

Margaret Owens (1814-1902)

Margaret Owens was born November 14th 1814 ⁱ to Redmond Owens and Christiana Arnold ¹ in Sugarloaf Township Luzerne County ⁱⁱ Pennsylvania. ²

Margaret married Harmon Sox on December 27th 1838 ⁱⁱⁱ in Wilkes-Barre City, Luzerne County. ³ Herman was born November 14th 1814 to Selig and Rosa Sox ^{iv} in Saxony (Sachsen District in Bundesrepublik Germany) Germany. ⁴ Harmon was also known as Henry.

- Selig and Rosa Sox had nine children: Hirtz, Myers, Harmon, Abram, Louis, Hirsch, Hannah, Rosa and Emma.
- Henry lived in Germany, and fulfilled the legal conditions which provide that German boys shall attend school a certain number of years and afterward learn a trade. He obtained knowledge of the business of a soap and candle manufacturer, and also worked on a farm.
- Henry immigrated to America in 1835, and went to Pennsylvania, where he lived three years. This is when he met and married Margaret Owens.

Shortly after Margaret and Henry married, they left Luzerne County Pennsylvania and went to St. Louis Missouri where their 1st child was born. A year later the family moved to Sterling Township in Whiteside County Illinois. ⁵ Henry worked as a farm laborer, and rented a farm, and after five years purchased the 240 acre farm he was renting in Sterling Township.

In 1858-1863 the Sox family lived on a farm in Sterling Illinois, near Margaret's sister, Elizabeth and Hezekiah Thomas. By 1883 the Sox family owned 160 acres, all of which were under cultivation, and the buildings on the place are valuable and add greatly to its general appearance. Henry was affiliated with the Republican Party. ⁶

ⁱ Margaret and Henry were reported being born on the same day, month.

ⁱⁱ One reference of Margaret's place of birth was identified as Somerset County Pennsylvania; Harriet Estelle Coe Illinois Death Certificate, Reference ID:25110, Illinois Department of Public Health, Division of Vital records, 925 East Ridgely Avenue, Springfield Illinois 62702-2737.

ⁱⁱⁱ The marriage dates vary according to the source. Based on the birth of their first child in 1840, they may have married in 1839, but the date of December 1838 is also repeated by the source.

^{iv} Selig and Rosa Sox never emigrated from Germany. They lived and died in Germany.

Henry died March 24th 1888, and left no will for his property. On March 30th 1888 Henry's wife Margaret, and their son Louis N. Sox, filed a Petition for Letters of Administration for Henry's estate. ⁷ Henry was laid to rest at the Riverside Cemetery in Sterling, Whiteside County, Illinois. FAG#: 52276685 ^v

Margaret died in 1902. In her will she left her entire estate and personal property to her son Louis N. Sox, and he was the executor for Margaret's will. ⁸ Margaret was laid to rest with her husband at the Sterling Riverside Cemetery.^{vi} FAG#: 52276686 ^{vii}

Henry and Margaret Sox's children's names and married last names came from the March 30th 1888 Petition for Letters of Administration for Henry's estate. ⁹

- i. Emily Sox (1841-1927). She married George S. Fry.
- ii. Jane Sox (1842-1931). She 1st married Mr. Shaffer, and by 1896 to Charles Allison.
- iii. Ella Sox was born in 1844 in Illinois. She married Mr. Wagner.
- iv. Edward Franklin Sox (1846-1928). He married Weltha Margaret Young.
- v. Mary Sox was born in 1848 in Illinois. She married Mr. Compton.
- vi. Henrietta Estelle Sox (1850-1940). She married Henry Coe.
- vii. Louis N. Sox (1854-1929). He married Attie.
- viii. Harmon E. Sox was born 1856 in Illinois.
- ix. Amanda V. Sox (1859-1930). She married D.H. Hunsecker

^v Find-A-Grave, FAG, is a web site for cemetery memorials managed by Ancestry, Find-A-Grave, 1300 West Traverse Parkway, Lehi, Utah, 84043.

^{vi} Her name on her headstone is spelled as Margrete at Riverside Cemetery, Sterling Whiteside County Illinois.

^{vii} Find-A-Grave, FAG, is a web site for cemetery memorials managed by Ancestry, Find-A-Grave, 1300 West Traverse Parkway, Lehi, Utah, 84043.

Emily Sox (1841-1927)

Emily Sox was born about 1841 to Harmon Sox and Margaret Owens in Missouri. She married George S. Fry. ¹⁰

Emily was 86 year old when she died March 20th 1927 in Choteau, Teton County Montana. ¹¹

Jane Sox (1842-1931)

Jane S. Sox was born April 4th 1842 to Harmon Sox and Margaret Owens in Sterling Whiteside County Illinois. ¹² Jane was known as Jennie. ¹³

Jennie 1st married Mr. Shaffer, ¹⁴ and on March 18th 1896 she married Charles Wesley Allison in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County Wisconsin. Charles was born to Fisher Allison and Jane G. Van Buskirk in Milledgeville, Carroll County Illinois. ¹⁵ Jennie and Charles lived in Milledgeville, Carroll County Illinois.

