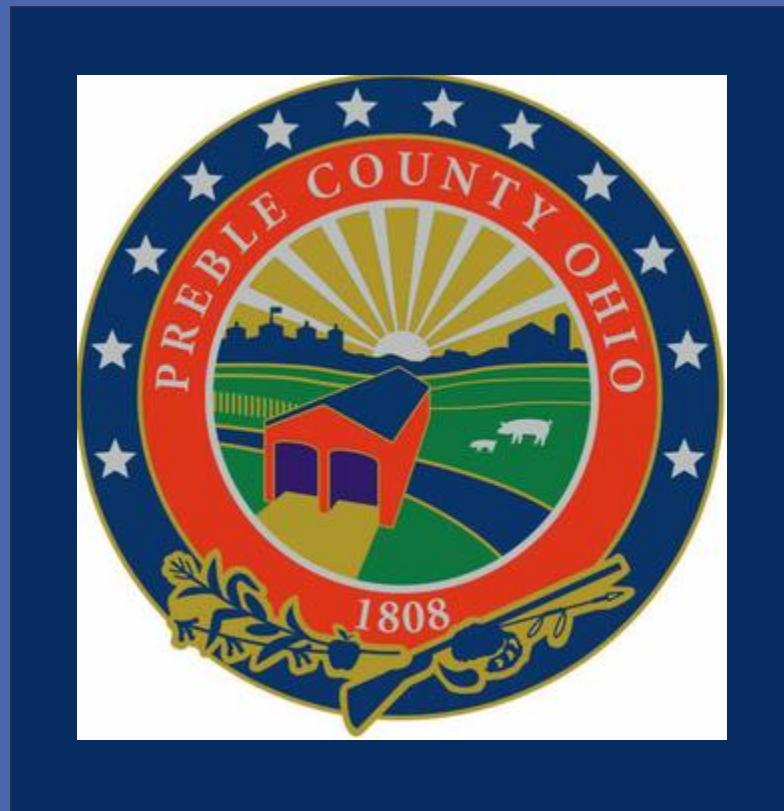


WILLIAM B. SILVER AND ANN JOHNSON LINEAGE



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Introduction

The Silver family were Quakers. In order to understand their religion and how it affected their daily lives, a brief history will be provided below.

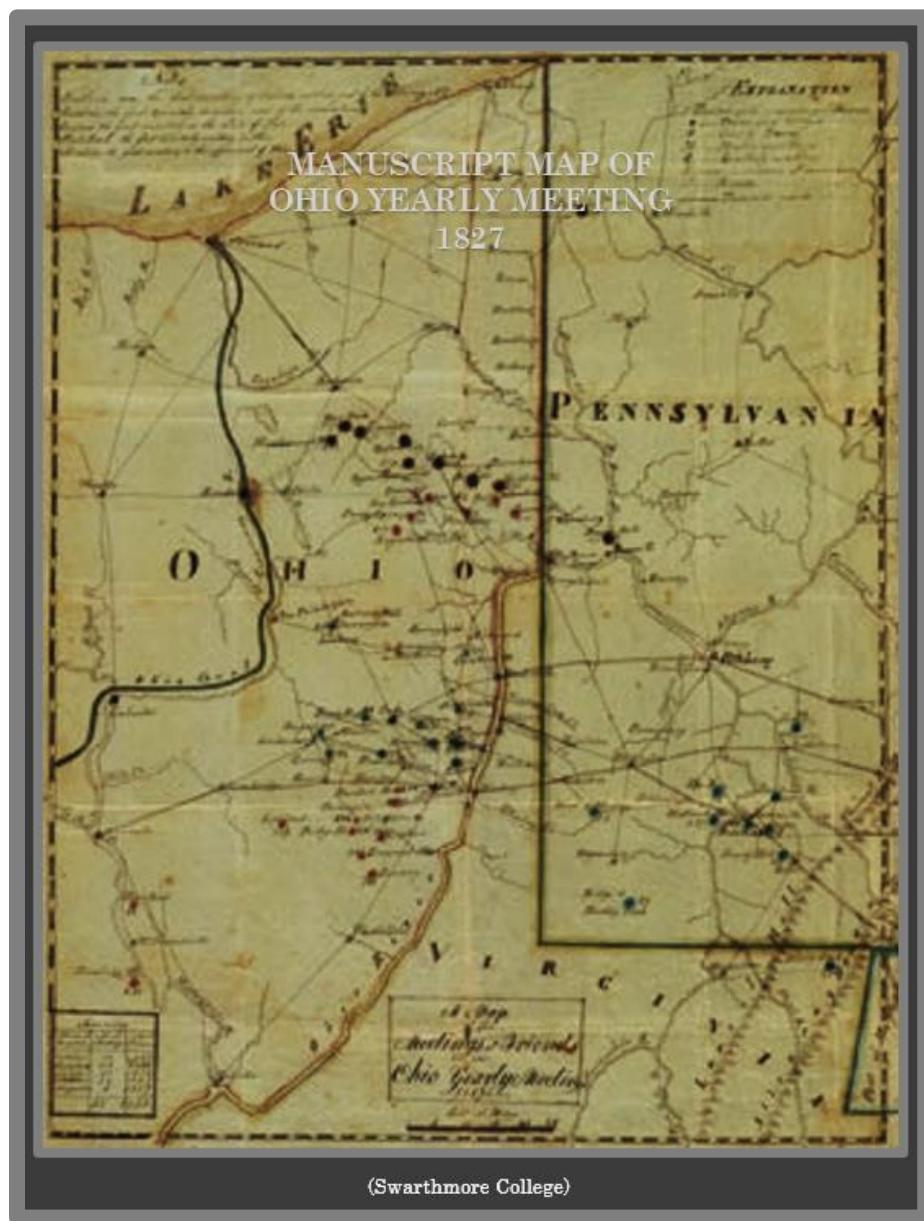
Quakers and the Establishment of the Ohio and Later Indiana Yearly Meetings (Project)

William B. Silver and Ann Johnson were both of the Quaker faith. William was born in New Jersey and Ann was born in Delaware. Both of their families migrated to Ohio to seek land and a better life in the Northwest Territory. It is important to understand how the Quakers expanded their practices when they reached Ohio and beyond. A summary of their hierarchical organization will be provided as follows, as well the organization of the Ohio and Indiana Yearly Meetings of Friends. The following was obtained from the Quaker glossary of terms listed on the Quaker and Slavery Project web-site.



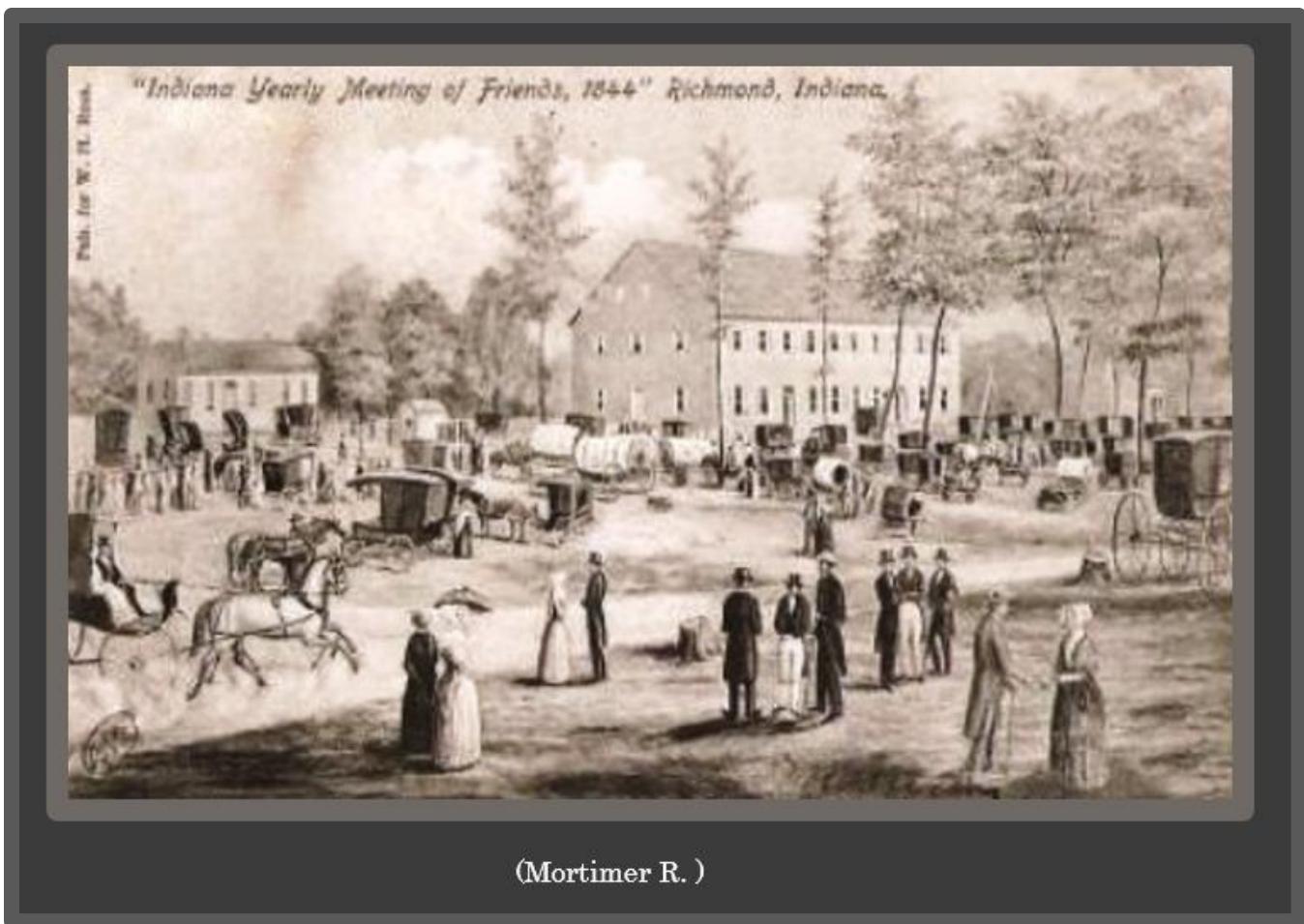
Quakers were a very organized and hierarchical group of people. The lowest level of organization was at the *Preparative Meeting*, which was an organized business meeting of one congregation. The Men and Women met separately and took detail minutes of their meetings. The next level was the *Monthly Meeting*, they were responsible for the care of members, authorizations of removals and marriages, maintained discipline, considered the queries, managed meeting property, fostered social concerns, and reported regularly to the Quarterly Meeting. The *Quarterly Meeting* was held four times per year, and was attended by

representatives of all of the region's Monthly Meetings. This level served as an appellate body for disciplinary matters, and solved problems referred to them from the lower levels. The Quarterly Meeting could establish or disband a Monthly or Preparative meeting and collected financial assessments from the monthly meetings. They also had a *Half-Yearly Meeting*, which was held two times per year and was comprised of Monthly Meetings located in a convenient geographical area and had the same authority as a Quarterly Meeting. Finally, they held their *Yearly Meetings*, which met for several days each year and was a large autonomous body of Quakers. The Yearly Meetings' decisions were binding on the Monthly and Quarterly Meetings within their jurisdiction. At the annual meeting they conducted business, formulated the discipline, received reports and the concerns from its constituent meetings, reviewed the state of the Quaker Society, and communicated with other yearly meetings and non-Quaker organizations. Of course, minutes were kept at all of the meeting levels.



Prior to the Establishment of the Ohio Yearly Meeting in 1812, Quakers west of the Alleghany Mountains (including Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana) were part of the

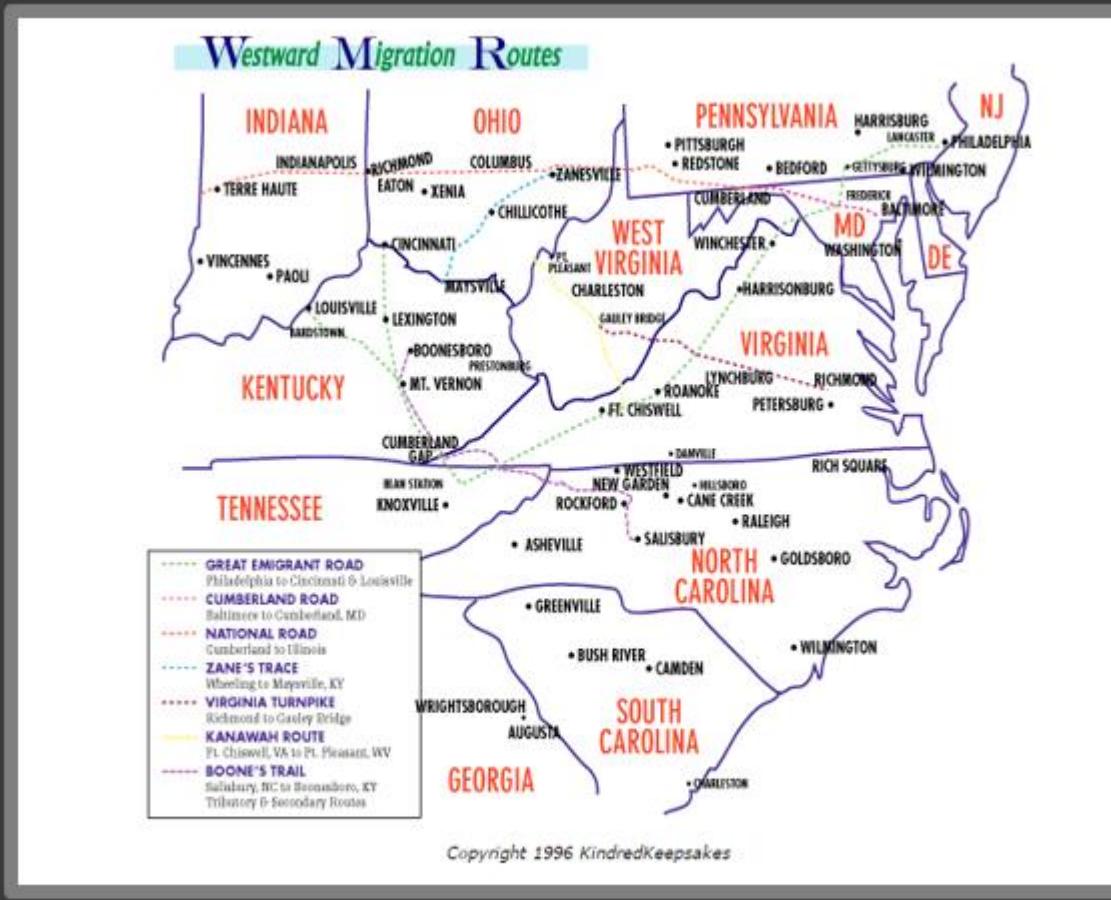
Baltimore Yearly Meeting. The map above shows the geographical areas within the Ohio Yearly Meeting in 1827, take note that it does not resemble our current state boundaries today. The first Ohio Yearly Meeting was established at Short Creek in Mount Pleasant, Ohio, in 1813. In 1821, the Indiana Yearly Meeting was set off in 1821, and included Quakers from the modern day states of Indiana, Illinois, and the western part of Ohio. This meeting was held in Richmond, Indiana. They completed their meeting house between 1822 and 1829, it was made of brick and was a remarkable structure in its time. (College) A New England journalist noted that Richmond was predominantly comprised of Quaker citizens and they had a very large meeting-house located in a fine grove northeast of town. (Vanderstel)



(Mortimer R.)

In Indiana, the *Whitewater Monthly Meeting* was established in 1809, and was originally held in a log meeting house and had over 200 members. By 1812, the meeting had admitted over 800 additional friends, primarily from North Carolina. It was the first established Meeting of Quakers in Indiana. (Vanderstel) In 1815, the Whitewater Monthly Meeting was made up of the following Preparative Meetings: Whitewater, West Grove, Silver Creek, Middle Fork, Elkhorn, and Chester. In 1821, the Whitewater Monthly Meeting was set-off and included Friends in the state of Indiana, Illinois, and the western part of Ohio. When the Indiana Yearly meeting was established in 1821, it was made up of the following Quarterly meetings: Miami, West Branch, Fairfield, Whitewater, and Blue River.

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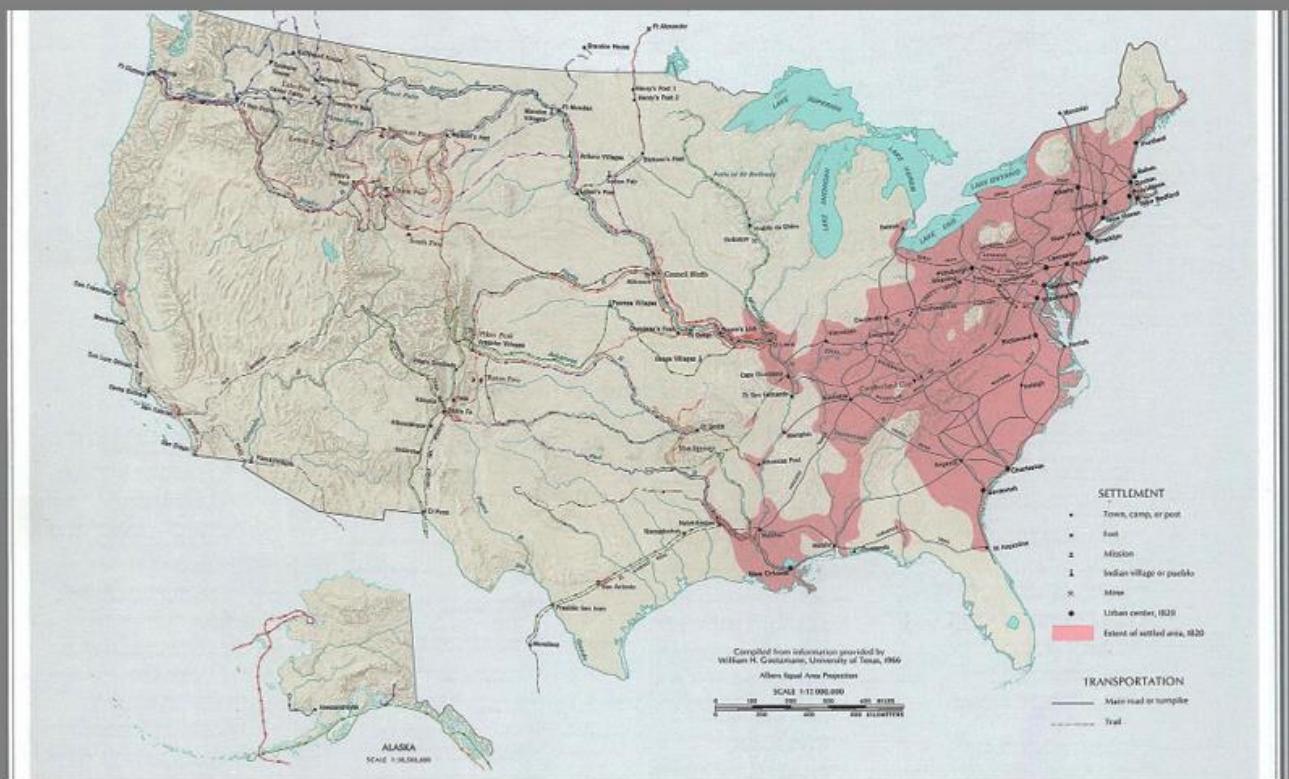


(Rabun)

Historical records documented that the Johnson family removed to Ohio by wagon. One would imagine they took the National Road route to Ohio.

The map below shows the areas that had been explored and settled in the United States, between 1800 and 1820.

Exploration and Settlement: 1800 - 1820



(http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/united_states/exploration_1800.jpg

Timeline Report for: William B. Silver

Year - Age	Event	Date – Place - Description
1808	Birth	14 Feb 1808 Pilesgrove, Salem County, New Jersey.
1810 – Age 2	Birth of Brother	Birth of Joseph E. Silver (1810 – 1872) 24 Aug 1810, Pilesgrove, Salem County, New Jersey.
1812 – Age 4	Death of Sister	Death of Hepzibah Silver (1803 – 1812) 16 Oct 1812, Pilesgrove, Salem County, New Jersey.
1813 – Age 5	Birth of Brother	Birth of Horatio D. Silver (1813 – 1853) 27 Feb 1813, Pilesgrove, Salem County, New Jersey.
1816 – Age 8	Birth of Sister	Birth of Phebe C. Silver (1816 – 1882) 7 Aug 1816, Pilesgrove, Salem County, New Jersey.
1827 – Age 19	Residence	Pilesgrove Quaker Monthly Meeting, Salem, New Jersey, Certificate of Removal to Spring Monthly Meeting in the State of Ohio.
1830 – Age 22	Residence	Springborough Monthly Meeting, Warren County, Ohio, Minutes.
1835 – Age 27	Marriage	Marriage to Ann Johnson, 30 Sep 1835; Friends Meeting House at Waynesville, Warren County, Ohio.
1836 – Age 28	Residence	26 Oct 1836, William B. and Ann received on certificate from Miami Monthly Meeting, Ohio.
1836 – Age 28	Birth of Son	Joshua Jennings Silver (1836 – 1890) 20 Sep 1836, Preble County, Ohio.
1839 – Age 31	Birth of Son	Birth of Horatio Silver (1839 – 1921) 6 Apr 1839, Preble County, Ohio.

Timeline Report for: William B. Silver

Year - Age	Event	Date – Place - Description
1840 – Age 32	U.S. Census	Dixon Township, Preble County, Ohio.
1841 – Age 33	Birth of Daughter	Birth of Margaret C. Silver (1841 – 1917) 28 May 1841, Preble County, Ohio.
1843 – Age 35	Birth of Son	Birth of Oscar W. Silver (1843 – 1928) 24 Jul 1843, Preble County, Ohio.
1845 – Age 37	Birth of Birth of Son	Birth of Joseph J. Silver (1845 – 1930) 9 Sep 1845, Preble County, Ohio.
1848 – Age 40	Death of Father	Death of William Silver (1773 -1848) 23 May 1848, Camden, Preble County, Ohio.
1849 – Age 40	Birth of Son	Birth of Robert A. Silver (1849 – 1930) 25 Jan 1849, Preble County, Ohio.
1849 – Age 41	Death of Mother	Death of Rebecca Bates (1776 – 1849) 12 Dec 1849, Preble County, Ohio.
1850 – Age 42	U.S. Census	Dixon Township Preble County, Ohio, enumerated on 10 Oct 1850. Farmer, Real estate valued at \$7,000.
1851 – Age 43	Birth and Death of Daughter	Birth of Rebecca Silver 27 Apr 1851 and Death 2 Dec 1851.
1853 – Age 44	Death of Brother	Death of Horatio D. Silver (1813 – 1853) 11 Jan 1853, Montgomery County, Ohio.
1854 – Age 44	Birth of Daughter	Birth of Rebecca Ann Silver (1854 – 1921) 24 Sep 1854, Ohio.

Timeline Report for: William B. Silver

Year - Age	Event	Date – Place - Description
1858 – Age 50	Birth of Daughter	Birth of Elizabeth W. Silver (1858 – 1862) 30 Sep 1858.
1860 – Age 52	U.S. Census	Dixon Township, Preble County, Ohio, enumerated 4 Aug 1860. Farmer: real estate value \$18,000; personal estate value \$2,400.
1862 – Age 53	Death of Daughter	Death of Elizabeth W. Silver (1858 – 1862) 3 Jan 1862.
1869 – Age 61	Residence	A certificate recommending William B. Silver, Ann J. his wife, and their two minor children Robert and Rebecca Ann Silver from Westfield Monthly Meeting, dated the 28 th of the 4 th Mo. 1869, was received and accepted.
1870 – Age 62	Death of Brother	Death of Samuel Silver (1801 – 1870) 16 Sep 1870, Pilesgrove, Salem County, New Jersey.
1870 – Age 62	U.S. Census	Richmond, Ward 5, Wayne County, Indiana. Farmer: Personal estate value \$5,000, and real estate value \$13,000.
1871 – Age 63	Residence	Listed as land owner in Preble County, U.S. Indexed County land ownership maps.
1872 – Age 63	Death of Brother	Death of Joseph E. Silver (1810 – 1872) 6 Feb 1872, Andrews, Huntington County, Indiana.
1875 – Age 67	Residence	Listed in the 1875 Directory of Preble County, Ohio.

Timeline Report for: William B. Silver

Year - Age	Event	Date – Place - Description
1880 – Age 72	U.S. Census	1880 U.S. Census, Dixon Township, Preble County, Ohio. He is listed as a farmer and sick.
1882 – Age 74	Death of Sister	Death of Phebe E. Silver (1816 – 1882) 16 Jul 1882, Richmond, Wayne County, Indiana.
1883 – Age 75	Quaker Certificate	William and Ann, received on certificate, White Water Monthly Meeting, Indiana.
1889 – Age 81	Residence	Living in Kansas City, Kansas.
1890 – Age 82	Death of son	Death of Joshua Jennings Silver (1836 – 1890) 2 Jun 1890, Purdin, Linn County, Missouri.
1893 – Age 85	Death	Died 11 Dec 1893. Buried 13 Dec 1893, Oak Grove Cemetery, Kansas City, Kansas.

Relationship: Archibald Silver Senior to William B. Silver

Archibald Silver Senior

b. 1630 Kincardineshire, Scotland

d. 1703 Manneton Creek, Salem County, New Jersey

Son - Archibald Silver II

b. 1696 New Jersey

d. 23 Oct 1769 Pilesgrove, Salem County, New Jersey

Grandson - Samuel Silver

b. 1725 Pilesgrove, Salem County, New Jersey

d. 1789 Pilesgrove, Salem County, New Jersey

Great grandson - William Silver

b. 18 Mar 1773 Salem, Salem County, New Jersey

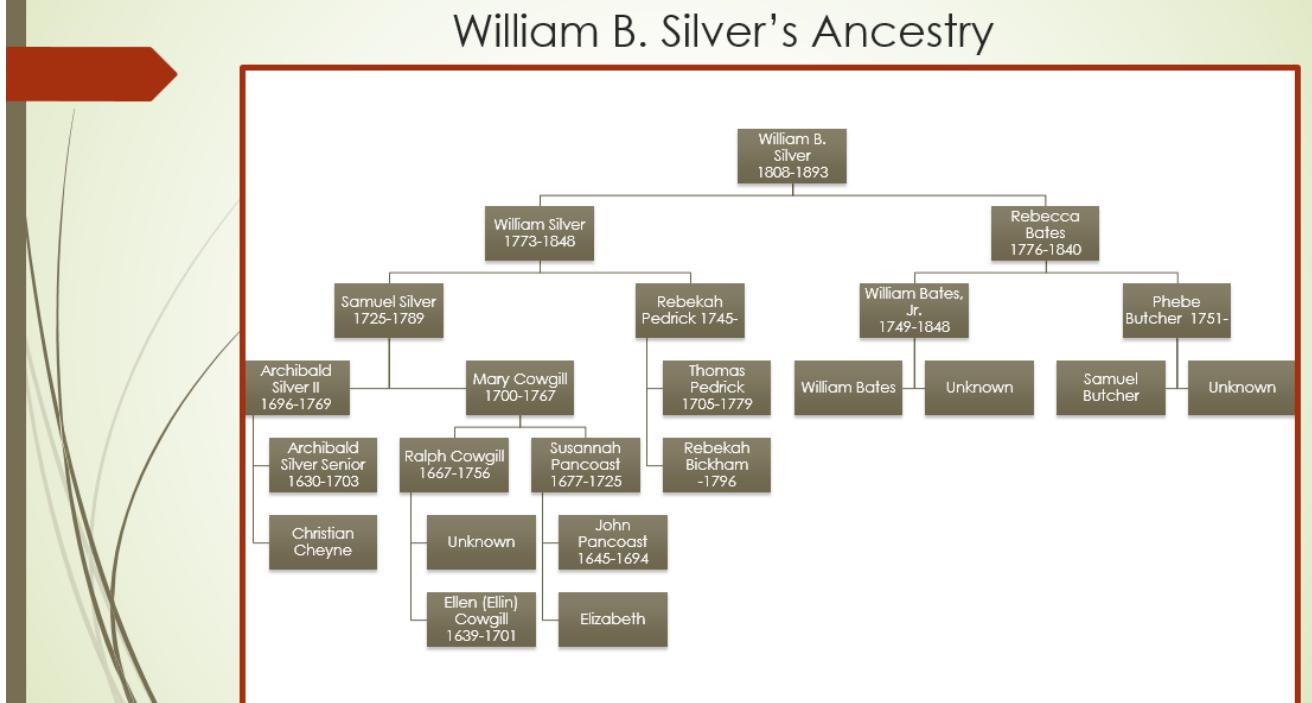
d. 23 May 1848 Camden, Preble County, Ohio

2nd great grandson - William B. Silver

b. 14 Feb 1808 Pilesgrove, Salem County, New Jersey

d. 11 Dec 1893 Kansas City, Kansas

William B. Silver's Ancestry



Descendants of William B. Silver and Ann Johnson

Generation 1

WILLIAM B. SILVER

b. 14 Feb 1808, Pilesgrove, Salem County, New Jersey.
d. 11 Dec 1893, Kansas City, Kansas.
m. 30 Sep 1835, Waynesville, Warren County, Ohio.

ANN JOHNSON

b. 30 Jun 1813, Mill Creek Hundred, New Castle County, Delaware.
d. 15 Sep 1895, Kansas City, Kansas.

