

Descendants of Solomon Jacobs and Elizabeth Swartz through 3 generations from John and Elizabeth Ohlweiler Swartz

Elizabeth Swartz, the oldest child of John Swartz and Elizabeth Ohlweiler, was born 25 April 1793 in Pennsylvania,¹ died 30 November 1859 in Clark County, Indiana and was buried in the New Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.² *FSID: KP7K-L58*

On 16 April 1812 Elizabeth married **Solomon Jacobs**,³ son of Jeremiah Jacobs, jr. and Rebecca Dowden.⁴ Solomon was born 29 September 1790 in Rowan, North Carolina, died 11 September 1857 in Utica, Clark County, Indiana and was buried in New Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.⁵ *FSID: KP7K-LJY*

Between 1812 and 1837 Elizabeth and Solomon had eight children: **John D., Julia Ann, Jeremiah, William S., Sarah Elizabeth, James W., Anna Rebecca, and Sophia J.**

In many respects Solomon and Elizabeth led very typical early settler lives. They began their married life living with his family while they amassed the land which they farmed for many years. They raised a large family who lived close by for most of Solomon's life and they appear to have remained within a restricted geographic zone for their entire married lives. They are examples of what social historians call "perseverers." Perseverers are second generation couples who fulfill the land dream of their migrant parents, providing for their families via their farmland during their lives and then providing for those children by bequeathing them land, in the hope that this will establish the family for generations.

Solomon appears a head of household on the 1820 census in Clark County,⁶ in a neighborhood surrounded by extended family. Although he apparently didn't own his own farm. On the 1820 census, the two oldest males in the household, Solomon age 30 (Males 26-44) and most likely his father Jeremiah (Males 45- over) were both engaged in agriculture. There is no adult female in the house aside from Elizabeth (Female 26-44) and it is probable that Solomon's mother, Rebecca had died. In February of 1826 Solomon and Elizabeth sold their interest in Elizabeth Swartz senior's dower lands to Jacob Swartz.⁷ This sale may have been to raise some cash since the estate of John Swartz had not been settled yet, nearly 2 years after his death, and Solomon and Elizabeth may have been getting eager to purchase their own farm.

In May of 1826 Solomon's father Jeremiah died and left the land he owned in the Illinois Grant survey #37 to Solomon and his brothers and sisters. In his will written in 1813 Jeremiah left 48.5 acres, part of Survey # 37 - "the plantation where I now live" to son Solomon and named him as executor.⁸ Solomon's brothers John D. and Ely (*sic* probably Eli) each inherited 48.5 acres of Survey #37 as well. Jeremiah directed that any lands or possession not sold to pay debts or devised to one of his sons were to be sold and the proceeds divided evenly among his sons and daughters. Also, in May of 1826 Elizabeth's father's

1 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 194B, dwelling 699, family 750, Solomon Jacob; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com : accessed 17 Oct 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M432, roll 138. Elizabeth's age on this census gives a calculated birth year of 1794 and her birthplace is given as Pennsylvania.

2 Eberhart, Three Swartz men, 287. Find A Grave, Elizabeth Schwartz Jacobs, memorial number 14996108.

3 Lindsay, Early Marriages of Clark County, 68. Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, A: 16.

4 Florence V. McBride Salyards, The Family of Jeremiah Jacobs and wife Rebecca Dowden Jacobs of Clark County, Indiana, revision of 1939 book by Virginia Lee Jacobs Christensen ed. (Pass Christian, Mississippi: F. Salyards, 1993), 10; FHL Microfilm 1,598,043, item 2.

5 McBride Salyards, The Family of Jeremiah Jacobs and wife Rebecca Dowden Jacobs of Clark County, Indiana, p. . Find A Grave, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com : accessed 17 Oct 2019), Solomon Jacobs, memorial number 14996187.

6 1820 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana population schedule, Jeffersonville, p. 7, Solomon Jacobs; digital images, Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com : accessed 17 Oct 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M33, roll 13.

7 Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 24: 364 - 365, Solomon Jacobs and wife Elizabeth to Jacob Swartz, 25 February 1826; FHL microfilm 1,428,598.

8 Clark, Indiana, Wills book, B: 333 - 334, Jeremiah Jacobs; FHL microfilm 1,415,962, item 3.

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estate was settled and Elizabeth and Solomon inherited 24 acres of Survey #24 which is across the road from Survey #37.⁹

On 22 October 1827 Solomon bought 100 acres of Survey #38 from Thomas M. and Rachel Prather.¹⁰ This additional property, when combined with their inherited land, gave Solomon and Elizabeth a substantial farm. Although the land was not contiguous it was all very close together and interwoven with the land of the other Jacobs and Swartz families. Solomon and Elizabeth would spend the rest of their lives on this land being enumerated here in the 1830, 1840 and 1850 censuses.¹¹

On 7 June 1854, Solomon and Elizabeth Jacob sold 55 acres of the Illinois Grant survey #38 to William Lentz on 7 June 1854.¹² The 55 acres was adjacent to survey #37 and referred to the corner of Eli Jacobs. Elizabeth signed, as was her custom, by mark, which may or may not indicate her level of literacy. The Swartz family was, overall, literate but it was not uncommon for women who could read to sign their names via mark rather than with a signature. Solomon and Elizabeth were aging, in 1850 they had no sons living on the property¹³, and it appears some of their children and their families were preparing to move to Monroe County, Iowa. So, it made sense to reduce the amount of farmland they had to manage while still leaving land for their children after their deaths. Most of the Jacobs children weren't "perseverers" like their parents.

From their burial in the New Chapel Cemetery, we can infer that Elizabeth and Solomon were members of the Methodist Church. Solomon served on the board of trustees in the 1820s. However, Solomon was not as active as his brothers and brothers in law. He is never referred to as Rev. There is very little mention of the couple in the early history of the New Chapel Church.¹⁴

John D. Jacobs submitted his application for administration of his father Solomon's estate on 28 September 1857 in Clark County, Indiana. Elizabeth Jacobs as the widow had relinquished her right of administration. John D.'s bondsman was his brother in law Jacob Hobson and the bond was in amount of \$1,200 indicating a moderate estate.¹⁵ On the 15th of March 1859 the named heirs of Solomon Jacobs sold his remaining land, portions of survey's 37 and 38 totaling 100 acres to their uncle, John Fry for \$7,325.00. Heirs John N. and Sarah E. (Jacobs) Prather, James W., and Margaret (Thompson) Jacobs and Joseph and Anna Rebecca (Jacobs) Wayman were residing in Monroe County, Iowa and provided notarized signature statements.¹⁶ On 5 Jan 1859, John D. filed his final accounts with court and provided

9 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;Solomon Jacobs & Elizabeth his wife formerly Elizabeth Swartz,"

10 Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 25: 300- 301, Thomas Prather and wife Rachel to Solomon Jacobs, 22 October 1827; FHL microfilm 1,328,599.

11 1830 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, Jeffersonville, p. 45, Solomon Jacobs; digital images, Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com : accessed 17 Oct 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M19, roll 28; 1840 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, not stated, p. 289, Solomon Jacobs; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com : accessed 17 Oct 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M704, roll 75; 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 194B, dwelling 699, family 750, Solomon Jacob; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com: accessed 17 Oct 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M432, roll 138.

12 Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 44: 374- 375, Solomon Jacobs and Elizabeth his wife to William Lentz, 7 June 1854; FHL microfilm 1,428,617.

13 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, Utica, p. 194B, dwelling 699.

14 *The History of New Chapel Methodist Church near Watson, Ind.*, typescript history, (Watson, Indiana, United States), p 1-2.

15 Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, G: 313, Estate of Solomon Jacob; FHL microfilm 1,415,967.

16 Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 49: 212- 214, Heirs of Solomon Jacobs to John Fry, 30 March 1859; FHL microfilm 1,428,620, item 1; entry includes notarized signature acknowledgements from Monroe County, Iowa for John and Sarah (Jacobs) Prather, James W. and Margaret (Thompson) Jacobs, and Joseph and Anna Rebecca (Jacobs) Wayman dated 15 March 1859 as well as signature acknowledgements for the remainder of the heirs living in Clark County, Indiana.

