Redmond Owens (1792-1863)

Luzerne County Pennsylvania

Redmond and Christiana Owens are the parents of Elizabeth Owens, who married Hezekiah Thomas (1825-1862), and they are my wife's maternal GGG Grandparents.

Redmond Owens (1792-1863)

Redmond Owens was born about 1792 in Pennsylvania. He married Christiana Arnold ¹ about 1815. Christina was born about 1795 in Pennsylvania. ⁱ

• There is a "Redmond Ovins", who would have been 19 to 22 years old that mustered in as a Private into a detachment of the 35th Regiment Pennsylvania Militia under Capt. Peter Hallock about June 12th 1814 in Huntington Township ⁱⁱ Luzerne County Pennsylvania. The regiment marched to Baltimore in response to a threatened attack by the British. After the attack was averted, the regiment marched back and was discharge on about 24 Nov 1814 near Danville ⁱⁱⁱ in Montour County, Pennsylvania. ²

In 1820 Redmond and his young family lived in the Sugarloaf Township Luzerne County Pennsylvania. By this time the family included one boy and two girls. Also living with them were a man and female who were both born 1795-1804.

By 1830 the family had moved North of Sugarloaf to Hanover Township, Luzerne County. Their family grew to include another boy and girl. The older male and female born 1776-1794 are not with the family. In 1840 the family had moved west to Newport Township, which is on the western border of Hanover Township in Luzerne County.

By 1850 Redmond and Christiana were back living in Hanover Township. Living with them was a Redmond Jr., ^{iv} who in 1860 still lived with the family as Redmond Line. ³ They all were living next door to Redmond's and Christiana's son Edward Owens, and his wife Mary and their children, George, and Mary L.

Also living next door was Redmond's and Christiana's daughter, Mary, and her husband George Carey, and their son George Jr. Also living with the Carey family were Hezekiah and Elizabeth A. Thomas, and John Owens. Elizabeth and John were also children of Redmond and Christiana.

ⁱ The 1850-1870 census records are not consistent with the ages of Cristiana and Redmond.

ii There is also a Huntington Township in Adams County Pennsylvania.

ⁱⁱⁱ Danville is about 32 miles west of Sugarloaf Township in Luzerne County Pennsylvania, which is where Redmond lived in 1920.

iv Redmond Owens Jr. is not an Owens, but a Line. It is unclear if the Owens-Line families are related.

In 1860 Redmond and Christiana Owens moved south of Hanover Township to the Wilkes-Barre post office area of Wright Township Luzerne County. VRedmond's age suggest his birth date is about 1792 and Christiana's age suggest he birth date is about 1795. Living with them is Redmond Line who was born about 1840.

Redmond died 1860-1870, and was most likely laid to rest in either the Wilkes-Barre or Mount Top areas of Wright Township Luzern County.

By 1870, 81 year old Christiana was living with their daughter Elizabeth Thomas and her daughters in the Mountain Top post office area of Wright Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. Living next door are Elizabeth's brother-in-law and sister, George and Mary Carey. Also living in Mountain Top was Christiana's son, Edward.

Christiana died sometime after 1880, and was also was most likely laid to rest in either the Wilkes-Barre or Mount Top areas of Wright Township Luzern County.

Redmond and Christiana Owens children; seven children were identified in 1883, vi and the names of Christiana and Hattie require more work. ⁴ The 1820-1840 census records were also used to determine birth date ranges.

- i. Margaret Owens (1814-1902). She married Henry Sox. ⁵
- ii. Unknown Male Owens born 1816-1820. He lived with the family 1820-1840. His exact identity and location after 1840 is being researched. He may not be an Owens child.
- iii. Mary Owens was born in 1818. She married George Carey. ⁶
- iv. Unknown Female Owens was born 1825-1830; Christiana or Hattie
- v. Edward Owens (1825-). He married Mary Carey. ⁷
- vi. John Owens was born 1826-1830.
- vii. Elizabeth Ann Owens (1832-). She married Hezekiah Thomas (1825-1862). 8
- viii. Unknown Female Owens was born 1831-1835; Christiana or Hattie

^v Wright Township is south of Newport and Hanover Townships of Luzerne County Pennsylvania.

vi The 1883 names may, or may not, include children that died prior to 1883.

