

**SOME DESCENDANTS OF
JAMES and CHRISTEAN IRWIN**

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JAMES and CHRISTEAN

James IRWIN was born in Pennsylvania about 1776, according to the age given in the 1850 Census. Christean, or Christiana, (maiden name unknown), who was to become his wife, was born about 1786, also in Pennsylvania. She and James were married by 1811, and possibly several years earlier. It is not known where they married, but they were in Ohio when their son, James, was born in 1812.

It is likely that they lived in a typical Ohio dwelling of that time, which has been described as "the log house in the clearing, the corn patch among the tree stumps".¹ In the 1830's, there were several Irwin families in Licking and Ross counties, so it is likely that our family was one of these.

The 1850 Census found them in Taylor Township, Union County, Ohio:²

James Irwin, Sr	74	PA	farmer
Christiana Irwin	63	PA	

Christean died the following year, on 4 September, 1851, at the age of 65. She is buried in Asbury Cemetery, Taylor Township, next to her grandson, Joshua IRWIN. Her tombstone reads "Christean, wife of James Irwin, died 4 Sept, 1851, 65 yr." Her daughter, Rebecca IRWIN KENTON, is also buried there.

It is not known when or where James, Sr. died. Records show several elderly men of that name in both Ohio and in Illinois, but nothing that has proved or indicated identity with him. No grave for him has been found in either Ohio or Illinois.

Only two children from this family are known:

James,	b. 17 Apr 1812, OH;
	m. Mary Jane ANDREWS [WAGY], 17 [19] Jul 1831, Ross Co, OH;
	d. 10 Aug 1872, Petty Twp, Lawrence Co, IL;
Rebecca	b. 28 Aug 1826, Ross Co, OH;
	m. Arthur T KENTON;
	d. 27 Jul 1872, OH.

These two may have been the oldest and youngest of a large family. Another probable son is William P. IRWIN, born about 1814, who lived very near these IRWINS. In the 1850 Census, his family is on the same page with James, Sr.

¹ HUNTER'S STEW AND HANGTOWN FRY, Lila Perl, The Seabury Press, N.Y.

² 1850 CENSUS, Union County, OH, Taylor Township, page 163

JAMES I

IRWIN ¹	William P.	36	M	OH	farmer
	Elizabeth	29	F		
	Robert W	7	M		
	Eleanor	2	F		

This family moved to Illinois during the '60s' and in 1870 and 1880, were living next to James Jr and Mary, in Petty Township, Lawrence County. William and Elizabeth had three more daughters, Hannah [1852], Sarah [1858] and Mary [1861].

William ["Uncle Billy"] died 8 Nov 1888 in Petty Township, Lawrence County, Illinois, at the age of 74 years, 2 months and 14 days. "Aunt Betsy" died ten years later, 19 Jun 1898, at age 78. They are buried in Petty Cemetery, Petty Township, Lawrence County, Illinois, next to their daughter, Mary IRWIN RYAN.

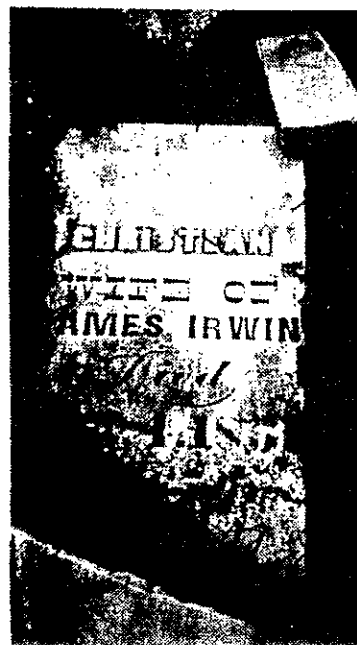
Rebecca IRWIN KENTON's relationship to James and Christean was shown by an excerpt from a county history, which named her parents and place of birth². In 1860, she was living in Champaign County, OHIO, with her family.

KENTON,	Arthur	34	M	OH	farmer
	Rebecca	33	F	"	
	Leonidas	10	M	"	
	Florence	7	F	"	
	Thomas	3	M	"	
	Etna [?]	1	F	"	

The KENTONS may have had other children born after 1860. Rebecca was 45 years old at the time of her death. She was buried in Asbury Cemetery in Union County, Ohio [where her mother was buried].

Tombstone in Asbury Cemetery,
Union County, Ohio

CHRISTEAN
WIFE OF
JAMES IRWIN
DIED
Sept 4, 1851
65 years



¹ 1850 CENSUS, Union County, Ohio, Taylor Township, page 163
² HISTORY OF UNION COUNTY, OHIO, 1883, page 315

JAMES and MARY IRWIN

James IRWIN, son of James and Christean, was born in Ohio on the 17th of April, 1812. He married Mary Jane ANDREWS [WAGY] on 17 July, 1831. She was born on 18 June, 1816, and was just fifteen years old when she married.¹ [See WAGY - ANDREWS - CAMPBELL FAMILY.]

The Ross County, Ohio, Marriage Book lists the wedding of James IRWIN and Mary Jane ANDERSON on the 19th of July, 1831². This is certainly our James and Mary, as we know she was living in Ross County at that time, and 'sevens' and 'nines' looked very similar in that handwriting. The register wasn't filled in by the officiating Justice of the Peace, Samuel McCall, until two months later, and he may well have misunderstood or forgotten her name.

