

The Fairfield County, Ohio, Families

ASHBAUGH, CHERRY, DAVIS, LEIB

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## INTRODUCTION

Founder of our Ashbaugh Family was JOHANN HEINRICH ESCHBACH (Henry Ashbaugh) who arrived in Philadelphia in 1738 from Holland. His son and heir to the estate was John (our John Sr.) who became the leading citizen of Huntingdon, Pa. during the late 1700's and who explored the Brush Creek area of Eastern Fairfield Co., Ohio, in 1799. Among John Sr.'s sons was John Jr. whose son Andrew was grandfather of the author.

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## I. EARLY ASHBAUGH LEGENDS

Legends tell of three brothers who came from Holland to settle in Nova Scotia, Boston and Baltimore. Stories also tell of Ashbaughs coming on the same boat as the Sells, later famous circus family, and even tell of all coming on the "Royal Judith" arriving on November 25, 1740 at Philadelphia from Rotterdam. There are listed on this boat: Johann, Peter and Jacob Sell, but no Ashbaughs. These Sells are not found in any records of Huntingdon, Pa. None of these legends are confirmed in early records.

## II. EARLY HOME AT HUNTINGDON, PENNA.

The family home was established at Huntingdon, Pa., sometime after the landing at Philadelphia in 1738. John and Frederick, sons of Heinrich, are on the tax lists for 1776-79 for Barree Twp., Bedford County (which included Huntingdon Co. until 1787.)

The Sell family has an earlier record; one was a taxpayer in Philadelphia in 1735; Anthony was born there in 1722. A Huntingdon record of 1776 or 1778 mentions "only five or six houses," of which the Ashbough and Sell houses are noted.

## III. JOHANN HEINRICH ESCHBACH - IMMIGRANT

Study of early passenger lists show that Johann Heinrich Eschbach (our Henry Ashbaugh) arrived in Philadelphia on Sept. 5, 1738, on the "Winter Galley" from Rotterdam. Signatures appearing on the passenger list and on his oath of allegiance to the British King are almost identical with his signature on his will, filed in Huntingdon in 1781.

The beginning of Ashbaugh history in America is, therefore, that of Henry Ashbaugh of Huntingdon, Pa., who arrived in Philadelphia from Holland, as Johann Heinrich Eschbach. Age was given as 32, thus placing his birth in 1706.

## IV. THE EARLY FAMILY

Henry Ashbaugh

Sons: John

His sons: Jacob, Joseph, Frederick, Andrew,  
John Jr. (also perhaps Isaac)

Daughters: Hannah, Mary, Patsy, (perhaps Catherine

Frederick

His sons: David, Andrew, Thomas, William, John

Daughters: Catherine

Andrew

No data on descendants

Daughters: Sarah Smith (Note: The name of William Smith occurs in county records of 1786 and 1792; he may have been the son-in-law of Henry.)

Margaret Sells (or Sills)

## V. COURT HOUSE RECORD OF WILLS

An early and important record is found in the Court House of Huntingdon County, Penna. This county was formerly a part of Bedford and earlier part of Cumberland County.

In Huntingdon we find the will of HENRY ASHBAUGH, filed April 2, 1781, and probated March 11, 1789. This will mentions the wife, MARY ELIZABETH, who was to hold the estate until her death; his son JOHN to whom the estate was to be given after the death of his mother; his sons FREDERICK and ANDREW and his daughters SARAH SMITH and MARGARET SILLS, to whom gifts were made.

Another record, of interest because the Sells and Ashbaughs were early pioneers and close friends and also frequently intermarried, is that of ANTHONY SELL's Will, filed at Huntingdon in 1791 and probated in 1792. This will mentions sons John and Anthony; Solomon (whose property lay next to that of John Ashbaugh on Warrior Ridge to the southwest of Huntingdon; Ludwick (whose daughter Sophia married John Ashbaugh, son of Frederick and grandson of Henry, who moved to Dublin, Ohio, about 1798 and later to southern Ohio; Abraham (who established the Sell family in Ontario, Canada, in 1798; and daughter Sophia, (who married Frederick, son of Henry Ashbaugh, and who moved with him to Maryland and later to Canada.) There was also a daughter, Esther, early deceased, who had married Conrad Brumbaugh.

Note: No record is found in Huntingdon of John Zell or Sell, reported as a Revolutionary soldier and killed at the battle of Yorktown. A so-called "Bible Record" of John Zell lists the same family of children as those just given in the will of Anthony Sell.

Sell family reunions are now held annually in Columbus, Ohio, in St. Thomas, Ontario, and in Huntingdon, Penna.

By the help of Dr. R. L. Morrish, of Flint, Mich., and of the Ontario Society, I have this record: An early Sell was a taxpayer in Philadelphia in 1735; Anthony was born there in 1722; Henry (?) settled just east of Hanover about 1735; Abram settled at Littlestown soon after and is buried there. John and Anthony were in Littlestown in the 50's and 60's. In 1744 Anthony and his wife, Catherine, and family (some married) moved to Huntingdon; Anthony died there 1792. The family parents were John and Ann Sell of Philadelphia. Anthony's children were born near Littlestown, in York (now Adams) County, Pennsylvania.

## VI. ASHBAUGHS IN EARLY PENNSYLVANIA RECORDS

- 1740 Earliest known white people in what later became Huntingdon County
- 1749 Earliest known settlement in this area
- 1753 A traders' fort was located in this area
- 1765 Henry and Andrew enter caveat vs. Anthony Sell re land in York Co., Pa. patent given to Andrew in 1810 for 121 acres.
- 1771 Bedford County separated out from Cumberland County
- 1776 or 1778 "Only five or six houses" in Huntingdon: homes of Ashbaugh and Sell and few others; tavern of Ludwick Sell.
- 1776-79 John and Frederick are taxpayers in Barree Township, Bedford County. (Which included Huntingdon until 1787.)
- 1778-83 John and Jacob (probably sons of John Sr.) "Rangers" on the frontier from Bedford County.
- 1780-2-5 Henry Ashbach; taxpayer for land in Greenwood Twp., Cumberland County.
- 1782 Henry and John are taxpayers in Huntingdon Borough
- 1781-83 An Andrew Ashbaugh noted in Mountjoy Twp., York County.
- 1783-84 John and Frederick-taxpayers in Huntingdon Twp., Bedford County. John listed for "1 house, 9 whites"
- 1785 Census-- 96 white males in Huntingdon Township
- 1785-86 John and Frederick: warrantees to take up land in Bedford County
- 1786 Henry "Ashbach" bought Lot 50, Huntingdon, from William Smith; annual rental.
- 1786 Frederick bought lots in Huntingdon; soon moved to Hagerstown, Maryland.
- 1787 Huntingdon County separated out from Bedford County.
- 1787 Henry and Andrew Ashbaugh et al; caveat vs. Anthony Sell re property line to 121 acres. (see listing-1765)
- 1787 John owned 220 acres in Oneida Twp., next to Huntingdon.

