The Descendants of DUNHAM MARTIN MOSER (1803 - 1895) With Notes on Related Families of Srodes and Krider

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A Note

On August 27, 1939, a thoughtful person compiled a list "Births and Deaths of the Moser Family." With this start, collection of material in the present record began in April, 1964, when my brother Joseph Berfanger started his search of books, newspapers, and public records in the Dayton and Columbus, Ohio, area.

In 1966 a preliminary version was typed. Mr. Roy R. Moser then undertook the massive task of seeking information for members of Jacob V. Moser's family. Mrs. Walter Nau supplied the items on Noah James Mosier's family. In many conversations with my brother, James Henry Mosier discussed his father, Benjamin F. Moser/Mosier, and his descendants. Other contributors are named under Sources. Our heartfelt thanks to each and every one for all the time and trouble. Every effort has been made to reproduce all dates and spellings exactly as found in the records and contributions. If differing dates appeared, both are written here.

Chapter III shows what we've learned concerning eleven of Dunham Moser's fourteen children. Succeeding chapters record separately the large families of three sons. An alphabetic-type scheme is used to indicate the generations and is explained in Chapter IV.

Much work was done on Dunham Moser's possible ancestry, but we cannot state it definitely. Appendix I tells where we've looked and what we've found.

In many instances, the information supplied was quite brief, so that the present record is only an outline. If you will add to it such items as parents of husband or wife, births and marriages as they occur, military service, occupations, and clippings concerning family events and personal achievements, you will hand on to your descendants a more complete and interesting record.

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CHAPTER I
NOTES ON MOSER FAMILY ORIGINS

Persons named Moser have come to America mainly from the Rhine River region of Europe, including Switzerland and the borderlands between Germany and France. The name is very common in this area. Among ordinary people in Europe, family names were not used until about 1500 A.D. The earliest Moser I know of was an artist, Lucas Moser. His altar painting was done in 1431 for Tiefenbronn church near Strasbourg, Alsace, presently in France.

In French the meaning of Moser is "vegetable merchant," and in German "one who dwells in a marsh or on a moor."

Moser and Mosier are the spellings used consistently in our branch. James Henry Mosier (1878-1966) of Medway, Ohio, told us the Mosier spelling came about on the insistence of school-teachers. Indeed, in Noah Webster's old Blue-Backed Speller, widely used in midwestern grade schools in the late 1800's, a rule on page 22 indicates the -si- spelling should be used for an -sh- or -zh- sound. Public records for other branches of the family (not ours) show the following spellings: Möser, Moser, Mosher, Moshure, Mozer, Musser, Motzer.

At the time of Dunham Moser's birth in 1803, the American people were spreading inland rapidly from the original thirteen colonies on the Atlantic coast. Sizable groups of Mosers were in New York state, Connecticut, and western North Carolina; in Frederick Co., Md.; in the part of Augusta Co., Va., that is now Pendleton Co., W. Va.; and in Lancaster, Northampton, Bedford, and York counties, Pa.

We have one fact concerning our forebear's parents: In the 1880 U.S. Census of Ohio, he stated his father was born in Pennsylvania and his mother in New Jersey. Appendix I details our searches in this regard. How the Moser family came to be in Pennsylvania may be explained briefly as follows:

In 1681 William Penn, the Quaker son of the wealthy English admiral, Sir William Penn, received a royal grant from King Charles II of what is now Pennsylvania and Delaware. Almost at once Penn sought prospective settlers among the Protestant artisans and farmers of the Rhine River region or Palatinate, as it is sometimes called. Many were members of the Lutheran and Reformed (Calvinist) churches; others were Swiss Mennonites and French Huguenots (members of the Reformed Church of France). These dissenting groups had been driven from their homes and found refuge in the Palatinate and Netherlands. With Penn's offer of religious toleration, they came by the shipload to his colony. One writer estimates that by 1775 there were 110,000 of these "Pennsylvania Dutch."
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The earliest American Moser of record was John "Musser," a Swiss Mennonite, who in 1711 bought land on Pequea Creek in present Strasburg Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa. The Huguenot Society of North America includes several Mosers and Mussers in its lists of ancestors. The Mennonite Encyclopedia tells of them also.

But records are scarce for the earliest immigrants. From 1727 new arrivals in the port of Philadelphia were registered. These ship passenger lists are printed in Pennsylvania German Pioneers by R. B. Strassburger, edited by W. J. Hinke (3 vols.; Norristown, Pa., 1934). This book indexes nearly fifty different immigrants (mostly men over 16 years of age) of the Moser-Musser-Moser name who debarked at Philadelphia from 1727 to 1760. Dunham Moser's ancestor was probably one of these men, but whether he was of Swiss, French, or German origin and where he lived in Pennsylvania, we cannot say.

(Sources in addition to those cited: Typewritten manuscript "Historical and Biographical Sketch of the Moser and Musser Family," sent me in August, 1966, by Mr. C. S. Moser, Memphis, Tenn. The German and Swiss Settlement of Colonial Pennsylvania: A Study of the So-Called Pennsylvania Dutch by Oscar Kuhns, New York, 1914.)

PROBABLE MOVEMENTS OF OUR ANCESTORS

We have collected material on a number of Moser branches, most of whom seem to have gone directly from Pennsylvania to Ohio. However, as shown in Appendix I and II, our Moser and Srodes families "detoured" into Jefferson and Berkeley counties, (W.) Va., for some thirty years. No family tradition concerning this early period has been handed down to us. To make up for this lack, the following notes from printed sources are included.

An item in Appendix II indicates that our Srodes forebears bought their land from Lord Fairfax. Perhaps our Moser ancestors did also.

The Fairfax Proprietary was a 5-million-acre grant of lands between the Potomac and Rappahannock Rivers, made by British King Charles II to Lord Culpeper and associates in 1649. The Northern Neck of Virginia, as it was called, extended from Chesapeake Bay to the farthest sources of these rivers in the Allegheny Mountains. In 1733 the grant descended to Thomas, the sixth Lord Fairfax, b. Oct. 22, 1693, of County Kent, England. He came to America in 1747, living here until his death Dec. 9, 1781. He was a friend of George Washington, whom he employed to survey part of his lands.

From his seat at Greenaway Hall near present Winchester, Va., Lord Fairfax managed his vast lands as an English lord-of-the-manor. Persons were given certain rights to live on and cultivate tracts, paying to Fairfax a modest quitrent each year. He is said to have been a benevolent landlord who allowed his tenants great freedom in choice of land, often not collecting the quitrent at all. Numerous large tracts were sold outright.
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During the American Revolution such royal grants were one of the problems facing the new nation. For we repudiated not only the English king, but also the English system of quitrent and inheritance. Lord Fairfax' personal freedom was not interfered with, but his death was hastened by Cornwallis' defeat and the declaration of the Virginia Assembly that his title to the Northern Neck was null and void. Lord Fairfax died without issue. He named as chief heir, his nephew Rev. Denny Martin, who became seventh Lord Fairfax. Not until 1813 was the long involved battle for clear title finally settled.

Details may be found in a history of Warren Co., Va., entitled *The Fairfax Proprietary* by Josiah Look Dickinson, Front Royal, Va., Warren Press, 1959.

From 1754 to 1772 the Fairfax lands in northwestern Virginia lay in two great counties: Frederick and Hampshire. About that time Berkeley Co. was formed from Frederick. In 1801 Berkeley was divided into present Jefferson and Berkeley counties, W. Va.; Charles Town and Martinsburg are their county seats. Altogether five whole counties and parts of three others were created from Fairfax lands in West Virginia, as well as some twenty counties in Virginia. West Virginia was created June 20, 1863, as a result of the Civil War.

Chapter II gives evidence that Dunham Moser moved his family from Jefferson Co. to Greene Co., Ohio, about 1825, and a year or so later to Greenfield Twp., Fairfield Co., Ohio. Such travels were described by an Englishman, Morris Birkbeck (1764-1825), in his *Notes on a Journey in America* first published in Philadelphia in 1819, reprinted in *Pen Pictures of Early Western Pennsylvania* edited by John W. Harpster, Pittsburgh, 1938, pp. 274-75:

"Old America seems to be breaking up, and moving westward. We are seldom out of sight, as we travel on this grand track [the Pennsylvania Road] towards the Ohio, of family groups behind, and before us, some with a view to a particular spot, close to a brother perhaps, or a friend who has gone before, and reported well of the country . . . .

"A small waggon, so light that you might almost carry it, yet strong enough to bear a good load of bedding and utensils, and provisions, and a swarm of young citizens; and to sustain marvelous shocks in its passage over these rocky heights, with two small horses, and sometimes a cow or two, comprises their all: excepting a little store of hard earned cash for the land office of the district, where they may obtain a title for as many acres as they possess half dollars, being one-fourth of the purchase money. The waggon has a tilt or cover, made of a sheet, or perhaps a blanket. The family are seen before, behind, or within the vehicle, according to the road or the weather, or perhaps the spirits of the party. The New-Englanders, they say, may be known by the cheerful air of the women advancing in front of the vehicle; the Jersey people by their being fixed steadily
within it; whilst the Pennsylvanians creep lingering behind, as though regretting the homes they have left. A cart and single horse frequently affords the means of transfer; sometimes a horse and pack saddle. Often the back of the poor pilgrim bears all his effects, and his wife follows barefooted, bending under the hopes of the family . . . ."

Hervey Scott's A Complete History of Fairfield Co., Ohio, 1795-1876, Columbus, Ohio, Siebert & Lilley, 1877, pp. 179-82, includes recollections of Levi Stewart. This man, b. 1800 in Greenfield Twp., son of the pioneer settler Joseph Stewart, was certainly a neighbor of Dunham Moser; unfortunately, Mr. Stewart did not recollect any member of our family. Here are some of his remarks on everyday life in that pioneer community:

First settled in 1798, Greenfield Twp. lies on the Hocking River. It still had an air of wilderness in 1810, when the last Indians disappeared. A still-house, a saw-mill, and two schools were established at an early date.

The food of the pioneers, according to Mr. Stewart, was cornbread, wild meats, wild honey, milk and butter, and vegetables. Roasted rye and wheat were used for coffee. They carried their corn on horseback to the falls of Hocking (Logan) to get it ground, and sometimes had to wait several days for their turn. Salt was packed from the Scioto below Chillicothe and from the Muskingum, and cost about $5.00 a bushel. He had known seasons of three to five weeks when the whole community was out of breadstuff, because the mills were stopped for want of water.

The sports and pastimes were pitching quoits, jumping, running, wrestling, dancing, and rough and tumble fights. Fighting was very common at public gatherings, such as sales, log-rollings, corn-huskings, house-raisings, and the like. Horse-swapping was almost universally practiced. The first and only chairs known were called split-bottoms. Many families at first sat on slab stools of their own make.

One pair of shoes a year was all that could be had; the remainder of the time they went barefoot. The boys had two suits of home-made flax and tow-linen in summer, and in winter one suit of linsey-woolsey—no underclothes. The young ladies thought they were fine if they had one calico dress in a year. Wheat was worth twenty-five cents, and corn from five to twelve and a half cents a bushel, in trade. A day's work was from sunup to sundown, and the wage was 25 cents.
CHAPTER II
DUNHAM MARTIN MOSER

The Moser Family List of Aug. 27, 1939, states Dunham M. Moser was born Nov. 3, 1803, in what is now Jefferson Co., W. Va. This county was not divided into townships; from census reports his birthplace was perhaps near Middleway in the western part of the county. Appendix I contains records of a man we feel was Dunham's father.

At the Department of Archives and History (the state library), Charleston, W. Va., is a list of Jefferson Co. marriages for 1802 to 1899. On page 33 appears: Moser, Dunham to Shrodes, Evilina, July 12, 1825, in Jefferson Co. by J. Mathews.

The Moser Family List states Evelyn (Shroads) Moser was b. in Jefferson Co., W. Va., in 1806. Records found for the Srodes family indicate her birthplace was more probably Berkeley Co., (W.) Va.; evidence for this is in Appendix II, along with notes on a man we feel was her father. The Rev. John Matthews was at that time pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Charles Town, (W.) Va., according to J. E. Norris, A History of the Lower Shenandoah Valley, Chicago, A. Warner & Co., 1890, p. 362.

Dunham Moser came to Beaver Creek, Greene Co., Ohio, from Virginia in 1825 (George F. Robinson, History of Greene County, Chicago, S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1902, p. 348). Although deeds were not consulted, this tract may be the one later in possession of J. Shrodes --60 acres in Bath Twp. (Historical Atlas of Greene Co., Ohio, Chicago, L. H. Everts & Co., 1874, map)

Soon Dunham moved his family to Fairfield Co., Ohio. The 1830 U.S. Census of Greenfield Twp. in that county, p. 152, showed Dunham Mosier with 2 males under 5 years of age in his household and 1 between 20 and 30; 1 female under 5, 1 between 10 and 15, and 1 between 20 and 30. Apparently these persons are sons Jacob V. and Daniel D., Dunham himself; his daughter Elizabeth, an unknown girl, and wife Eveline. The other Mosier households in this census are listed in Appendix I.

James Henry Mosier recalled only one tradition: When Dunham and Eveline lived in Fairfield Co., they made maple sugar in large quantity. All but one of their fourteen children were born here.

Just when Dunham moved his family to Wyandot Co., Ohio, is not known to us, evidently some time between 1856 and 1879. The New Historical Atlas of Wyandot Co., by Harrison and Hale, Philadelphia, F. Bourquin, 1879, p. 57, shows D. Moser as owner of 43.92 acres of land.
Nearby landowners were Isabella Moser, Jacob Moser, D. Bland, and Jesse Wentz.

In a letter written Sept. 13, 1960, Mrs. Hazel Wentz described Dunham's Wyandot Co. home:

"I can remember where our Great-Grandfather and Mother lived. They had already moved away when I was 7 or 8 years old. The little log cabin stood about 2½ miles east of Wharton across the woods that our grandfather owned. Aunt Mary sold the woods or land after Uncle Charley died. She lived there a while. I wish I had a snapshot of the cabin. I remember there was a peach tree full of blooms one spring. My Dad said he used to go across the woods to see them when he was 5 years old. So it must have been 1870. I don't know when they left or moved to Greene Co."

The 1880 U.S. Census of Wyandot Co., Ohio (Vol. 68, E.D. 163, Sheet 24, line 6), lists Dunham and Eveline in Salem Twp. with the family of their son Benjamin. No indication was found that Dunham had any military service.

According to James Henry Mosier, the couple spent their last years in Osborn, Ohio, at the home of their daughter Catherine, who had married Perry Taylor. Osborn is no longer on the map; what happened to it is explained in A History of Fairborn, Ohio (M.A. thesis, Miami University), by Mary Parker Poole, 1956, seen at Fairborn Public Library.

Fairfield and Osborn were neighboring communities. Osborn became a railroad center, with trains passing through what is now Wright Air Force Base. A great flood inundated the city of Dayton in 1913. It was decided to erect five large dams around that city to prevent recurrence of such a disaster. In 1917 construction of Huffman Dam began with "steam shovels clanking day and night in the low lands." Osborn, together with the railroad, found itself in the dry reservoir of Huffman Dam. In 1921-23 the city was relocated to a 136-acre site near Fairfield. Buildings and everything movable were transferred. The development of Wright-Patterson Field caused the area to prosper. On January 1, 1950, Fairfield and the new Osborn combined to form present Fairborn.

The Xenia, Ohio, Gazette, Oct. 8, 1895, contained the following:

"Martin Dunham Mosier, who was born in November 1803, died at his residence at Osborn, Sunday, September 29, 1895, aged very nearly 92 years. He was a native of Virginia, but has been a resident of this State since 1827. He was the father of 14 children, and leaves a companion and a number of children to mourn his loss. He was a member of the Seventh-Day Adventists. Rev. Gardner, of the Lutheran Church, officiated at the funeral. Interment was in the cemetery at Fairfield Tuesday afternoon."

This notice gives our ancestor's name as Martin Dunham; in view of his having called himself Dunham or Dunham M. in all other items,
Dunham M. Moser

this reversal of names was perhaps an error, though it is our only evidence of his second name. James Henry Mosier said Dunham was a Seventh-Day Adventist from early on; in his later years he attended services in Yellow Springs.

A search of local newspapers revealed no obituary for Eveline Moser.

The Moser Family List of Aug. 27, 1939, gave Dunham and Eveline's burial place as "Fairfield Co. Cemetery, Green, Ohio." Joseph Berfan-ger began his research by finding there is no town named Green in Fairfield Co. However, in Fairfield Cemetery, Greene Co. with the help of a caretaker, he discovered the markers of Dunham and Eveline Moser near the maintenance building:

Dunham Moser, Born Nov. 3, 1803, Died Sept. 29, 1895, Aged 91Y 1OM 26D
Eveline, Wife of Dunham Moser, Born Sept. 20, 1806, Died July 29, 1896, Aged 89Y 1OM 9D

The next marker reads: J. William Srodes, 1817-1891. Sallie A. Srodes, 1822-1909. A conjecture as to the identity of these persons is given in Appendix II.