The 1850 Census shows them in Taylor Township, Union County, Ohio, living near James, Sr.³

James Irwin	38	M	Farmer	OH
Mary	33	F		"
John H.	17	M	Farmer	"
James D.	14	M		"
William P.	14	M		"
Daniel M.	8	M		"
Duncan C.	4	M		"
Corban W.	3	M		"
Joshua K.	6/12	M		"

Joshua, who was 6 months old when the Census was taken, died the following year, in August. He is buried next to his grandmother, Christean. His tombstone reads "Joshua N., son of James and Mary Irwin, died 10 Aug 1851, 1 y. 5 m. 2 d."

In 1857, just after the birth of Charles, their last child, the family moved to Lawrence County, Illinois (across the Wabash River from Vincennes, Indiana). Their farm was located in Petty Township, in the northwestern corner of the county. An epidemic swept through the area later that year, claiming the lives of three of the Irwin sons, James [21], Daniel [16] and Duncan [13]. They are buried side by side in Leach Cemetery, Petty Township.

¹ Birth and marriage dates are from Corbin IRWIN's family Bible, now in the possession of his grandson, Charles BOWEN.

² ROSS COUNTY MARRIAGES 1825-1840, VOL C, [LDS Microfilm #0281638]

³ 1850 CENSUS, Union County, Ohio, Taylor Township, page 162.

WAGY - ANDREWS - CAMPBELL

THE HISTORY OF MY PEOPLE

by William H. WAGY¹

"My grandfather's name was, on my mother's side, Daniel CAMPBELL. He was a native of Scotland, was born and raised to manhood and married in Scotland. Grandfather was a poor man, his occupation was a shepherd tending to sheep. My grandmother's people were among the richest people in Scotland.

"My great-grandfather's name was Duncan CANADAY. He had but two children, my grandmother and her brother. Grandmother's name was Mary CANADAY. Her brother was Duncan CANADAY.

"Daniel CAMPBELL and Mary CANADAY, they formed an attachment to each other but the law of Scotland was death for a poor man to marry a rich woman. They determined to marry. Grand-mother's brother, Duncan, helped to steal her away and they got married one day, got aboard a ship the next day started to America. Just four in company, Grandfather, Grandmother, her brother and a sister of Grandfather. All came to America. If Grandfather had stayed in Scotland, there was a fortune [reward] for them.

"They settled in Kentucky where the town of Lewisville [Louisville?] now stands. My great-uncle had a store there and he owned five hundred acres of the land that Lewisville stands on. Uncle was killed for his money and robbed. It was in an early days of the settling of Kentucky.

"Grandmother had six children. Their names were: Duncan, William, Daniel, Mary and Margaret CAMPBELL, my mother. [He mentions only five children, not six.] I think Grandfather's sister who came over with them was Mary J. CAMPBELL. She passed away before my recollections and I have no history."

Margaret CAMPBELL was born in Kentucky about 1794, the daughter of Daniel CAMPBELL and Mary CANADAY. She married a Mr. ANDREWS about 1815, and their daughter, Mary Jane, was born in Ohio on June 18th, 1816.² Soon thereafter, Mr. ANDREWS died.

Early records in Ross County, Ohio, show the subsequent marriage of Margaret CAMPBELL ANDREWS to John WAGY on the 17th of May, 1820. We continue now with William WAGY's account.

¹ This excerpt from his family history was written by Rev. William Harvey WAGY [1821-1893], son of John and Margaret WAGY. It is among family papers in the possession of Milton WAGY of Ellensburg, Washington.

² This birthdate is from the IRWIN Family Bible, in the possession of Charles BOWEN of Marion, ND>

The Census of 1860 shows a smaller family, even with two additions.¹

Irwin,	James	50	farmer	OH
	Mary	46		OH
	John	27		OH
	William	25		OH
	Corban	13		OH
	Charles	3		OH
	Sarah	19		OH

Sarah [nee STULTS] was a daughter-in-law, the bride of William IRWIN.

It is thought that John Henry was killed while serving in the Union Army. There was a John H. IRWIN [F Co, 95th OH Inf] who died at Vicksburg, MS on September 9, 1863, but this does not agree with the date in the family Bible [22 Jun 1863], and the ages do not match, so this is not the same person. A search of Civil War records showed many "John Irwins", but none matched the age of this IRWIN family member.

In 1870, the Census shows them on the same farm, with only one son remaining at home.²

IRWIN,	James	59	OH
	Mary	55	OH
	Charles	13	OH

Another child, Mary WILCHEE, six years old, was living with them. There is no indication whether or not she is a relative, but this name has not turned up in any of the family research, so she probably was not.

The household next door was that of William and Elizabeth IRWIN, who had also moved from Union County, Ohio. It is likely that he was James' brother.

IRWIN,	William	54	OH
	Elizabeth	49	VA
	Hannah	17	OH
	Sarah	11	OH
	Mary	8	OH

James IRWIN died 10 August 1872, having outlived seven of his nine children. His youngest son, Charles, died four years later at the age of 19.³

Mary remained in their Pasturefield home, and as "Aunt Mary" took an active part in the local social life. From 1882, the ups and downs of her life were recorded in the Sumner and

¹ 1860 CENSUS, Lawrence County, Illinois, Petty Twp, page 83

² 1870 CENSUS, Lawrence Co, IL, Petty Twp, page 140

³ Death dates are from the IRWIN Bible, courtesy of Charles BOWEN.

