George Swartz, the third son of John Swartz and Elizabeth Ohlweiler, was born on 13 Jan 1803 in Clark County, Indiana Territory¹, died on 11 Aug 1890 in Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in New Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.² *{FSID: LZF9-9S5}*

George married **Nancy Ann Fry**, daughter of Abraham Fry and Mary C. Smyser, on 21 Aug 1823 in Clark County, Indiana.³ Nancy was born on 29 Mar 1804 in Goose Creek, Jefferson County, Kentucky, died on 10 Sep 1888 in Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in New Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.⁴ *{FSID: LQKY-9Z8}*

They had 12 children: Mary Elizabeth, Susan A., George Wiley, Abraham Fry, John Franklin, James Benton, Sarah Sophia, Peter Henry, Nancy Rebecca, Eliza Ellen, Hester Rosella, and Laura Virginia.⁵

George was a native of Indiana, as mentioned in several newspaper articles from the 1870s and 1880s where he was often referred to as the "oldest living native born." However, the 1903 death records for his oldest daughter listed his place of birth as Pennsylvania. George's father, John, purchased land on January 2, 1803, Just two weeks before George was born. This suggests that George was born in Clark County, Indiana Territory, or possibly across the Ohio River in Louisville, Kentucky, where the family may have resided while John negotiated the land purchase. In either case, George had a frontier birth and upbringing. As a child, he would have likely attended a very primitive local one-room school and worked alongside his father to clear their land and operate their mill.

Nancy was born "near Goose Creek, Kentucky" and was married in Jefferson County, Kentucky. There is a tradition that she moved to Indiana and lived with her sister, Sarah Fry Bottorff after the death of her father left her orphaned. However, Nancy's father signed a marriage bond giving his consent to his daughter Sarah's marriage 3 May 1823, indicating that he was still alive just a few months before Nancy married.

Nancy was the youngest of the three Fry children who married into the Swartz-Bottorff-Jacobs-Prather network. Her older brother John, married Sarah Swartz, the younger sister of George Swartz, and the two

¹ Find A Grave, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com: accessed 8 Apr 2021), Rev. George Schwartz, memorial number 1428617... Elise Swartz Eberhart, Three Swartz/Schwartz men of Floyd and Clark County, Indiana (Indianapolis, Indiana: Ye Olde Genealogie Shoppe, 1986), pt 2: 288...Clark County, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, A: 30.

² Find a Grave, memorial number 1428617.

³ Clark County, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, A: 30.

⁴ Find A Grave, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com: accessed 8 Apr 2021), Nancy Fry Swartz, memorial number 52195381.

⁵ Family lines for all descendants have been traced to living descendants and documented on the public Ancestry Tree <u>Descendants of John Swartz/Schwartz and Elizabeth Ohlweiler</u>.

⁶ "Oldest Native Hoosier Succumbs at Last to Reaper," *The National Democrat*, 12 Aug 1890, p. 4, col. 4; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (https://newspaperarchive.com: accessed 5 Feb 2020.)

⁷ Clark, Indiana, death certificate no. 252 (1903), Mary E. Cook; digital image, *Ancestry, Indiana Death Certificates* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 9 Apr 2021); Informant - Geo. Jacobs [cousin that she lived with from at least 1900 to her death.]

⁸ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 3: 209-210, Abraham Eplar (sic) to John Swats (sic), dated 2 January 1803, recorded 14 April 1803; FHL microfilm 1 429 594 item 3

⁹ "Memorandum", *The Evening News*, 22 Aug 1873, p. 3, col. 3; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (https://NewspaperArchive.com: accessed 8 Apr 2021.) (immediately follows the article on Geroge and Nancy Swartz's 50th Anniversary.)

¹⁰ "Obituaries - Swartz - Nancy Fry," *The Western Christian Advocate*, p. 15, col. 3; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (https://NewspaperArchive.com: accessed 15 Jun 2024.)

¹¹ Jefferson, Kentucky, Marriage Records 1781-1951; bond of Peter Pottorff (*sic*) and Abraham Fry dated 3 May 1816, FHL microfilm 817,861; *Peter Bottorff to "Miss Sally Fry, daughter of Abraham Fry whose consent has been personally given."*

families resided close to each other. ¹² Sarah Fry married Rev. Peter Henry Bottorff, the brother of Rev. Samuel Bottorff, who was married to Anna Swartz. ¹³

At seventeen, George joined his family in the Methodist Church. He frequently stated that he had been called to the church as a very young teen, and he was well-respected in the New Chapel Methodist congregation. George was ordained a "local preacher" at age 19.¹⁴ He was named a deacon in the Charlestown District of the Illinois Conference of the Methodist Church in 1828 at the age of 25.¹⁵ A newspaper biography from 1890 states that he was offered a circuit but preferred to remain at home and get married.¹⁶ He frequently appeared in the Clark County marriage records as the officiant for family and neighborhood weddings¹⁷. Around 1842, he was elected a Trustee of the New Chapel Methodist Church and was re-elected several times.¹⁸ For the rest of his life, he remained involved with the New Chapel church in various official capacities and as a local preacher.¹⁹

George seemed to enjoy farm life more than his older brothers. He inherited a portion of his father's farm in 1826 and expanded it soon after.²⁰ From 1826 to the 1870s, he was actively involved in the land market, purchasing not only farmland but also some investment property. He sold a couple of town-lots in Utica and Jeffersonville after a few years.²¹ Unlike his brother Jacob, George and Nancy did not buy farmland for their sons to become farmers. Three of their five sons died before the age of 35, and the remaining two worked as dry goods merchants when they were younger, so it may not have seemed necessary. In the 1880s, George's farm in Utica township was considered a model farm.²² George retired from active farming in his 80s, but he and Nancy lived on the farm until a few months before Nancy's death.²³

George was interested in politics and ran for office at least once. In 1851, George served a single term (2 years) as a member of the Indiana State Legislature as a Democrat elected from Clark County.²⁴ He served as township trustee for Utica Township and served as Chaplain for the Old Settlers Association.²⁵ In their late 70s, George and his brother Jacob traveled to Ohio, most likely by rail, to visit their brother Leonard and his family. During the visit, they took in local sights, which included a visit to the offices of the Western Christian Advocate newspaper. The newspaper wrote a short piece about their visit.²⁶

¹² Clark, Indiana, Indiana Commission on Public Records, B: 45-46, Fry-Schwartz, 1823; digital images, *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org: accessed 28 May 2021.)

¹³ Clark, Indiana, Marriage records 1810-2001, A: 18 (*9 is also written at the top of the page*), Bottorff -Swartz, 1812; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com : accessed 2 Mar 2020.)

¹⁴ "Rev. George Schwartz - the oldest Native Indianaian (sic) and Methodist Minister," The Daily Evening News, 7 Aug 1890, p. 3, col. 3; digital images, NewspaperArchive (http://newspaperarchive.com.)

¹⁵ William Warren Sweet, editor, *Circuit Rider Days in Indiana* (Indianapolis, Indiana: W. K. Stewart Co., 1916), 311...Rev. James Leaton D.D., editor, *History of Methodism in Illinois from 1793 - 1832* (Cincinnati, Ohio: Walden and Stowe (for the author), 1883), 278-279.

^{16 &}quot;In Honor and Love - Rev. and Mrs. George Schwartz Celebrate Their Sixty-Second Marriage Anniversary," *The Daily Evening News*, 22 Aug 1885, p. 4, col. 4; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (https://newspaperarchive.com: accessed 5 Feb 2020.)

¹⁷ Clark, Indiana, Marriage records 1810-2001; digital images, *Ancestry*, (www.ancestry.com: accessed multiple dates.)

¹⁸ New Chapel Methodist Church; Indiana Historical Society Library, Indianapolis; 1 reel of microfilm covers the period 1811-1906. *The first item is the "Trustees' Minute Book" from 1811 – 1859. The second item is "Loose papers" covering 1842-1906. Book loaned to IHS by a member of the congregation, loose papers loaned to IHS by Church. Call number F-72. OCLC Number 10336162.*

¹⁹ "Oldest Native Hoosier Succumbs at Last to Reaper," *The National Democrat*, 12 Aug 1890, p. 4, col. 4.

