Elizabeth Swartz, the oldest child of John Swartz and Elizabeth Ohlweiler, was born 25 April 1793 in Pennsylvania,¹ died 30 November 1859 in Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in the New Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.² {*FSID: KP7K-L58* }

On 16 April 1812, Elizabeth married **Solomon Jacobs**,³ son of Jeremiah Jacobs, jr. and Rebecca Dowden.⁴ Solomon was born 29 September 1790 in Rowan, North Carolina, died 11 September 1857 in Utica, Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in New Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.⁵ {*FSID: KP7K-LJY*}

Between 1812 and 1837 Elizabeth and Solomon had eight children: John D., Julia Ann, Jeremiah, William S., Sarah Elizabeth, James W., Anna Rebecca, and Sophia J.⁶

In many respects, Solomon and Elizabeth led very typical early settler lives. They began their married life living with his family while they amassed the land which they farmed for many years. They raised a large family who lived close by for most of Solomon's life and they appear to have remained within a restricted geographic zone for their entire married lives. They are examples of what social historians call "perseverers." Perseverers are second-generation couples who fulfill the land dream of their migrant parents, providing for their families via their farmland during their lives and then providing for those children by bequeathing them land, in the hope that this will establish the family for generations.

Solomon appears as a head of household on the 1820 census in Clark County,⁷ in a neighborhood surrounded by extended family. Although he didn't own his farm. On the 1820 census, the two oldest males in the household, Solomon age 30 (Males 26-44), and most likely his father Jeremiah (Males 45-over) were both engaged in agriculture. There is no adult female in the house aside from Elizabeth (Female 26-44) and Solomon's mother, Rebecca had probably died. In February of 1826 Solomon and Elizabeth sold their interest in Elizabeth Swartz senior's dower lands to Jacob Swartz.⁸ This sale may have been to raise some cash since the estate of John Swartz had not been settled yet, nearly 2 years after his death, and Solomon and Elizabeth may have been getting eager to purchase a farm.

In May of 1826 Solomon's father Jeremiah died and left the land he owned in the Illinois Grant survey #37 to Solomon and his brothers and sisters. In his will written in 1813 Jeremiah left 48.5 acres, part of Survey # 37 - "the plantation where I now live" to son Solomon and named him as executor.⁹ Solomon's brothers John D. and Ely (*sic* probably Eli) each inherited 48.5 acres of Survey #37 as well. Jeremiah directed that any lands or possessions not sold to pay debts or devised to one of his sons were to be

- ³ Lindsay, Early Marriages of Clark County, 68. Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 1951, A: 16.
- ⁴ Florence V. McBride Salyards, The Family of Jeremiah Jacobs and wife Rebecca Dowden Jacobs of Clark County, Indiana, revision of 1939 book by Virginia Lee Jacobs Christensen ed. (Pass Christian, Mississippi: F. Salyards, 1993), 10; FHL Microfilm 1,598,043, item 2.

⁸ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 24: 364 - 365, Solomon Jacobs and wife Elizabeth to Jacob Swartz, 25 February 1826; FHL microfilm 1,428,598.

⁹ Clark, Indiana, Wills book, B: 333 - 334, Jeremiah Jacobs; FHL microfilm 1,415,962, item 3.

¹ 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 194B, dwelling 699, family 750, Solomon Jacob; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 17 Oct 2019); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 138. *Elizabeth's age on this census gives a calculated birth year* of 1794 and her birthplace is given as Pennsylvania.

²Eberhart, Three Swartz men, 287. Find A Grave, Elizabeth Schwartz Jacobs, memorial number 14996108.

⁵ McBride Salyards, The Family of Jeremiah Jacobs and wife Rebecca Dowden Jacobs of Clark County, Indiana, ... Find A Grave, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com : accessed 17 Oct 2019), Solomon Jacobs, memorial number 14996187.

⁶ Family lines for all descendants have been traced to living descendants and documented on the public Ancestry Tree <u>Descendants of John</u> <u>Swartz/Schwartz and Elizabeth Ohlweiler</u>.

⁷ 1820 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana population schedule, Jeffersonville, p. 7, Solomon Jacobs; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 17 Oct 2019); citing NARA microfilm M33, roll 13.

sold and the proceeds divided evenly among his sons and daughters. Also, in May of 1826 Elizabeth's father's

estate was settled and Elizabeth and Solomon inherited 24 acres of Survey #24 which is across the road from Survey #37.¹⁰

On 22 October 1827 Solomon bought 100 acres of Survey #38 from Thomas M. and Rachel Prather.¹¹ This additional property, when combined with their inherited land, gave Solomon and Elizabeth a substantial farm. Although the land was not contiguous it was all very close together and interwoven with the land of the other Jacobs and Swartz families. Solomon and Elizabeth would spend the rest of their lives on this land being enumerated here in the 1830, 1840 and 1850 censuses.¹²

On 7 June 1854, Solomon and Elizabeth Jacob sold 55 acres of the Illinois Grant survey #38 to William Lentz on 7 June 1854.¹³ The 55 acres was adjacent to survey #37 and referred to the corner of Eli Jacobs. Elizabeth signed, as was her custom, by mark, which may or may not indicate her level of literacy. The Swartz family was, overall, literate but it was not uncommon for women who could read to sign their names via mark rather than with a signature. Solomon and Elizabeth were aging, in 1850 they had no sons living on the property¹⁴, and it appears some of their children and their families were preparing to move to Monroe County, Iowa. So, it made sense to reduce the amount of farmland they had to manage while still leaving land for their children after their deaths. Most of the Jacobs children weren't "perseverers" like their parents.

From their burial in the New Chapel Cemetery, we can infer that Elizabeth and Solomon were members of the Methodist Church. Solomon served on the board of trustees in the 1820s. However, Solomon was not as active as his brothers and brothers in law. He is never referred to as Rev. There is very little mention of the couple in the early history of the New Chapel Church.¹⁵

John D. Jacobs submitted his application for administration of his father Solomon's estate on 28 September 1857 in Clark County, Indiana. Elizabeth Jacobs as the widow had relinquished her right of administration. John D.'s bondsman was his brother in law Jacob Hobson and the bond was in amount of \$1,200 indicating a moderate estate.¹⁶ On the 15th of March 1859 the named heirs of Solomon Jacobs sold his remaining land, portions of survey's 37 and 38 totaling 100 acres to their uncle, John Fry for \$7,325.00. Heirs John N. and Sarah E. (Jacobs) Prather, James W., and Margaret (Thompson) Jacobs and Joseph and Anna Rebecca (Jacobs) Wayman were residing in Monroe County, Iowa and provided notarized signature statements.¹⁷ On 5 Jan 1859, John D. filed his final accounts with court and provided

¹⁰ Clark, Indiana, Civil Court Partition Book, 1: 180 - 181, John Schwartz deceased; FHL microfilm 2,312,951; "among the heirs of said deceased to wit;Solomon Jacobs & Elizabeth his wife formerly Elizabeth Swartz,"

 ¹¹ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 25: 300- 301, Thomas Prather and wife Rachel to Solomon Jacobs, 22 October 1827; FHL microfilm 1,328,599.
 ¹² 1830 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, Jeffersonville, p. 45, Solomon Jacobs; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 17 Oct 2019); citing NARA microfilm M19, roll 28; 1840 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, not stated, p. 289, Solomon Jacobs; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 17 Oct 2019); citing NARA microfilm M704, roll 75; 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 1048, dwolling 699, family 750, Solomon Jacobs; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 17 Oct 2019); citing NARA microfilm M704, roll 75; 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 1048, dwolling 699, family 750, Solomon Jacobs; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 17 Oct 2019); citing NARA microfilm M704, roll 75; 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 1048, dwolling 699, family 750, Solomon Jacobs; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 17 Oct 2019); citing NARA microfilm M704, roll 75; 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 1048, dwolling 699, family 750, Solomon Jacobs; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com; accessed 17, Oct 2019); citing NARA microfilm M704, roll 75; 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, p. 1048, digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com; accessed 17, Oct 2019); citing NARA microfilm M704, roll 75; 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, p. 1048, digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com; accessed 17, Oct 2019); citing NARA microfilm M704, roll 75; 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, p. 1048, digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com; accessed 17, Oct 2019); citing NARA microfilm M704, roll 75; 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, t. 1048, digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com; accessed 17, Oct 2019); citing NARA microfilm M704, roll 75; 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, t. 1

p. 194B, dwelling 699, family 750, Solomon Jacob; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 17 Oct 2019); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 138.

