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Will/Grundy Genealogical Society

honors a pioneer,

Adam Meyer,

who lived in Will County in 1854.

"Adam Meyer, a resident of Troy township for over fifty years, died Friday afternoon at his home at the age of 77 years." - (Joliet News, Friday, January 5, 1906)

The son of Johann and Margaretha Barbara (Dorfler) Meyer, Adam was born 14 May 1828 in Untergrafenthal, Bavaria, Germany and was baptized four days later in Neudrossenfeld, Bavaria.

Adam Meyer came to the United States in 1854 . At the age of 25 he and his wife, the former Anna Margaretha Kufner (born at Forra, Bavaria, 15 June 1828), along with their 9-month old son, Peter, had left from the port of Hamburg, Germany on the Luenburg Line. They arrived in New York on the 31st day of October. Shortly thereafter, they came to Illinois and settled on a farm in Troy Township, Will County. Adam rented the farm of 80 acres, which was located on the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 5. His son August purchased that land in 1885, and it, along with additional acreage for a total of 200 acres in that same section, is still owned by Adam Meyer's descendants.

In addition to the above-named sons, Adam and Anna Margaretha were parents of Anna, Margaret, Lewis and Edward. All of the children, with the exception of Peter, were born in Will County.

Adam was a naturalized citizen of the United States and was a member of the First German Lutheran Church. He died at his farm home in Troy Township on the 29th day of December 1905. Burial was at St. Peter's Lutheran cemetery in Joliet. His wife had preceded him in death on 11 December 1904.

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HE'S TAKEN OUT HIS PAPERS

Edgar A. Guest

He's taken out his papers,
An' he's just like you an' me.
He's sworn to love the Stars and Stripes
An' die for it, says he.
He's done with dukes and princes,
An' he's done with kings and queens,
An' he's pledged himself to freedom
For he knows what freedom means.

He's bought himself a bit of ground,
An' Lord, he's proud and glad!
For in the land he came from
That is what he never had.
Now his kids can beat his writin'
An' they're readin' books, says he,
That the children in his country
Never get a chance to see.

He's taken out his papers,
An' he's prouder than a king;
"It means a lot to me," says he,
"Just like a breath o' spring.
For a new life lies before us,
We've got hope an' faith an' cheer.
We can face the future bravely
An' our kids don't need to fear."

He's taken out his papers
An' his step is light today,
For a load is off his shoulders
An' he treads an easier way.
An' he'll tell you if you ask him
So that you can understand
Just what freedom means to people
Who have known some other land.



BIBLE RECORD OF DAVID MEYERS

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MARRIAGES

David Meyers was married to Anna Ladue - September 24th 1807

I do hereby certify that David Meyers and Phebe Grant of the county of Leeds and Province of Upper Canada were duly joined in bonds of matrimony this 18 day of May 1826.

Silas D. White, Justice

Jefferson County State of New York
Orleans May 18th 1826

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Notation: Chautauqua, N.Y. Barcelona - 28 July 1850  
For reasons best known to myself, I did not mean these records should fall into the hands of strangers.

D. Meyers

## BIRTHS

David Meyers was born the 25th of July 1789  
Anna Ladue was born the 10 day of June 1787  
Our first daughter Wealthy was born the 8th day of October in the year of our Lord 1808

Emala Mariah Meyers was born the 9th day of January 1810  
Benjamin Franklin Meyers was born the 31st day of January 1811  
Elisabeth Caroline Meyers was born the 21st day of April 1812  
Wealthy Ann Meyers was born the 28th day of August 1813  
Juli Ann Meyers was born the 7th day of March 1816  
DeWitt Clinton Meyers was born the 25th day of November 1818  
Loiza Jane Meyers was born the 3rd day of November 1820

Phebe Loyd (Lloyd) was born the 4th of May 1804 (second wife)

Angeline Cornelia Meyers born the 26th of February 1827  
Marion Helen Meyers born the 13th of November 1829  
Catherine Mary Meyers born the 17th of October 1831  
Fredric Augustus Muhlenberg Meyers was born the 8th of August 1832  
Benjamin Franklin Meyers was born the 3rd of August 1834  
David Peter Meyers was born the 21st day of April 1837  
John Cowen Meyers was born the 25th day of April 1838  
John Cowen Meyers was born the 10th day of October 1840  
William Henry Meyers was born the 3rd of July 1844

## DEATHS

Anna Meyers died at Brutez, Cayuga County, New York December 7, 1824  
Our first daughter Wealthy died December 30, 1808

Benjamin Franklin Meyers died April 24th 1811

"Oh Relentless Death"

John Cowen Meyers died 1st September 1839

David Peter Meyers died 19th July 1840

William Henry Meyers died 18th January 1845

John C. Meyers died 28th September 1846

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Meyers family

## From Our Files

MEEKER-JOHNSON

Ellis Squier resided in Suffolk Co., Long Island where he reared a family of fifteen children. The place of his residence is still called Squier-ton. In 1687 his son Ellis Squier came to New Jersey and resided in the borough of Elizabethtown and his son Benjamin was one of the founders of the old Westfield neighborhood and resided there in 1699.

The old Squier homestead on Ridgewood Road built in 1774 which forms a part of the Redmond Estate is still in a good state of preservation. It was occupied by Henry Squier for sometime previous and after the Revolution but was originally a part of the old Ludington Farm surveyed in 1686.

A deed made by Josiah Ogden and wife to Samuel Freeman dated December 12, 1728 makes mention of the old brook which runs through the Redmond estate as follows: "Thence to Ludington's brook and up said brook to the head thereof."

Joseph Meeker was in the first list of 80 associates called "The Elizabethtown Associates" and was the father of Robert, Stephen, and David Meeker, three brothers who settled in or near Elizabethtown New Jersey.

The name of Benjamin Meeker is in the list of the second generation of Associates admitted in 1699.

Joseph Meeker, his son Robert Meeker, son Stephen Meeker, daughter Rachel Meeker who married Meeker Squier. Meeker Squier was the son of Benjamin and Rachel Meeker and lived near Blue Ball, Warren Co. Ohio and had two children, namely first Rebecca, second Anna, who married David Johnson. Anna and David had four children, Ithamer Johnson, Phebe Johnson, Laura Rachel Johnson and John Stephen Johnson.

David and Anna Johnson, who were considered the wealthiest persons in their locality, decided to join the Society of Shakers and disposed of all of their property by selling and giving the money to the Shakers; the land was deeded to the Shakers and then David and Anna with their children Ithamer, Phebe, and Laura Rachel entered the Society; John Stephen was born a few weeks after his parents entered the Society.

Husbands and wives upon entering this Society forego all relations as man and wife. A year after David Johnson had entered the Society he left, but Anna Johnson remained for a number of years, when she passed away. John Stephen Johnson passed away in early childhood. Ithamer remained with the shakers until he passed away at the age of 80 years which he had spent with the Shakers as the leader and King. When Phebe Johnson and her sister Laura Johnson arrived at the age of womanhood, they left the society. Laura Rachel Married Samuel Morrison, a U.S. Civil Engineer; there was no issue from this marriage. Phebe Johnson, born in Butler Co., Ohio, August 3, 1801, married John Wilson in Butler Co. There were six children born to this splendid man and gentle woman: Eugenia Adelaide Louise, Laura Ann, Bellevedora, Ithamer Johnson, Henry Clay, Theodore Frelyhuse. The two last named were twins.

Eugenia Adelaide Louise married James Bailey Hichman, son of James Hickman and Catherine Le Coste, June 27, 1861. The Hickman family came from England in 1632 and settled in Virginia.