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Report to: my files and blog

Subject: Who were the parents of Sarah Ann Schwartz: born 1820 in Clark County, Indiana, died 1902 in Adams County, Illinois, married Feb 1838 in Clark County, Indiana to Marquis F. Bennett (son of James Bennett and Airy Prather), moved to Adams County, Illinois by 1860 and to York County, Nebraska by 1880?

Known Associates: (from 1850 census and previous researchers)

Clark County, Indiana

- 1. Airy Prather Bennett (mother of husband),
- 2. Joshua S. Bennett (brother of husband)
- 3. Greenberry Prather (uncle of husband)
- 4. Aaron Prather (uncle of husband)
- 5. Thomas W. Prather (grandfather of husband)
- 6. Walter Prather (great uncle of husband) (Widow Martha is near neighbor on 1850 census)
- 7. Eli Jacobs (neighbor) –1850 census neighbor
- 8. Elisha H. Bennett 1850 census neighbor (and uncle of Marquis)
- 9. Albert Bennett 1850 census neighbor (cousin of Marquis)
- 10. John McPeak 1850 census neighbor
- 11. John Jacob 1850 census neighbor
- 12. James R. Patrick 1850 census neighbor

Repository or Online DB/site: Family History Library (<u>www.familysearch.org</u>), Salt Lake City and Ancestry(<u>www.ancestry.com</u>)

Caveats or Limitations: Due to covid-19 restrictions this research included review/checks on earlier research done strictly on Ancestry.com in 2020. This particular piece of this project is limited to census records from 1820-1910.

Background Information: (note – There are two common spellings of Schwartz/Swartz both were used by early Swartz families in Indiana and Illinois. As time passed, different Swartz chose different spellings to standardize their surname. The spelling of the surname is NOT standardized before roughly 1860 and cannot be used to include or exclude potential relatives from consideration. In these reports the surname will be spelled Swartz unless the quoted record uses another spelling. Also, two primary spellings of Marcus/Marquis F. Bennett's first name are used in records across Indiana, Illinois and Nebraska. He signed himself Marquis F. in land records. This report will use Marquis unless the quoted record uses another spelling.)

The parents of Sarah Ann (Swartz) Bennett have been a mystery for at least a hundred years. Her maiden name was Schwartz per her 1838 marriage record in Clark County, Indiana¹ and her birthplace was Clark county, Indiana, in her 1902 obituary in York County, Nebraska.² Her maiden name was repeated in the obituary, death or marriage

¹ Clark, Indiana, Marriage records 1810-2001, D: 176, Bennett-Schwartz, 1838; FHL microfilm #1415852. Clark County, Indiana, "Indiana Marriages, 1811-2019", Markus F. Bennett – Sarah Ann Schwartz, 13 Feb 1838, digital image; FamilySearch.org, (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XXPM-VP1; downloaded 24 March 2023.)

²² "Waco - Sarrah (*sic*) A. Bennett," The Teller, 19 Feb 1902, p. 4, col. 4; digital images, Newspapers.com (www.newspapers.com: accessed 24 Apr 2023); has several errors, including the misspelling of Sarah's first name, the date of their migration to Illinois and the number of children born to Sarah and Marcus. Aside from the misspelling, - these may be attributed to the contributor who is unknown. "Waco Mrs. Sarah Bennett," The York Republican, 19 Feb 1902, p. 8, col. 4; digital images, Newspapers.com (www.newspapers.com: accessed 24 Apr 2023); text differs from the obituary in the York Teller as follows, her first name is spelled correctly, and her age is given as 82. Other errors are repeated from the York Teller obituary.

records of several children.³ Sarah's marriage, migrations, and later life are well documented (in "standard" sources such as vital records, censuses and obituaries) via numerous online trees at Ancestry.com and FamilySearch (*FSID* KC58-CKS.)⁴ Her husband, Marquis Fielding Bennett, (*FSID* LCZ2-MRJ) has also been documented on the same sites, using the same sources. Despite the fact Sarah's maiden name and birthplace are not a mystery, she has never been attached to parents or siblings (in published Swartz or Bennett material or online sites such as Ancestry, MyHeritage, FamilySearch, Wikitree, Geni.com, Billiongraves.com, or Find a Grave.⁵)

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Sarah Ann Schwartz and Marquis F. Bennett were married in Clark County, Indiana on 13 February 1838 (there is no return of the marriage recorded so we do not know who performed the marriage.)⁶ Marriage partners, during this period in Indiana history, were sought within a restricted radius of your home, probably within just a few miles. Marquis' mother, Airy Prather Bennett (also called Ary), resided in Utica township or Clark County.⁷ She was a granddaughter of Basil Prather and Chlorenda Robertson/Robinson,⁸ therefore a member of the extended Prather clan whose land holdings in Clark County were centered in Utica township, especially near the hamlets of Watson and Prather and the New Chapel Methodist Church.⁹ It is highly likely that Sarah's parents lived in this area as well.

