

Descendants of Joseph BRITTON

First Generation

1. Joseph BRITTON was born about 1786 in New Jersey. He died Apr 1870 in Shippen Township, Cameron Co., Pennsylvania.

Joseph Britton held property in Shippen Township, McKean Co., PA at least as early as 1822. At that time, according to Elihu Chadwick's daybook for his store, Joseph began coming every summer and buying supplies. The family itself did not live in McKean Co. until 1829 when his wife begins coming to the store, her name is only given as Mrs. Britton. From this I am assuming that Joseph purchased the property and came every summer to clear it and prepare for the time when he would move his family there permanently.

Joseph is named in 2 deeds, one in 1833 and one in 1836, with his wife, Nancy (she may be a second wife and not the mother of his older children), buying and selling the same piece of property to Elihu Chadwick.

Book D, Page 149:

2 July 1833 Elihu Chadwick of the Twp. of Shippen, Co. of McKean and Joseph Brittain of the same place....\$180.00...50 acres in Twp. of Shippen...beg. at SW corner of 50 acre trace whereon Robert Lewis now lives, being in So. line of Patent 2973, et...Recorded Jan. 6, 1834.

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3rd October, 1836 Joseph Brittain and Nancy, his wife, to Elihu Chadwick. \$145.71...same 50 acres described in prior deed. Witnessed 3 Oct, 1836 and recorded Oct. 4, 1836.

1830 Federal Census, Shippen Twp., McKean County, Pennsylvania page 129:

2 males 0-4

4 males 5-9

1 male 10-14

1 male 40-49

1 female 5-9

1 female 10-14

1 female 30-39

1840 Federal Census, Shippen Twp., McKean County, Pennsylvania:

1 male 0-4

1 male 5-9

1 male 15-19

1 male 20-29

1 male 40-49

1 female 0-4

1 female 5-9

1 female 20-29

1 female 40-49

1850 Federal Census, Shippen Township, McKean Co., Pennsylvania Page 60

His wife is listed in the 1840 census, but not the 1850 census, apparently having died during this time period. Joseph is next listed in the 1870 Mortality Census Schedule for Cameron County, PA having died April 1870, age 83, birthplace New Jersey. Cause of death is Phthisis, a term no longer in use, but refers to the condition commonly known as Tuberculosis.

Burial place is unknown

Joseph married (1-MRIN:14) Nancy about 1815 in New Jersey. Nancy was born 1790/1800 in New Jersey. She died before 1850 in McKean Co., Pennsylvania.

They had the following children:

- + 2 M i. Nathaniel BRITTON was born 15 Sep 1817 and died 28 Feb 1894.
- 3 F ii. Sally BRITTON was born about 1819.
- + 4 M iii. William BRITTON was born about 1823 and died 14 Jun 1901.
- 5 M iv. Isaac BRITTON (possibly) was born about 1826 in Pennsylvania. He died 12 Dec 1887 in Clearfield Co., Pennsylvania.

1860 Federal Census, Decatur Twp., Clearfield Co., Pennsylvania; 1870 Federal Census Osceola Mills, Clearfield, PA pg 133 #4; 1880 Federal Census 1880 Decatur, Clearfield, PA pg 355

*Information from Family Group Sheet: CD 12 Everton's Family File vol. 1, 1400s to present, Disk 3 Group sheets 15568-23351 (August 28, 2000)
Submitter: Kenneth Britten, Beaver Falls, PA Information obtained from: 1. Family Bibles 2. Census Records for Clearfield Co., PA - Decatur Township
Lived on a farm called: Locus Ridge.*

According to this website:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~normante/HeinrichKephart/desc12.htm#75>

65, Isaac was the son of Joseph & Annie Britton.

The above notation does not have any actual documentation to back it up, but it would fit with one of the missing children that Joseph had.

- + 6 M v. Daniel BRITTON was born Jun 1829 and died Jun 1908.
- 7 F vi. Elizabeth BRITTON was born about 1833 in Pennsylvania.
- + 8 M vii. Thomas C. BRITTON was born about 1835.

Second Generation

2. Nathaniel BRITTON was born 15 Sep 1817 in Trenton, Hunterdon Co., New Jersey. He died 28 Feb 1894 in Spring Lake, Pierce Co., Wisconsin and was buried in Spring Lake, Cemetery, Pierce Co., Wisconsin.

Nathaniel moved with his parents from New Jersey in 1829 to what was then considered part of the western wilderness of Pennsylvania. He and Rebecca Housler married in Pennsylvania sometime either in 1844 or 45. There was no church in the tiny town at this point in time, only a circuit rider every couple of weeks or so. I have been told they may have gone to Harrisburg, PA to be married, but doubt this can be proved. Nathaniel was a farmer. From 1840 until the family left Pennsylvania for Iowa in 1865, he was being sued over a boundary dispute by Merrick Housler, who later became his brother-in-law. It has also been said he left McKean County owing money, which is very possible. The family left their home on April 11, 1865 and travelling by train arrived in Davenport, Iowa on April 14, 1865, the day of Lincoln's assassination by Booth. The family remained in Iowa for 2 years, at which time, not caring for the flat plain country, they left for northwestern Wisconsin. Rebecca Britton's health was apparently not what it should have been at the end of this trip for her daughter Polly had to carry her across Cady Creek into Elmwood.

