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THE RIDENOUR FAMILY History and Genealogy



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By John Ridenour - Stone Creek, Ohio 1979.
Mother Jane Bush met his brother Harry in Ohio in 1989 when he was 89

NICHOLAS RIDENOUR I born 1669 Rosenthal, France (used to be part of Germany)

married to a Susan--4 sons (Nicholas II Henry, Mathias + ?)

*origin to
come to
America*

NICHOLAS RIDENOUR II born 1695 Alsace, France died 1760

married Rosina Kershner came to America 9-3-1739 on British ship, Philadelphia - Lutherans

5 sons (Nicholas II, Henry, Mathias, George, Peter - all born France)

MATHIAS RIDENOUR born 1727 France died 1792 Farmer D. A. R. connection *came to Maryland*

married Eve 9 children (Jacob, John, Eva, Rosina, Mathias, Daniel, David, John Nelson, Henry)

DAVID RIDENOUR born 11-20-1775 Hagerstown, MD Died 8-14-1854 YR, PA, OH

married Margaret Wiles born 1774 died 2-4-187 Buried Jefferson Co. OH *Osage Cem.*

13 children--one Daniel was my branch *Married Jane (Catherina Bent) living first 3 born YR Rest in Ohio*

David was your branch *3 Jacob comes IN*

DAVID RIDENOUR born 2-7-1802 in PA, grew up in Ohio married 4-15-1824 to Sarah Shauver--born 1806 in Jefferson Co. OH, in Tuscarawas Co. OH in 1828 then came to Waltz Twp. Wabash Co. IN in 1840--12 children

- Died 1866
1. Barbara 1825-1866 married Samuel Unger (Unger, Dubois etc.) connected *8 Children*
 2. Catherine 1827-? Married Jonas Wiles and then Thomas Lytle
 3. Samuel 1829-1860 married Phoebe Murphy and Augusta Bent & ? *10*
 4. Lydia 1831 Married Isaac Roser *-10*
 5. Susanna 1833-1860 married Jeremiah Roser (lots of Rosers, Hawkins, Jacobs) *6c*
 6. Isaiah 1836 married Lydia Unger, Elizabeth Savy, Caroline Zintsmaster (Mileys)
 7. Sarah 1838-1901 married Amos Roser *-10*
 8. John Benjamin 1840-1894 married Emma Bent (lots of Ridenours south of town) *-30*
 9. David C. 1843 married Catherine Smith (Rosers, Pence and Votaw) *6c - 3 died young*
 10. George 1843 married Mary Ellen Bent *-6c*
 11. Mary 1847-1877 m *Benjamin* Smith *-3c*
 12. Daniel 1850 marry Mary Deeter and Elizabeth Rennaker *1c* *6c*



Lutheran Cemetery on state R 124 west of SR 13

David Ridener born 1775

~~son David Ridener born 1799~~

1797	1. Susannah (Ohio) m Notestein	- no children	Buried Ohio
1799	2. Daniel	- separate sheet	- OH - many children to IN
1800	3. Margaret	m Hawk	- 10 children OH.
1802	4. David	- separate sheet	
1804	5. Samuel died 1883	m Katherine Harberger	- 6 children OH Buried Ohio
1806	6. Mary died 1891	not married	OH
1807	7. John died 1860 m Susannah Hilbert	- 7 children	OH
1805	8. Jacob died 1898 m Katherine Notestein	- 2 c.	Died in Wabash
1803	9. Malkias found in church records - nothing else known		
1810	10. Eve never married		Died 1863 Ohio
1811	11. George died 1891 m Catherine Hilbert died 1894	10 c	Died 1841 Ohio
1816	12. Sarah died 1861 m J.C. Smith	11 c	Ohio
1820	13. Elizabeth died 1885 m Jacob Lester	8 c	Ohio

RIDENOUR FAMILY

DAVID RIDENOUR born 1775 MD had 13 children moved to VA, PA, OH

~~John Ridener died 1847 when David born~~
~~1. William m Susannah Shaver 1820 died 1847 wife~~
~~2. Mary Meyer~~

- No. 2 child — DANIEL RIDENOUR born 1799 buried in Ohio. He had 11 children. Died 1859 Ohio
1. William — came to Wabash 1845 and in 1869 went to Missouri — 7 children
 2. Sarah — always lived in Ohio ~~Andrew Currier~~ ~~Die before 1912 self farms 1844 to now~~
 3. John Ridener came to Wabash in 1851 married Lydia Ann Elwood 1846 in OH ~~farm & blacksmith~~
 - 1847 1. Benton Ridener m Sarah A. Niccum-8 children -- lived in Wabash Co. ~~5 children now 2 living~~
 - 1849 2. Mark Ridener m Sarah Malott lived in Wabash Co.—1 son, Elmer
 3. John M Ridener died young
 4. James Madison Ridener died young
 - 1855 5. Melissa Ridener married Henry Smyers—1 girl
 - 1857 6. Mary Ann Ridener married Jacob Stouffer lived in Wabash Co. 3 c
 - 1858 7. Eliza Emily Ridener married Henry Smyers-0 (after sister died)
 - 1861 8. Elwood Ridener—4 c Wabash Co. ~~m Lydia Fawcett~~
 - 1863 9. Philip Ridener—4 c Wabash Co. ~~m Amelia Deeter & Clara Wolfgang~~ 12
 - 1865 10. Sarah Ridener m John Stouffer—3 c —Wabash Co.
 - 1868 11. Esther Ida Ridener m William Stouffer—3 c —Wabash Co.
 4. Joseph Ridener—7 children came to Wabash Co. 1847 ~~m Mary Ann Weerly die 1866-7~~ (5 c)
 5. Jacob Ridener—to Ohio, MI, Wabash, TX ~~m Lydia Deeter~~ ~~m Susanna Weerly~~
 6. Moses Ridener—0 children—Ohio ~~m Catherine Meyer~~
 7. Elizabeth Ridener m Groves Miller—10 children —Wabash Co.
 8. Belinda Ridener m Taylor—lived in IL - 0 children
 9. Samuel Ridener—4 children—always lived in Ohio ~~m Elizabeth Meyer~~
 10. Isaac Ridener—4 children—Ohio to Oklahoma ~~in 1875-4 children~~
 11. Thomas Benton Ridener came to Wabash then to Southern IN 3 c
 12. David 1847 died — when mother died

~~Benjamin 1851 die 11-1855~~
~~Sophia 1852 die 10-1855~~

F O R E W O R D

The printing of this book is the outcome of the desire to preserve the ancestral background, together with the genealogical information for future generations.

It is important that memories and recollections of the past be recorded before they are lost forever.

The array of pictures presented here should help portray the modest yet devout character of the members of this family.

Our ancestors, dating back over three centuries, have withstood cruel tyranny and many hardships, before and after coming to this country.

As time marched on, this family has been responsible for establishing many churches, most of them Lutheran.

They realized that first and foremost in their lives was their faith in their Master. The lives they lived attested to this faith.

Coat of Arms

Historiography

The Ridenour Coat of Arms, illustrated by an heraldic artist, employs symbols upon a shield following the traditional system of heraldry which originated in medieval times. Heraldry, which developed among the nobles in the 11th Century, was instituted primarily for the purpose of distinguishing one man in armor from another during the confusion of battle. The heraldic symbols, or charges, chosen by an individual for his personal coat of arms could reflect his heritage, achievement, rank, occupation or personal characteristics.

Individual surnames originated for the purpose of more specific identification. The four primary sources for second names were: occupation, location, father's name and personal characteristics. According to Elsdon C. Smith's New Dictionary of American Family Names, the surname Ridenour is locational in origin and meant "one who came from Rietenau, (meadow with reeds growing)." This and other sources placed the name originally in Germany. The most common variation of Ridenour is Ridenaur. The Ridenour Coat of Arms is based on information derived from its meaning, linguistics or historical interpretation.

Heraldic artists of old developed their own unique language to describe an individual Coat of Arms. In the traditional language of heraldry, the Ridenour Coat of Arms would be described as:

"Gu.; a Schnauzer arg. on a chief arg. a cornflower az. between two reeds ppr."

Translation and Interpretation:

The Coat of Arms consists of a silver German Schnauzer symbolizing Germany; above the Schnauzer a blue cornflower, the national flower of Germany and naturally colored reeds symbolizing a meadow with reeds. The red background symbolizes valor and patriotism, silver symbolizes peace and nobility and blue symbolizes loyalty and splendor.

Information available to us indicates that in 1972 there were less than 2200 heads of households in the United States with the old and distinguished Ridenour name. The United States Census Bureau in 1970 estimated that there were 3.1 persons per household, which means that fewer than 6820 people in the United States bear the Ridenour name. In comparison, some of the most common family names are shared by over two million people.

This report does not represent individual lineage or your family tree and no genealogical representation is intended or implied.



Ridenour



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INTRODUCTORY ARTICLE

Contributed by George Fredric Ridenour,
Springfield, Ohio

A record of the Reidenauer Family and its line of descent and branches, according to the authentic account (ex Bibl Vien) of the Vienna Library:

The origin of the Reidenauer Family is to be sought among the wild cliffs of the Rhine. In early times, they lived in the Rugesian Mountains, a warlike family, at the castle Shadeneck, a few miles from Koblenz. They gave the castle this name because of the injuries which were wrought by them in the country round about, and particularly on the rich Rhine Valley. On high grey cliffs of granite lay their castle, of which even today a few ruins may be noted.

The first man of whom we have knowledge, and who in all probability built this castle, was Pertinax Reidenauer. He, with his men at arms, forced the people of the environment to help in the building of his castle. This proved so difficult, because of the high cliff, that five hundred men lost their lives in the work. His wife was Fredegunde Von Ekenen; this name, however, has long since passed out. She was beautiful of form, but just as cruel and exacting as her husband. Setting out from his fortress on the cliff, he laid waste the surrounding territory for a great space. He was killed on a hunt in 893 A.D. by an arrow shot by mistake.

His two sons bore the names of Conrad and Williband. The reason is not known why Conrad went to Ost Frieland, and we possess no further trace of him. His brother, Williband, on the other hand, lived on the paternal estate, engaged in raising armies at the King's command. Finally however, he was taken prisoner by the Wainzers and was condemned to death; but his wife, Henrietta Von Westerburg, was protected, and she returned to take care of the castle, where she reared her son who was then eight years old. Heinrich Reidenauer, her son, was brought up according to the wishes of his father. Here at the castle, Heinrich and his followers lived in unbroken line. They were little troubled by the decrees of their kaiser or of the realm. They made fun of the Crusades to the Holy Land. The German king, Rudolph of Hapsburg, who destroyed more than sixty castles along the Rhine, took the family into his protection, because a knight, George Reidenauer, with his men at arms, had taken sides with him against his enemy in brave service.

In the year 1300, George Reidenauer was the only man of this family still living. In his nineteenth year, he married Isabella Fontenay, a countess of French extraction. Her estates lay in Picardy. He died in 1327 of wounds received in the Frierischon War. Three sons remained: Joschim, Tancred, and Bernhard Reidenauer. The first two of these took up their estate in Picardy, which had come to them from their mother. We hear nothing further from the Chateau Vervins, nor do we hear anything further of their descendants. Bernhard, however, lived as did his fathers before him. He carried off Anna Von Bauerheim, the beautiful daughter of

Herrman Von Bauerheim, Mayor of the city on the Rhine, and later married her. She died at the birth of her son, Nicholas Reidenauer. Bernhard, in spite of his many fights and battles, lived to a ripe old age; he died in his bed in 1374. Nicholas died not long after, in 1386, in the battle of Sempach. He was twice married and left four sons: Rudolph, Robert, Care, and Ferdinand Reidenauer. Of these, Care and Ferdinand went to Thuringen, and from this time on part of the family lived there. Robert served as a warrior in a foreign land, and we have no knowledge of his posterity, or of the man himself. Rudolph lived on the estate at Shadeneck, where in 1525 he took part in the suppression of the Peasant Revolt. This turned out happily for the family at Shadeneck. The peasants, however, killed many of the inhabitants.

We hear of an Ignacious Reidenauer, sixteen years of age, who lived with Hugh Von Weiserheim, the brother of his mother, in the Palatinate. He seems to be the only representative of the family. Ignacious settled near Heidelberg upon an estate that his uncle had given him during the Thirty Years War. Following the waste wrought by the French troops in the Palatinate toward the end of the seventeenth century (and likely the eighteenth), the survivors were mostly workers, farmers, and craftsmen.

(For other information concerning this family, refer to the Europ Wappen und Geschlects VII 22. European Coats of Arms and Families, Vienna Library.)

(This is a translation of a German document given to C. O. Ridenour on March 5, 1921, by Miss Cordelia Pharo, of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Her great-grandmother was a Ridenour.)

There have been several spellings of the Ridenour name, since they landed in America. One of the reasons for this was Rupp, the man who took care of the ship's list of passengers in Philadelphia, where most of the Ridenours are presumed to have landed. In not one case did he reproduce the lists exactly as he found them in the originals, but he radically changed the lists in everything that allowed of change. He changed the spelling of the names. Secondly, he misread hundreds of names. The most serious criticism of Rupp's book, however, is that in literally hundreds of cases he failed to decipher the names correctly. It is, of course, true that in some cases no man living can decipher with certainty the awful scribbles of some of the writers. But when there are several lists of a ship, we can secure much better results by a comparative study of the lists, which Rupp entirely neglected.

Most of the Ridenours settled in Washington County, Maryland. They emigrated from the lower Rhine Palatinate about 1739 and landed at Philadelphia.

A list of the male Ridenours over sixteen years old that landed at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, between the years 1727 to 1808; the spelling is the exact spelling that is given in the book:

Sept. 11, 1738 - The Ridenours on board the ship Robert and Alice.
Goodman, Master, from Rotterdam.

1. Baltser Renhowser
2. Hendrick Redinhower
3. Peiter Redinhower

Sept. 3, 1739 - On ship Robert and Alice, belonging to Dublin, from Rotterdam to Philadelphia.

4. Nicholas Reitenhower

Dec. 11, 1739 - On ship Lydia. Jaspar Allan, Commander.

5. Johannes Reytenaar
6. Johannes Reytenaar, Jr.

Sept. 26, 1743 - On ship Robert and Alice, Hartley Cusack, Commander, from Rotterdam last from Cowes.

7. Caspar O. Reithnauer
8. Johannes Reudnauer

Nov. 10, 1764 - On ship Boston, Mather Carr, Master. From Rotterdam.

9. Peter Reidnar
10. Jerg Reidenauer
11. Nickelaus Reitenauer

JOURNEY TO PENNSYLVANIA:

The journey to Pennsylvania fell naturally into three parts. The first part, and by no means the easiest, was the journey down the Rhine to Rotterdam or some other port. Gottlieb Mittelberger, in his Journey to Pennsylvania in the Year 1750, writes:

"This journey lasts from the beginning of May to the end of October, fully half a year, amid such hardships as no one is able to describe adequately with their misery. The cause is because the Rhine boats from Heilbronn to Holland have to pass by 26 custom houses, at all of which the ships are examined, which is done when it waits the convenience of the custom-house officials. In the meantime, the ships with the people are detained long, so that the passengers have to spend much money. The trip down the Rhine lasts, therefore, four, five, and even six weeks. When the ships come to Holland, they are detained there likewise five to six weeks. Because things are very dear there, the poor people have to spend nearly all they have during that time."

* The second stage of the journey was from Rotterdam to one of the English ports. Most of the ships called at Cowes, on the Isle of Wight.

Another harbor in Holland, which was frequently used as a starting point for the ocean journey was Amsterdam. From there two ships went to Dover, two ships to Portsmouth, two to Gosport, three to Cowes, one to Tingmouth in Devonshire, one to Shields, on the east coast of England, and one to Aberdeen.

The third stage of the journey, or the ocean voyage proper, was marked by much suffering and hardship. The passengers being packed densely, like herrings, as Mittelberger describes it, without proper food and water, were soon subject to all sorts of diseases, such as dysentery, scurvy, typhoid, and small-pox. Children were the first to be attacked, and died in large numbers. Mittelberger reports the deaths of thirty-two children on his ship. Of the heartless cruelty practised, he gives the following example: "One day, just as we had a heavy gale, a woman in our ship who was to give birth and could not under the circumstances of the storm, was pushed through the porthole and dropped into the sea, because she was far in the rear of the ship and could not be brought forward."

When at last the Delaware River was reached and the City of Brotherly Love hove into sight, where all their miseries were to end, another delay occurred. A health officer visited the ship and if any persons with infectious diseases were discovered on the ship, it was ordered to remove one mile from the city.

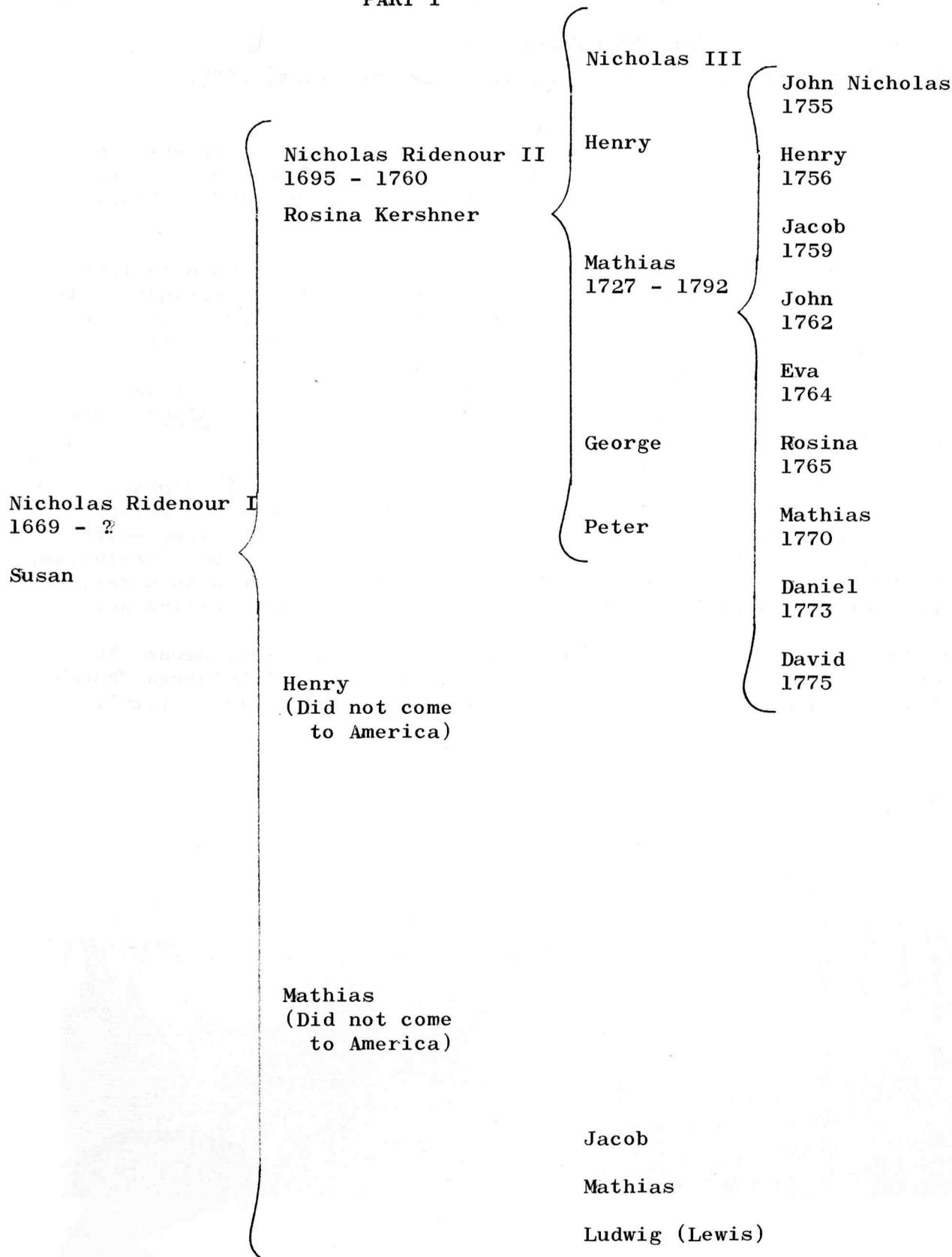
A vivid account of the arrival of these passenger ships in the harbor of Philadelphia is given by the Rev. Henry M. Muehlenberg, in a report which he sent to Halle in the year 1769. He writes:

"After much delay, one ship after another arrives in the harbor of Philadelphia, when the rough and severe winter is before the door. One or more merchants receive the lists of the freights and the agreement which the emigrants have signed with their own hand in Holland, together with the bills for their travel down the Rhine and the advances of the "newlanders" for provisions, which they received on the ships on account. Formerly, the freight for a single person was six to ten louis D'ors. Before the ship is allowed to cast anchor at the harbor front, the passengers are all examined, according to the law in force, by a physician, as to whether any contagious disease exists among them. Then the new arrivals are led in procession to the City Hall, and there they must render the oath of allegiance to the king of Great Britain. After that, they are brought back to the ship. Then announcements are printed in the newspapers, stating how many of the new arrivals are to be sold. Those who have money are released. Whoever has well-to-do friends seeks a loan from them to pay the passage, but there are only a few who succeed. The ship becomes the marketplace. The buyers make their choice among the arrivals, and bargain with them for a certain number of years and days. They then take them to the merchant, pay their passage and their other debts and receive from the government authorities a written document which makes the newcomers their property for a definite period."

But, in spite of all difficulties and hardships, new settlers continued to come. The wonder is not that so many succumbed, but that so many faced all hardships uncomplainingly, and after a few years of service emerged from all difficulties as successful farmers, who made the country blossom as a rose. It only shows of what sturdy stuff these pioneers were made. Modern historians describing their hardships do more complaining, no doubt, than they themselves ever did.

(This material was taken from Pennsylvania German Pioneers,
Baltimore; Genealogical Publishing Company, 1966.)

PART I



CHAPTER I

THE RIDENOURS

From Alsace, France, 1669, to Hagerstown, Maryland, 1775.

Nicholas Ridenour I (Reitenauer) was born in Rosenthal, France, in 1669. He married Susan, last name unknown. They had four sons, one of whom is not known, but the others were Nicholas II, Henry, and Mathias.

Nicholas II, son of Nicholas I and Susan Ridenour, was born in 1695 in Fredrickshaven County, Alsace, France. He married Rosina Kershner. Although he was born in France, the Ridenours are German. Alsace had been a part of Germany for many centuries, but was lost to France in 1648.

They left their homeland and went to Holland, where they set sail from Rotterdam for America aboard the British ship Robert and Alice. His two brothers, Henry and Mathias, remained in France.

They, together with 238 other immigrants, landed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 3, 1739. Three years later they came to Prince George County, Maryland. They took up 240 acres of land six miles south of what is now Hagerstown, Maryland. He and John Hager, his brother-in-law, were the first two settlers there. The town was named after John Hager, and a pond there was called Ridenours Pond, but it was later filled up.

Nicholas II and two of his sons, Henry and Mathias, were among the sixty members who founded the First St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hagerstown, Maryland. Today this church has a membership of 1,200.



The Church as it looks today



Grave markers taken from around the old Church and placed in the cemetery

Nicholas II died in 1760; Rosina died later, but the date is not known. They had five sons: Nicholas III, Henry, Mathias, George, and Peter.

THE FIVE SONS OF NICHOLAS RIDENOUR II

1. Nicholas Ridenour III, son of Nicholas Ridenour II and Rosina Kershner, was born in Alsace, France, in 1723 and died in Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1795. He married Mary Magdaline (last name unknown). He came with his parents to America in 1739, making his home at Hagerstown. They had two sons, Mathias, and Jacob who was born in 1744 and died in 1808.

2. Henry Ridenour, son of Nicholas Ridenour II and Rosina Kershner, was born in Alsace, France, in 1725 and died in 1781. His wife was Eve, and they lived at Hagerstown, Maryland. They had the following children: George, Henry, John, Martin, David (born 1769, died 1814), Mathias, and Elizabeth, who married a Woolford.

3. Mathias Ridenour, son of Nicholas Ridenour II and Rosina Kershner, was born at Alsace, France, in 1727, and died in 1792. Mathias was too old to carry a gun in the Revolutionary War, but he served his country by furnishing grain for the army. All his direct descendants are eligible for D.A.R. and S.A.R. membership. He lived, with his wife, Eve, at Hagerstown, Maryland. They had nine children: John Nicholas, Henry, Jacob, John, Eva, Rosina, Mathias, Daniel, and David. During the time there at Hagerstown, Mathias took up 3,000 acres of land.

4. George Ridenour, son of Nicholas Ridenour II and Rosina Kershner, was born in Alsace, France, in 1729, and died in 1759. He came with his parents to Hagerstown in 1739. His wife's name is unknown, but they had the following children: Elizabeth, Margaret, George, Adam, and John.

5. Peter Ridenour, son of Nicholas Ridenour II and Rosina Kershner, was born in Alsace, France, in 1731 and died in 1786. He came with his parents to Hagerstown and married, but his wife's name is not known. They had one son, Martin, born in 1754, died 1794.

Martin's wife is not known, but their children were Elizabeth, Magdalene, Dorothy, Martin, Susanna, Barbara, Benjamin, and Catherine.