Previous research has determined that no document such as birth, death, probate or land directly provides the names of the parents of Sarah Ann Schwartz.¹⁰ That research did find several land transactions for Marquis F. Bennett between 1842 – 1852 that place the couple in the heart of the area of Utica township bounded by Watson and Prather thus confirming the Prather connections and providing additional names for the Associates list.

General Research Plan outline (for all phases of this project – this project is part of a larger project reconstructing the family of John Swartz jr.)

- ✓ Initial literature search to identify possible candidates for Sarah's Swartz father in Clark County and adjoining counties in Indiana.
- ✓ Clark County, Indiana 1820-1880 for candidate Swartz households for Sarah Swartz' father.

³Bennett, George Franklin, 1931, Iowa, U.S., Deaths and Burials, 1850-1990, digital image, Ancestry.com

⁽https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XVHT-9XH: accessed 24 Apr 2023) Salt Lake City, Utah: FamilySearch, 2013. for example.

⁴ https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/73787680/person/402218390137/facts; https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/272453595264/facts; https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/KC58-CKS are the most documented and with few if any mis-attached records.

⁵for examples see: https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/47525314/sarah-ann-bennett; https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/KC58-CKS

⁶ Clark, Indiana, Marriage records 1810-2001, D: 176, Bennett-Schwartz, 1838.

⁷ 1840 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, Utica, p. 289 (stamped page number), Bennett Ara; digital images, Ancestry (<u>www.ancestry.com</u>: downloaded 2 Feb 2020); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M704, roll 75.

⁸ John William Prather jr, Prater, Prather, Prator, Praytor in America 1620-1800 1-5 generations vol II (Hendersonville, North Carolina: published by author, 1994), 2: 271. see also: Clark County, Indiana Circuit Court, "Indiana, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1798-1999", 1854; Thomas W. Prather will, *all living children and widow are named*, image; Ancestry,

⁽https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/9045/; downloaded 16 March 2021) see also: https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/85694310/person/30523111827/facts and others.

⁹ "The History of New Chapel Methodist Church near Watson, Ind:, typescript history (Watson, Indiana, United States.) William Warren Sweet, editor, Circuit Rider Days in Indiana (Indianapolis, Indiana: W. K. Stewart Co., 1916.)

¹⁰ Negative searches for "Sarah Ann Schwartz/Swartz" conducted January 20, 2020 and March 2, 2021, in microfilm and digital records of Clark County, Indiana 1830-1850 specifically marriages, probate, will and land records and in the same categories of microfilm and digital records of Adams County, Illinois 1850-1880 and York County, Nebraska 1880-1910, using FamilySearch microfilm and digitized images as well as Ancestry.com databases.

Clark County, Indiana - Marquis Bennett household and identified F.A.N. Federal census (Indiana did not
conduct state census after about 1810.) Marquis is expected to appear as a head of household in the 1840
and 1850 census and in the household of his father or mother in 1820 and 1830.

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- Clark County, Indiana Marquis F. Bennett and identified F.A.N. Land records including purchase, mortgage, sale. Land records will need to be mapped onto a Clark County map giving section numbers for the Illinois Grant Survey aka Clark's Grant Survey of 1785.
- Clark County, Indiana Marquis F. Bennett and identified F.A.N. Marriage, vital records, court records, church membership and newspapers.
- Adams County, Illinois 1840 -1910 federal census for Marquis Bennett and household and identified
 F.A.N. 1840- 1910 for candidate Swartz sibling households. 1855 1865 Illinois state census for Marquis,
 F.A.N. and candidate Swartz siblings households.
- Adams County, Illinois Land records including purchase, mortgage, sale. Land records will need to be mapped onto an Adams County map showing township and section.
- Adams County, Illinois Marriage, vital records court records, church membership and newspapers. The marriages of Bennett children should also be examined to expand the F.A.N.
- York County, Nebraska 1870 1910 for candidate Swartz relatives, Marquis Bennett household and
 identified F.A.N. Land records, both purchase and sale, court records, church membership, newspapers
 and both federal and state census records for F.A.N. families. The marriages of Bennett children should
 also be examined to expand the F.A.N. Depth and breadth of York County research is to be determined
 based on results from Indiana and Illinois research.
- DNA atDNA test match lists on Ancesty.com and MyHeritage for Heather McLeland-Wieser and Dana McLeland documented Swartz descendants (of Clark County, Indiana), should be analyzed for potential matches descended from Sarah Ann Schwartz using the Leeds method of clustering as well as pedigree triangulation. Other more advanced analysis methods may be used if agreement is reached with relevant matches regarding sharing of match lists and uploading to Gedmatch.

Federal Censuses

1820 census – Clark County, Indiana – no attachment, no extract

1820 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana population schedule, Jeffersonville, p. 14, James Bennet; digital image 29, Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Sep 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M33, roll 13.

Comments and evaluation -

James Bennet appears as a head of household in "Jeffersonville" township. His household includes 3 males under age 10 (which is a good match for known sons Marquis F., Thomas P. and Joshua S.) The ages appear to be incorrect for both James and wife Ary. They are both in category "45 and over" when, based on family records and 1830 census, they should roughly be 35 and 30. This seems more likely in a household with 3 "children" under age 10. James is living immediately adjacent to John Bennett who is slightly younger. James is also not too far from

possible mother Elizabeth Bennett. Near neighbors include Basil R. Prather and John Prather who are of an age to be the brothers in law of James rather than the men of those names in the older generation of Prathers.