"John WAGY, my father, married Margaret ANDREWS. Her maiden name was Margaret CAMPBELL. She was a widow and had one child, my sister, Mary IRWIN. To my father and mother were born three children. My sister, Barbary was born August 27, 1823 and died in her fourth year and is buried near Chillicothe, Ohio in McArthur's Graveyard.

"My mother [Margaret CAMPBELL ANDREWS WAGY] died in 1862 and was buried in Asbury Cemetery, Ross County, Ohio."

John and Margaret WAGY, as mentioned above, had three children together: William Harvey, Barbara and John Campbell. Mary, Margaret's daughter, left home to marry in 1831, when she was fifteen years old, and her youngest brother only two. [Despite this, she and her two brothers were very close in later life.]

At the time of the 1850 Census, John and Margaret were living in Pike County, Ohio:¹

WAGGY	John	52	VA
"	Margaret	56	KY
"	John C	21	OH
?	Sarah	16	OH

[Sarah may have been a relative or a servant, or both.] On the next page is listed their son, William with his wife:²

WAGGY	William H.	29	OH
"	Ann E	19	DE

In 1860, the Census recorded them back in Ross County, OH:³ By this time their second son, John Campbell, had married.

WAGY	John	62	VA
"	Margaret	65	KY
WAGY	John C	31	OH
"	Martha	26	OH
"	William H	5	OH
"	Harriet E	2mo	OH

Margaret WAGY died in 1862, according to her son, William. John was still living at that time. It is not known when or where he died.

¹ 1850 CENSUS, Pike County, Ohio, page 373

² 1850 CENSUS, Pike County, Ohio, page 374

³ 1860 CENSUS, Ross County, Ohio, Hunrington Township, page 415.

Lawrenceville newspapers. [RR indicates Rural Republican. All others are from The Sumner Press.] Following are some of these news items:^{1, 2}

- 31 Mar 1882 RR - [Petty] Aunt Mary IRWIN proposes to supply the neighborhood with sweet potato plants.
- 28 Apr 1882 RR - [Petty] There was singing at Aunt Mary IRWIN's last Tuesday night a week.
- 3 Aug 1882 - There was an ice-cream supper at Aunt Mary IRWIN's last Thursday evening. All present seemed to enjoy themselves.
- 4 Aug 1882 RR - [Petty] The young folks enjoyed an ice cream supper at Aunt Mary IRWIN's on last Thursday night. It was managed by James IRWIN and John WESTALL, and all enjoyed the occasion.
- 22 Jul 1886 - The storm of Tuesday night did considerable damage in this vicinity, blowing down a barn for Aunt Mary IRWIN and unroofing several others.
- 11 Nov 1886 - Aunt Mary IRWIN has removed to Wayne County, where she will reside in the future. [Corbin's home].
- 6 Jan 1887 - Mrs. Mary J. IRWIN resides at Long Prairie, Wayne County, Ill.
- 1 Sep 1887 - Mrs Mary IRWIN of Petty township, who has been visiting relatives in Wayne County for several months, has returned to "God's Country" for the present at least.
- 25 Oct 1888 - Ottie IRWIN, of Fairfield, has come to stay during the winter with his grandmother, Mrs Mary IRWIN.
- 3 Jan 1889 - A large number of the neighbors gathered at Aunt Mary IRWIN's last Wednesday. While the men hauled up her winter wood, the ladies spread a bountiful table and all had an enjoyable evening socially.
- 9 May 1889 - Aunt Mary IRWIN is on the sick list.
- 23 May 1889 - The farmers of this vicinity plowed and planted 5 acres of corn for Aunt Mary IRWIN last Wednesday.
- 23 May 1889 - Aunt Mary IRWIN was called away by the sudden illness of her daughter-in-law who lives in Wayne County. She departed Wednesday accompanied by her grandson, Otto IRWIN.
- 4 Jul 1889 - Aunt Mary IRWIN has returned from her son's in Wayne County where she was called several weeks ago to see her daughter-in-law, who was dangerously ill at the time.
- 31 Oct 1889 - Aunt Mary IRWIN spent several days in Flat Rock visiting her grandson, James IRWIN.

¹THE SUMNER PRESS, Sumner, Illinois

²RURAL REPUBLICAN, Lawrenceville, Illinois

REV. WILLIAM HARVEY WAGY

William Harvey WAGY was born on the 24th of December, 1821 in Pike County, Ohio, the first child of John and Margaret WAGY. He married Ann Elizabeth WINDEL on April 9th, 1850. [She was born 24 March 1830 in Delaware.] Two sons were born early in their marriage, John Campbell II, on February 1st, 1851, and James Allen on February 24, 1852. William Morris WAGY, who was born 8 June 1857, may also belong in this family. Several other children followed, all of whom died in infancy.¹

William was always interested in church affairs, and was licensed to preach in 1860. He was ordained a deacon by Bishop AMES in Chillicothe in 1864, after which he moved to Lawrence County, Illinois, near his sister, Mary IRWIN. His wife, Ann, died there on July 4th, 1865. Leach Cemetery in Petty Township, contains the graves of three Waggy children, Duncan, Elizabeth and Daniel [triplets] who were born Jun 24, 1865 and died during the next week. It is likely that Ann was their mother, as her death followed theirs within a few days.

