

# AARON FRENCH AND HIS DESCENDANTS

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## PREFACE

**T**HIS small volume contains a portion of the genealogical data which the writer has collected, at odd times, during several years past. The greater portion of that which refers to the French families of New England, and a few others, has been gleaned from books; it is published herein because the compiler believes that some will be interested in such sketches of early settlers from whom have descended so many persons of the name French who now reside in the United States. The genealogy of descendants of Aaron French, with few exceptions, has been compiled from unpublished records, public and private, from epitaphs and traditions. During the Revolutionary war, Aaron lived in a part of New Jersey which suffered much at the hands of the British. Many church, town and other records were then lost which, if preserved, would have been useful in the preparation of this work.

That Mary Clark was the name of the first wife of Aaron French, is traditional, but it is so generally believed that the compiler accepts it as true; she probably died December sixteenth, 1795. Other Clarks who have intermarried with Frenches, belong to several distinct families.

The compiler takes this opportunity to express his appreciation of the services rendered by Rev. Alfred Connet, editor of GENEALOGY OF THE CONNET FAMILY, Mrs. Mary Ann (French) Clark and Mrs. Sarah (French) Ripley, who furnished copies of Bible records of the three sons of Aaron French, and other data; and all others who have aided in this compilation.

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## FRENCHES OF FRANCE AND ENGLAND

**T**HE French family originated in France during the tenth century. The name is not taken from the French people but, as originally written (Frene, or De la Frene), signifies "ash tree." Sir Maximilian de French was a direct descendent of Harlovan, son of Rollo, Duke of Normandy, and his wife, Gisella, daughter of Charles the Simple, King of France; he had a son, Sir Theophilus French (Freyne), who accompanied William, the Conqueror, to England, and was present at battle of Hastings, October 14, 1066. Shortly after the Norman conquest, others of this family appeared in England where, among the public records of the succeeding five hundred years, we find the name with many variations in spelling, including the following, to-wit: ffraunceys, Fraunceys, le Freuse, Freuse, Fraynshe, le ffrensshe, le Freynch, le Frensch, le French, Ffrenssh, Freynche, Frenshe, Frensch, ffrench and French.

### FRENCH FAMILY IN AMERICA

THOMAS FRENCH, from Eng., was in Boston, 1631-2; his name on list of passengers indicates he came on the "Lion," with John Winthrop, s. of the Gov.; removed to Ipswich, Mass., 1634; d. before 1639; had s. THOMAS, JR., who d. 1660, and dau., MARY.

WILLIAM FRENCH (ffrenche, or Frenche) was b. Mar. 13-15, 1603, Halsted, Eng.; d. Nov. 20, 1681, in Mass.; in 1635, with his w., Elizabeth, and four ch., came to Boston, ship "Defence," from London, and settled at Cambridge; was Lt. of militia and first representative of Billerica, to which town he removed about 1653. Of first m., Lt. William had 10 ch., including sons FRANCIS, JOHN, JACOB and SAMUEL, who m. Francis lived at Milford and Derby, Conn. Lt. William m. (2nd) Mary Lathrop, wid. of John Stearns, and had four dau. Daniel Chester French, sculptor, and Alice French, writer, are descendants of Lt. William French.

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✓ EDWARD FRENCH was b., 1590, in Eng.; d., 1674, at Salisbury, Mass.; m. Ann — and had ch., JOSEPH, JOHN, SAMUEL and HANNAH; came to Mass., 1636-7, and settled at Ipswich; removed, 1640, to Salisbury, where he was one of the earliest proprietors; was selectman, 1646-48; in 1652 had greatest estate but two of any in that town. All the ch. named, m.

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THOMAS FRENCH, who was at Charlestown, Mass., 1638, removed to Guilford, Conn., 1643-50. Thomas of Guilford had many ch., but only EBENEZER and JOHN lived to middle age.

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JOHN FRENCH was b. about 1612; d. Aug. 6, 1693; came to Mass., 1639; resided a short time at Dorchester;

removed to Braintree about 1640; m. Grace — and had 8 ch., including JOHN, WILLIAM and SAMUEL who m.; m. (2nd) Eleanor —, wid. of William Veazie; no. ch., 2nd m. John of Braintree was probably born in Scotland; the coat of arms in possession of the family at an early date is, with a change in the tinctures, that of Frenches of Thorndikes and Frenchland, County Berwick.

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PHILIP FRENCH (or Franck), b. in France, was a sea captain; settled at N. Y. City, where he became a prosperous merchant; was Speaker of General Assembly; had s., PHILIP, who, about 1740, bought a large tract of Indian land, at New Brunswick, N. J., where he resided many years; Philip of New Brunswick had daughters, one of whom, SUSANNAH, m. William Livingston, Gov. of N. J., 1776-90.

