RECORDS OF STEINBERGER FAMILY

IN MEMORY OF SUSAN STEINBERGER MOHR

who gave so much of her time and effort to this work and suffered an untimely death - cut off in the vigor of life by an auto accident.

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Frederick Stoneberger (Steinberger) signed list September 12, 1750, to come to America. Beyond any doubt he was from somewhere in southern Germany or northern Austria.

In 1783 his wife's name was given as Mary in Deed Book D - page 107.

In 1800 he is listed as having 577 acres. In 1801 he is listed with 577 acres and 25 acres. These two tracts remain listed for him through 1806 and in 1807 he is not listed. A new entry on the 1807 list is Jacob Judy with two tracts of the same acreage. Jacob Judy married Dolly (Dorothy) Steinberger, daughter of Frederick June 6, 1788.

In 1785 the Personal Property Tax list shows "Frederick Stoneberger, Lewis and John" three whites 21 or above. This type of listing indicates that the individual listed as paying the tax (in this case, Frederick Stoneberger) was the head of the household and was paying tithes on himself and two white males above 21 and in almost every instance the said two white males are the sons of the said taxpayer. Thus, Lewis and John appear to have been the sons of Frederick.

Somewhere in the records was mentioned a youngest son, Frederick.

Christina Stoneberger married John Christian Nauman. Their descendants claim that he built the log church, which he named Stoneberger, in honor of his wife's family. In Deed Book K - page 17 - 1795, Frederick Stoneberger and Mary, his wife, and Mathias Friemoot deeded the land for this church to John Nauman and Daniel Snyder, Trustees for the Lutheran and Presbyterian Congregations. This indicates beyond a reasonable doubt that Christina was the daughter of Frederick. Their descendants stated that she was his daughter.

Date of coming to America received from Germany. Other records in Shenandoah and Page County, Virginia.
The name Steinberger according to the German Dictionary means stone mountain. This is probably an indication that the family originated in a mountainous country. It is thought that the family originally came to America from Austria and many records of the family exist in that country today.

The name is spelled various ways: Steinberger, Steenberger, Steinberger, Steinberger, Stoneberger, Stainberger, Steinperger, Steenbergen, etc.

The records found in Austria date back several hundred years; however, it has been impossible to establish a direct line with our own family.

Records received from Karl Friedrich von Frank zu Dofering, a genealogist in Austria, are as follows:

"As much as I understand one of your ancestors, called Friedrich Johann Steinberger immigrated into America at about 1760. According to my records of immigrants in America of the time in question, there is only one Friedrich Steinberger to be found, who came to America in 1750. Therefore I guess, that this one will be identical with your ancestor. I got a photostated copy of the list which he signed on September 12, 1750, when he took the oath of allegiance."

There are bearers of the name of Steinberger in its different spellings (according to the old orthography the name was written Steinberger, as well as Steinberger, Steinperger, Stainperger, etc.) to be found in the Tyrol and in Styria. (Tyrol and Styria are divisions of Austria.)

For instance:

Steinberger, Johann Anton, actuary at Schlanders in Tyrol. To him the Emperor granted a coat-of-arms on August 11, 1761.

Steinberger, Alexander, greffier of the court of the city of Innsbruck in Tyrol. To him the Emperor granted a coat-of-arms on June 6, 1770.

There also were granted patents of coat-of-arms and of nobility to other bearers of the name of Steinberger, as follows:

Steinberger, Peter, at Nuremberg, a coat-of-arms on September 11, 1722.

Steinperger, Johann, Mathias, Marcus, Emanuel, Andreas, Martin,
brothers and cousins, on October 11, 1612, the title of nobility: "Stainperger von und zu Stainperg auf Gallmuncz".

Steinberger, Georg, district-leader in Carniola, on September 16, 1622, the title of nobility: "Steinberger von Steinberg".

Stainperger von Stainperg, Wolf, secretary of the Bohemian government and his brothers: Hans, Stephan, Siegmund, Valentin and Sebastian, the title of nobility on June 10, 1555.

Also a letter has been received from Mrs. Edward Erler of Innsbruck, Austria, who was the daughter of Josef Steinberger, and the granddaughter of Simon Steinberger.

Also a letter has been received from Mrs. Anna Steinberger of Munich, Bavaria. Her husband was a Steinberger of latest generation, born in 1883. His mother, about 1856, was born, and her father, was Benne Steinberger, a Farmer in Westendorf. Their ancestors were supposed to be Tyrolean, especially the older ones lived in Tyrol.

Also a letter has been received from Dr. J. Steinberger of Innsbruck, Austria. He was the son of Joseph Steinberger, the son of Anton Steinberger, the son of Martin Steinberger.

Information was also received from the Mayor of Innsbruck, Austria, to the effect that there are now living in Innsbruck, Elizabeth Steinberger, bookkeeper; Ludwig Steinberger, Dr. Phil.; and Rudolf Steinberger, house servant.

He also sends records of one Josef Steinberger in year 1803; Bergmeister; Peter in year 1803 owner of house Bacherbuhelgasse; Johann in year 1821, gartnermeister; and Balthasar in year 1756, Zimmermeister.

Also in June 1161, Hans Steinberger, Kathrein Steinberger and Anna, wife of Niklas Kirchmairs, all heirs of Peter Schneider gave various bequests to different organizations.

Also in 1769 the Steinberger company gave or sold some land or money to the St. Jacobs Pfarrkirche (St. Jacobs Church).
The first one here was Frederick Stoneberger, who lived in what is now Page county, but up until 1830 was part of Shenandoah. He was listed as a resident in the 1783 and 1785 census, as a head of a family. In 1783 he had 9 in family, and in 1785 he is credited with 10 in family.

I give extracts from the Court Records:

Will book F, page 89. Appraisement of Frederick Stoneberger, returned to the court October 13, 1806, by Christian Aleshire, Philip Long, Daniel Snyder, Thomas Nauman, appraisers. The amount of the property was small - believe $5 lb. 15 shillings.

Same book and page is the sale of his personal estate. I quote from the account: The amount of sale of articles of the estate of Frederick Stoneberger, deced, began on this 20th day of April, 1806.

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At a Court held for the county of Shenandoah on Monday, October 13, 1806, this account of the sale of Frederick Stoneberger's estate, deced, was returned and ordered to be recorded.

Teste, P. Williams, C. S. C.


To amount of sale bill $381.30
To cash of Philip Comber 1.50

Contra, Cr.

By amt. paid Barbara Stoneberger one of the heirs $25.00
By amt. paid Eve Stoneberger one of the heirs 16.00
By amt. paid Mary Ann Stoneberger same 17.08
By amt. paid Elizabeth Stoneberger same 27.00

This account was settled by Joseph Evans November 25, 1825.
Berks County, Albany Township, Pennsylvania

1790 Census

Joseph Steinberger

1 male over 16
3 males under 16
3 females

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About 1740 Steinberger family on county line upper Shenandoah Valley Virginia (Frederick County).

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Lewis Steinberger War 4 361

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Lieutenants - Peter Steenburger

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William Steenberger - Shenandoah Valley 1734

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Above copies of some early notes.
For a number of years the Steenbergenes, a family that appears to have belonged to the German nobility, occupied a prominent place in the commercial and industrial life of Shenandoah County and the Valley of Virginia. They were regarded as the wealthiest people in the county. William Steenbergen, the first of the name to locate in the Valley, married about the year 1800, a daughter of Col. Taverner Beale, of Revolutionary note; and, after inheriting considerable property through his wife, built the limestone mansion still standing on the bluff just east of Smith's Creek, two miles above Mt. Jackson, and known as Mt. Airy. When building Mt. Airy, William Steenbergen, or Baron Steenbergen, as he was sometimes called, imported for the structure two mantelpieces from Italy, at a cost of more than a thousand dollars. He and his sons, William and Beale, were extensively engaged in the cattle business. In 1810 or 1811, William Steenbergen, likely the elder, was awarded several premiums on cattle at Georgetown, D. C. One steer believed to be the largest ever raised in Virginia weighed nearly 2000 lbs. At one time Beale Steenbergen rounded up all the fat beeves in the county. After collecting all in the Valley, he put his agents on all the roads leading into Baltimore and for awhile created an actual beef famine. He made a great deal of money by the scheme, but doubtless had cause to regret his shrewdness ever afterward. Because of this "corner on cattle" he was practically ostracized by his family and neighbors, and finally left the Valley.

From 'A History of Shenandoah County, Virginia, by Wayland'.

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Steenberger (Steenbergen)

"Baron" John B. Steenbergen, whose youth was spent in Shenandoah, was one of the most spectacular "Characters" of San Francisco of the 1850s. No American metropolis has ever been so distinctive or colorful or has such individualists as that city during the hectic gold rush. (Note: Could this be the Beale as shown above.)

"Baron" Steenberger was a student from Shenandoah county at Washington College (Now Washington Lee University) 1819-1820; went to Indiana; and arrived in San Francisco, 1849.

He there contracted with Rowland & Aspinwall to furnish their Panama-San Francisco steamers with beef. This company was the great steamship company carrying the Argonauts to San Francisco. He and his partners controlled the beef supply of this city and sold meat to U. S. war vessels in its harbor. He was one of the first "promoters", and through his beef contracts and land speculations attained in the early 1850s to large wealth.

He had his country place upon part of the Rancho de las Pulgas, with an area of over 35,000 acres, and upon which is now located Redwood City, Menlo Park, and part of Stanford University, California. It had been a grant to Luis Antonio Arguello, first Mexican governor of California.
There the "Baron" had a baronial hall of no mean pretensions. At his country place and at his town house — a flimsy pioneer structure on Commercial Street, San Francisco, he was in his period the most lavish entertainer in a city that was world famed for its hospitality.

The "the Baron", says a San Francisco newspaperman in describing him in a manuscript in the Dunlop collection, was a financier of the airy kind. John Law and his Mississippi Bubble were insignificant atoms in the air in comparison with the fleet of Zeppetins that was ever maneuvering in the "Barons" financial empyrean. His personal outlay caused him to become poverty stricken. He went to St. Louis to recoup, through contracts for government mules, and died in 1862.

William Steenbergon (Steenberger), sometimes also called "Baron" Steenbergon, came to Shenandoah about 1795 or 1796, and represented Shenandoah in the Virginia house of delegates 1816-1819. He was the son of Peter Steenbergon and Ann Gaines. William Steenberger married Sarah Casey, and according to another account also a Beale. (See quotation from German Element of the Shenandoah Valley on preceding page.)

William Steenberger had the following children:

Gen. Peter H. Steenberger, representative of Mason county, now West Virginia in the Virginia House of Delegates, 1821 - 1822; married Maria E. Jordan.

Mary Steenberger married James Madison Hite Beale, member of Congress.

William Steenberger, Jr., married Elizabeth Caperton, of the Capertons of Monroe County, now West Virginia. She married (2) Rev. A. R. Rude.

Caroline Steenberger married Thomas T. Blackford.

John B. Steenberger, as in the above article.

Mary Katherine Steenberger, married Rev. Samuel Simon Schmacker.

Elizabeth Steenberger. (These names are spelled also Steenbergen)

From marriage records at Woodstock, Virginia.

Mary Steinberger, daughter of William to James Beale, son of Tavener, September 29, 1806.

Peter Stoneberger to Nancy Welch, daughter of John, December 1, 1811.

Samuel S. Specker (note difference in spelling as above Schmacker) to Mary Catherine Steenberger, daughter of William, October 11, 1825.

A. R. Rude to Elizabeth C. Steinberger, May 6, 1867.

There is also a record of Peter Stoneberger or Steinberger, etc., being at Culpepper, Virginia, on a sale deal.

In about 1930 the writer talked with an old member of the family at Taylorsville, Indiana, and he stated that a John Steinberger came in to Indiana and owned a lot of land but as I can find no record of him I am presuming that it was the John B. who probably came here from Virginia and purchased a lot of land as speculation and sold it and moved on west to California as in the above article. It was stated that he could walk from Flatrock to Driftwood Rivers on his own land.
Deed Book C - page 525 - 1733 - Frederick Stoneburger and Mary, his wife, to Phillip Long deeded part of 200 acres - September 1799 - being granted to the same Frederick Stoneburger by deed from the proprietors office bearing date of the 17th day of May 1779 - lying near the south river of Shenandoah

Deed Book D - page 107 - 1783 - Frederick Stoneberger and Mary, his wife, to John Newman (Naumann, etc) part of a tract of land of 450 acres which was formerly granted by deed from the Lord Proprietors office of the Northern Neck of Virginia dated the 6th day of August 1750 and also part of a tract of 209 acres granted by deed from the same office on the 12th day of June 1779. Note: The date of 1750 could easily have been misread and be 17&0. This old writing is very hard to make out.

Deed Book K - page 17 - 1795 - Frederick Stoneberger and Mary, his wife, and Matthias Friermoot (Friermore some say Friermood, etc) to John Newman and Daniel Snyder, Trustees for the Lutheran and Presbyterian Congregations, for a place for a church and a cemetery. At Stony Run on a branch of the South Shenandoah River. (The writer visited this location in 1958. There are two or three cedar trees there in the center of the area enclosed by them where Frederick Stoneberger and his wife are supposed to be buried) From letter received from John Doval of Maitland, Missouri in July 1958, I remember well the Stoneberger church and the gallary and so many negro meetings we used to hold. In the timber, it was a beautiful grounds. Many people confuse Mount Zion with Stoneberger church. Zion was farther over on the highway from Stanley to Alma. Stoneberger church was in Honeyville before Stanley was. From letter from J. C. Nauman, Stanley, Virginia, in August 1958.

John Christian Nauman married Christina Stoneberger. He built a church along the road that leads from Stanley to Nauman town about the year of 1785. He named this church the 'Stoneberger Church' in honor of his wife Christina Stoneberger. Mr. Nauman further states that John Christian Nauman owned most of the land through that section in those days so he gave this land where the church was built on to the Lutheran Church for a church site only. The church was a log church which has long been torn away and the logs sawn into timber. You will note that the above deed record states that the land was deeded by Stoneberger and Friermoot to John Nauman, (Naummer), so that is probably the reason that J. C. thought that John Christian Naumann gave the land to the church.

From a Short History of Page County by Harry Strickler "St. Luke's at Alma. This church is the successor of an older church that stood on Stony Run where the Honeyville Road crossed the stream, about two miles east of Alma. It was known as the Stoneberger Church. The deed to this property was made in 1795 by Frederick Stoneberger and Matthias Friermood to John Newman and Daniel Snyder, Trustees for the Lutheran and Presbyterian congregations. In the early days Presbyterian was used interchangeably with Reformed or Calvinist. A number of the Lutheran-Reformed deeds use the word Presbyterian for Reformed. There was a church on the property when the deed was made. The congregation moved to Alma in 1873 and used a union church for some years. The corner-stone of the church bears date 1893."
Records from the court houses continued

Many records of transfers of land by a William Steenberg, or Steinbergen. One Witness Robert Steenberger.

Will Book F - Page 139

In April 1806 - settlement of Frederick Stoneburger estate.
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In 1810 Jacob Judy and his wife Dorothy deeded land to John Nowman, which land had been left to him by the last will and testament of Frederick Stoneberger. Part of tract conveyed to Frederick Stoneberger by Lord Fairfax.

In settlement of Lewis Stoneberger estate at sale in 1821, articles sold to John Stoneberger, Mary Stoneberger, Elizabeth Stoneberger, Barbara Stoneberger, also others. Majority sold to Mary Stoneberger.

John Stoneberger, (son of Lewis Stoneberger) and his wife Christina in 1822 sold land which he had from his father to Daniel Stark.

David Stoneberger of Champaign County, Ohio, was in 1822 given power of attorney by Samuel Kite and his wife, Anna Coffman, daughter of Martin Coffman, to handle their affairs in Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Deed Book - AA, Barbara Stoneberger, child of Lewis Stoneberger in 1821 sold to George Kite some land on the South Shenandoah River. Children of Lewis Stoneberger given as John, Mary, Elizabeth, Eve, Nancy, Lewis and Barbara. Land by Hawksbille creek.

Deed Book - KK 1831 - Eve Stoneberger sold her property to John Sigler land and lot No. 5 of Lewis Stoneberger estate. Land on Stony Run.
Page 389, A Short History of Page County, Virginia, by
Harry M. Strickler, in the Appendix

MICHAEL RADER'S COMPANY - 1775

There is in the files of the Virginia Historical Society a collection
of papers pertaining to tax lists and military affairs of Dunmore
County (Shenandoah after 1777), 1775, called "Bird-Samuels Papers,"
which collection Dr. Bernard Samuels of New York City donated to
the society. A number of these are published in Dr. M. G.
Brumbaugh's Revolutionary War Records, Vol I. Virginia. The
typist has a photo copy of Michael Reader's Co. (See Brumbaugh,
R W R. Vol. I, pp. 602-603) obtained from Virginia State Library,
which photo copy has been compared with the list by Strickler.

Michael Rader's company is evidently from Page County and is found
in the above collection. In regard to this company Dr. Brumbaugh
recites: "This roll is not headed like the others, but is
decorated with flags, drums and cannon. The name "M. Reader"
written on the back of the roll folded, indicates that this company
was under the command of Michael Reader, whom the records of
Shenandoah show to have been Captain and Major of Militia." Reader
(Rader) did not live in Page territory but probably at New Market
or Timberville. He was one of the founders of the Lutheran Church
at New Market. We associate the family with Rader's church at
Timberville.

According to John F. Gwathney's Historical Register in the Revolution
Capt. Michael Rader's company of Dunmore Militia was serving in
camp near Fort Pitt, October 7, 1775 (p. 861). This roll has all
the earmarks of a military company and has no tax information at
all and has a full set of officers.
Three names: Abraham Brubaker, John Hunt and John Overbocker are marked out.

Those names marked with a (*) do not appear in Alexander Hite's list of 1783.

The most of the names do appear in the tythe lists of 1783 and 1785.

Luke Celley (Kelly) married Andrew Keyser's sister and went to Ohio.

Those names marked with a (+) were not on Strickler's list but were on Brumbaugh's list. Marked with a (x) on Strickler's not on Brumbaugh's.

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In the State Library at Richmond is a collection of papers entitled, "Twymann Williams Papers - Dunmore County Papers, 1775-76; Shenandoah County Papers, 1812-1819." This collection may be the same as the "Bird-Samuels Papers."

MICHAEL RAPER'S COMPANY - 1775

William Artrip, Sargant
Richard Brahham, Lieutenant
Antheney Cortner, Ensign

The above officers were the same on both lists.

ADLER, Abraham x
ADWELL, John (Atwell)
ALESHIRE, Benedict (Aleshire)
ALESHIRE, Conrad (Aleshire)
ALTURF, Anthony (Alterfer)
ALTURF, John *
ARTRIP, Penery * x
ARTRIP, John +
BELLES, Henery *
BEVERIDGE, John *
BREDEH, Bryant *
BRINKLEY, William *
BUNGERNER, Chrisley
BURNE, Jacob
BURNER, John *
BURTNER, John
CAMBEL, James
CELLEY, Darby * (Kelley)
CELLEY, Edward
CELLEY, Luke *
COFFMAN, Christian (this name spelled Kaufman, etc.)
COFFMAN, David
COFFMAN, Long David *
COFFMAN, Hogsbill (Hawksbill) David
COFFMAN, Martin
COLIER, Michael *
COHIER, Michael
CUMMINGS, John *
DEKER, Adam
DIAL, John *
FRYERWOOD, Matthias
FUGIT, Bengeman *
FUGIT, Doonesen
FURREY, Christley
GIMLET, Andrew *
GIMLET, Frederick
GOOD, Casper (could be Jasper)
GROVE, Chrisley
GROVE, Marks (Mark)
HABMON, George *
HAYMON, Peter *
HARRIS, William *
HAY, Alexander
HEARTSBERGER, Jno. (John) Hershberger
HEASTON, Jacob
HEASTON, John
HEASTON, Peter
HEARER, John *
HITE, Andrew
HITE, Daniel
HURLE, Jacob (Hottel)
JUDA, Jacob (Judy)
KIBLINER, Daniel (Kiblinger)
KIBLINER, Jacob (Kiblinger)
KISER, Chas. Jr.
KISER, Joseph *
KUENTZ, George (Koontz) *
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LEE, John *
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STONEBARGER, John +
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STRICKLER, Isaack
STRICKLER, Joseph
TISINGER, Peter
TYRE, William *
UNDERWOOD, George
URDAH, Jacob x

VINCENT, Joseph

WATSON, Jonathan *

WATSON, William *

WHITICK, Henry

WIGGLE, Jacob

WILLIAMS, John *

MINEGART, Philip *

WISE, John *

WISE, Mikehel *
The following records were copied from the History of Page County Virginia by Harry M. Strickler to aid the Ohio Branch of the family in their records. Until we learn the maiden name of John Steinberger's first wife and the maiden name of Frederick Steinberger's wife it is not known whether they will aid any of the remainder of the family.

STRICKLER FAMILY

Page County has one of the oldest Bibles in the State of Virginia. The Strickler Bible was published by Froschouer at Zurich, Switzerland, in 1536. It is now in the possession of Staige Hite Modesitt of Page County. It dates back almost to Luther's Reformation, p. 4.9.

Abraham Strickler purchased his land from Jacob Stover, leader and patentee of 5,000 acre tract of the Massanutten settlement. On the 15th day of December 1733, 1,000 acres was sold and conveyed to Abraham Strickler. Abraham Strickler, the Forerunner, married at Massanutten, Mary Ruffner, who came to America with Peter Ruffner, p. 361 her brother. It is said that Abraham Strickler was a fur trader and trapper in the Shenandoah Valley before he decided to settle down. He was a leader evidently and was the first signer to the petition of 1733 and got a thousand acres in the very heart of the Massanutten patent, p. 18. Diligently searching the book I find the following children of Abraham Strickler mentioned: 1. Abraham, II who married Susan Hollingsworth. His will was probated February 24, 1831. Two children are shown, a son General Hiram Jackson Strickler of Kansas and a daughter Rebecca, p. 164. His widow married George Summers and was the mother of at least one son by Summers, Captain George W. Summers. 2. a daughter Mary who married Joseph Rhodes. 3. John. 4. Jacob, p. 60 deed of land 1755. 5. Joseph deed of land 1751, p. 81. 6. Isaac, deed of land 1761, page 60. 7. Benjamin whose daughter Ann married Michael Rhodes. Four of these sons went to Winchester to vote on July 21, 1758, page 81. Ringeman, Isaac and Joseph Strickler all shown as members of Michael Reader's Company, 1775, p. 390. Benj., Sebastian, Daniel, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph all shown on Public Claims list of Revolutionary War, p. 392.
Mrs. Millard Steinberger received the following information in May 1966. Millard is a descendant of the Ohio Family started by John Steinberger, son of John the Revolutionary War soldier.

May 9, 1966 - Dear Mrs. Steinberger, Would like to exchange data on your Stover and Rhodes family, also Strickler.

I am enclosing my line, so you will know where my line is. I am gr-gr-gr-gr-gr-granddaughter of Rev. John Rhodes, through his daughter Ann Rhodes. The connection between my Rhodes and Stovers are: Rev. John Rhodes is the grandfather of Barbara Grove, born 1760, her husband, Joseph Strickler is the grandson of Barbara Stover, daughter of Jacob. This makes Henry D. Strickler born 1766 great-grandson of Both Rev. John Strickler (I believe she means Rhodes) and Barbara Stover. I have "Forerunners" by Henry Strickler and "Fust Homes of Page County" by Kerkhoff. This last book was published 1962. It has homes you are interested in also the story of the massacre at Fort Rhodes. "Forerunners" goes down to Warren Fry, son of Clarinda Strickler and Elijah Fry. Warren Fry is my great-grandfather. Henry Strickler went to Iroquois County, Illinois, and most of the family still lives there. My grandmother was born there too. How much do you have on Stover? How many children did he have? Please send me your line. What do you have and what do you need. Hope to hear from you soon, Sincerely, Mrs. Lewis Brewer, 511 Twin Lakes, Monticello, Indiana, 47960.