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list of heirs and amount due them. After debts were paid, there remained to the estate \$470.00 for distribution.¹⁷ The probate was closed on 4 April 1860 after final distribution of funds.¹⁸

Almost exactly 1 month later John D. Jacobs was back in probate court filing his application for administration of his mother's estate.¹⁹ His bondsmen were Jacob Hobson and Jeremiah Jacobs. On 17 January 1862, John D. provided final accounts and listed the heirs and provided receipts of final distribution.²⁰

1. John D. Jacobs was born 25 June 1813 in Clark County, Indiana, died 9 October 1865 in Clark County, Indiana,²¹ and was buried in the New Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana. *FSID: LHDY-1XX*

John married **Jane Harris**, 7 August 1834 in Clark County, Indiana.²² Jane was born 11 October 1816 in Kentucky, died 24 Oct 1880 in Clark County, Indiana, and was perhaps buried in the New Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.²³ Jane married second John F. Downs on 9 April 1867.²⁴ John F. Downs died in July 1892 and is buried in the Forest Hill Cemetery, Greencastle, Putnam County, Indiana.²⁵ Jane's parents have not been definitively established. There are several Harris families in the area, but none appears to have connections with the Jacobs family. FamilySearch.org links Jane to Lewis Harris and Nancy Day but there are no sources given for this relationship and Jane did not use either of these names for her children.

John is something of a mystery, despite his role as administrator of his parent's estates. He is listed as a farmer owning \$500 worth of real estate in the 1850 census but there is no record of John purchasing land. He died fairly young, just 3 years after settling his mother's estate and yet he appears to have left no estate and there are no guardianship records that have been found for his numerous children. John and Jane and their children appear in only one census, the 1850 in Utica Township, Clark County, Indiana.²⁶ He and Jane had at least 3 young sons in 1840 yet don't appear as a household in the 1840 Clark County census. The John D. Jacob who appears in that census is his uncle.²⁷ John and Jane are not in the 1840 household of Solomon and Elizabeth, and they don't appear to be in any Harris household in Clark County either.²⁸ And although John is clearly living in Clark County in 1860 since he is the administrator for his father's and then his mother's estate, he and Jane have not been found in 1860

17 Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, G: 478, Estate of Solomon Jacob; FHL microfilm 1,415,967.

18 Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, H: 71, Estate of Solomon Jacob; FHL microfilm 1,415,967.

19 Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, H: 54, Estate of Elizabeth Jacob; FHL microfilm 1,415,967.

20 Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, H: 272, Estate of Elizabeth Jacob; FHL microfilm 1,415,967.

21 Find A Grave, John Jacobs, memorial number 72276445.

22 Clark, Indiana, Marriage records 1810-2001, Jacobs-Harris, 1834; digital images, Ancestry, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com: accessed 3 Nov 2019); film # 1415852. Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, D: 36.

23 Find A Grave, Jane Harris Downs, memorial number 85228087, which states that the New Chapel Cemetery has no record of her burial. There is no tombstone photograph attached to the memorial.

24 Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, I: 238, Downs-Jacobs, 1867; FHL microfilm 1,415,853.

25 Find A Grave, John Finley Downs, memorial number 65699274.

26 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 194A, dwelling 692, family 743, John Jacob; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M432, roll 138.]

27 1840 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M704, Roll: 75; Page: 282. This is based on the age recorded for the male head of household and the number of children.

28 1840 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, not stated, p. 289, Solomon Jacobs; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com : accessed 17 Oct 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M704, roll 75. A search of the 1840 Census of Clark County, Indiana for Harris with spelling variations returns 6 white households - none of which have a household composition which includes a female Jane's age and a male John's age.

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either. After John's death, Jane and the younger Jacobs children appear in the 1870 household of Jane's second husband John F. Downs along with Rosella Downs child of Jane's second marriage.²⁹ Oddly enough, although John F. Downs is counted with his sister's family in Warren County, Illinois in 1880.³⁰ Jane Downs is counted in the household of her son James B. Jacobs in the 1880 Utica, Clark County, Indiana census. Jane suffers from neuralgia³¹ and she died later that year so perhaps, John Downs had traveled to Illinois to visit family and left Jane at home due to her illness.

John D. and Jane had at least nine children: **Solomon D.**,³² **John W.**,³³ **James B.**,³⁴ **Henry T.**,³⁵ **George D.**,³⁶ **Virginia A.**,³⁷ **Nancy Elizabeth**,³⁸ and **Theodore**³⁹. There are two other children attributed to John and Jane on FamilySearch Family Tree and many Ancestry Family Trees - **Basil** died in 1846 according to the records of the New Chapel Methodist Church cemetery and there is supposedly a record of his stone, which says "son of John and Jane." However, no stone currently exists and there is more than one John Jacobs in Clark County during this period. **Medora Ann** was supposedly born 1851 and died in 1853. No documentation of her existence has been found. If she is buried with her young sister Virginia A. and parents in New Chapel Methodist Cemetery there is no stone or cemetery record.

2. Julia Ann Jacobs was born 15 November 1815 in Clark County, Indiana, died 22 March 1890 in Clark County, Indiana and was buried in the New Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.⁴⁰ *FSID: LTQK-N4Q*

²⁹ 1870 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Charlestown, p. 357B, dwelling 321, family 321, Jane Downs; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com : accessed 3 Nov 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M593, roll 303; indexed on Ancestry.com as James Downs in error. It is clearly Jane who is female.

³⁰ 1880 U.S. census, Warren, Illinois, population schedule, Point Pleasant, enumeration district (ED) 29, page: 269C, dwelling 45, family 46, Robt J. Greenleaf, digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com : accessed 23 Nov 2019) citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm T9, roll 25.

³¹ 1880 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, enumeration district (ED) 36, p. 281A, dwelling 243, family 247, Benton Jacobs; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com : accessed 3 Nov 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm T9, roll 269.

³² Clark, Indiana, death certificate no. 4852 (1920), Solomon Lewis Jacobs; digital image, Ancestry, Indiana Death Certificates (www.ancestry.com : accessed 3 Nov 2019); informant Frank Jacobs; occupation Bricklayer; widowed. Parents are listed as John Jacobs and Jane Harris.

³³ 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 194A, dwelling 692, family 743, John Jacob; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M432, roll 138.

³⁴ Clark, Indiana, death certificate no. 166 (registered number is blank) (1915), J.B. Jacobs; digital image, Ancestry, Indiana Death Certificates (www.ancestry.com : accessed 3 Nov 2019). Parents listed as John Jacob and Jane Harris.

³⁵ 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 194A, dwelling 692, family 743, John Jacob; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M432, roll 138. on the 1870 Census Henry is in the household of John Downs and Jane Downs. He is listed as "insane", and he does not appear in any further records.

³⁶ 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 194A, dwelling 692, family 743, John Jacob; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M432, roll 138.

³⁷ 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 194A, dwelling 692, family 743, John Jacob; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M432, roll 138.

³⁸ Jefferson, Kentucky, death certificate no. 28147 (1927), Elizabeth Peyton; digital image, Ancestry, Kentucky Death Certificates (www.ancestry.com : accessed 4 Nov 2019). Parents are listed as John Jacobs and Jane.

³⁹ Clark, Indiana, death certificate no. 25741 (1928), Theodore Jacob; digital image, Ancestry, Indiana Death Certificates (www.ancestry.com : accessed 4 Nov 2019). Parents listed as John Jacobs and Jane Harris.

⁴⁰ *Find A Grave*, digital images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 6 Nov 2019), Julia A. Jacobs Hobson, memorial number 63641114; shared memorial stone with husband Jacob Hobson.

