

BLOSSER FAMILY HISTORY



By

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

ELI BLOSSER

A KIND, DEVOTED HUSBAND AND FATHER

P R E F A C E

This brief history of the Blosser family was compiled and arranged by the late Eli Blosser. For a number of years he worked in gathering and obtaining the material. With the exception of a few items, the record was completed as here given, in 1933 and 1934. No survey was made for complete information concerning births, marriages or deaths later than that date. However, a few facts dated later have been added.

It is in memory of his faithful services that this history is being printed.

“I’d like to think that here and there,
When I am gone, there shall remain
Some spot happier than it might have been
Had I but toiled for empty gain.

And that some kindly word or smile
Has proved to me I’ve been worth while,
That I had paid, with something fine
My debt to God for love divine.”

—Author unknown.

OBITUARY

Eli Blosser was born March 13, 1863 on the farm where he spent his entire life. He died on January 18, 1936; aged 72 years, 10 months, and 5 days. He was a son of Abraham and Hannah Detwiler Blosser.

On March 22, 1888 he was united in marriage to Sarah Yoder of near North Lima, Ohio. To this union were born three children: Willard A. Blosser of Chicago; Mrs. Clarence Weaver of near North Lima, Ohio; and Noble E. Blosser who lives on the home place.

Two brothers, Henry and Joel Blosser preceded him to the spirit world. Also three sisters: Saloma Weaver, Mary D. Reed, and Ella Leinbach.

Two sisters remain to mourn his departure: Catharine Anna Blosser of North Lima, Ohio; and Mrs. Sarah Kurtz of near Columbiana, Ohio.

Besides his faithful companion he leaves his three children, and eight grandchildren.

In 1891 he with his companion united with the Mennonite church to which faith he remained true to the end, and in the interests of which he labored unceasingly. He was interested in missionary activities of the church, and served on the Board of the Youngstown Mission, and also of the Canton Mission for a number of years. In 1921 he was ordained as deacon in the church. This increased his opportunities to serve the church. His last forenoon was spent in completing a task assigned to his office as deacon. He finished his task, laid it aside, and fifteen minutes later answered the call of his Master and Maker whom he endeavored to faithfully serve.

"Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man Cometh."

EXPLANATION

Direction—First pay no attention to pages, use numbers instead.

Example: No. 20 Fifth Generation 15

3. Sam Smith, born June 1, 1855, married Sue Jones on Feb. 10, 1879. Their children:

1. Will Smith, born Aug. 7, 1882, No. 50
2. Minnie Smith, born May 1, 1884, No. 60

No. 20 as above, means that Sam Smith is the twentieth family so far recorded.

Fourth Generation indicates four steps down from the first generation, therefore Will and Minnie Smith would be the sixth generation.

The figure “15”, following the word “generation”, refers you back to the father of the previous generation.

GENERAL INDEX

In the following index, the first mentioned names are those who are in direct relation with the Blosser lineage.

The first column of figures shows the number of the generation to which each person belongs.

The column of figures on the right shows the corresponding number under which the name is recorded.

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3.	Blosser, Peter. Married to Anna Bear.	3
4.	Blosser, Joel B. Married to Cathrine Christophel.	4
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6.	Lehman, Elizabeth. Married to Andrew Koppes.	13
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GENEALOGICAL HISTORY OF THE BLOSSER FAMILY AS KNOWN IN AMERICA

By S. H. Blosser, Dayton, Virginia. Dated in 1903.

As far back as I can trace by careful inquiry, it appears that Peter Blosser* (whom I will call Peter the First), came from Switzerland—place and province not known to me. It is handed down to me by tradition, that he became singer and jester to some great person or nobleman of that country, but in time of war he escaped and went to France, where he stayed for a while, but war coming on in France he left that country and came to America, August 27, 1739, in the ship "Snow Betsy," Richard Buden, commander, sailing from Rotterdam, Holland—last from Deal—190 passengers, and settled in the state of Pennsylvania, at a creek called Cadoris, near Little York in York county, where it is supposed he married and had sons and daughters born unto him. He was also an ordained minister in the Mennonite Church. In the course of time his wife died, and his sons becoming somewhat unmanageable, he said he would get them a cross stepmother—so marrying for his second wife a Miss Knicely, who was sure enough a cross wife, on whose account he had to give up his ministry, (he at one time owned two farms, but lost the greater part of them,) and her stepchildren scarcely being able to live with her left the parental roof as they became of age and went to Virginia, and settled in Page county near Stonyman near the Blue Ridge.

The following are the names of his children by his first wife who came to Virginia:

Barbara, was married to Daniel Hershberger.

Frances, was married to Solomon Huddle.

Elizabeth, was married to Jacob Bear.

Anna, was married to Abraham Hade.

Susanna, not married.

Magdalene, not married.

Peter, was married to Magdaline Bear.

Jacob, was married to ——— Beery.

Abraham, not known to whom married.

Tobias, not known to whom married.

Peter Blosser, the second, son of Peter the First, was born in Pennsylvania, March 19, 1752, and having determined to leave home as stated before, he packed all his property in a bag, having an opening in the middle on the order of saddle pockets, and bidding adieu to his native state, he started for Virginia where he arrived about the year 1776; he was married to Magdalene, daughter of Blastius Bear, by whom he had eight children born as follows:

* The name Blosser was originally spelled Blaser from the German Blaser.

