

Records for Indiana Descendants of Peter Ruffner

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“The Descendants of Barbara (Ruffner) Lyter”

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Louisa Marie⁶ Onderdonk married **James Andrew Means**. James was a traveling salesman. Louisa died 23 Sep 1943. James was buried in Vev[a]y, Indiana.

“The Descendants of Henry Ruffner”

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Henry³ Ruffner (Reuben², Peter¹) was born 5 Jun 1781 in Virginia, and 13 Sep 1806, married **Elizabeth ‘Betsy’ Sidner** in Bourbon County, Kentucky. Betsy was born 15 Jun 1786 in Maryland, daughter of Martin Sidnor (Jr) and Margaret Eddleman.

Henry and Betsy moved to Montgomery County, where some remnants of her family now reside. His fine brick home is adjacent to the present Crawfordsville High School. The Lincoln County, Kentucky, census for 1810 shows Henry and his wife with two daughters under ten. Nothing further is known at this time.

Children (born in Montgomer[y] County, Indiana):

+ Eliza ⁴ Ruffner	b. 9 Aug 1808	d. 13 Mar 1886	(77y)	p. 51
+ Mary ‘Polly’ Ruffner	b. 1 May 1809	d. 1 Feb 1888 [sic]	(78y)	p. 70
+ Celina Ruffner	b. 1812			p. 78
+ Martin Ruffner	b. 18 Jan 1814	d. 6 Jul 1848	(34y)	p. 79
+ Andrew M. Ruffner	b. 24 Sep 1816	d. 2 Aug 1887	(70y)	p. 96
+ Margaret Ann Ruffner	b. 30 Oct 1818	d. 22 Feb 1894	(75y)	p. 107

Betsy died 17 Aug 1847 in Montgomery County, Indiana and was buried [in] the Sidener Cemetery there.

Henry then married Eliza Holland 25 Sep 1854 in Montgomery County, Indiana. Henry (81y) died 2 Feb 1863 and was buried with Betsy.

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Martin Seidner was the third of Christople Seidner’s four sons, born in 1733 and applying for permission to go to the New World when he was twenty-one years old. While Martin was born in Strassburg, his brothers Michael and Philip are thought to have been born in Austria, before the family moved during the Thirty Years War to the neutral city where Martin was born.

He and his wife, Margaret Mira Schotte, moved immediately to Lancaster County’s fertile land where they lived for nine years. We do not know exactly when or where they were married, other than they were married in the Old Country, and they had fourteen children together. Christopher was born 25 November 1754, so the parents were likely married in Germany sometime late in 1753 or early 1754. . . .

Three years after he purchased his Kentucky farm, Martin died there at the age of seventy-three, leaving an estate of some \$10,000. His will remembered each of his fourteen children, all of whom survived him. His wife died there a decade later, in 1816. This is their family. Their children attended the parochial school of Zion Reformed Church in Hagerstown, MD.

1. Christopher ‘Chris,’ b. in PA 25 November 1754, m. about 1782 Catherine ---, d. Columbiana, OH 3 November 1825. Had 7 chil., 4 s.
2. Conro(a)d, b. Lancaster co., PA 24 April 1756, m. 1784 1) Janette Rice, b. Washington co., MD 10 May 1763, d. 1795 Berkeley co., VA, had 4 chil. M. about 1796 2) Jeanette (Jane) Ewing, b. Berkeley co., VA 10 May 1773, had 6 chil., d. Montgomery co., IN 26 April 1852,⁶ bur. Masonic cem. there. He d. 25 September 1824 in Fayette co., KY. Bur. Old Union cem., 11 mi. N. Lexington, KY.

Infant b/d 1786.

Infant b/d 1788.

John, b. 1790, d. before 1806.

Margaret 'Peggy,' b. 9 February 1793, m. Fayette co., KY 21 March 1816 John F. Jones. purch. original entry land in Montgomery co., IN in 1829. Settled in Iowa, had large fam., d. after May 1864, apparently at Adel, Dallas co., IA.

Hannah E., b. KY 1797, n.m., d. 18 March 1881, Montgomery co., IN.