Benjamin Ridenour, son of Martin Ridenour, was born in 1786 and died in 1836. He married Mary Renner (1787 - 1854), they lived in Hagerstown, and had two children: Martin and Elizabeth. This Martin was born in 1808 and died in 1873. He married Rebecca Grosh (1810 - 1885), and had the following children:
Mary Ann (1835 - 1919), Andrew (1837 - 1924), Benjamin (1839 - ?), Silas, (1841 - 1912), Isaac (1843 - 1932), and Rebecca (1845 - 1838).

Of these children, Andrew married Jane Doyle (1844 - 1906). Their children were David, Alberta, Emmert, Charlie, John, Catherine, Daniel, Elmer, Lora, and Court.

Of these, John Ridenour (1871 - 1925) married Gertrude Welty (1875 - 1931), and their children are: Edna, Welty, Catharine, and Dorcas. Edna's address is Route 2, Boonesboro, Maryland, 21713.

The Three Nephews of Nicholas Ridenour II

At the time Nicholas Ridenour II came to America in 1739, or soon after, three of his nephews, Jacob, Mathias, and Ludwig (or Lewis) Ridenour and their mother also came to America from Alsace, France. Their mother died on the way over and was buried at sea. Lewis was seven years old when they came over.

Lewis married Rosina Pflueger. They had ten children: Eve, Sarah, Rosa, Mathias, David, John, Jacob, Lewis Jr., Isaac, and Martin.

Martin's grandson, Franklin Ridenour, married Emma Sphoon, and they lived at Somerset, Perry County, Ohio. Their three sons were Homer, Howard, and Ralph. Howard and Ralph Ridenour came to Stone Creek, Ohio, to work on construction. Howard married Clara Ripple, of Stone Creek, Ohio, on April 6, 1928.

Howard Ridenour
10/26/1900 - 1/8/1939

Wife, Clara Ripple,
7/31/1905 -

1. Harold Ridenour
born 6/3/1932

Married:
Jean Doersam

Bruce Ridenour,
born 7/31/1962

Dianne Ridenour
born 9/20/1965
(both adopted)

2. Carol Ann Ridenour
born 12/11/1934

Married:
Robert Shull

Bradley Shull

Lu Anne Shull

3. James A. Ridenour
born 10/5/1936
died 4/11/1937

4. Catherine A. Ridenour
born and died on
5/28/1938

Ralph Ridenour,
1907 - 1972

Wife, Evelyn Kugler,
born 7/21/1914

1. Sue Ridenour
born 1/28/1935
M. Eugene
McPherson

2. James Ridenour
5/3/39 - 9/11/69
M. Sharon Ghezzi
9/4/1942 -

3. Mary Jane Ridenour
2/19/1938 -
M. Frank John

- 1. Galen Eugene McPherson
M. Barbara L. Wickmann
- 2. Debra Leigh McPherson
M. Christopher E.
McCormac
- 3. Jeri Lynn McPherson
M. Gary Stephen Carpenter
- 4. Mark McPherson
- 5. Mike McPherson
- 6. Douglas McPherson
- 7. Joel Rae McPherson
11/20/1961 - 1/26/1962
- 8. Darin McPherson

{ Richard Ridenour
Jeffrey Ridenour

{ Victor John
Amanda Sue John
3/5/1971

Martin's brother, Jacob, married Magdalene Leffler. They had ten children: Mary, Catherine, Elizabeth, Magdalene, Dena, Julia, Barbara, Daniel, Michael, and David.

Daniel was the grandfather of Luke Ridenour, of Thornville, Perry County, Ohio.

Daniel married Margaret Rousculp and had nine children: Amanda, Elizabeth, Martha, Jacob, Lemuel, David, Frank, William, and Edwin.

Edwin, the youngest son, married Mary Cotterman and two sons were born to them: Luke, 6/9/1893 - 12/15/1969, and Walter, of Thornville, Perry County, Ohio.

Luke Ridenour married Esta Smith. They had five children:

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|---|--|
| 1. Marjorie Ridenour
M. Charles Packer | 3. Dorothy Ridenour
M. Paul DeRalph |
| 2. Captain Carl Ridenour
M. Helen Goldsberry | 4. John Ridenour |
| | 5. Lewis Ridenour |

We will now take up the nine children of Mathias and Eve Ridenour. Mathias was the son of Nicholas Ridenour II and Rosina Kershner (See Page 2, paragraph 3).

1. John Nicholas Ridenour

(The following genealogy of the John Nicholas Ridenour family and descendants was provided by Dane Ridenour, 231 Bredrick Street, Delphos, Ohio 45833:)

John Nicholas Ridenour, eldest son of Mathias and Eve Ridenour, was married to Christenia Walters, who was born in 1752. To this union were born 14 children, as follows: Elizabeth, born 1771; John; David, who left home when young and was never heard of again; William, who died young; Catherine; Christenia (7/9/1782 - 3/23/1857); Michael, (8/4/1784 - 7/19/1839); Mary, born 1787; Ester who died young; Sarah; George (8/3/1794 - 2/25/1879); Susanna, 2/1/1796 - 7/6/1858); Peter, born 1800; and Henry. In 1809 this family moved to Fairfield County, Ohio, as it was then known. This county was later divided up into several other counties or portions of counties, as I have discovered evidence that this family or portions of it at one time lived near Cambridge, Ohio, in Guernsey County, Ohio. The father, John Nicholas, died of an advanced age, and is believed to be buried in Fairfield County. The mother, Christenia, died 7/30/1846, at the age of 94 years, and is buried in the Ridenour Cemetery, located on the Diehlman Farm in Sugar Creek Township, Allen County, Ohio.

Peter Ridenour, seventh son of John Nicholas Ridenour and Christenia Walters Ridenour, was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., about 1800. He moved with his parents to Fairfield County, Ohio, in 1809. In 1820 he was united in marriage to Eba Johnson, February 20, 1825, by George Nye, Justice of the Peace. (Page 39 of Vol. 1803-1835, Official Record of Marriages, in Marriage License Bureau, Fairfield County Court House, Lancaster, Ohio.) To this marriage were born five children, four in Fairfield County, and the last in Allen County, Ohio, as follows: Lucinda, b. 5/6/1821; George, b. 2/20/1824; John P. b. 5/18/1827; David B. b. 7/18/1828; and Sarah, b. May, 1830.

In the History of Fairfield and Perry County, Ohio, Their Past and Present, published by A. A. Graham in 1883, on file in the Public Library, Lancaster, Ohio, is found the following paragraph:

"Among the earliest settlers of Amanda Township, Fairfield County, located on Clear Creek, about two miles north of the village of Amanda, were George Dyer, singer, John Hinton, Michael, Peter, and Henry Ridenour, Abraham Myers, George and John Nigh shortly after the year 1800. The Ridenours owned and operated a saw and grist mill on Clear Creek."

In 1967 the writer journeyed to this particular location and located what could have very well been the location of this mill.

1. John Nicholas Ridenour (continued)

In 1829, Peter Ridenour with his family and accompanying his brothers, George and Michael Ridenour, moved to German Twp., Allen County, Ohio, and settled in Section 7, to be followed later in 1831 by brothers John and Henry. On Page 335 of Deed Book B, Recorders Office, Allen County, Ohio, we find that Griffith and Rachael John deeded to Peter Ridenour, for \$16.00, a part of S.E. fraction of the South One-half of Sec. 7, Twp. 3 South, Range 6 East, German Twp., in the Piqua Land Districts containing 12 acres and 32 poles, beginning at the N.E. corner of said fraction, then West 122 poles to stake, south 16 poles to stake, East 122 poles to stake in the section line North 16 poles to place of beginning.

Dated June 27, 1835.

Then on April 27, 1839, in Vol. M of Deed Book, Recorders Office, Allen County, Ohio, German Twp., we find Peter and Sarah Ridenour to School District No. 1 in German Twp., for \$5.00, Part of N.E. fraction of South one-half of Sec. 7, beginning at Northeast corner of said described fraction and corner to lands of Griffith John, containing .80 acres. This became the location of the first school house in Elida, Ohio, in German Twp.

The two above instruments are parts of the original instrument covered on Page 503, Vol. 202, Recorders Office, Allen County, Ohio, Replica of Deed from State of Ohio to Griffith John, Patent Deed No. 95619, for S.E. fraction of South Half of Sec. 7, German Twp., containing 74.35 acres, date Oct. 23, 1831.

Also on Page 504, Vol. 212, Recorders Office, Allen County, Ohio, Replica of Deed from State of Ohio to Michael Ridenour, Original Patent Deed No. 95618, for N.E. Fraction of South Half of Sec. 7, German Twp., containing 93.86 acres. This parcel was later sold to Griffith John, which when consolidated to the South East fraction, include most of the land on which the Village of Elida now stands, and on which the Elida Lutheran Church and Cemetery, and the first Methodist Church was erected, which will be referred to later on in this treatise.

After moving to German Twp., Allen County, in May, 1830, the fifth child of Peter Ridenour and Eba Johnson Ridenour, Sarah by name, was born, at which time the mother died and was the first woman buried in what was called the Elida Cemetery, later named the Lutheran Cemetery, with Abram Enslen, being the first man buried there, both burials taking place in 1831. This cemetery was located adjacent to the school land and to the first frame church of the Methodists and this building is still standing and was in use as a feed storage building until about 1965, and owned by the Elida Equity Elevator Company, and now in the hands of a new owner, (1971). This daughter, Sarah, was the first white child born on Ottawa River, in German Twp.

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After the death of his first wife, Eba Johnson Ridenour, Peter Ridenour returned to Fairfield County, Ohio, and married Sarah Conrad Myers, in 1831, a young widow with one child, Daniel Myers, who was born in 1827 and whose father was Abraham Myers. Daniel Myers grew up and became the first person to erect a business building in Elida, which was a combination store and residence building, the store being in the front and the living quarters in the rear.

To the second marriage of Peter Ridenour to Sarah Conrad Myers were born six children, as follows: Adorthea, who died in infancy; Isabel, b.10/14/1831, d.4/19/1912, married Edward Sarber, 7/6/1826 - 7/30/1903; Alexander, 3/14/1834 - 5/11/1925, married Ann Hoover, 8/20/1831 - 10/8/1893; Catherine, 1836 - 1920, married Jacob Clapper, 1831 - 1919; Adaline, 4/15/1840 - 1920, married first Joseph Mullen-hour who died, and second, Solomon Mericle, 1842 - 1928; Peter, 1840 - 1898, married Catherine Garvin, 1845 - 1916.

As a justice of the Peace, 1833 to 1835 inclusive, Peter Ridenour referred to in the Stukey Genealogy as Reverend Peter Ridenour, married April, 1833, William Ward and Eliza Ridenour, his niece; in July, 1833, Philip Herring and Eliza Hartman; in April, 1834, Enos Stukey and Hester Ehrenman; and in April, 1835, Lewis Herring and Elizabeth Shope.

Peter Ridenour died in 1844 and is presumed buried beside his first wife, Eba Johnson Ridenour, in Elida Cemetery (the Lutheran Cemetery), and since no permanent monument was erected, there is no authentic record of where he is buried. His widow, Sarah Conrad Myers Ridenour, then on April 13, 1845, married David Long. She died Oct. 4, 1877, and is buried beside her sons, Peter and Alexander in Greenlawn Cemetery, between Allentown, Ohio, and Elida, Ohio.

Peter Ridenour's brother George was born in Washington County, Maryland, 8/3/1794, taken by his parents to Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and thence to Fairfield County, Ohio in 1809, then to Allen County, Ohio, in 1819. He served in the war of 1812, from 1812 to 1815. In November, 1820, he married Mary Conrad, believed to be a relative of Sarah Conrad Myers Ridenour, in Fairfield County, Ohio. She was born 7/3/1802, in Maryland, near Hagerstown, a daughter of John and Catherine Adams Conrad. They had eleven children, two of whom died in infancy. The others are Catherine, Christine, Dorothea, John G., Sophia, Isaac, Mary, William, and Sarah. Isaac died in the Civil War, John G. never married and was a school teacher, County Auditor, Deputy Recorder, merchant, and farmer.

Another brother of Peter Ridenour, Michael, who accompanied Peter and George to Allen County, was born 8/4/1784 in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. He was a farmer and a soldier of the War of 1812. He married Hannah Shots. He went to Fairfield County in 1809, and to Allen County in 1831. He located a farm in the northeast quarter of Section 2, Sugar Creek Twp., Allen County, Ohio, and died 7/19/1839. He fathered eleven children: Elizabeth, 7/6/1810 - 8/6/1841; Samuel, 1/1/1812 - 12/13/1884; Lydia, 7/18/1813 - 4/20/1864; Sarah, 1/12/1815 - 5/12/1853; Rebecca,

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10/21/1821 - 2/19/1863; John; Susanna; Eli, 2/24/1824 - 5/9/1872;
George M., 3/6/1826 - 12/13/1873; Isabel, 3/5/1828; Daniel, 4/21/1830
- 7/20/1910.

Another brother of Peter Ridenour, Henry, who came to Allen County, Ohio, and later to Putnam County, Ohio, was born in 1793 and married Margaret Branthaver, a native of Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. He enlisted in the War of 1812 at 19 years of age, and served in Light Horse Cavalry in the Army of the Northwest under General William Henry Harrison, later to become president of the United States. He had fourteen children: Jacob, Isaac, Nancy, Margarite, Israel, Anna, Ester, Henry, Mary, William, Calvin, David, and two who died in infancy.

The fourth brother of this family, John, appears to be the brother who came to Allen County and later located in Putnam County at the confluence of the Blanchard and the Auglaize Rivers. To date, his lineage has not been developed.

Alexander Ridenour, first son of Peter and Sarah Conrad Myers Ridenour, was born March 14, 1834, in German Twp., Allen County, Ohio, in a log cabin located at the north edge of the village of Elida, Ohio. At the age of ten years, Alexander's father died; his mother remarried and the next several years of his life were not too pleasant, as he was "farmed out" by his step-father to do various kinds of work.

In passing, it might be well to relate that the countryside was very much a wilderness yet, with many deer, so that it was possible to secure as much meat as people might want with not too much effort. Indians were still numerous, travelling up and down the Ottawa River, and sometimes would camp for the night on the river bank behind the cabins. One night after midnight there was a knock at the door, and an Indian brave with signs made them understand that his squaw was giving birth to a baby, and wanted great-grandmother Sarah Ridenour to come and give assistance. She dressed and went, and when she had the squaw and the baby taken care of and bedded down for the rest of the night, she returned to her cabin and went back to bed. In the morning, when breakfast was over, she went to the Indians' camp to see how the Indian woman and baby were getting along. When she arrived at the river, which was frozen over as it was winter, the Indian squaw was out on the ice, chopping a hole in the ice to secure some water.

In the history of Allen County it is recorded that the Ridenour family were friends of the Indian Chief Pht (pronounced Pe-hatch-te) of the Shawnee tribe, who was of a good age. When the U. S. Government moved them out to a reservation in Missouri, Pht remained behind as being too old to travel that far, and finally died in Allen County. His body was eventually moved to their new location in Missouri. The history further related that for the friendliness shown the Shawnees by one John Ridenour, the Shawnees gave him one of their horses which lived to be 28 years old.

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On August 26, 1855, at Chillicothe, Ohio, Alexander Ridenour was united in marriage to Ann Hoover, born 8/20/1831, daughter of Joseph and Mary Sockrider Hoover, of Fairfield County, Ohio. It is not known why this couple journeyed to Chillicothe to be married, unless someone of their immediate family was living in that vicinity. In the county library at Lancaster, Ohio, for Fairfield County, Ohio, in the Book of Marriages of Men and Women is found the record of the marriage of Alexander Ridenour to Sarah Ann Hoover on August 26, 1855, by Andrew Foust, Justice of the Peace.

To this marriage were born six children, as follows: Angeline, 3/21/1855 - 1939, married John Roberts, 1855 - 1938; Adorthea, 3/21/1858 - 2/3/1939, married first Frank Evans, second a Mr. White; Lydia, 1858 - 1948, married Irven Tracy; Mary Emma, 5/1/1862 - 1936, married, 11/15/79 Simon Dilsaver, 7/31/57 - 1943; Dora, 12/25/64 - 7/24/47, married Frank Humphreys; Joseph Peter, 3/23/68 - 5/5/51, married Lulu Ann Clapper on 12/7/1892; 7/11/1873 - 2/18/1960. Alexander Ridenour died 5/11/1925, and Ann Hoover Ridenour died 10/8/1893, and both are buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, between Elida, Ohio, and Allentown, Ohio.

Joseph Peter Ridenour, only son of Alexander Ridenour and Ann Hoover Ridenour, was born 3/23/1868, in Marion Twp., Allen County, Ohio, on what is now called The Ridge. On Dec. 7, 1892, in Elida, Ohio, he was united in marriage to Luly Ann Clapper, born 7/11/ 1873, daughter of John F. Clapper and Sarah Stukey Clapper.

To this marriage were born eight children: Berenice, 5/5/1893 - 8/24/1967, married first Raymond Upperman, one child, Madaline. Second, Robert Winks, children: Robert, Elizabeth, Joan and Dorothy; Dane, born 6/25/1895, married on 6/27/1920 to Lois Wolfe, born 6/27/1897, one child, Richard Wolfe, born 2/19/1926 married Gretchen Martel Ward, three children, Karen, Dane II, and Kristen; Delbert, born 2/3/1898, married 5/3/1920, Edith Robinson, children: infant, died at birth, William D., and Lois Jean; Clara Esther, born 8/10/1900, married Roy Fought on 9/18/1919, children, Doyle, Vernelius, and Delores; Oscar, born 9/20/1902, - 1/26/1953, married first Edna Behr, children, Robert William, born 4/25/1925, Oscar Edmund, born 7/1/1927, married, second, Helen Mossman; Gertrude, born 6/12/1905, married Lee Riley, children, Joseph and John; Harold Vern, born 5/15/1908, married on 11/14/1932 Marie Cameron, children Carol Jean, born 5/19/1933, Donald Joseph, born 8/28/1934, Larry Cameron, born 3/21/1937, James Harold, born 6/24/1940; Boyd, born 2/12/1912, married 10/9/1937 to Viola Rhees, no children.

Joseph Peter Ridenour died 5/5/1951 at Delphos, Ohio, and Lulu Ann Clapper Ridenour died 2/18/1960 in St. Rita's Hospital, Lima, Ohio. Both are buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Marion Twp., Allen County, Ohio. Their son Oscar is buried along side of them.

Dane Ridenour, born 6/25/1895, is the second child of Joseph Peter Ridenour and Lulu Ann Clapper Ridenour, and was born in Marion Twp., Allen County, coming to Delphos, Ohio, with his parents 2/27/1906. He has resided there in Van Wert County ever since. He entered military service in World War I on October 2, 1917, at Camp Sherman, a member of Co. F., 329th Inf., 83rd Division of Ohio. He left for overseas on June 12, 1918, on English



Left to right: Alexander Ridenour, grandfather of Dane Ridenour; Joseph Peter Ridenour, father of Dane Ridenour; Dane Ridenour; John F. Clapper, grandfather of Dane Ridenour on his mother's side.



In the back row:

Dane Ridenour I

Lula Ann Clapper, mother of Dane

Richard Wolfe Ridenour, son
of Dane

Bottom row:

Dane Ridenour II, son of Richard

Karen Ridenour, daughter of
Richard.

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Troop Ship, Anchises, which landed at Liverpool, England, twelve days later. He spent fourteen days in rest camp at Winchester, England, the location of Winchester Cathedral, where many of royalty are buried as well as other historical notables. The fabulous "Round Table of King Arthur's Gallant Knights" is enshrined in a castle in Winchester, and is hung on a high wall in the castle to keep it out of reach of souvenir hunters who would mutilate and possibly destroy such a valuable product of history. After the rest period, his Battalion left for Southampton, England, thence to France, where his division was converted into a training division, in which status it served for the duration of the War. In August, 1918, he went on detached service to Division Headquarters, G-5, Personnel Section, which became a part of 5th Army Corps, where he served until returning to the States, four months after his Division had returned and been discharged, he being in a group of 58 men who were detained in France to work on service records, hospital records, battle records, etc. He returned on the ship, Phelix Taussig, a supply ship, and was discharged at Camp Sherman, Ohio, on April 18, 1919, with rank of Sergeant.

On June 27, 1920, he was married to Mary Lois Wolfe, born 6/27/1897 daughter of Lewis Wolfe and Harriet Burnett Wolfe, of Converse, Ohio, in Jennings Twp., Van Wert County. To this marriage was born one son, Richard Wolfe Ridenour, on Feb. 19, 1926, in Delphos, Ohio.

Richard Wolfe Ridenour was born 2/19/1926, in Delphos, Ohio, only son of Dane Ridenour and Mary Lois Wolfe Ridenour. He attended the public schools in Delphos, Ohio, and prior to graduation, on his 18th birthday, 2/19/1944, he enlisted in the U. S. Navy, assigned to Reserves so that he could graduate from high school. On June 30, 1944, he was called to active service and sent to Great Lakes Naval Training Stations, Illinois, for his "boot" training. While there, he was notified that he had qualified for and was appointed to the U. S. Naval Academy by Congressman Cliff Clevenger, Congressman from 5th District of Ohio. He was first assigned to Naval Academy Preparatory School at Bainbridge, Maryland, in order to bring his scholastic credits up to meet Naval Academy requirement, finally being enrolled in the Academy in September, 1945, from which he graduated in June, 1949, with the rank of Ensign and was assigned to the U. S. Naval Supply Corps. He was selected for post-graduate training and sent to a school at Bayonne, New Jersey, for a six months' course.

While attending this school, he became acquainted with Ensign Gretchen Martel Ward, of Seattle, Washington, who also was attending the school for post-graduate work after being commissioned an Ensign in the U. S. Naval Supply Corps, W.A.V.E., upon graduating from the University of Washington in Business Administration, majoring in banking and finance. On Dec. 19, 1949, Richard Wolfe Ridenour and Gretchen Martel Ward

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born 1/2/1928, were united in marriage in the Methodist Church at Edmonds, Washington. Gretchen Martel Ward was the daughter of Terry Robert Ward and Ann Martel Ward of Edmonds, Washington, she having been born in Chelan, Chelan County, Washington. Gretchen Ward Ridenour served in the U. S. Navy, W.A.V.E., for two years, from which she resigned her commission to become a mother. Richard Wolfe Ridenour saw active service in the Korean conflict, served two assignments to sea duty, one aboard the U.S.S. Destroyer Joseph P. Kennedy, an assignment in Washington D.C., an assignment in Seattle, Washington, and an assignment on the Midway Islands on the Pacific, his family being permitted to join him there. Returning from his six months' duty in the Korean conflict, his ship was selected as one of four ships which became an Escort for the return of an Admiral who had died in Italy. On this assignment, he completed a trip around the world. From the assignment on Midway Island, he and his family returned to the States, and he resigned his commission to return to private life. He was discharged as a Lieutenant, Senior Grade, U. S. Navy. He immediately entered Ohio State University to study for his Master's degree in Business Administration.

To the marriage of Richard Wolfe Ridenour and Gretchen Martel Ward Ridenour were born three children: Karen Ridenour, born 9/9/51 at Fort Lawton Army Hospital, Seattle, Washington, Dane Ridenour II, born 7/23/53 at Fort Lawton Army Hospital, Seattle, Washington, and Kristen Ridenour, born 10/14/62 in General Hospital, Cambridge, Ohio.

2. Henry Ridenour

Henry Ridenour, son of Mathias and Eve Ridenour, was born in 1756 in Maryland, and died on March 20, 1810. He was in the Revolutionary War. He married Eve Firey. They had the following children: Jacob, born 1779; John, 1780 - 1852; Phoebe, who died in 1835 in Pennsylvania; and Rose, born in 1812, married Heffner, and lived in Richland County, Ohio.

Jacob married Nancy Brown in 1816, and moved to Richland County, Ohio.

John married Elizabeth Corbin in 1803. They had eleven children. The eighth was William Henry Ridenour, born April 9, 1818, and died October 30, 1901, in Scranton, Pennsylvania. He married Margaret Hawn on Nov. 5, 1839. They had ten children; one was William Bunker Ridenour, born Nov. 7, 1845, at Huntington, Pennsylvania. He died in 1919, married to Mary Jane Herdan of Peterson, New Jersey. They had the following children: William, 1875 - 1876; Willie B., 1876 - 1880; Joseph D., 1878 - 1881; Catharine, 1880 - 1883; Leah B., 1882 - She married Jacob Capaul and they lived at Washington, D.C.; Louis, born in 1884.

3. Jacob Ridenour

Jacob Ridenour, son of Mathias and Eve Ridenour, was born Jan. 11, 1759, it is believed at Cavetown, Maryland. He married Susan Stemple in 1781. There was a Jacob Ridenour who served in the Revolutionary War, and it is thought to be this one. He got a pension of \$60.00 per year. Jacob died Sept. 21, 1827.