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Julia married **Jacob Hobson** on 27 April 1835 in Clark County, Indiana.⁴¹ Jacob was born 4 July 1810 in Kentucky, the son of William Hobson and Elizabeth Cyphers, died 3 January 1898 in Clark County, Indiana and was buried in the New Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.⁴²

Jacob and Julia were apparently the descendants most inclined to persevere in the tradition of Solomon and Elizabeth. They were lifelong farmers in the hills of Utica Township. Jacob Hobson appears on the 1840 census with a household that clearly matches his known family at that time.⁴³ Julia and Jacob appear regularly as a farming family in Utica, Clark County for the census of 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880.⁴⁴ And they were clearly prosperous - adding to their inherited land holdings through purchases in 1866, 1873 and 1876.⁴⁵ Jacob served as the bondsman for John D. in his administration of the estates of Solomon and Elizabeth.⁴⁶

Julia died 8 years before Jacob. Sometime before his own death, possibly shortly after Julia died, Jacob set up a series of annuities for his children with the stipulation that the amount paid to them annually would reduce their share in the estate. This was an unusual arrangement but perhaps none of the surviving children needed farmland or perhaps they were already well established. When Jacob died his estate consisted primarily of stock in the Citizen's National Bank of Jeffersonville.⁴⁷ It seems likely that Jacob had sold his land to set up the annuities for his children, but no sale record has been located. In January 1898, William J. Hobson opened probate on his father's estate.⁴⁸ Over 1 year later William filed his final report and vouchers for distribution.⁴⁹ The children received only small amounts of money - with Mary E. Crum actually owing the estate money, due to her insolvency and the complicated finances around the annuity. The listed heirs were Mary E. Crum, Catherine C. Holman, the children of Sarah J. Sweeney deceased, and William J. Hobson.

41 Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, D: 72, Hobson - Jacob, 1835; FHL microfilm 1,415,852, item 4; Bride's name is listed as July Ann Jacob.

42 *Find A Grave*, Jacob Hobson, memorial number 63641040. Jacob Hobson, 03 January 1898, Utica, Indiana; from "Indiana Deaths, 1882-1920," database, Ancestry (<http://www.ancestry.com> : 2003); citing "book CSS-2 on page 113 within the series produced by the Indiana Works Progress Administration." County Health Office, M. Varble.

43 1840 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, not given, p. 280, line 11 (inferred), Jacob Hobson; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 6 Nov 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M704, roll 75.

44 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 191B, dwelling 569, family 710, Jacob Hobson; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 6 Nov 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M432, roll 138; 1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 516, dwelling 165, family 165, Jacob Hobson; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 6 Nov 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M653, roll 248; 1870 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 606B, dwelling 239, family 252, Jacob Hobson; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 6 Nov 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M593, roll 303; 1880 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, enumeration district (ED) 270D, p. 36, dwelling 32, family 33, Jacob Hobson; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 6 Nov 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm T9, roll 269.

45 Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 57: 90-91. Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 63: 350. Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 66: 384. Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, 8: 389.

46 Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, G: 478, Estate of Solomon Jacob; FHL microfilm 1,415,967; Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, Estate of Elizabeth Jacobs, H: 272.

47 Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, 8: 420-421.

48 Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, 8: 389.

49 Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, 10: 425-428.

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Julia Ann and Jacob had six children: **Mary Elizabeth**,⁵⁰ **Sarah Jane**,⁵¹ **Solomon**,⁵² **Rosella Ann**,⁵³ **Catharine Cerelda**,⁵⁴ and **William J.**⁵⁵

3. **Jeremiah Jacobs** was born 24 March 1818 in Utica, Clark County, Indiana, died 28 November 1899, in Clark County, Indiana and was buried in the New Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County.⁵⁶ *FSID: LW1M-S8B*

Jeremiah married **Elizabeth Hobson** on 15 November 1838 in Clark County, Indiana.⁵⁷ Elizabeth was born 15 August 1818 in Utica, Clark County, Indiana, the daughter of William Hobson and Elizabeth Cyphers and younger sister of Jacob Hobson who married Julia Ann Jacobs. Elizabeth died 15 July 1902 and was buried in Clark County, Indiana.⁵⁸

Jeremiah and Elizabeth appear to have lived steady, ordinary lives. They exemplify the type of south Indiana farm family who spent their lives on rented land. They were clearly well settled, appearing in same neighborhood of Utica township of Clark County on the 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 census.⁵⁹ Jeremiah did make a couple of land purchases but those were of small amounts of land and may have been mildly speculative.⁶⁰ Despite, apparently, still owning 1.5 acres in survey #167 of the Illinois Grant at his death, there doesn't appear to have been an estate probated. Perhaps the land had been sold and the deed simply hadn't been recorded yet. The Louisville Courier-Journal reported his death in a short piece that emphasized both his "life-long" membership in the New Chapel Methodist Church and the fact that he and Elizabeth had just celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.⁶¹

50 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 191B, dwelling 569, family 710, Jacob Hobson; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com: accessed 6 Nov 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M432, roll 138.

51 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, Utica, p. 191B, dwelling 569, family 710, Jacob Hobson.

52 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, Utica, p. 191B, dwelling 569, family 710, Jacob Hobson.

53 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, Utica, p. 191B, dwelling 569, family 710, Jacob Hobson.

54 1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 516, dwelling 165, family 165, Jacob Hobson; digital images, Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com: accessed 6 Nov 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M653, roll 248.

55 1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, Utica, p. 516, dwelling 165, family 165, Jacob Hobson.

56 Clark, County Indiana, death certificate no. 219 (1899), Jeremiah Jacobs; digital image, Ancestry, "Indiana, Death Certificates, 1899-2011," *Indiana Death Certificates* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 18 Oct 2019). *Find A Grave*, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com : accessed 6 Nov 2019), Jeremiah Jacobs, memorial number 186142134.

57 Clark, Indiana, Marriage records 1810-2001 212, Jacobs-Cobson (*sic*), 1838; digital images, Ancestry, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 18 Oct 2019).

58 *Find A Grave*, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com : accessed 6 Nov 2019), Elizabeth Jacobs, memorial number 186142300.

59 1840 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, not stated, p. 282, Jeremiah Jacobs; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 18 Oct 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M704, roll 75.; 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 188A, dwelling 630, family 671, Jeremiah Jacob; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 18 Oct 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M432, roll 138.; 1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 493, dwelling 19, family 19, Jeremiah Jacobs; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 18 Oct 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M653, roll 248.; 1870 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 603A, dwelling 194, family 201, Jeremiah Jacobs; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 18 Oct 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M593, roll 303.; 1880 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Union, enumeration district (ED) 35, p. 260A, dwelling none, family none, Jacobs Jeremiah; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 18 Oct 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm T9, roll 269.

60 Clark County, Indiana, Deed Records, 63: 569 and 570. Clark County, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 64: 418 and 419. Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 73: 270

61 "Old Native Dead," Louisville Courier-Journal, Louisville, Kentucky, Wednesday November 29, 1899, page 6, digital image: Newspapers.com (www.newspapers.com: accessed 10 February 2020). *This article is in error regarding his wife's parentage. The obituary's author perhaps confused Jeremiah's mother Elizabeth Jacobs and his wife Elizabeth Jacobs stating that his wife was the daughter of George Swartz and that they were married by her uncle Jacob Swartz. Since the article correctly gives the dates of their marriage and Reverend Jacob Swartz was Jeremiah's uncle not his wife's, it seems clear to me that someone confused the two Elizabeth's. Neither of the woman had a father named George.*

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Jeremiah and Elizabeth had eight children: **Thomas Jefferson**,⁶² **James William**,⁶³ **Solomon Albert**,⁶⁴ **Sarah E.**,⁶⁵ **Francis Marion**,⁶⁶ **Sophia Catherine**,⁶⁷ **George W.**,⁶⁸ and **Mary Alice**.⁶⁹

4. **William Swartz Jacobs** was born 18 November 1823 in Utica Township, Clark County, Indiana, died 31 January 1910 in Jeffersonville, Clark County.⁷⁰ *FSID: LHPN-KZ5*