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Although the handwriting is reasonably clear, the 1820 census for Clark County may have been copied sloppily. A large number of pages are under "Jeffersonville" Township although most of them have no township heading at all and some say "Utica in Jeffersonville Township" which is not an accurate place name for Clark County. There are also changes of place name in the middle of a page or for only 1 person on a page. Examination of the entire census considering land records and later census shows that there are rough township groupings, but the vast majority of households are placed in one of three townships including "Jeffersonville Township" which covers 17 pages. Utica and Silver Creek townships, which adjoin Jeffersonville, cover only 4 pages despite being very well populated. In addition to the odd geographic arrangement there are no column headings for ages which leaves much room for copying error in ages.

1830 census – Clark County, Indiana – no attachment

1830 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, Charlestown, p. 56, Bennett, Mrs. Ary Bennett; digital image 6, Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M19, roll 28.

Comments and evaluation -

Mrs. Ary Bennett appears as head of household on the census in Charlestown in keeping with the death of her husband James Bennett around 1825. Immediately adjacent is the household of her father Thomas Prather and she is one household away from John Bennett, relationship unknown but probably the John of the 1820 census. From 1820 census and family lore, she is known to have had 3 sons and 1 daughter. Per the extract below, one of the two older boys is absent from the household. Although the census district is given as Charlestown this appears from a review of families to be Utica township not Charlestown township. Only 4 townships are given for the entire county, and it appears that 3 of these cover the western edge of the county. By far the majority of the pages are lumped into a group called "Northeast of the State Road." Charlestown appears to cover all of Utica Township.

Head	Free white males 10-14	Free white males 15-19	Free white females 5-9	Free white females 39- 39
Mrs. Ary Bennett	1 (Joshua S. Bennett)	1 (either Marquis F. or Thomas P. Bennett)	1 (Elizabeth Bennett)	1 (Ary Prather Bennett)

1840 census – Clark County, Indiana – see attachment 1

Comments and evaluation of Source

In 1840 Marcus F. Bennett and Sarah appear in the census of Clark County, with a household of 2 females under age 5. These are most likely daughters, Elizabeth A. born Dec 1838 and Sarah born about 1840. The 1840 census of Clark County is not alphabetized but it is not organized by discernable townships either. Ancestry has indexed it as a single bulk rather than breaking it up by townships. There are no other Bennett, Prather or Swartz families within 2 pages in either direction, so it is difficult to place them in a specific neighborhood. Marquis is employed in Agriculture.

The census is readable with no odd spots or poor handwriting. A preprinted form was used and the name of the enumerator is written at the top of the page – unfortunately over some of the preprinting so it is somewhat

unreadable. The only dark difficult to read section is the preprinted header. The Age categories are out of focus and slightly splotchy and someone has drawn a line through the totals at the bottom of the page and has apparently done the math a second time with different results.

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1850 census – Utica Township, Clark County, Indiana – see attachment 2

Comments and evaluation of source

In 1850, M. F. and Sarah A. Benet lived in Utica Township. They have land holdings worth \$1530. (Of interest – they have 4 children of school age but the second daughter, Sarah A. is not shown as attending school in the past year. Sarah A. died before 1860, perhaps she was sickly.) 1 household away lives Albert Bennett and his wife and 2 daughters. After an intervening household with no known connection to the family (John McPeak and family) there is the household of John Jacob (son of Solomon and Elizabeth Jacob therefore potential 1st cousin of Sarah Ann Schwartz), followed by a James R. Patrick family and then a continuous list of families connected to the Bennetts or to John and Nancy Swartz - Elisha H. Bennett (uncle of Marquis), Martha Prather (widow of Walter, uncle of Marguis and possible uncle of Sarah Ann) Eli Jacob (see list of associates); Tilman Bennet – Marguis brother in law) Solomon and Elizabeth Jacob - sister and brother in law of John Swartz, 3 Bennett households then Moses and Sophia Jacob – sister and brother in law of John Swartz.

This census places Marquis and Sarah squarely in the middle of family connections, near the tiny towns of Watson and Prather as well as the New Chapel Methodist Church, which held a very prominent place in the lives and history of the John and Elizabeth (Ohlweiler) Swartz family as well as in lives of the Basil Prather and Walter Prather families. 11 Reading through the entire township, makes it apparent that the enumerator worked his way down one side of the "Old Plank" road running from Jeffersonville northeast near the New Chapel Methodist Church to the hamlet of Prather. On the other side of the road as he came back was Joshua Bennett with Ary Prather Bennett living in his household. This is Marquis' brother and mother.

The image on Ancestry is dark and slightly fuzzy but fully readable. Handwriting is legible and names are spelled more or less "correctly." Another filming, viewed in microfilm at the National Archives over a decade previously was much less murky. The digital image on FamilySearch.org appears to be the same original as Ancestry's but has been digitally enhanced to reduce the fuzz and improve contrast. The difference in quality does not materially change the assessment of the information.