¹³ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 44: 374- 375, Solomon Jacobs and Elizabeth his wife to William Lentz, 7 June 1854; FHL microfilm 1,428,617. ¹⁴ 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, Utica, p. 194B, dwelling 699.

¹⁵ The History of New Chapel Methodist Church near Watson, Ind, typescript history, (Watson, Indiana, United States), p 1-2.

¹⁶ Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, G: 313, Estate of Solomon Jacob; FHL microfilm 1,415,967.

¹⁷ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 49: 212- 214, Heirs of Solomon Jacobs to John Fry, 30 March 1859; FHL microfilm 1,428,620, item 1; entry includes notarized signature acknowledgements from Monroe County, Iowa for John and Sarah (Jacobs) Prather, James W. and Margaret (Thompson) Jacobs, and Joseph and Anna Rebecca (Jacobs) Wayman dated 15 March 1859 as well as signature acknowledgements for the remainder of the heirs living in Clark County, Indiana.

list of heirs and amount due them. After debts were paid, there remained to the estate \$470.00 for distribution.¹⁸ The probate was closed on 4 April 1860 after final distribution of funds.¹⁹

Almost exactly 1 month later John D. Jacobs was back in probate court filing his application for administration of his mother's estate.²⁰ His bondsmen were Jacob Hobson and Jeremiah Jacobs. On 17 January 1862, John D. provided final accounts and listed the heirs and provided receipts of final distribution.²¹

1. John D. Jacobs was born 25 June 1813 in Clark County, Indiana, died 9 October 1865 in Clark County, Indiana,²² and was buried in the New Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana. {*FSID: LHDY-1XX*}

John married **Jane Harris**, 7 August 1834 in Clark County, Indiana.²³ Jane was born 11 October 1816 in Kentucky, died 24 Oct 1880 in Clark County, Indiana, and was perhaps buried in the New Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.²⁴ {FSID: *LW6G-PJZ*}

Jane married second **John F. Downs** on 9 April 1867.²⁵ John F. Downs died in July 1892 and is buried in the Forest Hill Cemetery, Greencastle, Putnam County, Indiana.²⁶ Jane's parents have not been definitively established. There are several Harris families in the area, but none appear to have connections with the Jacobs family. FamilySearch.org links Jane to Lewis Harris and Nancy Day but there are no sources given for this relationship and Jane did not use either of these names for her children.

John D. and Jane had at least nine children: **Solomon D.**, **John W.**, **James B.**, **Henry T.**, **George D.**, **Virginia A.**, **Nancy Elizabeth**, and **Theodore**.²⁷ Occasionally there are two other children attributed to John and Jane.²⁸

¹⁸ Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, G: 478, Estate of Solomon Jacob; FHL microfilm 1,415,967.

¹⁹ Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, H: 71, Estate of Solomon Jacob; FHL microfilm 1,415,967.

²⁰ Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, H: 54, Estate of Elizabeth Jacob; FHL microfilm 1,415,967.

²¹ Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, H: 272, Estate of Elizabeth Jacob; FHL microfilm 1,415,967.

²² Find A Grave, John Jacobs, memorial number 72276445.

²³ Clark, Indiana, Marriage records 1810-2001, Jacobs-Harris, 1834; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 3 Nov 2019); film # 1415852. Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, D: 36.

²⁴ Find A Grave, Jane Harris Downs, memorial number 85228087, which states that the New Chapel Cemetery has no record of her burial. There is no tombstone photograph attached to the memorial.

²⁵ Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, I: 238, Downs-Jacobs, 1867; FHL microfilm 1,415,853.

²⁶ Find A Grave, John Finley Downs, memorial number 65699274.

²⁷ Clark, Indiana, death certificate no. 4852 (1920), Solomon Lewis Jacobs; digital image, Ancestry, Indiana Death Certificates

⁽www.ancestry.com : accessed 3 Nov 2019); *informant Frank Jacobs; occupation Bricklayer; widowed*...1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 194A, dwelling 692, family 743, John Jacob; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com); citing NARA M432, roll 138... Clark, Indiana, death certificate no. 166 (registered number is blank) (1915), J.B. Jacobs; digital image, *Ancestry*, Indiana Death Certificates (www.ancestry.com : accessed 3 Nov 2019)... 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 194A, dwelling 692, family 743, John Jacob; *on the 1870 Census Henry is in the household of John Downs and Jane Downs. He is listed as "insane", and he does not appear in any further records*... Jefferson, Kentucky, death certificate no. 28147 (1927), Elizabeth Peyton; digital image, *Ancestry*, Kentucky Death Certificates (www.ancestry.com : accessed 4 Nov 2019)... Clark, Indiana, death certificate no. 25741 (1928), Theodore Jacob; digital image, *Ancestry*, Indiana Death Certificates (www.ancestry.com : accessed 4 Nov 2019)...

²⁸ On FamilySearch Family Tree and many Ancestry Family Trees - Basil died in 1846 according to the records of the New Chapel Methodist Church cemetery and there is supposedly a record of his stone, which says "son of John and Jane." However, no stone currently exists and there is more than one John Jacobs in Clark County during this period. Medora Ann was supposedly born 1851 and died in 1853. No documentation of her existence has been found. If she is buried with her young sister Virginia A. and parents in New Chapel Methodist Cemetery there is no stone or cemetery record.

John is something of a mystery, despite his role as administrator of his parents' estates. He is listed as a farmer owning \$500 worth of real estate in the 1850 census but there is no record of John purchasing land.²⁹ He died young, just 3 years after settling his mother's estate and yet he appears to have left no estate and there are no guardianship records that have been found for his numerous children. John and Jane and their children appear in only one census, 1850 in Utica Township, Clark County, Indiana.³⁰ He and Jane had at least 3 young sons in 1840 yet don't appear as a household in the 1840 Clark County census. The John D. Jacob who appears in that census is his uncle.³¹ John and Jane are not in the 1840 household of Solomon and Elizabeth, and they don't appear to be in any Harris household in Clark County either.³² John is living in Clark County in 1860 since he is the administrator for his father's and then his mother's estate, but he and Jane have not been found in 1860 either. After John's death, Jane and the younger Jacobs children appear in the 1870 household of Jane's second husband John F. Downs along with Rosella Downs child of Jane's second marriage.³³ Oddly, although John F. Downs is counted with his sister's family in Warren County, Illinois in 1880,³⁴ Jane Downs is counted in the household of her son James B. Jacobs in Utica, Clark County, Indiana.³⁵ Jane suffered from neuralgia³⁶ and she died later that year so perhaps, John Downs had traveled to Illinois to visit family and left Jane at home due to her illness.

2. Julia Ann Jacobs was born 15 November 1815 in Clark County, Indiana, died 22 March1890 in Clark County, Indiana and was buried in the New Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.³⁷ {*FSID: LTQK-N4Q*}

Julia married **Jacob Hobson** on 27 April 1835 in Clark County, Indiana.³⁸ Jacob was born 4 July 1810 in Kentucky, the son of William Hobson and Elizabeth Cyphers, died 3 January 1898 in Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in the New Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.³⁹ {FSID: *LTQK-JCS*}

²⁹ 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 194A, dwelling 692, family 743, John Jacob; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 138.]

³⁰ 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 194A, dwelling 692, family 743, John Jacob.

³¹ 1840 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com); citing NARA microfilm M704, Roll: 75; Page: 282. This is based on the age recorded for the male head of household and the number of children.