Rev. John Rhodes and Eva Albright, from Zurich, Switzerland, 1723, soon after to Page County.

1. Joseph Rhodes - married 1754 Mary Strickler, daughter of Abraham
3. Daniel - died
4. Susan Rhodes - married Mark Grove, son of Hans Graff (Grove)
5. Ann Rhodes - married Christian Grove, son of Hans Graff (Grove) (Mrs. Brewer's line)
6. Esther Rhodes - married Dr. Jacob Coffman
7. Elizabeth - married Jacob Gockenour

Five children died in massacre.

Mrs. Brewer's Strickler line.
Abraham Strickler born 1670 married Mary Ruffner
Jacob Strickler married Nancy (or Mary) Kauffman (Martin Kauffman Barbara Stover
Joseph Strickler 1766-1841 married Barbara Grove 1760-1843 (Christian Grove Ann Rhodes
Henry D. Strickler 1796-1883 married Catharine Brubaker 1802- (John Brubaker Barbara Knuck
Clarinda Strickler 1825-1848 married Elijah Fry 1825 - (Abraham Fry
Brewer line continued

Warren Fry 1853-1927 married Amanda Fleming (Athony Fleming Rebecca Baily

Zelpha Fry 1878-1958 married Henry Wert 1874-1947 (Nelson Wert Martha E. Simmons

Alma Wert 1916 married Lester W. Hunt 1910-1962 (Calvin Hunt Jennie Baer

Pequetti Hunt 1936 - married Lewis Brewer 1935 (Orval Brewer Elsie Flora

(Mrs. Brewer)

Rev. Martin Kauffman, son of Michael Kauffman and Anna Kneisley married Barbara Stover, daughter of Jacob Stover, Sr., born 1688 married 1715 to Sarah Boone, born 1691. Sarah Boone is aunt of Daniel Boone, frontiersman. Pres. Eisenhower's ancestor is Jacob Stover, Sr.

The details of this story are taken from the Short History of Page County Virginia as written by Harry M. Strickler. He refers to Kercheval, p. 84 and Massanutten, p. 84. The story of this massacre is given on pages 69, 70, 71 and 72 of this book.

Kercheval states that this massacre occurred in August 1766, but tradition in the Roads family says it was in 1764. Here we quote: "In the latter part of August the same year, a party of eight Indians and a worthless villain of a white man crossed Powell's Fort Mountain, to the South Fork of the Shenandoah, at the late residence of John Gatewood, Esq., where the Rev. John Roads, a Mennonist preacher of the Gospel, then lived. Mr. Roads, his wife, and three of his sons, were murdered. Mr. Roads was standing in his door when he was shot and fell dead. Mrs. Roads and one of her sons were killed in the yard. One of the young men was at the distance of about one hundred and fifty yards from the house in a corn field. Hearing the report of the guns at the house, he ascended a pear tree to see what it meant, where he was discovered by an Indian and instantly killed. The third poor young lad attempted to save himself by flight, and to cross the river, but was pursued and killed in the river. The place is called the Bloody Ford to this day. The enemy demanded of the youth who was killed in the yard, where his father kept his money, and was told that if he did not immediately point out the place, they would kill him; but if he would show them the money, his life would be spared. On his declaring he could not tell them, he was instantly shot and fell dead. Mrs. Roads' eldest daughter, Elizabeth, caught up her little sister, a child about sixteen or eighteen months old, ran into the barn, and secured the door. An Indian discovered and pursued her, and attempted to force open the door; but not succeeding, he, with many oaths and threats, ordered her to open it. On her refusing, the fellow ran back to the house to get fire, and while he was gone, Elizabeth crept out of a hole on the opposite side of the barn, with her little sister in her arms, ran through a field of tall hemp, crossed the river, and got safely to a neighboring house, and thus saved herself and sister. She continued to her brother's home at Ida eight miles away and arrived before dark. (The baby sister was Esther who later married Dr. Jacob Kauffman.)

After plundering the house of such articles as they chose to take, the Indians set fire to all the buildings, and left the dead body of Mr. Roads to be consumed in the flames. They then moved off, taking with them two of the sons and two of the daughters as prisoners. The youngest prisoner was a weak sickly little boy, eight or nine years of age; he, of course, was not able to stand the fatigue of traveling, and, crossing the head of Powell's Fort, they killed him. His two sisters, then refusing to go any further with them, were barbarously
murdered and their bodies left a prey to wolves and other wild beasts. The other boy was taken off and remained about three years in captivity before he returned home. It was generally believed at the time that the white scoundrel who was with the Indians induced them to commit those horrible murders in order to rob Mr. Roads of his money; but he missed his objective. Mr. Roads kept his money and title papers in a niche in the cellar wall, the dampness and coolness of which preserved them from injury. They were all found safe. The victims were buried on the bank of the river by the neighbors, guns, in hand, and August 31, 1921, a small memorial lettered by the late Philip M. Kauffman was unveiled at the spot where the house was burned. It is located in the garden near the present Fort Roads.

The Rev. John Roads was married to Eve Albright, both killed by the Indians in 1764. On early records the name is spelled Hans Roth or Road. Roth means red and was pronounced Road, hence Road, Roads and finally completely anglicized to Rhodes. This couple had 13 children. Seven survived the massacre, as follows:

1. Joseph Roads, married Mary Strickler, daughter of Abraham, the pioneer, according to Miley. Joseph made his will in 1765 probated in 1766. One clause recites as follows: "I also give to my eldest son, John, that plantation where my father (by the Indians killed) did dwell, known by the name of John Road which I inherited from my said father, lying on the South River Genantore adjoining the land of Jacob Burner below, to be his and his heirs forever of which my said wife, Mary, is to have no share at all," etc.

2. Michael, who was 16 at the time of the massacre and who was carried away into captivity by the Indians; born 1749, died 1819; married Ann Strickler, daughter of Benjamin, who was a son of the pioneer Abraham.

3. Daniel, died young unmarried.


5. Ann, married Christian Grove. (see records of Grove page)

6. Elizabeth, married Jacob Gochenour. She is said to be aged 12 at the time of the massacre.

7. Esther, the baby, carried into the tall hemp by her sister, married Dr. Jacob Kauffman.

Those massacred:

8. A son, killed at the house.


10. A son, killed in the pear tree.

11. A son, age 7, killed on the mountain side.
The boy Michael, after spending three years with the Indians returned home, married and reared a family. Tradition says he was a Revolutionary soldier. On page 390 in list of Michael Reader's Company, 1775, Michel Rode is listed as a soldier of the Revolutionary War. On page 391, Committee of Safety, on January 10, 1775, there was a meeting of freeholders at Woodstock, Peter Muhlenberg, Chairman, when a committee of safety was appointed. At least two on the Committee were from the Massanutten Valley, Michael Rodes and Edwin Young. Michael was taken captive when his father was killed in 1764. He returned to the home of his brother, Joseph, at Ida but located at or near Toms Brook where he married and reared a large family.

Joseph Roads had 1,200 acres on which he had a deer park on Breedlove Mountain, the fence so constructed that it became a deer trap. The fence was low on the upper side and high on the lower side. The deer would jump down hill over the low fence and could not jump out again. He also constructed a bear trap with logs so the bear could enter through an opening at the top and once in could not get out. (See story in Reuben Steinberger section about a bear. This could be the same story which had just been changed by going through several generations.) The late Wilbur H. Miller, a son of Dr. W. H. Miller and a direct descendant of Joseph Roads, informed Harry Strickler that Joseph Roads had about 1,200 acres of land and exhibited a sword which Joseph made. The sword was given to his daughter Victoria Almond, who married Dr. W. H. Miller, M. D., of Luray and from Victoria Miller it passed to her son, Wilber H. Miller. Joseph Roads he said lived at Ida in the brick house, called "Mountain View", owned in 1931 by Hunter H. Daughton of Washington, D.C.

There were three Joseph Roads in a row, Joseph I, Joseph II, and Joseph III. Joseph I died about 1767, was the eldest son of John Roads killed by the Indians. The Ida homestead passed from father to son through those three generations. Joseph Roads, the first, married Mary Strickler, daughter of the Forerunner, Abraham Strickler, and Michael Roads, the younger brother of Joseph, married March 26, 1782, Nancy Strickler, daughter of Benjamin and a niece of the wife of Joseph I. Michael went to live at Maurertown where relatives lived. Here he reared a large family. Michael's marriage was by publication and A. Moffett was the minister. In 1754 Joseph Roads, the first, and his young wife, left his father's home and the river bottom and purchased 135 acres at Ida. It was to this home that baby Esther was carried by her sister Elizabeth, on the day of the massacre, arriving at her brother's home before dark, eight miles distant. Elizabeth was 12 years old and baby Esther 18 months. Joseph I, the eldest son of his father, inherited all the landed estate of his father. This land he divided with his brothers.
and sisters. About 800 acres was thus distributed. He retained the home place where the massacre occurred. Joseph I survived his father less than two years and died about 1766 and by his will he left his home place, "Mountain View" to his son Joseph II, born in 1761, and his father's home plantation (Ford Roads) to his son John. Mary Roads, widow of Joseph I and mother of Joseph II, married Jacob Huddle, Sr., and went to live near Maurertown, and had a number of children by the name of Huddle. Jacob Huddle, Sr., owned about three of those seven bends below Woodstock. Joseph II married Magdalene Huddle, a cousin of Jacob Huddle, Jr., his half brother. It is said that Joseph Roads II made a horse-power threshing machine. Joseph Roads II, born 1761, had five children as follows: 1. Anna, born 1790, married in 1808 Noah Keyser, born 1786; 2. Joseph III married Nancy Lionberger in 1812; 3. John H. Roads, married Nancy Almond; 4. Susan, married William Almond, son of Edward, Sr., in 1813; 5. Barbara, married Edward Almond, Jr., son of Edward, Sr. Joseph Roads III wife, Nancy Lionberger, was the daughter of David Lionberger. He died young, being killed at a barn-raising. His widow married Jacob Lincoln and lived at the home of Virginia John Lincoln on Linville Creek. Joseph III left two children: 1. Alexander Hamilton Roads; and 2. Nancy Ann Roads who married a Noah Roads.

The appraisement of Joseph Roads, Sr., (this is Joseph II, is filed in the Clerk's office in Shenandoah County about 1816, William R. Almond administrator. The following disbursements were made: Magdalene Roads, widow; Noah Keyser, his wife Anna's share; Edward Almond, his wife Barbara's share; Joseph Roads, Jr. (III) his share; John H. Roads, his share; William R. Almond, his wife, Susanna's share.

It is said that John Roads, the father, on leaving Europe, was pursued to the ship but he managed to hide in the cargo of the vessel.

Several hundred yards back of the dwelling at "Mountain View" is an old cemetery containing graves of the Almond, Roads, etc., families.


The pioneer, Christian Grove, purchased a tract of land on the Hawksbill, about a mile north of Long's store, from John Lionberger, in 1756, just south of the Peter Ruffner grant. Lionberger had obtained a grant of 1,100 acres from Lord Fairfax here in 1749, in Augusta County. Christian Grove married twice, first Anna Roads, daughter of John by the Indians killed, and second, Esther Musselman. Unto Christian were born 11 children. Two of the sons, Christian, Jr., and Samuel, purchased the interests of the other children and divided the land into two plantations. Samuel Grove married Mary Lionberger, daughter of John, and three of his children married three children of Henry Brumback, Jr., who had married Mary Grove, daughter of Mark Grove, who is thought to be a brother of Christian, Sr. Mark Grove married 1st Susan Roads, daughter of John, by the Indians killed, and 2nd a Miss Grove from Pennsylvania. Mark probably


The Lionbergers owned land south of the Christian Grove tract. Their deed is dated 1749. John Lionberger died in 1757. He left a wife Barbara, and children: John, David, Peter, Elizabeth, Magadalene, Mary, Barbara and Ann. John signs his name Leonberger. The book 'Lionberger Family' states that the family after locating in Virginia, went to North Carolina, and later one returned and occupied the Virginia land. (The Lionbergers were definitely in North Carolina and married into the Abernathy Family).

At the Court House of Philadelphia, August 26, 1735, "Eighteen Switzers, who with their families, making in all forty-five persons, were imported here in the Ballinder Oliver, Samuel Merchant, Master, from South Carolina, were this day qualified as usual. We find the Linebergers in this list as follows: (figure means age) Hans Lyinburger, 50; Lizarberth Lyinburger, 45; Hans Lyinburger, 25; Lizarberth Lyinburger, 20; Barberry Lyinburger, 14; Peter Lyinburger, 8; Hannah Lyinburger, 3. There is nothing in the list to indicate that they are all of one family but evidently it is one family. The clerk spelled the name Lyinburger but John signed his name in German, during the process of oath taking, twice, one time Hans Luwenborg and one time Louwenborg."
JOHN STEINBERGER (shown in some Revolutionary War records as JOHN STONEBARGER) was born in Virginia around 1760. Died about 1823 in Bartholomew County, Indiana. From April term of court 1823 (John Steinberger Estate: This day came John Pence and filed an inventory of said estate.) This has been checked several times in the hope of finding more information but at this time, 1966, this is all I have found.

He served in the Revolutionary War at the age of 15 or 16, was supposed to be a Captain in the Virginia Calvary. Revolutionary War Rolls Vol. I, Page 603, under command of Michael Reader Capt. and Major of Militia, Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, are listed Frederick Stonebarger, John Stonebarger, Lewis Stonebarger, Michael Roth (Rhodes), Joseph Ruffner, Benjamin Strickler and Isack Strickler. These are also mentioned in Harry Strickler’s book on Page County, Virginia, which county was cut out of Shenandoah, I believe.

From the records at Woodstock, Virginia, John Stonebarger was married to Elizabeth Friermood March 10, 1798, daughter of Mathias Friermood. This would undoubtedly have been his second wife. Her children were Gideon and David. This is supported by a notation on the back of a picture found in Indiana taken by Buser, Mount Vernon, Iowa. Notation reads: Gideon Steinberger, full brother of David, my grandfather. Signed D. O. Steinberger on visit to Taylorsville, Indiana, Saturday November 6, 1915. We believe that this was David Orin Steinberger. David was born in Virginia September 9, 1800. This would have made his mother the Friermood lady. I do not have the birthdate of Gideon. He went on to Iowa. John Steinberger was married in Virginia, July 4, 1803 to Elizabeth Nauman, daughter of John and Elizabeth Nauman. This date was furnished to Floyd Howes of Cheyenne, Wyoming, by a professional genealogist, Mrs. Skaradon of Urbana, Ohio, who was doing some work for the Nauman family. The family in Ohio thought that John had a son Isaac, but they had no record. An Isaac Steinberger was living in Shelby County, Indiana, according to the census of 1850. This is all the record I have on an Isaac. The family here in Bartholomew County, Indiana, also shared a Reuben. His descendants thought that he was a son of John, and a brother to Henry Steinberger, from whom I am descended. Reuben was on the first list of taxpayers for the County of Bartholomew. He died in 1822 according to the records I obtained of his branch and I have never been able to locate his grave. Assume was in pioneer cemetery near southeast corner of Bokalar Air base which was moved to Liberty, but have absolutely no record. This was assumed as a Starr was buried in this cemetery and Reuben’s son was raised by a Starr family. John Steinberger’s children were recorded in Beers History of Champaign County, Ohio, 1881 by his son David who stated at that time that he and Gideon were the only living members of the family. The children he recorded were: George, John, Henry, Frederick, David, Gideon, Elizabeth and Catherine.
If these marriage dates for John Steinberger are correct, he has had to have been married three times - first to an unknown lady, second to Elizabeth Friermood in 1798 and third to Elizabeth Nauman in 1803. Henry Steinberger, one of his sons, was born about 1786. Frederick, another son, was born around 1791. There is a slight difference in some of the records. Giving this matter considerable thought, this marriage of John Steinberger to Elizabeth Nauman in 1803, could have been the son John instead of the father. The son would have been old enough to marry at that time as according to Susan's record he was born about 1783 in Virginia. She shows him as coming to Ohio in 1804 with parents and marrying in September 12, 1828 to Elizabeth Pence, age 18. He would have been years older than her. His first child is shown as Rhoda Steinberger born in Champaign County, Ohio, in 1808. That would be five years after the marriage date of 1803 but 20 years before the date of 1828. There is definitely something wrong here. He had children born in the year 1827 and in 1829. He could easily have lost one wife and married another in that length of time, however, it is improbable that an 18-year-old girl would have been able to assume the responsibilities of his large family, the oldest child of which was 2 years older than she. Susan always thought that John's wife was a Pence, but if he married the Pence woman in 1828 most of his children were not grandchildren of old Henry Pence as they think they were. This is being investigated and a note will be made on this later. John (the Revolutionary War soldier) must have been married the first time around 1780 give and take a year or two.

John Steinberger moved to Ohio in 1804 and settled at the headwaters of Nettle Creek near the village of Millersown, Champaign County, Ohio, which was then an Indian village of the Miami tribe. In 1819 John moved to Indiana and died about 1823 and was buried in an obscure grave on the banks of Flatrock River, place known as Yellow Banks. Due to washing of floods his body was moved by his grandson, along with other bodies, probably between 1890 and 1900 to the Old Union Cemetery and reinterred on the lot of Joseph Steinberger. John Steinberger of Taylorsville, who died in 1935, gave information on this as well as the Ohio branch who knew the story before I did. Also recently the Rev. Bozzell and Thomas Chambers have been working on this and we all feel that the above is correct. Steps are now being taken to mark his final resting place. In recent years I have been in correspondence with the Dovel family in Missouri and they stated that many people left Virginia around 1805. One can understand why as the land simply would not support the many grandchildren that were coming along. Also all the people wanted land - lots of land - and the west was opening up with plenty of land for everyone and the Revolutionary War soldiers were entitled for land to pay them for their time and work in winning the independence of the whole nation.
Joseph Steenbarger took up the remains of his grandfather Steenbarger and his uncle, Reuben Steenbarger, last Monday, and moved them to the family cemetery. His grandfather moved from Ohio to this township and county in 1819. He died in 1823, and there being no grave yards at that early day, he was buried on the farm he had entered, on a bluff near Flatrock river. His son, Reuben, died in a few years afterward on the farm he had entered and was buried beside his father.
George Steinberger, son of John Steinberger, Revolutionary War Soldier, married Nancy Lockard, sister to Ira Lockard. Married—exact date not known. Susan showed 1779, but that would be impossible. More likely he would have been born around 1779. Nancy died September 23, 1859 at age of 90, therefore her birth date would have been approximately 1769. George remained in Champaign County, Ohio, until 1857. He helped his brother John in the building of the historic Steinberger mill which stood for 130 years at the place where state route 55 crosses Mad River. Mill built 1827 and torn down in 1957. The writer visited this location before the mill was torn down and took pictures of it. Charles Blose lived just across the road. The mill was taken down to allow for straightening of the road. John Steinberger, a nephew also helped with the mill and his son Aden Steinberger fell from the top to the bottom (3 stories) but lived to be 93 years of age. The Steinbergers also built a house and distillery at the same location. The Steinberger Post Office was also located there. Charles Blose who died in 1959 was postmaster for a few years. George Steinberger with several of his family went to Iowa in 1857.

Elizabeth (Betsy) Steinberger, daughter of George (above) was born about 1815. Married 1833 to William Lockard, born about 1821 died January 16, 1894. William Lockard was son of Isaac and Sarah (Miles) Lockard, came to Ohio when small and to Hardin County, Iowa in 1850. They may have had eight children. Record was given of six: John Lockard, Union Soldier, killed in Civil War; Phillander Lockard, Soldier, died of typhoid in the Civil War; George Lockard married Jennie Hauser, shown as having two children Edward and Nellie; Thomas Lockard married Nettie Throp, shown as having six children, Grace married Roemer and died in 1958, Byrd Lockard married Meyers; Gertrude Lockard died 1958 married Dr. Hauffman, Harry and Sally, twins, and Jessie Lockard married Frazier; Delila Venice (not certain if this is correct); Ira Lockard born March 13, 1856, died 1939 married Rose Jester, born April 7, 1856 died 1935, shown as having eight children, Lillie born June 29, 1878, Mabel born March 3, 1881, Ethel Lockard born December 2, 1884 married Carson (Waterloo, Iowa), Josephine Lockard born July 2, 1887 married Rowen (Union Iowa). Raymond Lockard died September 2, 1902, Lois Lockard born May 26, 1893 married Moore (Waterloo, Iowa), Doris Lockard born October 5, 1895 died October 27, 1955, married Marrow, Genevieve Lockard born October 29, 1898 married Zook (509 W, 1st Street, Santa Ana, California).

Isaac Steinberger, son of George (Above) married in Champaign County, Ohio in 1832, Mariah Ward, daughter of George and Catherine Strickler Ward. Catherine was descended from Abraham Strickler; George Ward along with his wife, Catherine Strickler Ward, came to Ohio in 1815. Both were born in Shenandoah County, Virginia. George Ward entered a tract of land and built a cabin in the dense woods. The Indians were numerous at that time but soon drifted westward. George Ward died in 1867, Catherine in 1869. Isaac lived in
Clark, Logan and Champaign Counties in Ohio. He also built a mill on Mad River. Seven children are shown, (1) George Ward Steinberger married Ellen Swearingen and had five children: Charles Steinberger died 1933 married Mary E. Davey, he had seven children, (1) Robert Steinberger married Maude Jenkins shown with two children Robert Milton Steinberger married Dorothy Wagner and had two children Robin Steinberger and Beverly Steinberger, (2) Wilbur Steinberger died at the age of 18 months, (3) Ellsworth Steinberger died at the age of six years, (4) Lottie Steinberger married Karl Kramen shown with two children, Mary Kramer married to William Palmer, two children Beverly Jean Palmer and Sue Ann Palmer and Martha Kramer married to George Reigel, (5) Mabel Steinberger died October 3, 1952 married Harold Kistler shown with two children, Vera Kistler married McClinlock, four children Sandra McClinlock, Margery McClinlock, Betsy McClinlock and Richard McClinlock and Ada Maxine Kistler married Donald Riley, one child Alan Riley, (6) Maude Steinberger married Burton Featheroff, shown with adopted daughter Ruth Alice married to Cecil Dickey, Maude married second Walter Everitt, Scottsburg, Indiana, (7) George Steinberger married first Kathleen Kerlinger, second Mildred Roberts, four children by first wife and one daughter by second, George P. Steinberger shown with one daughter, Richard Steinberger, died in infancy, Joanna Kathleen Steinberger married first Rife, second Yeager, shown with one daughter, Jean Elizabeth Steinberger married Tackett, Springfield, Ohio, and Rosemary Steinberger, (8) Charles Steinberger married Margene Hilliard shown with three children, Mary Lois married Foster Foundree, Charles Eugene Steinberger and John Wesley Steinberger, (9) Clara Steinberger married Zenice Wheeler shown with three children, Kenneth Wheeler, Jerrry Wheeler and Kay Wheeler, (10) Esther Steinberger married first John Snyder, second Raymond Fuller, shown with four children, Thomas Edward Snyder and Dale Eugene Snyder, and Jane Elizabeth Fuller and one other, XXX. 2. Harry Steinberger, son of George Ward Steinberger (see above) married Mollie Derr, he had three children (1) Clarence Steinberger married Anne Sheridan two children shown Warren Steinberger and Merrill Steinberger, (2) Chester Steinberger married Jeanette Budd, two children are shown Constance Steinberger and Joyce Steinberger, (3) Ralph Steinberger married Alice Powell, three children are shown, John Steinberger, Joanne Steinberger and Muriel Steinberger. 3. John Steinberger, son of George Ward Steinberger (see above), born 1918 married Clara Gallacher, lives California two children are shown, Harold Steinberger and Josephine Steinberger. 4. Bert Steinberger, son of George Ward Steinberger (see above) died at the age of 29. 5. Ollie Steinberger, daughter of George Ward Steinberger (see above) died August 7, 1951 married Will Kendricks, shown with three children, Harold Kendricks, Jessie (probably should be spelled Jesse) married Phoebe Kay Thorn, shows two children Billy Kendricks and Barbara Kendricks, Mamie Kendricks married Roy McWilliams, shows two children Elizabeth McWilliams and Gerald McWilliams. (2) Joseph Steinberger (son of Isaac) married Katherine Conover and had six children: 1. Anson Steinberger died in California, married Ella Smith shown with two children Effie Steinberger, California, married first Wayre, second James Heald, and Robert Steinberger married Maybelle Daughtery (maybe Daugherty) lived 316 Holt Street, Los Angeles. 2. Ida Steinberger married

Harrison Steinberger, son of GEORGE (page ) a Harrison Steinberger was issued a license to marry Rebecca Weekly in 1864 in Bartholomew County, Indiana. Susan shows moved to Iowa.