²⁰ Clark, Indiana, Civil Court Partition Book, 1: 300-302, Swartz John deceased; FHL microfilm 2,312,951.

²¹ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 24: 364, Sol. Jacobs & wife to Geo Swartz, 26 Feb 1826; FHL microfilm 1,428,598, item 3.

²² "Farm for Sale - the Old Schwartz Homestead," *The National Democrat*, 1 Jan 1891, p. 3, col. 8; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (https://NewspaperArchive.com: accessed 15 Jun 2024.)

²³ "Local Talk," *Jeffersonville Clark County Republican*, 27 Mar 1888, p. 4, col. 3; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (https://NewspaperArchive.com: accessed 15 Jun 2020.)

²⁴ "Biography of George Schwartz (sic), https://legdb.iga.in.gov/#!/legislator/3404/George-Schwartz : accessed 10 June 2021... "Rev. George Schwartz - the oldest Native Indianaian and Methodist Minister," *The Daily Evening News*, 7 Aug 1890, p. 3, col. 3.

²⁵ "Utica," *Jeffersonville News*, 1 Jan 1883, p. 5, col. 6; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (https://NewspaperArchive.com : accessed 15 Jun 2024)...
"Old Settlers Association Meeting," *The Courier-Journal*, 6 Aug 1886, p. 6, col. 5; digital images, *Newspapers.com* (www.newspapers.com : accessed 15 Jun

²⁶ "Personal," The Western Christian Advocate, 23 May 1877, p. 5, col. 2; digital images, NewspaperArchive (https://NewspaperArchive.com.)

George and Nancy had the good fortune to celebrate not only their 50th wedding anniversary but their 65th (although Nancy was very ill on their 65th and died not long afterward.) Given their prominence in the community, there were large celebrations and considerable newspaper coverage of each event.²⁷

George left a very detailed will. He gave property to each of his living children and the heirs of his deceased children and discussed debts owed to him by each child or their heirs. It appears George had loaned his children money to assist them in starting businesses or purchasing farmland. His will reflects both his wealth and his support for his children and their families during his lifetime. Four of his children who passed away before him left no living children and are not mentioned in his will.²⁸

George and Nancy were deeply mourned in the community. George was known for his piety, unwavering support of the Methodist Church, and his loving care for friends and neighbors, rather than for his limited involvement in political and civic affairs.²⁹ Nancy was remembered for her great kindness and hospitality towards Methodist ministers riding circuit.³⁰ Despite leading happy, successful, and prosperous lives, they experienced multiple family tragedies. Seven out of their twelve children passed away before them, with six dying before the age of 40. Shortly after Nancy's passing, an eighth child also died, leaving only four children to mourn George's death. Additionally, seven of their grandchildren passed away before George and Nancy.

2. **Mary Elizabeth Swartz** was born on 28 Oct 1824 in Utica, Clark County, Indiana, died on 20 Jun 1903 in Jeffersonville, Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in New Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.³¹ {*FSID: K6W3-6LK*}

Mary married, as his second wife, **Calvin Cook**, on 21 Jul 1875 in Clark County, Indiana.³² Calvin was born on 9 Mar 1810 in South Carolina, died on 1 May 1890 in Jeffersonville, Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in Eastern Cemetery, Jeffersonville, Clark County, Indiana.³³ Calvin's parents are unknown. *{FSID: K42R-8X6}*

Mary and Calvin had no children.

Mary lived with her parents until her marriage, at age 40. She is enumerated in their household in 1850, 1860 and 1870.³⁴ She was an active and prominent member of the congregation of the Wall Street Methodist

²⁷ "Golden Wedding," *Jeffersonville Evening News*, 28 Aug 1873, p. 3, col. 1-3; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (https://NewspaperArchive.com: accessed 29 May 2021.)... "In Honor and Love - Rev. and Mrs. George Schwartz Celebrate Their Sixty-Second Marriage Anniversary," *The Daily Evening News*, 22 Aug 1885, p. 4, col. 4-5; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (https://newspaperarchive.com: accessed 5 Feb 2020.)... "Their Sixty-Fifth - The Wedding Anniversary of the Oldest Native Indianan and His Wife," *The Courier-Journal*, 19 Aug 1888, p. 5, col. 2.

²⁸ Clark, Indiana, Wills book, H: 416 - 420, George Schwartz; FHL microfilm 1415963, item 4. Executors George W. and John F. Swartz (his sons). Will dated 27 August 1889, witnessed by James E. Taggart and Henry A. Butt. Proved 16 August 1890 by James E, Taggart.

²⁹ See various obits cited previously

³⁰"Personal," *The Western Christian Advocate*, 23 May 1877, p. 5, col. 2

³¹ Clark, Indiana, death certificate no. 252 (1903), Mary E. Cook; digital image, Ancestry, *Indiana Death Certificates* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 9 Apr 2021); *Informant - Geo. Jacobs... Find A Grave*, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com: accessed 9 Apr 2021), Mary Elizabeth Schwartz Cook, memorial number 72270793. *shared stone with her mother Nancy Fry Swartz*.

³² Clark, Indiana, Indiana Commission on Public Records, K: 656, Cook-Schwartz, 1875; digital images, FamilySearch (www.familysearch.org: accessed 9 Apr 2021.)

³³ Find A Grave, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com: accessed 9 Apr 2021), Calvin Cook, memorial number 11839714.

^{34 1850} U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 206a, dwelling 867, family 918, George Swartz; digital images,

Ancestry (www.ancestry.com: accessed 7 Apr 2021); citing National Archives and Records Administration microfilm M432, roll 138...1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 507, dwelling 112, family 112, Geo Swartz; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com: accessed 7 Apr 2021); citing NARA microfilm M653, roll 248...1870 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 605A, dwelling 224, family 234, George Schwartz; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com: accessed 7 Apr 2021); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 303.

Church.³⁵ Her husband Calvin Cook was a Civil War veteran³⁶ and a well-known shipbuilder in Jeffersonville, and they lived in a substantial house on Chestnut Street³⁷ near her uncle Jacob Swartz and various cousins. In the spring of 1888, Mary's parents George and Nancy moved in with Mary and Calvin.³⁸ Mary became the caregiver for her mother, who was in poor health and died in the Fall of 1888.³⁹ Just 18 months later, in April of 1890, Calvin Cook fell and struck his head so hard that he developed a brain injury.⁴⁰ He died about 2 weeks later. Mary moved out of Jeffersonville and returned to the area of Utica after the death of her father. She lived with her nephew, George Thomas Jacobs and his family, from at least 1900 until her death.⁴¹

2. **Susan A. Swartz** was born on 28 Mar 1826 in Utica, Clark County, Indiana, died on 28 Feb 1855 in Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in New Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.⁴² {*FSID: K2XN-TGG*}

Susan married **Thomas Asbury Jacobs**, son of Thomas Jacobs and Mary Holman, on 31 Jul 1850 in Clark County, Indiana.⁴³ Thomas was born on 1 Dec 1826 in Utica, Clark County, Indiana, died on 28 Apr 1896 in Jeffersonville, Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in New Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.⁴⁴ {FSID: KN8W-JJN}

Susan and Thomas had two children: Mary Francis Jacobs and George Thomas Jacobs. 45

Susan was the first of her siblings to marry and the first to die. She left her husband with 2 very young children, but he never remarried. Susan's parents helped raise the children, taking them into their house when they were very young. 46 Her husband, Thomas Asbury Jacobs, was a younger brother of Moses Holman Jacobs, husband of her youngest aunt Sophia Swartz, and of Rebecca Jacobs, wife of her uncle Jacob Swartz as well as a

³⁵ "Death of Mrs. Cook," *The National Democrat*, 26 June 1903, p. 4, col. 5; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (https://NewspaperArchive.com: accessed 9 Apr 2021.)