³² 1840 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, not stated, p. 289, Solomon Jacobs; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 17 Oct 2019); citing NARA microfilm M704, roll 75. *A search of the 1840 Census of Clark County, Indiana for Harris with spelling variations returns 6 white households - none of which have a household composition that included a female Jane's age and a male John's age.*

³³ 1870 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Charlestown, p. 357B, dwelling 321, family 321, Jane Downs; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com : accessed 3 Nov 2019); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 303; indexed on Ancestry as James Downs in error. It is clearly Jane, who is female.

³⁴ 1880 U.S. census, Warren, Illinois, population schedule, Point Pleasant, enumeration district (ED) *29*, page: 269C, dwelling 45 , family 46, Robt J. Greenleaf, digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 23 Nov 2019) citing NARA microfilm T9, roll 25.

³⁵ 1880 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, enumeration district (ED) 36, p. 281A, dwelling 243, family 247, Benton Jacobs; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 3 Nov 2019); citing NARA microfilm T9, roll 269.

³⁶ 1880 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, enumeration district (ED) 36, p. 281A, dwelling 243, family 247, Benton Jacobs; ³⁷ *Find A Grave*, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com : accessed 6 Nov 2019), Julia A. Jacobs Hobson, memorial number 63641114; shared memorial stone with husband Jacob Hobson.

³⁸ Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, D: 72, Hobson - Jacob, 1835; FHL microfilm 1,415,852, item 4; Bride's name is listed as July Ann Jacob.

³⁹ *Find A Grave*, Jacob Hobson, memorial number 63641040...Jacob Hobson, 03 January 1898, Utica, Indiana; from "Indiana Deaths, 1882-1920," database, *Ancestry* (http://www.ancestry.com : 2003); citing "book CSS-2 on page 113 within the series produced by the Indiana Works Progress Administration." County Health Office, M. Varble.

Julia Ann and Jacob had six children: Mary Elizabeth, Sarah Jane, Solomon, Rosella Ann, Catharine Cerelda, and William J.⁴⁰

Jacob and Julia were the descendants most inclined to persevere in the tradition of Solomon and Elizabeth. They were lifelong farmers in the hills of Utica Township. Jacob Hobson appears on the 1840 census with a household that matches his known family at that time.⁴¹ Julia and Jacob appear regularly as a farming family in Utica, Clark County for the census of 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880.⁴² And they were prosperous - adding to their inherited land holdings through purchases in 1866, 1873, and 1876.⁴³ Jacob served as the bondsman for John D. in his administration of the estates of Solomon and Elizabeth.⁴⁴

Julia died 8 years before Jacob. Sometime before his death, possibly shortly after Julia died, Jacob set up a series of annuities for his children with the stipulation that the amount paid to them annually would reduce their share in the estate. This was an unusual arrangement but perhaps none of the surviving children needed farmland or perhaps they were already well established. When Jacob died his estate consisted primarily of stock in the Citizen's National Bank of Jeffersonville.⁴⁵ It seems likely that Jacob had sold his land to set up the annuities for his children, but no sale record has been located. In January 1898, William J. Hobson opened probate on his father's estate.⁴⁶ Over 1 year later William filed his final report and vouchers for distribution.⁴⁷ The children received only small amounts of money - with Mary E. Crum owing the estate money, due to her insolvency and the complicated finances around the annuity. The listed heirs were Mary E. Crum, Catherine C. Holman, the children of Sarah J. Sweeney, deceased, and William J. Hobson.

3. Jeremiah Jacobs was born 24 March 1818 in Utica, Clark County, Indiana, died 28 November 1899, in Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in the New Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County.⁴⁸ {*FSID: LW1M-S8B*}

⁴⁰ 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 191B, dwelling 569, family 710, Jacob Hobson; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 6 Nov 2019); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 138...1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 516, dwelling 165, family 165, Jacob Hobson; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 6 Nov 2019); citing NARA microfilm M653, roll 248.

⁴¹ 1840 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, not given, p. 280, line 11 (inferred), Jacob Hobson; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 6 Nov 2019); citing NARA microfilm M704, roll 75.

⁴² 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 191B, dwelling 569, family 710, Jacob Hobson; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 6 Nov 2019); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 138...1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 516, dwelling 165, family 165, Jacob Hobson; digital images, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 6 Nov 2019); citing NARA microfilm M653, roll 248...1870 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 606B, dwelling 239, family 252, Jacob Hobson; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 6 Nov 2019); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 303...1880 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 606B, dwelling 239, family 252, Jacob Hobson; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 6 Nov 2019); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 303...1880 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, enumeration district (ED) 270D, p. 36, dwelling 32, family 33, Jacob Hobson; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 6 Nov 2019); citing NARA microfilm T9, roll 269.

⁴³ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 57: 90-91. Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 63: 350. Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 66: 384. Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, 8: 389.

⁴⁴ Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, G: 478, Estate of Solomon Jacob; FHL microfilm 1,415,967; Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, Estate of Elizabeth Jacobs, H: 272.

⁴⁵ Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, 8: 420-421.

⁴⁶ Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, 8: 389.

⁴⁷ Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, 10: 425-428.

⁴⁸ Clark, County Indiana, death certificate no. 219 (1899), Jeremiah Jacobs; digital image, *Ancestry*, "Indiana, Death Certificates, 1899-2011," *Indiana Death Certificates* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 18 Oct 2019.) *Find A Grave*, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com : accessed 6 Nov 2019), Jeremiah Jacobs, memorial number 186142134.

Jeremiah married **Elizabeth Hobson** on 15 November 1838 in Clark County, Indiana. ⁴⁹Elizabeth was born 15 August 1818 in Utica, Clark County, Indiana, the daughter of William Hobson and Elizabeth Cyphers and younger sister of Jacob Hobson who married Julia Ann Jacobs. Elizabeth died 15 July 1902 and was buried in Clark County, Indiana.⁵⁰ {FSID: *LQYF-S38*}

Jeremiah and Elizabeth had eight children: Thomas Jefferson, James William, Solomon Albert, Sarah E., Francis Marion, Sophia Catherine, George W., and Mary Alice.⁵¹

Jeremiah and Elizabeth appear to have lived steady, ordinary lives. They exemplify the type of south Indiana farm family who spent their lives on rented land. They were well settled, appearing in the same neighborhood of Utica township of Clark County on the 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 census.⁵² Jeremiah did make a couple of land purchases but those were of small amounts of land and may have been speculative.⁵³ Despite, apparently, still owning 1.5 acres in survey #167 of the Illinois Grant at his death, there doesn't appear to have been an estate probated. Perhaps the land had been sold and the deed simply hadn't been recorded yet. The Louisville Courier-Journal reported his death in a short piece that emphasized both his "life-long" membership in the New Chapel Methodist Church and the fact that he and Elizabeth had just celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.⁵⁴

4. William Swartz Jacobs was born 18 November 1823 in Utica Township, Clark County, Indiana, and died 31 January 1910 in Jeffersonville, Clark County.⁵⁵ {*FSID: LHPN-KZ5*}

William married **Zerelda E. Thompson** 18 November 1847 in Clark County, Indiana.⁵⁶ Zerelda was born 21 December 1823 in Indiana, daughter of Joshua Thompson and Chloe Redman, died 16 February 1898

⁴⁹ Clark, Indiana, Marriage records 1810-2001 212, Jacobs-Cobson (*sic*), 1838; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 18 Oct 2019).

⁵⁰ Find A Grave, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com : accessed 6 Nov 2019), Elizabeth Jacobs, memorial number 186142300.
51 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, Utica, p. 188A, Jeremiah Jacob... Clark County, Indiana, death certificate no. 13640 (registered number 56) (1926), James W. Jacobs... Clark County, Indiana, death certificate no. 210 (1908), Albert Jacobs... Lawrence County, Indiana, death certificate no. 360 (1917), Sarah E. Whalen... Clark County, Indiana, death certificate no. 185 (registered number 16) (1917), Francis M. Jacobs... Lawrence County, Indiana, death certificate no. 382 (registered number 387) (1915), Sophia C. Weir; digital image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 18 Nov 2019)... 1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, Utica, p. 493, Jeremiah Jacobs... California State Department of Health; Bureau of Vital Statistics, death certificate 100 (1941), Mary Alice Prall; digital image, *FamilySearch* (https://www.familysearch.org : accessed 18 Nov 2019.)