Steve Steinberger, son of GEORGE (page ), married in 1836 to Lucinda Smith. Susan shows moved to Kansas, shows two sons, Ira Steinberger had drug store in Kansas and Wallace Steinberger.

William Steinberger, son of GEORGE (page ), married 1835 Mariah Anderson, shows three children, Phillander, Harrison and Joseph. Shows this family went to Iowa.
Elias Madison Steinberger, son of GEORGE (page ) died in 1817, married first to Nancy Ann Lockard, born 1802 died March 16, 1839, married second to Emily Lockard shown as born 1766 (but doubt this date very much) died 1817. Five children are shown, exact order not known, (1) George Steinberger died shown 1856 (this date could not be correct if age is correct) at age of eight years, buried in Pence Cemetery on old Lockard place (more likely this date should be 1856 or even 1846 - dates are very hard to read on the old tombstones) (2) Elizabeth Steinberger married -- Price and went to Kansas (3) Harrison Steinberger died at nine months buried in old Pence Cemetery on Lockard place (4) Rachel Steinberger married John Price, had son Mart Price in Kansas and (5) Walter Steinberger married Lydia Cauvat and had seven children, 1. Elizabeth married Wilcox, 2. Elmer Steinberger married Mary Shaney, eight children are shown (1) Charles Steinberger married Sarah Dills and had four children; Herbert Steinberger married Beatrice, five children shown, Charles Steinberger, Grace Steinberger, and three others; Dorothy Steinberger married Marion Frantz, three children shown, Marion Frantz, Forrest Frantz and Violet Frantz; Mabel Steinberger married Edward Derringer, four children are shown, Edward Derringer, Jr., Phyllis M. Derringer, Jean Derringer and Donald Derringer; Tommy Steinberger died April 1958 married first Jaunita, second marriage to Grace, shows two adopted children (2) John Steinberger married Amanda Dills, who died in 1948, married second 1950 Carrie Mckain. He had seven children: Pauline Steinberger married Troy Sherwood three children shown, Clifford Sherwood married Janet Herzog had four children, Larry Sherwood, Paula Sherwood, Janet Sherwood and John Sherwood; Norman Sherwood married Wilda Perdue; Betty Lou Sherwood married August 4, 1957 at Dayton to Thos. E. Menzel. Ethel Steinberger married Luther Ossman, seven children are shown, John Ossman, William Ossman, Kenneth Ossman, James Ossman, Russell Ossman, Homer Troy Ossman and Candy Pauline Ossman. Houla Steinberger married Carson Pulls, second marriage to L. Clary, three children shown, Dennis, Sharon and Colleen. Clifford Steinberger married Hacord Hinton, second marriage to Millie, two children are shown, Clifford Steinberger, Jr., married Patty - one son Mark Steinberger; Lavena Ann Steinberger married in 1956 at Dayton James Mehaffie, one son David. Marie Steinberger married Eldon Gray, four children are shown, Cynthia Gray married Harold Pyle, one daughter Jody Lynn Pyle, Judy Gray married 1959 Tom Kramer, Melody Gray and Renee Gray. Betty Steinberger married Lester Cyphers, three children are shown, Lester Cyphers married Mary A. Griffin, John Edward Cyphers and Mary Katherine Cyphers (this name shown as spelled two ways, Cyphers and Cypers. Grace Steinberger married Earl Evans, three children are shown, Nicky Evans, Timothy Evans and Nadine Evans. (3) Martie Steinberger married O. Swartzbaugh They had nine children, Gladys Swartzbaugh married Forest Lightner, had two children, Marjory Lightner married Wendall Medlor had Kathy Medlor, Gene Medlor and Tommy Medlor; Richard Lightner married Grace Mathews, had Amy Lee, Tommy Lightner, Peggy Joe Lightner, Ruthie Kay Lightner and Cincy Sue Lightner.
JOHN STEINBERGER, son of JOHN STEINBERGER, the Revolutionary War soldier, born either in 1782 or 1784, died in 1851 at age of 69 or 67, married according to Susan's record either Elizabeth or Sarah-Pence. Now old Henry Pence did have a daughter Elizabeth but I have obtained record of a John Steinberger's marriage to Elizabeth Nauman July 4, 1803 in Virginia. This could have been him. To see page of this record. In a letter dated April 25, 1965 from Pauline Maurer she states! I found in looking over my D. A. R. chart made by Lucy Blose Lutz that my grandfathers mother was Susanna Pence. Now Henry Pence also had a daughter Susanna. If anyone ever gets this correct please notify me. Surely the D. A. R. chart would be authentic and since it was made by Mrs. Lutz who resides 'right on the spot so to speak' I believe that we would have to say that he married Susanna Pence. Continuing from Mrs. Maurer's letter 'And in re reading a history taken from Beers History of Champaign County, 1881. It starts with them coming to Upper Nettle Creek, at that time a Miami Indian village, now Millerstown, Ohio. It says John was a prominent and enterprising man. (This would be John the father, Revolutionary War soldier.) He had no money when he came, but when he left Champaign County for Indiana (1819 or 1820) he owned 240 acres of land. Susan believes this land was probably sold to the Naumans. His children recorded in 1881 were George, John, Henry, Frederick, David, Gideon, Elizabeth and Catherine. Recorded by David who stated that he and his brother Gideon, who was in Iowa, were the only living members of the family. Quoting further from Mrs. Maurer's letter 'I remember my mother telling me that Grandpa married and went to Indiana, but I couldn't prove it, as all my uncles and aunts are dead.

JOHN STEINBERGER, son of JOHN STEINBERGER, Revolutionary War soldier, had 15 or 17 children including 4 sets of twins. He did not 'go West' but stayed in Champaign County, Ohio, where many of his descendants live to this day. He is buried in Nettle Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. The writer visited this cemetery and the old mill, which at that time, was owned by the Blose Family. The large Blose Family monument is in the same cemetery.

1. Rhoda Steinberger, son of JOHN STEINBERGER, born Champaign County, Ohio, 1808 married Scoonover. Died September 12, 1851 in California, the same day that her father died in Ohio.

2. Sarah Steinberger, daughter of JOHN STEINBERGER, born February 6, 1810. Here Susan shows that she married a Wiley while my record shows that she died December 12, 1811.

3. Eli Steinberger, son of JOHN STEINBERGER, born November 1811. Here Susan shows that he died December 12, 1811, the date shown above my record, shows his sister died. An Eli Steinberger was married in Bartholomew County, Indiana in 1848 to Elizabeth Pence who was the daughter
of Catharine Steinberger and Benjamin Pence. We are not sure that it was this Eli but suspect so. They would have been cousins. The families visited back and forth between Ohio and Indiana and the Penccs and Steinbergers intermarried freely. Mrs. Ethel Mulrine of Indianapolis investigated this. This couple had three children: Julius, Benny and Sarah. Their marriage record is February 4, 1846, legally joined together February 8, 1848 Minister Elijah Dawson. Their daughter Sarah in turn married another Steinberger, George, son of Isiah, son of Henry, son of John the Revolutionary War soldier. Henry was brother to John in Ohio and uncle of this Eli. Would you care to try to straighten all of this out?

### Delitha Steinberger, daughter of John STEINBERGER, born November 1811, twin to Eli, Died January 15, 1815.

### Angeline Steinberger born June 14, 1813, died January 7, 1880, married December 17, 1836 to Benjamin Crabill, brother of Susan Crabill who married John Steinberger, brother of Angeline. Benjamin Crabill was born November 25, 1815. According to Susan's record they went to Lennarp, Hancock County, Illinois, 1849, where they built a large brick house which they called Crabill Manor. Her record showed the following children: Philander, John, Joseph and two daughters. Benjamin Crabill and his sister Susan were the page for children of John and Mary Rhodes Crabill. Her grandfather, descent from Christian Crabill fought under Washington and Lafayette. Her grandfather, Michael Rhodes was captured by the Indians who murdered his father and mother and six brothers and sisters. (See portion on Rhodes massacre copied from history of Page County, Virginia). Michael later escaped from the Indians and served in the Revolution in the same company with John, Frederick and Lewis Steinberger. His wife, Ann (Strickler) Rhodes was daughter of Benjamin Strickler who also served in the same company. Benjamin was a son of Abraham Strickler, a famous Virginia Pioneer.

### Dr. Aaron Steinberger, son of JOHN STEINBERGER, was born September 26, 1815, died April 21, 1892. Is buried at Keokuk, Iowa. Married in Urbana June 22, 1841 to Anna Bear, born Urbana, Ohio, November 27, 1819. Died June 11, 1864 at the age of 44 at Denmark, Lee County, Iowa. He married second at Fort Madison, Iowa, September 12, 1865. She was born June 12, 1835 and died November 19, 1881 and is buried at Canton, Missouri. Aaron and his wife went west with the Penccs and VanBureills, who stopped at Chicago. He had a large family of children: 1. John Steinberger born at Urbana June 3, 1842. Died at age of 30. 2. Sarah Henrietta (known as Hattie) born Urbana August 4, 1843. Married and had children. 3. William Steinberger born July 3, 1845. Married and had children. 4. Mary Steinberger born March 22, 1847. Married a (Uhler) brother to Anna Wolf, who was her stepmother. One child is shown, Bear Uhler who married a VanNess and lived in Keokuk, Iowa, at 102 Blonda St.

### Martha Steinberger born July 11, 1849. 6. Lucinda Steinberger born April 12, 1851. 7. Elizabeth Steinberger born July 1, 1853 married Dr. Harry Hill. Record shows two children and live in New Mexico. 8. Anna Maude born September 26, 1855. 9. Mandy Jane born April 21, 1855, July 27, 1866 shows as living at Keokuk, Iowa.
Born 1866


Alfred Steinberger, son of JOHN STEINBERGER, born at Urbana, May 2, 1917, married at Urbana, Ohio, 1843, Margaret Meyers. Susan says that he had a mill which she thought was on Mad River. Susan's record shows six children. Mine showed five. 1. Jane Steinberger married James Perkins, one daughter, Margaret Perkins who married "Briggs" West, Hutchinson, Kansas. 2. Joseph Steinberger married Jennie Shellenbarger, one daughter Ruth Steinberger who married Arthur Husman, I showed Hampton. Five children: Vivian Elizabeth, Norman Edward, Amelia Ann, Joe Allen and Floyd Donald. 3. Sally Steinberger (this one was missing from my list) married an Andrews. 4. Effie Steinberger married John Andrews. We show three children, Flora who married Albert Awa't and Pearl who married Mandy Dawson. We show two children, James Dawson married Mary Louise South, one child Debbie Louise XMXKXKX; and Lester Dawson, also Margaret Andrews who married Freeman Snyder; three children are shown - Dorothy who married 1948 Ronald Radford, two sons, Donald Edward Radford born 1951 and John David Radford born 1952; Donald Snyder married 1948 Wanda Harter, three sons, Roger Freeman Snyder 1951, Gary Wayne Snyder 1954 and Dale Eugene Snyder 1958; Roger Snyder married Marie Frantz, daughter Ella Margaret Frantz born 1957. 5. William Steinberger died April 19, 1912. 6. James Steinberger married Emma Coffman, one son Walter Steinberger died in Alabama Feb. 1931.

John and Susan Crabbill Steinberger apparently had nine children.

1. Angeline Steinberger born 1841, died 1930, buried Prairie Home, Topeka, Kansas, married W. Thos. Pence, a Baptist Minister born 1835, died 1920. Married in 1859. Angeline had six children; Charles S. Pence died 1938 married Annie Swartz, three children; Ian Pence married Gene Hetzel, and Lester Pence married Mary Zarker, children Charles William Pence and Sarah Ann Pence; David Pence married Grace Frantz, children David Pence, Harry Pence, Beth Pence; Walter Pence married Goldie Wilson, children Clyde Pence, Marjorie Pence and Virginia Pence; Lois Pence married Will Smiley, children Elizabeth, Ronald and LaJean; Ina (Babe) Pence married Clyde O'Brine; Ida Pence born 1864 died 1893, daughter of Angeline married C. D. Caldwell, one son Ray Caldwell; Frank Pence son of Angeline born and died in 1864; Clyde Pence born 1868 son of Angeline married as a second wife in 1926 Olive Weldon, who had a son George Weldon, Clyde was a doctor in Chicago; Maggie Pence born 1870 daughter of Angeline, died in 1908 married John J. Schenck, one son Clyde Schenck in Kansas; Harry A Pence born 1872, son of Angeline, married 1921 Adline Ray; Edna Pence, born 1878, daughter of Angeline, died 1925 married George Hetzel.

F. 1. Lucy VanBuskirk married a Thomas.

G. 1. Ruth Thomas married Rob Spurgin
H. 1. _________ a son.

F. 2. Beatrice VanBuskirk married ______ Mendsen. (Osceola, Iowa)


F. 1. Anna Steinberger married Ben Norman.

G. 1. Sarah Norman married Arthur Gorlies
G. 2. David Norman

F. 2. Jerusha Steinberger

F. 3. Laura Steinberger married Hunter Dovell.

G. 1. Florence Dovell married Russel Metherd
G. 2. Maude Dovell married Lynn Barringer
G. 3. Blanche Dovell married ________ Merriman
H. 1. Richard Merriman married Nelle Jane Brake
G. 3. (a) Blanche Dovell married J. P. Hance 2nd marriage
H. 2. John Hance

H. 3. Allen Hance
H. 4. (Julia) Juliette Hance married Robert Thompson

G. 4. Alice Dovell married Anton Bjorkland

H. 1. Constave Bjorkland

May

F. 4. Brightberry Steinberger married Eva "Eckrote

G. 1. Millard Steinberger married Bernetha LaVelle

H. 1. Maynard Kent Steinberger born Feb. 3, 1942
married Mary Ann Smith December 29, 1962

F. 5. Lucy Steinberger married 1897 Jasper Pence.

G. 1. Forrest Pence married Claudia Day.
F. 5. (a) Lucy Steinberger married 2nd Charles Tischer

G. 2. Dorothy Tischer married 1930 Ray Rowe
   H. 1. Ronald Rowe

G. 3. Ivan Tischer married Emily Davidson
   H. 1. Mary Lou Tischer  
   \[\text{John married Ruby Reder}\]
   H. 2. Karen Sue Tischer  
   2nd Pauline

G. 4. Donald Tischer married Pauline
   H. 1. Carolyn Tischer

G. 5. Lloyd Tischer

G. 6. Agnes Tischer married Donald Wilson
   H. 1. Richard Wilson  
   H. 2. Stanley Wilson

E. 4. Elizabeth Steinberger born September 30, 1845, married Martin Ruffner. They went to Kansas.

F. 1. Edward Ruffner
F. 2. Charles Ruffner
F. 3. Josie Ruffner married John Wallace — son Edith Wallace
F. 4. John Ruffner
F. 5. Edith Ruffner married George Holt
F. 6. Addie Ruffner

E. 5. Aden Steinberger 1848 - 1942, married KATHRYN Catharine Ward, who died in 1882 at the age of 29.

F. 1. Warren Steinberger married Morena Borem

G. 1. Rachel Steinberger married Earl Cranston
   H. 1. Lovia Mae Cranston

G. 2. Ralph Steinberger married Laura King
   H. 1. Paul Steinberger
   H. 2. Azora Ruth Steinberger

F. 2. Willard Steinberger married Anna Belle Zea. These are Susan's parents. Susan worked for years compiling records of the family.
Aden Steinberger born December 26, 1818, died April 11, 1942, buried at Nettle Creek Cemetery, son of John and Susan Crabill Steinberger, married Catherine Ward on June 26, 1870, at the home of Gideon Ward (the L. D. Ward Home, daughter of Gideon and Melinda Smith Ward and granddaughter of George and Catherine Strickler Ward. Catherine Ward Steinberger was born January 1, 1853 and died December 3, 1882. Buried Nettle Creek.

Willard Steinberger born March 6, 1873 died October 22, 1953. Married November 9 to Anna Pelle Zea, daughter of Wm. and Letitia Kite Zea and granddaughter of Joseph and Sarah Kite.

Willard Steinberger was host for about 30 years to the reunion of the Champaign County Steinbergers.

G. W. 1. Dolly Steinberger married August 6, 1954 to John Fullerton

G. W. 2. John Steinberger married Ruth Ann Schooler who died April 1, 1942. Married second Sylvia Lucas (see children later)


G. 1. Sue Anne Mohr born and died April 23, 1940.

Susan and Hugh were both killed in an auto accident.


H. Q. 1. Robert Wayne Steinberger married Sandra North. Married second in June 1959 to Carol Norris

H. Q. 2. Carol Sue Steinberger born April 23, 1939 died June 1, 1951

G. F. 5. Alice Eva Steinberger born August 16, 1906 died October 13, 1907

G. F. 6. Pertha Elinor Steinberger


G. 1. Linda Lee Yandle

G. 2. William Yandle

G. 3. Virginia Ann Yandle
G 9

F. K. Mary Katherine Steinberger

ERROR MADE

G 8. 6. James Aden Steinberger married Zelma Lutz


H 8. 2. Thomas Eugene Steinberger

CHILDREN OF John Steinberger:

H 8. 1. Louanna Jean Steinberger married Lynn Calland

I B. 1. David Calland

I B. 2. Kimberly Joe Calland


Scribbled note: 'This must be an error.'
F. 3. Angeline Steinberger, daughter of Aden, married Eugene Stevens.

G. 1. Lowell Stevens married Wilma Barley

G. 2. Warren Stevens.

F. 4. Frank Steinberger, son of Aden, married Lecta Landis

G. 1. Cecile Steinberger married a Dr. Brown
   H. 1. Barrie Landis Brown married Betty Lookman
   H. 2. Randall Brown

G. 2. Louella Steinberger married Harry Cummings

F. 5. Vernon Steinberger, son of Aden, married Retta Ogan

G. 1. Helen Steinberger married Ray Moore
   H. 1. Paul Allen Moore

G. 2. Clyclus Steinberger married Mildred Ginn
   H. 1. Richard Aden Steinberger

G. 3. Catherine Steinberger

F. 6. Charles Steinberger, son of Aden, married Ethel Finley

G. 1. John Steinberger died 1932

G. 2. Nora Steinberger

G. 3. Charles Aden Steinberger married Marilyn Rouse

E. 6. Alma Steinberger, daughter of John and Susan Crabill
Steinberger, was born June 1, 1851, married 1st Harr and 2nd Griffin, west to Osceola, Iowa.

F. 1. Nellie Harr

F. 2. Maggie Harr.

E. 7. Wiley Steinberger, son of John and Susan Crabill
Steinberger, married Nancy Wilson

F. 1. Myrta Steinberger married Edward Alexander

F. 2. Harry Steinberger married Mina Rodgers

G. 1. Clytus Steinberger married Margaret Rooney
   H. 1. Mary Lou Steinberger married Harry E. Raylock

H. 2. Nancy Elizabeth Steinberger married James Cummins

F. 3. Mary Steinberger married Caldwell

F. 4. Margaret Steinberger died in infancy. Buried in Elk Creek
E. 8. Florence Steinberger, daughter of John and Susan Crabill Steinberger, was born 1856, married Arthur Sonners.

F. 1. Harry Sonners married Myrtle Sickles

F. 2. Paul Sonners married Marvel Jennings

G. 1. Isabel Sonners married John R. Shill

F. 3. Dessie Sonners married Karl Karhart

G. 1. Lou Dessie Farhart.


E. 1. Lucy Steinberger

E. 2. Jay Steinberger married Emma

D. 10. Elica Steinberger, born April 20, 1825, daughter of John and Susanna Pence Steinberger.

D. 11. Dicey Steinberger, born April 20, 1825, daughter of John and Susanna Pence Steinberger, twin to Elica, married a Crabill brother of Susan Crabill that married John Steinerger, brother of Dicey.

D. 12. Curtis Steinberger born 1827, son of John and Susanna Pence Steinberger, married Margaret Shunt.

E. 1. Aaron Steinberger

F. 1. Clint C. Steinberger

F. 2. L. L. Steinberger

F. 3. Mrs. A. D. Jones.

D. 13. Dr. Joseph L. Steinberger, born 1827, twin to Curtis, son of John and Susanna Pence Steinberger, (Joseph died in 1901) married Margaret Leman 1827 - 1905. Joseph was really a medical doctor. He went to California in a wagon train of 61 wagons. Stayed about 3 months then came back to Ohio. The Wagon Train immediately preceding them were all killed by the Indians. Their daughter Alma Frances was almost captured by the Indians, but she screamed and was left alone. Dr. Joseph Steinberger built a beautiful brick home in Ohio. Writer has visited the location and taken a picture of the home.
E. 1. Madison Steinberger, son of Dr. Joseph and Margaret Leman Steinberger married Mollie Potter.

F. 1. Marcia married ________ Dorsey.
F. 2. Ernest Steinberger
F. 3. Forrest Steinberger.


F. 1. Clara Moore married _______ Davidson
   G. 1. Richard Davidson
   F. 2. Daisy married _______ Davidson
   G. 1. Marjorie Davidson
   G. 2. George William Davidson

F. 4. C. C. Moore married ________
   G. 1. Donald Moore
   G. 2. Mary Ayonelle Moore

E. 3. Lawrence Steinberger, son of Dr. Joseph Steinberger married Emma Downey.

F. 1. Rose Steinberger married 1st _____ McConnel married 2nd _____ Souls
   G. 1. Francis McConnell married and lives in Hollywood, California.
   F. 2. Lillie Steinberger married _______ and lives in Kansas.
   G. 1. Helen married _______ and had one child.

E. 4. Alma Frances Steinberger, daughter of Dr. Joseph Steinberger, was the child almost captured by an Indian. She married O. W. Norton.