William married again at age 46, taking 26-year-old Eliza JUDY² as his bride on March 15th, 1868 in Lawrence County. They had at least five children. William supported his family principally by farming, but his work as a deacon often kept him busy on Sundays. Apparently he preached for several different religious groups, but seems to have been a Methodist.

Since William was a deacon, he officiated at many family weddings, including that of his nephew, Corbin IRWIN to Charlotte LATHROP in June, 1872 and the second marriage of Sarah STULTS IRWIN [to George G. FEE] in August, 1873. He helped out in several churches in Christy and Petty townships [Lawrence County], even though he had moved to Richland County before 1880, where the Census found him³.

WAGGY	Wm. H	50	farmer
	Eliza	38	
	Emma A	9	
	Charley O	7	
	Ina M	5	
	Melvina	?	

They must have left the farm for a while, and then returned to it. Shortly after that, they moved again, this time to West Liberty in Jasper County.

4 Apr 1889: Rev. W. H. WAGY moved to his farm in Richland County this week.⁴

¹ THE WAGGY-WAGY FAMILY, compiled by Ollie WAGY and Goldie HILL, 1968.

² Eliza JUDY was born 21 Feb 1842 in Ohio, daughter of Richard JUDY. The JUDY family was from Union County, Ohio, as were the IRWINS.

³ 1880 CENSUS, Richland Co, Illinois, German Twp, Household #38

⁴ THE SUMNER PRESS, Sumner, Illinois

- 19 Dec 1889 - NOTICE - Court, February term, 1890 - Bill for Partition - Mary J. IRWIN vs William IRWIN.
[Note: This William is not her son or brother-in-law, both of whom were deceased by this time. His relationship to her is a mystery at this time. See item dated 7 Feb 1901 on page 2-11.]
- 20 Feb 1890 - Aunt Mary IRWIN is recovering from a severe attack of bronchitis.
- 6 Jun 1890 RR - [Pasturefield] Aunt Mary IRWIN visited her brother, William WAGGY, near Bowyer Sunday.
- 23 Oct 1890 - Mrs Mary IRWIN spent several days with friends in Beulah.
- 21 May 1891 - Aunt Mary IRWIN got a bad fall Friday, but resulted in nothing more serious than a gash just back of the ear and some bad bruises.
- 9 Jul 1891 - Thursday evening there will be a surprise supper at Aunt Mary IRWIN's house in honor of her birthday. [This was her 75th birthday.]
- 23 Jul 1891 - Aunt Mary IRWIN, accompanied by her little niece, spent the Sabbath with her son, Corbin and family of Bowyer. [This niece was a daughter of Rev. William Wagy].
- 23 Jun 1892 - Aunt Mary IRWIN celebrated her 76th birthday last Saturday. She was made happy by a number of her relatives and friends coming in to see her on that day, bringing good cheer and well-filled baskets with them. After whiling away a few happy hours, they separated, feeling blessed in showing that respect which is due to old age.
- 7 Jul 1892 - Aunt Mary IRWIN made an extended visit with relatives at Chauncey last week.
- 20 Oct 1892 - Mrs Mary IRWIN was called away to West Liberty owing to the serious illness of her brother, William WAGY.
- 27 Oct 1892 - [Pasturefield] Mrs Mary IRWIN has returned home from West Liberty.
- 21 Feb 1895 - J. McCAUSLAND and family of Chauncey visited Aunt Mary IRWIN Sunday.
- 24 Sep 1896 - Miss Maria SHAW of Petty Township was found dead in the public highway Thursday morning. She was living with Aunt Mary IRWIN and had started to go over to Mr. Abraham BARNES' residence about a half-mile distant. Not returning when expected, Mrs. IRWIN sent a son of Mrs. Alice FUNK to see why she had not. He returned and reported he found her lying dead on her face

9 Jan 1890: [Chauncey] Rev. WAGGY of Bowyer filled in for Rev. POWERS at the M. E. Church.¹

1 Sep 1892: [Sumner] Rev. William WAGY of West Liberty was here on business Saturday.²

After he turned 70, his health began to fail.

6 Oct 1892: Rev. William WAGY of West Liberty, so well known here, is very seriously ill with blood poisoning. (THE SUMNER PRESS).

20 Oct 1892: "Mrs Mary IRWIN was called away to West Liberty owing to the serious illness of her brother, William WAGY. (THE SUMNER PRESS).

He survived this, but died a year later on the 16th of October 1893 at age 71. His wife, Eliza JUDY WAGY, died in July 1897, age 55. They are both buried in Chauncey cemetery [Petty Twp] in Lawrence County. Their graves are marked with a very nice monument, undoubtedly the work of his son, John, the stone-cutter.

James WAGY and son, Ed, of West Liberty and Corb IRWIN of Pasturefield were here [Chauncey] Thursday setting up the WAGY monument." (THE SUMNER PRESS, December 12, 1901)

WILLIAM and ANN WAGY:³

John Campbell, b. 1 Feb 1851, Pike Co?, OH
m. Emaline LEECH, 28 Nov 1872, Bridgeport, IL
d. 9 Dec 1915;

James Allen, b. 24 Feb 1852, Waverly, Pike Co, OH
m1. Narcissa CAHILL,
m2. Alice WARD, 22 Jan 1879, Lawrence Co, IL
d. 23 Apr 1906, West Liberty, Jasper Co, IL;

William Morris, b. 8 Jun 1857, OH
d. ?;

Isaac, b. 27 May 1860, OH
d. 1861, OH;

George, b. 4 Jul 1864
d. 1864;

¹THE SUMNER PRESS, Sumner, Illinois

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³THE WAGGY-WAGY FAMILY, Ollie WAGY and Goldie HILL, 1968 is the source of most names and dates of birth and death. Marriage information is primarily from THE SUMNER PRESS.

in the road. She was subject to epileptic fits and it is supposed while in one, she fell on her face and smothered to death. She was about forty-three years of age and was a daughter of Thomas SHAW, but had not lived at home for some time. Coroner STOKES was sent for and held an inquest. Afflicted as Miss SHAW was, with no hope of being better, death was certainly a relief.