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JOHN FRENCH (ffrench) lived at Woodbridge, N. J., as early as 1670; owned lands there and on Staten Island; d. 1713, at Woodbridge. His will names his w., Susannah, dau., ANN (w. of James Leith), and sons, JOHN and RICHARD. John (*John*) lived in Middlesex Co. as late as 1721; Richard (*John*) settled near Springfield, Essex (now Union) Co.; Elston Marsh French, Plainfield, N. J., and others of that vicinity, are desc. of Richard.

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THOMAS FRENCH (ffrench), who with William Penn and others, 1676, in London, signed the "Concessions

and Agreements" under which was established the Quaker colony in West N. J., was b., 1639, in Northamptonshire, Eng.; d., 1699, in N. J.; m. (1st), 1660, Jane Atkins; in 1680, with his w., Jane, and 9 ch., he came in ship "Kent" and settled near Burlington, N. J. THOMAS, JR., (b. 1667, d. 1745), 2nd s. of Thomas, m. Mary Allen. JOSEPH, eldest s. of Thomas, Jr., m., 1722, at Shrewsbury, Monmouth Co., and settled there. Mary, dau. of Joseph, m. James Farrell, of Freehold; names of other ch. of Joseph are unknown to the compiler, but he believes that Joseph who m., Jan. 3, 1749, Hannah Horn, of Raritan Landing (at which place one Joseph French owned a mill at a later date), and Francis of New Gretna, were sons of Joseph (*Thomas, Jr., Thomas*), of Shrewsbury.

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FRANCIS FRENCH, who lived at New Gretna, N. J., was probably b., before 1740, in Monmouth Co. About 1777 he, his w. and ch., were passing out of Manasquan Inlet, in a sloop, when the vessel capsized, drowning all but Francis and one s., THOMAS, whom the father rescued. Thomas m. Hannah Johnson, of Atlantic Co., and had ch. WILLIAM, FRANCIS, JOSEPH, DAVID, JOHN, THOMAS, RACHEL, ANN, MARY, SARAH, ABIGAIL and ELIZA. Francis French (*Thomas, Francis*), m. and had 12 ch., including sons Thomas (d.), Lewis, Levi (d.), and Francis; Levi was clerk of Burlington Co., 1883-88, and was twice elected to the General Assembly.



AARON FRENCH,<sup>1</sup> b. Sep. 8, 1739, lived at or near New Providence, N. J., as early as 1764, and in Essex Co. until shortly before 1790, when he removed to Pa.; he d. Aug. 31, 1805. It is said that he had two or more brothers, one of whom removed to N. Y., and another "went south." The compiler believes that the latter was Francis of New Gretna, in the *south* of N. J.; and that Joseph of Raritan Landing, Francis of New Gretna, and Aaron<sup>1</sup> of New Providence, were sons of Joseph (*Thomas, Jr., Thomas*), of Shrewsbury; however, Aaron<sup>1</sup> may have been s. or gr. s. of John (*John*) of Middlesex Co., whose desc., unlike those of Richard, the other s. of John of Woodbridge, have not been traced. The genealogy of descendants of Aaron French<sup>1</sup> follows, in this volume.

1 AARON FRENCH, b. Sep. 8, 1739, probably in Monmouth Co., N. J.; d. Aug. 31, 1805, near Amity, Pa.; m. (1st) Mary Clark; m. (2nd) Elizabeth — (d. Feb. 18, 1819, Troy, O., age 74 yrs.), widow of James Fordyce. Aaron French<sup>1</sup> lived at New Providence, N. J., as early as 1764; moved to Washington Co., Pa., about 1787-8, where he acquired a large tract of land lying four miles southwest of Amity and partly within the present county of Greene.

*Children of first marriage (none of second):*

2 AARON FRENCH, Jr., b. Apr. 19, 1767; d. Jan. 31, 1850; m. (2).

3 DEBORAH FRENCH, b. Nov. 24, 1769; d. Dec. 30, 1846; m.

4 ELIZABETH FRENCH, b. about 1771; d. when aged; m.

5 MARY FRENCH, b. 1772; d. Jan. 12, 1859, age 86 yrs., 6 mos.; m.

6 EZEKIEL FRENCH, b. June 17, 1775; d. Jan. 1, 1861; m. (3).

7 LYDIA FRENCH, b. about 1777; d. about 1856-7; m.

8 ASA FRENCH, b. July 8, 1780; d. Aug. 9, 1845; m. (2).

9 SUSANNAH FRENCH, b. 1785; d. Nov. 9, 1863, age 78 yrs.

2 AARON FRENCH, Jr. (*Aaron*<sup>1</sup>), b. Apr. 19, 1767, Essex Co., N. J.; d. Jan. 31, 1850, Johnstown, O.; m. (1st), Mar. 8, 1792, Washington Co., Pa., Ruth Coe (b. Aug. 19, 1770, Morristown, N. J.; d. Mar. 19, 1835, Johnstown, O.), dau. of Elder Joseph Coe (*Joseph, Joseph, Benjamin, Robert*), and Abigail Moon, his w. Aaron French<sup>2</sup> m. (2nd) Oct. 8, 1835, Catharine Combs (d. Aug. 9, 1856), wid. of — Starkey.