William married **Zerelda E. Thompson** 18 November 1847 in Clark County, Indiana.⁷¹ Zerelda was born 21 December 1823 in Indiana, daughter of Joshua Thompson and Chloe Redman, died 16 February 1898 in Jeffersonville, Clark County and was buried in the Walnut Ridge Cemetery, Jeffersonville, Clark County.⁷²

William S. trod a different path. He entered Asbury College (now DePauw University) in 1845 and upon his return to Utica township in 1847 he became a schoolteacher. William and Zerelda soon moved to Jeffersonville, and he became a clerk with a grocery retailer. About 1849, he set up in the grocery business in a partnership with Benjamin F. Dyer.⁷³ Also by 1849, he was speculating in land, primarily city lots in and close to Jeffersonville with occasional forays into farmland speculation. Alone and with partner Benjamin F. Dyer, William bought and sold over a dozen lots and partial lots between 1849 and 1864.⁷⁴ By the outbreak of the Civil War William was in the transfer business - serving as a major contractor for the U.S. government hauling army supplies.⁷⁵ After the war he became a coal merchant,⁷⁶ although he also had investments in the Citizen's Bank of Jeffersonville⁷⁷ and continued to own several town lots. William and Zerelda's path in life was more like those of his Swartz uncles Jacob and George than that of his parents. They too were town dweller and at least part-time merchants with wide connections across Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio, as well as land speculators.⁷⁸ Despite the difference in

62 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, Utica, p. 188A, Jeremiah Jacob.

63 Clark County, Indiana, death certificate no. 13640 (registered number 56) (1926), James W. Jacobs.

64 Clark County, Indiana, death certificate no. 210 (1908), Albert Jacobs.

65 Lawrence County, Indiana, death certificate no. 360 (1917), Sarah E. Whalen.

66 Clark County, Indiana, death certificate no. 185 (registered number 16) (1917), Francis M. Jacobs.

67 Lawrence County, Indiana, death certificate no. 382 (registered number 387) (1915), Sophia C. Weir; digital image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 18 Nov 2019.)

68 1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, Utica, p. 493, Jeremiah Jacobs.

69 California State Department of Health; Bureau of Vital Statistics, death certificate 100 (1941), Mary Alice Prall; digital image, *FamilySearch*, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 18 Nov 2019).

70 Clark, Indiana, death certificate no. 229 (registered number 31) (1910), Wm. S. Jacobs.] and was buried in the Walnut Ridge Cemetery, Jeffersonville, Clark County[19. *Find A Grave*, digital images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 7 November 2019), William S. Jacobs, memorial number 63944492 section B. Inscription reads "at Rest." Stone says Wm. S. Jacobs and gives birth date of 18 November 1823. Death certificate says 18 October 1823.

71 Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, E: 131, Jacobs-Thompson, 1847; FHL microfilm 1,415,852, item 5.

72 *Find A Grave*, digital images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 7 November 2019), Zerelda E. Jacobs, memorial number 63944660, section B, lot 192, grave 8. Inscription reads "Wife of Wm. S. Jacobs. "William S. Jacobs", Biographical and Historical Souvenir for the Counties of Clark, Crawford, Harrison, Floyd, Jefferson, Jennings, Scott and Washington, Indiana, Chicago, Chicago Printing Company, 1889 pg ?. *This gives her parentage as Joshua Thompson and Miss Redman. Other sources and other relationships confirm that the mother was Chloe Redman. Joshua and Chloe were the parents of Greenberry Thompson husband of William's cousin Sarah Ann Bottorff (see article on Descendants of Samuel Bottorff and Ann Swartz.)*

73 "Son of Pioneers, William Swartz Jacobs dies," *Courier-Journal* (Louisville, Kentucky), 1 February 1910, page 10, digital image (www.newspapers.com: accessed 2 February 2020.)

74 Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 39: 534, 49: 212-214A, 54: 338, 55: 432, 59: 452 - 543 and others. Refer to the Clark County Deed Indexes FHL microfilms 1428648 item 3-1428652 item 1 for particulars.]

75 Clark, Indiana, United States, "Internal Revenue Assessment Lists for Indiana, 1862-1864," p. 9 (handwritten and difficult to decipher), line 35 - Jacobs, Wm S.; digital images, *Ancestry*, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 5 Mar 2020); citing National Archives, M765; Records of the Internal Revenue Service, RG 58. William, residing in Jeffersonville, is taxed on "gross receipts - wagons." See also his obituary.]

76 1900 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, ED 10, sheet 8, p. A, dwelling 160, family 178, William S. Jacobs; digital images, *com* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 7 November 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm T623, roll 363.

77 Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, 24: 388-389.

78 See research reports on Jacob and George Swartz.

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lifestyle, William and Zerelda were very similar to his parents and grandparents in their active participation in the Methodist Church. William was a long time trustee of the Wall Street Methodist Church in Jeffersonville, from at least the 1850s until the early 1900s, serving on the board when the church built a new building, and regularly teaching Sunday School. William's uncle Leonard Swartz had been one of the early trustees of the Wall Street church in 1840.⁷⁹ Both William and his younger brother James Wiley were active in fraternal organizations. William was a 50-year member of the Tabor Lodge of the IOOF and was the treasurer of the Lodge when he died.⁸⁰

In the age-old tradition of well off couples who have small families, William and Zerelda appear to have raised children who were not theirs. On the 1860 census there are three younger "Jacobs" residing in the household Leah Jacobs age 17, Emmons B. age 8 and Charles R. age 4.⁸¹ Charles is the son of William and Zerelda, probably their only child. Emmons B. is the son of William's brother James Wiley Jacobs and his first wife Mary A. Prather. (see the biography of 6. James Wiley Jacobs for additional information.) Emmons lived with William until Emmons married and they appear to have had a close relationship. In a local "brag book" Emmons is called William's "one living son",⁸² This long-term relationship became an issue after William's death when he left none of his substantial estate to Emmons despite apparently making promises. Emmons initiated an unsuccessful suit to overturn his uncle's will.⁸³

And who was Leah? Leah is not in the William and Zerelda household in 1850 when she would have been seven.⁸⁴ She doesn't appear in the other Jacob's households in Clark County either. A Leah Jane Jacobs married William T. Saunders, a Methodist minister, in Jeffersonville on 6 September 1860,⁸⁵ but documents from later in her life provide no evidence she was a child of William and Zerelda. Leah Saunders was a widow living in the Los Angeles household of her son in 1910⁸⁶ when William died, and she had 2 living children as well. Surely William would have provided for them in his will. On the 1917 Kentucky death certificate of her son William Saunders, Leah's maiden name is given as Aldridge.⁸⁷ Even if Leah had been informally adopted by William and Zerelda, it seems likely that William would have left her something. Leah "Jacobs" Saunders died in California in 1920 and her body was returned to Indiana and buried in Walnut Ridge cemetery near William S. Jacobs, his first wife, his son Charles, and his nephew Emmons.⁸⁸ Leah "Jacobs" remains a mystery.

On 21 September 1899, in Jeffersonville, William married, as his second wife, widow **Emma/Emily J. (Bottorff) Lutz**.⁸⁹ She was born in May 1849 in Indiana, the daughter George Bottorff and Mary Garner,

79 Baird, Baird's History, p. 245.

80 "Son of Pioneers, William Swartz Jacobs dies," Courier-Journal (Louisville, Kentucky), 1 February 1910, page 10, digital image (www.newspapers.com: accessed 2 February 2020.)

81 1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, p. 376, dwelling 372, family 399, Wm. S. Jacobs; digital images, *com* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 7 Nov 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M653, roll 248.

82 "William S. Jacobs", Biographical and Historical Souvenir for the Counties of Clark, Crawford, Harrison, Floyd, Jefferson, Jennings, Scott and Washington, Indiana, Chicago, Chicago Printing Company, 1889 pg ?