2 Dec 1897 - Aunt Mary IRWIN, an old resident and a very worthy one, of Petty township, died Saturday night at her residence near Pasturefield. She was interred Sunday in the Leach cemetery by the side of her husband, James IRWIN who was killed by lightning about fifteen years ago. [NOTE: The Family Bible indicates that James died twenty-five years earlier, and the only lightning death we know of was her son, William.]

Mary died on the 26th of November, 1897, at the age of 81. At this time, the graves of James and Mary have not been located.

The IRWINS were not forgotten, for years later, these articles appeared in the newspaper:¹

21 Feb 1901: [Pasturefield] William Henry STOUT of Chauncey and his brother, Oliver P. STOUT, have purchased the Aunt Mary IRWIN farm of 40 acres for a consideration of \$600.00.

15 Sep 1910: The first of the week George STOUT called our attention to a stalk of corn raised by his nephew, W. H. STOUT, on the farm near Union Church in Petty township, formerly owned by "Uncle Jimmie" IRWIN. The stalk measures 15 feet in height and is 10 feet to the first two ears.

Note: The notice on 19 Dec 1889 of a court hearing regarding a Bill of Partition [Mary IRWIN vs William IRWIN] indicates joint ownership of some property, requiring division by the court. This case was not settled until 1901 [with Corbin acting for Mary's family], which then evidently allowed the sale of the farm, which took place just two weeks later.

7 Feb 1901: [Chancery Court] William C. IRWIN of Bridgeport vs Corbin IRWIN et al, partition, settled and off docket.²

¹THE SUMNER PRESS, Sumner, Illinois

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Elizabeth, b. 19 Jun 1865, Petty Twp, Lawrence Co, IL¹
 d. 20 Jun 1865, “
 Daniel, b. 19 Jun 1865, “
 d. 21 Jun 1865, “
 Duncan, b. 19 Jun 1865, “
 d. 23 Jun 1865, “

WILLIAM and ELIZA WAGY

Cora May, b. 16 Sep 1869, IL
 d. 7 Aug 1870, IL;

Emma A., b. 1871, IL
 d. ?;

Charles O., b. 8 Aug 1872, Jasper Co, IL
 m. Rhetta Ann NICHOLAS, 16 Apr 1902, West Liberty, IL
 d. 26 Dec 1943, Denver, CO;

Ina M., b. 1875, IL
 d. ?;

Melvina, b. Apr 1880, IL.
 d. ?.

William's oldest son, John Campbell WAGY II, owned a stone-cutting business, and employed several relatives, including John IRWIN. He was living in Missouri at the turn of the century.²

William's second son, James Allen WAGY, married Alice WARD, daughter of William and Emma WARD who were neighbors of James and Mary IRWIN.

James and John were both in Petty Township with their families in 1880. James was next to the WARDS, his in-laws, while John was listed on the following page.³

¹ Dates for triplets taken from tombstones in Leach Cemetery, Petty Twp, Lawrence Co, IL.

² From later mention in THE SUMNER PRESS, Sumner, IL

³ 1880 CENSUS, Lawrence Co, IL, Petty Twp, pages 61 and 62.

JAMES and MARY IRWIN:¹

John Henry, b. 11 Apr 1833, OH;
d. 22 Jun 1863, (while in Union Army);

James D. b. 10 Jun 1836, OH;
d. 17 Oct 1857, Lawrence Co, IL;

William P. b. 10 Jun 1836, OH;
m. Sarah STULTS, 11 May 1859, Union Co, OH;
d. 29 Mar 1871, Lawrence Co, IL;

[See William and Sarah]

Margaret, b. 10 Mar 1839, OH;
d. 3 Dec 1840, OH;

Daniel M. b. 16 Sep 1841, OH;
d. 11 Oct 1857, Lawrence Co, IL;

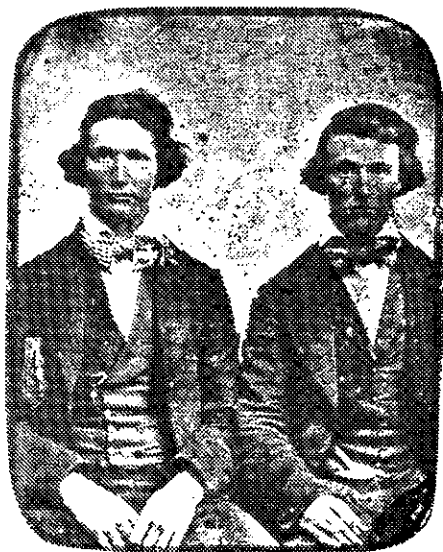
Duncan C. b. 19 Jul 1844, OH;
d. 28 Oct 1857, Lawrence Co, IL;

Corbin Wagle b. 22 Feb 1847, Chillicothe, OH;
m1. Charlotte Alice LATHROP, 13 Jun 1872, IL;
m2. Diana WAGNER, Oct 1905, Lawrence Co, IL; (div)
d. 11 Feb 1914, Trenton, ND;

[See Corbin and Charlotte]

Joshua N. b. 12 Mar 1850, Union Co, OH;
d. 14 Aug 1851, Union Co, OH;

Charles R. b. 30 May 1857, Union Co, OH;
d. 18 Jul 1876, Lawrence Co, IL.