F. 1. Olive Norton married _______ Blair
   G. 1. Ruth Blair
   G. 2. _______ Blair
   F. 3. Della Norton married _______ Darney.
F. 1. Lawrence Norton married Happerset

G. 1. Jane
G. 2. Nancy
G. 3. Noel

F. 5. Allvin Steinberger married Mary Wonder

G. 1. Daniel Steinberger married Mable Kibler
   H. 1. Marjorie
   H. 2. Curtis
   H. 3. Mary
   H. 4. Nancy

G. 2. Ruth Steinberger married Willis Godwin

G. 3. Elizabeth Steinberger married Roy Franks
   H. 1. Helen Franks
   H. 2. Arthur Franks

G. 4. Earl Steinberger.

D. 11. James Milton Steinberger, son of John and Susanna Pence Steinberger, was born 1829. Married Martha Dishes.

   F. 1. Fred Watts
   F. 2. Guy Watts
   F. 3. Herbert Watts
   F. 4. Claude Watts

E. 2. James Milton Steinberger

E. 3. Mary Steinberger married James Madden
   F. 1. Martha Madden

E. 4. Lavelle Eugene Steinberger married ————
   F. 1. Elizabeth Steinberger
   F. 2. James Steinberger married Pearl Virginia Timberlake
   F. 3. Harrery Hogan Steinberger married Elizabeth Scott
   F. 4. Edith May Steinberger married Dr. Albert Weston
   G. 1. Ernest Eugene Weston
   G. 2. Albert Marine Weston
F. 5. L. Eugene, Jr., son of Lauelle Eugene Steinberger
F. 6. Robert Emory Steinberger married Margaret Sorter
   G. 1. Nancy Elizabeth Steinberger
   G. 2. Lorena Laverne Steinberger
F. 7. Guy W. Steinberger married Bae Farnan
   G. 1. Margaret Ann Steinberger
E. 5. Effie Steinberger, daughter of James Milton Steinberger
E. 6. Anna Steinberger, daughter of James Milton, married
   F. 1. Theodore
   F. 2. John
   F. 3. Marshall
   F. 4. Iszabelle
   F. 5. Wayne

D. 15. Margaret Steinberger, 1831 - 1859, daughter of John and
        Susanna Pence Steinberger, married Miller.
E. 1. Ella Miller married Dillon
   F. 1. Eugene Dillon
E. 2. William Miller - lived at Troy, Ohio

D. 16. Elizabeth Steinberger, daughter of John and Susanna Pence
        Steinberger, born 1831, died 1836, she was a twin of Margaret.
E. 5. Emma Steinberger born 1855 died 1856


F. 1. Rose Steinberger married _______ McConnel
   G. 1/ Francis McConnel
   G. 2. Mary married _______ Weston

Rose Steinberger married a second time Wm. Souls

F. 2. Lillie Steinberger married Harry Deling
   G. 1. Helen Deling
E. 1. John Crabill, born Sept. 12, 1837, Urbana, Ohio, married Prudence Tipton, Hancock County, Illinois. She came from Coshocton County, Ohio, to Illinois in 1855 with her father John Tipton. She may have been born in December 1842.

F. 1. Ida Crabill married _____ Ketchum

G. 1. Reuell Ketchum

F. 2. Ella Crabill

F. 3. Benjamin Crabill

F. 4. Emma Crabill married _____ Burrow

F. 5. Frank Crabill

F. 6. Mary Crabill married _____ Rich

F. 7. Janie Crabill

F. 8. Fred Crabill

F. 9. Mahlon Crabill

F. 10. Ray Crabill

In 1911 there were 23 grandchildren in above family - no deaths in 50 years.

E. 2. Phillander Crabill born Urbana September 16, 1839

E. 3. Joseph Crabill born Urbana November 30, 1843

E. 4. William born Urbana March 19, 1847 (May not belong in this family)

E. 5. Ella Crabill
D. Curtis Monroe Steinberger born November 28, 1827 died in California son of John Steinberger and married March 18, 1851 in Urbana, Ohio, to Martha Beaver, born September 30, 1828, daughter of Isaac and Rachel Beaver. This is one of the families that took off in wagons for California.


F. 1. Effie Maud born November 4, 1875
F. 2. Charles Curtis born April 12, 1877
F. 3. Clinton Clemons Steinberger born September 20, 1879 at Howard, Kansas. Married Calvin Burton Cheeris, Okolona, Mississippi.

G. 1. Clinton Cheeris Steinberger born June 16, 1902 Okolona, Mississippi. Married Guthrie, Oklahoma, June 30, 1925 to Frances Fleming Terrell.

H. 1. Frances Cole died at birth October 22, 1924
H. 2. Jean Claire married Warren Delue
  I. 1. Sheri Jean
  I. 2. Francis Scott
  I. 3. Connie Cheeris
  I. 4. David Warren
H. 3. Calvin Clinton married Margat Scott Mathis
  I. 1. Lynn Steinberger
  I. 2. Peggy Steinberger
  I. 3. Gail Steinberger
  I. 1. Katherine Jean
  I. 2. Janet Lee
  I. 3. John Benjamin
G. 2. Clark Russell Steinberger born November 1, 1901, Okolona, Mississippi. Married Virginia Ann Hyndman, Chickasha, Okolona, Mississippi.

H E. 1. Jean Steinberger married Howard Donaldson.

I E. 1. David Howard
I E. 2. Mark Robert

H E. 2. John Clinton married Sara Katherine Lewis

I E. 1. Katherine Ann
I E. 2. Robert Clark

G. 3. Calvin Chester Steinberger born November 9, 1909, Mississippi. Married Lester Priscilla Haynes

H E. 1. Carolyn Sue married Brock Shugart

I. 1. Richard Brock
I. 2. Pat Clinton
I. 3. Kevin Shugart

H. 2. Nancy Jane Steinberger

F. 4. Lewy Loren Steinberger born October 21, 1882 Kansas City, Missouri.

F. 5. Ethel Gertrude born March 4, 1887 Oswego, Kansas

F. 6. Chester Mann Steinberger born July 20, 1888 Oswego, Iowa

F. 7. Ruby Alice Steinberger born January 23, 1890, Oswego, married A. D. Jones

F. 8. Hazel Gladys Steinberger born September 2, 1892 Pittsburg, Kansas

E. 2. Laura C. Steinberger married Dunn
   F. 1. Pearl M.
      G. 1. Theron
      G. 2. Lorenzo
   F. 2. Lilly M.
      G. 1. Frieda
   F. 3. Maude married an Armstrong

E. 3. Simeon Curtis Steinberger born December 16, 1860 Maringo, Iowa
   F. 1. Bene Vere Steinberger
   F. 2. Marie Steinberger
   F. 3. Cecile Steinberger
   F. 4. Daisy Steinberger
   F. 5. Avery Steinberger

E. 4. Isaac Monroe Steinberger

E. 5. Emma C. Steinberger married Meek
   F. 1. Veldron Meek
   F. 2. Otto Meek
      G. 1. Glen Meed
      G. 2. Fred Meek
         H. 1. Otto Meek, Cheyenne, Wyoming
      G. 3. Percy Meek
      G. 4. Cyril Meek

E. 5. Second marriage is shown to Emma M. Greer (which appears to be a woman's name, however, child is shown as

   F. 3. Mattie Greer married Wyatt
      G. 1. Clifton F. Wyatt
      G. 2. Laverne Wyatt

E. 6. Ella Arabelle
E. 7. John Ross Steinberger

F. 1. Reby Steinberger

F. 2. Clyde Steinberger

F. 3. Oral Steinberger, Arkansas City, Kansas.

F. 8. Another son ??
Henry Steinberger, died April 5, 1867 at the age of 81 years, therefore he was born about 1786. He is believed to be the fourth child of John Stoneberger, the Revolutionary War Soldier. We know he was son, but do not know exact sequence of children. He would have been born in Virginia, since John came to Ohio in about 1804 or 05. He was a son of the first wife of John, but at this time her name is unknown.

Henry married Polly Bozell who died February 22, 1867 at the age of 76 years, therefore she was born about 1791.

They came to Bartholomew County, Indiana, in 1819 and settled near Flatrock River. According to descendants Henry went back to Ohio in the boyhood of his son Joseph, but after several years he moved back to German Township. He and his son Joseph built one-room log cabins just a few feet apart and about one mile from the banks of Flatrock river. The frame house later built by Joseph Steinberger was still standing in 1936 and a portion of the original log cabins was there until destroyed by a windstorm probably around 1930.

Henry Steinberger started the Steinberger Family Cemetery, and he and his wife Polly are buried in the center of it with about twenty-five of their descendants around them. There is still room for additional burial in the year 1970 when this is being typed. Strangely enough his son Joseph is buried at Old Union, although Joseph moved the body of his grandfather John and his uncle Reuben to the family cemetery. John and Reuben, who was a son of the last, and we believe third wife of John, both died within a few years after the family came to Bartholomew County. They were buried on the banks of Flatrock River, north and east of the present location of the Steinberger Bridge, at a place called the 'yellow banks'. Due to the constant washing and cutting of the river, Joseph Steinberger moved the bodies to the family cemetery.

**LIST OF CEMETERY**

- John Steinberger (Stoneberger) Revolutionary War Soldier

Reuben Steinberger, died 1822

- Martha J., dau. of J. M. & E. Steinberger, died Feb. 1867 - age 7 days.

- Infant dau. of J. M. & E. Steinberger died April 8, 1867. (note this date or the date above must be wrong).

- William M., son of J. M. & E. Steinberger, died Feb. 2, 1851, age 7 mo. 28 days.

- Joseph W., son of J. M. & E. Steinberger, died Nov. 13, 1852, age 5 years 2 mo. 2 days.
Margrette M. dau. of J. M. & E. Steinberger died July 19, 1852, age 10 months, 1 day.

Serena J. dau. of J. M. & E. Steinberger, died Nov. 26, 1850, age 7 months, 15 days.

Elijah W. son of J. M. & E. Steinberger, died May 6, 1849, age 1 month, 13 days.

Mary E. dau. of J. M. & E. Steinberger, died May 1, 1854, age 9 months, 19 days.

John Milton Steinberger, died Mar. 15, 1890, age 74 years - therefore he would have been born in 1815 or 1816 in Ohio, as near as I can figure.

Emelia Steinberger, wife of J. M. died Feb. 25, 1904, age 82 years - therefore she would have been born in 1822.

The above were all buried in the second row of graves in from the fence, with the exception of John and Reuben. Who I assume were buried in the back corners as when I first visited there were graves in the corners surrounded by shells, but no markers were there. Apparently the second row was set aside for Henry's son John Milton and his family.

Sally Ann, wife of John Clark born Nov. 3, 1825, died July 3, 1849, daughter of Henry.

William J. Son of John and Sally Clark, born March and died July 1849.

Polly Steinberger, died Feb. 22, 1867, age 76 years. Therefore she would have been born about 1791. Her maiden name was BOZELL.

Henry Steinberger, died April 5, 1967, age 81 years. Therefore he would have been born about 1786.

The above four graves constituted the third row of graves in from the west fence, with Henry and Polly being buried almost in the middle of the cemetery and the daughter and her son to the north of her parents. Memorial stones to John, the Revolutionary hero Soldier are being placed to the south of Henry's and Polly's graves.

Eli Pence born Nov. 2, 1812, died Aug. 6, 1896.

Jurita Pence, died May 31, 1875, 63 years of age, therefore born about 1812, daughter of Henry.

Joseph Pence, son of Eli and Jurita died July 13, 1852, age 6 mo.


G, 4. Evert married Stella Sellers
   H. 1 Margaret
   H. 2 Marion

G. 5. Jessie married Dallas Arnold
   H. 1 Nellie married Ralph Roppke

   H. 1. George
   H. 2. Clara
   H. 3. Mary
   H. 4. Ella May

F. 2. Catharine Peregrin born 1858 married Tom (known as John Thomas) Cain born 1846.
   G. 1 Abbie married Wilson (C. W.) Curry
      H. 1. Naomi married Morris Green
             I. 1. Charles Green

G. 2. Berti Dallas (died in infancy)

G. 3. Hazel married Warren Shider
   H. 1. Donal
   H. 2. Thomas
   H. 3. Dorothy Mae

F. 3. John

E. 2nd. John Pence, son of Jurita and Eli Pence, married Mary Hayworth.

F. 1 Frank

F. 2. Homer married Fannie Carson
   G. 1. May
   G. 2. Thedore
   G. 3. Donald

F. 3. Nora married Joe Breeding.
   G. 1. Stanley married Drybread
      H. 1. John
      H. 2. Dale
   G. 2. Oran married Glaspy
   G. 3. Howard.


F. 1. Martha

F. 2. Willie married Eddie Owens
   G. 1. Henry married Sawin
   G. 2. Hally married Donald Stapp, son of Frank Stapp at Hope, Indiana, former owner of Hope Cannery and Stapps Drug Store

G. 3. Roy
   G. 4. Regina
Screnna, born 1813 in Ohio; John Milton born 1815 – 1816 in Ohio; Isaiah born 1819 in Ohio; Joseph probably born around 1820, probably in Indiana; Sally Ann born 1825 in Indiana; and Lucy – date or location of birth known at this time.

The dates of birth in some cases are figured back from death date using age given on tombstone. The places of birth are figured from known dates of move from Ohio to Indiana.

In typing this record letters will be used to indicate the generations. Such as A for first known generation in America, B for second, etc. For instance A will indicate Frederick Steinberger who came from Germany to America, even though at this time we are not positive he was the father of John. B will indicate John's generation and C will indicate his children, etc.

C. Henry Steinberger's descendants.

D. Jurita Steinberger, died May 31, 1875, aged 63 years, therefore born in 1812, married June 14, 1834, Eli Pence born November 2, 1812, died August 6, 1896. This Eli Pence is believed to be the son of Benjamin and Catherine Steinberger Pence, married in Ohio April 8, 1811. Moved to Indiana in 1820. If this surmise is correct Jurita and Eli would have been first cousins. I have record of eight children:

E. 1st. Polly Ann Pence, born Oct. 13, 1835, died August 26, 1909, married John C. (this maybe error as name also given as David) Peregrin, born in England, died June 2, 1900 age 89.

F. J. Lizzie married George Hunt.
   G. 1. Hallie married Irvin Cox.
      H. 1. Cecil married Joe Maloy
           I. 1. Donald Maloy

   H. 2. John Max.

G. 2. Mable married Ed Isley – clipping from Evening Republican, May 16, 1960 – Edinburg Deaths – Mrs. Mabel Isley – Funeral services for Mrs. Mabel Isley, who died Sunday morning at her home in Shelby County, will be at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at St. George's United Lutheran church.

The Rev. James Kelly, former pastor of the church, will conduct the rites and burial will be at the church cemetery. Casket will be open at the Mutz funeral home until 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon when the casket will be taken to the church. Mrs. Isley was born in Bartholomew County December 17, 1876, to George and Elizabeth Peregrine Hunt. She was married December 4, 1895 to Edwin A. Isley, who died Nov. 19, 1958. Surviving are a son, Ernest Isley of Shelby County; two brothers Homer Hunt of Franklin; and two grandchildren. A son, Robert Isley, died in 1925. Mrs. Isley was a member of St. George's church and of the Women's club of the church.

G. 4. Evert married Stella Seilers
   H. 1 Margarett
   H. 2 Marion

G. 5. Jessie married Dallas Arnold
   H. 1 Nellie married Ralph Roppke

   H. 1. George
   H. 2. Clara
   H. 3. Mary
   H. 4. Ella May

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E. 2nd. John Pence, son of Jurita and Eli Pence, married Mary Hayworth.

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   G. 1. May
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   G. 1. Henry married Sawin
   G. 2. Hally married Donald Stapp, son of Frank Stapp at Hope, Indiana, former owner of Hope Cannery and Stapps Drug Store
   G. 3. Roy
   G. 4. Regan
F. 3. Etta married Jake Singer

   G. 1. Opal married Johnny Zurbrugg
       H. 1. Pearl Zurbrugg

F. 5. Anna married Fred Daum. There is a Ronnie Daum living in Bartholomew County in 1970, on the site of the old Pence home, descended from this couple.


F. 1. Will P. married Lua Heck.
   G. 1. Menia married Earl Bozell
       H. 1. Herschel Bozell married Letz Horn
   G. 2. Ralph
   G. 3. Imogene married Tommie Ault
       H. 1. Billy Ault

F. 2. Ed married Auga Smith
   G. 1. Florence
   G. 2. Clyde

F. 3. Emma married John Pierce (or maybe was Pence)
   G. 1. Orval
   G. 2. Esta married Floyd Hill
       H. 1. Lloyd Hill
   G. 3. Mary married a Roberts

F. 4. Katie
   G. 1. Nettie
   G. 2. Walter

F. 5. Frank

E. 5th. David Pence, son of Jurita and Eli Pence, married Harriett Mullendore. Her name was also given as Helen.

F. 1. George

F. 2. Charles

F. 3. Mary married Lawrence Roberts
   G. 1. John Horner


F. 1. Arthur

F. 2. Cora

E. 7th. Joseph died July 13, 1852, age 6 months, son of Jurita and Eli Pence.

E. 8th. James, son of Jurita and Eli Pence.
D. 2. Screnna Steinberger, born December 27, 1813, died March 23, 1900, was born in Champaign County, Ohio, and came to Indiana in 1821. Married November 16, 1848 Elijah Scarbrough, born 1800, died 1882.

E. 1. Mattie Scarbrough, daughter of Screnna and Elijah Scarbrough, born 1851, died 1886, married Benjamin W. (Ben) Chambers, born 1849, died 1926. Her name was Martha Catharine.


F. 3. Daisy Chambers married Will Riggs.
G. 1. Martha
G. 2. William
G. 3. Miriam
G. 4. Gertrude

F. 4. Robert Guy Chambers (Guy) Married Mable Hughes. He was born 1880.
G. 1. Ruth Chambers. Ohio records show married a Riggs.
H. 1. Ruth Ann
H. 2. Bobby
H. 3. Tommy
G. 2. Mary Chambers
G. 3. Virginia Chambers

F. 5. (out of order) John H. Chambers born 1878 married Nanny Drybread

F. 6. Thomas Walter Chambers (Tom) born 1882 married Mary Bearhope. Ohio records show child:
G. 1. Mary B.
G. 2. Phoebe

G. 1. James Jr.

D. 3. John Milton Steinberger, born 1815 or 1816 in Ohio, son of Henry and Polly Steinberger, married November 11, 1839 Euelia Keith, born Jan. 2, 1822, died March 15, 1890. They had a large family of children, exact order not known as dates are not available on several of them.

E. 1. Mary E. born 1843 died May 4, 1844, age 9 months, born 1843.

E. 2. Elijah W. died May 6, 1849, age 1 month, born 1849.

E. 3. Screnna J. died Nov. 26, 1850, age 7 months, born 1850.

E. 4. Margrette M. died July 19, 1852, age 10 months, born 1851.
E. 5. Joseph W. died November 13, 1852, age 5 years, born 1847.

E. 6. William N. died February 2, 1854, age 7 months, born 1853.

E. 7. Martha J. died February 1867, age 7 days, born 1867.

E. 8. Infant daughter died April 8, 1861.


F. 1. Della Mae Steinberger born 1867 married in 1885 Orville Haislup, born in 1862.

G. 1. Ray STEINBERGER 1893 - 1914 (shown as Roy) Haislup


F. 2. Nora Alice Steinberger born 1859


G. 1. Clyde Steinberger, shot at Leesville, Indiana 3rd week of May 1954. Had previously been declared habitual criminal and sentenced to life imprisonment. Sentence was revoked. May have been a member of Dillinger Gang. Ran a crime school in the prison.

G. 2. Chester


H. 1. William Gordon

H. 2. Joan

H. 3. Josephine } Twins

H. 4. Mary Jeanne

G. 4. May Steinberger.


G. 1. Stanley Schenck born October 20, 1897 married August 7, 1932 Juanita Koerner


H. 1. Jane Kay Schenck married Belva L. Pelley (deceased)

G. 4. Rychie Schenck born January 13, 1908

G. 5. Charles.


G. 1. Hazel ?? Not sure here.

    H. 1. Robert Raymond Steinberger born 1933

G. 3. Thelma Marie Steinberger born 1914 married 1936 Dallas Batten.
    H. 1. John Edward Batten

    The following was copied from the death notice in the Evening Republican.

The body of Donald Francis Steinbarger was found in the haymow of his barn on River Road two miles north of Columbus early Sunday afternoon. Efforts by his father-in-law and brother-in-law, Edward Hoeltke, to revive him with artificial respiration were unsuccessful. He was 30 years old. Funeral services for Mr. Steinbarger will be held at 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at Hathaway funeral home. The Rev. Stratford Eynon, pastor of Grace Lutheran church, will conduct services and burial will be at Garland Brook cemetery. The casket will be open at the funeral home from Tuesday noon until the services. A native of Columbus, Mr. Steinbarger was born February 7, 1926, son of John Amza Steinbarger, Rocky Ford road, and Mrs. Nellie Coles Steinbarger, deceased.

Donald served in the Army from 1944 until July 1946, he was married to the former Nelda Hoeltke December 29, 1946. Mr. Steinbarger was a member of Grace Lutheran church, the Farm Bureau, ASC committee and Schoolbus Drivers Association. He had been a schoolbus driver for ten years. In addition he farmed and worked at Snider Service Station at Road 31 and Washington Street from 5 P. M. to midnight each night and during the day every third Sunday. Survivors include the wife and four children, David Lynn, 8; Sue Ann, 3; Michael Ray, 2; and Debra Jean, 1; his father and step-mother; a sister, Mrs. Dallas Batten of Columbus; a brother, Raymond Steinbarger, Scottsbluff, Nebraska; three nephews and one great nephew.

H. 1. David Lynn
H. 2. Sue Ann
H. 3. Michael Ray
H. 4. Debra Jean
H. 5. One child born after father's death

November 14, 1960, Republican

Mrs. Della HAILSUP, 93, of 150 North Gibson Street, Indianapolis, died at 3 o'clock Sunday morning at Huff's nursing home in Indianapolis. She had been in ill health several years.

Mrs. Haislup was a native of Bartholomew county and lived at Twelfth and Chestnut streets until moving from Columbus 40 years ago.

Surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Forest Crosby of Indianapolis, with whom she resided. Her husband, Orville, and a son, Roy preceded her in death. Several brothers and sisters also preceded her in death, including Mrs. Anna SCHENCK, Amza STEENBARGER and Miss Nora STEENBARGER of Columbus.

Funeral will be at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel in Indianapolis with burial at 2:30 o'clock at New Hope Christian cemetery north of Columbus.
March 11, 1963, Republican

The funeral for Walter L. SCHENCK, brother of James K. Schenck of Harrison Lakes road, was set this afternoon at the Evans, Bodby, Trout funeral home in Noblesville. Burial was to be at Oak Lawn Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Schenck, a native of Columbus, was 60. He was born March 25, 1903 the son of Edward D. and Anna M. STEINBERGER SCHENCK. He was an employee of the Container Corporation at Noblesville and had lived there about 10 years. He was a member of the Tabernacle Christian church.

Surviving with the brother are his wife, Marie, and a sister, Mrs. Fred Snell of Fort Wayne.
Belvia L. Polley of Harrison Lake road has been appointed manager of public affairs and community relations for the Atterbury Job Corps center near here.

Mr. Polley's appointment was announced by Dr. Thomas A. Hart, vice-president of Westinghouse Learning corporation and Atterbury center director.

Mr. Polley is a native of Seymour, where he was graduated from Shields high school in 1956. He received bachelor's and master's degrees from Indiana university. He is married to the former Nan M. Schenck of Columbus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Schenck who now reside in Nashville.

Prior to joining the Westinghouse learning corporation's Atterbury center, Mr. Polley was a college-prep instructor in the language arts department at Columbus high school. While working as an undergraduate at Indiana university, he intermittently held positions with the H. J. Hosea and Sons Company of Newport, Kentucky and Arvin Industries of Columbus from 1959 to 1962. He taught in the Jennings County School corporation from 1962 to 1964. He and his wife own the Unicorn shop in Nashville.