They had the following children: Martin, born 1782, married Anna Maria Miller; Rosina, born 1784, name of husband unknown; Mary Magdalene, born 1787, married Joseph Everly; John, born 1789, married Susan Shaffer; Samuel, born 1791, wife unknown; David, born 1793, married Elizabeth Easterday, and died in 1849; Susanna, 1796, husband unknown; Jacob, born 1798, married Elizabeth Easterday; Sara, born 1803, married John Wotring; and Eva Catarina, born 1805, married H. Y. Hauser.

David, the sixth son of Jacob and Susan Ridenour, was born September 30, 1793, in Preston County, Virginia. He married Elizabeth Easterday in Jefferson County, Ohio. They moved to Chester, Meigs County, Ohio. In 1839 he walked back to visit in Jefferson County. He contracted Typhoid fever while there and died. He is buried in the Osage Cemetery in Jefferson County, Ohio. Many of the Jacob Ridenour descendants went to Meigs County. There is a ridge seven miles long, north of Chester, Ohio, where the Ridenours settled, and at one time the Ridenours controlled almost the entire ridge. Elizabeth died in 1869, and is buried in Meigs County, Ohio. They had eleven children:

Martin Ridenour	born 1818
Barbara	1819
John	1821
Margaret E.	1824
Jacob	1826
Susanna	1828
David Ami	1830
Daniel a cripple	1832
Christian	12/28/1838; died 4/23/1851.

Martin Ridenour, son of David Ridenour and Elizabeth Easterday, was born 2/19/1818 in Jefferson County, Ohio. He married Nancy Jane Hawley, born 3/26/1820, in Jefferson County. He died on Dec. 22, 1898, in Kansas City, Kansas; she died 4/6/1898 at Ft. Scott, Kansas. They had eight children:

Elizabeth	born 1841
Sophia	1843
Benjamin Franklin	1845 - 1932
Samuel	1847
Mary Ann	1850
William Thomas	1853
James M.	1856
Rev Vitalis	1857

3. Jacob Ridenour (continued)

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Benjamin Franklin Ridenour, born 1845 in Meigs County, Ohio, died in 1932 in Jackson County, West Virginia. He married, 4/14/1864, Emeline Smith, born 1/1/1847, in Virginia, who died 4/17/1930 in Jackson County, West Virginia. He was a minister. They had fifteen children:

Alpha Omega	born 1866;	died 1887
Nancy Caroline	1868	1887
	(married Walter Polsley)	
Elizabeth	1869	1950
	(married George Gerlach)	
William Walter	1871	1962
	(married Sarah Melvina McDermott; second, Sue Madden)	
Mary Minerva	1873	1963
	(married Christ Baier)	
<u>Hawley Ernest</u>	1874	1970
	(married Bessie Shirley)	
Lewis Delver	1876	
	(married Zettie Chilling; second, Rachael Daugherty)	
Emory Martin	1877	1958
	(married Anna Sayre; second, Elsie)	
Iva	1879	1969
	(married William Durst)	
Cecil	1881	1968
	(married Elizabeth Reisling; second, Mary Alexander Brown)	
Annie	1882	1910
	(married Stephen Sayre)	
Kenneth Franklin	1884	
	(married Mary Keminah; second, Blanche Gibb LaRue)	
Ida Mae	1886	
	(married Charles Wooster)	
Cleophus	1888	1888
Esta Virginia	1891	
	(married Eugene Herrenkohl)	

The sixth child of Benjamin Franklin Ridenour (1845 - 1932) and Emeline Smith (1847 - 1930) was the Rev. Hawley Ernest Ridenour (note underscoring above). He was born 2/22/1874 in Jackson County, Virginia, dying in Gainsville, Florida, 8/26/1970. He married Bessie Shirley, born 4/26/1878 in Jackson County, W. Virginia, and died 10/11/1942 in Gainsville, Florida. They had three children:

3. Jacob Ridenour (continued)

(Martin Ridenour Family - continued)

Benjamin Franklin born 11/3/1905 died 1949
Married, 1924, to Janet Thomas.
Second - Edith Brown

Hawley Ernest, Jr. 5/26/1909
Married to Villa Ramsey

Ruth Shirley 6/13/1912
Married, 12/23/1938 to Henry Grady Arnett, who
died 8/6/1959.

Ruth Shirley Ridenour Arnett and Henry Grady Arnett had one son, Richard Allen Arnett. Mrs. Arnett's address is 2036 B. Montreal Circle, Birmingham, Alabama 35216. Ruth has made a very extensive study of the Ridenours and has collected much valuable information.



Family of Martin and Nancy H. Ridenour (taken 1880)
Seated, left to right: Elizabeth, Martin (Father), Nancy Jane, mother,
and Sophia;
Standing, left to right: Thomas, Rev. Benjamin, Samuel, Rev. Vitalis,
and Mary Ann.

Three generations pictured here:

The Rev. Hawley Ernest Ridenour
Richard Allen Arnett, grandson
Ruth Ridenour Arnett, daughter.

Picture taken June, 1967



Children of Rev. Benjamin Franklin Ridenour attending a reunion, West Va., in 1945. Left to right: Esta, Kenneth, Iva, Emory, Lewis, Hawley, Mary, William, and Elizabeth.

3. Jacob Ridenour (continued)

Jacob Ridenour, Martin's brother, and son of David Ridenour and Elizabeth Easterday, was born March 24, 1826, in Jefferson County, Ohio. He also married an Elizabeth Easterday, who was born May 20, 1826. He was a farmer. He died Feb. 15, 1907. She died Jan. 18, 1896. They are buried in the Ridenour Cemetery, Chester Twp., Meigs County, Ohio. They had eleven children:

1. Maria A.	born 12/1/1848; died 2/1/1849
2. Margaret	6/1/1850 3/25/1917
Never married. Buried in Ridenour Cemetery, Meigs County, Ohio	
3. Benjamin F.	1/16/1853 1/31/1853
4. Amanda E.	4/1/1854 1/3/1886
5. George W.	12/16/1858 11/16/1859
6. Lizzie R.	2/3/1859 10/26/1869
7. Manning E.	1/29/1862 12/27/1945
8. Luther A.	4/21/1864 7/21/1864
9. Minnie M.	1868 1943
10. Lowell	9/1/1872 11/13/1929

Of these children, three married and lived into the 20th century...Manning, Minnie, and Lowell. Their family histories are as follows:

(7) Manning E. Ridenour married Rhuetta Nicheson, born 11/17/1868; died 11/26/1895. He was a farmer and teamster. They are buried in the Chester Cemetery, Meigs County, Ohio. They had two children:

1. Delmar D. Ridenour, born 1/5/1887
He was in World War I.
First married Lydia Whiteside,
5/8/1886 - 8/2/1916

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Donald Stewart Ridenour
born 9/30/1911
Married Elizabeth Arnold
Second: Mary McDonald

Second: Lettie Adams, born 11/13/1884
No children to this marriage

2. Floyd K. Ridenour
(4/13/1888 - 11/16/1966)
Married Bernice Eiselstein
(5/24/1892 - 7/12/1969)

Buried in Chester Cemetery, Meigs Co., Ohio.

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Clarence G. Ridenour
b. 7/9/1917
M: Hildrid Powell
(2/27/18 - 5/23/37)
Second:
Lucille Van Meter
b. 10/18/1928

{ 1. June Eileen

2. Keith
(No children)

{ 3. Nancy

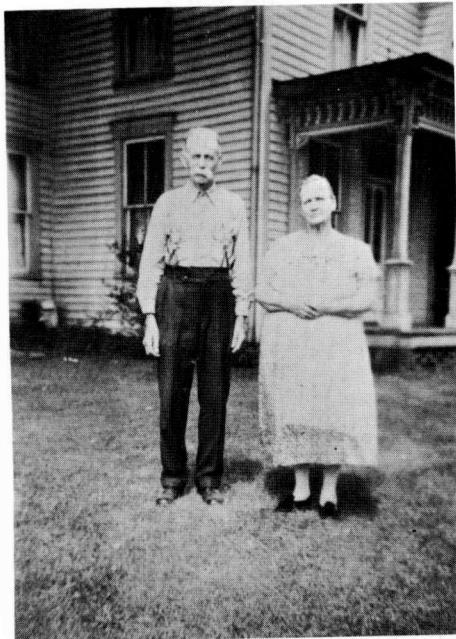
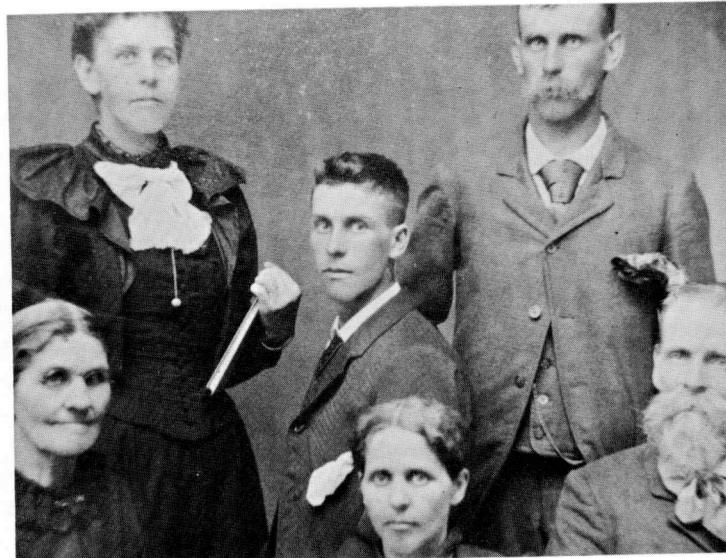
June Eileen Ridenour
born 2/26/1938
Married John Roger Epple
born 11/3/1938

{ Sherry Lynn, born 5/11/1958
Dianna June, born 7/20/1959
Vicky Sue, born 8/30/1960

Jacob Ridenour, father;
Elizabeth Easterday Ridenour,
mother, and, front center,
Margaret.

Rear, left to right:

Minnie, Lowell, Manning



Manning E. Ridenour, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ridenour,
and his wife, Rhuetta Nickeson

Floyd K. Ridenour, son of Mr.
and Mrs. Manning Ridenour,
and his wife,
Bernice Eiselstern,
and their granddaughter.





Clarence G. Ridenour, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ridenour,
His wife, Hildrid Powell; daughter, June, son, Keith



Donald Stewart Ridenour, son of
Delmar Ridenour; grandson of Manning Ridenour.
His wife, Mary McDonald

(9) Minnie M. Ridenour, born 1868, died 1943. She married Gird Shuler, who was born in 1870 in Athens County, Ohio. He was a farmer in Meigs County, Ohio. They are buried in the Athens Cemetery, Athens, Ohio.

They had two children:

Grace Iris, born 10/25/1895, died 5/21/1962. She married Eldon Byrne, born 5/27/1890. They had no children.

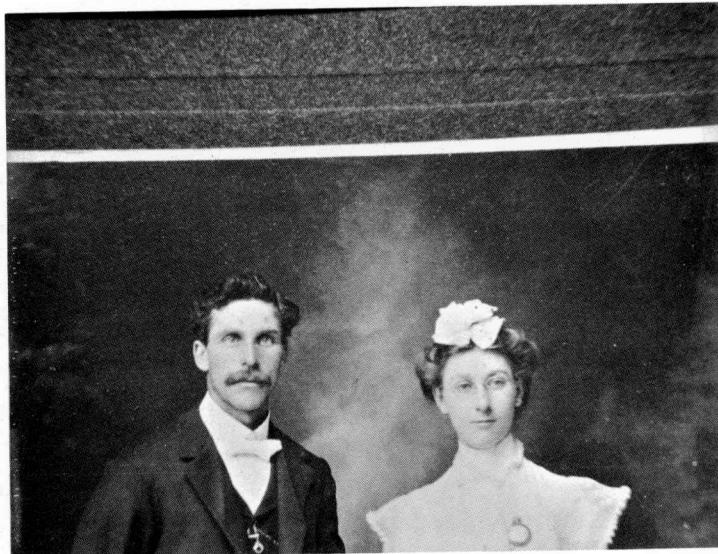
Letha Murie, born 4/27/1897; died 8/13/1897



Grace Iris Shuler,
daughter of
Minnie M. Ridenour,
and her husband,
Eldon Byrne

(10) Lowell Ridenour, son of Jacob Ridenour and Elizabeth Easterday, was born 9/1/1872 at Chester Twp., Meigs Co., Ohio. On May 28, 1903, he married Zelda M. Keebaugh, daughter of McKinzy Keebaugh and Rosina Story. He was a farmer and a teamster. He died Nov. 13, 1929, at Tupperville, Ohio, and was buried in Chester Cemetery, Meigs County, Ohio. This picture is of Lowell Ridenour and his wife, Zelda M. Keebaugh.

They had two children, Buel and Thelma.



Buel K. Ridenour, son of Lowell Ridenour and Zelda Keebaugh, was born March 28, 1904 in Chester Twp., Meigs County, Ohio. On September 3, 1932, he married M. Pauline Wickham, daughter of James Wickham and Elizabeth Pullins. She was born 1/31/1912. He is a mechanic and hardware store operator, and has been very successful in this business. They have two children,

James Lowell Ridenour,
born 5/20/1935,
Married Ester P. Hays
born 12/24/1936

{ Lowell Allen, born 7/29/1961
John Leslie, born 2/18/1965

John Buel Ridenour,
born 9/13/1946
Married Roberta Trussell
born 8/29/1948

{ Jason Brian, born 5/4/1973



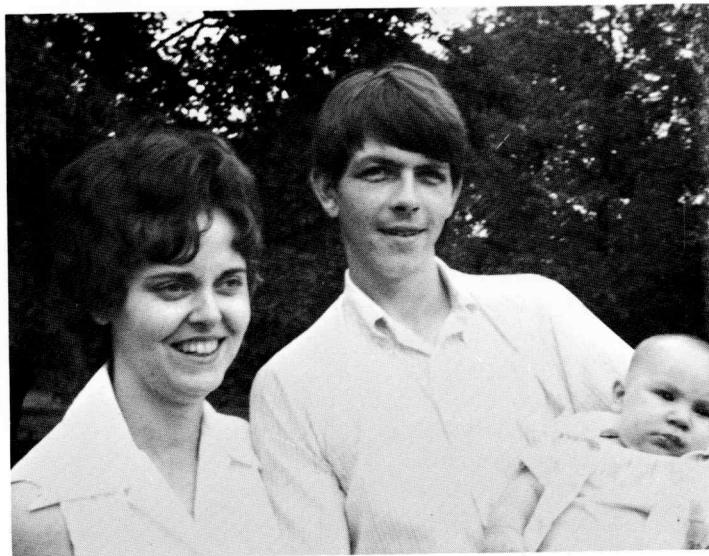
Buel K. Ridenour,
son of Lowell,
and his wife,
Mildred Pauline Wickham

James Lowell Ridenour,
son of Mr. and Mrs. Buel
Ridenour;
his wife, Esther P. Hayes,
and their chldrn,
Lowell Allen Ridenour
and
John Leslie Ridenour.



John Buel Ridenour, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buel Ridenour, and his wife, Roberta Trussell, and their son, Jason Brian

John Buel Ridenour is the grandson of Lowell Ridenour



Thelma Ridenour, son of Lowell Ridenour and Zelda M. Keebaugh, was born April 22, 1908. She never married. She was employed at the Timpken Roller Bearing factory for forty-two years.



Thelma E. Ridenour

4. John Ridenour, son of Mathias and Eve Ridenour, was born May 5, 1762, in Hagerstown, Maryland, and died April 16, 1801. His wife's name is not known. They had the following children: Johnathon, born 1790, who married Eleanor; Mary, born 1792, and Elizabeth, born 1794.
5. Eva Ridenour, daughter of Mathias and Eve Ridenour, was born in Hagerstown, Maryland on Dec. 24, 1764. Her husband's name was Conrad Oster.
6. Rosina Ridenour, daughter of Mathias and Eve Ridenour, was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, on March 30, 1766. She married Valentine Eckemberger.
7. Mathias Ridenour, Jr., son of Mathias and Eve Ridenour, was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, on April 11, 1770. He married Mary Pifer.
8. Daniel Ridenour, son of Mathias and Eve Ridenour, was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, on Oct. 5, 1773. He was married in March, 1798, to Barbara Kershner. Their children were Adam, Daniel, Jr., and Henry. These records are from the Evangelical Reformed Church, Fredericks County, Hagerstown, Maryland.

9. David Ridenour, son of Mathias and Eve Ridenour, was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, on Nov. 20, 1775. He married Margaret Wiles. She was born in 1774. David died Aug. 14, 1854, and Margaret died Feb. 4, 1847. They are buried in the Osage Cemetery, Knox Twp., Jefferson County, Ohio.

They moved to Aurora, Preston County, Virginia, (now West Virginia) where their first two children were born. Next, they moved to Pennsylvania, where their next two were born. Their next move was to Jefferson County, Ohio, where the rest of their children were born.

In about 1805, when they came to Ohio, they purchased a tract of land in Knox Twp. On Sept. 12, 1806, they helped to organize the Good Hope Lutheran Church, one of the first Lutheran churches in Ohio. They met in the homes until 1816, when the first church building was erected. It cost \$371.25. David gave three acres of land from his farm for the Church and the Cemetery. He also gave \$30.00 in money. The second Church was built on the same foundation in 1852 at a cost of \$500.00. This building is still being used today, and is in good condition.



The Osage Church
as it looks today.



The front of the Church
taken at the 1972 Homecoming.

9. David Ridenour (continued)



David's Homestead in Jefferson County, as it looks today



Harry and John Ridenour standing by the graves of David and of Margaret

According to the census of 1850, David and three of his daughters, Susannah, widow of Jacob Notstein, Eve, and Mary, both maiden ladies, as well as three foster children were in the home. Two other daughters lived nearby with their families: Sarah and Elizabeth. Margaret and six sons had gone west. It is believed that one son had died. David Ridenour and Margaret Wiles Ridenour had the following children:

1. Susannah, born 1797; *VA* lived in Jefferson County, Ohio
2. Daniel, born 1799; *VA* lived at Stone Creek, Ohio
3. Margaret, born 1800; *PA* lived at Bakersville, Ohio
4. David, born 1802; *PA* lived in Wabash, Indiana
5. Samuel, born 1804; *OH* lived in Defiance County, Ohio
6. Mary, born 1806; lived in Defiance County, Ohio
7. John, born 1807; lived in Defiance County, Ohio
8. Jacob, born 1808; lived in Wabash Indiana
9. Mathias, born 1809;
10. Eve, born 1810; lived in Jefferson County, Ohio
11. George, born 1811; lived in Defiance County, Ohio
12. Sarah, born 1816; lived in Jefferson County, Ohio
13. Elizabeth, born 1820; lived in Defiance County, Ohio

CHAPTER II

THE DAVID RIDENOUR FAMILY

From Hagerstown, Maryland, 1797, to all points West

1. Susannah Ridenour

Susannah Ridenour, daughter of David Ridenour and Margaret Wiles, was born in 1797, in Aurora, Preston County, Virginia (now a part of West Virginia). She grew up in Jefferson County, Ohio, and married Jacob Note-stein. It is not known when or where he died, but in the census of 1850 she was living with her father, David, and two sisters, Mary and Eve.

Susannah died December 8, 1862, and is buried beside her parents and her sister Eve in the Osage Cemetery, Knox Twp., Jefferson County, Ohio.

2. Daniel Ridenour

Daniel Ridenour, son of David Ridenour and Margaret Wiles, was born in 1799 in Aurora, Preston County, Virginia (now a part of West Virginia). He came with his parents to Jefferson County, Ohio, where he grew up. He married Susannah Shauver in Harrison County, Ohio, on March 2, 1820, with Josomun Vinnson officiating.

Susannah was the daughter of Samuel Shauver. Their first three children were born in Harrison County, Ohio. In 1826 they came to Tuscarawas County, Ohio, Jefferson Township, where, on January 13, 1827, he bought 80 acres from the Government, under President John Quincy Adams.

Daniel and his brother-in-law, John Hawk, were the first two settlers in Jefferson Township. Daniel was a farmer and the first blacksmith in Jefferson Township, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.

He helped start the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Evans Creek, R.#1, Stone Creek, Ohio, in 1833. In 1840, he helped start Zion Lutheran Church in Stone Creek, Ohio. In 1859 he gave land for the Ebenezer Lutheran Church and Cemetery, known as the Cross-road church and cemetery.

Susannah died in 1847 and is buried in the Stone Creek Cemetery. Daniel died in 1859. He is buried in the Evans Creek Cemetery. They had the following children:

1850 Cavershaw Ohio (1845-50) Susannah & Jefferson Shauver
Daniel 50 Va
Molly 41 Ohio
Mark 20
Elizabeth 17
Belinda 14
Samuel 13
Isaac 10
Benton 7

William to Walton Mo.
Sarah, ?
✓ John,
✓ Joseph,
Jacob, to Walton Ia
Note (in Ia)
in 1900

Moses, OH
✓ Elizabeth,
Belinda, IL
Samuel, OH
Isaac, Oklahoma

Benton, S IN
David.



Stone Creek Cemetery
Ohio Ridersaus + Ellwoods
 buried here

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Information from Martha Jane (Stouffer) Biehl

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Stone Creek
Cemetery



Stone Creek Cemetery
Ohio Ridensaw + Ellwoods
buried here

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Information from Martha Jane (Stouffer) Biehl

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2. Daniel Ridenour (continued)

After the death of his first wife, Daniel married Mary Magdalene (Mizel) Sherretts Mizer, widow of Henry Mizer. She had four daughters and two sons from her first marriage. Daniel and Mary had two children, Benjamin and Lovina, born in 1851 and 1852. They both died, one in 1853; the other in 1855. They are buried in the Evans Creek Cemetery. Mary died in 1870 and is buried in the cross road cemetery, Route #1, Stone Creek, Ohio.

18-29
L
*We saw these
graves 9-1989*
*Evans
Ohio
in 1889*



Front row, left to right:

Joseph Murphy, married Rebecca Hawk, niece of Daniel Ridenour

Groves Miller, married Elizabeth Ridenour, daughter of Daniel Ridenour

Samuel Ridenour, son of Daniel Ridenour

Back row: John Ridenour, son of Daniel Ridenour

Jacob Worley, married Elizabeth Hawk, niece of Daniel Ridenour



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Evans Creek Cemetery - Ohio
Lots of Redheads buried here.

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Information from Martha Jane (Stouffer) Biehl

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Evans Creek Cemetery, Ohio
Daniel Reidenauer

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Great Great Grandfather of
Martha Jane Biehl

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Information from Martha Jane (Stouffer) Biehl

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2. Daniel Ridenour (continued)



Saw this 9-1989

Grave marker for
Daniel Ridenour.
Evans Creek Cemetery,
Ohio

The following pages will give the
genealogy of the Daniel Ridenour
family, as listed at the bottom of
page 27.

Daniel Ridenour Family

1. William Ridenour

William Ridenour, son of Daniel Ridenour and Susannah Shauver, was born in 1821 in Harrison County, Ohio. He came with his parents to Stone Creek, Ohio, where he grew up, and in 1842 he married Louisa Murphy, of Stone Creek, Ohio. *Born 1821 P17.*

*In 1860 they left
Daniel born 1851*
They moved to Wabash, Indiana, about 1845. In 1869 they moved by covered wagon to Greenridge, Missouri. Their son David would walk through the woods to get game for food. He would come to the wagon in the evening with his catch.

William was a successful farmer, but when he got to dealing with the cattle sharks of the West, he was swindled out of much of his money. When he and Louisa died is not known, but they are buried in the cemetery at Greenridge, Missouri.

They had the following children; their names are given as they appear in the large picture on the following page.

Back row: left to right:

- 10 Jun 1860* 1. Joseph Ridenour, Windsor, Missouri
16 Jun 1860 2. Daniel Ridenour, Greenridge, Missouri. He died in 1928, and is Guy Ridenour's great-grandfather.
11 Jun 1860 3. John P. Ridenour, Greenridge, Missouri
9 Jun 1860 4. David Ridenour, Cereal, Oklahoma

Front row: left to right:

- 7 Jun 1860* 5. Elizabeth; married man named Rice. Elvena, Oklahoma
14 Jun 1860 6. Margaret; married man named Upton. Greenridge, Missouri
4 Jun 1860 7. Elvira Ridenour

The picture on this page is of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Ridenour and family; great-grandson of Daniel Ridenour. Greenridge, Missouri.
(The person at extreme right is Mrs. John Pidenour of Tuscarawas County, Ohio)





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2. Daniel Ridenour Family

2. Sarah Ridenour

Sarah Ridenour, daughter of Daniel Ridenour and Susannah Shauver, was born in 1823 in Harrison County, Ohio. She came with her parents to Stone Creek, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, where she grew up. She married Andrew Burrier, of Stone Creek, Ohio, in 1840. This was the first marriage in Jefferson Twp. Little is known of them, but in 1844 they sold their 92 acre farm to John and James McCapon for \$600.00. This is recorded in the land records of Tuscarawas County. The farm was between Stone Creek and Oldtown. There is no record of them in the Ohio Census of 1850, so they must have left the state.