1860 Federal Census- Houston Township, Adams County, Illinois – see attachment #3 a & b

Comments and evaluation of Source

In 1860, Marquis and Sarah are living next to Abraham Swartz, oldest identified son of John and Nancy Prather Swartz. 12 Marquis has land holdings valued at \$3200, Abraham has no land holdings, but his personal property is valued at \$300. All the Bennett children except oldest daughter Elizabeth and the two youngest are in school.

¹¹ The History of New Chapel Methodist Church The History of New Chapel Methodist Church near Watson, Ind, typescript history, New Chapel Methodist Church - Indiana Conference (Watson, Indiana, United States.)

¹² Knight Dr. Ray R., Minneapolis Minnesota, Photocopy enclosed with letter to Mrs. Harvey Morris, September 1927. Current whereabouts unknown, "Data from a diary and notebook of personal recollections of early Indiana Territory, written by Hiram Prather, about 1870-1875" (sic, Hiram Prather died in March 1874). "Original diary and notebook in possession of Clarence D. Prather, in office of Northern Pacific Railway, Minneapolis, Minn. It furnishes some interesting dates of original sources of Indiana History. Sent by Dr. Ray R. Knight...to Mrs. Harvey Morris, Sept. 1927." Microfilmed by the Clark County Public Library; Hiram was Nancy Prather Swartz's younger half-brother. Page 5 of 20

The image is very clear and handwriting readable, and names are spelled as "expected" making the entry easy to find in indexing. The enumerator or copyist has a personal quirk while forming his terminal "t" in cursive that makes it look like a lower case "b". The columns on the page appear to have been filled out at the time of recording – there are a variety of entries in personal estate and real estate columns and the birth locations vary from household to household and within households.

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1870 Federal Census- Houston Township, Adams County, Illinois – see attachment #4

Comments and Evaluation of Source

In 1870 Marquis and Sarah do not appear in close proximity to any of the proposed Swartz siblings. A reading of the entire township makes it apparent that they are living in the same neighborhood as in 1860 so Abraham must have moved. Marquis holds land valued at \$6000 which is probably a reflection of increasing property values not additional purchase of real estate. Review of the entire census for Illinois in 1860 and earlier research show that Robert and Elizabeth Dismore, and Abraham Swartz are in Adams County, Robert in Houston Township but several pages away from Marquis and Sarah and Abraham is in Northeast Township. Wiley Swartz, potential younger brother is just across the border in Chili Township, Hancock County. Although the households of Marquis and Sarah, Robert and Elizabeth, Abraham, and Wiley are not in close census proximity, they are within a 3 section (or 3 mile) radius centered on Houston Township and adjacent Clayton Township. 14

The enumerator for this area in 1870 appears to have had difficulty with the first names of 3 of the Bennett daughters, Paulina is listed as Berlina, Cordelia is listed as Perdelia, and Alice is listed as Allise. This may explain some of the variation in number and name of children for this couple in online trees. The handwriting is very readable, and the image is clear. Someone has annotated "at home" where the original says "House Keeper" for two of the older daughters.

1880 Federal Census - Waco Township, York County, Nebraska- see attachment #5

Comments and evaluation of source

Marcus F. and Sarah A. are enumerated with 3 of their younger children and with granddaughter Bertha A. (her surname is Graham, but the enumerator has her as Bennett.) Their oldest daughter Elizabeth with husband John W. Strickler and their children are 8 households away. (Included in that household is a William Graham widower and laborer on their farm – this is very likely Bertha's father. Bertha's mother is Paulina C. Bennett who died June 1878.) This is the first census that asks about a person's parents place of birth. Sarah's parents are listed as Pennsylvania and North Carolina. Marquis' parents are listed as Maryland and North Carolina. Marquis' match what is expected from other family sources. Sarah's matches possible parents John Swartz and Nancy Prather.

The handwriting is clear, and the image is of good readable quality. There don't appear to be obvious copying errors and columns and lines are appropriately filled out.

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¹³ 1870 U.S. census, Hancock, Illinois, population schedule, Chili Township, p. 15, dwelling 111, family 111, Swartz Wiley household; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 12 Sep 2019); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 226.

¹⁴ 1870 U.S. census, Adams, Illinois, population schedule, Clayton, p. 44, dwelling 376, family 346, Household of Abram Schwartz; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 12 Sept 2019); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 186.

1900 Federal Census – Waco, Waco Township, York County, Nebraska - see attachment #6

Comments and evaluation of source

Widowed Sarah R (*sic*) appears as the head of household. Her birth month/year is recorded as Oct 1820. She is recorded as having 12 children 10 now living. The birthplaces of her parents are Pennsylvania and Vermont. Vermont is so wildly unlikely, given the network of family connections that are all from North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Maryland, that it is either an error or the information was given by either daughter Mary or granddaughter Bertha. She is no longer farming but owns a house in town as befits a 79 year old widow. A full census review shows several Bennett children in Illinois and a couple of Bennett children in York County in other townships, but Sarah and Mary are alone in the village of Waco.