The newly appointed manager is a member of the Columbus community relations council, the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, National Education association and the Indiana State Teacher's association.
   F. 1. Millie
   F. 2. Mattie
   F. 3. Harley
   F. 4. Milton

E. 11 George W. Steinberger (son of John Milton) married Oria Deal.
   F. 1 Hazel (believed died in Indianapolis in 1964 or 1965.
   F. 2 Helen

E. 12 Isaiah Z. (son of John Milton) married Helen Young.
   F. 1 Keith Anderson Steinberger

   F. 1 Harry
   F. 2 Nora
   F. 3 Carrie, who married Maurice Carvin and has one living son. Twins died in infancy.

   G. Don Russell Carvin - is married and has several children.

E. 14 Henry Steinberger (son of John Milton), died 1875. Is buried at New Hope Christian Church Cemetery on 31 north of Columbus, Indiana. Married July 1, 1871 Penselia Griffin.
   F. Infant daughter died 1872.

E. 15 Charles Gideon Steinberger (son of John Milton), married Ella Pyles.
Friday, October 19, 1962, Republican

Mrs. Carrie E. Carvin, 74, died at her home 2245 Sycamore street, about 9:35 o'clock this morning. She had been in ill health for 2½ years.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Hathaway funeral home. The Rev. Orville Carmichael assisted by Dr. Merrill R. McFall will read the rites. Burial will be at Garland Brook Cemetery.

She was born January 1, 1888 in this county, the daughter of Hiram C. and Leona SIMS STEINBARGER. She was married to Maurice C. Carvin January 27, 1915, who survives. The Carvins moved from near Petersville to Columbus two years ago.

Mrs. Carvin was a member of the Petersville Methodist church, WSCS of the church, and taught for 15 years the Amaranth Sunday School class. She was also a member of the Clay Township home demonstration club.

Surviving besides the husband are a son, Don R. Carvin of Columbus, and four grandchildren, Kent, Charles, Ray and Ann Carvin, all of Columbus.

Thursday, July 21, 1966, Republican

Maurice C. Carvin, 77, a retired farmer, died at 11 a. m. Wednesday at Bartholomew County Hospital. He lived at 2245 Sycamore Street.

Born in Edinburg May 11, 1889, he was the son of Joseph and Jennie Chambers Carvin. Mr. Carvin married the former Miss Carrie E. Steinbarger January 27, 1915. She died October 19, 1962. He was a member of the Petersville Methodist church, Farm Bureau and a 50 year member of the Edinburg Masonic Lodge.

Surviving are a son, Don R. Carvin of 2232 Chestnut Street; a brother, Ray Carvin of Edinburg, and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four sisters and a brother.

Funeral services will be at 10 a. m. Saturday at the Hathaway funeral home, conducted by Dr. Merrill B. McFall. Burial will be at Garland Brook cemetery.
D. l. Isaiah Steinberger, son of Henry & Polly Pozell Steinberger, was born December 25, 1819 in Champaign County, Ohio. His father Henry is shown as coming to Bartholomew County in 1819, which may be correct, or he may have come and then went back for his family as it is doubtful that they could have made the trip between (Age 66 yr. December 25 and December 31. Isaiah died February 26, 1886. 2 mo. 1 da.) and is buried in Sandhill Cemetery on State Road 46, east of Columbus, Indiana. He married April 27, 1810, Sarah Edwards, born in Kentucky February 25, 1818, daughter of William Edwards. She died February 23, 1874 and is buried in the Steinberger Family Cemetery northeast of Taylorsville, Indiana.

They lived in Columbus Township, Bartholomew County, on the south side of what is now (1970) State Road 46 about four miles east of the old city limits. The land may now be in the city as the north part of the farm has now (1970) been laid off in lots and has houses all over it. The house in which they lived was still standing in 1936 and was occupied by Harry McCullough, who sold the farm for lots. The house was moved out to the road from a site back in the field where the old barn was standing. Pictures have been taken of them. An old road years ago came through from 10th Street Road near the bridge over Clifty Creek north to State Road 46 and came right by the site of this house. This road was probably little used after about 1900. It was still passable by car in the early 1900's in the very dry time as the writer took her little son Carl Francis Urbas through there at that time. Many people used this road to go to the creek to fish and to park on in the twentieth century.

This couple had many children, exact order not known as dates not at hand on all of them. Three are buried with the mother in the Family Cemetery mentioned above. They are:

E. 1. James M. died May 22, 1852, age 9 mo; therefore born 1843.

E. 2. Mary P. died July 16, 1841, age 1 year; therefore born 1840.

E. 3. Josiah died November 3, 1844, age 1 month; therefore born 1844.

E. 4. Joseph Edward born 1848, December 22nd. Married July 23, 1871 Martha Frances Matson, born November 22, 1852, died September 1931. She was the daughter of James Matson and Lavina Hart Matson, and was descended from Joseph Hart, a Revolutionary War Veteran. They were married immediately following the regular Sunday services at the church. Presumed the church at Petersville, but not definitely known. They moved in with his father to keep house for him and several brothers of Joseph, who were still unmarried and lived at home with their father Isaiah. Note that Joseph's mother died in February of the same year. Joseph died in 1912.

Joseph E., as he was known, later moved to a farm east of Petersville, he lived there in 1883, and then to a farm northeast of Petersville,
where he lived out his lifetime. He had a sawmill on the road immediately north of Petersville, in the southwest corner of his farm, and employed several men in the mill. He also had a threshing outfit and threshed for the farmers round about. At various times some of the men lived or boarded at the home and the noon meal, at least, was cooked for the mill hands. Around 1907 the home burned down and he replaced it with a six-room home on the same spot. All the rooms were large and it had a room especially built for a bathroom with a sink with pump on one end to the cistern, and a tub. He had a large L-shaped barn. It and the house are still standing in 1970. Part of this farm has been laid off in lots and the new Methodist Church at Petersville has been built in the Southwest corner of the farm just east of the site of the old saw mill. There was also a large granary, which was moved from the site southeast of the house out to southwest of the house by the side of the lane to use for a garage for the new car which was purchased by his son Harry when cars became common. I believe it was a Chevrolet. There was also a large tool shed northwest of the house. Every kind of tool needed for machinery, imaginable, was in this shed. Numerous chicken houses were back of the house. Ladders were built into the barn clear up to the roof and literally dozens of pigeons nested at the tops of these ladders. All kinds of fruit trees and berries were planted on this home site. There was always some bee hives and a large vegetable plot. It was a self-sustaining home. One could have lived there for months without going to town.

There is no way to describe my mother's regard and respect for her father. He served as Township Trustee and she taught school for him several years. He was a Republican and a Methodist. On extremely cold days he would take her to the one room school and help her start the fire. She was his youngest living child and the only one to graduate from High School. His children and grandchildren came home very frequently and Christmas was an especial occasion. I can remember one year going down in a sleigh to stay all night at Christmas with the older cousins.

Joseph E. died of a heart attack after going to start the gasoline engine to run the washer. When they checked to find out why the washer engine didn't start they found him sitting on the floor dead.

I can only remember him as a form sitting in a rocking chair by the side of the stove and I was sitting beside him in a little rocking chair that he had given to me. He was a man of very high morals and his life was his family and church.
Joseph E. and Martha Frances Steinberger had several children.

Clara

F. 1. Alice Steinberger born August 9, 1875, married Gary P. Davis born October 28, 1873. She died in 1932 and he died in 1936.

They lived around Petersville for several years. Later moving north of Newbern, Indiana, and still later on to Hope, Indiana, where they lived for many years. They finally moved to southwest of Columbus, Indiana, where they were living when Gary died.

G. 1. Floyd Davis born October 2, 1893.
married April 2, 1915 Edna Brown.
H. 2. Infant
H. 3. Harriett born May 9, 1919
H. 4. Ireba born August 22, 1923
H. 5. Freida Joyce born Aug. 13, 1926
H. 6. Floyd born Oct. 17, 1929
H. 7. Merlyn born Dec. 1931
H. 8. Paul
H. 9. Lewis

H. 2. Maurice born Nov. 8, 1917
H. 4. Infant son - This little boy and his mother both died at his birth.

H. 1. Dwight, born and died, Nov. 18, 1917.

G. 4. Dwight born April 1898 died 1908.

G. 5. Glen born Feb. 22, 1900 died May 18, 1900.

H. Any children that they might have had died at birth

H. They raised a boy.

F. 2. Harry Oscar Steinberger born April 15, 1877 and died March 31, 1928.
May 23rd. (Thomas Franklin)

F. 3. Tom, born 1879, was killed by a falling tree in the woods east of Petersville, where he had gone with another person to cut wood when the ground was slick. He lived to be brought home but died October 7, 1899.
Glenn Howe, 62, Clay township school bus driver and former deputy sheriff, died at 6:35 o'clock Sunday morning at the county hospital. He had been in critical condition at the hospital since suffering a stroke Wednesday.

Mr. Howe was a farmer, and had lived in Clay township all his life. He served four years as deputy sheriff under Walter O'Neal and twice was a candidate for sheriff. Mr. Howe had driven a school bus in Clay township for six years.

The son of Robert J. and Martha Zwayer Howe, he was born December 27, 1894, in Clay township. He was a member of Newbern Methodist church, the Odd Fellows lodge, Clay township Farm Bureau and the Indiana Schoolbus Drivers association.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Hathaway funeral home, conducted by the Rev. Carl Vincent McMillan of Indianapolis and assisted by the Rev. Paul S. Lewis. Burial will be made at Garland Brook cemetery.

Survivors are the wife, Mrs. Mabel Howe; a daughter Miss Carol Howe at home; his stepmother, Mrs. Tessie Howe of Hope; three nephews, whom he raised, Howard McClintic of Edinburg, and Morris and Dale McClintic, both of Columbus; four brothers, Cosam Howe of Decatur county, Robert E. Howe of Columbus, Ernest Howe of Indianapolis and Joseph Howe of Elizabethtown route 1; and three sisters, Mrs. Edgar Craig of Greensburg, Mrs. Raymond Davis of Kokomo and Mrs. Wardner Burney of Indianapolis.

(Note: Most of these named as brothers and sisters were half-brothers and sisters.)
Howard McClintic, former town board president of Edinburg and agent for Prudential Insurance company there for 14 years, died at 9:45 p. m. Friday at Bartholomew county hospital, where he was taken after becoming ill with an apparent heart attack at Washington Street and Road 31.

About a half-hour before his death, Mr. McClintic and his wife, Marjorie, had left the local hospital where they had been visiting Mrs. McClintic's father, a heart patient.

As their auto crossed Flat Rock bridge on Road 31, northwest of Washington street, smoke was noticed coming from under the hood and Mr. McClintic stopped the car and pulled loose some smoking cables.

He apparently became ill as he walked to a service station at the Washington Street and Road 31 intersection for help. He was short of breath when he arrived but walked across the street to another service station where he met an acquaintance. Recognizing that Mr. McClintic was ill, the acquaintance, who was not identified, took him to Bartholomew county hospital. He was able to walk into the hospital but collapsed and died about 10 minutes later.

Mr. McClintic was former president of the Edinburg town board and had served as an official in the American Legion. He was a veteran of the second world war. He also belonged to the Masonic Lodge and Edinburg Methodist church.

Funeral service will be conducted at 2 p. m. Monday at Edinburg Methodist church by the Rev. B. J. Renner. (This was Memorial Day, May 31, 1965). Burial will be at Rest Haven cemetery with American Legion graveside rites.

Survivors with his wife are two brothers, Morris and Robert McClintic of Columbus. (He was also survived by an aunt, Mrs. Mable Howe, who took him and his two brothers into her home to raise after the death of their mother in 1927. His mother having been her sister, Maude.)

Mr. McClintic was born at Newbern September 25, 1915, to Glen and Maude Davis McClintic and married the former Miss Marjorie McDonald November 26, 1939. He lived in Bartholomew county before moving to Edinburg. The family home address is 200 West Thompson street.
Mrs. Georgia DAVIS MARTIN, a former county resident, died Tuesday afternoon at a Greenfield hospital after a short illness. Mrs. Martin, 68, had undergone an operation Monday.

She was born near Newbern, the daughter of Floyd and Edna BROWN DAVIS and was a granddaughter of CARY and ALICE STEINBARGER DAVIS. Her parents survive. Surviving with the parents are a daughter, Mrs. Geraldine Wilson of Greenfield; four sisters, Mrs. Harriett Byers and Mrs. Frieda McMillan, both of Lafayette and Mrs. Ireba Horn of Romney, and Mrs. Merlyn Borden of Peru; three brothers, Paul W. Davis of Hope route 1, and Floyd Davis, Jr., and Lewis Davis, both of Lafayette, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 A. M. Friday at the Pasco funeral home in Greenfield with burial near New Richmond.
F. 4. Lavina born in 1881. Married November 13, 1907
Levi Pittman who was born in 1876 son of
Emmanuel and Mary Barbara Pittman. He died,
following a fall in his granary, August 29, 1950.
He is buried in the Hope Moravian Cemetery.
She is still alive in 1970. She is the last of her
family and lives in the home west of Hartsville.

G. 1. Jean Kenneth Pittman born March 16,
1910. Married 1st Georgia Maley. They
separated shortly after the birth of
twin babies
H. 1. Hugh Eric Pittman
H. 2. Ruth Kathleen Pittman
born January 19 or 20, 1936.

He married a second time and his wife is
very graciously and patiently helping take
care of his mother. They have two children.
H. 3. Larry Pittman, a student at 1. U.
who has worked at Arvin Industries
for some time.
H. 4. Betty

Georgia Maley Pittman married a second time
Albert Carman and later a third time Howard
Donald Murphy. They were married June 24,
1955 according to death notice in the local
paper. He was born May 29, 1908, son of
Edgar and Ida Hatton Murphy and died January
1, 1969. Children listed in the paper at
that time were:
Hugh Pittman of Griffith Indiana
Mrs. James Elmore of R. 4, North Vernon,
Indiana.

These actually being the twin children
of Jean Pittman. This record included as
if these children ever desire to join
The DAR or SAR on John Stoneberger's or
Joseph Hart's Revolutionary War Service
They will need their lineage.

G. 2. Infant son buried in Cemetery at Newborn.

Married November 8, 1905 Francis Tilden Klipsch,
known as (Frank), son of William L and Mary Jane
Abernethy Klipsch. They are buried in the Moravian
Cemetery at Hope, Indiana. He having died
and she died

G. 1. Karl Francis born April 23, 1907, died
November 5, 1908. He is buried just
east of the Steinberger monument in
Garland Brook Cemetery at Columbus, Indiana.
He was a beautiful baby boy and died with a
fever, apparently of the brain, after his
father had typhoid fever.


G. 4. Harold Oscar Klipsch born September 6, 1912. Married Anna May Miller, daughter of Edwin and Love O'Neal Blessing Miller, she was born May 22, 1910.


Mrs. Myrtle Edna Klipsch, 75, of Hope, died at 12:40 o'clock this morning at the county hospital where she had been a patient for seven days.

Mrs. Klipsch was born in Bartholomew County November 25, 1883, to Joseph Edward Steinberger and Martha Frances Matson. At an early age she became a member of the Petersville Methodist church. On November 8, 1905, she was married to Francis Tilden Klipsch, who preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Hope Methodist church, the Women's Society of Christian Service and was a past matron of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was a direct descendant of John Steinberger and Joseph Hart, who were early settlers in Bartholomew county and veterans of the Revolutionary War.

Survivors include two sons, Glen Klipsch of Hope and Harold Klipsch of Columbus; a daughter, Mrs. Carl F. Urbahns of Columbus; four grandchildren, Julia Klipsch of Hope, Mrs. Norval Scheidt, Josef Klipsch and Carl F. Urbahns, all of Columbus; a great-granddaughter, Lois Ann Scheidt (whom she never saw); two sisters, Mrs. Alice Davis and Mrs. Lavina Pittman, both of Hope.

She was preceded in death by her husband, a son, two brothers and a sister.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning at the Norman funeral home at Hope, by the Rev. E. L. Hollopeter, pastor of the Hope Methodist church, with burial at the Hope Moravian cemetery. The Order of the Eastern Star will conduct services at 8 o'clock Tuesday night at the funeral home.

She was buried May 6, 1959.
Norval L. Scheldt, 33, Route 2 farmer and dairyman, died about 9 a.m. Monday at the Robert Long hospital in Indianapolis after a 6-month illness. (Died October 5, 1964.) He was a victim of leukemia.

He was born January 3, 1931 in Columbus, the son of Edward and Emma Lowe Scheldt. His mother survives and lives on Route 2. Mr. Scheldt was graduated from Columbus high school in 1949, attended Purdue university for a year and was in the U. S. army from 1955 to 1957.

A member of St. Peter's Lutheran church, where he formerly taught a Bible class, he also belonged to the Farm Bureau and the Lutheran Laymen's League.

His wife, the former Miss Jane Klipsch, whom he married April 20, 1958, died of cancer October 30, 1962.

Surviving are a son, David Lee Scheldt; two daughters Lois Ann and Denise Carol, all at home; a brother, Donald L. Scheldt, Route 2, and a grandfather, George Lowe of Route 2.

Also preceding him in death was his father, Edward Scheldt, who died March 15, 1960. (I believe this date is wrong by 10 years?)

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Reed funeral home with burial at Garland Brook cemetery. The Rev. Karl Lepper, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church, will conduct the service.
F. 6. Ivy Steinberger born and died 1885.

E. 5. John Steinberger, son of Isaiah, married November 27, 1866 Rhoda J. Talley. They had several children:

F. 1. Frank
F. 2. Cora
F. 3. Katie

E. 6. Abraham L. Steinberger, son of Isaiah, married February 7, 1877, Lucina E. Parker:

F. 1. Jess
F. 2. Jose married Clarence Brace.

G. 1. Alberta Bruce married Otto Yeley. She died at the birth of their child, who also died. He later married Frances Maley Taylor, daughter of George Elmer and Elizabeth Wagner Maley, and the widow of Charles Taylor. She was an older sister of Georgia Maley.

C. 2. Veina Bruce married Albert Davis. They had several children.

F. 3. Roy married Nettie F. Brumfield. He died March 1, 1940. (see next page)
F. 4. Otis
F. 5. Edd

E. 7. George Steinberger, son of Isaiah, married October 9, 1867 Sarah Steinberger, who was the daughter of Eli and Elizabeth Pence Steinberger. Eli and Elizabeth were married February 4, 1848. Sarah had at least two brothers; Julius and Benny. Eli and Elizabeth were actually married February 8, 1848 by Minister Elijah Dawson. In the census of 1850 Sarah is shown as one year old, so she was the eldest child. This Elizabeth Pence was a daughter of Catharine
Mrs. Nettie F. Steenbarger, 76, of 2432 California Street, died at 2:35 O'clock this morning at the county hospital where she had been a patient 10 days. (May 1, 1960 local paper). Born in this county September 14, 1883, to Jacob and Sarah Lambert Brumfield, she was married to Roy T. Steenbarger, who died March 1, 1940. Mrs. Steenbarger was a member of First United Lutheran Church. Funeral rites will be held at 1:30 O'clock Friday afternoon at Hathaway funeral home, conducted by the Rev. Ivan H. Miller. Burial will be made at Lambert cemetery.

Survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Lawrence Wendel, Mrs. Lon Duncan and Mrs. Everett Rathsman, all of Columbus; a son, Carlton Steenbarger of Columbus; a sister Mrs. Harry Beatty of Columbus, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Four brothers preceded her in death.
Steinberger Pence and Eli Steinberger is believed to be a son of John Steinberger and Elizabeth Pence Steinberger who stayed in Ohio. They had a son Eli born in 1811. If this is true, Sarah's parents were rather closely related and she and George were distantly related.

F. 1. Ettie
Disregard this list - see below

F. 2. Ella

F. 3. Carl

F. 4. Ora

George Steinberger (see preceding page) was born in 1818, Bartholomew County, Indiana, son of Isaiah and Sarah Edwards Steinberger. Married October 9, 1867 Sarah Steinberger, daughter of Eli Steinberger and Elizabeth Pence Steinberger. See page Sarah Steinberger was born February 25, 1819 and died March 26, 1926 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Is buried in Garland Brook Cemetery at Columbus, Indiana. George died October 2, 1927 and is buried in Garland Brook Cemetery at Columbus. There is no marker for him but he is buried on a small plot near a marker. He had married for a second time Sarah V. Deutro February 16, 1898.


F. 2. Ettie born April 18, 1873 in Bartholomew County, married Archie William February 1, 1891 in Bartholomew County. She died August 10, 1938 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Ettie and Archie William were divorced and she then married Ben Sudler, a widower with two small children.

F. 3. Ella born in September 1878 in Bartholomew County, married May 31, 1897 Wm. H. McCalip in Marion County, Indiana. She died January 8, 1927 in Indianapolis. He was born in 1875 at Pope, Indiana and died August 20, 1962 at R. 18, Box 352, Indianapolis, Indiana. He was the son of Wm. McCalip and Amanda Archam McCalip.

G. 1. Paul Robert born May 17, 1900, at Indianapolis, Indiana, married to Ethel M. Athey on November 6, 1919 at Louisville, Kentucky. He died July 31, 1933 at Indianapolis, Indiana. He is buried at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis. Ethel M. Ethey was born July 18, 1902 at Pana Illinois, the daughter of Robert Palmer Athey and Emma L. Williamson Athey.

E. 8. Talitha Steinberger, daughter of Isaiah, married December 17, 1868 Perry Ross. She was born February 18, 1814.

F. 1. Nola died when 7 years old.

F. 2. Albert Ross married Monta May Blessing, daughter of Thomas and Jane Lortz May and the widow of Charles Blessing.


F. 3. Edd Ross

F. 4. Nellie married Dr. W. (Will) J. Norton. She was his second wife and had one stepson, Dr. Harold Jacob Norton.

F. 5. Lillie died at age of 6 months.

F. 6. Charley Ross married Carrie Proger

G. 1. Karl P. Ross


Clipping from local paper at the time of her death.

Mrs. Mary D. Ross, 74 (May 16, 1960) of 1104 Franklin Street, widow of Oscar E. Ross, died at 2:15 O'clock Saturday afternoon at county hospital. After the death of her husband, May 26, 1954, Mrs. Ross operated King Insurance Agency and Oscar Ross Accounting service which her husband had owned. Funeral services will be at 10 O'clock Tuesday morning at Hathaway funeral home, conducted by Dr. William P. Laws, Jr., with burial at City Cemetery. Survivors are a sister, Miss Jeanette Dickey of Columbus; a niece, Mrs. John Banker of Columbus; and four nephews, Ray Marr, Jr., of Route 1; David B. Dickey of R. 2; John R. Dickey of Miami and Robert M. Dickey of Berkeley, California. Mrs. Ross was a member of First United Presbyterian church. She was a graduate of Columbus High School and Oxford College for Women in Oxford, Ohio. She was born in Bartholomew County, October 30, 1885 to David and Elizabeth McCullough Dickey.

F. 8. John Ross, died May 1913 at the age of 26 years.
Republican August 4, 1955

Mrs. Nelle Ross Norton, 78, died at 9:30 o'clock this morning at her home, 803 Pearl Street. She was the widow of Dr. William J. Norton, who died April 25, 1947.

She was a member of the Methodist church, Criterion Club, Nautilus club and Amaranth club. She was born in Clay Township September 4, 1876, the daughter of Perry and Talithia Steinbarger Ross. She married Dr. Norton November 30, 1916.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Hathaway funeral home by the Rev. Abram S. Woodard. Burial will be made at Garland Brook cemetery.