Fairfield Cemetery (also called Bath Twp. Cemetery) was begun in 1844 and is on the main street of Fairborn. Other family members buried here are Catherine (Moser) Taylor and her husband, and Benjamin F. Mosier, his wife and three of their children.
CHAPTER III
THE SECOND GENERATION: DUNHAM MOSER'S CHILDREN

Dunham Martin and Eveline (Srodes) Moser had the following children, all born near Lancaster, Fairfield Co., Ohio, except the eldest, who was born in Jefferson Co., (W.) Va.:

*1. Jacob V. Moser b. Oct. 28, 1825
*2. Daniel D. Moser/Mosier b. March 26, 1827
*3. Elizabeth Moser b. Aug. 18, 1828
*4. Margaret Ann Moser b. June 28, 1830
5. Rebecca Ann Moser, Dec. 18, 1831 - Sept. 8, 1832, aged 8 mo. 20 days
*7. Noah James Moser/ Mosier b. May 15, 1836
8. Martha Jane Moser, March 25, 1838 - July 27, 1839, aged 16 mo. 2 days
*9. Catherine Moser b. March 17, 1840
*10. Martin V. Moser b. Nov. 12, 1842
*11. Edwin (or Edward) Moser b. March 11, 1845
*12. Benjamin F. Moser/Mosier b. Sept. 1, 1847
13. James Jefferson Moser, Feb. 26, 1850 - Jan. 22, 1858, aged 7 yr. 22 days
14. George H. Moser, Feb. 9, 1853 - March 26, 1856, aged 2 yr. 17 days

(Sources: Mrs. Hazel Wentz, Mrs. Walter Nau; James Henry Mosier; Family Bible of Harold Slauter, New Carlisle, Ohio, note of Aug. 9, 1966)

1. Jacob V. Moser. For his history and descendants, see Chapter IV.

2. Daniel D. Moser/Mosier b. March 26, 1827 (the year is given as 1826 on his death registration), near Lancaster, Fairfield Co., Ohio. James Henry Mosier said that Dan farmed at Reed's Hill east of present Fairborn, Ohio, and on the Robert Miller farm (now a suburban development, Rona Hills Estate), all in Bath Twp., Greene Co. Daniel then moved and farmed near Greenville, Darke Co., Ohio, later retiring to the village of Greenville.
He m. Amy (Ama) Dispennette, b. 1839, d. in Greenville in 1905. She is buried with Daniel, one daughter, and a nephew Clifford Dispennette, in the Greenville cemetery, section 19, lot 33. Joseph Berfanger located this obituary in the Greenville Democrat, Wednesday, March 13, 1912:

"Tuesday morning, 5th inst., Daniel D. Mosier, an aged and respected citizen of Darke county, died at the residence of his grandson on the cross road from Martin street between that point and East Fourth Street on the north, known as the Old Judy Farm, at the age of 86 years and 11 months [and 8 days].

"Deceased was born in Lancaster, Ohio, March 26, 1826, and has been a resident of Darke county for a number of years, and has always led an industrious life. His affliction was cancer of his face and on his back and loss of eyesight. Illustrating his determination to keep at work, neighbors in the vicinity of his late residence have seen him along a fence row grubbing and hauling away from about him large quantities of poison ivy that he handled without care more because his eyesight was too poor to discern the nature of the vine.

"Funeral services were conducted from the late residence Friday p.m. 8th inst. at 2 o'clock by the Rev. C. C. Peale of the Greenville M.E. Church; interment in the Greenville Cemetery."

Another notice in the Greenville, Ohio, Journal, Thursday, March 7, 1912, said Daniel died "at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mollie Reck, northeast of this city."

Daniel and Amy (Dispennette) Moser/Mosier had 2 daughters:

- Amy Mosier, for whom we have no further information
- Mary (Mollie) Mosier b. Ohio in 1861, m. Reck. Her gravestone, near that of her parents, states she d. in 1931. We do not know the name of the grandson mentioned in the obituary.

Clifford D. Dispennette (1886-1951) is buried next to Mollie, while a Sarah C. Dispennette signed Daniel's death registration form.

3. Elizabeth Moser b. Fairfield Co., Ohio, Aug. 18, 1828. After the death of her sister Margaret (Moser) Flatter, she cared for the Flatter children, m. John (or Finn) Flatter, and lived in Wyandot Co., Ohio. She is listed with this family in the 1880 U.S. Census for Salem Twp. (Vol. 68, E.D. 163, Sheet 21, line 16). We do not know the date of her death or whether she had children.

(Source: James Henry Mosier)

4. Margaret Ann Moser, b. Fairfield Co., Ohio, June 28, 1830, m. John (or Finn) Flatter, whose parents were both b. in Pennsylvania. John was b. about 1832 in Ohio, was living in Salem Twp., Wyandot Co.
in 1880, d. May 23, 1888, aged 54 yr. 7 mo. 23 days. Margaret, who
was called Mag, d. Jan. 26, 1873, aged 43 yr. 7 mo. 2 days. John m.
2) Elizabeth Moser, Margaret's sister. 6 children, all b. in Ohio:

Findlay Flatter b. about 1855
Christiann Flatter b. about 1862
Carrie Flatter b. about 1863, m. Fred Dickman; one child,
Genevieve Dickman
Loretta Flatter b. about 1868, m. Mr. Spoon (Spohn?); an
adopted daughter, Louise Spoon
Evaline Flatter b. about 1870, m. Mr. Spoon's brother
Aristella Flatter b. about 1872, m. Mr. Thunderborough

(Sources: James Henry Mosier; Family Bible of Harold Slauter,
New Carlisle, Ohio, note of Aug, 9, 1966; U.S. Census, 1880, Salem
Twp., Wyandot Co., Ohio, Vol. 68, E. D. 163, Sheet 21, line 16)

6. Isaac Henry Moser/Mosier b. Lancaster, Fairfield Co., Ohio,
Sept. 7, 1833, was called "Uncle Ike." A county map of 1859 and the
C. O. Titus Atlas of Clark Co., Ohio, 1870, p. 17, show I. H. Moser
as owner of 80 3/4 acres in Mad River Twp. The farm and buildings
still exist at the corner of present Mosier Road and Jackson Road,
about 8 miles due east of Fairfield Cemetery.

Beers' History of Clark Co., Ohio, Chicago, 1881, p. 324, lists
him among Civil War soldiers: Company K, First Heavy Artillery, served
from Aug. 31, 1864, to Aug. 31, 1865. Roster of Ohio Soldiers 1861-66
War of the Rebellion, Vol. X, p. 300, adds that he was a private and
was transferred to 245th Co., 1st Battalion Veteran Reserve Corps, May
16, 1865, at Knoxville, Tenn., by order of War Dept.

Ike m. Sarah T. Trollinger (1836-1907). James Henry Mosier be­
lieved her father was a previous owner of the Mad River Twp. land. Ike
is described as "a big man with a long white beard." In his youth he
several times drove geese from Ohio to an Atlantic seaport such as
Baltimore. He and his family were members of the Seventh-Day Advent­
st Church. He requested that there be no flowers at his funeral;
only a stalk of wheat was displayed. For a short time in his last
years he resided at the Old Soldiers' Home in Dayton. An obituary
appeared in the Dayton, Ohio, Daily News, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 1931:

"Civil War Veteran Dies in 98th Year. Xenia, Sept. 16. Isaac
Moser, 98, Civil War veteran and retired farmer, died at the
home of his grandson, Russell Gram, near Yellow Springs, yester­
day following a stroke of paralysis.

"Mr. Moser was born at Lancaster Sept. 7, 1833. He leaves
a daughter, Mrs. Minerva Gram, near Yellow Springs, and two
brothers, Benjamin of Medway and Noah of Findlay."
Dunham Moser's Children

An obituary in the Yellow Springs newspaper added only that Isaac was a member of the GAR. He is buried with his wife and other family members in Glen Forest Cemetery, corner State Route 68 and Fairfield-Yellow Springs Road, just north of Yellow Springs.

According to James Henry Mosier, Isaac Henry and Sarah T. (Trollinger) Moser had 3 children:

Mary Moser

George Moser, went to the Far West and married
Minerva C. Moser b. 1857, d. 193?, m. Joseph W. Gram (1856-1925)

Minerva and Joseph lived on the homestead in Mad River Twp., where she cared for Ike in his last years. Five of her children were:

Elmer Gram
Russell Gram (1892-1963), m. Eva Diehl (1888-1926)
Emerson (or Ement) Gram
Della Gram
Clarence Gram

Markers for all but Elmer and Della were seen in Glen Forest Cemetery.

7. Noah James Moser/Mosier. For his history and descendants, see Chapter V.

9. Catherine Moser b. Fairfield Co., Ohio, March 17, 1840, m. Perry Taylor, son of Benjamin Taylor, who made railroad ties and hickory butts. Dunham and Eveline Moser spent their last days at the Taylor home in Osborn, Ohio. Catherine and Perry are buried Fairfield Cemetery, Fairborn, their graves unmarked except for "Father" and "Mother," as reported by the cemetery's groundskeeper.

James Henry Mosier who supplied most of this information, said they had one child, a daughter Olie (Ola?) Taylor.

10. Martin V. Moser b. Fairfield Co., Ohio, Nov. 12, 1842. James Henry Mosier said Martin lived in Clark Co. with his brother Ben for a while. Later he lived in Indiana, married, and had two daughters.

[The History of Seneca Co., Ohio, Chicago, Warner, Beers & Co., 1886, p. 360, lists a Martin Moser as a Seneca soldier of the Civil War: Co. K, 133 PVI and Co. K, 208 PVI, service from Aug. 1862 to June 1865. His pension record, photocopies of which were obtained from the National Archives, Washington, D.C., showed this man was b. in 1828; therefore he was not Dunham Moser's son.]
11. Edwin (or Edward) Moser b. Fairfield Co., Ohio, March 11, 1845. We have no further information, except for James Henry Mosier's statement that Edwin lived in Missouri.

12. Benjamin F. Moser/ Mosier. For his history and descendants, see Chapter VI.
CHAPTER IV
THE FAMILY OF JACOB V. MOSER

By Roy Radford Moser

Jacob V. Moser, the eldest child of Dunham M. and Eveline (Srodes) Moser, was b. Jefferson Co., (W.) Va., Oct. 28, 1825. He was brought as an infant to Greenfield Twp., Fairfield Co., Ohio, where his parents were living in 1830, as seen from census records.

He served in the Mexican War in Company F, 2nd Ohio Regiment from 1844 to 1848. His marriage to Izabella Srodes (also spelled Issabella Sroder and Isabella Sordes) was recorded May 28, 1850, in Xenia, Greene Co., Ohio, where both were said to be from Mad River Township. The date of their marriage has been given as Nov. 8, 1849.

Isabel Srodes was b. probably in Berkeley Co., (W.) Va., Jan. 5, 1827, the daughter of Solomon and Rosanna (White) Srodes. Solomon was b. probably also in Berkeley Co. Sept. 1, 1802; d. Jan. 23, 1874, aged 71 yr. 5 mo. 3 days. We do not know the parents of Rosanna White. She was b. in West Virginia, Jan., 1800, or Aug. 15, 1803; d. April 4, 1884, aged 80 yr. 7 mo. 19 days. They are buried near McCutchenville, Ohio. Since Solomon is said to have been Eveline (Srodes) Moser’s brother, much research was done on the Srodes family and is reported in Appendix II.

On the basis of their children’s birthplaces, Jacob and Isabel lived near Dayton until about 1855, then in Seneca Co., Ohio, until about 1860, when they moved to Salem Twp., Wyandot Co. and bought the land noted below. Jacob served as First Lieutenant in the Civil War, Company D of 49th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry ("The Senecas and Wyandots"), from Aug. 19, 1861, until his resignation for personal reasons April 28, 1862, honorably discharged at Louisville, Ky.

History of Wyandot Co., Ohio, Chicago, Leggett, Conaway & Co., 1884, p. 978, includes him in a list of elected Salem Twp. trustees:

1863. Ezekiel Bogard, Jacob Moser, Frederick Nagel
1864. Ezekiel Bogard, Jacob Moser, Henry Gottfreid

Page 979 of this book names him as Justice of the Peace in 1865 and 1868.

Harrison and Hale’s New Historical Atlas of Wyandot Co., Ohio, Philadelphia, F. Bourquin, 1879, p. 57, on a map of Salem Twp. shows Jacob and Isabella Moser owning 143 acres; p. 104 lists Jacob as a farmer, dealer, stock raiser, Section 18, Whartonsburg. A granddaughter described him as a fine horseback rider. In appearance he
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was a "big man who resembled General U. S. Grant." In 1960, Mrs. Hazel (Moser) Wentz supplied copies of the obituaries of Jacob and Isabel. The name of the newspaper was not given:

"Jacob Moser was born in Virginia October 28, 1825, died June 19, 1902, aged 76 years 7 months 21 days. He leaves a wife and eight children. Eleven children were born to them; three boys died, two in infancy. He leaves six brothers and two sisters, twenty-seven grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

"He served in the Mexican War, Co. F, 2nd Ohio Regiment, and in the War of Rebellion, Co. D, 49th Ohio Regiment."

"Isabel Shrodes Moser was born in Virginia January 5, 1827; died August 20, 1905 [aged 78 years 7 months 16 days]. She was married to Jacob Moser in Xenia, Ohio, Nov. 8, 1849. Eleven children were born to them, eight now living: Mary, wife of Caleb Bland of Paulding, Ohio; Laura, wife of George Ensminger of Van Wert; Martha Jane, wife of Alfred Palmer of Wharton; Ed Moser of near Wharton; Jacob and George, both of Deshler; Charles of Salem Township; and Frank of West Liberty, Ohio."

Jacob and Isabel are buried at Wharton, Ohio.

(Sources in addition to those mentioned: Letter of Miss Jean Graumlich to Mrs. W. S. Hanchett, March 19, 1964; Marriage Records of Greene Co., Ohio, pp. 387, 459, seen at Ohio State Library; copies of military pension records WC-588574 of Jacob Mosier/Moser, from the National Archives, Washington, D.C.; recollections of Dorothy [Moser] Berfanger.)

[Note: Numerous schemes are followed by family historians to designate succeeding generations. Each has limitations; some are very complicated. The scheme followed here is relatively simple.

Contributions to this record showed all descendants of any one person in a single list. This scheme has been carried out, with the use of small letters of the alphabet to designate each generation. For example, Jacob V. Moser's children are marked "a1, a2," etc.; his grandchildren are marked "b1, b2," etc., his great-grandchildren, "c1, c2," and so on. Such symbols are used also for descendants of Noah James and Benjamin F. Moser.

In the two indexes at the end of this record, you can find the page on which any of these descendants is mentioned. On the page itself, the letter and number in front of the person's name will help trace his parents and grandparents back to Jacob V., Noah, or Benjamin F. Moser.

A star (*) indicates further information on the person follows below.]
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Jacob V. and Isabel (Srodes) Moser had 11 children, all b. in Ohio:

* a1 Mary Ann Moser b. near Dayton Sept. 5, 1850
  a2 Son, d. in infancy
  a3 Jacob E. Moser Jr. b. Seneca Co. Nov. 10, 1855
  a4 Martha Jane Moser b. Seneca Co. Feb. 12 or 22, 1857
  a5 John W. Moser b. Seneca Co. May 23, 1858; was living with his parents in Salem Twp., Wyandot Co. in 1880; d. Nov. 9, 1891, aged 33 yr. 5 mo. 18 days
  a6 Charles Henry (Charley) Moser b. Seneca Co. Feb. 16, 1860
  a7 David R. Moser b. Salem Twp., Wyandot Co. Aug. 1, 1862; d. Sept. 5, 1862, aged 1 mo. 1 day
  a8 Laura Ann Moser b. Wyandot Co. Feb. 24, 1864
  a9 Elmer Edward (Ed) Moser b. Wyandot Co. Aug. 21, 1865
  a10 George W. Moser b. Salem Twp., Wyandot Co. May 18, 1868; lived in Deshler, Henry Co., Ohio, in 1905; killed when his team ran away with a load of lumber he was taking to build a new house, April 12, 1906, aged 38 yr. 10 mo. 24 days
  a11 Frank (Benjamin Franklin) Moser b. Wyandot Co. May 29, 1870

(Sources: Moser Family List, Aug. 27, 1939; 1880 U.S. Census, Salem Twp., Wyandot Co., Ohio, Vol. 68, E.D. 163, Sheet 23, line 10; obituaries of Jacob and Isabel (Srodes) Moser; recollections of Dorothy (Moser) Berfanger.)

a1 Mary Ann Moser, the eldest child of Jacob V. and Isabel (Srodes) Moser, was generally known as Ann. She was b. Sept. 5, 1850, near Dayton, Ohio. In June 1868, she m. Caleb Bland of Wyandot Co. They migrated to Paulding Co., Ohio, in 1878. She d. Jan. 15, 1926, aged 75 yr. 4 mo. 10 days, in her home near Paulding. She and Caleb were divorced. Caleb's obituary follows:

"Caleb Bland, a veteran of the Civil War, died May 10, 1910, at the Dayton Soldiers' Home at the age of 63 years. He is survived by a family residing in Paulding County, and one sister Miss Jane Bland, who lives three miles east of Wharton, Ohio. Mr. Bland was buried in the McCutchenville, Ohio, cemetery."