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Aside from the odd place of birth for Sarah's mother, all information is well matched with other census and family sources. The handwriting is clear and readable, and the digital image is very readable and neither too dark nor too light.

State Censuses

1855 Illinois State Census- Houston Township, Township 3 N range 6W, Adams County- see attachment #7

Comments and evaluation of Source -

Marcus and Sarah are enumerated one household away from Robert Dismore, husband of Elizabeth Swartz and one household away from Wiley Swartz, who are both identified children of John and Nancy Prather Swartz. ¹⁵ The intervening households - William Bottorff is from a family that intermarried extensively with the Swartz, Bennett and Prather families and T. Howard is a member of the Howard family intermarried extensively with the Prather and Bennett families in North Carolina and Indiana. Robert and Elizabeth moved to Adams County shortly after their 1839 marriage. ¹⁶ Wiley had moved to Adams County, perhaps with the family of his bride to be Penina Jane Overman, sometime before 1850. ¹⁷

Many surnames on this page are directly identifiable from the 1850 Clark County, Indiana census. Strickler(4), Lyle (2), Robert Dismore, W(illiam)m. Bottorff, F(ielding). Bennett, T. (probably Tilman) Howard, Wiley Swartz, E. H.(undoubtedly Elisha H.) Bennett. Of the 27 names on this page, 12 of them are Utica Township, Clark County families. The Lyle family appears on the 1850 census immediately adjacent to Marquis Bennett's family and on adjoining pages. The Strickler family is primarily located in Charlestown township in Clark County but on the edge nearest Utica Township, about 2 miles from Prather in Utica Township. Marquis' children intermarry several times with Strickler families in Illinois.

The image is dark and slightly out of focus. The page number is not readable. The enumerator spelled out some first names and put others as only first a single initial. Marquis F. Bennett is written as F. Bennett. The surname Swartz is written Swartze which based on handwriting would probably be indexed as Swarty, but in this case the name was indexed at all. Ancestry has not indexed all the names on the page for some reason, but the handwriting is legible Any issues with readability occur with splotches and dark spots on the image.

¹⁵ Eberhart, *Three Schwartz/Swartz Men*.

¹⁶ 1840 U.S. census, Adams, Illinois, Quincy, p. 61, Robert Dismore; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com: accessed 4 Oct 2019); citing NARA microfilm M704, roll 54; *Elizabeth's presence is implied by the fact that there is only 1 female in household.*

¹⁷ Adams, Illinois, Marriage Records, 1: n.p., Swartz-Overman, 1850; digital images, FamilySearch (https://familysearch.org; accessed 17 Oct 2020); Marriage register with space for return. Arranged alphabetically by groom's surname.

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Extract from page (??) - 1855 Illinois State Census. Houston Township, Adams County

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8	Wm. Strickler	1				1		2	2		1			7	1	1260**
9	John Strickler	2	2			1			3			1		9		850
10	Robert Dismore				1			2	2		1			6	1	310**
11	Wm Bottorff	1		1				1		1				4	1	490
12	F. Bennett	2	2		1			4	1		1			11		550
13	E. Howard		1				1		2				1	5		130
14	Wiley Swartze (sic)	2		1						1				4	1	536
15	William McFarland	2	2		1				1	1				7	1	655**

^{*}additional columns not transcribed due to space limitations. Skipped columns are empty.

Source information for Figure 1 – see attachment #7.

1865 Illinois State Census- Houston Township, Adams County, Illinois – see attachment #8

Comments and Evaluation of Source

Comparing with the 1860 and 1855 census it appears that Marquis and Sarah have moved, while remaining in Houston Township. Some of the nearby surnames are the same as the 1850, 1855 and 1860 census but the immediate neighbors are different and the Suter surname appears for the first time with several repeats, indicating a large family group in the neighborhood. Although the Agriculture section is completed for Marquis it is difficult to make out what is written in the columns. Marquis appears to have livestock and to be farming grain, but total values cannot be made out. There is no indication of the size of the farm or if he owns or rents. The children all appear to be in the correct age group and there are the expected number of each sex.

This digital image is difficult to read in many spots with bleed through from the previous and following pages and in general is slightly out of focus. The image is a double, double page and must be turned repeatedly to view in correct orientation. The lower half of a 3 digit page number is present on the upper left corner of one pair of pages only. It appears that the number is 109 but could be 103. The majority of the difficult to read portion is on the lower left corner of the left pages of each pair. The second page of each pair, which should include information about faming and any manufactures is very difficult to read and may have been used for a different purpose based on what numbers are readable. The name immediately above M.F. Bennett appears to be J. W. Jacobs but it is lined out.

