

Dreisbach-Dresbach Family Association Newsletter

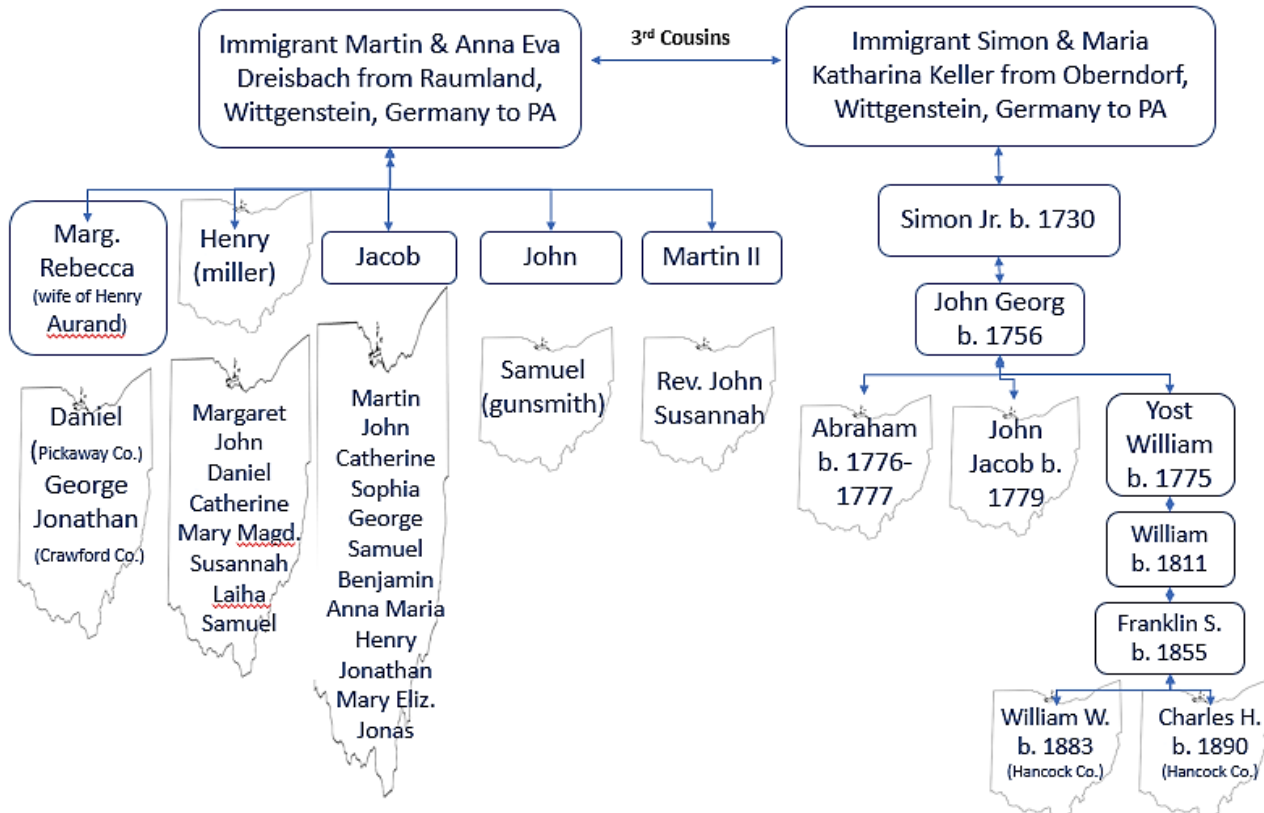
The Dreisbach Families Settle in Ohio 1801-1875 – Part 2

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New Information Found in Deeds

Which Dreisbachs – Dresbachs - Dresbacks migrated to Ohio?



1801 is the first evidence of a land purchase found in Ohio. Henry, the son of Martin Sr., entered a contract to purchase 20 acres in Section 12, Township 3, Range 22 (what later became Pickaway Twp., Pickaway Co.) in order to establish a mill on Scippo Creek at that location. 1875 is the year Henry Dresbach, the son of Jacob and Magdalena (Buchs) Dreisbach, passed away. He was the last living Dreisbach of the first wave of Ohio settlers. He outlived all of his siblings, cousins and distant cousins who first settled in Ohio and tamed the forests.

In my deed research, I found a few new genealogical bits of information that we did not have record of on the database site: <https://ddfa.tribalpages.com>. I would like to point out the new information for you.

1. Regarding the family of Henry Dreisbach, the son of Martin I and Anna Eva Hoffman Dreisbach, (as far as I know) we have not had any descendants of Henry Dreisbach, the Miller, (son of Martin Sr.) involved in reunions. I believe that there could be some living descendants.

- a. A different death date for his eldest son, John, b. 29 Jun 1776, of “after” 28th April 1810, and “before” **11th August 1810**, and his wife’s maiden name was **Markel**.

His eldest son’s (John, b. 29 Jun 1776) wife’s maiden name had not been identified in our database. In 1817 the heirs of John Markel include the name of Catherine Dresbach, with no husband named (Catharine Dresbach, Jonas Markle & Hannah his wife, Joseph Markle, Hannah Markle, George Ray and Sarah, his wife, Peter Neyheart and Maria, his wife, and Catherine Witzel, children of John Markle, Ross Co. Deed Vol. 14, pg. 339).

Based on a land transaction in 1810, when Henry and wife, Margaret (Rimmel), gifted 100 acres in Section 32, to their son, we know that John lived on 28th April 1810 (Vol. A, pg. 124). If Catherine Markel was his wife, John died prior to the 1817 Markel estate settlement, not AFT 1828 as stated in the database. I have not found another John in these family groups that died prior to 1817. Later deed transactions in 1828 and 1831 selling the estate of her deceased husband (part of 100 acres in Section 32, Circleville Twp.) give her location, and the location of her daughter, Margaret Dresbach, as Cincinnati. The 1828 deed states, “Catherine Dresbach, Wid., Samuel, Jacob, Leah, of Pickaway & Hamilton Counties,” [heirs of John].