Nathaniel homesteaded in Pine Coulee (Old Elmwood) on or near what is now the Lynn Britton farm. The original farmhouse burned and was replaced by the one now occupied by the aforementioned Lynn Britton. He (Lynn) has since sold the property to his nephew so that the homestead originally settled by Nathaniel would stay in Britton hands.

Nathaniel was an original member of the Cady Free Will Baptist Church when it opened in 1869. He homesteaded property and was granted a deed under the terms and conditions of the Homestead Act of 1862 to that property on December 20, 1873.

Nathaniel and Rebecca are listed in the 1850 and 1860 census in Shippen Township, McKean Co., PA and Emporium, Cameron Co., PA respectively and in the 1870 and 1880 census in Spring Lake, Pierce Co., WI. In the 1880 census a child, Orina, is listed as being 11 years old, but no one today knows of her or what may have happened to her and no records regarding her other than the census have surfaced. She is not buried with other family members in the Spring Lake Cemetery.

1850 Federal Census, Shippen Township, McKean Co., Pennsylvania Page 59 1860 Federal Census Shippen Township, McKean Co., Pennsylvania Page 813

History of Clearfield Co., Pennsylvania, 1887 by Lewis Cass Aldrich: As fully set forth in the early portion of this chapter, Goshen was taken from the adjoining townships and erected separately in May, 1845. At the first enumeration of taxables, made in the year following, there appears to have been then residing in the township less than forty persons who were classed as taxable inhabitants, and twelve of these were single freemen. The following enrollment made by Isaac W. Graham, assessor, will show the name and occupation of each taxable person, with the number of acres owned at the time by each, respectively, and will as well serve to show who were the residents of the township.

Robert Graham, farmer, 120 acres; Abraham S. Leonard, farmer, 127 acres; Joseph Morrison, farmer, 62 acres; William L. Shaw, farmer, 100 acres; George Bomgardner, sr., one cow; George Bomgardner, jr., 100 acres; Robert Bomgardner, 100 acres; Jacob Flegal, farmer, 100 acres; Daniel Lewis, 75 acres; Leonard Bomgardner, farmer, 50 acres; John Bomgardner, farmer, 50 acres; William Leonard, farmer, 1100 acres; James Flegal and John Leonard, 104 acres; Bigler, Boynton, and Powell, 140 acres and one saw-mill; William L. Rishel, farmer, 75 acres; Merrick Housler, one yoke oxen; Horatio Hall, one cow; Henry Lewis, farmer, 118 acres; William Housler, one horse and one ox; Nathaniel Brittain, one horse; Thompson Read, farmer,

160 acres; James A. Read 260 acres; John Fenton, 50 acres; Matthew Tate, farmer, 150 acres; Robert C. Shaw, farmer, 95 acres; I. W. Graham, farmer, 139 acres; John Barr, 103 acres; Isaac Lewis, 100 acres. The single freemen were George Bomgardner, Jr., Robert Graham, John Shaw, James L. Flegal, John Fenton, William Housler, William Sunderland, William Graham, William Brittain, Thompson Read, Matthew F. Tate, and John Wesley Housler. It is possible that some of the foregoing named persons were not actual residents of the township at the time the assessment was made.

Nathaniel married (1-MRIN:13) Rebecca Chadwick HOUSLER, daughter of John HOUSLER and Catherine CHADWICK (MRIN:12) about 1844 in McKean County, Pennsylvania. Rebecca was born 1 Jul 1819 in Shippen Township, McKean Co., Pennsylvania. She died 3 May 1907 in Spring Lake, Pierce Co., Wisconsin.

Rebecca Britton applied for a pension in the 1890's based on her first son, William Allen Freeman, service to the Union during the civil war in which he died. In it she states that Nathaniel Britton is her husband and had cared for her until this time as "he was bound to do", this is the only proof of their actual marriage I can find.

Sources:

*William Allen Freeman's Civil War pension
1820 McKean County, Pennsylvania Census
1830 McKean County, Pennsylvania Census
1840 McKean County, Pennsylvania Census
1850 McKean County, Pennsylvania Census
1860 McKean County, Pennsylvania Census
1870 Pierce County, Wisconsin Census
1880 Pierce County, Wisconsin Census
1900 Pierce County, Wisconsin Census*

Burial in Spring Lake Cemetery, Spring Lake Township, Pierce County, Wisconsin

Nathaniel and Rebecca had the following children:

- + 9 M i.
- 10 F ii. Mary Lewis BRITTON was born Jun 1850 in Shippen Township, McKean Co., Pennsylvania.
- + 11 F iii.
- + 12 M iv. Augustine St. Claire BRITTON was born 17 Nov 1853 and died 17 Jul 1917.
- + 13 M v.
- + 14 F vi. Lucy Brandon BRITTON was born Feb 1860 and died 1906.

