

Records for Indiana Descendants of Peter Ruffner, Part 2

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“The Descendants of Henry Ruffner through Daughter Eliza (Ruffner) Clouse and Granddaughter Phoebe Turner ‘Eliza’ (Clouse) Demoret”

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Phoebe Turner ‘Eliza’⁵ Clouse, (Eliza⁴ Ruffner, Henry³, Reuben², Peter¹) was born 17 Jun 1845, and married **Bartholomew ‘Bud’ Demoret**, on 5 Dec 1867 in Fountain County, Indiana. Bud was born 15 Oct 1832 in Butler County, Ohio, son of Samuel B. Demoret and Rebecca Bolser (or Baltzer). Bud was also married to Mary Ann Whitenack. Phoebe was always careful to include her middle initial “T.”

Phoebe's children were all born in Montgomery County, Indiana, before the family moved to Franklin County, Kansas 5 Jan 1883:

+ Sidney Delore ⁶ Demoret	b. 30 Oct 1868	d. 29 Jan 1917 (48y)
+ Androam Demoret	b. 25 Aug 1870	d. 3 Aug 1962 (91y)
+ Casada Demoret	b. 26 Oct 1872	d. 9 Jun 1953 (80y)
Flora Demoret	b./d. 3 Nov 1874	
+ Issalona Demoret	b. 22 Oct 1875	d. 28 Aug 1957 (81y)
+ Claude Demoret	b. 20 Sep 1879	d. 1 May 1960 (80y)
+ Gladi Olus 'Glidy' Demoret	b. 8 Mar 1882	d. 21 Jun 1964 (82y)
Amos Demoret	b./d. 11 May 1884	
Elane Demoret	b./d. 15 Jul 1887	

“The Descendants of Henry Ruffner through Daughter Mary ‘Polly’ (Ruffner) Liter and Granddaughter Roseanna (Liter) Watson

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Roseanna⁵ Liter was born in 1842, and married **Marion Watson** 28 Jul 1870. Marion was born in 1833 in Indiana.

Children:

+ Samuel Henry ‘S. H.’ ⁶ Watson	b. 14 Sep 1871 or 1872	d. 12 Oct 1959
+ Maurice (Norris?) Watson	b. 1874	
Olla C. Watson	b. 1878 (twin)	
Orlando C. Watson	b. 1878 (twin)	
Milton Watson	b. Apr 1880	

Roseanna died in 1922 and was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Union Township, Montgomery County, Indiana. Marion died in 1918 and was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Union Township, Montgomery County, Indiana.

Samuel Henry 'S. H.'⁶ **Watson** was born in Alamo, Indiana, and married **Lettie May Servies** 4 Sep 1898. Lettie was born in New Market, Indiana.

Child:

Herman (Hiram) Darwin⁷ Watson b./d. ~ 1907

Lettie died in 1907 also.

Samuel married **Charlotte Mary Venis** 24 Apr 1910. Charlotte was from Colfax, Indiana. Samuel was a high school principal there.

Children:

Maurice Marion⁷ Watson

Samuel David Watson

Mary Louise Watson

Laura Mae Watson

Samuel died 12 Oct 1959 in Crawfordsville, Indiana and was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Maurice (Norris?)⁶ **Watson** born in Indiana and married **Bessie Zuck**.

Child:

+ Ralph Arnold⁷ Watson

Ralph Arnold⁷ **Watson** married **Nancy Pearl Furr**, daughter of John Furr and Leta Jane Myers. Ralph was a minister and a farmer.

(living descendants)

“The Descendants of Henry Ruffner through Daughter Mary ‘Polly’ (Ruffner) Liter and Grandson Mathias E. Liter

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Mathias E.⁵ Liter, (Mary ‘Polly’⁴ Ruffner, Henry³, Reuben², Peter¹) was born 20 Apr 1844 in Indiana, and married **Angeline Campbell** 21 Jan 1869. Angeline was born 18 May 1843, daughter of John B. and Sarah Woodruff Campbell. John enlisted 23 May 1864 in Co. F, 135th IN Regiment in the Civil War.