³⁶ "U.S. Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934," database and images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 9 Apr 2021); *Calvin Cook; G. 41 U. S. Infantry, widow Mary E. Cook.*

^{37 &}quot;Death of Calvin Cook," *Jeffersonville Daily Evening News*, 1 May 1890, p. 4, col. 3; digital images, *NewpaperArchive* (https://NewspaperArchive.com: accessed 4 Apr 2023.)...*Jeffersonville City Directory*, 1888; 412; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 15 Jun 2024.) *Calvin Cook r. 324 E. Chestnut*.

 $^{^{\}rm 38}$ "Local Talk," Jeffersonville Clark County Republican, 27 Mar 1888, p. 4, col. 3.

³⁹ "Obituaries - Swartz - Nancy Fry," *The Western Christian Advocate*, p. 15, col. 3.

⁴⁰ "Dangerously III" *Jeffersonville Daily Evening News*, 19 Apr 1890, p. 4, col. 2; digital images, *NewpaperArchive* (https://NewspaperArchive.com: accessed 4 Apr 2023..."Death of Calvin Cook," *Jeffersonville Daily Evening News*, 1 May 1890, p. 4, col. 3

⁴¹ 1900 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica township, enumeration district (ED) 20, sheet 7, p. A, dwelling 140, family 141, Jacobs George; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 10 Apr 2021); citing NARA microfilm T623, roll 363.

⁴² Find A Grave, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com: accessed 9 Apr 2021), Susan A. Swartz Jacobs, memorial number 58111410; shared stone with husband Thomas A..."Death of Asbury Jacobs," The News, 28 April 1896, p. 4, col. 4; digital images, NewspaperArchive (https://newspaperarchive.com: accessed 10 Apr 2021.)

⁴³ Clark County, Indiana, marriage return, 6: 124, Jacobs-Swartz, 1850...1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica Township, p. 207A, dwelling 878, family 932, T. A. Jacobs; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 9 Apr 2021); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 138.

⁴⁴ Find A Grave, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com: accessed 9 Apr 2021), Thomas Asbury Jacobs, memorial number 52194367; *shared stone with wife Susan A*.

⁴⁵ Clark, Indiana, death certificate no. 40 (1916), Mary Fanny Brookbank; digital image, Ancestry, *Indiana Death Certificates* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 10 Apr 2021); *informant brother George T. Jacobs of Watson, Clark, Indiana; cause of death-murder.* Per newspaper articles relating to her murder, the date of death was deduced from medical knowledge and testimony given during the trial. The body was not discovered until several days after death... Clark, Indiana, death certificate no. 13360 (1921), George T. Jacobs; digital image, Ancestry, *Indiana Death Certificates* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 10 Apr 2021); Informant widow Kate Jacobs.

⁴⁶ 1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 507, dwelling 112, family 112, Geo Swartz; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 7 Apr 2021); citing NARA microfilm M653, roll 248. *The two youngest children are Mary and George Jacobs but because their ages fall 2 years after the youngest Swartz daughter Laura they are sometimes mistaken as children of George and Nancy rather than grandchildren.*

first cousin of Solomon Jacobs, husband of her oldest aunt Elizabeth Swartz.⁴⁷ The Swartz and Jacobs families were very interconnected across multiple generations.

Thomas A. Jacobs was very well known in Clark County, for his deep religious faith and his constant involvement in, first the New Chapel Methodist Church in Utica township and then the Wall Street Methodist Church after his move to Jeffersonville.⁴⁸ Thomas lived in Jeffersonville, with his daughter Mary Francis (and after her marriage with her and her husband) for several years before his death.⁴⁹

2. **George Wiley Swartz**, also known as Wiley, was born on 26 Dec 1827 in Watson, Clark County, Indiana, died on 29 Oct 1909 in Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in New Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.⁵⁰ {*FSID: K8QB-SJ8*}

George married first **Elizabeth R. Butler**, whose parents are unknown, on 29 Mar 1853 in Hamilton County, Ohio.⁵¹ Elizabeth was born on 25 Dec 1828 in Indiana, died on 25 Oct 1861 in Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in New Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.⁵² {FSID: L62Y-16V}

George and Elizabeth had three daughters: Sarah Owen, Mary Belle, and Katie B.53

George next married, as her second husband, **Maria Ann Lentz**, daughter of Jacob Lentz and Mahala Harley Prather,⁵⁴ on 26 Aug 1862 in Clark County, Indiana.⁵⁵ Maria was born on 17 Apr 1836 in Utica, Clark County, Indiana, died on 8 July 1902 in Utica, Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in New Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.⁵⁶ (*FSID*: *LRQ1-3HX*)

George and Maria had four children: Ella May, Charles Franklin, William Wilcox, and Nancy Myrtle.57

⁴⁷ Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, B: 44, Swartz, Jacob-Jacobs, Rebecca, 1829; FHL microfilm 1,415,852... Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, C: 47, Jacobs, Moses H.-Schwartz, Sophia, 1837; FHL microfilm 549,315, item 3...Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, A: 16, Jacobs, Solomon-Swartz, Elizabeth, 1812; FHL microfilm 1,415,852.

⁴⁸ "Purchased Property in Town," *The Evening News*, 30 Oct 1877, p. 4, col. 2; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (https://newspaperarchive.com: accessed 10 Apr 2021); *Property on Mechanic Street in Jeffersonville...* "Death of Asbury Jacobs," *The News*, 28 April 1896, p. 4, col. 3; digital images, NewspaperArchive (https://newspaperarchive.com: accessed 10 Apr 2021).

⁴⁹ 1880 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, enumeration district (ED) 30, p. 182C, dwelling 77, family 79, Jacobs, Thomas A; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 9 Apr 2021); citing NARA microfilm T9, roll 269.

⁵⁰ Clark, Indiana, death certificate no. 421 (1906), George Wiley Swartz; digital image, Ancestry, *Indiana Death Certificates* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 13 Apr 2021); *informant Charles Swartz*... "Rich Farmer Dies at his Home in Utica Township," *The Courier-Journal*, 30 Mar 1909, p. 7, col. 2; digital images, *Newspapers.com* (www.newspapers.com: accessed 13 Feb 2020)... *Find A Grave*, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com: accessed 13 Apr 2021), George Wiley Swartz, memorial number 179734256; *shared stone with both wives*.

⁵¹ Hamilton, Ohio, license and return, B: 46, Swartz-Butler, 1853... Hamilton, Ohio, Ohio, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1774-1993, B: 46, Swartz-Butler, 1853; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 13 Apr 2021).

⁵²Find A Grave, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com: accessed 13 Apr 2021), Lizzie B. [Butler] Swartz, memorial number 179734263; shared stone with husband and with his second wife.

⁵³ 1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, p. 381, dwelling 405, family 434, Geo W. Swartz; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 13 Apr 2021); citing NARA microfilm M653, roll 248... "Heirs Dispute Over Estate," *The Evening News*, 9 April 1910, p. 6; digital images, NewspaperArchive (https://NewspaperArchive.com : accessed 8 July 2020)

⁵⁴ Clark, Indiana, death certificate no. 421 (1902), Maria Ann Swartz; digital image, *Ancestry, Indiana Death Certificates* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 13 Apr 2021); *informant George W. Swartz.*

⁵⁵ Clark, Indiana, Indiana Commission on Public Records, Schwartz, George W.-Schwartz, Maria, 1862; digital images, *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org: accessed 13 Apr 2021).

⁵⁶ Clark, Indiana, death certificate no. 421 (1902), Maria Ann Swartz... *Find A Grave*, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com: accessed 13 Apr 2021), Maria Ann Lentz Swartz, memorial number 113875405.

⁵⁷1870 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica Township, p. 608, dwelling 265, family 279, Schwartz, G. W.; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com: accessed 13 Apr 2021); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 303..."Heirs Dispute Over Estate," *The Evening News*, 9 April 1910, p. 6.

