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Subject: George Schwartz, aged 45 or older appears on the 1820 Clark County, Indiana census with a male age 16-25 in Utica township. A George Schwartz "of Pennsylvania" purchased lot 12 in Utica City in 1819. In 1850 a household of 2 George Schwartz both born Pennsylvania and clearly father and son is in Utica, Clark County Indiana. The older one is born about 1789 and the younger about 1833. Are these all the same men? Are they related to the John, Michael and Christian Swartz of Clark County, Indiana.

Known Associates:

1. John Miller (seller of lot 12 in 1819 and possibly neighbor in 1830 census in PA)
2. P.B. Dorser (seller of lot 32 in 1825)
2. Other George Schwartz (see census analysis)
3. Susan Sweeney – wife of George W. Schwartz jr.

Repository or Online DB/site: FamilySearch Library and databases and Ancestry.com

Caveats or Limitations: There is a very limited amount of time available for this project – maximum 10 hours.

Background Information: in 1820 there appears on the federal census of Clark County, Indiana in Utica a George Schwartz age at least 45 with a small household consisting of a male born 1795-1804 a female of the same age and two young males born after 1810. In 1819 George Schwartz of Pennsylvania bought Lot 12 in Utica City from a John Miller. In 1825 George Schwartz buys lot 32 in Utica City, Clark County Indiana. No George Schwartz appears in Clark County or nearby counties in 1830 or 1840, except for Rev. George Swartz son of John Swartz sr. and born 1803.

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Clark County, Indiana Deeds

John Miller to George Schwartz of Pennsylvania – lot 12 in Utica (city), Clark County, Indiana, 19 Nov 1819 - see attachment page 9.

Comments and Evaluation –

John Miller is of Clark County, Indiana while George Schwartz is of Pennsylvania. No occupation is given for either man, however we can assume that Schwartz is not buying a farm since this is a town lot and quite near the waterfront within Utica City. This places him quite a distance from the farms of Michael and John Swartz even though they are in the same township. This distance on modern roads/maps is about 5.5 miles which is a significant distance in a period in which Clark County had few roads.

P.B. Dorser to George Schwartz – lot 32 in Utica(city), Clark County, Indiana, 14 Feb 1825 (Clark County, Indiana, Deed records 1801-1901, vol 24, pg 7; P. B. Dorser to George Swartz warranty deed, 17 Feb 1825, recorded ??? ; Family History Library film 1428598 item 3, DGS 7857086.)

Comments and Evaluation

The page on which this deed is recorded is missing from vol 24 of the Deeds of Clark County, Indiana. The volume begins with a few index pages – only the grantor section of the index, the grantee section is missing. And then the deeds themselves begin with page 10 and that page is extensively damaged, both

with water marks and missing chunks of the page. All the previous pages have clearly been removed from the volume. This is perhaps the result of the 1930 Ohio River Flood which caused great damage to many Clark County records, especially older records which may have been stored in a basement level. No other known copy of the deed exists, and the deed is not referenced in the next sale of the lot in 1869. It would have been very useful to know if George Schwartz the purchaser is called sr. or jr. and if he is still "of Pennsylvania."

Clark County, Indiana Marriages

George W. Schwartz and Susan Sweeney, 6 Aug 1857 – see attachment page 11.

Comments and Evaluation—This marriage is 7 years after the 1850 census appearance of the two Georges. It seems likely that this is the younger George and that this is his first marriage based on his age on the 1850 census. Note that the minister who married the couple is not one associated with the Methodist Church but more likely with the Reformed Church or possibly the Presbyterian Church. If this George is closely related to the other Schwartz families of Clark County, it is unusual for him not to be associated with the Methodist Church.

Census Comparison

for individual census under comparison see attachments pages 3-7

Comments and Evaluation

Note that ages given on census are notoriously unreliable, however, they do provide a rough baseline for comparison on individuals.

