

LeVally Family

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JAMES JEFFERSON LeVALLY - 1823-1889

James Jefferson LeVally, son of George T. and Catherine *Bolen* LaValla, son of Joseph and Barbara LaValla, was born 1 Jan 1823 in Jamestown, Greene Co., Ohio. He migrated to Logan Co. at the age of seventeen in 1841 and began teaching in an old building near where the Good Hope Cemetery is now, on Ohio route 292.

He married Emiline *Wilflow*, daughter of John Waldron (*Wilkenlow*) Wilflow and Catherine, one of the early settlers in Logan Co., purchasing land for \$1.25 an acre between 1839 and 1845. Emiline was born 22 May 1825, Geauga Co., New York. They were married 24 February 1842, Logan Co., Ohio by J. R. *Roberts*, Justice of the Peace. James J. was nineteen and Emiline sixteen at marriage. They gave birth to nine children: George William, 12 Sep 1843, Mary Jane and Catherine Jane, 9 Jul 1845, Joseph Heller, 4 May 1847, Milly Elizabeth, 28 Jan 1849, John Wilflow, 12 Oct 1850, Jonathan Reams, 15 Sep 1852, Clark Wesley, 31 Jul 1854 and Lavina Adalaide, 28 Aug 1859.

Purchasing a few acres of land, after moving to Bokescreek Township, Logan Co., Ohio, James built a log cabin with wooden spikes, leather hinges, a stone fireplace, dirt floor and hand made furniture. All nine of his children were born in that log cabin. His main occupation was considered farmer and school teacher for twenty-four years. During that time he amassed several acres of land at that location on Ohio route # 50 between Ohio route # 297 and Rushsylvania, Ohio (once known as LeVally Turnpike.) Sixty-seven of those acres still remain in the LeVally family, presently owned by his great grandson's wife, Woneta V. (*Rapp*) LeVally.

James J. was very active in public affairs and politics. He was Justice of the Peace in Bokescreek Township for six years, Township clerk for fifteen years, Constable for one year and land appraiser for the year 1880. Since he became a voter, he held public office most of his life and attended every election but one, due to illness. He was a member of the White Swan Grange # 512 and Rush Lodge I.O.O.F. # 381. He also, believed industry to be honorable and labor well directed to be remunerative; farming for satisfaction and profit.

His wife, Emiline, was thirteen years old when her parents migrated to Ohio and later to Rushcreek Township, Logan Co., Ohio. She was a short, average looking woman, who always wore a hat.

James J. died 4 Apr 1889, Bokescreek Township, Logan Co., Ohio, at the age of sixty-six years, three months and four days, and Emiline died Sabbath Eve, at 6:30 P.M., ½ mile from her parents homestead, 30 June 1901, Bokescreek Township, Logan Co., Ohio at the age of seventy-five years, one month and eight days. Her grandson, Arthur Clifton LeVally's family were living with her at her death and her funeral was held at the Church of Christ in Ridgeway, Logan Co., Ohio. James J. and Emiline are both at rest in Hale Cemetery, on Ohio route # 273, west of Mt. Victory, Ohio, in the front southwest corner, marked with a large headstone about twenty feet from their eldest child, George William, who died five months after James J. death.

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PLEASANT TOWNSHIP RECRUITING - CIVIL WAR

Pleasant Twp., Feb. 27, 1865 - Eds. Republican: In your last issue you remarked that you "are not advised as to the progress that is being made in recruiting in other townships" than your own.

Pleasant township has had its quota filled for over 2 weeks. The following named recruits were furnished from our own citizens: Wm. *Stoller*, Henry *Ellis*, Joseph *Wiles*, Jacob *Crouse*, John *Jacobs* and Jacob *Wise*. Of this number, Jacob Crouse, John Jacobs and Jacob Wise are veterans. Jacob Crouse was discharged for disability, I believe, after serving about 2 years in the 57th O.V.I. John Jacobs' term of service in the 21st O.V.I. expired about 3 months since. Jacob Wise belonged to the 45th O.V.I. and was seriously wounded in a skirmish on the Cumberland river, near Somerset, Ky., June 9, 1863, and was discharged for disability, Nov. 2, 1863.

