

THE JOHN FAMILY

GRIFFITH JOHN, the first JOHN to settle in America, settled in Uechlan Township, Chester Co., PA before 1709. Griffith came from Pembrookshire, Haverfordwest, Wales and was a converted Quaker before his arrival in America.

NATHAN JOHN was Griffith's Great Grandchild. Nathan's father Griffith John was married to SARAH COPE. The COPE's were a prominent Quaker family from Philadelphia PA. Griffith & Sarah Cope John came to Columbianna Co., OH in 1807. According to the History of Columbianna Co. 1879-Hanover Twp., they purchased the North East Quarter of Section 20 from John HINDLAIN & Frederick BAYARD. There was a 14 X 18 foot log cabin already on the property when the John's arrived from PA in their wagon with their seven children. The cabin and the wagon bed was the home of Griffith, Sarah and children for some time.

Griffith JOHN was born 17 Mar 1755 in Chester Co., PA. He married Sarah COPE, 30 Jan 1786 in East Bradford, Chester Co., PA. Sarah was b. 8 Sep 1759 in East Bradford, Chester Co., PA. She was the daughter of NATHAN COPE and AMY HARR. Griffith d. 21 May 1814 and Sarah d. 10 Jul 1853. Both were of Quaker religion and were buried in Columbianna Co., OH.

Their seven children were:

1. AMY JOHN, b. 12 Oct 1787 Chester Co., PA. Married ADEN MARLOW, 20 Oct 1808 in Salem, Col. Co., OH. Amy d. 11 May 1817.
2. AMNER JOHN, b. 17 May 1789 in Chester Co., PA. Married HANNAH REEDER, 18 Nov 1814 at the New Garden MM. Col. Co., OH. Amner d. 30 Aug 1830.
3. RACHEL JOHN, b. 28 Oct 1791 in Chester Co., PA. Married DAVID DAVIS, 13 Jun 1814 in New Garden MM. Col. Co., OH. Rachel d. 26 Apr 1879.
4. BENJAMIN JOHN, b. 25 Sep 1793 in Chester Co., PA. Married HANNAH WINDER, 13 Nov in New Garden MM. Col. Co., OH. No date for his death.
5. SARAH JOHN, b. 11 Jul 1795 in Chester Co., PA. Married JOHN COLBURN, 30 Oct 1822. Sarah d. 20th Jul 1877.
6. NATHAN JOHN, b. 18 Oct 1799 in Chester Co., PA. Married SARAH BECK, 31 May 1827 in Col. Co., OH. Nathan d. 10 Apr 1895, Col. Co., OH.
7. ABIGAIL JOHN, b. 7 Jan 1801 in Chester Co., PA. Married BENJAMIN WINDER 11 Jul 1831. Abigail d. 23 Sep 1839.

Griffith and Sarah Cope John also had a daughter, REBECCA b. 25 Jun 1797 in Chester Co., PA but d. 8th Aug 1798 before their move to Ohio.

Nathan and Sarah Beck John lived in Hanover Twp., Col. Co., OH. Their entire married life, Sarah had been previously married to a man named JOHN HINCHMAN. Sarah was b. 24 Sept 1803 in Harrison Co., VA. Her parents were PRESTON and SARAH BECK, Sr. They were also of the Quaker religion. Nathan JOHN d. 10 Apr 1895 and Sarah JOHN d. in 1889 and they are both buried in Wooddale Cem., Col. Co., OH, near Guilford Lake.

Their seven children were:

1. BENJAMIN SALATHIEL JOHN, b. 24 Sep 1829, Hanover Twp., Col. Co., OH. Married MARGARETTA A. CARSON, 17 Jun 1858 in Col. Co., OH. Benjamin d. 5 Nov 1893, Col. Co., OH.
2. ABIGAIL JOHN, b. 24 Feb 1830, Hanover Twp., Col. Co., OH. Married ELLIAN ROBY. No death date for her.
3. LEWIS JOHN, b. 25 Apr 1833, Hanover Twp., Col. Co., OH. No information about this child.
4. PHOEBE JOHN, b. 26 Feb 1835, Hanover Twp., Col. Co., OH. Married ALONZO GROGG. No death date for her.
5. LEVI JOHN, b. 11 Dec 1839, Hanover Twp., Col. Co., OH. Married CATHERINE DIXON, Levi d. 11 Nov 1902.
6. MERIAM JOHN, b. 9 Dec 1844, Hanover Twp., Col. Co., OH. Married ABRAHAM HUSTON. No death date for her.
7. AUSTIN JOHN, b. 24 Nov 1847, Hanover Twp., Col. Co., OH. Austin d. in a field hospital during the Civil War, 13 Feb 1865. He is buried in Wooddale Cemetery with his father Nathan & mother Sarah.