She is survived by a step-son, Dr. H. J. Norton of Columbus; three step-grandchildren, Mrs. James Brouleto of Clover City, Nevada, Miss Dorothy Norton of Columbus, and William J. Norton of Seattle, Washington; a niece, Mrs. Charlotte Ross Yates of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; a nephew, Karl Ross, of Memphis, Tennessee; and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Ross of Columbus.

NOTE: Dr. H. J. Norton, her step-son, died in late July or early August of 1970. He was buried at the burial site of his second wife's family. Somewhere west or southwest of Indianapolis.
E. 9. Elizabeth Steinberger, daughter of Isaiah Steinberger, married August 15, 1881, Ervin Griffin. They lived in Brown County. The writer saw them when she was about 12 years old. We went with our grandmother and other members of the family to Brown County on a Sunday. This would have been in approximately 1921. The roads were bad then and cars not so powerful and we had to unload at the foot of some of the hills while the men helped push the cars up the hill. About the middle of the afternoon we located 'Aunt Lizzie' at the home of her brother-in-law. She lived her life out in Brown County and is buried there it is believed in Sanam Ridge Cemetery.

F. 1. Bertha
F. 2. Edith
F. 3. Raymond
F. 4. Ralph married Fern Boaz. They lived on her father's farm in Clay Township, Bartholomew County, northwest of Petersville. They had two children.
F. 5. Myrtle


   G. 1. Donald Clemmens Steinberger
   G. 2. Marie Louise Steinberger
   G. 3. James Oliver Steinberger

F. 2. Pearl Steinberger married Lloyd Larrowd
   G. 1. Caroline Ruth Larrowd

F. 3. William married Emma Alliander

F. 4. Charles Steinberger married Ruth Partlow
   G. 1. Betty Klein Steinberger

F. 5. Perry

F. 6. Hazel Steinberger married Frank Tempest
   G. 1. Billy Jean Tempest died April 1938
   G. 2. -

E. 11. Uriah M. Steinberger married October 17, 1880 Lydia C. Hill.

Refer to D. 4. Isaiah Steinberger

WILL

Bartholomew County Indiana Page 167.

Copied by Mrs. Ethel Mulrine.

Last Will and Testament of Isaiah Steenbarger.

This is to certify that I, Isaiah Steenbarger, do this day appoint my brother Joseph Steenbarger as my executor of my annex will and for power to settle up all my business after my death I give unto him full control of all my personal property and real estate to liquidate my debts if any at my death and the said Joseph Steenbarger is interested with power by me to dispose of all my personal property as he thinks best. Except some silver-ware that I give to Jimmy Steenbarger my youngest child if she is living. And if the personal is insufficient to pay all my debts and forward expense I remit in him the power to sell as much of my estate as he thinks best to finish paying my debts, or if he thinks he can pay the debts by selling said real estate he has the power to do as he thinks best for my heirs. But I request him if possible to save the home farm for my heirs here after named.

And I hereby further authorize said Joseph Steenbarger to make or have made and equal division of all my lands and money that is left after the debts is payed to my heirs hereafter named except Jimmy Steenbarger. She is to have One hundred dollars more in money than any of the balance the reason I do this is she is to be raised and behold yet.


And I hereby further appoint the said Joseph Steenbarger and say in strong language that I bequest the said Jimmy Steenbarger unto the said Joseph Steenbarger. My executor if she is a minor at my death and the said Joseph Steenbarger is to have full control of her and her care as she was one of his heirs.

This my above will is to be in full force at my death in Witness hear of I annex my name and seal this fourth day of December 1885. We the undersigned witness that the endorsed is his will.

Isaiah Steenbarger

Isaidh Steenbarger

seal

Joshua S. Sims

says

David Dickey
January 26, 1963 Republican

Paul E. STEINBARGER, 58, a native of Columbus, died suddenly at 8:30 o'clock this morning at his home, 1425 Azalea drive. He had been ill two days.

Mr. Steinbarger was controller for Wendel's, Inc., for the last seven years. He was a member of the First Methodist Church and the Elks club. Prior to being employed at Wendel's he had been employed over 20 years with the former Powell Chevrolet Company here.

He was born in Columbus May 18, 1904, the son of Elijah and Caroline BARMES STEINBARGER. He was married March 16, 1929, to the former Miss Prudence Lortz, who survives. Mr. Steinbarger was a graduate of Columbus High School.

Surviving with the wife are a brother, Charles Steinbarger of Bradenton, Florida and two sisters, Mrs.loyd Larrowe of Indianapolis and Mrs. Frank Tempest of Columbus.

Private funeral services will be conducted at the Hathaway funeral home at 1:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon by Dr. Merrill B. McFall. Burial will be at Hope Moravian cemetery.
Raymond M. Griffin, 73, died today at Johnson County Memorial Hospital at Franklin. Mr. Griffin, a retired farmer, lived at Trafalgar since moving from Brown County in 1937. He had been ill three days.

He was born in Brown County, January 21, 1892, to Irvin and Elizabeth Steinbarger Griffin, and December 22, 1913, married the former Bessie Rogers, who survives. He belonged to Trafalgar Christian Church.

Surviving with the wife are three sons, Morris Griffin of Indianapolis, Ralph Griffin of Tampa, Florida, and Charles Griffin of Bargersville and three sisters, Mrs. Bertha Hyde and Mrs. Laura Wright of Bloomington and Mrs. Myrtle Dowell of Lafayette.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 P.M. Friday at Bond Funeral home at Nashville by the Rev. Paul Jasper. Burial will be at Lanam Ridge cemetery in Brown County.
Mrs. Viola M. Griffin, 69, a native of Brown County, died at 7:30 P.M. Tuesday at Methodist hospital in Indianapolis. She suffered a heart attack earlier in the day at her home, 4501 West Beecher street in Indianapolis.

The daughter of Otis and Maude Mathis HARDEN, Mrs. Griffin was born in Brown county June 5, 1917. She was married to Morris J. GRIFFIN, son of Raymond GRIFFIN, and a grandson of Irvin and Elizabeth STEINBARGER GRIFFIN, May 3, 1937 and the couple moved to Indianapolis in 1941. Mrs. Griffin was a member of Drexel Gardens Methodist church in Indianapolis.

Survivors are her husband; three daughters, Mrs. Mary Ann Graves, Mrs. Laura Kay Tilbury and Mrs. Betty Louise Stuart, all of Indianapolis; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Harden of Nashville; two brothers, Thurman Harden of Nashville route 3 and James Harden of Nashville route 1; three sisters, Mrs. Judy Bradley of Indianapolis, Mrs. Geneva Bradley of Nashville route 1 and Mrs. Eva Mathis of Nashville route 2; and 12 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 P.M. Friday at Bond Funeral home by the Rev. Paul Jasper. Burial will be at Lanam Ridge cemetery in Brown County.
Will recorded C. Nov. 1882  April 1892.

November 13, 1871 Isaiah Steinberger to Julia A. Cropland — marriage license records of Bartholomew County.

Years ago I discovered this will of Isaiah Steinberger and although I made no complete copy, I listed the heirs and special bequest to Jimmie. I went home and discussed this with my mother, youngest living daughter of Joseph E. Steinberger, and she immediately said the name was not Jimmie but Jennie, a girl. Note will also states she and not he. The name Cropland was also Crossland, she said. It was then that information was given to me about Julia A. Crossland. She is buried in Sandhill cemetery, not anyways near Isaiah and her tombstone reads Julia A. wife of Isaiah Steinberger, born October 21, 1838, died February 22, 1880, however, I have been told that there was never any marriage ceremony performed. Julia A. Crossland was the hired girl in Isaiah Steinberger's home and she would have been 12 years old at her death, which took place almost exactly 6 years after his wife's Sarah death. Julia was approximately 20 years younger than Sarah. Julia is said to have borne him two children: a daughter, acknowledged in the will (but mother's name not mentioned) and a son, who is not mentioned anywhere in family records. My grandfather, Joseph E. Steinberger, moved in with his father after his marriage in July 1871, and according to information given to me made Julia leave (Old Jule) as they called her. It was not a happy circumstance to happen. She has a nice tombstone and I wonder how the old gentleman managed to get it put up almost under the watchful eyes of his discussed and dismayed children.

Years ago a man by the name of Crossland showed up at the family reunion and indicated that he was either the son or grandson of Julia. He must have been raised by the Crossland family.

You will notice that Isaiah Steinberger died in 1886 and the date on recording of will is 1892. It is wondered why it took six years to straighten up the estate. Also I personally know that Joseph E. Steinberger wanted to buy the home place but it was refused to him apparently by his brother-in-law Perry Ross. What with the family silver going to Jennie, the girls of the family might have been upset. It would be awfully hard to see a mother's nice silver go to another's daughter.

This record could have been 'let die' but it is much easier to write about it and face the facts of long ago (as they were just human too) than it would have been to have lived with the situation as it was actually happening, especially in the Victorian times. Then too, a record believed to be of Jennie's marriage has been found and who knows she may need her lineage someday.

Marriage record of a Jennie Steenbarger to William Hendrickson, July 3, 1898, C-1h-311. I believe this was found in the State Library. It was turned in by Mrs. Ethel Hilrime.
in Indiana


E. 1. William J. born March 11 and died July 11, 1849

E. 2. Charles Clark.

D. Lucy Steinberger, daughter of Henry & Polly Steinberger married John Hubbard.

E. 1. Ella Hubbard married Charles Hager.

D. Joseph Steinberger, son of Henry and Polly Steinberger, was born approximately 1828 or 1827 - died in 1911. Married Dulcenna Rothrock, 1825 - 1883. They are buried in Old Union Cemetery. From picture of his tombstone made in 1965 - born August 18, 1827 - died March 12, 1911.

E. 1. Andrew Steinberger married Mary Hartman.

F. 1. Stella Steinberger married Fred Beucha.

G. 1. Paul Beucha

F. 2. Ursula Steinberger.


G. 1. Edna Coble married 1916 James Records. She was born 1895.

H. 1. Carl Records

H. 2. Neal Records

H. 3. Richard Records

H. 4. Kathalene Records

G. 2. Charles Coble born 1899.

F. 2. Oscar Ziegler married Della Schuder

H. 1. Doras Maxine Ziegler married Don Repp
H. 2. Dale Edward Ziegler married Alfreda Cline

F. 3. Henry Ziegler married Mary Carter
   G. 1. Eugene Ziegler
   G. 2. Jurita Ziegler
   G. 3. Dorothy Ziegler

F. 4. Weber Ziegler married Bertha Bueche
   G. 1. Harry Ziegler

E. 3. Mary Steinberger married Flo Adkins
        G. 1. Betty Ann Adkins

E. 4. Jacob Steinberger married Mattie Bozell, daughter of Thomas Bozell. Jacob Steinberger was at that time a minister in Brown County.
   F. 1. Lester Steinberger married Nannie Cofman
        G. 1. Arthur Wain Steinberger
        G. 2. Josephine Steinberger
   F. 2. Anna Steinberger
   F. 3. Rosa Steinberger married Furman Groves
        G. 1. Norris or Maurice
        G. 2. Thaddeus
        G. 3. Aylette
        G. 4. Merrill
        G. 5. Carl
F. 4. Thomas Steinberger


E. 6. John M. born Nov. 6, 1859 died Jan. 6, 1936
married 1st Julia Hartman and married 2nd Mary or May Richards

E. 7. Malissa Steinberger married Frank Snider

F. 1. Wilber Snider 1884 - 1885

F. 2. Nevil Snider married 1st Robert Smith, married 2nd Jesse Thompson

G. 1. Carl Smith
G. 2. Malissa Smith

E. 8. Elizabeth Steinberger married Willard Mitchell. At her death she was widow of George Ziegler. She is buried at Old Union

F. 1. Eliza married Howard Adkins

G. 1. Elsie
G. 2. George
G. 3. Charley
G. 4. Virginia

F. 2. Earl married Emma Crider

G. 1. Virgil Crider
G. 2. Robert Crider

F. 3. John married Edith Henderson

G. 1. Dale Mitchell
G. 2. Raymond Mitchell
G. 3. Ruth Mitchell
G. 4. Martha Mitchell

E. 9. Lucinda Steinberger died in 1862
Republican April 8, 1969.

Mrs. Rose Groves, 83, widow of Firman Groves, died Monday at Johnson County Memorial hospital in Franklin following a 2 year illness. She lived in the Old Union area of Bartholomew county.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Matz funeral home in Edinburg by the Rev. William Cooney and the Rev. Clyde Hunter. Burial will be at Rest Haven Cemetery at Edinburg.

Born in Bartholomew county May 29, 1885, Mrs. Groves was the daughter of Jacob and Martha Bozell Steenbarger. She was married to Mr. Groves October 15, 1903 and he died in 1951. She was a member of the Taylorsville United Methodist Church.

Surviving are five sons, Maurice, Aylette, Merrill and Thaddeus Groves of Bartholomew county and Carroll Groves of Johnson county; two brothers, Thomas Steenbarger of Taylorsville and Lester Steenbarger of Franklin; a half brother, Chester Freeman of Taylorsville; a half sister, Mrs. Vinnie Milam of Indianapolis; nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.
C. Elizabeth Steinberger – daughter of John Steinberger and his first wife married John Pence July 4, 1803. He was in Bartholomew County, Indiana, for a time and went on west. There is supposed to be good records on this branch. According to information they had nine children; George born in Virginia, seven born in Ohio and the ninth born in Bartholomew County.

In the April term of court 1823 'This day came John Pence and filed an inventory of John Steinberger's Estate'. The following records on land were found: John Pence - 1820 80 acres 1821 80 acres 1820 80 acres 1820 80 acres 1820 320 acres 1820 160 acres 1825 80 acres 1821 80 acres 1821 160 acres 1820 80 acres 1821 80 acres 1820 160 acres 1820 80 acres 1820 80 acres

He was known in the early records of Bartholomew County as Judge John Pence.
Catharine Steinberger's descendants. Catharine Steinberger, daughter of John Steinberger by first wife, born April 25, 1787, died March 15, 1813 is buried in Old Union Cemetery. Married in Ohio April 8, 1811 to Benjamin Pence who was the son of Henry Pence born 1770 in Germany and Mary (Blimly) in America called Flowers Pence who came from Germany to the United States in about 1760. They were married in Virginia and moved to Ohio in 1805. Ohio records in possession of family showed Catharine's birth date as 1793. I got date of 1787 from Indiana descendants. The children of Henry Pence were as follows: George, Jacob, Henry, Abram, Magdaline, Susannah, John (believed to be Judge John), Barbara, David, Joseph, Samuel, Anna, Isaac, Elizabeth, Benjamin, Mary, and Rueben. Catharine and Benjamin Pence had a family cemetery in Indiana, the graves being marked by cedar trees. Those buried in this cemetery were all removed to Old Union Cemetery. They had placed the sign by each child's name in their recording of births.

D. 1. Eli Pence married June 11, 1838 Jurita Steinberger, daughter of Henry Steinberger. See records with family of Henry Steinberger.

D. 2. Sally Pence. In 1838, September 12th, a John Steinberger married Sarah Pence. Not known if this is Sally.

D. 3. Angeline Pence married February 1, 1848 Levi Bozell.

D. 4. Benjamin Franklin Pence. From Mary Pence, his daughter who lived on the farm in Bartholomew County, Indiana, originally granted to Pence Family, I obtained the above record in the first paragraph on the Pence Family. Believe shown as Frank Pence on Roger Pence's record.

E. 1. Mary Pence.

D. 5. James Harrison Pence.

E. 1. Charles Pence.

F. 1. Roger A. Pence.

G. 1. Paul Pence

G. 2. John Pence

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F. 2. John F. Pence

F. 3. Linnie Pence King.


D. 7. John Allen Pence


E. 2. Benny Steinberger

E. 3. Sarah Steinberger believed born in 1849 as shown as 1 year old in census of 1850. Married October 9, 1867 George Steinberger, son of Isaiah Steinberger. Sarah would have been the oldest child and therefore should have been shown as E. 1 instead of E. 3. They were listed on Roger Pence's record as Julius, Benny and Sarah. See records of George Steinberger in list of Isaiah Steinberger's children.

Ronnie Daum, R. 2, Edinburg, Indiana, (1970) lives on this old Pence land and is descended from this family. Expect he is descended from a daughter of Benjamin Franklin Pence, but at this typing is not definitely known.
FREDERICK STEINBERGER, son of JOHN STEINBERGER the Revolutionary War Soldier, born Shenandoah County, Virginia, February 6, 1791 died in Indiana January 1867 at the age of 76 years. He came with his parents (John) to Ohio in 1804 and helped his father in the building of the first Steinberger mill and home at the headwaters of Nettle Creek near the village of Millerstown, which was an Indian village of the Miami tribe. Frederick married Rebecca Kiser (spelled various) (this family was also in Virginia) at Urbana, Ohio, about 1812. He moved to Wayne County, Indiana, and later to Bartholomew County, Indiana. Here he joined others in establishing the first Christian Church which met at his house for 20 years. Ten children are shown in my records. Susan shows nine on her records.

Isabel Steinberger, daughter of FREDERICK STEINBERGER, born December 15, 1813 married Joseph McCoy. Five children are shown: 1. Mariah McCoy married James Padgett had four children, Amanda Padgett, Laura Padgett, Ida Padgett and Joseph Edgar Padgett. 2. Lydia McCoy married Charles Campbell had five children James Campbell married first Jennie Warren, married second Gertrude Baker, two children, Mary Campbell and George Campbell. 3. Eliza M. McCoy married Jas. Stephenson had five children, Nevada Stephenson, Etta Stephenson, Harvey Stephenson, Ida Stephenson and Phoebe Stephenson. 4. James McCoy, not married, died at Bowling Green, Kentucky during Civil War. 5. Harvey McCoy married Pauline Stephenson and had five children: (1) William O. McCoy; (2) Otis McCoy; (3) Ray McCoy; (4) Effie McCoy married a Graham and died in the West, two children are shown Mable Graham and Cecil M. Graham who married and had one child, Marian Judson; (5) Josephine McCoy married Cash had three children, Harvey Cash, Lon Cash and Frank Cash.

Samuel Hendron Steinberger, called Squire, owned a store in Taylorsville, Indiana. He married Polly Dyson of Kentucky, of whom it is said she brought her negro slaves with her. Five children are shown of this couple: 1. Zachariah; 2 Mary Steinberger; 3. Emily Steinberger; 4. Sarah L. Steinberger died in 1845 and 5. Rebecca Steinberger. Samuel Hendron with several of his children are buried at Old Union Cemetery. (Note: The Zachariah might not be right, this may have been confused with brother of Samuel Hendron, Zachariah.)

Zachariah Steinberger, son of FREDERICK STEINBERGER, born November 13, 1816, died as a young man. Believe buried in Decatur County.

Melinda Steinberger, daughter of FREDERICK STEINBERGER, born April 30, 1820 married a Reno. Through her daughter Louisa Reno, her daughter Carrie A. Treon, I received the sketch of Frederick published in a church magazine. She died December 12, 1893.
ELIZABETH STEINBERGER, Twin of LYDIA, daughter of FREDERICK STEINBERGER, Born May 6, 1822. She died December 12, 1893.

Lydia Steinberger, Twin of Elizabeth Steinberger, daughter of FREDERICK STEINBERGER, Born May 6, 1822. She married Jack Treon, orjs XXXXXXXXXXXX descendant shown as Dr. Treon in Gary.

Mariah Steinberger, daughter of FREDERICK STEINBERGER, born February 27, 1825.

George Joshua Steinberger, son of FREDERICK STEINBERGER, born August 15, 1826.

Martha Easter Steinberger, daughter of FREDERICK STEINBERGER, born October 14, 1828.

Catharine Steinberger, daughter of FREDERICK STEINBERGER, born December 15, 1830 died August 1, 1884, married October 12, 1856 to Roy Heflin, born August 10, 1828 and died January 15, 1892. Roy Heflin's name should be shown as Fentley Roy Heflin. They had five children. (Note record of this family on Susan's large family tree is incorrect). 1. William born October 26, 1858. 2. Clarissa Jane born April 7, 1860. 3. George W. Heflin born April 21, 1862 married June 3, 1886 Stella M. Carter, born August 14, 1861, died December 6, 1929. They had three children: (1) Infant son October 27, 1887; (2) Charity Catharine Heflin born February 25, 1891 married October 23, 1919 to Arthur McCullough. They had two children Helen Estelle McCullough born February 25, 1922 and Henry George McCullough born August 11, and who is an outstanding Doctor of Medicine at Columbus, Indiana. (3) Stanley Voria Heflin born December 22, 1893. 4. B. Franklin Heflin born June 28, 1865 died 1933, married July 29, 1892 Maude Perry. They had three sons. Record of one Howard C. Heflin born November 6, 1898 married Lola Burgett December 27, 1922. They had three daughters, record of one, Lois May Heflin born October 28, 1923 married Claiborn Quinton September 3, 1943, she has two daughters Margaret Ann, age 13 in 1966 and Marie age 11 in 1966. 5. Mary M. Heflin born December 30, 1867.
Frederick Steinberger, son of John Steinberger, was born in about 1791. One record shows February 6, 1791, and it was said that at birth he could have been placed in a quart cup measure, yet he grew to be a large broad-shouldered man - six feet in height. He died in 1867 and is buried at Old Union Cemetery in Bartholomew County, German Township. One record states that he was born and married in Pennsylvania, could be, but is more likely that he was born and married in Virginia. He married Rebecca Kiser (Probably Keyser) in January 1812. Their first child Isabel was born December 15, 1813. When the government started selling the land in Indiana he came to Bartholomew County, selected his site and partially cleared and made a brush fence around a plot of ground south of the Henry Breeding home. When the land sale day came a man overbid grandfa him on his improved plot and he was out.

A middle aged man bid off the Heflin homestead across the road. There were such large trees of poplar, the man was discouraged and said, I will be an old man before I get this cleared to crop, you may have it for what it cost me. Frederick took him up and began building the log house of two stories, some of which was still standing in the 1930s.

Sketch written about Frederick Steinberger, taken from the Gospel Herald September 15, 1866.

(The Veteran Corps) Frederick Steinberger.

In speaking of this honorable corps, I do not mean that worthy class of patriots who so cheerfully responded to all the calls of our distracted country during the four years of rebellion and terrible war through which we have just passed. These men are worthy of all honor and a grateful people will not fail to do them justice. History will record the deeds of their valor, and their names will go down to posterity to be enshrined in the memory of generations yet unborn.

The class of men of whom I write constitute another type of Character - men unknown to fame, and obscure in the world - their long lives have worn away in quiet channels amid the scenes of home, and the incidents of neighborhood life. They are a host of invincible heroes who, by their silent workings, have laid deep foundations for society, and reared its mightiest temples. But like the coral insect that works quietly beneath the ocean's depth - unseen by man - toiling on impatient solitude until vast islands and continents arise from the depths of the sea, thus adding to the domain of empire and fitting up new homes for the ever increasing family of man - these men have silently laid down the foundation work of society, and given direction to the moral and religious sentiment of the age, and then, as a body, have silently passed away, leaving the world in which they have lived but to bless, all unconscious of the fall of her mightiest heroes.
A few of these men however, still remain as connecting links between the present and a generation now almost passed away. To rescue their names from oblivion and make honorable record of their deeds seems alike the duty of Christianity and patriotism.

They were the men to drive back the savage and the wild beast, to subdue the forest, and reclaim the wilderness, thus opening up the highway to civilization, and, in the midst of nature's wild solitude reared the first altars to God and religion, and by their own right-hand planting, laid the foundations of civil and religious society.

