

CHURCHES OF FAYETTE COUNTY

comprised the charter members list when the church was organized. Rev. G.H. SCHNURR was the first resident pastor. There were 28 members who signed the Constitution. The original church building constructed in 1864 was torn down in 1900 and rebuilt at Loogootee but the large corner foundation stones are still in place in the Old Loogootee Cemetery. While the new building was being constructed, services were held in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Clarence STEIN excerpted information from the church records from 1870-1905 which are published in *Fayette Facts* Vol. 7 No. 3 p. 20. The dedication of the new church was held in 1903 with Rev. D.L. YERKER preaching the sermon assisted by various pastors of other denominations. Wheatland Twp.

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HEATHER FAMILY

Members of this family first appear in Fayette County on the 1840 Census with David HEATHER found living in Bear Grove Township (he is not on the 1850 census). Shortly after 1840, five families moved into the area: Noah HEATHER born 1817 NC, William HEATHER born 1774 MD, Joseph HEATHER b 1798, Patterson HEATHER b 1820 and William HEATHER b 1800 North Carolina. All are found on the 1850 Census under the spelling "HEITHER".

Doris Wynn of Galesburg, IL (djwynn@galesburg.net) has researched this family and the following incorporates information from her files as well as census, probate, cemetery and marriage records. We would appreciate any corrections and additions from our readers.

William HEATHER b 1774 MD died 1 Dec 1855 and his probate was filed in this county. His wife was Elizabeth shown was born circa 1772 Virginia. In the 1850 census Patterson and Joseph HEATHER are living next door to William.

Joseph HEATHER b ca 1792 NC, date of death unknown m Mary (Dolly) she b 1810 Kentucky. This family lived in Greene Co., Indiana for a time before coming to Illinois.

A. Sarah (Sally) HEATHER b 1828 IN m Jackson RILEY

B. William HEATHER b 1829 IN m Harriet DEMPSEY

C. Thomas HEATHER b 1832 IN (Greene Co.?) m 22 Mar 1852 Mary (Polly) THOMPSON dau of Harrison and Isabella BUNYARD THOMPSON.

- 1) Susan HEATHER b 1858
- 2) Julia HEATHER b 1859

D. Lucy HEATHER b 1835 IN

E. Patterson HEATHER b 1837 IN (He served in the Civil War, enlisting 30 Jul 1861 in Co. B, 41st IL Infantry.)

F. Felix HEATHER b 1839 IN

G. Noah HEATHER b 1841 IN and died 25 Nov 1863 Nashville, TN of Disease. Information from the Illinois Archives indicates that Noah HEATHER, Pvt. Enlisted 29 Dec 1862 in Co. D 25th Illinois Infantry. He died during service and is buried in Bowling Green, KY, Section B., Grave No. 1322. From his enlistment papers, he was age 21, 5' 11" dark hair and eyes and brown complexion. His nativity was Greene Co., Indiana.



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Family of Enid CHRISS and Elvin DONALDSON

Elvin changed his name from Elvin N. Olmstead to Newton Elvin Donaldson after 1921. Family stories said he and his father had an argument - no legal proof of name change has been found.

- 1) Mildred OLMSTEAD DONALDSON b 24 Jul 1919 Patoka, IL d 11 Mar 1989 m 1) Donald GIPSON 2) Ralph WOITH
- 2) Dale Elvin OLMSTEAD DONALDSON b 4 Aug 1920 Waynesville, IL d 2 June 1969 m Nadine McCLEARY.
- 3) Dallas Orson OLMSTEAD DONALDSON b Palmer, IL m Anna Mable POLSON
- 4) Donald William DONALDSON b 25 Jan 1923 d 3 Mar 1996 Bloomington, IL m Betty ANDERSON.
- 5) Lewis Irvin DONALDSON b 29 Apr 1924 d 26 Apr 1996 Bloomington, IL m Loretta LARSON.
- 6) Delmar Earl DONALDSON b 13 Apr 1925 d 22 Sep 1985 Blythe, Riverside Co., CA m Yvonne _____.
- 7) Marjorie Ruth DONALDSON m 1) Charles M. STEWART 2) Roland GUSTAFSON.
- 8) Ruby Doris DONALDSON b 27 Sep 1927 d 21 Mar 1995 Galesburg, IL m 1) James H. JOHNSON 2) Robert BARNES 3) John D. TUTHILL.
- 9) Kenneth Melvin DONALDSON b 18 Apr 1931 d 27 Mar 1994 Bloomington, IL m Theresa Ann SZABADOS.
- 10) George Lyle DONALDSON b 3 Sep 1933 d 7 Nov 1990 Tampa, FL m Jan., 1969 Sandra DANIEL. George is bu in Bushnell, FL at Florida National Cem.
- 11) Shirley Beth DONALDSON m Max PORTER
- 12) Beverly Sue DONALDSON m 1) ___ SMITH 2) ___ DeVORE, 3) Darrell LANIGAN.