Margaret Owens (1814-1902)

Margaret Owens was born November 14th 1814 $^{\rm vii}$ to Redmond Owens and Christiana Arnold in Sugarloaf Township Luzerne County $^{\rm viii}$ Pennsylvania. 9

Margaret married Harmon Sox on December 27th 1838 ^{ix} in Wilkes-Barre City, Luzerne County. ¹⁰ Herman was born November 14th 1814 to Selig and Rosa Sox ^x in Saxony (Sachsen District in Bundesrepublik Germany) Germany. ¹¹ 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. ¹² 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. ¹³

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

viii 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.

ix 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.

^x Selig and Rosa Sox never emigrated from Germany. The y 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. ¹⁴ Henry was laid to rest at the Riverside Cemetery in Sterling, Whiteside County, Illinois. FAG#: 52276685 xi

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. ¹⁵ Margaret was laid to rest with her husband at the Sterling Riverside Cemetery. ^{xii} FAG#: 52276686 ^{xiii}

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. ¹⁶

- 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.

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

xii Her name on her headstone is spelled as Margrete at Riverside Cemetery, Sterling Whiteside County Illinois.

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Emily Sox (1841-1927)

Emily Sox was born about 1841 to Harmon Sox and Margaret Owens in Missouri. She married George S. Fry. ¹⁷

Emily was 86 year old when she died March 20th 1927 in Choteau, Teton County Montana. ¹⁸

Jane Sox (1842-1931)

Jane S. Sox was born April 4th 1842 to Harmon Sox and Margaret Owens in Sterling Whiteside County Illinois. ¹⁹ Jane was known as Jennie. ²⁰

Jennie 1st married Mr. Shaffer, ²¹ 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. ²² 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. ²³

Edward Franklin Sox (1846-1928)

Edward Franklin Sox was born January 28^{th} 1846 to Harmon Sox and Margaret Owens in Sterling Whiteside County Illinois. 24

Edward was 17 years old and single on July 1st 1863 when he enlisted in the Civil War. ²⁵ He married Weltha Margaret Young, who was born in 1855.

Weltha died in 1921 and was laid to rest in Plot: 23 of the Riverside cemetery in Albany, Linn County Oregon. FAG#: 28918042

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 23^{rd} 1928 in Portland Oregon. He was laid to rest with his wife in Plot: 23 of the Riverside Cemetery. ²⁶ FAG#: 28918043 xiv

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. ²⁷ Emma was married to Mr. Newton, 50 years old, when she died January 25th 1934 in Sault Ste Marie, Chippewa, Michigan. ²⁸

Amanda V. Sox (1859-1930)

Minnie V. Sox was born in 1859 to Harmon Sox and Margaret Owens in Sterling Whiteside County Illinois. ²⁹ She went by the name Minnie.

Minnie married D.H. Hunsecker, and they lived in Bellingham, Whatcom County Washington. Minnie was 71 years old when she died January 26th 1930. ³⁰

Harriet Estelle Sox (1850-1940)

Harriet Estelle Sox was born March 11th 1850 to Harmon Sox and Margaret Owens in Sterling Whiteside County Illinois. ³¹ Harriet was also known as Hattie.

Hattie married Henry Miles Coe about 1874, and they lived in Dixon, Lee County Illinois. ³²

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. ³³ FAG#: 127233964

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)

xiv Find-A-Grave, FAG, is a web site for cemetery memorials, http://www.findagrave.com

Louis N. Sox (1854-1929)

Louis N. Sox was born February 4th 1854 to Harmon Sox and Margaret Owens in Sterling Whiteside County Illinois. ³⁴ (Look for Louis Sox biography)

Louis married Attie, and they lived at 809 2nd Avenue Sterling, Whiteside County Illinois. 35

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. ³⁶ FAG#: 124795707

Louis and Attie Sox's children include:

Mary Owens (1818-)

Mary Owens was born in 1818 to Redmond Owens and Christiana Arnold in Sugarloaf or Hanover Township areas of Luzerne County Pennsylvania.

Mary married George Carey about 1846. George was born in 1822, and worked as a laborer in various trades and agriculture.

In 1850 George, Mary, and their son George Jr. where living next door to Redmond and Christiana Owens in Hanover Township Luzerne County Pennsylvania. Living with the Carey family were Hezekiah Thomas and Mary's Sister Elizabeth A. Thomas, and brother John Owens.

