

John Coop Ledger: Birth Records, 1791–1836

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The John Coop Ledger, 1791–1836, contains birth records from the Coop, Johnson, and Hunsucker families. The ledger itself includes transactions, drawings, notes, and handwritten birthdates scattered throughout. It is attributed to John Coop, who was from Pennsylvania and of German descent. He moved to East Tennessee, where his daughter, Elizabeth Coop, married David E. Weddell. The Weddells moved to Jackson County, Indiana, in 1821, just before the birth of their first son Claiborn Weddell.¹

The Coop and Hunsucker families were related through Elizabeth’s sister, Cloah/Chloe Coop, who also moved to Jackson County in 1839 with her husband Thomas Hunsucker. Three of their nine children are listed below. The rest of the Coop family are likely Elizabeth and Cloah’s siblings or close family members. Unlike the Hunsucker family, there is no indication in the ledger of who their parents were, and most of the names cannot definitively be traced to birth records. There is not an obvious link between the Johnson Family and the Coop or Hunsucker families, though the birth dates are close to those of the Coop family. If they are related like the Hunsuckers—through marriage—it is possible that they lived in Hawkins County, Tennessee, where Cloah was born. It is also possible they are not related at all.²

The birth records below have been sorted into their respective families. These records include the names of the children, the date they were born, in some cases the hour they were born, and their parents. Many of the names were written more than once but have been condensed if the information matched. The names are found scattered throughout the ledger in no particular order, so it is unclear when they were written down.³

Notes

1. John Coop Ledger, 1791–1836, SC 2232, Indiana Historical Society, Indianapolis; *Biographical Record of Bartholomew and Jackson Counties, Indiana* (Indianapolis: B. F. Bowen, 1904), 596–97; Elizabeth Coop, U.S. and International Marriage Records, 1560–1900, 7743.000, Ancestry.

2. *Biographical Record of Bartholomew and Jackson Counties*, 680–82; “Obituary—Mrs. Cloah Hunsucker,” *Jackson County Banner* (Brownstown, Indiana), March 5, 1885, Newspapers.com, Ancestry and Find a Grave; John Coop Ledger; John Hunsucker, 1850 United States Federal Census, National Archives, Washington D.C.; Records of the Bureau of the Census; Record Group Number: 29; Series Number: M432; Residence Date: 1850; Home in 1850: Driftwood, Jackson, Indiana; Roll: 152; Page: 180a, Ancestry.
3. John Coop Ledger.

Birth Records from the John Coop Ledger

*Indicates names that appear more than once in the ledger

Johnson Family

Name	Date	Time	Notes
Alah Johnson	13 February, 1810		Sun [<i>sic</i>] of Jacob Johnson
Alah Johnson	3 November, 1791		
Chasia Johnson	18 September, 1793		
Sarah Johnson	30 August, 1795		
Lewis Johnson	13 January, 1798		
Randolph Johnson	9 November, 1800		
Elizabeth Johnson	1803		
[Thomas Johnson]	14 May, 1808		

Coop Family

*Nancy Coop	28 February, 1802	8 in the morning	
*John Coop (Jr.)	19 May, 1805	7 in the morning	
*[Eaizabeth/Alazabeth]	30 November, 1793	2 in the morning	
*Alah Coop	14 February, 1796	1 in the morning	
*Caty Coop	4 March, 1798		
*Sarah Coop	1 March, 1800		
*Cloah Coop	10 November, 1807	9 in the afternoon	
*Martha Coop	2 April, 1810	8 in the morning	
*David Coop	17 December, 1813	2 in the morning	
Clinton Coop	8 March, 1814	6 in the afternoon	
[Allah Coop]	18[---]		
[M]ary Coop	1 March, 1800		
[Roly] Coop	6 May, 1816	12 in the afternoon	
Nancy Coop	16 November, 1814	4 in the afternoon	

Hunsucker Family

John Hunsuckre	9 June, 1830		Son of Thomas Hunsucker
Sally Ann Hunsucker	11 May, 1832	8 in the morning	Daughter of Thomas
Charnerl Johnson Hunsucker	14 March, 1834		