(from the Bellefontaine Republican, March 3, 1865)

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QUERIES

- HAYS**
DINWIDDIE
ROMACK
- Robert Hays presumed to have died in Logan Co. 1825-39. What was date of his death? Where is he buried? Who were his parents? Perhaps providing some info about his family may cause someone to see a connection and enable him to provide me with more info. Robert was m. to Isabella who was b. PA 1793-4. 1st son Oliver (may also be known as William O.) b. 1815-20 presumably PA. 1st dau., Martha, b. 1829-22 presumably PA, m. Andrew Dinwiddie and died by 1842. 2nd son, Thomas Kirkland (my g-grandfather) b. Westmoreland Co., PA 1819-21. Can find no record of his b. in that co. 2nd dau., Margaret, b. 1 Jul 1823, place unknown altho I suspect PA. m. Henry Romack, Logan Co., 26 Sep 1845 (Vol. A pg 269.) 3rd dau. Mary b. 1823-29, place unknown, but I suspect Logan Co., OH. Isabella is listed on the 1830 census, McArthur Tp., Logan Co. pg 71. The male and female children indicated approximate the ages of the 5 above children. Legal documents and public notices in the Logan Democrat beginning Aug 1842 mention the heirs of Robert Hays. The legal action is over the partition of Military Survey 9905 and was filed by Adam Hays vs. Samuel Hays et al. William O. Hays is listed as a resident of Hardin Co., OH and is legal representative for Robert Hays' younger children. Thomas and Mary. Isabella Hays moved to Newton Precinct, IL, and is listed on the 1850 census, pg 178. Alice Hays Gibbons, 4297 Hillview Dr. Pittsburg, CA 94565-6063 - agibbons@pacbell.net.
- MILLIGAN**
BRATTON
ROBERTS
- Wish to exchange info on William Milligan b. c 1832 OH who m. Elizabeth Bratton 29 Sep 1858. Also on Jane Milligan b c. 1830 OH, m. Thomas Roberts 16 Sep 1850. She d. 28 Sep 1862 Logan Co. Sharon Fuller, 11515 Roundup St., Mead, WA 99021-9350.
- RENEAR/RINEAR**
OUTLAND
- Wish to exchange info on Harriet Renear/Rinear who m. Peter Outland (b. 1818) 27 Jul 1843. Believe they resided Logan Co. Oh. Known children were: Oscar b. c 1849 and Annetta(sp??) b. c. 1851. Sharon Fuller, 11515 Roundup St., Mead, WA 99021-9350.
- OMMERT**
HOMMEL
GLOCK
- Searching for Elizabeth? Ommert b. Oberkalbach, Germany, thought to have emigrated to U.S. Sister, Katherina b. 7 Mar 1834, m. Henry Hommel 8 Sep 1960, Logan Co., OH. Sister, Anna Barbara b. 4 Jul 1826, m. 18Mar 1849 to Nicholas Glock. Velma Kraft, 5803 CR 115, Kenton, OH 43326.
- TERWILLIGER**
COLLINS
KEECH
- Seek info on Homer Clayton Terwilliger b. 1859 OH (from 1910 Bellefontaine census), m. 1905 Nancy Jane Collins (d/o Jacob Collins and Jane Keech) b. 11 Jul 1854 Logan Co., d. 19 Mar 1922, Bellefontaine, OH. Dale Amann, 1081 Edgewater Ct., Redding CA 96003-5202 - djcamann@earthlink.net.
- BRADLEY**
HOWARD
ROSEBROUGH
- Seek info on Wm. Henry Bradley, of Huntsville, d. abt 1934, m. Lydia Mae Howard and parents of James W. Bradley b. 16 Sep 1847, wife, Lucinda Rosebrough, her parents were Samuel and Rebecca Rosebrough. Jon Bradley, Box 205 Lakemore, OH - jbradley@neo.rr.com.

SURNAME SEARCH

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Sheila Farmer Clay, 6351 Mantz Ave., Trotwood, Oh 45427-1834 - DEMPSEY, ARTIS, MOSS.