⁵² 1840 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, not stated, p. 282, Jeremiah Jacobs; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 18 Oct 2019); citing NARA microfilm M704, roll 75.; 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 188A, dwelling 630, family 671, Jeremiah Jacob; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 18 Oct 2019); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 138.; 1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 188A, dwelling 630, family 671, Jeremiah Jacob; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 18 Oct 2019); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 138.; 1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 493, dwelling 19, family 19, Jeremiah Jacobs; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 18 Oct 2019); citing NARA microfilm M653, roll 248.; 1870 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 603A, dwelling 194, family 201, Jeremiah Jacobs; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 18 Oct 2019); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 303.; 1880 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Union, enumeration district (ED) 35, p. 260A, dwelling none, family none, Jacobs Jeremiah; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 18 Oct 2019); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 303.; 1880 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Union, enumeration district (ED) 35, p. 260A, dwelling none, family none, Jacobs Jeremiah; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 18 Oct 2019); citing NARA microfilm 79, roll 269.

⁵³ Clark County, Indiana, Deed Records, 63: 569 and 570. Clark County, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 64: 418 and 419. Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 73: 270

^{54 &}quot;Old Native Dead," Louisville Courier-Journal, Louisville, Kentucky, November 29, 1899, page 6, digital image: Newspapers.com (www.newspapers.com: accessed 10 February 2020). This article is in error regarding his wife's parentage. The obituary's author perhaps confused Jeremiah's mother Elizabeth Jacobs and his wife Elizabeth Jacobs stating that his wife was the daughter of George Swartz and that they were married by her uncle Jacob Swartz. Since the article correctly gives the dates of their marriage and Reverend Jacob Swartz was Jeremiah's uncle not his wife's, it seems clear to me that someone confused the two Elizabeth's. Neither of the women had a father named George.

⁵⁵ Clark, Indiana, death certificate no. 229 (registered number 31) (1910), Wm. S. Jacobs ... *Find A Grave*, digital images

⁽http://www.findagrave.com : accessed 7 November 2019), William S. Jacobs, memorial number 63944492 section B. *Inscription reads "at Rest."* Stone says Wm. S. Jacobs and gives a birth date of 18 November 1823. The death certificate says 18 October 1823. ⁵⁶ Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, E: 131, Jacobs-Thompson, 1847; FHL microfilm 1,415,852, item 5.

in Jeffersonville, Clark County, and was buried in the Walnut Ridge Cemetery, Jeffersonville, Clark County.⁵⁷ {FSID: *LHPN-K8G*}

William and Zerelda had one child **Charles R.** who died within a year of his marriage and shortly after the birth of his only child, Mary.⁵⁸

William S. trod a different path. He entered Asbury College (now DePauw University) in 1845 and upon his return to Utica township in 1847 he became a schoolteacher. William and Zerelda soon moved to Jeffersonville, and he became a clerk with a grocery retailer. About 1849, he set up in the grocery business in a partnership with Benjamin F. Dyer.⁵⁹ Also by 1849, he was speculating in land, primarily city lots in and close to Jeffersonville with occasional forays into farmland speculation. Alone and with partner Benjamin F. Dyer, William bought and sold over a dozen lots and partial lots between 1849 and 1864.⁶⁰ By the outbreak of the Civil War William was in the transfer business - serving as a major contractor for the U.S. government hauling army supplies.⁶¹ After the war, he became a coal merchant,⁶² although he also had investments in the Citizen's Bank of Jeffersonville⁶³ and continued to own several town lots. William and Zerelda's path in life was more like those of his Swartz uncles Jacob and George than that of his parents. They too were town dweller and at least part-time merchants with wide connections across Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio, as well as land speculators.⁶⁴

Despite the difference in lifestyle, William and Zerelda were very similar to his parents and grandparents in their active participation in the Methodist Church. William was a long-time trustee of the Wall Street Methodist Church in Jeffersonville, from at least the 1850s until the early 1900s, serving on the board when the church built a new building, and regularly teaching Sunday School. William's uncle Leonard Swartz had been one of the early trustees of the Wall Street church in 1840.⁶⁵ Both William and his younger brother James Wiley were active in fraternal organizations. William was a 50-year member of the Tabor Lodge of the IOOF and was the treasurer of the Lodge when he died.⁶⁶

⁶³ Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, 24: 388-389.

⁵⁷ Find A Grave, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com : accessed 7 November 2019), Zerelda E. Jacobs, memorial number 63944660, section B, lot 192, grave 8. The inscription reads "Wife of Wm. S. Jacobs... "William S. Jacobs", Biographical and Historical Souvenir for the Counties of Clark, Crawford, Harrison, Floyd, Jefferson, Jennings, Scott and Washington, Indiana, Chicago, Chicago Printing Company, 1889. *This gives her parentage as Joshua Thompson and Miss Redman. Other sources and other relationships confirm that the mother was Chloe Redman. Joshua and Chloe were the parents of Greenberry Thompson husband of William's cousin Sarah Ann Bottorff (see article on Descendants of Samuel Bottorff and Ann Swartz.)*

⁵⁸ Works Progress Administration, "Indiana, WPA Death Index 1882-1920," Ancestry (www.ancestry.com: accessed 7 November 2019), Chas Jacobs; citing "Bk H-21 pg 4 within the Indiana county death records indexed by the Indiana Works Projects Administration. Indiana: circa 1938-1941"; Chas Jacobs 24 March 1882, Jeffersonville, age 26, male, white. The death date on this index ss 1882 but the death date on the tombstone is 1881. I believe the index is in error however, the date range for the index is 1882-1920 which provides a counter argument.
⁵⁹ "Son of Pioneers, William Swartz Jacobs dies," Courier-Journal (Louisville, Kentucky), 1 February 1910, page 10, digital image (www.newspapers.com: accessed 2 February 2020.)

⁶⁰ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 39: 534, 49: 212- 214A, 54: 338, 55: 432, 59: 452 - 543 and others. *Refer to the Clark County Deed Indexes FHL microfilms* 1428648 item 3-1428652 item 1 for particulars.

⁶¹ Clark, Indiana, United States, "Internal Revenue Assessment Lists for Indiana, 1862-1864," p. 9 (handwritten and difficult to decipher), line 35 - Jacobs, Wm S.; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 5 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm M765; Records of the Internal Revenue Service, RG 58. *William, residing in Jeffersonville, is taxed on "gross receipts - wagons." See also his obituary.*

⁶² 1900 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, ED 10, sheet 8, p. A, dwelling 160, family 178, William S. Jacobs; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 7 November 2019); citing NARA microfilm T623, roll 363.

⁶⁴ See articles on Jacob and George Swartz at <u>The McLeland-Wieser Family blog</u>.

⁶⁵ Baird, Baird's History, p. 245.

⁶⁶ "Son of Pioneers, William Swartz Jacobs dies," Courier-Journal (Louisville, Kentucky), 1 February 1910, page 10, digital image (www.newspapers.com: accessed 2 February 2020.)

