

## Descendants of John Swartz (2nd) and his three wives through the 4th generation from John and Elizabeth (Ohlweiler) Swartz- Part 1 of 4

John Swartz {FSID: LHN4-5X6}, oldest son of John Swartz and Elizabeth Ohlweiler<sup>1</sup> was born on 29 Dec 1797 in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania and died 23 May 1865 in Clark County, Indiana. He was buried in the New Chapel Cemetery, Watson, Clark, Indiana.<sup>2</sup>

*John married 3 times. His wives, and their descendants are discussed in separate articles – see links at the end.*

John is, in many ways, the most enigmatic of the children of John and Elizabeth Ohlweiler Swartz. He remained within a few miles of his parent's pioneer farm for his entire life. He is buried in the same cemetery as his parents, wives and many of his siblings. And yet, John doesn't seem to have left much mark in his community.

He was about 4 when his parents moved the family to Clark County, Indiana.<sup>3</sup> In 1814, he married Nancy Prather at age 17, well before he could have established himself in an independent trade or on his own farm.<sup>4</sup> His first wife and second wife Elizabeth Prather were 1st cousins, members of the prominent and well connected Prather family.<sup>5</sup> His third wife, Julia Ann (Adams) Stewart, was the widow of a friend who witnessed the bond for his first marriage.<sup>6</sup> She may also have been connected to the Swartz family as an in-law of George Swartz, John's brother.<sup>7</sup>

Despite his early first marriage John does not appear to have established a flourishing household. When John's father died unexpectedly in 1824, John was not named his administrator and does not appear to

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<sup>1</sup> Elise Swartz Eberhart, Three Swartz/Schwartz men of Floyd and Clark County, Indiana (Indianapolis, Indiana: Ye Olde Genealogie Shoppe, 1986.), p. 310. The family write up for John Swartz jr is full of errors and adds at least 1 extra wife and much of the information is confused with the dates and wives of two of the Abram Swartzs related to John Swartz. In addition, John's oldest daughter Airy is confused with her aunt Airy Prather. It is pretty much a mess but the dates for John himself come from traditional family sources, perhaps Rebecca H. Jacobs who was, apparently, the source for the accurate information regarding the move of 3 of John's children to Adams County Illinois.

<sup>2</sup> Find A Grave, digital images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 29 Sep 2019), Swartz John, memorial number 198886139; The stone has not been readable for at least 2 decades but the 1996 unpublished New Chapel Cemetery Directory, Utica Township volume 2 (located in the Jeffersonville Public Library) [38. "Cemetery Directories" (vertical file, 03/03/1996, Jeffersonville Township Public Library, Jeffersonville); The transcribers apparently walked the cemetery very carefully but the dates, coming as they did from illegible stones, are sometimes incorrect. The pages are arranged by Township, then by Cemetery and within each Cemetery by Addition, Plot, Name, Dates.] has an entry for John in Addition 1 plot 60. The dates given for the Findagrave memorial are the traditional dates in the family and is consistent with the opening of probate in early June 1865. For John's birthplace - 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 380, dwelling 651, family 701, Swartz, John household; digital images, Ancestry ([www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M432, roll 138 as well as the 1860 census and records for his older sisters Elizabeth and Anna, and younger brother Jacob.

<sup>3</sup> For information on the family move from Pennsylvania to Indiana please see the article on [John Swartz and Elizabeth Ohlweiler](#).

<sup>4</sup> Kentucky, Jefferson., Marriage Records 1781-1951. Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives, Frankfort, loose bonds not numbered, Swartz-Prather, 1814; FHL microfilm 817,861 817,861. Jefferson, Kentucky, Marriage Registers 1784-1811, 1: 79, Swartz-Prather, 1815; FHL microfilm 482,706; "of lawful age (se bond) 28 July 1815 item returned by Matthew Nelson"; Marriage register including space for return. John's father was required to assent to the marriage since he was underage. Nancy was 21. John's marriage is the only marriage among his siblings that took place in Louisville Kentucky instead of Clark County, Indiana.

<sup>5</sup> Nancy's father William Prather (1766-1853) and Elizabeth's father Walter Prather (1768-1841) were brothers. William moved on to Jennings County, Indiana by 1820 but Walter remained a close neighbor of the Swartz family in Utica township, Clark County and was equally involved in the establishment of the New Chapel Methodist Church.