Caleb and Mary Ann (Moser) Bland had 11 children, the first 6 b. Wyandot Co., others in Paulding Co.:

b1 Mary Bland b. May __, 1869, m. Frank Baker; 6 children
b2 Cora Belle Bland b. June 29, 1870, m. Luther Cramer; 4 children
b3 Ida May Bland b. Aug. 21, 1873, m. Norton Workman; 1 child
b4 Emma Jane Bland b. Aug. 21, 1873, m. Frank Brown; 4 children
b5 Elnora Bland b. April 13, 1875, m. Francis Hoffman; 4 children
b6 Essa Bland b. Oct. 11, 1877, d. at 14 yr. of age
b7 Margaret Ann Bland b. May 2, 1882, m. Sol Cramer; 3 children
b8 Charles Bland b. Sept. 2, 1884, m. 1) Bertha Johnson, 2) Cecile Weible; 16 children
b9 Susie Bland b. March 11, 1886, m. Thomas Betts; 9 children
b10 Evalina Bland b. March 6, 1888, d. in infancy
b11 Carrie Bland b. May 27, 1890, m. Albert Baughman; 1 child
(Source: Mrs. Hazel Wentz to Roy R. Moser, under date of June 25, 1967.)

a3 Jacob E. (Jake) Moser Jr., the third child of Jacob V. and Isabel (Srodes) Moser, was b. Seneca Co., Ohio, Nov. 10, 1855; m. Sept. 10, 1883, Martha Ellen Bacher who was b. Wyandot Co. in 1863. His grandson, Frank R. Moser Sr. of McComb, Ohio, wrote of him:

"After moving his family from Wyandot Co. to Henry Co., he and grandmother bought a farm. Jacob farmed in Henry Co. for several years. Due to injury of his back they moved to Deshler, Ohio, where they lived for a short time till he recovered. Then Jacob sold the farm in Henry Co. and bought a farm east of Deshler in Wood Co. This is where he lived most of his life, doing the thing he liked to do best, that was farming. After he was retired he kept his farm and moved to Deshler. He rented the farm to Harvey his son. He still liked to walk out to the farm and help do the thing he liked to do—drive horses and farm. Jacob was very active till he passed away."

Jacob d. Dec. 31, 1936, aged 81 yr. 1 mo. 21 days. Martha Ellen d. in 1939. They had 3 children:

b1 Ora Moser d. in 1891, aged 6 yr. 21 days
b2 Harvey Clyde Moser b. Feb. 14, 1888

b2 Harvey Clyde Moser b. Feb. 14, 1888; m. July 8, 1909, Jennitta May Russell who was b. Dec. 28, 1882, d. Oct. 1952. Harvey was a farmer. 7 children, all b. in Wood Co., Ohio:

*cl Frank Russell Moser b. Jan. 27, 1910
*cl Jennie Bell Moser b. Oct. 31, 1915
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*c5 Harry Arthur Moser b. Sept. 30, 1917
*c6 Ethel Ellen Moser b. Jan. 26, 1920
*c7 Dorothy Moser d. at birth

c1 Frank Russell Moser b. Jan. 27, 1910, Wood Co., near Deshler, Ohio; m. Oct. 25, 1932, Doris Eva Lashaway Swerlin who was b. April 27, 1917, near Custar, Wood Co. Frank is manager of an elevator. 6 children, all b. Jackson Twp., Wood Co.:

*d1 Robert Lee Moser b. June 11, 1933
*d2 Dorothy Marcelle Moser b. June 7, 1934
*d3 Frank Moser Jr. b. June 1, 1936
*d4 Betty Lou Moser b. Feb. 22, 1938
*d5 Russell Clyde Moser b. Jan. 21, 1944, a truck driver for Wilson Co., unmarried
*d6 Ethel Elaine Moser b. Jan. 13, 1945, a beauty operator, unmarried and at home

d1 Robert Lee Moser b. June 11, 1933, Jackson Twp., Wood Co.; m. Aug. 16, 1952, Bertha Snyder who was b. Aug. 18, 1932, in Jackson Twp. He is manager of an elevator. 3 children:

e1 Richard Moser b. May 28, 1953
e2 Dennis Moser b. June 10, 1955
e3 Gary Lee Moser b. Nov. 24, 1959

d2 Dorothy Marcelle Moser b. June 7, 1934, Jackson Twp., Wood Co., Ohio; m. June 22, 1952, Richard LeRoy Shuck who was b. May 5, 1933, Marion, Ohio. He is an accountant at Tiffin Hospital. 4 children:

e4 Daniel Ray Shuck b. Feb. 7, 1956
e5 Tanya Kay Shuck b. Jan. 1, 1958
e6 Pamela Sue Shuck b. Aug. 22, 1961
e7 Michael Eugene Shuck b. Feb. 3, 1963

d3 Frank Moser Jr. b. June 1, 1936, Jackson Twp., Wood Co.; m. May 28, 1960, Carolyn Lou Donaldson who was b. Sept. 27, 1941, Rudolph, Wood Co. He is a truck driver for Bennett Bros. Furniture Co. 2 children:

e8 Rodney Lee Moser b. Feb. 9, 1961
e9 Lisa Jean Moser b. July 13, 1962

d4 Betty Lou Moser b. Feb. 22, 1938, Jackson Twp., Wood Co.; m. May 27, 1956, in Wood Co. John Wesley Smith who was b. Dec. 29, 1936, in Jackson Twp. He is a farmer and molder. 4 children:
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e10 Allen Eugene Smith b. Aug. 3, 1957
e11 Roger Lynn Smith b. Sept. 12, 1958
e12 Lindy Allen Smith b. March 1, 1961
e13 David Lee Smith b. April 14, 1966

e4 Jennie Bell Moser b. Oct. 31, 1915, Jackson Twp., Wood Co., Ohio; m. March 31, 1935, Ollie Ruskey who was b. in Henry Co. near Deshler. Formerly a farmer, he is now employed at Deshler Farmers Elevator. 8 children:
   d7 Virginia Ruskey
   d8 Joe Ruskey
   d9 Norma Ruskey
   d10 Suzie Ruskey
   d11 David Ruskey
   d12 Richard Ruskey
   d13 Nedra Ruskey
   d14 Steven Ruskey

e5 Harry Arthur Moser b. Sept. 30, 1917, Wood Co.; m. June 12, 1940, Doris Evalyn Connine who was b. Nov. 15, 1918, also in Wood Co. He is employed by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and she works as a salesclerk. 2 children:
   d15 David Moser b. April 16, 1943, unmarried; serving in U.S. Air Force
   d16 Dan Moser b. Nov. 28, 1945, unmarried; attending the University of Toledo

e6 Ethel Ellen Moser b. Jan. 26, 1920, Wood Co.; m. Walter Cunningham who was b. in Hancock Co., Ohio. He is a foundry employee. 4 children:
   d17 Gerald L. Cunningham
   d18 Edna A. Cunningham
   d19 Robert M. Cunningham
   d20 Marlyn Cunningham

(Source: Frank R. Moser Sr., Box 607, McComb, Ohio 45858, under date of September, 1966.)
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a4 Martha Jane Moser, fourth child of Jacob V. and Isabel (Srodes) Moser, was usually called Jane. She was b. Seneca Co., Ohio, Feb. 12 or 22, 1857, and said to have been nearly blind from birth; m. Alfred E. Palmer in 1897. They lived near Wharton, Ohio. Alfred was b. May 10, 1847, spent his early life in the western states, later enlisting in the Civil War at the age of 16. Jane d. April 27, 1935, aged 78 yr. 2 mo. 5 days. One child:

b1 Ira Palmer b. near Wharton, Aug. 24, 1898; m. 1) Hazel Myers who was b. in 1904 and d. 1931. She is buried at Carey, Ohio. Ira m. 2) Mildred They live in Marysville, Ohio. 3 children:

* c1 Wendall Eugene Palmer b. April 10, 1924
* c2 Evelyn Mae Palmer b. July 4, 1925
* c3 Donald Lee Palmer b. July 5, 1927

c1 Wendall Eugene (Gene) Palmer b. April 10, 1924, m. April 30, 1949, Angeline Grace Gerdine who was b. Dec. 11, 1924. They live in Warren, Ohio, where he works for Copperweld Co. 3 children:

d1 Jeana Maria Veronica Palmer b. Aug. 27, 1951

d2 David Eugene Michael Palmer b. April 27, 1954

d3 Christine Palmer b. Nov. 17, 1959

c2 Evelyn Mae Palmer b. July 4, 1925; m. May 31, 1947, Charles Edward Eichler who was b. Nov. 14, 1915. They live in Salem, Ohio, where they operate an outboard motor marine store and hauling business. 4 children:

d4 Richard Charles Eichler b. April 11, 1948

d5 Linda Jayne Eichler b. May 29, 1950

d6 Randall Eugene Eichler b. Nov. 21, 1953

d7 Rubi Kay Eichler b. Jan 14, 1956

c3 Donald Lee Palmer b. July 5, 1927, m. June 25, 1948, Delores Ann Spalsburry who was b. May 31, 1931. They live in Salem, Ohio. He is an employee of E. W. Bliss. 4 children:

d8 Michael Lee Palmer b. Sept. 24, 1949

d9 Kenneth Wayne Palmer b. Feb. 16, 1951

d10 Brenda Louise Palmer b. Sept. 4, 1953

d11 James Donald Palmer b. May 25, 1958

(Sources: Mrs. C. E. Eichler, 794 Benton Road, Salem, Ohio, dated Aug. 24, 1966; Dorothy [Moser] Berfanger.)
a6 Charles Henry (Charley) Moser, the sixth child of Jacob V. and Isabel (Srodes) Moser, was b. Feb. 16, 1860, Seneca Co., Ohio. In 1880 he was living with his parents in Salem Twp., Wyandot Co., Ohio, as shown in the census. He m. Mary Elizabeth Mann, daughter of John Mann. She was b. Oct. 9, 1862. They lived in Salem Twp. until Char­ley's death, March 17, 1910, aged 50 yr. lmo. 1 day. Mary d. at the home of her daughter Esther. 4 children:

*b1 Grace Myrtle Moser b. Aug. 30, 1881
*b2 Frank William Moser b. Nov. 6, 1889
*b3 Truman Clyde Moser b. Feb. 26, 1898, m. June 25, 1938, Bonnie Deerwester who was b. Feb. 1, 1912.
*b4 Esther May Moser b. Oct. 24, 1902

b1 Grace Myrtle Moser b. Aug. 30, 1881, m. Dec. 24, 1908, George William Wentz who was b. Feb. 6, 1869; d. April 5, 1945. They en­gaged in farming during their entire marriage. 3 children:

*c1 Charles Henry Wentz b. Oct. 27, 1909 *c2 Omar Orville Wentz b. April 7, 1911
*c3 Florence Esther Wentz b. May 30, 1918


*d1 Richard Lee Wentz b. June 17, 1934
*d2 Donna Lou Wentz b. Feb. 17, 1938
*d3 Rollin Dean Wentz b. Sept. 17, 1940
*d4 Judy Lynne Wentz b. Feb. 26, 1947

d1 Richard Lee Wentz b. June 17, 1934, m. June 2, 1956, Matilda Loretta Reinhart who was b. May 14, 1937. One child:
e1 Debora Ann Wentz b. Feb. 17, 1959

e2 Douglas Franklin Bland b. July 21, 1960

d3 Rollin Dean Wentz b. Sept. 17, 1940, m. Oct. 20, 1962, Helen Louise Feasel. 2 children:
e4 Pamela Ann Wentz b. Sept. 16, 1963
e5 Charles Michael Wentz b. Sept. 4, 1965

e6 Lonnie David Ogg b. April 12, 1966
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One child:
  d5 Barbara Ann Wentz b. Oct. 17, 1940, m. Sept. 12, 1959, Robert Charles Batton who was b. Aug. 21, 1937. 3 children:
    e7 Natalie Sue Batton b. Dec. 22, 1959
    e8 Deidre Lynne Batton b. Dec. 20, 1962
    e9 Reneé Anne Batton b. June 19, 1965

c3 Florence Esther Wentz b. May 30, 1918, near McCutchenville, Ohio; m. June 18, 1938, Wayne Nevin Wagner who was b. July 19, 1917. 4 children:
  d6 Brenda Diane Wagner, July 17, 1941 - Jan. 20, 1961
  d7 Beverly Jane Wagner b. Feb. 2, 1952
  d8 Robert Joe Wagner b. Aug. 23, 1954, d. 2 hr. after birth
  d9 Barbara Ann Wagner b. Aug. 23, 1954

b2 Frank William Moser, second child of Charles Henry and Mary Elizabeth (Mann) Moser, was b. Nov. 6, 1889, Salem Twp., Wyandot Co., Ohio. He attended Stringtown School and was a farmer. He d. Sept. 25, 1924, buried Wharton Cemetery. Married Dec. 7, 1909, Annis Harriet Bland who was b. July 10, 1885, in Salem Twp. She also attended Stringtown School; d. June 30, 1936, buried Wharton Cemetery. 4 children, all b. Salem Twp., Wyandot Co.:
  *c4 Lester Dale Moser b. Dec. 12, 1910
  *c5 Bertha May Moser b. May 11, 1914
  *c6 Stella Bland Moser b. March 1, 1917
  *c7 Ralph Willard Moser b. Oct. 22, 1920

c4 Lester Dale Moser Sr. b. Dec. 12, 1910, Salem Twp., Wyandot Co.; m. June 19, 1935, Welcome Geraldine Phillips who was b. Hiram, Portage Co., Ohio, Aug. 26, 1917. Lester is a farmer and mechanic. Their address is R.R. 1, Wharton. 7 children; 1st 4 b. Salem Twp., others in Findlay, Ohio:
  *d10 Roger Dale Moser b. Dec. 17, 1935
  *d11 Phylis Sue Moser b. June 30, 1938
  *d12 Carol Rae Moser b. Aug. 21, 1940
  *d13 Frank J. Moser b. June 18, 1944
  d14 Lester D. Moser Jr. b. July 8, 1949, a student at Riverdale High School
  d15 Joyce Elaine Moser b. June 11, 1953, a student at Wharton Local School
  d16 James Zane Moser b. Nov. 24, 1959
d10 Roger Dale Moser b. Salem Twp., Wyandot Co., Ohio, Dec. 17, 1935; presently a school principal in Toledo, Ohio. A graduate of Wharton High School, he received his B.S. at Ohio State University, his M.A. from University of Toledo; m. Aug. 10, 1958, Betty Jean Kinsley who was b. March 26, 1936, Upper Sandusky, Ohio. A registered nurse, she is a graduate of Upper Sandusky High School and Mt. Carmel School of Nursing, Columbus, Ohio. Present address, 4418 Belmar Ave., Toledo. 2 children b. in Toledo:

  e10 Rebecca Jean Moser b. June 11, 1962
  e11 Brian Dale Moser b. Aug. 26, 1965

d11 Phylis Sue Moser b. Salem Twp., Wyandot Co., June 30, 1938, attended Wharton High School; m. Oct. 10, 1956, Billy Gene Rickle who was b. March 7, 1938, in Wyandot Co. He also attended Wharton High School; employed in Sales and Service, Cooper Tire Co. Present address, R.R. 1, Wharton. 5 children, all b. Findlay, Ohio:

  e12 Gary Lynn Rickle b. May 27, 1957
  e13 Jody Elaine Rickle b. April 16, 1959
  e14 Chris Alan Rickle b. Feb. 4, 1962
  e15 Billy Gene Rickle b. Nov. 25, 1963
  e16 Brad Evan Rickle b. Dec. 6, 1965

d12 Carol Rae Moser b. Salem Twp., Wyandot Co., Aug. 21, 1940, attended Wharton High School; m. Sept. 3, 1957, Monford Paul Porter, divorced March 14, 1964. Carol Rae is a factory worker, lives in Forest, Ohio. 3 children b. Upper Sandusky:

  e17 Debra Ann Porter b. April 19, 1958
  e18 Luann Porter b. June 17, 1959

d13 Frank J. Moser b. June 18, 1944, Salem Twp., Wyandot Co., attended Wharton High School and DeVry Technical Institute, Chicago. He is a machinist with Rockwell Inc., Kenton, Ohio. Married Nov. 28, 1964, Cheryl Stillberger who was b. Sept. 25, 1944, Findlay, Ohio, and attended Bluffton College. Present address, East Lima St., Forest, Ohio. One child:

  e20 Jeffery Allan Moser b. July 4, 1965, Upper Sandusky

c5 Bertha May Moser, second child of Frank William and Annis Harriet (Bland) Moser, b. May 11, 1914, Salem Twp., Wyandot Co.; a graduate of Salem Centralized School and Marion Business College, Marion, Ohio. Married June 3, 1936, Robert Homer Burk who was b. Sept. 25, 1903, d. May 20, 1942, buried Roaring Springs, Pa. He was a salesman. Bertha May is an office clerk at Mansfield Tire Co. Her address is 597½ West 4th St., Mansfield, Ohio. One child:
dl7 Robert Homer Burk b. Minneapolis, Minn., July 3, 1937, graduated from Mansfield, Ohio, Senior High School, attended Grace College, Winona Lake, Ind.; m. April 5, 1958, Sandra Watson who was b. Jan. 31, 1938, graduated from a high school near Harrisburg, Pa., and also attended Grace College. Robert is a salesman. They reside on R. 1, Linglestown, Pa. 4 children:

  e21 Robert Andrew Burk b. Feb. 17, 1959  
  e22 Elizabeth Burk b. May 3, 1960  
  e23 Todd Daniel Burk b. April 22, 1961  
  e24 Suzanne Burk b. March 20, 1964

c6 Stella Bland Moser, third child of Frank William and Annis Harriet (Bland) Moser, was b. March 1, 1917, Salem Twp., Wyandot Co., Ohio; graduated from Richland Rural School, Wharton; m. April 19, 1939, Gerald Seth Opper who was b. Nov. 14, 1917, Ridge Twp., Wyandot Co.; graduated from Richland Rural School, and served in armed forces April 1944 to Feb. 1946. His occupation is farm drainage. They live in Wharton. 2 children: b. Wyandot Co.:

  d18 Geraldine Mae Opper b. Feb. 29, 1940, Richland Twp., graduated from Richland Rural School, Wharton, employed at Wharton Elevator  

c7 Ralph Willard Moser, fourth child of Frank William and Annis Harriet (Bland) Moser, was b. Oct. 22, 1920, Salem Twp., Wyandot Co.; graduated from Richland Rural School; served in armed forces 1942-46. Married Mary Helen Walker who was b. Jan. 14, 1919, Robbins, Tenn., a graduate of Robbins High School and Erlanger Hospital, Chattanooga, Tenn.; served as an Army nurse 1945-46. Ralph is a foreman, Cutter's Laboratory; Mary Helen is a part-time private nurse. They live on Clark Road, Harrison, Tenn. 4 children, all b. Chattanooga:

  d20 Ralph Willard Moser Jr. b. Jan. 19, 1948, a graduate of Tyner High School, now attending Tennessee Technical University, Cookeville, Tenn.  
  d21 David Walker Moser b. Dec. 29, 1949  
  d22 James Ronald Moser b. May 3, 1952  
  d23 Larry Moser b. Sept. 14, 1954
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b4 Esther May Moser, fourth child of Charley Henry and Mary Elizabeth (Mann) Moser, was b. Oct. 24, 1902; m. Aug. 22, 1923, Harold Robert Nachbar who was b. July 7, 1902. 3 children:

c8 Fordyce Herbert Nachbar b. Nov. 20, 1932, d. 2 hr. after birth
*c9 Anna Bea Nachbar b. Jan. 11, 1935
*c10 Genevieve Elizabeth Ellan Nachbar b. July 21, 1937

c9 Anna Bea Nachbar b. Jan. 11, 1935; m. Aug. 18, 1949, Robert Harold Heilman who was b. June 8, 1931. 2 children:

d24 Michael Robert Heilman b. July 31, 1951

d25 Daniel Harold Heilman b. Dec. 27, 1956

c10 Genevieve Elizabeth Ellan Nachbar b. July 21, 1937; m. Oct. 27, 1957, Arlie Bowling who was b. March 29, 1932. One child:

d26 Paul Eugene Bowling b. May 14, 1959

(Source: Unsigned notes from various family members sent to Roy R. Moser, compiled Sept. 22, 1966.)