[JOHN] HENRY and WILLIAM IRWIN
[about 1858]



Graves of
DANIEL, JAMES and DUNCAN IRWIN
Leach Cemetery, Petty Township

¹ Birth and death dates are from the IRWIN Family Bible, courtesy of Charles BOWEN.

May 4th 1820 I joined in marriage
 Penney and Catherine Penney
 R. Hunter JP

June 5. 1820 }
 Rec'd & Recorded }

In the State of Ohio, Ross County, Ohio, in the Clerk of the
 Court of common pleas, this will certify that
 I joined together in the holy State of Matrimony John Wagggy and
 Margaret Andrews of lawful age given under my
 hand this 20th day of May 1820
 Samuel Coles JP

June 16. 1820 }
 Rec'd & Recorded }

The State of Ohio, Ross County, Ohio, in the Clerk of the
 Court of common pleas, this will certify that
 I joined together in the holy State of Matrimony John Wagggy and
 Margaret Andrews of lawful age given under my
 hand this 20th day of May 1820
 Samuel Coles JP

June 5. 1820 }

The State of Ohio, Ross County, Ohio, in the Clerk of the
 Court of common pleas, this will certify that
 I joined together in the holy State of Matrimony John Wagggy and
 Margaret Andrews of lawful age given under my
 hand this 20th day of May 1820
 Samuel Coles JP

August 7. 1820
 Underhill, J.P.

ROSS COUNTY MARRIAGES 1798 - 1825

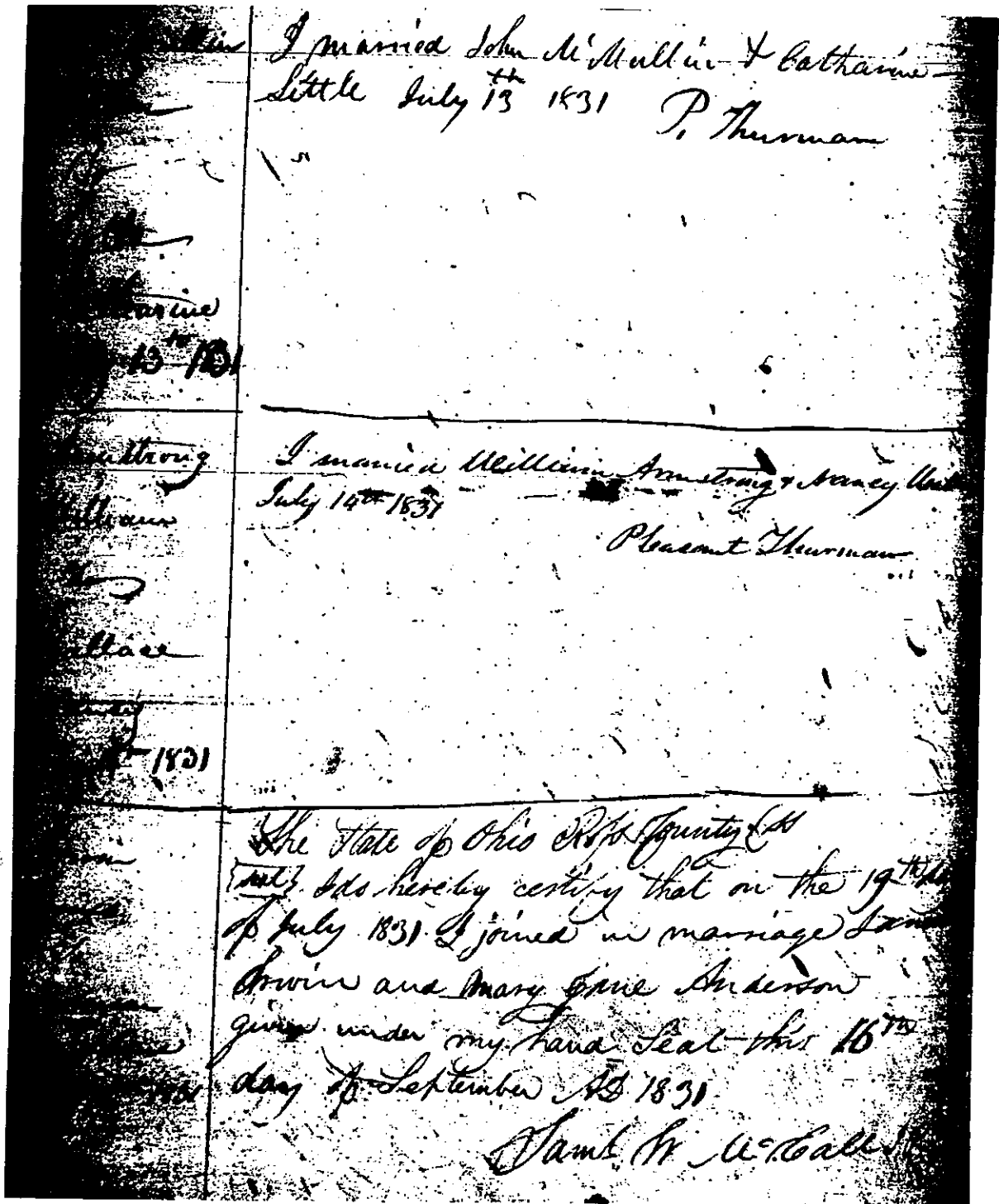
[3rd entry]

The State of Ohio, Ross County -- I hereby certify that on the 7th day of May 1820 I joined together in the holy State of Matrimony John WAGGY and Margaret ANDREWS of lawful age given under my hand this 20th day of May 1820.

