

## Cyrus Sollenberger (1820-1904)

Cyrus Sollenberger was born November 19<sup>th</sup> 1820 in Cumberland County Pennsylvania to Jacob Sollenberger and Diana Hall. Cyrus married Martha Fortney April 19<sup>th</sup> 1843 in Carroll Township. Martha was born 1827 in Monaghan Township.

In 1860, he was a tailor and dry goods merchant living in Carroll Township, York County. He stood 5' 4" tall and had brown hair and gray eyes.

A Civil War veteran, Cyrus enlisted in Franklinton, York County, September 6<sup>th</sup> 1864, with Co. I, 209th Pa Infantry, serving at the rank of private until honorably discharged May 31<sup>st</sup> 1865. <sup>1</sup>

Cyrus, Lucy, and George Sollenberger of Carroll Township York County were charged with assault and battery by J. A. Hoffman, who claimed on October 8<sup>th</sup> 1878 he was beaten and abused. There was insufficient evidence to charge Lucy and George. Cyrus was released on bail of \$100.00. <sup>2</sup>

Cyrus died March 19<sup>th</sup> 1904, and Martha was 84 years and 10 months old when she died October 9<sup>th</sup> 1910 in Carroll Township York County Pennsylvania. They were laid to rest in the Chestnut Grove UMC Cemetery in Franklin Township York County Pennsylvania.

Cyrus and Martha Sollenberger had the following children.

- i. Lucy or Lizzie (Elizabeth) Ann Sollenberger was born January 8<sup>th</sup> 1845.
- ii. Christian Fortney Sollenberger (1847-)
- iii. Jacob Sollenberger (1849-1927)
- iv. David Sollenberger (1851-1933)
- v. Alice Barbara Sollenberger (1854-1887)<sup>3</sup>
- vi. Albert Roy Sollenberger (1857-1927)
- vii. William Sollenberger (1859-1932)
- viii. George Sollenberger (1862-1948)
- ix. Maria F. Sollenberger (1867-1952)

## Christian Fortney Sollenberger (1847-)

Christian Fortney Sollenberger was born April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1847 in Carroll Township York County Pennsylvania to Cyrus Sollenberger and Martha Fortney. Christian married Emma A. on 1870. Emma was born Oct 1848. Dillsburg, 1860 census has Christina, female, 12 yrs old, born 1848; Dillsburg, 1870 census has Christian, male, born, 23 yrs old, born 1848, farm laborer; Harrisburg, 1870 census has Christian, male, born 1845, married Emma, and Alice, 15 yrs old, born 1855 lives with them. This Christian, Emma, relates to the 1900 census were Albert Bentz is living with them. Emma J. died in 1922, and Christian died in 1936. They were both laid to rest in the East Harrisburg Cemetery Dauphin County Pennsylvania.

Jacob Sollenberger (1849-1927)

Jacob Sollenberger was born October 14<sup>th</sup> 1849 in Carroll Township York County Pennsylvania to Cyrus Sollenberger and Martha Fortney. Jacob married Elizabeth Dunsworth who was born March 9<sup>th</sup> 1856 in Ohio to John and Josephine Dunsworth.

Elizabeth died April 18<sup>th</sup> 1909 in Columbus Franklin County Ohio, and Jacob married Daisy E. Kunkel on July 26<sup>th</sup> 1911 in Covington Kentucky. Daisy was born 1884 in Ohio. He died 8 Dec 1927 in Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio.

David Sollenberger (1851-1933)

David Sollenberger was born October 21<sup>st</sup> 1851 to Cyrus Sollenberger and Martha Fortney. David married Mary Jane Barns in 1875. Mary was born August 18<sup>th</sup> 1852 to Philip Barns and Elizabeth Thompson. Mary died January 18<sup>th</sup> 1924 in Carroll Township York County Pennsylvania. David and died June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1933.