4. William BRITTON was born about 1823 in New Jersey. He died 14 Jun 1901 in Clearfield Co., Pennsylvania.

1850 Federal Census Shippen Township, McKean Co., Pennsylvania Page 60 1860 Federal Census Shippen Township, McKean Co., Pennsylvania Page 809

1901-June 27-Cameron County Press-Front Page- An Old Timer Gone. William Britton, aged 78 years, died in Clearfield Home, June 14th, 1901. Mr. William Britton, came from Trenton, N.J., with his parents, when a boy and located in Rich Valley with the early settlers. He married Elizabeth Fisher and had four children, three of whom are living. Deceased will be remembered by many of our older citizens.

William married (1-MRIN:78) Elizabeth FISHER before 1849 in Pennsylvania. Elizabeth was born 2 Sep 1833 in New York. She died 4 Dec 1907 in Pennsylvania.

1907-December 12-Cameron County Press-"Rich Valley News"-The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Britton was held at Cooks Run Church Saturday, Rev. C.A. Dow having charge of the services.

William and Elizabeth had the following children:

- + 15 M i.
- 16 M ii. Isaac BRITTON was born about 1852 in Pennsylvania.
- 17 M iii. Joseph BRITTON.

6. Daniel BRITTON was born Jun 1829 in New Jersey. He died Jun 1908 in Warren, McKean Co., Pennsylvania.

1850 Federal Census Shippen Township, McKean Co., Pennsylvania Page 61 (living with Merrick Housler family)

1860 Federal Census Portage Township, Potter Co., Pennsylvania page 186; 1870 Federal Census Emporium, Cameron Co., Pennsylvania Page 532A

1908-June 18-Cameron County Press-Front Page- DEATH'S DOINGS - BRITTON Daniel Britton, age 79 years, died at Warren State Hospital, Saturday morning last. C.W. Rishell, Geo. J. LeBar's assistant, went to Warren on Saturday pm, and returned on Sunday with the remains. The burial took place on Britton Hill, Monday pm, Rev. Allen officiating. Deceased leaves one married daughter, Mrs. S.S. Hicks, and other relatives. He resided in this county many years and had a stormy career.

1900-June 28-Cameron County Press-"Personal Gossip" Daniel Britton of Britton Hill was in Emporium this morning, having recovered from a serious illness. He feels that during his illness he has been greatly neglected by those protesting to be Christians. He desires us to thank Mr. John Kelly, of Emporium, for his kindness.

Unidentified newspaper clipping from the Cameron Co. Press - Daniel Britton's Case. The Press is repeatedly requested by Mr. Dan'l Britton, of Lumber, to place his case before the public, claiming that he is suffering from neglect of the poor authorities. His tale of woe had been poured into the ears of our citizens constantly until all believe that it is time for an investigation or at least a reply to the charges of neglect from the authorities. We have before us a letter signed by two persons, claiming they have visited Mr. Britton's home and find him in almost destitute circumstances. It is a duty the poor authorities of Lumber owe not only themselves but the tax-payers to promptly investigate this case. The Press is not familiar with the circumstances but from personal interviews with the "charge" we, as well as others, can see that he is in a deplorable condition.

Daniel married (1-MRIN:79) Barbara about 1854 in Pennsylvania. Barbara was born about 1838. She died Mar 1896 in Emporium, Cameron Co., Pennsylvania.

19 Mar 1896-Cameron County Press-Front Page: DIED-Mrs. Daniel Britton, of Britton Hill, died this Thursday morning at the family residence, age 54 years.

Her remains will be interred in Oak Hill Cemetery, at 2 pm, Saturday.

Daniel and Barbara had the following children:

- + 18 F i. Orilla J. BRITTON was born Sep 1857 and died 26 May 1918.
- 19 M ii. John BRITTON was born Jun 1880 in Pennsylvania.

8. Thomas C. BRITTON was born about 1835 in Pennsylvania.

1860 Federal Census, Portage Township, Potter Co., Pennsylvania Page 187; 1870 Federal Census Emporium, Cameron Co., Pennsylvania Page 532A; 1880 Federal Census Lumber, Cameron Co., Pennsylvania Page 547A

Thomas married (1-MRIN:81) Rachel KEPHART (possibly), daughter of Daniel KEPHART and Ellen (MRIN:1242) about 1859 in Pennsylvania. Rachel was born about 1840 in Clearfield Co., Pennsylvania.

There is a Rachel Kephart in the 1850 Federal Census, Decatur Twp., Clearfield Co., Pennsylvania living with father Daniel page 345. Her brother is Jonathan Kephart, father of the girl Lora, listed as niece, enumerated with Thomas & Rachel in the 1880 census, as well as with her father & siblings in the 1880 Portage, Cameron Co. Federal Census.

