

THE SAMUELS FAMILY

The Samuels family is originally from Scotland. The family moved to Northern Ireland like many other Scots in the late 1600s, and from there to America in the mid 1700s. They settled in Delaware and then moved west to Ohio and Indiana. It was in Indiana that Edith Maude Samuels met and later married Claude Everett Danner, and the Samuels family became a part of the Danner family.

THE EARLY SAMUELS FAMILY

We know from census records that Peter Samuels was born in Delaware. We are not certain as to who his parents were.

There are records of early Samuels families in both Delaware and Maryland. At this time I have no means of connecting these early families together.

From a book on Kent County, Delaware Probate Records, I find where a John Samuels was the administrator of two estates. One of Thomas Crippen on October 16, 1729 and the other to Sarah O'Neal on March 26, 1730/1.

There is a marriage record in Prince George's County, Maryland where Samuel Samuels married Mary Hilleary on January 11, 1792.

I hope to tie in these families, but at this time I can only begin with the life of Peter Samuels.

PETER SAMUELS

Peter Samuels was born in Delaware on September 9, 1803. He married a woman whose maiden name seems to be Mahailey. They were married about 1832, and had one daughter, Mary Ann Samuels, born there in 1833. Peter's first spouse died there shortly afterwards, perhaps even in childbirth.

Peter and his daughter then moved to Circleville in Pickaway County, Ohio in about 1835 or 1836. In Circleville, he met and married Eleanor Vinson in 1837. Eleanor was born in Delaware also and perhaps the two families went west together, I simply do not know.

Now all the above is based on most people's feelings that the 1850 Ohio Census shows both Peter and Eleanor being born in Delaware. There is one female, Mary Ann, listed as being born in Delaware and being 12 years old. This date has been used to determine when and where Peter was first married and when he was last in Delaware. I have looked up the original census and find two interesting facts. First Mary Ann is listed at the very bottom of the family listings and

second, I read the age as 72 and not 12. If I am right, then Mary Ann is most likely Peter's widowed mother as Peter is 46 at the time. The ages fit.

Now, if the above is correct, perhaps Peter married his first spouse and headed west with no children. In fact, he could have married Eleanor back in Delaware and moved with her to Ohio. Other members of the Vinson family moved from Delaware to Ohio at that time.

At any rate, Peter and Eleanor had their first child, Rachel, in Ohio in 1837. They had a total of nine children; Rachel, Lenora, Peter, Smith, William Harrison, Edward Rufus, Eurius, Joseph and Belle.

In 1856, Peter, Eleanor and the kids left Ohio by wagon to go to Waterman, Indiana that is in Parke County, Indiana. Eleanor died in 1858, leaving Peter with a very young family.

Peter remarried on March 1st, 1859 to Arena Leasley. Arena was born in 1826 and she died on September 21, 1867. They had two more children; a daughter who was born on April 27, 1860 and died September 5, 1860, and another daughter, Alice born in 1865 and died in 1881 at age sixteen.

After Arena died, Peter still had three young children. He again married in 1867 to Mary Wineland. In total he was married seven times, with no children of the last four marriages.

All the following marriages took place in Park County, Indiana. Mary Wineland on December 26, 1867; Sarah Bakehorn on August 25, 1870; Margaret Bragg on November 18, 1872; and to Mary Denison on May 31, 1874. After being a widower seven times, Peter finally gave up.

Peter Samuels died in Lodi, Parke County, Indiana on October 23, 1876 and is buried in the Silver Island Cemetery there.

The following is what I know about the children of Peter Samuels.

Mary Ann Samuels

Most people feel this is the eldest child and that she was born in Delaware. Nothing is known about her. The 1850 census lists her as being 17 and being born in Delaware. That would put her birth about 1832.

I mentioned above, that I feel people have misread the census data, and that Mary Ann was most likely Peter's mother. I do not know for certain, so I have included her here. One family historian indicates she married John Wann, but I do not know for certain.

Rachel Samuels

Rachel was born in Pickaway County, Ohio in about 1837. She married twice, first to Isaac Wycoff and then to Ely Cook.

Lenora Samuels

Lenora was born in 1839 or 1840. In the 1850 census, she is listed as being ten years old. This is all I know about her.

Peter Samuels Jr.

Peter was born in 1838 and is buried in Arkansas. I know nothing more.

Smith H. Samuels

Smith was born on December 25, 1841 in Pickaway County, Ohio. He was married to Nancy Isabelle Wann in Eugene, Vermillion County, Indiana on September 30, 1886 and he died in Cayuga, Vermillion County on March 4, 1926.

William Harrison Samuels

William was born in Pickaway County on April 13, 1844. He married Louvonia Hester Brown in Indiana on March 10, 1870. He died in Cayuga, Vermillion County, Indiana on October 19, 1929.

Edward Rufus Samuels

Edward was born in Circleville, Ohio on December 5, 1847. He married Elizabeth J. Hobart in Lodi, Parke County, Indiana on April 15, 1875. He died in Lodi on December 25, 1931.

Eurius Samuels

Eurius was born in Circleville, Ohio in 1849. He married Mattie Heinz in Indiana and died in Lodi, Indiana.

Joseph Samuels

Joseph was born on January 15, 1856 in Circleville, Ohio. This is our line and his life is covered in the next section.

Belle Samuels

Belle was the twin sister of Joseph. She was born in Ohio on January 15, 1856. She died at age thirteen in Lodi, Parke County, Indiana on September 16, 1869 and is buried at the Silver Island Cemetery.

Alice M. Samuels

Alice was a daughter of Peter and Arena Samuels. She was born in Parke County in 1865 and died there in 1881. She is buried along with her unnamed sister in the Silver Island Cemetery.

JOSEPH SAMUELS

Joseph Samuels was born in Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio on January 15, 1856. His death certificate lists the year as 1853, but I think that is a mistake.

He moved as an infant to Indiana with his family. He married Adda B. Mattox in Kingman, Fountain County, Indiana on December 2, 1881. Adda was born on April 28, 1863 in Illinois. She was the daughter of Benjamin Mattox from Pennsylvania.

Joseph and Adda had two children Edith who married Claude Danner and Jesse who died as a child.

Joseph was a merchant and moved to Terre Haute, Indiana.

Joseph died in Terre Haute on May 18, 1922, and is buried at Silver Wood Indiana Cemetery. Adda died in Terre Haute on November 9, 1927, and is buried in Cayuga, Indiana.

Their children were:

JESSE SAMUELS born in the 1880s and died as a small child.

EDITH MAUDE SAMUELS was born on December 19, 1892 in Indiana. She married Claude Everett Danner in Portland Oregon. Their lives were covered in the main body of this Danner Family History.