

Darby



# 'Back Home in *Indiana*'

NOTES TO ADD TO A DARBY GENEALOGICAL COLLECTION  
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**H**ERE are records of one branch of my family, that of John Darby who raised an even-dozen children. I have been working for some time to get them all together. Some came from an old record book started about 1895 by my Grandmother, Waity Regina (Darby) Roger now in possession of my aunt, Waity Franklin of Parsons, Kansas. Some came from my "shirrtail cousin", as he refers to himself, Devon Darby in Russiaville, Indiana.

He didn't think he had any information when I first contacted him, but when he began to go through some of his grandfather Newton Darby's things, he came up with quite a lot of "bits and pieces". He also took pictures of tombstones in the Darby Cemetery, and also found the outline of the family, written in a feminine hand, which added some to what I already had.

John Darby was my great-great-grandfather, and spent enough time in the War of 1812 to have a "G. I. tombstone". I obtained his record, and the Civil War records for James Harvey Darby and John Mario Darby from National Archives. The family is listed in the 1860 census of Indiana.

Joseph Darby, brother of John, was head of the Darby "clan" of the Peru-Converse area. He lived in Jackson Township, Miami County.

## DARBY

JOHN DARBY was born in Ohio in 1795, and died 11 January 1860 in the Russiaville area, Howard County, Indiana. He was one of at least five brothers, the others being Samuel, Thomas, Israel and Joseph. He married (1st) Mary Marks, and by her had four children. Other than their names, no information on them has been obtained. He married (2nd) Rachel Jones (1810-1876), and had eight children by her. His first five children were born in Ohio, the rest in Indiana.

Children of John and Mary (Marks) Darby:

1. WILLIAM.
2. MARY ANN, mar. . . . . Coltrain.
3. MARGARET.
4. ROWLAND (?).

Children of John and Rachel (Jones) Darby:

5. JAMES HARVEY, born 29 April 1835, died 1 September 1907, Argonia, Kansas, buried at Caldwell, Kansas; mar-



own, so when a stockman-rancher offered me one, I told him I must go home and visit my folks, but if he would come for me at Christmas I would be ready.

He, too, had some preparing to do. His father had died in October and his mother wanted to stay on in the home and live with us, so he must bring logs from the mountains and build us two rooms. We would all share the other four.

I packed my trunk and said goodbye to relatives, and was put on the train at Clearmont. I stopped off to visit sister Laura, and persuaded her to go home with me, as I knew I would need her. She was a good planner, and also the best cakemaker in the family. The two little boys were happy with the train ride and the red two wheel carts to pull around at Grandpa's.

There were no phones then, and much must be done in person, such as a trip on the train to Carthage to see my school chum and invite her. I missed the train at the station four miles from home and had to wait an hour and go on a slow freight a distance of thirty miles.

Patterns had to be selected, material bought and taken to the dress-makers. There was a gray flannel for a suit, dark blue albatross cloth with matching applique braid and gray silk to trim, and a gray satin bow at the yoke, the skirt to be of floor length with lining and facing. It was a busy time for those who were sewing, as everyone wanted something made, but mine were finished on time.

The groom-to-be arrived Sunday morning and was taken to town on Monday to secure the license, while I met my chum at the train in the county seat, Lamar.

Tuesday, December 25, 1900, was a lovely day. The guests, the relatives, including Grandmother, my father's mother, came early, and at high noon John Orris Morgareidge and Lillie Mae Bateman were married by Minister Brown.

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The foregoing memoirs of Lillie Mae Bateman Morgareidge of Wyoming were contributed by Betty Reed of La Crescenta, California, who secured them from a great-uncle, who received them from the writer in 1966. Mrs. Morgareidge was born 7 March 1871 at Lamar, Missouri, and as far as we know she is still living. In the next issue her experiences as a new bride will be recounted.

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#### ☒ THE GAME OF THE NAME

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Given names are usually unimaginative, as any genealogist knows when he tries to track down an illusive ancestor with the prosaic name of John, William, Samuel, Henry, or what-have-you. Some families compound the problem of identities by giving the same appellations in every branch. It is a pleasure to run onto an unusual cognomen that makes a search less difficult. However, consider this one: Mahershallalhashbaz Barton, daughter of Samuel, who married Daniel Cole of Warwick, R.I.!

ried 2 September 1858 Mary (Polly) Freed, born 18 November 1836, Carroll County, Indiana, died 24 November 1923, Argonia, Kansas, buried at Caldwell. James Harvey Darby served in the Civil War from 1862 to 1865.