Barbary, February 2, 1777. Married David Burkholder.
Jacob, April 16, 1778. Married Magdalene Shank.
John, June 5, 1780. Married Barbara Kagey.
Abraham, April 5, 1782. Died single.
Peter, February 3, 1787. Married Anna Bear.
David, February 28, 1789. Died single.
Jonas, July 10, 1791. Married Margaret Burkholder.

The foregoing dates of births, copied from a slip of paper written in the German language by their father, which were nice and legibly written.

Magdalene's father, Blastius Bear, was born in Germany. He ran off from his mother and sister while they were in the woods gathering mushrooms to eat, (they being very poor and scarcely having anything to eat) and he hired himself as a stage driver.* On December 3, 1740, he came to America on the ship "Robert and Alice," which sailed from Rotterdam.

Peter and his wife were both very poor, and being married in the beginning of the Revolutionary War, had a very hard time of making a living. He was a member of the Mennonite Church which advocates the nonresistant doctrine as taught by our blessed Lord and Saviour. To keep from shedding the blood of his fellowman, he had to hide and work as best he could to make a living.

He was a wheelwright by trade, and made spinning wheels, which were scarce, and people came from beyond the Blue Ridge to get them. Money was so very scarce that he did not get to see his pocketbook sometimes for more than a year, not having anything to put into it. But by hard labor and strict economy they were able to purchase a farm; however, the country being new, and the land somewhat sterile, they still had hard work to clear their land and make a living. They would put bells on their horses and turn them out in the woods to pasture at night. Then, very early in the morning, before day, the father would get the boys up and together they would go out in the dark to find the horses.

When Jacob and John became of age they went to Rockingham County, Virginia, where they married. Jacob married his wife near Trissel's Church, in what is known as the brush country.

John married his wife near New Market. They bought a farm about three-fourths of a mile below Coote's Store in Brock's Gap where they lived for a while. The other children becoming of age, Peter and Magdalene disposed of their farm, and giving everything over to their children they came to Rockingham County, Virginia, about the year 1815.

Jacob and John also sold their lands, and all the brothers together bought lands on the Warm Springs turnpike, about two and a half miles southwest of Harrisonburg.

* He never saw his mother and sister again.

Jacob, John, and Abraham together bought the Harrison farm, and all six of the brothers together bought the Whitmore farm. Peter, David and Jonas lived on the Whitmore farm, and their parents lived with them and we suppose their mother did the house work for them.

About the year 1818, some of the brothers became dissatisfied, so they concluded to divide the Whitmore farm. Peter, David and Jonas took the north end of the farm, while the other three brothers took the south.

About the year 1827, John sold his interest in the farm to Jacob and Abraham, and moved to Mahoning County, Ohio, where he lived until October 4, 1864, when he died in the 85th year of his age.

After buying their brother's interest Jacob and Abraham divided the farm. Abraham took the west end of the farm which is at present, 1887, owned by Emanuel Cromer, and Jacob the east end. Jacob lived on his farm until October 13, 1834, when he died of a fever in his 57th year, and was buried in the Blosser grave-yard.

Abraham lived on his farm until the fall of 1864 when everything was burnt by the Federal soldiers; he then went to John G. Heatwole's where he died February 14, 1868, in his 86th year, and was buried in the Blosser grave-yard which was on his farm.

Anna, his sister, had been living with, and keeping house for him until the spring of February 16th, 1864, when she died in her 79th year, and was buried in the Blosser grave-yard.

When the Whitmore farm was divided the buildings fell to the three brothers, on the south, and the other three brothers then built on their part of the farm and moved there, and their parents with them, their mother still doing the house work for them. Peter then marrying, they divided off one-third, his interest on the west side of the farm, the same is at present, 1888, owned by John Blosser, son of Jonas Blosser. Peter then built a house on the east side of his farm and lived there until 1825 when he sold to his brothers, David and Jonas, and moved to Mahoning County, Ohio, where he lived until October 5th, 1872, when he died in the 86th year of his age. He went to Ohio two years before his brother John. About this time Jonas married and his father and mother moved into the house which Peter had built where they lived about seven years, taking care of themselves, the children providing for them. Their father then becoming unable to walk from the effects of rheumatism, they moved to their son Abraham, in the old Whitmore building where they lived until they died. Peter died of Phthisic as did his father before him, April 7th, 1834, aged 83 years and 18 days, and his wife, Magdalene, July 10th, 1843, aged 92 years 9 months, and were both buried in the Blosser grave-yard.

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SOME RECOLLECTIONS

of

Changed Conditions During the Time of This History

Peter Blosser came to Ohio from Rockingham County, Virginia about the year 1825. The settlement was new and well-wooded and conveniences were not very good.

The harvest hand wages were about one bushel of wheat for a day's work, starting early in the morning—usually about sunrise, and often before breakfast, and lasted until sunset. Their machinery was handmade, and was usually run by armstrong power. The tools consisted of such as the hand sickle and hand rake for harvesting grain, and the hand scythe for cutting grass. This was about the beginning of the invention age. The grain cradle was finally brought into use. This was considered a great improvement over the sickle. The writer also had the pleasure of learning to swing the cradle in his early days. When first the mowing machines were introduced they were far from being perfect, but were a great improvement over the hand scythe. The people were greatly confused when this piece of machinery came into use. They thought it would put out of commission the day laborer, and even talked of boycotting those who used such machinery. Later a platform was attached to the mower with a dropper attached to it. And later a reaper was built with platform and rakes. Five men were usually stationed around the field to bind the grain with straw bands. And later a machine was built with a platform built on for two men to stand on and bind the grain with straw bands as it came to the platform. Men came a long distance to see this wonderful machine work. Later on, the twine knotter was invented which resulted in the bringing on the self-binder, which is now in general use.