83 Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, 24: 388-389; 511; 516 and possibly other pages.

84 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, p. 162B, dwelling 279, family 291, William S. Jacob; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com : accessed 7 November 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M432, roll 138.

85 Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, H: 38, Saunders - Jacobs, 1860; FHL microfilm 1415853, item 2.

86 1920 U.S. census, Los Angeles, California population schedule, Assembly District 61, p. 5A, E.D. 107 dwelling 95, family 121, Charles Saunders; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com: accessed 7 November 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm T625, roll 105.

87 Wm. Thomas Saunder, certificate number 35065, *Kentucky, Death Records, 1852-1965*, 6 February 1917, digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com: accessed, 10 December 2019) citing *Kentucky Birth, Marriage and Death Records - Microfilm (1852-1910)*. Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort, Kentucky.

88 *Find A Grave*, digital images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 7 November 2019), Leah J. "Jacobs" Saunders, memorial number 63945003, section B, inscription on stone says "wife of Rev Wm T. Saunders 1841-1920.

89 Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, U: 325.

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died before 30 June 1919 in Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in Union Cemetery, Clark County, Indiana.⁹⁰ {FSID: 9DWY-NT8}. Emma/Emily was the widow of George Lutz.⁹¹

In his will, William left his widow Emily and granddaughter Mary a proportional life interest in the investments and properties he owned at his death and stipulated that after the death of one, the survivor would inherit the entire estate.⁹² Therefore, upon Emily's death in 1919 the entire estate became the property of Mary (Jacobs) Ferguson, only grandchild of William S. Jacobs and Zerelda Thompson.

William and Zerelda had one known child **Charles R.** who died before both parents, within a year of his marriage and shortly after the birth of his only child, Mary.⁹³

5. Sarah Elizabeth Jacobs was born 28 September 1827 in Utica, Clark, Indiana, United States, died 4 December 1904 in Iowa, United States, and was buried in IOOF Cemetery, Indianola, Warren County, Iowa, United States.⁹⁴ *FSID: LH21-P3W*

Sarah married **John Noon Prather**, son of David Johnson Prather and Matilda Noon, 15 March 1848 in Clark County, Indiana, United States.⁹⁵ John was born 13 Dec 1826, died 24 November 1904 in Warren County, Iowa, and was buried in the IOOF Cemetery, Indianola, Warren County, Iowa, United States.⁹⁶

John's parents David Johnson Prather and Matilda Noon Prather were early pioneers of Monroe County, Iowa. David Prather patented land in Wayne Township, Monroe County in late 1846 and some of the family moved to Monroe County in 1847, according to Sterling B. Martin their great grandson.⁹⁷ John remained behind in Clark County. Perhaps he was waiting to marry Sarah in 1848, before following his father and mother to Iowa. John and Sarah were resident in Monroe County by the 1850 census and John patented land in township 21 in 1856. The couple put down farming roots in Monroe County, raising children and farming their 40 acres for over 45 years.⁹⁸ However, there is another piece to their

⁹⁰ 1900 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, Jeffersonville, ED 10, sheet 8A, William S. Jacobs. Clark, Indiana, Wills book, K: 508. *Find A Grave*, Emily J. Bottorff Jacobs, memorial number 14201743.

⁹¹ Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, I: 411, Lutz-Bottorff, 1868; FHL microfilm 1415854, item 1.]

⁹² Clark, Indiana, Wills book, K: 508, William S. Jacobs; FHL microfilm 1,415,965; Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, 24: 388-389; 511; 516, etc. *The will, as recorded in Will Book K, is now completely unreadable due to damage to the pages of the will book, however the terms of the will are made clear in subsequent probate proceedings as well as being detailed in an article in the Louisville Courier-Journal.* "William Swartz Jacobs will presented" *Courier-Journal* (Louisville, Kentucky), 8 February 1910, page 7, digital image (www.newspapers.com: accessed 2 February 2020.)

⁹³ Works Progress Administration, "Indiana, WPA Death Index 1882-1920," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 7 November 2019), Chas Jacobs; citing "Bk H-21 pg 4 within the Indiana county death records indexed by the Indiana Works Projects Administration. Indiana: circa 1938-1941"; Chas Jacobs 24 March 1882, Jeffersonville, age 26, male, white. *The death date on this index in 1882 but the death date on the tombstone is 1881. I believe the index is in error however, the date range for the index is 1882-1920 which provides a counter argument.*

⁹⁴ Warren, Iowa, death certificate no. 91 0019 (registered number 5) (1904), Sarah E. Prather; digital image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 18 Nov 2019.) *Find A Grave*, Sarah E. Jacobs Prather memorial 28869986, digital images (<http://www.findagrave.com>: accessed 8 Nov 2019.)

⁹⁵ Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, F: 140, Prather - Jacobs, 1818; FHL microfilm 1,415,852, item 6.

⁹⁶ *Find A Grave*, digital images (<http://www.findagrave.com>: accessed 8 Nov 2019), John N. Prather, memorial number 28869985; someone has placed the following partially incorrect information in the memorial. "John married Mary Sarah Jacobs in 1848. They were the parents of Carrie, George, Matilda and John Prather."

⁹⁷ Sterling B. Martin, Historical comments, Monroe and Lucas counties, Iowa (manuscript, n.d.); FHL Microfilm 980872 item 22.

⁹⁸ 1850 U.S. census, Monroe, Iowa, population schedule, District 13, p. 319A, dwelling 262, family 262, John Brather (*sic*); digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Nov 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M432, roll 187; *household is immediately adjacent to that of Sarah's brother James and Mary Jacobs and their infant son Solomon.* 1856 state census, Monroe, Iowa, population schedule, Wayne, p. 908 (stamped), family 44, John N. Prather; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Nov 2019).

1860 U.S. census, Monroe, Iowa, population schedule, Wayne, p. 418, dwelling 1385, family 1303, John M. Prather; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Nov 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M653, roll 336. 1870 U.S. census, Monroe, Iowa, population schedule, Wayne, p. 468B, dwelling 86, family 6, John Prather; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Nov 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M593, roll 412. 1880 U.S. census, Monroe, Iowa, population schedule, Wayne, enumeration district (ED) 137, p. 166D, dwelling 136, family 137, John N. Prather; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Nov 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm T9, roll 357. 1885 State census, Monroe, Iowa, population schedule, Wayne, p. 526, dwelling 21, family 21, line 19, John Noon Prather; digital

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life story. The Civil War Era IRS Tax lists, show J. N. Prather as a hotel keeper and owner of a stallion and a jack mule in Lagrange, Lucas County during at least the years 1865-1866.⁹⁹ John's father had been an "innkeeper" in several years during the beginning of Monroe County's settlement¹⁰⁰ so the fact that John was apparently keeping a "hotel" during the war is not surprising. However, the location of the hotel first in Lagrange and then in Georgetown, is very surprising. John and the family are continuously enumerated in Wayne Township of Monroe County. While Wayne township is just across the county line from Lucas County neither Lagrange nor Georgetown in Monroe County are particularly close to the lands John patented in 1856. It seems like it would be difficult to manage both a farm and hotel when they are not close together. However, this may have been a short term arrangement since J. N. Prather only appears on these assessment lists for about 18 months.

Sarah and J. N. were surrounded by family. Two of Sarah's siblings moved to Iowa as well J. N.'s numerous siblings and parent. James Wiley Jacobs married John Prather's sister, Mary Ann, at the Prather home in Monroe County in 1849 and they appear in the 1850 census living next to John and Sarah. And Ann Rebecca Jacobs and her husband were in Monroe County by March 1859 when the estate of Solomon Jacobs was settled. Neither James nor Rebecca remained in Iowa. Both households had returned to Indiana by 1860.