George and Elizabeth may have met in the Hamilton County, Ohio household of his uncle Leonard Swartz, where Elizabeth was living in 1850 and where they were married in 1853.⁵⁸ Elizabeth is likely a close relative of Leonard Swartz's wife Sarah Ann Butler, but the parents of both women are unknown.⁵⁹

George W., like several of his cousins, started in the dry goods business. He worked with cousins Simon and John Bottorff in their retail store in Jeffersonville for ten years and then struck out on his own. 60 As a result of ill health and perhaps the recent death of his first wife, he left the dry goods business about 1862 and in 1863 he purchased a large farm in Utica near the farm of his parents. 61 Elizabeth's death left George with 3 young daughters, and he remarried within the year. Maria Ann Lentz was the widow of George's younger brother Abraham Fry Swartz. 62

George and Maria remained on the farm for the remainder of their lives. In 1877, the farmhouse was destroyed by fire and the community rallied to support George, Maria, and their 8 children. George rebuilt in high style; the new house being called "palatial" in local news reports. George was active in several lodges as well as the Democratic Party. Maria George and Maria were members of the Methodist Church from their teens and remained active members all their lives. Maria died in 1902 of Bright's Disease. Maria died in 1902 of Bright's Disease. Maria died in 1902 of Bright's Disease. The report was death, the youngest daughter Nancy Myrtle and son Charles lived on the farm, caring for their father. George wrote his will in 1899, before the death of Maria, and left his property to be divided into 7 equal parts upon the death of Maria. The will was not recorded before George's death. When Nancy Mrytle recorded a deed, written by George in 1907, giving her most of the property her sibling filed a lawsuit and produced the unrecorded will. They claimed the deed was the result of undue influence. The suit was settled 2 years later, and the farm was eventually sold.

2. **Abraham Fry Swartz** was born on 28 Feb 1830 in Clark County, Indiana, died on 19 Nov 1859 in Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in United Methodist Cemetery, New Chapel, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.⁷⁰ {*FSID: KH36-X2X*}

Abraham married **Maria Ann Lentz**, daughter of Jacob Lentz and Mahala Harley Prather, on 27 April 1857 in Clark County, Indiana. ⁷¹ Maria was born on 17 Apr 1836 in Utica, Clark County, Indiana, died on 8 Jul 1902 in

⁵⁸ Hamilton, Ohio, Ohio, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1774-1993, B: 46, Swartz-Butler,

⁵⁹ There are no candidate households headed by either male or female Butlers in Clark or adjacent counties in Indiana, or in Jefferson County, Kentucky on the 1830 census and in the 1840 census there is only 1 candidate but the 1850 census household of that candidate makes it unlikely he is the father of Elizabeth due to his age – he would have been 18 at the time of her birth.

^{60 1850} U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, p. 162A, dwelling 272, family 283, Simon Bottorff; digital images,

Ancestry (www.ancestry.com: accessed 9 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 138; occupation - merchant; nonfamily members in household
Susan Davis, age 15; G. Wiley Swart, age 22 (clerk), John F. Swartz age 18 (clerk)... "Rich Farmer Dies at his Home in Utica Township," The Courier-Journal,
30 Mar 1909, p. 7, col. 2.

⁶¹ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 53: 443 - 445, Heirs of A. F. Swartz to George W. Swartz, 1863; FHL microfilm 1,428,621, item 3.

⁶² Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, H: 231, Schwartz-Lentz, 1857; FHL microfilm 1,415,853, item 2... "Mrs. George W. Swartz died," *The Courier-Journal*, 9 Jul 1902, p. 10, col. 4; digital images, *Newspapers.com* (www.newspapers.com : accessed 13 Apr 2021.)

⁶³ "Wiley Swartz House Destroyed by Fire," *The Courier-Journal*, 18 October 1877, p. 1, col. 4; digital images, *Newspapers.com* (www.newspapers.com: accessed 13 Apr 2021.)

⁶⁴ "Rich Farmer Dies at his Home in Utica Township," *The Courier-Journal*, 30 Mar 1909, p. 7, col. 2.

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⁶⁶ Clark, Indiana, death certificate no. 421 (1902), Maria Ann Swartz. Her brother Christian Lentz also died of Bright's disease...

⁶⁷ "Heirs Dispute Over Estate," *The Evening News*, 9 April 1910, p. 6; digital images.

⁶⁸ Clark, Indiana, Wills book, K: 475 & 476, George W. Swartz; FHL microfilm 1,415,965, item 1; will was written in 1898 before wife died in 1902 and was never updated before being recorded for probate in 1909.

⁶⁹ "To Compromise Litigation - Heirs in Suit Over Swartz Property Come to Agreement," *The Courier-Journal*, 4 May 1911, p. 12, col. 4; digital images, *Newspapers.com* (www.newspapers.com : accessed 13 Apr 2021.)

⁷⁰ Find A Grave, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com: accessed 19 Apr 2021), Abraham F. Schwartz, memorial number 72238316; no birth year given on memorial... 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 206a, dwelling 867, family 918, George Swartz; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com: accessed 7 Apr 2021); citing NARA M432, roll 138.

⁷¹ Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, H: 231, Schwartz-Lentz, 1857; FHL microfilm 1,415,853, item 2.

Utica, Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in New Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.⁷² {FSID: LRQ1-3HX}

Abraham and Maria had one daughter: Cora A.73

Abraham, also called Abram, has a very small biographical footprint. He appears on the 1850 census, as a young man living in the household of his father. In 1852 and 1855 he purchased hand from the estate of John C. Smith to begin farming on his own. Is a couple of years later he married. Abraham and Maria had been married about 18 months when he died leaving an infant daughter as his heir. His property, held in trust for Cora, was administered under the guardianship of Cora's grandfather. In 1863, George Swartz sold the land (a portion of Lot 24 in the Illinois Grant) with the permission of the court to George Wiley Swartz, who was Abraham's brother and Cora's stepfather. His widow Maria Ann married George Wiley Swartz, in 1862. Cora was raised in George and Maria's household with her 4 half-siblings and her 3 stepsibling cousins. When Cora died the local newspaper report gave her father as George W. Swartz.

2. John Franklin Swartz was born on 5 Aug 1832 in Clark County, Indiana, ⁸¹ died on 27 Dec 1903 in Clark County, Indiana, ⁸² and was buried in New Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana. ²⁹⁸ {FSID: K2XN-B7Z}

John married **Anna Cole**, daughter of Abram Cole and Lydia Vorce, on 29 Mar 1854 in New Albany, Floyd County, Indiana.⁸³ Anna was born on 13 Nov 1835 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, died on 29 May 1876 in Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in New Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.⁸⁴ Anna was also called Annis in some records. *{FSID: K8JG-DNT}*

⁷² Clark, Indiana, death certificate no. 421 (1902), Maria Ann Swartz... *Find A Grave*, Maria Ann Lentz Swartz, memorial number 113875405.
73 Indiana. Clark., Deed Records, 1801-1901. Clark County Recorder's Office, Jeffersonville, bk 45, pg 194... Indiana. Clark., Deed Records, 1801-1901. Clark County Recorder's Office, Jeffersonville, bk 45 pg 195.

⁷⁴ 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 206a, dwelling 867, family 918, George Swartz; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 7 Apr 2021); citing NARA M432, roll 138.

⁷⁵ Indiana. Clark., Deed Records, 1801-1901. Clark County Recorder's Office, Jeffersonville, bk 45, pg 194. Indiana. ibid, bk 45 pg 195.

⁷⁶ Guardianship appointment not found in Clark County records but documented in the sale of land Cora inherited from her father.

⁷⁷ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 53: 443 - 445, George Swartz guardian of Cora A. Swartz to George W. Swartz, 1863; FHL microfilm 1,428,621, item 3. 2 parcels of land from the estate of Abraham F. Swartz, parts of Illinois Grant survey 24 and part of the estate of John C. Smith.