Grandfather Blosser was mechanically inclined. He was a regular farmer, but also had his own repair shop. He made and repaired most of his own tools which were used on the farm. It was said at one time he received a badly lacerated wound which required sewing up. So he took a needle and thread and sat down and sewed it up himself.

Log rollings were some of the sports at that time. They had at that time the community spirit. Grandfather's house burned down at one time, so the neighbors in the community got together and in three days' time they took the lumber off the stump and erected the frame of a good sized house.

Sap boiling was a common work in the spring. They boiled it in big iron kettles. Their spikes were made out of elderberry stocks, and their containers to catch the sap were made out of split logs hollowed out to form troughs.

When Grandfather retired from farming he did gunsmithing and general repair work. He made many a rifle that was used throughout the community. Grandfather was a good marksman. At that time the grey squirrels were plentiful, and squirrel hunting was a great sport for him. When my father was a little boy he used to go along with his

father to carry the squirrels. He said his father seldom missed, and when he shot at a squirrel, Father looked for it to drop.

Their way of travel was mostly on foot, horseback, or riding in the big wagons. The ox-cart also was a common conveyance at that time. The way of driving the oxen was done by the help of a big, long gad in the hand of the driver who walked along the side of the oxen, and yelling "gee" and "hah" as was needed.

In Grandfather's time the schools were not plentiful. The main requirements for a teacher were a knowledge of spelling, reading, writing, and arithmetic; and the ability to use a good hickory gad. Young people were fortunate if they got a training in all these branches.

Their first churches were not at all elaborate, but were built very simple. They were fortunate, however, to have benches placed in them on which to sit. Some of these were made out of slabs sawed from logs with the flat side up. There were holes bored through them in which the wooden legs were inserted. They extended through far enough so they could be wedged on top, to prevent their legs falling out. Some of our older people who have reached the fourscore years or more, well remember yet when as little children, they would sit on these benches, across those extended legs, (it likely kept them from sliding off).

When Father was a young man they had no hard, improved roads, and very little spending money. Buggies were scarce, and all hand made. Father would like to have had a buggy, too, but had no money to buy one. So he went to work and made one for himself. I think it was made durable for it lasted many years. I had many rides in it. It was also the days of spring wagons. My Father also made for himself a three seated, open spring-wagon in which he used to ride to church and to market.

My School Days

When I was a little boy I well remember, when fall came my father would load up the children and take them to the shoemaker, and have our feet measured to have new boots made for the boys, and new shoes for the girls. Factory shoes were unknown by us. The girls at that time wore shoes—not sandals—that were made out of genuine leather and were made to resist wear. We had to walk about a mile and a half across the fields, and rubber overshoes were hardly known at that time, so the leather was oak-tanned and was made to turn water. We sometimes had as high as seventy-five pupils in our one-roomed school house for one teacher.

Do our young people appreciate the advantage they have over their ancestors, who for generations have through hard labor and sacrifice been paving the way for the present opportunities they are now enjoying? Let those of us whose names are recorded in this little family history, just take a look back and see what an heritage we have. I am giving you only the genealogy of my grandfather, Peter Blosser, and his descendants. With these I have been personally acquainted, except with the few who died before my time, and also some of the small-

est children. Of these descendants down to the fifth generation everyone has accepted Christ as their Savior. And the fifth generation, I think, is accepting Christ as their Savior as they are coming to the age of accountability. The majority of Grandfather's descendants have embraced the Mennonite Faith. What kind of a history would we have if our ancestors would have been infidels, or would not have set their faith in a living God.

My prayer is that we might all live such lives that God can accept us as sons and daughters, washed and cleansed by the blood of Christ, and all—without the loss of one—meet as a happy family in the great beyond, and be in the presence of Christ and the Holy Angels through all eternity. Let us all try to so live that in three or four generations, if the Lord should delay His coming, and anyone should desire to write a history, they could look back and say **all**, to the last one, have accepted Christ their Lord.

No. 3 Third Generation 2

6. Peter Blosser, son of Peter and Magdalena Beare Blosser, was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, on February 3, 1787. He was married to Anna Beare, born January 22, 1797.

Peter Blosser died October 5, 1872, aged 85 years, 8 months, 2 days. Anna, his wife, died October 28, 1884; aged 87 years, 9 months, 2 days.

To this union were born five children:

1. John Blosser; died in Rockingham County, Virginia.
2. Magdaline Blosser, born May 7, 1818; died May 11, 1830; aged 12 years, 4 days.
3. Joel Blosser, born in Rockingham County, Virginia, Feb. 30?, 1820; died January 9, 1902; aged 81 years, 11 months, 9 days.
4. Mariah Blosser Lehman was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, December 5, 1823; died September 13, 1909; aged 85 years, 9 months, 8 days.
5. Abraham Blosser was born near North Lima, Mahoning County, Ohio, on August 26, 1825; died November 27, 1901; aged 76 years, 7 months, 1 day.

Parents and children belonged to the Mennonite faith.

No. 4 Fourth Generation 3

3. Joel B. Blosser was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, February 30,? 1820. He was married to Catharine Christophel, who died October 9, 1882; aged 58 years, 8 months, 21 days.