3. John Ridenour

John Ridenour
Two sons
Loy & Blanch
parents PA

John Ridenour, son of Daniel Ridenour and Susannah Shauver, was born Dec. 19, 1825, in Harrison County, Ohio. He grew up in Stone Creek, Ohio. On Dec. 29, 1846, he married Lydia Ann Ellwood, also of Stone Creek, Ohio. He was a blacksmith, learning the trade from his father. In 1850, he had two men working for him. His brother Jacob was one, and the other was a neighbor, John Sherretts, who lived near. John lived next to his father Daniel's home.

on 1850
census
with John
& family

About 1851 he went to Wabash, Indiana. He had a blacksmith shop and also farmed. It wasn't long until his farm was sold for lots, as Wabash was expanding. He became very wealthy. He died July 26, 1898, in Wabash.

They had the following children:

1. Benton Ridenour
born Nov. 19, 1847
in Stone Creek, O.,
married:
Sarah Ann Nicum

1. John 1877 Never married
2. Loy 1878 Daughter, Veda
3. Blanch 1881 Never married
4. Lola 1884 Never married
5. Homer 1886
6. Guy 1888 Never married
7. Edith 1893 Never married
8. Eldo 1896 wife unknown. } Son, Glenn
R.#2, Box 242
Three Rivers,
Michigan
49097



The Benton Ridenour Family. Left to right: (standing)
Edith, Homer, Lola, Eldo, Blanch, and Guy
Seated: Sarah Ann, mother, and Benton Ridenour, father.



The John Ridenour Family.
Back row: Ida ¹⁸⁶⁸,
¹⁸⁵³ Mark, Emily, El ¹⁸⁶¹
wood, and Benton ¹⁸⁴⁷
Front row: Phillip ¹⁸⁶³,
Catherine, John the ¹⁸²³
father, Lydia the ¹⁸⁵⁷
daughter of Malissa,
deceased, and Mary ¹⁸⁵⁷

father

2. Daniel Ridenour Family

3. John Ridenour (continued)

2. Mark Ridenour
born 7/6/1849
in Stone Creek,
Ohio.
Lived in Wabash,
Indiana.
Married
Sarah A. Malott

{ Elmer Ridenour
married
Urah Furgason }
Marvin
Robert

3. Malissa Ridenour
2/21/1852 -
10/1/1881
Married
Henry Snyers

{ Lydia Snyers

4. Mary Ann Ridenour
4/4/1857
Married
Jacob Stauffer

{ Paul
Carl
Earl



Eliza Emily
5. Eliza Ridenour
8/8/1858
Married
Henry Snyers 11-25-1883

6. Elwood Ridenour
5/4/1861
married
Lydia Fawcett

{ Walter Ridenour
Married Emma ~~Pritchett~~
Ethel Ridenour
Levi Ridenour
Elsie Ridenour

2. Daniel Ridenour Family

3. John Ridenour (continued)

(6. Elwood Ridenour, cont.)



7. Philip Ridenour
4/17/1863

Married
Amelia Deeter

Their sons;
and daughters:

Honora
Pearl (married
Otto Craft)
Chester
Williard



8. Sarah Ridenour
5/4/1865
Married
John Stauffer

{ Everett
Russell
Walter

9. Ida Ridenour
8/8/1868
Married William Stauffer
(Ida's picture, left;
William's picture, right.)
Their children:
Clifford,
Myrtle,
Louise, who married
William Whistler.





Front Row: Edith Ridenour, Flora Miller and Milo
Miller of Wabash, Indiana.
Second Row: Joseph Ridenour, his wife Minnie and
son John Ridenour of Stone Creek, Ohio.
(Featured on Page 38)



Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stauffer
(Featured on Page 34)



Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stauffer
(Featured on Page 33)

2. Daniel Ridenour Family

4. Joseph Ridenour

1870 Noble Twp.

Joseph Ridenour, son of Daniel Ridenour and Susannah Shauver, was born Jan. 24, 1827, in Stone Creek, Tuscarawas County, Ohio. He married Mary Ann Wearly. About 1847 they moved to Wabash, Indiana. He was a blacksmith. Joseph died Feb. 1, 1910. His first wife died Oct. 10, 1866. They had the following children:

1. Daniel Ridenour, born May 5, 1849
2. Lydia Ridenour, born Jan. 11, 1851. Married a Williamson
3. Michael Ridenour, born Oct. 18, 1852.
4. Sarah Jane Ridenour, born Nov. 16, 1856. Married - McVickers
5. ~~Mary~~ Ridenour, born May 20, 1859. Married - Kirby
6. Margaret Ann Ridenour, born Dec. 21, 1861
7. William E. Ridenour, born Feb. 21, 1866.

Picture is of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ridenour, a farmer near Wabash, Indiana. He is the son of Michael Ridenour (#3, above), and a grandson of Joseph Ridenour.

Joseph's second wife was Susanna Weisner. They had the following children:
Age 32 in 1870 Born Indiana

8. Jonathan
born Sept. 10,
1868
(picture below)



Left to right:

Jonathan's son in law
Jonathan Ridenour
Mr. Muhl
Mr. William Thomas

2. Daniel Ridenour Family

4. Joseph Ridenour (continued)

9. Joseph W. Ridenour, born Oct. 17, 1870 - ~~Mont~~
10. Elizabeth Ridenour, born Dec. 31, 1872.
Married - Stoops
11. Letitia Ridenour, born March 21, 1875.
Married - Eccles
12. Rosie Ridenour, born Nov. 17, 1877
Married - Daws ^{Wat}
Silver Lake, Indiana

Rosie Ridenour Daws' picture
Elizabeth Ridenour Stoops



5. Jacob Ridenour

Jacob Ridenour, son of Daniel Ridenour and Susannah Shauver, was born in 1829 at Stone Creet, Ohio. He married, on Oct. 5, 1857, Lydia Dotts. They left Stone Creek about 1860 and went to Mecosta County, Michigan. From there they moved down through Wabash, Indiana, by covered wagon, on their way to Texas. Nothing more is known of them.

2. Daniel Ridenour Family

6. Moses Ridenour

*With parents
on 1850 Census
T.C. Ohio*

Moses Ridenour, son of Daniel Ridenour and Susannah Shauver, was born in 1830 at Stone Creek, Ohio. He married Catherine Mizer, daughter of Henry Mizer and Mary Margaret Sherretts. He was a farmer. He peddled farm produce from the farm to New Philadelphia, which made them a comfortable living. They kept peacocks for a novelty. When they built their house about 1860, there was a total eclipse of the sun. The cattle came to the gate and the chickens went to roost.

Moses and his wife had no children of their own. They raised two foster children: a nephew, Jim Croghran, and a niece, Mary Everhart, who later married James McCormick.

Catherine died in 1900 and Moses in 1904. They are buried in the cross-road cemetery on their farm. When Moses died, they had the funeral in the cross-road church. The crowd was large, and the floor gave way. It was the last service in that church.



Moses and Catherine Ridenour

2. Daniel Ridenour Family

7. Elizabeth Ridenour

Elizabeth Ridenour, daughter of Daniel Ridenour and Susannah Shauver, was born May 9, 1833, at Stone Creek, Ohio. She married Groves Miller, also of Stone Creek. They started their married life on a farm near the Miller homestead. Later, they followed her brothers to Wabash, Indiana, and took up some of the last Government land available. They left a hill farm here and took up a hill farm in Indiana, because it had a good spring on it, although across the road they could have gotten a level farm. About 1870 they drove back to Stone Creek to visit, with the horse and buggy. They held their ten year old daughter Flora on their knees.

They had the following children:

Milinda A. Married an Aukerman

Isaac Miller

Moses Miller

murphy C.M. William Miller M. Dora
murphy C.M. Blanch (Miller) Buss

Flora Miller - never married

Rachael Miller - married a Burkholder

Milo Miller

Tryphenia Miller - married a Jones

Ida Miller - married a Jones

Clark Miller.

A picture of the Miller family is on the next page.

8. Belinda Ridenour

Belinda Ridenour, daughter of Daniel Ridenour and Susannah Shauver, was born in 1836 in Stone Creek, Ohio. In her younger days her health was not good. Later in life she married a widower by the name of Taylor.

They lived at Princeton, Illinois. He had three daughters.



Picture of the Miller Family. Please see preceding page.

2. Daniel Ridenour Family

9. Samuel Ridenour

I saw the tombstone 9/1989

Samuel Ridenour, son of Daniel Ridenour and Susannah Shauver, was born Dec. 6, 1837, at Stone Creek, Ohio. He married Elizabeth Mizer, born in 1839 in Evans Creek, Ohio. They purchased the home farm that his father had purchased from the government under President John Quincy Adams. In 1878 they traded farms with Adam Froelich and came to Evans Creek, near her former home. He was a horse dealer and farmer. He dealt in fine horses and also outlaws, which he sold to Pittsburgh for street car horses. He served several years as Infirmary Director in Tuscarawas County. Their farm has been in the family now for 96 years. Samuel died in 1919, and Elizabeth in 1907. They are buried in the Evans Creek Cemetery.



Samuel and Elizabeth Ridenour

Samuel and Elizabeth had the following children:

- 1) Martha Ridenour
4/27/61 - 1941
- 2) McClellan Ridenour
11/8/1865 -
5/3/1866
- 3) William Allen
Ridenour
9/15/1873 - 1943
- 4) Joseph Ridenour
11/3/1875 -
4/22/1943

2. Daniel Ridenour Family

9. Samuel Ridenour

The following are the names of those in the picture of the
Samuel Ridenour Family:

Left to right, standing:

Bernice Ridenour
Harry Ridenour
Elma Thomas
William Thomas
Mildred Ridenour
Chester Ridenour
Helen Buehler
Ed Oakleif
Wayne Buehler
Edward Buehler
Mrs. Ed Oakleif
Otto Ridenour
Mary Ridenour
Florence Ridenour
Evelyn Wise
Joe Wise
Helen Wise
Wilbur Wise
Mary Wise
Harry Hothem
Eva Hothem
Henry Oakleif
Earl Oakleif
Howard Hothem,
John Ridenour

Seated:

W. A. Ridenour
Clara Ridenour
Newton Wise,
Martha Wise
J. A. Ridenour
Minnie Ridenour
Olive Johnson

Front row:

Waldo Oakleif
Verl Ridenour
Luther Hothem
Martha Miller
Mildred Oakleif
Jacob Wise
Virginia Wise
Arthur Oakleif
Francis Hothem
Paul Oakleif



Four Generations:

Seated:
Samuel Ridenour
Howard Hothem
Martha Wise

Standing:
Eva Hothem



This is a picture of the Samuel Ridenour family, listed on page 40.



THE GOLDEN WEDDING OF MR. AND MRS. HARRY HO THEM

Left to Right: Francis Hothem, Luther Hothem,
Harry Hothem, Eva Wise Hothem, Howard Hothem,
and Martha Hothem Miller.

2. Daniel Ridenour Family

9. Samuel Ridenour

1. Martha Ridenour, daughter of Samuel Ridenour and Elizabeth Mizer, was born near Stone Creek on April 27, 1861. She died in 1941 at Bakersville, Ohio, and is buried in the Bakersville Cemetery.

She married Newton Barthelmew Wise of near Bakersville, Ohio. He was the son of John Wise and Agatha Kengsteller, and was born Sept. 23, 1860. He died in 1945 and is buried in the Bakersville Cemetery, Bakersville, Ohio.

The couple began farming on the Wise homestead east of Bakersville, and later purchased a farm two miles south of Bakersville, which they continued to operate until their retirement, when they moved to Bakersville.

They were members of the Salem Lutheran Church at Evans Creek, one mile north of Bakersville, Ohio.

They had the following children:

1. Eva Elizabeth Wise
2. Waldo Wise born 1885, died 1886.
3. Vera Vesta Wise
4. Wilber Wise
5. Joseph Wise

Picture:
Left to right:
Joseph Wise
Wilber Wise
Vera Wise Oakleif
Eva Wise Hothem



1. Eva Elizabeth Wise, daughter of Martha Ridenour Wise and Newton Wise, was born June 28, 1883, near Stone Creek, Ohio. On Feb. 14, 1905, she married Harry Hothem. He was born July 15, 1887. They farmed all their life. She died Jan. 25, 1957. He died June 23, 1963. They are buried in the Bakersville Cemetery. They had the following children: Howard, Francis, Luther, and Martha. See following pages.

2. Daniel Ridenour Family

9. Samuel Ridenour (Family of Martha and Newton Wise: Eva and Harry Hothem, Cont'd:)

1. Howard Daniel Hothem
B. 5/17/1906

M.: Edith Iola Stiner
B. 1/2/1905

(Howard was an outstanding farmer in his community. He also served six years on the local Board of Education, and 20 years on the Coshocton County Fair Board. His wife taught school for 15 years, retiring in 1963.)

Howard Keith Hothem
9/9/1931
M: Janice May Applegate
B. 1933
(Keith is presently District Game Management Supervisor, Division of Wild Life.)

Deborah Jean
12/3/1951
M: Ralph L. Shackelford, Jr.
4/18/1947
(Employed at Whirlpool Corp., Findlay, Ohio.)

Dorothy May
9/7/1953
M: James Peterman
1951

Jeremy James
4/13/1973

April Ann
4/13/1954

Diana Kaye
10/14/1959

Alice Darlene
10/2/1961

Wayne George Hothem
10/25/1933
M: Mary Margaret Philpot
7/5/1933
(Wayne is 4-H Agent for Cass Co., Mich., where they live.)

Nancy Lynn
8/4/1958

Carolyn Sue
11/12/1959

David Alan
4/12/1961

Paul Richard Hothem
3/3/1936
M: Delores Martin
7/3/1939
(Paul is County Agricultural Agent, Knox County, Ohio.)

Richard Tod
1/23/63 - 1/26/63

Donald Wayne
8/26/66

Eric Paul
7/21/69

Janice Ione Hothem
8/31/40
M: Raymond Matiko
6/21/39
(Raymond is a machinist; they reside in Beaver Falls, Pa.)

Karen Lynn Matiko
9/25/63

Mark Alan Matiko
9/9/65

Ruth Ann Hothem
10/14/45
M: Gary Tyson
11/21/42
(Ruth - a beautician; Gary, automotive; Coshocton, Ohio.)

Gregory Edward Tyson
6/12/69

2. Daniel Ridenour Family

9. Samuel Ridenour (Family of Martha and Newton Wise: Eva and Harry Hothem, cont'd:)

Neal Meredith Hothem 4/26/36	Julia Lynn 6/9/60
M: Janice Eileen Green 2/13/1939	Diane Marie 8/14/62
(Neal is a graduate of Ohio State University.)	Beth Ann 2/11/64

Francis Russell Hothem
B. 6/34/1908

M: Helen Stiner
11/9/1909

(He was a farmer. He served fourteen years on the Coshocton Soil Conservation Board, also the State Board. He served on the County Board of Education for eight years. At present he is a Director of the Frontier Power Co.)

Barbara Kay Hothem 7/15/38
M: Ernest Conkle, Jr. He is employed at the Universal Cyclops Corp.

Stephen Allen Conkle 9/1/61

Susan Annette 8/22/62

Linda Kathleen Hothem 1/26/41
M: Ronald Storm (They both graduated from Columbus Business College He is employed by the Universal Cyclops Corp. at Coshocton, Ohio.)

Brent Keith Storm 6/14/62

Mary Frances 1/26/65

3. Luther Clark Hothem
7/21/1911

M: Edith Maurer
(Lived near West Lafayette, Ohio; Luther worked as auctioneer for Producers Livestock Corp. Moved to Wooster, Ohio, in 1955.) (He has a successful Real Estate Business. She is an Ordained Minister.)

Maurice Charles Hothem 8/2/1936
M: Patricia Yorke (Dr. and Mrs. Hothem reside in Portland, Me. where he is in Osteopathic practice.)

Scott Luther 1/8/1968

Larry Lee Hothem 7/26/1938
M: Caroline Della-Montee

(Larry is president of Sportscraft Co., designers and builders of small watercraft; Highstown, N.J.)

Ronald Eugene Hothem 12/25/1939.

(Ronald is an attorney with Connally, Johnson, and Hothem, San Francisco, Calif.)

Arden Luther Hothem 4/31/41
M: Kathleen Young (He is a Medical Doctor.)

Elizabeth Kay 7/14/67

Kritten Blackmore 10/14/69

Andrew Arden 12/18/1970

Nancy Maurer 1/13/72

Mary Rae Hothem 2/14/1944
M: Robert E. Moore

(Mary's sales position involves extensive travel in New Brunswick, Newfoundland, and Maritime Provinces)

Hubert Harry Hothem 10/15/45
M: Dorothy L. Davis

(Hubert is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary.)

2. Daniel Ridenour Family

9. Samuel Ridenour (Family of Martha and Newton Wise: Eva and Harry Hothem:)

4. Martha Magdaline Hothem
9/8/1914

M: Dale Miller
(Martha and Dale Miller are operating the farm once owned by his father and grandfather near Baltic, Ohio.)

Marna Dale Miller
2/26/47
(Teaches in Copley, Ohio.)

Merrell Allen Miller
9/18/51
(Major in geology.)

Vera Vesta Wise, daughter of Newton Wise and Martha Ridenour Wise, was born near Bakersville, Ohio, on March 6, 1887. She married Henry Oaklief on Feb. 21, 1907. They were farmers. They observed their 66th wedding anniversary in 1973. Their children are Waldo, Mildred, Arthur, and Earl; their families are listed below:

1. Waldo Oaklief
3/10/1909

M: Pauline Harbold
5/6/1909 - 7/19/66
(He is a farmer.)

Charles Oaklief
4/13/37

M: Marjorie Mae Mizer
12/2/37
(Charles is Education Dir. for Ohio Nursing Home Assoc.
Live in Worthington)

Jeffrey Charles
8/24/1963

Gregory Richard
9/14/65

2. Mildred Oaklief
3/31/1912

M: Harold Preston
3/30/04
(Reside at Coshocton; he retired after 37 years with Nationwide Insurance Co. of Columbus)

Patricia Preston
3/9/42

M: Walter Jansen
(Ass't. Mgr. Xenia Foundry Co.)

Karen Beth Jansen
4/16/72

Ralph Preston
6/24/45

M: Donna Kay Hundley
1/17/46
(Ralph is with the Atomic Energy Com., Wash., D.D.; she teaches in Virginia.)

Judy Oaklief
7/31/39

M: 1: Marion Shoemaker
2: Ronald Stowe
(Stowes reside in Phoenix, Arizona.)

Robin Shoemaker
5/13/61

Lisa Shoemaker
Linda Shoemaker twins
7/21/62

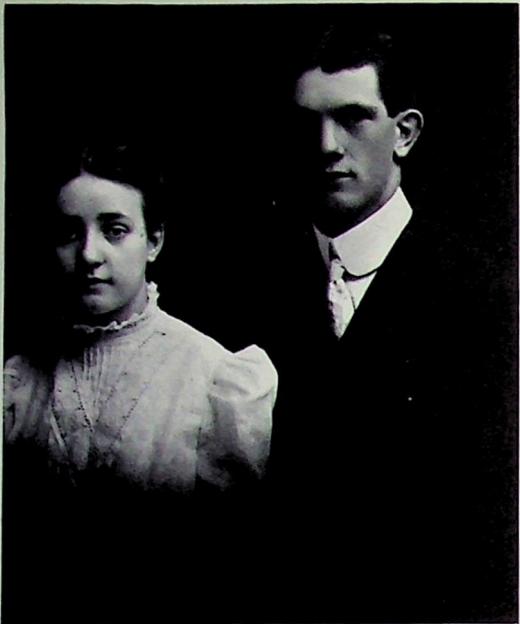
Susan Oaklief
2/25/42

M: Charles Mandator
11/17/42

Nicia Navine Mandator
5/10/69

Charles Anthony Mandator
4/24/71

Kathryn Oaklief
3/13/46 Resides in Arizona



Vera Wise Oaklief, granddaughter of Samuel Ridenour,
and her husband Henry Oaklief. Taken 1907.



Joseph Wise, grandson of Samuel
Ridenour and his wife Helen.
(Featured on Page 45)



Chester Ridenour, grandson of
Samuel Ridenour and his wife
Mildred.
(Featured on Page 48)

2. Daniel Ridenour Family

9. Samuel Ridenour (Family of Martha and Newton Wise: Vera and Henry Oaklieff, cont'd:)

4. Earl Oaklieff

4/19/23

M: Ethel Thomas

(Earl owns and operates a business of small engines and lawn equipment in Lucas Ohio.)

Thomas Lee Oaklieff

9/10/47

Eric Joseph

M: Barbara Jean Casaus

8/24/70

9/3/48

Cynthia Oaklieff

10/1/48

M: Harold Anschutz

9/3/48

(Pepsi Distributor, Lucas, Ohio.)

James Oaklieff

2/4/54

Randall Oaklieff

8/20/56

Wilbur Wise, son of Newton Wise and Martha Ridenour Wise, was born in 1889 near Bakersville, Ohio. He married Mary Maurer, of Fresno, Ohio. They were farmers. He died in 1957 and is buried in Bakersville Cemetery. She was born in 1891 and died in 1961. They had no children.

Joseph Wise, son of Newton Wise and Martha Ridenour Wise, was born near Bakersville, Ohio, on April 6, 1892. He married Helen Young, also of near Bakersville. They farmed in that vicinity, later moving to Mount Eaton, Ohio, where he farmed and was a railroad worker. He died on Jan. 14, 1956, and is buried at Mount Eaton, Ohio.

Their children were Virginia, Jacob, Evelyn, and Geraldine, as follows:

Virginia Wise

10/15/17

M: Frank Long

3/9/12 - 12/18/36

M: Fred Edwards

(He is a welder at the Ford Motor Car Company of Canton, Ohio.)

Manard Long

1935

M: Elma Hess

Beverly Edwards

4/23/39

M: Herbert Poel

3/19/34

Sandra Marie Poel

2/15/60

Jennifer Annette

Kay Annette Edwards

2/26/42

M: Joseph Allen Cline
on 11/26/65

Matthew Joseph Cline

7/26/68

Heather Merrill Cline

6/15/71

Joan Hollis Edwards

11/25/44

M: Milton George Smith

Robin Kay Smith

3/15/64

Toby Jerome Smith

5/9/66

Jason Scott Smith

3/7/70

2. Daniel Ridenour Family

9. Samuel Ridenour

(Family of Martha and Newton Wise: Virginia Wise Edwards, cont'd:)

Fred Jerome Edwards 3/11/46	Angela Virginia Edwards 11/27/69
M: Aurelia Ann Bryant	Vickie Lee Edwards 6/29/71

Jacob Wise
10/24/1919

Married: Grace Elaman
(They own and operate a farm near Mount Eaton, Ohio.)

Jane Wise
5/22/46

M: William Jabs

James Wise
11/2/1948

M: 1st: Diana Davidson
2nd: Shirley Croston

Myra Wise
7/22/55

M: Aurelia Ann Bryant	Vickie Lee Edwards 6/29/71
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James Leroy Wise, Jr. 9/7/68	Jenefer Ann Wise 2/20/70
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Evelyn Wise
4/18/1923

Married: Donald Haley
8/8/1913
(They reside in Brewster, Ohio where he is employed in the Fairless School System.)

Kathy Sue Haley
3/6/1951

M: Earnest Carl Hummer

Allan Lee Haley
2/5/57

Beth Morine Haley
11/18/59

Kathy Sue Haley 3/6/1951	Amy Christina Hummer 11/16/71
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Geraldine Wise
7/27/1928

Married: Ralph Shaffer born, 1928
(They reside in Brewster, Ohio where Ralph is a car repairman for the Norwalk and Western Railroad.)

Vernon Shaffer
8/13/53

Vicki Shaffer
11/5/55

Violet Shaffer
12/25/56

2. Daniel Ridenour Family

9. Samuel Ridenour

2. McClellan Ridenour, son of Daniel Ridenour and Elizabeth Mizer, was born Nov. 8, 1865. He died on May 3, 1886, and is buried in the Evans Creek Cemetery. He married Emma Bell Mizer, born July 17, 1866. She died in April, 1905. They had one son, Howard, born Dec. 26, 1886; died June 26, 1887.

↓ Saw this stone 9-1987

Standing, back row:

McClellan Ridenour

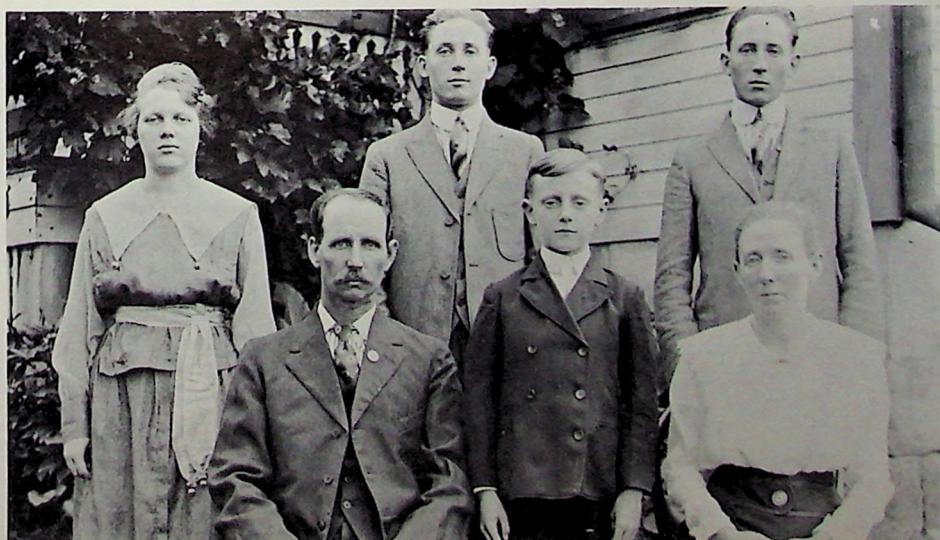
Front row, left to right:

William Allen,
Elizabeth, mother
Samuel, father
Joseph Ridenour



3. William Allen Ridenour, son of Samuel Ridenour and Elizabeth Mizer, was born on Sept. 15, 1873, near Stone Creek, Ohio. He married Clara Schumaker, born in 1874. They farmed near Bakersville, Ohio, until they retired and moved to New Philadelphia. They were members of the Salem Lutheran Church. After moving to New Philadelphia, they joined the Emmanuel Lutheran Church there. He died in 1943 and she on Feb. 21, 1966. They are buried in the Evergreen Burial Park, New Philadelphia, Ohio.