⁷⁸ Clark, Indiana, Indiana Commission on Public Records h, Schwartz-Schwartz, 1862.

⁷⁹ 1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica Township, p. 520, dwelling 187, family 187, Maria Swartz; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 13 Apr 2021); citing NARA microfilm M653, roll 248... 1870 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica Township, p. 608, dwelling 265, family 279, Schwartz, G. W.; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 13 Apr 2021); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 303.

⁸⁰ "Death Strikes in the Night," *The National Democrat*, 12 Jul 1907, p. 1, col. 6; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (https://NewspaperArchive.com: accessed 8 Jul 2020.)

⁸¹ Find A Grave, John Franklin Schwartz, memorial number 72238629.

⁸² Find A Grave, John Franklin Schwartz, memorial number 72238629... Ancestry, Indiana, U.S., WPA Death Index, 1882-1920 (www.ancestry.com: accessed 10 June 2021), Book H-27, page 22....Ancestry, Indiana, U.S., Death Certificates, 1899-2017 (www.ancestry.com: accessed 3 June 2020), certificate 273, registered number 14, image 780; Indiana State Board of Health. Death Certificates, 1900–2017. Microfilm. Indiana Archives and Records Administration, Indianapolis, Indiana. informant George Jacobs. father Geo. Swartz, mother Nancy Fry.

⁸³ Floyd, Indiana, Marriages, 1819-1891, C: 56.

⁸⁴ Find a Grave, (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/72238347/anna-schwartz: accessed 21 June 2024), memorial page for Anna Schwartz (14 Nov 1835–29 May 1876), Find a Grave Memorial ID 72238347, citing New Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana, USA; Maintained by Gail Black (contributor 46916450).

John and Anna had ten children: Laura Ureta, John Edward, George Henry, Lydia V., Charles, Benjamin Franklin, Delphia Annis, James Elmer, Mary Adelia, and Robert Alexander.⁸⁵

John married, as his second wife **Frances Ellen Ellis**, daughter of John Ellis and an unknown mother, on 18 Apr 1877 in La Grange, Oldham County, Kentucky.⁸⁶ Frances was born on 3 Dec 1845 in La Grange, Oldham County, Kentucky,⁸⁷ and died on 10 May 1909 in Jeffersonville, Clark County, Indiana.⁸⁸ {*FSID: K2XN-B6F*}

John and Frances had four children: Oliver Ellis, Flora June, Sarah May, and Lola Belle.89

John began life as an adult by working and living with cousin Simon Bottorff.⁹⁰ He was a clerk in Simon's Dry Goods from about 1843 to 1853.⁹¹ He appeared in the household of Simon Bottorff in the 1850 census, along with his brother George W. who was also clerking in Simon's store.⁹² In 1860 he was working as a teamster,⁹³ but by the time he registered for the draft in 1863, he was farming in Utica township.⁹⁴ John remained a farmer for the rest of his life. He apparently, farmed a portion of his father's land for a period in the 1870's since he is named as a farmer in the census but not as a landowner on the 1875 map of Clark County.⁹⁵ Perhaps he bought out the other heirs when his father died, as the 1900 census indicates he owned his land outright.⁹⁶

With his brother George W., John was named as executor of their father's lengthy will. He and George were George and Nancy's only surviving sons.

John died of Bright's Disease on December 27, 1903.98 A lengthy obituary was published New Year's Day 1904.99 Francis survived John for a few years but apparently was an invalid for the last few years of her life.

^{85 &}quot;Harvest of Death - J. Frank Swartz Succumbed on Sunday Evening After a Long Illness," *The National Democrat*, 1 Jan 1904, p. 4, col. 2; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (https://newspaperarchive.com: accessed 21 Apr 2021.) *The article wrongly names Jacob Swartz as John Franklin's father. The article names all of John's living children and associates them with their mothers. Laura, John, Charles, and Mary Adelia, all children of Anna and John <i>predeceased him...*1870 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica Township, p. 610, dwelling 298, family 312, Schwartz J. L.; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com: accessed 21 Apr 2021); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 303.

⁸⁶ Oldham, Kentucky, marriage bond, 6: 161, Schwartz-Ellis, 1877.

⁸⁷ Clark, Indiana, death certificate no. 377 (1909), Francis Schwartz.

⁸⁸ Works Progress Administration, "Indiana, WPA Death Index 1882-1920," database Francis Schwartz. Clark, Indiana, death certificate no. 377 (1909), Francis Schwartz.

^{89 &}quot;Harvest of Death - J. Frank Swartz Succumbed on Sunday Evening After a Long Illness," The National Democrat, 1 Jan 1904, p. 4, col. 2. All of John's children with Francis were glive at his death.

⁹⁰ History of the Ohio Falls Cities and their Counties with illustrations and biographical sketches., 2 volumes (1882; reprint, Cleveland, Ohio: L.A. Williams & Co., reproduction by Unigraphic, Inc. 1966), 2: 545.

⁹² 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, p. 162A, dwelling 272, family 283, Simon Bottorff; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 9 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 138. *nonfamily members in household - Susan Davis, age 15; G. Wiley Swart, age 22 (clerk), John F. Swartz age 18 (clerk)*

⁹³ 1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, p. 373, dwelling 350, family 376, Frank Swartz; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 9 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm M653, roll 248.

⁹⁴ Swartz, John F., "U.S., Civil War Draft Registrations Records, 1863-1865," 2:391; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 9 Apr 2024); "son of George Swartz."

⁹⁵ 1870 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica Township, p. 610, dwelling 298, family 312, Schwartz J. L.; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com: accessed 21 Apr 2021); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 303...George W. Davis, Map of Clark County, Indiana, from the latest Official Surveys and Records (unknown: C. A. McCann & David S. Koons, 1875); digital image, Library of Congress (www.loc.gov; accessed 2 Feb 2021.)

⁹⁶ 1900 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica Township, enumeration district (ED) 20, sheet 4, p. A, dwelling 67, family 68, Swartz John F.; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 21 Apr 2021); citing NARA microfilm T623, roll 363.

⁹⁷ Clark, Indiana, Wills book, H: 416 - 420, George Schwartz; FHL microfilm 1,415,963, item 4.

⁹⁸ Swartz, John Frank., U.S., Death Certificates, 1899-2017; certificate 273, registered number 14, image 780, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 12 June 2020) citing Indiana State Board of Health. Death Certificates, 1900-2017, Indiana Archives and Records Administration, Indianapolis, Indiana. *Informant George Jacobs. father Geo. Swartz, mother Nancy Fry.*

⁹⁹ "Harvest of Death - J. Frank Swartz Succumbed on Sunday Evening After a Long Illness." ... "Retired Grocer Dies," *The Courier-Journal*, 28 Dec 1903, p. 8, col. 3; digital images, *Newspapers.com* (www.newspapers.com : accessed 16 May 2020).

Her obituary states she was to be buried in the New Chapel Methodist Church cemetery alongside her husband, John Franklin Swartz. However, no stone is currently visible.

2. **James Benton Swartz** was born on 18 Dec 1834 in Clark County, Indiana, died on 18 Dec 1867 in Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in New Chapel Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana. [101] [FSID: KHX1-DHC]

James married **Delphia Ann Summers**, daughter of Allen Summers and Susannah Bushfield, on 20 Feb 1866 in Clark County, Indiana.¹⁰² Delphia was born on 9 May 1844 in Indiana and died on 17 Aug 1889 in Clark County, Indiana.¹⁰³ {*FSID*: 9XH2-R2Q}

James and Delphia had one daughter: Mary Luella. Mary Luella never married, dying at the age of 38.104

James left few records in his brief life. He is on the 1850 and 1860 census in his father's household. He did not own land and we do not know his adult occupation. In 1863, when he registered for the draft, he was an unmarried farmer. He and his daughter are mentioned in his father's will. He and his daughter are mentioned in his father's will.