- 1788-89 Henry, John and Frederick, taxpayers in Huntingdon
- 1789 John subscribed 7/6 to support of the Presbyterian Minister
- 1790 First Census Report in Huntingdon County
- John Ashbaugh, householder  
3 males over 16 years  
4 males under 16 years  
5 females
- Note: these data indicate that father John was born by 1750, married by 1770.
- 1791-2-3 John and Jacob: tax assessment list for Huntingdon Township
- 1791-2 Frederick listed in Huntingdon Borough as taxpayer and "non-resident"
- 1792 John "Eshbach" and his wife Catherine sold to one John Adams Lot 20, Huntingdon, received by will of Henry
- 1792 John bought Lot 51, Huntingdon, from William Smith, for annual rental
- 1793,5 Frederick sold lots in Huntingdon, after moving to Hagerstown, Maryland
- 1793 John a resident on south side of Allegheny Street in Huntingdon
- 1793 John "Eshbach" sold his farm on Warrior Ridge, southwest of Huntingdon, adjoining land of Solomon Sell
- 1794 Jacob listed for taxes as "single freeman"
- 1795 No Ashbaughs listed for taxes
- 1798 or later Frederick and wife, Sohpin, move to Hamilton, Ont.
- 1799 John and wife Catherine and family move to Fairfield County, Ohio.

Henry Ashbaugh, Immigrant in 1738, became a pioneer settler of Huntingdon, Pa. His son, John, was a man of power in that community. John raised a large family of children (one a forbear to the wife of President McKinley.) In 1799 he took the family on another pioneering expedition to settle in primitive Fairfield County, Ohio, where descendants are still living.

## VII. JOHN'S BROTHERS

## FREDERICK and ANDREW

As this study of the Ashbaugh Family is particularly with reference to John Ashbaugh, son of Henry, and his descendants, only a brief story is made to suffice for his brothers Frederick and Andrew.

Earliest record of FREDERICK indicates that he was in Barree Twp. of Bedford County in 1776 and in Huntingdon Twp. in 1783. He bought lots in Huntingdon in 1786, which he sold in 1793 and 1795 after moving to Hagerstown, Maryland. His home during early life was evidently in Huntingdon; he married Sophia, daughter of Anthony Sell. Their children moved to Hardin and Nelson Counties Kentucky. At the close of the century, Frederick and Sophia moved to Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, which was close to St. Thomas where Abraham Sell had established a Sell Colony in 1798. Frederick is reported to have been prosperous and prominent in his community; several descendants are now said to be in that vicinity. Comment is made that the family was friendly to the British during the Revolutionary period.

An "Outline" covering the Frederick descendants has been very ably prepared by Mr. Louis A. Duermyer, of Parkville, Missouri; he has also assisted on this John Ashbaugh History.

Re ANDREW, brother of John and Frederick, there is little information. By the will of father Henry of 1781-89, only a small donation was given to Andrew. The records of the Penna. Archives from 1776 to 1790 do not mention Andrew as they did Henry, John, and Frederick.

One record is that Henry and son Andrew entered a caveat vs. Anthony Sell re property title and boundary line for 121 acres in Mt. Joy Twp., York Co., in 1765. Suit was dismissed in 1787. Later, in 1810, Andrew was given a patent to a similar area.

An Andrew is also reported as a taxpayer in Mount Joy Twp., in 1783. Search is being made to determine if this Andrew in York County was the son of Henry of Huntingdon; also--was he the father of John, 1808-1862, of Gettysburg, Pa. and Frederick, Md.

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## VIII. JOHN AND HIS FAMILY

THE ASHBAUGH-MILLER PARTY  
Huntingdon, Pa. to Fairfield County, Ohio

Of much importance in the development of eastern Fairfield County and Western Perry County in Ohio was the activity of the Ashbaughs and the Millers, Youngs, Larimers and others in that new region. The story is recorded in the old County and State histories.

After some fifty or sixty years during which John Ashbaugh (Sr.) grew up in Huntingdon, married and raised a family of several sons and daughters, he felt the urge of the better opportunities in the West. In the spring of 1799, he left his old home in search of a new country, taking with him his son Joseph and his neighbor Joseph Miller, whose daughter Catherine had married "John Jr." of the Ashbaugh family. They probably made the trip through Pittsburg and down the Ohio River until nearly opposite the little town of Columbus. This was a period of exploring; hunters frequented the river valleys---a few towns like Columbus and Zanesville were just being settled.

Exploring the primitive region east of Columbus, John and his associates selected a home site in the fertile valley of Rush Creek, a few miles north of present Bremen, in Fairfield County. (The site now is known as the Weaver Farm.) Here they cleared the forest, planted corn and potatoes and built a cabin, then went back for their families. History records this as the first settlement in this region.

In the fall of 1799, they returned to the old homes in Pennsylvania and arranged for a prompt movement of several families to a new home in Ohio. Joseph Miller's daughter Rachel has left a record in one of the County histories describing the party which consisted of fifteen people from four or five families.

The largest and most prominent was the Ashbaugh family, which consisted of the parents, John and Catherine, of sons Andrew, Jacob, Joseph, John Jr. and wife Catherine, Frederick, and of daughters Elizabeth, Mary ("Polly"), and Patsy. The names of a daughter Catherine and of a son Isaac are later mentioned with the "John Sr." family; they may have come later from Pennsylvania. Daughter Hannah had married James Saxton and remained in Huntingdon.

The Miller family included the parents, Joseph and Catherine, with daughters Elizabeth and Rachel---also Catherine, above, the wife of John Ashbaugh, jr. The other families were not listed.

This Ashbaugh-Miller party plodded westward in the fall of 1799 from Huntingdon to Pittsburg and then floated down the Ohio River on flapboats or family boats until they reached the mouth

of the Hockhocking River at the present town of Pomeroy. Then, by boat, horseback and canoe, they made their way up the Hockhocking Valley to the hospitable cabin of Col. Samuel Carpenter, and later through the woods to the new homesite and cabin which had been prepared for them on Rush Creek.

But an event took place during that first night in the Carpenter cabin. To Catherine Miller Ashbaugh, wife of John Jr., was born the first child in this community, a son David, on New Years Day, January 1, 1800.

#### THE JOHN ASHBAUGH SONS AND DAUGHTERS

In September, 1941, this writer made a very interesting trip to Bremen, in Fairfield, Ohio. ---southwest of Columbus. He was entertained in the hospitable home of Charles Ashbaugh, now 84 years old, grandson of Joseph who came with his father, John Sr. into Ohio from Pennsylvania in 1799.

In the vicinity of Bremen there are several old church graveyards where the name of Ashbaugh is frequent. No record has yet been found for John Sr. and wife Catherine; it is hoped that some record may be found, either of gravestones or family Bible or early news items.

Of the sons and daughters who grew up in the big brick house on Rush Creek to the north of Bremen, we have records from church yards, from early state records and from County histories, especially from Wiseman's "Pioneers of Fairfield County" --1901. From these data there has been prepared this chronology:-

JOHN ASHBAUGH son of HENRY, born about 1739, married about 1759 moved to Ohio 1799. His children:

ANDREW 1760-1832; married Esther Ray, May 20, 1807.