By 1900 John and Sarah relocated to Lucas County,¹⁰¹ perhaps to be near family since three of their sons had moved into Lucas County.¹⁰² By 1903, when John wrote his holographic will on 25 August 1903,¹⁰³ he and Sarah were living in Warren County, on land they had recently purchased to "sell" to their son Solomon David. The real estate contract including the terms of John and Sarah's life estate in the property was presented to the court as part of the John's probate proceedings. John named son William Jacob Prather as his executor, and he made bequests to his grandchildren and his children. In May of 1904 John added a handwritten codicil to his will to make specific provisions for Sarah - "all of my rents and interest shall be used for the keeping of my wife Sarah E." - as well as making additional bequests of furniture and other personal property to take effect after Sarah's death. John's will was submitted for probate on the 30th of November 1904. Sarah died of pneumonia just 4 days later.¹⁰⁴

John and Sarah had seven children: **George Washington**¹⁰⁵ (who never married and who died at the age of 35 and is buried next to his young brother in the Prather Cemetery near Melrose,

images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Nov 2019); *the only census where the men's names were given in full for this family John Noon Prather, George Washington Prather, Philo Preston Prather.*

99 Lucas, Iowa, United States, "Internal Revenue Assessment Lists for Iowa, 1862-1866," p. 4 (handwritten), line 15 - Prather J.N.; digital images, Ancestry, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com : accessed 5 Mar 2020); citing National Archives Microfilm Publication M766, 16 rolls); Records of the Internal Revenue Service, Record Group 58; date of list - May 1865; location - Lagrange, Lucas County, tax district 11; taxed on - Stallion and Jack mule. Lucas, Iowa, United States, "Internal Revenue Assessment Lists for Iowa, 1862-1866," p. 2 (handwritten), line 14 - Prather J. N.; digital images, Ancestry, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com : accessed 5 Mar 2020); citing National Archives M766; Records of the Internal Revenue Service, RG 58; list date - August 1865; location Lagrange, Lucas CO, tax district 11; occupation - hotel keeper. Lucas, Iowa, United States, "Internal Revenue Assessment Lists for Iowa, 1862-1866," lines 22-24 Parther J. N.; digital images, Ancestry, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com : accessed 5 Mar 2020); citing National Archives Microfilm Publication M766, 16 rolls); Records of the Internal Revenue Service, Record Group 58; date of list - May 1866; location Georgetown, Monroe CO, tax district 11; occupation - hotel keeper, stallion keeper, jack keeper.

100 Sterling B. Martin, Historical comments.

101 1900 U.S. census, Lucas, Iowa, population schedule, Washington, enumeration district (ED) 79, sheet 6, p. B, dwelling 165, family 167, John N. Prather; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Nov 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm T623.

102 Lucas County, Iowa, Marriage records, 3: 1, Prather-Vannice, 1880; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com: accessed 6 January 2020). Lucas County, Iowa, Marriage records, 3: 21, Prather-Allen, 1882; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com: accessed 26 November 2019). Lucas County, Iowa, Marriage records, 3: 71, Prather-Etter, 1886; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com : accessed 13 Dec 2019.)

103 Warren County, Iowa, Probate Files, Box 98 #2172, John N. Prather estate and will; FHL microfilm 1,872,311, item 21.

104 Warren, Iowa, death certificate no. 91 0019 Sarah E. Prather 1904.

105 1856 State Census, Wayne Township, Monroe County, Iowa, population schedule, page 908 (stamped), family 44, household of John N. Prather.

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Monroe, IA), **Matilda Elizabeth**,¹⁰⁶ **John C.** (who died before age 3),¹⁰⁷ **Solomon David**,¹⁰⁸ **William Jacob**,¹⁰⁹ **Philo Preston**,¹¹⁰ and **Rachel C.**¹¹¹

6. James Wiley Jacobs - was born 1 January 1832 in Clark County, Indiana, died 2 January 1910 in Jeffersonville, Indiana, and was buried in Walnut Ridge Cemetery, Jeffersonville.¹¹² *FSID: L78R-K3J*

James married **Mary A. Prather**, daughter of David Johnson Prather and Matilda Noon, 25 December 1849 in Monroe County, Iowa, United States.¹¹³ Mary was born 15 February 1825 in Clark County, Indiana, United States and died 16 April 1852 in Monroe County, Iowa and her body was taken back to Indiana for burial in the New Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery in Watson.¹¹⁴ James is listed as a farmer in the 1850 Monroe County, Iowa census¹¹⁵ although he did not own land. He may have been working on his brother in law's farm. After Mary's death, their young sons, Solomon David and Emmons B., went to live with family. Solomon lived with his Prather grandparents in Iowa and Emmons with his uncle William S. Jacobs in Jeffersonville, Indiana. It is very hard to determine what relationship the boys may have had with their father and his new family. Although he was living with his father and stepmother in the 1856 Iowa census, Solomon apparently remained in Monroe County, Iowa when James's new family returned to Indiana and Solomon died in Fremont County, Iowa in 1885. Solomon does not appear in the list of James' children in his obituary.¹¹⁶ Emmons lived most of his life within a few blocks of his father and undoubtedly, they interacted often but based on newspaper, legal and biographical accounts Emmons considered William and Zerelda Jacobs his "parents."¹¹⁷

James and Mary Prather Jacobs had two children: **Solomon David**¹¹⁸ and **Emmons B.**¹¹⁹

James married his second wife, **Margaret C. Thompson**, on 2 December 1852 in Monroe County, Iowa.¹²⁰ It is unknown if she is related to Zerelda Thompson wife of William S. Jacobs. No newspaper or other

¹⁰⁶ Matilda Elizabeth Bowman death certificate, Lucas County, Iowa, certificate number 594012, 18 January 1940; digital image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 8 November 2019.)

¹⁰⁷ 1856 State Census, Wayne Township, Monroe County, Iowa, population schedule, page 908 (stamped), family 44, household of John N. Prather.

¹⁰⁸ Solomon David Prather death certificate, Polk County, Iowa, certificate number 077-4339 (stamped), 18 April 1924; digital image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 10 February 2020.)

¹⁰⁹ William Jacob Prather death certificate, Lucas County, Iowa, filing number 12, stamped certificate number partially unreadable 659-xxx, 16 February 1932; digital image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 10 February 2020.)

¹¹⁰ Although Philo died before his parents his young sons were named as heirs in the will of his father John. Warren County, Iowa, Probate Files, Box 98 #2172, John N. Prather estate and will; FHL microfilm 1,872,311, item 21. *Find A Grave*, digital images (www.findagrave.com: accessed 8 Nov 2019), James Wiley Jacobs, memorial number 63925817; text on stone says "Family of J.W. Jacobs" section B, lot 185, grave 2.

¹¹¹ 28. Rachel C. Hansen death index entry, 16 October 1950, Los Angeles County, California, *California, Death Index, 1940-1997*, digital image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 8 November 2019.)

¹¹² J. W. Jacobs death certificate, Clark County, Indiana, certificate no. 226 (registered number 7) (1910), digital image, *Ancestry*, *Indiana Death Certificates* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Nov 2019).

¹¹³ Monroe County, Iowa, Iowa County Marriages, 1838-1934, 1: 42, Jacob-Prather, 25 December 1849; digital images, *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org : accessed 8 Nov 2019); the record indicates the marriage was performed at the home of David Prather (father of the bride.)

¹¹⁴ Find A Grave, *digital images* (www.findagrave.com: accessed 18 February 2020), Mary Ann Prather Jacobs, memorial no. 14996153.

¹¹⁵ 1850 U.S. census, Monroe, Iowa, population schedule, District 13, p. 319A, dwelling 263, family 263, James Jacob; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Nov 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M432, roll 187; immediately next door to John and Sarah (Jacobs) Prather.

¹¹⁶ "The last altar reached by James W. Jacobs of Jeffersonville" *Courier-Journal* (Louisville, Kentucky), 3 February 1910, page 10, digital image (www.newspapers.com: accessed 2 February 2020.)

¹¹⁷ See the biography of 5. William S. Jacobs.