To this union were born no children, but they took three children at different times and reared them as their own until they were grown up:

1. Henry Bidenger—
2. Joseph Luney, who was a schoolteacher; he spent his life mostly in the western states.
3. Jane Paterson, who became the wife of Eli Lehman.

Joel B. Blosser married as his second wife, Miss Nancy Moyer, of East Lewistown, Ohio.

Joel B. Blosser died January 9, 1902; aged 81 years, 11 months, 9 days.

His second wife died May 15, 1919; aged 76 years, 2 months, 8 days.

No. 5 Fourth Generation 3

4. Mariah Blosser Lehman was born December 5, 1823. She was married to Jacob L. Lehman, who was born April 22, 1818. He died February 22, 1902; aged 83 years, 10 months.

Mariah, his wife, died September 13, 1909; aged 85 years, 9 months, 8 days.

To this union were born three children:

1. Anna Lehman was born December 15, 1848; died January 26, 1875; aged 26 years, 1 month, 11 days. She was never married.
 2. Catharine Lehman Rohrer was born November 3, 1850.
 3. Joel B. Lehman was born February 27, 1856.
- All accepted the Mennonite faith.

No. 6 Fifth Generation 5

2. Catharine Lehman Rohrer was born November 3, 1850. She was married to Isaac T. Rohrer on December 31, 1873. He was born December 20, 1849.

To this union were born four children:

1. Alphas Rohrer, born November 24, 1874; died September 12, 1875; aged 9 months, 23 days.
2. John S. Rohrer, born March 23, 1879.
3. Samuel E. Rohrer, born May 20, 1883.
4. Harvey E. Rohrer, born February 12, 1891.

No. 7 Sixth Generation 6

2. John S. Rohrer was born March 23, 1879. He was married to Carrie Harrold, of Columbiana, Ohio, in December, 1908.

Born to this union are:

1. Miriam Rohrer, born April 8, 1918.
2. Lucile Rohrer, born January 12, 1922.
3. Edwin Rohrer, born June 4, 1926.

Address: North Lima, Ohio. United with the Brethren Church.

Carrie Harrold Rohrer died May 9, 1934; aged 45 years, 6 months, 20 days.

No. 8 Sixth Generation 6

3. Samuel E. Rohrer was born May 20, 1883. He was married to Mary Martin of Wayne County, Ohio.

Born to this union are:

1. Abraham Rohrer, born February 18, 1914.

2. Cathryn Rohrer, born July 11, 1916.

3. Alphus Rohrer, born January 10, 1922.

Address: North Lima, Ohio. Members of the Brethren Church.
Ordained Deacon in the Brethren Church.

No. 9 Sixth Generation 6

4. Harvey E. Rohrer was born February 12, 1891. He was married to Maggie Kurtz, born February 29, 1896.

Born to this union are:

1. Elsie Rohrer, born July 2, 1920.

2. Esther Rohrer, born February 7, 1922.

3. Leonard Rohrer, born June 19, 1924.

Address: North Lima, Ohio. Members of the Mennonite Church.

No. 10 Fifth Generation 5

3. Joel B. Lehman was born near North Lima, Ohio, February 27, 1856. He was married to Mary Ziegler, born October 17, 1865.

Born to this union:

1. Anna Lehman Martin, born October 18, 1886.

2. Carrie Lehman, born July 3, 1888; married to Amos Martin, December, 1936.

3. Infant, born March 17, 1891, died same date.

Mary, the mother, (wife of Joel B. Lehman), died at child birth; she was buried with child in her arms, aged 25 years, 10 months.

Joel B. Lehman was married the second time to Leah Begly of West Salem, Ohio, on March 26, 1893. To this union were born three children:

4. John W. Lehman, born February 22, 1894. Remains single (1934).

5. Sarah B. Lehman, born January 30, 1897.

6. Elizabeth Lehman, born June 3, 1899.

Joel B. Lehman died January 4, 1909; aged 52 years, 11 months, 10 days. After his death an administrator was appointed and the property sold, then the widow with her children moved to Wayne County, Ohio, to her former home.

Address: West Salem, Ohio. They belong to the Mennonite faith.

No. 11 Sixth Generation 10

1. Anna Lehman was born October 18, 1886; she was married to William B. Martin of Wooster, Ohio, in the fall of 1909. Born to this union are four children:

1. Mary N. Martin, born March 23, 1911.

2. Daniel L. Martin, born November 27, 1912.

3. Harvey J. Martin, born January 19, 1916.

4. Ira E. Martin, born March 1, 1918.

Address: Wooster, Ohio. They belong to the Mennonite faith.

No. 12 Sixth Generation 10

5. Sarah Lehman, oldest daughter of Joel B. and Leah Lehman, was born near North Lima, Ohio, January 30, 1897. She was married to Henry D. Martin on December 25, 1920. He was born January 9, 1895. Born to this union are:

1. Miriam E. Martin, born September 9, 1922.
2. Clyde Vernon Martin, born September 25, 1923.
3. Warren Jay Martin, born November 14, 1924.
4. Arthur Ray Martin, born May 9, 1926.
5. Vera Gale Martin, born July 1, 1927.
6. Virgil Martin, born March —, 1930.

They belong to the Mennonite faith.

No. 13 Sixth Generation 10

6. Elizabeth Lehman was born June 3, 1899; she was married to Andrew Koppes of Medina County, Ohio, on June 24, 1928. He was born August —, 1899. Born to this union are:

1. Elsie Mae Koppes, born July 1, 1929.
2. Lloyd Koppes, born July —, 1931.

Address: Wadsworth, Ohio. Belong to the Mennonite faith.