Thomas and Rachel had the following children:

- 20 F i. Martha F. BRITTON was born about 1861 in Potter, or Cameron Co., Pennsylvania.

Third Generation

9. Theodore Aleman BRITTON was born 22 Jan 1845 in Shippen Township, McKean Co., Pennsylvania. He died 17 Aug 1905 in Spring Lake, Pierce Co., Wisconsin and was buried in Spring Lake, Cemetery, Pierce Co., Wisconsin.

Pierce County Herald: Wednesday January 14, 1891:

Mr. and Mrs. T.A. Britton were quite badly bruised by their colts running away last week. As they were going down a slight descent the neck-yoke broke and the colts ran throwing both Mr. and Mrs. B. out of the wagon. Mrs. B. striking with her face on a rock cutting it quite badly. They were both unconscious when found but are getting along well.

1880 Federal Census, Spring Lake, Pierce, Wisconsin, page 96c

Theodore married (1-MRIN:23) Sarah STRATTON on 8 Sep 1868 in Pepin County, Wisconsin. Sarah was born 1 Jun 1848 in Pennsylvania. She died 29 Mar 1879 in Wisconsin.

They had the following children:

- 21 M i. Willie BRITTON was born 21 Mar 1870. He died 21 Nov 1873 in Wisconsin.
22 M ii.
23 F iii. Viola Eva BRITTON was born about 1875. She died Dec 1941.

Pierce County Herald Wednesday January 14, 1891:

Miss Belle Poston and Miss Viola Britton are attending the school Miss Rose Poston is teaching at in Dunn Co.

Viola married (1-MRIN:920) Granville ROCKLIFF on 25 Dec 1892 in Pierce Co., WI.

- 24 M iv. Nathaniel L. BRITTON.

Theodore also married (2-MRIN:27) Mary E. RACKLIFF about 1880. Mary was born 9 Dec 1854. She died 18 Jun 1884.

They had the following children:

- 25 F v. Jennie E. BRITTON was born 1881 in Wisconsin. She died 1970.
Jennie married (1-MRIN:1154) Barney MECHLING before 1899. Barney was born 18 Apr 1876 in Wisconsin. He died Feb 1963 in Illinois.

1920 Federal Census Spring Lake, Pierce Co., Wisconsin (ED#157)

- 26 M vi. Theodore A. BRITTON was born 13 Jan 1883 in Wisconsin. He died 11 Nov 1892 in Wisconsin.
27 vii. Edward H. BRITTON was born 9 Jun 1884 in Wisconsin. Edward died 28 Jun 1907 in Wisconsin.

Theodore also married (3-MRIN:28) Jaleine HERALD on 23 Feb 1890 in Pierce County, Wisconsin. Jaleine was born Jun 1862 in Indiana.

They had the following children:

- 28 F viii. Ruby A. BRITTON was born 29 Jan 1904 in Wisconsin. She died Sep 1972 in Chicago, Cook Co., Illinois.
Ruby married (1-MRIN:1155) STEINER.

11. Polly Jeffrey BRITTON was born 11 Jun 1851 in Shippen Township, McKean Co., Pennsylvania. She died 9 Mar 1936 in Elmwood, Pierce Co., Wisconsin and was buried in Reed Cemetery, Wisconsin.

1900 Federal Census, Spring Lake Township, Pierce County, Wisconsin Page 208; 1910 Federal Census, Spring Lake Township, Pierce County, Wisconsin Page 14A, House #133. According to this census, 4 of Polly's 10 children were deceased. Ismay is living with her and Alvin, Allen and Alton are on the same page.

1930 Federal Census, Elmwood, Pierce County, Wisconsin ED#47-7 page 1A

Obituary, Spring Valley Sun 12 Mar 1936: Polly J. Britton was born June 11, 1851 at Emporium, PA., and died at her home in Elmwood March 9, 1936, after about a year's illness. She lived in Pennsylvania until she was 14, when she moved with her parents to Iowa and shortly after that they came to Pierce county. She later married James Webb; they lived on a farm on Webb Hill, north of Elmwood. Ten children were born to them, four girls and six boys; three boys and one girl preceded her in death. Ally, Alton and Alvin live on Webb Hill, Mrs. Almeda Lee at Mohall, N.D., Mrs. Belle McKean in St. Paul and Mrs. I. Fagre at Anoka, Minn. Mrs. Webb moved to Elmwood after the death of her husband 17 years ago. Funeral service was held Wednesday from the Cady Creek Baptist Church, the pastor from the First Baptist Church of Eau Claire officiating; burial at Reed Cemetery.

Polly married (1-MRIN:24) James WEBB on 11 Oct 1867 in Durand, WI. James was born 20 Jan 1840 in Canada. He died 21 Apr 1897 in Spring Lake, Pierce Co., Wisconsin.

James died of Cirrhosis of the liver and chronic diarrhea, which he had suffered from since his service in the Civil War.