b. Forrest CHRISS b May, 1900

4. Mary J. HEATHER b 1879 IL
5. Angenora HEATHER b 1883 Fayette Co., IL d 1958 m 31 Aug 1901 Fayette Co., IL Arthur BENEFIEL he b 1880 d 1952.
6. Letha HEATHER b Aug, 1886

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7. George M. HEATHER b June, 1888 IL d 1949 bu Noffsinger Cem., Bond Co., IL m Rosa Ruth SWOFFORD.
 - a. Thomas HEATHER b 6 June 1921 d 22 Jul 1997 bu Ritter Cem., Vandalia, IL m 11 Nov 1947 Geraldine RITTER. He also served in WW2. Have ch: Buzz, Mitzi and Mindy HEATHER.
 - b. Maurice HEATHER b 1 Apr 1925 d 7 Apr 1948, S/Sgt 3508 AAF Base WW2
 - c. Ron HEATHER
 8. Lawrence HEATHER b Apr 1889 IL
 9. Charles O. HEATHER b Oct. 1894 IL
 10. Fannie HEATHER b May 1898 IL
- E. Jasper HEATHER b 1849 IL m Sarah WALTON
1. Thomas C. HEATHER b 1886 m 27 Dec 1907 Fayette Co., IL Edna CAMPBELL she b 1888 Salisbury Twp., Sangamon Co., IL the dau of James A. and Florence E. LANDY (?) CAMPBELL.
- F. George W. HEATHER b 1853 IL d 1929 bu Taylor Cem., Seminary Twp., Fayette Co., IL m 13 Jul 1878 Fayette Co., IL Sarah E. ELLER she b 1862 d 1934, bu Taylor Cem., the dau of William H. and Mary A. WEDDLE ELLER.
1. Mary Margarete HEATHER b Jan., 1874 Fayette Co., IL m 15 Dec 1900 same, William Clayton CRIPE, he b 26 Feb 1879 d 4 Nov 1961, Both bu Noffsinger Cem.
 - a. Emert CRIPE b 1901 d 1974 m Spray ROBERTS, lived Smithboro, Bond Co., IL
 - 1) Marilyn CRIPE, decd
 - 2) Robert CRIPE
 - 3) Eldon CRIPE
 - 4) Joyce CRIPE m ____ WEHRLE
 - 5) Infant CRIPE died at birth

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- b. Ruby CRIPE m Lewis TOSH, lived Edwardsville, IL
 - 1) Roberta TOSH, decd
 - 2) Gene TOSH
 - 3) Jim TOSH

- c. Roe CRIPE m Millie DICKSON, decd., m 1) Jesse VORIS
 - 1) Gerald CRIPE
 - 2) Lola CRIPE m Raymond ZEEB
 - 3) Georgie CRIPE m William LURKINS
 - 4) Norma CRIPE m Ron STOECKLIN
 - 5) Melba CRIPE m Eugene PERKINS
 - 6) Agnes CRIPE m Allan LIVINGSTON
 - 7) Elvin CRIPE
 - 8) Doris CRIPE, decd

- d. Clayton CRIPE m 1) Mary McQULITY, had son, m 2) Irene ROMINE
 - 1) William Clayton CRIPE

- e. Odis CRIPE m Ellie HANKS, lived White House, Texas, no children

- f. Wilma CRIPE m 1) Lowell HUDSON, decd 2) Ben THOMPSON no ch

- g. Lexie CRIPE m Eldon CARTER
 - 1) Mary Ann CARTER
 - 2) Janice CARTER
 - 3) Eldon CARTER, Jr.