No. 14 Fourth Generation 3

5. Abraham Blosser was born August 26, 1825, close to North Lima, in Mahoning County, Ohio. On November 18, 1849, he was married to Hannah Detwiler, born October 13, 1826, daughter of Joseph Detwiler, near East Lewistown, Ohio. To this union were born eight children:

1. Henry Blosser, born August 16, 1850; died July 31, 1874; aged 23 years, 9 months, 15 days.

When about eight years old he in some way received injuries from which he never fully recovered. It finally developed into white swelling. He was not able to endure strenuous work, so he spent much of his time in the study of literature and became a good reader. When he was able he worked some in the farm workshop, doing tinker work. Bicycles were unknown at that time, but he made for himself what was called a velocipede. It was a three wheeled vehicle with foot treadles. But it was too heavy and ran too hard to be of much use. He also enjoyed drawing and hand-painting. He took some normal training in preparation for teaching, but he taught only part of a term and then his health would not permit him to continue. I remember when a mere boy he told us about a hardshelled potato bug which was coming our way and would be a pest to the farmers when this insect made its appearance. When he was not

able to be up and around any more he sent me out to the potato patch to bring in a sample of them so he could see them.

2. Joel D. Blosser, born October 20, 1852.
3. Salome Blosser, born July 2, 1856.
4. Mary D. Blosser, born March 27, 1858.
5. Catharine Anna Blosser, born September 21, 1861.
6. Eli Blosser, born March 13, 1863.
7. Sarah Blosser, born May 19, 1865.
8. Ella Blosser, born July 8, 1873.

The children were all born and reared to manhood and womanhood on the farm where Grandfather Peter Blosser located when he came to this state about 1825. The farm is still in the Blosser name, (at the time of this writing, 1934).

No. 15 Fifth Generation 14

2. Joel D. Blosser was born October 20, 1852; died October 22, 1921; aged 69 years and 2 days. He was married to Mary Moyer of East Lewistown, Ohio. She was born July 15, 1860 and died October 15, 1929; aged 69 years and 3 months.

To this union were born nine children and some forty grandchildren:

1. Reuben Blosser, born May 8, 1884 (never married to this date, 1934).
2. Samuel Blosser, born March 30, 1886.
3. Lillie Blosser Justice, born December 23, 1887.
4. Oliver Blosser, born January 8, 1890.
5. Clinton Blosser, born May 29, 1892.
6. Ira Blosser, born July 13, 1894.
7. Harvey Blosser, born October 12, 1896.
8. Stelvin M. Blosser, born November 30, 1898.
9. Emma Blosser Rice, born October 13, 1899.

The children were all born and reared to manhood and womanhood in Mahoning County, Ohio. They all accepted Christ as their Saviour.

No. 16 Sixth Generation 15

2. Samuel Blosser was born March 30, 1886. He was married to Sadie Elizabeth Spiker of New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, on April 10, 1918. Born to this union are:

1. Adelia Blosser, born March 9, 1919.
2. Berdella Blosser, born September 3, 1920.
3. Christine Blosser, born April 10, 1923.
4. Hermine Blosser, born November 30, 1924.
5. Arthur A. Blosser, born June 29, 1926.
6. Herman H. Blosser, born October 4, 1930.
7. Emerson E. Blosser, born July 11, 1932.

Farming, cider-making, and applebutter-making is his occupation. Address: Columbiana, Ohio.

No. 17 Sixth Generation 15

3. Lilly Blosser Justice, born December 23, 1887, was married to Emmet James Justice April 28, 1909.

Born to this union are:

1. Mary Thelma Justice, born June 23, 1910.
2. Theda Jane Justice, born March 26, 1911.
3. Samuel Morrison Justice, born October 19, 1912.
4. Robert Taylor Justice, born April 13, 1914.
5. Randall Edward Justice, born August 10, 1915.
6. Martha Clarabelle Justice, born December 6, 1916.
7. Dorothy May Justice, born May 9, 1919.
8. Esther Margret Justice, born July 4, 1920; died April 18, 1925; cause of death: was run over by a truck.
9. James Monroe Justice, born March 15, 1922.
10. Ruth Kathryn Justice, born February 4, 1924.
11. David Ross Justice, born December 10, 1925.
12. Elisabeth Ann Justice, born (stillborn) October 18, 1930.
13. Nancy LaRue Justice, born September 24, 1932.

Address: Canfield, Ohio.

No. 18 Sixth Generation 15

4. Oliver Blosser was born January 8, 1890, was married to Mary Lichty of Orrville, Ohio, in February, 1919. Born to this union are:

1. Emma Irene Blosser, born January 13, 1920.
2. Ruth Elizabeth Blosser, born July 24, 1921.

Have accepted the Mennonite faith. Address: Orrville, Ohio.

No. 19 Sixth Generation 15

5. Clinton Blosser was born May 29, 1892. He was married to Edith Rosetta Lewis of Greenford, Ohio, June 18, 1913.

Born to this union are:

1. Infant (stillborn), May 19, 1914.
2. Howard Raymond Blosser, born June 12, 1915.
3. Laura Marie Blosser, born March 4, 1918.
4. Paul Clinton Blosser, born September 1, 1919.
5. Evan Arden Blosser, born February 18, 1922.
6. Lois Ethel Blosser, born October 23, 1925.
7. Carl Lee Blosser, born May 26, 1927.
8. Doris Adelaide Blosser, born September 12, 1933.