Martin O., b. 16 November 1799. m. KY 9 November 1826 Martha Points, b. 1799, had 9/10 chil. and d. 5 February 1881. His will prob. 22 March 1864, Montgomery co., IN.

William May, b. 29 May 1803/5. m. 1 September 1839 Nancy Fisher, d. Montgomery co., IN. d. 1862, will prob. 8 October 1864, named bro. James B. executer. No chil.

James Bartholomew, b. 15 September 1807/8, m. Fayette co., KY 26 November 1830 Elizabeth Smith, b. 27 May 1808, d/o David and Lucy Rice Smith. Had 9 chil., d. 19 September 1873. Settled in Montgomery co., IN. in 1835.⁷ A charter member of Montgomery Lodge #50 F & AM, he d. Montgomery co., IN 30 July 1875. bur. Masonic cem.

Ewing, b. 25 April 1814, d. 30 May 1814.

Janette E. A., b. 10 October 1818, d. 31 August 1822.

3. Philip, b. Lancaster co., PA 18 September 1757, m. 2 October 1791 Berkeley co., VA, Mary Banner/Bonner, had at least 5 chil., d. 14 July 1826, Madison co., OH. Settled Madison co. in 1802 on the Scioto river, 4 mi. below Franklinton. Built and operated a distillery, had some annoyance from Indians. Had an unusual sickness, recuperated, faced an Indian uprising and returned to KY. Once it was settled, he returned to OH and built a cabin on Upper Glade Creek 4 mi. south of West Jefferson, OH. In 1810–11 a stockade was constructed because of Indian attacks, which ended with the 2nd battle of Tippecanoe in 1811. In 1824, built a 9 rm. mansion of solid oak frame with 1" thick black walnut siding, slate roof and large brick fireplace.

"The Descendants of Henry Ruffner through Daughter Eliza (Ruffner) Clouse"

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Eliza⁴ Ruffner (Henry³, Reuben², Peter¹) was born 9 Aug 1808, and 22 Mar 1834, married **George W. Clouse** who was born about 16 May 1801 in Garrard County, Kentucky. Land parcels they held in Montgomery County, Indiana are described:

The eighty acres bought in 1829 (east half of the southwest quarter of Section 17, Township 17 N Range 5 W) was sold to John Lacey for \$300 on 9 Oct 1834 [about three miles northeast of Waveland IN, on USGS 1:24k quad map Alamo IN].

Eliza purchased eighty acres from her father 12 Jun 1848 (west half of the southwest quarter of Section 20, Township 18 N Range 6 W) for \$130 [one mile

due east of Wallace, IN, straddling USGS 1:24k quad maps Alamo IN and Wallace IN].

Children:

+ Elizabeth ⁵ Clouse	b.~ 1830	
+ Margaret J. Clouse	b. 1835	
+ Andrew James Clouse	b. 18 Jun 1837	d. 29 Jun 1908
+ Henry Samuel Clouse	b. 29 Nov 1839	d. 12 Feb 1903
+ Mary M. Clouse	b. 1842	d. ~ 2 Jan 1871
+ Selina Catherine Clouse	b. 1843	d. 18 Apr 1874
+ Phoebe Turner Eliza Clouse	b. 17 Jun 1845	d. 8 Nov 1923
+ Sarah L. Clouse	b. 13 App [Apr?] 1849	d. 22 Feb 1911

George died 1 Sep 1850. Eliza died 13 Mar 1886 and was buried in Sidener Cemetery, Montgomery County, Indiana.

Elizabeth⁵ Clouse married **Nelson Graham** 4 Nov 1847 in Montgomery County, Indiana. There were Grahams near the Clouses in Kentucky who might have made the move to Indiana about the same time as the Clouses.

Margaret J.⁵ Clouse married **John Gwinup** 15 Jul 1856. They perhaps moved south?

