

GENERATIONS OF BUSEYS

Records have been found showing that the father of John Simpson Busey was Jacob Busey; that Jacob Busey's father was Mathew Busey; and that Mathew Busey's father was Samuel Busey. (This is a correction to page 6 of the book) However, at this point, there is question concerning two different Samuel Buseys whose fathers were brothers, Paul and Charles. Their father was Paul Busey, who was the first of the Busey family to come to America.

Listed below is the information available on these first six generations of Buseys in America, beginning with Paul Busey. Remember that either of his sons could have been our forefather, as is explained better a little later.

The following information was sent to me by LaVerne Busey, who lives in Shelbyville, Kentucky. It is taken from papers published in 1957 entitled Ancestry and Descendants of Mathew Busey of Maryland, North Carolina, and Kentucky, compiled by Mrs. Eva Marrell Harmison and Miss Emma M. Rouse. Most of the following information is copied straight from their papers. Many of the dates differ from what I have in the book, so probably theirs are more accurate.

I. PAUL BUSEY

Born: ✓ ca 1620

Died: ✓ 1687, Calvert County, Maryland

SPOUSE: SUSANNA ---

Married:

Born:

Died:

The first of the Busey family in America was Paul Busey, who was in the Province of Maryland, Calvert Co. in 1651. From the land records of Maryland is this item of unknown date: 5th January "... Henry Cox demandeth Four Hundred Acres assigned to him by Mr. William Eltonhead (ut supra) and two Hundred Acres of Land more for transporting himself and Paul Busey son of Elizabeth his former wife into this Province Anno 1651."

Paul Busey evidently served Henry Cox for his transportation to America and according to another document dated 11 June 1659, had fulfilled other legal provisions to acquire 150 acres of land in 1659. These records have not indicated the country of origin of Paul Busey, but family tradition has inferred both Scotland and England.

Children of Paul and Susanna Busey, as far as known:

✓A. PAUL BUSEY, born 1660

✓B. CHARLES BUSEY, born ca 1663

I(A*) PAUL BUSEY, son of Paul and Susanna Busey

✓Born: ca 1660

✓Died: 1718, Prince George's County, Maryland

✓SPOUSE: SARAH WHIPPS, daughter of John and Elizabeth Whipps

Married:

✓Born:

✓Died: 1745

Children of Paul and Sarah (Whipps) Busey:

- ✓1. Paul Busey, born: ca 1695, died 1731
- ✓2. John Busey, born: ca 1697
- ✓3. Charles Busey, born: 1698
- ✓4. Sarah Busey
5. Benjamin Allen, (named as an orphan of Paul Busey)
- ✓6. Susannah Busey
- ✓7. SAMUEL BUSEY, born: ca 1707
- ✓8. Edward Busey, born: ca 1709
- ✓9. Joshua Busey, born: 1711
- ✓10. Anne Busey

I(B*) ✓CHARLES BUSEY, son of Paul and Susanna Busey .

✓Born: ca. 1663

✓Died: 1727, Calvert County, Maryland

✓SPOUSE: (second) DIANA BROWN, daughter of Daniel Brown

✓Married:

✓Born:

✓Died:

Children of Charles Busey, all born in Calvert County, Md.
(According to a will, it appears that the last four children are those of Charles and Diana (Brown) Busey.)

- ✓1. Paul Busey, born: ca. 1697
- ✓2. Charles Busey, born: ca 1701
- ✓3. Susannah Busey
- ✓4. Mary Busey
- ✓5. Sarah Busey
- ✓6. SAMUEL BUSEY, born: ca 1709
- ✓7. Daniel Busey, born: ca 1711
- new ✓8. Elizabeth Busey
- spouse ✓9. Verlinda Busey
- ✓10. Clare Busey

* No proof has been established to determine which Samuel Busey of Maryland migrated to Rowan County, North Carolina. If the Samuel of North Carolina was the father, as believed, of Mathew Busey of Rowan County, then he would have been the approximate age of Samuel, born: ca 1707, son of I(A*) Paul Busey, or of Samuel, born: ca 1709, son of I(B*) Charles Busey.

I(*) (1) SAMUEL BUSEY, son of either Paul & Sarah or Charles Busey
Born: 1707 or 1709

Child of Samuel Busey:

1. Mathew Busey, born: 9 April 1742, Maryland

I(*) (1) (1) MATHEW BUSEY, son of Samuel Busey
 Born: 9 April 1742, near Annapolis & Baltimore,
 Maryland
 Died: 2 January 1824, Shelby County, Kentucky
 SPOUSE: EDITH (PHILPOT) WILCOXEN, daughter of Jacob
 Philpot. She was a widow of Isaac Wilcoxen
 Married: 1767, Rowan County, North Carolina
 Born: 23 September or April 1740
 Died:

Mathew Busey resided in Rowan County, North Carolina before 1768 and until 1800. He was taxed in Rowan County in 1768 in Morgan Bryan's District; in 1778 in Captain Reed's District; and in 1784, he was taxed on 320 acres of land in Captain John Graham's District.