Census Year	Location	Household Head	Birth year/Place	Other adult males	Birth year/Place	Comments
1820	Clark, IN	George Schwartz	Bef. 1775	1	1795-1804	
1820	Cumberland, PA	George Schwartz	Bef. 1775	3	1795-1804	Perhaps 1 of these 3 is the younger man in Clark County, IN
1830	Clark, IN	NA				
1830	Cumberland, PA	Geo Schwartz	1790-1800	1	1815-1820	
1840	Clark, IN	NA				
1840	Cumberland, PA	NA				
1850	Clark, IN	George Schwartz	c. 1789/PA	George Schwartz	c. 1833/PA	Weaver/blacksmith
1860	Clark, IN	George Swartz jr..	c. 1832/PA	George Swartz sr.	c. 1789/PA	Blacksmith/weaver
1870	Clark, IN	George W. Swartz jr.	c. 1832/PA			Blacksmith 1868 George sr. deceased per will

It seems possible/probable that highlighted individuals are the same person – however the George Schwartz born before 1775 on either the Clark County, Indiana or Cumberland County, PA 1820 census is

not the same person on the 1830, 1850, 1860 and 1870 censuses. The age difference is simply too great even allowing for vagueness regarding ages.

Occupations in 1850-1860 indicate the two George's in Utica are town dwellers not living on farmland.

There are several George Schwartz/Swartz/Swarts in the 1830 census of Pennsylvania. This particular household is of interest for 2 primary reasons.

- a) East Pennsboro, Cumberland County was the previous residence of John, Michael and Christopher Swartz of Clark County
- b) The 1830 George Schwartz of East Pennsboro has a neighbor named John Miller, the same name as the individual who sold the land in Clark County, Indiana in 1819. And while John Miller is a common name, it is also possible that it is an anglicized version of Mueller and that Germanic name appears in Cumberland County, records as an associate of Schwartz relatives. Complicated but of interest. There is a John Miller resident in Clark County in 1850 who was born in Pennsylvania.

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#### Clark County Probate and Wills

George Swarts will, vol E, pg 117+, written 22 Jan 1868 proved 17 April 1868 – see attachment page 9.

#### Comment and Evaluation

Sometime in the first quarter of 1868, George Swarts died in Clark County, Indiana. He left a brief and very straightforward will. After payment of his debts all the rest of his estate is left to his son George Swarts. The executor named is not a known family member, but Mitchell P. Howes was a well-known resident of Utica City and had been named postmaster in 1866. They were probably both members the Christian Church of Utica.

Identification of this George Swarts with the George Swartz sr./George W. Schwartz sr. of the 1850-1860 is based on the 1870 census where George W. Schwartz, blacksmith, with wife Susan and children heads a household in Utica but the household no longer includes George sr., weaver.

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#### Clark County, Indiana Deeds

George W. Swartz jr. and wife Susan to Eliza Gunter, lot 12 & 32 in Utica (city), Clark County, Indiana, Oct 1869 - see attachment page 10.

These deeds complete the circle – George W. Swartz jr. and wife Susan sell Lot 12 & lot 32 to Eliza Gunter in October 1869. There is no indication of how George and Susan came by these lots. No memorial of ownership, it is a very simple warranty deed. However, given that George has just inherited the entire of estate of his father George Swartz and that a George Swartz purchased Lot 12 in 1819 and a George Schwartz purchased lot 32 in 1825, it is evident that George has inherited these lots.

There are some odd features of this and the matching deed from Eliza Gunter to Susan Schwartz made the same day. Both the sale and then the "resale" are for the nominal sum of \$1. The deeds are very basic with almost none of the legal language used by lawyer drawn-up deeds. and with no legal description of the land except for the Lot number. Perhaps there is a relationship between Susan and Eliza, but I am not aware of a potential connection. Eliza Gunter is a Prather by birth,<sup>1</sup> but she had no sisters or close cousins named Susan and no connection that I've been able to find to the Sweeney family.

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#### Analysis and Conclusion –

The George Schwartz(1), aged over 45, who appears in the 1820 census as a head of household, is not the George Schwartz(2) who bought the Utica City lots in 1819 and 1825. It is highly probable that the George Schwartz who bought the lots is the younger man in this household, aged between 16-25. That Georges Schwartz(2) and his probable father are enumerated twice in the 1820 census, first in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania and then much later in the year in Clark County, Indiana. Sometime between 1825-1830 the household returned to Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. Perhaps they returned after the death of George Schwartz(1), however this speculation. No burial for George Schwartz(1) has been found in either Clark County (and surrounding counties) Indiana or Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. George(2), a weaver by trade, remained in Pennsylvania where his son George jr.(3) was born about 1833, Shortly before 1850 George(2) and George jr.(3) moved to Utica City, Clark County, Indiana. He remained in Clark County, Indiana until his death in 1868. No record of his burial has been found. His son George W. jr.(3), blacksmith, married in 1857 in Clark County, Indiana and lived there until at least 1870. Before 1880 he and his small family moved to Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana where he died in 1882<sup>2</sup> and is buried. Evidence from George jr.(3)'s marriage and inferences drawn from George sr.(2)'s will indicate the family was more likely Reformed or Christian Church members rather than Methodists like the other Schwartz/Swartz families of Clark County.