- h. Geneva CRIPE m John THOMPSON
 - 1) Robert THOMPSON
 - 2) Thomas THOMPSON, lives Woodbine, N.J.
 - 3) Eugene THOMPSON

- i. Bernell CRIPE m Armin DOHM, li Belleville, IL
 - 1) Karen DOHM
 - 2) Robert DOHM
 - 3) Michael DOHM

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j. Norman CRIPE, decd, killed in an accident m Donna RUSH. This family lives in Fairbanks, IA.

- 1) Shirlene CRIPE
- 2) Randy CRIPE
- 3) Kevin CRIPE
- 4) Scott CRIPE
- 5) Michael CRIPE

2. Delphina HEATHER b 3 Apr 1880 Fayette Co., IL d 3 June 1901 bu Taylor Cem., m 5 Mar 1900 Edwin CHRISS he b 1871 d 1957.

- a. Loma M. CHRISS b 26 Apr 1900 d 25 Aug 1900 by Taylor Cem.
- b. Infant child d 25 May 1901

3. Infant child bu Taylor Cem., Seminary Twp., Fayette Co., IL (no stone)

4. Elvina E. HEATHER b 4 May 1892 IL d 29 Sep 1910 bu Taylor Cem.

5. Julius U. HEATHER b 31 Dec 1886 d 24 Mar 1887, bu Taylor Cem.

6. Ira C. HEATHER d 23 Jan 1898, age 8y 12ds bu Taylor Cem.

7. Howard HEATHER b May, 1894 IL m Laura APPLE

8. Hilliard HEATHER b May, 1897 m Maggie CRIPE

G. Beverly N. HEATHER b 1858 IL m 11 June 1887 Fayette Co., IL Grace RITCHEY she b 1858.

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JOHN W. HEATHER FAMILY

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This adds to info published on the HEATHER family in *Fayette Facts*, Vol. 29 No. 1 p. 25.

1. JOHN W.¹ HEATHER married SUSAN PRIDGEON.

More about JOHN W. HEATHER:

Burial: Taylor Cemetery, Fayette County IL

Children of JOHN HEATHER and SUSAN PRIDGEON are:

2. i. JASPER DE CALVIN² HEATHER, b. September 29, 1865, Seminary Township, Fayette Co. Illinois; d. September 23, 1946, Taylor Springs, Illinois.
- ii. MARY ETTA HEATHER.
- iii. UNKNOWN HEATHER.

Generation No. 2

2. JASPER DE CALVIN² HEATHER (*JOHN W.¹*) was born September 29, 1865 in Seminary Township, Fayette Co. Illinois, and died September 23, 1946 in Taylor Springs, Illinois. He married SARAH ELIZA SWOFFORD January 12, 1887 in Fayette Co. Illinois, daughter of HARVEY SWOFFORD and SUSAN MAY. She was born May 12, 1868 in Fayette County Illinois, and died July 09, 1942 in Taylor Springs, Illinois.

Notes for JASPER DE CALVIN HEATHER:

Jasper D. Heather son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Heather was born in Seminary Township, Fayette Co. IL on September 29, 1865 He spent his entire life in Illinois except for a few years he lived in Indiana. On January 12, 1897, he was united in marriage to Sarah Eliza Swofford in Fayette Co. and to this union the following children were born. George Heather of Oregon, IL. Ida wife of Harry Ellsworth, Mulberry Grove. Maggie wife of Joe Daniels, of Taylor Springs. Dallas Heather of Rochelle IL. Lavina wife of Pete J Woodworth of West Terre Haute, IN. Viola wife of Clyde Shipman of Hillsboro. Roy Heather of Oregon IL, Erma wife of Paul West of West Terre Haute IN all of whom survive. One son and one daughter preceded in death. Also, one sister preceded in death. Besides the children, there are 26 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren surviving, and one sister Mrs. Etta Cook of Vandalia IL.

Mr. Heather was engaged in farming for most of his life with the exception of 9 years he did janitor work at Oregon, IL.