1885 State Census- Waco Township, York County, Nebraska – see attachment #9

Comments and evaluation of source

This state census uses the same form as the 1880 Federal census. The same household is represented as 1880. Everyone has aged appropriately. Oddly Marquis' occupation is given as "servant". Both Marquis and Sarah's parents' birthplaces are slightly different from the 1880 (and 1900 in Sarah's case) census. It appears that child giving the information knew vaguely that his family was from Maryland (which is true for his father) and her family was from Pennsylvania (which is true for her probable father) but didn't have nuance or details – or didn't really care. Perusal of the entire township shows similar migration patterns for several families in the township but only one family that is specifically related – daughter Sophia and husband Thomas C. Prather.

^{**} has value in adjacent column headed "# of lbs. of wool".

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The image is very readable. The handwriting is clear and legible. Either the enumerator or the copyist has made slight errors that seem to indicate a copying error – initial E for T for example in T. C Prather's name. Other errors may be invisible without greater knowledge of the neighborhood. The enumeration district covers the entire township. The village of Waco does not have a separate enumeration number despite the fact much of the ED is rural.

Summary US and State Census Records for Hypothesized Swartz Siblings, 1850-1885

	1850- Fede	ral	1855 - Illino	ois	1860- Fede	ral	1865 - Illinoi	S	1870- Fede	ral	1880 - Fed	eral	1885 - Neb	raska
Name	Place	Age	Place	Age	Place	Age	Place	Age	Place	Age	Place	Age	Place	Age
Airy Swartz ¹⁸	Utica, Clark, IN	34	Unknown	NA	Utica, Clark, In	43	Unknown	NA	Unknown	NA	Houston, Adams, IL		Unknown	NA
Elizabeth Dismore	Houston, Adams, IL	31	Houston, Adams, IL	NA	Houston, Adams, IL	42	Houston, Adams, IL	NA	Houston, Adams, IL	52	Houston, Adams, IL	62	NA	NA
Sarah Bennett	Utica, Clark, IN	28	Houston, Adams, IL	NA	Houston, Adams, IL	41	Houston, Adams, IL	NA	Houston, Adams, IL	51	Waco, York, NE	59	Waco, York, NE	65
Abram Swartz	Utica, Clark, IN	26	unknown	NA	Houston, Adams, IL	36	Northeast, Adams, IL	NA	Clayton, Adams, IL	48	Keene, Adams, IL	57	NA	NA
Wiley Swartz	Camp Point, Adams, IL	25	Houston, Adams, IL	NA	unknown		Northeast, Adams, IL	NA	Chili, Hancock, IL	43	Chili, Hancock, IL	53	unknown	NA

Figure 2 Source information - see appropriate census attachment 1-9.

Analysis

Sarah Ann Swartz and Marquis F. Bennett are found in the same neighborhood with both known Bennett and Prather family members and potential Swartz/Schwartz family members in Clark County Indiana census, especially 1850 where they are clearly in the middle of family and well within the neighborhood expected for a connection with the John and Nancy Prather Swartz family. Land records need to be sought to either reinforce this conclusion or refute it.

Migration patterns from 1855-1870 census, both federal and state, reinforce a family connection with children of John and Nancy Swartz. The 1855 and 1860 census strongly support a familial connection based on proximity and suggest a chain migration begun by the family of the oldest Swartz daughter, Elizabeth Swartz Dismore about 1840 or shortly after her marriage. Her family appears to have been followed by younger brother Wiley then potential younger sister Sarah Ann, and then brother Abram/Abraham as well as more distant connections. The migration itself is clearly part of a larger group migration from the established community of Utica Township, Clark County to the newer community of Houston Township, Adams County.

The migration of Marquis and Sarah Ann to York County Nebraska is somewhat surprising considering 1) their ages, 2) the lack of widespread family migration into the part of Nebraska. It appears that only 1 or 2 married daughters' families accompanied the migration and their married sons apparently remained in Illinois or did not stay in York County long enough to be enumerated in 1880 or 1885. Only the youngest children of the family, who were still living in the home, migrated and remained with their parents. None of the potential Swartz siblings

¹⁸ Airy Swartz, oldest daughter of John Swartz jr. & Nancy Prather never married and lived in her father's household until his death. What happened to Airy between 1865 and 1880 is unknown and her death place and date have never been discovered. She is included here for completeness and because the 1880 census entry is another connection between the Swartz children.

made this migration. Wiley migrated to Harlan County, Nebraska after the death of his wife in mid-1885. Wiley was following his oldest son John and other children who had already migrated to Harlan County in the early 1880s. Abram died in 1887 in Adams County, Illinois, his second wife remarried relatively quickly, and his children appear to have lost all contact with their Swartz relatives. Robert Dismore died in 1881 and Elizabeth apparently moved in with one of her daughters.