“The Descendants of Henry Ruffner through Daughter Eliza (Ruffner) Clouse and Grandson Andrew James Clouse”

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Andrew James⁵ Clouse (Eliza⁴ Ruffner, Henry³, Reuben², Peter¹) was born 18 Jun 1837, and served in the Civil War as a private in Company I, 2nd Illinois Cavalry Regiment thru 13 Sep 1864. He married **Eliza Jane Pickett** 11 Jan 1866. Eliza was born in 1842 in Ohio, daughter of John Pickett and Susan Bell.

Children (all born in Fountain County, Indiana):

+ Sarah Jane ⁶ Clouse	b. 16 Jan 1868	d. 25 Oct 1938 (70y)
+ Susan Alice Clouse	b. 12 Sep 1877	d. 1948 (~70y)
+ Travis Berton ‘Bert’ Clouse	b. 19 Dec 1879	d. 26 Mar 1951 (71y)
+ Joseph W. Clouse	b. 5 Apr 1881	d. 1962 (~81y)
+ Jesse Franklin Clouse	b. 2 Dec 1883 or 1884	d. 9 Feb 1956 (~72y)
+ Emmitt E. Clouse	b. 3 May 1887	d. 1965 (~78y)

Andrew died 29 Jun 1908 (71y) and Eliza died 1 Feb 1922 (~80y). Both are buried in Alamo Cemetery, Ripley Township, Montgomery County, Indiana. His tombstone gives birth as 1834, but the census shows Margaret as the eldest, born in 1835.

Sarah Jane⁶ Clouse in Fountain County, Indiana, and married **Isaac N. Gooding** 24 Jul 1885. Isaac was born 18 Aug 1862.

Children:

+ George ⁷ Gooding	b. 27 Apr 1893	d. 5 Jul 1970 (77y)
+ Lula Gooding	b. 1897	d. 1973 (~76y)
(four more children)	died young	

Isaac died 15 Feb 1923 (60y); Sarah died 25 Oct 1938 (60y) and was buried in the Lutheran Cemetery, Fountain County, Indiana.

George⁷ Gooding married **Viola M. Allan**. Viola was born 27 Apr 1889. George died 5 Jul 1970 (77y). Viola died 13 Aug 1981 (92y).

Lula⁷ Gooding married **Glen Henthorne**. Glen was born in 1895. Lula died in 1973 (~76y). Glen died in 1975 (~80y).

Susan Alice⁶ Clouse (Andrew James⁵, Eliza⁴ Ruffner, Henry³, Reuben², Peter¹) was born 12 Sep 1877 in Fountain County, Indiana, and 16 Aug 1906, married **Ellsworth Robbins** who was born in 1876.

Children:

(two children)	died young
+ Freeman Robbins	b. 1909
+ Oveda Jane Robbins	b. 1912
+ Odessa May Robbins	b. 1914
+ Thelma Marie Robbins	b. 1920

Susan died in 1948. Ellsworth died in 1962.

Freeman⁷ Robbins married **Wandeine Harvey** and had a son. They lived in Veedersburg, Indiana.

Oveda Jane⁷ Robbins married **David Crabtree** and had a son. They lived in San Antonio, Texas.

Odessa May⁷ Robbins married **Lewis Brading** and had a son. They lived in Rockville, Indiana.

Thelma Marie⁷ Robbins married **Harlan Breit** and had three daughters and a son. They lived in San Antonio, Texas.

Travis Berton ‘Bert’⁶ Clouse (Andrew James⁵, Eliza⁴ Ruffner, Henry³, Reuben², Peter¹) was born 19 Dec 1879 in Fountain County, Indiana, and married **Cora Elvada Clodfelter** 4 Feb 1903 at the Clouse home because Bert had the mumps at the time.

Children born in Fountain County, Indiana:

+ Carol Glee ⁷ Clouse	b. 4 Dec 1904
+ Easton Rowe Clouse	b. 25 Dec 1906
+ Vernest Ray Clouse	b. 10 Nov 1908
+ Carrie Agnes ‘Vivian’ Clouse	b. 11 Apr 1910
+ Paul Berton Clouse	b. 9 Sep 1912
+ Inez Kathleen Clouse	b. 15 Feb 1914
+ Gerald Ronald Clouse	b. 23 Jun 1917

Bert died 26 Mar 1951 (71y) and Cora died 30 Jun 1953. Both were buried in the Lutheran Cemetery, Fountain County, Indiana.