More about JASPER DE CALVIN HEATHER:

Burial: September 25, 1946, Cress Hill Cemetery Hillsboro, IL

Notes for SARAH ELIZA SWOFFORD:

Both Hillsboro papers list Sarah as Susan 1 uses Eliza as middle name the other Elizabeth. She died at home after a week's illness. The body was taken to Bass funeral home then back to the residence where funeral services will be held Saturday at 2:00 PM.

More about SARAH ELIZA SWOFFORD:

Burial: July 11, 1942, Cress Hill Cemetery Hillsboro, IL

Cause of Death: Chronic institial nephritis due to Hypertension Uremia

Medical Information: George A Telfer was the DR.

Children of JASPER HEATHER and SARAH SWOFFORD are:

- i. THOMAS C.³ HEATHER, b. August 04, 1887; d. 1924.
- ii. CHARLES I HEATHER, b. April 03, 1889; d. April 11, 1890.
3. iii. GEORGE HARRISON HEATHER, b. February 16, 1891; d. July 13, 1975.



- iv. BENJAMIN F. HEATHER, b. August 28, 1893; d. September 13, 1894.
- v. IDA MAE HEATHER, b. March 09, 1894; d. July 16, 1968; m. HARRY ELLSWORTH.

More about IDA MAE HEATHER:

Burial: July 19, 1968, Mulberry Grove, Illinois

- vi. MAGGIE ETTA HEATHER, b. October 18, 1895; d. April 12, 1982; m. JOE DANIELS.
- vii. DALLAS MONROE HEATHER, b. February 16, 1897; d. December 30, 1961.
- viii. SUSAN J HEATHER, b. November 02, 1898; d. July 1899.
- ix. LAVINA BELL HEATHER, b. January 15, 1900; d. January 15, 1972; m. PETE WOODSWORTH.

More about LAVINA BELL HEATHER:

Burial: Terre Haute, IN

- x. LUTHER I. HEATHER, b. December 28, 1901; d. August 14, 1902.
- 4. xi. EDITH VIOLA HEATHER, b. September 13, 1902, Illinois; d. April 1978, Hillsboro, IL.
- xii. JASPER LEROY HEATHER, b. November 17, 1905; d. December 25, 1973.
- xiii. ERMA BERNIECE HEATHER, b. September 29, 1906; d. March 17, 1986, West Terre Haute IN; m. PAUL WEST.
- xiv. ONETA O. HEATHER, b. February 10, 1908; d. October 11, 1925.
- xv. RINTHA P. HEATHER, b. March 03, 1910; d. July 16, 1910.

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3. GEORGE HARRISON³ HEATHER (*JASPER DE CALVIN², JOHN W.¹*) was born February 16, 1891, and died July 13, 1975. He married PEARL.

Children of GEORGE HEATHER and PEARL are:

- i. MAXINE⁴ HEATHER.
- ii. SLYVIA HEATHER.
- iii. WANDA HEATHER.
- iv. VIRGINIA HEATHER.

4. EDITH VIOLA³ HEATHER (*JASPER DE CALVIN², JOHN W.¹*) was born September 13, 1902 in Illinois, and died April 1978 in Hillsboro, IL. She married CLYDE SHIPMAN September 24, 1919 in Terre Haute, IN Vigo County, son of WILLIAM SHIPMAN and EMILY HEADLEY. He was born November 26, 1894 in Indiana, and died October 07, 1973 in Hillsboro, IL.

More about EDITH VIOLA HEATHER:

Burial: April 1978, Cress Hill Cemetery Hillsboro, IL

Notes for CLYDE SHIPMAN:

Clyde worked at the glass factory in Terre Haute IN as a cabinetmaker.

Clyde was my great grandfather. He enjoyed working with wood. He built his own home for him and grandma and since he or grandma great was not tall, he did not make the doorways very tall. He wished he had later in life when my dad grew up he was just over 6 foot tall and had to duck when he walked around the house.

More about CLYDE SHIPMAN:

Burial: October 09, 1973, Cress Hill Cemetery Hillsboro, IL

Military service: Served in WW1

Children of EDITH HEATHER and CLYDE SHIPMAN are:

- i. RICHARD THOMAS⁴ SHIPMAN, b. September 03, 1920, West Terre Haute IN; d. September 03, 1920, West Terre Haute IN Vigo Co.