Children:

i. JOSHUA JENNINGS² SILVER

b. 20 Sep 1836, Preble County, Ohio.
d. 02 Jun 1890, Purdin, Linn County, Missouri.
m. 25 Jan 1859, Camden, Camden County, New Jersey, to Rachel Mounce
(1839 – 1911)

ii. HORATIO SILVER

b. 6 Apr 1839, Preble County, Ohio.
d. 27 Nov 1921 in Wayne County, Indiana.
m. 30 Dec 1869, Preble County, Ohio, to Sarah A. Griffith (1848 – 1884)

iii. MARGARET C. SILVER

b. 28 May 1841, Preble County, Ohio.
d. 1917, Eaton, Preble County, Ohio.
m. 20 Apr 1866, Eaton, Preble County, Ohio, to Clarkson Jennings
(1840 – 1907).

Generation 1

Children Continued:

iv. OSCAR W. SILVER

b. 24 Jul 1843, Preble County, Ohio.
d. 27 Nov 1928, Dixon Township, Preble County, Ohio.
m. 15 Dec 1869, Preble County, Ohio, to Helena M. (Lena) Button
(1843 – 1916).

v. JOSEPH J. SILVER

b. 9 Sep 1845, Preble County, Ohio.
d. Dec 1930, Kansas City, Wyandotte County, Kansas.
m. 13 Jan 1885, Preble County, Ohio, to Mary Alice Laning
(abt. 1853 – 1905).

2. vi. ROBERT A. SILVER

b. 25 Jan 1849, Preble County, Ohio.
d. 14 Dec 1930 in Knightstown, Henry County, Indiana.
m. 9 Oct 1879, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, to Laura S. Lawrence
(1856 – 1927).

vii. REBECCA SILVER

b. 27 Apr 1851, Preble County, Ohio.
d. 2 Dec 1851, Preble County, Ohio.

viii. REBECCA ANN (Reba) SILVER

b. 24 Sep 1854, Preble County, Ohio.
d. 1921, Kansas City, Wyandotte County, Kansas.
m. 6 Jul 1876, Wayne County, Indiana, to Winfield Freeman (1848 – 1926).

ix. ELIZABETH W. SILVER

b. 30 Sep 1858, Preble County, Ohio.
d. 3 Jan 1862, Preble County, Ohio.

Descendants of William B. Silver and Ann Johnson

Generation 2

2. ROBERT A.² SILVER

b. 25 Jan 1849, Preble County, Ohio.
d. 14 Dec 1930 in Knightstown, Henry County, Indiana.
m. 9 Oct 1879, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, to Laura S. Lawrence.

LAURA S. LAWRENCE

b. 16 Sep 1856, Eldorado, Darke County, Ohio.
d. 20 Jan 1927, Knightstown, Henry County, Indiana.

Children:

i. JESSIE A.³ SILVER

b. 27 Nov 1882, Monroe, Preble County, Ohio.
d. 22 Jan 1953, Muncie, Delaware County, Indiana.

ii. HOWARD L. SILVER

b. 2 Oct 1884, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana.
d. 2 Nov 1884, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana.

3. iii. RALPH LAWRENCE SILVER

b. 7 Jan 1886, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana.
d. 27 Jan 1959, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana.
m. 1 Sep 1917, King County, Washington, to Dora (Dorothy) Arnold (1888 – 1963).

Descendants of William B. Silver and Ann Johnson

Generation 3

3. RALPH LAWRENCE² SILVER (Robert A.¹, William B.¹)
b. 7 Jan 1886, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana.
d. 27 Jan 1959, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana.
m. 1 Sep 1917, King County, Washington, to Dora (Dorothy) Arnold.

DORA "DOROTHY" ARNOLD

b. 4 Oct 1888 in Knightstown, Henry County, Indiana.
d. 13 Sep 1963 in Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana.

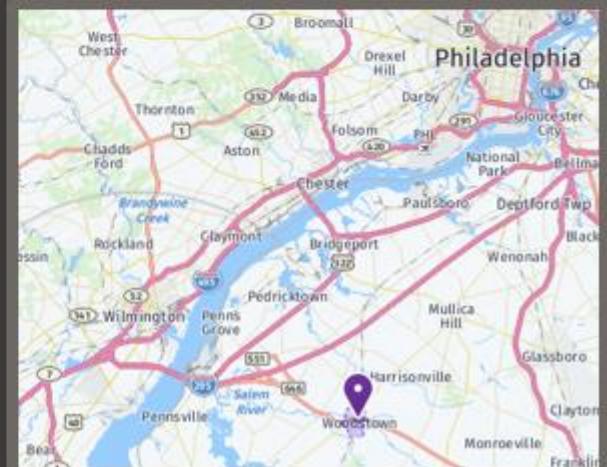
Children:

- i. MARIAN MARJORIE⁴ SILVER
b. 25 Jun 1920, Wyoming.
d. 13 Nov 1963, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana.
m. 2 May 1943, District of Columbia, to Luther Albert Pidgeon (1918 – 2004).
- ii. RICHARD ARNOLD SILVER
b. 23 Jul 1922, Thermopolis, Hot Springs, Wyoming.
d. 4 Mar 2012, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana.
m. 20 Jul 1949, Sanford, Seminole County, Florida, to Elizabeth Ellen Wilkinson (1924 – 2003).

1810 – Birth of William B. Silver

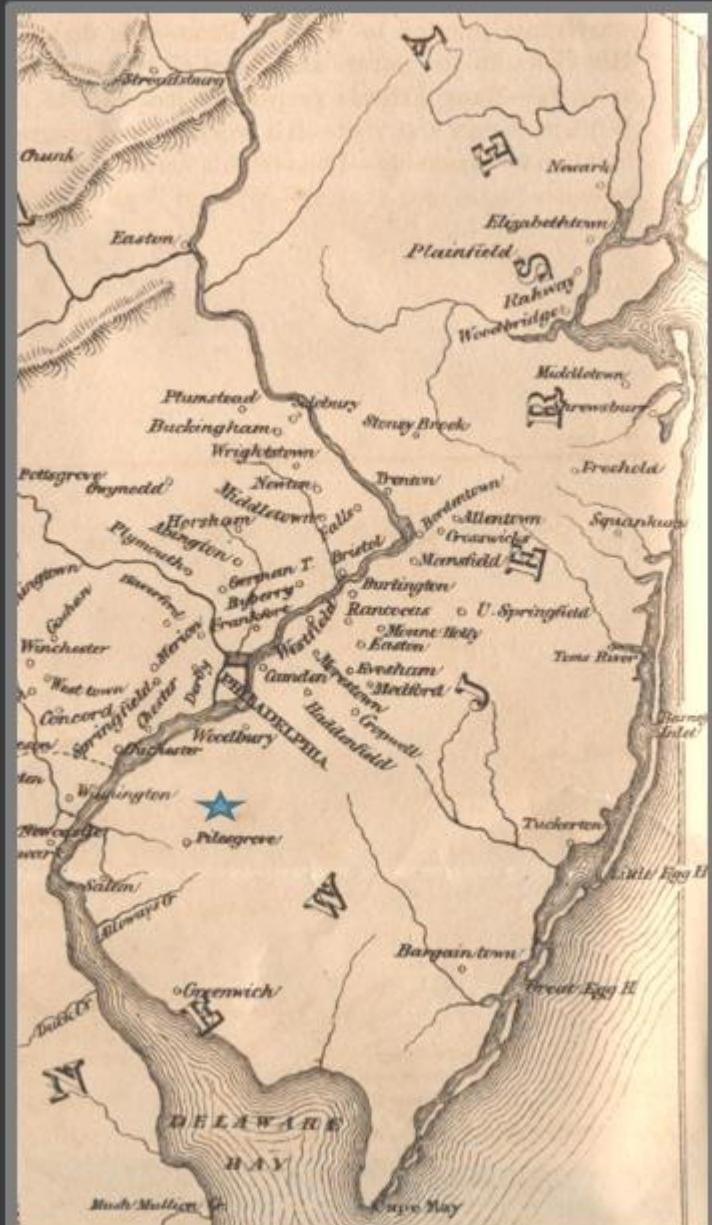
William B. Silver Woodstown Friends Monthly Meeting (also called, Pilesgrove) Birth Records

U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935 for William R Silver	
New Jersey > Salem > Woodstown Monthly Meeting > Births and Deaths, 1736-1896	
Births	(102)
Elizabeth Silver	1st mro. 20th 1799
Samuel Silver	3rd 1746. 1801
Rephryibah Silver	6th 27th 1803
Margretan Silver	10th ... 1805
William B. Silver	2nd ... 14th 1808
Joseph E. Silver	8th ... 24th. 1810
Horatio D. Silver	2nd ... 27th. 1813
Thebe C. Silver	8th ... 7th 1816
Hannah L. Silver	8th ... 21st. 1820



William B. Silver's birth was documented in the Pilesgrove Quaker Meeting records, as seen above. In August 1719, a request was made to Salem Monthly Meeting, for a separate meeting house to be established in Woodstown, New Jersey, that was called Pilesgrove Meeting. The first meeting house was built in 1725, and was a framed wooden building. In 1785, the brick meeting house in the photo above was built. Pilesgrove was established as a Monthly Meeting, on April 24, 1794. (The Friend., 1852)

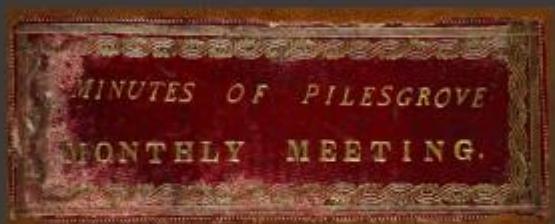
Map of New Jersey Quaker Friends Meeting Houses



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1827 – Quaker Certificate of Removal Springborough Monthly Meeting, Warren County, Ohio

William Silver Senior and Family
Quaker Certificate of Removal

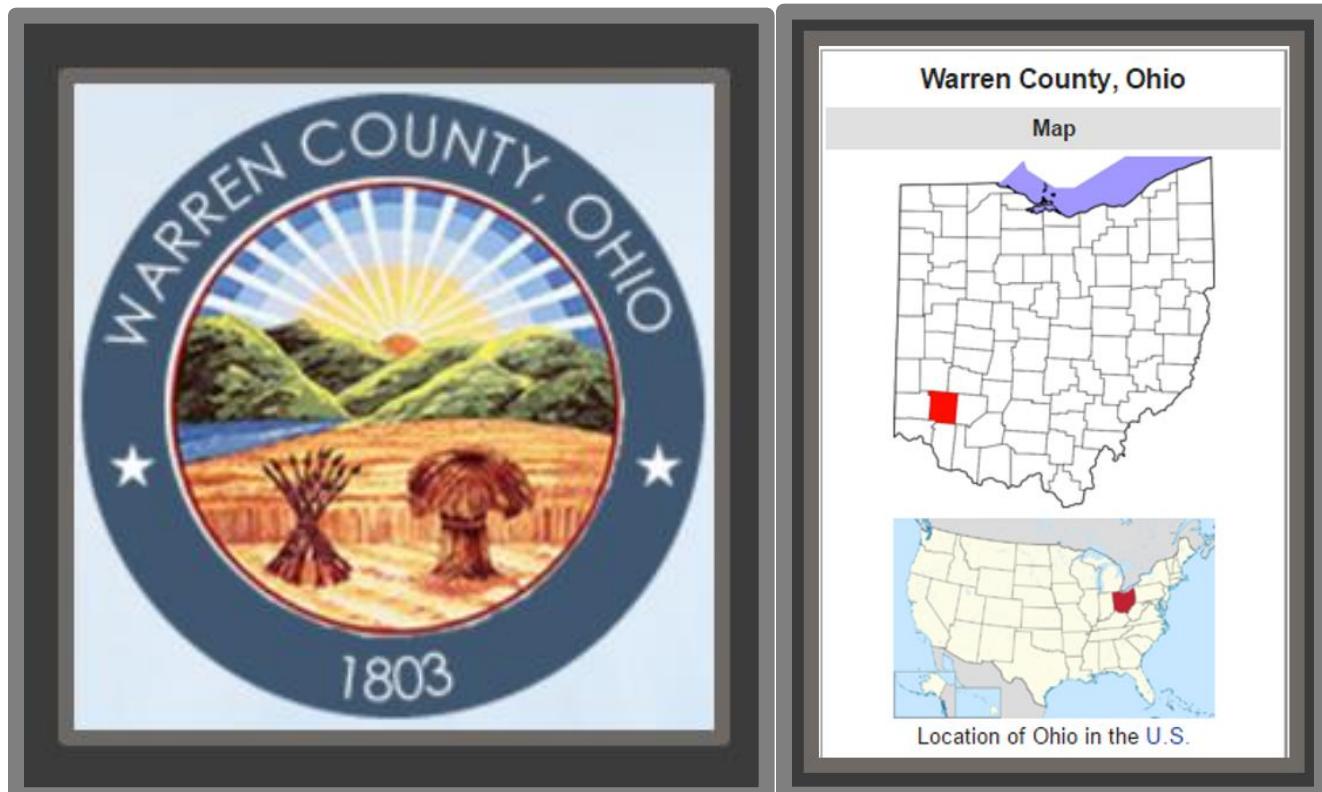


1827
3 mo.

A Certificate for Wm. Silvers and Rebecca his wife
with their 4. minor children (viz.) Wm B. Joseph, &
Horatio D and Phoebe C Silvers, being recommending
them to Springborough mo. mtg. in the state of
Ohio, being read aprob'd & signed by the Ch. and
several other friends

(Ancestry.com, U.S. Quaker Meeting Records, 1681 - 1994, 2014)

According to the removal certificate above, William Silver Senior and family were relocating to the Quaker Meeting held at Springborough (Springboro), in Warren County, Ohio. According to Karen Campbell, a genealogy librarian, at the Mary L. Cook Public Library, in Waynesville, Ohio, the first Friends Meetinghouse in Springboro was located just south of the village and in the northeast corner of the old Quaker graveyard. She describes the building as a one story whitewashed brick building, with a plain interior of roughly plastered and whitewashed walls. The house was built around 1824-1825, and remained a Hicksite Quaker Meeting (see further explanation below) until the meeting no longer took place about 1873. (Campbell, 2005)



In the Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy. Vol V: (Ohio Monthly Meetings), Hinshaw stated that the Springborough Monthly Meeting, was established by Miami Quarterly Meeting, which was composed of Springborough and Sugar Creek Preparative Meetings, on September 28, 1824. The Hicksite Separation seriously divided the meeting and the monthly meeting was discontinued and merged with the Miami Monthly Meeting, in 1875. (Hinshaw)

SILVER

1825, 1, 25. Samuel rocf Pilesgrove MM, N.J.,
dtd 1824,12,28
1827, 5, 29. Wm. & w, Rebecca, & ch, Wm. B.,
Joseph E., Horatio D. & Phebe, rocf Piles
Grove MM, N. J., dtd 1827,3,27
1827, 5, 29. Martha Ann rocf Piles Grove MM,
N. J., dtd 1827,3,27
1828, 1, 29. Samuel con mou
1828, 5, 27. Samuel gct Miami MM, O.
1829, 1, 27. Wm. & Rebecca dis jH
1829, 4, 28. Martha Ann dis jH
1830, 6, 29. Wm. B. dis jH
1836, 6, 21. Phebe Brown (form Silver) dis

mou

1839, 8, 20. Horatio dis jH
1839, 12, 24. Joseph dis jH

One might wonder, why did 54 year old William Senior and his 51 year old wife, Rebecca Bates, decide to leave their home in New Jersey to the wilderness of the Northwest Territory?

One reason could be because of family, specifically William's older brother, Samuel, had removed to and was received by Springborough Monthly Meeting on January 25, 1825. He had received his certificate from the Silver family's meeting, Pilesgrove Monthly Meeting. William Senior, Rebecca and their children followed and were received on certificate by the Springborough Monthly Meeting, on May 29, 1827.

U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935 for Samuel Silvers

New Jersey > Salem > Pilesgrove Monthly Meeting > Minutes, 1821-1853

A Certificate being requested for Sam'l Silver to the monthly meeting of Springborough in the the State of Ohio Henry Bishop and Isaac Ballenger, are to prepare one for the inspection of next meeting, if on inquiry no obstruction appears. — The trustees of the School fund are appointed to adjust the late treasurers Accounts; and to bring forward the name of a suitable friend, to serve as treasurer in the room of Jacob Davis deceased —

The Meeting Concludes

Piles Grove Mo. Meeting held the 28th of 12th. M^o 1824
The friends appointed produced a certificate for Samuel Silvers which was read approved and signed by the Clerk in behalf And by several other friends in behalf of the meeting.

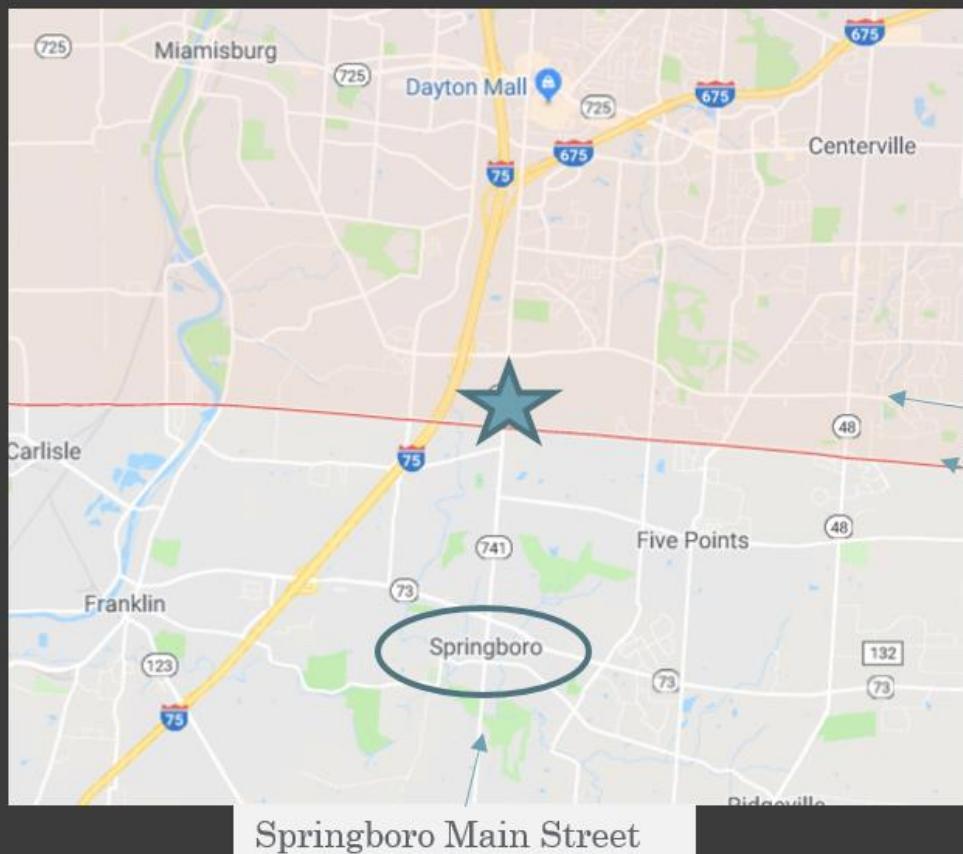
According to the Springboro History Organization, after the Greenville Treaty was signed the Northwest Territory was open for settlement. In particular, the Southwest portions of Ohio and the Southeast segments of Indiana became destination for Quakers. Southern Quakers were leaving their homes, because they were opposed to slavery. Other Quakers from the eastern states were drawn to this area too, for land opportunities. (springborohistory.org)

The Treaty of Fort Greenville was signed in 1795, between the United States and an Indian Confederation led by Miami Chief Little Turtle. The Native Americans ceded an immense swath of land that would become the future state of Ohio and portions of neighboring states, Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan. (Ray)

Rebecca Hall wrote an article for the Springboro History Organization, referencing the Silver family. She noted that the Silvers were early settlers who had arrived in the Springboro

area by 1798. She stated that they had acquired and improved two hundred acres of land that was located about two miles north of the town of Springboro. The land was probably located in Montgomery county, and possibly south of Austin Road. By 1850, most of the Silvers had moved west into Indiana or Illinois.

Potential Location of Early Silver Family Property Springboro and Montgomery County Ohio Contiguous Area



A chronological timeline for the Quaker migration to the Springborough Area (present day Springboro) can be found in the inset below, which was prepared by Rebecca Hall.

Springboro Area Yesterday:

A Pictorial History

Rebecca Hall, ed

By 1750, Quakers comprised one third of the population of “European” America. Hence, Quaker thought had a profound influence on America’s founding ideals.

By 1800, Southwestern Ohio and Eastern Indiana, uniquely, became a destination for many Quakers seeking personal and religious freedoms, including freedom from the institution of slavery. By 1807, there were two thousand Friends residing in southwestern Ohio.

In 1798, Christian Null and his brother Charles Null came to the Springborough area from near Lancaster County, PA and built “The Null Cabin,” the first permanent structure in the area. It is still in its original location, currently the south end of the Heatherwood Golf Course. For more information on the Null family’s migration see pages on this site for the Null Cabin, the Clear Creek Chapel and the United Brethren in Christ Church, below.

In 1815, Springboro was established as a “Quaker town” by Jonathan Wright, a birthright member of the Society of Friends from Menallen Township, Adams Co, in southeastern Pennsylvania, thirty miles southwest of Harrisburg.

The earliest Quaker settlers in this area came up the Little Miami River to nearby Waynesville, which, along with Mt. Pleasant, near Charleston, WV, was one of the earliest locales of Friends immigration into Ohio. In Waynesville the **Miami Monthly Meeting** was organized in 1801, and formally recognized in 1803.

The **Miami Monthly Meeting** built the White Brick Meeting House in 1811, and it remains the oldest place of worship in continuous use west of the Allegheny Mountains.

A few months after William Senior and Rebecca Bates Silver arrived in Springsborough, Rebecca wrote an extremely sad and forlorn letter to her folks back in New Jersey. The letter had been typed up and published in a newspaper publication in Salem County, New Jersey, called the Woodstown Register/Woodstown Monitor/Monitor-Register (1871-1923). (Archives N. J.) She described their 580 mile trip from Woodstown, New Jersey to Springsborough, Ohio. She stated that the roads were very bad, but they arrived in Ohio safely. She noted that their covered wagon carried them well through rain, hail, snow, wind, mud, and mire. The Waynesville, Ohio, Musuem at the the Friends Home, displayed a miniature wagon, like the type used by the Quakers, and can be seen in the picture below.



Museum at the Friends Home



(Home)

She described how tough the weather was on her sight and she was still having trouble seeing to write. She more astonishingly stated she had to walk nearly constantly.

The cabin they lived in was called a staked and divided style. Perhaps, eluding to “staking a claim of land.” She mentioned that farmers had brick houses, but not the tenants. We will never really know what their first cabin looked like, but The Caesar’s Creek Pioneer Village, in Waynesville, Ohio, preserved the cabin in the picture below.

Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village

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Caesar's Creek Pioneer Village

Photo - Jun 2015



Rebecca Bates Silver told her friends that her son Samuel married Tamson Haines, on July 25, 1827. Rebecca let them know that Tamson was not a member amongst Friends and she was sorry he had married out. Samuel was condemned for marrying out of unity by the Springsborough Monthly Meeting, on January 29, 1828. It was common for a couple to seek readmission to the Society of Friends just before requesting a certificate of transfer in order to move to a new meeting. (Rootsweb) On May 27, 1828, Samuel was granted a certificate to Miami Monthly Meeting, in Waynesville, Warren County, Ohio. On May 22, 1833, Tamson was received on request by Miami Monthly Meeting.

A Letter of Interest From a Pioneer
Written by: Rebecca Bates Silver

About one hundred years ago William and Rebecca Silver moved from the Borton farm, on the Mullica Hill-Woodstown pike, and set out for Ohio, the land of milk and honey, in one of the covered wagons which was common in those days. We of to-day can hardly appreciate the pioneer spirit of these folks who left their homes and friends to start anew in a strange land. The Silvers were a prominent Quaker family in this vicinity some years ago.

Benjamin Bishop, one of Woodstown's oldest residents, brought the letter, which is printed below, to our office. Rebecca Silver wrote this very interesting letter telling her Jersey friends of her Ohio home. Several former residents of this vicinity are mentioned, who were relatives of late or present citizens.

Rebecca Silver was an aunt, and William and Samuel Silver were uncles of S. Silvers, Jess, and E. W. Jess. Sarah and Henry Bishop were the parents of Benjamin Bishop. Mary E. Davis was the mother of the late William and Charles Davis; Susannah Peterson was the mother of the late Amos Peterson, Sr.; Sarah Shute was a grandmother of the late E.S. Fogg, and Jacob Ballinger was Mrs. Shute's brother. William Borton was Joel Borton's father. Mary and Charlotte Carter were members of the Carter family which was formerly a prominent family of Eldridge Hill.

Some parts of this old letter were difficult to read, but we have succeeded in reproducing the substance of all of it. The phraseology and spelling are rather quaint.

Springboro, Worrin County, Ohio

2nd of 8th month, 1827

Dearly Beloved friends and old neighbors, Alice Lock, Sarah Bishop, Mary E. Davis, Susannah Peterson, Sarah Shute, and Sister Mary Jess—

I now set down to wright to you thinking you would like to hear from us, for I know I should bee very glad to hear from all my friends in that wich we think very strange of and William tells Marthaann and me we need not think so hard of leiving you, for wee may see you don't care aneything about us now we are gone out of sight, out of mind, but for my part I cant quite believerthat, for I know its not so with me, for I don't think their has beenone our, night nor day wen I have been awake but that you have been in my mind, and often wen asleep I dream of beeing back and talking with some of you, but wen I awake beholdto my great sorrow, its but a dream for I am still in this land six hundred miles from you and never expect to see you more in this world, but hope the time will come wee shall all meet in a better place never more to part.

Now as to our getting along I have sent word in a letter to William Borton wich perhaps you have aaugh. If not I can tell you wee found very bad roads indeed, but we got all safe there, not one thing broke an our bonits carried very well, but wee had maney difficultyes to go through by traveling through rain, hail, snow, wind, mud and mire, and having to walk nearly constantly it was very trying to my eyes, and they havet got over it yet, for I can hardly see how to wright yet, but I can make out to see to go about my little cabin.

Now I will tell you as near as I can wat cind of a cabin wee live in. Its wat is cald a Staked and Divided cabin. Its about the size of Hannah Farley's and it has but one window below stairs and none above, but there is plenty of holes that the rain, wind and light can cum in at so wee don't need a window much, and as for the flowar it is so loose wee can sweep the dirt through the cracks aneywhere and the steps is a ladder so wee have no trouble to scour them. So you may see how handy we have things in this land, for our house is a very fashionable one, for they are all so except some that have bought farms and got abel to build the second time. They have handsom brick houses, but they are not for tenants. And for my part I cant think yet that wee are aney better off than wee were their, but William thinks high of it yet.

Wee live about a mile and a half from Springboro ware our meeting is held. Our meeting there is very small and as for ministers we have none at all. Wee have neighborsas near now as wee had their, but their has not been any to see us for they are all Prispatearings, and they dont like the Quakers. They have a meeting within half a mile of us, but friends in cuming to see us has been very cind—but yet they are not like you I left behind.

I mostly have to walk to meeting, I often think ware are my good friends that youst to take mee up, now never can do it and there is no friend goes our rode. But as I often set in my cabin dore and look towards you and think if I could but see some of you cuming with your knighting to take tee with mee in my cabin how glad I should bee.

Give me love to Mary and Charlot Carter. Tell Mary I often think wen I am about to get myself a dish of tee, if I could look out of my cabin and see her acoming acrost the field as I often have dun how glad I shuld be, for she said she would make a Rebecca Silver of Alice Lock, but I have no one to make a Mary Carter of.

Now friends I can tell you that coming to this good land or something has took such hold on mee that I have got a fine Daughter since I came hear, and I don't expect aney of you can say that but I think its likely Alice Lock or Sarah Shute has got or will have some sons before long.

Samuel was married the 25th of last month to Lamison Haines, Daughter of Howard and Elisabeth Haines, who came from Evesham, New Jersey, about seven years ago. She baire the name of a fine girl, she is about the size and looks and dresses like Lettice Wright, but yet she was not member amongst Friends, so he has married out, for wich I am very sorry for but I expect she is good anuf for him, but I never saw her but twise. He has got a school and is about six miles from us.