a8 Laura Ann Moser, the eighth child of Jacob V. and Isabel(Srodes) Moser, was b. Wyandot Co., Ohio, Feb. 24 or 25, 1864; m. George W. Ensminger who was b. Aug. 6, 1860. They lived in Payne, Paulding Co., Ohio. Laura Ann d. Sept. 23, 1927, aged 64 yr. 7 mo. 1 day. 7 children, first 3 b. Payne, Ohio, others in Van Wert, Ohio:

b1 Goldie Irene Ensminger d. at age of 2 yr., Payne, Ohio


b4 Roy Radford Ensminger b. May 15, 1894, lives in Battle Creek, Mich.; he was in the hardware business for many years. Has an adopted granddaughter, Sharon Ensminger.

b5 Esther Marie Ensminger m. Clare H. Denison in 1917. They had one daughter who was killed in an auto accident, Sept. 1932, aged 16 yr. 8 mo. They lived in Battle Creek, Mich.

*b6 Hazel Gertrude Ensminger b. Feb. 2, 1899

*b7 Vesta Ellene Ensminger b. April 21, 1907

b6 Hazel Gertrude Ensminger b. Van Wert, Ohio, Feb. 2, 1899, m. Gerald V. Baker in 1916. They lived in Battle Creek, Mich. 2 children:
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cl Dr. Wendell D. Baker b. at the farm home Abseota, Mich., Oct. 31, 1919. Received his doctorate from Columbia University; a professor at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J.; d. Oct. 31, 1964, of leukemia at Mount Sinai Hospital.

c2 Lawrence Eugene Baker b. Jan. 6, 1924, Battle Creek, Mich. Graduated from Michigan State University; received his Master's degree from Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Mich. He was teaching in Saline, Mich., at the time of his death as a result of a heart attack, St. Anthony's Hospital, Dec. 2, 1965.

b7 Vesta Ellene Ensminger b. April 21, 1907, Van Wert, Ohio; m. at Saginaw, Mich., in 1942, Hans Reimann. She was employed at A. E. Ensminger Co. in Saginaw for many years, but was doing substitute teaching there at the time of her death March 1, 1966. She was killed in an auto accident outside Battle Creek. One child:


(Source: Mrs. Preston H. Adams, 670-42 Ave. N.E., St. Peters­burg, Fla. 33703.)

a9 Elmer Edward Moser (usually called Ed), the ninth child of Jacob V. and Isabel (Srodes) Moser, was b. four miles northeast of Wharton, Ohio, Aug. 21, 1865; m. in Wyandot Co., March 20, 1889, Minnie Augusta Swasick, daughter of James and Lucinda (Murdock) Swasick. Minnie was b. near Loudonville, Ohio, July 13, 1870. In 1897 the couple moved from Salem Twp. to their newly purchased farm two miles east of Wharton. In 1927 they moved to a farm in Ridge Twp. west of Carey, Ohio, where Ed d. Dec. 6, 1940, aged 76 yr. 3 mo. 14 days. Minnie d. Dec. 4, 1947, aged 77 yr. 6 children, first 2 b. Salem Twp., others Richland Twp., Wyandot Co.:-

*b1 Hazel Esther Moser b. March 28, 1890
*b2 Clara Fern Moser b. Aug. 29, 1892
*b3 Russell Dale Moser b. Richland Twp., Feb. 18, 1898, attended Wharton High School. Unmarried, he has lived in Detroit and Omaha, Neb. He is now retired and living in Wharton.
*b4 Roy Radford Moser b. May 27, 1902
*b5 Reva Blanche Moser b. April 30, 1907
*b6 Loren Glen Moser b. March 5, 1914

*b1 Hazel Esther Moser b. Salem Twp., Wyandot Co., March 28, 1890; m. Feb. 24, 1910, Walter Wentz of near Wharton. He d. May 26, 1936, aged 56 yr., at their residence on the farm northeast of Wharton. Hazel has made many contributions to this family record. A sketch of her husband's family appeared in the History of Wyandot Co., Chicago, Leggett, Conaway & Co., 1884, p. 959 of Biography Section:
"John Wentz was born in this county Dec. 18, 1839. His parents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Copenheffer) Wentz, were natives of Pennsylvania and of German descent. They came to Ohio in 1837 and entered 80 acres of land [in Section 12], where our subject now resides. They had 8 children: Andrew, Jacob, Louisa, Levi, John, Jesse, William, and Henry, the two latter deceased. The father was a weaver by trade; he died in 1854, aged 85 years. Mr. Wentz obtained a good education, and worked upon the farm and railroad till he enlisted in the army, August 18, 1862. He joined Company A, 123rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was engaged at Winchester, Martinsburg, Berryville, Snickers Gap, Cedar Creek, Hatcher's Run, High Bridge, and many skirmishes, serving two years and nine months. He was wounded in the engagement at High Bridge, and was detained at the hospital in Philadelphia two months, after which he was discharged. He married Savilla Cowdry, Feb. 24, 1866, she being the daughter of William and Mary (Bruce) Cowdry, then residents of Michigan, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Wentz are parents of 3 children: Olive, b. Feb. 17, 1868; Edith, b. Nov. 9, 1870; Walter V., b. April 24, 1881. Mr. Wentz inherited 25 acres of the homestead, where he now resides, having added to his inheritance till he now owns 89 acres, well-stocked and improved, valued at $80 per acre. His dwelling cost $1200 in 1880, and his barn $500 in 1872. He is a Republican, and member of the Church of God; an Elder at present. On account of wounds received in the war, he receives a pension of $8 a month."

Walter and Hazel Esther (Moser) Wentz had 6 children, all b. near Wharton, Ohio:

* c1 Marie Wentz b. Dec. 29, 1910

* c2 Stanley Wentz b. Oct. 17, 1912; unmarried, he has farmed in the Wharton area his entire life

* c3 Bruce Wentz b. Aug. 4, 1916

* c4 Frieda Wentz b. Dec. 24, 1918

* c5 Ray Wentz b. near Wharton April 16, 1921, was graduated from Wharton High School in 1940. Served in armed forces overseas; m. July 7, 1965, Clara Nichols of Vanlue, Ohio. Since leaving the armed forces, Ray has been employed at Swan Rubber Co., Carey, Ohio. Clara, a registered nurse, is employed at Wyandot County Memorial Hospital, Upper Sandusky.

* c6 Dorothy Wentz b. Feb. 5, 1926

  cl Marie Wentz b. near Wharton, Dec. 29, 1910, graduated from Wharton High School in 1928; m. 1933 Harley Holzwart of Salem Twp. Their address is R. 2, Upper Sandusky, Ohio. 2 children:

    d1 Lewis Holzwart b. Oct. 10, 1936

    d2 Wayne Holzwart b. June 26, 1940

  c2 Bruce Wentz b. near Wharton, Aug. 4, 1916, graduated from Wharton High School in 1935; served overseas in World War II; m. Helen Fehnel of Wharton. Presently living in Arlington, Ohio.
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Bruce has a stepson Ralph, b. Marion, Ohio, in 1946. 2 daughters:

d3 Patty Wentz b. March 27, 1960

d4 Peggy Wentz b. Aug. 3, 1962

c4 Frieda Wentz b. near Wharton, Ohio, Dec. 24, 1918, graduated from Wharton High School in 1937; m. April 11, 1945, Paul Graumlich of Arcadia, Ohio. Present address, 269 Main St., Tiffin, Ohio. Paul is a music instructor. This family contributed gravestone readings and other information to this Moser family record in its initial stages. 2 children:

d5 Jean Graumlich b. June 12, 1947, graduate of Tiffin High School in 1965; now attending Heidelberg College, Tiffin

d6 Trudy Graumlich b. Nov. 30, 1952, entered Tiffin High School in 1966

c6 Dorothy Wentz b. near Wharton, Ohio, Feb. 5, 1926; graduated from Wharton High School in 1944; m. Don Wright of Forest, Ohio. They live in Arlington, Ohio. 4 children:

d7 Linda Wright b. Sept. 24, 1949

d8 Elaine Wright b. March 19, 1952

d9 Nancy Wright b. Feb. 24, 1955

d10 Jill Wright b. Sept. 23, 1959

b2 Clara Fern Moser, second child of Elmer Edward and Minnie Augusta (Swasick) Moser, was b. Salem Twp., Wyandot Co., Ohio, Aug. 29, 1892; m. April 3, 1915, Lester Herbert of near Wharton, the son of Mr. & Mrs. A. R. Herbert. In 1965 Clara and Lester celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Lester farmed until 1963. On his retirement, they moved to Wharton, where they are members of the Wharton Methodist Church. 3 children all b. Wyandot Co.:

*c7 Evelyn N. Herbert b. Jan. 25, 1916
*c8 Loyd R. Herbert b. March 2, 1919
*c9 Dale J. Herbert b. Jan. 7, 1923

c7 Evelyn N. Herbert b. Salem Twp., Wyandot Co., Jan. 25, 1916; graduated from McCutchenville High School in 1934; m. Aug. 23, 1941, Charles Graumlich of Arcadia, Ohio. Present address, R. 2, Fostoria, Ohio. 3 children:

d11 Clara Ann Graumlich b. Sept. 26, 1943


d13 Sue Ellen Graumlich b. Dec. 26, 1950

c8 Loyd R. Herbert b. Salem Twp., Wyandot Co., March 2, 1919; graduated from McCutchenville High School in 1936; served overseas in the armed forces; m. Aug. 7, 1940, Luella Myers. They
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live at 753 Henry St., Marion, Ohio. 2 children:

d13 Carol June Herbert b. June 9, 1941, m. July 30, 1966,
   Edwin D. Schoolmaker. They live in Marion, Ohio.

d14 Donna Jean Herbert b. June 13, 1951, Marion, Ohio

   7, 1923, graduated from McCutchenville High School in 1940; m.
   May 31, 1947, Maxine Black of Tiffin, Ohio. Present address:
   560 N. Sandusky St., Tiffin.  2 children:
   d15 Larry Stephen Herbert b. Oct. 30, 1950
   d16 Marsha Jo Herbert b. May 19, 1952

(Sources: Notes from family members; clipping from Upper Sandusky
[?] newspaper of about April 5, 1965, supplied by Miss Rose Krider.)

b4 Roy Radford Moser, fourth child of Elmer Edward and Minnie
Augusta (Swasick) Moser, was b. Richland Twp., Wyandot Co., May 27,
1902; employed by H. H. Robertson Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa., from Sept.
20, 1924, to Aug. 1, 1942, engaged in industrial construction. Was
employed by Ford Motor Co., Fostoria, Ohio, as millwright's mechanic
from 1942 to Nov. 1, 1965, when he retired. He was a member of or­
ganized labor 41 years. His hobby is antique cars. On Sept. 26,
1925, married Mildred Ella Shull of Vanlue, Ohio. Summer address,
Vanlue; winter address, 5050 4th St. North, St. Petersburg, Fla.
2 children:
   *c10 Paul Frederick Moser b. June 11, 1926
   *c11 Barbara Ann Moser b. Sept. 10, 1940

   c10 Paul Frederick Moser b. Hammond, Ind., June 11, 1926;
   graduated from Vanlue High School in 1944. Served in armed
   forces overseas; m. Dec. 14, 1946, Ina Ruth Miller at the bride's
   home south of Vanlue. They live at 141 Shelby Rd., Bucyrus,Ohio,
   where Paul has been employed since 1956 in Managerial Dept., Pro­
   duction Control, Swan Rubber Co. Ina Ruth is a telephone opera­
   tor for Telephone Services, Inc., of Bucyrus.  3 children:
   d17 Michael Paul Moser b. May 16, 1948; graduated from North
   Robin High School, Crawford Co., Ohio, 1966; attends North
   Central College, Naperville, Ill.
   d18 Donald Willis Moser b. Nov. 20, 1951; d. Nov. 28, 1951
   d19 Peggy Ann Moser b. June 29, 1954; d. at birth

   c11 Barbara Ann Moser b. Findlay, Ohio, Sept. 10, 1940; gradu­
   ate of Vanlue High School; employed by First National Bank of
   Findlay. She m. Jim Livingston.  2 children:
   d20 Brenda Jo Livingston b. Nov. 4, 1961
   d21 Todd Michael Livingston b. June 10, 1964
b5 Reva Blanche Moser, the fifth child of Elmer Edward and Minnie Augusta (Swasick) Moser, was b. near Wharton, Ohio, April 30, 1907; graduated from Wharton High School; m. Jan. 20, 1928, Jack Unland who was b. Sept. 1, 1906, Marion, Ohio, an adopted son of Virgil Quail of Kirby, Ohio. Reva and Jack were fatally injured in an auto-train collision 3 miles west of LaRue, Ohio, Sept. 26, 1954; they are buried in Wharton Cemetery. 2 children:

c12 Maxine Unland b. Aug. 24, 1928; graduated from Harding High School, Marion, Ohio, class of 1946; m. Oct. 31, 1948, at Marion, Robert Edward Thompson. They live in Forest, Ohio. For several years Maxine has been employed by United Aircraft Products in Forest as personnel assistant. They are also engaged in farming.

c13 Robert (Bobby) Unland was graduated from Harding High School, Marion, Ohio, and from Ohio State University in Columbus. He is now a field accountant in the REA, U.S. Government. Married Jan. 16, 1956, Hillsboro, Ohio, Martha Dunlap. They live in Marion. 3 children all b. in Marion:

d22 Reva Renree Unland b. Sept. 9, 1957


d24 Jackie L. Unland b. Jan. 1962; d. Oct. 19, 1965, at Filling Memorial Home of Mercy, Napoleon, Ohio. The following Memoriam was taken from the Home's publication:

"Little Jackie Unland came to the home on Feb. 2, 1963, at the age of one year. He soon became everybody's darling because he was the baby of the Home, showed encouraging progress in saying simple words, and did so many cute little things. His serious heart condition, however, caused all of us many anxious moments, realizing that any one of his attacks might become fatal. This also happened when his most severe attack struck on Oct. 17, 1965, and in spite of everything that could be done, his brief earthly career came to a close at the Napoleon Hospital on Oct. 19, 1965.