I did find the Will of John Dresbach dated 28th April 1810, recorded in Pickaway County Will Book 1, Page 2, recorded in 1810, which names wife, Catherine, mentioned children, but not named. Executors are to be brother, Daniel and brother-in-law, John Ely. Also, the inventory for John Dresbach - recorded in Probate Court Volume 1, page 17, for John Dresbach late of Washington township in the County of Pickaway - dates of inventory 11 August 1810 and 2 April 1811. Therefore John Dreisbach, b. 29 Jun 1776, d. after 28th April 1810, and before 11th August 1810.

- b. I was able to find a **death date for Henry’s daughter, Catherine Dreisbach, b. 8 Apr 1782** (who md. John Ely) as **28th June 1828** (High Street Burial Records, Pickaway Co., Genealogical Society)
- c. Henry married a second time. On **June 13th 1811, Henry Dresbach and Mary Hedges** recorded a Pre-Nuptial Agreement in the deed records of Pickaway County, **on the same day they received their marriage license, and their marriage was performed by Andrew Einsworth!** Mary Hedges was a widow of Joshua Hedges. The agreement is recorded in Deed Book Vol. A, pg. 204, and is a marvelous example of fairness and respect in years when women’s roles in business affairs were diminished. A portion of the agreement:

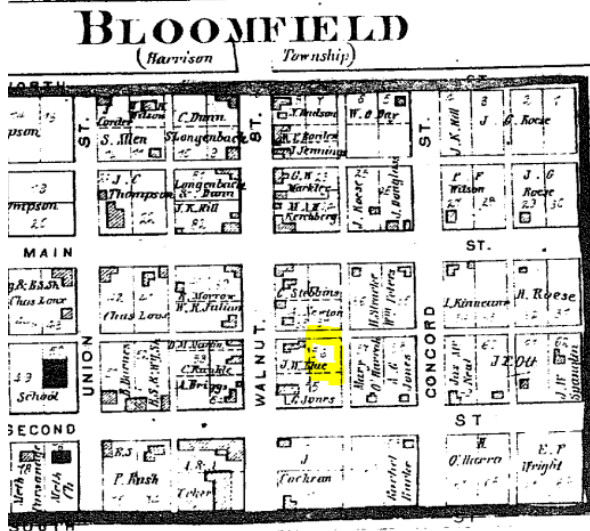
“Now the said Henry for himself and his heirs, executors and administrators doth further covenant and agree and with the said Mary Hedges her heirs and assigns that he the said Henry Dresbach (**in case the intended marriage should take effect**) shall and will by like good and sufficient conveyances in law settle and assure the interest and claim of her the said Mary Hedges in the estate of her late husband Joshua Hedges deceased in such manner as that the same may be held and enjoyed, and the rents and profits thereof may be had received & taken by the said Mary Hedges (his intended wife) and her assigns during her natural life. And further he the said Henry Dresbach does covenant and agree to and with the said Mary Hedges (his intended wife) **in case the said marriage will take effect**, he will allow and permit her at any time and all times the liberty of making settlements of her husband’s estate aforesaid...”

Deed records list the transfer of her deceased husband’s property to her children. Mary must have been a strong woman. The migration of her and her first husband, Joshua Hedges, is related in the *History of Franklin and Pickaway Counties*, published in 1880 by Williams Bros., regarding the settlement of Walnut Twp., Pickaway Co., pg. 274, and states:

“Joshua Hedges with his wife and eleven children came into the country in 1804. They came with team and wagon through the wilderness from Berkeley County, Virginia, their native home, to Brownsville, Pennsylvania, a town on the Monongahela River. There they loaded everything on a flatboat and traveled thus to Marietta, and thence by wagon over the rough and almost impassable roads to Zanesville. Their household goods which were packed in eight or nine trunks, were left at Marietta to be shipped up the Muskingum. The shipping agent neglected to send them for several weeks, leaving them exposed to the weather, and the goods were utterly destroyed. The family went to Lancaster in Fairfield county where they made a temporary location arriving the 17th day of May of the above year [1804]. Mr. Hedges died there the same summer and in the fall the family came to Walnut. They put up a cabin on Section 9, which, with other lands, the father had entered, and moved into it on Christmas Day. **In 1812, Mrs. Hedges married Henry Dreisbach, of Pickaway Twp. and moved with him to Bloomfield, where they kept a tavern.”**

A tavern! With subsequent deed records, I was able to locate the lot in Bloomfield (now South Bloomfield) where Henry and Mary lived, and presumably operated a Tavern. It was one block west of S.R. 23, Lot 56 and is described in the deed as **the same place where Henry Dresbach now lives.**

Walnut Street is now State Route 23



- d. Here is one line that has some loose ends. Maybe someone reading this will have more information to add.

We know from the Dreisbach-Dresbach Family database that **Henry's daughter, Mary Magdalena, married George Botkin**. The rest of this is new information:

They were married by John Ludwig, Justice of the Peace, on the **11th June 1816** in Pickaway Co., but her name in the marriage record is Markle or Marcle, not Dreisbach.

George was the son of Charles Botkin, who served as Sheriff in Pickaway County from 1816-1820, and County Assessor in 1817 (Frk Pck Hist. pg. 48) and his wife, Margaret. Margaret Botkin is listed as one of the first members of the class of the Methodist Episcopal Church held at the home of Andrew Einsworth or Ensworth in Circleville in 1812 (Pck Hist pg. 276). The father, Charles, passed away before 1828, when his mother, Margaret, purchased part of Lot 31 in Circleville. In 1831 Margaret also died, leaving a Will dated 8th November 1831 (recorded 5th March 1832) naming her grandchildren, Charles D. and Margaret Botkin, children of her son, George, as heirs of her real estate and her son, George, as heir of her personal property. She named her son, George, as Executor. William McArthur was appointed Guardian of **George & Mary Magdalena's children, Charles D. and Margaret Botkin** and in 1834 purchased Lot 31 for \$300 from Margaret Botkin, decd., by Executor, on behalf of his wards. (This William McArthur was a member of the family, since he had married Margaret Ely (Mary Magd.'s niece), the daughter of John and Catherine (Dresbach) Ely on the 17th July 1823.)