As one of the number of these great men, I propose in the present article to rescue the name of Frederick Steinberger (or as he is generally called, "Grandpap" Steinberger) living in Bartholomew County, Indiana, and now in the seventy-eighth year of his age. (Note this would have made him born in 1789 instead of 1791. Dates on tombstone are:

And I would here suggest that a column in the Herald be always open for biographical sketches of our old brethren who, as pioneers in the Christian cause, have lead quiet, unostentatious lives, but have neverthe less done great things for the cause of Christianity. And I will also suggest to our brethren generally that, where they have knowledge of such old patriarchs still standing, to visit them, talk kindly with them, get their history, and forward it to the publication. This is due to those old brethren, and will do good, as a means of gratification and encouragement to all.

Grandfather Steinberger was born in Shenandoah County, Virginia, in the year 1788 (Note: The Bartholomew County Directory gives 1791), and is consequently seventy-eight years old now. When he was eight or nine years of age, his father moved with his family to the state of Ohio. (The date of the move is given as 1804 — he was therefore older than eight or nine.) The country being almost a wilderness then, they could but settle down in the deep forest, and by dint of hard labor and patient endurance slowly carve for themselves a home out of the frowning wilderness. This they did in due time, and were shortly enabled to command their full share of the comforts common to a new country. (His father was supposed to have had a grant for Revolutionary War service.) In all the labors of opening the farm, buildings, etc., young Frederick bore such a part as his youthful strength would permit. He informed me that even he worked very hard, and subsequently assisted his father in clearing up another farm. He remained with his father until he had grown to manhood and married. He then left the old homestead and with his wife set out in the world for himself. He removed to Wayne County, Indiana, and settled in what is called the "Walnut Level", near to where the village of Jacksonburg now stands. It is a most beautiful and fertile district of country. For some reason he remained in this county only a few years. But it was during this period that he united with the Christian Church, under the labors of Elder Boyd who has long since passed to his reward.
Soon after this he sold his possessions there and removed to Bartholomew County, Indiana, which was then an almost unbroken wilderness. The government still owned the lands, but had ordered their sale, the surveys having previously been made. It was probably with a view to obtain more land that he had gone thither, and also to select and settle his claim before the sales should come on. At any rate he did so select his claim, and reared a cabin on it. In the month of March he commenced clearing away the forest preparatory to raising a crop, and by the May following, he had eleven acres ready for the plow, and planted it in corn. This was remarkable work, as will appear to any who remembers the heavy forests which covered the county. But as the season wore on, the time for the land sales arrived, and settlers and speculators were on the qui vive anxious to possess themselves of the rich lands bordering the banks and lying between Flatrock and Driftwood, two noble streams of water flowing away to the southwest, watering all the vast and beautiful region of country stretching onward to the confluence of those streams with White River, and depositing in all their course, and by their annual floods, an alluvium equal in richness to the Nile deposits.

But Brother Steinberger was doomed to suffer disappointment of a most provoking kind. It seems that he had sold his possessions in Wayne County on time and was to have his money without preadventure or failure in the case, by the time the land sales should come on. But sadly enough for Brother Steinberger, the man to whom he had sold failed entirely to pay him within the time. Meantime the sales came on and he, without a dollar in his pocket to help himself, was compelled to see his claim, with all his hard labor upon it, and the eleven acres of corn now growing, pass into the hands of a land speculator, or, as they are sometimes very properly called "Land Sharks". This was a heart sick disappointment and a man of less courage might have given up in despair. But such discouragement rather stimulated than depressed Brother Steinberger. He attempted at once to negotiate with the purchaser, and come to some terms of accommodation, but he was cold and heartless, and did not seem at all disposed to come to any terms, but stood on his rights as a purchaser. This man had also bought several tracts nearby, and adjoining the one referred to. Now as avarice is almost always sure to overreach itself, so it happened in this case. This man upon reflection, found that he had more of this wild, unproductive land than he knew what to do with or desired to keep. His first object, therefore, was to get rid of it on as reasonable terms as he could. He accordingly approached Brother Steinberger with a proposition to sell him a quarter of his land - not however the same quarter on which he had originally settled, but an adjoining quarter of better land, but of such heavy timber that the man supposed it could not be cleared. Brother Steinberger bought this quarter by paying the man one-half cent more on the acre than government price, and borrowed the money of a friend to pay it until he could get his own from Wayne County, which he did in due time, and then closed out the entire indebtedness having received a good title to his land, which he holds unencumbered to this day.

He now commenced the work of life in earnest. He soon reared another house, and moved into it. Then with an ax and fire he commenced the Herculean task of removing the forest around.
Being blessed with good health and strong arms, he was not many years in opening his farm. Meantime he lived as pioneers are often compelled to live, in a very plain way. He informed me that sticks or forks driven into the ground floor of the cabin, with poles crossed served them for bedsteads, while the ticks were filled with leaves. Venison, bear, wild turkey, etc., were abundant and furnished them with most of their meat.

The streams abounded in excellent fish, and wild honey was plenteous. So with corn bread plenty and milk in abundance, they fared as sumptuously as kings. Brother Steinberger was a capital shot and could bring down a deer or turkey at pleasure, and even now, at seventy-eight years of age, he can, without the aid of glasses, bring down squirrels from the tops of the highest trees.

There were still some Indians in the country at that time and Brother Steinberger became well acquainted with their manners and habits, and always managed to keep them in good humor towards him. He sometimes, even now, talks and sings in the Indian language for the amusement of friends. There are so many interesting incidents connected with his history about which I would like to speak, that I hardly know where to stop, but my object is to speak of him more directly in his relation to the church, and of his influence as a church member over the community. He has been a citizen of the county for more than fifty years, and was the first "New Light", as they were called ever in the county. And the first religious meeting of that kind ever held in the county was held at his house. Henry Logan and Jesse Frazier were the first preachers at his house. They sometimes came to their appointments bare-footed and in their hunting shirts. Through the preaching of these brethren, the faithfulness of Brother Steinberger and the Lord’s blessing, a work of grace was commenced there which resulted in the conversion of many of the settlers; and out of this material the first Christian church in that part of the county was organized at Brother Steinberger’s house; and such was the interest that in three or four years the church numbered near forty members. This was a large number for so short a time, in a new country, and a sparse population. Brother Steinberger indulges in a smile of satisfaction now when he speaks of the wonderful stories which were told of the “New Lights” and how the people were warned not to have anything to do with the strange heresy. But he says when he could manage to get them to come to the meetings at his house they generally got warmed up, and went away well satisfied; and many of them came into the church.

(From another source: New Light Christian Church organized in Bartholomew County by Frederick Steinberger in 1821 - for 20 years meetings were held in his home. New Light Christian organized in 1778 in North Carolina.)

The first Christian conference was held in his barn, and was attended by brethren from Ohio, Kentucky and some from Indiana. The church which was organized at his house continued there for twenty years, he having so arranged his house in building to accommodate the meetings. The church at the end of this time had become sufficiently strong to build them a house for worship. Accordingly they procured a beautiful site within half a mile of Brother Steinberger’s house sufficiently large for the house and burying ground. A plain, yet comfortable frame house was put up, and named “Union”. (This church now known as “Old Union” is a red brick building and in recent years has had an annex and entrance way added to it. It is in good condition and regular services are
conducted there. The cemetery is also in very good condition. More land has been added to it and it is still used very actively for burials. Maintenance is under the direction of the Zigler family and has been for two generations. The house and graveyard are both in good repair, and an audience, respectable in numbers and piety now worship there weekly. Among the number of worshippers, through God's Providence, we still find "Grandpa Steinberger", the old patriarch of the flock, now seventy-eight years of age - his tall, commanding figure, his great age, and undoubted piety commanding the reverence and respect of all, and his presence always adding to the interest and solemnity of these occasions. He seldom speaks in meeting, but the vessel often becomes so full that it runs over in what is called "his little war song", which never fails to make others happy as well as himself. I have often been with him in social meetings, and talked with him on his prospects for the future. He is well settled and grounded in the faith, and no cloud of doubt or unbelief dims his spirit vision. He is ready to go when the Lord calls. When I see this good old man who has been in the war for more than fifty years, and carried his religion through all the meanderings and vicissitudes of his long life, standing so firmly now, and so happy in the prospects of immortality and eternal life, I am strengthened, and I feel to thank God and take courage.

Brother Steinberger was always more than liberal in supporting the gospel - he gave magnificently. When the meetings were held in his house, he often furnished entertainment for the whole congregation. And he never allowed the preachers to go from his house without some substantial expression of his benevolence. When he could do no other way, in view of the scarcity of money in the new country, he would even divide his clothes with the preaching brother, when it was apparent that he needed them. Think of that, you who give sparingly and grudgingly to the Lord in these days of abundance. Some of his neighbors told him if he did not quit feeding so many people and giving to the preachers he would come to want. But he told them he had faith in God, and was not afraid to do his duty. If he gave to the Lord, he had received it from the Lord, and he had no fears but that the Lord would give him more than he needed. And he told me that it actually transpired that some of the men who had predicted that he would come to want were compelled to come to him to buy grain. And the God in whom he had trusted had so blessed his labors that his garner was full and he had plenty to spare to his neighbors, notwithstanding the amount he had given to the cause of religion.

He says he has had grain, as well as other products to spare ever since the first year he settled there, and that he has been greatly blessed in all his undertakings. He gained regularly in the world and accumulated a great deal of property, a portion which he has already given to his children. He still remains on the old farm where he first settled fifty years ago. But his wife who was his faithful companion in all his labors and trials for so many years, having died a few years ago, he arranged with his youngest daughter and her husband Brother Heflin to move into the old homestead, where they now all live together.
Brother Steinberger was the father of eleven children, all of whom are now dead but four. Among the surviving members of his family is Brother S. H. Steinberger of Taylorsville, senior partner of the firm of Steinberger & Company, merchants, who is also a devoted member of the Christian Church, and one of its main supports at that place.

Brother Steinberger's work on earth is nearly done - he must soon pass away - the hero of so many battles must soon fall. His locks now stream in the winter of age, and his trembling steps bear him onward to the grave. The rank weed will ere long wave over the sepulchre of his mouldering bones, but sweet will be his rest, when life's fitful dream is over and he sleeps quietly beneath the turfy graveyard at Old Union, by the side of his companion, there to await the resurrection of the just.

Many of our brethren scattered abroad will remember, long after "Grandpap Steinberger" has gone to his rest, how, after a night 'er a day's rest at his house, at the time, when they were leaving he would shake hands with them, and manage some way to leave two or three dollars in their hands. He has treated the writer so more than once. But I must close this meagre sketch. I feel that I can not do justice to the memory of so good a man in so short a space, but it is all that I can do. I have knowledge of some others of the surviving brethren of the early church of whose names and deeds I should like to make honorable mention, and lay, at some future time.

By O. H. Kendrick. Indianapolis, August 1866.
Cottage prayer meetings and services had been held more or less regularly since 1816, (this is apparently the year on which they were basing the starting of the Old Union Church - insert) (other sources also said that Frederick Steinberger ministered some to the Indians still in the locality -insert), but for lack of leadership ability such as Mr. Steinbarger had, and perhaps due to insufficient numbers, no organization had been formed. (See article in Frederick Steinberger's branch of family on probably lack of funds and how he usually out of his own pocket helped the early ministers - insert).

He was the first "New Light", as they were commonly called, in the territory which also became a state in 1816, but it was not until January 1821 that Bartholomew County was organized from a part of the larger Delaware County.

For about twenty years the meetings were held in Mr. Steinbarger's house which was located one mile south and one-fourth mile east of the present church on the north side of the road. His generosity and love of people often led him to entertain with genuine pioneer and "Hoosier" hospitality not only the preacher but also the entire congregation, many of whom walked several miles to hear the Gospel. (The location of his house could not have been far, if the location description is correct, from his brother Henry's home and nephew Joseph's home.)

The first general conference was held in his house apparently in 1821. The second was held in his barn and the third in the grove near his house which was always ready to welcome guests.

David Douglas, called "The Traveling Bible" so familiar was he with the Divine Word, and Jesse Frazier were the first to preach to the society founded in 1821. Other early ministers were Revs. Daniel Roberts, Henry Logan, Elijah Dawson (see marriage of Eli Steinberger), Jesse Hughes, Mr. Ray, John Cummins and George Witters.
After about twenty years of meeting under the Steinbarger roof, it was decided that in order to best accommodate the increasing numbers, a house of worship should be built. The men of the congregation felled trees in the nearby woods. When enough had been cut and hewed, a nice log house was raised which stood about one-fourth mile north of the present church building. The one large room was heated by a huge fireplace which extended nearly across one end of the building. Apparently it was at this time that the congregation chose for itself the name "Union".

Later, about 1853, a frame church building was erected on the present site. The half acre of land on which this building was erected had been purchased from Henry Bozell, Sr. The trustees at that time were Henry Steinbarger, John Repp and John Depew.

On January 25, 1867, Mr. Frederick Steinbarger passed on to the perfect and eternal life, having served his God fifty years in this community. (That would mean since 1817.)

In the year 1881 a brick house 45 x 55 was erected. The officers of the church in 1881 were Joseph Steinbarger, Elder; Eli (believe Eli) Pence, Benjamin Franklin Pence and William Stover, Deacons. F. R. Heflin, Levi Pozell, Joseph Steinbarger, Henry Lambert and William Schooler were trustees and building committee.

(I find no reference in the booklet as to date of first burial in cemetery across the road.)

My great grandfather's wife was Polly Bozell. There are still Bozells members of the church today. The Rev. Ray Bozell was a minister for the church for years and still serves in the community (1970) when called upon. No effort has been made by the writer to date to compile records of the Bozell family. They were in Ohio near the Steinbergers.
C. Gideon Steinberger - son of John Steinberger and his second wife Elizabeth Friermood. This name is spelled variously and the Steinbergers in Ohio even called it Frierwood.

On the back of a picture taken by Buser, Mt. Vernon, Iowa is written 'Gideon Steinberger, full brother of David, My grandfather' Signed D. O. Steinberger on visit to Taylorsville, Indiana, Saturday, November 6, 1915. It is supposed that the D. O. Steinberger is David Orin Steinberger shown as professor of Art at Wittenburg College. He lived in a tree house in later years, as a hermit, in the Mad River valley. He must have visited at the home of a Mrs. Hager, who was descended from the Steinbergers, in 1915 and marked this picture for her. The picture was given to me at a reunion when the box of pictures was brought to identify any that we could.

D. 1. Amanda Steinberger married a Beermaker

E. 1. Lola Beermaker

E. 2. John Beermaker

D. 2. Mary Elizabeth Steinberger

D. 3. John Steinberger
C. David Steinberger, born in Virginia, September 9, 1800, believed to be son of the second wife, Elizabeth Friermood, of John Steinberger, and brother of Gideon Steinberger, died in 1883, at the age of 82. Married Elizabeth Pence in 1821. She died in 1833 and he married a second time in 1835 to Lucy Gaines, born 1813, daughter of Major General Gaines of the War of 1812. Grave stone of Elizabeth shows she died in 1833 at age of 30.

D. 1. George Steinberger married Elizabeth Funk, a sister of Isaac Funk of Funk & Wagnalls Publishing Co. - born are buried in Ferncliff, Springfield, Ohio.

E. 1. Mary Steinberger married a Holdman for her first husband. Married second a McKee.

F. 1. Roy Holdman, married Bessie Chase.

G. 1. Louise Holdman

G. 2. Clarence Holdman

E. 2. Orin Steinberger (David Orin Steinberger) professor of Art at Whittenburg College. Lived as a hermit in later years, Part time in tree house. Was in Taylorsville, Indiana, on a visit Saturday, November 5, 1915, at which time he identified a picture of his uncle Gideon Steinberger taken in Mt. Vernon, Iowa.


F. 1. James Steinberger married a Funkhauser, 2nd a Benedict and 3rd Maude Shanley.

G. 1. child of 1st wife, Janet


E. 4. George Steinberger.

D. 2. Charles Steinberger.


E. 1. Laura Seitz married Mert Hedges.

F. 1. James Hedges

F. 2. Lawrence Hedges.


F. 1. Frank Anthony married Alice Winwood.

G. 1. Theodore Anthony

G. 2. Robert Anthony

G. 3. Benton Anthony
F. 2. Theodore Anthony

F. 3. Howard Anthony married Rea Lynch

F. 4. Louise Anthony

F. 5. Rachel Anthony - Paris, France

E. 3. Theodore Seitz, son of Mary Steinberger and Jacob Seitz, died in youth.

D. 4. Louisa Steinberger, daughter of David and Elizabeth Pence Steinberger, married Alec Pence.

E. 1. George Pence.

E. 2. Weldon Pence.

E. 3. Tom Pence married Betty Hatton.

F. 1. Charles Pence married Maude

F. 2. Ella Pence married Williams

F. 3. Edith Pence married Bablett - they had several children

F. 4. Wilbur Pence

F. 5. Lucy Pence

F. 6. Ollie Pence

F. 7. Frank Pence


G. 1. Mary Loudenbach.

G. 2. Annie Pence married Thomas Mason - several children

D. 5. Gideon Steinberger, son of David and Lucy Gaines Steinberger married Martha Prince.

E. 1. Emma Steinberger

E. 2. Lurilla Steinberger was born in Sep. 1893

E. 3. Mary Steinberger

E. 4. Walter Steinberger
D. 6. John Steinberger son of David and Lucy Geines Steinberger probably born in 1813 - was ninety years old in February 26, 1933, married Elizabeth Crabill.

E. 1. Carra Steinberger

E. 2. Alice Steinberger married James Randall.

    F. 1. A daughter

E. 3. Waldo Steinberger married Grace Blose. Lived at the Lone Elm Farm, R. 1, Urbana, Ohio.

    F. 1. Julia
    F. 2. Harold
    F. 3. Rosella

E. 4. Byron Steinberger

E. 5. Oscar Steinberger married Emma Vincent

E. 6. Charles Steinberger

D. 7. Amanda Steinberger married U. T. Fry

E. 1. Henry Fry

E. 2. Nellie Fry


    F. 1. Hazel Blose married Elmer Hanna
    F. 2. Lucy Blose married Edgel Lutz
    F. 3. Marguerite Blose married Leroy Metherd

    G. 1c. Charles Blose Metherd

E. 2. Frank Blose married Nora Weigel

    F. Helen Blose married Harry Niswenger

        G. 1. Betty Ruth Niswenger (other spelling shown as Miswanger)

E. 3. Alpha Blose
E. 4. Clyde Blose, son of Caroline Steinberger and John Blose, married Ola Keplinger

F. 1. Elwood Blose married Ollie Bare
   G. 1. Lavenre Blose

F. 2. Ruhl Blose married Florence Kemp
   G. 1. Frederick Blose
   G. 2. Carl Blose
   G. 3. Evefay Blose probably Eva Fay
   G. 4. Marilyn Blose

   G. 1. Kenneth Lacy

F. 4. Ethel Blose married Marjor Maurer
   G. 1. Jaqueline Maurer

F. 5. Eileen Blose married Charles Dow
   G. 1. James Dow

F. 6. Florence Blose married Ivan Long
   G. 1. Letty June Long

F. 7. Joseph Blose married Frankie Smith

F. 8. Woodrow Blose married Martha Baughman

F. 9. John H. Blose married Louise Sikes
   G. 1. Joan
   G. 2. A Son

F. 10. Doris Blose

F. 11. Mary L. Blose

E. 5. Rose Blose, died in infancy

E. 6. Ollie Blose married Charles Collins
   unmaried
   F. 1. Roger Collins, killed in World War, born September 2, 1897
      killed in Irongen Forest September 28, 1918 - buried in Tremont City
   F. 2. Martha Collins married John McClung believe this name should be McClurg
G. 1. Caroline McClung - Caroline Huettner
G. 2. Betty McClung 1600 South Sixth Street, Alhambra, California
G. 3. John McClung
G. 4. LeRoy McClung
G. 5. Martha Jean McClung
G. 6. Charles McClung Mrs. Charles McClurg (Elsie) 3660 Lower Snyderville Road, Spring Field, Ohio

F. 3. Ruth Collins married M. E. Ballentine
G. 1. Fred Ballentine - 285 Lanning Drive, Woodside, Calif.
G. 2. Rollin Ballentine - Tal Shroyer Road, New Carlisle, Clark County, Ohio
G. 3. Marilyn Ballentine - Marilyn McDaniel Glenn, 701 Times Road, Los Angeles, Calif.

F. 4. Tandy Collins married Jean Hutchinson
G. 1. Daniel
G. 2. Wilbur
G. 3. Ollie
G. 4. Lucile
G. 5. Ellen

F. 5. Pauline Collins, daughter of Ollie Ellose and Charles Collins married Ralph Maurer July 2, 1925.

Records received from Pauline M. Collins. F. 5. above, Pauline M. Collins, youngest daughter of Ollie Ellose Collins and Charles Kiser Collins, born March 2, 1900, married July 2, 1925 in Springfield, Ohio, to Ralph F. Maurer, who was born January 25, 1893 and died March 8, 1963.


G. 2. Roger Collins Maurer born March 22, 1928, died October 31, 1938.

G. 3. Frederick Maurer born October 5, 1929. Married December 27, 1951 to Shirley E. Lane at Charleston, South Carolina. He died April 23, 1959.
   H. 1. Fred Rick Maurer born February 28, 1953
   H. 2. Shirl Lee Maurer born February 1, 1951 *
   H. 3. Pamela Ann Maurer born February 6, 1955
   H. 4. Cendy Lou Maurer born April 6, 1957
   All born at Fairborn.


* Shirl Lee Maurer married November 1969
Harry Gandy, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina

J. 1. James Samuel Gandy born Nov. 9, 1970

H. 1. David Quayle Maurer II born January 11, 1962


H. 1. Marc David Fore, born September 17, 1957 at Fairborn, Ohio.


H. 3. Lisa Beth Fore born February 1, 1966 at Silver Spring, Maryland.

H. 4. Lori Kimble Fore born April 18, 1969

All seven children of Pauline H. Maurer were born in Tremont City, Clark County, Ohio.

Mrs. Maurer also gives address of Mrs. T. B. Collins, who has Collins Family Bible. 129 Troy Street, St. Paris, Ohio

F. 6. Edna Collins

F. 7. Lucy Collins - both apparently died in infancy and are buried in Nettle Creek Cemetery, Champaign County, Ohio.

E. 7. Mary Elizabeth Blose married Grant Karg

E. 8. Lettie M. Blose Not sure these are correct.

E. 1. Frank Chance married Estelle Whitaker

   F. 1. Harry Chance

      G. 1. Robert Chance

      G. 2. Madge Beth Chance

E. 2. Helen Chance married Naval Lt. Hubbard or Hubbart

By ZELLA VEE BAKER
Staff Writer

Editor’s note: This is the first of a three-part series about the “Hermit of Mad River,” David Orin Steinberger.

He wasn’t a myth, nor a figment of someone’s imagination. He didn’t live in distant lands. He wasn’t an 18th or 19th century character.

David Orin Steinberger was a hermit. He lived in Champaign County and died here only 22 years ago.

His home for over 14 years was a combination tree house and cabin built at the base of a tall oak tree, along the banks of Mad River.

The years preceding Steinberger’s life of hermitage were spent for the most part at his parents’ farm on Route 63, a mile south of the Champaign County line.

He was born in Clark County on March 25, 1857, the son of George and Elizabeth Funk Steinberger.

Relatives who have described Steinberger’s youth point out that he was somewhat of a genius but was more or less a non-conformist — he didn’t believe in eating, sleeping or working by a clock.