George Schwartz(1) born no later than 1775 is unlikely to be the brother of John and Christian/Christopher Schwartz/Swartz. According to Eberhardt<sup>3</sup> George son of John and Elizabeth Swartz was born about 1775, however all the information Eberhardt gives for George's life is incorrect so her birthdate for him is also suspect. There are no hints in *3 Schwartz/Swartz men* that brother George had moved to Clark County or that one of his descendants had lived in the county for many years. She believed he had moved to Fairfield County Ohio and died there by 1820 but that George Schwartz is conclusively proven to be unrelated to the family of John and Elizabeth Schwartz of East Pennsboro, Cumberland County, PA. George Schwartz(2) and his son lived in Utica City and belonged to a different church. They don't appear to have interacted with John or Christopher Swartz's descendants (John and Christopher were both dead by 1850 when George Schwartz (2) reappears in Utica City on the census.)

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<sup>1</sup> Clark County, Indiana, Indiana Marriages, 1802-1892, 1840; Elizabeth Prather and William Gunter, database; Ancestry, (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60282/> : 2 Feb 2021); Indiana, Marriages, 1810-2001. Salt Lake City, Utah: FamilySearch, 2013.

<sup>2</sup>Find a Grave, George W. Swartz memorial 132193366, Oak Hill Cemetery, Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana; Findagrave.com (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/132193366/george-w-swartz> : 23 Feb 2021.)

<sup>3</sup> Elise Swartz Eberhart, *Three Swartz/Schwartz Men of Floyd and Clark County, Indiana* (Indianapolis, Indiana: Ye Olde Genealogie Shoppe, 1986.

#### Further Research –

Are there additional records that can provide further clarity on the period between 1825-1830 in Clark County, Indiana? Perhaps County commissioners records? There do not appear to be any records specific to Utica City at this period (or indeed for most of the nineteenth century.) Tax records for this period do not exist or are not known to the County staff or the members of the Clark County Historical Society. What possible records could clarify the period between 1830-1850 in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania? The Triannual tax records for East Pennsboro may be useful if they exist (not all of these records exist for Cumberland County townships)

#### Working Hypothesis

The George Schwartz born before 1775 in Clark County, Indiana in 1820 is a cousin of John, Christian and Michael not a brother of John and Christian. He left very little record in Clark County but may have died there. His son George Schwartz who was "of Pennsylvania" when he purchased land in 1819, but in his father's 1820 Clark County, Indiana census household, moved back to East Pennsboro Cumberland County, Pennsylvania between 1825 – 1830. He remained there until, as a widower, he and his only surviving child moved back to Clark County, Indiana where he was enumerated on the 1850 and 1860 census. He died in 1868. His son George W. Schwartz jr. inherited his property in Clark County which he sold in 1868. George and his family moved to Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana where he died in 1882. There is no evidence to connect him to Sarah Ann Schwartz who married in Clark County, Indiana in 1839 and in fact his absence from the county in 1840 is strong negative evidence supporting this conclusion.