George and Mary Magd. Botkin bought and sold lots in Circleville, similar to purchases and sales by Daniel Dresbach and John Ely and his wife, Catherine Dresbach. However, at one point George fell behind in his business dealings, as shown by a transfer of his chattels to his father, Charles, to whom he owed \$500 (as stated in the deed, recorded in Vol. E, pg. 39 on August 10, 1819). George died before March 6, 1839, the date William McArthur, as guardian of Charles D. and Margaret Botkin, children of George Botkin, deceased, petitions to sell Lot 11 Huston's Addn. In 1840 four lots are sold by the Sheriff to satisfy debt of George Botkin.

Searching for Mary Magdalene (Dreisbach) Botkin, and her children, Charles D. and Margaret, I found them in the 1850 Census of Lewis County, Missouri. They are living in the household of Jacob and Eunice Markel. Also notice that there is now a third young "Botkin," George, b. 1831. Is this also a child of Mary Magdalena and her late husband, George? It may just be an error, but why is he left out of the sale of Lot 11 by Wm. McArthur, guardian of Margaret and Charles D. in 1840?

Jacob Markel	39, Ohio, Carpenter = b. 1811
Eunice Markel	33, Ohio
Prior L Markel	11, Michigan
Jacob E Markel	5, Michigan
M A Markel	0, Michigan
Mary Botkin	66, Pennsylvania
Margarett Botkin	27, Ohio

Charles D
Botkin

22, Ohio, Tailor

George Botkin

19, Ohio, Baker

From this 1850 census record, it appears that Jacob Markle could be the son of Mary Magdalena Dreisbach Botkin, from a first marriage to a Markle (remember that is her surname in the marriage record to George Botkin).

A search for a probate record for a Markle / Merkle before 1816 yielded no result. In Pickaway Co. deed records there is a curious entry dated August 22nd, 1812, wherein Jacob Markle is forfeiting all of his chattels for the sum of \$500 to Daniel Dreisbach and John Ely (Recorded in Vol. A, pg. 379). The deed doesn't give a reason for the sale, however, near the end of the deed, it states, "I, the said Jacob Markle, have put the said Daniel Dresbach, and John Ely, in full possession by delivering one horse at the sealing and delivery of these presents, in the name of the whole premises hereby bargained and sold." It makes me wonder if this is compensation for a wrong done to Daniel's sister, Mary Magdalena. I am inserting the handwritten schedule of property forfeited. Notice there is a cradle:

Seal the 22^d day of August A.D. 1812,
Witness, Elias T. Sangham, Peter Apple } Jacob Markle (Seal)

A schedule of the property, above, bargained and sold

one Wagon & Gear	Three pots	1 Brass Kettle
Two Cows	One Oven	1 Lead Iron
Three heads of horses	2 Skillets	15 Pewter plates
Eight heads of sheep	1 frying pan	5 Pewter Basins
Twelve head of hogs	1 Wooden Bucket	2 Pewter Dishes
Two Beds, Bedsteads & bedding	1 Tin	3 Saddles
One Table	1 Tea Kettle,	6 Tin Cups

2 Tin Coffee-pots	3 Earthen porgers	14 T ^o Spoons	1 Axe
1 Earthen Coffee-pot	1 Cradle	1 Tea Cannister	1 fine Shovel
2 Tea-pots	1 Dough-tray	4 Bottles	1 cutting Box
1 Pitcher	1 Chest & Contents	2 Tumblers	1 Stack of wheat
10 Lards	5 Chairs	1 Pepper box	1 Rifle Gun
1 Coffee mill	1 Trunk & Contents	4 Meat barrels	about 20 acres
2 Smoothing Irons	1 Sugar Keg	1 Saw	of corn now
1 Strainer	1 Woman's Saddle	1 Trundle Bed	growing
1 Spinning wheel	7 Books	1 Bag of Feathers	
1 Reel	3 Wooden Bowls	10 Eggs	
1 Looking Glass	1 Candle stick	1 Hackle	
10 Earthen Dishes	2 Salt Cellars	1 Churn	
1 Barrel of Vinegar	1 Cream Jug	1 clay Knives Forks	
2 Washing Tubs	1 Lamp	1 Hoop	
8 Cups & Saucers	8 Table Spoons	1 lg. Hoop	

I think we can assume that the Jacob Markle who surrendered all of his "chattels" to Daniel Dreisbach and John Ely must be the one-time husband of Daniel's sister, Mary. There are a

couple later entries in Salt Creek Twp., Pickaway County for a Jacob Markle, however, Markle / Merkle was a common name in the area, and it is hard to say if they could be the same Jacob. What happened to this Jacob Markel?

The Jacob Markle (b. 1811) in the 1850 Missouri Census with Mary Dreisbach Botkin turns out to be Jacob Ely Markel, b. in 1812 in Ohio and died in September 1878 in Omaha, Nebraska. He married Eunice Sweet in Sangamon Co., Illinois on the 1st of May 1835. In the 1850, 1860, and 1870 census, there are seven children listed in their household: Pryor b. 1839, Jacob Ely, b. 1845, Margaret Marietta, b. 1850, Caroline b. 1853, Mollie b. 1856, William b. 1859 and Henry C. b. 1862. Of these children, at least one was very successful in the hotel management business: Jacob Ely b. 1845 (Jr.). Below is a 1941 newspaper article from Desoto, Nebraska, about the elaborate summer home he built overlooking the Missouri River.