Carol Glee⁷ Clouse married **Herman Dee West** 25 Oct 1924 in Danville, Illinois. Herman was born 8 Dec 1903.
(living descendants)

Carol and Herman are both buried in the Lutheran Cemetery, Fountain County, Indiana.

Easton Rowe⁷ Clouse married **Ellen Deehard** 29 Dec 1939. Ellen was born 17 Mar 1918.
(living descendants)

Easton was buried in the Lutheran Cemetery, Fountain County, Indiana.

Vernest Ray⁷ Clouse married **Louise Teeter** 22 Nov 1932. Louise was born 15 Nov 1912.
(living descendants)

Vernest was buried in the Lutheran Cemetery, Fountain County, Indiana.

Carrie Agnes ‘Vivian’⁷ Clouse married **Fred Sloan**. Fred was born 18 Mar 1898.
(living descendants)

Vivian was buried in the Lutheran Cemetery, Fountain County, Indiana.

Paul Berton⁷ Clouse married **Marion Roberta Hutton** 15 Nov 1932. Marion was born 6 Feb 1912. They lived in Parke County, Indiana.
(living descendants)

Inez Kathleen⁷ Clouse married **Ralph Bennett** 5 Oct 1940. Ralph was born 25 Sep 1916. They had no children.

Gerald Ronald⁷ Clouse married **Mable Fairfield** 17 Jan 1939. Mable was born 20 Oct 1911.
(*living descendants*)

Joseph W.⁶ Clouse (Andrew James⁵, Eliza⁴ Ruffner, Henry³, Reuben², Peter¹) was born 5 Apr 1881, and married **Maggie P. Keller** 15 Sep 1906. Maggie was born in 1882.

Children:

+ Dale⁷ Clouse b. 3 Jul 1911 d. 28 Mar 1920 (8y)

Joseph died in 1962 (~81y) and Maggie died in 1977 (~95y). Both are and [*sic?*] buried in the Masonic Cemetery, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Dale⁷ Clouse died when a building collapsed on him in a windstorm. He is buried in the Masonic Cemetery, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Jesse Franklin⁶ Clouse was born 2 Dec 1883 or 1884, and married **Grace Hazel Henthorne** 7 Jul 1910. Grace was born 22 Sep 1891. The marriage license gives Grace's date of birth as 2 December 1885.

Children:

+ Herman Wayne Clouse	b. 9 Dec 1910	d. 10 Jul 1972 (61y)
+ Harold A. Clouse	b. 8 Nov 1914	d. 29 Apr 1986 (71y)
+ James O. Clouse	b. 8 May 1916	
+ Raymond O. Clouse	b. 8 Apr 1919	
+ Hugh Thomas ⁷ Clouse	b. 8 Jan 1922	buried Oak Hill Cem., Montgomery Co. IN
+ Margaret E. Clouse (<i>other living siblings</i>)	b. 18 Oct 1923	d. 31 Jan 2003

Jesse died 9 Feb 1956 (~73y) and Grace died 16 Jun 1962 (70y). Both are buried in Ladoga, Indiana.

Herman Wayne⁷ Clouse married **Ada Bell Slagle**. Ada was born 18 Feb 1921 in Wayne County, Kentucky.

(*living descendants*)

Herman died 10 Jul 1972 (61y) and was buried in Bonebreak Cemetery, Veedersburg, Indiana.

Harold A. Clouse married **Geneveive Macell** who was born 5 Jul 1920.
(*living descendants*)

Harold died 29 Apr 1986 (71y) in Koscuiska [*sic*] County, Indiana.

James O.⁷ Clouse married **Mary Root**, who was born 12 Dec 1921 in Shawassee County, Michigan.
(*living descendants*)

Raymond O.⁷ Clouse (Jesse Franklin⁶, Andrew James⁵, Eliza⁴ Ruffner, Henry³, Reuben², Peter¹) was born 8 Apr 1919 and married **Helen Louise Porter** who was born 19 Jul 1921.