They had the following children: Chester, Otto, Helen, Verl, and Leona.



Family of William Allen and Clara Ridenour:

back row:
Helen Ridenour
Chester Ridenour
Otto Ridenour;

Front row:
William Allen,
father; Verl;
Clara, mother.



The Edward Buehler Family:

Front Row: Eileen, Donald, Gene
Back Row: Edward, his wife Helen
Ridenour Buehler and Wayne.



Front Row: Susan Ridenour, Debbie
Ridenour, Kurt West.
Back Row: Otto Ridenour, Robert
Ridenour, Mary Lou Ridenour,
Karen Ridenour, Ann West, Roger
Ridenour, Florence Ridenour,
John West, Mary West.



The Verl Ridenour Family:

Front Row: Richard and Rebecca
Back Row: Verl, Patricia and
Viola Maurer Ridenour.

2. Daniel Ridenour Family

9. Samuel Ridenour (William Allen and Clara Ridenour family, cont'd:)

1. (Henry) Chester Ridenour
born 1897 (twin)

No children

Married: Mildred Levengood
(Presently live in
Phoenix, Arizona.)

2. (Samuel) Otto Ridenour
1897 - 9/30/1969 (twin)

Married: Florence Crile
born 1895

(He was a farmer. Later
worked at the Jones Metal
Co. of West Lafayette, Ohio
where he retired after 30
years.)

3. Helen Ione Ridenour
born, 1902

Married: Edward Buehler
8/23/1896 - 1/18/1968
(Operated a dairy farm;
entered the grocery
business. Buehlers Fresh
Food Markets in Wooster,
New Phila., Dover, and
Orville bear his name.)

Mary Ione Ridenour
1923

M: Jack L. West
6/1/24
**Employee of Bucyrus
Erie Shovel Co.**

Robert Allen Ridenour; 1928 (twin)

M: Mary Lou Cline
He is a Lab Technician
for General Electric, Coshocton

Roger Crile
Ridenour

Born 1928 (twin)
(He and Robert served in Korean War)

Roger is a GE employee.

Wayne Buehler
1922 - 1/12/1972

M: 1st: Janet Nelson
2nd: Roberta Moyer

Eileen Buehler
1924

M: Don Bupp
(Operate a
nursing home
near Wooster.)

Gene Buehler
1930

M: Joan Elmore
(Buehlers, Inc.)

Jhn Mark West
8/2/1953

Ann Marie West
1/2/56

Kirt Douglas West
11/5/58

Karen Lee Ridenour
2/21/54

Susan Lyn Ridenour
9/3/57

Debra Ann Ridenour
3/20/61

Connie Buehler
born 1947

M: Joe Garcia

John Buehler
born 1950

Carlye Bupp
1947

Pamella Bupp
1950

Peggy Bupp
1954

Susan Bupp
1957

Cynthia Buehler
1951

Linda Ruehler
1953

Daniel Buehler 1954

Lauri Buehler 1957
Scott Buehler 1958

2. Daniel Ridenour Family

9. Samuel Ridenour (William Allen and Clara Ridenour family, cont'd.:)

Donald Buehler
born 1933

M: Shirley Winger
(**Buehlers, Inc.**)

Robert Buehler
1958

Rodger Buchler
1960

Gregory Tod Buehler
6/11/65

4. Verl Emerson Ridenour
8/20/09

Married: Viola K. Maurer
7/15/09

(He operated a grocery store, Deputy Registrar of Motor Vehicles and employed by the Tuscarawas County Bureau of Unemployment.)

Patricia Lee Ridenour
2/28/35

M: Robert Stephens
2/17/34

(He is a builder glass salesman in Georgia)

Richard A. Ridenour
8/29/38

M: Phyllis Krume
12/15/41

(Salesman for Good Year)

Rebecca A. Ridenour
4/22/43

M: Frederick E.
Miller
10/23/42

(He is principal of the Bolivar School)

Pamela A. Stephens
3/21/59

Michael R. Stephens
5/1/63

Amy L. Ridenour
9/22/68

Nicole K. Ridenour
12/2/71

Lisa R. Miller
6/22/68

Beth A. Miller
1/15/71

5. Leona Ridenour
10/15/1912 - 11/20/1912

(Buried in the Evans Creek Cemetery, Route 1, Stone Creek, Ohio.)

2. Daniel Ridenour Family

9. Samuel Ridenour

I saw the tombstone 9/1989 of Joseph + Minnie R.

A.

4. Joseph Ridenour, son of Samuel Ridenour and Elizabeth Mizer, was born on Nov. 3, 1875. He died on April 22, 1943, and is buried in the Evans Creek Cemetery.

He married Minnie Cline, daughter of John Cline and Elizabeth Troendly, who was born Oct. 26, 1873. She died on July 24, 1964.

Joseph was a farmer, carpenter, and auctioneer. He was active in farm organizations, Tuscarawas County Farm Bureau, Farm Bureau Co-op, and the Tuscarawas County Agriculture Fair. They were members of the Salem Lutheran Church, known as the Evans Creek Lutheran Church.

They had the following children:

1. Harry Ridenour
2. Elma Ridenour
3. John Ridenour
4. Olive Ridenour



Three generations: Joseph Ridenour, his grandson
Willis Ridenour; his son, John Ridenour

During the time Joseph was a carpenter, in his early adult life, he frequently employed five or six men to work with him, and paid them the usual wages for that time - usually seven cents per hour. He later became interested in farming and purchased his father's farm in Evans Valley, just north of Bakersville, Ohio. He remained there until he retired and moved to Stone Creek, Ohio, in 1934.

2. Daniel Ridenour Family

9. Samuel Ridenour (Joseph Ridenour and Minnie Ridenour, cont'd:)



The Ridenour Homestead

Harry, Elma, Olive, Mother Minnie, John,
Grandfather Samuel, and Father Joseph



Thirty-Fifth Wedding Anniversary of
Joseph and Minnie Ridenour, center.
Others: (left to right) John, Olive, Elma, Harry.

2. Daniel Ridenour Family

9. Samuel Ridenour (Joseph and Minnie Ridenour family, cont'd:)

*We saw this man
outdoor working
9-1989 - took picture
visited.*

1. Harry Russell Ridenour
6/20/1900
Sad 5/10-1980
Married: Bernice Pfeiffer
12/25/1900 - 1987
Buried Stone Creek Cemetery.
(Harry owns a dairy farm
near Stone Creek, Ohio,
and has been the assis-
tant mail carrier out
of the Stone Creek P.O.)

William Joseph Ridenour
8/24/25

M: Ada Beal
8/14/25
(William trained for
radio announcing; was
employed by W.H.L.O.,
Akron, Ohio.)

Glenn Harry Ridenour
7/31/29

M: Barbara Joan Snoots
6/2/37
(Glenn operates a
farm near Stone Creek,
Ohio.)

Marily Mae Ridenour
3/30/34

M: John Snyder
3/31/30
(Strasburg, Ohio;
operate a T.V. and
Appliance Store.)

Ruth Joanne Ridenour
1938

M: David Gross
2/19/35
Ruth a nurse; David a
teacher. N.Canton, O.)

Pamela Sue
11/8/54
M: Morris
Taulber, Jr.

Kay Lynn Ridenour
8/23/56

Patti Ann Ridenour
12/5/57

Cathy Ann Geiger
10/23/55

M: Eddie Robinson
Annette Sue Ridenour
7/15/59

Jeffrey Glenn Ridenour
3/29/61

David Joseph Ridenour
2/28/64

Karen Elaine Snyder
6/13/58

Lynn Marie Snyder
8/14/59

Lorna Jean Snyder
2/14/61

Patsy Ann Snyder
3/15/69

Amy Jo Gross
2/15/60

Lee Allen Gross
3/14/61

Lori Ann Gross
6/14/63

Dean Linn Gross
6/14/64

2. Elma Elizabeth Ridenour
10/19/1902

Married William Thomas, Jr.
3/31/1898

(William has retired from farming and carpentry; they live in Sugarcreek, O.)

They have
no children.

(Elma taught Sunday
School Class for
40 years.)

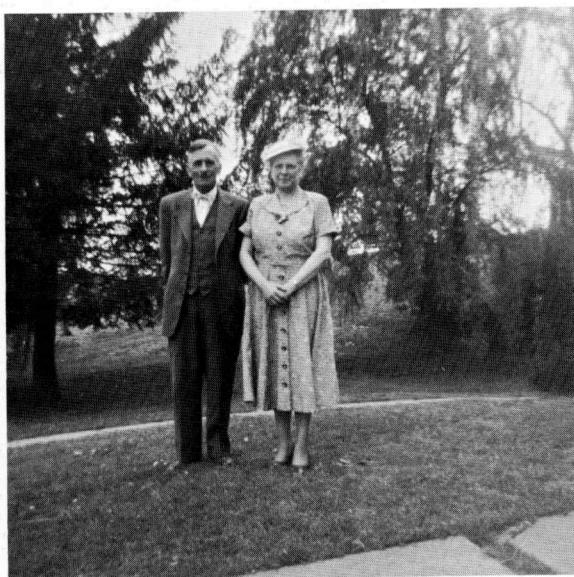


THE HARRY RIDENOUR FAMILY

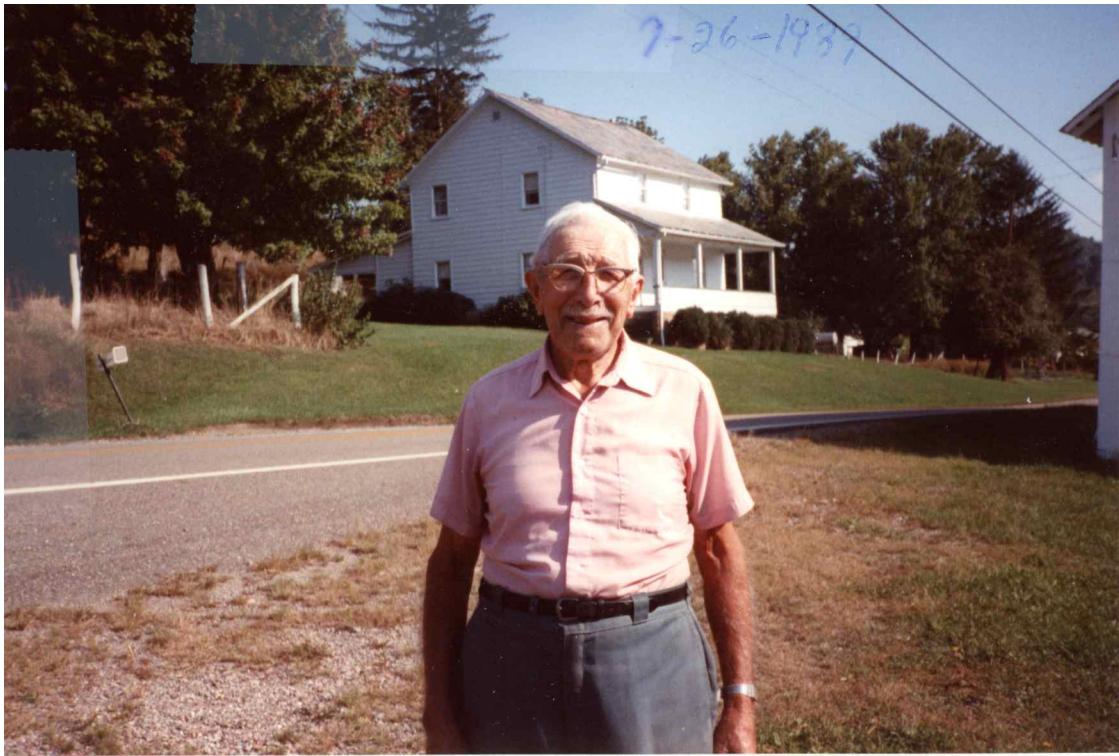
Seated in front is Harry, grandson of Samuel Ridenour, and his wife Bernice. In back row is Marilyn Ridenour Snyder and her husband John. Directly in front is Karen, Lynn, Lorna with Patsy in accompanying picture. William Ridenour and his wife Ada. In front of them is Pamela, Ruth Kay and Patti. Glen Ridenour, his wife Joan with Cathy, Annette, Jeffrey and David. Ruth Ridenour Gross and her husband David with Amy, Lee, Lori and Dean.



**Olive Ridenour Johnson, granddaughter of
Samuel Ridenour, her husband Nile and
their daughter Janet.
(Featured on Page 53)**



**Elma Ridenour Thomas,
granddaughter of Samuel
Ridenour, and her husband
William.
(Featured on Page 52)**



Harry
Howard Ridener (Brother to author)
age 89
of Ridener History
his house in background
just outside of Stone Creek, Ohio

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Harry R. Ridenour

Harry Russell Ridenour, 99, of Country Club Retirement Center at Dover, a longtime Stone Creek resident, died Wednesday, May 10, 2000, in the center following a brief illness.

Born June 20, 1900, in Bucks Township, Tuscarawas County, he was a son of the late Joseph and Carrie Minnie Cline Ridenour. Harry was a farmer and served as a substitute mail carrier for over 50 years. He was a member of Grace United Church of Christ at Stone Creek and the Tuscarawas County Farm Bureau.

Survivors include two daughters, Marilyn (John) Snyder of Strasburg and Ruth (David) Gross of North Canton; two sons, William Ridenour of Florence, Ky., and Glen (Edna) Ridenour of Stone Creek; 15 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Venetta Ridenour of Stone Creek.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Bernice Pfeiffer Ridenour, on May 29, 1987; two sisters, Olive Johnson and Elma Thomas; and by a brother, John Ridenour.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 13, 2000, at 10 a.m. in Grace United Church of Christ with Pastor Kirk Bruce officiating. Burial will be in Stone Creek Cemetery. There will be a meal in the church following the committal. Visitation will be Friday, May 12, 2000, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in Linn-Hert-Geib Funeral Home at New Philadelphia and Saturday from 9:30 to 10 a.m. in the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grace United Church of Christ, Box 97, Stone Creek, O. 43840.

Linn-Hert-Geib
(330) 343-5506



RIDENOUR

ABSOLUTE RIDENOURE AUCTION

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Location: At the West edge of Stone Creek, Ohio on SR 751. From I-77 (Stone Creek Exit) take SR 751 1 mile to location.

Saturday October 14, 1995

Starting at 10 A.M.

150 ACRES * TUSCARAWAS COUNTY
GOOD 2 STORY HOME * SOLID BANK BARN



A super nice farm with some good open acreage and woods. This farm has loads of road frontage with a good set of buildings including a 2 story home featuring large kitchen, living room, 4 bedrooms, bath, full basement, a stately-built bank barn, several machinery sheds and out-buildings. All of the parcels have good building sites and picturesque views. Parcels will be offered separately and as a whole and will sell whichever grosses most to sellers. Call for a map and brochure and walk this exciting offering at your convenience and be ready to do business. Sells to the highest bidder at 12 Noon. TERMS: 10 percent down day of sale and balance at closing.

PARCEL 1: 4.2 acres with a hilltop view, frontage on SR 751 and TR 245.

PARCEL 2: 20.9 acres with a hilltop view, excellent frontage on SR 751 and TR 245, approx. 6 acres woods.

PARCEL 3: 18.2 acres, approx. 50 percent wooded and balance open land, great spot for your new home.

PARCEL 4: 18.4 acres includes all buildings: house, barns, machinery shed. Enough acreage for a fine mini farm along with a clean 2 story home.

PARCEL 5: 5.5 acres with excellent hilltop building site.

PARCEL 6: 11.4 acres with access off of SR 751, this tract is all wooded, excellent spot for picnic or camping grounds.

PARCEL 7 AND 8: 2.3 acres each, building sites along SR 751.

PARCEL 9: 33.5 acres with loads of frontage on SR 751, some woods.

PARCEL 10: 19.4 acres, wooded and open land.

PARCEL 11: 11.5 acres, open land, small amount of woods, frontage on SR 751 and Co. Rd. 20. These parcels are subject to final survey, but every parcel had frontage and lots of possibilities.

COLLECTIBLES: high back beds; butcher block; empire chest; iron baby bed; oak hall tree; cedar chest; old baby cradle; barrel butter churn; copper kettle; wooden butter bowl; coffee grinder; child's rocker; old high chair; drop-leaf table; oil lamp; apple peeler; cherry seeder; Aladdin type lamp; egg basket; slaw cutter; cream cans; cupboard bottom; post cards; 20 Coke trays; 3 ice cream trays; Seth Thomas clock; 7 old quitts; old toy games; 2 iron kettles; old sleds; wooden kegs; grain cradle; fiddle seeder; old picture albums; old books including McGuffy; violin and guitar; doilies and lacework; dishes and china including Pope Gosser china set; glass top and green jars; sausage stuffer; meat grinder; lots of crocks.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS: Admiral chest freezer; Hotpoint refrigerator; Hotpotin 40-in. elec. range; Maytag dryer; Maytag auto. washer; microwave; formica top table w/ 4 leaves and 4 chairs; harvest table w/ 6 chairs; buffet; maple hutch; Waltham player piano; Singer treadle sewing machine; 3 pc. maple bedroom set; 3 pc. bedroom suite; stands; sofa; rocker; fan; bedding & sheets; Eureka sweeper.

CAR AND FARM MACHINERY: Int. 82 combine; JD semi mount mower; NI hay rake; flatbed wagon; 2 wheel trailer; NI 2 wheel manure spreader; JD transport disk; JD 2 bottom plows; single cultipacker; 1 horse cultivator; hand cultivators; spring and spike tooth harrows; potato plow; grapple hooks; platform scales; large hay drying fan; Snapper SP mower; elec. weed whip; picks; shovels and hand tools; Red Oak plank; 1985 Volkswagen 7 passenger mini van, runs good; wagon load of misc.; junk pile.

NOTE: An interesting down on the farm auction.

LUNCH STAND

Owner: Harry Ridenour

Dave Kaufman Realty, Inc.
Dave Kaufman Auctioneer



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2. Daniel Ridenour Family

9. Samuel Ridenour (Joseph and Minnie Ridenour Family, cont'd:)

*I saw this 9/89
Buried Evans Creek Cemetery*

34 John Samuel Ridenour
B. 11/8/1904 - 1987

M: Venetta Marguerite Beaver 8-29-1931
B. 4/22/1911

(They own and operate the farm previously owned by his father and grandfather.)

John and Venetta have restored a log summer kitchen (built in 1833) showing how the family lived 100 years ago. It was used by three generations of Ridenours, and many of the original furnishings and items are preserved there.

John has prepared this genealogy, and his deep interest has shown itself also in other related family genealogies...)

4. Olive Lucille Ridenour
7/2/1907

M: Nile Johnson
1900 - 10/5/66

(They farmed. Olive is teaching her forty-first term of school. Nile carried mail for 33 years.)

Lucille Elma Ridenour
11/13/1932
M: Jacob Montan
(They operate a large dairy farm near North Georgetown, Ohio.)

Willis Joseph Ridenour
12/3/34
M: Ruth Ann Buehler
6/17/46
(Willis is presently employed by Fed. Gov. Soil Conservation Service.)

Kenneth John Ridenour
7/4/39

M: Marsha Lee Baumgardner
1/31/47
(With his father, Kenneth operates a large dairy farm.)

Rosalie Lynne Ridenour
12/30/49

M: Robert J. Werker
5/4/48
(They live on a farm near Baltic, Ohio.)

Janet Johnson

12/25/27

M: Harold Domer
10/23/26

Vicky Lynne Montan
4/9/53
M: James M. Ostrosky
8/26/52
Jerry Lee Montan
2/27/59
Valerie Kay Montan
2/22/64

Lisa Ann Ridenour
7/4/65 (twin)

Linda Ann Ridenour
7/4/65 (twin)

Julie Ann Ridenour
8/26/66

Wesley Joseph Ridenour
2/17/68

Sarah Ann Ridenour
10/6/72

Laura Lee Ridenour
4/28/71

John Joseph Ridenour
5/14/73

Kimberly Lynne Werker
9/15/66

Devon John Werker
9/23/68

Jeffrey Domer

5/25/50

M: Kathleen Brunner

Bradley Domer
1955

Matthew Jeffrey
4/4/72



Evans Creek Cemetery, Ohio 7
Grave of John Ridenour
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(Mitchell photo)

MR. AND MRS. JOHN S. RIDENOUR

50th anniversary open house Aug. 30

1981

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Ridenour of RD 1, Stone Creek, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house Aug. 30 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. in the American Legion Hall at Baltic.

Their children, who will be hosts, are Mr. and Mrs. Jacob (Lucille) Montan of Minerva, Mr. and Mrs. Willis (Janice) Ridenour of Parkersburg, W. Va., Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth (Marsha) Ridenour of Stone Creek, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Rosalie) Werker of Baltic. Sixteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild complete the family.

The former Venetta M. Beaber, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Willis (Cora Wasem) Beaber of RD 2, New Philadelphia, and John, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph (Minnie Cline) Ridenour of RD 1, Stone Creek, were married Aug. 29, 1931. The ceremony took place in the Jerusalem Reformed parsonage on RD 2, New Philadelphia, with Rev. Henry Clausing as officiant.

Mr. Ridenour is a retired farmer, and the couple are members of the Evans Creek Salem Lutheran Church.

It is requested that gifts be omitted.

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2. Daniel Ridenour Family

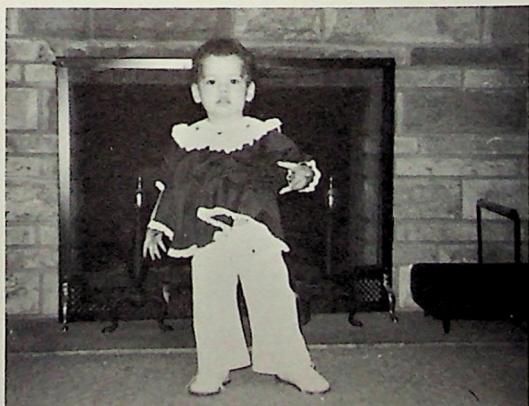
9. Samuel Ridenour (Joseph and Minnie Ridenour family, cont'd:)

Picture of the John Samuel Ridenour Family:



First Row: Lisa and Linda Ridenour (Willis and Ruth Ann's twins), John Ridenour, Wesley Ridenour, Julie Ridenour, Venetta Ridenour, Devon Werker, Kimberly Werker, Forest Beaber (Venetta's brother) Valerie Montan, Jerry Montan.

Second Row: Willis and Ruth Ann Ridenour, Kenneth and Marcia Ridenour, Robert and Rosalie Werker, Lucille and Jacob Montan, and Vicki Montan.



Sarah Ann Ridenour
(Daughter of Willis and Ruth Ann Ridenour)



Laura Lee and John Joseph Ridenour
(Children of Kenneth and Marcia Ridenour)

2. Daniel Ridenour Family

10. Isaac Ridenour, son of Daniel Ridenour and Susannah Shauver, was born in 1840 at Stone Creek, Ohio. He married Amanda Critz, daughter of William Critz and Anna Devore of Evans Creek. They lived at Stone Creek, Ohio, until about 1875, when they moved to Oklahoma.

They had the following children: Mary Edith Ridenour, born 1862; Clara Alice Ridenour, born 1865; William Ridenour, born 1869, and Charles Ridenour, born in 1872.



The Isaac Ridenour Family

2. Daniel Ridenour Family

11. Thomas Benton Ridenour

Thomas Benton Ridenour, son of Daniel Ridenour and Susannah Shauver, was born in 1844 at Stone Creek, Ohio. He married Sarah Stonebrook on Sept. 23, 1865. She was the daughter of Frederick and Priscilla Stonebrook who lived on a 40-acre farm near Stone Creek, Ohio. She had one sister, Mary, who married Robert Griffith, and one brother, Hiram, who married Emma Thompson. Sarah and Hiram had a double wedding.

Benton bought and sold at least a half dozen lots in Stone Creek before he left in about 1880 and went to Wabash, Indiana. His brothers there wanted him to stay, and offered him 40 acres of land free. He refused it and went to Birdseye in the southern part of Indiana. The land there was rolling, like the land he had left at Stone Creek, Ohio.

Benton died in 1922, and Sarah in 1924. They are buried in a rural cemetery near Birdseye, Indiana.