“The once palatial summer home of the late J. E. Markel at DeSoto, center of high society in the one local spurt of butler-and-footman entertaining a half century ago, has been sold again...Perched atop a knoll with a view overlooking the Missouri and the rolling Iowa plains, the three-story frame house was built by Market at the height of his success as a restaurateur and hotel manager. Malcolm N. Holm bought the place from Mrs. Victoria Smith, mother of Seymour Smith, who with her late husband, purchased the house and 64 acres from the Markel estate in 1916. It was once 21 rooms, but now has only 15 rooms. The house will soon be wired for electricity. Markel, who started life as a Missouri river cabin boy rose to operate the Union Pacific eating houses between Council Bluffs and Oregon, made the DeSoto place a show-spot of the region. With inlaid parquet flooring and ornately hand-carved stone mantles, the place was staffed with butler, maids, coachman and gardeners. Market kept eight carriages and other horse-drawn vehicles for the convenience and whims of his guests, recalls Seymour Smith, who was born “just across the crick.” On the roof was a covered lookout for one of the best views of the river in the entire Missouri valley.

But Markel was too practical to keep the place a mere plaything. In huge gardens he raised vegetables which were shipped to the Millard and Paxton hotels here and the Capitol and Lincoln hotels at Lincoln, in all of which he owned large interests...”



The FindAGrave Memorial for Jacob Ely Markel Jr. is here:

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/21009769/jacob-ely-markel>

Jacob Ely Markel Jr. would be a 2nd great grandson of immigrants Martin Dreisbach and his wife Anna Eva Hoffman: Jacob Ely Markel Jr. > Jacob Ely Markel Sr.> Mary Magdalena Dreisbach > Henry Dreisbach > Martin Dreisbach Sr.

From the *Illustrated History of Nebraska*, Morton, 1905, pg. 699 – 700 (Googly Play). Note, a “Boniface” is a proprietor of a hotel, nightclub, or restaurant:

MARKEL, JACOB ELY, is widely known as a Boniface, while to the people of Omaha he is known generally as a remarkably successful businessman. Mr. Markel was born in Canton, Lewis County, Mo., Mar. 14, 1845. His father, also Jacob by name, was a carpenter, who at the age of ten years left his father's home and went to Cincinnati, O., where he acquired the trade which he followed through life with varying success. The elder Markel spent a number of years of his manhood in the South. He had charge of the construction of the capitol buildings of both Mississippi and Tennessee. Later he removed to Jacksonville, Ill., then the capital of that state, where he was interested in the construction of the old capitol building. It was there that he met and married Eunice Sweet, a native of Erie, PA, who had lived at Jacksonville from childhood. She was the daughter of a minister of the Christian church, of which she remained a member during her life. She soon afterwards accompanied her husband to Canton, MO, where the younger Jacob was born.

Below is the obituary of Mary Magdalena Dreisbach Markel Botkin's daughter, Margaret, great granddaughter of Martin Sr.: Margaret > Mary Magdalena Dreisbach > Henry Dreisbach > Martin Dreisbach Sr.

Obituary of Margaret Hawkins, Grand Junction News, Grand Junction, CO – 15 Feb 1896

“Died At her home in this city on Sunday, Feb. 10th, 1896, Mrs. Margaret Hawkins, aged 70 years and 5 months of pneumonia.

Margaret Botkin was born Oct. 15th, 1826, at Circleville, Ohio. Her father was Capt. George Botkin, who together with her grandfather, Jacob Driespach, [her grandfather was Henry, the miller, not Jacob] were the only settlers in Pickaway Plains, in Pickaway county, and the founders of the town of Circleville. She moved to Canton, Mo., in 1849, with her parents, where she met and married Mr. Hawkins in 1858. After the birth of their eldest son they moved to St. Louis and then to Omaha. When Leadville was in its palmy days they became residents of that city, and lived there until 1893, when they moved to this city on account of her poor health, she having been an invalid for about eight years. In her younger days she was an active and devoted member of the Methodist church, taking a leading part in the choir and church work; she was also active in social and charitable work. She was a devoted wife and mother, beloved by all who came in contact with her. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins, Theodore and George, both of whom live in this city, and together with their father, mourn the loss of their aged and devoted wife and mother. The funeral took place at the family residence on Wednesday, at 2

o'clock, Rev. H. B. Cook of the Methodist church officiating. A. G. Mann, Alvin Bucklin, J. J. Lumaden, M. M. Shores, C.E. Mitchell and T. B. Crawford acted as pall bearers."

- e. James Denny Dreisbach was the grandson of Henry and Margaret (Rimmel) Dreisbach, and the son of Daniel and Catherine Dreisbach. He was named after Daniel's good friend, Col. James Denny (of Indian Wars and War of 1812 fame). Around 1840 he settled in Baldwin Co., Alabama, just north of Mobile. The spelling he used was Driesbach. He married Josephine Tate, and their son, Tate Randolph Driesbach, is the young Confederate soldier buried at Forest Cemetery in Circleville, Ohio. He was held as a prisoner of war at Camp Chase in Columbus and became ill. His Aunt Maria Dreisbach Olds arranged for his body to be carried to Forest Cemetery and buried on the Olds family plot.

The following is from a 2014 post on a forum called civilwartalk.com, posted by hrobalabama.

...my grandmother's oldest brother (my great-uncle) was Tate R. Driesbach. His father immigrated to Alabama from Ohio in the 1830's and settled in Baldwin County AL. Tate was a 16-year-old student at the University of Alabama in 1863. Their class thought the war would be over before they could participate; (too bad they didn't have football then.) They formed the Alabama Cadets of 1863 against the protest of the University president. They elected one of the students as captain (Storrs) and became Co.F, 7th Alabama Cavalry. They were part of Rucker's Brigade of Nathan Forrest's Cavalry.