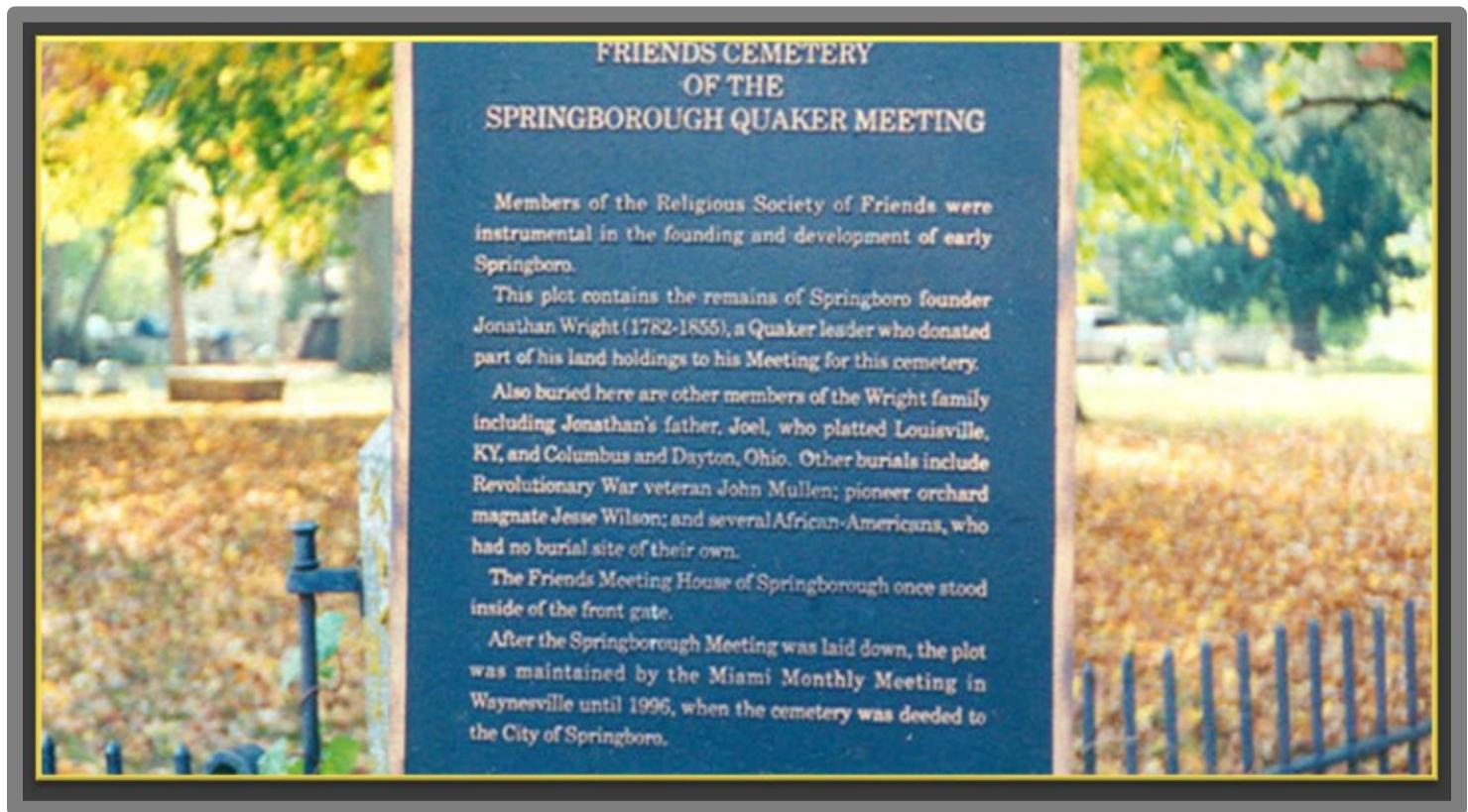
Dear friends I can see you in your famile, amongst your biseness, I can see you in your soshal visets with your neightbours, and almost hear wot you are talking about wich I think is often about me. I want you to wright to mee soon and let mee know wots going on in Jersey, my much beloved place, how Jacob Ballinger is, wether Edward Bradway and Roda is married or not. I must now conclude for want of room, but I have not told you the half I want you to know. Wee are all well at this time and hope this will find you enjoying the same blessing. Now with my love to you and every boddy in that land, I now conclude and remain your friend,

Rebecca Silver.

I shall direct this letter to Henry Bishop and you can pay your shair of the postage to him. I expect William will put a letter in the offis for Amos Peterson the same time that I do this, and I expect that he will give you an account of the good land that flows with milk and honey, but for my part my eyes are so very dim that I have not seen anney of it yet, for I asked for milk and honey both wen we were acuming and I could get no honey, and but very litttel milk, but we got mud and mire plenty without asking for it.

1828 – The Hicksite and Orthodox Friends Schism

They had only been in Ohio for a very short while when the Hicksite and Orthodox Friends Schism occurred. On January 27, 1828, William Senior and Rebecca were disowned by the Springsborough Orthodox meeting for joining the Hicksite Quakers. On June 29, 1830, William B. Silver was also disowned for joining the Hicksites.



According to an 1882 History of Warren County, Ohio, Quakers came from various states to settle in this area. Below is a clipping from this book, which provides a description of these settlers. (W. H. Beers & CO., 1882)

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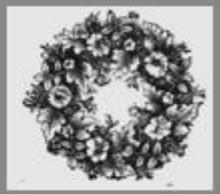
WARREN COUNTY,

OHIO.

A HISTORY OF THE COUNTY; ITS TOWNSHIPS, TOWNS, SCHOOLS, CHURCHES
ETC.; GENERAL AND LOCAL STATISTICS; PORTRAITS OF EARLY
SETTLERS AND PROMINENT MEN; HISTORY OF THE NORTH-
WEST TERRITORY; HISTORY OF OHIO; MAP OF
WARREN COUNTY; CONSTITUTION OF THE
UNITED STATES, MISCELLANEOUS
MATTERS, ETC., ETC.

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1882.



STATES FROM WHICH THE SETTLERS CAME.

The high official positions and characters of Symmes and his associates in the State of New Jersey drew from that State a large number of immigrants to the Miami Purchase. Symmes was Chief Justice of New Jersey at the time he entered upon his Western land project. Gen. Jonathan Dayton, one of his associates, was a Revolutionary officer, a distinguished statesman, and, at the inception of the speculation, represented New Jersey in the convention which formed the national constitution. Dr. Elias Boudinot, another associate, was also a Revolutionary patriot, a President of the Federal Congress, and afterward first President of the American Bible Society. It is not strange, then, that so large a proportion of our earliest settlers were from New Jersey. The lands east of the Little Miami reserved by Virginia for the payment of bounties to her troops on Continental establishment, drew from that State large numbers of Revolutionary officers and soldiers, and others who had purchased Virginia Military land warrants. Among the Revolutionary officers who entered lands in this county, but without settling upon them, were Maj. Gen. Horatio Gates and Col. Abraham Buford. Quakers came from Pennsylvania, Virginia and the Carolinas, settling largely in the northern and eastern parts of the county, and Waynesville soon became a noted place among the Friends. Opponents of slavery came from all the slave States to the territory dedicated to freedom, and the first State of the American Republic that never had a slave. Emigrants from the State of Kentucky crossed the Ohio to find better land titles. During the seven years preceding the organization of the county in 1803, there must have been an increase of six hundred persons annually in the territory of the county, and during the seven years succeeding the organization more than eight hundred annually.

1835 – Miami Monthly Meeting (Hicksite), Warren County Waynesville, Ohio

When the Silver family first moved to Ohio, they settled in Warren County, and affiliated with the Miami Monthly Meeting, in Waynesville. The family identified as “Hicksite” Quakers, which will be in more detail below described below.

The collage includes:

- A large photograph at the top showing a white, two-story building with blue-framed windows and a grey roof, partially obscured by pink magnolia blossoms in the foreground.
- To the left of the main text area is a smaller photograph of the same building from a different angle, showing its side and a nearby tree.
- To the right of the main text area is a black and white sketch or drawing of the building.
- Below the photographs is a dark rectangular box containing text:

Miami Monthly
Meeting
The Religious Society
of Friends
169 S. Fourth Street
Waynesville, Ohio
- On the left side of the collage is a photograph of a grassy field with trees and a white building in the background.
- On the right side is a photograph of a plaque mounted on a post. The plaque reads:

36 Waynesville walking tour
The White Brick
Meeting House
1811
- At the bottom is a map of the surrounding area, with a red dot marking the location of "169 South 4th Street" near Beavercreek, Ohio.

The Silvers of New Jersey were mentioned in a 1901 article, in *Friends' Intelligencer*, describing the history of the Miami Monthly Meeting.

For Friends' Intelligencer.

MIAMI MONTHLY MEETING: HISTORICAL.

A NOTEWORTHY omission occurred in the recent reports of the proceedings of Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends, published in the INTELLIGENCER; there is no mention that the place of meeting was at Waynesville, Ohio.

After the memorable and deplorable division of 1828 this branch of the Society gathered in a yearly meeting capacity at Miami (Waynesville), commencing in the year 1828 and continuing until 1835, when a change of meeting-place was made. In the year 1836 the sessions were held at Whitewater (Richmond, Indiana), and from that time until 1898 the yearly meetings of the Society were held alternately at Richmond and at Waynesville.

The yearly meeting for the first time convened at Pendleton, Ind., in 1899, then they followed in regular succession at Richmond in 1900, and at Waynesville this year, and in this order they will follow, at Pendleton, Ricemond, and Waynesville, until changed.

In this connection it will be interesting to note the remarkable emigration of Friends during the early years of the last century, from the Carolinas, Georgia, Tennessee, and Virginia, to the then newly-created Miami Monthly Meeting. This monthly meeting was first established Tenth month 13, 1803, and it embraced all of the territory north of the Ohio river and west of the Hocking.

The membership of the meeting increased 365 during the year 1804, mostly by removals from Bush River and Cain Creek Meetings, in South Carolina, Wrightsboro' Meeting, Georgia, and from Monthly Meetings in North Carolina, Virginia, and Lost Creek, Tennessee. During one month of that year 120 persons, adults and children, were received into membership by certificates from other monthly meetings. The increase during the next year was yet more marked; it rose to 621.

From Bush Creek, S. C., came the families of Pugh, Hollingsworth, Furnas, Jay, Evans, Compton, Mills, Steddom, Lewis, Cook, and Kelly. From Cain Creek the families of Hawkins, Kenworthy,

Stout, Doan, and Spray. From Deep Creek, N. C., the Mendenhalls. From Wrightsboro' Monthly Meeting, Georgia, the families of Davis, Mote, and Stubbs. From meetings in Tennessee, the Newmans, Nordykes, Sanders, Ballards, and Tothunters. From Virginia the Haines, Walker, and Lupton families. From New Jersey came the Silver, Brown, Ward, Packer, Hopkins, and Test families. From Maryland the Wright family. And at about the same time, but a little later, came the families of Farquhar (from Pipe Creek, Md.), Pedrick (Pilesgrove Monthly Meeting), Whitacre (Crooked Run Monthly Meeting), and Johnson (New Garden, N. C.).

As might be surmised, with the rapid increase in the membership of the meeting it was but a short time until other monthly meetings were established near to Miami. In the year 1807 Centre Monthly to the East and West Branch Monthly to the West were "set up."

We have realized that while the lives and examples of the Friends of this community have left a lasting, and we believe, a moral influence, the inviting opportunities opened to Friends in the newer States of the West have been embraced, and the descendants of the Friends' families mentioned are scattered over the great West and to-day Miami Monthly Meeting contains but a few of the faithful.

In preparing this article the writer has availed himself of the copious notes compiled by friend Clarkson Butterworth.

Waynesville, Ohio, Tenth month 11.

The following information was found in an article describing the 100th anniversary of the Miami Monthly Meeting, it was found on the Warren County Ohio, GenWeb project site. (Bogan, 2004) In October 1903, the one-hundredth anniversary of the Miami Monthly Meeting was celebrated in Waynesville, Warren County, Ohio. In 1803, the Quaker worship services were first held in various members homes. Two years later, the Friends built a log structure meeting house. In 1811, a new brick-meeting house was constructed, following the growth and prosperity of the congregaton. The building cost \$1,500, was two stories high and 40x60 feet. In 1828, a schism occurred within the Quaker religion, two group emerged, including the minority Orthodox Quakers and the Hicksites. The Orthodox Quakers erected a substantial red brick meeting house on the corner opposite the original structure. It was observed that the dress code of the previous one hundred years seemed to have disappeared, because the Friends no longer wore their broad-rimmed hats, the plain Quaker bonnets, and the plain dresses. Both meeting houses had been modernized with electricity, modern furniture, and one even had an organ. It was noted that modernization was an indication of changing times within the Quaker people, but they still have a message for the people that have been handed down by their forefathers that are no less important now as then.

The Friends called “Hicksite” placed special emphasis on the Inward Light, a divine spark within each person. They objected to creedal tests and to the authority of ministers and elders. Originally inspired by New York minister Elias Hicks (1748-1830), these Friends became increasingly liberal in theology, social practices and church organization over the decades. Members of the Orthodox branch of Quakers were evangelical and stressed the Jesus Christ of history and reliance on the Bible as the authoritative source of religious truth. (College)

On Miami Monthly Meeting’s website, they reference that their worship is conducted in the “Unprogrammed (Hicksite) tradition of Friends.” They also explain that their faith and worship service is guided by:

“.....Quaker Testimonies of peace, equality, and simplicity in worship, spirituality, and lifestyle. We gather in silent, waiting worship (meditation) and members speak out of the silence as the Spirit moves, as is the custom of Quaker worship.” (Meeting)

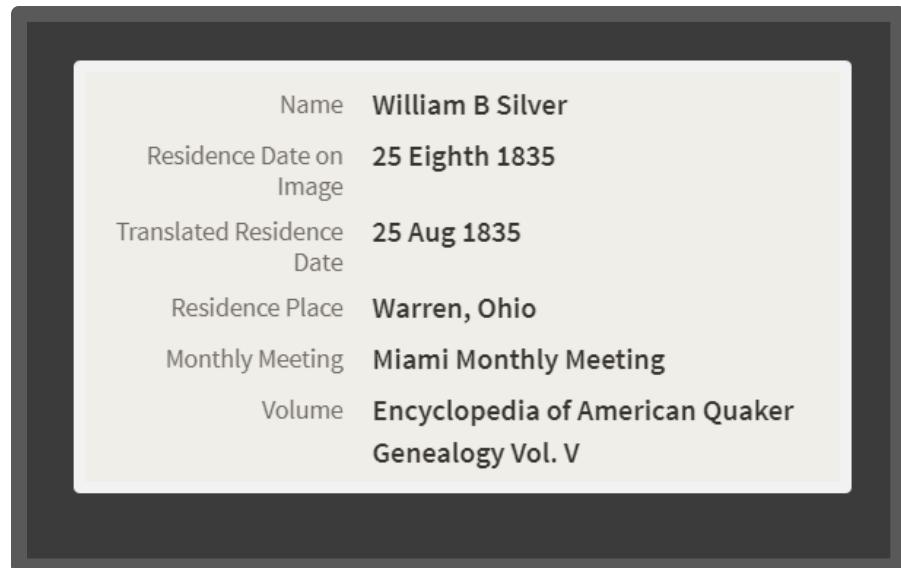


Additionally, they described their “Hicksite” meeting as follows:

“....the meetings continued the 350 year tradition of silent worship, there being no presiding pastor, priest, or minister. Friends believe that within each human being there is a divine spark of “Inner Light,” and that every person is a vehicle of God. There is no creed, no prepared order of worship, or sermon. This simple Christian form of worship seeks for direct communion with the Divine without an intermediary. The sense of worship may be experienced in the awe that is felt in attentive silence on the awareness of our profound connectedness to nature and its power. In worship can be found repentance and forgiveness in the acknowledgement of God as the ultimate source of our being and the serenity of accepting of God’s will. Each experience of worship is different. There is no right way to prepare for spiritual communion, no set practice to follow when worship grows from an expectant waiting in the Spirit. Worship depends far more on a deeply-felt longing for God than upon any particular practice.”

Although some Quakers did have slaves, most believed it was incompatible with their testimony of equality, for all sexes, age groups, and color. The Quakers who settled in the Waynesville area included families that relocated from Southern states, to the slave free Northwest Territory (i.e., Ohio and other Midwestern states). Other Quakers from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware also resettled in this area, including the Silver and allied families. According to the Miami Monthly Meeting, a school was built across the street from the White Brick Meetinghouse and the student body included African-American, Native American, and white children. Some of the Miami friends were active in the Underground Railroad and were directly assisting runaway slaves to obtain their freedom. Other Friends

had difficulties being active participants in the Underground Railroad, because they struggled with the deceit and secrecy surrounding the movement. Regardless, many of the Underground Railroad stations, were located in this area.



(Hinshaw)

On August 25, 1835, William B. was received on certificate from Springborough Monthly Meeting (Hicksite), Warren County, Ohio. The Certificate was dated July 23, 1835.

Miami Monthly Meeting
Marriage Certificate
William B. Silver and Ann Johnson
September 30, 1835

Name William B Silver
Marriage Date 30 Sep 1835
Marriage Date on Image 30 Ninth 1835
Marriage Place Warren, Ohio
Death Place Warren, Ohio
Father William
Mother Rebecca
Spouse Ann Johnson
Spouse Father Joshua
Spouse Mother Margaret
Event Type Marriage
Monthly Meeting Miami Monthly Meeting
Historical Meeting Data Miami Monthly Meeting
Meeting State Ohio
Meeting County Warren
Household Members

Name	Age
William B Silver	
Ann Johnson	

Silver, William B. William
Johnson, Ann Rebecca
 Joshua
 Margaret 9-30 1835

MARRIAGE - WARREN, OHIO – 30 SEP 1835

Name	William B Silver
Marriage Date on Image	30 Ninth 1835
Translated Marriage Date	30 Sep 1835
Marriage Place	Warren
Monthly Meeting	Miami Monthly Meeting
Volume	Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy Vol. V

SILVER
 1806, 1, 22. Lettitia m David LINTON
 1808, 6, 22. Anna m Noah HAINS
 1835, 9, 30. William B., s William & Rebekah,
 Warren Co., O.; m at Miami, Ann JOHNSON,
 dt Joshua & Margaret, Warren Co., O. (H)
 1870, 9, 18. Samuel [Silvers] d (H)
 1873, 8, 17. Tamson [Silvers] d se 71(H)
 1805, 2, 14. Seth & dt, Lettitia, roof Salem
 MM, N. J., dtd 1804,8,27
 1805, 2, 14. Ann roof Salem MM, N. J., dtd
 1804,8,27
 1819, 4, 28. Patience & ch recrq
 1828, 5, 28. Samuel roof Springboro MM, dtd
 1828,5,27
 1829, 2, 25. Samuel dis JH
 1833, 5, 28. Tamson recrq (H)
 1834, 12, 24. Samuel & w, Tamson, got West-
 field MM (H)
 1835, 6, 22. William B. roof Springborough
 MM, dtd 1835,7,22 (H)
 1836, 8, 24. William B. & w, Ann, got West-
 field MM (H)
 1837, 11, 22. Ann (form Johnson) dis mou & jH
 1867, 1, 28. Samuel & w, Tamson, roof West-
 field MM, dtd 1866,12,28 (H)

(Hinshaw)

No. 147
 Whereas William B. Silver of Warren County in
 the State of Ohio, Son of William Silver of Preble
 County and State aforesaid, and Rebecca his wife;
 And Ann Johnson of Warren County in the state
 Aforesaid daughter of Joshua Johnson of Newcastle
 County in the state of Delaware and Margaret
 his wife both (Deceas'd) having declared their
 Intentions of Marriage with each other before a Mon-
 thly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, held
 at Miami in the County of Warren aforesaid

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and having consent of parents, their said proposal
of Marriage were allowed by said Meeting. These are
to certify whom it may concern that for the full
accomplishment of said intentions, this thirteenth
day of the Ninth Month in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and thirty five; they the
said William B. Silver and Ann Johnson ap-
peared in a public Meeting of said Society held in
their Meeting house at Miami aforesaid; the said
William B. Silver taking the said Ann Johnson
by the hand, declared that he took her the said
Ann Johnson to be his wife promising with Divine
assistance to be unto her a loving and faithful
full husband, until death should separate them,
~~or words to that intent~~ and then the said Ann Johnson
did in like manner declare she took the said William
B. Silver to be her husband, promising with Divine
assistance to be unto him a loving and faithful
wife, until death should separate them ~~or words to~~
~~that intent~~ and moreover they the said William
B. Silver and Ann Johnson did according to the custom
of Marriage adopting the name of her husband did
as a further Confirmation thereof, then and there
to those presents set their hands;

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William B. Silver,
Ann J. Silver,

Whereas William B. Silver of Warren County in the State of Ohio, son of William Silver of Preble County and State aforesaid, and Rebecca his wife; and Ann Johnson of Warren County in the state aforesaid daughter of Joshua Johnson of New Castle County in the state of Delaware and Margaret his wife both (deceased) have declared their intentions of marriage with each other before a Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, held at Miami in the County of Warren aforesaid and having consent of parents their said proposal of Marriage were allowed by said Meeting. Shelfes are to certify whom it may concern that for the full accomplishment of said intentions this Thirtieth day of the Ninth Month in the year of our Lord one (?) and eight hundred and thirty five; they the said William B. Silver and Ann Johnson appeared in a public Meeting of said Society held in their Meeting House at Miami aforesaid; the said William B. Silver taking the said Ann John- son by the hand declared that he took her the said Ann Johnson to be his wife promising divine assistance to be unto her a loving and faithful husband until death should separate them, or words to that import and then the said Ann Johnson did in like manner declare she took the said William B. Silver to be her husband, promising with Divine assistance to be unto him a loving and faithful wife, until death should separate them, (or words to that import) and moreover they (?) said William B. Silver and Ann Johnson (She according to the custom of Marriage adopting the name of her husband) did as a further confirmation (?) of then and there to selfs present set their hands.

No. 147 William B. Silver
 Ann J. Silver

NORTH AMERICAN, FAMILY HISTORIES 1500-2000

*A GENEALOGICAL RECORD OF THE DESCENDANTS OF
JOHN AND MARY PALMER OF CONCORD, CHESTER,
PENNSYLVANIA (NOW DELAWARE)*

Name	William B Silver
Gender	Male
Birth Date	14 Apr 1808
First Marriage Date	30 Nov 1835
First Marriage Place	Waynesville, Warren, O
Father	William Silver
Mother	Rebecca Bates
Spouse	Ann Johnson
Child	Joshua J Silver

(Ancestry.com, 2016)

Ch. of Margaret Chamberlain (No. 152) and Joshua Johnson.

598. *Robert*, b. 1 mo. 31, 1808; d. 10 mo. 4, 1852; m. Sarah Craft 10 mo. 21, 1835, at Waynesville, O., dau. of John Craft and Achsah —— (?), b. 2 mo. 22, 1816; d. 12 mo. 30, 1865.

They resided at Waynesville, Warren co., O.

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PALMER DIVISION.

599. *Joseph*, b. 9 mo. 23, 1809; d. 8 mo. 13, 1845; unm.

600. *Ann*, b. 6 mo. 30, 1813; m. William B. Silver 9 mo. 30, 1835, at Miami Meeting of Friends, held at Waynesville, Warren co., O., son of William Silver and Rebecca Bates, b. 2 mo. 14, 1808.

Was a farmer, but now resides in Richmond, Wayne co., Ind.

William Silver and Rebecca Bates were m. 1 mo. 12, 1797, at Lower Alloways Creek Friends' M.-H., Salem co., N. J. William, son of Samuel Silver and Rebecca —— (?), b. 1 mo. 18, 1773; d. 5 mo. 23, 1848. Rebecca, dau. of William Bates and Phebe —— (?), b. 3 mo. 4, 1776; d. 12 mo. 12, 1849.

RESIDENCE – WARREN, OHIO - 24 AUG 1836

Name	William B Silver
Residence Date on Image	24 Eighth 1836
Translated Residence Date	24 Aug 1836
Residence Place	Warren, Ohio
Monthly Meeting	Miami Monthly Meeting
Volume	Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy Vol. V

(Hinshaw)

1835 and 1836 –William Senior and William B. Silver Families Move to Preble County, Ohio

After William and Ann were married, they moved to Preble County, Ohio. On October 26, 1836, they were received by the Westfield Monthly Meeting on a certificate from the Miami Monthly Meeting (Hicksite) dated August 24, 1836. William Silver Senior, wife Rebecca, and daughter Phebe had moved earlier to Preble County, Ohio, and on April 29, 1835, they were also received by the Westfield Monthly Meeting, however their certificate was from the Springborough Monthly Meeting (Hicksite) dated March 26, 1835. (Hinshaw) William Senior and Rebecca resided in Israel Township, Preble County, Ohio. They joined other New Jersey Quakers searching for new homes and settled in the northeast corner of the township. They built their meeting house there and called it Westfield, in honor of their former meeting in New Jersey. (Lowry R. E., 1915)

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Frances E.

Westfield Monthly Meeting

SILVER

- 1835, 4, 29. Wm. & w, Rebecca, rocf Springborough MM, dtd 1835,3,26 (H)
1835, 4, 29. Phebe rocf Springborough MM, dtd 1835,3,26 (H)
1836, 10, 26. William B. & w, Ann, rocf Miami MM, O., dtd 1836,8,24 (H)

On June 4, 1835, William B.'s sister, Phebe Silver, married John Brown, in Preble County Ohio.

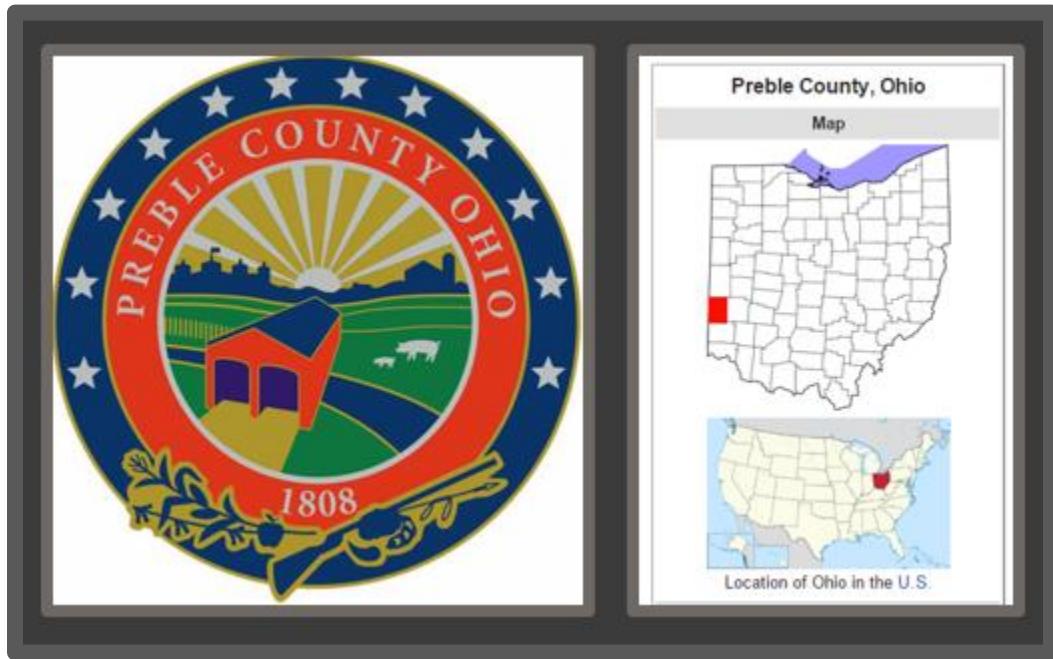
Genealogical & Historical Records of Preble County, Ohio

Name	Year	Record Type	Record ID
Silvers. Phebe	1835	Marriage	marap300

Date - whom Married - By whom			
9 th June 1835	Charles Fredrick and Elija Curran	A. Mack J.P.	
4 June 1835	John Brown and Phebe Silvers	Lore Ford J.P.	

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A Brief History of Preble County, Ohio

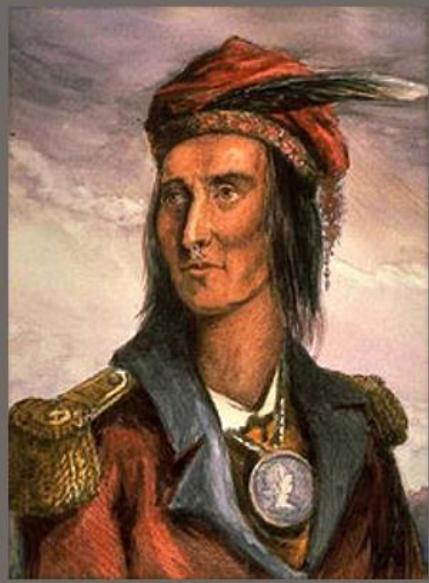


A brief history of this area can be found below. The following information was obtained from a book about the History of Preble County which was written by B.F. Lowry. (Lowry R. E., 1915)

The original native people in Preble County, Ohio, were Mound Builders. Approximately one hundred mounds were discovered in the county and were found along Twin, Seven Mile, and Four Mile creeks. The largest are located in Harrison and Israel townships. One is known as an observation mound for watchman and the other is a burial mound, or tumuli.

Present day Ohio was part of the Northwest Territory. About 1670, the first white people to explore this area were French traders and missionaries under the leadership of LaSalle. The Shawnees, or Shawanoes or Shawanese tribe were one of the remaining tribes in Ohio, at the time the French traders explored there. The Miami nation, of Indiana, were also in this area and claimed portions of the state by occupation of the valley of the Great and Little Miami Rivers.

The land east of the Mississippi river in possession of the French was transferred to England, at the close of the French and Indian War in 1763. The Northwest Territory became part of the United States, at the end of the Revolutionary War in 1783. In 1785, the U.S. Congress passed an act which established the present land survey system of dividing area into six square mile townships. After the territory was surveyed, settlers began to migrate to this area. The state of Ohio was admitted to the Union on March 1, 1803. The Shawnee Native Americans fought to retain their land and hunting grounds, under the leadership of Tecumseh. The Shawnee's lost their land and moved westward across the Mississippi, after their defeat at the battle of Tippecanoe, in the fall of 1811.



Tecumseh

*Show respect to all people, but grovel to none.
A single twig breaks, but the bundle of twigs is strong.*

From my tribe I take nothing, I am the maker of my own fortune.

Listen to the voice of duty, of honor, of nature and of your endangered country. Let us form one body, one heart, and defend to the last warrior our country...

(Wikiquote)

William B. and Ann (Johnson) Silver lived for many years in Dixon Township, Preble County, Ohio. Dixon township in the western half and southern third is very flat and level and farmers cleared the land and used miles of farm ditches to drain the swampy and wet land. The farmers primarily planted corn. The Silver family resided in the southeastern portion of the township.