James and Polly had the following children:

- 29 F i. Almira WEBB was born 5 Jan 1871 in Pierce County, Wisconsin. She died 10 Dec 1893 in Wisconsin and was buried in Oak Ridge, Cemetery, Spring Lake, Wisconsin.
Almira married (1-MRIN:899) Stephen Augustus SMITH on 19 Feb 1888 in Pierce Co., Wisconsin. Stephen was born about 1869 in Dunn Co., Wisconsin. He died about 1896 in Pierce Co., Wisconsin.

- 30 M ii. Allen WEBB was born 25 Dec 1872 in Pierce Co., Wisconsin. He died 20 Jun 1940 in Pierce Co., Wisconsin.
Allen married (1-MRIN:962) Daisy HUTCHINS on 30 Apr 1898 in Wisconsin. Daisy was born 8 Jan 1882 in Eau Galle, Dunn Co., Wisconsin. She died 9 Jul 1946 in St. Croix Co., Wisconsin.

- 31 F iii. Isabelle Polly WEBB was born Dec 1874 in Pierce County, Wisconsin. She died 22 Dec 1954 in Hennepin Co., Minnesota.

Wisconsin. Marion was born 1865 in Eau Galle, Dunn Co., Wisconsin. He died before 1896.

Isabelle also married (2-MRIN:1144) TAYLOR about 1907.

Isabelle also married (4-MRIN:1148) Oscar SMITH about 1896 in Wisconsin. The

Brother of Isabelle's first husband. Marriage ended in divorce.

- 32 F iv. Almeda WEBB was born 1 Jan 1878 in Pierce County, Wisconsin. She died 4 Feb 1944 in Minneapolis, Hennepin Co., Minnesota and was buried in Oak Ridge, Cemetery, Spring Lake, Wisconsin.
Almeda married (1-MRIN:1149) Henry J. LEE on 5 Feb 1903 in Minot, North

Dakota. Henry was born 1878 in Minnesota.

- 33 M v. Alvin WEBB was born 4 Nov 1880 in Pierce County, Wisconsin. He died 21 Oct 1955 in Wisconsin and was buried in Oak Ridge, Cemetery, Spring Lake, Wisconsin.
Alvin married (1-MRIN:1142) Amanda Marie SAMUEL on 31 May 1906 in Dunn Co., Wisconsin. Amanda was born 21 Mar 1887 in Pierce Co., Wisconsin. She died 11 Jun 1950 in Eau Claire, Eau Claire Co., Wisconsin.

- 34 M vi. Alton WEBB was born 5 Feb 1883 in Pierce County, Wisconsin. He died 3 Oct 1955 in Gilman Twp., Pierce Co., Wisconsin and was buried in Oak Ridge, Cemetery, Spring Lake, Wisconsin.

Elmwood, Pierce Co., Wisconsin. Iva was born 29 May 1890 in Wisconsin. She died 1970.

- 35 M vii. James Milton WEBB was born 10 Mar 1884 in Pierce County, Wisconsin. He died 27 Oct 1887 in Wisconsin and was buried in Oak Ridge, Cemetery, Spring Lake, Wisconsin.

- 36 M viii. Walter WEBB was born 7 Oct 1887 in Pierce County, Wisconsin. He died 1 Dec 1909 in Wisconsin and was buried in Oak Ridge, Cemetery, Spring Lake, Wisconsin.

Walter came home to the farm on Webb Hill one date and said he was going hunting. He went next door and borrowed a gun from his brother's wife. His sister saw him before he went into the woods. They found him not far from where he had crossed the fence with a gun mark on his temple where the bullet had gone in. He was never married.

- 37 M ix. Orlow WEBB was born 15 Jan 1890 in Pierce County, Wisconsin. He died 7 May 1893 in Spring Lake, Wisconsin and was buried in Oak Ridge, Cemetery, Spring Lake, Wisconsin.

- 38 F x.
Wisconsin. She died 27 Dec 1952 in Hennepin County, Minnesota.
Isma married (1-MRIN:1145) Reuben Oliver FAEGRE after 1910. Reuben died 30 Aug 1949 in Anoka Co., Minnesota.

12. Augustine St. Claire BRITTON was born 17 Nov 1853 in Shippen Township, McKean Co., Pennsylvania. He died 17 Jul 1917 in Elmwood, Pierce Co., Wisconsin and was buried in Spring Lake, Cemetery, Pierce Co., Wisconsin.

Augustine was baptized as a member of the Cady Creek Baptist Church on November 14, 1877.

1880 Federal Census Spring Lake, Pierce Co., Wisconsin Page 95B

Augustine married (1-MRIN:25) Elizabeth BARTHOLOMEW on 14 Nov 1877 in Pierce Co., Wisconsin. Elizabeth was born 15 Mar 1856 in Zanesville, Ohio. She died 23 Sep 1936 in Spring Lake Twp., Pierce Co., Wisconsin.