More about RICHARD THOMAS SHIPMAN:

Burial: Bethesda Cemetery

5. ii. HUBERT LEON SHIPMAN, b. July 08, 1921, First Street Road Terre Haute IN Vigo Co; d. April 08, 1979, Springfield, IL.
6. iii. ROBERT PAUL SHIPMAN, b. Hillsboro, IL Montgomery Co on Newport Farm.

Generation No. 4

5. HUBERT LEON⁴ SHIPMAN (*EDITH VIOLA³ HEATHER, JASPER DE CALVIN², JOHN W.¹*) was born July 08, 1921 on First Street Road Terre Haute IN Vigo Co, and died April 08, 1979 in Springfield, IL. He married RUBY GAYLE HANKINS in St Charles, MO, daughter of THOMAS HANKINS and LYDIA EVELAND. She was born in Sefton Township Fayette Co IL.

More about HUBERT LEON SHIPMAN:

Burial: Cress Hill Hillsboro, IL Montgomery Co

Military service: Bet. March 06, 1944 - May 09, 1946, USA/ETO

Marriage Notes for HUBERT SHIPMAN and RUBY HANKINS:

Minister was H.L. Stukey Witnesses were Hazel J Daniels and Leroy Daniels.

Children of HUBERT SHIPMAN and RUBY HANKINS are:

7. i. MARION LEE⁵ SHIPMAN, b. January 03, 1944, H Hillsboro, IL Montgomery Co; d. June 23, 1997, Hillsboro, IL.
8. ii. HELEN FAY SHIPMAN, Hillsboro, IL.
- iii. CHAROLETTE KAY SHIPMAN, b. September 26, 1942; d. September 29, 1942, Cress Hill Cemetery Hillsboro, IL.

Notes for CHAROLETTE KAY SHIPMAN:

Born at home died at home and had funeral at home. Home was in Taylor Springs.

6. ROBERT PAUL⁴ SHIPMAN (*EDITH VIOLA³ HEATHER, JASPER DE CALVIN², JOHN W.¹*) was born in Hillsboro, IL Montgomery Co on Newport Farm. He married NORMA LAVAUGHN HEMKEN in Schram City, IL

Children of ROBERT SHIPMAN and NORMA HEMKEN are:

- i. RICKY LEE⁵ SHIPMAN,
- ii. ROGER DEAN SHIPMAN,
- iii. RODNEY JAY SHIPMAN,

Generation No. 5

7. MARION LEE⁵ SHIPMAN (*HUBERT LEON⁴, EDITH VIOLA³ HEATHER, JASPER DE CALVIN², JOHN W.¹*) was born January 03, 1944 in Hillsboro, IL Montgomery Co, and died June 23, 1997 in Hillsboro, IL. He married NANCY JANE HUGHES in Witt, IL, daughter of GEORGE HUGHES and ENA ABERNATHY.

More about MARION LEE SHIPMAN:

Burial: June 25, 1997, Cress Hill Cemetery Hillsboro, IL

Cause of Death: Sudden Cardiac arrhythmic arrest

Medical Information: due to or as a consequence of b) Recent thrombus circumflex branch left coronary artery. - Est. 1 week due to or as a consequence of c) Advanced coronary arteriosclerosis. - Years

Children of MARION SHIPMAN and NANCY HUGHES are:

- i. BRENDA GAYLE⁶ SHIPMAN, Hillsboro Hospital Hillsboro IL; m. ROGER DEAN ELLER, Hillsboro, IL

Marriage Notes for BRENDA SHIPMAN and ROGER ELLER:

Roger and I were married at my parent's home next to the pond. It was a very hot July afternoon.

- ii. MARY ANN SHIPMAN

iii. CONNIE LEE SHIPMAN

8. HELEN FAY⁵ SHIPMAN (*HUBERT LEON⁴, EDITH VIOLA³ HEATHER, JASPER DE CALVIN², JOHN W.¹*) was born in Hillsboro, IL. She married JAMES HAROLD BERGMAN in George Cranfill Home, Hillsboro, IL.