In the age-old tradition of well-off couples who have small families, William and Zerelda appear to have raised children who were not theirs. On the 1860 census, there are three younger "Jacobs" residing in the household Leah Jacobs age 17, Emmons B. age 8 and Charles R. age 4.⁶⁷ Charles is the son of William and Zerelda, probably their only child. Emmons B. is the son of William's brother James Wiley Jacobs and his first wife Mary A. Prather. (see the biography of 6. James Wiley Jacobs for additional information.) Emmons lived with William until Emmons married and they appear to have had a close relationship. In a local "brag book" Emmons is called William's "one living son."⁶⁸ This long-term relationship became an issue after William's death when he left none of his substantial estate to Emmons despite apparently making promises. Emmons initiated an unsuccessful suit to overturn his uncle's will.⁶⁹

And who was Leah? Leah was not in the William and Zerelda household in 1850 when she would have been seven.⁷⁰ She doesn't appear in the other Jacob's households in Clark County either. A Leah Jane Jacobs married William T. Saunders, a Methodist minister, in Jeffersonville on 6 September 1860,⁷¹ but documents from later in her life provide no evidence she was a child of William and Zerelda. Leah Saunders was a widow living in the Los Angeles household of her son in 1910⁷² when William died, and she had 2 living children as well. Surely William would have provided for them in his will. On the 1917 Kentucky death certificate of her son William Saunders, Leah's maiden name is given as Aldridge.⁷³ Even if Leah had been informally adopted by William and Zerelda, it seems likely that William would have left her something. Leah "Jacobs" Saunders died in California in 1920 and her body was returned to Indiana and buried in Walnut Ridge cemetery near William S. Jacobs, his first wife, his son Charles, and his nephew Emmons.⁷⁴ Leah "Jacobs" remains a mystery.

On 21 September 1899, in Jeffersonville, William married, as his second wife, widow **Emma/Emily J. (Bottorff) Lutz**.⁷⁵ She was born in May 1849 in Indiana, the daughter of George Bottorff and Mary Garner, died before 30 June 1919 in Clark County, Indiana, and was buried in Union Cemetery, Clark County, Indiana.⁷⁶ {*FSID: 9DWY-NT8*}. Emma/Emily was the widow of George Lutz.⁷⁷

In his will, William left his widow Emily and granddaughter Mary a proportional life interest in the investments and properties he owned at his death and stipulated that after the death of one, the

⁶⁷ 1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, p. 376, dwelling 372, family 399, Wm. S. Jacobs; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 7 Nov 2019); citing NARA microfilm M653, roll 248.

⁶⁸ "William S. Jacobs", Biographical and Historical Souvenir for the Counties of Clark, Crawford, Harrison, Floyd, Jefferson, Jennings, Scott and Washington, Indiana, Chicago, Chicago Printing Company, 1889.

⁶⁹ Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, 24: 388-389; 511; 516 and possibly other pages.

⁷⁰ 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, p. 162B, dwelling 279, family 291, William S. Jacob; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 7 November 2019); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 138.

⁷¹ Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, H: 38, Saunders - Jacobs, 1860; FHL microfilm 1415853, item 2.

⁷² 1920 U.S. census, Los Angeles, California population schedule, Assembly District 61, p, 5A, ED 107 dwelling 95, family 121, Charles Saunders; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 7 November 2019); citing NARA microfilm T625, roll 105.

⁷³ Wm. Thomas Saunder, certificate number 35065, *Kentucky, Death Records, 1852-1965*, 6 February 1917, digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed, 10 December 2019) citing *Kentucky Birth, Marriage and Death Records – Microfilm (1852-1910)*. Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort, Kentucky.

⁷⁴ *Find A Grave*, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com : accessed 7 November 2019), Leah J. "Jacobs" Saunders, memorial number 63945003, *section B, inscription on stone says "wife of Rev Wm T. Saunders 1841-1920.*

⁷⁵ Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, U: 325.

⁷⁶ 1900 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, Jeffersonville, ED 10, sheet 8A, William S. Jacobs... Clark, Indiana, Wills book, K: 508... *Find A Grave*, Emily J. Bottorff Jacobs, memorial number 14201743.

⁷⁷ Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, I: 411, Lutz-Bottorff, 1868; FHL microfilm 1415854, item 1.]

survivor would inherit the entire estate.⁷⁸ Therefore, upon Emily's death in 1919, the entire estate became the property of Mary (Jacobs) Ferguson, the only grandchild of William S. Jacobs and Zerelda Thompson.

5. Sarah Elizabeth Jacobs was born 28 September 1827 in Utica, Clark, Indiana, United States, died 4 December 1904 in Iowa, United States, and was buried in IOOF Cemetery, Indianola, Warren County, Iowa, United States.⁷⁹ {*FSID: LH21-P3W*}

Sarah married **John Noon Prather**, son of David Johnson Prather and Matilda Noon, 15 March 1848 in Clark County, Indiana, United States.⁸⁰ John was born 13 Dec 1826, died 24 November 1904 in Warren County, Iowa, and was buried in the IOOF Cemetery, Indianola, Warren County, Iowa, United States.⁸¹ {*FSID: M32V-M2R*}

John and Sarah had seven children: George Washington, Matilda Elizabeth, John C., Solomon David, William Jacob, Philo Preston, and Rachel C.⁸²

John's parents David Johnson Prather and Matilda Noon Prather were early pioneers of Monroe County, Iowa. David Prather patented land in Wayne Township, Monroe County in late 1846 and some of the family moved to Monroe County in 1847, according to Sterling B. Martin their great-grandson.⁸³ John remained behind in Clark County. Perhaps he was waiting to marry Sarah in 1848, before following his father and mother to Iowa. John and Sarah were resident in Monroe County by the 1850 census and John patented land in township 21 in 1856. The couple put down farming roots in Monroe County, raising children and farming their 40 acres for over 45 years.⁸⁴

⁷⁸ Clark, Indiana, Wills book, K: 508, William S. Jacobs; FHL microfilm 1,415,965; Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, 24: 388-389; 511; 516, etc. *The will, as recorded in Will Book K, is now completely unreadable due to damage to the pages of the will book. However, the terms of the will are made clear in subsequent probate proceedings as well as detailed in an article in the Louisville Courier-Journal...* "William Swartz Jacobs will presented" Courier-Journal (Louisville, Kentucky), 8 February 1910, page 7, digital image (www.newspapers.com: accessed 2 February 2020.)
⁷⁹ Warren, Iowa, death certificate no. 91 0019 (registered number 5) (1904), Sarah E. Prather; digital image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 18 Nov 2019)...*Find A Grave*, Sarah E. Jacobs Prather memorial 28869986, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com: accessed 8 Nov 2019.)

⁸⁰ Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, F: 140, Prather - Jacobs, 1818; FHL microfilm 1,415,852, item 6.

⁸¹ Find A Grave, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com: accessed 8 Nov 2019), John N. Prather, memorial number 28869985; someone has placed the following partially incorrect information in the memorial. "John married Mary Sarah Jacobs in 1848. They were the parents of Carrie, George, Matilda, and John Prather."

⁸² 1856 State Census, Wayne Township, Monroe County, Iowa, population schedule, page 908 (stamped), family 44, household of John N. Prather... Matilda Elizabeth Bowman death certificate, Lucas County, Iowa, certificate number 594012, 18 January 1940; digital image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 8 November 2019)... 1856 State Census, Wayne Township, Monroe County, Iowa, population schedule, page 908 (stamped), family 44, household of John N. Prather... Solomon David Prather death certificate, Polk County, Iowa, certificate number 077-4339 (stamped), 18 April 1924; digital image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 10 February 2020)... William Jacob Prather death certificate, Lucas County, Iowa, filing number 12, *stamped certificate number partially unreadable* 659-xxx, 16 February 1932; digital image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 10 February 2020)... Although Philo died before his parents his young sons were named as heirs in the will of his father John. Warren County, Iowa, Probate Files, Box 98 #2172, John N. Prather estate and will; FHL microfilm 1,872,311, item 21...*Find A Grave*, digital images (www.findagrave.com: accessed 8 Nov 2019), James Wiley Jacobs, memorial number 63925817; *text on stone says* "*Family of J.W. Jacobs*" *section B, lot 185, grave 2...* Rachel C. Hansen death index entry, 16 October 1950, Los Angeles County, California, *California, Death Index, 1940-1997*), digital image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 8 November 2019.)