Tate was captured on the second day of the Battle of Nashville, December 16, 1864. He was sent as a POW to Camp Chase Ohio. He died of pneumonia, February 14, 1865. Interestingly, Camp Chase was just a few miles from Circleville, Ohio, the home of his father James D. Driesbach. His aunt, Maria Driesbach Olds, learned from her family that her nephew was imprisoned there and prepared a "care package" for him. When Tate's aunt first visited him at the Camp Chase prison young Tate gave his aunt a cold reception not wanting anything of the Yankees including his aunt. But his aunt finally won over the confidence of Private Driesbach and brought him much needed food and other comforts such as additional clothing.

When Private Driesbach died his aunt brought back his body and reinterred him in the Olds family plot at the Forest Cemetery in Circleville, Ohio. Tate's grave is kept in good shape by the Sons of Confederate Veterans in Columbus, OH. There is a lengthy biography of Tate Randolph Driesbach's mother's ancestry here: http://www.history-sites.com/cgi-bin/bbs62x/nvcwmb/webbbs_config.pl?md=read;id=77773

After the war, his father wrote Robert E. Lee in Lexington, VA. telling him of the struggles of reconstruction and sadness over the loss of his son. Also telling Gen. Lee of naming his son, Robert E. Lee Driesbach, after him. Gen. Lee wrote the letter [below]. Notice the tenderness and compassion of Robert E. Lee in this letter.

Lexington, VA - To J. D. Driesbach, October 3, 1867

My dear Sir

I recd this mng your letter of the 28th ulto: & sympathize most sincerely in your misfortunes, & especially in the death for your noble son. When however we reflect upon the suffering of the living, & the peace & happiness of the righteous deadd, we should be reconciled to the loss of friends & rejoice at their departure to a better world.

I thank you for the compliment paid me by giving my name to your little son, & hope that you will so educate him as that he will become a good, wise & useful man. I send him my photograph, the

best I have, which I hope will serve to remind him sometimes of me-

With my kindest regards to all your family & best wishes for your welfare

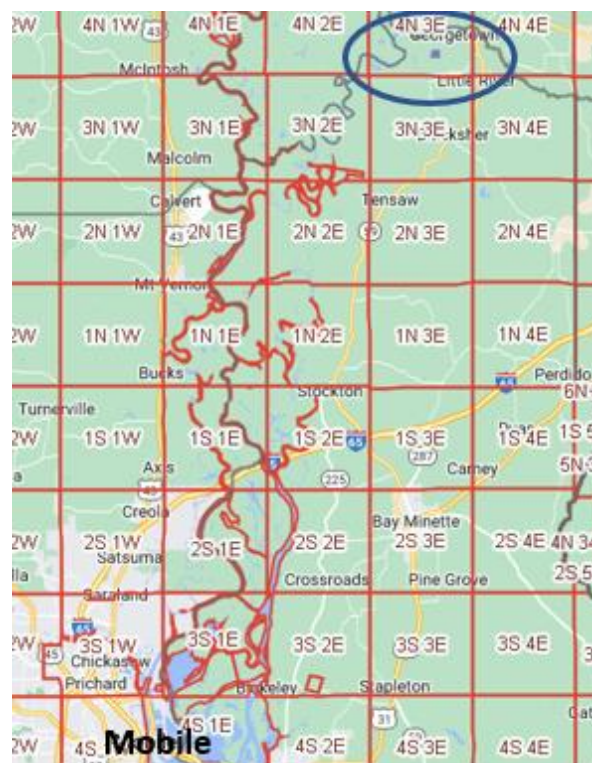
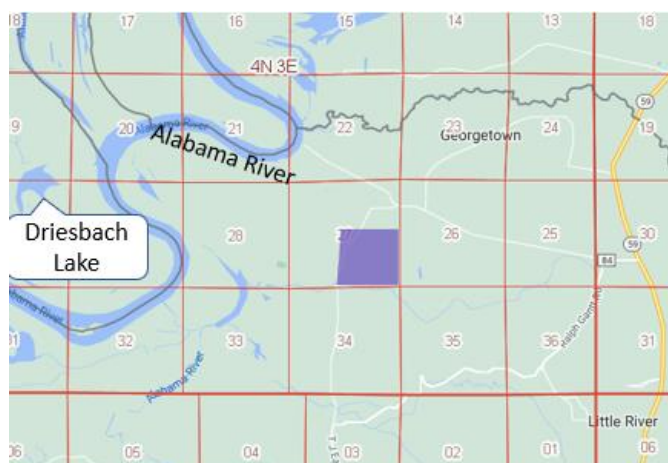
I am very resp'y & truly

Your obtservt

R E Lee

The son, named in hon of Gen. Lee, became a physician -- Dr. Robert E. Lee Driesbach, often called Dr. Lee Driesbach. He attended KY School Of Medicine and practiced medicine for many years in Collinston, LA, near New Orleans. He died 26 Feb 1915 at New Orleans, two weeks after undergoing a surgical procedure.

James D. Driesbach served as State Senator for several years. His place of residence is referred to as Montgomery Hill and Little River, Baldwin Co. James D. Driesbach received a Patent for 160 acres in Section 27, Township 4N, Range 3E. Online deed records for Baldwin Co. are sparse, and I could not find any Driesbach / Dreisbach record. Notice Driesbach Lake on the map!