Have accepted Mennonite faith. Address: Columbiana, Ohio.

No. 20 Sixth Generation 15

6. Ira Blosser was born July 13, 1894. He was married to Mina Mae Shank December 23, 1915. Born to this union are:

1. Anna Ruth Blosser, born September 14, 1916; died March 10, 1917.

2. Sylvia Irene Blosser, born April 27, 1918.
3. Pauline Esther Blosser, born September 10, 1919.
4. Helen LaRue Blosser, born November 29, 1921.

Accepted the Mennonite faith. Address: Leetonia, Ohio.

No. 21 Sixth Generation 15

7. Harvey Blosser was born October 12, 1896. He was married to Celestia Yoder of Kent, Ohio on December 23, 1922. Born to this union are:

1. Rosetta Mae Blosser, born February 27, 1924.
2. Virgil Y. Blosser, born July 21, 1925.
3. Kathryn Ann Blosser, born June 3, 1929.

Accepted the Mennonite faith. Address: North Lima, Ohio.

No. 22 Sixth Generation 15

8. Stelvin M. Blosser was born November 30, 1898. He was married to Margaret Marie Bieber of East Lewistown, Ohio, on May 14, 1925. Born to this union are:

1. Albert Eugene Blosser, born February 2, 1929.
2. Joel Henry Blosser, born June 26, 1931.

Accepted the Mennonite faith. Address: Columbiana, Ohio.
(A farmer).

No. 23. Sixth Generation 15

9. Emma Blosser Rice was born October 13, 1899. She was married to Leo F. Rice December 17, 1919. Born to this union are:

1. Verna May Rice, born October 11, 1920.
2. Anna Mary Rice, born October 23, 1921.
3. Lester Wayne Rice, born November 13, 1922.
4. John Oliver Rice, born April 5, 1924.
5. Homer Allen Rice, born November 25, 1925.
6. Betty Jane Rice, born February 19, 1927.
7. Richard Leo Rice, born May 25, 1928.
8. Emma Jean Rice, born March 23, 1932.

Accepted the Mennonite faith. Address: Columbiana, Ohio.

No. 24 Fifth Generation 14

3. Saloma Blosser Weaver was born July 8, 1856; died January 24, 1930; aged 73 years, 5 months, 22 days. She was married to David L. Weaver of Washingtonville, Ohio, on November 8, 1877. He died April 8, 1912; aged 57 years, 4 months, 5 days. Born to this union are:

1. Agnes Weaver, born October 1, 1878. (Not married to this date, 1934).
2. Ella Weaver Horst, born August 14, 1880.
3. Melissa Weaver Showalter, born July 8, 1884.

4. Edwin Weaver, born March 17, 1887.
5. Sadie Weaver Showalter, born August 24, 1889.
6. Ida Weaver Horst, born September 22, 1899.

Children all belong to the Mennonite faith.

No. 25 Sixth Generation 24

2. Ella Weaver Horst was born August 14, 1880. In November, 1903 she was married to Ira Clement Horst of Wayne County, Ohio, born November 23, 1875. Born to this union are:
 1. Ada Verna Horst, born March 21, 1905.
 2. Saloma Mae Horst, born May 18, 1908.
 3. Clara Almeda Horst, born August 5, 1911.

All belong to the Mennonite faith. Address: Columbiana, Ohio.

No. 26 Seventh Generation 25

1. Ada Verna Horst Yoder was born March 21, 1905. In November, 1926 was married to Caleb Yoder, born February 27, 1899. Born to this union are:
 1. David Yoder, born January 1, 1928.
 2. Wilbur Yoder, born April 21, 1931.

Belong to the Mennonite faith. Address: Columbiana, Ohio.

No. 27 Sixth Generation 24

3. Melissa Weaver Showalter was born July 8, 1884. She was married to Harry R. Showalter August 19, 1920. See 29.

No. 28 Sixth Generation 24

4. Edwin Weaver was born March 17, 1887. He was married to Lena Wenger November 28, 1916. Their children are:
 1. Infant daughter, born January, 1918. Died.
 2. Alma Mae Weaver, born January 30, 1919.
 3. Edith Arlene Weaver, born July 21, 1920.
 4. Paul Wenger Weaver, born February 23, 1922.
 5. David Adam Weaver, born June 29, 1923.
 6. Howard Edwin Weaver, born January 3, 1926.
 7. Sarah Agnes Weaver, born April 1, 1928.
 8. Mary Ellen Weaver, born August 24, 1931.

Belong to the Mennonite faith. Address: Washingtonville, Ohio. His occupation is poultry, fruit, and general farming.

No. 29 Sixth Generation 24

5. Sadie Weaver Showalter was born near Washingtonville, August 24, 1889. She was married to Harry R. Showalter of Virginia on November 23, 1914. To this union was born one daughter, Esther Virginia, December 18, 1915.

Sadie, wife of Harry R. Showalter, died December 26, 1915; aged 26 years, 4 months, and 2 days.

On August 19, 1920, Harry R. Showalter married Melissa Weaver, sister of his first wife. Their children are as follows:

1. Infant daughter, born June 30, 1921. Died July 2, 1921.
2. Elmer W. Showalter, born February 17, 1923.
3. Mary Agnes Showalter, born June 13, 1924.
4. Joseph B. Showalter, born July 27, 1926. Died Dec. 21, 1926.
5. Anna Ruth Showalter, born July 18, 1928.