 ⁸³ Sterling B. Martin, Historical comments, Monroe and Lucas counties, Iowa (manuscript, n.d.); FHL Microfilm 980872 item 22.
 ⁸⁴ 1850 U.S. census, Monroe, Iowa, population schedule, District 13, p. 319A, dwelling 262, family 262, John Brather (*sic*); digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Nov 2019); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 187; the *household is immediately adjacent to that of Sarah's brother James and Mary Jacobs and their infant son Solomon*...1856 state census, Monroe, Iowa, population schedule, Wayne, p. 908 (stamped), family 44, John N. Prather; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Nov 2019)...1860 U.S. census, Monroe, Iowa, population schedule, Wayne, p. 418, dwelling 1385, family 1303, John M. Prather; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Nov 2019); citing NARA microfilm M653, roll 336...1870 U.S. census, Monroe, Iowa, population schedule, Wayne, p. 468B, dwelling 86, family 6, John Prather; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Nov 2019); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 412...1880 U.S. census, Monroe, Iowa, population schedule, Wayne, p. ED 137, p. 166D, dwelling 136, family 137, John N. Prather; digital images, *Ancestry*

However, there is another piece to their life story. The Civil War Era IRS Tax lists, show J. N. Prather as a hotel keeper and owner of a stallion and a jack mule in Lagrange, Lucas County during at least the years 1865-1866.⁸⁵ John's father had been an "innkeeper" in several years during the beginning of Monroe County's settlement⁸⁶ so the fact that John was keeping a "hotel" during the war is not surprising. However, the location of the hotel, first in Lagrange and then in Georgetown, is very surprising. John and the family are continuously enumerated in Wayne Township of Monroe County. While Wayne Township is just across the county line from Lucas County, neither Lagrange nor Georgetown in Monroe County are particularly close to the lands John patented in 1856. It seems like it would be difficult to manage both a farm and a hotel when they are not close together. However, this may have been a short-term arrangement since J. N. Prather only appears on these assessment lists for about 18 months.

Sarah and J. N. were surrounded by family. Two of Sarah's siblings moved to Iowa as well as J. N.'s numerous siblings and parents. James Wiley Jacobs married John Prather's sister, Mary Ann, at the Prather home in Monroe County in 1849 and they appear in the 1850 census living next to John and Sarah. Ann Rebecca Jacobs and her husband were in Monroe County by March 1859 when the estate of Solomon Jacobs was settled. Neither James nor Rebecca remained in Iowa. Both households had returned to Indiana by 1860.

By 1900 John and Sarah relocated to Lucas County,⁸⁷ perhaps to be near family since three of their sons had moved into Lucas County.⁸⁸ By 1903, when John wrote his holographic will on 25 August 1903,⁸⁹ he and Sarah were living in Warren County, on land they had recently purchased to "sell" to their son Solomon David. The real estate contract including the terms of John and Sarah's life estate in the property was presented to the court as part of John's probate proceedings. John named his son William Jacob Prather as his executor, and he made bequests to his grandchildren and his children. In May of 1904, John added a handwritten codicil to his will to make specific provisions for Sarah - "all of my rents and interest shall be used for the keeping of my wife Sarah E." - as well as making additional bequests of furniture and other personal property to take effect after Sarah's death. John's will was submitted for probate on the 30th of November 1904. Sarah died of pneumonia just 4 days later.⁹⁰

⁽www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Nov 2019); citing NARA microfilm T9, roll 357...1885 State census, Monroe, Iowa, population schedule, Wayne, p. 526, dwelling 21, family 21, line 19, John Noon Prather; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Nov 2019); the only census where the men's names were given in full for this family John Noon Prather, George Washington Prather, Philo Preston Prather.

⁸⁵ Lucas, Iowa, United States, "Internal Revenue Assessment Lists for Iowa, 1862-1866," p. 4 (handwritten), line 15 - Prather J.N; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 5 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm M766; Records of the Internal Revenue Service, Record Group 58; date of list - May 1865; location - Lagrange, Lucas County, tax district 11...Lucas, Iowa, United States, "Internal Revenue Assessment Lists for Iowa, 1862-1866," p. 2 (handwritten), line 14 - Prather J. N.; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 5 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm M766; Records of the Internal Revenue Service, RG 58; list date - August 1865; location Lagrange, Lucas CO, tax district 11; occupation - hotel keeper. Lucas, Iowa, United States, "Internal Revenue Assessment Lists for Iowa, 1862-1866," lines 22-24 Prather J. N.; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 5 Mar 2020); citing NARA microfilm M766; Records of the Internal Revenue Service, Record Group 58; date of list - May 1866; location Georgetown, Monroe CO, tax district 11; *occupation - hotel keeper, stallion keeper, jack keeper.* ⁸⁶ Sterling B. Martin, Historical comments.

⁸⁷ 1900 U.S. census, Lucas, Iowa, population schedule, Washington, enumeration district ED 79, sheet 6, p. B, dwelling 165, family 167, John N. Prather; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Nov 2019); citing NARA microfilm T623.

⁸⁸ Lucas County, Iowa, Marriage Records, 3: 1, Prather-Vannice, 1880; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 6 January 2020). Lucas County, Iowa, Marriage Records, 3: 21, Prather-Allen, 1882; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 26 November 2019). Lucas County, Iowa, Marriage Records, 3: 71, Prather-Etter, 1886; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 13 Dec 2019.) 89 Warren County, Iowa, Probate Files, Box 98 #2172, John N. Prather estate and will; FHL microfilm 1,872,311, item 21. 90 Warren, Iowa, death certificate no. 91 0019 Sarah E. Prather 1904.

6. James Wiley Jacobs - was born 1 January 1832 in Clark County, Indiana, died 2 January 1910 in Jeffersonville, Indiana, and was buried in Walnut Ridge Cemetery, Jeffersonville.⁹¹ {*FSID: L78R-K3J*}

James married **Mary A. Prather**, daughter of David Johnson Prather and Matilda Noon, 25 December 1849 in Monroe County, Iowa, United States.⁹² Mary was born 15 February 1825 in Clark County, Indiana, United States, and died 16 April 1852 in Monroe County, Iowa. Her body was taken back to Indiana for burial in the New Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery in Watson.⁹³ {*FSID: K6WG-YF7*}

James and Mary Prather Jacobs had two children: Solomon David, Emmons B.94

James is listed as a farmer in the 1850 Monroe County, Iowa census⁹⁵ although he did not own land. He may have been working on his brother-in-law's farm. After Mary's death, their young sons, Solomon David and Emmons B., went to live with family. Solomon lived with his Prather grandparents in Iowa and Emmons with his uncle William S. Jacobs in Jeffersonville, Indiana. It is very hard to determine what relationship the boys may have had with their father and his new family. Although he was living with his father and stepmother in the 1856 Iowa census, Solomon remained in Monroe County, Iowa when James's new family returned to Indiana and Solomon died in Fremont County, Iowa in 1885. Solomon does not appear in the list of James' children in his obituary.⁹⁶ Emmons lived most of his life within a few blocks of his father and undoubtedly, they interacted often but based on newspaper, legal, and biographical accounts Emmons considered William and Zerelda Jacobs his "parents."⁹⁷

James married his second wife, **Margaret C. Thompson**, on 2 December 1852 in Monroe County, Iowa.⁹⁸ It is unknown if she is related to Zerelda Thompson wife of William S. Jacobs. No newspaper or other accounts mention a relationship and Margaret's parentage is obscure. Margaret was born circa 1835, in Indiana and died 4 March 1893 in Jeffersonville, Clark County.⁹⁹ {*FSID: KZFP-P12*}

James and Margaret had seven children: Elda Anna, Elizabeth, William Thomas, Maria, Sophia J., James N., and Harry S.¹⁰⁰

⁹¹ J. W. Jacobs death certificate, Clark County, Indiana, certificate no. 226 (registered number 7) (1910), digital image, *Ancestry*, Indiana Death Certificates (www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Nov 2019.)

⁹² Monroe County, Iowa, Iowa County Marriages, 1838-1934, 1: 42, Jacob-Prather, 25 December 1849; digital images, *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org : accessed 8 Nov 2019); the record indicates the marriage was performed at the home of David Prather (father of the bride.)