JACOB Md. Mary Minehart in Fairfield Co., Aug. 29, 1815;  
Moved to (?Robinson County?) Kentucky.

CATHERINE Not on trip to Ohio. Later to Ohio. Md. Asa Johnson of Rush Creek.

JOSEPH On trip to Ohio; lived and died near Bremen.

HENRY died young.

HANNAH Born 1773; married James Saxton 1791; died 1822.

JOHN jr. 1775-1846; Married Catherine Miller 1798/9

ISAAC Not listed on Ohio trip; early to Ohio; md. Elizabeth Sphoon

ELIZABETH      probably on Ohio trip

PATSY      On Ohio trip; married A. Ray; died young

FREDERICK      1784-1847; married Mary Elizabeth Musser

MARY      1788-      ; married Samuel Ray

#### ANDREW ASHBAUGH

Of the many children of John Ashbaugh, the oldest was probably Andrew. The interesting record in the Old Bethel churchyard to the east of Bremen shows that Andrew died May 10, 1832, aged 72 years. Beside him lies his wife, Hester (Esther); died July 18, 1862; aged 69 years. Andrew was born in 1760 and was 39 years old when the family party went to Ohio. A record in Washington mentions that two daughters had been born in Pennsylvania from a former marriage and that the mother had died. Esther was born in 1793 at Huntingdon. Record in Columbus shows that Andrew and Esther were married in Fairfield County on May 20, 1807. Andrew was then 47 years old. Their son John was born the following year, October 24, 1808. He became probably our most prominent Ashbaugh. Andrew and Esther developed their farm to the east of Bremen. Later they sold it to brother Frederick, who was 24 years younger. Andrew and Esther then moved over into Perry County, just east of Fairfield.

#### Children:

JOHN      born Oct. 24, 1808; died Nov. 10, 1895. Probably the most successful and important member of the family. In 1839 he married Mary, daughter of George Berry of the large and prominent Virginia family which for a century was a leading family in Fairfield Co.

John early became a carpenter, and later was a partner with Jacob Mayer in the building business. Soon after Bremen was established as a trading center in 1835, John became a leading merchant; he was elder in the Bremen Presbyterian church, established in 1844. In 1854 he purchased the Claypool farm east of Lancaster; in 1874 he moved to Lancaster where he lived until the end of his full and busy life.

#### Children of John and Mary were:

George, 1839-1909, who married Mary McCandlish,  
1840-1922, of Bremen. Both bur. Grand View.

Josephine, wife of Dr. Rankin of Bremen

Kate      unmarried, lived with her mother after death  
of the father

WILLIAM married Julia Cohagen and lived on a farm near Rushville until his death in 1892. Among his children are:

John J., 1840-1918; married Jennie Davis. He was a soldier in the Civil War. One son is William D. an engineer of long record service on the NEC RR, at Bucyrus, Ohio. A daughter is Anna, married to Ed Clark, druggist, living in Bremen.

George

Hiram

Robert

James

ABRAHAM and his wife moved to Tama, Iowa

SAMUEL was a farmer in Perry County. In Friendship Churchyard is a grave of one "Samuel Ashbaugh, 1819-1864" and of "Clarissa, his wife, 1824-1906", and sons Robert 1855-1864 and Horace, 1857-1860.

JAMES SAXTON ASHBAUGH (note the middle name, from the husband of his aunt--Hannah Ashbaugh Saxton) was a farmer in Perry County. In New Bethel Churchyard are the monuments which list "James S. Ashbaugh, 1821-1887" and his wives--"Elizabeth, died 1850, aged 20 years" and "Margaret, 1838-- .)

The children are listed as:

Madison

Isaac, 1859-1940; son Chester lives near Friendship

A child, who was burned in youth

James L.

John, of Shawnee

Charles, of Columbus

Jane

Luzilla, who went to Hillsdale, Mich. in 1882. She is the widow of Prof. D. M. Fisk, and now lives in Topeka, Kansas.

Ella

Alice (Pierce) who d. in Great Falls, Mont.

Emma (Wheaten)

Stella

ROBERT, soldier in the Civil War, died later in Columbus

CATHERINE, married Washington Adcock, Perry County

JA NE married John Cohagen

MARGARET married Anderson Crooks

ELIZABETH married Charles Rowles, of Bremen

#### JACOB ASHBAUGH

Jacob was prominent in the early history of the John Ashbaugh family; he is reported to have gone early from Ohio, and to have settled in Kentucky. A large family of Ashbaughs of Kentucky claim descent from a Jacob Ashbaugh of Robertson County, Kentucky, and say their ancestor came originally from Ohio. Jacob married Mary Minehart of Fairfield County on August 29, 1815.

#### CATHERINE ASHBAUGH

Catherine was probably the first daughter in the family, named for her mother. She is not listed as a member of that original party from Huntingdon, but was later with the family in Ohio and was married to Asa Johnson, son of Edward Johnson, of Rush Creek.

#### JOSEPH ASHBAUGH

Joseph was with his father and Joseph Miller on that first trip of exploration into Ohio in the spring of 1799, when the first clearing was made and the cabin was built. He was with the original party from Pennsylvania that fall. Joseph married Elizabeth Musser, born in Maryland in 1797, daughter of Theobald Musser. In the New Bethel churchyard is the stone marked "Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Ashbaugh, 1797-1872." No stone is found for Joseph, said to be buried in Jerusalem churchyard. In the Jerusalem churchyard are the stones of Elizabeth's father, Theobald Musser, 1770-1846; and of his (probably) sons David Musser, 1809-1904 and Francis Musser, 1814-1879.

Fairfield County record in the Library of Congress gives the children as:

FREDERICK

ANDREW

DAVID

SARAH

DANIEL, 1822-1908; married Martha Black, 1832-1876.

Buried at Old Bethel. Children:

William, 1855,-1935

Charles, b. 1857, lives near Bremen, where he married 12/12/1882 Etta Rodaheaver (born 12/7/1859 of the famous evangelistic family. She was a descendant of John Ashbaugh Sr.) Their children are Roy A., living with his parents, and Charles C., of Pittsburg.

Jane, 1862-192\_\_.

James W. 1865-1924; lived near Bremen and buried in Grand View with his wife Isadora, 1877- .)

Ida, born 1868, lives near Bremen with her husband, Pearley F. Larimer, educator and civic leader.

Auntiss

Maggie, 1872-1924

HENRIETTA

MARIA

HENRY (Note: Charles, son of Daniel above, does not name a brother Henry in the family.)

HENRY ASHBAUGH

Of this son of John Ashbaugh Senior we have only the information that he "died young."

HANNAH ASHBAUGH

The history of Hanna is of great interest. Born in 1773, she was probably one of the older daughters of John Sr. In 1791 she had married James Saxton of Fredericktown, Maryland, son of George Saxton, native of England, colonist and Revolutionary Patriot. James made wrought nails by hand in Huntingdon and soon joined in the bank. The family home was Huntingdon, where Hanna died in 1822.