Children of HELEN SHIPMAN and JAMES BERGMAN are:

- i. RICHARD LEON⁶ BERGMAN.
- ii. TERRY LEE BERGMAN,
- iii. LORA ANN BERGMAN.
- iv. JUDY ANN BERGMAN,

Generation No. 6

9. CONNIE LEE⁶ SHIPMAN (*MARION LEE⁵, HUBERT LEON⁴, EDITH VIOLA³ HEATHER, JASPER DE CALVIN², JOHN W.¹*)

Child of CONNIE LEE SHIPMAN is:

- i. BRIAR THOMAS⁷ SMITH,

Note: Some of the people listed are still living and their dates of births and marriage dates were removed.

Connie Lee Shipman was married to Jacob Smith and later divorced after Briar was born.

Briar is correct spelling

Jasper's father was listed as John on his Marriage License.

MORE HEATHER FAMILY UPDATES and CORRECTIONS

Contributed by Doris WYNN, 1787 Knox Rd. 500 E, Galesburg, IL 61401 - (jwynn@galesburg.net). This information updates various parts of the HEATHER FAMILY sketch as published in Volume 29 No. 1 beginning page 24.

We will provide the updates and corrections by page number.

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William HEATHER b 1774 MD, the progenitor of the Fayette County HEATHER family was married to Elizabeth. Mrs. WYNN writes that William is shown in Fayette County Marriage records as marrying Elizabeth A. SLAUNKER, April 7, 1853. So we're back to square one on the mother of the Heather clan.

B. William HEATHER b 1829 IN m 16 June 1852 Harriet DEMPSEY. They had 2 children: Susan b 1853 and Anne E. b 1856. Both children were living in the household of Robert & Susan DEMPSEY without Harriet, so we assume she died.

D. Lucy HEATHER should be TINCY b 1835 IN m 17 Jan 1861 Fay. Co., IL David J. BAITS (BATES ?)

F. Felix HEATHER b 1839 IN, was a Pvt. Co. A 98th IL Inf. and reinlisted as Pvt. Co. E, 6th IL Cav. He died 13 Feb 18673 Murfreesboro, TN.

G. Noah HEATHER b b 1841 IN d 25 Nov 1863 Nashville, TN of Disease - he was in the Civil War. Noah m 24 Jan 1861 Fayette Co., IL Sarah RILEY. They had a child, Felix Scott HEATHER b ca 1862 d 24 Jan 1866. This is from pension papers filed by Sarah. She m 2) 28 May 1863 Fay. Co., IL Joseph GIBSON.

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Son of Patterson HEATHER

A. Nathaniel HEATHER b 1841 IN is found living in Clay Co., IL in 1860 in the hshld of William and Margaret HEATHER TOPPING. William and Margaret m 15 June 1839 Green Co., IN - no further info.

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Noah HEATHER b 1817 NC d by 1860 m 12 Dec 1844 Fay. Co., IL Sarah (Sallie) COOK she b 1825 TN. He m 2) Millie COOK 8 May 1856. By his first wife he had at least 6 children and information on them and their families is published in Vol. 29 No. 1. By his second wife, Millie he had 2 sons. Millie was living alone on the 1860 Census.

CHILDREN OF NOAH AND MILLIE COOK HEATHER

1. Noah W. HEATHER b ca 1856 Fayette Co., IL m 1 Dec 1900 Jefferson Co., Il, Sallie PIPER - it was his second marriage.
2. Beverly N. HEATHER b 1858 IL m 1) 11 June 1887 Fay. Co., IL Grace RITCHEY m 2) 12 May 1894 Jefferson Co., IL, Minnie RAPTl.

B. Albert HEATHER b 1840 IN son of Noah and Sallie COOK HEATHER died 19 May 1864 in the Civil War. He is buried in Chattanooga National Cemetery, Tennessee.

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C. Elvira should be Elvina HEATHER b 1846 IL m 19 Nov 1870 Marion Co., IL Jeremiah YARDLEY.