In March 1870, Delphia Ann Summers Swartz married, as his second wife, Thomas Benton Jacobs, first cousin of James Benton Swartz. 108

2. **Sarah Sophia Swartz** was born in 1837 in Clark County, Indiana, died on 3 Sep 1878 in Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in New Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana. ¹⁰⁹ {*FSID: K2XN-T1G*}

Sarah married, as his second wife, **William Thomas Adams**, son of Martin Adams and Jane Davis, ¹¹⁰ on 11 Sep 1866 in Clark County, Indiana. ¹¹¹ William was born on 16 May 1836 in Clark County, Indiana, died on 2

¹⁰⁰ "Well-Known Woman Dies," *The Courier-Journal*, **11** May **1909**, p. **10**, col. **1**; digital images, *Newspapers.com* (www.newspapers.com : accessed 26 Apr **2021**.)

¹⁰¹ Find A Grave, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com: accessed 21 Jun 2020), James Benton Schwartz, memorial number 72238406.

¹⁰² Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, I: 59... 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 203a, dwelling 809, family 860, Allen Sumers; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 21 Jun 2020); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 138. *Delphia A. Sumers (sic) age 6 oldest child in the household of Allen Sumers and Susanna Sumers*.

¹⁰³ Works Progress Administration, "Indiana, WPA Death Index 1882-1920," database, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 21 Jun 2020), Delphia A. Jacobs; book H-21 on page 152 within the series produced by the Indiana Works Progress Administration... *Find A Grave*, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com: accessed 21 Jun 2020), Delphia A. Summers Jacobs, memorial number 58111469.

¹⁰⁴ Clark, Indiana, death certificate no. 168 (1905), Mary Luella Swartz; digital image, *Ancestry*, "Indiana, U.S., Death Certificates, 1899-2017," *Indiana Death Certificates* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 21 Jun 2020)... *Find A Grave*, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com: accessed 21 Jun 2020), Mary Luella Swartz, memorial number 63641215.

¹⁰⁵ 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 206a, dwelling 867, family 918, George Swartz...1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 507, dwelling 112, family 112, Geo Swartz; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 7 Apr 2021); citing NARA microfilm M653, roll 248.

¹⁰⁶ James B. Swartz, Class 1, L-Z, 2 of 4; digital images, "U.S., Civil War Draft Registrations Records, 1863-1865," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 21 Jun 2024.)

 $^{^{107}}$ Clark, Indiana, Wills book, H: 416 - 420, George Schwartz; FHL microfilm 1,415,963, item 4.

¹⁰⁸ Ruth M. Slevin, editor, *Clark County Indiana Marriage Records 1855-1880: Book G-K Grooms Index and Brides Index* (WPA, Indiana: The Author, 1973) vol J: np... "Indiana Marriages, 1780-1992," FamilySearch (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XFF5-S45: 13 January 2024), Thomas Benton Jacobs-Delphia Ann Schwartz, 1870.

^{109 &}quot;City News - Wife of William Adams."

¹¹⁰ "Death of Mrs. Adams," *Jeffersonville News*, 27 April 1893, p. 4, col. 4; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (https://NewspaperArchive.com: accessed 5 May 2021) "Jane H. Adams, widow of the late Col. Martin Adams...mother of Wm Adams and John A. Adams."

¹¹¹ Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, I: 155.

Jan 1917 in Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in New Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana. [12] [FSID: LD1H-N4Y]

Sarah and Adam had three children: Nancy, William G., and Lyman. All three died young. 113

Sarah Sophia appears to have been called Sophia based on her appearances in her father's household in the 1850 and 1860 census, 114 although, she was called Sarah S, when she married and on her tombstone. This has caused some confusion with researchers identifying the second wife of William Adams as Sarah Sophia Swartz, daughter of Jacob and Rebecca (Jacobs) Swartz who was born in 1836 and who died unmarried in 1863. 115 The two Sarah Sophias were first cousins and lived very close to each other. It seems likely that they were called Sarah and Sophia to avoid confusion.

Sarah entered a household with five young children and very quickly added two more. Nancy and Lyman died as infants. William G. survived her but died before age 15.¹¹⁶ Sarah's obituary stated that she had been ill with a "stomach disease "for about a year before her death.¹¹⁷ William remarried about a year later, choosing as his third wife Eliza Ellen Swartz, a younger sister of Sarah Sophia.¹¹⁸

2. **Peter Henry Swartz** was born on 1 Jun 1837 in Clark County, Indiana, died on 19 Nov 1862 in Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in New Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana. 119 {FSID: LJK6-GZD}

He had no known marriage and no known children.

Aside from his appearance in his parent's household in the 1850 and 1860 census¹²⁰ Peter's gravestone is his only known record.

2. **Nancy Rebecca Swartz** was born on 19 Aug 1839 in Utica, Clark County, Indiana, died on 8 Sep 1884 in LaGrange, Oldham County, Kentucky, and was buried in Valley of Rest Cemetery, LaGrange, Oldham County, Kentucky.¹²¹ {*FSID*: *LHN4-R3B*}

¹¹² Clark, Indiana, death certificate no. 2 (1917), William Adams... Find A Grave, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com: accessed 4 May 2021), William Adams, memorial number 59762814; a shared stone with 3 of his wives (those who predeceased him) and all three of his children with Sarah Sophia Swartz.

¹¹³ Find A Grave, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com: accessed 3 May 2021), Nancy, William, and Lyman are listed on the memorial stone of their father and his first three wives. For Lyman, it just says "Infant."

¹¹⁴ 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 206a, dwelling 867, family 918, George Swartz... 1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 507, dwelling 112, family 112, Geo Swartz.

^{115 &}lt;u>Descendants of Jacob Swartz and Rebecca Jacobs -through the 3rd generation from John and Elizabeth (Ohlweiler) Swartz</u>..see also Public Ancestry Tree <u>Descendants of John Swartz/Schwartz and Elizabeth Ohlweiler</u>

¹¹⁶ Find A Grave, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com: accessed 3 May 2021.) Nancy, William, and Lyman are listed on the memorial stone of their father and his first three wives.

^{117 &}quot;Death of Mrs. William Adams."

¹¹⁸ "The Next Affair," *The Daily Evening News*, 21 Oct 1879, p. 1, col. 4; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (https://NewspaperArchive.com: accessed 8 Jul 2020)... "What a Little Comma Can Do!," *The Daily Evening News*, 22 Oct 1879, p. 1, col. 5; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (https://NewspaperArchive.com: accessed 8 Jul 2020.)

¹¹⁹ Find A Grave, (http://www.findagrave.com: accessed 28 Apr 2021), Peter Henry Schwartz, memorial number 72238687. There is no image of the stone on FAG, however the contributor Gail Black is a careful and knowledgeable Clark County, Indiana researcher and it may just be that no one has photographed the stone.

¹²⁰ 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 206a, dwelling 867, family 918, George Swartz... 1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 507, dwelling 112, family 112, Geo Swartz.

¹²¹ Find A Grave, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com: accessed 29 Apr 2021), Nancy R. Schwartz "his wife", memorial number 33619219; shared stone with husband Cyrus A. Crum. Stone has only years.