Lowry described Dixon Township and its people as follows:

“Some of the finest residences and farms of the county are within Dixon Township. Its citizens are generous and hospitable, and the people of the township are more tolerant towards the religious bias of their neighbors than those of any other township of the county. They have just as much respect for moral and religious duties as any, but they seem ever ready to grant all the same rights demanded by themselves.”

William B. Silver and Ann Johnson, were described as follows in the book:

“.....the old Silver farm, which belonged to W. B. and Ann (Johnson) Silver, was located on the southeast quarter of section 26, township 7, north, range 1, east, of Dixon township, Preble County, Ohio (see maps below). W.B. Silver was born in Burlington county, New Jersey, while his wife was born in Dover county, Delaware, and came to Ohio when young, locating at Waynesville, Ohio, in which latter place Mr. Silver and Miss Johnson were married. Immediately after their marriage they came to Preble County, Ohio, and located in section 26, of Dixon Township. Both of them died in Kansas City, Kansas. W.B. Silver was an extensive landowner and at one time owned eight hundred acres of land. He was a Republican, and a devout member of the Quaker church. To Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Silver five sons and two daughters were born, six of whom are now living. Horatio Silver is a farmer living in Wayne County, Indiana. Margaret is the widow of Clarkson Jennings, and lives in Indianapolis, Indiana. Oscar W. Silver is the subject of

this sketch. Joseph lives in Kansas City, Kansas. Robert Silver lives in Knightstown, Indiana. Rebecca is the wife of Winfield Freeman, and lives in Kansas City, Kansas."

The book provided additional information pertaining to William B. Silver's side occupation as one of the first salesmen for the McCormick Reaper Company. Information about the founder of the company, Cyrus McCormick, is provided below.



Cyrus McCormick

Inventor of the Mechanical Reaper



Not long after Eli Whitney invented the Cotton Gin, Cyrus McCormick invented another significant agricultural invention that revolutionized farming: the mechanical reaper. Prior to this invention, reaping was a painstaking process (done by hand with a scythe) that limited a farm's harvest.

The initial idea and design for the reaper actually came from Cyrus McCormick's father, Robert, who worked on the invention for 16 years. In 1831, twenty-two-year-old Cyrus took over his father's project and, within six weeks, he had built, field-tested, remodeled and successfully demonstrated the world's first mechanical reaper. McCormick's invention automatically cut, threshed and bundled grain while being pulled through a field by horses.

In 1834, inventor Cyrus McCormick took out a patent on his invention and, soon after, began manufacturing the reaper himself. Despite the amazing potential of the invention, most farmers remained uninterested.

McCormick spent years making improvements to the mechanical reaper invention and coming up with business innovations to boost sales (including credit for purchases, performance guarantees, replacement parts and advertising). All his work eventually paid off – by 1851, Cyrus McCormick's reaper invention was an international sensation.



<http://www.american-inventor.com/cyrus-mccormick.aspx>

On February 11, 1838, William B.'s brother, Horatio D. Silver, married Sarah V. Robertson, in Preble County, Ohio.

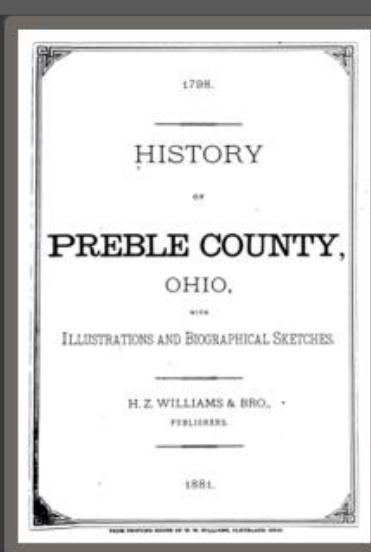
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(Library P. C.)

May 23, 1848 – Death of William Silver Senior Israel Township, Preble County, Ohio

On 23 May 1848, William Silver Senior died in Preble County, Ohio. He was buried at the Friends' Westfield Cemetery, located in Israel Township, Preble County, Ohio. This site is just a field today, but a school was located here sometime in the past, as well as the Friends' Meeting location. He was followed by his wife, Rebecca Bates Silver, on 12 Dec 1849. Two of William B. and Ann's girls, Rebecca and Elizabeth W. were also buried here, near their Grandparents. Both girls died at a very young age.

A brief biographical sketch of William Senior and his son, William B., can be found in the clipping below.



William Silver, sr., settled in Dixon in 1836. He was born in Salem county, New Jersey, in 1773, and in 1827 settled in Warren county, Ohio. He died in Israel township in 1848; his wife, Rebecca (Bates), born in 1776, died in 1849. Of the family of eight children, only three survive, one son and two daughters: William B. residing in Dixon, and Mrs. Martha Brown, and Mrs. Phebe Brown, in Huntington, Indiana.

William B. Silver was born in 1808, in Salem county, New Jersey. In 1835 he was married to Ann Johnson, and the next year settled in this township, removing from Warren county, Ohio. He has seven children living and two dead.

(History of Preble County, Ohio, with Illustrations and Biographical Sketches, 1881)

Westfield Cemetery

(Also called Quaker, Friends, Hicketts, and Quaker Ridge)

Located in:

- Camden, Section 12 of Israel Township, Preble County, Ohio
- 1 mile North of State Road 725, SW Corner of Israel-Somers Road at the Kenworthy Road.



Elizabeth W. Silver

(Daughter of William B. and Ann Johnson Silver)

30 Sep 1858 – 3 Jan 1862

Rebeca Bates Silver

(Mother of William B. Silver)

4 Mar 1776 – 12 Dec 1849

Rebecca Silver

(Daughter of William B. and Ann Johnson Silver)

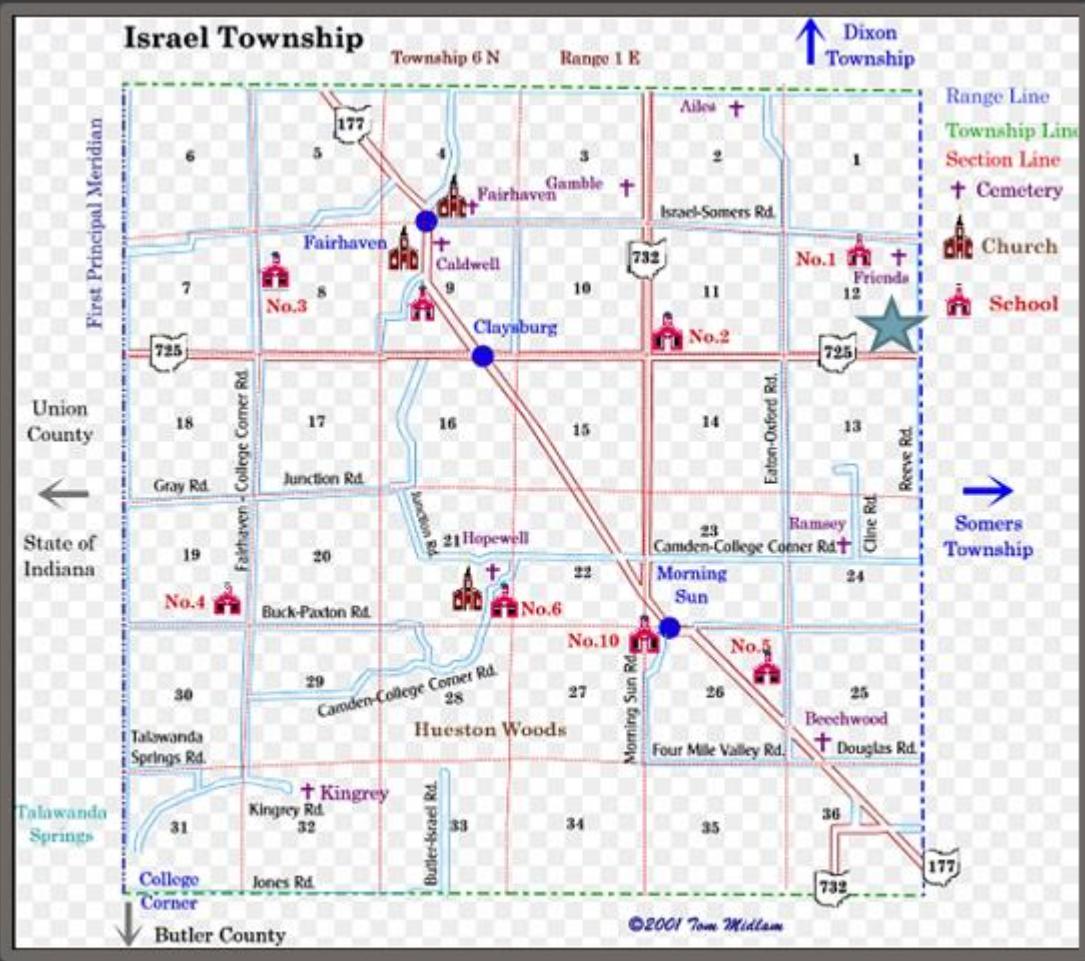
27 Apr 1851 – 2 Dec 1851

William Silver

(Father of William B. Silver)

18 Mar 1773 – 23 May 1848

<https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2246030/Westfield-Cemetery>



<http://gen2.pcdl.lib.oh.us/preble/images/israel.gif>

1850 United States Federal Census Dixon Township, Preble County, Ohio

1850 UNITED STATES FEDERAL CENSUS

Name	William B Silver	
Age	43	
Birth Year	abt 1807	
Birthplace	New Jersey	
Home in 1850	Dixon, Preble, Ohio, USA	
Gender	Male	
Family Number	1849	
Household Members	Name	Age
	William B Silver	43
	Ann Silver	36
	Joshua Silver	14
	Horatio Silver	11
	Margaret Silver	9
	Oscar Silver	7
	Joseph Silver	5
	Robert Silver	2
	Martin Stack	29
	Bridget Meloy	28

(Archives, Seventh Census of the United States, 1850)

1850 United States Federal Census

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SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in Dixon Township in the County of Preble State of Ohio enumerated by me, on the 10th day of October 1850. William Gurny Ass't Marshal.

Dwelling-house numbered in the order of visitation.	Family numbered in the order of visitation.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	Description.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of such Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	Place of Birth. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.															
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20	Tom	36 f	"	"	"	"	1	Delaware	1	1	1	1														
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22	Horatio	11 m	"	"	"	"		"	1	1	1	1														
23	Margaret	7 f	"	"	"	"		"	1	1	1	1														
24	Oscar	1 m	"	"	"	"		"	1	1	1	1														
25	Joseph	6 m	"	"	"	"		"	1	1	1	1														
26	Robert	3 m	"	"	"	"		"	1	1	1	1														
27	Martin Stack	29 m						Ireland	1	1	1	1														
28	Bridget Meloy	28 f							1	1	1	1														
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According to the 1850 U.S. Federal Census, of Dixon Township, Preble County, Ohio, William B. was a farmer and the value of his real estate that he owned was 1,000. His children, Joshua, Horatio, Margaret, Oscar and Joseph had attended school in the past year. Martin Stack, age 29, and Bridget Meloy, age 28, resided in their household and both were born in Ireland.

1860 United States Federal Census

Dixon Township, Preble County, Ohio

1860 UNITED STATES FEDERAL CENSUS

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Birth Year	abt 1808																								
Gender	Male																								
Birth Place	New Jersey																								
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Post Office	Fair Haven																								
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According to the 1860 U.S. Federal Census, enumerated on August 3, 1860, for free inhabitants in Dixon Township, Preble County, Ohio, William B. Silver was a farmer. His real estate was valued at 18,000 and his personal estate was valued at 2,400. He employed and housed a farm laborer, named Thomas Moris who was 35 years of age, and was born in Ireland.

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SCHEDULE 4.—Productions of Agriculture in Dixon Township in the County of Preble in the Post Office Sugar Creek.

NAME OF OWNER, AGENT, OR MANAGER OF THE FARM.	ACRES OF LAND.		Cash value of Pies, Vines of Peas, Beans and Macaroni.	LIVE STOCK, JUNE 1, 1860												PRODUCE DURING THE PAST YEAR					
	Inland.	Upstream.		Horses.	Asses and Mules.	Milk Cows.	Working Oxen.	Other Oxen.	Sheep.	Bees.	Vales of Live Stock.	Wheat, bushels of.	Rye, bushels of.	Indian Corn, bushels of.	Oats, bushels of.	Rice, bushels of.	Tobacco, bushels of.	Ginned Cotton, bales of six lbs. each.	Wool, lbs. of.		
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Wm B Silvers	275	115	1600	250	15	5	4	15	80	100	600	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	

Name **Wm B Silvers**

Enumeration Date **4 Aug 1860**

Place **Dixon, Preble, Ohio, USA**

Schedule Type **Agriculture**

Line Number **1**

(Administration N. A.)

On August 4, 1860, a U.S. Agricultural Census of Dixon Township, Preble County, Ohio. The data for William B.'s property is as follows:

Improved Acres of Land.	275
Unimproved Acres of Land.	125
Cash Value of Farm.	16,000
Value of Farming Implements and Machinery.	250
Livestock, June 1, 1860:	
Horses.	15
Asses and Mules.	0
Milch Cows.	5
Working Oxen.	4
Other Cattle.	15
Sheep.	0
Swine.	80
Value of Livestock.	1,950
Wheat, bushels of.	600
Rye, bushels of.	0
Indian Corn, bushels of.	1,000
Oats, bushels of.	100
Rice, lbs. of.	0
Tobacco, lbs. of.	0
Ginned Cotton, bales of 400 lbs. each.	0
Wool, lbs. of.	0

1861 – Marriage of Daughter Rebecca Jane Silver

On October 24, 1861, William B. and Ann's daughter, Rebecca Jane, married Henry Holderman, in Preble County, Ohio. They were married by Israel Brower.

178 PREBLE COUNTY MARRIAGE RECORD.		
Oct 23 A. D. 1861 MARRIAGE LICENSE Was this day granted to <i>Henry Holderman</i> and <i>Rebecca Jane Silver</i>	The State of Ohio, Preble Co., ss: The undersigned makes oath that is twenty-one years of age; and that is eighteen years of age and resides in this county; that neither of them are married; and that there is no legal impediment to their marriage. Signed to and subscribed before me, this day of Oct 24 A. D. 1861 <i>J. H. Lang Probate Judge</i>	The State of Ohio, Preble County, ss: I certify, that I this day solemnized the Marriage of <i>Henry Holderman</i> and <i>Rebecca Jane Silver</i> Witness my hand this 24th day of October A. D. 1861 <i>Israel Brower</i>

http://gen.pcdl.lib.oh.us/Genealogy/jsp/RcWebImageViewer.jsp?doc_id=6b561868-8165-494b-9c35-79df31e112ea/oep00000/270913SR/00000461&pg_seq=1&search_doc=&query1_modifier=AND&query1=silver&query1_field=ALL

1864 – The Civil War – Union Soldiers



On May 15, 1864, two of William B. and Ann's sons, Oscar and Joshua, mustered out as Union soldiers, for the 156th Regiment, Ohio Infantry (National Guard). Well before the advent of the Civil War, Quakers in Ohio and Indiana, were caught up in the abolitionist movement.

In the 1840s, many Quakers in Indiana were conflicted by slavery and the abolition movement. Levi Coffin, an abolitionist Quaker, published Indiana's first antislavery newspaper, the "Protectionist," and the "Free Labor Protectionist." They advocated not buying goods or food raised with the use of slave labor. In 1842, Levi Coffin and other Quaker established the Indiana Yearly Meeting of Antislavery Friends. They did so after being disciplined by the Indiana Yearly Meeting for not adhering to the Quaker notion of appropriate quiet and retiring demeanor. By 1857, most of the orthodox Quakers became abolitionist themselves. At that point the Antislavery Friends dissolved their meeting and rejoined the Indiana Yearly meeting. Many Quakers did participate in the Underground Railroad, and helped aid refuge slaves. But it is believed that the true heroes of the Underground Railroad were free blacks. (Vanderstel) The principal crossing points into the north are highlighted in the illustrations below.

THE ROUTE TO FREEDOM

Three principal crossing points for fugitives were at Cincinnati, Ohio, and Madison and Jeffersonville, Indiana. From these points fugitives were taken or guided to safe stops on routes leading to Newport. From there three main routes to the northeast, north and northwest led to freedom in Canada. Not a single fugitive given assistance and direction by Levi Coffin at Newport failed to reach Canada.

Underground Railroad Routes

(Museum)

(springborohistory.org)

Abolitionists in the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan actively participated in political, legal, and underground efforts to help Slaves gain their freedom. In particular, the eastern portion of Indiana and the entire state of Ohio, contained the major routes for the Underground Railroad. The maps below illustrate these routes. Based on these maps, the Silver family lived in the hotbed of activity. There are no records found that identified them as active participants in the effort, but they certainly were aware of the existence of the Underground Railroads. Railroad stops are shown in Springboro and Waynesville, in Warren County, Ohio, as well as stops in Preble County, Ohio. The town of Eaton in Preble County, Ohio, is the County seat and is about ten miles from the Silver family's farm.



(Siebert, The Mysteries of Ohio's Underground Railroads, 1951)



(Siebert, Routes of the Underground Railroad from Slavery to Freedom, 1898)

The Federal government passed the Fugitive Slave laws, which allowed Southern slaveholders the right to recapture Slaves that made it to a free state. This was done to appease the South, in an effort to hold the Union together. An interesting account of a young woman named Rosetta Armstead who challenged the law and won her freedom can be found below. She was represented by Salmon P. Chase, anti-slavery activist; Ohio Governor, U.S. Senator, U.S. Secretary of Treasury, and Chief Justice of the United states; and future President Rutherford B. Hayes.

In 1855, Ohio was a free state, but the United States still condoned slavery just across the Ohio River. To deal with these conflicting laws across state borders, the federal government passed a series of legislation known as the Fugitive Slave Laws. These laws stated that a Southern slaveholder must not be stopped when returning a captured runaway to the slave system, even in a free state.^[1] A true escape could only lie outside the borders of the United States.

100 DOLLARS REWARD!

Ranaway from the subscriber on the 27th of July, my Black Woman, named

EMILY,

Seventeen years of age, well grown, black color, has a whining voice. She took with her one dark calico and one blue and white dress, a red corded gingham bonnet; a white striped shawl and slippers. I will pay the above reward if taken near the Ohio river on the Kentucky side, or THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS, if taken in the State of Ohio, and delivered to me near Lewisburg, Mason County, Ky. THOS. H. WILLIAMS.

August 4, 1853.

However, by April of 1855, a young woman by the name of Rosetta Armstead gained her freedom and tested the operations of this law.

While awaiting trial, Rosetta moved in and out of Cincinnati jails. Finally she was tried before U.S. Commissioner John L. Pendry with Salmon P. Chase and future president Rutherford B. Hayes as her legal counsel. Here the decision was made that Rosetta could not be held to the Fugitive Slave Law, because she had not escaped. An agent of her master had brought her into free territory willingly. L.G. Van Slyke even claimed that Mr. Dennison came to his house and told Rosetta she could remain free if she desired. Rosetta indeed desired her freedom, and by the end of April, the court declared Rosetta Armstead was a free woman.

(<https://www.ohiohistory.org/learn/collections/history/history-blog/2016/february-2016/rosettaarmstead>)

In 1852, the Indiana Yearly Meeting provided a report on the concerns of the people of colour. The report was covered in an article written in, *The Friend. A Religious and Literary Journal*, Vol. XXVI., November 7, 1852, No. 11. It is an interesting read and is copied below. (Indiana Yearly Meeting. Report on the People of Colour., 1852)

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REPORT ON THE CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE
OF COLOUR.

To the Yearly Meeting:—Reports have been received from all the Branches of this Committee, from which it appears, that they have, to some considerable extent, laboured to promote the welfare of the People of Colour within their respective limits. A summary of their proceedings shows: that during the past year, there have been thirty-one schools amongst them, in most instances taught by persons of colour. One of the schools is reported as having been in session most of the year, the others for lengths of time, varying from six to three months each. Six hundred and thirty-two children have attended them, and the branches taught have been, Spelling, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, and in some of them, English Grammar, Geography, and Natural Philosophy. The Holy Scriptures have been read in most of the schools, and the general demeanor of the children, and their progress in learning, has been satisfactory. It is also reported, that eighty-two coloured children have been attending Friends' schools.

The amount paid by the Branches for Educational purposes, is about two hundred dollars, besides some Books. They have also paid near one hundred dollars for the relief of the indigent and afflicted.

There has been nine First-day Schools for scriptural instruction noticed in the Reports, in most of which Friends have rendered some assistance. One of them is reported to have been in operation the greater part of the year, and regularly attended by about one hundred pupils, some of them adults.

One of the Branches states, that the Library referred to by them last year, is in successful operation; and that it is, for the most part, managed by the coloured people themselves. Another Branch states, that there has been a Library procured amongst the coloured people under their care, of fifty-four volumes and some Tracts.

Although there are obstacles in the way of the progress of the elevation of this people, and the sympathizing heart is brought into deep sorrow in contemplating their situation, and the many disabilities under which they labour, yet we would earnestly encourage Friends to embrace every right opening for their advancement, religiously, morally, and socially; and that they continue to plead for the liberation of those yet in bondage, as way may open.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,
GEORGE EVANS, Clerk.

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(The Friend., 1852)

Two of William B. and Ann (Johnson) Silver's two sons, Oscar W. Silver and Joshua J. Silver, were both participants in the Civil War, according to the National Park Service. Which went against the basic Quaker tenant of pacifism. Many felt pressure to volunteer, because of the Federal Conscription Laws. If they refused to serve, they could be fined, have their property confiscated or possibly jailed. Many of the Quaker community did volunteer. Some of the meetings read out these individuals, while others looked the other way. After the war ended, most of them were reinstated in their meetings without discipline. After the Civil War ended many radical changes occurred within the Quaker faith. They were not living in isolated communities anymore and were exposed to other parts of American life. Specifically, their plain dress and language began to disappear. (Vanderstel)

Surname	First Name	Company	Regiment	Beginning Rank	Ending Rank	Other Names
Silver	Joshua J.	H	156th Regiment, Ohio Infantry (National Guard)	Private	Private	J.J./Silver
Silver	Oscar W.	H	156th Regiment, Ohio Infantry (National Guard)	Private	Private	O.W./Silver

(https://www.ogs.org/research/results_ohcwss.php)

156th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry

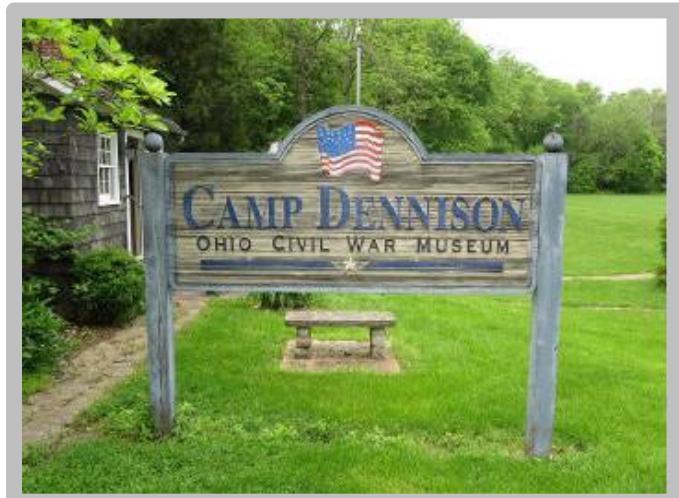
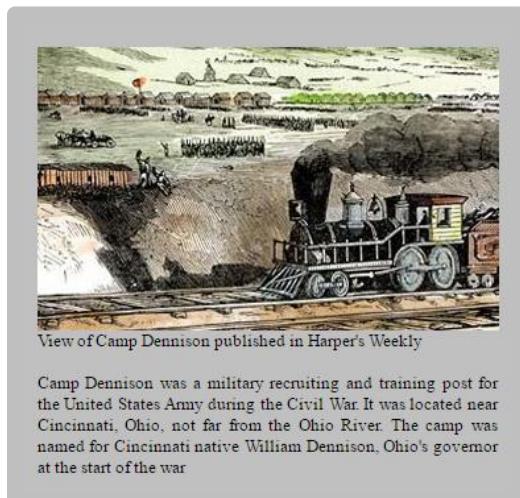
Active	May 15, 1864, to September 1, 1864
Country	United States
Allegiance	Union
Branch	Infantry
Engagements	Battle of Folck's Mill

(Wikipedia)

Oscar and Joshua were Union soldiers, for the 156th Regiment, Ohio Infantry (National Guard). They both entered in the regiment as Privates and were discharged as Privates too. They were in Company H. The following Battle Unit details, were obtained from the NPS and Wikipedia:

The organized at Camp Dennison, Ohio, and mustered in May 15, 1864. They were to serve for one hundred days. The following three battalions made up the 156th Regiment: The Thirty-fourth Battalion, Ohio National Guard, from Preble County; Eightieth Battalion, Ohio National Guard, from Mercer County; and the Eighty-first Battalion, Ohio National Guard from Auglaize County. The Regiment was organized into seven Companies "A", "B", "C", "D", "E", "F", and "H." They moved to Cincinnati, Ohio,

May 20th and engaged in guard and patrol duty in and about that city till July 18th. Companies "G", "I" and "K" remained on guard and patrol duty at Camp Dennison till July and then moved to Falmouth, Kentucky. Next, these three companies moved on to Covington, Kentucky and rejoined their Regiment July 18th. They next ordered to Cumberland, Md., July 28th and assigned to General Kelly's Command, Dept. of West Virginia. They were on duty at Cumberland till August 28th. They saw minor action with the Confederates near Folck's Mills, Cumberland, on August 1st. The Regiment had minor losses during this engagement. Their term of serve expired and they mustered out September 1, 1864. At the end of their hundred day service, the Regiment lost one Officer and twenty-two enlisted men by disease.



(Civilwaralbum.com)

The Ohio River City of Cincinnati, Ohio, served as war headquarters for the Ohio Union soldiers. They were responsible for defending the region, as well as, offensive army actions into Kentucky and Tennessee. The port city played an important role as a supply

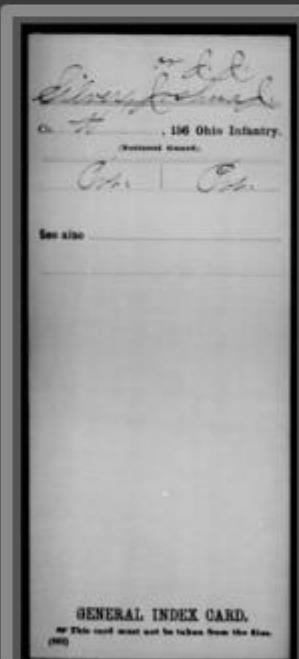
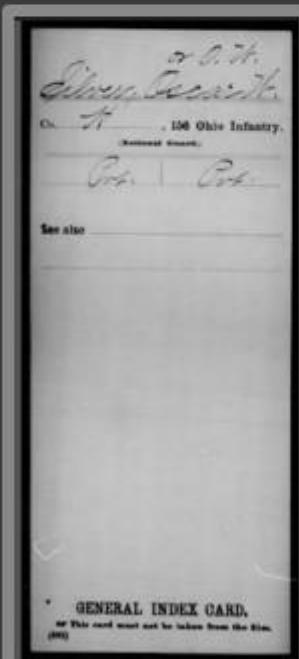
route for the Union Army. Ohio was a free state and was one of the stops on the Underground Railroad, for slaves seeking their freedom, in the North. (Wikipedia.org)

Joshua Jennings Silver – Widows Pension																													
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Oscar W. Silver – Widows Pension

DEAD	<i>Silver, Oscar W.</i>				
NAME OF SOLDIER:					
SERVICE	Late rank, <i>116 Reg't Ohio Inf.</i>				
TERM OF SERVICE	Enlisted	1	Discharged	1	
DATE OF FILING	CLASS	APPLICATION NO.	LAW	CERTIFICATE NO.	
<i>1871 April 30</i>	<i>Invalid,</i>	<i>103751177</i>		<i>825536</i>	
	<i>Widow,</i>				
	<i>Minor,</i>				
ADDRESS REMARKS					
<i>Oscar W. Silver Died Nov 27, 1928, at Camden, Oh</i>					



(fold3.com)

COMPANY H.

Mustered in May 15, 1864, at Camp Dennison, O., by G. E. Johnston, Major and A. D. C. Mustered out Sept. 1, 1864, at Camp Dennison, O., by William Stanley, 2d Lieutenant
10th Infantry, U. S. A.

Isaac R. McDivitt	Captain.	20	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Mustered out with company Sept. 1, 1864.
James Skinner	1st Lieut.	40	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Mustered out with company Sept. 1, 1864.
Philip Duff	2d Lieut.	26	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Mustered out with company Sept. 1, 1864.
John G. Larsh	1st Sergt.	30	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Mustered out with company Sept. 1, 1864.
David D. Murray	Sergeant.	27	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Mustered out with company Sept. 1, 1864.
Charles H. McMainsdo....	26	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Mustered out with company Sept. 1, 1864.
Barnett W. Huffmando....	22	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Mustered out with company Sept. 1, 1864.
William H. Marshalldo....	27	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Mustered out with company Sept. 1, 1864.
Clark Gray	Corporal.	23	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Mustered out with company Sept. 1, 1864.

156TH REGIMENT OHIO VOLUNTEER INFANTRY.