In 1850 he appears in the Baldwin County Slave Schedule Census as the owner of 18 slaves & in the 1855 Baldwin Co. Census, he owns 19 slaves, and has a household of 10 whites:

- Males under 21, 3;
- Males over 21, 1;
- Females under 21, 4;
- Females over 21, 2; and
- Slaves, 19

In 1860 he owns 72 slaves. It appears the slaves were inherited from his mother-in-law. In the Will of Margaret Tate (Josephine's mother) dated 28 Nov 1850, she bequeathed 15 slaves "To my

beloved daughter, Josephine B. Driesback and her heirs, I give one negro man named Dick, one negro woman Bella and her four children named Pheabe, Handy, Dick and Mary, one negro boy named Harry, one negro boy named Lige, one negro girl named Rose, one negro woman named Amy and her three children named Tina, Milly, and Fanny, one negro woman named Flora, and one old negro man named Jonah. It is my wish that the old negro man named Jonah shall do no hard work. I wish my daughter Josephine to have my watch and all of my household furniture, my carriage and old Horse to her and her heirs forever." Margaret also left 35 slaves to her other heirs. Baldwin Co. Wills Vol. 1, page 116.



*Daniel Dreisbach / Dresbach
(Son of Henry, grandson
of Martin I, the immigrant)
(Pickaway Co. Gen. Library)*



*James Denny Driesbach (son of Daniel) and wife, Josephine Tate
Photo included on the Find-A-Grave Memorial of James Denny Driesbach
by John Dickinson -
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/72090936/james-denny-driesbach>*

The following is a biography from *History of Alabama and Dictionary of Alabama, Vol. 3*, T. A. Owen, Chicago, pg. 508:

DREISBACH, JAMES DENNY, planter and legislator, was born May 24, 1816, at Circleville, Ohio, and died in October, 1896, at Little River, Baldwin County. His parents came from Pennsylvania to Ohio on horseback, and settled in the Scioto Valley. His grandparents came from Denmark and settled in Pennsylvania. He came to Alabama about 1843 and acquired lands in Baldwin County where he engaged in farming. In 1861, he organized, and was captain of, a home guard company, which later disbanded and the members entered the regular Confederate service. In 1872-76, he was senator for the district composed of Baldwin, Monroe and Conecuh counties. In collaboration with Dr. Eugene Smith, he prepared much material on Alabama history. He was an Old Line Whig and opposed secession, but after 1865 was a Democrat; a Mason. Married: November, 1844, near Little River, to Josephine Bonaparte, daughter of David and Margaret (Dyer) Tate, of Little River, the former the son of Adam Tate and Sehoy McGilvray, and half-brother to William Weatherford, the Creek warrior, Margaret was the daughter of Reuben Dyer, who was one of the victims of the Fort Mims massacre. Sehoy (McGilvray)Tate was sister of Alexander McGilvray chief of the Creek Indians. All of these are buried together, near Little River,

William Weatherford's home, on the land now occupied and owned by Charles H. Dreisbach, grandson of Sehoy. Children: 1. Ida, m. Henry Clay Staples; 2. Tate Randolph, Confederate soldier, died in Camp Chase; 3. Charles Henry, m. Olivia Barnes; 4. Florence, m. A. B. Nyles; 5. Percy Webb; 6. Arthur Carroll; 7. May, m. Dr. Geo. Ogborne; 8. Hattie; 9. Maude, m. Edward Thring; 10. Dr. Lee; 11. Leila, m. -- Bunn; 12. Clara, m. Walter English; 13. Annie, m. George McCall; 14. Josephine, 2nd wife of Walter English; 15. Roanna, m. Thadeus Barlow. Last residence: Little River.

2. More children found for Sophia Dreisbach (daughter of Jacob and Magdalena Buchs Dreisbach) and wife of Peter Spyker:

Recorded on 23 May 1833 in Pickaway County, Guardians and Bonds 1810-1855, pages 202 and 203, Sophia is appointed guardian of Anna Maria, Aaron, Lydia, and Eliza Spyker, minor children of Peter Spyker, deceased.

In a deed executed in Pickaway County by the heirs of Peter Spyker on 25th December 1838, (Vol. 16, page 421) the names of his heirs are listed with the three additional children (**Eliza, Aaron and Lydia**), who signed the deed with Sophia and the children we previously had record of: Mary Magdalene, Elizabeth, and Ann Maria.

Sophia Spyker, Widow and 6 children, all now of lawful age:
Mary Magdalene, intermarried with Jacob Monnett
Elizabeth, to John Dresbach
Eliza Spyker
Aaron Spyker
Lydia Spyker
Ann Maria Spyker

3. New Information found from the clues in deeds is the location and date of the death of Catherine Dreisbach Wolf and her husband, Leonard Wolf. Catherine was the daughter of Jacob and Magdalena Buchs Dreisbach. By tracing deeds of her children to Allentown, Allen Co., Ohio and confirming with the 1860 Census entry in Allentown, Allen Co., I learned that Catherine passed away on the 28th May 1868, and her husband Leonard died the 25th September 1860 and are buried at the Allentown Cemetery. They are residing in the home of their son, David in the 1860 Census. (Their son, Daniel also moved to Allentown.)

L. Wolf	79, b. PA
C Wolf	78, b. PA
D Wolf	38, b. OH
M J Wolf (Minerva Hoy)	23, b. OH
J W Wolf	3, b. OH
C S Wolf	1, b. OH

4. More information regarding the family of Benjamin Dreisbach (son of Jacob and Magdalena Buchs Dreisbach) was found by studying the deeds after the death of Benjamin on the 4th of December 1857. His heirs sold the 125-acre farm to the eldest son, Daniel, and his widow, Mary, moved into

Chillicothe with four of her daughters. The 1860 Census in the 4th Ward of Chillicothe lists Mary Dressbach, aged 67, occupation House Keeper; Elisabeth aged 35; Mary aged 32; Hannah aged 30, occupation Milliner; and Ellen aged 22. This location must be the Outlot 57 conveyed in a February 10th 1862 deed, Vol. 65, pg. 332.

I could not find any reference to a son named Jonathan Y. Dresbach. Benjamin and Mary (Pontious) had the following children, all born in Ross County.