<sup>6</sup> Kentucky, Jefferson County, Marriage Records 1781-1951. Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives, Frankfort, not numbered, Swartz-Prather, 1814; FHL microfilm 817,861 817,861. Witness James Stewart signed the bond on 5 June 1814.

<sup>7</sup> Based on Clark County deeds between the heirs of William Adams in in 1865, Julia Ann Adams was the daughter of William Adams and Mary Carson; her probable brother William Thomas Adams was married to two of George Swartz's daughters.

have welcomed his mother and younger siblings into his household. This is unusual since John was the oldest son. Elizabeth Swartz made her home with second son Jacob and Jacob was also named administrator of his father's estate.<sup>8</sup> The only land John is known to have held in his own name was inherited from his father and he sold that land to brothers Jacob and Leonard within a few months of inheritance.<sup>9</sup> John sold the rights he had in his mother's dower to his brother Jacob in 1827, decades before his mother actually died.<sup>10</sup> In the 1850 census he is recorded as owning real estate valued at \$550.<sup>11</sup> This is probably the land his children with Elizabeth Prather had inherited from their grandfather Walter Prather in 1841.<sup>12</sup> In 1860 when Elizabeth Prather Swartz's oldest child John Franklin had married and the younger two children were of legal age and all three children were no longer living with their father, John is recorded as owning no land.<sup>13</sup> Shortly before his death, John and Julia Ann sold land she had inherited from her father, William Adams. Julia appears to have invested the proceeds from that sale in a land purchase in her own name, which her children inherited in 1870 on her death.<sup>14</sup>

John's father, the older John Swartz, operated a prosperous farm and ran a lumber and grist mill on the property he purchased in 1803.<sup>15</sup> The lumber mill shut down in 1821 but the grist mill remained in operation until sometime in the 1850s<sup>16</sup>. Although John is shown as a farmer in these two censuses, perhaps he continued running the mill, even after his brother Jacob owned the land. When looking patterns of census enumeration, it is obvious that John and his family are living on or very, very near the land his father owned at his death, perhaps as tenants of Jacob.<sup>17</sup> This is only unusual in that John's household's dependence on his family's land continued after his father's death. In "At Home in the Hoosier Hills" Richard F. Nation discusses independence, dependence and family land noting,

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<sup>8</sup> Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, A: 197, Swartz John deceased; FHL microfilm 549,316, item 3. Clark, Indiana, Civil Court Partition Book, 1: 180 - 181, John Schwartz deceased; FHL microfilm 2,312,951; "among the heirs of said deceased to wit; John Swartz, Solomon Jacobs & Elizabeth his wife formerly Elizabeth Swartz, Samuel Bottorff and Ann his wife formerly Ann Swartz, George Swartz, John Fry and Sarah his wife formerly Sarah Swartz, Nancy, Mary, Leonard and Sophia Swartz infants under the age of twenty one by Elizabeth Swartz their natural guardian."

<sup>9</sup> Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 25: 382, John Schwartz and Nancy his wife to Jacob Schwartz, 16 April 1827; FHL microfilm 1,428,599. Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 29: 276, John Swartz to Leonard Schwartz, 8 October 1832; FHL microfilm 1,428,600; *although it is a different formula than the other "heirs of John Schwartz deeds" it is clearly part of the same sequence. John is a widower as no wife signed or released dower rights.*

<sup>10</sup> Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 25: 382, John Schwartz and Nancy his wife to Jacob Schwartz, 16 April 1827; FHL microfilm 1,428,599.

<sup>11</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 380, dwelling 651, family 701, Swartz, John household; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M432, roll 138.

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<sup>13</sup> 1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 499, dwelling 58, family 58, Swartz, John household; digital images, Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M653, roll 248; *John's birth year is calculated as 1819 which is 13 years too young.*

<sup>14</sup> Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 55: 230 & 231, John Willey and wife to Julia Ann Schwartz, 25 February 1865; FHL microfilm 1,428,622. Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 60: 472-478, James W Stewart and wife, Mary E. Stewart, George E. Schwartz and wife to Richard Barnett, 18 August 1870; FHL microfilm 1,428,622. (We know that John, as administrator of James Stewart sold a town lot in October 1840 but that was to raise cash to clear debts on the estate. It is obvious that James owned additional land that his children inherited upon reaching their majorities.)