Robert Coe, ancestor of Ruth (Coe) French, came to Mass., 1634, from Suffolkshire, England, where he was b., 1596.

*Children of first marriage (none of second):*

10 JOSEPH FRENCH, b. May 8, 1793; d. July 10, 1804.

11 JOHN FRENCH, b. Jan. 11, 1795, Amity, Pa.; d. Mar. 3, 1874, Onslow, Ia.; m. Oct. 1, 1818, Sarah Clark (b. Feb. 22, 1801; d. Jan. 7, 1891), dau. of Bethuel Clark, Amity, Pa. Ch.: AARON (b. July 4, 1819, Amity, Pa.; d. Apr. 28, 1909, Peterson, Ia.; m. Lydia Duke). BETHUEL (twin of Aaron; b. July 4, 1819; d. Mar. 24, 1904; m. Sarah Sinkey). MALINDA, d. JOSEPH (b. Mar. 19, 1823; d. July 3, 1900, Wyoming, Ia.; m. (1st) Catharine Sinkey, Johnstown, O.; m. (2nd) Gracie Beaver). ELIJAH, d. NANCY, d. JESSE CLARK (b. Nov. 17, 1832; d. Mar. 8, 1905, Manchester, Ia.; m. Laura Eveline Mudge). ELIZA ANN (b. June 1, 1836; m. Wilson Jenkins). JOANNA (b. May 22, 1838; m. Eliakim Wilson). ISAAC NEWTON (b. Aug. 6, 1840; m. Jane Orr).

12 IRA FRENCH, b. July 30, 1797-8, Amity, Pa.; d. Dec. 24, 1878, Sumner, Ill.; m. May 4, 1820, Green Co., Pa., Joanna Lyon (b. Dec. 13, 1800, Washington Co., Pa.; d. July 25, 1852, Lawrence Co., Ill.), dau. of Benjamin Lyon (*Peter, Ebenezer, Ebenezer, Henry*), of Cap't, Christopher Marsh's troop, light horse, Essex Co., N. J., militia, Revolutionary war, and Joanna Willcox (*Peter, Jr., Peter*), his w. Ch. of Ira<sup>12</sup> and Joanna (Lyon) French: JOHN NEWTON, d. m. MARY, d. m. JOANNA, d. m. RUTH, d. m. (2); no ch. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, d. AARON, d. SILAS, d. m.; no ch. SARAH, d. EUNICE, living. CATHARINE, d

JOHN NEWTON FRENCH, s. of Ira<sup>12</sup> (*Aaron, Jr.<sup>2</sup>, Aaron<sup>1</sup>*), and Joanna (Lyon) French, b. Apr. 24, 1821, Amity, Pa.; d. Dec. 11, 1891, Sumner, Ill.; m. Mar. 16, 1847, Wabash Co., Ill., Sarah Ann Mackrill (b. Dec. 25, 1826, near Orange, O.; now living, Lawrence Co., Ill.), dau. of Samuel Mackrill (*John, Benjamin, Sr.*), and Catharine Andrews (*Robert*), his w. Ch.: Evaline, m. (2). Mary Ellen, m. George Franklin, m. (2). Preston Orrel, m. (2). Samuel Elmer, d. m. Ira Melvin, d. Ida Narcissa, m. Charles Newton, m. Ruth Emily, m.

Charles Newton French (*John Newton, Ira<sup>12</sup>, Aaron, Jr.<sup>2</sup>, Aaron<sup>1</sup>*), b. Aug. 8, 1865, Sumner, Ill.; m. Dec. 19, 1885, Eva May Bunn, dau. John Hazard Bunn (*Seeley, Benjamin*), and Mary Sumner (*Samuel, Benjamin, Samuel of N. C.*), his w. Ch.: Ira Lyon French, b. Oct. 13, 1886, Sumner, Ill.

13 ABIGAIL FRENCH, b. Dec. 23, 1799; d. Aug. 27, 1855, Senecaville, O.; m. Sep. 7, 1826, Isaac Connet (b. Mar. 12, 1805, Prosperity, Pa.; d. Feb. 21, 1865, Champaign, Ill.). Ch.: AMANDA, d. JOHN NELSON, d. m. MADISON, m. (Rev.) ALFRED, m. SILAS, d. m. MINERVA, m. MILTON, d. RACHEL, d. Isaac Connet m. (2nd) after d. of Abigail.<sup>13</sup>

14 RACHEL FRENCH, b. Apr. 19, 1805; d. Feb. 13, 1807.

15 DEBORAH FRENCH, b. Dec. 3, 1807, Amity, Pa.; d. Jan. 1, 1885, Geneseo, Ill.; m. Oct. 25, 1827, William Clark (b. Jan. 3, 1806, Elizabeth, N. J.; d. Feb. 15, 1866, Geneseo, Ill.), s. of Jacob Clark. Ch.: JACOB, d. JOSEPH, m. ELEANOR, m. WILLIAM, m. RUTH, m. JOANNA, d. DEBORAH, d. m. JOHN, m. LYDIA, d. m.