"We all have many pleasant memories of him, the little ray of sunshine that he was, and since, according to Christ's own words, there is joy in heaven over every sinner that repents, we can well imagine the joy in heaven over the arrival of a lovable little child like Jackie."

b6 Loren Glen Moser, the sixth child of Elmer Edward and Minnie Augusta (Swasick) Moser, was b. Richland Twp., Wyandot Co., Ohio, March 5, 1914; m. Maxine Young of Rawson, Ohio. 2 children:

c14 Diana Moser b. June 13, 1946, presently a nurse employed in Findlay, Ohio

c15 Glen Moser b. July 5, 1949, presently a student in Findlay
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All Frank (Benjamin Franklin) Moser, the eleventh child of Jacob V. and Isabel (Srodes) Moser, was b. Wyandot Co., Ohio, May 29, 1870; m. in 1900 Lulu Blanche Krider, daughter of William H. and Martha Jane (Stewart) Krider. Frank and Lulu lived in West Liberty, Ohio, in 1905. He d. Detroit, Mich., June 30, 1924, aged 54 yr. 1 mo. 1 day. A record of the Krider family forms Appendix III of this history. One child:

b1 Dorothy Kathleen Moser b. West Liberty, Ohio, Aug. 13, 1904; m. John J. Berfanger, an auto upholsterer, the son of John B. and Frances (Berki) Berfanger. John J. was b. South Bend, Ind., Jan. 3, 1899; d. Dec. 15, 1963. They lived in Indianapolis, where Dorothy still resides. 7 children, first 2 b. Sidney, Ohio, others in Indianapolis:

*c1 Catherine Marie Berfanger b. Sept. 6, 1925
*c2 John Bernard Berfanger b. March 13, 1927
*c3 Joseph Anthony Berfanger b. Feb. 18, 1932, graduate of Purdue University; unmarried; an electronics engineer, living in Dayton, Ohio
*c4 James Peter Berfanger b. Feb. 18, 1932
*c5 Barbara Ann Berfanger b. June 5/6, 1933, Indianapolis, Ind.; graduate of University of Georgia; M.A. from University of Maryland; m. Nov. 25, 1961, Gerald G. Pokrinchak. Both are teachers, living in Greenbelt, Md. No children.
*c6 Francis Jerome (Jerry) Berfanger b. June 16, 1935
*c7 Mary Jane Berfanger b. Sept. 3, 1937

c1 Catherine Marie Berfanger b. Sept. 6, 1925, Sidney, Ohio; graduate of Indiana University; m. March 19, 1949, Walter S. Hanchett, a college teacher, son of Walter S. and Emma (Holldorf) Hanchett of Sheboygan, Wis. Living in Cortland, N.Y. 2 children:
 d1 Thomas Walter Hanchett b. Chicago, Ill., Jan. 16, 1956

c2 John Bernard Berfanger b. Sidney, Ohio, March 13, 1927; m. Helen John served in the Navy in World War II; a machinist living in Lowell, Mich. 3 children, first 2 b. in Chicago:
 d4 Mary Jane Berfanger b. Dec. 21, 1958

c4 James Peter Berfanger b. Indianapolis, Feb. 18, 1932, graduate of Ben Davis High School, Indianapolis; a salesman for Shumate Co., now living in New Castle, Ind. Married Aug. 30, 1957, Shirley Hicks, daughter of Mr. Itha Hicks of Norman, Ark. 2 children b. in Indianapolis:
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d6 Terri Marie Berfanger b. Sept. 25, 1959

d7 Vicki Lynn Berfanger b. Aug. 3, 1964

c6 Francis Jerome (Jerry) Berfanger b. Indianapolis June 16, 1935, served in U.S. Navy; m. Patricia Shepherd of Indianapolis, where they now live. Jerry is a pressman for the Indianapolis News. 2 children:

   d8 Joyce Lucille Berfanger d. in infancy
   d9 Patrick Jerome Berfanger b. Indianapolis, Sept. 24, 1966

   c7 Mary Jane Berfanger b. Sept. 3, 1937, Indianapolis, attended Marian College; m. Ralph Bruce, foreman in an air-conditioner manufacturing plant. 3 children all b. Indianapolis:
       d10 Michael John Bruce b. Sept. 5, 1959
       d11 Richard Ralph Bruce b. Aug. 20, 1961
       d12 Patrick Charles Bruce b. June 2, 1963

(Sources: Miss Rose Krider, Wharton, Ohio; Moser Family List of Aug. 27, 1939; Dorothy [Moser] Berfanger)
CHAPTER V
THE FAMILY OF NOAH JAMES MOSER/MOSIER
By Marie Wooster Nau

Noah James Moser/Mosier was the seventh child of Dunham Martin and Eveline (Srodes) Moser. His obituary was found by Joseph Berfanger in the Findlay, Ohio, Morning Republican and Courier, Wednesday, June 7, 1933, p. 10:

"Man 97 Expires at County Home: Noah Moser, Native of Fairfield County, Came to Hancock in 1860 -- Noah Moser, 97, retired Hancock County farmer, died at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning at the County Home following an extended illness. Infirmities of age caused his death.

"Mr. Moser was born on May 15, 1836, in Fairfield County and was the son of Dunham and Elizabeth [should read Eveline] Moser. He came to Hancock County in 1860 and in the same year was married to Elizabeth Potts who died in 1903.

"Four children survive. They are Mrs. C. L. Wooster, Fostoria; Mrs. Ida Thompson, Osceola County, Michigan; Ed Moser, Arcadia, and Frank Moser, of Findlay. Isaac Moser, of Yellow Springs, is a brother. Mr. Moser was a member of the Vanlue United Brethren Church.

"Funeral services likely will be held some time Thursday from the Coldren Funeral Home, where the body was taken and will remain until time for burial. Interment will be in the St. John's Cemetery on the ridge."

The next day's issue of this newspaper, p. 3, reported the Rev. Louis Bowman would officiate at Noah's funeral that afternoon.

While the notice states Noah came to Hancock Co. in 1860, James Henry Mosier and one of Noah's descendants believed the date to be 1873. The 1880 U.S. Census, Bath Twp., Greene Co., Ohio (Vol. 24, E.D. 77, Sheet 32, line 23) shows him living there at that time.

The following record was compiled March 28, 1967:

Noah Mosier b. May 15, 1836; d. June 6, 1933; m. Dec. 20, 1859, Elizabeth Jane Potts who was b. June 29, 1836 or 1838; d. Nov. 5, 1903. They are buried at Hickory Grove Cemetery near Vanlue, Ohio. 9 children:

*a2 David Edward (Ed) Moser, Dec. 3, 1864 - Feb. 11, 1945
*a3 Martin Dunham Mosier, March 18, 18_ - approximately 1885. James Henry Mosier said he was killed in a hunting accident.
*a4 Sarah Evaline Mosier, Aug. 20, 1868 - Nov. 15, 1907
*a5 Ida Mae Mosier, Feb. 28, 1871 - Oct. 21, 1942
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*a6 Franklin Christopher (Frank) Mosier, Nov. 18, 1873 - Feb. 26, 1960

*a7 Daniel Benjamin Mosier, Feb. 25, 1875 - 1875

*a8 Amy Kathryn (Mollie) Mosier, Nov. 3, 1879 - Dec. 2, 1954

*a9 Almeda Della Moser, July 12, 1881 - about Jan. 1893


*bl Pearl Almeda Reed b. Sept. 3, 1907, the daughter of Charles and Sarah Evaline (Mosier) Reed. Pearl m. May 22, 1928, Lester Uriel Hall who was b. Sept. 13, 1907. 4 children:


*c2 Howard William Hall b. Feb. 16, 1931

*c3 LaDonna Ann Hall b. Oct. 14, 1932

*c4 Rita Jeannine Hall b. June 30, 1936


*d1 Kathryn Sue Hall b. Oct. 7, 1956

d2 Konnie Jo Hall b. Feb. 24, 1959

d3 Howard William Hall Jr. b. April 18, 1963

d4 David Jon Hall b. Nov. 12, 1964

*c3 LaDonna Ann Hall b. Oct. 14, 1932, m. Aug. 27, 1955, Raymond L. Blackford who was b. April 20, 1931. 3 children:

*d5 Kimberly Anne Blackford b. Aug. 30, 1957

d6 Karen Lynne Blackford b. May 16, 1959

d7 Charles William Blackford b. May 3, 1962

*c4 Rita Jeannine Hall b. June 30, 1936, m. April 7, 1956, Harold McCrae who was b. May 17, 1932. One child:

*d8 Michael Andrew McCrae b. Nov. 15, 1964

*a2 David Edwin [Edward?] (Ed) Moser, second child of Noah James and Elizabeth (Potts) Mosier/Mosier, was b. in Greene Co., Ohio, Dec. 3, 1864, d. Feb. 11, 1945; m. Oct. 6, 1891, Cora Dell Bright who was b. Aug. 3, 1872, d. March 1925. In 1933 he was living in Arcadia, Ohio. Buried in Bright Cemetery east of Findlay, Ohio. 5 children:
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*bl Effie Laud Moser b. May 4, 1893
*b2 Warren Lester Moser, May 2, 1896 - Feb. 6, 1963
*b3 Mabel Almedia Moser b. March 13, 1901
*b4 Vera Moser, April 10, 1903 - Aug. 17, 1905
*b5 Myrtle Lucille Moser b. Aug. 30, 1906

bl Effie Laud Moser b. May 4, 1893, m. Dec. 24, 1912, Clarence Baughman who was b. Dec. 18, 1889. 3 children:
   cl Baby boy, d. in infancy, Oct. 11, 1913, buried Maple Grove Cemetery, Findlay, Ohio
   *c2 Martha Henerietta Baughman b. July 7, 1917
   *c3 Troy Lee Baughman b. Jan. 21, 1924

   c2 Henerietta Baughman b. July 7, 1917, m. Oct. 29, 1944, William C. Hayes who was b. April 26, 1919. One daughter:
      d1 Nancy Louise Hayes b. April 26, 1949

   c3 Troy Lee Baughman b. Jan. 21, 1924, m. June 14, 1947, Mary M. Coe who was b. Feb. 18, 1929, in Elwood, Ind. 3 children:
      d2 Baby boy, d. in infancy, May 1948, buried Maple Grove Cemetery, Findlay
      d3 Sherry Lynn Baughman b. Nov. 21, 1949
      d4 Russell Wade Baughman b. Dec. 2, 1953

b2 Warren Lester Moser b. May 2, 1896, d. Feb. 6, 1963; m. March 15, 1917, Iva Nadine Wickman who was b. Feb. 19, 1898. 2 daughters:
   *c4 Helen Marguerite Moser b. Jan. 8, 1918
   *c5 Lola Eileen Moser b. Sept. 16, 1920

   c4 Helen Marguerite Moser b. Jan. 8, 1918, m. March 14, 1937, William Harold Bowman who was b. Aug. 9, 1916. 3 sons:
      *d5 Lester Eugene Bowman b. June 16, 1939
      d7 Duane Alan Bowman b. April 19, 1949

      d5 Lester Eugene Bowman b. June 16, 1939, m. July 9, 1960, Jeannette Frances Zellars who was b. Aug. 9, 1936. One child:
         e1 Jeffery Todd Bowman b. May 11, 1962

   c5 Lola Eileen Moser b. Sept. 16, 1920, m. July 12, 1941, Milo Eugene Guisinger who was b. Sept. 18, 1919. One son:
      d8 Ronald Glenn Guisinger b. Nov. 15, 1947
b3 Mabel Almedia Moser b. March 13, 1901, m. Sept. 11, 1919, Ralph Moore who was b. May 26, 1898. He is deceased. Mabel later m. Aug. 25, 1934, Milton Pressnell who was b. Feb. 4, 1894. 1 son:

c6 Charles Edwin Moore b. Sept. 19, 1920, m. Aug. 16, 1940, Doris Spicer who was b. Feb. 22, 1921. 2 children:

d9 Linda Anne Moore b. July 17, 1947

d10 Charles Edwin Moore Jr. b. July 2, 1949

b5 Myrtle Lucille Moser b. Aug. 30, 1906, m. Dec. 24, 1926, Garford Leferson who was b. Jan. 18, 1900. 2 children:

*c7 Cora Frances Leferson b. Oct. 20, 1927

*c8 Mary Ellen Leferson b. May 20, 1930

c7 Cora Frances Leferson b. Oct. 20, 1927, m. June 1, 1946, James Cluff who was b. Jan. 3, 1924. 2 children:

d11 Garrett Coe Cluff b. Oct. 29, 1947

d12 Deborah Elaine Cluff b. Nov. 28, 1950

c8 Mary Ellen Leferson b. May 20, 1930, m. Aug. 14, 1951, Keith LaVerne Bair who was b. July 18, 1925. 2 children:

d13 Derek Keith Bair b. Feb. 14, 1958

d14 Daran K. Bair b. Aug. 2, 1960

a4 Sarah Evaline Mosier, the fourth child of Noah James and Elizabeth (Potts) Mosier, was b. Aug. 20, 1868, d. Nov. 15, 1907; m. Dec. 26, 1887, Charles Reed who was b. Nov. 17, 1855, d. Oct. 5, 1937, buried Union Cemetery near West Independence, Ohio. 7 children:

*bl Clyde Reed, Dec. 26, 1888 - Jan. 9, 1962

*b2 Howard Reed, May 7, 1893 - Nov. 27, 1937

b3 Frederick Reed, d. at about 2 yr. of age

b4-5 Infant twins died

*b6 Helen Elizabeth Reed b. Jan. 31, 1898

b7 Pearl Almeda Reed b. Sept. 3, 1907, adopted by Will Mosier

b1 Clyde Reed b. Dec. 26, 1888, d. Jan. 9, 1962; m. March 30, 1922, Emma Bohn who was b. Nov. 2, 1895. 2 children:

cl Wayne Floyd Reed b. May 3, 1923; fatally injured in an airplane crash May 14, 1946

c2 Dale Clyde Reed b. Nov. 28, 1924, m. July 20, 1946, Miriam Luidhardt who was b. April 4, 1924. 4 children:

dl Thomas Lee Reed b. July 28, 1949
d2 Pamela Kay Reed b. Dec. 18, 1950

d3 Patricia Jo Reed b. Dec. 18, 1950

d4 James Dale Reed b. Jan. 11, 1964

b2 Howard Reed b. May 7, 1893, d. Nov. 27, 1937; m. Jesta Deckard who was b. 1891 and d. Aug. 26, 1948. They are buried in Toledo, Ohio. 2 children:

*c3 James Kenneth Reed b. June 8, 1913

c4 Charles Wilbur Reed b. Sept. 1916, no information obtained

c3 James Kenneth Reed b. June 8, 1913, m. March 27, 1937, Helen who was b. Nov. 12, 1907. One child:

d5 James Reed b. April 15, 1947, m. Nov. 1966, Louise

b6 Helen Elizabeth Reed b. Jan. 31, 1898, m. Nov. 18, 1916, Albert Fox who was b. Oct. 26, 1894. He is deceased. Helen m. 2) April 30, 1931, Arthur Strom who was b. May 20, 1902. 3 children:

*c5 Nova Eileen Fox b. Aug. 12, 1917, fatally injured Nov. 9, 1919, in a motorcycle accident

*c6 Maxine Fox b. Nov. 1, 1920

c7 David Gordon Strom b. Sept. 4, 1932

*c6 Maxine Fox b. Nov. 1, 1920, m. Oct. 5, 1946, Lyle Muehlfeld who was b. Feb. 21, 1918. One child:

d6 Debra Muehlfeld b. June 4, 1950

c7 David Gordon Strom b. Sept. 4, 1932, m. Aug. 4, 1956, Joan Marie Pfellerle who was b. Aug. 3, 1934. 3 children:

d7 David Gordon Strom Jr. b. June 7, 1957

d8 Kristina Marie Strom b. June 11, 1958

d9 Erik John Strom b. Aug. 31, 1961


*b1 Delcie Mae Thompson, April 16, 1889 - Dec. 1965

b2 Elmer Thompson b. April 26, 1891. No information available.