They had the following children:

- 39 M i. Dempster Argalius BRITTON was born 15 Oct 1877 in Elmwood, Pierce Co.,

*1920 Federal Census Spring Lake, Pierce Co., Wisconsin ED#158 page 2B;
1930 Federal Census Spring Lake, Pierce Co., Wisconsin ED#23, page 7B*

Dempster married (1-MRIN:618) Iva Myrtle HERMAN on 4 Feb 1900 in Pierce Co., WI. Iva was born 4 Aug 1881 in Wisconsin. She died 15 Jul 1960 in Spring Lake, Pierce Co., Wisconsin.

- 40 F ii. Alvaretta May BRITTON was born 19 Mar 1879 in Pierce Co., Wisconsin. She died

Alvaretta married (1-MRIN:619) Frank BENNETT on 20 Nov 1895 in Pierce Co., WI. Frank was born 1869. He died 1941.

1920 Federal Census Byron, Monroe Co., Wisconsin (ED#121 page 7A)

- 41 M iii. Freeman Sylvenus BRITTON was born 20 Aug 1881 in Pierce Co., Wisconsin. He died Mar 1967 in Spring Valley, Pierce Co., Wisconsin.

1920 Federal Census Cady, St. Croix Co., Wisconsin (ED#176 page 2B)

Freeman married (1-MRIN:620) Carrie SMITH before 1903. Carrie was born 1884. She died 1958.

- 42 F iv. Mary Frances BRITTON was born 4 Feb 1884 in Pierce Co., Wisconsin. She died 4 May 1949 in San Bernadino Co, California.

Mary married (1-MRIN:621) August F. SEITZ. August was born about 1881 in Wisconsin.

- 43 M v. John Housler BRITTON was born 22 Jan 1887 in Wisconsin. He died Feb 1977 in Wisconsin.

1920 Federal Census Spring Lake, Pierce Co., Wisconsin ED#158 page 2B

1930 Federal Census Spring Lake, Pierce Co., Wisconsin ED#23 Page 8A

John married (1-MRIN:622) Eva HIGHT on 20 Aug 1906 in Pepin Co., Wisconsin. Eva was born 1888 in Wisconsin. She died 1920.

John also married (2-MRIN:623) Esther M. RITZMAN about 1926 in Wisconsin. Esther was born 10 Aug 1903 in Illinois. She died 10 Aug 1998 in Elmwood, Pierce Co., Wisconsin.

- 44 M vi. Ulysses Grant BRITTON was born 17 Jan 1890 in Wisconsin. He died Jul 1973 in Elmwood, Pierce Co., Wisconsin.

1920 Federal Census Spring Lake, Pierce Co., Wisconsin (ED#157) 1930

Federal Census Spring Lake, Pierce Co., Wisconsin ED#23 page 9A

Ulysses married (1-MRIN:624) Clara J. WEINZIRL on 30 Mar 1914. Clara was born 9 Mar 1896 in Wisconsin. She died Jul 1982 in Elmwood, Pierce Co., Wisconsin.

13. Sylvenus Freeman BRITTON was born 29 Jun 1856 in Shippen Township, McKean Co., Pennsylvania. He died 3 Apr 1947 in Elmwood, Pierce Co., Wisconsin and was buried 7 Apr 1947 in Spring Lake, Cemetery, Spring Lake, Wisconsin.

Member of the Cady Creek (Freewill) Baptist Church

Sources:

1860 McKean County, Pennsylvania Census

1870 Pierce County, Wisconsin Census

1880 Pierce County, Wisconsin Census

1900 Pierce County, Wisconsin Census

1910 Spring Lake Twp, Pierce County, Wisconsin Census Page 13B 1920 Pierce County, Wisconsin Census;

Marriage License, Pierce County, Wisconsin

Death certificate, State of Wisconsin

Burial Spring Lake Cemetery, Spring Lake Township, Pierce County, Wisconsin

MARRIAGE: Marriage License - Pierce County, Wisconsin

Sylvenus married (1-MRIN:9) Mary Ellen YATES, daughter of Runy YATES and Arminda SCRITCHFIELD (MRIN:98) on 9 Dec 1876 in Spring Lake, Pierce Co., Wisconsin. Mary was born 14 Nov 1858 in Crawford Co., Illinois. She died 26 Oct 1902 in Spring Lake, Pierce Co., Wisconsin.

Other than listings in several Federal Censuses (1860 & 1870 Crawford County, Illinois; 1880 & 1900 Pierce County, Wisconsin), a marriage certificate (Pierce County, Wisconsin) and her tombstone (Spring Lake Cemetery, Spring Lake Township, Pierce County, Wisconsin), there is no written documentation of Mary Ellen's life. There was no obituary given at the time of her death to any of the local Pierce County, WI newspapers.