16 RUTH FRENCH, b. Nov. 26, 1810; d. Jan. 6, 1894, Center Village, O.; m. July 4, 1833, John Whitten (b. Mar. 10, 1811; d. Feb. 5, 1876). Ch.: JOSEPH HUGH, m. NANCY JANE, m. AARON, m. WILLIAM, m. CHARLES MARION, m. ISAAC NEWTON and ELIZA RUTH (twins), both d. NOAH, m. Esther Clark.

3 DEBORAH FRENCH (*Aaron*<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 24, 1769, Essex Co., N. J.; d. Dec. 30, 1846, near Amity, Pa.; m. Apr. 12, 1786, Isaac Clark (b. July 28, 1766; d. Nov. 30, 1842).

*Children:*

17 PHEBE CLARK, b. June 30, 1787; d. West Union, Pa.; m., Feb. 12, 1808, Reason Iams.

18 JOHN CLARK, b. May 19, 1789; d. in O.; m.

19 AARON CLARK, b. May 22, 1790; apprenticed to a tanner, ran away and never returned.

20 SILAS CLARK, b. Feb. 27, 1793; d. Feb. 16, 1853, Amity, Pa.; m. Oct. 29, 1818, Phebe McFarland (*James*); she d. Dec. 30, 1846, in 78th yr.

21 ISAAC CLARK, b. Feb. 29, 1796; d.; m. Jan. 29, 1818; m. (1st) Martha Crockart; m. (2nd); no ch. 2nd m.

22 ABNER CLARK, b. Feb. 12, 1798; d.; m. Jan. 11, 1826, Patty Evans (*Joseph*).

23 EZEKIEL CLARK, b. Feb. 24, 1800; d. at Dayton, O.; m., Sep. 12, 1825, Joanna McFarland (*James*).

24 MARY CLARK, b. Jan. 2, 1802; d. West Union, Pa.; m. Oct. 27, 1825, John Fulton (*John*).

25 LEBBEUS CLARK, b. Nov. 19, 1803; d. Salem, Ia.; m. Dec. 2, 1828, Mary Evans (*Joseph*); ten ch., one of whom, LEBBEUS, lives at Malvern, Ia.

26 CHARLOTTE CLARK, b. July 19, 1805; d. in Vermilion Co., Ill.; m. Harvy Carter.

27 DEBORAH CLARK, b. Apr. 19, 1807; d.; m. Adna Lacock (*John*). ISAAC CLARK LACOCK, s. of Deborah Clark,<sup>27</sup> lives at Tenmile, Pa.

28 LEVI CLARK, b. Jan. 22, 1809; d. Salem, Ia.; m. Oct. 27, 1831, Margaret Fulton (*John*).

29 LAURANIA CLARK, b. Mar. 10, 1811; d. near Johnstown, O.; m. May 20, 1830, Bethuel Evans (*David*).

30 LYDIA CLARK, b. Oct. 17, 1813; d. Salem, Ia.; m. Apr. 12, 1831, John Mulford Reeves.

4 ELIZABETH FRENCH (*Aaron*<sup>1</sup>), b. about 1771, Essex Co., N. J.; d. when aged, near Big Tree, Pa.; m. about 1787, Jacob Bartholomew (*John*).

*Children:*

31 JOHN BARTHOLOMEW, b. Dec. 18, 1788; d. Nov. 8, 1875, Elk Co., Kan.; m. in Greene Co., Pa., Catharine ———; had s. JOHN (who m. near Wooster, O., Esther Ann Oram), and other ch.

32 AARON BARTHOLOMEW, b. 1789; d. Sep., 1845; m. three times and had large family; lived in Greene Co., Pa., and Miami Co., O.

33 ELIZABETH BARTHOLOMEW, d.; m. Aaron Blakesley; no ch.

34 CHARLOTTE BARTHOLOMEW, d.; m. ——— Brewer; no ch.

5 MARY FRENCH (*Aaron*<sup>1</sup>), b. 1772, Essex Co., N. J.; d. Jan. 12, 1859, Johnstown, O., age 86 yrs. 6 mos.; m. near Amity, Pa., John Clark (d. Jan. 28, 1840, age 69 yrs.), a Baptist preacher, brother of Isaac Clark, h. of Deborah French;<sup>3</sup> he moved to Licking Co., O., about 1810.