*b3 Hazel Dell Thompson b. May 18, 1897

b4 Harry McKinley Thompson, Dec. 26, 1901 - March 11, 1912

b3 Hazel Dell Thompson b. May 18, 1897, m. Dec. 30, 1922, George W. Manning who was b. June 11, 1895. 2 children:
  *c1 William George Manning b. March 4, 1924
  *c2 Paul R. Manning b. April 3; 1931

c1 William George Manning b. March 4, 1924, m. June 28, 1947, Elenor Belka who was b. Aug. 12, 1926. 3 children:
  d1 Michael William Manning b. April 13, 1956
  d2 Timothy Mark Manning b. April 26, 1961
  d3 Ellen Marie Manning b. Feb. 17, 1964

c2 Paul R. Manning b. April 3, 1931, m. Dec. 21, 1952, Carole Peters who was b. April 30, 1933. 3 children:
  d4 Paula Rae Manning b. Sept. 23, 1953
  d5 Patrice Ann Manning b. Sept. 23, 1953
  d6 Jennifer Lynne Manning b. Aug. 15, 1964

a6 Franklin Christopher (Frank) Mosier, the sixth child of Noah James and Elizabeth (Potts) Moser/Mosier, was b. Nov. 18, 1873, d. Feb. 26, 1960. Buried Van Horn Cemetery, Vanlue, Ohio. Married 1) Oct. 8, 1901, Blanche Walters who was b. March 3, 1882; they were divorced. He m. 2) in 1946, Minnie Wells Streeter who was b. Sept. 9, 1878, d. April 4, 1958. Buried Maple Grove Cemetery, Findlay, Ohio. 4 children:
  b2 Ruth Carol Mosier, d. at about 18 mo. of age
  *b3 Lena Mae Mosier, July 22, 1907 – May 20, 1960
  *b4 Ethel Mosier b. May 25, 1912

  *c1 Raymond Moneer Jr. b. Feb. 20, 1927
  *c2 William Franklin Moneer b. May 16, 1929
  *c3 Betty Lou Moneer b. July 25, 1931
  c4 Donald Dean Moneer b. July 7, 1933, m. June 27, 1963, Virginia Sue Rigidon
  *c5 Norma Jean Moneer b. Aug. 2, 1935
  *c6 Jack Lee Moneer b. Feb. 18, 1937
  c7 Loretta Jane Moneer, Dec. 19, 1937 – April 16, 1938
  c8 Mary Jo Ann Moneer b. Feb. 6, 1940, m. May 23, 1959, Guy Eugene Miller who was b. Dec. 29, 1939.
c9 Thomas Allen Moneer b. May 7, 1942

c10 Terry Eugene Moneer b. June 15, 1944

c11 Ronald Joe Moneer b. Jan. 7, 1948

c12 James David Moneer b. Dec. 11, 1949

c1 Raymond Moneer Jr. b. Feb. 20, 1927, m. Oct. 4, 1946, Wilma Jean Shaw who was b. Jan. 6, 1928. 5 children:
   d1 Kenneth Lee Moneer b. June 22, 1949
   d2 Beatrice Kay Moneer b. Feb. 13, 1951
   d3 Michael Lynn Moneer b. May 28, 1952
   d4 Stephen Allen Moneer b. June 11, 1953
   d5 Robert Ray Moneer b. April 20, 1955

   d6 Linda Kay Moneer b. May 10, 1952
   d7 Deborah Kay Moneer b. May 29, 1953

c3 Betty Lou Moneer b. July 25, 1931, m. Dec. 16, 1950, William Glenn King who was b. July 11, 1929. 2 sons:
   d8 William Glenn King Jr. b. Nov. 30, 1951
   d9 Gary Dean King b. June 26, 1953

c5 Norma Jean Moneer b. Aug. 2, 1935, m. May 16, 1959, David Eugene Barnes who was b. Nov. 3, 1930. One son:
   d10 David Eugene Barnes Jr. b. May 2, 1960

c6 Jack Lee Moneer b. Feb. 18, 1937, m. Oct. 3, 1959, Janet Louise Diller who was b. Jan. 12, 1938. 3 children:
   d12 Jeffery Lynn Moneer b. Feb. 5, 1962
   d13 Julia Louise Moneer b. Sept. 5, 1963

b4 Ethel Mosier, the fourth child of Frank and Blanche (Walters) Mosier, was b. May 25, 1912, m. April 11, 1932, Wendle F. Rice who was b. March 3, 1911. 3 children:
   c13 Nadine Rice, Sept. 22, 1938 - Sept. 22, 1938
   *c14 Randolph R. Rice b. Dec. 11, 1940
   c15 Sheila Charlene Rice b. Oct. 22, 1945

   c14 Randolph R. Rice b. Dec. 11, 1940, m. Sept. 15, 1962, Patricia Burgess who was b. Feb. 24, 1940. 2 children:
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d14 Scott Allen Rice b. April 6, 1963


Amy Kathryn (Mollie) Mosier, the eighth child of Noah James and Elizabeth (Potts) Moser/Mosier, was b. Nov. 3, 1879, m. June 15, 1901, Charles Lamont Wooster who was b. Sept. 24, 1879. They were fatally injured in an auto-train accident Dec. 2, 1954; buried Union Cemetery near West Independence, Ohio. 2 children:

*b1 Marie Edith Wooster b. Jan. 29, 1903

*b2 Mary Alberta Wooster b. May 18, 1910

b1 Marie Edith Wooster b. Jan. 29, 1903, m. Feb. 23, 1922, Walter John Nau who was b. Aug. 25, 1900. Mrs. Nau wrote in 1966 that she had lived on a farm all her life. For 20 years the family milked and showed a herd of Guernsey cattle. In 1965 they sold out, keeping 80 acres of their farm and renting the remaining 100 acres. They live in Fostoria, Ohio, are active members of the E.U.B. Church, and enjoy spending part of each winter in or near Fort Myers, Fla. She wrote, "I never saw any of my great aunts or uncles, except Uncle Isaac. He came to our house to visit when I was a girl. We have a snapshot of him." Mrs. Nau gathered the present information on Noah Moser's family. 2 children:

*c1 Maryell Lenore Nau b. March 9, 1924

*c2 John Charles Nau b. June 6, 1931

c1 Maryell Lenore Nau b. March 9, 1924, m. June 15, 1943, Lester Cletus Hartman who was b. Nov. 21, 1921. 4 children:

d1 Mary Alice Hartman b. May 10, 1946

d2 Timothy Nau Hartman b. Feb. 7, 1948

d3 Lynette Sue Hartman b. Oct. 8, 1949

d4 Daniel John Hartman b. Jan. 29, 1951

C2 John Charles Nau b. June 6, 1931, m. May 11, 1957, Martha Ann Fowler who was b. March 5, 1936. 4 children:

d5 Gary Alan Nau b. June 13, 1958

d6 Thomas John Nau b. May 19, 1959

d7 Linda Raedell Nau b. Oct. 25, 1960

d8 Kevin Ray Nau b. Dec. 30, 1961

b2 Alberta Wooster b. May 18, 1910, m. April 14, 1935, Charles Jerius Beamer who was b. April 6, 1903. 2 children:

*c3 Charles Lewis Beamer b. May 1, 1936

*c4 Kathryn Clysta Beamer b. Nov. 11, 1937
c3 Charles Lewis Beamer b. May 1, 1936, m. Aug. 7, 1953, Norma Elaine Miller who was b. July 29, 1936. 2 children:
d9 Charles Fredrick Beamer b. Feb. 23, 1954
dl0 Leslie Ann Beamer b. Oct. 23, 1956

c4 Kathryn Clysta Beamer b. Nov. 11, 1937, m. Sept. 14, 1958, Perry Lee Temple who was b. Oct. 22, 1936. 3 children:
dll Donald Charles Temple b. Oct. 24, 1959
dl3 Steven Larry Temple b. Nov. 8, 1964
CHAPTER VI
THE FAMILY OF BENJAMIN F. MOSER/MOSIER

Benjamin F. Moser/Mosier, the twelfth child of Dunham Martin and Eveline (Srodes) Moser, was b. Sept. 1, 1847, Fairfield Co., Ohio. Most of our information on him and his family came from his son, James Henry Mosier and from Elden Slauter of New Carlisle, Ohio. Ben.m. Elizabeth Simmons (1847-1929), daughter of William Simmons, a shoemaker and keeper of a tollgate south of Fairfield (now Fairborn), Ohio, on the Dayton-Yellow Springs Pike. Mr. Simmons and his family were said to have come from Germany when Elizabeth was small. However, the 1880 U.S. census (Wyandot Co., Salem Twp., Vol. 68, E.D. 163, Sheet 24, line 8) gives her birthplace as Ohio, her father's as Prussia, and her mother's as Hesse. Elizabeth had a sister Mary and brothers Jacob and John. Benjamin did not see military service in the Civil War.

He bought and sold several small properties in Greene Co. The New Historical Atlas of Wyandot Co., by Harrison and Hale, Philadelphia, F. Bourquin, 1879, p. 103, lists businesses in Pitt Twp.: Benjamin Mosier, farmer & stock raiser, section 25, Little Sandusky. He farmed Dunham's place in Salem Twp., where he and his family are shown with Dunham and Eveline in the census cited above. Ben later worked the Shaw farm in Greene Co., but adjacent to his brother Isaac's farm, which was in Clark Co. He was a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church and was living in Medway, Bethel Twp., Clark Co., Ohio, in 1931. Joseph Berfanger saw his obituary in the Springfield, Ohio, Daily News, May 6, 1937: "Benjamin F. Mosier, 89, died at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday [May 4] in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Arbogast, of Springfield, Route 8. Death was attributed to a cerebral hemorrhage.

"Surviving Mr. Mosier are three daughters, Mrs. Arbogast, Mrs. Joseph Slauter of New Carlisle, Route 3, and Mrs. Orville Miller of New Carlisle; a son James Mosier of Medway; 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

"Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Arbogast residence with burial in Fairfield Cemetery."

This cemetery is now in Fairborn. The headstone reads: Mosier Father Benjamin F. 1847-1937 Mother Elizabeth 1847-1929 Nearby is a small obelisk inscribed with the names and dates of the three youngest children, who, James Mosier said, died of typhoid. Ben and Elizabeth (Simmons) Mosier/Mosier had 8 children:

*a1 Charlotte (Lottie) Mosier, Aug. 15, 1871 - July 5, 1937
*a2 Emma Gertrude Mosier, April 29, 1873 - March 29, 1874
*a3 Mary Catherine (Mollie) Mosier, about 1876 - May 31, 1965
*a4 James Henry Mosier, June 1, 1878 - July 31, 1966

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*a5 LeNora (Nora) Mosier b. Dec. 25, 1880
a6 William Mosier, May 3, 1882 - June 10, 1893
a7 George T. Mosier, Dec. 23, 1888 - May 22, 1893
a8 Orva E. Mosier, July 11, 1892 - Aug. 8, 1892

a1 Charlotte (Lottie) Mosier b. in Ohio Aug. 15, 1871; was killed in an accident July 5, 1937; m. Joseph Slauter. They lived in New Carlisle, Ohio. 12 children, of whom we know the names of only 2:
   b1 Elden Slauter of New Carlisle who supplied information on Ben's family under date of Aug. 9, 1966
   b2 Harold Slauter

   b3 Florence Irene Miller b. Aug. 16, 1902, m. Dec. 22, 1923, Elmer Houston

a4 James Henry Mosier b. near Byron, Ohio, June 1, 1878, d. New Carlisle, July 31, 1966. The many conversations "Uncle Jimmy" had with Joseph Berfanger in 1965 were of great help in assembling this history. About 1920 at age 42 James m. Mrs. Susan Brody (Smith) Updegraff. Her mother died when she was 14 months old; her uncle and aunt Smith brought her up. William Smith was a blacksmith and Civil War veteran. At the time of her marriage to James, Mrs. Updegraff had at least one son. She is buried in Huber Cemetery near her parents. James lived in Greene Co. and in Medway, Clark Co.; he had been a farmer, railway worker, and estate gardener. His obituary appeared in the Springfield, Ohio, Sun, Aug. 1, 1966:

"New Carlisle--James H. Mosier, 88, died at 5:50 a.m. Sunday in the United Missionary Home, New Carlisle, where he had resided for one year. A farmer most of his working life, he was a member of the New Carlisle Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

Born near Fairborn, June 1, 1878, he was a son of Benjamin and Elizabeth Simons Mosier. One sister, Mrs. Nora Arbogast of New Moorefield, and several nieces and nephews survive. His body was taken to Trostel-Chapman Funeral Home where friends may call from 4 to 9 p.m. Monday. Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday in the New Carlisle Seventh Day Adventist Church with Pastor Fred Stauffer of the church in charge. Burial will be in the Huber Mennonite Church Cemetery, south of New Carlisle." James and Susan had no children.

a5 LeNora (Nora) Mosier b. Dec. 25, 1880, m. March 5, 1900, Lawrence Arbogast who was b. July 8, 1875, Altoona, Pa., d. Sept. 2, 1945. Nora lived northeast of Springfield, Ohio. 2 children:
   b5 Lamar Dean Arbogast b. June 10, 1922, m. Jan. 9, 1946, Harriet Pickering
APPENDIX I
POSSIBLE FOREBEARS OF DUNHAM MARTIN MOSER

Moser Notes

As mentioned in Chapter I, at least 50 male Mosers are on record as emigrants to Philadelphia between 1727 and 1760, one reason for the great difficulty of tracing Dunham Moser's forebears. Some evidence follows that his father was Christopher Moser of Jefferson Co., (W.) Va., and his grandfather Michael Moser of Berkeley Co., (W.) Va. In the 1880 U.S. Census of Wyandot Co., Ohio, Dunham said his father was b. in Pennsylvania; a search was made without success for trace of a Christopher Moser in that state. Data were found for four Michael Mosers. So many Jacob Mosers were noted it is impossible to repeat our findings here.

The area now Jefferson and Berkeley counties, W. Va., was once a part of the huge Fairfax Proprietary described in Chapter I. Search among surviving Fairfax records in those counties might reveal a deed telling from where in Pennsylvania Michael or Christopher came.

One source of confusion can be cleared up. The printed, so-called 1790 U.S. Census of Virginia lists an Adam Moser, 11 white souls, 1 dwelling, 3 outbuildings, in Hampshire Co., (W.) Va. This man lived at Upper Tract, then on the southern border of Hampshire Co., now in Pendleton Co., W.Va. He descended from one Andrew Moser (many spellings) who was killed by Indians in 1756 on the New River near present Blacksburg, Va. Andrew's sons, Peter and George, had gone to Upper Tract on the South Branch of the Potomac River about 1749. Some 20-30 persons of this family are known from printed histories of Pendleton and Hardy counties, W.Va.; it does not seem Dunham Moser could be a member of Adam's family. Strangely, the 1820 and 1830 censuses of Clark Co., Ohio, show the same or another Adam Moser with a large family of adults. Again, no connection could be found with our family, nor with the Philip Mosier discussed here later.

Incidentally, over the mountain from Upper Tract is a village of Mozer. It was so called in 1921 for Enoch F. Mozer, son of Amos Mozer, the last descendants of Andrew Moser in that area. Enoch d. in the 1930's. A village in Wasco Co., Oregon, is named Mosier, and there is a Mosiertown, Crawford Co., Pa.

Another confusion is a Christopher Moser listed in Gwathmey's Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution, p. 568, and other such compilations. He was a member of the 4th Virginia Regt., Continental Line. We found his unit was from "south of the James River." Perhaps this man belonged with the Moser/Musser family of present Washington Co., Va.

Our search started from the statement in our Moser Family List of Aug. 27, 1939: Dunham M. Moser born in West Va., Jefferson Co., Nov. 3, 1803. The Department of Archives and History (the state library),
Charleston, W.Va., has a list of Jefferson Co. marriages, 1802-99, p. 33: Moser, Dunham, to Shrodes, Evilina, by J. Mathews, recorded July 12, 1825. The only other Moser marriage on the list was Moser, Christopher, to Martin, Eliza, Nov. 14, 1802, by M. Hoge. Because of these marriages, because Dunham's obituary gives his second name as Martin, and because the 1810 and 1820 census records show a male in Christopher's household who was of Dunham's age, we are of the opinion Christopher may be Dunham's father. However, definite evidence is lacking.


The 1810 U.S. Census, Jefferson Co., Va., microfilm seen in Virginia Room, Roanoke Public Library, p. 180 (83), Census District 15: Next to each other: Christopher Moser—Males, 2 under 10 yr.; 1 between 26 and 45; females, 1 between 16 and 26, 1 over 45. Michael Moser—Males, 1 between 16 and 26; 1 over 45; females, 1 between 10 and 16; 1 between 16 and 26; 1 over 45.

Harpers Ferry area, Census District 11, p. 175A (74): Jacob Moser—Males, 2 under 10 yr.; 1 over 45; females, 1 under 10; 3 between 10 and 16; 1 bet. 16 and 26; 1 bet. 26 and 45. Neither Michael nor Jacob were seen later. Since the records from which these microfilms were made were often old and worn, with poor, faded handwriting, it is easy to make mistakes and miss names.

The 1820 U.S. Census, Jefferson Co., Va., p. 596, 66, 569, perhaps "Old Furnace" district: Christopher Moser—Males, 1 bet. 10 and 16; 1 bet. 16 and 18; 1 of 16 and under 26 [these last 2 are probably the same person]; 1 of 26 and under 45; females, 1 under 10; 1 of 26 and under 45; 1 of 45 upward.

No Moser was seen in the 1830 census of Jefferson Co. An earlier entry was in records of Berkeley Co., from which Jefferson Co. was formed in 1801. The Virginia Genealogist, Vol. 9, No. 2 (April-June), 1965: Tax list of Berkeley Co., (West) Virginia, for 1800, District of Daniel Morgan, p. 68, next each other:

Moser, Manuel 1 male over 21, 2 horses
Moser, Michael 2 males over 21, 3 horses

These two appearances of Michael, once next to Christopher, lead us to feel he may be Christopher's father, and that he came from Pennsylvania between 1790 and 1800 to the present Middleway area of Jefferson Co. However, definite evidence is lacking. If one of the males with Michael in 1800 is Christopher, and with the use of the census data above, we can say Christopher was b. between 1775 and 1779. Nothing further was found in Virginia or Pennsylvania for a Manuel (or Emanuel) Moser.

Dunham M. Moser went to Ohio 1825-27. He is in the Index to the 1830 U.S. Census of Greenfield Twp., Fairfield Co., seen at Ohio State Library. Christopher Moser was not in this index; no further trace of
him has been uncovered unless this will from Will Book 2, p. 277, Fairfield Co., Ohio, is his. A photocopy was provided by the Clerk of Probate Court with the notation: "This was the only paper on file in his estate."

"In the name of God amen. I Christopher Mosier of the County of Fairfield and State of Ohio Sick & weak in body but of Sound mind & memory Considering the Certainty of death & the uncertainty of the time thereof & being desirous to Settle my worldly affairs & thereby be the better prepared to leave this world when it Shall please God to call me hence do therefore make & publish this my last will & testament in manner & form following that is to Say

"First and principally I commit my Soul into the hand of Almighty God & my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executor hereinafter named & after my debt & funeral Charges are paid I give & bequeath as follows, first I give and bequeath to my nephew Jacob Mosier Son of Emanuel Mosier all my wearing apparel except one brown Striped vest and my Handkerchiefs & likewise bequeath to the Sd Jacob a new Note of hand which he the Said Jacob gave me at my Sale amount not recollected. Secondly I will & bequeath to Barbara Moser Daughter of Emanuel Mosier my blue Chest thirdly I will & bequeath to my Brother Emanuel fifty dollars. fourthly I will & bequeath to Nancy Jones a Cripple girl whom I Raised all the ballest of my money & effects after my debts & funeral expenses are paid if She Should live to use it but if She Should not live to enjoy it then it or the ballest to go to my Brother Emanuel and lastly I appoint John Graybill to be my Executor in this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills & testaments by me made. In testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal the 9th of March 1830. Christopher Mosier, his mark. In presence of us to be the last will & testament of Christopher Mosier, Thos. Wraghten [?] John Trovinger."