D. Thomas B. HEATHER b 16 Oct 1848 d 2 Feb 1911 m Mary Ellen ELLER

1. Albert Henry HEATHER b 8 June 1873 d 30 Oct 1905, bu Taylor Cem. m 7 Oct 1894 Marietta A. MATHENY she b 1879 d 1924 bu Taylor Cem.
 - a. Harold HEATHER
 - b. Mary J. HEATHER b 24 Jan 1889 d 1 Jul 196 Bond Co., IL bu Taylor Cem., 1) Luther ALBERT 2) Fred LEIDNER.
 - c. Ernest Vern HEATHER b 5 Mar 1901 d 23 Jan 19682 m Martha Matilda GOODIN, b 24 Dec 1905 d 30 June 1993. 4 children
 - d. Leonard HEATHER b 6 Sep 1903 d 26 May 1898 Naperville, IL m Goldie COX.
2. Sarah Elizabeth HEATHER
3. Ollie F. HEATHER b 4 Mar 1877 IL d 5 Jul 1902 Fayette Co., IL m 25 Sep 1897 Fay Co., Lewis CHRISS. We listed 2 childre for this couple - Enid Ruth CHRISS and Forrest CHRISS. A third child is Earl CHRISS, listed as a grandchild on the probate of Thomas B. HEATHER.

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Mrs. Wynn writes, Another child of Thomas B. HEATHER is one I found in the courthouse in Fayette County. Andrew Jackson HEATHER b 3 Aug 1880. I can find no further mention of him.

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E. Jasper HEATHER b 29 Sep 1865 m Sarah SWOFFORD dau of Harvey and Susan May SWOFFORD. Our information had him married to Sarah WALTON.

Their children:

1. Charles ISHAM HEATHER b 3 Apr 1889
2. Benjamin Franklin HEATHER b 28 Aug 1893
3. Susan Jane HEATHER b 26 Nov 1898
4. Luther Issac HEATHER b 28 Dec 1901
5. Edith Viola HEATHER b 13 Sep 1902
6. Jasper LeRoy HEATHER b 17 Nov 1905
7. Erma Berniece HEATHER b 29 Sep 1906
8. Oneta Opal HEATHER b 10 Feb 1908
9. Rintha Paralee HEATHER b 3 Mar 1910

F. George W. HEATHER b 1853 IL d 1929 bu Taylor Cem. We listed 8 children for him. Mrs. Wynn has added the following:

9. Jennie HEATHER b April, 1887
10. Minnie HEATHER b Dec. 1889
11. Male HEATHER b 17 Sep 1904 (Birth Book C p. 266)

The child you have listed as No. 3 Infant child - is a Male child b 11 Feb 1879.

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**'FROM OTEGO'S OLDEST SETTLER'
J.M. TINKER**

Vandalia Union - 2 Jul 1908

Dear Union,

This writer has been a resident of Otego township, Fayette county, Illinois for eighty years, having come to this township from Tennessee when only one year of age. That was when Vandalia was the capital of the State of Illinois. At that time Otego was only sparsely settled, our nearest neighbors being from three to ten miles away. There was not a railroad in the county, there were no telegraph lines and the telephone had not been dreamed of. Our mail was carried by the old coach that hauled travelers to and from. We drove our cattle and hogs and hauled our grain to St. Louis to market it. I have hauled wheat to St. Louis and sold it for 50 cents a bushel.

A thing that might interest people nowadays when people are going in to the southwest and northwest by thousands might be told. In 1840 we lived on a farm where George TINKER now lives. My father had always had a desire to go to Texas and thought it was the land flowing with milk and honey as lots of people now think. He sold our farm in that year and started across the country horseback for Texas, and after being gone several weeks returned perfectly satisfied that he didn't want to live in Texas and bought the farm which is now our home for \$1.25 an acre. Soon after the swamp land came into market at a bit an acre.

In those days we got for our pork from \$1.50 to \$2.00 a hundred; it took the best of horses to bring \$65; a good two or three year old steer was worth from \$15-\$18; you could get a good milk cow from \$12 to \$13; there were only a few sheep as we could not keep them on account of the wolves and the little prairie wolves. It was no trick to kill a deer any day. I have seen as high as 25 in a gang. There were lots of wild turkeys, some few panthers and a good many wild cats and catamount.

We used to cross the river on an old wooden bridge where the railroad now crosses and it was here that Lee's old water mill was situated, with a dam across the river. I think it was in 1841 or 1842 that the government graded up what is known as the National road and put the bridges across. Except the Lee mill there was nothing in the country but horse mills where we had to wait our turn and then drive our own horse to grind our grain. The Lee mill made flour and was the only one in the county that did.