*Children:*

35 MARY CLARK, d. m. (2).

36 DEBORAH CLARK, d. m.

37 LYDIA CLARK, d.

38 EUNICE CLARK, d.; m. Elder John Evans (*Washington*).

39 LUTHER CLARK, d. age 6 or 7 yrs.

40 MATTHEW CLARK, d. Mar. 10, 1875, age 76 yrs.; m.

Mary Evans (*Washington*) and had ch., of whom are now living LUCY (Hanover), EUNICE (Gorsuch) and GEORGE WASHINGTON CLARK of Ohio, and AMELIA (Ulrey) of Cal.

41 JESSE CLARK, d. 1828, age 28 yrs.; m.

42 JOHN CLARK, d.; m. Jane Creighton.

43 AARON CLARK, d. 1865, age 63 yrs.; m. Amelia Evans (*Washington*).

44 MOSES CLARK (twin of Aaron<sup>43</sup>), d. 1854, age 52 yrs., unmarried.

45 REUBEN CLARK, d. Mar. 30, 1838, age 34 yrs.

46 ASA CLARK, d. 1842, age 31 yrs.; m. and had dau. MARY who m. Cary Milburn, Lawrence Co., Ill., where she d. leaving ch.

6 EZEKIEL FRENCH (*Aaron*<sup>1</sup>), b. June 17, 1775, Essex Co., N. J.; d. Jan. 1, 1861, Miami Co., O.; m. (1st) Mar. 4, 1795, Phebe Bates (b. Jan. 18, 1775; d. Sep. 4, 1843), dau. of Ephraim Bates; m. (2nd) Jan. 16, 1845, Martha Jones (b. Mar. 21, 1773; d.); m. (3rd) Elizabeth ——— (b. May, 1777, in N. J.; d. Feb., 1860, Miami Co., O.), widow of Enoch Sutton. Ezekiel French<sup>6</sup> moved from Pa. to (W.) Va., 1798, and to Miami Co., O., 1811.

*Children of first marriage (none of second or third):*

47 ISAAC FRENCH, b. Feb. 28, 1796, Amity, Pa.; d. Aug. 1850, Miami Co., O.; m. 1817, Wheeling (W.) Va., Elizabeth Ryan (b. 1800, in Pa.; d. 1852, Piqua, O.). Ten ch.



were b. to them, most of whom d. young; their dau. MARY ANN FRENCH (b. July 20, 1821, now living, Sidney, O., in 90th yr.), m. Jan. 28, 1840, Alexander Clark (b. Feb. 20, 1818, near Cincinnati, O.), s. of James Clark, and had ch.: James Ezekiel (d. m.), Thomas Creighton (d.), Isaac Alexander (m.), and Laura Bell (m. Daniel Zelith Clark).

48 EPHRAIM FRENCH, b. Aug. 30, 1798; d. same year.

49 ELIZABETH FRENCH, b. Feb. 23, 1800; d. young.

50 MARY FRENCH, b. Feb. 23, 1801; d. 1838, unmarried.

51 ASA FRENCH, b. Mar. 29, 1803; d. Feb. 26, 1844, Mt. Pulaski, Ill.; m. Mar. 10, 1825, Piqua, O., Hannah Clark (b. Nov. 25, 1805, in Ky.; d. Oct. 23, 1866), dau. of John Clark and Nancy Isgrig, his w. Ch.: NANCY, d. m. PHEBE JANE, d. m. DANIEL ISGRIG, d. m. (3). JOHN CLARK, d. m. DAVID BROOKS, d. SARAH WINANS, d. EZEKIEL (who m. Caroline Alexander (d.) and lives near Lincoln, Ill.).

52 DANIEL FRENCH, b. Feb. 2, 1806; d. May 21, 1861; m. Mary Patten Heald. Ch.: ZIMRI HEALD (b. Mar. 19, 1844; d. Nov. 30, 1889; m. Jan. 19, 1881, Troy, O., Belle Bailey; dau. Mary Belle French). EVA FREDERICA, (b. Oct. 20, 1851; m. Owen Edgar LeFevre, late judge District court, Denver Co., Colo.; dau. Eva Frederica LeFevre).

53 EZEKIEL FRENCH, b. Jan. 11, 1809; d. June 24, 1833, unmarried; was Methodist Episcopal preacher.

54 PHEBE FRENCH, b. Feb. 1, 1811; d.; m. Jonathan Wheatland; no ch.

55 SUSANNAH FRENCH, b. Feb. 18, 1812; d. young.

56 JOHN SHIDELER FRENCH, b. Jan. 20, 1813, Miami Co.,

O.; d. 1890; m. (1st) Dec. 20, 1832, Mary Hitchell (d. Mar. 17, 1835); dau. William Hitchell. Ch.: GEORGE, d. DAVID MORY (m. Elizabeth Susan Giles; lives near Virginia, Ill.). John Shideler French<sup>58</sup> m. (2nd) Mar. 10, 1837, Sarah Brooks, dau. of Clarkson Brooks. Ch.: GEORGE WASHINGTON, (d. Jan. 5, 1834, age 2 mos. 7 ds.). John Shideler French<sup>56</sup> m. (3rd) Mar. 9, 1843, Rhoda Ann Jackson (b. July 12, 1822; d. Oct. 24, 1865), dau. of Robert Jackson. Ch.: WESLEY, d. ORPHEUS EVERETTS (b. Mar. 4, 1845; lives at Weston, O.; m.). ALBERT, d. ELLIS, d. John Shideler French<sup>56</sup> m. (4th) Nov. 11, 1867, Mary Speagh; no ch.