<sup>15</sup> Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 2: 209 - 210, Abraham Epler and Anna his wife to John Swartz, 15 April 1803; FHL microfilm 1,428,594, item 2.

<sup>16</sup> History of the Ohio Falls Cities and their Counties with illustrations and biographical sketches., 2 volumes (1882; reprint, Cleveland, Ohio: L.A. Williams & Co., reproduction by Unigraphic, Inc. 1966), 2: 399.

<sup>17</sup> 1820 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana population schedule, Jeffersonville, p. 10, Schwartz, John jr. 1830 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, Jeffersonville, p. 47, Schwartz, John. 1840 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, Utica, p. 289, Swartz, John. 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, pop. sch., Utica, p. 380, dwell. 651, fam. 701, Swartz, John household. 1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, pop. sch., Utica, p. 499, dwell. 58, fam. 58, Swartz, John household.

*" Once married, most couples established their own households. However, many of these had not received their legacy from either of their parents and so they were often landless, living near one of their sets of parents and drawing their subsistence from these parents' farm. Many remained, not only because the parents' farm provided their livelihood but also because their parents had promised land to them if they remained. "<sup>18</sup>*

Long after he had received his inheritance, John and his family remained dependent on the family land.<sup>19</sup> Due to the early death of his first two wives, their inheritance, such as it was, appears to have gone directly to their minor children.<sup>20</sup>

John was not visibly active in the New Chapel Methodist Church, which his family had helped found. Unlike his brothers John wasn't recognized as a preacher and he didn't serve on the Church governing board.<sup>21</sup> John's burial in the New Chapel cemetery is near his parents, although his stone is nearly unreadable.<sup>22</sup> Julia Ann Adams Stewart Swartz is buried near John in New Chapel.<sup>23</sup> There don't appear to be gravestones for either Nancy Prather Swartz or Elizabeth Prather Swartz although family lore says they are buried in the New Chapel Cemetery.<sup>24</sup>

Despite John's marital connections with the prominent Prather and Adams families, he doesn't appear to be active in local affairs. He wasn't appointed to inventory other estates, lay out land for estate partitions, or asked to witness documents.<sup>25</sup> His name doesn't appear on surviving jury lists or the names of local road crews.<sup>26</sup> And his death was not marked in the local newspaper, unlike most of his sisters, brothers and in-laws.<sup>27</sup>

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<sup>18</sup> Richard F. Nation, *At Home in the Hoosier Hills, Agriculture, Politics and Religion in Southern Indiana, 1810-1870* (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2005) pg 32-33.

<sup>19</sup> John sold his inherited land to his brother Jacob, both the direct inheritance from his father in 1824 and the dower land inherited from his mother in 1844.

<sup>20</sup> No will or probate documents for William Prather, father of Nancy Prather Swartz, have been discovered in Jennings County, Indiana where he died in 1853. For the inheritance of Elizabeth Prather Swartz's children see Clark, Indiana, Civil Court Partition Book, B8: 82-83; FHL microfilm 8,054,049; Manliff D. Robinson et al vs William Prather, Zenas Prather et al.

<sup>21</sup> Jeffersonville Evening News, "Oldest Active Methodist Group in the State is Organized While Indiana is Territory," New Chapel Church History Reveals its Founding in 1801, newspaper article reprint, New Chapel Methodist Church (Watson, Indiana, United States), Saturday 7 Sept 1940, p. unknown; "New Chapel has furnished several pastors from its members including Rev. Solomon Jacobs, George and Jacob Swartz, Peter Henry Bottorff and Dr. Jacob Bruner." Ruth G. Jacobs *The History of New Chapel Methodist Church near Watson, Ind*, typescript history, New Chapel Methodist Church - Indiana Conference (Watson, Indiana, United States), 5 August 1934, p. 3. *includes lists of early board members as well as a list of the founding families. The Prather, Swartz and Jacobs families all contributed land to the Church and its cemetery.*