A son of James and Hannah was John Saxton, born 1792, served in the war of 1812. He started a newspaper office in Huntingdon, then in 1814 went to Canton, Ohio, where he founded the present prominent paper "The Repository". John rode back to Huntingdon in 1815 and there married Margaret Laird, taking her to Canton. Their first child, James Ashbury Saxton, became the father of Ida Saxton, wife of PRESIDENT WILLIAM MC KINLEY.



## JOHN ASHBAUGH, jr.

John Jr., 1775-1846, and his wife Catherine, 1775-1852, lie in Jerusalem Shurchyard with several other Ashbaughs. John Jr. and Catherine (Miller) both 24 years of age, were in that original party from Huntingdon and were the parents of David, the child who made history as the first white child in Rush Creek vicinity.

The family, raised on a farm near Jerusalem Church, consisted of ten children:

DAVID, born on the night of arrival of the party from Huntingdon, January 1, 1800. David married Katie Blasser and with her lived and died in Rush Creek, near Beneva.

ANDREW, born near Bremen, October 14, 1805; died at the home of his son Samuel at Topeka, Kansas, June 27, 1888; buried at Hillsdale, Mich. Married Elizabeth Davis, daughter of Judge Amos Davis. She was born near Bremen Nov. 15, 1821 and died at Hillsdale, Michigan, Nov. 12, 1884.

In 1835 Elizabeth accompanied her father to Indiana, where he selected land in Newberry Township; there she remained while he returned to Ohio for his family. With Amos Davis on his return to Indiana was Andrew Ashbaugh, to whom Elizabeth was married at the Davis home on May 12, 1839.

Andrew was Justice of the Peace 1842-1847. Moved to Pretty Prairie in 1844 to give his children the benefit of the fine Ontario school. Moved to Hillsdale in 1866 to a home just west of the College, and from there to the farm "Lightning Rod House" on Banker's road, in 1872.

Andrew and Elizabeth Davis Ashbaugh are buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Hillsdale, Michigan.

## Children:

Eunice E. Starr Born 1843, died 1880. Married John S. Starr in Indiana. The farm home was three miles due south of Hillsdale, next south of the Prentice place. Eunice and daughter Nettie died there and are buried in the country cemetery two miles south.

## Children:

Frank E. Starr, born 1860 in Indiana; died 1914 in Peoria, Ill. Married Myra Worden, 1881, at Hillsdale. Son Zina F. Starr, born 1887 at Hillsdale, lived at Peoria.

His first wife having died, he married in 1910 Vera Glynn Nichol. Son William Frank Starr was born at Peopia in 1915 or 16. He was a student at Bradley Institute, Wentworth Military Academy, and graduated from West Point. He is now a Lieutenant in active war service.

Nettie Starr, born 1862, died of diphtheria 1878.

Edward Starr grew up on farm south of Hillsdale, later lived with Andrew Ashbaugh. No recent data. Unmarried when last known.

John Davis Ashbaugh, born Jan. 2, 1845, Newbury Twp., Indiana. Died April 4, 1918, Claremont, Calif. He married Anna Elvira Cutler who was born August 8, 1847 in Java, New York--died April 25, 1915, Glendale Calif. Their family home was at Hillsdale, Michigan, where they are buried. They were interested in church and college activities.

#### Children:

Lewis Eugene Ashbaugh ---author of this Ashbaugh history---born June 14, 1872, at Hillsdale. Graduated with Mathematics prized at Hillsdale College in 1895. Associate Professor of Civil Engineering at Iowa State College, Ames, 1902-07. Engineer for J. G. White Engineering Co. for many years. Engineer on Government projects in Texas, Washington, and Colorado. Married May Williams in Minnesota, 1899.

Lowell Williams Ashbaugh, born Oct. 1, 1902, Ames, Iowa. Served with U. S. Army until honorably discharged for age. At present with Elastic Stop Nut Corporation, Newark, NJ.

Carl Lewis Ashbaugh, born Sept. 20, 1905, Ames, Iowa. Now a superintendent in the U. S. Arsenal at Maynard, Mass. Married Mary Mathilda Pier June 14, 1933. No Children.

Albert Cutler Ashbaugh, born June 27, 1908, Colorado. Honorably discharged from U. S. Army because of health and now in business in Reno, Nevada. Married 1/7/1943 Isabel M. Berginski. Son, Richard Orrin Ashbaugh, born Oct. 14, 1944 at Reno, Nev.

Lewis Eugene Ashbaugh, Jr., born Upper Montclair New Jersey on April 18, 1913. After graduation from Colorado State University in 1939, he served as Engineer with bureau of Roads and Kaiser Shipbuilding Company. He is now in the U. S. Navy. He was married



to Mildred Helen Kohts, in Denver, on December 23, 1939. Son, Robert Lewis Ashbaugh, born September 2, 1942, at Poncha, Colorado. Son, William Park Ashbaugh, born September 30, 1944, at Winnebago, Minnesota.

Ruth May Ashbaugh, born June 15, 1918, Upper Montclair, New Jersey. Graduate of Kehler School of Nursing (Mayo's) at Rochester, Minn. Now a nurse with the Air Corps, U. S. Army, stationed at present at Air Base Hospital, Pueblo, Colo.

Married Carrie Shute, Jan. 29, 1938, in Denver, Colorado. No children. Home in Denver, Colo.

Carrie Louise Ashbaugh, born Jan. 17, 1875, at Hillsdale, Michigan. On June 18, 1896, married Rev. Edwin H. Willisford, who was born April 11, 1866 in Derby, England, and died April 9, 1935, at Glendale, California. Her home now in Glendale.

John Edwin Willisford, born 1908, died 1909 at Mankato, Minnesota.

Carol Harriet Willisford, born April 9, 1899, at Winnebago, Minn. Graduate of Pomona College, B. A., 1920, with Phi Beta Kappa honor. Married Dr. Robert F. Kolts, Feb. 8, 1922, at Glendale. Home at Glendale. Daughter, Barbara Jean, born Jan. 25, 1925, at Glendale. Daughter, Carol Ann, born April 6, 1929, at Glendale.

Joy Elvira Willisford, born Oct. 26, 1909, at Mankato, Minn. Graduate of Pomona College, B. A., 1930, with Phi Beta Kappa honor. Married Frederick L. Myers, Aug. 2, 1931. Home is at Los Angeles, California. Daughter Lancy Joy, born July 17, 1932. Son Frederick Arthur, born April 7, 1935.

Roy William Ashbaugh, infant, 1877-78. Died at Hillsdale, Michigan.

Zina Rhodes Ashbaugh, born Nov. 13, 1848, in Newbury Twp., Indiana. Died Nov. 24, 1927, at Omaha, Nebraska. On Sept. 17, 1865, he married Kittie Kump at Hillsdale, Michigan. She was born March 3, 1863. Now living with her son Owen in Omaha.

#### Children:

Owen William Ashbaugh, born Sept. 24, 1886, at Topeka, Kansas. Married Clara Walters Sept. 6, 1906. She was born , and died on

Mallie Ashbaugh, born Oct 21, 1888 at Topeka, Kansas. Married Harry Baker March 2, 1916. Lives at Houston, Tex.