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SCHEDULE I - Free Inhabitants in *Utica Township* in the County of *Clark* State of *Indiana* enumerated by me, on the *29<sup>th</sup>* day of *Oct.* 1850. *W. D. Smith* Ass't Marshal.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.		Age		Sex		Profession, Occupation, or Trade of such Male Person over 15 years of age.		Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.		Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.		
	17 <sup>m</sup>	J. Morrison	29 <sup>m</sup>			Blacksmith		Ohio				
		Julia Morrison	14 <sup>f</sup>					Ind.				
		Maria Morrison	7 <sup>f</sup>									
817	868	James Morrison	28 <sup>m</sup>			Shoemaker	400					
		Mary Morrison	26 <sup>f</sup>									
		Catharine Morrison	7 <sup>f</sup>									
		James W. Morrison	4 <sup>m</sup>									
118	869	E. P. Northam	56 <sup>m</sup>			Carpenter	800	N. Y.				
		Jean Northam	53 <sup>f</sup>									
		Samuel Northam	24 <sup>m</sup>			Blacksmith		Ind.				
		Mary A. Northam	28 <sup>f</sup>									
		James Northam	20 <sup>m</sup>			Carpenter						
		Adeline Northam	18 <sup>f</sup>									
		Eliza Northam	16 <sup>f</sup>									
817	870	James S. Noyes	45 <sup>m</sup>			Line Barner		Ky.				
		James S. Noyes	45 <sup>f</sup>									
		James A. Noyes	12 <sup>m</sup>									