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Names.	Rank.	Age.	Date of Entering the Service.	Period of Service.	Remarks.
Shealer, John W	Private.	20	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Mustered out with company Sept. 1, 1864.
Shealer, Duncan Kdo....	15	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Mustered out with company Sept. 1, 1864.
Silver, Joshua Jdo....	27	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Mustered out with company Sept. 1, 1864.
Silver, Oscar Wdo....	20	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Mustered out with company Sept. 1, 1864.
Skillman, Williamdo....	27	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Mustered out with company Sept. 1, 1864.
Slick, Abrahamdo....	27	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Mustered out with company Sept. 1, 1864.
Slick, Thomasdo....	23	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Mustered out with company Sept. 1, 1864.
Smith, George Wdo....	16	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Mustered out with company Sept. 1, 1864.
Sturr, Thomas Bdo....	22	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Mustered out with company Sept. 1, 1864.
Suffrin, Daviddo....	54	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Mustered out with company Sept. 1, 1864.
Surface, Andrewdo....	26	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Mustered out with company Sept. 1, 1864.
Surface, Jacobdo....	37	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Mustered out with company Sept. 1, 1864.
Surface, Marcus Ndo....	19	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Mustered out with company Sept. 1, 1864.
Surface, Peterdo....	31	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Mustered out with company Sept. 1, 1864.
Swain, James Mdo....	19	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Died June 29, 1864.
Taylor, Amosdo....	27	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Mustered out with company Sept. 1, 1864.
Taylor, George Gdo....	18	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Mustered out with company Sept. 1, 1864.
Taylor, Israel Bdo....	33	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Died July 30, 1864.
Thompson, Jamesdo....	37	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Died June 30, 1864.
Tosh, Andrewdo....	42	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Mustered out with company Sept. 1, 1864.
Turner, Johndo....	20	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Mustered out with company Sept. 1, 1864.
Turner, Nelsondo....	41	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Mustered out with company Sept. 1, 1864.
Wiley, Isaac Ado....	20	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Mustered out with company Sept. 1, 1864.
Wintz, Danieldo....	32	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Mustered out with company Sept. 1, 1864.
Wisor, John Pdo....	30	May 2, 1864	100 dys.	Mustered out with company Sept. 1, 1864.

(Civilwarindex.com)

1866 – Marriage of Daughter Margret C. Silver

On February 24, 1866, William B. and Ann's daughter, Margaret C. Silver, married Clarkson Jennings, in Preble County. George W. Thompson was the Probate Judge who signed their marriage license. They were married by a Presbyterian Pastor named George H. Webster.



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PREBLE COUNTY MARRIAGE RECORD		
February 19th, A. D. 1866 MARRIAGE LICENSE Was this day granted to <i>Clarkson Jennings</i> and <i>Margaret C. Silver</i> <i>G.W. Thompson</i> Probate Judge.	<p>The State of Ohio, Preble Co., ss:</p> <p>The undersigned makes oath that <i>Clarkson Jennings</i> is twenty-one years of age; and that <i>Margaret C. Silver</i> is eighteen years of age and resides in this county; that neither of them are married, and that there is no legal impediment to their marriage.</p> <p><i>Clarkson Jennings</i> Signed and subscribed before me, this 19th day of <i>February</i> A. D. 1866. <i>G.W. Thompson</i> Probate Judge.</p>	<p>The State of Ohio, Preble County, ss: I, certify, that I have duly solemnized the Marriage of <i>Clarkson Jennings</i> with <i>Margaret C. Silver</i> Witness my hand this 29th day of <i>February</i> A. D. 1866 <i>G.H. Webster</i>, Pastor (<i>Mark</i> <i>recess</i>) 1st p. church</p>

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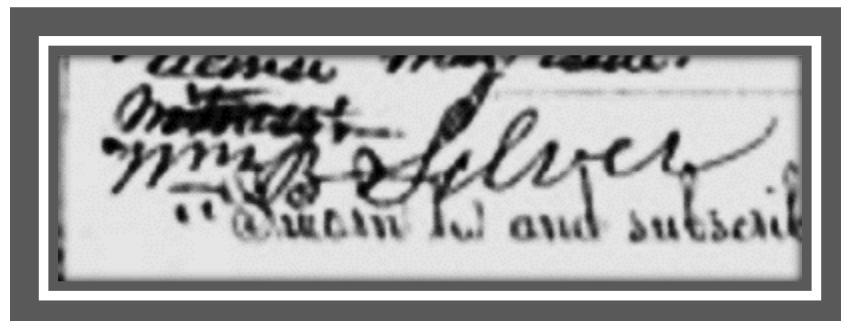
1866 – William B. Silver Signs as a Witness (Signature)

On December 5, 1866, William B. signed as a witness for the marriage license of Francis Martin and Cynthia Ann Lantis. They stated that Francis Martin's father had given his written consent that the license may be issued.

Genealogical & Historical Records of Preble County, Ohio			
Name	Year	Record Type	Record ID
Silver, Wm. B.	1866	Marriage	mar2p526

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PREBLE COUNTY MARRIAGE RECORD

Decr. 5th A. D. 1866 MARRIAGE LICENSE Was this day granted to Francis Martin and Cynthia Ann Lantis  G. H. Mr. Thompson	The State of Ohio, Preble Co., ss: The undersigned makes oath that Francis Martin is twenty-one years of age; and that Cynthia Ann Lantis is an ^{one} year of age and resides in this country; that neither of them are married, and that there is no legal impediment to their marriage, and that his father has given his written consent that Francis Martin and Cynthia Ann Lantis may issue. Francis X. Martin Wm. Silver <small>(Signature)</small> Notary Public and subscriber before me, this 5th day of December A. D. 1866 Geo. W. Thompson, Probate Judge	The State of Ohio, Preble County, ss: I certify, that on this day solemnized the Marriage of Francis Martin with Cynthia Ann Lantis Witness my hand this 11th day of December A. D. 1866 Andrew Henkel, Minister of the Gospel
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1869 – William B., Ann, Robert and Rebecca Ann Move to White Water Monthly Meeting (Hicksite), Richmond, Wayne County, Indiana

On April 28, 1869, William B. Silver, his wife, Ann Johnson, and their youngest children, Robert and Rebecca Ann, were granted a certificate to the White Water Monthly Meeting (Hicksite), in Richmond, Indiana. They continued to live there until March 28, 1883. At that time they returned to Preble County, Ohio and rejoined the Westfield Monthly meeting. They were received on certificate by the White Water Monthly Meeting. The certificate was dated December 31, 1882. (Hinshaw)

Whitewater Monthly Meeting of Friends
(Hicksites or General Conference)
1150 North A. Street
Richmond, Indiana



In 1930 the Wayne County, Indiana Historical Society accepted the gift of extensive personal collections from Julia Meek Gaar, and the gift of the historical Friends Meeting House at 1150 North A Street, Richmond from the Whitewater Monthly Meeting of Friends (General Conference) commonly known as Hicksites. The beautiful Meetinghouse ground was purchased and two adjoining lots were added later.

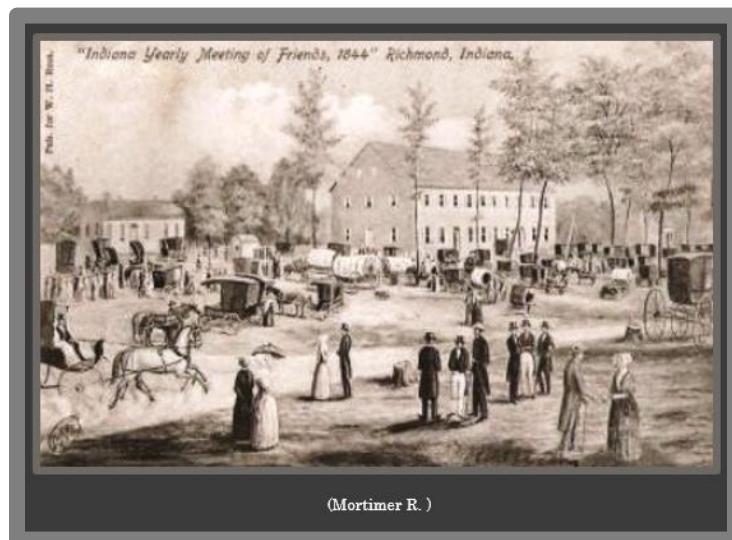


The Whitewater Meeting was under the Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends, also located in Richmond, Indiana. Below is a photo of an oil painting by the Quaker Marcus Mote, which can be seen at Earlham College.



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The painting was used to make this postcard rendition.



A Brief History of Richmond, Wayne County, Indiana

In 1847, the Quakers were very influential in this area, due to the large number of Friends living in there. George P. Emswiler, a citizen at that time, described the Quakers as follows: (Emswiler, 1884)

"They were a thrifty, honest, intelligent people, possessed of many virtues, while their wives and daughters were the peers of any in the land.

As a people, however, they were rather non-progressive and lacking in that spirit of worldly enterprise so remarkably manifest at the present day. They were, however, tenacious of their religious ideas, and rigid in regard to its teaching and observances. To one not of their faith and unaccustomed to their mode of thought or manner of life, there seems to be an ever-present feeling of restraint and repression-a sort of mental and physical embargo-by no means congenial to youthful brawn and brain. Mirthfulness was rarely encountered, and if indulged in, was quiet and subdued; while demonstrations of gaiety were rare and guarded. Speech was as silver, but silence was golden. The brilliant hues of beautiful flowers and the happy gleeful songs of birds seemed inappropriate to their surroundings.

Music and singing were but little understood or cultivate by the people of the time, and by members of their society in no degree whatever. Such practices were regarded as sinful, and as unbecoming the dignity, gravity and soberness of that peculiar people. Their speech and attire were alike of the plainest kind, and every color worn was in harmony with both. Under the shadow of their influence even pastors of other denominations discouraged the wearing of gay colors. Broad-brimmed hats and plain silk bonnets wholly unadorned were everywhere to be seen. A bearded face was the merest exception to the general rule, and was not unfrequently the subject of comment and criticism, while the unfortunate mustache was held in still greater disfavor, as the wearer was supposed to be of that class whose ways are dark and whose deeds are evil."

The first meeting house was erected in the fall off 1808. It was the first in the county, made of logs, and measured twenty-four feet square. The meeting house was expanded and replaced in 1827. On September 30, 1809, the Whitewater Monthly Meeting was first established in Indiana. In 1815, the Whitewater Monthly Meeting was comprised of the following preparatory meetings: Whitewater, West Grove, Silver Creek, Middle Fork, Elkhorn and Chester Meeting houses. At that time there was 165 families and between 800 to 900 members. In 1821, the Indiana Yearly meeting was established and included the following Quarterly Meetings: Miami, West Branch, Fairfield, Whitwater and Blue River.

In 1821, the Friends in Indiana and Western Ohio were organized as the Indiana Yearly Meeting. They established a Friends school, which later became Earlham College, in 1859. The college is located near Richmond, Indiana. This private school was initially taught by members of the church and included moral and Quaker religious training for the students.

As a side note, Ralph Silver, the father of Dr. Richard A. Silver, began his college years at Earlham, but transferred to Purdue University.

Sheryl Vanderstel, published an article about Quakers in Indiana in the 1800s. (Vanderstel) She described a typical Quaker church service as follows:

“Quaker worship was held on first-day and again at mid-week, usually about 11 in the morning. It was marked by a vast silence. There was no singing, music was thought to be a distraction from true religion. There were no sacraments, no liturgy. The members usually gathered early in the meeting house yard to visit and at the appointed time one of the elders would turn to another and together solemnly walk toward the meeting house doors. Men and boys filed in one door, women and children the other. At the front of the Meeting sat the elders, designated ministers if any, along with visiting elders and ministers. All sat in silent waiting. If a member felt moved by the Holy Spirit, he or she might rise and speak, quote scripture or pray. Children, however, were not to speak. It was a solemn and weighty thing to speak during meeting. More often it was one of the elders or designated ministers that rose to speak. They usually spoke in a special, high sing-song tone, much like a chant, that was reserved for worship. Many meetings, however continued without anyone ever speaking. British Friend, William Talleck, wrote that meetings in the west were anything but silent. He noted that the cries of babies and fidgeting children, as well as tobacco chewers who rose to spit from an open door or window and even the sounds of the countryside disturbed the silence of these rural meetings. The meeting would last for about an hour. No clocks being in the meeting house, one of the elders would signal the close of the meeting by rising and shaking hands with an elder across the aisle. The two would then leave the building followed by the congregation.”

Whitewater Monthly Meeting of Women Friends
May 26, 1869

William B., Ann, Rebecca Ann, and Robert Silver's
Removal to Whitewater Monthly Meeting,
Richmond, Indiana

White Water Mo Mtg of Women Friends held
5th Mo 26th 1869

The first, second & eighth queries have
been read in this Meeting and the following answers united
with and directed to be forwarded to the Quarterly Mtg by
Rebecca D. Wilson, Sarah Shuttethwaite, Elizabeth Boone and
Deborah Shute our representatives who are to report to next
Meeting.

The Friends appointed to inform Mary F. Shute
of the acceptance of her offering report, it has been attended to.

A certificate was received for William B. Silver and Ann
J. Silver his wife with their two minor children Rebecca Ann, and
Robert, from Westfield Mo Meeting dated 26th of 4th Mo 1869, which
was read and accepted.

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Indiana Yearly Meeting Minutes. Earlham College Friends
Collection & College Archives, Richmond, Indiana.
(Archives E. C.)

1869 – Sons Oscar W. and Horatio Silver Both Get Married

William B. and Ann Silver's two sons, Oscar. W. and Horatio, both were married in Preble County, Ohio, in the month of December. Oscar W. Silver married Helena Button, on December 16, 1869. F. Hoppes was the presiding Minister for their wedding. George W. Thompson was the Preble County Probate Judge who signed their marriage license.

Genealogical & Historical Records of Preble County, Ohio			
Name	Year	Record Type	Record ID
Silver, Oscar W.	1869	Marriage	mar3p178

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PREBLE COUNTY MARRIAGE RECORD

Preble County Prob. Court December 15th A. D. 1869 MARRIAGE LICENSE Was this day granted by the Probate Court of Preble County, Ohio, to <u>Oscar W. Silver</u> AND <u>Helena Button</u> <u>G.W. Thompson</u> , Probate Judge.	The State of Ohio, Preble County, ss. The undersigned makes oath that <u>Oscar W. Silver</u> is twenty-one years of age, and that <u>Helena Button</u> is eighteen years of age, and resides in this County, that neither of them are married, and that there is no legal impediment to their marriage. <u>Oscar W. Silver</u> Present to and subscribed before me this 15th day of December A. D. 1869 <u>G.W. Thompson</u> , Probate Judge.	The State of Ohio, Preble County, ss. I certify, that I this day solemnized the marriage of <u>Oscar W. Silver</u> WITH <u>Helena Button</u> . Witness my hand this 16th day of December A. D. 1869. <u>F. Hoppes</u> , Minister.
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Horatio Silver married Sarah A. Griffith, on December 20, 1869. They were married by the minister Hiram Johnston. The probate Judge was also George W. Thompson.

Genealogical & Historical Records of Preble County, Ohio			
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Silver, Horatio	1869	Marriage	mar3p184

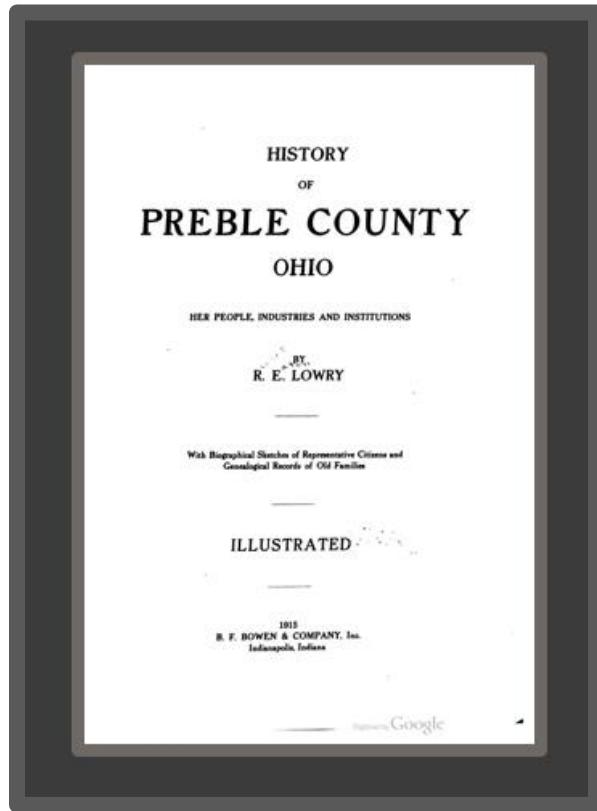
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PREBLE COUNTY MARRIAGE RECORD

Preble County Prob. Court December 27th A. D. 1869 MARRIAGE LICENSE Was this day granted by the Probate Court of Preble County, Ohio, to <u>Horatio Silver</u> AND <u>Sarah A. Griffith</u> <u>G.W. Thompson</u> , Probate Judge.	The State of Ohio, Preble County, ss. The undersigned makes oath that <u>Horatio Silver</u> is twenty-one years of age, and that <u>Sarah A. Griffith</u> is eighteen years of age, and resides in this County, that neither of them are married, and that there is no legal impediment to their marriage. <u>Horatio Silver</u> Present to and subscribed before me this 27th day of December A. D. 1869 <u>G.W. Thompson</u> , Probate Judge.	The State of Ohio, Preble County, ss. I certify, that I this day solemnized the marriage of <u>Horatio Silver</u> WITH <u>Sarah A. Griffith</u> . Witness my hand this 30th day of December A. D. 1869. <u>Hiram Johnston</u> , Minister.
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Historical Sketch of Extended Family in Preble County, Ohio

An historical sketch of Oscar W. Silver was included in *The History of Preble County Ohio Her People, Industries and Institutions*, by R. E. Lowry. The extended family's history is included in this narrative.



OSCAR W. SILVER.

Oscar W. Silver is widely known in Preble county, Ohio, and is one of the honored citizens of Dixon township, where he is living a life more or less retired after a strenuous period of activity in farming. Mr. Silver's well-directed effort in the practical affairs of life, the capable management of his business interests, and his sound judgment have brought to him prosperity. His life demonstrates what may be accomplished by a man of energy and ambition, who is not afraid to work, and who has the perseverance to continue his labors in the face of any disaster or discouragement that may arise. In all the relations of life Mr. Silver has commanded the confidence and respect of those with whom he has been brought in contact. A biograph-

ical history of this locality would not be complete without the story of his career.

Oscar W. Silver, who owns the northwest quarter of section 25, township 7, north, range 1, east, of Dixon township, Preble county, Ohio, was born on the southeast quarter of section 26, in the same township, called the old Silver farm, on July 24, 1844, a son of W. B. and Ann (Johnson) Silver. W. B. Silver was born in Burlington county, New Jersey, while his wife was born in Dover county, Delaware, and came to Ohio when young, locating at Waynesville, Ohio, in which latter place Mr. Silver and Miss Johnson were married. Immediately after their marriage they came to Preble county, Ohio, and located in section 26, of Dixon township. Both of them died in Kansas City, Kansas. W. B. Silver was an extensive landowner and at one time owned eight hundred acres of land. He was a Republican, and a devout member of the Quaker church. To Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Silver five sons and two daughters were born, six of whom are now living. Horatio Silver is a farmer living in Wayne county, Indiana. Margaret is the widow of Clarkson Jennings, and lives in Indianapolis, Indiana. Oscar W. is the subject of this sketch. Joseph lives in Kansas City, Kansas. Robert Silver lives in Knightstown, Indiana. Rebecca is the wife of Winfield Freeman, and lives in Kansas City, Kansas.

Oscar W. Silver was reared on the farm in section 26, of Dixon township, this county, and received his education in the district schools of his home township. He remained at home until he was past twenty-four years of age.

Mr. Silver was married in 1873 to Helena Button, who was born in Gasper township, receiving her education in the common schools. She is a daughter of George Button. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Silver settled on the quarter section where they now live. They are the parents of two children: Dr. H. Z., of Eaton, Ohio, and William B., who is unmarried and lives at home, where he is a farmer.

Mr. Silver is a Republican, although he has never been especially active in political affairs and has never held office, preferring to devote himself and his energies to his wife and family. He has a modern home with every possible convenience, built in 1912 at a cost of four thousand dollars. Previously, in 1907, Mr. Silver had erected on his place, at a cost of three thousand dollars, a bank barn, fifty by seventy feet, and has made many other valuable improvements on the farm, including one hundred rods of ditching for the better drainage of the place. He engages in general farming and devotes considerable attention to the raising of high-grade stock.

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The **Silver** family are highly respected members of society in Preble county and well known in Dixon township, where they have lived for so many years.

A historical sketch of Oscar W. Silver's son, Dr. Horatio Z. Silver was also included in this book and provided additional information about the extended family.

DR. HORATIO Z. SILVER.

The subject of this biographical sketch was born in Dixon township, Preble county, Ohio, September 22, 1872, a son of Oscar W. and Helena (Button) Silver, natives of Ohio and Indiana, respectively. Oscar W. Silver and wife were the parents of three children, Dr. Horatio Z., of Eaton; William B., of Dixon township, this county, and one who died in infancy.

Oscar W. Silver was reared on a farm and has always followed this vocation. He lived on the same farm in Dixon township for about fifty years, and he now owns one hundred and sixty acres. He was a soldier in the Civil War, being a member of Company H, One Hundred and Fifty-sixth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he was a private. He is of Quaker faith, while Mrs. Silver is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The paternal grandparents of Doctor **Silver** were William B. and Ann (Johnson) Silver, the former a native of New Jersey, and the latter of Delaware, who were early settlers in Preble county. William B. **Silver** was a well-known farmer, and was one of the first salesmen for the McCormick Reaper Company. He and his wife lived to an advanced age, and were the parents of eight children, Joshua, Horatio, Oscar W., Joseph, Robert, Mrs. Maggie Jennings, Mrs. Reba Freeman, and a daughter who died in early childhood.

The maternal grandparents of Doctor **Silver** were George and Alice (Zimmerman) Button, natives of North Carolina and early settlers in Preble county, who were located near Camden. George Button was a farmer and died in Gasper township, at the age of sixty-five years. His widow survived him some years, her death occurring in Dixon township at the age of eighty-two years. George Button and wife were the parents of eight children, namely: John, who was killed at the battle of Stone River; Thomas, William, George, Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary and Helena.

Doctor **Silver** was married June 19, 1900, to Lora Smith, the daughter of Joseph M. and Hannah (Phares) Smith, and to this union one daughter has been born, Helena. Mrs. **Silver** is a native of Ohio, where her parents also were born. Her mother died in Rushville, Indiana, in 1885, and her father now lives in Dayton, Ohio. Joseph M. Smith and wife were the parents of six children. Lora, Edna, Harriet, Jessie, and two sons who died in childhood. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. **Silver** was Stephen Smith, and he and his wife were the parents of the following children: Sarah, Nettie, Belle, Charles, Watson, Joseph, James W., Marietta, Lydia and Baxter.

Discussion of Future Silver Family Tragedy

At this point, a family tragedy will be covered that involved Dr. Silver and his wife many years later. Recall that Dr. Horatio Zimmerman Silver, is the grandson of William B. Silver, and the cousin of Robert Silver, our direct-line ancestors. On December 8, 1928, in the early morning hours, a burglar(s) entered the Silver's home and in the progress of ransacking their house the startled couple was shot and killed. It was a major sensation in the sleepy town of Eaton and was a story covered across Ohio and parts of Indiana. They brought in a famed detective, Ora Slater, from Cincinnati, Ohio, to help solve the crime. Suspects from Lima, Ohio were pursued, and interviewed. The funeral service was attended by their two daughters and up to 2,000 onlookers. A series of articles describing the incident, investigation, and their burial service can be found below. If you look at the Lima, Ohio newspaper's story headlines, surrounding the Silver article, it gives a sad look at the state of criminal activity at this time throughout the Midwest. There are other violent activities occurring in the area, including other murders; charges of voter fraud; a thief who robbed churches; a flapper who is a killer; a gangster drops a policeman; and to top it all off, a picture of the first ever gangster convention attendees from Chicago and other cities, which was held in Cleveland, to discuss a liquor racket, is also included! Don't miss the small note about enrollment in the Boy Scout leaders training class, which is part of the mix. At this time, the identity of the murderer(s) has not been ascertained.

Genealogical & Historical Records of Preble County, Ohio

Name	Year	Record Type	Record ID
Silver, H.Z., Dr.	1928	Obituary	obill192851



Dr. H.Z. Silver, County Health Commissioner, And His Wife Are Murdered in Their Home in Eaton

MURDER STILL REMAINS AN UNSOLVED MYSTERY

Funeral Was Held Yesterday Afternoon From the Eaton M.E. Church

Preble County is in the throes of the greatest excitement known in the annals of the criminal history of the county over the murder of Dr. H.Z. Silver, county health commissioner, and his wife, Mrs. Lora Silver, in their home on North Barron Street, in Eaton, early Saturday morning. Near as could be determined the tragedy took place about 4:30. The first knowledge of the brutal murder came from the screams of their adopted daughter, Hannah Mary, 13, who awakened the next door neighbor who immediately notified the village marshal, Willard Armstrong, and the county sheriff, Leo Davidson.

Neighbors and officials rushed in to find Mrs. Silver lying on the floor at the foot of the bed with a bullet wound in her breast and life extinct. She had been shot thru the heart. Dr. Silver was lying across the bed with a bullet wound in his chest below his heart. He was still conscious and was rushed to the Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton, where the bullet was removed from the abdomen by Dr. L.G. Bowers of Dayton, but he expired about 9:15 the same morning. Dr. Silver mad a whispered statement to officials in which he attributed the tragedy to burglars. The home and office had been ransacked and papers were scattered helter skelter over the place. So far as could be ascertained nothing of value had been taken. One theory advanced was that the burglars were planning to haul off valuable furniture, tapestries, etc.

As near as could be ascertained from Dr. Silver before he expired and from the daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Silver were awakened and as she arose and approached the bed room door, leading into the hallway, a gruff voice commanded her to stop or her life would be exacted. This she did but a fatal shot was fired any way and she fell dead at the foot of the bed.

Ora Slater, famous detective of Cincinnati, was called into the case immediately and had been working on it since. He has given out very few statements but the general supposition is that he considers the crime the work of burglars, who were unexpectedly detected in their work by Dr. and Mrs. Silvers.

In order to energize the efforts of sleuths and officials to bring the murderers to bring the murderers to account, the Preble County Commissioners have offered a reward of \$5000.00 for the detection of the murderer or murderers.

Funeral for Dr. and Mrs. Silver was held yesterday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Burial was made in Mound Hill cemetery at Eaton.

The immediate survivors are one daughter, Miss Helen Silver of Sacramento, California, who is a Girl Scout organizer and supervisor, and the adopted daughter, Hannah Mary. He also has a brother, Wm. Silver living in the old home neighborhood of Sugar Valley. The latter's wife is a cousin of Mrs. C. F. Parman of Lewisburg. Dr. Silver is a cousin of Harry D. Silver, who was recently appointed by Governor-elect Cooper to be finance director in his cabinet. Mrs. Silver was a first cousin of the late Mrs. W. B. Tucker of Lewisburg, and Mrs. Carrie Rasey of Dayton, formerly of Lewisburg.

Many clues that were non-productive have been followed but it is still the consensus of opinion that burglary was the objective of the murders. One clue was that Ben Stevenson of near Hopewell Church, southern part of the county, might be implicated in the case due to the fact that he had vowed vengeance on Dr. Silver. Because as health commissioner he had ordered his wife sent to the hospital. This was completely exploded, however, when Stevenson was brought before the authorities and thoroughly grilled.

There are still some rumors afloat, as there were at first, that it was a case of murder and suicide, and there is still quite an air of expectancy on the part of many that a sensation will be sprung soon.

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FRAUD CHARGED AT POLLS; MANY ARE INDICTED

Second Chapter in Cuyahoga-
do Scandal Written by Spec-
cial Grand Jury

OFFICIALS ARE BLAMED

Flagrant Errors Cited in New
Report—Conspiracy for
Candidate Alleged

CLEVELAND, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Another chapter is the story of alleged frauds in the August primary election in Cuya-
go, was written today as ap-
peals for the arrest of 31 per-
sons came to the attention of an
investigation board appointed
by a special grand jury.

Charges contained in the indis-
pensable are principally ballot box
filling, illegal handling of mail
and election returns and alien-
tions. Flagrant errors in
recording the count and other ir-
regularities of similar nature
were charged in the report. The
grand jury, which started work on
November 24, declared that further
inquiry is incomplete and recommended that further
inquiries made at the next term of
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John G. Rohan, who refused to
attend commission meetings dur-
ing the absence of Harter, was
elected mayor by the socialist
members of the council. Rohan, a
former police chief and ap-
pointing a fifth commission mem-
ber, still is absent from the city.

Harter was unharmed but unable to establish a motive for the war-
ring. His wife, Charlotte, and br-
other-in-law, Edward Lewis, the
widow of the son of Edward F. Poole, a
former real estate operator who was
shot to death as he stood in the
doorway of his home, south of town, Tuesday night.

Authorities have been unable to
establish a motive for the war-
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husband died of heart disease. Police
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He was shot by his son, W. S., a
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The young man comes to the
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early morning.

Mosler's meeting on the 15th
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He was a member of the party com-
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said Mosler was one of the two
persons who were indicted.

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DETROIT, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Edward L. Leifheit, 60, cashier of the First National Bank here, was shot and killed Tuesday night by a man who was identified as his son, Walter, 35, and succeeded him as
cashier.

Both men worked in the bank for 25 years.