On 25 October 1786, Mathew received a deed for 420 acres of land in Rowan County located on both sides of Bear Creek, this area within the "Forks of the Yadkin", and another deed for 260 acres of land on the waters of Bear Creek on 18 May 1789, for which he paid fifty shillings for each one hundred acres. On 18 April 1797, he sold 200 acres of this land for forty pounds.

Two of Mathew's married sons, Isaac and John Busey, seem to have been the first of this family group to leave North Carolina. They went to Franklin County, Kentucky and were on the tax rolls of 1797 in that county.

It appears that after the crops were harvested in the fall of 1800, Mathew, with his family and two remaining married sons, Samuel and Charles with their families, also began the long journey to new land in Kentucky. Doubtless, they made their way by ox cart and pack horse over the mountains to the West - over that part of the Wilderness Road blazed by Daniel Boone and others to the fort of Boonesborough - to travel on beyond the now abandoned fort settlements, West to the counties of Franklin and Shelby, there to settle on good land.

On the 28 February 1803, Mathew bought 573 acres of land in Shelby County on the waters of the Lick; near the present Shelbyville, Kentucky. In this same year, on 30 September, after he had become a resident of Shelby County, Mathew sold the remaining 233 acres of his North Carolina land for \$370. Mathew and Edith Busey lived the remainder of their lives in Shelby Co., Ky.; both buried in the family burial ground contained on the farm which Mathew willed to his son, Jacob.

Children of Mathew and Edith Busey, all born in Rowan County, North Carolina:

- X1. Samuel Wales Busey, born: 10 Jan. 1768 (or 1 Oct. 1768)
- X2. Isaac Busey, born: 9 Sept. 1769
- X3. John Bainbridge Busey, born: 17 July 1771
- X4. Mary Busey, born: 7 Apr. 1773

- ✓5. Charles Busey, born 10 Sept. 1775
- 6. daughter ?
- ✓7. Mathew Elbridge Busey (twin) born: 11 Mar. 1779
- ✓8. Edith Busey (twin) born: 11 Mar. 1779
- ✓9. Sarah Busey, born: 15 May 1782
- ✓10. JACOB BUSEY, born: 14 February 1784

I(*) (1)(1)(10) JACOB BUSEY, son of Mathew and Edith (Philpot) Busey
 Born: 14 February 1784, Rowan County, North Carolina
 Died: 1869, Buchanan County, Missouri
 SPOUSE: ELIZABETH LAWS, dau. of Jeremiah Laws
 ✓Married: 19 April 1810, Shelby Co., Kentucky
 ✓Born: 1786
 ✓Died: 1867

✓Jacob Busey served in the War of 1812. In 1850, Jacob and some members of his family, along with his son, John Simpson Busey and his family, migrated to Buchanan County, Missouri.

Children of Jacob and Elizabeth (Laws) Busey, all born in Shelby County, Kentucky

- ✓1. JOHN SIMPSON BUSEY, born: about 1812
- ✓2. Martha Busey
- ✓3. Jane Busey
- ✓4. Mathew F. Busey
- ✓5. Elizabeth Busey
- ✓6. Talbot Busey
- ✓7. Landon Busey
- ✓8. William Busey

I(*) (1)(1)(10)(1) JOHN SIMPSON BUSEY, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Laws) Busey
 Born: ca. 1812, Shelby County, Kentucky
 Died:
 SPOUSE: MARY UNDERWOOD
 Married: 24 November 1835, Shelby County, Ky.
 Born: 3 February 1819
 Died: 22 March 1901

About 1860, John S. Busey with his family, and with his father and his family, migrated to Buchanan County, Missouri.

Children of John Simpson and Mary (Underwood) Busey, all born in Shelby County, Kentucky:

- ✓1. ELIZABETH ANN BUSEY, born 4 May 1837, married: GEORGE THOMAS MCWILLIAMS
- ✓2. Jacob Van Buren Busey (twin) born: 27 June 1839
- ✓3. Nathan A. Busey (twin) born: 27 June 1839
- ✓4. Marietta Frances Busey, born: 10 Oct. 1843, married: George Washington Everett, a Baptist minister