Zina Ray Ashbaugh, born June 24, 1890 at Topeka, Kansas. Married Bulah Lea Oct. 30, 1924. Lives at Liberty, Missouri

Arthur Andrew Ashbaugh, born July 29, 1894, at Hinsdale, Ill. Married Alice Marble Sept. 10, 1921. Living at Trenton, N. J.

Samuel Smith Ashbaugh, born 1852 in Indiana, died Feb. 1, 1928, buried at Hillsdale. In September, 1884 he married Louise Mansfield at Hillsdale; she was born Feb. 16, 1855 at Westmoreland, New York, and died June 8, 1925 in Washington, DC.

Children:

Murray Mansfield Ashbaugh, born July 2, 1885; married Marie Louise Goebel May 26, 1914 in Washington. Home is Pontiac, Mich., where he is a banker.

Carolyn Louise Ashbaugh, born July 1, 1919

William Goebel Ashbaugh, born Sept. 18, 1925

SEYMOUR married Catherine Leckrone and moved to Effingham County, Illinois.

ELIZABETH ("Polly") 1811-1878. Married Absolom McCormick (1809-1889) of Perry County in 1832. Buried at New Bethel. Their children were:

John, Samuel, David, Mary, Catherine, Margaret and Martha

MARGARET, 1812-1882, married George McCandlish (1809-76). After a few years on the farm they moved into Bremen where he was a merchant. Margaret died in Bremen in 1882 while her brother Andrew of Michigan was visiting her. George and Margaret now lie in Jerusalem Churchyard. Their grandson is Ernest McCandlish who now lives northeast of Bremen.

#### FREDERICK ASHBAUGH

Frederick and two young daughters lie in Jerusalem Churchyard close to brother John Jr. and Catherine. Frederick was only fifteen years old when he came to Ohio with the family. The gravestones are for Frederick "1784-1847" and for the "daughter of Frederick and Mary Elizabeth Ashbaugh," Rebecca-"1815-1833" and Mahala, "1818-1835". He would like to find the stone for

The state record shows that Frederick and "Polly Moser" or Musser were married on December 3, 1811, in Fairfield County. "Polly" was the daughter of Theobald Musser of Rush Creek; sister to Elizabeth who had married Joseph. This "Frederick" was one of the last in the family of John Ashbaugh Sr.

#### PATSY ASHBAUGH

Patsy was on the original trip from Pennsylvania. We have little information about her, other than that she also married into the Ray family, and that she died young.

#### ELIZABETH ASHBAUGH

This was another daughter of John Sr. on that original party. We have no information about her.

#### MARY ASHBAUGH

Mary was one of the younger daughters of John Sr. Born on January 20, 1768, she lived to leave an interesting history. She married Samuel Ray.

Her two daughters were married to two Larimer brothers and they have left a wonderful story of family and social development in Fairfield County, Ohio and LaGrange County, Indiana. Daughter Rebecca married Wright Larimer and daughter Margaret married Isaac Larimer, both of whom became prominent in the business and social life of their community and State.

Rebecca and Wright lie together in Old Bethel Churchyard; Rebecca died July 14, 1876, aged nearly 66, born in 1810. Wright died on February 10, 1881, aged 70, born in 1811. The burial places of Margaret and Isaac were not noted; many Larimers were noted in the old graveyard.

One of the earliest of the Larimers was Ebenezer whose wife was Diana, sister to Amos Davis--the father of Elizabeth Davis Ashbaugh, grandmother to the writer of this family record. The Larimer, Davis, and Ashbaugh families have thus been very closely connected from the beginning of Ohio history. Prominent and very helpful in the Bremen community today are the descendants of all of these families: as Pearley El Larimer, educator, farmer and civic leader, and his equally helpful wife, Ida--daughter of Daniel Ashbaugh and granddaughter of Joseph of the original Ashbaugh-Miller party from Pennsylvania. Others are prominent in northern Indiana and have left their record at Hillsdale, Michigan.

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# T H E   C H E R R Y S

by Lewis E. Ashbaugh

## AUNT REBECCA AND LT. SAMUEL AUSTIN CHERRY, U. S. A.

Early Fairfield County had two prominent Cherry Families, one in Walnut Township and one in Greenfield Township. There was a father Thomas in both families--and each had a son Ralph. The families were relatives. We have not been able to distinguish from which family came Thompson Cherry, father of "Sam", our hero of the Army. Recent inquiry has found no Cherry Family of this time.

Rebecca Davis, daughter of Judge Amos Davis and Susannah Leib Davis was born in Fairfield County, Ohio on Sept. 17, 1823. In 1836, then only 13 years old, she moved with her parents to Newbury Twp., LaGrange County, Indiana. In 1845 she returned to Lancaster, Ohio, and went to school one year. The next autumn, on Sept. 16, 1846, she married Thompson Cherry (born Sept. 18, 1818) and they went to Indiana to a farm just south of LaGrange. In 1856 they bought a farm in Jasper County (in Sec. 9-27-6) where Thompson died on November 5, 1857, and where he is probably buried. The father went to his daughter and took her home, where she lived for three years. She then bought a house in LaGrange; this was her home until she passed away on April 2, 1904.

In Forest Grove Cemetery is the stone for "Ancil J., son of Thompson and Rebecca Cherry, died July 19, 1855, aged 1 yr. 8 mo. 10 day"---close to Sarah Davis and Nancy Smith, sisters of Rebecca. Other children are listed on the following page.

Aunt Rebecca was later married on Feb. 6, 1862, to Mr. Perry M. Browning. There were no children. Mr. Browning died July 8, 1872.

The children of Thompson and Rebecca Cherry were all born in LaGrange County, perhaps on the farm which they occupied south of LaGrange. The children were:--

1. Frank      born Sept. 7, 1847, at Middlebury (This is just west of the Amos Davis home in Newbury Twp.) died Aug. 10, 1917. Buried at Mishawaka. His wife was Lucinda Jane Green, (1862-1928) also buried at Mishawaka. Their children:
  - Eva Cherry (Named after Eva White, fiancée of Lieut. Cherry and daughter of Congressman White, of Ind.) She married Lawrence Picking, of Mishawaka. One daughter is Eva Culp, of that city.
  - Lee W. Cherry. 37 years at Howe Military Academy, Howe, Indiana.
2. Samuel Austin Cherry, Lieut., U. S. A. Born in LaGrange, Ind., \_\_\_\_\_, 1850, where he grew up. In 1867 he was president of the Addison Debating Society. After graduating from High School in \_\_\_\_\_, he attended Hillsdale College. He attended West Point Military Academy, from which he graduated in 1875.