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FLAPPER KILLER VANISHES SOON AFTER MURDER

Officials Still Seeking Young Woman Who Shot Mine Operator

MOTIVE REMAINS MYSTERY

Calmness of Slayer Baffles
Spectators—Victim Denied
He Knew Her

CANTON, O., Dec. 8.—(AP)—A
stately dressed woman, 25 or
26 years old, left early today in
the car of Vernon E. Farnum,
a real estate operator, who was
shot to death as he stood in the
doorway of his home, south of town.
Farnum had been drinking

After being hit in the head, he
was able to get outside and
as he did so, his wife, Anna, who
had been staying at the house, ran
out after him, shouting, "Don't
shoot him, don't shoot him."

The slayer then walked in a
nearby filling station and boarded
the bus for Elyria.

Farnum died Saturday.

Other officials and spectators
could not learn the name of the
woman.

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FIRST PICTURES OF "FLAPPER MURDER" NEAR CANTON



This night's slasher, disengaged in the slugs of the street
porch of his home, shows how Vernon Farnum, 85, residing near
Canton, Ohio, was shot down by a mysterious "deep-dyed anarchist"
who had called him to his door. The slayer—described as a pretty
young woman, 25 or 26, was last seen at a filling station in town,
but was not seen again. Mrs. Farnum, his widow, was also shot but
was not seriously injured. On the right are Vernon Farnum, his 85-year-old
daughter, and his wife, Mrs. Anna Farnum. Farnum died in the arms
of his wife after being shot and did not know that she had shot him.

who shot him nor why she did it.

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Doctor and Wife



Walter G. Rohan, 35, cashier of the First National Bank of Lima, who was shot and killed in his home by a burglar.

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HOOVER GREETED BY BOLIVIANS

Delegation Goes to Chile to Exchange Expressions of Friendship

U. S. S. MARYLAND, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Making port for the third time in South America, the good will ship brought President-elect Hoover to Antofagasta, Chile, today so that he might greet the great people of Bolivia, Alberto Palacio, Bolivian foreign minister and other members of the cabinet and officials came to Chilean soil to exchange with Mr. Hoover expressions of friendship between the two countries.

For welcoming the visitors to American soil on the Maryland, Hoover prepared a brief address, paying tribute especially to Simon Bolivar, the Liberator of South America who is frequently referred to as a disciple of George Washington.

The Maryland schedule was so arranged as to reach the open port at Antofagasta, the center of the iron and nitrate production area, during the day.

The battleship was accompanied by the Chilean Cruiser Chacabuco. After remaining at Antofagasta for the time, the Maryland will proceed to Valparaiso, Chile, where it is due early in the morning. Hoover will take a special train for Santiago at 9 a. m. The Hoover party will reach San Bernardo early in the afternoon and stay in the capital over night.

On December 10, the group will start sailing across the Andes for Buenos Aires, where it will remain for two days and three nights.

TEACHERS HEAR DR. J. V. PACE

NOVILLE TO FLY ACROSS ATLANTIC ON DIRIGIBLE

Navy Announces Launch of 90,000 Cubic
Feet Airship to Be Used in Search of Submarines

BALTIMORE, Dec. 8.—(AP)—

Stackelberg, director of the Naval

Cash Register Co., today voted to

purchase the dirigible R-100 on its return

to the United States.

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Dr. Silver, of this city who recently was appointed by Governor-elect Myers Y. Cooper, to be state finance director.

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Dr. Silver was enroute to Miami
Valley in Dayton, where an immediate operation was per-

formed in an effort to save his life.

The burglar ransacked the

house before he was detected by Mrs. Silver but the exact amount of money obtained by him could not be determined.

Anna Mary Silver, 13, daughter of the couple, aroused by the noise, was in the house at the time of the robbery.

DR. SILVER TALKS OF PLANS

Harry F. Jones to Harry Varnum, 112 acres, Monroe Co.; G. C. Mezger, 155 acres, Clinton County; Robert Muhlbauer, 158 acres, Unionville, 112 acres, Franklin, 150 acres, Perry Co.; C. L. Johnson, 155 acres, Franklin; John Heale, 150 acres, Perry Co.; L. E. Smith, 150 acres, Perry Co.; W. E. Roselli, 150 acres, Franklin; John H. Edwards, 150 acres, Franklin; D. L. Schaefer, 150 acres, Franklin.

DR. SILVER'S PLANS

Rossdale, Healy Co. to Clinton

County; Oldenburg, 150 acres,

Clinton Co.; Charles H. Miller, 150 acres, Perry Co.

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Enrollment in the Boy Scout

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vined that both fraud and error
were prevalent in the last primary
election.

OFFICIALS BLAMED

Electoral officials and workers
were held solely to blame for in-
stances of "juggling" the count
in certain precincts. The pres-
ident board of electors which was
appointed a few days before the
November 6 election following the
removal of the old board and some
of its employees, was not critical-
ized by the investigators. The
grand jury in its first report recom-
mended the removal of all but
one member of the old board for
non-cooperation. Secretary of State
Clarence J. Brown, ordered this
member, Mrs. Barbra S. Pyke, Democ-
ratic nominee for state auditor from Ohio, removed also. She
was held guilty in all charges against her.

The grand jury's report discloses
the use of dead ballot boxes with
instances of wholesale ballot box
stuffing. Ballots were sometimes
torn from the pad by the fist-full
and folded into the ballot box
before the election.

It charges that in more than
200 precincts a larger number of
votes than there are voters was
reported. The report de-
nied charges of voting irregularities or
instances of irregularities in var-
ious precincts.

"Instead of the count of such
ballot boxes made, as required
by law, the count was made
in each box, with the result
that the count was made in each
box and the number of votes
counted which were not always
limited to the regular officials.

The tally sheet, made on loose paper
and put thereafter in

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TWO GIRLS ALSO SOUGHT

Thieves Surprised in Looting
Eaton Home Open Fire on
Doctor and Wife

Search for robbers who early Saturday morning killed Dr. and Mrs. Horatio Silver at Eaton, extended to Lima and Allen-co with in a few hours after the murder. Authorities are seeking to learn the identity of two girls seen near the Silver home in an automobile bearing a license plate issued in Allen-co. Two men, surprised when robbing the Silver home, did the shooting. They fled in a new Ford automobile. The two women also were traveling in a new Ford car and are said to have asked the shortest route to Lima.

Hearing a noise in a downstairs room, Mrs. Silver went to investigate, but was halted by a sharp command from one of the robbers, "Don't go any farther or I'll shoot."

When she made another step in the direction of the noise, she was shot, the bullet hitting her below the heart, killing her instantly.

Dr. Silver, who followed his wife downstairs, also was shot and fatally wounded by the robbers who fled.

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Anna Mary Silver, 13, daughter of the couple, aroused by the shots, saw the burglars flee.

Dr. Silver had been practicing medicine in Eaton for many years and for some time had been serving as health commissioner of Preble-co.

INQUEST

Begun In Silver Murder Case—
Adopted Girl Testifies—Motive
For Crime Remains Mystery.

Eaton, Ohio, December 10—(AP)—
Unable to obtain definite traces of
two robbers who shot and killed Dr.
and Mrs. Horatio Silver at their
home here two days ago, a Coroner's
inquest into the crime was begun to-
day.

Dr. C. N. Treffiner, Preble County
Coroner, had not announced the find-
ings of his inquest tonight, but
among those he questioned were
Hannah Mary Silver, 13 years old,
adopted daughter of the victims, and
friends and acquaintances of the
Silvers.

The killers escaped in an automo-
bile. The motive for the crime re-
mains a mystery.

12 Dec 1928

New Philadelphia, Ohio
Newspapers.com

11 Dec 1928

Cincinnati, Ohio
Newspapers.com

DETECTIVES AND SHERIFF OUT ON CLUE IN MURDER

Eaton, Dec. 13—Detective Ora
Slater and Sheriff Leo Davidson of
Preble county were mysteriously miss-
ing here today, believed to be on some
secret mission in their investigation
of the double Silver murder. They
were reported to have quietly left the
city yesterday afternoon during the
funeral services of Dr. and Mrs.
Horatio Z. Silver, who were brutally
shot down by alleged burglars in the
bedroom of their home early Saturday
morning.

BURGLARS' VICTIMS ARE BURIED TODAY

Eaton, O., Dec. 12. (UP)—A double
funeral service was held here today
for Dr. Horatio Z. Silver, and his
wife, Flora, who were shot to death
by burglars last Saturday. Police
meanwhile, were still searching for
the robbers. They were being assist-
ed by Ora Slater, noted Cincinnati
detective.

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FINGER PRINTS ONLY CLUE

To Identity Of Couple's Slayer—
Investigators Are In Dayton.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE ENQUIRER.

Dayton, Ohio, December 11—Detec-
tive Ora Slater and Sheriff Leo Dav-
idson, Eaton, Ohio, conferred today
with Captain Harvey Siford relative
to fingerprints obtained by the latter
at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Horatio
Z. Silver after they had been slain
in Eaton Saturday morning.

Eaton operatives had taken finger-
prints of the murder victims to com-
pare them with marks found on the
safety box in the Silver home. It is
believed these were found to be dif-
ferent and that authorities now are
seeking the slayer through the prints
obtained.

Several clues were found but up
to this time they have not been suf-
ficiently definite to result in an ar-
rest.

LAST RITES FOR SLAIN CITIZENS TO OCCUR TODAY

Expect Huge Throng at Service for Dr. and Mrs. Silver in Eaton

DAUGHTER TO ARRIVE

Flag and Ring To Be Presented Children; No Clues Yet Found

EATON, Dec. 11.—Preparations are going forward in a satisfactory manner for the double funeral services which will be held in Eaton, O., Wednesday afternoon for the late Dr. Horatio Z. Silver and his wife, Lora, whose tragic death occurred last Saturday morning in their home here.

The services will be in St. Paul M. E. church with the Rev. V. E. Busler officiating. It is expected that there will be a huge number of people turned away from the church as the seating capacity will very probably not accommodate a great many of the friends and acquaintances of Dr. and Mrs. Silver, who were held in high esteem and widely known throughout the community.

Mrs. V. E. Busler will be at the organ and will render a fitting program of music, while a double quartet will sing selected numbers. Dr. John Monger of the state board of health will make a brief talk after which the Rev. Mr. Busler will deliver his sermon. The Scottish Rite Ring service will be performed preceding the benediction, and the ring will be presented to Miss Helen Silver, daughter of the deceased.

Burial will be made in Mound Hill cemetery where the American Legion will hold their services at the grave. The legion will also furnish honor guard at the house and at the church.

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The members of Company E, 147th Infantry firing squad who will take part in the last rites are Harry Hildebolt, principal of Eaton high school, who is chaplain, Dr. C. D. Turney, commander of the guards, Lloyd Zink and Ernest Schmidt, color bearers, Carl Gibbonay and Rueben Fager, color guards, Mrs. William Holihan, chaplain of the auxiliary, Everett Ashworth, bugler and Mrs. Ralph Sever, color bearer of the auxiliary. In accordance with the usual custom memory of the dead will be observed by silence at the opening of the meeting.

Dr. Silver's coffin is to be wrapped in an American flag which will afterward be presented to Miss Helen Silver, by St. Clair Post of the American Legion. Dr. Silver was a member of the local chapter of the legion and served as a major in the medical corps during the World war.

Miss Helen Silver is expected to arrive in Eaton Wednesday morning, when she will go immediately to the home on North Barron street, where the bodies of her parents will be removed to during the forenoon from the Barnes funeral home. Friends are requested not to call at the home prior to the funeral as this will be the first opportunity of Miss Silver and her young sister, Hannah Mary to be alone together. Miss Helen Silver was summoned from her post in California Saturday following the tragic death of her parents.

There have been no developments in the case according to officials here. Detective Ora Slater and Sheriff Davidson were in Dayton today following down certain clues, but as yet have nothing definite to make public. Deputy Sheriff Kenneth Swisher, is rendering able assistance as is Marshal Willard Armstrong, who are both working in conjunction with the criminalist.

A new lead developed Monday with the account of Raymond Miley, Eaton resident, who reports having seen a coupe coming out from an alley, which as nearly as he could see was the one leading from the Silver residence onto Cherry street and which continued north at full speed as he was on his way to work at about 4:30 Saturday morning. Although Miley thought nothing of the incident at the time he was reminded of it upon hearing of the terrible happening at the Silver home. Talking later to a friend Andrew Smith, who lives in the northeast part of town, the latter recounted to Miley that he had heard a machine pass his house at about the same time, which was speeding in an eastern direction. Officials have taken the report under their attention.

Slater On Mysterious Trip; Funeral Held For Victims

**Throngs Attend Services
Of Murdered Couple
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**Slater on Mysterious Trip; Funeral Held For Victims
Throngs Attend Services of Murdered Couple At Eaton**

Eaton, O. Dec. 13 – Detective Ora Slater and Sheriff Leo Davidson of Preble county were mysteriously missing here today, believed to be on some secret mission in their investigation of the double Silver murder. They were reported to have quietly left the city yesterday afternoon during the funeral services of Dr. and Mrs. Horatio Z. Silver, who were brutally shot down by alleged burglars in the bedroom of their home early Saturday morning.

A more strict enforcement of the laws and a more general compliance with the laws regardless of how unpopular they may be were demanded by Rev. V.E. Busler during his funeral sermon in St. Paul's Methodist Church. The church auditorium was packed and more than 2,000 persons crowded the street adjoin, unable to gain admission.

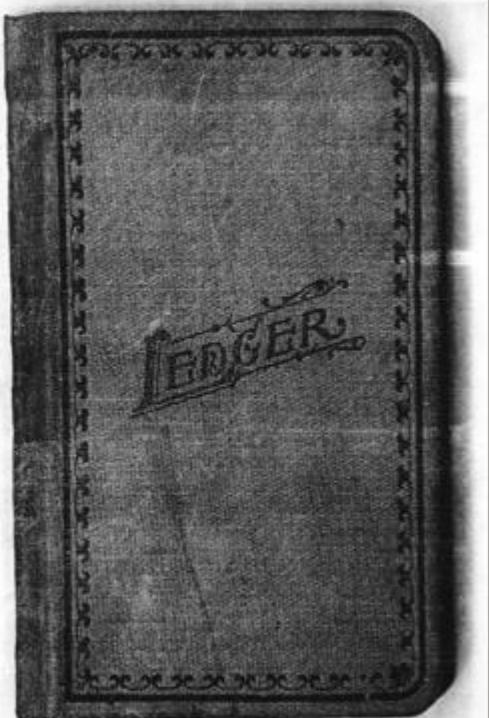
Rev. Busler assailed citizens who make it a practice to dodge jury duty and the handling of protection afforded criminals, regardless of the solemn rites he was performing.

While the funeral was in progress detectives milled about the church and in the auditorium scanning faces of everyone for some trace of guilt which might lead to an arrest.

After the sermon the Masonic services were conducted. Miss Helen Silver, their daughter, was presented with Dr. Silver's Scottish rite ring. Dr. John E. Monger, chief of the state department of health spoke briefly before Rev. Busler began his service.

Virtually all business was suspended yesterday afternoon and all public offices were closed during the services.

Below is a picture of the doctor's ledger, providing his findings on the cause of deaths.

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1870 – U.S. Federal Census

Richmond Ward 5, Wayne County, Indiana

1870 United States Federal Census

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Name	Wm B Silver										
Age in 1870	62										
Birth Year	abt 1808										
Birthplace	New Jersey										
Dwelling Number	139										
Home in 1870	Richmond Ward 5, Wayne, Indiana										
Race	White										
Gender	Male										
Occupation	Farmer										
Male Citizen Over 21	Y										
Personal Estate Value	5000										
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Page No. 18 3 See Inquiries numbered 7, 16, and 17 are not to be asked in respect to infants. Inquiries numbered 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 20 are to be answered (if at all) merely by an affirmative mark, as /.

SCHEDULE 1.—Inhabitants in 5th Ward Richmond, in the County of Wayne, State of Indiana, enumerated by me on the 11th day of June, 1870.

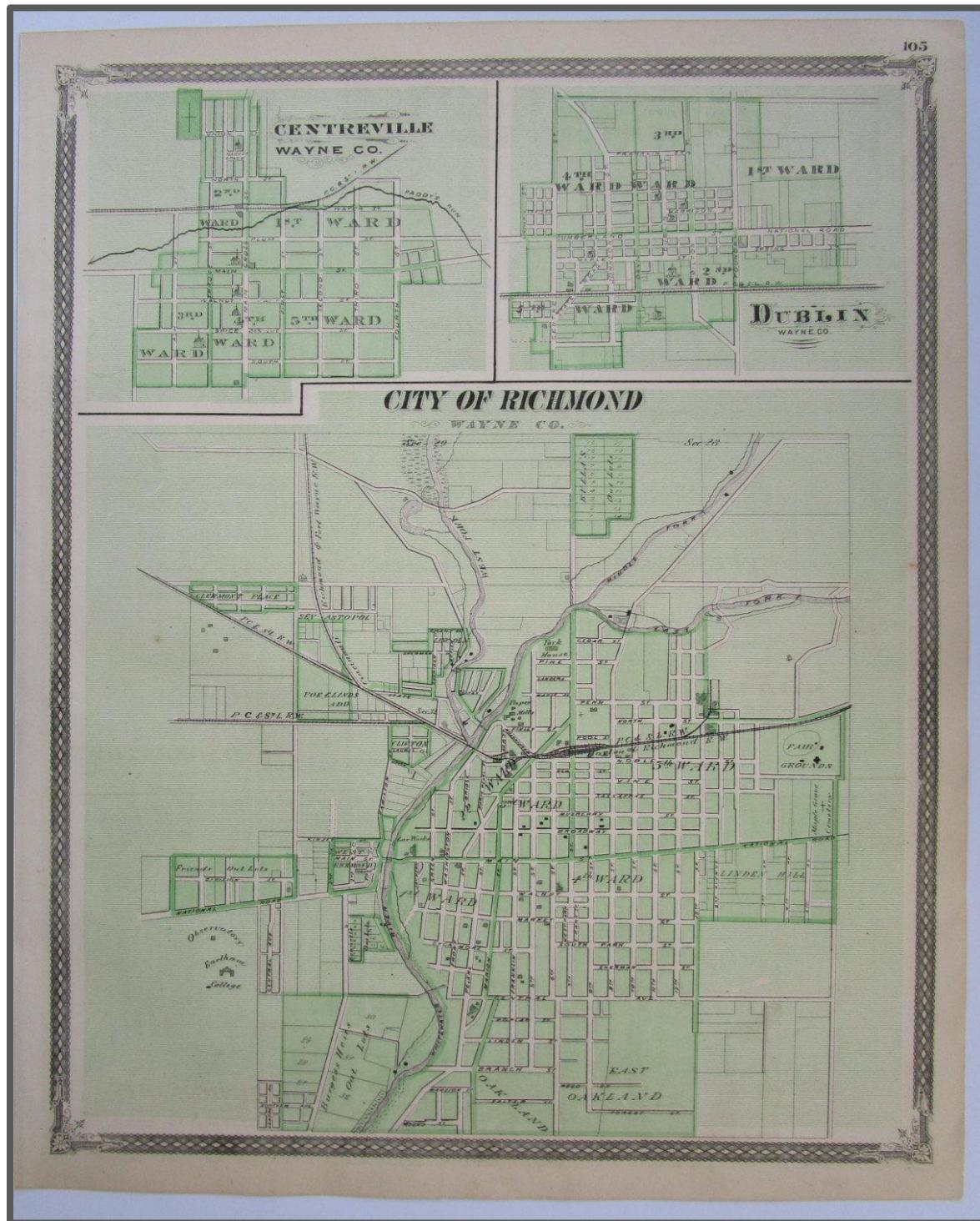
Post Office: Richmond Indiana Wm. S. Elliott, Asst Marshal.

Direct-line descendant and other descendants of husband	Family, numbered in the order of enumeration	Description	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	Value of Real Estate GAINED		Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S. or the Country, if of foreign birth.	PARENTAGE	Place of birth both parents (if born abroad) (See Schedule 11)	Age of each person in years (See Schedule 11)	Attended school within the year (See Schedule 11)	Inca- paci- ty	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	White Children of 10 years of age and up to 16 years old (See Schedule 11)	Black Children of 10 years of age and up to 16 years old (See Schedule 11)	Constitutive RELATIONSHIP				
				Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate														
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1910 Silver-Ward	61	W. M. Farmer	\$13,000	\$5,000	New Jersey														1
	Ann	37 F W. Carpenter			Delaware														
	Rebecca	10 F W.			Ohio														
	Robert	21 M W. Farmer			Ohio														1

As documented in the 1870 U.S. Census, William B., Ann, Rebecca, and Robert Silver were living in 5th Ward Richmond, Wayne County, Indiana. William B. and Robert, age 21, (direct-line descendant) are listed as farmers. William B.'s real estate is valued at \$13,000, and his personal estates was worth \$5,000. Both Rebecca and Robert are listed as having attended school in the past year.

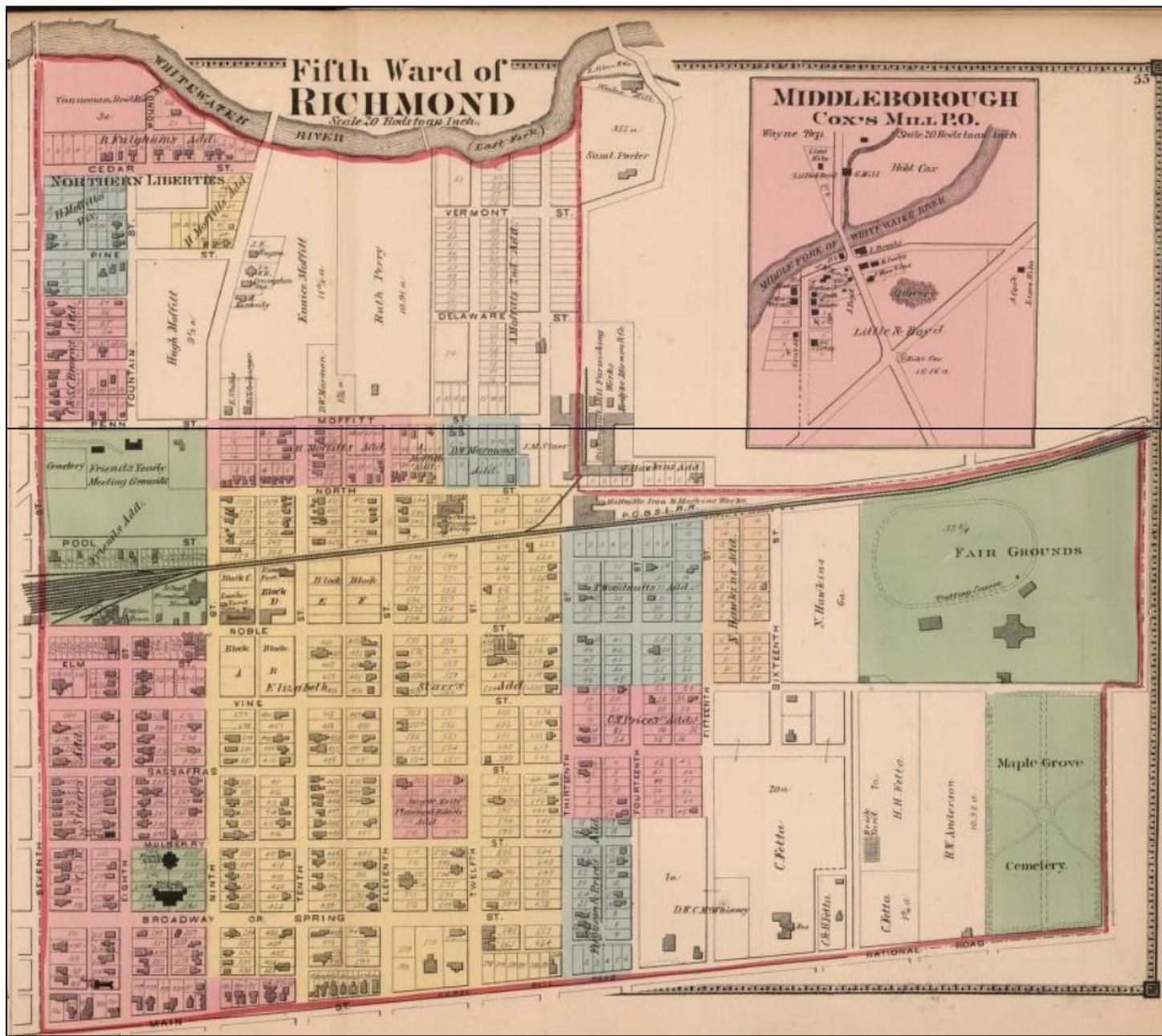
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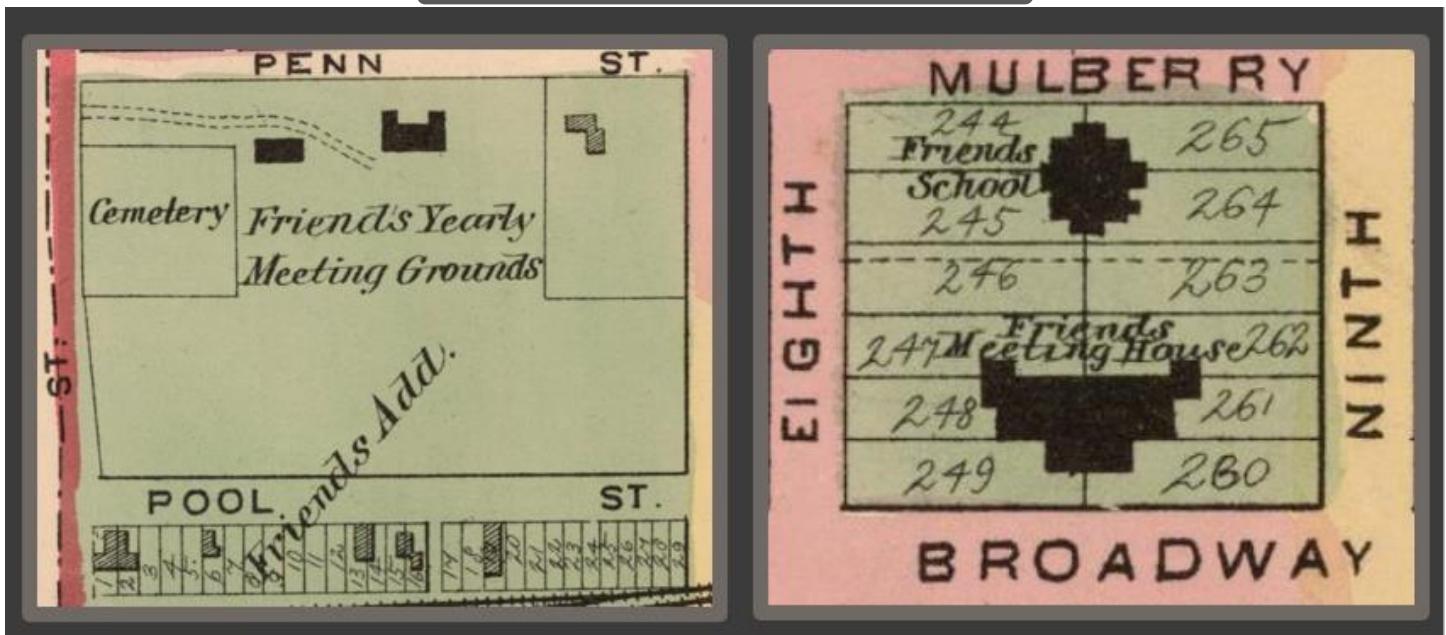
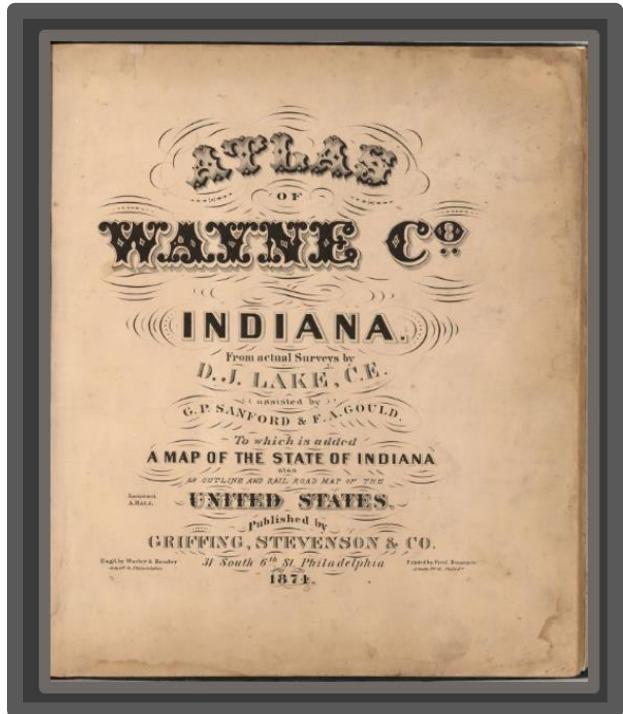
The inset below and the full map that follows is a street map of Richmond, Wayne County, Indiana. The map was printed in 1876. The area near the fairgrounds is designated as "Richmond 5th Ward." This was the area the William B. and family were living in when the 1870 U.S. Federal Census was taken.