57 DAVID CARTER FRENCH, b. Apr. 18, 1816; d. Sep., 1848; m. 1838, Jane Schreck. Ch.: EZEKIEL, d. DAVID HENRY, d. PHILIP, d. PHEBE JANE, d. m. ASA (b. Nov. 22, 1847; m. 1870 Mary Bell Odell).

7 LYDIA FRENCH (*Aaron*<sup>1</sup>), b. about 1777, Essex Co., N. J.; d. about 1856-7, Miami Co., O.; m. June 28, 1802, Amity, Pa., James Fordyce, Jr. (b. Sep. 17, 1882; d. Aug., 1852); moved from Pa. to Miami Co., O., 1811.

*Children:*

58 ELIZABETH FORDYCE, b. Apr. 8, 1803; d. Apr., 1806.

59 URI FORDYCE, b. Feb. 18, 1805; d. Mar. 4, 1876; m. Mar. 17, 1829, Margaret Ann Long; 10 ch., including RUTHAMA ANN (b. Nov. 21, 1831; d. May 13, 1809, N. Y. City; m. Thomas Bowdle); MARGARET ELLEN (b. May 15, 1838;

lives at West Milton, O.; m. William Wallace Wilson); and JOHN JOSEPHUS (b. Mar. 30, 1844; m.).

60 JOHN FORDYCE, b. Nov. 29, 1806; d. Aug. 23, 1829.

61 ZADOK FORDYCE, b. Jan. 29, 1809; d. Aug., 1837.

62 JAMES FORDYCE, b. Jan. 11, 1811; d.; m. Margaret Bull.

63 EZEKIEL FORDYCE, b. Jan. 19, 1813; d. Nov. 11, 1887; m. (1st) Mar. 6, 1835, Eliza Denman and had ch.; m. (2nd) Nov. 5, 1850, Barbary Stull (b. July 4, 1824); six ch. of 2nd m., of whom JAMES LEONARD, MATTIE (Kime), ANNA (Casey), and SARAH ARMINDA (Wagoner) live in Ind.

64 WILLIAM FORDYCE, b. Nov. 4, 1815; d.; m. Emily Roberts.

65 MARY FORDYCE, b. Apr. 5, 1818; d.; m. Philip Lawhead; no ch.

66 ASA FORDYCE, b. Feb. 8, 1821; d.; m. Charlotte Deweese.

67 JOSEPHUS FORDYCE, b. May 3, 1823; d. May 6, 1897; m. Elizabeth Sloan.

8 ASA FRENCH (*Aaron*<sup>1</sup>), b. July 8, 1780, Essex Co., N. J.; d. Aug. 9, 1845, Miami Co., O.; m. (1st), 1801, Sarah Jackson (b. Apr. 24, 1780; d. Mar. 26, 1820); m. (2nd), Miami Co., O., Hannah Davis (b. Feb. 19, 1800, near Lexington, Ky.; d. Mar. 5, 1883, near Troy, O.). Asa French<sup>s</sup> moved from Greene Co., Pa., to Miami Co., O., 1811.

*Children of first marriage:*

68 EZEKIEL FRENCH, b. Aug. 20, 1802, near Amity, Pa.; d. Feb. 2, 1889, S. Bend, Ind.; m. Elizabeth Hilliard. Ch.: CHARLES HILLIARD, d. (m. Mary Eliza Stillman). SARAH d. (m. Francis Clark, s. of Dr. Francis, Ft. Madison, Ind.). FRANCES ROSETTA. ELLA MAY (Loring), d. m.

69 SIMEON FRENCH, b. Jan. 7, 1804, near Amity, Pa.; d. July 5, 1889, Springfield, O.; m. (1st) Mar. 25, 1830, Martha McKaig Telford (*Andrew*). Ch.: ANDREW TELFORD, d. SARAH JANE, d. m. (Cap't) MILTON, d. SAMUEL, d. m. THOMAS BRAINARD, d. JULIA ANN, d. QUINCY ADAMS, d. m.; no ch. ASA, m. MARTHA MCKAIG, d. m. Simeon French<sup>69</sup> m. (2nd) Oct. 14, 1847, Piqua, O., Permillia Culver. Ch.: SALOMA, m. MARIETTA, m. HOWARD, m. LEANDER LINCOLN, m.