Lieutenant Cherry was first assigned to the Infantry, but in 1876 he was transferred to the Cavalry, (50th), serving in the Black Hills during the Sioux Campaign. On May 11, 1881, about twenty-five miles north of Fort Niobrara, he was killed while on duty by a member of his own detachment, while pursuing a party of outlaws who had stolen Government horses. The report by his Colonel Col. Wesley Merritt, dated May 17, 1881, at Ft. Laramie, W. T., says: "He was particularly distinguished for cool courage and ability in the face of an enemy. His career has been most honorable and marked by a cheerful vigorous and soldierly discharge of duty. His character was most free from defects. He made warm friends, was happy in disposition;-----loyal and devoted as a friend." At the time of his death, he was betrothed to Eva, daughter of Hon. Harry White, Congressman from Indiana. His quality of character was similar to that which has been noted in many of the Davis family. It is interesting to note that another of this family graduated from West Point Academy in June, 1941. Lieut. William F. Starr, U. S. A., of Peoria, Ill., grandson of Frank Starr who was the grandson of Elizabeth Davis Ashbaugh, daughter of Amos Davis. Frank Starr was born in LaGrange County and later lived in Hillsdale. Lt. Starr secured from records at West Point much of the data here given.

3. Sarah      born Nov.      , 1852, died March 3, 1892. Married James Boyd. Children: Bert, Carl, Frank and Grace.
4. Susan      born Feb. 11, 1856, died Feb. 16, 1930, at LaGrange. Married Frank Beach (1850-1904) of LaGrange. Children:- Sydney A. Beach, Photographer at Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Lula Beach Campbell, of Chicago, Ill.

Aunt Rebecca is remembered as a very welcome visitor in our home; she was very charming in her kindliness to all of us; she was very helpful to us and was always industrious. At whatever early hour one might arise, he would find her at her knitting. Of her it was noted by her pastor that she was "one of the best pioneer mothers and a most faithful Christian."

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## INTRODUCTION: AMONG THE RELATIVES

The DAVIS FAMILY is much intermarried with the LEIBS, the LARIMERS, and the ASHBAUGHS. Perhaps the most important member of the Davis Family was Judge Amos Davis (1797-1867) of Virginia, Ohio and Indiana. His sister Diane (1800-1890) was the wife of Ebenezer Larimer.

A grandson of Ebenezer is Parley Larimer, near Bremen, the husband of Ida Ashbaugh, grand-daughter of Joseph of the original John Ashbaugh party from Pennsylvania in 1799. Ida's brother Charles was for sixty years married to Etta Rodafer, recently deceased (August, 1942) of the Larimer family; her mother was Matilda, daughter of Isaac, one of two Larimer brothers who married the two daughters of Mary Ray, daughter of John Ashbaugh, Sr. of the 1799 party into Ohio.

Amos Davis married Susannah Leib of Rush Creek, near Bremen; later they settled in LaGrange County, Indiana. Their daughter, Elizabeth (1821-1884) married Andrew Ashbaugh; they were the grandparents of this writer. Brother to my grandmother was Hezekiah (1825-1891), successful farmer, long a County Commissioner, the biggest taxpayer of LaGrange County.

These are a few of the many family connections of the Davis, Leib, Larimer and Ashbaugh families. Study of all of these families reveals strong, industrious peoples in good homes with children following out the ideals of their parents, all earnest and helpful Christians.

## EARLY DAVIS HISTORY

### JAMES MOORE DAVIS (1736-1826)

The history of our Davis family centers in the life and activity of Amos Davis of Fairfield County, Ohio, and LaGrange County, Indiana. History begins in Virginia with his father, James Moore Davis, whose name shows in three members of the family, one of whom is now living in northern Michigan.



The name of Davis represents one of the large families in the United States and an even larger family in England and Wales. The first Davis of our immediate family is reported to be of Welsh and German descent and to have come into Virginia in 1681.

James Moore Davis was born in Loudoun County, Virginia on January 1, 1736. The first record which we find is that of his lease of 50 acres of land from Thomas Owsley in the Parish of Cameron of County of Loudoun. This property lay on the south bank of the Potomac between Washington and Harper's Ferry, located about two miles east of Oatland, which is about seven miles southwest from Leesburg, the county seat. The land lay on the south side of Goose Creek along Owsley's (Howser's) Branch which flows into Little River and to Goose Creek which empties into the Potomac. The lease was recorded April 9, 1771, and was "for and during the natural lives of said James Davis and Ann, his wife, and Francis, his natural son." (This was just before the time of the Revolutionary War.)

It is said that James was married four times and that Francis was the son of the third wife, Ann; also that James was a farmer and miller; that he did not like the practice of "breeding slaves" in Virginia and this led to removal to Ohio in 1809 at the age of 73. Evidently Ann died soon after the lease of 1771 which had been made in her favor and for son Francis, of whom we have no later record.

There were evidently some earlier children as shown by the will of James, written in 1818 with a codicil in 1825 (James died in 1826; son Amos had been born in 1797). This will and codicil mention an elder son Thomas, daughter Eleesebeth (Elizabeth) who had married a Larimer, a son Henry Moore who is known to us as a cooper who went to the Sandwich (Hawaii) Islands; also children of Anna, the fourth wife, who were Amos and Dianna who married Ebenezer Larimer. We also know of another half-brother through the record in Hocking County, Ohio, which refers to Levi Davis, son of John W. and Elizabeth (Hasser) Davis, born near Leesburg in Loudoun County, Virginia, July 1, 1805; he was a civil engineer and surveyor of Hocking County. Also, son Thomas in James' will of 1818-1825 is another half-brother, whose son was perhaps David Y. Davis of Fairfield County.

Son Amos was born on September 17, 1797, of wife Anne of Pennsylvania, of Irish descent, when father James was 61 years old. Daughter Dianna was born on April 6, 1800.

James and Anna, with Amos and Dianna and perhaps with older children, left the Potomac district of Virginia in 1809 and settled in the south part of Fairfield County, Ohio, (now the north part of Hocking County) near Geneva on Rush Creek to the south of Bremen which was not yet established. Amos was then twelve years old. James lived for several years after his arrival in Ohio, until ninety years of age. Anna lived another nine years after James passed away.

In beautiful Grandview Cemetary on the grassy slopes and among the trees above Rush Creek to the north of Bremen, between the old homes of the Ashbaughs and the Leibs, there are the gravestones which read "sacred in memory of James M. Davis, born Jan. 1, 1736 A.D., deceased March 1, 1826 A.D., aged 90 years and 2 months", and by his side "In memory of Anna Davis, consort of James M. Davis, who departed this life March 31, 1835 A.D., in the 75th year of her age". (Born in 1760.)

We cannot record the early life of James Moore Davis of Virginia, but we can read the type of the man and of his wife, Anna, in that they went through those Revolutionary War days, then left the disagreeable conditions of slavery, gave up their old home and moved into the free state of Ohio. They were evidently good, industrious, Christian people as shown by Son Amos who became a strong business man and a church leader in Fairfield County, where he lived until 1836; then continued his good work in home, church and community in LaGrange County, Indiana, until his death in 1867.

#### DIANA DAVIS LARIMER (1800-1890)

Diana, daughter of James Moore and Anna Davis, younger sister of Amos, was born in Loudoun County, Virginia in 1800; went to Fairfield County, Ohio with her parents in 1809. Later, she married Ebenezer Larimer of Ireland of the same family whose two brothers married two daughters of Mary, daughter of John Ashbaugh who led the initial party from Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, to Ohio in 1799. With several Larimers buried in Bethel Churchyard, there lies "Diana Larimer, born April 6, 1800, died February 11, 1890." Ebenezer died in Fairfield County.