(Engraved and Printed by Chas Shoer & Co., Props. of Chicago Lithographing Co., 1876)

Here is another map of Wayne County in 1874, for another view of the location of the 5th Ward. A close up of the Friends Yearly Meeting Grounds, School

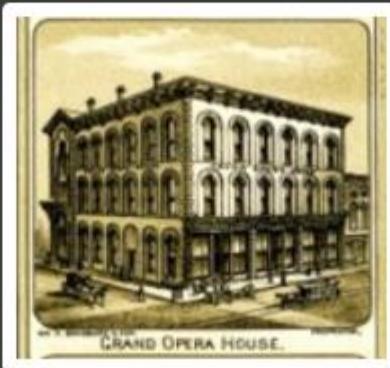
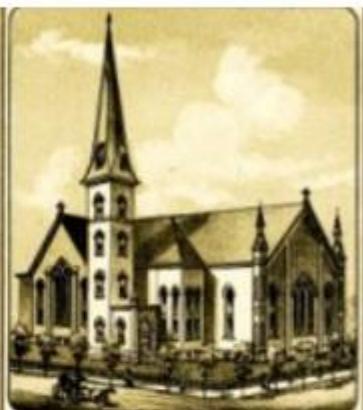
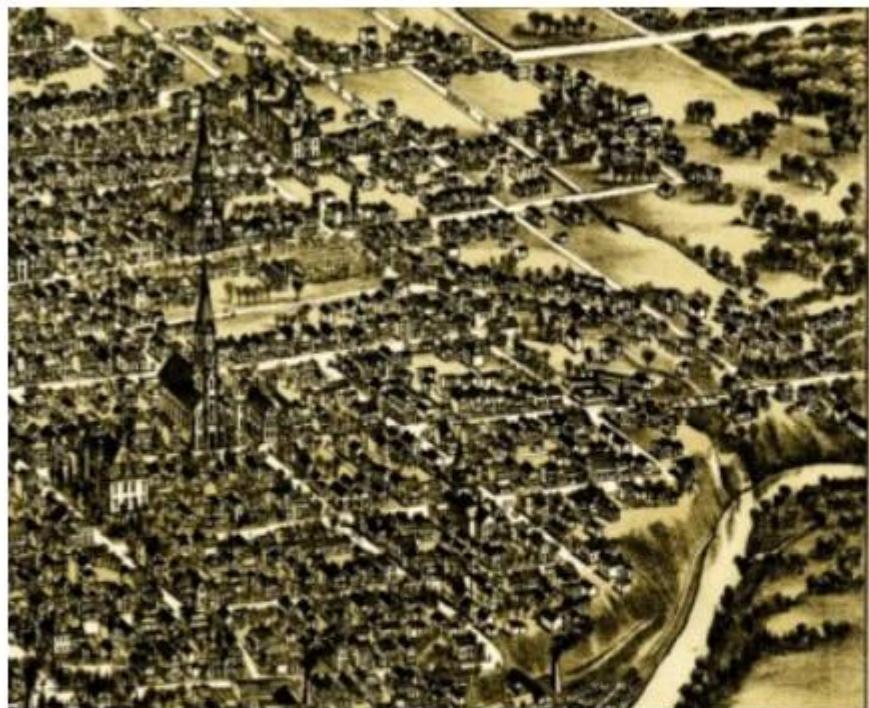




(D. J. Lake, 1874)

Richmond was quite the established town by 1884. Here are some interesting views of the major landmarks on this illustrated map of Richmond, Indiana. Notice the lovely black smoke from the beautiful and numerous smokestacks. An 1876 print of Earlham College (Quaker), in Richmond, Indiana, can also be found below. In the illustration, the ladies are playing croquet on the lawn, and the men are practicing surveying techniques.





Old Panoramic Print - Richmond Indiana - Gilman 1884

(Downs, 1884)

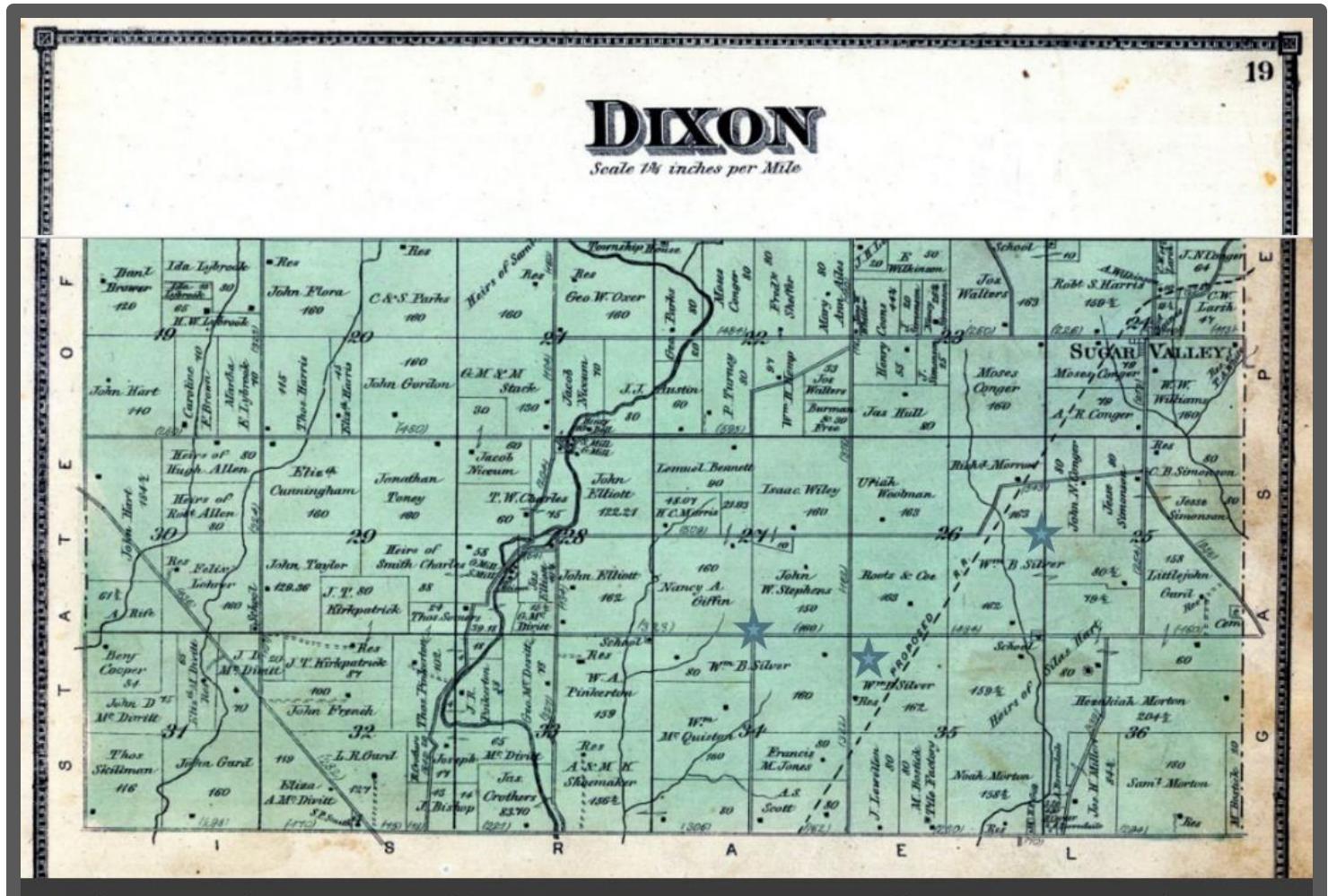
From the *Illustrated Historical Atlas of the State of Indiana, 1876*



(Baskin, Forester and Company, 1876)

1870 - Dixon Township, Preble County Plat Map

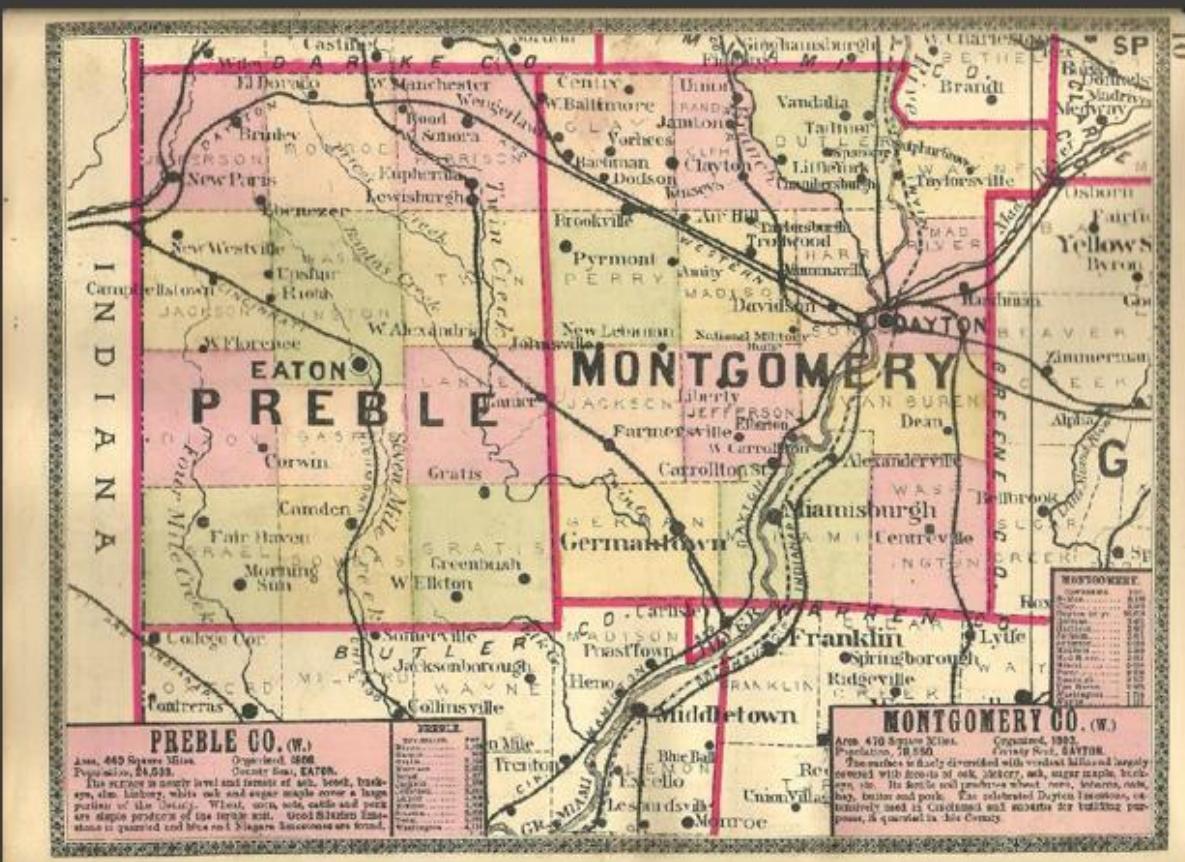
In 1870, William B. and family were living in Richmond, Indiana. He must have retained his property in Dixon Township, Preble County, Ohio, because his land is prominently displayed on the 1871 Township Map for this area. The Silver family owned property in Sections 26, 34, and 35.



<http://www.historicmapworks.com/Map/US/21588/Dixon/Preble+County+1871/Ohio/>

Take note of the name of the family adjacent to William B. Silver's land, "Heirs of Silas Hart." Today, the name of the road is called "Silver Hart," which is a lasting tribute to the two families. It is important to note that his home in Preble County, Ohio, was only about twenty-three miles away from Richmond, Indiana.

Preble County Location and Contiguous Areas



Location of William B. Silver's Farm

Silver-Hart Road, Dixon Township, Preble County, Ohio

Ohio Historic Inventory
 By the Ohio Historical Society's Preservation Office
 Of
William Silver's Abandoned Farm House
 Date published: 1985-07

Ohio Historic Preservation Office
 1985 Vinton Avenue
 Columbus, Ohio 43211
 614/466-1500



OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY		1. No. 387-4 2. County Preble 3. Location of Negatives OHS 4. Present Name(s) William Silver House 5. Other Name(s)
1. No. PRE-387-4	4. Present Name(s)	
2. County Preble	5. Other Name(s)	
3. Location of Negatives OHS	William Silver House	
6. Specific Location Rt 77 S 24 Silver Hart Rd. east of Rt. 732	16. Thematic Category C 1840s (FRAME c. 1900)	
7. City or Town If Rural, Township & Vicinity DIXON TWP	17. Date(s) or Period NO ACADEMIC - MLK	
8. Site Plan with North Arrow 	18. Style or Design NO ACADEMIC - MLK	
9. U.T.M. Reference 16 698030 4393600	19. Architect or Engineer WILLIAM SILVER	
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10. Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	21. Original Use, if apparent PENNSYLVANIA	
Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	22. Present Use ABANDONED	
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15. Name of Established District	27. Other Surveys in Which Included SELECT	
	28. No. of Stories 2	
	29. Basement? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> FRAMING SECTION	
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	31. Wall Construction BRICK FRAMES	
	32. Roof Type & Material GABLE / WOOD	
	33. No. of Bays Front Side 6C Com. 8S Stand	
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	35. Plan Shape RECTANG.	
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	41. Distance from and Frontage on Road	

S. Other Name(s)

42. Further Description of Important Features (Continue on reverse if necessary)

BRICK I HOUSE WITH 2 1/2 STOREY W/ A ROOF
 ADDIT. (ELL) AND 1 STORY RENNEWED BARGE
 EXTENSION. 2 1/2 W. IN BRICK SECT. 1 1/2 IN
 FRAME RAILING VERSAIL WOODSON SILL
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 WILLIAM SILVER (1773-1848) OF NEW JERSEY - NAME -



43. History and Significance SAME FOR THE ROAD HOUSE IS LOCATED ON

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 TWO DISTINCT ARCHITECTURAL STYLES. THE OTHER ONE
 BEING ETC. INFLUENCED FRAME HOUSE.

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings

AN ABANDONED FARM & TENTS



45. Sources of Information

OBSERVATION

1871 ATLAS MAP

JULIA BARTHOLOGY DRIVING TOUR BROCHURE

46. Prepared by

G. HARPER

47. Organization

OHS

48. Date 49. Revision Date(s)

7/85

50. House Type No.

Code No. Name _____

51. Historic Outbuildings and Dependencies

Barn Type(s)

Code No. Type _____

ENGLISH BARN

Corn Crib or Shed Smoke House, Privy
 Silo Spring House or Ice House Carriage House

Summer Kitchen Other _____

52. Archaeological Site on Property?

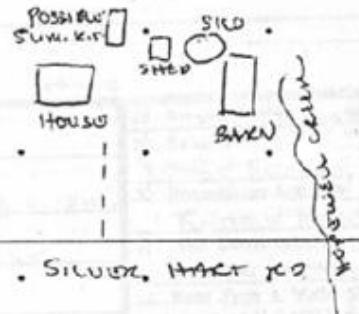
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Basis for Information

Owner Collection
 Above Ground Earthworks or Mound
 Cultural Materials Noted OAI No. _____

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53. Farmstead Plan

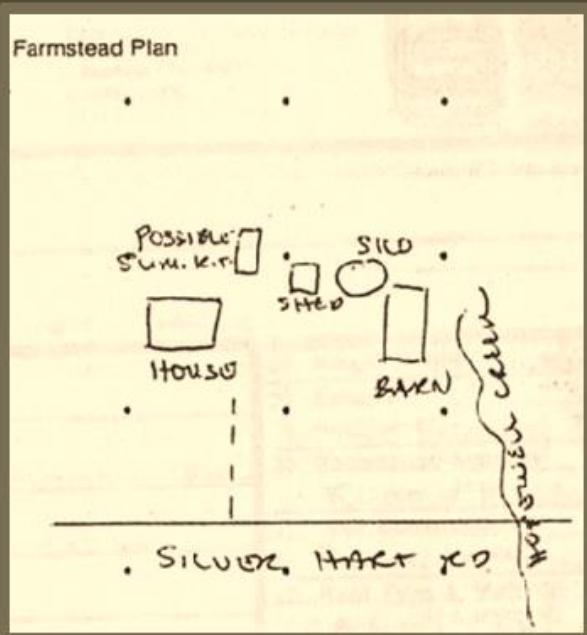
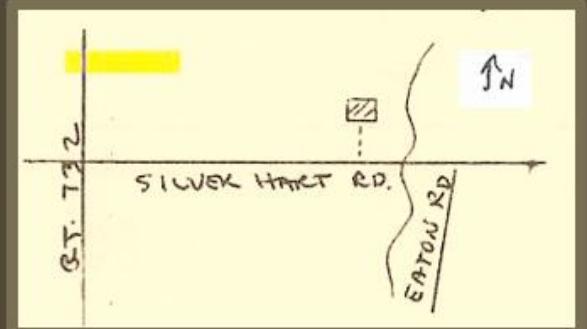


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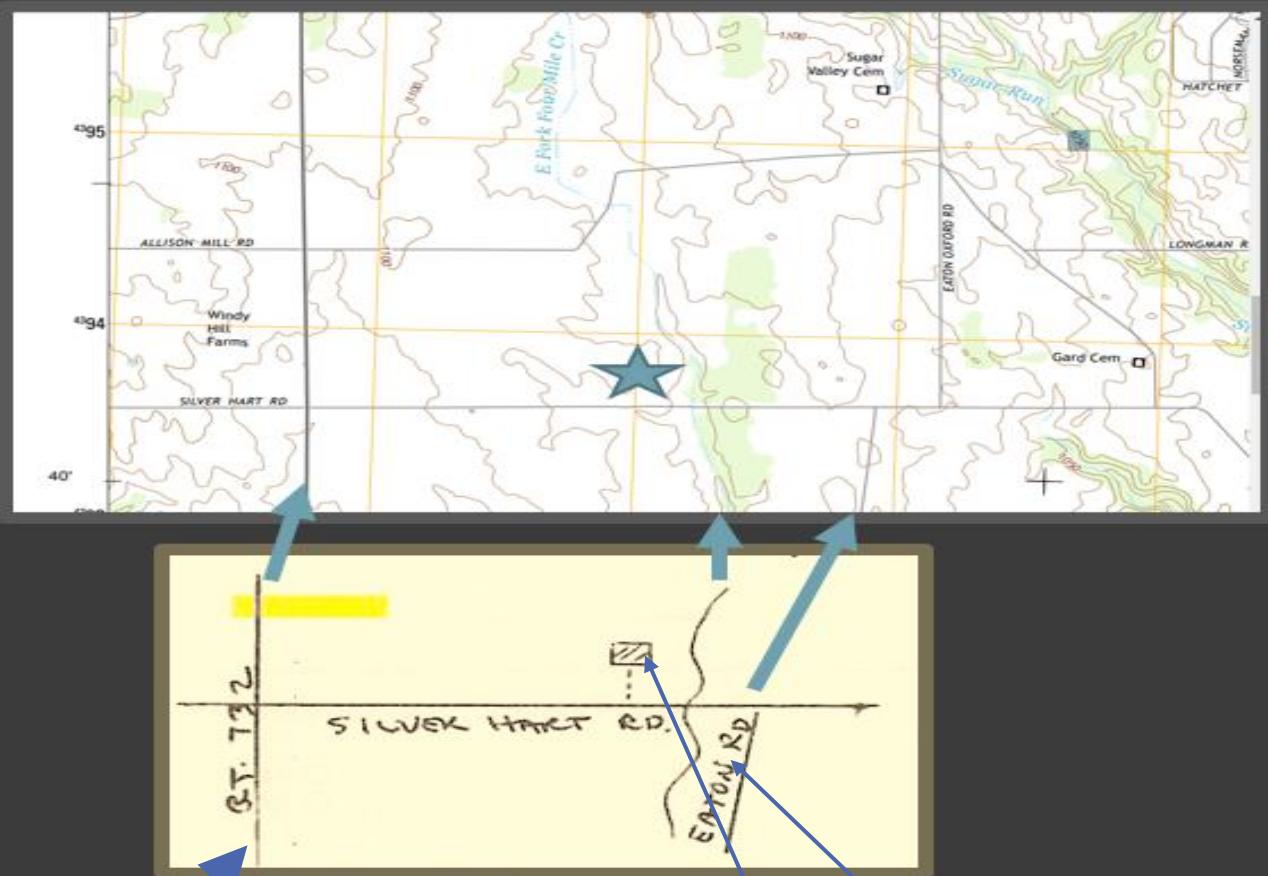
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William B. Silver's Farm House
Dixon Township, Preble County, Ohio

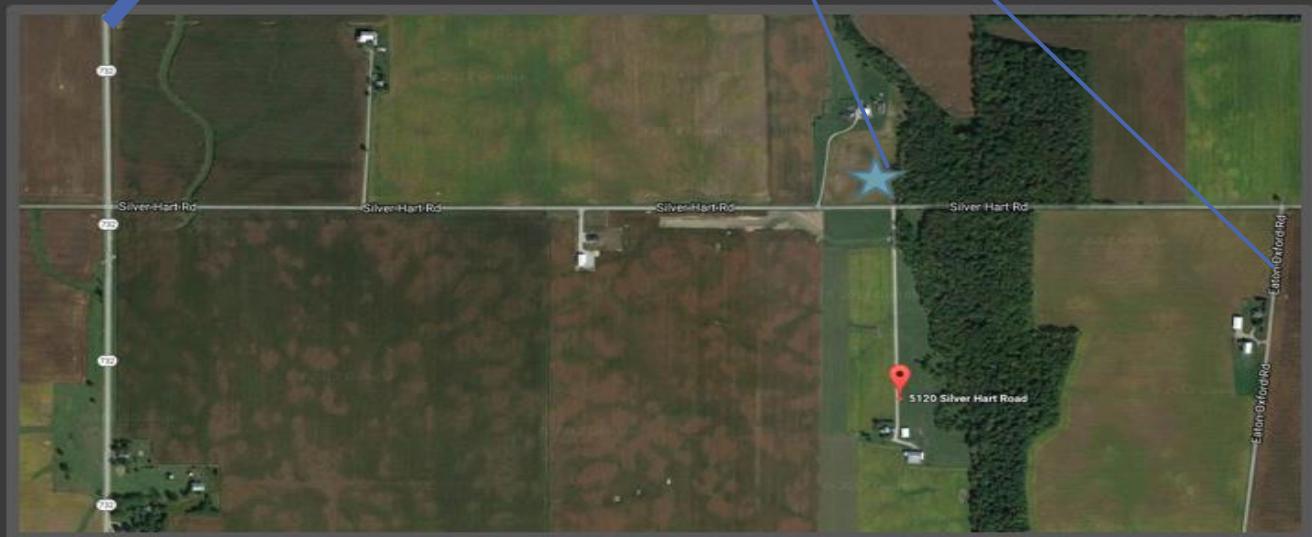


Topographical Map of the Area Identified in the Satellite Image Below

- Blue star marks the approximate location of William Silver's farm.
- To the right of the star is the E. Fork of Four Miles Creek, as shown in blue.



Satellite Map of the Location of William Silver's Farm



1871 – Legal Notice References William B. Silver’s Property

The land deeded to William B. Silver on January 2, 1858, in Preble County, Ohio, is referenced in the article below. The Hart family were neighbors of the Silvers.



LEGAL NOTICES.
PARTITION NOTICE.
PETITION FOR PARTITION.

Alexander Hart & Dunham Hart,
vs
Hannah Hart et al } Preble Common Pleas Petition for Partition.

THE above named defendants, Hannah Hart, John E. Hart, Thomas J Hart, Isaac N. Hart, Finney M. Hart, Joseph R. Hart, a minor, and James Beall, Chas. Beall, Carrie Beall, Hannah A. Beall minor children of Rebecca Beall dec'd. Are hereby notified that the above named petitioners on the 16th day of October 1871 filed in the clerks office of the court of common Pleas of Preble County, Ohio: Their petition against them the said defendants wherein the said petitioners demand the assignment of the dower of the said Hannah Hart in, and partition of the following described real estate, situated in the County of Preble and State of Ohio, and described as follow to-wit: All of the North West quarter section Thirty six (36) in Township Seven (7) in Range one (1) East save and excepting Eighty (80) acres on the South side or part of said quarter heretofore sold and deeded to John Wayet, the whole residue of said quarter containing Eighty (80) acres, more or less. Also all of the south half of the South West quarter of section Twenty Five (25) in Township Seven (7) in Range one (1) East save and except one half acre out of the North East corner of said South half conveyed to William B. Silver by deed, dated January 2nd, 1858, the whole residue of said South half of said quarter containing Seventy nine and one half acres of land, more or less. Also, the North East quarter of section thirty five (35) in township seven (7) in range one (1) east except a lot of one half acre of land lying in the North East corner of said quarter, which was conveyed to the school Directors for the use School Distrit, said tract contains about one hundred and fifty nine and one half acres more or less. All the above described lands, being the lands of of which Silas Hart, late of Preble County, Ohio, died seized.

And the said defendants are further notified that the said petitioners will at the November term of said Court 1871, apply for an order that said dower may be assigned and said partition be made accordingly.

CAMPBELL & GILMORE.
Atty's for petitioners
Attest. D. B. Morrow Clk,
O-19-w6 tf1871

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1874 – Whitewater Monthly Meeting Clerk of the Day

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Residence Date	5 Nov 1874				
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Residence Place	Wayne, Indiana				
Event Type	Admittance				
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Historical Meeting Data	Whitewater Monthly Meeting				
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1875 – Directory of Preble County, Ohio

The 1875 Directory of Preble County, Ohio, includes fascinating descriptions of the early days of the County's settlement by pioneers. A touching tribute to Little Turtle, Chief of the Miami Indians, was provided by the publisher. Of course, advertisements for local businesses were also a major part of this directory.

**WILLIAM B. SILVER
1875 DIRECTORY OF
PREBLE COUNTY, OHIO**

DIRECTORY

**PREBLE COUNTY, O.
FOR 1875.**

Historical Sketches and Biographies

EMINENT PIONEERS.

Advertisements, Home and Foreign.

EATON, OHIO.
B. F. MORGAN, PUBLISHER AND COMPILER.

EATON WEEKLY REGISTER POWER PRESS PRINT.
1875.

PREFACE.

MORE than fifty years have elapsed since the first newspaper was established in Eaton, and it is a singular omission that a Directory of this county, in book form, has never before been published.

The publisher believes that the portions of the work allotted to Village Directories and the township lists of farmers, make it a valuable aid to commercial men, in the county and neighboring cities.

Besides its utility as a book of reference and general information, the Directory contains Historical Sketches and Biographies of Pioneers. It is a duty we owe to the memory of the noble fathers who have prepared this fair land for our habitation, to preserve records of their lives. Having had editorial experience, the publisher believes he has prepared a work which will be creditable to the county of Preble, and proportionate to its high rank as a leading agricultural district. In presenting this work to the Public, the Publisher begs the indulgence of his patrons for any errors it may contain. The materials have been collected from different sources, and the memories of some of the aged pioneer reporters were defective, and their reports upon the same subjects may occasionally differ; yet it is believed that the work in the main is correct.

The compiler does not claim original composition, only on a fractional part of the book. Hon. A. Haines, J. R. Stephen, Esq., Gen. Geo. D. Hendricks, W. F. Albright, Esq., W. B. Tizard, Esq., L. G. Gould, Esq., and a number of others residing in different parts of the county, are entitled to the thanks of the Publisher for favors rendered.

B. F. M.

Eaton, O., July 28, 1875.

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GO TO THE "BEAR"
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We always have a large Stock to select from. No trouble to show
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P. O. Be sure and look for the sign of the BEAR. **Eaton, O.**

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Men's, Youth's, Boys and Children's
CLOTHING,
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Your Doors West of the First National Bank.

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Historical Sketch of Preble County.

The territory now composing the county of Preble, under the territorial government, was within the bounds of Hamilton county, and then denominated Hardin township. It was afterwards disengaged from Hamilton county and attached to Montgomery, and still denominated Hardin township, and continued to bear that name until the county of Preble was organized, in 1808. The name Hardin originated with the early settlers of Hamilton county from an influential family of that name in Kentucky. The names Preble, and Eaton, were adopted in honor of two celebrated officers of the United States, and so of some of the principal streets of the town, as Barron, Wadsworth, Somers and Decatur.

William Bruce was the proprietor of the town, which became the county seat, by the report of Aaron Harlan, Ichabod B. Halsey and Ichabod Corwin, Commissioners, appointed by the Legislature to select, as between Eaton and New Lexington. The town site chosen was a beau-

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tiful one on the east bank of Seven Mile creek, then in the woods and covered by a heavy growth of timber and underbrush. The proprietor was liberal in his donations to the new town, in giving the public square and other lots of ground for church, educational and burial purposes.

Among the earlier settlers of the town were Samuel Hawkins, Cornelius Vanausdal, David E. Hendricks, Alexander Mitchell, Alexander C. Lanier and Paul Larsh. Cornelius Vanausdal kept the first store, and David E. Hendricks the first tavern in the town. On the 27th day of April, 1808, the first Board of County Commissioners convened at the house of Samuel Hawkins, in Eaton, which Board was composed of George Shideler, William R. Irwin and Samuel Hawkins. Alexander C. Lanier was appointed Clerk, and William Bruce, Treasurer of the county. At this session the State Road northwest was ordered, and John Spacht, Abraham Heaton and John Pogue, were appointed viewers and James I. Nisbet, Surveyor.

LITTLE TURTLE.

The famous Indian, LITTLE TURTLE, who commanded at the engagement of Ludlow's Spring, in this county, was a Chief of the Miamis. He was the Indian commander at St. Clair's defeat. He was opposed to fighting General Wayne at Presque Isle, and was in favor of accepting the General's offers of terms of peace. But being reproached by another Chief with cowardice, he refrained from further advice or discourse. He went into battle the next day, and fought bravely, but the Indians were disastrously defeated, proving that Little Turtle understood the situation better than those Chiefs did who were his comrades in arms.