Members of the Mennonite faith. Address: Columbiana, Ohio.

No. 30 Sixth Generation 24

6. Ida Weaver Horst was born September 22, 1899. She was married to John Horst of Wayne County, Ohio, (born Feb. 19, 1900), on _____.

Their children are:

1. James Edward Horst, born July 31, 1924.
2. Vera Mae Horst, born November 14, 1926.
3. Ruth Irene Horst, born September 28, 1929.
4. John Ervin Horst, born October 6, 1932.

Accepted the Mennonite faith. Occupation: farmer, northeast of Washingtonville, Ohio.

No. 31 Fifth Generation 14

4. Mary D. Blosser Reed was born March 27, 1858; died September 5, 1910. Her age was 52 years, 5 months, 8 days. On February 22, 1883 she was married to Elias W. Reed of Elkhart County, Indiana. He died on July 25, 1904, aged 48 years, 11 months, 28 days. They lived in Elkhart County, Indiana for a few years, then moved back to Mahoning County, Ohio, close to East Lewistown, and in that vicinity they lived until death. Born to this union are:

1. Allen A. Reed, born February 3, 1884.
2. Martha J. Reed Linhoss, born June 4, 1885.
3. Homer B. Reed, born August 16, 1886.
4. Ada C. Reed Wenger, born January 7, 1888.
5. Luella May Reed Jones, born October 25, 1889.
6. Clayton C. Reed, born February 23, 1893; died in February 1894; aged 1 year, and a few days.
7. Hannah E. Reed Yoder, born July 20, 1896.
8. Esther Ione Reed Riffe, born January 19, 1898.
9. Paul H. Reed, born October 21, 1901.

The family was reared in the Mennonite Church, but some time after the death of both parents, the children all scattered out, and most of them united with other denominations.

No. 32 Sixth Generation 31

1. Allen A. Reed was born February 3, 1884. He married Clara Anglemyer of Elkhart County, Indiana, December 21, 1903. They lived in Ohio for a while, then moved to Elkhart County, Indiana and lived there for a few years. From there they moved to Guernsey, Saskatchewan, Canada, where he died of the influenza on November 5, 1918; aged 34 years, 9 months, and 2 days.

Born to this union are:

1. Maurice Welcome Reed, born February 19, 1909.
2. Martha Genevieve Reed, born October 27, 1914.

After the death of Allen A. Reed, the family moved back to Elkhart, Indiana.

Clara Anglemyer Reed died _____.

No. 33 Seventh Generation 32

1. Maurice W. Reed was born February 19, 1909. He was married to Golda Carrell of Claypool, Indiana, on December 25, 1929.

Born to this union is

Lu Claire Marie Reed, born Nov. 31, 1934.

No. 34 Sixth Generation 31

2. Martha J. Linhoss was born June 4, 1885. On December 15, 1909 she was married to George C. Linhoss of Virginia. He was born Nov. 2, 1886. Born to this union Dec. 17, 1911 was one child, George C. Linhoss Jr. who died at birth. At present (1935) they located on a farm near New London, Ohio.

No. 35 Sixth Generation 31

3. Homer B. Reed was born August 16, 1886. He was married to Anna D. Cole, of Huntington, Indiana on January 1, 1912. Born to this union are:

1. Mary Elizabeth Reed, born January 26, 1913.
2. Kathryn Jean Reed, born August 29, 1914.
3. Esther Margaret Reed, born April 9, 1919.
4. Anna Cole Reed, born April 19, 1920.

Anna Cole Reed (mother of these children) died July 25, 1921. On November 6, 1922 Homer B. Reed married his second wife, Elma Carey of Council Bluffs, Iowa. Born to this union are:

1. James Carey Reed, born October 30, 1924.
2. Homer Blosser Carey Reed, born January 30, 1930.

Homer B. Reed is Professor of Psychology at Kansas State College, Fort Hays, Kansas.

No. 36 Sixth Generation 31

4. Ada C. Reed Wenger was born January 7, 1888. She was married to Menno Wenger of Goshen, Indiana on April 7, 1917.

Born to this union are:

1. Clifford Harding Wenger, born September 21, 1920.
2. Paul Devon Wenger, born August 29, 1925.

Occupation: farming. Address: Goshen, Indiana. Located about 6 miles west of Goshen.

No. 37 Sixth Generation 31

5. Luella Mae Reed Jones was born October 25, 1889. She was married to William L. Jones of Madison, Kansas, on March 12, 1925. Occupation: farming near Madison, Kansas.

1. Mary Ann Jones, born August 26, 1929, died at birth.

No. 38 Sixth Generation 31

7. Hannah E. Reed Yoder was born near East Lewistown, Ohio on July 20, 1896. She was married to E. Ervin Yoder _____. To this union were born:

1. Kathryn Elanore Yoder, born June 3, 1921.
2. Audrey Maureen Yoder, born August 21, 1922.
3. Ervin Yoder Jr., born May 3, 1925.
4. Esther Pauline, born September 10, 1926.
5. Paul Allen Yoder, born December 5, 1928.

Occupation: builder and contractor. Address: 6707 Benson St., Huntington Park, California.

In June 1934 the family was on an automobile trip East to visit brothers, sisters and relatives. While enroute through Illinois they met with a serious accident. On a slippery street the car overturned and injured every one of the occupants of the car. They were taken to the hospital in Joliet, Illinois. The mother, Hannah E. Reed Yoder, died soon after arriving at the hospital. Her age was 37 years, 11 months, and 10 days.