Sources:

1860 Crawford County, Illinois Census

1870 Crawford County, Illinois Census

1880 Pierce County, Wisconsin Census

1900 Pierce County, Wisconsin Census

Burial Spring Lake Cemetery, Spring Lake Township, Pierce County, Wisconsin

MARRIAGE: Marriage License - Pierce County, Wisconsin

Sylvenus and Mary had the following children:

- 45 F i. Armina T. BRITTON was born 6 Mar 1878 in Spring Lake, Pierce Co., Wisconsin. She died 4 Feb 1903 in Pierce Co., Wisconsin. Armina married (1-MRIN:18) Charles W. UTTER on 27 Oct 1895 in Pierce Co., WI. Charles was born Sep 1872 in Wisconsin.
- 46 F ii. Wisconsin. She died 5 Nov 1960 in Wisconsin.
Warren and Armida had no children.
Armida married (1-MRIN:19) Warren Henry KARNES on 27 Mar 1898 in Pierce
1920 Federal Census Spring Lake, Pierce Co., Wisconsin (ED#158 page 4A)
- 47 M iii. William R. BRITTON was born 4 Jul 1882 in Spring Lake, Pierce Co., Wisconsin. He died 22 May 1964 in Elmwood, Pierce Co., Wisconsin.
1930 Federal Census Elmwood, Pierce Co., Wisconsin ED#47-7 page 4B
William married (1-MRIN:20) Bessie Maud GREER on 16 Dec 1903 in Pierce Co., WI. Bessie was born Feb 1882 in Wisconsin. She died 1952 in Wisconsin.
- 48 M iv. Allen Everett BRITTON was born 30 Jul 1887 in Spring Lake, Pierce Co.,
Allen married (1-MRIN:21) Jennifer Jessie HEACOX on 25 Jan 1911. Jennifer was born 1887 in Wisconsin.
- 49 F v. Elsie BRITTON was born 30 Aug 1892 in Spring Valley, Pierce Co., Wisconsin. She died Dec 1984 in Downsville, Dunn Co., Wisconsin. Elsie married (1-MRIN:22) Harley V. SMITH. Harley was born 13 Jun 1885. He died May 1972 in Downsville, Dunn Co., Wisconsin.

- 50 F vi. Lottie Alice BRITTON was born 10 Feb 1895 in Spring Lake, Pierce Co., Wisconsin. She died 23 Sep 1998 in Elmwood, Pierce Co., Wisconsin and was buried in Poplar Hill Cem., Rock Elm, Pierce Co., Wisconsin. Lottie married (1-MRIN:1) Charles William ELFTMAN, son of August Frederic ELFTMAN and Louise Marie (Mary) LABS (MRIN:57) on 20 Oct 1912 in St. Paul, Ramsey Co., Minnesota. Charles was born 8 Mar 1892 in Morton Hill, Dunn Co.,

1920 Federal Census, Eau Galle, Dunn Co., Wisconsin, ED #89, Page 11B
1930 Federal Census, Eau Galle, Dunn Co., Wisconsin, ED#17-6 page 8B

Sylvenus also married (2-MRIN:65) Elmie TAPLIN on 28 Feb 1905 in Pierce Co., WI. Elmie was born 23 Mar 1878 in Wisconsin. She died 8 Jul 1964 in Wisconsin.

14. Lucy Brandon BRITTON was born Feb 1860 in Shippen Township, McKean Co., Pennsylvania. She died 1906 in Minnesota.

Lucy married (1-MRIN:854) John HOLLER on 28 May 1874 in Pepin County, Wisconsin. John was born 12 Jan 1851 in Owen Co., Indiana. He died Jan 1921 in Cloverton, Minnesota.

1880 Federal Census, Spring Lake, Pierce, Wisconsin, page 89c; 1900 Federal Census Chengwatana Township, Pine County, Minnesota ED# 115 Page 2B

John and Lucy had the following children:

- 51 M i. Wisconsin. He died Jun 1952 in Pine Co., Minnesota.
1920 Federal Census Pine Co., Minnesota (ED#75, page 2A)
Irvin married (1-MRIN:1195) Elsie A. before 1909 in Minnesota. Elsie was born about 1891 in Minnesota.
- 52 F ii. Wisconsin. She died 13 Dec 1969 in Chowhasset, Itasca County, Minnesota.
- 53 M iii. Wisconsin. He died 2 Apr 1955 in Cloverton, Minnesota.
- 54 M iv. Clarence Evert HOLLER was born 14 Jan 1885 in Elmwood, Pierce County,
- 55 M v. Sylvenas W. HOLLER was born Mar 1887 in Wisconsin. He died 22 Jul 1949 in Hennepin Co., Minnesota.
- 56 F vi. Zeola Gertrude HOLLER was born 30 Jun 1893 in Minnesota. She died 7 Aug 1972 in Itasca County, Minnesota.
- 57 F vii. Lilly HOLLER died in Died young.
- 58 M viii. John HOLLER died in Died young.

15. Thomas Fisher BRITTON was born 4 Sep 1849 in Shippen Township, McKean Co., Pennsylvania. He died 24 Nov 1926 in Jones Township, Elk Co., Pennsylvania.