70 AARON FRENCH, b. Sep. 29, 1805, near Amity, Pa.; d. Feb. 12, 1880, Leesburg, Ind.; m. (1st) 1826, Susannah Dye. Ch.: JOHN (d. Elco, Nev.); m. MARGARET, d. m. CAROLINE, d. (m. Ezekiel Sayers). BENNET, m. EZEKIEL (d. in Cal.). DAVID (b. Aug. 17, 1839; lives at Pierceton, Ind.; m. Sarah Elizabeth O'Brien; ch.: William Aaron, d. in infancy). RACHEL, d. m. MARTHA, d. m. Aaron French<sup>70</sup> m. (2nd) Mariah McCullen (d. Aug. 6, 1879, age 75 yrs. 7 mos. 16 ds.). Ch.: ASA, d. (age about 4 yrs.).

71 MARGARET FRENCH, b. June 16, 1807; d. Nov. 4, 1892; m. Oct. 17, 1830, Thomas Jefferson Sayers. Ch.: EZEKIEL FRENCH, m. JOHN HAMILTON, d. m. SAMUEL HAR-

RISON, m. SARAH FRENCH, m. ENOS FRENCH, m. JUDSON, m. MILTON CARY, d. m. FRANCIS, d. (age 6 yrs.).

72 JACOB FRENCH, b. Dec. 12, 1808, near Amity, Pa.; d. Dec. 14, 1880, Arkansas City, Kan.; m. (1st) Sarah Elizabeth LeFevre. Ch.: NAOMI, d. m. JELIA ANN, d. m. MINOR, m. ASA, m. CHARLES LEMUEL, m. Jacob French<sup>72</sup> m. (2nd) Dica McMann, wid. of Levi Baker. Ch.: ELIZABETH, m. JACOB. MALISSA EMALINE (Durham), m. WILLIAM SAMUEL. AMA and IDA (twins), d. CORA, m. SOPHRONIA, m. Jacob French<sup>72</sup> was a Baptist preacher, but late in life became an Adventist. In 1849 he traveled overland from Kosciusco Co., Ind., to Cal., in search of gold.

73 ENOS FRENCH, b. June 20, 1810, near Amity, Pa.; d. 1854, Urbana, O.; m. (1st) Piqua, O., Julia Moore; no ch. m. (2nd), Lebanon, O., Harriet VanHorne. Ch.: WILLIAM, d. ENOS VANHORNE, d.; (m. Matilda Truitt). Enos French<sup>73</sup> was a Baptist preacher; no descendants now living.

74 SUSANNAH FRENCH, b. June 19, 1812; d. age 6 yrs.

75 LEWIS FRENCH, b. Jan. 24, 1814, Miami Co., O.; d. Sep. 4, 1885; m. (1st) Aug. 12, 1841, Maria Sargent. Ch.: GEORGE BROWN, d. LEWIS ALBERT, d. DAVID SARGENT (b. Apr. 4, 1844; m. Cornelia Mitchell). Lewis French<sup>75</sup> m. (2nd) Apr. 14, 1848, Rachel Gatch, widow. Ch.: WILLIAM, d. JOHN. Lewis French<sup>75</sup> m. (3rd) July 12, 1855, Jane Clairie. Ch.: MORRIS STROUD (m.; dau. Susan Wit-

mer, m.). Lewis French<sup>75</sup> was a lawyer at Cincinnati, O.

76 DAVID SHIDELER FRENCH, b. June 1, 1815, Miami Co., O.; d. Nov. 2, 1880, Brookston, Ind.; m. Jan. 9, 1842, Bloomfield, Ill., Hannah Clark (*Dr. Chester*). Ch.: ADELAIDE, d. m. LEWIS THEODORE, m. JUDSON ALFONSO, d. EMARILLA, d. CHESTER CLARK (Brookston, Ind.). FRANK DAVID, m. (2). VIOLA, d. David Shideler French<sup>76</sup> was a Baptist preacher and editor; was treasurer of Fountain Co., Ind.

77 PRISCILLA FRENCH, b. Nov. 19, 1816; d. 1870; m. William Green. Ch.: ABBOTT, d. MARTHA, d. m. SARAH MARIA, m. WILLIAM, (m. Mary Thackara). ELIZA, d.

78 SON, b. Nov. 1, 1818; d. same month.

*Children of Asa French,<sup>8</sup> second marriage:*

79 ASA DAVIS FRENCH, b. Apr. 16, 1822; d. Aug. 13, 1891, Heppner, Ore.; m. Ruth Glancy. Ch.: MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE (of Heppner, Ore.), m. JOHN GLANCY, m. MILLARD FILMORE. ELLA, d. m. HANNAH, m. In 1849 Asa Davis French<sup>79</sup> with a company of 150 men went from O. to Cal. in search of gold. He remained three years and was successful.