On August 27th 1864 George provided an affidavit for Elizabeth Ann Thomas's Civil War pension claim. In George's affidavit, he described the circumstances and details surrounding the marriage between Elizabeth Owens and her husband Hezekiah Thomas.

 Hezekiah Thomas and Elizabeth Ann Owens were married December 25th 1850 by Gilbert Borrows, Esquire, Justice-of-the-Peace at the Exchange Hotel in Wilkes-Barre, Wright Township Luzerne County Pennsylvania. At the wedding were John Owen and George Carey, who in 1863 both lived in the Post Office area of Alberts, Wrights Township Luzerne County Pennsylvania.

On July 23rd 1867 Mary Carey provided an affidavit for Elizabeth Ann Thomas's Civil War pension claim. In the affidavit, Mary explained she was present at the birth of two children born to Elizabeth Ann Thomas; Mary Margaret Thomas and Christie Ann Thomas. Mary made her mark for her signature. Then on September 18th 1867 Mary made another affidavit attesting to

"...that she was present at the birth of Mary Margaret Thomas, February 13th 1852, and that the said Mary Margaret is still living, and at present lives in Wright Luzerne County Penna..." ³⁸

By 1870 George and Mary Carey were living with Redman (Redmond) Carey (b. 1864), a servant girl, Callie Carey (b. 1853), and Reuben Mullen (b. 1838) in the Mount Top post office area of Wright Township in Luzerne County Pennsylvania. Living next door was Mary's sister, Elizabeth, and her family.

In 1880 George and Mary were still living in Wright Township. About four homes away where Mary's sister, Elizabeth's family, and in another home was Elizabeth's son Daniel and his family.

• In 1880, Elizabeth is still living in Wright Township, along with her two daughters, Melissa and Christiana. Also living with them is Elizabeth's grandson, Samuel Cleary, who is the son of Elizabeth's daughter Christiana, and Redmond Thomas. ** Redmond is most likely Redmond Carey who, in 1870, lived with his parent Mary and George Carey; Elizabeth's sister, Mary Carey.

Mary and George Carey's children include:

- i. George Carey Jr. was born 1848
- ii. Callie was born in 1853.
- iii. Redmond was born in 1864.

John Owens (1826-)

John Owens was born in 1826 to Redmond Owens and Christiana Arnold in Sugarloaf or Hanover Township areas of Luzerne County Pennsylvania. ³⁹

John lived with his parents, and in 1850 he lived with his sister Mary Carey and her husband George, along with his other sister, Elizabeth Thomas, and her husband Hezekiah. ⁴⁰

We cannot locate John after 1850. He could be the John Owens who died on 30 Jan 1862 and is buried in the Albert Cemetery at Mountain Top, Luzerne County. His tombstone is too worn to discern a birth date or his longevity; it needs to be examined in person to be sure.

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- ³³ Harriet Estelle Coe Name, Death Date and Burial: The information came from her Illinois Death Certificate, Reference ID: 25110, Illinois Department of Public Health, Division of Vital records, 925 East Ridgely Avenue, Springfield Illinois 62702-2737.
- ³⁴ Louis N. Sox Name, Birth Date, Place of Birth, and Parent's Names: The information came from his Illinois Death Certificate, Reference ID: 25110, Illinois Department of Public Health, Division of Vital records, 925 East Ridgely Avenue, Springfield Illinois 62702-2737.
- ³⁵ Louis N. Sox Wife's Name and Residence: The information came from his Illinois Death Certificate, Reference ID: 25110, Illinois Department of Public Health, Division of Vital records, 925 East Ridgely Avenue, Springfield Illinois 62702-2737.
- ³⁶ Louis N. Sox Death Date and Burial: The information came from his Illinois Death Certificate, Reference ID: 25110, Illinois Department of Public Health, Division of Vital records, 925 East Ridgely Avenue, Springfield Illinois 62702-2737.
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³⁸ Mary Carey at the Birth of Two of Elizabeth Thomas's Children: The information came from Mary's affidavit contained in the Hezekiah Thomas Civil War Pension File: Application Claim Number 10222, and Certificate #: 30229, National Archives at College Park, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001.

³⁹ John Owens Name and Parent's Names: 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.

⁴⁰ Hezekiah Thomas (1825-1862) Research Paper: Taylor-Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs, Pennsylvania, 17372.