They had the following children: Elmer, Orlando, and Ed Monroe Ridenour.

**1. Elmer Ridenour
1867**

Married Josephine Dillard
Had one daughter, Maggie

Married Katie Graves
Had six children

Elmer was a farmer; is
buried at Bethany, Indiana.
His two wives are buried
at Birdseye, Indiana

- | | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| 1. Maggie Ridenour | |
| 2. Ethel Ridenour | deceased |
| Married Dale Blunk | |
| 3. Jess Ridenour | deceased |
| M: Mamie Knight | |
| 4. Tom Ridenour | lives at |
| M: Eunice Brown | Eckerty, Ind. |
| 5. Gladys Ridenour | lives at |
| M: Gaydon Patton | English, Ind. |
| 6. Goldie Ridenour | lives at Mill- |
| M: Jess Rodgers | town, Ind. |
| 7. Nellie Ridenour | lives at |
| M: Paul Brown | Eckerty, Ind. |

**2. Orlando Ridenour
born 1874**

Married Tillie Atkins,
on Sept. 1, 1895

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Mollie Ridenour | |
| 2. Sarah Ridenour | deceased |
| M: Sam Sawyer | |
| 3. Grace Ridenour | deceased |
| 4. Jim Ridenour | Indianapolis,
Indiana |

2. Daniel Ridenour Family

11. Thomas Benton Ridenour

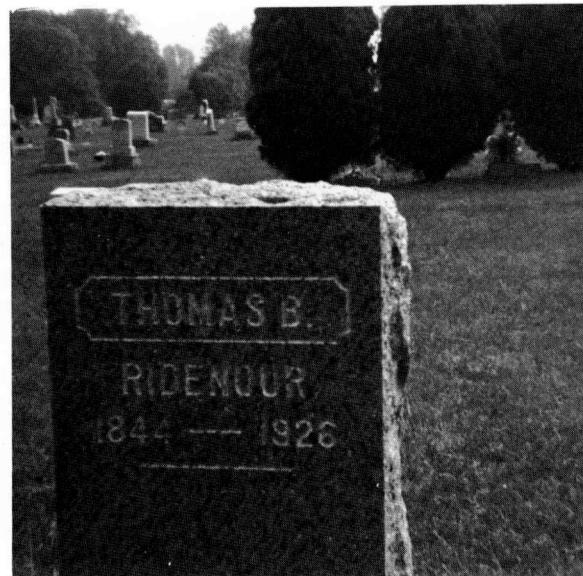
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|--|---|---|
| <p>3. Ed Monroe Ridenour
born 1880</p> <p>M: 1st, Christina Limp
1880 - 1923
Married 1898.
7 children</p> <p>M: 2nd, Emma Reason
born, 1902.
No children</p> | <p>1. Philip Ridenour
1900
farmer & electrician</p> <p>M: Bertha Main
died 1972
a teacher</p> | <p>Veneda Ridenour
9/13/29
M: Eugene Schnack
(Indianapolis)</p> |
| | <p>2. John Ridenour
1901 - 1903</p> | <p>Sam Ridenour
4/15/38
(St. Louis)</p> |
| | <p>3. Charles E. Ridenour
1903</p> <p>M: Dorothy Lee Main
b. 1908</p> | <p>Charles E, II
1927; teacher</p> <p>M: Virginia Smith.</p> |
| | <p>4. Bertie Ridenour
1905
(Mentor, Ind.)</p> <p>M: Everett Sanders,
teacher; d: 1967</p> | <p>Mini Gayle
3/1/53</p> <p>David C.
2/8/68</p> |
| | <p>5. Vernie Leon Ridenour
1907</p> <p>M: Christal Bench</p> | <p>Elizabeth
1931. Reg. Nurse</p> |
| | <p>M: Tillie Flick</p> | <p>Shirley Dian
1938. Super elec.
Organ Factory.</p> |
| | <p>6. William T. Ridenour
1907</p> <p>barber, Indianapolis</p> <p>M: Evelyn Painter</p> | <p>Leon Sanders
1925</p> <p>M: Ollie Haas
in Dec., 1972</p> |
| | <p>7. Irene Ridenour
born 1915</p> <p>teacher,
Evansville, Ind.</p> <p>M: Marvin Eckert</p> | <p>Max Ridenour</p> <p>Mike Ridenour</p> |
| | | <p>Camella</p> <p>Ladena</p> <p>Jackqulin</p> |
| | | <p>Michael</p> |

2. Daniel Ridenour Family

11. Thomas Benton Ridenour



Thomas Benton Ridenour
Age about 18 years



Grave marker for Thomas Benton
Ridenour near Birdseye, Indiana

12. David Ridenour

David Ridenour, son of Daniel Ridenour and Susannah Shauver, was born in 1847 at Stone Creek, Ohio. He died that same year and is buried beside his mother in the Stone Creek Cemetery.

3. Margaret Ridenour

Margaret Ridenour, daughter of David Ridenour and Margaret Wiles, was born Dec. 25, 1800, in Pennsylvania. In 1818 she married Leonard Hawk, who was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania on Jan. 5, 1797. They were married in Jefferson County, Ohio, but lived in Carroll County, Ohio, where five of their children were born. In 1827, they, with his brother John Hawk and family, came to Tuscarawas County, Ohio. John stayed at Stone Creek, Ohio, but Leonard went about six miles west and settled at what was later called Bakersville, in Coshocton County, Ohio.

Leonard was a successful farmer, adding to his original 80 acres until he had 340 acres. When they came to Bakersville, there were still some Indians in the territory, including the Indian Chief, White Eyes. They would often come to the door for food. Margaret would always feed them, to stay on the good side of them.

In 1833, they helped start the Evans Creek German Reformed congregation, which met at the Hawk home. There were seven families. Later, this congregation and the Lutheran congregation which was started by Margaret's two brothers, Daniel and David Ridenour, and others, built a church one mile north of Bakersville, Ohio, where the two congregations had alternate services until 1912, when the German Reformed congregation went to Bakersville and bought the Campbellite church then abandoned.

Margaret died March 6, 1888. Leonard died June 16, 1871. They are buried in the Evans Creek Cemetery, Tuscarawas County, Ohio

They had the following family:

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| 1. John Hawk
5/23/1819 - 8/2/1862
Bakersville, Ohio
M: Sarah Taylor
died: 1848 | { | Jonathan lived at Des Moines, Iowa
Mary lived at Des Moines, Iowa
Hale Emanuel
b: 12/22/1852, Youngstown, Ohio
Sarah Jane lived at Minerva, Ohio |
| 2. David Hawk
9/17/1820 - 3/20/1895 Never married. Bakersville, Ohio | | |
| 3. Jonathan Hawk
8/11/1822 - 12/12/1889
M: Barbara Need

they lived at
Effingham, Kansas | | |
1. Sarah Ann
died at 28; cancer
2. Lafayette
7/22/49 - 11/26/1932
M: Harriett Pitt
Lived at Effingham, Kansas.
3. Mary Jane 4/22/1851 - 11/17/1926
M: Samuel Roll Lived at Effingham, Kan.
4. Samuel C. 2/22/1853 - 1/27/1940
M: Eliza Snyder. Lived, Tulsa, Okla.
5. Johnnie Died in infancy
6. Edith Died in infancy

3. Margaret Ridenour Hawk Family cont'd.

(3. Jonathan Hawk, cont'd.)

4. Barbara Hawk
10/19/1823 - 1913.
M: George Need, Jr.,
born, 1819

5. Andrew Hawk
2/4/1825 - 6/6/1903
M: Mary Jane Walters
died, 1863.
Effingham, Kansas

6. Abraham Hawk
3/11/1832 - 1850

7. Daniel Hawk
1/14/1834 - 5/22/1910
M: Sarah DeCamp
Effingham, Kansas

7. Margaret 12/27/1858 - 8/25/1939
M: John Denbo. Lived at Great Bend, Kan.
8. George 1/30/1860 - 4/5/1939
M: Gertrude Howe. Lived at Shawnee, Okla.

William Adison 1845 - 3/4/1912
M: Minerva Barclay. Bakersville, Ohio

Mary E. 4/15/1851
M: Philip Mizer Lived at New Comerstown,
Ohio

Margaret 8/30/1854
M: William Zinkon Lived at Coshocton, Ohio

Rachael 12/19/1857 - 1918
M: John McFarland. Effingham, Kansas

Telethia. 4/29/1861
M: Lewis Dreher Minerva, Ohio

William 8/25/1865 - 12/12/1937
M: Estella Barkey Meridan, Kansas

Howard 1/18/1865 - 12/14/1938
M: Carrie Wilson Salina, Kansas

Edgar 6/14/1869 - 3/16/1947
M: Alice Bennett Effington, Kansas

Arvilla 9/1/1871 - 2/8/1940
M: Herbert Harris Horton, Kansas

Charles 3/31/1874 - 8/17/1934
M: Bertha Lancaster California: Arcadia.

Ruthaford 2/28/1877
M: Mary Rutheford Morrill, Kansas

John 1/8/1880 -
M: Jennie Neibling Lebanon, Illinois

Clarissa 11/21/1882
M: Charles Hollis Salina, Kansas

Sedelia 9/17/1856 - 5/20/1935
M: Robert McPhilmy Effingham, Kansas

Eda Viola 9/26/1860 - 4/11/1879

Brazilla 9/9/1860 - 4/12/1879



*Saw this church
9-1989*

Grave marker for Johnathan and Margaret Ridenour Hawk in the Evans Creek Cemetery.
The church they help to start is in the background.

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Margaret Hawk married William Zinkon. They had one son, Herbert Zinkon.

Herbert H. Zinkon
10/19/1874 - 6/1955
M: Amanda A. Hoffman

Howard Stuart Zinkon
1/2/1096 - 5/5/1945
M: Hazel Marie Rinner,
1/1/1911

Helen V. Zinkon
1899-1919

Jack Eugene Zinkon 7/21/1928	Lana Sue Zinkon 10/19/1954
M: 8/9/1948 to Virginia Louise Brown 8/22/1927	Jacalyn Ann Zinkon 5/30/1957

Howard Zinkon
Hazel Zinkon

Donald Lee Zinkon 8/5/1929	Dennis Lee Zinkon 10/10/1960
M: 8/11/1959 to Novella Joyce Dennis 9/9/1929	

Patricia Ann Zinkon
9/5/1932
M: 11/20/1966 to
David J. Denney
11/16/1932

3. Margaret Ridenour Hawk Family

cont'd:

(Daniel Hawk, cont'd:)

Francis 6/22/1863 - 3/31/1947
M: Julia Covell Effingham, Kansas
Noble Elmer 4/1/1865 - 8/26/1936
M: Erma Jane Knight Effingham, Kansas
Laura Alma 2/18/1867 - 8/23 / 1892
M: James Snyder Effingham, Kansas
Loyal Grant 1/19/1869 - 11/25/1915
M: Nettie Harmon Effingham, Kansas
Harvey Melvin 3/11/1871
M: Ella Murray Lawrence, Kansas
Mary Maude 2/27/1875 - 9/17/1940
M: Carl Stever Effingham, Kansas

8. Samuel Hawk
11/22/1835 - 1930
M: Ellen Loveless
Bakersville, Ohio

Albert J. 1862 - 1910 Columbus, Ohio
Curtis 1864 - 1911 Columbus, Ohio
Nan 1867
M: John Zinkon, dentist at Baltic, Ohio
Frank 1870. Not married. Bakersville,
Ohio.

9. William Hawk
6/24/1837 - 1917
M: Sarah Leech
Bakersville, Ohio

Loretta 1866 - 1946
M: Jacob Bahmer Bakersville, Ohio
Morris 1867 - 1925
M: Della Gibson
Emma 1869 -
M: Henry Eberwine Dover, Ohio
Mary 1871 - 1926
M: Joe Clarke
Carrie 1873 -
M: Grant Norris Bakersville, Ohio
Lillian 1877 -
M: John Maurer Canton, Ohio
Elnora 1880 -
M: Ed Koos Dover, Ohio
Lomon 1889
M: Phoebe Zingy West Lafayette, Ohio
Carl Hawk
Eugene Hawk

10. Sarah Hawk
9/26/1838
M: Samuel DeCamp
California

Mollie, an adopted daughter

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Nannie Hawk born 1864 married John Zinkon, a dentist at Baltic, Ohio.
They had one son, Chester Zinkon.

Chester Hawk Zinkon
1/24/1894
M: Verbal Yoder
3/24/1890

Jane Louise Zinkon
10/7/1923
M: 1st-George Earl
Willimson

M: 2nd-Harold James
Lahm 9/5/1922

Joan Zinkon
5/19/1925
M: Frank Burrier
2/8/1917

Linda Sue Willimson
12/7/1943
M: 6/24/1962 to
Larry F.
Rauschenbach
M: 2nd-Kenneth Max
France, Jr.

Lana Jo Lahm
9/28/1947

Douglas Alan Burrier
10/28/1954

Larry
6/18/1963
Deceased

Lori Ann
6/7/1964

Michelle Kay
8/27/1967

Heather Jane
8/26/1971

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William Hawk born 6/24/1837-1917 married Sarah Leech. Their youngest son was Loman Hawk born 1889. He married Phoebe Zingy of West Lafayette, Ohio. They had two sons, Carl and Eugene.

Carl Hawk
12/25/1911
Died 3/7/1972
M: 1st-Dorothy
Norman
8/1910
M: 2nd-Florence
Johnson
12/11/1910

Carl William Hawk, Jr.
11/5/1934
M: Janet Doyle
1/10/1961

Linda Ann
8/7/1939
M: Toby T. Trezano
7/1939

William Thomas Hawk
1/16/1962

Sharon Ann Hawk
6/22/1964

Laura Hawk
4/8/1968

Scot Trezano
10/5/1955

Toby T. Trezano
5/25/1958

Cathy Ann Trezano
3/14/1960

Loman Eugene Hawk
10/6/1923
M: 10/15/1944 to
Eleanor Ruby
Pepper
12/19/1922

Sharon Ann Hawk
3/31/1947
M: 6/5/1971 to Vearl William
Specht, Jr.
6/21/1945

Thomas Eugene Hawk
10/11/1945

Connie Jean Hawk
12/10/1956



THE WILLIAM HAWK FAMILY

Front Row: William, Loman and Sarah Leech Hawk, (mother). Back Row:
Nora Hawk Koos, Mary Hawk Clark, Lillie Hawk Maurer, Morris Hawk,
Carrie Hawk Norris, Loretta Hawk Bahmer and Emma Hawk Eberwine.

1870 Wabash Twp

4. David Ridenour

David Ridenour, son of David Ridenour and Margaret Wiles, was born in Pennsylvania on Feb. 7, 1802. He grew up in Jefferson County, Ohio. He married Sarah Shauver, born in 1806 in Jefferson County ~~Ohio~~. The Rev. Daniel Rahauer married them on April 15, 1824, in Harrison County. They moved to Tuscarawas County in 1828; tax records of that county show they paid their first tax there in 1829. In 1840 they moved to Waltz Twp., Wabash County, Indiana, where they purchased a tract of 160 acres, which he made his permanent home. For a time he ran a sawmill, located on a creek which ran through his farm, but it could be operated only a part of the year, owing to the scarcity of water. There he and his wife passed their lives of usefulness, and there they both died in 1874. He died at the age of 73, and she at 68. They are buried in the Lutheran Cemetery near Wabash, Indiana.

The family of David and Sarah Ridenour consisted of twelve children:

1. Barbara Ridenour
1825 - 1866
Married: Samuel Unger
*solo
of
Jacob Unger*
1847 John Unger M
1850 Esther Unger M Smith - Earl Mettel
1853 David Unger M Mary Nettler - Eliza +cycle
1858 Benton Unger - Royal Charles, Steele
1853 Sarah Unger M Sam Dubois - Ruth, Effie, Ideal, Maud, Alvah
1861 Samuel Unger M - Eliza + Lewis
1864 William Unger M Wellman - Robert
1866 Isaac Unger M - ~~Wellman~~
2. Catherine Ridenour
1827 - ?
Married:
1. Jonas Wiles
2. Thomas Lytle
Sarah Jane Wiles
Simon Wiles
Isaiah Lytle
David Lytle
3. Samuel Ridenour
1829 - 1860
Married:
1. Phoebe Murphy
2. Augusta Bent
3. ??
David Ridenour
Malinda Ridenour
Phoebe Ridenour
Elizabeth Ridenour
William Ridenour
Margaret Ridenour
(one child, name unknown)
4. Lydia Ridenour
1831 - ?
Married Isaac Roser
George Roser
Anthony Roser
Sarah Roser
Margaret Roser
Jackson Roser
Daniel Roser
Andrew Roser
Mary Roser
Ida Roser
Frank Roser

4. David Ridenour Family (cont'd.)

Children of David Ridenour, Jr., and Sarah Shauver, cont'd:

5. Susanna Ridenour
1833 - 1860

note Sep 1870 Married Jeremiah Roser Pa:
42 in 1870
m Catherine
38 in 1870



Emmanuel Roser, son of Susanna
and Jeremiah Roser

Emmanuel Roser 19 in 1870
Mary Jane Roser 16 in 1870
Elias Roser 13 in 1870
Isaiah Roser 14 in 1870
Henry
William Roser 11 in 1870
Samuel Roser 10 in 1870
Lydia 7 in 1870
George 4 in 1870
Emeline 1 in 1870



His brother, Elias Roser

6. Isaiah Ridenour, son of David Ridenour, Jr., and Sarah Shauver,
was born in 1836 in Hucks Twp., Tuscarawas County, Ohio. He was
baptized in the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rt. #1, Stone
Creek, Ohio. This is the church his parents helped to start just
three years before. When he was four years old, the family moved
to Waltz Twp., Wabash County, Indiana.

Note Sep. 1870
Isaiah was married three times.

1. Married Lydia Unger

2. Elizabeth Savy
33 in 1870 Born OH

3. Caroline Zintsmaster

Mary Malissa Ridenour 12 in 1870
1. Ella 10 in 1870
2. Martha Esther - M. John D. Miley - Charles
3. Bertha 9 in 1870
4. Louisa M. Mallott
5. Levi M. Mallott
6. David H. Ridenour - M. Gertrude
Votaw
They had no children.

Married 2 in 1870

4. David Ridenour Family (cont'd):



John Ridenour (compiler of this history) and Dwight Ridenour by the graves of David Ridenour and Sarah Shauver Ridenour, Wabash, Indiana.



Lutheran Church near Wabash, Indiana, which David and Sarah Ridenour helped to organize soon after 1840.

David Ridenour Family, Cont'd:

Isaiah Ridenour Family, Cont'd:

Martha Esther Ridenour, daughter of Isaiah Ridenour and Elizabeth Savyly, was born Feb. 9, 1862. In 1882 she married John David Miley.

John David Miley came to Wabash County with his parents, Isaiah and Elizabeth Dninger Miley, when he was nine years old. When his father died, a large share of the burden of caring for the family fell on his shoulders. He looked after his mother's interest until his twenty-second year. By reason of caring for his family, he was not able to carry out his intentions of becoming a teacher. Shortly after his twenty-second year he married Mary Alice Toomire. They had four children, all four of whom were known by their second or middle names:

Olive Blanche

B. Nov. 17, 1873;

M. George Misner

{ Velma M. Leo Hawkins

One Son

Earl (Wife, Mary)

Glen

David Ridenour Family, Cont'd:

Isaiah Ridenour Family, Cont'd: John David Miley and Mary Alice Toomire:

Ida Bertha B. 8/25/1875
M. John Fansler
also 1925 Des City

Roscoe Reiman B. 9/3/1877 *Died 9-12-1955*
Buried Park
com Fairmount
M. Etta
(Died 1973)

Arthur Miley
Retired from Postal
Service, 1972.
Marion, Indiana

Avery Miley
Minister of
Christian Church

Henry German B. 11/27/1879 *Detroit*
also 1929
M. Mattie Sue Felton

Henry German was a Lutheran minister. His first parish was St. Matthew, Lafayette, Ohio (Now Zion Church). For 19 years he was pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Detroit, Michigan, until his death on April 1, 1935.

John Edward
(Wife, Mary)
Attorney, Detroit

Mary Alice
M. Alfred Merchant

Martha Elsie

Anna Elizabeth
M. Eddie Schick

George Henry
Died at 3 weeks
of age.

Mattie Sue Felton Miley, his wife, lives in Detroit. Her mother was Ella Ridenour Felton, daughter of Isaiah Ridenour and sister of Martha Esther, second wife of John David Miley (see below):

Mary Alice Toomire Miley dying, John David Miley married Martha Esther Ridenour, daughter of Isaiah Ridenour and Elizabeth Savely. They were married on Dec. 24, 1882. Nine children were born to this union:

4. David Ridenour Family (cont'd:)

(Isaiah Ridenour Family: Martha Esther and John D. Miley:)



Isaiah, father of Martha E. Miley

John David Miley, Wabash, Ind.

Martha E. and John D. Miley had the following children:

1. Luther E. Miley

Born 12/3/1883

Died 12/3/1894

2. Franklin O. Miley

Born 7/7/1886

Died, 1925

Married Beulah Bond

Doris

Donald

3. Harry Benjamin Miley

Born 10/1/1888 *Walt Jep*

Died, 1969

Married: Alice Rohra-

baugh 12-25-1916

she was born 8-8-1895

she died 9-6-1979

*Buried
Lutheran cem
on 12/4
General Electric
30th Lutheran
Church*

Harry first farmed, then operated a service station with his brother, John, for about ten years. During World War II, he worked at Honeywells; then was with General Electric in Wabash until his retirement.

Marjorie

Married

Mark Johnson

Jolman

Wab 1969

David

M: Judith

Mellette

Brian

Sharon

M: Tom Jones

Scott Allen

Christopher Mike

Shawn Gregory

James

M: Linda Dorais

Kyle William

Helen

M: James

Courtright

Martinsville 1969

Gretchen

M: Clifford

Britton

James Wayne

Richard

M: Wilma Floyd

(Richard died
11/3/1972)

Linda

M: Terry Arrick

Timothy Scott

Judy

M: Don Yocemer

Angela Lynn

Carolea

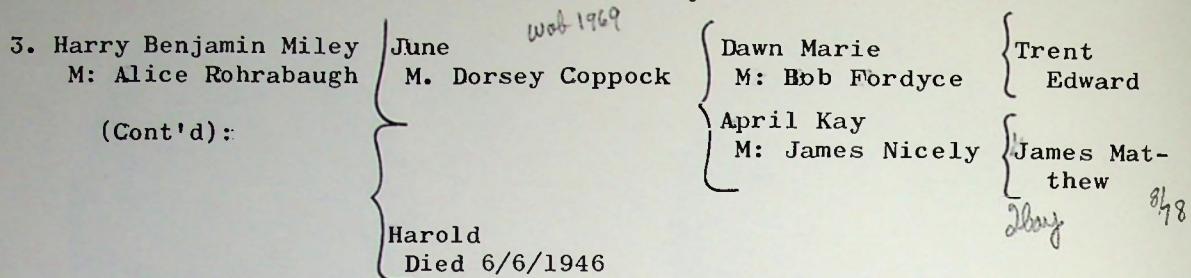
Susan Renae

Jerry (In Air Force)

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4. David Ridenour Family (Gont'd):

(Isaiah Ridenour: Martha E. and John D. Miley:)



John David Miley and Martha Esther Ridenour Miley, of
Wabash, Indiana.

4. George Walter Miley

Dr. George W. Miley, son of John D. Miley and Martha Ridenour Miley was born in Wabash County, Indiana, on Dec. 29, 1890. He received his undergraduate education at Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, and graduated from the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary in 1914. Ordained June 14 of the same year at Salem Church, Ellerton, he began his ministry in the four-congregation Bowerston parish at Sherrodsburg, Ohio, taking with him his bride, the former Rosanna Troup, born Jan. 27, 1894, at LaFayette, Ohio. He served this parish for four years. In 1918 Dr. Miley came to Toledo, where he was to devote twenty-three years of his life in two different parishes: six years as pastor of St. Luke's Church, 1918 - 1924, and seventeen years, 1924 - 1941, at Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church, from which he was called by the Synod of Ohio, United Lutheran Church of America, to become its third full-time president, in which office he served with distinction through all but 38 days of four terms, 1941-57.

4. David Ridenour Family (Cont'd:)

(Isaiah Ridenour: Martha Esther Ridenour and John David Miley:)

4. George W. Miley (Cont'd)

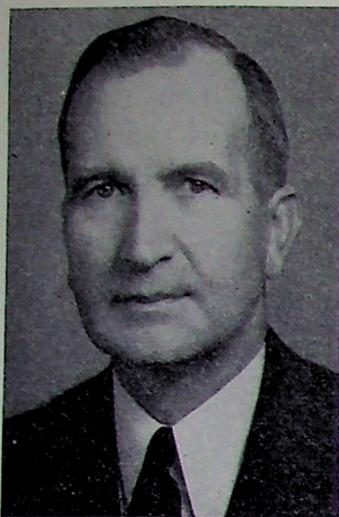
He died June 24, 1957. Mrs. Miley died March 25, 1969. They are buried in the Toledo Memorial Park Cemetery, Section 23.