The 1820 census in Jefferson Co., Va., does show a female under 10 yr. of age in Christopher's household, while the 1830 Greenfield Twp. census quoted in Chapter II listed a girl 10-15 yr. old in Dunham's household. One need not take the omission of Dunham's name in the will as proof he was not Christopher's son, since persons often make settlements prior to death which are not mentioned in a will. However, some further evidence is certainly needed here. Scott's Complete History of Fairfield Co., Ohio, pp. 179-182, quoted in Chapter I, mentioned a Judge John Grabill, son of Samuel Grabill who came to Greenfield Twp. in 1805; the judge may be the same man as the executor designated in the above will.

The 1830 U.S. census was to begin June 1, 1830, and to end within six months. Perhaps Christopher Mosier is not recorded because he died before the census was taken. The Index seen in Ohio State Library lists these Mosiers in Fairfield Co. in 1830, with the original page of record:

Mosier, Dunham, p. 152, Greenfield Twp.
Mosier, Frederick, p. 196, Walnut Twp.
Mosier, Jacob, p. 176, Liberty Twp.
Mosier, Philip, p. 147, Greenfield Twp.
None of these households had an older man who could be the Emanuel Mosier mentioned in the will. This Jacob may be the nephew of Christopher the testator, but we found no substantiating evidence. Except for Philip, no further items on these families were seen in marriage and cemetery lists at Lancaster Public Library, though many Moser/Mosiers appear in those records. Deeds were not consulted.


Cemetery Records of Fairfield Co., seen at Lancaster Public Library, p. 313, Bacher Cemetery, Greenfield Twp., Philip Mosier, d. Aug. 28, 1848, aged 74 yr. 11 mo. 12 days. His wife Catherine d. July 10, 1845, aged 65 yr. 10 mo. 2 days. Their births were thus about Sept. 1773 and Oct. 1779. Philip is of an age to be brother or cousin to Christopher Moser of Jefferson Co., W. Va., but no man of that name was found in either Jefferson or Berkeley counties.

Before the above items on Christopher and Michael Moser were found, we corresponded with two persons who have collected material on various branches of the Moser family. Both Mr. C.S. Moser, 1684 Overton Park, Memphis, Tenn., and Mrs. Gertrude Crook Dean of Midway, Ga., pointed to a Michael Moser as Dunham’s ancestor. However, each mentioned a different Michael.

Michael and Maria Eva Mosser/Mossir/Moser lived in York Twp., York Co., Pa., where he is found with his sons in tax and deed lists, 1779-1788. (These tax lists are in Pennsylvania Archives, Third Series, Vols. 21 and 24, under the respective townships.) By 1790 he had died; his widow is in the printed U.S. Census of Pennsylvania taken that year. Michael and Maria Eva had the following children:

1. Peter Mosser b. April 26, 1740, d. Nov. 26, 1808, m. Margaret Wertman b. Feb. 1, 1743, d. March 7, 1821; she was probably from Northampton Co., Pa. Peter may have lived in Lancaster Co., Pa., during the Revolution. In 1793 he bought 294 acres in Frederick Co., Md. About 1800 he returned to York Co., Pa., then went to Petersburg, Columbiana Co., Ohio, named either for him or his son. He died there, having farmed, kept an inn, and run a mill with family help.

2. Michael Mosser Jr. b. about 1742, d. Nov. 26, 1811. Listed in Return of Taxables, York Twp., York Co., Pa., 1779-1783, and in the 1790 U.S. Census for York Twp. The information supplied did not indicate where he died. (This is a likely man to have been Christopher Moser's father; but nothing was found to warrant such assumption.)

3. Samuel Mosser, b. about 1745, d. 1808 (or 1811)

4. Abraham Mosser, b. about 1747, d. 1822

5. John (?) Mosser, b. about 1750, d. 1822
6. John Jacob Mosser b. Feb. 9, 1756

These men lived in York and Windsor Twps., York Co., Pa., appearing also in military records in Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth Series, Vol. 4, and Sixth Series, Vol. II, from 1780 to 1787. Abraham and Samuel Mosser/Moser seem to be the pioneers of Lawrence Twp., Tuscarawas Co., Ohio, as described in History of Tuscarawas Co., Chicago, Warner, Beers & Co., 1884, pp. 564-66. This history states the brothers came from "Maryland" and Washington Co., Pa. The boundary between Maryland and Pennsylvania in the York Co. area was long in dispute; persons "going west" seem often to have stayed a while in Washington Co., south of present Pittsburgh.

The second Michael suggested as Dunham Moser's ancestor is a grandson of Tobias Moser, aged 30, who came with 15 other Mosers/Mossers in the ship Adventure, Robert Curson, Master, to Philadelphia Sept. 25, 1732 (Strassburger and Hinke, Pennsylvania German Pioneers, pp. 83-85). Tobias owned 200 acres in 1738 and a further 25 acres in 1747 in Bucks Co., Pa. He is said to have had a son Jacob who had sons John and Michael, possibly of Northampton Co., Pa. However, evidence to back up the opinion that this Michael is the man sought is lacking.


A fourth Michael Mosser/Musser is in Vol. 17 of the Archives in Lancaster Borough, Lancaster Co., Pa., for 1771-72, appearing with George Mosser/Musser.

The Dunham and Martin Families

Early in our search we assumed our ancestor's first name was a family name, perhaps a clue to his parentage. Dunham was not a common name in Pennsylvania or Virginia in 1790-1800. The above marriage of Christopher Moser to Eliza Martin was discovered near the end of our research; the quoted census records indicate Eliza was b. about 1784.

Several Martin families were in Berkeley Co., (W.) Va., including the nephews of Thomas, sixth Lord Fairfax, discussed in Chapter I. One can at once dismiss any thought of connection with the nephews' families. The 1800 tax list of this county included Jeptha, Zepheniah, Enoch, Cavilier, Peter Sr., a constable, and Peter Jr., Henry, and Michael Martin, all over age 21. The 1810 U.S. census listed Jacob Martin and Joseph Martins between 16 and 26 yr. of age; William and Jeptha Martin between 26 and 45, and John Martin who was over 45. The 1820 census was not consulted in this respect; the 1830 record had only James Martin between 50 and 60 yr., and Rebecca between 30 and 40.

Our ancestor stated in the 1880 census of Wyandot Co., Ohio, that his mother was b. in New Jersey. A fair number of settlers from that state took up land in northwestern Virginia. An example is Gerrardstown, Berkeley Co., W. Va., the origin of our Srodes ancestors. Norris' History of the Lower Shenandoah Valley, pp. 58, 314, states some

New Jersey Colonial Documents, pp. 643-47, has items on a Dunham family of Piscataway (near Highland Park), Middlesex Co., N.J., which intermarried with a neighboring Martin family. Both are large, well-documented families, with many descendants in New York and New Jersey.

Mrs. C.P. Kent of Salt Lake City kindly went through printed Martin genealogies in the Genealogical Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints, finding no mention of any Moser. She supplied photocopies from a short history of part of the Piscataway Martin family: William John Goulter, Martin Family History, Sussex, Wantage Recorder Press, Vol. I, 1931. p. 21 lists the marriage of Jacob Martin and Elizabeth Dunham, Feb. 22, 1764, with the note:"They went to Ohio; had a large family." Jacob is identified as a descendant of Jonathan Martin (1687-1768); Elizabeth Dunham's parents are not given. From wills and other data supplied, one might venture a first guess that Jacob and Elizabeth (Dunham) Martin were parents of Eliza (Martin) Moser. Jacob's lineage in brief is: Jacob Jr., Jonathan3, Benjamin2 (1659-1732), John1 Martin. A second guess would be that Eliza descended from Peter4 Martin, brother of Jacob Sr. Thus, further search will have to be in local records.

John1 Martin (1620-1674) is said to have lived in Dover, New Hampshire; in 1666 he was a pioneer of Piscataway, N.J. His wife was Esther (Hester) Roberts. Their son Benjamin2 Martin, with Rev. Edmund3 Dunham and others, founded the Seventh-Day Baptist Church of Piscataway in 1700-1701. The Martin Family History includes traditions, wills, and church records of both the Martin and Dunham families.

At least one history of the Dunhams has been published: Dunham Genealogy: English and American Branches of the Dunham Family, by Rev. Isaac Watson Dunham, Hartford, Conn., 1907. A preliminary look disclosed the author did not include descendants who went to Virginia. We found tax lists showing John Dunham (Denham) in Hampshire Co., (W.) Va., in 1782, moving to Monongalia Co., W.Va., about 1784. A John Dunham lived in Harpers Ferry, Jefferson Co. in 1810. The 1820 Berkeley Co. census listed Benjamin, David, Jacob, and Aaron Dunham; the 1830 census showed Abel, Jacob, Benjamin, and Aaron Dunham. It seems Benjamin, David, and Jacob were brothers, parents not known to us. The lineage of Abel is in The Compendium of American Genealogy, Vol. VI, p. 204: Abel7, Hezekiah6, Hezekiah5, Benajah4 (1684-1742) m. Dorothy Martin; Rev. Edmund3, Benajah2, Deacon John1 Dunham. Abel (1772-1857) lived in Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., m. Ann Marlett in 1795. His father Hezekiah6 d. about 1800 in Harpers Ferry. Several Dunham markers were seen in Presbyterian cemetery, Gerrardstown, W.Va., July 1967; we have other items on the family in this area.

The Piscataway Dunham family claims descent from Hon. and Deacon John Dunham (1588/89-1669) of Plymouth Colony, Mass., who came there about 1651 from England and the Netherlands. Each account I've seen gives him different wives. His son Benajah2 Dunham (1640-1680), a linen weaver, was among the pioneers of Piscataway, N.J.
APPENDIX II

THE SRODES FAMILY OF BERKELEY CO., (W.) VA.,
AND GREENE CO., OHIO

"The genealogy of the Shrode family is a very difficult one. It is more like a Chinese puzzle than anything else. The Shrode family did not take a very great interest in keeping their family records."

-- I. T. Taylor

Because of the two Srodes marriages with our Mosers, much time was spent in research on this family. However, key links are still missing. Additional data are needed to correct errors and firmly establish the ancestry. Spellings here are those shown in the records.


The marriages of Dunham Moser to Eveline Srodes and of Jacob V. Moser to Isabel Srodes were noted in Chapters II and IV. Our Srodes ancestors seem to have lived, not in Jefferson Co., but in neighboring Berkeley Co. A family tradition is that Solomon Srodes, the father of Isabel, was brother to Eveline, but census entries do not entirely bear this out. In the 1880 U.S. Census of Salem Twp., Wyandot Co., Ohio, Eveline said her father was born in Pennsylvania and her mother in New Jersey.

The Virginia Genealogist, Vol. 9, No. 2 (April–June), 1965, p. 71: Tax list of 1800 for Berkeley Co., (W.) Va., district of Daniel Morgan: "Shrode, Solomon, 2 males over 21 yr. of age; 2 horses." Microfilms of U.S. Census records for Berkeley Co. for 1810, 1820, and 1830 seen in Virginia Room, Roanoke Public Library, listed 3 different Solomon Shrodes (Shrodes) and a David Shrodes. The 1830 census for Jefferson Co. showed John, David, and George Shrode (Shrodes).

1810 (p. 71) Shrode, Solomon--Males, 2 between 16 and 26 yr. of age, 1 over 45; females, 1 under 10, 2 bet. 16 and 26, 1 over 45

Shroder, Solomon--Males, 1 bet. 26 and 45; females, 2 under 10, 1 bet. 16 and 26

1820 (p. 211-456) Shrodes, Solomon--Males, 1 under 10, 1 over 45; females, 1 under 10, 1 over 45. 1 farmer

(p. 209-454) Shrods, Solomon--Males, 2 under 10, 1 bet. 16 and 18, 1 bet. 18 and 26, 1 bet. 26 and 45; females, 2 under 10, 2 bet. 10 and 16, 1 bet. 26 and 45.

1830 (p. 72-241) Shrode, Solomon--Males, 1 under 5, 2 bet. 10 and 15, 1 bet. 20 and 30; females, 2 under 5, 1 bet. 20 and 30.
Abel Dunham was the census taker in 1830. Districts were not indicated.

The Department of Archives and History (the state library), Charleston, W.Va., has indexes of Berkeley Co. marriages and wills. Only one Shrodes in the will index is of interest. The will itself was not seen. Berkeley Co. Probates, Vol. I (1772-1815), p. 25: Testator, Shrode, Solloman. Probate date, Aug. 12, 1822. Devisees, Mary, wife; son Solloman, son David, son George, daughter Rosanna, daughter Susanna, daughter Hannah, daughter Catherine, Betsy's Heirs, John's Heirs. Witnesses: Lewis Sencinderfer, John Bell, Charles Pugh.

This tentative family list is based on all material referred to above:

Solomon Shrode (the elder), lived in Berkeley Co., (W.) Va., in 1800-1820. Will probated there Aug. 12, 1822. His wife was Mary; their children included:

1. Solomon Shrode (the younger), may have been the second son; can be accounted for in 1810 and 1820 censuses of Berkeley Co.; may be father of Eveline (Srodes) Moser and Solomon Srodes b. 1802, as shown near the end of this report. Did he die between 1822 and 1830?

2. David Shrodes, listed as head of household in 1820 and 1830 censuses of Berkeley and Jefferson counties, respectively

3. George Shrode, listed as head of household in 1830 census of Jefferson Co., p. 139. Berkeley Co. Marriage list, 1789-1816: "Schrode, George, m. Nancy Booth, Nov. 22, 1809; surety Jonathan Booth," Book 3, p. 125. History of Berkeley and Jefferson Counties, W.Va., Chicago, H.H. Hardesty Co., 1883, p. 7 of personal history section: A biographic notice of Richard Shroades, resident of Gerrardstown, Berkeley Co. He was b. there Aug. 8, 1828, d. March 22, 1912. "George and Nancy (Boothe) Shroades, natives of Berkeley County, were the parents of Richard Shroades." In July 1967 we stopped briefly at Gerrardstown; many Shroades and Dunham grave markers, including that of Richard and his family, are in the Presbyterian cemetery there. The notice continues: "Mr. Shroades' ancestors were among the earliest settlers in Berkeley county, coming to the country from England about 1770, and here engaging in agricultural pursuits on land bought of Lord Fairfax. Mr. Shroades served in his district as school trustee in 1881-2. He owns and cultivates an excellent farm." This quotation will be referred to again.

4. Rosanna Shrode, living in 1822


6. Hannah Shrode, living in 1822


8. "Betsy's heirs" 9. "John's heirs," may have been eldest son
Items were found for a Solomon Shrode before 1800. But we have no definite evidence that they are for the same man we followed in Berkeley Co.


Though the Srodes family appears to be a small one, Mr. Taylor dealt with descendants of only three brothers, John, Henry, and Jacob Shrode of York Co., Pa. This branch has a strong tradition that the brothers came from the Rhine River region, perhaps Strasbourg, Alsace, about 1761. John, the eldest brother, is thought to have been born about 1740. In 1781 John was on a tax list of Huntington Twp., York Co., Pa.; in the 1790 U.S. Census all were in Moon Twp., Allegheny Co., Pa., near Pittsburgh. Henry's family disappeared; Jacob's family remained near Pittsburgh, and John's family went west to Bullitt and Butler counties, Ky., and Warwick and Spencer counties, Ind. Mr. Taylor mentions a Solomon Shrode only among his miscellaneous research notes on pp. 19-21 and 267. Plainly he did not feel Solomon was closely related to the three brothers.

This fascinating book has many Shrode family traditions and exciting personal stories, but nothing on any Virginia or Ohio branch. Mr. Taylor thought the Shrode name developed from the common German name—Schröder-Schroder-Shrader. Using the leads he gave to the massive Pennsylvania Archives, I assembled all relevant spellings from indexes to the Third, Fifth, and Sixth Series which reproduce tax and military records from 1770-1790. It would seem the original name was Schrott or Schruth.


Mr. Taylor printed all family traditions known to him; one verifies the Schrott origin. On p. 12, I.R. Srodes of Nashville, Tenn., is quoted:

"I have been told the name means 'Buck-shot' in German, but do not know. However, most all were hunters, and a very old woman told me once they were hunters in the old country, but had to leave because they refused to take the King on a hunt. She was a Shrode who had married a Haaf and lived in Idaho. She was very smart, and knew more Shrode 'dope' than anyone I ever met."

Cassell's German-English dictionary under "Schrott," lists the meaning "small-shot" or buckshot.

"Schrott" emigrants to Philadelphia are given in Strassburger and Hinke's Pennsylvania German Pioneers, which printed surviving ship passenger lists, 1727-1800. Usually only males over 16 yr. are named:


List 221B. Same ship. Peter (X) Srott Johann Michel Schrot List 221C. Same ship. From Rotterdam and last from Cowes; 142 Qualified; 260 Freights, 400 souls; Palatinate, Darmstad, Zweybrecht; 4 Roman Catholics. J. Peter Shrot J. Johann Michel Schrott


Any of these (or none of them) may be our Srodes emigrant ancestor. The last one fits in, to some extent, with the statement in Richard Shroades' biography quoted earlier—that his ancestors came from England about 1770. I understand these sailing ships would leave Rotterdam and go to one of the English ports to await a favorable wind to carry them through the English Channel and out to sea. Such a wait might be as long as six weeks.