1880 Federal Census, Shippen Township, Cameron County, Pennsylvania Page 8 1900 Federal Census, Keating Township, McKean County, Pennsylvania Page 114 1910 Federal Census Shippen, Cameron Co., Pennsylvania (ED#6 page 15B)

Thomas was married first to Nina J. Dixon, they were divorced in September 1886.

Thomas married (1-MRIN:84) Katherine Alzina HOUSLER, daughter of John Wesley HOUSLER and Lavinia PAINTER (MRIN:63) about 1891 in Pennsylvania. Katherine was born 20 Sep 1861 in Pennsylvania. She died 13 Feb 1920 in North Creek, Rich Valley, Cameron Co., Pennsylvania.

They had the following children:

- 59 F i.
 Pennsylvania.
 Ethel married (1-MRIN:129) John Edward DOLAN.
- 60 F ii. Tressa Evaline BRITTON was born 9 Aug 1895 in Cameron Co., Pennsylvania. She died 19 Apr 1972.
 Tressa married (1-MRIN:130) Thorbert V. LEWIS, son of Vernla LEWIS and Stella Lenora LEWIS (MRIN:194) before 1913 in Pennsylvania. Thorbert was born 14 Jun 1893 in Rich Valley, Cameron Co., Pennsylvania. He died 17 Nov 1956 in North Creek, Rich Valley, Cameron Co., Pennsylvania.
- 61 M iii. Floyd Alfonzo BRITTON was born 20 Jun 1900. He died Sep 1982 in Youngsville, Warren Co., Pennsylvania.
- 62 F iv.
 Cameron Co., Pennsylvania. She died 23 Jan 1984 in Youngsville, Pennsylvania.
 Bertha married (1-MRIN:132) Joseph Alfonzo HUNT on 16 Nov 1923. Joseph was born 29 Jun 1890 in Buells Corners, Pennsylvania. He died 25 Jun 1950 in Spring Creek, Pennsylvania.
 Bertha also married (2-MRIN:133) George Washington PRICE on 7 Mar 1951. George was born 7 May 1886 in Eldred Center, Warren Co., Pennsylvania. He died 23 Apr 1965 in Titusville, Pennsylvania.
 Bertha also married (3-MRIN:157) Carl L. BEERS on 11 Aug 1971. Carl was born 12 Dec 1893 in Grand Valley, Warren Co., Pennsylvania. He died 14 Jul 1972 in Grand Valley, Warren Co., Pennsylvania.

Thomas also married (2-MRIN:1225) Nina J. DIXON before 1886 in Pennsylvania. The marriage ended in divorce.

18. Orilla J. BRITTON was born Sep 1857 in Pennsylvania. She died 26 May 1918 in Pennsylvania and

According to the 1900 Cameron County Federal Census for Lumber Township Page 6, Arvilla gave birth to 9 children, but only 2 survived.

Thursday, 30 May 1918 - Cameron Co. Press: Orilla Hicks, aged 59 years, died Sunday afternoon, May 26th 1918, at the Ridgeway Hospital, of chronic nephritis. She made her home on Britton Hill. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W.W. Banks, of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the home of Mr. William Dixon on Britton Hill, and internment was made at that place in charge of C.W. Rishell.

Orilla married (1-MRIN:80) Samuel S. HICKS about 1876 in Pennsylvania. Samuel was born Jun

1880 Federal Census Lumber, Cameron, Pennsylvania page 547A 1910 Federal Census Lumber, Cameron Co., Pennsylvania (ED#5 page 7B)

Obituary: February 22, 1934 issue of the Emporium Independent

SUCCUMBS TO EXPOSURE

Samuel Hicks, Aged Resident, Died at Home of Kline Kephart

Samuel Hicks, eighty-three, one of the county's first settlers, passed away at the home of Kline Kephart, Sizerville Road, Monday evening at which place he had been staying for the past two weeks. Death was attributed to exposure.

Mr. Hicks, prior to being moved to the Kephart home had been staying in an abandoned coal shaft in the Britton Hill section. He was found in pitiful condition, suffering from exposure with his limbs being frozen from the kneecaps to the hips. With the thermometer hovering at twenty below zero, the aged man vainly tried to keep warm with a small oil stove. He had been sleeping on a bench. Joe Walker, who found the old man, immediately notified authorities at Sterling Run and he was taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kephart. Medical aid for the past two weeks failed to rally Mr. Hicks.

He was a native of Shippen Township. One son, Harry, Britton Hill survives him.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at the Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. Berkheimer officiated.

Samuel and Orilla had the following children:

- 63 M i. Harry HICKS was born Aug 1882 in Pennsylvania. He died 1949 in Pennsylvania. Harry married (1-MRIN:1220) Cora L.. Cora was born 1875. She died 1960.
- 64 F ii. Cecil HICKS was born Jun 1899 in Pennsylvania. She died before 1910 in Lumber Twp., Cameron Co., Pennsylvania.

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