Nancy married **Cyrus Alvin Crum**, son of William Spangler Crum and Mary Prather¹²², on 2 Apr 1862 in Clark County, Indiana.¹²³ Cyrus was born on 27 May 1834 in Clark County, Indiana, died on 7 Apr 1917 in La Grange, Oldham County, Kentucky, and was buried in Valley of Rest Cemetery, LaGrange, Oldham County, Kentucky.¹²⁴ {*FSID: GMQS-G84*}

They had seven children: Ara Belle, Charles Edward, Cyrus Franklin, William Amos, Laura Rose, Cora May, and Maurice Homer. 125

Shortly after their marriage, Cyrus bought a 17-acre farm in Illinois Grant 38 about 1.5 miles from George and Nancy Swartz's farm in Utica. 6 of their 7 children were born while they farmed that land. Shortly after their marriage Cyrus A. registered for the draft, but he was never called to serve. 70 his 1865 Income Tax Assessment Cyrus declared a carriage taxable at \$1.00, however, he defaulted as he was also listed for a 10% penalty on that tax. 128

About 1875 Cyrus and Nancy moved their family to a farm in Oldham County, Kentucky.¹²⁹ Their last child, Maurice, was born in LaGrange a couple of years after the move.¹³⁰ Shortly after Maurice was born, his older brother William died at the age of 10.¹³¹ Six years later Nancy died, leaving Cyrus with 6 children at home.¹³² Her short obituary in the Western Christian Advocate spoke of her lifelong membership in the Methodist Church and mentioned that she "was aware of the approach of death."¹³³ Cyrus never remarried and his oldest daughter Ara Belle helped raise her siblings and kept a house for her father for the rest of his life. In gratitude, Cyrus' 1914 will left all his property real and personal to Ara Belle and made her his executrix. Daughter Cora was one of the will's witnesses.¹³⁴

¹²² Oldham, Kentucky, death certificate no. 35254 (1917), Cyrus Alvin Crum; digital image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 29 Apr 2021); *informant C. F. Crum (Probably Charles Franklin Crum, his son)*

¹²³ Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, G: 172, Crum-Schwartz, 1862; FHL microfilm 1,415,853, item 1.

¹²⁴ Find A Grave, (http://www.findagrave.com : accessed 12 Apr 2024), C. A. Crum, memorial number 33619268...Oldham, Kentucky, death certificate no. 35254 (1917), Cyrus Alvin Crum.

¹²⁵ Ara Belle Crum often appears in records as Ora Belle. I am using the spelling from her father's will. Madison, Indiana, death certificate no. 29218 (1937), Belle Crum; digital image, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com: accessed 29 Apr 2021); informant Mrs. G. H. Noetzel of Anderson, Indiana... Jefferson, Kentucky, death certificate no. 6602 (1946), Charles Edward Crum; digital image, Ancestry, Kentucky Death Certificates (www.ancestry.com: accessed 30 Apr 2021); informant Mrs. Rudy P. Davis... Oldham, Kentucky, death certificate no. 12316 (1942), Cyrus Franklin Crum; digital image, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com: accessed 1 May 2021); informant son H. Dean Crum... 1870 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica Township, p. 608, dwelling 370, family 284, Crum, Cyrus A.; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com: accessed 29 Apr 2021); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 303... Madison, Indiana, death certificate no. 24961 (1949), Laura Rozella Carpenter; digital image, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com: accessed 1 May 2021); informant daughter Ruth Noetzel... Oldham, Kentucky, death certificate no. 8927 (1945), Cora May Hammond; digital image, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com: accessed 1 May 2021); informant son Edward Hammond... Jefferson, Kentucky, death certificate no. 56-21013 (1956), Maurice H, Crum; digital image, Ancestry, Kentucky Death Certificates (www.ancestry.com: accessed 1 May 2021); informant daughter Catherine Crum.

¹²⁶ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 53: 178, Tilman and Elizabeth Bennett to Cyrus A. Crum, 14 May 1863; FHL microfilm 1,428,621, item 3. ¹²⁷ Crum Cyrus A., 1: 77; digital images, "Consolidated Enrollment Lists, 1863-1865 (Civil War Union Draft Records); Volume Number: 1 of 4,"

^{4.} Crum Cyrus A., 1: 77; digital images, "Consolidated Enrollment Lists, 1863-1865 (Civil War Union Draft Records); volume Number: 1 of Ancestry (www.ancestry.com : accessed 29 Apr 2021); married, farmer.

¹²⁸ Clark, Indiana, United States, "Internal Revenue Assessment Lists for Indiana, 1862-1864," p. 3, Crum, Cyrus; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 29 Apr 2021); citing NARA; Internal Revenue Assessment Lists for Indiana, 1862-1866; Series: M765; Roll: 3; Description: District 2; Special Lists; Dec 1864-Dec 1866; Record Group: 58, Records of the IRS, 1791 - 2006; tax paid on a carriage \$1.00.

¹²⁹ Oldham, Kentucky, Oldham. Deed Books 1874-1787, Q, 470-471; digital images, FamilySearch Labs (https://www.familysearch.org/search/full-text/results?q.text=%22cyrus%20a%20crum%22kentucky; accessed 23 June 2024).

¹³⁰ Jefferson, Kentucky, death certificate no. 56-21013 (1956), Maurice H. Crum.

¹³¹ Find A Grave, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com: accessed 23 Jun 2023), William Amos Crum, memorial number 33619237.

¹³² Find A Grave, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com: accessed 29 Apr 2021), Nancy R. Schwartz "his wife", memorial number 33619219.

¹³³ "Obituaries - Ministers and their families," *The Western Christian Advocate*, 1 Oct 1884, p. 6, col. 7; digital images, NewspaperArchive (http://NewspaperArchive.com: accessed 3 Jun 2024.)

¹³⁴ 1900 U.S. census, Oldham, Kentucky, population schedule, Ballardsville, E) 43, sheet 1, p. A, dwelling 5, family 5, Crum, Cyrus A.; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 29 Apr 2021); citing NARA microfilm T623... 1910 U.S. census, Oldham, Kentucky, population schedule, La Grange, ED 71, sheet 6, p. B, dwelling *unreadable - possibly 16*, family 17, Crum C.; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 30 Apr 2021); citing NARA microfilm T624, roll 498; *film is very smudged and hard to read. Indexed as C. E. Crum age 25 with Ball Crum, daughter age 14 which is wrong. I believe it to be C. A. Crum age 75 with Belle Crum, daughter age 44 or 47...Clark, Indiana, Wills book, 9: 362, C. A. Crum; FHL microfilm 482,435, item 2; C.*

2. **Eliza Ellen Swartz** was born on 17 Jan 1842 in Clark County, Indiana, died on 20 Nov 1903 in Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in New Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana. ¹³⁵{FSID: LJK6-LLZ}

Eliza married, as his third wife, **William Thomas Adams**, son of Martin Adams and Jane Davis, on 21 Oct 1879 in Clark County, Indiana. William was born on 16 May 1836 in Clark County, Indiana, died on 2 Jan 1917 in Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in New Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana. FSID: LD1H-N4Y

Eliza and William had no children.

Eliza married her sister Sarah Sophia's widower about a year after her sister's death. The newspaper announcement of the marriage noted "the bride is a sister to Mr. Adams deceased wife, and daughter of George Swartz." Although Eliza and William had no children, she raised her sister's surviving son with William and helped William's 5 children with his first wife through their teen years. Eliza was well-known in the community for her piety and constant charity. She and William had been married for over 25 years when she died of tuberculosis. 139

2. **Hester Rosella Swartz** was born (*calculated*) 15 Nov 1845 in Clark County, Indiana, died on 1 Apr 1883 in Worthington, Green County, Indiana, and was buried in New Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana. [40] [FSID: LT4Z-1KW]

Hester married **Robert Alexander Hollis**, son of Henry R. Hollis and Frances Margaret Calvert,¹⁴¹ on 13 Feb 1874 in Clark County, Indiana.¹⁴² Robert was born in 1851 in Daviess County, Kentucky, died on 20 Feb 1890 in Jeffersonville, Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in New Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.¹⁴³ {FSID: LLM9-QRD}

Hester and Robert had two sons: Robert Edgar and George H. 144

A. signed with mark Will dated 24 Nov 1914 entire estate bequeathed to Ara Belle Crum since "she has lived with me and cared for me for many years." Ara was named executor. Witnesses Cora M. Hammond [daughter] and J. Ballard Clark attested 21 May 1917. This is a typed copy of the will. The second witness may have been J. Ballard "clerk".

¹³⁵ Clark, Indiana, death certificate no. 174 (1903), Mrs. Eliza Adams; digital image, *Ancestry, Indiana Death Certificates* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 5 May 2021); *informant husband Wm. Adams*.