They had the following children:

<p>Troup Revere Born and Died 1/9/1916</p> <p>Kathryn Elizabeth B. 9/13/1917 Married: Joseph Edward Rinderknecht B. 3/5/1916 Lawyer, Toledo, Ohio</p> <p>Martha Ellen B. 10/12/1921 Married: Oliver Arne Rajala B. 11/26/1916 L.C.A. Pastor St. Jacob's Lutheran Church, Miamisburg, Ohio.</p>	<p>David Miley Rinderknecht B. 4/17/1946 Tool and Die Maker, Pemberville, Ohio M: Linda Lou Banta on 2/16/74 B. 7/20/1950 Musician, Choir Director, Bethlehem Luth. Church, Pemberville, Ohio</p> <p>Edward George Rinderknecht B. 2/12/1948 Law student (1974) Musician M: Elizabeth Anne Windsor, 12/24/72 H. 7/4/1949</p> <p>Joseph Fredric Rinderknecht B. 10/21/1952 Theological student, 1974 Lutheran M: Gail Louise Johnson, 8/31/1974 B. 2/27/1953 Carolyn Ann Elizabeth Rinderknecht B. 4/2/1958</p> <p>Joan Ellen Rajala Matthew Ste- B. 2/14/1948 ven M: Steven Wm. Purdon H. 11/29/71 B. 1/4/1947 Architect, Cincinnati, Ohio</p> <p>Lynn Marie Rajala Stephanie H. 12/10/1949 Lynn M: Paul Steven B. 8/6/69 Schultz (College senior) Arne George Rajala B. 10/16/1951 Forestry. Now with U.S. Army in Neckarsulm, Germany</p>
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4. David Ridenour Family (cont'd)

(Isaiah Ridenour: Martha E. and John D. Miley:)



Left:

Dr. George W.
Miley

Right:

Dr. and Mrs.
G. W. Miley



Below:

Pastor and Mrs.
(Martha Ellen
and Oliver A.)
Rajala.
(Miamisburg,
Ohio)



Kathryn and
Joseph E. Rinder-
knecht, and
daughter, Ann.

(Toledo, Ohio)



4. David Ridenour Family (Cont'd:)

(Isaiah Ridenour: Martha E. and John D. Miley:)



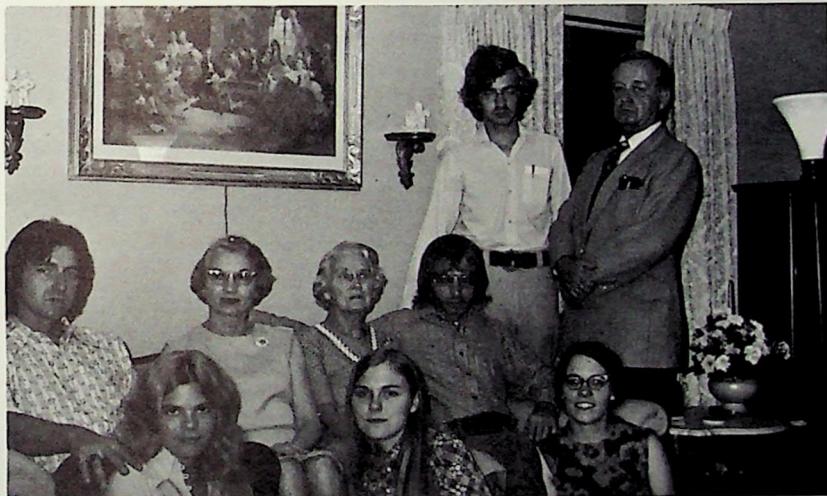
The Oliver A. and Martha
Ellen (Miley) Rajala Family:

Left to right:

Standing:

Steven Purdon, Arne Rajala,
Paul Steven Schultz, Lynn Marie
(Rajala) Schultz;

Seated: Joan Ellen (Rajala)
Purdon, the Rev. Oliver A.
Rajala, with Matthew S. Purdon,
Stephanie Lynn Schultz with
Martha Ellen (Miley) Rajala



Members of the Joseph E. Rinderknecht Family:

Standing: Joseph Fredric Rinderknecht and his father,
Joseph Edward Rinderknecht;

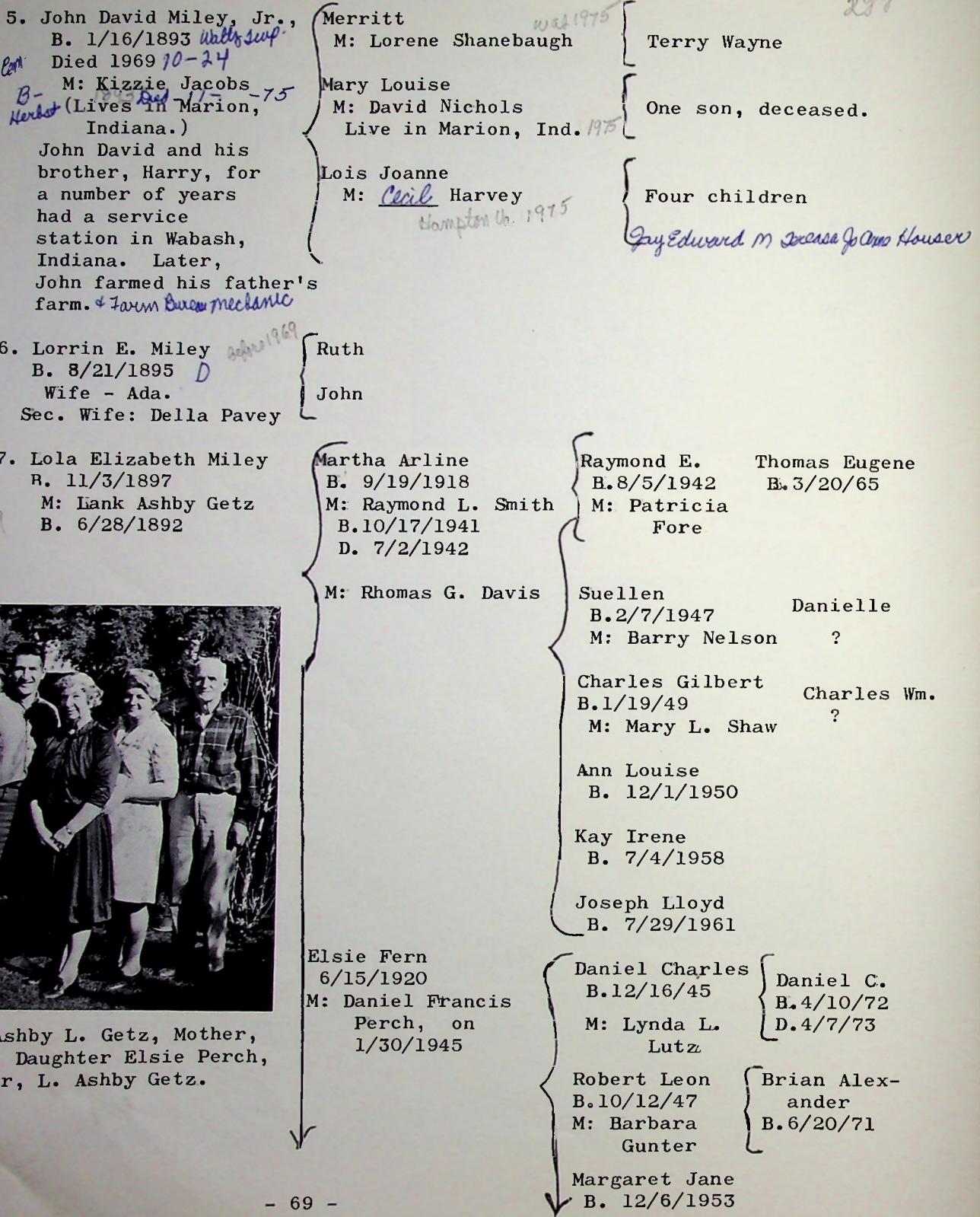
Middle row: Edward George Rinderknecht, Miss Margaret
Rinderknecht and Mrs. Edward Rinderknecht, sister and
mother of Joseph E.; David Miley Rinderknecht;

Seated, first row: Mrs. Edward (Elizabeth Anne) Rinderknecht,
Mrs. Joseph F. (Gail Louise); Mrs. David M. (Linda) Rinderknecht

4. David Ridenour Family (Cont'd)

(Isaiah Ridenour: Martha Esther Ridenour and John David Miley, :)

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4. David Ridenour Family (Cont'd.:)

(Isaiah Ridenour: Martha E. and John D. Miley:)

7. Lola (Cont'd.):



Lola's daughter Elsie's husband, Daniel F. Perch, and three daughters:
Margaret Jane, Barbara Ann, and Susan Elaine.

Elsie Fern M. Daniel F. Perch (Cont'd.):	Barbara Ann B. 2/3/1955
Ashby Leroy M. Wilda Huish	Susan Elaine B. 7/16/1956
Adrian Edward M. Mary Woods	Nancy Kathleen B. 6/17/1945
	M. Emil L. Montero
	Diane Marie B. 6/9/1949
	Kathleen Ann B. 6/23/1952
	Cathy Lynn B. 8/2/1948
	M. Lawrence Solinsky
	William David B. 6/2/1955

David Wm.
R. 8/22/1966
Michael
B. 3/19/1970

Matthew
Sarah Elizabeth
B. 10/8/72



Daniel Charles and Lynda L. Perch
1972



Robert L. and Barbara Perch
with son Brian.

4. David Ridenour Family (Cont'd)

(Isaiah Ridenour: Martha Esther Ridenour and John David Miley:)

8. Dwight L. Miley
B. 12/18/1900
Married:
Avis A. Harshman
B. 12/8/1903
Died 11/3/1969

Rev. Dwight L. Miley served pastorates in the Lutheran Church in America in Hillsboro, Indiana, Galion, Stony Ridge, and Wadsworth, Ohio, and was also in San Francisco, Calif. He was chaplain in the U.S. Army from 1944-1946, and was chaplain in Vet. Hospitals in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Indiana until 1969. He is now (1974) in the Good Shepherd Home, Ashland, Ohio.

Robert H. Miley
B. 11/15/1926
Married:
Edith E. Golz
B. 7/30/1926
Robert: Ass't.
Vice Pres.,
First Nat'l.
Bank of Wadsworth, Ohio,
since 1957

Susan Jane Miley

B. 5/13/31
M: Richard
Mathews
B: 6/30/30

Susan and Richard are both actors; have played in California, S. Dakota, Chicago, Ill., New England, New York, and New Jersey. They live (1974) in Princeton, New Jersey.

Ellen Jean Miley
B. 1/1/1937
M: Bruce Wanner
B. 9/12/33

Pamela Ann
B. 4/7/1949
M: Dempsey R. Root
B. 5/26/49

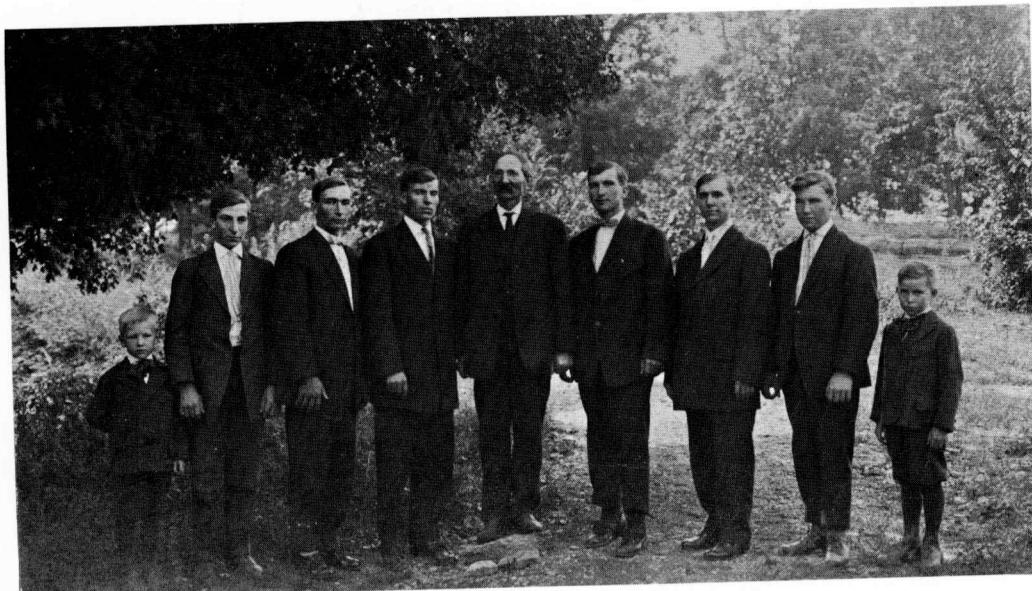
Sundy Sue
B. 10/12/1952
Secretary in
Wadsworth, Ohio

Timothy Dwight
B. 4/23/1955
Air Force, Lackland A.F.B.,
San Antonio, Texas (1974)

Devon Amilla
B. 6/1/1956

Ann Wanner
B. 4/24/1961
David Bruce Wanner
B. 10/20/64
Eric Wanner
B. 5/13/1972

Chad Brian
B. 12/19/72



Picture of
John David Miley
and eight of his
sons.

Left to right:
Charles A.,
Lorrin,
Harry B.,
Frank,
Father John David
George W.,
H. German,
John D.,
Dwight L.

Taken about
1905.

4. David Ridenour Family (Gont'd:)

(Isaiah Ridenour: Martha E. and John David Miley)

9. Charles A. Miley
B. 12/16/1902

M: Amy Elizabeth
Ridenour
B. August, 1906
(See Page 79)

Pastor Charles A. Miley held many pastorates in the Lutheran Church of America. He served in Minnesota, Wisconsin; in Fresno, Calif., and in Sacramento, Calif. He also served a Church in Portland, Oregon, and another in Goldendale, Washington. From 1944 to 46 he was Chaplain in the U.S. Army. He is now retired since 1969, and lives in West Point, California.



David H. Ridenour (See page 63)
Son of Isaiah Ridenour; brother of
Martha Esther Miley, and husband of
Gertrude Votaw. (See Page 79)

Ralph E. B. 11/1927	Pamela Ann B. April, 1951
M: Mildred Foley B. Feb., 1927	
Frank Paul B. March, 1929	Denise Lynn B. May, 1957 D: May, 1970
M: Lucille Reed B. Dec., '29.	
David Charles B. March, 1932	Carol Elaine B. July, 1959
M: Carolyn Finch B. Aug., 1934	
James Edward ** B. Feb., 1936	John Russell Born and died July, 1961
M. 1st: Sandra Slape	
M. 2nd: Avis Marlene Parker	Katherine Ilene B. March, 1955 M: Robert Vernon Olsen
	Joyce Marie B. July, 1956
	Richard David B. Oct., 1959
	Kenneth Wayne B. May, 1963
	Jeffrey Charles B. Nov., 1963
	James Edward B. Oct., 1967
	Robert Sept., 1962
	Kari Ann June, 1965

Adopted by
James Edward

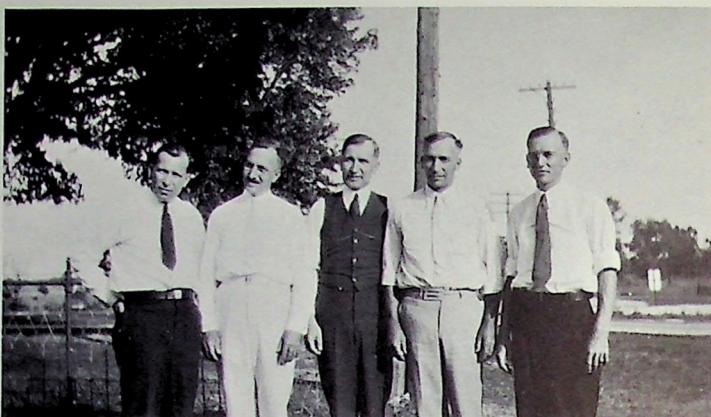
** James Edward is also a Lutheran Pastor and serves in California, also.

4. David Ridenour Family (Cont'd:)

(Isaiah Ridenour: Martha E. and John D. Miley:)

Five of the sons of
John D. and Martha E.
Miley: Left to right:

Dwight, Lorrin,
George, Harry, and
Charles



Above: Wives of the five sons
pictured at top of page. L. to R.:

Alice (Harry)
Rosa (George)
Ada (Lorrin)
Avis (Dwight)
Amy (Charles)

Below:

Grave marker for
John David Miley and
Martha.
Lutheran Cemetery,
near Wabash, Indiana.



4. David Ridenour Family (Cont'd:)

(Isaiah Ridenour: Martha E. and John D. Miley:)



Four of the sons of John David Miley became Lutheran Ministers. The eldest of these, Henry German, was born to John D. and his first wife, Mary Alice Toomire.

The other three were sons of Martha E. Ridenour Miley and John David.

On the occasion of the cornerstone laying of Rev. Charles A. Miley's church in California, the three brothers participated in the service.

Above, left to right in clerical attire: Dr. George W. Miley, the Rev. Charles A. Miley, and the Rev. Dwight L. Miley.

At left, with their wives:

Rosa and George W. Miley
Amy and Charles A. Miley
Avis and Dwight L. Miley

Pictures taken in 1949.

4. David Ridenour Family (Cont'd:)

(Children of David Ridenour, Jr., and Sarah Shauver, cont'd.)

7. Sarah Ridenour
1838 - 1901
Married: Amos Roser

{ David Roser
Samuel Roser
Frank Roser
Elizabeth Roser
Alice Roser
Jesse Roser
Bertha Roser

8. John Benjamin Ridenour

Noble Twp/1870

John Benjamin Ridenour, son of David Ridenour, Jr., and Sarah Shauver, was born in 1840 in Bucks Twp., Tuscarawas County, Ohio. He was baptized in the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church. His family moved to Wabash, Indiana, before he was a year old. He became a farmer. He married Emma Bent, born in 1844. She died in 1905, and he in 1894. Their children were Margaret, Amos, and Ira.

- Marta - 1870 Census*
1. Margaret Ridenour
1866 - 1940
M. *** Staley

They had no children

2. Amos Ridenour
1869 - 1934
M. Emma Mullett
1874 - 1961

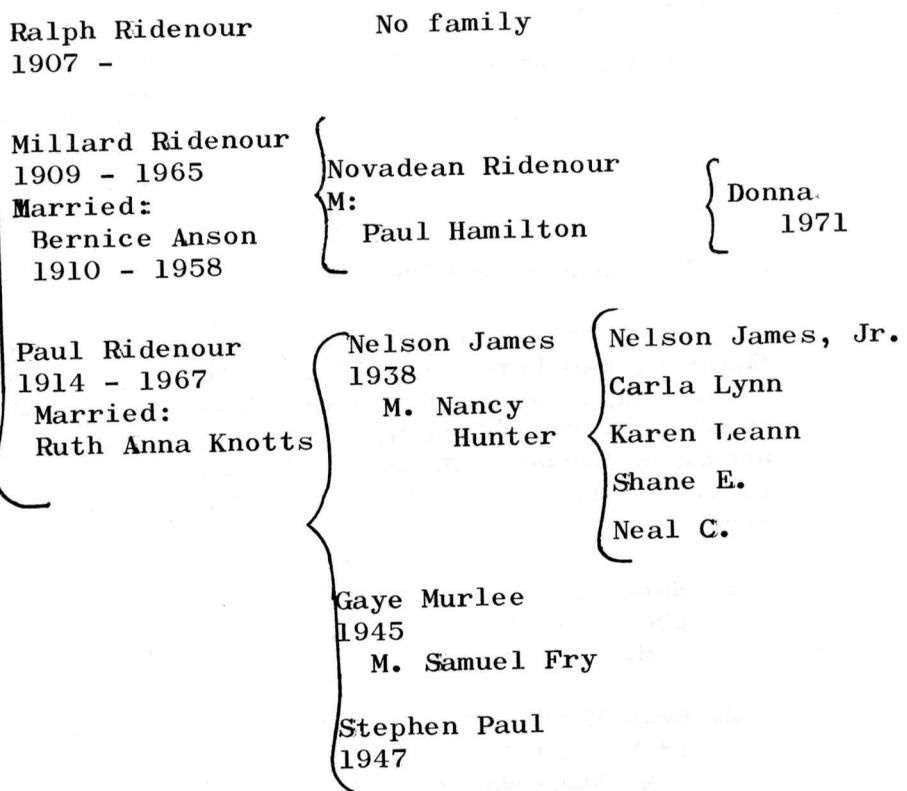
{ Dwight Ridenour
B. 1905
M. Catherine Moon

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Joseph
1934 | { Debora 1958 |
| M. Elaine
Crouch | Daniel 1959 |
| 2. Mary Ellen
B. 1937 | Michael 1962 |
| M. Russell
Rowe | Michele 1964 |
| 3. David
B. 1938 | { James 1958 |
| M. Sue
Shalley | Marsha 1959 |
| 4. Elizabeth
B. 1939 | Kathy 1962 |
| M. Able
Mendez | Margaret
1963 |
| 5. Philip W. (Single)
B. 1941 | John 1964 |
| 6. Lois Edna (Single)
B. 1943 | Jeffry 1966 |
| 7. Dorothy Leah 1944 - 1949 | Jerry 1968 |
| 8. Rebecca 1949 (Single) | |

4. David Ridenour Family (Cont'd:)

8. Family of John Benjamin Ridenour, continued:

(2. Amos Ridenour,
Cont'd:)



4. David Ridenour Family (Cont'd:)

(8. John Benjamin Ridenour Family:)



Amos Ridenour, son of John
Benjamin Ridenour, and father
of Dwight, Ralph, Millard,
and Paul.

Emma Ridenour, wife of
Amos Ridenour, with their
four sons: Left to right:
Dwight, Millard, Ralph,
and Paul.



4. David Ridenour Family (Cont'd:)

8. Family of John Benjamin Ridenour, Cont'd:)

2. Amos Ridenour Family; son Dwight Ridenour. See also
snapshot, page 64.)



Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Ridenour

Vows Said 40 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Ridenour, R.R. 3 will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary at an open house from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday in the Treaty Clubhouse. Friends and relatives are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Ridenour, the former Catherine Moon, were married June 21, 1933 in Marion by the Rev. F. J. Long.

They are members of the Southside United

Methodist Church and are active in Linlawn Farm Bureau Unit. He is engaged in farming.

The event will be hosted by their children, Joe, Speedway, Mrs. Russell (Mary) Rowe, Marion; David, Wabash; Mrs. Abel (Elizabeth) Mendez, Guatemala City, Central America; Lois, Terre Haute; and Phillip and Rebecca, at home. One daughter is deceased.

4. David Ridenour Family (Cont'd.)

(Children of David Ridenour, Jr., and Sarah Shauver, Cont'd.)

9. David C. Ridenour (The following material taken from Biographical

Waltz Sep 1870 Memoirs of Wabash County, Indiana. B. F. Bowen, Pub. 1901)

David Christopher Ridenour, son of David and Sarah (Shauver) Ridenour, was born on his father's farm in Waltz Township, Wabash, Indiana, on April 1, 1843. His education was obtained in the old subscription and free school. This first school being a hewed log structure, with a sawed floor, slab seats, and writing desks made of boards laid upon pegs driven in the wall, and in this, for heating purposes, was a big drum stove of the old-fashioned type.

At the age of twenty-one, he attended his last school, this in a frame building. During summer, and, in fact, during the best part of the year, he helped his father clear the land and do the farm work. His father, in the meantime, had given him a piece of land, and he purchased enough more to make eighty acres. There was a small one-room log cabin on this place, and after his marriage on March 9, 1865, to Miss Catherine Smith, daughter of Philip Smith and Pamela (Unger) Smith, he at once began keeping house and lived in this cabin about nine years, by adding a small room for a kitchen. He always followed farming, and added to his place from time to time until he had three hundred and fifty-five acres, nearly all under cultivation, thirty-five acres of this being a part of the old homestead.

*she was
23 in 1870*

He and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church, and he held all the offices of the church. They had six children: three died in infancy (Edwin, Lily, and ?), while three grew to maturity: Parmelia (Mrs. George Roser), he a farmer of Waltz township; Anna (Mrs. Philip Pence), he also a farmer of Waltz township; and David German Ridenour, also a farmer, who married Nellie Sophronia Votaw.

David C. Ridenour moved to a home of eighty acres, located about a quarter of a mile from the Wabash city limits, where he had a most beautiful brick residence and fine farm buildings, and where he devoted his time and his land to diversified farming.