Today we have Pearly Larimer, born \_\_\_\_\_ son of \_\_\_\_\_ married to Ida Ashbaugh, born in 1868, grand-daughter of Joseph of the 1799 party from Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, enjoying a long life together in their pleasant country home to the southeast of Bremen. Thus do we find the Larimers, Ashbaughs, Davises and Leibs all bound together for almost one hundred fifty years.



AMOS DAVIS (1797-1867)

The early history of "Pioneers of Fairfield County" by Wiseman in 1901 gives a chapter to the Leib family and tells of their industrious and active Christian life. Amos Davis married Susannah of this fine Leib family. The early history tells that "he was a good Presbyterian and highly esteemed". For the new Bethel church, built in 1828, he furnished the lumber and was a liberal contributor. In less than thirty years until 1837 in Fairfield County he established a wonderful record as a leader in church and business.

Amos Davis

and

Susannah Leib

Son of James Moore and Anna Davis  
of  
Laudoun Co., Va.

Daughter of Joseph Leib and  
Elizabeth Seitz  
of York Co., Pa.

Born Sept. 17, 1797

Born Nov. 8, 1796

Md. Fairfield Co. 1817

Died Oct. 5, 1867

Died Dec. 5, 1883

Greenfield Mills.

Middleburg.

LaGrange Co. Ind.  
Buried at Orland, Ind.

Elkhart Co., Ind.  
Buried at Orland, Ind.

It is now more than a hundred years since Amos Davis and Susannah went from Ohio to Indiana. Though not remembered by the younger generations in Fairfield County, the old county histories give some interesting records.

Coming from Virginia to Ohio at the age of twelve with his parents and sister, the boyhood years of Amos Davis were spent along Rush Creek below Bremen- before Bremen was established in 1835. It was in 1830 that he built his brick house near his mill (now the Hite's Mill) on Rush Creek to the south of Geneva.

The early history of Fairfield County shows that shows that Amos Davis became one of the founders and a first Elder of the Bethel Church (Presbyterian) in 1828, located four miles southeast of Bremen. Associated with Amos Davis as Elders were John Larimer and Jacob Moyer who was a business partner of John Ashbaugh, an Elder in the new Bremen Church in 1844.

The first mill on this part of Rush Creek was built by Amos Davis in 1831, now known as "Hite's Mill", which "gave to the early settlers a means of converting their wheat and corn into flour and meal without going to a more distant town for this purpose." An earlier mill on Little Rush Creek above Bremen had been built by Joseph Leib.

Amos Davis was successful in his farming and milling as evidenced by his liberal contributions in the building of the Bethel Church and in the support of all good features of church and community.

When Amos and Susannah went to Indiana in 1836, nine children went with them; two more were born in Newbury Twp., Indiana. Like as Andrew Ashbaugh often cared for nephews and grandsons on his farm in later years, so did Amos Davis show kindness to others going from Ohio to Indiana; the records indicate that Andrew Ashbaugh and Samuel Doty went with him and took up land; in later years both married Davis daughters.

My grandmother (Elizabeth Davis Ashbaugh, 1821-1884) has told to Myra Starr, wife of her grandson, Frank Starr, many interesting experiences of her early days in Ohio, then in Indiana, later in Michigan. Would that we could now listen to the stories of such rich experience.

Preparatory to the removal of the family from eastern Ohio to northern Indiana in 1836, Amos Davis took daughter Elizabeth (14 years old) with him in the fall of 1835 to "seek out the land" in western LaGrange County, - as John Ashbaugh in 1799 had taken Son Joseph to select a site in Fairfield County, Ohio. Elizabeth made the trip across country and through the forests with her father, probably together on horseback; she remained in Indiana that winter with neighbors while her father made the trip back to Ohio to bring out the family the following year. Amos made his selection and the record shows that he entered new government land on November 10, 1835 for the SE 1/4 Sec. 19, Twp. 37, R 8W in Newbury Township, 12 miles west of LaGrange. In July 1836 and soon thereafter, additional tracts were entered in 1836-7 by Amos Davis, Andrew Ashbaugh, Samuel Doty and Smith Larimer; also in 1848 by James Larimer. The Davis home was soon located two miles east in Section 21 and the Post Office of Pashan was kept in the home from 1844 until they moved to Greenfield Mills in 1854. Andrew Ashbaugh and Elizabeth were married in the Davis family home on May 12, 1839.

At the new Ashbaugh home, four children were born: Eunace, John, Zina and Samuel.

A similar account could also be made of other sons and daughters of Amos and Susannah in many homes in Newbury Township of LaGrange County.

Like as Amos Davis had been active in Ohio in farming and milling and especially in church and other community activities, so during his thirty years in Indiana, he was ever active. He directed the surveys and construction of new highways - in those days they had to put up with very poor roads. He was active in hauling supplies from Michigan City on the Lake to Goshen and LaGrange. He was prominent in the organization of his township and in the elections. From 1837 to 1842, he was Justice of the Peace. From 1844 to 1854, he was Postmaster at his home (Pashan) in Newbury Twp. In 1855, he moved to Greenfield Mills, toward Orland. In 1844 he was elected Associate Judge. In 1855 he organized and was the first president of the Agricultural Society of LaGrange County. He was the most prominent man in the county in politics - a Republican, in church - a Presbyterian, and in many civic features of the community. He was County Judge of Probate over many years; was twice a member of the Indiana Legislature (1859-1863).

While Amos Davis was making a trip to the railroad at Burr Oak with his grandson, John Oscar, each driving a load of wheat, he was thrown from his wagon and died soon after on October 5, 1867 at his home at Greenfield Mills. He was buried in Orland, the last resting places of many of the Davis and Larimer families.

Amos Davis was recognized as a leader among his pioneer neighbors because of his superior education and upright character; he was often put into places of authority; was Judge of Probate for his county over many years. He was one of the leaders of the Presbyterian Church in his vicinity; was a prominent Abolitionist of the day when that position stood out prominently; was always a strong supporter of temperance; he possessed all the qualities of a true Christian in the home, church and business.

Note: Much of the information regarding the Davis-Leib-Cherry-Larimer-Ashbaugh families in Indiana has been very kindly sought out and furnished by Mr. Glen Davis of Elkhart, a grandson of James Moore Davis of Indiana and a son of John Oscar Davis of Elkhart.

The family of Amos and Susannah Leib Davis, as compiled by Lucy Hoffman Lowe, grand-daughter, and John Davis Ashbaugh, grandson (and my father): The first nine born in Fairfield County, Ohio; two born in Newbury Township, LaGrange County, Indiana. In parenthesis are added names of their children, as given by the help of Glen Davis of Elkhart.