- a. Daniel, b. 13th February 1816. He married Margaret Harvey on Christmas Eve, 1840 in Ross Co. According to 40 years of census, they had no children. In 1860 Josephus Dresbach, the son of Daniel's deceased first cousin, Jacob, was living with them. Daniel moved to Hallsville, Lot 30, in 1867, but made another purchase in Hallsville of Lots 11 and 12 in 1875. On the 20th of March 1883 Daniel and Margaret, his wife, sold Lot No. 30 in Hallsville. Daniel passed away on the 3rd of December 1883. The settlement of his estate gives the locations of his surviving siblings
- b. Elizabeth, b. abt 1822 and nothing more is found after she appeared in the 1860 Census with her mother in Chillicothe
- c. Hannah, b. 17th September 1824 and d. 8th December 1913 (her death appeared in the Cincinnati Enquirer on 9th December 1913: "Columbus, O. December 8. Miss Hanna Dresbach, 89 years old, died here today. Her father, Benjamin Dresbach, served in the War of 1812 and for his services he was given a grant of 160 acres of land near Kingston, in Pickaway Co., where he settled." She is buried in Green Lawn Cemetery, Columbus.
- d. Mary M., b. 4 Jan 1821, appeared in 1860 Census with mother, but was in Decatur, Illinois in 1883 and still living in 1897 when partition of Daniel's property was filed. Mary's Will was filed in Decatur, Macon Co., IL, on the 7th of November 1906, giving her death date as "about 10th October 1906. Her tombstone says 9th October 1906. She is buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Decatur, IL.
- e. Benjamin, b. 1825 and d. 6th December 1853 in Ross Co. He is buried at Salem White Church Cemetery.
- f. Andrew Jackson, b. 24 October 1831, d. 15th March 1896 in Warrensburg, Macon Co., Illinois. He married Hester Ann Minear on the 8th of September 1863 in Ross County. I was not able to locate him in the 1860 census, but he appears in the 1865 Illinois State Census residing in Whitmore, Macon Co., IL. Their children: Mary E., b. 1864, Benjamin, b. 1866, and Charles A., b. 1868.
- g. Susannah, b. abt 1833, as Susan V. Dresbach, married William E. Roberts on the 13th September 1859 in Ross Co. She d. 4th Feb. 1862 and is buried at the Salem White Church Cemetery. According to the SAR applications of Lyle J. Gardiner and Fred Richard Gardiner, Susan had one daughter, Susie b. 22nd Feb 1861, who married Richard J. Gardiner on the 13th July 1882.
- h. Martha Ellen, b. 1836 appeared in 1860 Census with mother, was in Decatur, Illinois in 1883 and still living in 1897 when partition of Daniel's property was filed. On the same marker as the information for her sister, Mary M., are the dates for "Mattie" Dresbach, b. in year 1841 and d. 21st September 1899. (The date of 1899 has been mis-read as 1889 on FAG – I've sent a message with the death record from the Illinois Death Index as 20th September 1899.)

When Benjamin & Mary's son, Daniel, died in 1883, M. L. Buchwalter was appointed Administrator on December 31st. The filing for Administrator lists Daniel's heirs:

- Margaret, his widow, Hallsville

- Andrew J. Dresbach, brother, Decatur, Illinois
- Mary M. Dresbach, sister, Decatur, Illinois
- Hannah Dresbach, sister, Chillicothe
- Martha E. Dresbach, sister, Decatur, Illinois

According to a deed dated the 22nd of Jun 1897, after the death of Daniel's widow, Margaret Harvey Dresbach on 28th December 1896 (Ross Co. Death Records), his sister, Hannah, filed a Petition to Partition on the 15th of January 1897. Those named in the suit were:

- Hannah Dresbach (who was a sister to Daniel and Andrew),
- Mary Dresbach (who was a sister to Daniel and Andrew),
- Martha Dresbach (who was a sister to Daniel and Andrew),
- Charles Dresbach (a nephew, & son of Andrew J. Dresbach),
- Elizabeth Dresbach (a niece, & daughter of Andrew J. Dresbach) and
- Andrew Hellmuth (I haven't been able to identify)

5. Rebecca Margaretha Dreisbach (daughter of Martin I and Anna Eva Hoffman Dreisbach & wife of Henry Aurand) Aurand's sons, George and Jonathan, settled in Crawford Co., Ohio. The new information regards George's family:
 - a. Family of George Aurand, b. abt 1783 in Snyder Co., PA, and d. 1829 in Crawford Co., Ohio and Barbara Dreese b. abt 1790 in PA and d. about 1829 in Crawford Co. Both died of tuberculosis. They had 5 children, but 2 died young. The three surviving children were:
 - i. Barbara, b. 14 Aug 1822 in Beaver Twp., Union Co., PA, d. 30 Jul 1907 at Bucyrus, Crawford Co., Ohio. She married Abraham Yost on 25 Aug 1842.
 - ii. George, Jr., b. Jul 1825 in PA, d. 12 Aug 1908 in Goshen, Elkhart Co., IN. He married Caroline Caton and had a son, James b. 1851, and a daughter, Olive b. 1856
 - iii. Christina, b. abt 1824, md. 1844 to Joseph Wiseman and they migrated to Morrow County, where they raised a family of 5. Hint: It looks like this Christina passed on in August of 1891 and Joseph on 31 August 1882, and that they are buried at the Westfield Baptist Cemetery in Morrow Co. (per a Soldier Grave Registration card for Joseph Wiseman)

By researching Abraham Yost, who, with his wife, Barbara, purchase the interest in property originally owned by George Aurand, I was able to find the following obituary for his daughter, Barbara Aurand, the wife of Abraham Yost. Her siblings, George Aurand of Elkhart Co., Indiana and Christina Wiseman, wife of Joseph Wiseman of Morrow Co., Ohio sold their interest in the property.