		John K. Noyes	8 <sup>m</sup>									
		D. K. Noyes	6 <sup>m</sup>									
820	871	John Peck	30 <sup>m</sup>			Cropper		Ind.				
		Minda Peck	28 <sup>f</sup>									
		Elizabeth Peck	3 <sup>f</sup>									
		John Peck	2 <sup>m</sup>									
821	872	Nathaniel B. Meek	36 <sup>m</sup>			Line Barner						
		Lucinda Meek	38 <sup>f</sup>									
		Kabrot Meek	12 <sup>m</sup>									
		J. D. Meek	10 <sup>m</sup>									
		Wm. W. Meek	9 <sup>m</sup>									
		Ann E. Meek	7 <sup>f</sup>									
		Samuel W. Meek	1 <sup>m</sup>									
		Elizabeth May	74 <sup>f</sup>									
822	873	George Smith	61 <sup>m</sup>			Weaver	500	Pa.				
		George Smith	17 <sup>m</sup>			Blacksmith						
823	874	Catharine Smith	78 <sup>f</sup>				1000	N. Y.				
824	875	Joseph Perry	59 <sup>m</sup>			Shoemaker	400	Ind.				
		Jane Perry	53 <sup>f</sup>					Pa.				
825	876	Wm. Morrison	33 <sup>m</sup>			Line Barner	125	Ky.				
		Nancy Morrison	31 <sup>f</sup>					Ind.				
		Theophilus Morrison	4 <sup>m</sup>									
		Joseph Morrison	1 <sup>m</sup>									
							3220					

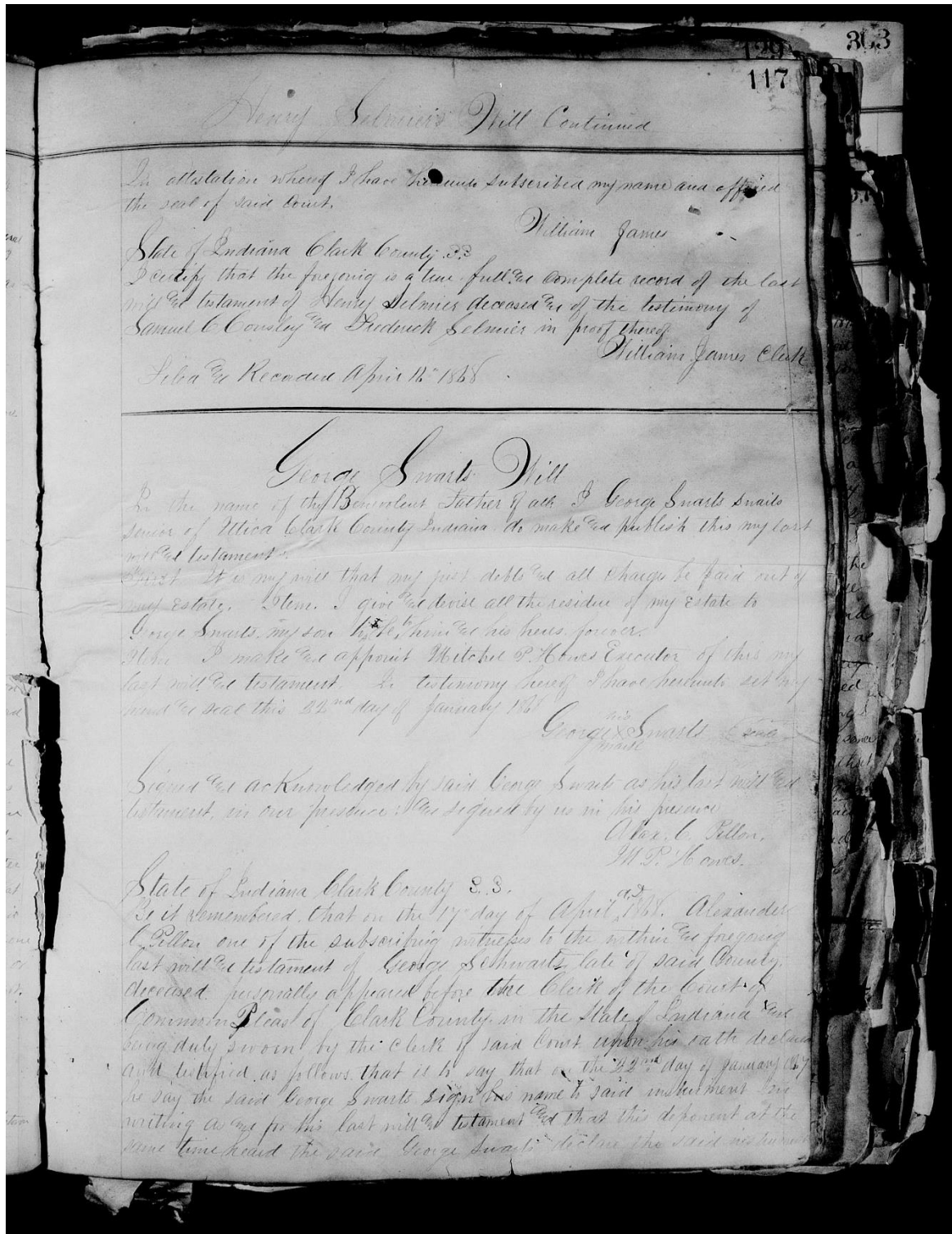
1850 Federal Census, Utica, Clark County, Indiana, population schedule, pg 406, George Swartz, digital image; Ancestry, (www.ancestry.com : 14 Jan 2021); National Archives micropublication M432, roll 138.