An educated and cultured man, Steinberger received his formal education at the National Academy of Design and Art League Schools in New York City, N.Y.

In September, 1894, at the age of 37, he joined the Wittenberg College faculty as an instructor of modeling in clay and pen drawing for illustrations. He is pictured and named in the Wittenberg College semi-centennial souvenir book, published in 1895.

At the close of the 1895-96 school term, Steinberger resigned from the faculty. Some reports say he quit teaching because he had tuberculosis, but those who were close to the Steinberger family say it was Orin’s independent spirit and his inability to adjust to a regular schedule which brought about his resignation.

When the Spanish-American War broke out in 1898, Steinberger became a correspondent for the New York “Literary Digest,” but became so impressed with the work of the American National Red Cross that he devoted all his time to painting his famous allegorical picture, “The Accolade.”

Steinberger donated this work of art to the Red Cross and with it a plan to raise a million dollars for the Cuban Relief Committee of the Red Cross.

David O. STEINBERGER didn’t like to have his picture taken so therefore photographs of the Hermit of Mad River are rare. The hermit lived for several years with the Jason A. Funk family and this picture was loaned to the Citizen by J. C. Elder Jr.

Cross. No one has been able to determine the exact amount brought in by the sale of copies of “The Accolade” but people all over the United States were asked to purchase these copies for $1.

Men from all walks of life were quoted on their opinions of the picture and the plan to raise the needed moneys, but perhaps the words of Noah Davis, former judge of the New York Supreme Court, were most fitting in describing the plan:

“Your undertaking to raise a million dollars for the work of the Red Cross Society is a Godlike charity. Every purchaser of the ‘Accolade’ — the picture you send forth — will get more than the money value he pays in the picture itself, and will have the joy of knowing that his dollar is wholly a contribution to the trustiest Christian charity not known to the world. ‘The Accolade’ is the name of the kiss that was given as the final ceremony in the bestowment of knighthood upon the worthy heroes of the age of chivalry. It was the token of love for noble deeds done in the cause of virtue. It is well then that in this hour of her awful agony, America should clasp to her bosom the wretched and unhappy Cuba and vie to her ‘The Accolade’ — the kiss of charity and love — and the token of hope for peace and happiness, bestowed by a mighty people in the name of God and Liberty.”

After the war, Steinberger returned to his parents’ farm and designed the home where he was to live for the next 22 years. Steinberger’s artistic ability is still visible today in the home now owned by Mr. and Mrs. George Ohnemus.

White and red stones were used in the foundation in designing lines of the valley and rose petals. The Steinberger family tree can be found etched in the cement floor of the corn crib.

In 1900, Steinberger settled down to the type of life he had always desired — eating, sleeping and working when he wanted to. The following year he was told he had tuberculosis and could not survive unless he moved to a different climate.

Undaunted by the news, Steinberger built a platform in a tree top in his father’s beech grove where he lived night and day both winter and summer for the next several years. Even when doctors told him he was cured, Steinberger continued to live in his “Campalot,” as he affectionately named his tree home.

On May 16, 1908, Steinberger’s sister, Mary E. Holman, was married to Jacob McKee. The wedding ceremony was held in the campalot, built 30 feet above the ground. The bride, groom, minister and four guests were drawn to the platform by a pulley system Steinberger had invented.

These years were happy ones for Orin. It was not unusual for him to ride his horse, Prince, all over the countryside at night. A great reader, as well as a painter, Steinberger quoted from the Bible at length.

Steinberger, with the use of live models, did the illustrations in a book written by Harry E. Rice, entitled, “Evie and the Evangelist,” a romance of A.D. 2108, published in 1908. There are two copies of this book in the Dayton Public Library, according to John T. Steinberger Jr., his son.

Steinberger also did illustrations for the “Literary Digest” and “The Youth’s Companion,” although many of the illustrations were never sent because he was a perfectionist and only when a piece of art was perfect in every way did he let it go.

In 1917, Steinberger’s father died and on June 25, 1918, his mother died.

Steinberger tried to keep his family home, but it was all in vain — although he had spent most of his life on the farm, he knew nothing of the basic fundamentals in farming and in 1922 he lost everything.

With a few clothes on his back and bare necessities in a sack, Steinberger, at the age of 60, made his way to the banks of Mad River.
'Hermit' Welcomed Companionship Of Others

By ZELLA VEE BAKER
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(Staff Writer's note: this is the second in a series about the "Hermit of Mad River," David Orin Steinberger.)

In 1922, after David Orin Steinberger had lost his family farm on Route 68, he packed his meager belongings in a knapsack and headed for the Mad River area. Thus began the second phase of Steinberger's life.

The area along Mad River was not unfamiliar to Steinberger. He had roamed the banks of this stream many times.

Steinberger went to the home of the late Joe Thackery, southwest of Urbana, and was granted permission to build a loft in a tall oak tree located on the Thackery farm near the river's edge.

Using old timber and branches, Steinberger built his new campaft in the lower branches of the tall oak tree approximately 80 feet from the ground. Access to and from his tree home was by a rope and pulley arrangement similar to the one used at his campaft on Route 68.

After the first winter, with the help of neighbors in the vicinity, Steinberger built a shack at the base of the big elm where he could take refuge in the coldest part of the year. A crudely built tree-platform provided light, heat and a place to cook his food. There were no windows nor floor - but as Steinberger often pointed out - it and the campaft served his needs for the next 13 years.

With no means of support, Steinberger's food was supplied by neighboring farmers and what he could obtain from the woods and river.

Visitors were many during his years of hermitage. On Saturdays, and Sundays people would come from miles around to see if the Hermit of Mad River actually existed. Access to the woods was from Old Troy Pike.

Those who saw him were more than surprised at the picturesque man of the woods. His long beard and hair were snow white and he always wore a coat - even though it was worn and patched.

Steinberger welcomed the companionship of others and was usually quite cordial to all who came to see him. He was a natural conversationist and could talk for hours on almost any subject. It took only a few minutes to learn that this man neither liked to be questioned nor did he want his picture taken.

On several occasions during his retirement from society, Steinberger was forced to go to his campaft when the waters of Mad River overflowed the banks and flooded his hut.

The years went by, and Steinberger continued with the carefree life which kept him in close contact with all creatures of nature. But Father Time has a way of catching up with everyone and this gentleman of the woods was no exception. So in 1953, at the age of 78, the anchorite was persuaded to leave his Mad River home and live with the John Hartseok family in West Lafayette, O.

After a winter of confinement in the Hartseok home, Steinberger took to the woods in West Lafayette and in October, 1936, he returned to Champaign County to resume his life along Mad River.

When he reached the oak tree, Steinberger found that his former home had vanished, but determined to remain free, he found refuge at the home of Jason Bair. Years earlier Steinberger had saved Mrs. Bair's life when she was attacked by a bull.

The Bair land adjoined the Thackery farm so Steinberger found another oak tree and began planning a new campaft. But the old man was now past 50 and winter was approaching fast so he accepted the Bair's offer to live in their home.

Still unable to adjust to a room with four walls, Steinberger began sleeping in the barn and would roam the banks of Mad River for hours at a time. The Mad River Township Trustees, afraid that he could not survive the rigors of another cold winter, brought a charge of vagrancy against Steinberger and on Jan. 14, 1937, he was brought to the Champaign County Jail by Sheriff Jim McMicken.

PROCEEDS FROM the sale of David O. Steinberger's famous allegorical picture, "The Accolade" were donated to the American National Red Cross. This copy of the great painting was loaned to the Citizen by Mrs. Leroy F. Methord, a cousin of Steinberger's.
Mad River Hermit Died A Pauper
But Experienced Lifetime Of Riches

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(Editor's note: this is the last part of a three-part series about the "Hermit of Mad River," David Orin Steinberger.)

Fearful for the health of David Orin Steinberger, the Mad River Township Trustees had him committed to the Champaign County Jail on Jan. 14, 1937 on a vagrancy charge. The white-haired old man was taken to the jail by Sheriff Jay McKeever.

The hermit remained in jail for almost a week and constantly paced the floor begging to be turned loose. Officials tried every possible method to get him to consent to go to the county infirmary but the old man who loved the great outdoors only refused.

McKeever was fully aware of the problems facing the officials - Steinberger was too old to be turned loose and left to roam the area again, but he was still too alert and loved freedom too much to be confined in the county infirmary for the rest of his life.

The officials were at a complete loss for a happy solution when Charles Richey, a former Champaign County Engineer who now owned Zane Caverns agreed to let Steinberger live in the Simon Kenton Memorial Home at the caverns.

When Steinberger was told he was going to be free again to roam the caverns and 45 acres of woodland surrounding them he smiled - for the first time in almost a week. He also agreed to apply for an old age pension - something he had refused to do for several years because he didn't want a desire for fresh water so the men from the camp dragged half a hollow beech log to his cabin to serve as a tank to catch rain water from the cabin roof.

Every Sunday visitors would beat a path to Steinberger's door to visit with him. According to Herbert Richey, Charles' son, he had a guest book for persons to sign and the name of Charles (Boss) Kettering of Dayton appeared many times. On one of Steinberger's many trips through the surrounding hills and land at the caverns he found an old chicken house which was a little more to his liking than the Simon Kenton home. The shack was made habitable for him and this became his summer home.

The old Simon Kenton Memorial Home at Zane Caverns became Steinberger's home when he was released from jail. Charles Richey, owner of the caverns, offered the cabin when he learned of the old man's desire to be free. The picture was loaned to the Citizen by Richey's son, Herbert Richey. The man on the right is Herbert Richey's father-in-law, C. A. Gregg.

In the fall of 1942, when Steinberger was 85, the Richeys sold the caverns and the hermit returned to the Bair home. The years had taken their toll on the old man but he was still very independent and insisted on caring for himself and sleeping in the barn.

It was around this time that he made his final visit to the home of his youth. Mrs. George Ohmart, who now lives there, said it was dusk when he arrived and asked if he might take one last look around the farm. This was the second time he had been to the home since the Ohmarts purchased it in 1939. "I could tell he had aged a lot because he was very lucid when he first visited us but the time he had a rambling incoherent manner." Mrs. Ohmart recalled. He spent the night there before returning to the Bair home.

In 1943 Steinberger finally decided to go to the county infirmary but stayed only a short while before returning to the Bair home and the banks of Mad River which he loved so well. Here he remained until he became very ill and had to be taken to the Champaign County Hospital where he died Dec. 13, 1945, three months before his 83rd birthday. He was buried in Ferncliff Cemetery, Springfield.

The hermit of Mad River has been dead for almost 22 years but it will be a long time before he is forgotten by the residents of the Mad River area.

Many persons have said many things about David Orin Steinberger but all agree that even though this man died a pauper he had a lifetime of riches.
C. Rueben Steinberger thought to be the son of John Steinberger by his third wife, Elizabeth Nauman, however, by figuring years this seems almost impossible. Rueben died in 1822, was buried on the banks of Flatrock River and was moved to the family cemetery by his nephew Joseph Steinberger, according to record Joseph left. The records I have show two sons of Rueben, Thomas and Solomon. Solomon is shown as being born in 1819. If Rueben was the child of the third wife he would have to have been born after the year 1804. 1804 is the year of Isaac's birth, if she was 16 years old in 1850 according to census records. John Steinberger married the Nauman girl in 1803. If Rueben was born in 1805 he would have just been 11 years old at the birth of Solomon and Thomas is shown first in the only record I have. Now Joseph stated that he moved the body of his uncle Rueben, which if he was really an uncle he would have to have been a son of the same woman from which Henry was born. This is all very confusing. At any rate the records follow: Rueben died in 1822, was a native of Virginia. Married Marie Huffman, who died April 27, 1847.

D. 1. Thomas.

E. 1. Joseph F. married Emma Miller (this was originally the only child of Thomas I had on record. I later showed a Julia A, which was marked out and Emma Ross and Catharine Ziegler added.) In the marriage records of Bartholomew County were found the following which could apply to this group.

E. 2. In August 1861 a Julia A, Steinberger obtained a license to marry Samuel Pavey.

E. 3. Emma Ross

E. 4. Catharine Ziegler

I found no record of the Joseph F. Steinberger to Emma Miller in Bartholomew County records. It does show that on January 13, 1859 Thomas Steinberger obtained a license to marry Ursley Ann Ziegler. This could have been a different Thomas Steinberger or could have been a second wife as if Julia A, was married in 1861 she could not have been born of this marriage.

D. 2. Solomon Steinberger born September 14, 1819 obtained license to marry Isyphene or Isaphene Owens February 14, 1846. She was born December 10, 1823. Solomon was raised by a 'Starr' family after the death of his father. The grave of a 'Starr' was moved from the little pioneer cemetery on the air base to Liberty Cemetery. Solomon lived in a log house which is still standing in 1970 on the banks of Hawcreek. I have been told that they had a mill on Hawcreek - that the mill stones were found when the creek was dredged.

E. 1. James H. Steinberger born February 6, 1847, died April 16, 1930 buried on same lot with sister Mary at Liberty Cemetery.


F. 1. Edgar Porter died 6 mo age born June 1880

F. 2. George Brenton, born May 29, 1882


G. 1. Morris

F. 4. William Thomas born May 10, 1887, married Gertrude Carr. This couple lived in the original log cabin home until they moved to town (Columbus) a few years before their deaths. Bill indicated to me that it was Land Grant Home - but that is hard for me to believe as Rueben must have lived in the same locality as his father to have been buried on Flatrock and Solomon being born in 1819 was almost too young to enter land. However, Bill definitely lived on the farm which was in the family for at least 150 years. Bill and Gertrude are both buried at Garland Brook Cemetery. She died first and he finally moved in with his sister Mary east of Clifford. Where he lived until his death not too many years ago. Buried Section 78, Lot No. 757. or maybe Lot 737.

F. 5. Lennius Perry born September 12, 1889. Has not been dead for very many years in 1970.


G. 1. Charles
G. 2. Helen Dorothy
G. 3. John Thomas

F. 7. M. H. born March 21, 1894, married Mary Carter

G. 1. Myron Eugene

F. 8. Bernice born July 11, 1895 married Fred Clouse

G. 1. Helen Ruth 1920
G. 2. Charles Bedford born Nov. 9, 1922

F. 9. Mary born January 3, 1904 - is still living in 1970
Mary E., born September 9, 1853, married John W. Pearce who was born in 1852 and died in 1903. It shows her death in 1911. I believe there might be an error in these dates. A Pearce married a Schaefer girl and he died. She then married a Spotts and had twins Frank and Alfred I believe, and either died at their birth or shortly afterward. Her husband Spotts was contacted to see if there were any records of the Steinberger family in her possession as it had been definitely stated that Pearce had family records. Mr. Spotts said that he never saw any such records in her papers.

E. 5. Thomas born September 2, 1855

E. 6. Sarah E. born March 5, died March 8, 1858

E. 7. Martha J. Born Jan 11 died October 9, 1859.

E. 8. William born October 11; died October 25, 1860.


C. Isaac Steinberger, believed to be son of John Stoneberger and Elizabeth Nauman Stoneberger. At Shelbyville Indiana Court House was found the following record 'Isaac Stonebarger in Jackson Township, Shelby County, Blacksmith, in census of 1850, born Pennsylvania, age 46 years.' That would make him born in 1804. If he was a son of John Stoneberger they must have gone north from Virginia and through Pennsylvania to get to Ohio. The date of his year of birth 1804 is one year after John's marriage to Elizabeth Nauman in 1803.
There is a large group of Steinbergers in northern Indiana. A branch of this group have also gone to Michigan and to Western States. It has not yet been proved that they are of our own family or line, however, the ones in Ohio are of our family. The records received from the Michigan and Northern Indiana branch follow.

Frederick Steinberger, born in Virginia in 1769 died in 1847. Buried near Springfield, at Copersville, Indiana. The writer has visited the cemetery and taken a picture of his tombstone. He moved to Shelby County, Ohio, just north of Piqua, Ohio, in 1810. Moved to northern Indiana in 1836. He is mentioned in the will of Frederick Steinberger in Virginia as the youngest son. Susan Mohr showed six children on her large family chart. At the time I typed the records in the 1930's I had record of only one son. The children as shown by Susan Mohr follow with what few of their descendants as were sent into Susan and I.

Son - Lewis (or Louis) Steinberger - apparently had a daughter as Anne Catharine M. Clawson is shown as third generation.

Son - Gabriel Steinberger

Son - William Steinberger born about 1800, died August 11, 1851. Married first Elizabeth Kniss, second Eleanor Gardner. The first wife died in 1841 and the second wife died in 1861.

Shown as his children and grandchildren were as follows: Son George Steinberger married Rebecca Kabric and had four children: Ella, Greely M., Elizabeth Frank, Jane M. Perabeau. Son Joshua married Kathe Swank and had two children: Leonard and William. Son Samuel married Fannie Miller. Daughter Mary Jane married John Bolinger and had a daughter Julia.

Daughter - Elizabeth Steinberger

One other child - no other information

Son - Joseph Steinberger, born in West Virginia in 1792 died in 1842. Married first Mary -- and married second Eva Kraft. He had a mill in Indiana on the Elkhart River according to Susan Mohr's record. She shows that the mill was burned and gives the date of 1862 which would have been twenty years after his death. I had no record of this mill but did show his son, William (Billy) Steinberger as being a miller at Springfield.

Joseph Steinberger had six children according to records received. They are listed with their known children and grandchildren in the following paragraphs:
1. William (Billy) Steinberger died August 19, 1874. He was a miller at Springfield. He married 1st Eleanor Curry. Married 2nd Maria Carter according to Susan Mohr's chart. I showed in my records Charter. Children by first marriage:

Mary Jane, died in infancy
Carolyn died at the age of 34. She had 4 children.
Joseph Andrew died at the age of 86. He had 4 children.
John Robert died at the age of 75, unmarried.
Samuel and a twin, who died in infancy.
Emma A. died at the age of 82. She had 4 children.
William Willis died at the age of 63. Two children by adoption.

Children by second marriage:

Helen, died in infancy.
Lenora died in infancy.
Carl Albert died at the age of 37, unmarried.
Jennie Maria died at the age of 36. She had one son.

2. John F. Steinberger born April 4, 1829 died October 10, 1904.

Children by first marriage:


Sheldon A. born April 22, 1859. Died October 10, 1925.
Married Anna Burgess April 3, 1884. They had three children: May, Mabel and Ralph.

Sarah A. born December 31, 1861, died November 29, 1904. She married May 8, 1888 M. D. L. (or D. L.) Graham. They had two children: Clarence and a daughter died in infancy.

An infant daughter.

James born January 26, 1866, died December 25, 1910.
Married to Etta West October 2, 1884. They had two children: John and Lois, died in infancy.

Children by second marriage:

Infant daughter, born and died Nov. 5, 1872
Infant son born January 24, 1874, died February 2, 1874.
George born May 8, 1875. Married May 4, 1905 to Mrs. Fannie L. Osborn.

3. I show as Charles G., Susana Mohr's record shows as Charles C. Steinberger born December 20, 1831, died June 8, 1913. Married 1st Sarah Lininger, died Nov. 4, 1864. Married 2nd Rebecca Lamb, died June 29, 1904.

Children by first marriage:

- John W.
- George W.
- Joseph H.
- Sarah Catharine

Children by second marriage:

- Milton
- Charles
- Mary who married a Chaffee
- Frederick
- and three died in infancy.

4. George W. Steinberger, known as Miller George. According to Susan Mohr's record he had three children. I had been showing only two.

- Charles E.
- Harrison
- George O. - I show a George O. Stienbarger as living at Wawaka, Indiana.

5. Carolyn

6. Eleanor

I obtained all my records from Mrs. R. W. Frank, 402 N. Logan Street, Mishawaka, Indiana, in the 1930s, on this branch of the family. I presume that Susan Mohr was in touch with someone from Northern Indiana as she had some information that I did not have.

Between 1935 and 1939 I visited the reunion of this group of Steinbergers. I believe they spelled the name Stienbarger. There is a very large group of this family. The descendants would probably fill a small book on their own. At that time they could not go beyond the Frederick that came into Indiana. He could have been the son of Frederick Stoneberger (Steinberger) of Virginia as Frederick was mentioned as his youngest son. I have not found any other record of a Frederick that could fill this description.

None of the later descendants were interested in my record as their names were not shown. I could only put in what was furnished to me. It would be an endless task to search out everyone in this group.
In October 1939 Susan Mohr received a letter from Otto C. Steinberger, Richland, Michigan, Bay View, Cull Lake, Capt. U. S. Army, Retired. He gives various names and dates of approximately four generations of Steinbergers. He seems to think that he was descended from the ones in Ohio and the John that came to Bartholomew County, Indiana, but after studying the records I believe that he probably is descended from a son of Frederick Steinberger who went to Northern Indiana. I only had scant records of this Frederick's descendants but if he had a son Louis or Lewis this man is undoubtedly descended from him.

This gentleman gives as his grandfather's name, Byram Kline Steinberger born in 1823. He said that this man was the son of John Louis Steinberger. He further stated that he believed Byram Kline Steinberger was a son of the John and Susanna Pence Steinberger couple that had the 16 children (we thought) with four sets of twins. He claimed that Byram Kline made the 17th child, being between William born in 1821 and Eliza and Dacey -twins-born in 1825. This is possible but the description of John Louis Steinberger that he gives as being a shoemaker for the Union Army during the Civil War does not fit the John Steinberger in Ohio as he died in 1851 and is buried in Nettle Creek Cemetery in Ohio.

I show a Lewis or Louis Steinberger in northern Indiana, as the son of Frederick Steinberger. This Frederick was born in Virginia in 1763 and died in 1847. Is buried at Copersville, Indiana, near Springfield. I have visited the site. I was never sure of a list of his children. I had definite information on one son, Joseph, born in 1792. John Lewis or Louis could be his son. He gives as Pyram Kline's brothers, Alfred, Curtis, James and Joseph. He states that Alfred was alive in 1900. John Steinberger in Ohio did have four sons by the name of Alfred, Curtis, James and Joseph. He also had other sons: Eli, Aaron, John and William that Otto C. did not mention.

I think it much more likely that Byram Kline Steinberger was a son of the Lewis or Louis Steinberger, who was the son of Frederick. We believe this Frederick was a son of the Frederick in Virginia and a brother to John that came to Ohio, whose son John had the 16 children. The Steinbergers that were scattered around knew about each other branch during the first generation or two and visited around and intermarried but later generations could not correctly trace their relationship. They all had sons that they named John, Milton, Joseph, William, George, etc. Nearly all had a daughter that they named Elizabeth.

At any rate Pyram Kline Steinberger was born in 1823. Died in 1857 as a result of breaking through the ice in a race for the championship of Indiana. He states that his father Levi J. Steinberger was three years old when his grandfather died, therefore Levi J. was born in 1854 and died at the age of 74 which would be the year 1928. Levi J. helped his grandfather John Louis peg shoes when he was 8 years old, which would have been in 1862.
John Louis Steinberger was given as a cabinetmaker and his son Byram Kline was a cabinetmaker. He also states that John Louis made shoes for the Union Army during the Civil War.

He also mentions an uncle, Jerome, which would be a brother of Levi J. and a son of Byram Kline.

If my assumptions should prove to be correct we would have the following:

A. Frederick Steinberger from Germany to America around 1750

B. Frederick Steinberger born in Virginia in 1769. (Frederick Steinberger mentioned in his will his youngest son, Frederick)

C. Louis or Lewis (maybe John Louis) Steinberger, thought to be son of Frederick in northern Indiana.

D. Byram Kline Steinberger born in 1823.

E. Levi J. Steinberger born about 1854.

F. Otto C. Steinberger.