1. Mahala Davis; born March 24, 1818; married Samuel Doty; died July 21, 1893, at Mexico, Missouri. (A son was Thomas Doty; his daughter is Gladys of the St. Louis schools.)
2. Nancy Davis; born Jan. 1, 1820; married Chine Bailey Smith; died Nov. 18, 1913, near Middlebury at almost 94 years of age. Many of this family are buried at Forest Grove. (Antionette, Francis Josephine, Emmigene, Warren, Elizabeth, Alice, Amos D., Victor.)
3. Elizabeth Davis; born Nov. 15, 1821; married Andrew Ashbaugh in Newbury Twp. May 12, 1839; about 1854 moved to Pretty Prairie, Lima Twp., north of LaGrange; in 1860 to Hillsdale, Mich.; died Nov. 12, 1884 at Hillsdale where she is buried. (Eunice, John Davis, Zina Rhodes, Samuel Smith.)
4. Rebecca Davis; born Sept. 17, 1823; Sept. 16, 1846 she married Perry H. Browning; she died April 2, 1904, at LaGrange where she is buried with her son, Lieut. Samuel Austin Cherry, U.S.A., See the Cherry record. (Frank, Samuel, Sarah, Susannah.)
5. Hezekiah Davis; born October 9, 1825; married Sarah Reynolds of St. Joseph, Mich. on April 10, 1851; County Com. 1853-60 and 1867-79; one of the most prosperous and important farmers and businessmen of the County; died Sept. 26, 1891, at Shipshewana where he is buried. (Emma, Eugene, Samuel, Warren, Niles, LeMore, Herbett.)
6. Sarah Davis; born Dec. 4, 1827; not married; died Sept. 17, 1851 near Middlebury; buried at Forest Grove.
7. James Moore Davis; born March 16, 1830; died Nov. 6, 1867; buried at Orland. Grandson of James Moore Davis of Virginia. (John Oscar, Josephine, Augusta, Fremont Dayton, Ephriam, Rosella, Evalina, James Moore.)

8. Joseph Leib Davis; born June 19, 1832; died Jan. 5, 1915 at Grand Rapids; buried at White Pigeon, Mich., his old home. (Minnie, Luella, Frank, Jennie, Earl.)
9. Asenith Davis; born Sept. 9, 1834; married William Hoffman; died Jan. 17, 1917; buried at Goshen. (Achsia, Edith, Anna, May, Lucy, Augusta, Thirza.)

All of the above children of Amos and Susannah Davis were born in Fairfield County, Ohio. The next two were born near Middlebury, in Newbury Township, LaGrange County, Indiana.

10. Mary Davis; born Aug. 30, 1837; became blind; died Aug. 24, 1893, near White Pigeon; buried with her parents at Orland.
11. Margaretta Bartlett Davis; Dec. 4, 1839; married John Henry Berry; died at Star City, Mich. Aug. 23, 1915; buried at White Pigeon, the old home. (Clarence, May, Amos.)

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THE LEIB FAMILY

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Joseph Leib, 1767-1839, and Elizabeth Seitz Leib, 1769-1841, his wife, are buried together at Grand View, the old home site. Family came from York County, Pennsylvania to Fairfield County, Ohio, in early 1800's. Settled on Little Rush Creek, two miles north of present Bremen.

American history has recorded some wonderful families which have been an inspiration to us; this Leib family is one.

Note: When a small boy, I saw our great-grandmother when she visited her daughter Elizabeth, my grandmother. This recent study of our family has increased my appreciation.

A review of "Fairfield County Pioneers"--published in 1901--has told us that the Leibs were:--

Germans - spoke in German - read German Bible.

Family worship morning and evening; both father and mother prayed. Strong Christians; good characters.

Four generations of training has given good lives.

Thrifty - honest - industrious - spun their own flax - made their own clothing.

Of 17 children, 11 lived to be well known.

Service of sons in Union Army made good record.

First deed on record to Jos. Leib is of Aug. 1817 for 300 acres "on which the mill now stands"

Sons of Joseph and Elizabeth Leib.

1. Joseph (1799-1880) died at 80 years of age at father's old home; buried at Grand View, the home cemetery. "A good man." Married Clarissa Allen (1804-1864) of Waterford, Conn. (Of the Ethen Allen family.) School teacher; interested in education. Of two sons and two daughters, Samuel F. became a prominent lawyer at San Jose, Calif. and was attorney for Stanford University.

2. David (or Daniel ?) Married Barbara Leslie. Moved to Highland County, Ohio., 1809. Killed by fall in mill. Sons: Joseph; Enos; Daniel N. (1830-1910) who married Phoebe M. (or Peary) Doane ( -1913). He was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, and died in Elkhart, Indiana, on Feb. 23, 1910. He served in the Civil war as a First Lieutenant with the 12th Ind. Cavalry, and was long a resident of LaGrange County, living 25 years in Elkhart. Daughters: Clara Leib (Mrs. H. C. Fidler) died 1932; Achsa (Mrs. L. T. Gould) of Milwaukee. (Son, Daniel L. Gould) Alpha R., died 1933; Jessie, died 1936. A Student at Hillsdale College in the early '80's.

3. John married Williams. Moved to Crawford Co., Illinois, where he died. Sons: Benjamin; John (Captain, of Illinois); James, (born 15 Oct., 1824, married Margaret Rodehefer, who was born 14 Oct., 1824.) Children of James and Margaret follow:

Mary Elizabeth Leib-- born Sept. 11, 1846, died Aug. 23, 1915. Married Charles Miller Neely. Sons: Milo; Elmo.

John Henry Leib-- born July 25, 1848; died Oct. 2, 1891. Children: Bertha Leib Crandall; Pearl Leib Cox; others.

Benjamin Franklin Leib-- born Sept. 1, 1850. Daughter, Clela ( Mrs. Cecil Garrmine, of LaGrange)

Cassius Lieb-- born Jan. 11, 1862, at LaGrange, died at Mountain Home, Arkansas. (Note his change of spelling) Children: Dr. Paul Lieb (born Aug. 25, 1895, LaGrange, died March 23, 1940, at LaGrange. ; Margaret; Francis Marion; David; other infants.

4. Elias Married Delilah Hill, of Rushville. Once owned the "fine Ashbaugh farm" above Bremen. Moved to New Salem, Ohio in 1850. Sons: (All three were soldiers in the Union Army)

Henry-Leib-- Later County Treasurer at Oberlin, Kansas

Amos Davis Leib-- Lived and died in Milersport. Died in December, 1892. (Note the name given by parents in honor of an esteemed brother-in-law.)

Elias Leib-- Buried in Fletcher Chapel, Fairfield, Ohio, (as was Amos, his brother.)



Daughters of Joseph and Elizabeth Leib

5. Catherine married John Frey
6. Margaret married William Black, of Perry County
7. Barbara married Frederick Fisher
8. Susanah Born November 8, 1796, York County, Pa.  
Died December 5, 1873, LaGrange County, Ind.  
Married Amos Davis, 1817, in Fairfield County, Ohio
9. Elizabeth married Ralph Cherry, "a substantial citizen of Walnut Township" northwest of Bremen. Moved to Hancock County, Ohio. Oldest son was Joseph. Perhaps they were the grandparents of Lieut. Samuel Cherry, U. S. A. (West Point, 1875) of LaGrange County, Indiana.
10. And others.

NOTE: Any further data will be welcomed.