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**SCHEDULE 1—Free Inhabitants in Utica in the County of Clark State of Indiana enumerated by me, on the 16 day of Aug 1860. M. Van Howard Ass't Marshal  
 Post Office Utica**

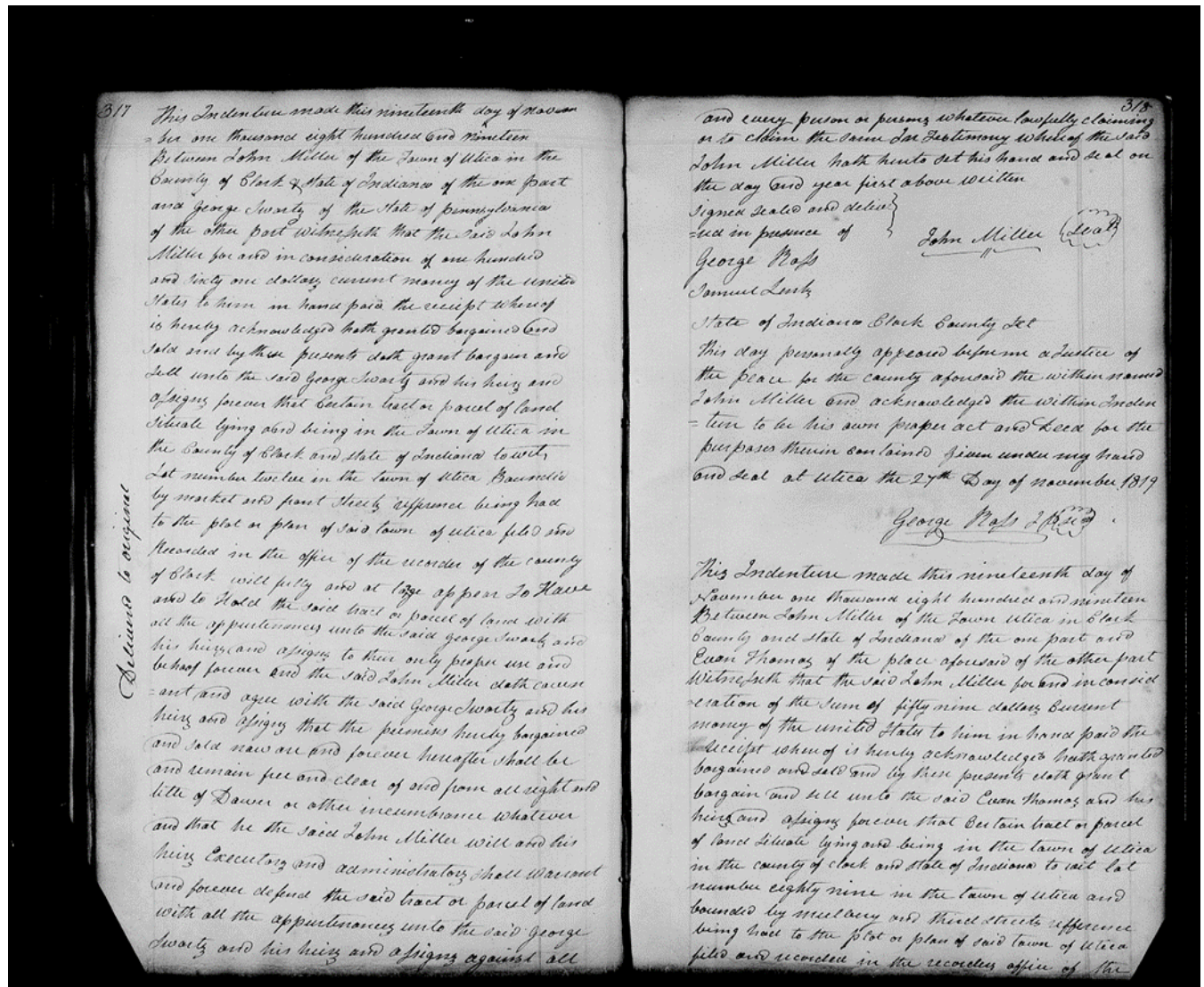
1	2	3	4			7	8		10	11	12	13	14
			Age	Sex	Color		Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate					
1	222	Elizabeth Alden	35	F	1	Washed	150		Maine				
2		Elizabeth "	18	F	✓				New York				
3	223	Calvin Waldo	30	M	✓	Lawyer	200		"				
4		Janet "	35	F	✓				"				
5		Ann "	3	M					Indiana				
6		Ann "	1	F					"				
7		Yelphad Raymond	39	F	✓				New York				
8		Salmon Flood	17	F	✓				Kentucky				
9		Samuel Waldo	14	F	✓				"				
10	224	Richard Lafite	50	M	✓	Engineer	700	200	England				
11		Mary "	36	F	✓				"				
12		Anna "	23	F					Indiana				
13		John "	20	M		Fireman			"				
14		August "	18	M					"				
15		Slide Lafite	18	F					"				
16	225	Henry Graild	34	M	✓	Shoemaker	300	150	Germany				
17		Christiana "	32	F	✓				"				
18		Mary "	11	F	✓				Kentucky				
19		Kate "	7	F					Indiana				
20	226	Martin Smith	51	M	✓	Merchant	650	250	Baden Pr				
21		Kate "	24	F	✓				"				
22		Mary "	21	F					Indiana				
23		Robert "	20	M		Labourer			"				
24	227	Geo Brindle	26	M				50	"				
25		Frances "	22	F	✓				Kentucky				
26		Virginia "	6	F					Indiana				
27		Ellen "	5	F					"				
28	228	Joseph Perry	71	M	✓	Labourer		100	Maryland				
29		Ann "	68	F	✓				"				
30	229	Walter Taylor	28	M	✓	Labourer		100	Kentucky				
31		Lina "	20	F	✓				"				
32		Anna "	2	F					Indiana				
33		Elizabeth Berlin	66	F	✓				S Carolina				
34	230	Geo Swarts	28	M	✓	Blacksmith		50	Penn				
35		Susan "	21	F					Indiana				
36		Geo "	21	M					"				
37		Geo "	21	M	✓	Mariner	200	50	Penn				
38	231	Banki Helms	35	M	✓	Carpenter			Virginia				
39		Mary "	23	F					Indiana				
40		William "	14	M					"				