May 31st, 1887

We the under signed relatives and friends have met this day to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the marriage of Nathan and Sarah John.

Reuben Harrie	82y	Margaretta John	52y	Joan Gross	38y
Hannah J. Yates	78y	Elley Speakman	55y	Isa Haley	22y
Joseph Winder age nearly	82y	Mary Speakman	--	Mary Gross	16y
Lydia Winder age nearly	78y	Abraham Huston	40y	Lizzie Gross	18y
Elizabeth Jane Hoopes	60y	Maria J. Huston	42y	Austin Haley	20y
Mary E. Whinery	67y	Elen Sweder	43y	Fiera Gross	25y
Ruth Sweder	68y	Isiah Sweder	39y	R. Gross	14y
Hannah Elm	71y	C. A. John	21y	C. H. Taylor	14y
Helen Davis	67y	A. W. Gross	81y	Perry John	12y
Maggie Davis	58y	C. F. Cope	30y	Elijah Haley	51y
Prudence S. Chandler	65y	Anna M. Cope	24y	Abigail J. Haley	58y
James D. Chandler	62y	Frank Cope (N. Grandchild)	2y	W. Arvino Huston	14y
Abigail Yates	60y	Mary Cope	28y	L. Kivira Huston	12y
Sarah Sweder	67y	Charlie Winder	47y	Ira C. Huston	18
William Durson	58y	Ans E. Winder	41y	Lina A. Gross	14y
L. A. Durson	54y	Levi John	41y	Nellie Gross	11y
Hugh Beck	55y	Kate John	40y	Grace John	0y
Jacob Shleier	67y	Harriet Cobourn	47y	Jennie Juller	25y
Sarah E. Shleier	{77y}	S. Louisa Cobourn	25y	Nathan John	10y
B. W. Talbot	48y	Amanda Sandeiz	52y	Howard John	4y
John Yates	78y	Phoebe J. Gross	52y	Olive John	7y
Milton Haley	67y	Leonard Winder	36y	James Shleier	12y
Thomas E. Cope	45y	S. G. John	28y	Bess John	22y
Anna M. Cope	40y	G. E. Gross	23y	Grace Price	--
Benjamin John	58y	Harbert A. Gross	21y	Mary J. Siddons	10y

Submitted by, Dora Leggett, 1041 Columbia Ave., Fairborn, OH 45324

Mr. T. C. MC ELROY peacefully breathed his last, between 1 & 2 o'clock Sun. Morning. He was born in Lancaster Co., PA, 1815, orphaned at an early age & was taken to the home of Mr. Kent who subsequently apprenticed him to a merchant tailor at Lancaster. His 1st residence in Ohio was at Fairfield, Columbianna Co. Moved to Marietta, Stark Co. in 1840. Married Elizabeth HESS and had 4 chn., 2 dec'd. Moved to Alliance in 1864 and founded Lewis & McElroy. Survived by his wife & daughters Emma & Eva McElroy. The Rally Review, Mon. 9 FEB 1891, p3

ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



MRS. RACHEL ANN COBBS DAMASCUS June 17 - Mrs. Rachel Ann Cobbs, 84, widow of Thomas T. Cobbs, died at 8 a. m. today at her home in Westville. She had been ill only one day.

Mrs. Cobbs was born in Brooks county, Pa., and had lived in this vicinity for more than 62 years.

She was a member of the Damascus Friends church.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Mary E. Cobbs of San Francisco, Calif., Mrs. Howard Cameron and Mrs. Mable Champion of Westville; 3 sons, W. E. of Alliance and Homer of Sebring; one sister, Elizabeth M. Strabling of Westville, 13 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday at the Cameron home in charge of Rev. Walter Williams. Interment will be in the Damascus cemetery.

Friends may call at the Cameron home from 7 to 9.

Charles Straugh, 83, Dies In Damascus

Charles Straugh, 83, of Damascus, died at his home there at 10 a. m. today after an illness of several months.

Mr. Straugh was born in Allegheny, Pa., but had lived for the last fifty years in Damascus. He was a member of the Methodist church there.

There are no immediate survivors.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p. m. Friday at the Methodist church, Damascus, with Rev. O. A. Kelley in charge. Interment will be in the Damascus cemetery.

Friends may call at the Arbaugh funeral home, Salem, Thursday from 7 to 9.

DAMASCUS

Oct 6 - 1941
JOHN GIBBS

John Gibbs passed away at the Latrobe hospital in Latrobe, Pa. Monday at 9 p. m. Death was due to complications.

Mr. Gibbs, 72, came to Damascus from Sewickley, Pa., in 1929 and lived here until approximately one year ago. He was agent at the sub-station here for the Stark Electric Company for a number of years.