No. 39 Sixth Generation 31

8. Esther Ione Reed Riffe was born January 19, 1898 near East Lewistown, Ohio. On May 22, 1920 she was married to Jesse Brown Riffe, born Oct. 24, 1896. Occupation: grain elevator business. Address: Texhoma, Oklahoma.

No. 40 Sixth Generation 31

9. Paul H. Reed was born October 21, 1901. On October 25, 1930 he married Grace Madeline Good, daughter of R. H. Good of River Forest, Illinois. Born to this union are:

1. Robert Allen Reed, born August 21, 1932.

They are members of the Christian Church. Doctor Reed is at present practicing medicine and surgery. He is specializing in eye, ear, nose and throat. They are located at Texhoma, Oklahoma.

No. 41 Fifth Generation 14

6. Eli Blosser was born March 13, 1863. He was married to Sarah Yoder (born January 30, 1863), on March 22, 1888.

Born to this union are:

1. Willard Abraham Blosser, born October 20, 1889.
2. Mary Elizabeth Blosser Weaver, born May 15, 1892.
3. Noble Ellsworth Blosser, born September 27, 1900.

Children all accepted the Mennonite faith.

Eli Blosser was ordained as deacon in the Mennonite Church.
Address: North Lima, Ohio.

Eli Blosser died January 18, 1936.

No. 42 Sixth Generation 41

1. Willard Abraham Blosser was born October 20, 1889. On February 12, 1921 he was married to Caroline Seabold of Middleton, New York. Born to this union are:

1. Edward Ray Blosser, born August 8, 1922.
2. Alice Mae Blosser, born May 17, 1925.

At home in Chicago, Illinois.

No. 43 Sixth Generation 41

2. Mary Elizabeth Blosser Weaver was born May 15, 1892. She was married to Clarence Weaver on March 4, 1915.

Born to this union are:

1. Arthur L. Weaver, born September 12, 1917.
2. Miriam L. Weaver, born March 13, 1919.
3. Paul E. Weaver, born October 19, 1920.
4. Helen B. Weaver, born February 22, 1925.
5. Lester H. Weaver, born March 20, 1928; died August 10, 1936.

Have accepted the Mennonite faith. Occupation: farmer.

Address: North Lima.

No. 44 Sixth Generation 41

3. Noble Ellsworth Blosser was born September 27, 1900. On June 14, 1924 he was married to Bertha Horst of White Cloud, Michigan. Born to this union are:

1. Ellsworth Richard Blosser, born July 25, 1927.

Occupation: poultry and general farming. Address: North Lima, Ohio.

No. 45 Fifth Generation 14

7. Sarah Blosser Kurtz was born May 19, 1865. She was married to Amos R. Kurtz of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, on February 7, 1895. Born to this union are:

1. Maggie Kurtz Rohrer, born February 29, 1896.
2. Elmer Abraham Kurtz, born December 18, 1897.
3. Earl R. Kurtz, born April 23, 1899.

Sarah Blosser Kurtz died May 17, 1937.

No. 46 Sixth Generation 45

1. Maggie Kurtz Rohrer was born February 29, 1896. She was married to Harvey E. Rohrer on January 23, 1919.

To this union were born:

1. Elsie Rohrer, born July 2, 1920.
2. Esther Rohrer, born February 7, 1922.
3. Leonard Rohrer, born June 19, 1924.

Occupation: farmer. Address: North Lima, Ohio.

No. 47 Sixth Generation 45

2. Elmer Abraham Kurtz was born December 18, 1897. He was married to Henrietta Luplow, (born August 6, 1905), on December 29, 1925. Born to this union are:

1. David Allen Kurtz, born December 1, 1926.
2. Martha Mae Kurtz, born October 16, 1931.

Accepted the Mennonite faith. Occupation: poultry and general farming. Address: Columbiana, Ohio.

No. 48 Sixth Generation 45

3. Earl R. Kurtz was born April 23, 1899. He was married to Mollie E. Lehman of Washingtonville, Ohio, on October 22, 1924. He belongs to the Mennonite Church and Mollie belongs to the Brethren Church. Born to this union are:

1. Raymond Lehman Kurtz, born October 15, 1925.
2. Wilbur ————— Kurtz, born April 5, 1927.
3. Anna Marie Kurtz, born June 3, 1930.
4. Edgar Earl Kurtz, born September 27, 1933.

Occupation: poultry and general farming. Address: Washingtonville, Ohio.

No. 49 Fifth Generation 14

8. Ella Blosser Leinbach was born July 8, 1873. On October 6, 1900 she was married to Henry Leinbach of Elkhart County, Indiana, (born August 2, 1876). Born to this union are:

1. Elta May Leinbach, born May 27, 1903.
2. Nola Cathrine Leinbach, born December 23, 1907.

They all accepted the Mennonite faith. Address: North Lima, Ohio. Ella Blosser Leinbach died July 9, 1937.

No. 50 Sixth Generation 49

1. Elta May Leinbach Mellinger was born May 27, 1903. She was married to Port B. Mellinger on March 1, 1928.

Born to this union are:

1. Anna Mae Mellinger, born September 3, 1929.
2. Jean Esther Mellinger, born January 14, 1931.
3. Eunice Ellen Mellinger, born August 11, 1932.

No. 51 Sixth Generation 49

2. Nola Cathrine Leinbach was born December 23, 1907. She was married to Emanuel J. Swope on June 24, 1933. Address: North Lima, Ohio.

