 1929 | | | | | wife of Charles W. | S 1/2 | 16 | 05 |
| 09-04-02 | WILSON | Harold F. | 01 07 1921 | 12 09 1965 | | | X | IL Cpl. Corps of Mil. Police WW II | S 1/2 | 16 | 12 |
| 09-04-02 | WILSON | Henry M. | | 1859 | | | | | S 1/2 | 17 | 06 |
| 09-04-02 | WILSON | Howard Willis | 08 21 1929 | 11 09 1957 | | | X | IL Sgt. Co. A 3 Training Regt. Korea | S 1/2 | 16 | 09 |
| 09-04-02 | WILSON | Kenneth M. | | 1923 | | | | | S 1/2 | 12 | 18 |
| 09-04-02 | WILSON | M. Alma | | 1890 | | | | wife of Edgar L. | S 1/2 | 12 | 15 |
| 09-04-02 | WILSON | Sumner G. | 03 24 1894 | 12 29 1980 | | | | | S 1/2 | 06 | 28 |
| 09-04-02 | WITTKE | Edith Ann Koch | 10 03 1925 | | | | | wife of Warren | S 1/2 | 02 | 21 |
| 09-04-02 | WITTKE | Warren | 01 09 1924 | | | | | marr. 10/14/1944 | S 1/2 | 02 | 22 |
| 09-04-02 | WOLCOTT | Alice J. | | 1862 | | | | | N 1/2 | 09 | 25 |
| 09-04-02 | WOLCOTT | Laura G. | | 1865 | | | | wife of William O. | N 1/2 | 09 | 22 |
| 09-04-02 | WOLCOTT | Lyman A. | | 1871 | | | | | N 1/2 | 09 | 24 |
| 09-04-02 | WOLCOTT | Myra J. <i>(BLACK (NS) BU) (do)</i> | 1835 | 11 15 1874 | 39-01-08 | | | wife of G.O. | N 1/2 | 09 | 26 |
| 09-04-02 | WOLCOTT | William O. | | 1859 | | | | | N 1/2 | 09 | 23 |
| 09-04-02 | WOODEN | Doris J. Crawford | 07 20 1935 | | | | | wife of Herbert Rudolph | E | 04 | 02 |
| 09-04-02 | WOODEN | Herbert Rudolph | 01 17 1931 | 10 12 1990 | | | | marr. 08/11/1950 | E | 04 | 03 |
| 09-04-02 | WOODEN | Roger R. | 03 12 1952 | 04 21 1984 | | | | | E | 04 | 04 |
| 09-04-02 | WOODS | Clara E. | 02 23 1914 | 06 12 1949 | | | | | S 1/2 | 11 | 36 |
| 09-04-02 | WOODS | Dorothy E. | | 1908 | | | | | N 1/2 | 17 | 06 |