Obituary for Barbara Aurand Yost, daughter of George and Barbara Dreece Aurand, Wednesday, July 31, 1907, published in The Bucyrus Evening Telegraph:

Death Calls An Aged Lady

Mrs. Yost Lived Here Eighty Years

Mrs. Barbara Yost, one of the oldest residents of Bucyrus or of the entire county, died at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ophelia Shealey, 440 South Sandusky avenue, in her eighty-fifth year. She had been ill for a period of eighteen months, during which time she had not been able to get about very much. She became bedfast six weeks ago and

toward the end of her illness, suffered a second slight stroke of paralysis, which hastened her death. The first stroke was suffered a year and a half ago. Previous to that time she lived alone for about eight years, but from that time on she made her home with Mrs. Shealey.

Mrs. Yost was a pioneer Bucyrus resident and one of the oldest persons in Crawford county, both in point of years and length of residence here. She was born in Beaver township, Union Co., Pa., on August 14th 1822, living to the age of 84 years 11 months and 15 days. Since she was 5 years old she has lived in and near Bucyrus, residing in the same house for a period of nearly sixty-five years.

Mrs. Yost was the eldest child of George W. and Barbara (Dreese) Ourand [Aurand], who came to this county from Union county, Pa., **in 1827, driving overland in wagons with quite a large party of neighbors**. Mr. and Mrs. Ourand and their children settled on a farm just west of Bucyrus, on the river road and but a short distance from the west corporation line. Mrs. Yost's mother and father both died within a year after locating here, their passing away being due to tuberculosis, doubtless brought on by the exposure of their hard trip overland. They had five children, two of whom died in infancy while a third daughter died late in life. There is still one son living, George Ourand, of Goshen, Ind.

Mrs. Yost made her home with the family of William Shroll until a short time before her marriage. She was wedded to Abraham Yost, for many years a prominent Bucyrus resident, on August 25th, 1842. His death occurred on January 24th, 1898.

For over sixty-four years Mr. and Mrs. Yost lived in the same house, still standing next to the Paxton garage on South Sandusky avenue. The workshop of her husband stood on the property now occupied by the garage. After her husband's death Mrs. Yost, who was an exceedingly active woman for her advanced years, lived 8 years alone in this house, doing her own work and caring for herself in every way. As she grew feeble and when illness overtook her, she was cared for by her children. She leaves 2 daughters, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. The daughters are Laura Ann, wife of James P. Kendall of Marion and Ophelia, widow of Frederick Shealey, of this city. The great grandchildren are the children of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Poland of Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Yost was for many years a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church, afterward uniting with the Methodist church of which she remained a member until her death. She was a faithful church member and a Christian lady. Though a woman of quiet tastes, she was warmhearted and neighborly and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew her. She was a typical example of the pioneer woman, hardy and accustomed to looking on work as a necessity for health and happiness. She enjoyed many long years of usefulness and her familiar figure will be sadly missed by her many warm friends and her numerous acquaintances in this city. The children and other relatives have the sympathy of friends of the family in their sorrow at her death.

Biography for Joseph Wiseman, husband of Christina Aurand, from the *History of Morrow County and Ohio*, O.T.Baskin, 1880, pg. 650:

JOSEPH WISEMAN, miller, Westfield; was born in Pennsylvania, May 2, 1821; his father was a shoemaker, which calling he followed as well as farming, in Pennsylvania and Ohio; his parents originally settled in eastern Ohio, and after several removals, they came from Crawford Co. to

Lincoln Tp., Morrow Co., where his father died in 1859. His time was spent in Ohio in attending school and in assisting his father on the farm; at the age of 23 he married Miss Christiana Aurand, from which marriage there were five children, three of whom are now living; two are married and one yet at home. Mr. Wiseman came to Westfield in 1849, and bought the mill which he now owns, and in which he began business, learning it as he went along; by an unfortunate partnership, he found at the end of two years the \$500 he had invested was entirely gone, and hence he had to begin anew; since that time he has been successful, and has accumulated property; besides owning one of the best mills in the country, he has sixty-seven acres of land in the vicinity. The present structure of his mill property was built in 1856; it has two run of buhrs [sic], and does the very best of work, having a large custom trade; Mr. Wiseman has in connection with his flouring mill, also run by water, a saw mill, running an old-fashioned sash-saw which does a superior class of work to the modern and more rapid kinds. Mr. Wiseman has held various positions of trust in the township, and was for fifteen years Justice of the Peace, which attests his popularity among the people of Westfield Tp. Politically, he musters with the Republican party. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 407, at Ashley.

- b. The family of Jonathan Aurand is covered in three biographies which appeared in the *History of Crawford County and Ohio*, and are included in the “Biographies” section of the Dreisbach-Dreisbach.org web site under [Jonathan Aurand Sr. – 1796 - 1875](#). The Obituary for Jonathan Aurand was published in the *Bucyrus Journal* on Friday, September 10, 1875:

An Old Pioneer

Jonathan Aurand was born in Beaver Township, Union County, Pennsylvania on the seventh day of April 1796. His father, Henry Aurand, having previously united in marriage with Margaret Tresbaugh. In 1815 he studied the catechism under Isaac Garhart, and was admitted in full communion with the German Reformed Church, and was so consistent and faithful a laborer in the vineyard, that he was made a deacon, although scarcely over twenty-one. Later in life, he became an elder in the Church.

April 18, 1819, he was married to Susan Whittemyre, who was a member of the Lutheran Church. In 1827, he came to Ohio and August 20, 1828, in a new country, with no relatives near, his wife died, leaving four children. July 28, 1829, he was married to Rachel Whittemyre, who became, after her marriage, a member of his church. By his first wife he was blessed with eight sons and four daughters, of whom two sons and one daughter preceded him to the spirit land. He died June 12, 1875, aged 79 years, 2 months and 3 days, leaving beside his children, 59 [or 69] grand children, and 25 great grandchildren to mourn his loss.

If anyone has more information on any of these lines, we would love to hear about it!