Children:

+ Bertha Florence ⁶ Liter	b. 1870	d. 1960
+ John H. Liter	b. 29 Dec 1873	d. 17 Jun 1942
B. Liter	b. ~ 1875	d. 2 Jun 1878

Mathias died 2 May 1911 in Crawfordsville, Indiana. Angelina died 31 Dec 1915. Both were buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Union Township, Montgomery County, Indiana.

“The Descendants of Henry Ruffner through Daughter Mary ‘Polly’ (Ruffner) Liter and Great-Granddaughter Bertha Florence (Liter) Thomas

Bertha Florence⁶ Liter, (Mathias E.⁵, Mary ‘Polly’⁴ Ruffner, Henry³, Reuben², Peter¹) was born in 1870 and married **Richard Davidson Thomas** 1 Sep 1886 in Montgomery County, Indiana. Richard was born in 1865, son of Levi Thomas and Elizabeth Davidson.

Child:

+ Levi ⁷ Thomas	b. 27 May 1891	d. 13 Jul 1936
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Richard died in 1949. Bertha died in 1960. Both were buried in New Richmond Cemetery, New Richmond, Indiana.

Levi⁷ Thomas married **Nancy Mae Mason** 12 Dec 1911 in Montgomery County, Indiana.
Nancy was born 30 Nov 1888.

Children:

+ Richard C. Thomas b. 21 Nov 1913 d. 7 Jul 1997
 Pearle Frances⁸ Thomas

Levi died 13 Jul 1936. Nancy died 25 Sep 1982. Both were buried in New Richmond Cemetery.

Richard C.⁸ Thomas was married [to] Carol Frances Thomas deceased
(other living siblings and descendants)

Richard died 7 Jul 1997 and was buried in New Richmond Cemetery.

**“The Descendants of Henry Ruffner through Daughter Mary ‘Polly’ (Ruffner) Liter and
Grandson Mathias E. Liter**

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John H.⁶ Liter, (Mathias E.⁵, Mary ‘Polly’⁴ Ruffner, Henry³, Reuben², Peter¹) was born 29 Dec 1873, and married **Blanche Flannagan** 13 Mar 1899. Blanche was born in Oct 1877.

Child:

Marie⁷ Liter b. 1899

John died 17 Jun 1942 and Blanche died 24 Nov 1962. Both are buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Union Township, Montgomery County, Indiana.

“The Descendants of Henry Ruffner through Son Andrew M. Ruffner”

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Andrew M.⁴ Ruffner (Henry³, Reuben², Peter¹) was born 24 Sep 1816 in Kentucky, and married **Catherine Smith** 8 Mar 1841. Catherine was born in Nov 1821 in Tennessee, daughter of Benjamin Smith and Elizabeth Bowman.

Children:

+ Mary E. (L.) ⁵ Ruffner	b. ~ 1843	
+ Susan Ellen Ruffner	b. ~ 1845	
+ Elizabeth D. Ruffner	b. ~ 1849	
+ America Ruffner	b. ~ 1851	
+ Franklin Pierce Ruffner	b. 5 Sep 1852	d. 2 Mar 1929
+ Sarah K. Ruffner	b. ~ 1855	
+ Sylvania M. Ruffner	b. ~ 1857	
+ Roseanne Ruffner	b. 1859	
+ Pauline F. Ruffner	b. ~ 1861	
Joseph Ruffner	b. before 1870	

Andrew and Catherine are not together in the 1870 census. In 1880, Andrew is listed as a single laborer. Catherine, at 69, has with her Sarah, 24, and Paulina, 19, and a brother Richard who is a farm hand. Andrew died 2 Aug 1887 and was buried in Old Indian Creek Cemetery, Montgomery County, Indiana. Catherine died 15 Aug 1902 and was also buried there.

Mary E. (L.)⁵ Ruffner married **Harrison Wilson** 30 Aug 1871.

Susan Ellen⁵ Ruffner married **James E. Hutton** 28 Oct 1866. James was born 26 Oct 1866. In 1880, they lived in Parke County, Indiana.

Children:

Frances J. Hutton	b. 1864
John R. Hutton	b. 1868
Mary E. Hutton	b. 1876

James died in 1917.

Elizabeth D.⁵ Ruffner married **Eli Vickers** 28 Sep 1863. She also married **William F. Hampton**. Elizabeth died Oct 1881.

America⁵ Ruffner married **Paschall Wilkinson** 1 Sep 1869 in Montgomery County, Indiana.