David and Mary Sollenberger's children were:

- i. Still born son of David and Jennie Sollenberger born and died June 20<sup>th</sup> 1875. Inscription: Our Babe. He was laid to rest in the Chestnut Grove UMC Cemetery in Franklin Township York County Pennsylvania.
- ii. Maggie (Margaret) G. Sollenberger was born circa 1876, **may have married Peter Bricker, lived with Christian in 1930**
- iii. Alice A. Sollenberger was born 1879. She married Jacob A. Donson, son of Jacob and Anna Donson August 31<sup>st</sup> 1898 in Dillsburg York County Pennsylvania. They had the following children:
  - A. Ralph J. Donson was born 1900.
  - B. Paul D. Donson was born 1902.
  - C. Mary J. Donson was born 1909.
- iv. Martha Sollenberger was born 1882. Martha married Eugene Baptisti.
- v. Mary Sollenberger was born 1884.
- vi. Georgia E. Sollenberger was born Sep 1885. Georgia married Lewis Sutton.
- vii. Ada M. Sollenberger was born 1888. She was 8 years and 1 month old when she died February 4<sup>th</sup> 1896 in Carroll Township, York County, Pennsylvania. She was laid to rest in the Chestnut Grove UMC Cemetery in Franklin Township York County Pennsylvania.
- viii. Beulah A. Sollenberger was born Sep 1890. Beulah married Justus J. Hendrickson, son of Joseph Thomas Hendrickson and Sarah E., on 10 Apr 1909 in Uno, York County, Pennsylvania. Justus was born 1889.
- ix. Ruth E. Sollenberger was born Oct 1893.

### Alice Barbara Sollenberger (1854-1887)

Alice Barbara Sollenberger was born in 1854 to Cyrus Sollenberger and Martha Fortney. Alice married<sup>4</sup> Tobias Bentz<sup>5</sup> and they lived in Monaghan Township York County Pennsylvania.

Alice died June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1887, resulting from the birth of a William M. Bentz who also died June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1887. She was laid to rest in the Bentz plot located in the Barrens Church Cemetery, Washington Township York County Pennsylvania.

Tobias and Alice Bentz had three children.

- i. Berta A. Bentz was born 1875 and died in 1878. <sup>6</sup>
- ii. Albert Earl Bentz (1878-19)
- iii. Gertrude V. Bentz was born In March 1881. She married Harry Burgard and lived in Monaghan Township York County Pennsylvania.
- iv. Laura V. Bentz was born September 1879 and married Joseph H. Smith April 24<sup>th</sup> 1898
- v. William M. Bentz was born and died June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1887

### Albert Roy Sollenberger (1857-1927)

Albert Roy Sollenberger was born May 21<sup>st</sup> 1857 in Carroll Township York County Pennsylvania to Cyrus Sollenberger and Martha Fortney. <sup>7</sup> Albert married Katherine Elizabeth Palmer in 1833. She was born February 14<sup>th</sup> 1865 in Springfield Clark County Ohio to James, Jr. Palmer and Mary Brick.

Catherine died August 16<sup>th</sup> 1902 in Springfield Clark County Ohio. Albert died July 28<sup>th</sup> 1927 in Akron Summit County Ohio. <sup>8</sup>

Albert and Catherine Sollenberger had the following children:

- i. Infant Sollenberger was born, and died, December 24<sup>th</sup> 1883 in Springfield Clark County Ohio.
- ii. Ralph James Sollenberger was born January 3<sup>rd</sup> 1884 in Clark County, Springfield, Ohio. Ralph died December 6<sup>th</sup> 1892 in Springfield Clark County Ohio
- iii. William Roy Sollenberger was born October 18<sup>th</sup> 1886 in Springfield Clark County Ohio.
- iv. Albert Cyrus Sollenberger Sr. was born April 29<sup>th</sup> 1890 in Springfield Clark County Ohio. He married Dorothy Grace Nicodemus. She was born June 19<sup>th</sup> 1902 in North Clayton Ohio to Jacob Benjamin Nicodemus and Clara Belle Richardson.
- v. Martha Mary Sollenberger was born June 24<sup>th</sup> 1894 Springfield Clark County Ohio
- vi. John H. Sollenberger was born January 1896.

### William Sollenberger (1859-1932)

William Sollenberger was born May 14<sup>th</sup> 1859 in Carroll Township York County Pennsylvania to Cyrus Sollenberger and Martha Fortney. William married Catherine Smith, who was born April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1865 in Akron Summit County Ohio. He died May 19<sup>th</sup> 1932 in Akron Summit County Ohio. She died August 5<sup>th</sup> 1948 in Akron Summit County Ohio.

### George Sollenberger (1862-1948)

George Sollenberger Sr.: was born July 14<sup>th</sup> 1862 to Cyrus Sollenberger and Martha Fortney. George married Sara J. Hershman in 1890. Sara was born February 13<sup>th</sup> 1873 in Cumberland County to John Hershman and Mary Ann Arbegast.