Children of James Harvey and Mary (Freed) Darby:

- i. William Franklin, born 30 March 1860, died 24 September 1927, unmarried.
  - ii. Waity Regina, born 10 December 1861, died 29 September 1933 at Parsons, Kansas; married 23 February 1882, at Caldwell, Kansas, Raymond Robert Rogers.
  - iii. Joseph Martin, born 2 July 1866, died 22 April 1940, at Argonia; married May . . . . .
6. JOHN MARION, born 30 May 1837, near Indianapolis, Indiana, in Marion County, died 6 July 1912 at Forest, Indiana; married 6 January 1861 Elizabeth Smiser (1833-1923) of Milroy, Indiana.
- Children of John Marion and Elizabeth (Smiser) Darby:
- i. i. Jacob M. (1862-1929); married, no issue.
  - ii. ii. Mary J. (1861-1943), unmarried.
  - iii. iii. Eva (1866-1926), unmarried.
7. LOUISA, born 1841 in Indiana, died 1870; married Edward Eldridge.

Children of Edward and Louisa (Darby) Eldridge:

- i. Charlie (1868-1931).
  - ii. Lizzie.
  - iii. Theodore, born 7 February 1870, died 1964 at Derby, Kansas. Raised by James Harvey and Mary (Freed) Darby.
8. JEMIMA, born 1843 in Indiana; married (1st) Joel Stout. Children of Joel and Jemima (Darby) Stout:
- i. Luzanne, married . . . . . Shaw.
  - ii. Joel.
- Jemima married (2nd) Stephen Smith. Children of Stephen and Jemima (Darby) Smith:
- iii. Luetta.
  - iv. Lizzie.
  - v. Tom.
  - vi. Child, died in infancy.
9. ALBERT HARRISON, born 1848 in Indiana, died about 1890; married Mary Ann Smith, who died in May of 1878.

Children of Albert Harrison and Mary Ann (Smith) Darby:

- i. Olive, born about 1870; married "Bud" Pritts.
  - ii. Estelle Francis.
  - iii. Alva F., born 15 February 1878, in Clinton County, Indiana. Raised by his uncle, James H.
10. LEVINA, born about 1851, in Indiana; married William

Conrad Long.

Children of William Conrad and Levina (Darby) Long:

- i. Son, died in infancy.
- ii. Laura Etta.
- iii. Lillie Dale.
- iv. Lucy Ellen.
- v. Charles Henry.

11. JASPER NEWTON, born about 1852, died in 1939; married Emma Little (1860-1894).

Child of Jasper Newton and Emma (Little) Darby:

- i. Charles Wilbur (1885-1935); married Nellie C. David (1887-1957).

12. MAHALIA FRANCES, born 1854 in Indiana, died in 1934, New London, Indiana; married John Wesley Johnson (1854-1939).

Children of John Wesley and Mahalia (Darby) Johnson:

- i. Clara.
- ii. Charles Wesley, born 3 October 1885, died January 1968.

The following is on a scrap of paper found by Devon Darby among his grandfather's effects: "Great-great-grandparents - His father Owen was from New Jersey and of English descent. His mother was Margaret Fritts. She was from Virginia and of German descent. They were married in 1799; had eleven children, eight boys and three girls. Great-grandfather Samuel Darby's parents. Great-grandfather Samuel had ten children, eight boys and two girls".

A small record book, now in my possession, is inscribed, "James H. Darby book bought at Russiaville April 1861", and has the notation: "Started from Indiana November 12, arrived in Kansas November 29, 1878". According to family history, James H. Darby and his family, with another family, rented a boxcar and loaded their household goods and animals at Kokomo, Indiana, and the trip terminated at Big Bend, Kansas.

Also in this book is, "The 3 day of May 1878. Article of Agreement between Albert H. Darby and James H. and Mary Darby. James H. and Mary Darby has taken Albert H. Darby babe the 3 day of May 1878. Albert H. Darby agrees to pay James H. and Mary Darby \$1.00 per week for taken care of the babe. Albert H. Darby is to clothe and doctor the babe. James H. and Mary Darby is to keep the babe till he gets big enuf for me to take care of myself.

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Albert X Darby."  
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\*Not in gazetteer.

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THE MOONSTRUCK EARTHBOUND

Amazing feat that two men walk upon the moon;

But here's a passing thought, for what it's worth:

To me much more astounding is the fact

More than four billion walk upon the earth. — R. E. C.