 ⁹³ Find A Grave, *digital images* (www.findagrave.com: accessed 18 February 2020), Mary Ann *Prather* Jacobs, memorial no. 14996153.
 ⁹⁴ James Jacobs household, 1850 U.S. census, Monroe County, Iowa, population schedule, District 13, p. 319A, dwelling 263, family 263...
 Obituary of James W. Jacobs, *Courier-Journal* (Louisville, Kentucky), 3 February 1910.

 ⁹⁵ 1850 U.S. census, Monroe, Iowa, population schedule, District 13, p. 319A, dwelling 263, family 263, James Jacob; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Nov 2019); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 187; *immediately next door to John and Sarah (Jacobs) Prather.* ⁹⁶ "The last altar reached by James W. Jacobs of Jeffersonville" *Courier-Journal* (Louisville, Kentucky), 3 February 1910, page 10, digital image (www.newspapers.com: accessed 2 February 2020.)

⁹⁷ See the biography of William S. Jacobs.

⁹⁸ Monroe County, Iowa. Marriage Return book 1, page 42, Jacobs - Thompson, 2 December 1852, FHL film # 980485. Married at the house of Thomas Thompson.

⁹⁹ Works Progress Administration, "Indiana, WPA Death Index 1882-1920," database, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 18 Feb 2020), citing book H-22 page 30. "*Margaret C. Jacobs, age 58.*"

¹⁰⁰ 1856 State Census, Wayne Township, Monroe County, Iowa, population schedule, page 908 (stamped), family 44, household of James W. Jacobs...Clark, Indiana, death certificate no. 52 (registered number 20) (1903), William Thomas Jacobs...1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, p. 391, dwelling 417, family 514, Jas. W. Jacobs...1870 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, p. 463B, dwelling 38, family 36, Jas W. Jacobs. *Harry is identified in other records as Harry Sheets Jacobs and apparently used Sheets as a first name at various times in his life*.

Their first two children were born in Iowa, where James was working as a blacksmith. Between 1856 and 1860,¹⁰¹ the family returned to Jeffersonville in Clark County where James worked first as a blacksmith and then, by 1870, as a collector on the Jeffersonville - Louisville Ferry across the Ohio River.¹⁰² James registered for the draft in June or July of 1863,¹⁰³ although he had already served a tour of duty as a Lieutenant in the 12th Indiana Light Artillery Battalion. It was during this period that James began to be active in various fraternal organizations. Eventually, his work as the Grand Report of the Knights of Honor and Secretary (for 30 years) of the Tabor Lodge of the IOOF and his active participation in other groups earned him notice as "one of the best known secret order workers in the state."¹⁰⁴

After Margaret's March 1893 death, James married **Annette McGonigal** on 26 December 1893.¹⁰⁵ Annette, often called Nettie, was born in September 1852 in Indiana¹⁰⁶ and died or remarried before 1920. Since 1907, James W. had been receiving a pension based on his Civil War service. When he died, Annette applied for both a widow's pension and as guardian of Ruth Jacobs, minor heir of James Wiley Jacobs.¹⁰⁷ {*FSID: 9SYK-RB3*}

Jacob and Annette had one daughter: Ruth.¹⁰⁸

7. **Anna Rebecca Jacobs** was born 12 August 1837 in Clark County, Indiana, died 25 December 1863 in Clark County, and was buried in the New Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County¹⁰⁹ She went by both Anna and Rebecca. {*FSID: L78R-FDT*}

Anna married **Joseph Wayman** 9 December 1855 in Clark County, Indiana.¹¹⁰ Joseph was born 1 May 1833, died 5 December 1860, and was buried in New Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Watson, Clark County, Indiana.¹¹¹ His parentage is completely unknown. {*FSID: LH6N-HY1*}

¹⁰¹ 1856 state census, Monroe, Iowa, population schedule, Wayne, p. 910 (stamped), line 46, James W. Jacobs; digital images,

Ancestry (www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Nov 2019); 6 years resident in Iowa, Blacksmith...1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, p. 391, dwelling 417, family 514, Jas W. Jacobs; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Nov 2019); citing NARA microfilm M653, roll 248; blacksmith.

¹⁰² In his obituary the Courier-Journal refers to James' occupation as "collector **on** ferryboats" and some people have interpreted that to mean that he collected ferry boats, either models or actual boats.

¹⁰³ U.S., Civil War Draft Registrations Records, 1863-1865, Indiana, 4 of 4, page 162; digital images, Ancestry.com, "citing "NARA; Washington, D.C; Consolidated Lists of Civil War Draft Registration Records (Provost Marshal General's Bureau; Consolidated Enrollment Lists, 1863-1865); RG:110, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Nov 2019); James W. Jacobs, 32, white, blacksmith, married, former service 12th Indiana Battalion.

¹⁰⁴ 1870 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, p. 463B, dwelling 38, family 36, Jas W. Jacobs; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 8 Nov 2019); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 303; *collector on the Ferry*.

¹⁰⁵ Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, Q: 247, Jacobs-McGonigal, 1893; FHL microfilm 1,415,857.

¹⁰⁶ 1900 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, ED 10, sheet 8, p. B, dwelling 170, family 189, James Jacobs; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Nov 2019); citing NARA microfilm T623.

¹⁰⁷ Jacobs, James W., *U.S., Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934*, 1Lt. 12th Independent Battery, Indiana Light Artillery, widow's certificate number 751004, minor's certificate number 799642, digital image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com; accessed 18 November 2019) citing *General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934*, NARA microfilm. T288.

¹⁰⁸ 1900 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, ED 10, sheet 8, p. B, dwelling 170, family 189, James Jacobs; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Nov 2019); citing NARA microfilm T623.

¹⁰⁹ *Find A Grave*, digital images (http://www.findagrave.com : accessed 8 November 2019), Anna Rebecca Jacobs Wayman, memorial number 72255951...1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 194B, dwelling 699, family 750, Solomon Jacob; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 17 Oct 2019); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 138.

¹¹⁰ Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, G: 83, Wayman-Jacobs, 1855; FHL microfilm 1,415,853, item 1; minister George Swartz. ¹¹¹ *Find A Grave*, Joseph Wayman, memorial number 72255981.

Anna Rebecca and Joseph Wayman had two children: Edgar Charles and Nelson.¹¹²

Mystery surrounds the short lives of Anna and Joseph. Joseph may be part of the Emmanuel Wayman/Wainman and Mary Patterson family who appear to have moved into Clark and/or Floyd Counties around 1820 after a sojourn in Fayette County, Kentucky but this speculation is based primarily on Levi Wayman/Wainman's 1825 marriage to Isabel Jacobs in Clark County.¹¹³ Anna and Joseph moved briefly to Monroe County, Iowa, being "of Monroe County, Iowa" when Joseph signed the sales deed to Solomon Jacob's estate and Anna acknowledged her dower along with her sister Sarah Prather and her sister-in-law Mary A. Jacobs.¹¹⁴ But the couple was back in Floyd County, Indiana in the 1860 census.¹¹⁵ Anna remained single after Joseph died. Perhaps she moved her two young sons into her mother's house. If so, when her mother died in 1862 and the dower land was sold,¹¹⁶ Anna must have felt very alone. And she left her young children to be raised by family when she died just 1 year later.

Anna and Joseph left very few records. Despite stating possession of land worth \$3,000 on the 1860 census, they don't appear to have ever bought or sold land for themselves in Monroe County, lowa, or Floyd County, Indiana. Anna was helping support the family by working as a seamstress in 1860.¹¹⁷ Their children are difficult to trace and clearly in unsteady situations. Only Edgar Charles ever appears in a household with his parents, in 1860.¹¹⁸ Nelson appears to have been a posthumous child born late in 1860. Neither Edgar Charles nor Nelson was given long-term homes by their mother's extended family. Edgar is living with Fry cousins in 1870,¹¹⁹ and Nelson is living with Robert and Sophia Jacobs Harold in 1880.¹²⁰ But they are not found in other censuses as children. Were they with Joseph's family? Nelson is listed as "idiotic" on the 1880 census. Were they institutionalized? There don't appear to be answers to most of the questions surrounding the family.