George died February 10<sup>th</sup> 1948 in Harrisburg Dauphin County Pennsylvania. Sara died April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1956 in Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. They had the following children:

- i Ruth Sollenberger was born 1890. She died 1890.
- ii Guy Sollenberger was born Sep 1891.
- iii Mary Sollenberger was born May 1893.
- iv Russell Edgar Sollenberger was born 13 Oct 1897 in Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. He died 29 Jan 1944 in Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. Russell married Virginia Louisa Williams. Virginia was born 22 May 1908 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.
- v Ira Sollenberger was born Mar 1898.
- vi George M., Jr. Sollenberger was born 31 Oct 1901. George married Kathryn M. Magaha.
- vii John M. Sollenberger was born 19 Jul 1904 in Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. John married Dorothy R. Reed. Dorothy was born 16 Oct 1906 in Lower Chanceford Township, York County, Pennsylvania.

### Maria F. Sollenberger (1867-1952)

Maria F. Sollenberger was born June 17<sup>th</sup> 1867 to Cyrus Sollenberger and Martha Fortney. She died October 19<sup>th</sup> 1952 of Broncho Pheumonia at age 84. Maria married 1<sup>st</sup> to John Jacob, and 2<sup>nd</sup> to Edwin M. Householder. <sup>9</sup>

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2. 1890 Cyrus Sollenberger Veterans Census: Dillsburg and Carroll, York, Pennsylvania; Roll: 81; Page: 2; Enumeration District: 234; Special Schedules of the Eleventh Census (1890) Enumerating Union Veterans and Widows of Union Veterans of the Civil War; (National Archives Microfilm Publication M123, 118 rolls); Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Record Group 15; National Archives, Washington, D.C.
3. Cyrus Sollenberger Veterans Burial Card: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission; Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Pennsylvania Veterans Burial Cards, 1929-1990; Archive Collection Number: Series 1-11; Folder Number: 467.
4. Cyrus Sollenberger Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934, Name: Cyrus Sollenberger, State Filed: Pennsylvania, Widow: Martha Sollenberger
5. 1870 Syrus Sullenberger Census: Carroll, York, Pennsylvania; Roll: M593\_1468; Page: 203A; Image: 20; Family History Library Film: 552967; 1870 United States Federal Census, Provo, UT, USA; Original data: 1870 U.S. census, population schedules. NARA microfilm publication M593, 1,761 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d. Minnesota census schedules for 1870. NARA microfilm publication T132, 13 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, n.d.

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<sup>1</sup> Cyrus Sollenberger Civil war: American Civil War Soldiers, Name: Cyrus Sollenberger, Enlistment Date: 07 September 1864, Side Served: Union, State Served: Pennsylvania, Service Record: Enlisted as a Private on 07 September 1864, Enlisted in Company I, 209th Infantry Regiment Pennsylvania on 07 September 1864, Mustered out Company I, 209th Infantry Regiment Pennsylvania on 31 May 1865 in Alexandria, VA , PA Civil War, Civil War History in York County, PA

<sup>2</sup> Cyrus, Lucy, and George Sollenberger Assault Charge: January 1879 York County Court Session, York County Archives, 150 Pleasant Acres Road, York, PA 17402

<sup>3</sup> The names Barbara exist in the 1860 census, but in the 1870 census, Alice lives with Christian.

<sup>4</sup> Alice Barbara Sollenberger Marriage to Tobias Bentz: Some researchers believe Tobias married Alice B. Sollenberger and a Barbara Sollenberger, but these names belong to the same person.

<sup>5</sup> Tobias Bentz: Michael Bentz (1830-1895) Taylor ~ Graham Families, Boog Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs PA, 17372

<sup>6</sup> Bertha A. Bentz Birth and Death: This information came from the Tobias Bentz family headstone located at the Barrens Lutheran Church and Cemetery, Warrington Township York County Pennsylvania.

<sup>7</sup> Albert R. Sollenberger Parents Names: File Number: fn 43571; GS Film Number: 1985114; Digital Folder Number: 004017665; Image Number: 02590; Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1953," index and images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal>):

<sup>8</sup> Albert R. Sollenberger Birth and Death Dates, and Information: File Number: fn 43571; GS Film Number: 1985114; Digital Folder Number: 004017665; Image Number: 02590; Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1953," index and images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal>).

<sup>9</sup> Maria F. Sollenberger Information: Section U-2, Lot 42, Grave 3, Harrisburg Cemetery Records, Historical Society of Dauphin County