To return to Solomon Shrode of Pennsylvania. These items are from Pennsylvania Archives:


Thus John Shrod may be father to Solomon of Elizabeth Twp., since John was the landowner. He appears again in Third Series, Vol. 24, p. 538, Warrantees of Land, County of Lancaster, Shrote, John, 40 acres, Feb. 1, 1770.

Entries in Fifth Series, Vol. 7, indicate Solomon Shrode served in Lancaster Co. militia units:


P. 891, Return of Elizabeth Twp. militia Co. as called per orders of Capt. Volck and Lieut John Martin, vizn: 4th class, Salomon Shroad, Dated Oct. 9, 1779. P. 905, same.


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ther is named as commander.

P. 285, A thorough and exact list of names of each and every male white person inhabiting or residing in this Militia District in the 7th Company of the Third Battalion of Lancaster Co. Militia between the age of 18 and 53 years. Taken for year 1782: 8th Class Solomon Shrode, May 25, 1782.

Other persons of similar name were in the Third Series index:

Three Shrodes are mentioned in Early Records of Hampshire Co., Va. (Now W. Va.), by Clara M. Sage and Laura Sage Jones, Delavan, Wis., 1939. This book reprints abstracts of wills and deeds, and tax lists of 1782 and 1784. The tax lists were those from which the so-called 1790 printed U.S. Census of Virginia for Hampshire Co. was assembled. John Shrodes, 8 persons, 1 dwelling, was recorded in 1784 in the district of Michael Cresap. Peter Shrote (Shrobe), 7 persons, 1 dwelling, was in the district of Abraham Hite in 1782 and 1784, while Samuel Shrout, 3 persons, 1 dwelling, was in Simon Tyler's district in 1784 only. The last man appeared on a militia roll of April 28, 1790, under Capt. John Blue, as noted in The History of Hampshire Co., by Hu Maxwell and H.L. Swisher, 1897, pp. 354-55.

As pointed out in Chapter I here, most of Hampshire Co., all of Berkeley and Jefferson counties were part of the Fairfax proprietary. Since we found a Solomon in company with John Shrod in Lancaster, Pa., perhaps the John Shrodes above is the same man, and Solomon is one of the 8 persons in his household, now living on the Fairfax lands referred to in Richard Shroades' biography. No Shrodes was included in Sage and Jones' deed lists for Hampshire Co., so one may suspect John's residence there was but temporary, and the family's actual land purchase was in Berkeley Co. Detailed lists of Fairfax tenants and land buyers were seen for Hampshire Co., W. Va., and Warren Co., Va.; none have so far been found for Berkeley or Jefferson counties.

Serious gaps remain in this history; nonetheless, from all the above information, one can outline a tentative Srodes family tree:

John Shrodes (Johannes Schroth, Shrod), perhaps the emigrant ancestor, probably b. in present West Germany, came to Philadelphia on Ship Minerva, Dec. 12, 1768. Perhaps owned 40 acres in Elizabeth Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., in 1770, and 70 acres there in 1779. Perhaps was in Hampshire Co., (W.) Va., in 1784. Had the following son:

Solomon Shrode (Shroad), perhaps b. in present West Germany about 1758, came to Philadelphia with his father Dec. 12, 1768. Listed in 1779 without land next to above John in Elizabeth Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., where he served in militia 1778-1782. Perhaps the same man
appears in 1800 Berkeley Co., (W.) Va., tax list and in 1810 and 1820 U.S. Censuses of that county. Will probated Aug. 15, 1822, naming wife Mary and 9 children listed here on p. 54, of whom the eldest surviving son seemed to be:

Solomon Shrode, perhaps b. 1778 in Pennsylvania; his wife may have been b. in New Jersey. He can be accounted for in 1810 and 1820 censuses of Berkeley Co., (W.) Va., but not seen in 1830 census. No Shrodes of various spellings were in the 1820 and 1830 Indexes to Ohio censuses. Had he died between 1822 and 1830? His children seem to include the following:

1. Solomon Srodes, b. probably Berkeley Co., (W.) Va., Sept. 1, 1802, d. Jan. 23, 1874, aged 71 yr. 5 mo. 3 days, buried just north of McCutchenville, Ohio, Route 53 south of Tiffin. Married Rosanna White, whose parents have not been found. She was b. about Aug. 1803 in West Virginia, d. April 4, 1884, aged 80 yr. 7 mo. 19 days, buried with her husband. Solomon is listed as head of household in 1830 census of Berkeley Co., (W.) Va. His children included a daughter Isabel Srodes, b. Jan. 5, 1827, probably Berkeley Co., (W.) Va., who m. Jacob V. Moser.


3. J. William Srodes, b. in Virginia, 1817, d. 1891, whose grave marker is next to that of Dunham and Eveline (Srodes) Moser in Fairfield Cemetery, Greene Co., Ohio. Married Sarah or Sallie A. (1822-1909) buried with him. Other items found are:


Soundex Index to U.S. Census of 1880 for Ohio (Ohio State Library), Srodes, William (Vol. 24, E.D. 77, sheet 4, line 34), aged 60, born in Va., living in Greene Co., Bath Twp. Other in his household:

- Srodes, Sarah, wife, 56 b. Delaware
- Srodes, Martha, daughter, 38 b. Ohio
- Srodes, William, grandson, 10 b. Ohio
- Mosier, Effie, granddaughter, 12 b. Ohio
- Johnson, John, servant, 18 b. Ohio

James Henry Mosier could vaguely remember an Effie Moler (?) who was adopted by "Aunt Lib", perhaps the wife of Noah J. Mosier, since he identified Effie as Benjamin F. Mosier's niece. Effie married Jake Snyder. Other relatives of J. William Srodes are probably among those named in data at the end of these notes.

The following man may be Isabel (Srodes) Moser's brother:
in Ohio Caroline Strode also from Virginia; they went to Jones Co.,
Iowa, where son Solomon E. was b. Oct. 7, 1851. Thornton returned to
Ohio about 1853. Caroline d. in 1855, and he remarried. His son
Solomon graduated from Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio; m. Rebecca
Puffenberger, moved to Michigan for 7 yr., returned to Seneca Co.,
section 28 of Liberty Twp., where he became a partner with Joseph
Martin in a good livestock business. Solomon and Rebecca had 3 sons
and 2 daughters.

A possible relative of Thornton Srodes appears on p. 718 of the
above History of Seneca Co. John A. Shrodes was b. Jan. 13, 1866, in
Dora Maxwell in 1891; their only son, Earl W. Shrodes was b. in 1892.

Other Srodes references were found by Joseph Berfanger:

Jefferson Co., W.Va., Marriages 1802-1899, seen at Department of
Archives and History, Charleston, W.Va.:

Shrode, John to McKnight, Savilla, Feb. 27, 1829, by Seely Bunn,
p. 40. Possibly same man as in 1830 census, Middleway, Jefferson Co.
Matheny, James to Shrodes, Mary, July 25, 1834, by S. Lustin, p.
51.

Anderson, John to Shrodes, Mary Elizabeth, Dec. 14, 1849, by
Richard T. Brown, p. 56.

Chamblin, James E. to Shrodes, Hannah E., March 19, 1853, p. 70.

History of the Pan-Handle, West Virginia, J. H. Newton, 1879, p.
300 (seen at Ohio State Library): J. R. Shrodes, b. 1828, Jefferson
Co., Va., worked for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for 19 yr.; in 1876
became general superintendent of Wheeling and Elm Grove Railroad.

Historical Atlas of Greene Co., Ohio, Chicago, L.H. Everts & Co.,
1874, p. 98, directory of Bath Twp.: James H. Shrodes, born in Ohio,
came to Fairfield, 1848, a farmer and Congressional engrossing clerk.

Marriage Record of Greene Co., Ohio (A DAR publication, seen at
Ohio State Library), p. 549: J. W. Shrodes m. Regina Catherine Gross,
Jan. 3, 1860.

Fairfield Cemetery, Fairborn, Greene Co., Ohio, a grave marker:
John W. Srode, Oct. 31, 1842 - Nov. 21, 1901 Christina E. Srode,
22, 1910 The caretaker's plat map shows owner of this lot as C. E.
Srodes.

Xenia Gazette, month of Oct. 1895, several social notes naming
Mrs. William Srode, Mrs. Martha (Srode?), and Miss Bessie Srode, who
evidently lived in Xenia. Only this month was checked.

James Henry Mosier said that long ago there was a Srodes black-
smith shop in Fairfield.

Richland Co., Ohio, Marriages: John Shrode to Ellen Mull, Jan.
12, 1860.

Soundex Index to U.S. Census of 1880 for Ohio (seen at Ohio State
Library), which names persons in a household, their age and birthplace.
The census entry itself will show occupation and birthplace of parents. Heads of household were:

- Srodes, Caleb (Vol. 24, E.D. 80, Sheet 22, line 19), aged 53, b. Va., living Greene Co., Cedarville Twp.
- Srodes, Cornelius (Vol. 24, E.D. 77, Sheet 7, line 21), aged 33, b. Ohio, living Greene Co., Bath Twp.
- Shroades, George (Vol. 24, E.D. 81, Sheet 30, line 20), aged 40, b. Va., living Greene Co., Cedarville Twp. Same family in E.D. 80, Sheet 26, line 1).
- Srodes, James (Vol. 24, E.D. 80, Sheet 20, line 22), aged 39, b. Ohio, living Greene Co., Cedarville Twp.
- Shroades, Anna (Vol. 24, E.D. 81, Sheet 27, line 12), aged 31, b. Ohio, living Greene Co., Cedarville Twp. In her household is her father John Kiser, aged 66, b. in Germany.
- Shrodes, J. R. (Vol. 4, E.D. 24, sheet 4, line 8), aged 51, b. West Va., living Belmont Co., Pease Twp. Birthdates of children show he had left W.Va. within the past 3 yr.
APPENDIX III
THE KRIDER FAMILY OF WYANDOT CO., OHIO
By Rose D. Krider

John Krider, born about 1800, was a pioneer of Wyandot Co. He came with his wife and son Alexander from Summit Co., Pa., to Ashland Co., Ohio, in 1823. (At present there is no Summit Co., Pa.; perhaps Somerset Co. was meant.) According to an obituary of Alexander Krider, they went in 1833 from Ashland to Wyandot Co. In 1845 John owned real and personal property in Richland Twp., as seen in The History of Wyandot Co., Ohio, Chicago, Leggett, Conway & Co., 1884, pp. 934-35. He lived there until his death in Aug. 1865. He m. 1) probably in Pennsylvania, Catherine Curts (Kurtz) who was b. Dec. 24, 1803, d. Sept. 10, 1840. He may have m. 2) Elenor who d. March 10, 1865.

Alexander Krider b. in Summit (Somerset?) Co., Pa., Oct. 26, 1819; d. Wharton, Ohio, Jan. 31, 1895, aged 75 yr. 3 mo. 5 days; came with his parents first to Ashland Co., Ohio, in 1823, then to Richland Twp., Wyandot Co., in 1833. Listed as owning real and personal property in that township in 1845. He m. June 19, 1842, Barbara Ellen (née Shoop) Williard who was b. Dec. 15, 1822; d. June 1, 1883, aged 60 yr. 5 mo. 16 days. She is buried in Armstrong Cemetery between Wharton and Kirby. Alexander and Barbara Ellen Krider had 13 children all b. in Wyandot Co.:

1. Margaret E. (Maggie) Krider b. May 18, 1843, m. April 16, 1863, William Craig. They lived in Plymouth, Ind., in 1895. Two of their children were Charles Jeff Craig b. Sept. 29, 1866, and Francis Alex Craig b. May 19, 1868.


3. Sarah Catherine Krider b. Feb. 7, 1847, m. Sept. 26, 1864, Joseph Grant Mann. She d. Sept. 6, 1866, and her husband, April 2, 1869. One of their children was Frank Edmond Mann b. Oct. 18, 1865.


5. James Emanuel Krider b. June 1, 1851; m. June 21, 1873, Isabel Dysinger. He was living in 1895.


11. Eli Emery Krider b. Nov. 19, 1865; d. April 4, 1866


13. Grant Krider d. prior to 1895.

The preceding was assembled in May and June 1964 from obituaries and from lists in the family Bible. Other entries in this Bible under "Births" were:

Mary M. Hark Dec. 11, 1880
Winnie D. Krider Nov. 3, 1883
Oral Krider Dec. 18, 1885
Ollie Rettie Krider Sept. 6, 1884
Hazel Marie Krider Jan. 3, 1886
Charley Edmon Krider July 13, 1871
George Alex Krider Feb. 8, 1870
Harvey Curt Krider Jan. 19, 1873
Nellie Krider April 14, 1886
Nona M. Krider June 23, 1898
Maud Krider
Byron Krider Nov. 16, 1882; d. April 13, 1890

William H. Krider, the fourth child of Alexander and Barbara Ellen (Shoop-Williard) Krider, was b. Wyandot Co., Ohio, Jan. 20, 1849. He m. Oct. 14, 1869 or 1870, Martha Jane Stewart. They had the six children listed below. They lived in Richland Twp. and in Wharton, Wyandot Co., where he d. May 20, 1928.

Martha Jane was the daughter of John Stewart and his wife. Martha Jane was b. in Fairfield Co., Ohio, Aug. 1, 1851; d. in Wharton, July 12, 1936, aged 84 yr. 11 mo. 12 days. Buried in Wharton Cemetery. John Stewart had two sons, George who d. in the 1890's and John who served in the Civil War, and three daughters, Eliza, Carrie, and Martha Jane.

Joseph Berfanger tried to discover more about this Stewart family without success. Scott's Complete History of Fairfield Co., includes the Recollections of Levi Stewart, son of Joseph Stewart of Greenfield Twp., but no mention of a son John. The History of Wyandot Co., p. 935, lists Joseph Stewart and John Stewart as owners of real property in Richland Twp. in 1845.

William H. and Martha Jane (Stewart) Krider had 6 children:

1. George E. Krider b. Richland Twp., Wyandot Co., in 1871; m. July 3, 1895 or 1898, Grace Kirby who was b. July 27, 1873, in Kirby,
Ohio, the daughter of John and Ollie (Scott) Kirby. She was a member of the Carey Evangelical United Brethren Church. She d. in 1957, buried in Wharton Cemetery. George served on the Carey, Ohio, police force. He d. at his home in Carey, Dec. 12, 1945, aged 74 yr.

Their daughter Martha Krider was b. about 1900, m. Cecil Hood who d. 1944. They lived in Carey and had two daughters: Dorothy Hood (Mrs. Henry Fox) of near Carey, and Ardeth Hood (Mrs. William Beal) of Findlay, Ohio. Mr. Beal d. Jan. 4, 1964, leaving a daughter aged 5.

2. Ida May Krider b. Sept. 25, 1872; m. Frank Wentz who was b. in Wyandot Co., Aug. 12, 1867, the son of Jacob and Jane Wentz. See the note on the Wentz family on p. 29. A retired carpenter, he d. May 5, 1946, in Kenton, Ohio, as a result of an auto accident at age 78. Ida and Frank lived in Forest, Ohio; they had 2 children, Leffa Mae Wentz who d. at 8 mo. of age, and William Worthy Wentz b. Wharton, Ohio, May 6, 1899, lived in Forest from the age of 5 and attended Forest High School. He m. March 4, 1920, May Conklin. William served in the Armed Forces in both World Wars. He d. in Bellaire, Ohio, April 10, 1950. He and May had two children, Robert Wentz of Dayton, and Mrs. Mary Lou Keller of Columbus, Ohio.

3. Iva Ellen Krider (called El) b. in Wyandot Co., Nov. 22, 1874; m. Charles Vogel who d. March 8, 1932. They lived in Wharton. El and Charley had four sons: Noble Vogel of Mount Blanchard, Ohio; Ray Vogel of Upper Sandusky, Ohio; Roy Vogel of Detroit, Mich., and Chester Vogel of Carey, Ohio.


5. Rose D. Krider b. Sept. 7, 1877, Wharton, Ohio, and lives there to the present. Her many contributions to this Moser family history are deeply appreciated.

6. Lula Blanche Krider b. June 1, 1883, Wharton, Ohio; m. 1900 Frank (Benjamin Franklin) Moser, son of Jacob V. and Isabel (Srodes) Moser of Salem Twp. Lula and Frank had one daughter, Dortha (Dorothy) Kathleen Moser b. Aug. 13, 1904, West Liberty, Ohio. Lula m. 2) William Melhorn. She d. in 1929, aged 46 yr, buried at DeGraff, Ohio. Dorothy m. John J. Berfanger of Indianapolis, Ind. Their family is shown on pp. 34-35.
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ADDITIONS OF AUGUST 1968

P. 19: al0 Alta (Moser) Freed d. June 14, 1968, aged 67 yr. Her parents were George and Alma Moser. Alta lived in Willard, Ohio, and was buried near Deshler.

P. 20: b7 Margaret Ann (Maggie) Bland (Mrs. Sol Cramer) d. April 11, 1968, aged 86 yr., at Paulding, Ohio.

P. 24: b3 Truman Clyde (Sam) Moser d. July 31, 1968, aged 70. He lived in Findlay, was a retired carpenter, and had been a fireman on the New York Central Railroad for 17 years. Buried Wharton Cemetery.


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