<sup>22</sup> Find A Grave, digital images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 29 Sep 2019), Swartz John, memorial number 198886139; The stone has not been readable for at least 2 decades as the 1996 unpublished New Chapel Cemetery Directory, Utica Township volume 2 (located in the Jeffersonville Public Library) has an entry for John as Addition 1 plot 60. *The dates given on Find a Grave are the traditional dates in the family and the death year at least is consistent with the opening of probate in early June 1865.*

<sup>23</sup> Find A Grave, digital images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 3 Oct 2019), July Ann wife of J. Swartz, memorial number 72255566; *Her stone is deeply sunken and only the text July Ann wife of J. Swartz is currently visible. Dates are taken from the 1996 transcription.*

<sup>24</sup> Elise Swartz Eberhart, *Three Swartz/Schwartz men of Floyd and Clark County, Indiana* (Indianapolis, Indiana: Ye Olde Genealogie Shoppe, 1986), various pages.

<sup>25</sup> All discoverable and readable records of Clark County were searched for the period between 1820 and 1850. John appears only as an administrator, with his third wife Julia Ann, for the estate of James W. Stewart and then only after his marriage to the widow Julia Ann.

<sup>26</sup> All discoverable and readable records of Clark County, including deeds, probate records, courts and county government minutes were searched from 1820-1850. There is much record damage and loss due to various floods of the Ohio River, in particular the great flood of 1937 however it is obvious the John's brothers and brothers in law served in various capacities even with the record loss and damage therefore John's near total absence is striking.

<sup>27</sup> There are scattered extant copies of newspapers from New Albany, Jeffersonville, Charlestown and "Southern Indiana" beginning in the 1820 although they are rare. From the 1850s onward there were several daily newspapers published in Jeffersonville and occasionally either Charlestown or New Albany. Although there don't appear to be complete runs of any of these publications enough exists for Clark County that

John's family life was marked by repeated tragedy. He buried his first wife Nancy Prather before her 40th birthday<sup>28</sup> and his second wife, Nancy's cousin, Elizabeth Prather before her 30th birthday after only 7 years of marriage.<sup>29</sup> Close analysis of the 1820<sup>30</sup>, 1830<sup>31</sup> and 1840<sup>32</sup> census reveal several young children in the household who appear to have died young.<sup>33</sup> The constant presence of death contrasts with the family lives of his siblings, all of whom had only one spouse and few childhood deaths in their families.<sup>34</sup>

Either 10 or 11 of John's children lived to adulthood (the number is a bit uncertain as there are either 4 or 5 Swartz adults attributed to John and Nancy and there is a possible 3rd child for his last marriage, but the documentary evidence is inconsistent and fragmentary.) All of the adult children of his first marriage moved to Adams County, Illinois, in 2 waves coinciding either with their own marriage or the removal of a married sibling.<sup>35</sup> Among the adult children of his second marriage, 2 died in early adulthood<sup>36</sup> and the third moved his family to Iowa where he perhaps ended his days in an institution for the mentally ill.<sup>37</sup> The 2 children of John's third marriage remained in Clark County<sup>38</sup> but their lives there were not at all similar to those of their Swartz cousins and there is very little evidence of interaction with the vast Swartz, Prather, Bottorff, Jacobs, Adams cousin network.<sup>39</sup> The possible 3rd child of the this

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of the siblings who died in Clark County, only John and Elizabeth Swartz Jacobs who died before John do not have at least a brief death notice in a local newspaper. This may be due to their deaths being before 1870 or it may be that they had very low community profiles.

<sup>28</sup> Dr. Ray R. Knight (Minneapolis, Minnesota) to Mrs. Harvey Morris, Photocopy enclosed with letter, September 1927; "*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]. Book 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.*"

<sup>29</sup> 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 380, dwelling 651, family 701, Swartz, John household; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M432, roll 138. Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, D: 260, Schwartz-Stewart, 1839; FHL microfilm 4476596; *marriage register with space for return. Elizabeth's death date is estimated from the age, in 1850, of what appears to be her youngest child, James W. Swartz, and the date of John's 3rd marriage.*

<sup>30</sup> 1820 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana population schedule, Jeffersonville, p. 10, Schwartz, John jr; digital images, Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Sep 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M33, roll 13.

<sup>31</sup> 1830 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, Jeffersonville, p. 47, Schwartz, John; digital images, Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M19, roll 28.