Rec'd & Recorded

Samuel Coles JP

June 5, 1820



ROSS COUNTY MARRIAGES 1825 - 1840

[3rd entry]

The State of Ohio, Ross County _ {seal} I do hereby certify that on the 19th day of July 1831, I joined in marriage James IRWIN and Mary Jane ANDERSON given under my hand Seal this 16th day of September AD 1831.

Saml. W. McCALL JP

of _____ enumerated persons, on the _____ day of _____ 1850											
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Abelia Wood	26	F							Ohio
		Frank C	4	M							Ohio
		James R	1	M							Ohio
1095	1112	Richard Judy	18	M		Farmer	1000				Ohio
		Eliza	43	F							Ohio
		Joshua L	22	M							Ohio
		Eleanor A	19	F							Ohio
		Richard	15	M							Ohio
		Marrison	13	M							Ohio
		Anna	11	F							Ohio
		Eliza	8	F							Ohio
		Henry H	6	M							Ohio
		Elinora	4	F							Ohio
		Abundance	2	M							Ohio
117	1114	John C. Irwin	27	M		Farmer	1100				Ohio
		Harriet	20	F							Ohio
		Abundance	1	M							Ohio
118	1115	James Irwin sen.	74	M		Farmer	800				PA
		Christiana	63	F							PA
119	1116	John Irwin	30	M		Farmer	100				PA
		Michael	23	M							PA
		John Jr	11	M							PA
		Robert	8	M							PA
		Delila	6	F							PA
		Wendell P.	3	M							PA
		Modest	1	F							PA
		John McCalain	32	M							PA
120	1117	John Irwin	25	M		Farmer	2000				Ohio
		Rebecca	26	F							Ohio
		William H	18	M							Ohio
		Thomas J	1	M							Ohio
121	1118	James McCalain	29	M		Farmer	400				Ohio
		Henry	22	M							Ohio
		Anna K	2	F							Ohio
		James M	1	M							Ohio

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LN	NO	NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION	VALUE	BIRTHPLACE
4 - 14		Richard JUDY family				
18	1098	James IRWIN sen.	74	Farmer	800	PA
19		Christiana	63			cc

LN	NO	NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION	VALUE	BIRTHPLACE
33	1094	James IRWIN	38	Farmer	500	Ohio
34		Mary	33			"
35		John H.	17	"		"
36		James D.	14			"
37		William P.	14			"
38		Daniel Mc.	8			"
39		Duncan C.	4			"
40		Corban W.	3			"
41		Joshua N.	6/12			"

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LN	NO	NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION	VALUE	BIRTHPLACE
23	1093 1111	Richard Elders	41	Farmer	1200	Ohio
25		Phoebe	12			"
26		Singeline	11			"
27		Guffy J.	11			"
28		Mary G.	9			"
29		Rebecca G.	5			"
30		Bernard G.	1			"
31		Benedict Brown	32			"
32		Agnes A.	22			"
33	1094 1111	James Irwin	38	Farmer	500	Ohio
34		Mary	33			"
35		John H.	17			"
36		James D.	14			"
37		William P.	14			"
38		Daniel Mc.	8			"
39		Duncan C.	4			"
40		Corban W.	3			"
41		Joshua N.	6/12			"

From THE SUMNER PRESS

Miss Maria Shaw, of Petty township, was found dead in the public highway Thursday morning. She was living with Aunt Mary Irwin and had started to go over to Mr. Abraham Barnes' residence about a half-mile distant. Not returning when expected, Mrs. Irwin sent a son of Mrs. Alice Funk to see why she had not. He returned and reported he found her lying dead on her face in the road. She was subject to epileptic fits and it is supposed while in one, she fell on her face and smothered to death. She was about forty-three years of age and was a daughter of Thomas Shaw, but had not lived at home for some time. Coroner Stokes was sent for and held an inquest. Afflicted as Miss Shaw was with no hope of being better, death was certainly a relief.

24 September 1896

Aunt Mary Irwin was called away by the sudden illness of her daughter in-law who lives in Wayne county. She departed Wednesday, accompanied by her grandson, Otto Irwin.

23 May 1889

Aunt Mary Irwin an old resident and a very worthy one, of Petty township, died Saturday night at her residence near Pasturefield. She was interred Sunday in the Leech cemetery by the side of her husband, James Irwin who was killed by lightning about fifteen years ago.

2 December 1897

The farmers of this vicinity plowed and planted five acres of corn for Aunt Mary Irwin, last Wednesday.

23 May 1889

The first of the week George Stout called our attention to a stalk of corn raised by his nephew, W. H. Stout, on the farm near Union church in Petty township, formerly owned by "Uncle Jimmie" Irwin. The stalk measures 15 feet in height and is 10 feet to the first of the two ears. It is of the Texas Wonder variety and is certainly a good one.