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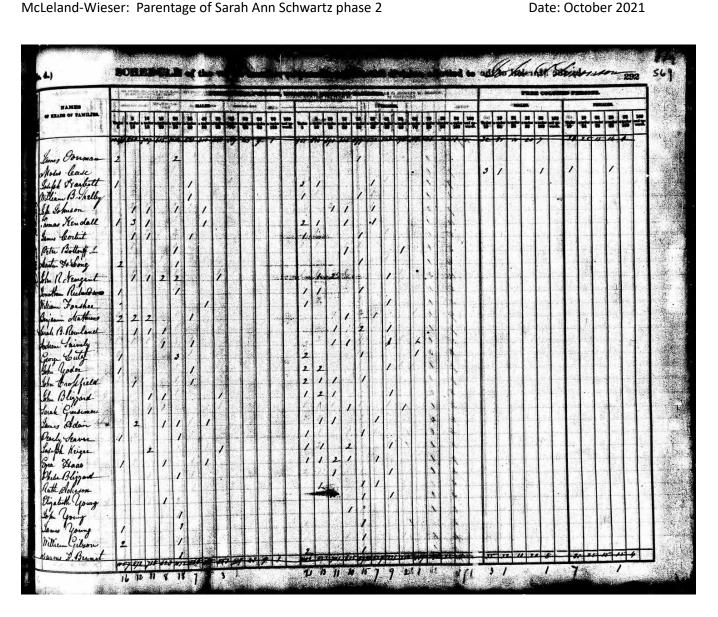
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Land, tax, court, church, cemetery and vital records for Clark County, Indiana, Adams County, Illinois and York County, Nebraska for period 1840-1910.

¹⁹ Harlan, Nebraska, Deed Records, bk L: pg 37, Orlando A. Russell & wife to Wiley Swartz, 9 Dec 1885; FamilySearch, (www.familysearch.org : digital image accessed 1 Nov 2020.)

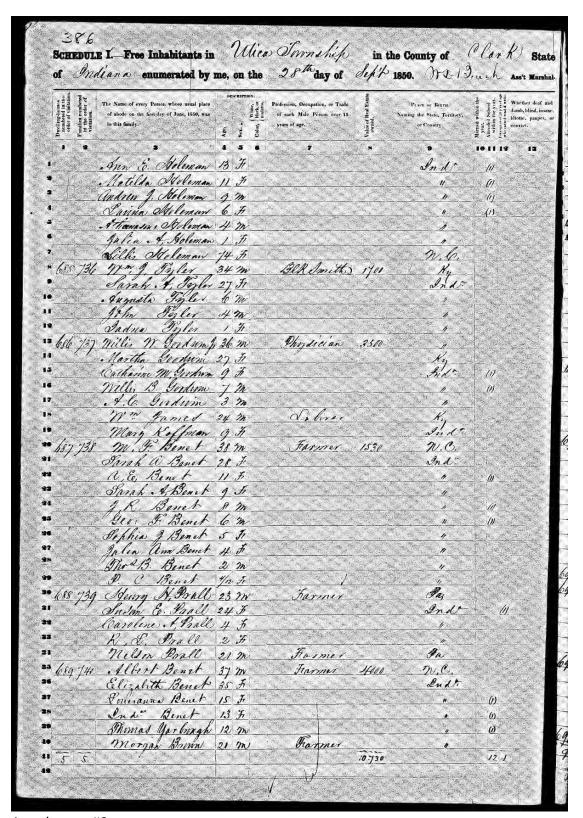
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1840 Federal Census, Clark County, Indiana, pg 292, Marcus F Bennett, digital image; Ancestry, (Ancestry.com: 17 August 2021); National Archives and Records Administration micropublication M704, roll 75.



Attachment #2

1850 Federal Census, Utica Township, Clark County, Indiana, population schedule, pg 386 *handwritten*, line 20, M. F. Bennett, digital image; Ancestry, (www.ancestry.com : 17 July 1850); citing National Archives and Records Administration micropublication M432, roll 138.