¹³⁶ Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, K: 518, Adams-Schwartz, 1879; FHL microfilm 1,415,854, item 3.

¹³⁷ Clark, Indiana, death certificate no. 2 (1917), William Adams; digital image, *Ancestry, Indiana Death Certificates* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 5 May 2021); *informant 4th wife Sarah A. Heuser Adams*.

^{138 &}quot;The Next Affair," The Daily Evening News, 21 Oct 1879, p. 1, col. 4... "What a Little Comma Can Do!"," The Daily Evening News, 22 Oct 1879, p. 1, col. 5
139 "Mrs. Adams - Wife of William Adams Passes Away Friday Afternoon of Tuberculosis," The Evening News, 21 Nov 1903, p. 4, col. 2; digital images,
138 "The Next Affair," The Daily Evening News, 22 Oct 1879, p. 1, col. 5
139 "Mrs. Adams - Wife of William Adams Passes Away Friday Afternoon of Tuberculosis," The Evening News, 21 Nov 1903, p. 4, col. 2; digital images,
139 "Mrs. Adams - Wife of William Adams Passes Away Friday Afternoon of Tuberculosis," The Evening News, 21 Nov 1903, p. 4, col. 2; digital images,
130 Nov 1904, p. 14 Nov 1904, p. 15 Nov 1904, p. 15 Nov 1904, p. 16 Nov 1904, p. 17 Nov 1904, p. 17 Nov 1904, p. 18 Nov 190

¹⁴⁰ Find A Grave, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com: accessed 16 May 2021), Hester R. Schwartz Hollis, memorial number 72276106; wife of Robert A. died 1 April 1883 aged 37 years 4 months 17 days... "Death - special from Worthington," Jeffersonville Daily Evening News, 2 April 1883, p. 2, col. 5; digital images, NewspaperArchive (https://NewspaperArchive.com: accessed 25 May 2024.)

¹⁴¹ 1860 U.S. census, Daviess, Kentucky, population schedule, District 1, p. 699, dwelling 345, family 345, F. M. Hollis; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 3 May 2021); citing NARA microfilm M653.

¹⁴² Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, J: 251, Hollis-Schwartz, 1888; FHL microfilm 1,415,854, item 2.

¹⁴³ Find A Grave, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com: accessed 3 May 2021), Robert Hollis, memorial number 72276174; Robert husband of Hester Hollis: Parents of R. E. & Geo Hollis: 1842-1890. Based on census data, age as mentioned in a newspaper notice of his death, and ages of his wives, I believe the birthdate on the stone to be incorrect by at least 10 years.

¹⁴⁴ Ibid..."Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852-1965," database, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com), Robert Edgar Hollis, certificate 16 55-2828; Jefferson County, Kentucky, 1955. *Informant Dr. Ben H. Hollis, son...*."Kentucky, U.S., Death Records, 1852-1965," database, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 23 Jun 2024), George Henry Hollis, certificate 24590; Jefferson County, Kentucky, 1922. *Informant Chas. H. Boden, undertaker; mother's name is listed as Antie (sic) Swartz. This maybe a reference to the fact that George was raised by his father's second wife who was the sister of George's mother.*

After their marriage, Robert and Hester returned to Yelvington, Davies County, Kentucky where Robert's family was located. Her death notice in the Jeffersonville Daily Evening News calls her Mrs. Hollis and notes she was a daughter of Rev. George Swartz. He She was buried near her parents in the New Chapel Cemetery.

Robert married on 21 Nov 1883 in Greene County, Indiana, Sarah Burt/Burch¹⁴⁸ and they moved back to Jeffersonville, where he went to work as a guard at the Prison South.¹⁴⁹ Sarah died in June 1886 along with a child whose name is unknown and Robert lost a second child in October of that same year.¹⁵⁰ He married for the 3rd time in 1888 to the younger sister of his first wife.¹⁵¹ He survived the death of his third wife in 1889 by barely a year, dying in February 1890 of "the grip."¹⁵² When their maternal grandfather died 8 months later, Robert's sons, aged 10 and 13, were given 1/9th of his estate subject to the repayment of a large debt. No mention was made in George Swartz's will of the boy's guardian and no records have been found of a formal guardianship in Clark County, Indiana.¹⁵³

2. **Laura Virginia Swartz** was born on 5 Feb 1849 in Clark County, Indiana, died on 5 Feb 1889 in Jeffersonville, Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in New Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.¹⁵⁴ *{FSID: LJK6-LP6}*

Laura married, as his third wife, **Robert Alexander Hollis**, son of Henry R. Hollis and Frances Margaret Calvert, on 16 Feb 1888 in Clark County, Indiana.¹⁵⁵ {*FSID: LLM9-QRD*}

Robert and Laura had no children.

Laura, the youngest of George and Nancy's children remained at home, caring for her parents, until her marriage to the husband of her deceased sister Hester. One year later Laura died, leaving Robert a widower for the third time. The day she died Laura made a will giving her organ to her niece Lola B. Swartz and a gold watch and chain to her husband Robert for his lifetime and, after his death, to her niece Belle Crum. The remainder of any property both real and personal was to go to her stepsons, the children of her sister Hester R. Swartz Hollis. Laura died about 6 months after her mother's passing and about 6 months before her father's death.

¹⁴⁵ 1880 U.S. census, Daviess, Kentucky, population schedule, Yelvington, enumeration district (ED) 170, p. 333D, dwelling 114, family 114, Hollis, R. A.; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 3 May 2021); citing NARA microfilm T9, roll 411.

¹⁴⁶ "Death - special from Worthington," Jeffersonville Daily Evening News, 2 April 1883, p. 2, col. 5.

¹⁴⁷ Find A Grave, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com: accessed 16 May 2021), Hester R. Schwartz Hollis, memorial number 72276106.

¹⁴⁸ Indiana, Works Progress Administration; Index to Marriage Records: Indiana Works Progress Administration, 1938-1940, Greene County, vol L: 471, Hollis-Burt, 1883; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 23 Jun 2022.)

^{149 &}quot;Death Record - Two Well Known Persons Join the Silent Majority," The Daily Evening News, 20 Feb 1890, p. 4, col. 2.

¹⁵⁰ "A child of Mr. Robert Hollis..." The National Democrat, 1 Oct 1886, p. 1, col. 7; digital images, NewspaperArchive (https://NewspaperArchive.com: accessed 23 Jun 2024); mentions of the death of wife (and another child in June of 1886) in an article telling of a second child's death. The mother of both is uncertain – it could be either Hester or Sarah, although the obituary of Robert's 3rd wife states that his first wife's death left him with two young sons.

¹⁵¹ Clark, Indiana, Marriage records 1810-2001, M: 251, Hollis-Swartz, 15 Feb 1888; digital images, Ancestry, (www.ancestry.com : accessed 12 May 2021.)

^{152 &}quot;Death Record - Two Well Known Persons Join the Silent Majority," The Daily Evening News, 20 Feb 1890, p. 4, col. 2.

¹⁵³ Clark, Indiana, Wills book, H: 416 - 420, George Schwartz; FHL microfilm 1415963, item 4.

¹⁵⁴ Find A Grave, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com: accessed 16 May 2021), Laura Virginia Swartz Hollis, memorial number 72276127; no photo of the stone. She is not mentioned on the stone of her husband, only his first wife, her sister, is mentioned... "Death of Mrs. Hollis," *Jeffersonville News*, 6 Feb 1889, p. 2, col. 3; digital images, *NewspaperArchive* (https://NewspaperArchive.com: accessed 3 May 2021.)

¹⁵⁵ Clark, Indiana, Marriage records 1810-2001, M: 251, Hollis-Swartz, 15 Feb 1888.

¹⁵⁶ Clark, Indiana, Wills book, H: 266, Laura V. Hollis; FHL microfilm 1,415,964, item 1; signed with her mark but that is probably because she was weak. She died the same day.