15 September 1910

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Schedule 1.—Inhabitants in Petty Township, in the County of Lawrence, State of Illinois, enumerated by me on the 7th day of July, 1870.
 Post Office: Sherrill Chicago River Ass't Marshal

1	2	3	4			7	8		10	11-14				15-17		19	20
			4	5	6		8	9		11	12	13	14	15	16		
		- Sarah	8	2	20				Ohio								
		- Elizabeth	5	2	20				Illinois								
		- Martin	2	2	20				Illinois								
112157		Irwin James	58	2	20	Farmer	1500	500	Ohio								
		- Mary	55	2	20	Keeping house			Ohio								
		- Charles	13	2	20				Ohio								
		Mary Wilchee	6	2	20				Indiana								
112158		Irwin William	52	2	20	Farmer	1000	350	Ohio								
		- Elizabeth	49	2	20	Keeping house			Virginia								
		- Hannah	17	2	20				Ohio								
		- Sarah	11	2	20				Ohio								
		- Mary	8	2	20				Ohio								
112159		James A. Barkan	35	2	20	Farmer	1000	1000	Ohio								
		- Amanda	32	2	20	Keeping house			Ohio								
		- Hugh	11	2	20				Ohio								
		- Ellen	10	2	20				Ohio								
		- Julia	8	2	20				Illinois								
112160		William McGowan	22	2	20	Farmer	1000	200	Ohio								
		- Mary	20	2	20	Keeping house			Ohio								
		- William	17	2	20				Illinois								
		- Ann	5	2	20				Ohio								
		- Cynthia	4	2	20				Ohio								
		- Edie	1	2	20				Ohio								
112161		Virginia Martin	33	2	20	Farmer	1000	200	Ohio								
		- Sarah	24	2	20	Keeping house			Ohio								
		- Elizabeth	1	2	20				Illinois								
		- John	10	2	20				Ohio								
		- James	4	2	20				Ohio								
		- Charles	2	2	20				Ohio								
		Andrew Simon	7	2	20				Ohio								
152158		William Scott	53	2	20	Farmer	1000	1000	Ohio								
		- James	20	2	20	Keeping house			Ohio								
		- Mary	17	2	20				Ohio								
		- William	15	2	20				Ohio								
		Martin John	18	2	20	Dr. Isaac Primm			Illinois								

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LN	NO	NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION	VALUE	BIRTHPLACE
4	151	IRWIN, James	59	Farmer	1500/500	Ohio
5		Mary	55	Keeping house		Ohio
6		Charles	13			Ohio
7		Mary WILCHEE	6			Indiana
8-12	152	William IRWIN family				

Following is a letter to The Sumner Press published on Thursday, Aug 11, 1887. It was written by a visitor from Union County, Ohio, and it mentions several people who had moved from there to the Sumner area, most notably, Joshua JUDY. Mr JUDY had been a neighbor of the IRWINs back in Ohio, and the families remained close. The IRWIN boy, Joshua [who died in 1851] may well have been named after Mr. JUDY. His niece, Eliza, married William WAGY, Mary IRWIN's brother, after the move to Illinois.

THE SUMNER PRESS¹, Thursday, Aug 11, 1887

OHIO COLONY

It is of interest always to know where our old neighbors are, what they are doing and how they prosper. Coming recently into the beautiful and prosperous city of Sumner, I found by chance a number of citizens who came from the vicinity of my old home in Union Co, Ohio. Perhaps the oldest of these men is Joshua Judy. He is now an old man eighty-four years old but his faculties are retained in all their vigor, his memory still tenacious, though his strength is much broken. He was one of the foremost in improving Union Co, Ohio, being one of the founders of the Union County Agricultural Society. He at one time owned a thousand acres of land lying in and east of Marysville, including nearly all the corporation, but lost it by going security. There is on record in Marysville more land in the name of Joshua Judy than of any other man that ever lived there. For a number of years he represented his county in the State Senate and was father to some of the most prominent temperance legislation in the state. He remembers well the old pioneer citizens of the county, many of whom though long since dead, are still remembered by a host of friends.

Joshua Judy came to Sumner in 1858.² The town then consisted of six or seven houses and some very good cornfields. Mr Judy has lived to see it one of the most prosperous and enterprising towns in the state. The wilderness has indeed bloomed like the rose.

Sarah Judy, the wife of Joshua, and whose maiden name was Sarah IRWIN, died after a long illness on July 28th 1887. For fifty-six years she and Joshua traveled the road of life together, their married life being as happy as their days have been long. While they enjoyed the good things of this world, they both as consistent Christians looked for a better world, an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled and that fadeth not away.

Others of Union Co I find entitled in and near Sumner, but time would fail me to speak of them as Silas SNODGRASS who is prospecting for coal; Mary SAXTON, the earnest temperance worker; Joseph and Benjamin SAXTON, the former being the well known miller of Sumner; also, John BAIRD and wife who live west of town on a fine farm.

We learn that many Ohio people are settled in Sumner and its vicinity and that the thrift and prosperity is largely due to their enterprise.

As a rule we believe the people of Ohio are hard working, money making, generous, and such we find the good people of Sumner.

A. D. WOODWORTH

¹ THE SUMNER PRESS, Sumner, Illinois

² This was the year after James IRWIN moved from Union County to the area just north of Sumner.

County Map For The State Of OHIO



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