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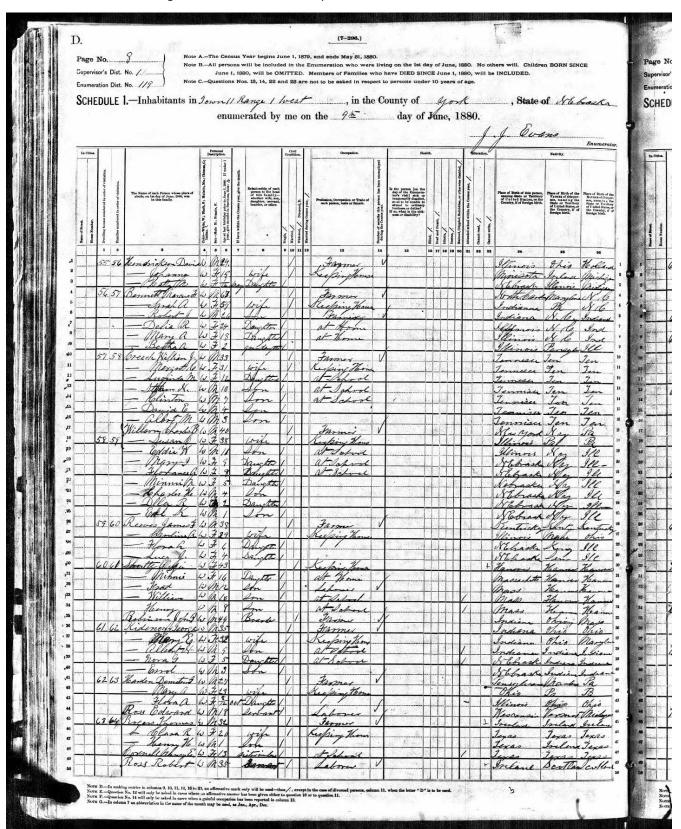
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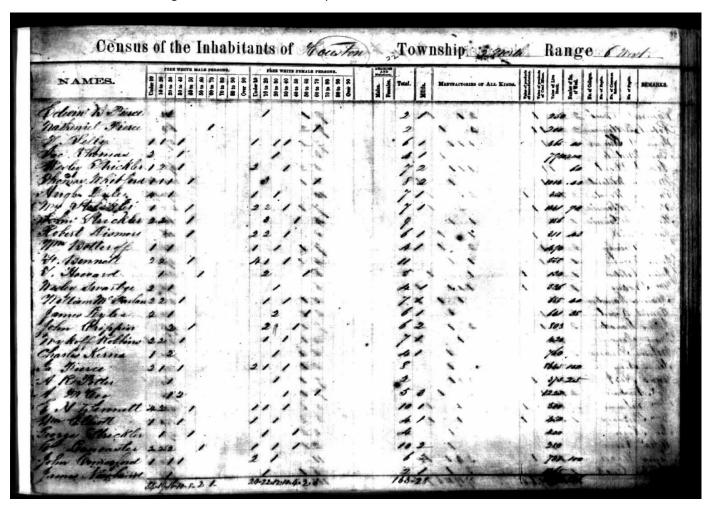
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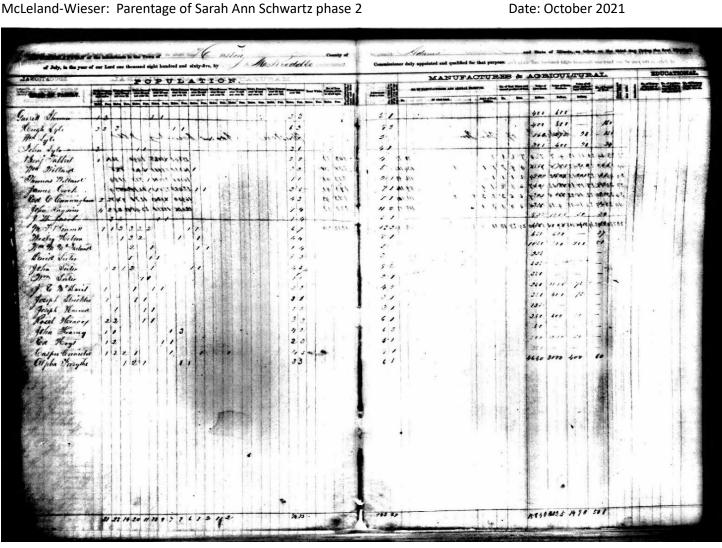
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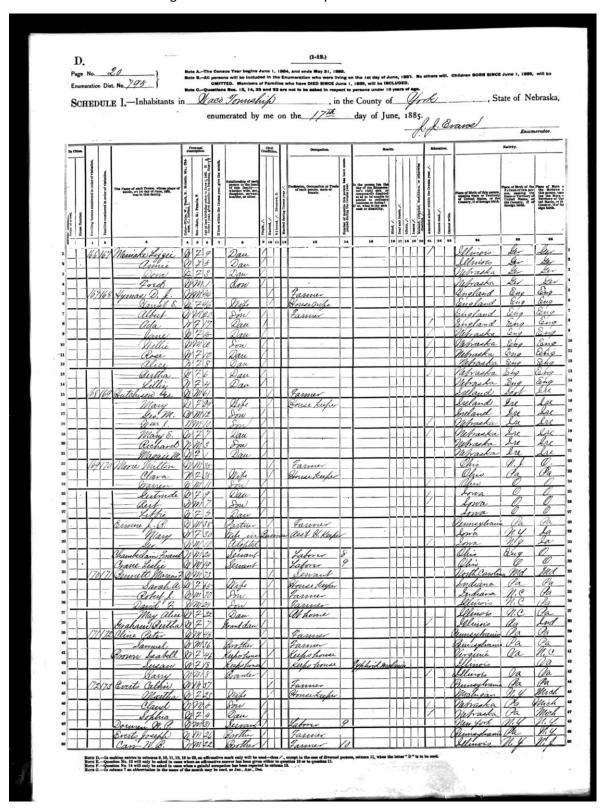
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1855 Illinois State Census, Houston township 2N range 6W, Adams, Illinois, page (?), line 12, F. Bennett, digital image: Ancestry, (www.ancestry.com: 29 August 2021); citing Illinois State Archive's collection 103.008 roll 2187. Page number unreadable Image 1 of 9 in Ancestry's set of images for this township.



Attachment #8

1865 Illinois State Census, Houston, Adams, Illinois, page (12), line 12, M. F. Bennett, digital image: Ancestry, (www.ancestry.com: 29 August 2021); citing Illinois State Archive's collection 103.010 roll 2171.



Attachment #9

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