8. **Sophia J. Jacobs** was born 23 August 1838 in Clark County, Indiana¹²¹ and died 30 March 1896 in Clark County, Indiana.¹²² {*FSID: L7FM-96J*}

 ¹¹² 1860 U.S. census, Floyd, Indiana, New Albany, p. 508, dwelling 1367, family 1368, Joseph Weyman...1880 U.S. census, Clark,
 Indiana, Jeffersonville, ED 25, p. 63B. *Nelson is listed as nephew, age 19 and "idiotic". He has not been found in the 1900 or 1910 census.* ¹¹³ Clark County, Indiana, Marriage Register, volume B, page 156 Wainman - Jacobs, 21 December 1825, "Indiana Marriages, 1811-2007,"
 database with images, *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org: accessed 26 February 2020.)

¹¹⁴ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 49: 212- 214, Heirs of Solomon Jacobs to John Fry, 30 March 1859; FHL microfilm 1,428,620, item 1 The entry includes notarized signature acknowledgements from Monroe County, Iowa for John and Sarah Jacobs Prather, James W. and Margaret Thompson Jacobs, and Joseph and Ann Rebecca Jacobs Wayman dated 15 March 1859 as well as signature acknowledgements for the remainder of the heirs living in Clark County, Indiana.

¹¹⁵ 1860 U.S. census, Floyd, Indiana, population schedule, New Albany, p. 508, dwelling 1367, family 1368, Joseph Weyman; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Nov 2019); citing NARA microfilm M653, roll 257.

¹¹⁶ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 49: 212- 214. Since Joseph is deceased, Anna signed the sale deed of her mother's dower lands as an independent woman.

¹¹⁷ 1860 U.S. census, Floyd, Indiana, population schedule, New Albany, p. 508, dwelling 1367, family 1368, Joseph Weyman; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 8 Nov 2019); citing NARA microfilm M653, roll 257.

¹¹⁸ 1860 U.S. census, Floyd, Indiana, New Albany, p. 508, dwelling 1367, family 1368, Joseph Weyman.

¹¹⁹ 1870 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 606 (stamped), dwelling 235, family 247, George P. Fry; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 18 Oct 2019); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 303.

¹²⁰ 1880 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Jeffersonville, ED 25, p. 63B, dwelling not given (line number 45), family number not given, Robt Harrold, digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 10 Nov 2019); citing NARA microfilm T9, roll 269. *Ancestry has indexed Nelson's surname as Wagman, but a review of the census taker's handwriting makes it clear the G is a Y*.

¹²¹ The date is traditional. The year comes from the 1850 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 194B, dwelling 699, family 750, Solomon Jacob; digital images, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com: accessed 17 Oct 2019); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 138.

¹²² "Jeffersonville - Mrs. Sophia J. Harold died Sunday night.," *Courier-Journal*, 21 March 1896, p. 8, col. 8; digital images, *Newspapers.com* (www.newspapers.com: accessed 25 Feb 2020).] *Sophia's funeral was conducted by the Reverend Charles Tinsley of the Wall Street Methodist Church, where she had been an active member for many years and her husband had been sexton before Tinsley's time in the pulpit. Despite their long association with Wall Street Church, it doesn't appear that Sophia and Robert were buried in the church's cemetery, Walnut Ridge. Her short obituary does not record her proposed place of burial, no stone seems to exist, and no cemetery record has been found.*

Sophia married **Robert Harold** 15 May 1854 in Clark County, Indiana.¹²³ Robert was born circa 1833 in Tennessee, and died 23 Feb 1895 in Clark County, Indiana.¹²⁴ {*FSID: K45L-SBR*}

Sophia and Robert had five children, however only William survived them: **William B., Thomas S., Anna, Sophia**, and **George**.¹²⁵

Sophia and Robert had a married life filled with personal tragedy and financial instability. Three of their five known children died before age 10, including both daughters,¹²⁶ and one adult son died shortly after his 1886 marriage. They spent most of their lives as tenant farmers, not purchasing their first piece of property till 1886.¹²⁷ According to various mortgages, they lived on that land, just outside the city boundaries of Jeffersonville, until Sophia died in 1896. But they were in constant danger of losing the land due to their debts.

In November of 1894, their only surviving son, William B. Harold, went to court in Clark County to have a guardian appointed for his father due to his deteriorating mental state. Robert and Sophia had taken out overlapping mortgages on both their personal and real property. In the previous 8 years, Robert and Sophia had taken out at least 2 mortgages on the land, and 2 chattel mortgages on their personal property and there were at least 2 judgments against Robert for unpaid debt.¹²⁸ William feared for his parents if this situation was allowed to continue. The jurors agreed that Robert was "of unsound mind" and the court appointed Simeon S. Johnson to be his guardian.¹²⁹ In December 1894, Robert was committed to the Central Asylum for the Insane (also known as the Central State Hospital) in Indianapolis. He escaped the asylum in January 1895¹³⁰ and returned home asking for a retrial of his sanity. On 16 January 1895, Charles Ruhle requested a reopening of the matter and after Robert himself appeared in court a second time, the jurors declared Robert to "be of sound mind" and capable of managing his estate. Simeon Johnson was to provide an accounting of his guardianship but there can't have been much to report given the brief, but crowded, period of his service.¹³¹

Barely one month later, Robert was dead. No obituary or cemetery record has been found. The precise date of Robert's death comes from the voluminous probate records that stretch from 1895 to 1900 when a final settlement was reached with the sole heir, William B. Harold.¹³² Settlement of the estate

¹²³ Clark, Indiana, Marriage Records, 1808 - 1951, F: 506, Harrill (*sic*)-Jacobs, 1854; FHL microfilm 1,415,852, item 6. *The Harold surname is found in records spelled Harrold and Herald, with perhaps the most unusual spelling being the phonetic spelling of Harrill.*

¹²⁴ 1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 507, dwelling 115, family 115, Robt Herald; digital images, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 10 Nov 2019); citing NARA microfilm M653, roll 248...Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, 9: 213, Robert Herrald; FHL microfilm 1,415,991, item 2.

¹²⁵ Jefferson, Kentucky, death certificate no. 17508 (1921), William B. Harold; digital image, *Ancestry*, Kentucky Death Certificates (www.ancestry.com: accessed 10 Nov 2019)...*1860 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, Utica, p. 507, dwelling 115, family 115, Robt Herald*...1880 U.S. census, Clark, Indiana, population schedule, ED 25, p. 63B, dwelling not given (line number 45), family# not given, Robt Harrold.

 $^{^{\}rm 126}$ Anna and Sophia each appear on the 1860 census and never reappear.

¹²⁷ Clark, Indiana, Deed Records, 1801-1901, 76: 445, Pennsylvania Company to Robert Harrold, 19 June 1886; FHL microfilm 1,428,642, item 1. ¹²⁸ Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, 12: 251. 370, 461, 506-515, Robert Harrold; FHL microfilm 1,428,534, item 2.

¹²⁹ Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, 4: 353, *Robert Harrold, jury verdict - of unsound mind*; FHL microfilm 1,415,990, item 1.

¹³⁰ "Jeffersonville - Robert Herold, formerly sexton of Walnut Ridge Cemetery," Courier-Journal, 16 January 1895, p. 7, col. 3; digital images, Newspapers.com (www.newspapers.com: accessed 25 Feb 2020.)

¹³¹Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, 5: 28, Robert Harrold - jury verdict - now of sound mind; FHL microfilm 1,415,990, item 2.

¹³² Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, 12: 251. 370, 461, 506-515, Robert Harrold; FHL microfilm 1,428,534, item 2.

was complicated both by the debts and by the death of Sophia during Robert's probate.¹³³ Sophia died of heart trouble "from which she had suffered since the death of a son, eight years ago."¹³⁴

¹³³ Clark, Indiana, Probate order book, 7: 15-20, Sophia J Harrold; FHL microfilm 1,415,991, item 2.

¹³⁴ "Jeffersonville - Mrs. Sophia J. Harold died Sunday night.," *Courier-Journal*, 21 March 1896, p. 8, col. 8.