No. white males, 16 No. colored males, \_\_\_\_\_ No. foreign born, \_\_\_\_\_ No. blind, \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. white females, 24 No. colored females, \_\_\_\_\_ No. deaf and dumb, \_\_\_\_\_ No. insane, \_\_\_\_\_  
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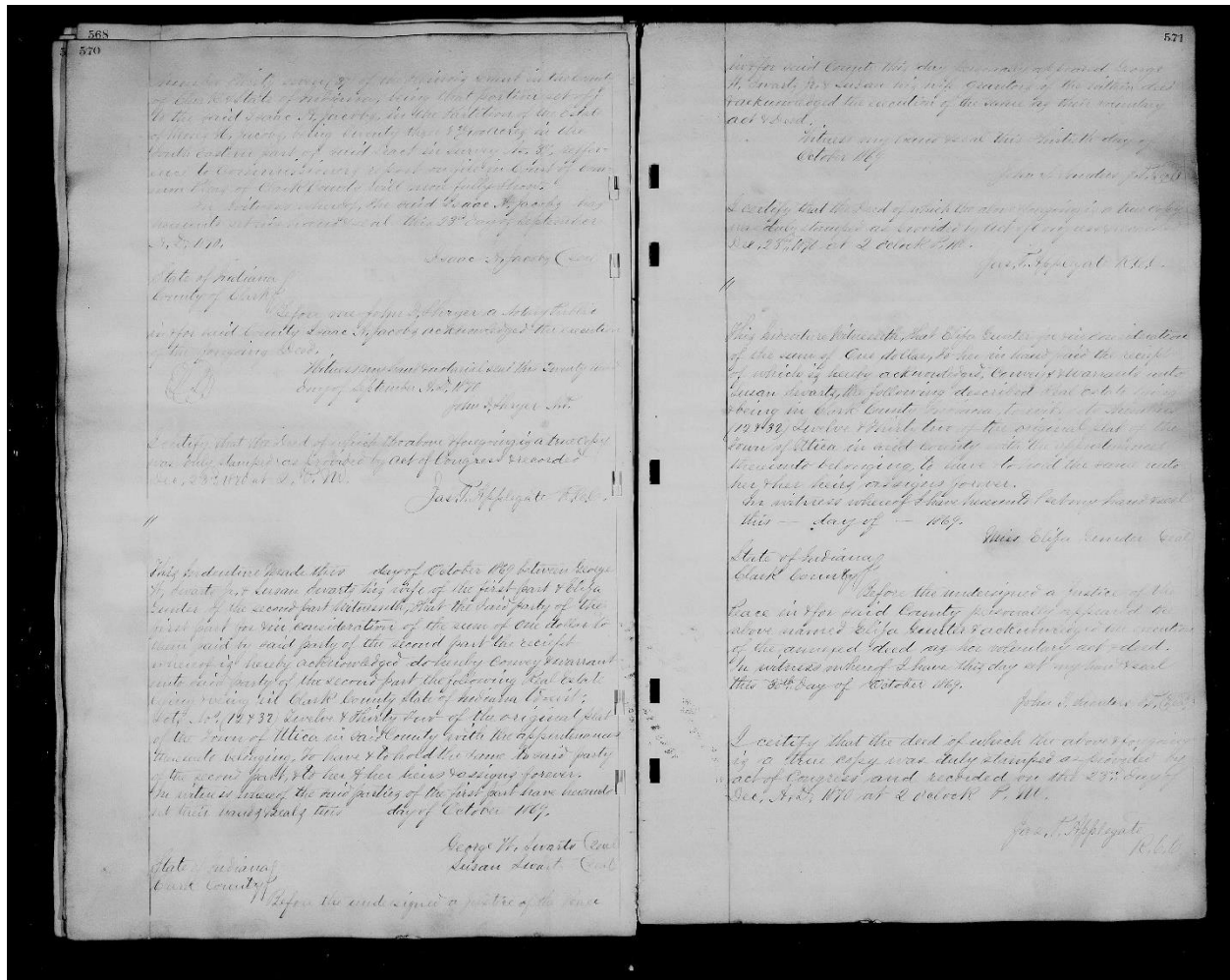
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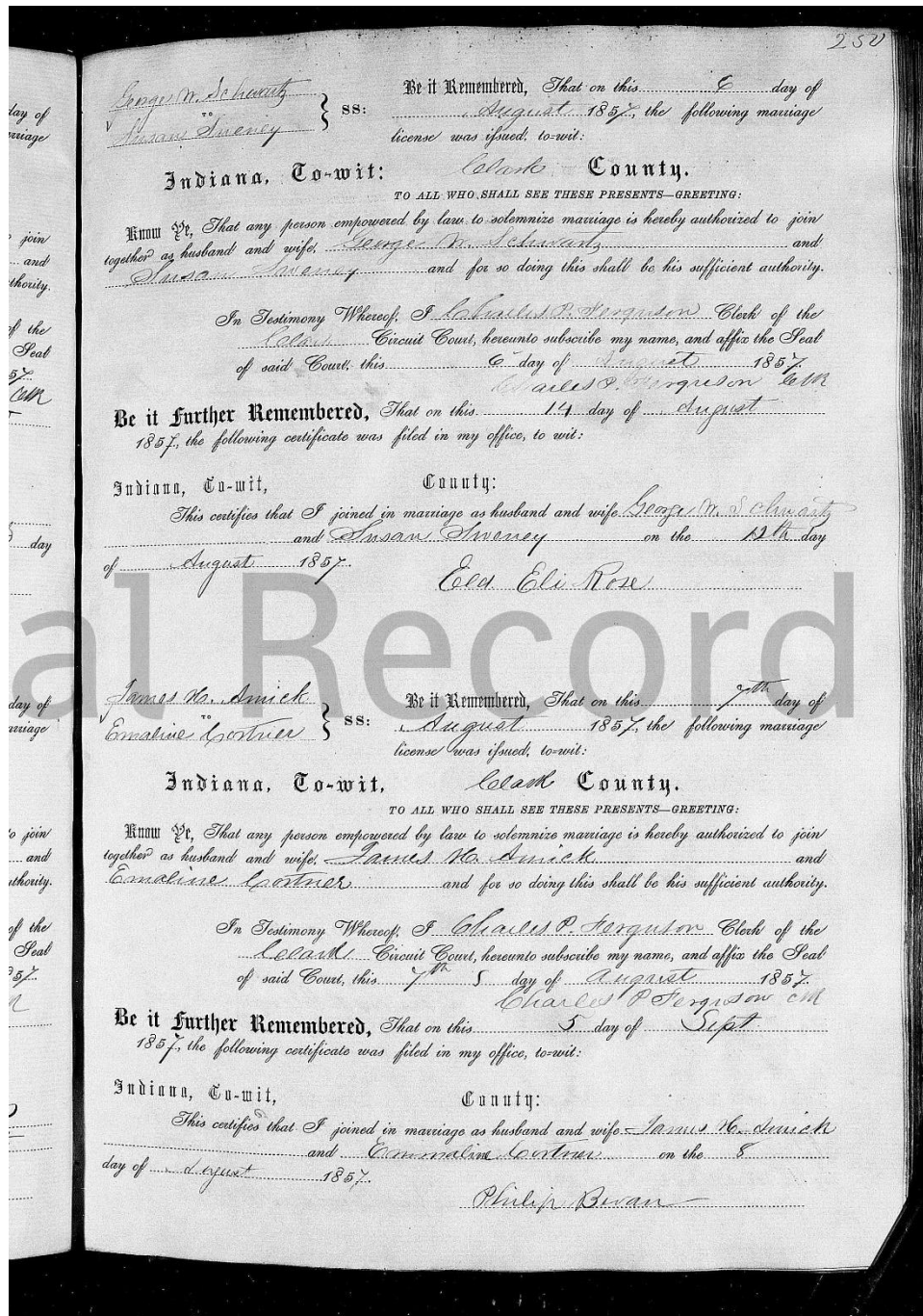


Clark County, Indiana, Deed records 1801-1901, vol 21, pgs 317-318; John Miller to George Swartz warranty deed, 19 Nov 1819, recorded 27 Nov 1819; Family History Library film1428597 item 5, DGS 7857085.



Clark County, Indiana, Deed records 1801-1901, vol 60, pgs 570-571, George W. Swartz jr. and wife Susan to Eliza Gunter, warranty deed, Oct 1869, recorded 30 Oct 1869; FHL film1428625 item 1, DGS 7857101.

Clark County, Indiana, Deed records 1801-1901, vol 60, pgs 570-571, Eliza Gunter to Susan Schwartz warranty deed, Oct 1869, recorded 30 Oct 1869; FHL film1428625 item 1, DGS 7857101.



Clark County, Indiana, Indiana, U.S., Marriages, 1810-2001: George W. Schwartz and Susan Sweeney, 6 Aug 1857, bk G pg 250; FamilySearch, digital image (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33HT-X9LS-J6N?i=120&cc=1410397&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AXXLW-RVQ> : downloaded 29 Jan 2021) FHL 1415853 item 1, DGS 4476440.