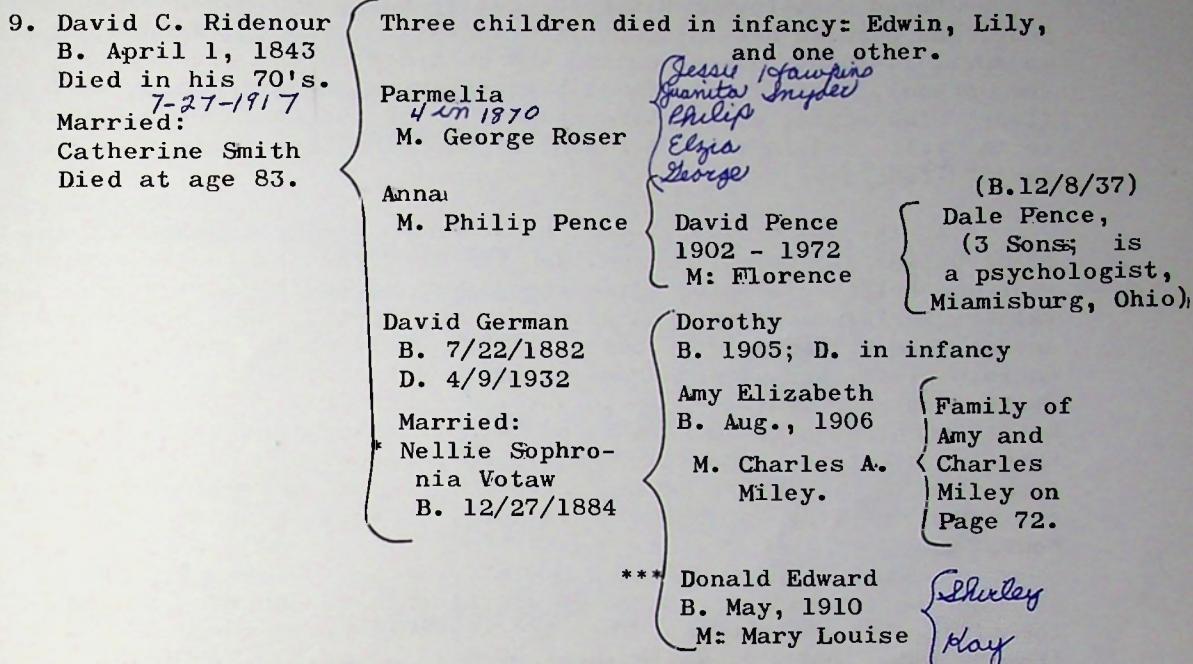
Mr. and
Mrs. David
C. Ridenour

Wabash,
Indiana.



4. David Ridenour Family (Cont'd.)

(Children of David Ridenour, Jr., and Sarah Shauver, cont'd.)



***Donald E. Ridenour, and his wife, had the following children:

Shirley, born 1934, who married Doyle Ross. Their children are Steven, Susan, David, and DeAnn Ross. They live near Wabash, Indiana.
8-7-27-1962

Kay, born in 1938. She is unmarried.

* Following are some interesting facts concerning the parents of Nellie Sophronia Votaw Ridenour, wife of David German Ridenour, son of David and Catherine (Smith) Ridenour:

Nellie's parents were Lewis Votaw and Sophronia (Macy) Votaw. Their children were:

William Votaw

Mary Votaw Bender

Gertrude Votaw Ridenour (She married David H. Ridenour, a son of Isaiah Ridenour, brother of David C., above.) See page 63.

Walter Votaw

Nellie Votaw Ridenour

4. David Ridenour Family (Cont'd:)

(Children of David Ridenour, Jr., and Sarah Shauver, Cont'd:)

10. George Ridenour
Born 1843 IN

Waltz Jno 1870
Married: 10-17-1867
Mary Ellen Bent
Age 22 in 1870 IN

is dead in 1914

Albert Ridenour
Nora Ridenour
Earl Ridenour
Charles Ridenour
Martha Ridenour
George Ridenour

11. Mary Ridenour
1847 - 1877

Married: - Smith
John *John*
Bergeron

Franklin Smith
Cordelia Smith
Edward Smith

12. Daniel Ridenour

Born, 1850
07041870
Married, 1st,
Mary Deeter

2nd: Elizabeth Rennaker

William

No children



Daniel Ridenour, twelfth in the
Family of David Ridenour, Jr. and
Sarah Shauver.

5. Samuel Ridenour

Samuel Ridenour, son of David Ridenour and Margaret Wiles was born Feb. 17, 1804, in Jefferson County, Ohio. He married Katharine Harshbarger, also of Jefferson County, Ohio. He was a farmer. He lived in Jefferson County until after his third child, Solomon, was born on Nov. 13, 1831, later moving to Defiance County, Ohio. His first wife died on Sept. 8, 1840. He died July 5, 1883. They are buried in the Lower Lost Creek Cemetery in Defiance County, Ohio.

Samuel Ridenour and Katharine Harshbarger Ridenour had the following children: (Samuel's second wife was Mary A. M. Stewart; they had no children.)

1. Rachael Ridenour
M. ? Chamberlain

Samuel Chamberlain	(2 children)
Mary Chamberlain	(4 children)
Nelson Chamberlain	(no children)
James Chamberlain	(2 children)
Elias Chamberlain	(1 child)
Irena Chamberlain	(no children)

2. David Ridenour

*In 1850 David 20 born in Ohio (a laborer for Anderson Burns)
Only one child living*

3. Solomon Ridenour
B. 11/13/1831

Allen J. Ridenour M. Bessie M. Christ-	{	Clyde Ridenour
mas		Carl C. Ridenour
		Maud A. Ridenour

4. Mary Ridenour
M. ? Bastater

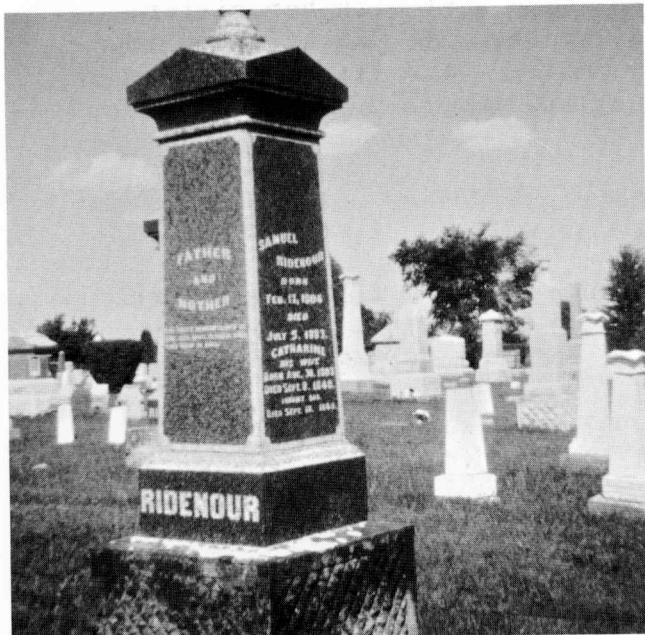
5. Daniel Ridenour
M. Lydia Lightfoot

William Ridenour	{	}
Myrtle Ridenour		
Mary Ridenour		
Chloe Ridenour		
Jessie Ridenour		
Carrie Ridenour		
Hazel Ridenour		
Ramon Ridenour		

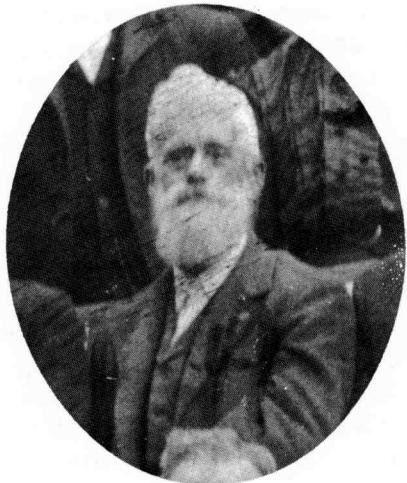
6. Amelia Ridenour
M. ? Shorthill

John W. Shorthill	3 children
Nellie Shorthill	4 children
Harry Shorthill	
Effie Shorthill	7 children

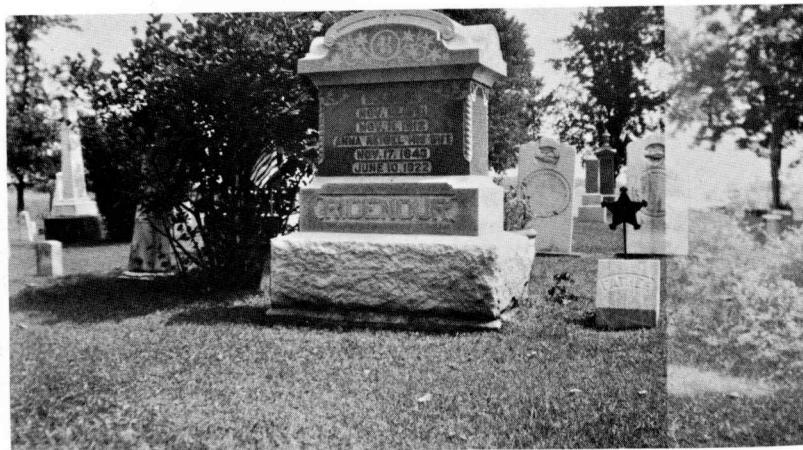
5. Samuel Ridenour Family (Cont'd:)



Samuel and Katharine Ridenour grave marker, near Hicksville, Ohio.



Solomon Ridenour, son of Samuel and Katharine Ridenour; he was a Civil War Veteran.



Grave marker for Solomon and Mary Ridenour in the Farmer Cemetery, Defiance County, Ohio.

6. Mary Ridenour

Mary Ridenour, daughter of David Ridenour and Margaret Wiles, was born in 1806 in Jefferson County, Ohio. She never married. In the census of 1850 she was living with her father. She went with her sister, Elizabeth Lighter, and family to Defiance County, Ohio, about 1860. She died in 1891 and is buried with her three brothers and sister in the Lower Lost Creek Cemetery.

7. John Ridenour

John Ridenour, son of David Ridenour and Margaret Wiles, was born February 14, 1807, in Jefferson County, Ohio. He married Susannah Hilbert. Her parents, Daniel and Catharine Hilbert, moved to Harrison County, from Frederick County, Maryland. She was born Oct. 13, 1811; they lived in Jefferson County, Ohio for two years, in Wayne County, Ohio, for five years, and in 1845 moved to Farmer Twp., Defiance County, Ohio. He was a farmer. He died Nov. 11, 1860. She died more than twenty years later. They are buried in the Lower Lost Creek Cemetery, Defiance County.

Their children are:

1. Alfred Ridenour

B. 1/21/1840

M. Emily Arrowsmith

Minnie Ridenour

B. 1870

2. Augustus Ridenour

B. 7/5/1841

M. Susanna Hilbert

Lorna Ridenour

M. W.W. Battershell

Earl

Doyl

Dr. John Ridenour

M. Sara Averly

Florence

Anna Ridenour

M. Howard Lee

Kenneth

Charles Ridenour

B. 9/1/1876

D. 6/15/1968

M. Stella

McCollough

B. 3/23/1877

D. 7/5/1956

Layel Ridenour

B. 8/12/1910

M. Nannie Lee

Rush

B. 2/28/1910

(Mr. and Mrs. Layel
Ridenour's children:

George H. Ridenour

B. 3/22/1939

M. Nancy Felthousen

B. 3/28/1943

Mary A. Ridenour

B. 3/17/1943

M. Robert Deetz

B. 6/14/1943

7. John Ridenour Family, Cont'd:

3. Rebecca Ridenour B. 12/7/1843 M. Jacob Lane	{ Susanna Arlo Nancy
4. Martha Ridenour B. 7/13/1845	
5. Lomon Ridenour B. 1847 M. Maggie Snyder	{ Lillie Ridenour M. Simon Butah four girls Ellis Ridenour M. ? Webber 1 son Ina Ridenour M. Charles Sindle 3 girls Blanch Ridenour M. ? Sleisman 8 children
6. David Ridenour B. 1849 M. Lovina Blosser	{ Della Ridenour M. James M. Usted 2 children Homer Ridenour M. ? Hoepman 2 children Dora Ridenour M. ? Richardson
7. Daniel Ridenour M. Alice Loyd	six sons



Grave marker for Mr. and Mrs.
John Ridenour, Hicksville



Marker for Mr. and Mrs. Alfred
Ridenour, son of John Ridenour.

7. John Ridenour Family Cont'd:



Mr. and Mrs. Augustus
Ridenour



Monument for Mr. and Mrs. Augustus
Ridenour



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ridenour, son of Augustus Ridenour and grandson of John Ridenour, Hicksville, Ohio, and grand-daughter, Mary.

8. Jacob Ridenour

Jacob Ridenour, son of David Ridenour and Margaret Wiles, was born May 16, 1808, in Jefferson County, Ohio. In October, 1831, he married Katherin Notstein, also of Jefferson County, Ohio. They moved to Wabash, Indiana. He died Oct. 25, 1890. They had two children, Manassah and Margaret::

1. Manassah Ridenour
1833 - 1868

M. Sarah Anderson

{ William Corwin Ridenour
1860 - 1880

Clara Ridenour
M. ? Williams

Ella Nora Ridenour
B. 1864
M. ? Austin

2. Margaret Ridenour
Died, 1891

M. ? Cochran,
in 1855.

9. Eve Ridenour

Eve Ridenour, daughter of David Ridenour and Margaret Wiles, lived in Jefferson County, Ohio, and never married. She lived with her father until his death in 1854. She died on Nov. 2, 1863, and is buried in the Osage Cemetery, Jefferson County, Ohio, beside her parents and her sister Susannah.

10. George Ridenour

George Ridenour, son of David Ridenour and Margaret Wiles, was born Oct. 6, 1811, in Jefferson County, Ohio. He married Catharine Hilbert, of Jefferson County, Ohio. She was born June 26, 1814. They were farmers and moved to Defiance County, Ohio. He died on April 3, 1891; she died April 16, 1894. They are buried in the lower Lost Creek Cemetery, Defiance, Ohio.

They had the following children:

- | | | |
|---------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Peter Ridenour | 1834 - 1903 | 6 children |
| 2. Daniel Ridenour | 1836 - ? | 4 children |
| 3. Elias Ridenour | 1838 - ? | 5 children |
| 4. Marian Ridenour | 1840 - | 3 children |
| 5. Isaac Ridenour | 1842 - | 8 children |
| 6. Susanna Ridenour | 1844 - | 6 children |
| 7. Simon Ridenour | | 3 children |
| 8. Andrew Ridenour | | 4 children (One named John) |
| 9. Hannah Ridenour | | 7 children |
| 10. Josiah Ridenour | | 2 children |

10. George Ridenour Family, Cont'd:



Andrew Ridenour, son of George Ridenour.

He told his cousin, Samuel Ridenour, of Tuscarawas County, that if he would ever see their land in Defiance County, Ohio, Samuel would never go back to Tuscarawas County again!

The grave marker at the right is for Mr. and Mrs. George Ridenour, and is in the rural cemetery near Hicksville, Ohio



Left to right:

Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas; Mr. and Mrs. John Ridenour of Defiance County, Ohio, (son of Andrew and grandson of George) and John Ridenour of Tuscarawas County, Ohio.

11. Mathias Ridenour

Mathias Ridenour, son of David Ridenour and Margaret Wiles, was born Nov. 20, 1813, in Jefferson County, Ohio. This birth date comes from the Osage Church records. Nothing more is known of him.

12. Sarah Ridenour

Sarah Ridenour, daughter of David Ridenour and Margaret Wiles, was born Aug. 16, 1816 in Jefferson County, Ohio. She married J. C. Smith, born 1809. He was quite well-to-do for that day, having a real estate and personal property valuation of \$16,000.00 in 1850. Sarah died Nov. 4, 1861. J. C. Smith married a second wife, whose first name was Margaret. He died Nov. 26, 1896, at the age of 87. They are buried in the Osage Cemetery, Jefferson County, Ohio.

Their children are as follows:

1. Elizabeth Smith	B. 1837	D. 1865	Buried in Osage Cemetery
2. Benton Smith	B. 1839		
3. Julia Smith	B. 1841		
4. Margaret Smith	B. 1841		
5. Franklin Smith	B. 1844		
6. Louisa Smith	B. 1845		
7. Luther Smith	B. 1846	D. 1851	Buried in Osage Cemetery
8. Harriett Smith	B. 1847	D. 1852	Buried in Osage Cemetery
9. Zeno Smith	B. 1852		
10. John Smith	B. 1856	D. 1927.	Wife, Emma 1857-1942. Buried in Osage Cemetery
11. Allen Smith	B. 1858	D. 1863	

13. Elizabeth Ridenour

Elizabeth Ridenour, daughter of David Ridenour and Margaret Wiles, was born in 1820 in Jefferson County, Ohio. She married Jacob Leiter, who was born in 1818. They lived in Jefferson County, Ohio, until about 1860, when they moved to Defiance County, Ohio, taking with them her maiden sister, Mary. Elizabeth died in 1888, and Jacob in 1866. They are buried in the Lower Lost Creek Cemetery. Three of their children were buried in the Osage Cemetery in Jefferson County. They had eight children: Rebecca, Sarah, Nancy, David, Susanna, Joseph, Emma, and Elizabeth.

When they went to Defiance County, they bought a farm across the road from her brother John Ridenour. Both farms are in the same families to this day.

13. Elizabeth Ridenour Leiter Family, Cont'd:



Tall white marker if that of
Jacob and Elizabeth (Ridenour)
Leiter



Marker for Mary Ridenour, maiden
sister of Elizabeth, and Emma,
ten-year-old daughter of Jacob
and Elizabeth Leiter. Defiance County,
Ohio.

Children of Elizabeth and Jacob Leiter:

1. Rebecca Leiter Buried in Osage Cemetery, Jefferson County, Ohio.
1838 - 2/26/1851

2. Sarah Leiter
1840 - 1924
M. James R.
Kittridge,
Defiance County,
Ohio.
Both are buried
in Lower Lost
Creek Cemetery.

Cyrus Jacob
Kittredge
10/25/1867 -
12/25/1948
Married, on
12/31/1888,
Lydia Marie
Reed
1/7/1865 -
3/7/1945

1. Edith Kittredge
10/7/1889 -

M. William
Ringer
D.4/21/1966

2. Cyrus Kittredge
10/23/1890

M. 7/13/1915
Leah Faye
Servence

3. Effie Grace
Kittredge
6/11/1893
M. 8/17/1917,
Beryle D. Roan
D. 3/31/1972

Harold Eugene

Thelma Mae

Robert T.

Charles Elton

Elizabeth
Arlene

Donna Belle

Betty Jane

Ellen Fay

Cyrus D.
1919 - 1939

13. Elizabeth Ridenour Leiter Family Cont'd.:

Children of Sarah Leiter Kittredge, son Cyrus, cont'd:

- | | |
|--|---|
| 4. Edna H. Kittredge
B. 12/15/1894 -
D. 2/14/1970

M., June, 1918,
Floyd Alexander
D. 11/29/1954 | Roland
B. 5/16/1920
D. 3/29/1945,
in a German
Prison Camp.

Betty Marie
Donald Lee |
| 5. Louis Kittredge
B. 4/4/1898

M., 12/27, 1922,
C. Kretzer | Marguerite J.
Glorice Joanne
Charlotte Leone |
| 6. Sadie Kittredge
B. 10/30/1899

M., 1919,
Glen L. Sites | Ione Mae
Anna Marie
Maynard LeRoy |
| 7. Ruth Lydia Kitt-
redge
B. 11/17/1905 | |

3. Nancy Leiter
 B. 1845, in Jefferson County, Ohio
 M.: Philip Weber. She died in 1902 and is buried in the Farmer Cemetery, Defiance County, Ohio. They had no children.
4. David Leiter
 B. 1847, in Jefferson County, Ohio.
 D. 1853. Buried in Osage Cemetery, Jefferson County, Ohio
5. Susanna Leiter
 B. 1850, in Jefferson County, Ohio
 D. 1852. Buried in Osage Cemetery, Jefferson County, Ohio
6. Joseph Leiter
 B. 1855, in Jefferson County, Ohio
 D. 1905. Buried in Farmer Cemetery, Defiance County, Ohio
7. Emma Leiter
 B. 1858; Died 1870. Buried in Lower Lost Creek Cemetery, Defiance County, Ohio
8. Elizabeth Leiter
 B. 1860, in Defiance County, Ohio. Died 10/7/1870. Buried in Lower Lost Creek Cemetery, Defiance County, Ohio

Some of those contributing to the contents of this Book are:

George Fredric Ridenour - Springfield, Ohio

Dane Ridenour - Delphus, Ohio

Buel Ridenour - Chester, Ohio

Dwight Ridenour - Wabash, Indiana

Mrs. Kathryn Rinderknecht - Toledo, Ohio

Mrs. Ruth Arnett - Birmingham, Alabama

Ruth Kittredge - Edgerton, Ohio

Charles Ridenour - Normal, Illinois

Edna Ridenour - Boonsboro, Maryland

(Featured on Page 14)

Martin Ridenour (b. 1782) had a son John born February 16, 1820 at Aurora, West Virginia. He was a Brethren Minister.

In 1865 he married Elizabeth Frush born in Sumerset County, Pennsylvania. They went to Keokuk, Iowa in 1864, then to Jackson Township, Iowa in 1865 on a farm. He preached his farewell sermon at Garrison, Iowa at the age of 80. They had the following children:

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| 1. A daughter died in infancy | 2. Jacob Ridenour |
| 3. James W. Ridenour | 4. Mary S. McCready |
| 5. Sarah B. Brallier | 6. Velma Pavey |
| 7. Elizabeth Newcombe | 8. John Ridenour |
| 9. Sevilla Trego | 10. Judson B. Ridenour |
| 11. Jess Ridenour | 12. Joseph E. Ridenour, M.D. |

James W. Ridenour, son of Rev. John Ridenour, born 10/11/1858, died 7/20/1930. He farmed at Garrison, Iowa. Married Eva Russell, born 5/14/1879, died 9/24/1914 at Garrison. Children:

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Arthur Ridenour | 2. Bertha Robertson |
| 3. Neta Robertson | 4. Mable Gordon |
| 5. Sevilla Pollock | 6. Lena Taylor |

Arthur Ridenour, born 12/1/1879, married on 8/6/1908 to Alta Hunt, she died 4/4/1966. He is 95 years old. The had the following children:

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|---|---------------------------------|
| 1. Elizabeth, died in infancy | 2. James, lived in Vinton, Iowa |
| 3. Russell (Pete) Ridenour of LeSueur, Minnesota. Married Venderzyl.
Their children are: | |
| 1. Russell Ridenour, Sioux City, Iowa, 3 boys | |
| 2. Dean Ridenour, 2 girls and 1 boy | |
| 3. Bob Ridenour, 2 boys and 1 girl | |
| 4. James Ridenour, 2 children: Ted, twin daughters
Nancy, 2 boys | |

The following information are pictures, notes, and clippings that were in Martha Jane's Ridenour file set.

This digital history/scrapbook was created in loving memory of Mom in June 2023.



(1926 – 2012)

John Ridenour
R#1, Stone Creek
Ohio



Mrs Eldon Biehl
R.R. 1
North Manchester
Indiana
46962

Stone Creek Ohio
June 30 1974

Dear Cousin:

It was nice hearing from you, because we a cousin. Thanks for the book orders. I heard from many cousin that I didn't know any ^{thing} about, this has been a great joy to me.

My grandfather Samuel Ridenour (Page 39) was a brother to your great grandfather John.

My grandfather was to at least two of the Ridenour reunion at Wabash about 1890 and 1910. He often talked of the three Ridenour girls that married the 3 Stauffer boys.

Benton Ridenours daughter Edith wrote to him as long as he lived,

My father Joseph (Page 54) was to several Ridenour reunion Mark Miller (whose mother was a sister to John Ridenour's wife)

was along out one time.

I am featured on page 53 & 54
 In 1932 my father, mother
 and my wife and I was out to
 the reunion. I remember of
 meeting the three Ridenour that
 married Stauffers. as well as
 many others I could name.

We stayed over night at Arthur
 he was a son of Mike and grand
 son of Joseph Ridenour.

We have made many trips
 to Wabash since. We have been
 to Dwights, to see the Stauffers.
 Blanch & Lula, Levis and many others.
 I enjoy going to Wabash Ind.

Did you know your grand-
 mother had a little brother (2 yrs
 older than Benton) that died before
 they moved away from Stone Creek.
 He is buried in the same cemetery
 that John's mother and youngest
 brother David is buried

I live about 4 miles from where John lived and had his blacksmith shop near Stone Creek O.

I have just noticed I made a mistake in calling your grandmother Sarah. I knew her and I knew her name was Catherine. Sorry about this.

I have found very few mistakes. I am happy that I could give some thing about each of John's brothers & sisters, also about his father Daniels brothers & sisters.

I have Daniel Ridenour's German Bibl. He is buried in our local cemetery.

I will close, I just thought I would write a few things I have been thinking about. If you have any questions I will try to answer them.

Your Cousin
John Ridenour

1900-1901 before Elmer married 11-1901



Zero Shambaugh - John Stauffer - Elmer Redenour - Mark Redenour - Robert Early
Ellyett Shambaugh - Nellie Stauffer - Sarah (Sally) Redenour - Emily Early
Reed Shambaugh - Mable Early - Julie Shambaugh - Hazel Early - Flossie Early
Walter

Martha Jane

Lucky & Blue were successively
med. Bee eye Brown have
negroes man & lady together

Old fro. Davis Name
Rideau

3 copy

John
Stapler
Wabash, P.D.

K. Stauffer



Home of John Redenour (deceased)
in area of Stone Creek, Ohio
author of Redenour History
trailer - child of John living there

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Barn - across Road from House
of John Redenour (deceased)
in area of Stone Creek Ohio
author of Redenour History

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