Little Turtle lived some years after the close of the war, and was held in high esteem by both whites and Indians. He was a man of great wisdom, and possessed considerable learning. He formed a vocabulary of his language, and had it printed as an appendix to an account of his travels. He became convinced that resistance to the whites was useless, and used his vast influence over his nation in favor of peace, and the adoption of agricultural pursuits. He went to Philadelphia for the purpose of soliciting aid from Congress, and the peace-loving Society of Friends to transform his people from a savage or uncivilized state to that of an agricultural community.

On a certain occasion, the question was asked Little

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Turtle, what prevented him from living among the whites—and if he were not more comfortable in Philadelphia than upon the banks of the Wabash. In answer, he said: "Taking all things together, you have the advantage over us; but here I am deaf and dumb. I do not talk your language—I can neither hear nor make myself heard. When I walk through the streets I see every person in his shop employed at something; one makes shoes, another hats, a third sells cloth—and every one lives by his labor. I say to myself, which of all these things can you do? Not one. I can make a bow, or an arrow—catch fish, kill game, and go to war: But none of these is of any use here. To learn what is done here would require a long time. Old age comes on—I should be a piece of furniture useless to my nation, useless to the whites, and useless to myself. I must return to my own country."

The grave of this noted Chief is near Fort Wayne, Ind. Indians cherish his memory with great veneration and respect.

DIXON TOWNSHIP.

DIXON TOWNSHIP.—This township was established by the Commissioners, in 1811, and took its name from Eli Dixon, one of the early Commissioners of the county.—The township is six miles square, and of the same territorial limits of Israel, Jackson and Jefferson, in the same range. Four Mile creek also runs through the township of Dixon, from north to south, but is rather small for mill purposes. These townships are bounded on the west by the State Line, on the south by Butler, and on the north by Darke county, being 24 miles in length and 6 in breadth. All of these townships are within the Congressional survey, and are severally six miles square, and each contains 36 acres of land, numbering from the northeast section as No. 1, and west and east alternately, closing on No. 36 in the southeast corner. These sections are again subdivided into quarter sections, and designated as the N. E., S. E., N. W. and S. W. quarter of such a section and range; which description precisely locates the tract of land intended to be described. This short and convenient description is far superior to the

SUGAR VALLEY.

IN DIXON T.P. P. O. EATON.

The Publisher has no documentary evidence of a town plat ever having been recorded. It may be considered as a thriving, thickly settled neighborhood, and a very small town. It being difficult to decide where the town ends and the country commences.

calls in the military grants, and saves much confusion and litigation among owners respecting lines and boundaries.

Dixon township is well settled and finely improved. The lands are well adapted to agricultural purposes, but not so good as those of Israel. There are many handsome farms in Dixon. The farmers are a thrifty class of men, and many of them possess beautiful homes. The population is composed of moral and industrious citizens, who farm their lands well, and raise good stock. No particular Christian sect predominates in this township; they have, however, good houses for educational and religious purposes. The original settlers came promiscuously from all the old States, and consequently religious toleration has been maintained from the start. The people are generous and hospitable in their intercourse, and a free sentiment has been cultivated which gives life to society. They have erected within their voting precinct, a Township House, where the electors and trustees meet to transact business.

Sugar Valley is a small village of some trade and business—is situated at a point where there is a respectable brick M. E. Church. This house was erected principally under the lead of Jesse Simonson. Concord is another point of considerable note in the township, where a neat public church stands, on a beautiful eminence, and where all denominations of Christians meet and worship. The south part of West Florence is in the northern limits of the township; and the contemplated Lake Erie, Evansville and Southwestern Railway, runs through the townships of Dixon and Israel, from the northeast to the southwest.

Among the old settlers of Dixon township, were the Truaxes, Grays, Runyans, Rheas, Dixons, Woodwards, Lybrooks, Toneyes, Swishers and Congers. Eli Dixon settled on the branch which bears his name.

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JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP.

JEFFERSON.—This township was organized in 1809, and called Jefferson, after Thomas Jefferson, one of the earlier Presidents of the United States. This is the northwest township of Preble, and its western limits are watered by the East Fork of Whitewater, which, at an early day afforded the settlers considerable milling power. The lands are productive and well cultivated. The inhabitants are moral, and are amply provided with churches and school houses. This part of the county was occupied as early as 1806, by a few venturesome pioneers from Kentucky. It was then a frontier settlement, and on that account considerably exposed to hostile invasion by the Indians. But these few pioneer settlers, who had come with the gospel in one hand and the rifle in the other, were soon surrounded by neighbors.

Within the township of Jefferson there are several towns of importance, such as New Paris, Gettysburg and Brinley's Station. New Paris was so named from Paris, Kentucky. The term "New" was prefixed to show its significance in point of date. Gettysburg was

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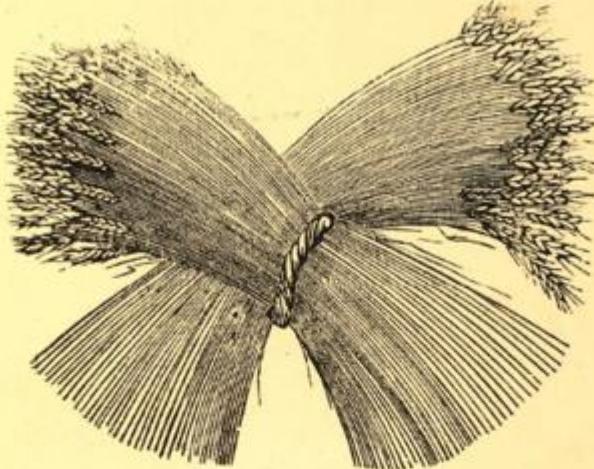
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named after a town in Pennsylvania of that name; and Brinley's Station is a point on the Dayton and Western Railroad, and the Central Indiana, or Pan-Handle R. R., runs through the northwestern limits of the township.

The original settlers of Jefferson, as has been stated, were principally from Kentucky; and among them, were the Purviances, Irelands, Flemings, Morrisons and the Mitchells. Many of their descendants still live in that locality. With these early settlers came Rev. David Purviance, then in the prime of life, and a gifted scholar and preacher. Like the Rev. Alexander Porter, of Israel, this minister of the gospel impressed his religious sentiments upon the people of the township, which was "like bread cast upon the waters, to be seen many days after." The result of his early teachings are still visible in that community.

(Ancestry.com, U.S. City Directories, 1821-1989 (Beta), 1875)

TAX-PAYING.
FARMERS AND LAND-OWNERS
OF PREBLE COUNTY, OHIO.



Township Residences & P. O. Addresses.
(APPROXIMATELY CORRECT.)

Principal Reporter—J. R. STEPHEN, ESQ.

In making out the lists of Farmers and Land-owners, the Publisher had the assistance of Eq. Stephen, who filled County offices during a period of eleven years, and has been a resident of the County seat for nearly thirty years.

He also had the use of the County Treasurer's duplicates of the taxes assessed in the different Townships for the present year.

Locations or P. O. addresses were generally arranged according to the Townships, Ranges and Sections, as shown upon the published maps of the Townships and County. The nearest Post-offices were generally given. Trade, business, or inclination, have caused some farmers to patronize those more distant.

The Publisher, in his prospectus, stated that the Directory would contain "Township locations," &c., but, to accommodate patrons, he concluded to give Post-office addresses.

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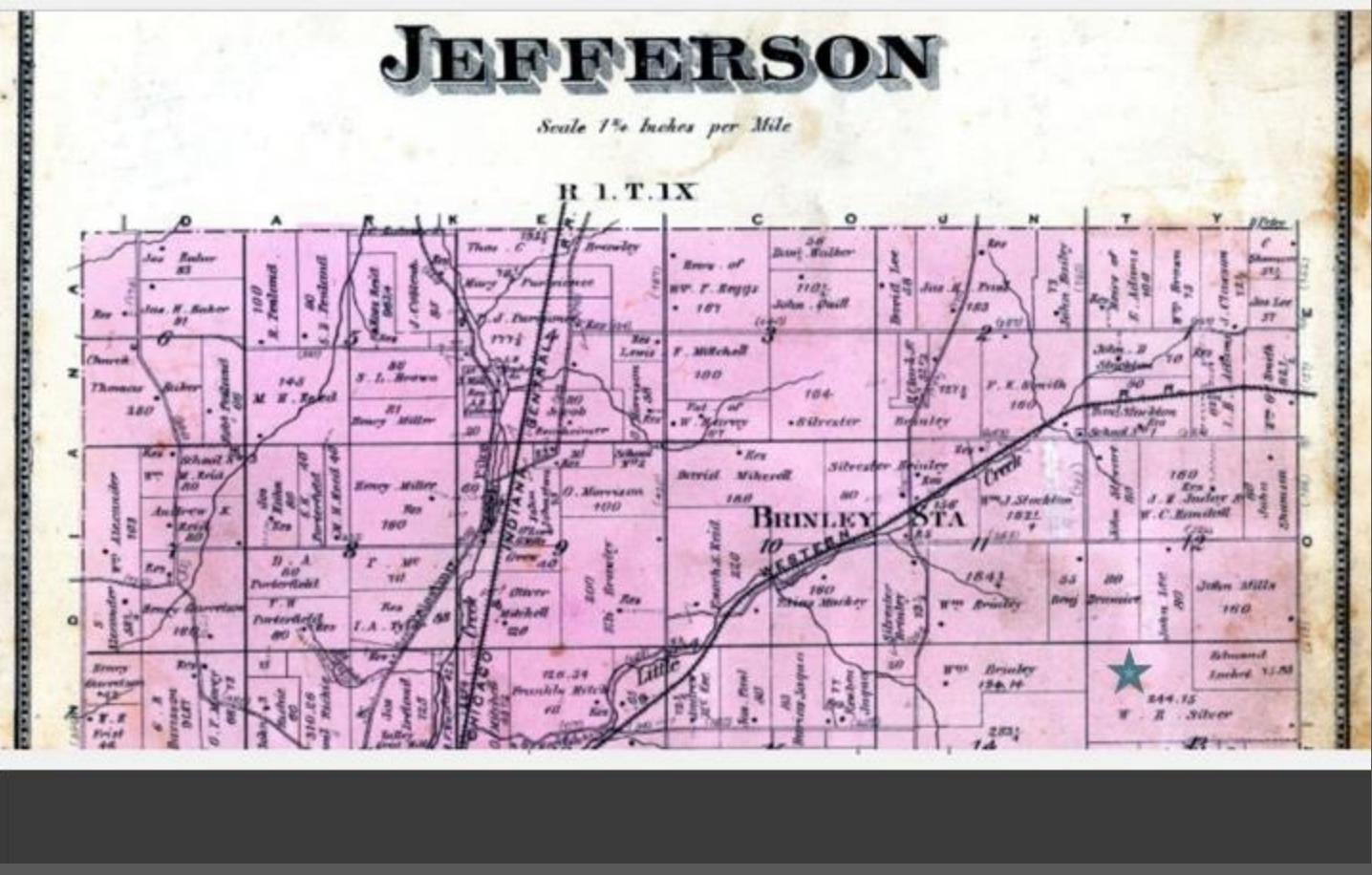
JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP.

Pence Job,	Ebenezer.	Slife Samuel,	New Paris.
Pence Isaac,	do	Smith W. G.,	Brinley's St'n.
Petrey, H. M.,	do	Smith F. K.,	do
Petrey D. G.,	Eldorado.	Stockton W. J.,	do
Quill John,	Brinley's Station.	Stockton Daniel,	do
Quill Thomas	New Paris.	Stockton John D.,	do
Roberts & Walker,	do	Silver W. B.,	do



It is with some hesitancy that I am including this land record information for W.B. Silver. The location of the land is in a different township, Jefferson, than that owned by William B. Silver, in Dixon Township, for the same time-period (1871). The map below pinpoints the location of his alleged land in Jefferson Township, Preble County, Ohio.

1871 Jefferson Township, Preble County, Ohio Landownership Map



(D.J. Lake, 1871)

1880 – U.S. Federal Census

Dixon Township, Preble County, Ohio

1880 United States Federal Census Dixon Township, Preble County, Ohio

Name Wm. B. Silvers
 Age 72
 Birth Date Abt 1808
 Birthplace New Jersey
 Home in 1880 Dixon, Preble, Ohio, USA
 Dwelling Number 122
 Race White
 Gender Male
 Relation to Head of House Self
 Marital Status Married
 Spouse's Name Ann Silvers
 Father's Birthplace New Jersey
 Mother's Birthplace New Jersey
 Occupation Farmer
 Household Members

Name	Age
Wm. B. Silvers	
Ann Silvers	
Joseph Silvers	

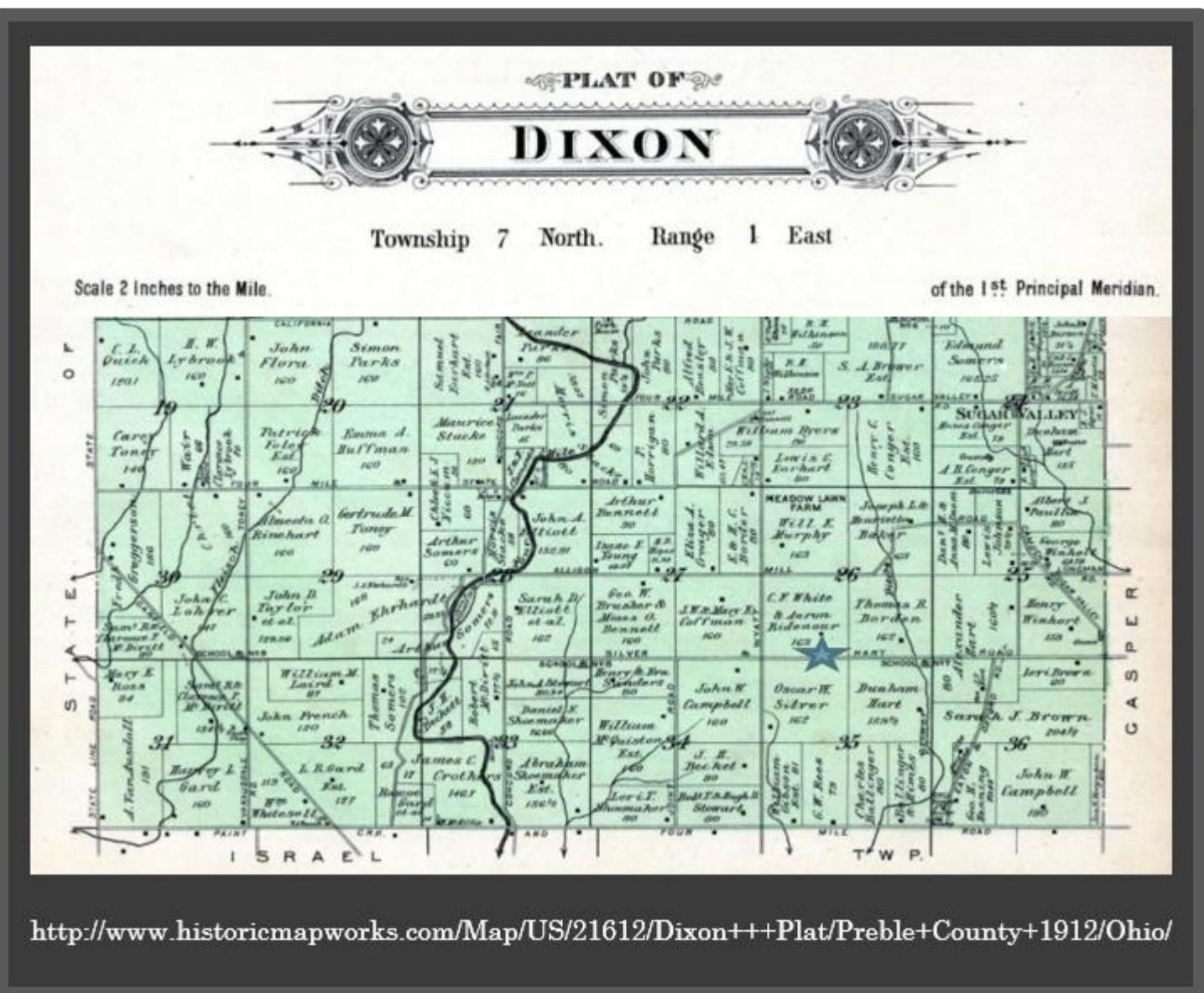
1880 United States Federal Census for Wm. B. Silvers

Street	House No.	Dwelling	Family No.	Name	Race	Sex	Age	Birth Month	Relationship	Single	Married	Widowed	Married C	Occupation	Months U	Sick	Blind	Deaf and	Idiotic	Insane	Disabled	Attended	Cannot Re	Cannot W	Birthplace	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
122	122			Wm. B. Silvers	White	M	72			1				Farmer													
				Ann	White	F	61		Wife	1				Keeper house	/												
				Joseph	White	M	39		Son	1				Farmer													
				Boatie Major	White	M	16		Son	1				Farm laborer	✓												
				Wm. B. Silvers	White	M	14		Son	1				Farm laborer													

In 1880, William B. and Ann are living in Dixon Township, Preble County, Ohio. William B. is still listed as a farmer and they have two farm laborers working for and living with them. This includes their 14 year old nephew, Horatio, and Bostie Major (age 16). Their son Joshua and his large family are also living in Dixon, Preble County, Ohio.

Name	Joshua Silver	
Age	42	
Birth Date	Abt 1838	
Birthplace	Ohio	
Home in 1880	Dixon, Preble, Ohio, USA	
Dwelling Number	118	
Race	White	
Gender	Male	
Relation to Head of House	Self	
Marital Status	Married	
Spouse's Name	Rachel Silver	
Father's Birthplace	New Jersey	
Mother's Birthplace	Delaware	
Occupation	Farmer	
Household Members	Name	Age
	Joshua Silver	
	Rachel Silver	
	Elizabeth Silver	
	Ellen Silver	
	Margaret Silver	
	Martha Silver	
	William Silver	
	Frank Silver	
	Mary Silver	

The 1912, Dixon Township, Preble County, Ohio Plat Map below, shows that their other son, Oscar W. Silver, was still living in this area. The property size is much smaller than when William B. Silver, his father, was alive.



1882 – William B. and Ann Silver Return to Westfield Monthly Meeting, Preble County, Ohio.

Whitewater Monthly Meeting of Friends
November 22, 1882

William B. and Ann Silver's Removal to Westfield
Monthly Meeting, Preble County, Ohio

White Water Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th mo. 22nd 1882.

The assistant clerk being absent Benjamin Statton was appointed for the day. The friends appointed at our last meeting to prepare and produce a certificate of removal for William N. Cerale to Benjaminville Monthly Meeting Illinois produced one which was approved and directed to be signed and forwarded.

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(Archives E. C.)

Name	William B Silver				
Residence Date	27 Dec 1882				
Residence Date on Image	Twelfth 1882 27				
Residence Place	Wayne, Indiana				
Spouse	Ann Silver				
Spouse Father	Silver				
Event Type	Admittance				
Monthly Meeting	Whitewater Monthly Meeting				
Historical Meeting Data	Whitewater Monthly Meeting				
Yearly Meeting	Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting				
Meeting State	Indiana				
Meeting County	Wayne				
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To Westfield Monthly Meeting of Friends

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Noah Cadwallader

Rachel M. Mathews } Clks

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1888 – William B. and Ann Silver Move to

Kansas City, Wyandotte County, Kansas

In the year 1888, William B. and Ann were now residing in Kansas City, Wyandotte County, Kansas. They were living with their daughter's family, Rebecca Ann Silver and Winfield Freeman, at 606 Freeman Avenue.

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William B. Silver – Residence
1888 Kansas City, Kansas Directory

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Cor. 6th & Bridge Sts.
Patterson Block.

Wyandotte Coal Co.

MINNESOTA AVE.
S. E. Cor. 6th.
TELEPHONE 456.

S. N. Simpson, Real Estate, Kansas City

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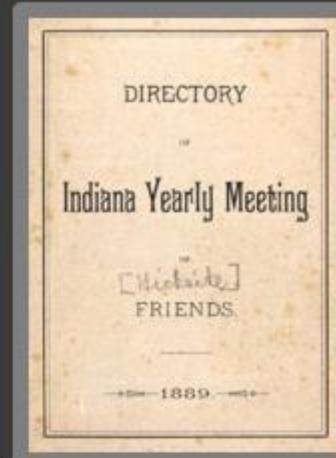
**509 MINNEOTA AVENUE,
WYANDOTTE, - KANSAS.**

S. N. Simpson, Real Estate, Kansas City

(Hoye, 1888)

In 1889, William B. and Ann are still residing in Kansas City, Kansas. However, they are still included in the annual Indiana Yearly Meeting Hicksite Directory. They are listed with their new address. Oscar Silver is also listed in the directory, and was residing in Camden, Preble County, Ohio.

Name	William B Silvers
Directory Year	1889
Residence Place	Kansas City, Wyandotte Co, Kan
Meeting Name	Indiana Yearly Meeting
Yearly Meeting	Indiana Yearly Meeting
Meeting Place	Indiana, USA



DIRECTORY OF
WESTFIELD MONTHLY MEETING,
WHITEWATER QUARTER.

Westfield Monthly Meeting of Friends, held last Fourth-day is each month, at 10 o'clock A. M., at Westfield, near Camden, Preble County, Ohio.

ABRAHAM SHOEMAKER, Fair Haven, Preble County, Ohio.

MARY H. BEALL, Camden, Preble County, Ohio.

Clerks and Correspondents.

No Preparative Meeting.

First-day Meeting convenes at 11 o'clock.

Mid-week Meeting Fourth-day at 10 o'clock.

Westfield First-day School held each First-day at 10 o'clock.

ABRAHAM SHOEMAKER, *Superintendent.*

NAME.	BORN.	RESIDENCE AND P. O.
Brown, Nathaniel N.	1807	Camden, Preble Co., Ohio.
Brown, Joseph G.	1808	Morning Sun, Preble Co., Ohio.
Brown, Isaac H.	1842	Camden, Preble Co., Ohio.
Brown, Mary M.	1845	" "
Brown, Annie Laura.	1874	" "
Brown, William.	1882	" "
Brown, Barclay.	1822	" "
Brown, Sarah M.	1831	" "
Brown, Levi.	1852	" "
Brown, Samuel T.	1855	" "
Brown, William E.	1868	" "
Brown, Lizzie Eleodora.	1873	" "
Brown, Abraham.	1816	" "

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NAME.	BORN.	RESIDENCE AND P. O.
Brown, Rebecca.	1851	Sorento, Orange Co., Florida.
Beall, Mary H.	1830	Camden, Preble Co., Ohio.
Borradaile, Sarah Ann.	1827	" "
Borden, Edward.	Corwin, Preble Co., Ohio.
DeCamp, Harriet.	1834	Camden, Preble Co., Ohio.
Elliott, Susan.	1830	Greenville, Darke Co., Ohio.
Foster, Cora C.	1868	Morning Sun, Preble Co., Ohio.
Gibson, Webster.	Camden, Preble Co., Ohio.
Hilton, Eva Jane.	1893	" "
Jennings, Clarkson.	Eaton, Preble Co., Ohio.
Jennings, Margaret C.	1841	" "
Jennings, Anna.	" "
Jennings, Levi.	" "
Jennings, William.	" "
Jennings, Nellie.	" "
Matlack, Albert G.	1844	Sorento, Orange Co., Florida.
Moore, David C.	1844	Camden, Preble Co., Ohio.
Ramsey, Emma.	1835	Fair Haven, Preble Co., Ohio.
Stratton, Bathsheba B.	1811	Camden, Preble Co., Ohio.
Stephens, Martha N.	1832	Eaton, Preble Co., Ohio.
Scott, Esther W.	1812	Fair Haven, Preble Co., Ohio.
Scott, Joseph P.	1845	" "
Shoemaker, Alzaham.	1840	" "
Shoemaker, Margaret K.	1845	" "
Shoemaker, Daniel N.	1869	" "
Shoemaker, Levi T.	1873	" "
Shoemaker, Martha.	1874	" "
Shoemaker, Robert F.	1879	" "
Silvers, William B.	Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., Kan.
Silvers, Ann.	" "
Silvers, Oscar.	1849	Camden, Preble Co., Ohio.
Van Skiver, Susan.	1822	" "
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(Library, 1889)

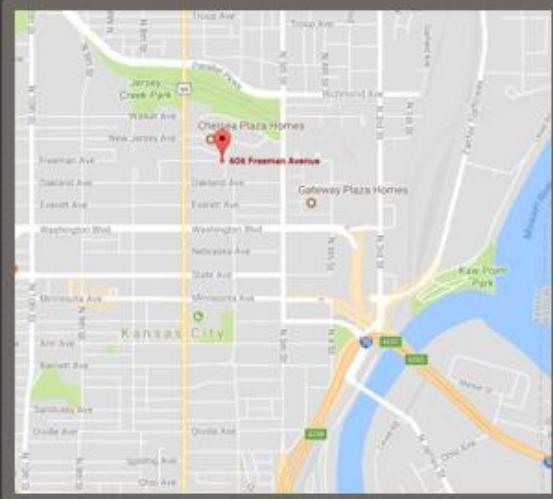
Kansas City, Kansas Directory, 1890

Name: William B. Silver
Location 2: r 606 Wa-Was
Year: 1889, 1890
City: Kansas City
State: KS

(Kansas City Directory, 1890, 1890)

In 1890, William B. and Ann were still living with their daughter's family at 606 Freeman Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas.

Residence
William B. and Ann Silver
Home of Rebecca Ann Silver and Winfield Freeman
606 Freeman Avenue
Kansas City, Kansas



<https://www.google.com/maps/>

December 11, 1893 – William B. Silver Dies

Kansas, Deaths and Burials, Index,
1885-1930

Name: Wm B Silver

Gender: Male

Race: White

Birth Date: abt 1808

Death Date: 11 Dec 1893

Death Age: 85

Cemetery Name: Oak Grove

Marital Status: Married

Street address: 606 Freeman Ave

FHL Film Number: 1605148

William B. Silver's
Obituary

—
AN AGED CITIZEN DEAD.

William B. Silver died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Reba S. Freeman, in this city, on Monday, December 11th, 1893, after an illness of some two weeks duration.

He was born in New Jersey, February 14th, 1808, and at the time of his death was 85 years, 9 months and 27 days old.

He was married to Miss Ann Johnson on the 30th of September, 1835, in Waynesville, Warren county, Indiana. Nine children were born to them, two of whom died in infancy and one son after attaining his majority. Of the six children living, Oscar resides in Preble county, Ohio; Robert lives in Indianapolis, Indiana; Mrs. Margaret Jennings at Eaton, Ohio; Horatio, Joseph and Mrs. Reba S. Freeman reside in this city. All were present at the funeral services which were conducted by Rev. Dr. Alderman assisted by Rev. A. H. Stote.

Mr. and Mrs. Silver came to Kansas in 1886 since when they have resided with their daughter, Mrs. Freeman.

Mr. Silver was a very stirring, active man, pleasant and agreeable in his manners and enjoyed the companionship of his aged and venerable wife in an unusual degree. He was born, raised and up to his death adhered to and believed in the religious doctrine taught by the Friends.

(Newspapers.com, 1893)

William B. Silver's Obituary

This obituary was taken from a newspaper clipping. There is no date or newspaper identification information, except for an advertisement on the back of the clipping for a jeweler and optician located in Eaton, Ohio. The obituary is recreated below.

SILVERS_William B. Silvers was born in New Jersey, February 14, 1808 and died at Kansas City, Kansas, December 11, 1893. He was married to Ann Johnson, Sept. 30, 1835, who still survives him.

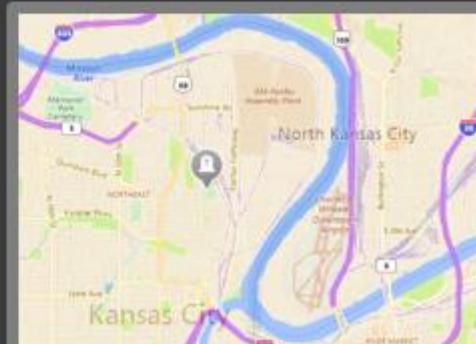
Most of his long life was passed in Preble county on his farm near Sugar Valley, where he lived for more than forty years. Seven years ago he and his wife removed to Kansas City to make their home with their youngest daughter. Mr. Silvers was of the religious order of Friends of the Hicksite branch to which denomination he was greatly attached. His funeral took place Wednesday Dec. 13th at two o'clock, and was conducted by Dr. J.W. Alderman of Washington Ave. M. E. Church, the interment was at Oak Grove cemetery, at Kansas City, Kansas.

We knew Mr. Silvers long and well when he resided in this county and take pleasure in testifying to his many virtues. In all life's varied relations he was an exemplary citizen, kind, generous, active and enterprising, esteemed by all his many acquaintances, who unite with his relatives in sorrow for his departure from earthly life.-ED.

Burial: Oak Grove Cemetery, 419 Haskell Avenue,
Kansas City, Kansas



Name:	William B Silver
Birth Date:	14 Feb 1808
Birth Place:	New Jersey, United States of America
Death Date:	11 Dec 1893
Death Place:	Kansas City, Wyandotte County, Kansas, United States of America
Cemetery:	Oak Grove Cemetery
Burial or Cremation Place:	Kansas City, Wyandotte County, Kansas, United States of America
Has Bio?:	N
Spouse:	Ann Silver
Children:	Robert Silver Joshua Jennings Silver Elizabeth Silver Rebecca Silver Joseph J Silver Margaret C. Jennings Oscar W. Silver Rebecca Ann Freeman Horatio Silver
URL:	http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRID=155286067



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