Jennie was 89 years old when she died June 18th 1931. She was laid to rest June 21st at the Riverside Cemetery in Sterling Whiteside County Illinois. ¹⁶

Edward Franklin Sox (1846-1928)

Edward Franklin Sox was born 1846 to Harmon Sox and Margaret Owens in Sterling Whiteside County Illinois. ¹⁷

Edward was 17 years old and single on July 1st 1863 when he enlisted in the Civil War. ¹⁸ He married Weltha Margaret Young, who was born in 1855.

Edward Franklin Sox Name, Death Date, and Place of Death: The information came from his Civil War Pension Index File, Certificate: 623, Roll Number: T288_445, General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934, T288, 546 rolls; National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Washington, DC 20408-0001.

Weltha died in 1921 and was laid to rest in Plot: 23 of the Riverside cemetery in Albany, Linn County Oregon. FAG#: 28918043 ^{viii}

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Edward F. Sox replaced the older gravestone in 1923 when he went back to Sterling and Wheaton to marry his Wheaton College sweetheart, Ella Gary, after his first wife, Weltha had died in 1921. (David Sox papers)

Edward died February 23rd 1928 in Portland Oregon. He was laid to rest with his wife in Plot: 23 of the Riverside Cemetery. FAG#: 28918044 ^{ix}

Edward and Weltha Sox's children include

- i. Carleton Edward Sox was born in 1874, and died in 1935.
- ii. Emma Rebella Sox was born March 1883 in Seattle Washington. ¹⁹ Emma was married to Mr. Newton, 50 years old, when she died January 25th 1934 in Sault Ste Marie, Chippewa, Michigan. ²⁰

Amanda V. Sox (1859-1930)

Minnie V. Sox was born in 1859 to Harmon Sox and Margaret Owens in Sterling Whiteside County Illinois. ²¹ She went by the name Minnie.

Minnie married D.H. Hunsecker, and they lived in Bellingham in Whatcom County Washington. Minnie was 71 years old when she died January 26th 1930. ²²

Harriet Estelle Sox (1850-1940)

Harriet Estelle Sox was born March 11th 1850 to Harmon Sox and Margaret Owens in Sterling Whiteside County Illinois. ²³ Harriet was also known as Hattie.

Hattie married Henry Miles Coe about 1874, and they lived in Dixon, Lee County Illinois. ²⁴

Harriet was 90 years old when she died June 3rd 1940. She was laid to rest June 5th at the Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon, Lee County Illinois. ²⁵ FAG#: 127233964

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In the 1900 census she indicated she'd had 6 children; 5 still living:

- i. Olive C. Coe was born December 1874 in Illinois. She married Mr. Cupp.
- ii. Frederick Coe was born in April 1879 in Nebraska.
- iii. Marguerite Coe was born in September 1881 in Nebraska.
- iv. Harry H. Coe was born in July 1887 in Illinois.
- v. Edward James Coe (1891-1962)

Louis N. Sox (1854-1929)

Louis N. Sox was born February 4th 1854 to Harmon Sox and Margaret Owens in Sterling Whiteside County Illinois. ²⁶ (Look for Louis Sox biography)

Louis married Attie, and they lived at 809 2nd Avenue Sterling, Whiteside County Illinois. ²⁷

Louis was 75 years old when he died July 15th 1929. He was laid to rest July 18th in Riverside Mausoleum, located at NW E 40, Sterling Illinois. ²⁸ FAG#: 124795707

Louis and Attie Sox's children include

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³ Margaret Owens Marriage to Henry Sox: The marriage came from the 1883 biography of Herman Sox, Page 785, Portrait and Biographical Album of Whiteside County, Illinois, containing Full-page Portraits and Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens of the County, Together with Portraits and Biographies of all the Governors of Illinois and of the Presidents of the United States, also Containing a History of the County, from its Earliest Settlement to the Present Time, Chicago: Chapman Brothers, 1883, Illinois State Historical Society, 521 E Washington St, Springfield, Illinois 62701.

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¹⁰ Emily Sox Name, Birth Year, Parent's Names, and Husband's Name: The information came from her Montana Death Certificate #: 43364, Vital Records, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, P.O. Box 4210, Helena Montana 59604.

¹¹ Emily Fry Name, Husband's Name, Residence, and Death Date: The information came from her Montana Death Certificate #: 43364, Vital Records, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, P.O. Box 4210, Helena Montana 59604.

¹² Jennie S. Sox Name, Birth Date, and parent's Names: The information came from her Illinois Death Certificate, Illinois Department of Public Health, Division of Vital records, 925 East Ridgely Avenue, Springfield Illinois 62702-2737.

¹³ Jennie Sox Name and Parent's Names: The information came from her Marriage Application, Marriages, Page: 256 Reference #: 670, County Clerk and Recorder, Carroll County Circuit Clerk, 301 North Main, P.O. Box 32, Mt. Carroll, Illinois 61053.

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