<sup>32</sup> 1840 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, Utica, p. 289 (stamped page number), Swartz, John; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M704, roll 75; Indexed on Ancestry as John Schwenty.

<sup>33</sup> For a detailed analysis of the household of John Swartz across all relevant census (1820-1860) see the article "[How many children might John Swartz "jr", 1797-1865 PA and Clark County, IN have had?](#)" on my research blog Relay: a Family History blog.

<sup>34</sup> For details of the families of John's siblings, [Elizabeth](#), [Anna](#) and [Jacob](#) please see the relevant linked article. Other articles will follow for the remaining siblings.

<sup>35</sup> For details regarding the migration patterns of Elizabeth Swartz Dismore, Sarah Ann Swartz Bennett, Abraham Swartz, Wiley Uriah Swartz and Airy Swartz see The Family of John Swartz and Nancy Prather.

<sup>36</sup> Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, J: 285-286, 1867 Petition of John F. Swartz for the guardianship of Mary Foster Swartz daughter and minor heir of Talithia Swartz deceased; FHL microfilm 1,415,968, item 2. James W. Swartz died unmarried and intestate before 27 Jan 1866 when his siblings sold his portion of the land that they inherited from their grandfather Walter Prather.

<sup>37</sup> John F. Swartz' wife and family appear on the 1880 census in Wapello County, Iowa. Prudence Smith Swartz is listed as a widow but there is no record of John's death. Prudence didn't remarry until 1883. John does not appear on the 1880 census in any asylum and institution and story of his death comes family legend.

<sup>38</sup> Ancestry.com, Indiana, U.S., Death Certificates, 1899-2011 (Ancestry.com Operations, Inc. Date : 2015 Place : Lehi, UT, USA) George E. Swartz certificate ID: 1,60716::0; Indiana State Board of Health. Death Certificates, 1900-2011. Microfilm. Indiana Archives and Records Administration, Indianapolis, Indiana. Ancestry.com, Indiana, U.S., WPA Death Index, 1882-1920 (Ancestry.com Operations Inc Date : 2004 Place : Provo, UT, USA) Julia Ann Secoy ID: 1,7834::0, Various Indiana county death records indexed by the Indiana Works Projects Administration. Indiana: circa 1938-1941.

<sup>39</sup> "Death of Mrs. Secoy," *The National Democrat*, 21 July 1893, p. 4, col. 3; digital images, NewspaperArchive (NewspaperArchive .com : accessed 10 Jul 2020); Ancestry.com, Indiana, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1798-1999 (Ancestry.com Operations, Inc. Date : 2015 Place : Provo, UT, USA) ID: 1,9045::0, Estate of George E. Swartz, Probate Records, 1817-1919; Author: Indiana. Circuit Court (Clark County.)

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marriage followed the migration pattern of the much older half siblings, moving first to Illinois and then Nebraska.<sup>40</sup>

John died in May 1865.<sup>41</sup> His third wife, Julia Ann, survived him but she was not named administrator of his estate<sup>42</sup> and there is no evidence she petitioned to be name administrator. His oldest son from his second marriage (and likely the oldest son remaining in Indiana,) John Franklin Swartz, was named administrator and posted bond for \$600 which, since the law stated bond should be posted at roughly twice the value of the estate, indicates a small estate.<sup>43</sup> There are no records of partition requests, inventories or sales of personal and household goods recorded in the probate books of Clark County through 1867.

Documentation of John's life is not easy to discover and, due in part to his three marriages, establishing his descendancy is somewhat complex. I will discuss each of his marriages, the children and descendants from those marriages in the following 3 linked articles –

- Descendants of John Swartz and Nancy Prather – through the 4th generation from John and Elizabeth (Ohlweiler) Swartz
- Descendants of John Swartz and Elizabeth Prather – through the 4th generation from John and Elizabeth (Ohlweiler) Swartz
- Descendants of John Swartz and Julia Ann (Adams) Stewart– through the 4th generation from John and Elizabeth (Ohlweiler) Swartz

### **Additional notes on a mis-attributed marriage and possible medical history**

A mis-assigned marriage - John Swartz and Martha Scott

Eberhard and others give John Swartz a fourth marriage, in 1825, concurrent with his marriage to Nancy Prather Swartz.<sup>44</sup> That marriage is actually the marriage of John C. Swartz, son of Christopher Swartz and first cousin of John Swartz. John Swartz and Martha Scott married 8 November 1825.<sup>45</sup> John C. Swartz