¹¹⁸ James Jacobs household, 1850 U.S. census, Monroe County, Iowa, population schedule, District 13, p. 319A, dwelling 263, family 263.

¹¹⁹ Obituary of James W. Jacobs, *Courier-Journal* (Louisville, Kentucky), 3 February 1910.

¹²⁰ Monroe County, Iowa. Marriage Return book 1, page 42, Jacobs - Thompson, 2 December 1852, FHL film # 980485. Married at the house of Thomas Thompson.

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accounts mention a relationship and Margaret's parentage is obscure. Margaret was born circa 1835, in Indiana and died 4 March 1893 in Jeffersonville, Clark County.¹²¹

Their first two children were born in Iowa, where James was working as a blacksmith. Between 1856 and 1860,¹²² the family returned to Jeffersonville in Clark County where James worked first as a blacksmith then, by 1870, as a collector on the Jeffersonville - Louisville Ferry across the Ohio River.¹²³ James registered for the draft in June or July of 1863,¹²⁴ although he had already served a tour of duty as a Lieutenant in the 12th Indiana Light Artillery Battalion. It was about this period that James began to active in various fraternal organizations. Eventually, his work as the Grand Report of the Knights of Honor and Secretary (for 30 years) of the Tabor Lodge of the IOOF and his active participation in other groups earned him notice as "one of the best know secret order workers in the state."¹²⁵

James and Margaret had seven children: **Elda Anna**,¹²⁶ **Elizabeth**,¹²⁷ **William Thomas**,¹²⁸ **Maria**,¹²⁹ **Sophia J.**,¹³⁰ **James N.**,¹³¹ and **Harry S.**¹³²

After Margaret's March 1893 death, James married **Annette McGonigal** on 26 December 1893.¹³³ Annette, often called Nettie, was born in September 1852 in Indiana¹³⁴ and died or remarried before 1920. Since 1907, James W. had been receiving a pension based on his Civil War service. When he died, Annette applied for both a widow's pension and as guardian of Ruth Jacobs, minor heir of James Wiley Jacobs.¹³⁵

121 Works Progress Administration, "Indiana, WPA Death Index 1882-1920," database, Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com : accessed 18 Feb 2020), citing book H-22 page 30. "Margaret C. Jacobs, age 58."

122 1856 state census, Monroe, Iowa, population schedule, Wayne, p. 910 (stamped), line 46, James W. Jacobs; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Nov 2019); 6 years resident in Iowa, Blacksmith. 1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, p. 391, dwelling 417, family 514, Jas W. Jacobs; digital images, Ancestry.com (www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Nov 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M653, roll 248; blacksmith.

123 In his obituary the Courier-Journal refers to James' occupation as "collector on ferryboats" and some people have interpreted that to mean that he collected ferry boats, either models or actual boats.

124 U.S., Civil War Draft Registrations Records, 1863-1865, Indiana, 4 of 4, page 162; digital images, Ancestry.com, "citing "National Archives and Records Administration (NARA); Washington, D.C; Consolidated Lists of Civil War Draft Registration Records (Provost Marshal General's Bureau; Consolidated Enrollment Lists, 1863-1865); RG:110, Ancestry(www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Nov 2019); James W. Jacobs, 32, white, blacksmith, married, former service 12th Indiana Battalion.

125 1870 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, p. 463B, dwelling 38, family 36, Jas W. Jacobs; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M593, roll 303; collector on the Ferry.

126 1856 State Census, Wayne Township, Monroe County, Iowa, population schedule, page 908 (stamped), family 44, household of James W. Jacobs.

127 1856 State Census, Wayne Township, Monroe County, Iowa, population schedule, page 908 (stamped), family 44, household of James W. Jacobs. Elizabeth apparently died before the 1860 census.

128 Clark, Indiana, death certificate no. 52 (registered number 20) (1903), William Thomas Jacobs.

129 1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, p. 391, dwelling 417, family 514, Jas. W. Jacobs. Maria also apparently died quite young as she does not appear on the 1870 census.

130 1870 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, p. 463B, dwelling 38, family 36, Jas W. Jacobs.

131 1870 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, p. 463B, dwelling 38, family 36, Jas W. Jacobs.

132 . 1870 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, p. 463B, dwelling 38, family 36, Jas W. Jacobs. Harry is identified in other records as Harry Sheets Jacobs and apparently used Sheets as a first name at various times in his life.

133 Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, Q: 247, Jacobs-McGonigal, 1893; FHL microfilm 1,415,857.

134 1900 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, enumeration district (ED) 10, sheet 8, p. B, dwelling 170, family 189, James Jacobs; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Nov 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm T623.

135 Jacobs, James W., U.S., Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934, 1Lt. 12th Independent Battery, Indiana Light Artillery, widow's certificate number 751004, minor's certificate number 799642, digital image, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com; accessed 18 November 2019) citing General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration. T288.

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Jacob and Annette had one daughter: **Ruth**.¹³⁶

7. **Anna Rebecca Jacobs** was born 12 August 1837 in Clark County, Indiana, died 25 December 1863 in Clark County and was buried in the New Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County¹³⁷ She went by both Anna and Rebecca. *FSID: L78R-FDT*

Anna married **Joseph Wayman** 9 December 1855 in Clark County, Indiana.¹³⁸ Joseph was born 1 May 1833, died 5 December 1860, and was buried in New Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.¹³⁹ His parentage is completely unknown.

Mystery surrounds the short lives of Anna and Joseph. Joseph may be part of the Emmanuel Wayman/Wainman and Mary Patterson family who appear to have moved into Clark and/or Floyd Counties around 1820 after a sojourn in Fayette County, Kentucky but this speculation is based primarily on Levi Wayman/Wainman's 1825 marriage to Isabel Jacobs in Clark County.¹⁴⁰ Anna and Joseph moved briefly Monroe County, Iowa, being "of Monroe County, Iowa" when Joseph signed the sales deed to Solomon Jacob's estate and Anna acknowledged her dower along with her sister Sarah Prather and her sister in law Mary A. Jacobs.¹⁴¹ But the couple was back in Floyd County, Indiana in the 1860 census.¹⁴² Anna remained single after Joseph died. Perhaps she moved her two young sons into her mother's house. If so, when her mother died in 1862 and the dower land was sold,¹⁴³ Anna must have felt very alone. And she left her young children to be raised by family when she died just 1 year later.

Anna and Joseph left very, very few records. Despite stating possession of land worth \$3,000 on the 1860 census, they don't appear to have ever bought or sold land for themselves in Monroe County, Iowa or Floyd County, Indiana. And Anna was helping support the family by working as a seamstress in 1860.¹⁴⁴ Their children are difficult to trace and clearly in unsteady situations. Only Edgar Charles ever appears in a household with his parents, in 1860.¹⁴⁵ Nelson appears to have been a posthumous child born late in 1860. Neither Edgar Charles nor Nelson was given long term homes by their mother's extended family. Edgar is living with Fry cousins in 1870,¹⁴⁶ and Nelson is living with Robert and Sophia

¹³⁶ 1900 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, enumeration district (ED) 10, sheet 8, p. B, dwelling 170, family 189, James Jacobs; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Nov 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm T623.

¹³⁷ *Find A Grave*, digital images (<http://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 8 November 2019), Anna Rebecca Jacobs Wayman, memorial number 72255951. 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 194B, dwelling 699, family 750, Solomon Jacob; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 17 Oct 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M432, roll 138.

¹³⁸ Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, G: 83, Wayman-Jacobs, 1855; FHL microfilm 1,415,853, item 1; minister George Swartz.

¹³⁹ *Find A Grave*, Joseph Wayman, memorial number 72255981.

¹⁴⁰ Clark County, Indiana, Marriage Register, volume B, page 156 Wainman - Jacobs, 21 December 1825, "Indiana Marriages, 1811-2007," database with images, *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org: accessed 26 February 2020).