His wife, Mrs. Alice Quinn Gibbs, preceded him in death five years ago. He was a member of the Damascus Methodist church and is survived by one brother, James Gibbs, of Sewickley, and several nieces and nephews. The funeral was held Friday at 2 p. m. in the Methodist church here in charge of Rev. H. L. Peoples. Burial was made in the Damascus cemetery.

Scrapbook-Damascus Area

ESTELLA McCANN, PASTOR, POET, PASSES AWAY

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Bessie Estella McCann, 66, well known and loved evangelist, pastoral worker and poet passed away Saturday afternoon about 4:30 at her home in Damascus following an illness of several weeks with a heart ailment.

Born in 1874 in Damascus, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Stanley. Her father was a newspaper man, working for the Alliance Review. She had been physically handicapped since very early years, but carried on in pastoral work, as a member of the Friends church, in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa and did mission work in Canton where she met her husband, Edward Franklin McCann, who preceded her in death five years ago. Mrs. McCann some years ago changed her membership from the Friends to the Nazarene church.

Mrs. McCann had written poetry for years and at the time of her death had material ready for publishing which she called "Crumbs of Comfort," containing her poems and original ideas. She had written Damascus news for the Sebring Times for many years.

Surviving are her sister, Mrs. W. F. Cochran of Paris, Ky., and two brothers, Roy C. Stanley of Troy and W. C. Stanley of Portland, Ore.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Friends church in Damascus with Rev. I. L. Kinsey, assisted by Rev. Ames Henry, in charge. Mrs. Margaret Chambers and Earl Sontes sang during the hour and James Jackson of Salem, Lester Stroup, Virgil Cobbs, Lee Hoopes, Harvey Hileman and Kermit Wilson of Damascus acted as pall bearers. One of Mrs. McCann's poems, "When Will I Know," was read at the services. Interment was made in Damascus by her husband's side.

WHEN WILL I KNOW?

I do not know, or can I tell,
When the face of Christ, I shall see;
But I am sure, and I know so well
One of these days, I am going home.

Will I see, and how can I tell,
What mine eyes some day shall see?
But I am sure, O, I know quite well,
To live with Jesus, how happy I will be.

When will I know, how can I tell
When he calls me, to my home above?
Redeem! through his atoning blood
I am sheltered, in my Savior's love.

"It is well, yes, with my soul" I know,
And the gates stand ajar for me,
To gain an entrance to that city fair,
Where loved ones are waiting for me there.

MRS. NETTIE M. BAKER
Mrs. Nettie M. Baker, 65, widow of I. Maria Baker, who preceded her in death in 1928, died at her home in Westville at 4:30 p. m. Monday, after a year's illness.

The deceased was born near Westville, May 1, 1867. She had been a resident of this vicinity all her life. She was a member of the Westville Christian Church and the Ladies Aid Society. For many years she was a Sunday School teacher.

Surviving are one son, Clyde G. Baker of the home; a stepson, Warren L. Baker of Alliance; two daughters, Mrs. D. T. Callahan of Damascus and Mrs. W. P. Fendree of Columbus; two sisters, Mrs. Grace Carr of Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. H. E. Huffer of Beloit and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the Westville Christian Church at 2:30 p. m. Thursday, Rev. J. E. Ehrhart, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be made at Damascus. Friends may call at 1926!

Mrs. Samuel Phillips
Mrs. Ananeth Elizabeth Phillips, 70, wife of Samuel Phillips, died at her home in Damascus at 3:30 a. m. Thursday following an illness of one month.

Mrs. Phillips was born in Fairfield and removed with her parents to Damascus when a child, residing the greater part of her life there. She was united in marriage to Samuel Phillips 55 years ago, her husband being her only survivor.

Mrs. Phillips was a lifelong member of the Methodist Episcopal church, being one of the original members of the Damascus church.

Funeral services will be held at the Methodist Episcopal church at 2 p. m. Saturday, with Rev. H. R. Peoples, pastor, officiating. Interment in the Damascus cemetery.

Mrs. Charles Whinnery's Funeral to Be Saturday

(Special to The Vidette)
Salem, Jan. 15.—Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Whinnery, 71, of R.D. 3, Salem, who died Wednesday night at her home, will be at 2 p. m. tomorrow at the Stark Memorial Funeral Home, where friends may call this evening.

Mrs. Whinnery was born in Beloit March 20, 1852, a daughter of John and Margaret Weagarth Weich. She had lived in the Salem area for 27 years and was a member of Phillips Christian Church and the Salem Grange.

She leaves her husband, Charles; two daughters, Mrs. Elsie McFarland of R.D. 2, Newton Falls, and Mrs. Dorothy Dowie of Damascus; a son, Clifford of R.D. 2, Salem; a sister, Miss Dorothy Welch of R.D. 2, Salem, and nine grandchildren. 1954

ORANGE FAMILY CALLED THE GENERAL COUNCIL QUERELY