Children:

Larry Dean⁸ Clouse b. 5 Jan 1943 d. 15 Nov 1995 In Indiana
(52y), never married
(*other living siblings*)

Helen died in 2004 (~83y) in Hillsboro, Indiana, and is buried there.

Margaret E.⁷ Clouse married **Jack Galbert**.
(*living descendants*)

Margaret married **Lesley Oaks** about 1947; Lesley was born 8 Oct 1907.
(*living descendants*)

Lesley died 5 Dec 1986 (79y). Margaret died 31 Jan 2003 (79y) in Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Emmitt E.⁶ Clouse (Andrew James⁵, Eliza⁴ Ruffner, Henry³, Reuben², Peter¹) was born 3 May 1887, and married **Nellie Miller**. Nellie was born in 1890. They had one son who was born and died the same day. Nellie died in 1952 (~62y). Emmitt died in 1965 (~78y).

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Henry Samuel⁵ Clouse (Eliza⁴ Ruffner, Henry³, Reuben², Peter¹) was born 29 Nov 1839 married **Anna Ammerman** 5 Jan 1865. Anna was born in 1838. Henry was born, lived and died [on] the family farm.

Children:

(child)		died young
+ Ulysses Grant Clouse	b. 1866	d. 1923 (~57y)
+ Geneva G. Clouse	b. 1867	d. 1943 (~76y)
+ Marie Augusta Clouse	b. 1868	d. after 1891 (>23y)
Octavia Clouse	b. 1869	d. 1880 (~11y) Buried P[h?]anuel Lutheran Church
(child)	b. 1870	d. 1870 (<1y)

(child)	b. 1871	d. 1872 (~1y)
Fidella Clouse	b. 1872	d. 1880 (~8y)

Henry died 12 Feb 1903 (64y) and Anna died in 1907 (~69y). Both were buried in the Phaniel Lutheran Church Cemetery, Jackville [now Wallace], Fountain County, Indiana.

Ulysses Grant⁶ Clouse married **Emma Coons** 12 Oct 1887. Emma was born in 1867, daughter of John K. Coons and Marjorie Van Cleave.

Children:

(daughter) ⁷ Clouse	b. 6 Jul 1889	
Blaine F. Clouse	b. 1892	d. 21 Feb 1910

Ulysses died in 1923 (~57y). Emma was also married to Aaron Douglas. Emma died in 1950 (~83y).

Geneva G.⁶ Clouse married **Alfred Wagner** 28 Jun 1886. Alfred was born in 1866 and died in 1931 (~65y). Geneva died in 1943 (~76y) and was buried in the Phaniel Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Maria Augusta⁶ Clouse married **Frank H. Brown** 19 Nov 1891.

“The Descendants of Henry Ruffner through Daughter Eliza (Ruffner) Clouse and Granddaughter Mary M. (Clouse) Cope”

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Mary M.⁵ Clouse (Eliza⁴ Ruffner, Henry³, Reuben², Peter¹) was born in 1842, and 24 Dec 1868 married **John C. Cope**.

Child:

Henry⁶ Cope b. 1869 (living with grandparents in the 1880 census)

Mary died about 2 Jan 1871 (~29y, in childbirth with another child?) and was buried near parents George and Eliza. Marker stone is broken? A broken stone near Geor[g]e and Eliza only says ‘died Jan 2, 1871, aged 30y 14d.’ Dorotha supposes this is Mary Cope, who might have died having a second baby.)

“The Descendants of Henry Ruffner through Daughter Eliza (Ruffner) Clouse and Granddaughter Selina Catherine (Clouse) McCrary”

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Selina Catherine⁵ Clouse (Eliza⁴ Ruffner, Henry³, Reuben², Peter¹) was born in 1843, and married **Hugh P. McCrary** who was born in 1845.

Children:

(son) b. 25 Dec 1873 d. 4 Jan 1874

Selina died 18 Apr 1874 and was buried in Phaniel Lutheran Church, Jackville, Fountain County. Hugh died in 1936 and was buried in Phaniel Lutheran Church (not by Selina), Jackville, Fountain County, Indiana. Hugh was also married to Ellen.

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