¹⁴¹ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 49: 212- 214, Heirs of Solomon Jacobs to John Fry, 30 March 1859; FHL microfilm 1,428,620, item 1. The entry includes notarized signature acknowledgements from Monroe County, Iowa for John and Sarah Jacobs Prather, James W. and Margaret Thompson Jacobs, and Joseph and Ann Rebecca Jacobs Wayman dated 15 March 1859 as well as signature acknowledgements for the remainder of the heirs living in Clark County, Indiana.

¹⁴² 1860 U.S. census, Floyd, Indiana, population schedule, New Albany, p. 508, dwelling 1367, family 1368, Joseph Weyman; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Nov 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M653, roll 257.

¹⁴³ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 49: 212- 214. *Since Joseph is deceased, Anna signed the sale deed of her mother's dower lands as an independent woman.*

¹⁴⁴ 1860 U.S. census, Floyd, Indiana, population schedule, New Albany, p. 508, dwelling 1367, family 1368, Joseph Weyman; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Nov 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M653, roll 257.

¹⁴⁵ 1860 U.S. census, Floyd, Indiana, New Albany, p. 508, dwelling 1367, family 1368, Joseph Weyman.

¹⁴⁶ 1870 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 606 (stamped), dwelling 235, family 247, George P. Fry; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 18 Oct 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M593, roll 303.

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Jacobs Harold in 1880.¹⁴⁷ But they are not found in other census as children. Were they with Joseph's family? Nelson is listed as "idiotic" on the 1880 census. Were they institutionalized? There don't appear to be answers to most of the questions surrounding the family.

Anna Rebecca and Joseph Wayman had two children: **Edgar Charles**¹⁴⁸ and **Nelson**.¹⁴⁹

8. Sophia J. Jacobs was born 23 August 1838 in Clark County, Indiana¹⁵⁰ and died 30 March 1896 in Clark County, Indiana.¹⁵¹ *FSID: L7FM-96J*

Sophia married **Robert Harold** 15 May 1854 in Clark County, Indiana.¹⁵² Robert was born circa 1833 in Tennessee,¹⁵³ and died 23 Feb 1895 in Clark County, Indiana.¹⁵⁴ The Harold surname is found in records spelled Harrold and Herald, with perhaps the most unusual spelling being the phonetic spelling of Harrill. Sophia and Robert had a married life filled with personal tragedy and financial instability. Three of their five known children died before age 10, including both daughters, and one adult son died shortly after his 1886 marriage. They spent most of their lives as tenant farmers, not purchasing their first piece of property till 1886.¹⁵⁵ According to various mortgages, they lived on that land, just outside the city boundaries of Jeffersonville, until Sophia's death in 1896. But they were in constant danger of losing the land due to their debts.

In November of 1894, their only surviving son, William B. Harold, went to court in Clark County to have a guardian appointed for his father due to his deteriorating mental state. Part of the concern must have been that Robert and Sophia had taken out overlapping mortgages on both their personal and real property. Between the 1886 purchase and the court proceedings 8 years later, Robert and Sophia had taken out at least 2 mortgages on the land and 2 chattel mortgages on their personal property. None of them had been repaid. As well there were at least 2 judgements against Robert for debt that had not been paid.¹⁵⁶ William clearly feared for his parents if this situation was allowed to continue. The jurors agreed that Robert was "of unsound mind" and the court appointed Simeon S. Johnson to be guardian of his person and property.¹⁵⁷ In December 1894, Robert was committed to the Central Asylum for the Insane (also known as the Central State Hospital) in Indianapolis. He escaped the asylum in January

147 1880 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, ED 25, p. 63B, dwelling not given (line number 45), family number not given, Robt Harrold, digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 10 Nov 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm T9, roll 269. *Ancestry has indexed Nelson's surname as Wagman, but review of the census taker's handwriting makes it clear the G is a Y.*

148 1860 U.S. census, Floyd, Indiana, New Albany, p. 508, dwelling 1367, family 1368, Joseph Weyman.

149 1880 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, Jeffersonville, enumeration district (ED) 25, p. 63B. *Nelson is listed as nephew, age 19 and "idiotic". He has not been found in the 1900 or 1910 census.*

150 The date is traditional. The year comes from the 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 194B, dwelling 699, family 750, Solomon Jacob; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 17 Oct 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M432, roll 138.

151 "Jeffersonville - Mrs. Sophia J. Harold died Sunday night.," *Courier-Journal*, 21 March 1896, p. 8, col. 8; digital images, *Newspapers.com* (www.newspapers.com: accessed 25 Feb 2020).] *Sophia's funeral was conducted by the Reverend Charles Tinsley of the Wall Street Methodist Church, where she had been an active member for many years and her husband had been sexton prior to Tinsley's time in the pulpit. Despite their long association with Wall Street Church, it doesn't appear that Sophia and Robert were buried in the church's cemetery, Walnut Ridge. Her short obituary does not record her proposed place of burial, no stone seems to exist, and no cemetery record has been found.*

152 Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, F: 506, Harrill (sic)-Jacobs, 1854; FHL microfilm 1,415,852, item 6.

153 1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 507, dwelling 115, family 115, Robt Herald; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 10 Nov 2019); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M653, roll 248.

154 Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, 9: 213, Robert Herrald; FHL microfilm 1,415,991, item 2.

155 Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 76: 445, Pennsylvania Company to Robert Harrold, 19 June 1886; FHL microfilm 1,428,642, item 1.

156 Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, 12: 251. 370, 461, 506-515, Robert Harrold; FHL microfilm 1,428,534, item 2.

157 Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, 4: 353, Robert Harrold, jury verdict - of unsound mind; FHL microfilm 1,415,990, item 1.

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1895,¹⁵⁸ and returned home where he apparently asked for a retrial of his sanity. On 16 January 1895, Charles Ruhle requested a reopening of the matter and after Robert himself appeared in court a second time, the jurors declared Robert to "be of sound mind" and capable of managing his own estate. Simeon Johnson was requested to provide an accounting of his guardianship but there can't have been much to report given the brief, but crowded, period of his service.¹⁵⁹

Barely one month later, Robert was dead. No obituary or cemetery record has been found. The precise date of Robert's death comes from the lengthy and voluminous probate records that stretch from 1895 to 1900 before final settlement was reached with the sole heir, William B. Harold.¹⁶⁰ Settlement of the estate was complicated both by the amount of debt involved and by the death of Sophia during Robert's probate process.¹⁶¹ Sophia died of heart trouble "from which she had suffered since the death of a son , eight years ago."¹⁶²

Sophia and Robert had five children, however only William survived them: **William B.,¹⁶³ Thomas S.,¹⁶⁴ Anna,¹⁶⁵ Sophia,¹⁶⁶ and George.¹⁶⁷**

158 "Jeffersonville - Robert Herold, formerly sexton of Walnut Ridge Cemetery," *Courier-Journal*, 16 January 1895, p. 7, col. 3; digital images, Newspapers.com (www.newspapers.com: accessed 25 Feb 2020.)

159 Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, 5: 28, Robert Harrold - jury verdict - now of sound mind; FHL microfilm 1,415,990, item 2.

160 Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, 12: 251, 370, 461, 506-515, Robert Harrold; FHL microfilm 1,428,534, item 2.

161 Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, 7: 15-20, Sophia J Harrold; FHL microfilm 1,415,991, item 2.

162 "Jeffersonville - Mrs. Sophia J. Harold died Sunday night.," *Courier-Journal*, 21 March 1896, p. 8, col. 8.

163 Jefferson, Kentucky, death certificate no. 17508 (1921), William B. Harold; digital image, Ancestry, *Kentucky Death Certificates* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 10 Nov 2019.)

164 1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 507, dwelling 115, family 115, Robt Herald. *His only census appearance.*

165 1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 507, dwelling 115, family 115, Robt Herald. *Her only census appearance.*

166 1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 507, dwelling 115, family 115, Robt Herald. *Her only census appearance.*

167 1880 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, ED 25, p. 63B, dwelling not given (line number 45), family# not given, Robt Harrold.