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"George Schwartz ill of consumption," *The Courier-Journal*, 23 Apr 1901, p. 5, col. 4; digital images, *Newspapers.com* (www.newspapers.com : accessed 8 Mar 2023). "Judge appoints administrator," *The Courier-Journal*, 14 May 1901, p. 8, col. 6; digital images, *Newspapers.com* (www.newspapers.com : accessed 8 Mar 2023). None of the articles discussing the social affairs of the Swartz, Jacobs, Bottorff or Prather families mention either George or Julia Ann as attending any family events. And none of the articles regarding their deaths and their estates mention other family members. No family member was appointed administrator of George's will.

<sup>40</sup> On the 1860 census there is a child named Ransom Swartz age 10 in the household of John and Julia Ann Swartz. The evidence both for and against his placement as a child in this family is discussed in *The Family of John Swartz and Julia Ann (Adams) Stewart*.

<sup>41</sup> Find A Grave, Swartz John, memorial number 198886139. The opening of probate in June of 1865 is consistent with this date.

<sup>42</sup> Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, l: 107; FHL microfilm 1,415,968, Estate of John Schwartz, deceased; Saturday 3 June 1865 - J. F. Schwartz appointed administrator of the estate of John Schwartz upon posting bond of \$600. His surety J. W. Stewart (his stepbrother.) *There are only 2 entries in the Probate order books connected to the estate of John Swartz jr. This one is the first and is the application, while the court was on vacation, to be appointed administrator of the estate.*

<sup>43</sup> The Revised Statutes of the State of Indiana pass at the 36th session of the General Assembly... vol. II chapter 7, pg 251 sec 19; Indianapolis, J. P. Chapman, State Printer, 1852 (digital image from Google Books viewed 1 April 2023 ; [https://www.google.com/books/edition/The\\_Revised\\_Statutes\\_of\\_the\\_State\\_of\\_Ind/eBY3AQAAAMAAJ?hl=en&gbpv=1&dq=revised+code+of+indiana&printsec=frontcover](https://www.google.com/books/edition/The_Revised_Statutes_of_the_State_of_Ind/eBY3AQAAAMAAJ?hl=en&gbpv=1&dq=revised+code+of+indiana&printsec=frontcover).)

<sup>44</sup> Eberhart, *Three Swartz men*, 310.

<sup>45</sup> Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, B: 144, Schwartz-Scott, 1825; FHL microfilm 1415852; Marriage register with space for return.

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died in 1831<sup>46</sup> and Martha Scott Swartz married second Daniel Swartz, brother of her first husband in 1836.<sup>47</sup>

#### John's family - some medical speculation

The following is informed speculation on my part. John was apparently not well integrated into the life of his community. As far as we can tell, he did not take on the normal rolls of head of household, such as estate administrator for family, witness for legal documents, road worker or jury man and he was not noticeably active in the local Methodist church unlike most of his siblings. Given the number of John's children and grandchildren who died of "consumption"; the evidence that many John's children died before age 40, many, if not most, without offspring; the evidence that many of those children and grandchildren who survived childhood did not "thrive" and seem to have struggled financially, I wonder if John himself suffered from "consumption" aka tuberculosis which left him medically weak and financially struggling to provide for his family. Tuberculosis is highly contagious and usually fatal. This could account for the many deaths in John's family. Tuberculosis can also debilitate and kill very slowly. In this case it creates a characteristic lethargy or lack of energy/capacity and constant health issues. In favor of this hypothesis, the children of John's who flourished the most are the children of Nancy, who all moved away from the household in their late teens. Perhaps they were not as exposed to tuberculosis as their siblings. As I said - this is informed speculation. John's life is covered in more depth in additional articles, but the facts indicate John appears to have a different life than his siblings.

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<sup>46</sup> Eberhart, Three Swartz men, 315.

<sup>47</sup> Indiana, U.S., Marriage Index, 1800-1941, Family History Library; Salt Lake City, Utah; Indiana Marriages, 1802-1892; Page: 1415852 (digital image : viewed 5 April 2022; <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2548425:5059?src=pt&tid=174735636&pid=242264737258>.)