80 HANNAH FRENCH, b. Aug. 24, 1823; d. Aug. 23, 1882; m. Oct. 7, 1845, Miami Co., O., Stephen Davis Green. Ch.: ASA THOMAS, d. ZELORA (m. Medora Arbuckle). SARAH ELIZA (m. Alonzo Thackara; ch., Fairy (Mead). JOSEPH FRENCH (Gregory, Tex.), m.; GLENN, m.

81 SARAH FRENCH, b. June 25, 1825; lives at Brookston, Ind.; m. Sep. 27, 1851, Urbana, O., William Ripley (b.

Mar. 7, 1824; d. July 23, 1898), s. of Jacob Ripley and Amelia Boswell, his w. Ch.: HANNAH LOUISE (Barnes), m. ANNA AMELIA (Wallace) m. SARAH, d. VAN CLENN (m. Mary Emma Pettit). DELL (Pettit) m. JENNIE CLAIRE (Wright) m.

82 ELI FRENCH, b. Mar. 17, 1827; d. Mar. 20, 1841.

83 CYNTHIA FRENCH, b. Feb. 19, 1829; d. Mar. 26, 1884; m. Isaac Cooper Glenn; no ch.

84 SON, b. Mar. 10, 1831; d. Mar. 1831.

85 MOSES FRAZER FRENCH, b. Feb. 21, 1832, Miami Co., O.; m. (1st) Mar. 6, 1866, Martha Catharine Jordan (d. Oct. 7, 1878). Ch.: INDEPENDENCE (b. July 4, 1867; m. Harry Bathis, paymaster, U. S. Navy). Moses Frazer French<sup>85</sup> m. (2nd) Aug. 21, 1888, Sarah Belle Pitts; he lives at Remington, Ind.

86 WILLIAM FRENCH, b. Nov. 27, 1833; d. Mar. 27, 1867, White Co., Ind.; m. Mar. 12, 1861, Mary Susan Ash (b. Oct. 27, 1837; d. Nov. 18, 1901). Ch.: CHARLES JOSEPH, d. (m. Emma Adell Archer). JAMES FORDYCE (m. Anna Hildebrand). WILLIAM (m. Ruth Burget). WILBUR, d.

87 JAMES FRENCH, b. Aug. 6, 1835; d. Mar. 18, 1864, from illness contracted in trenches of Union army during siege of Vicksburg.

88 SILAS FRENCH, b. Oct. 3, 1837; d. Sep. 30, 1888, Heppner, Ore.; m. (1st) Emilie Estey. Ch.: WILBUR; d. in childhood; m. (2nd); no ch.

89 MICHEAL FRENCH, b. July 8, 1839; d. Nov. 30, 1882, Brookston, Ind.; m. Oct. 12, 1862, (Cap't) Andrew Coch-

ran (*Andrew*). Ch.: SHERMAN (m. Emma Jane Currie). CLYDE COOPER (m. Ella Martha Stoudt).

90 JOSEPH WASHINGTON FRENCH, b. May 20, 1841; lives at Hysham, Mont.; m. Mar. 15, 1866, Alda Estey (b. Apr. 28, 1844). Ch.: IDA MAY, d. ELWOOD ESTEY, m. ALFORD HARRISON, m. CLARA EMILY, m. CLARENCE ELMER. FRANK, m.

9 SUSANNAH FRENCH (*Aaron*<sup>1</sup>), b. 1785, Essex Co., N. J.; d. Nov. 9, 1863, near Troy, O.; m. John Shideler (d. Sep. 15, 1844, age 61 yrs., 7 mos., 28 ds.), s. of Peter Shideler of Washington Co., Pa. John and Susannah (French) Shideler settled in Miami Co., O., soon after marriage.

*Children:*

- 91 AARON SHIDELER, d.; m. Hannah ———.
- 92 SUSANNAH SHIDELER, d.; m. Lewis Winters.
- 93 JOHN SHIDELER, d.; m. Isabelle Long. Ch.: (Hon.) WILLIAM LONG SHIDELER (Dayton, Tenn.), m. JOHN LEWIS SHIDELER, m. MARY, d. SUSANNAH BELLE, d. m. MARTHA, d. m. GEORGE HUGHES SHIDELER, m.
- 94 PETER SHIDELER, d. unmarried.
- 95 MARY SHIDELER, d.; m. John Long.
- 96 PRISCILLA SHIDELER, d.; m. (Rev.) John Sutton (Baptist).
- 97 JESSE SHIDELER, d.; m. Mary Bartholomew.
- 98 LAVINA SHIDELER, b. Mar. 14, 1823; d. Feb. 17, 1857; m. Feb. 13, 1845, William Shilling.
- 99 LOUISA SHIDELER, d.; m. Thomas Winters.



100 SIMEON SHIDELER, d.; m.; was killed at battle of Chickamauga.

101 ISAAC SHIDELER, d.; m.



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