

**Franklin and Union Counties, Indiana, and Butler County, Ohio,
Records from the Pioneer and Harvest Home Association, 1883–1885**

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In 1882, men of Franklin and Union Counties, Indiana, and Butler County, Ohio, created an association celebrating the pioneers and early memories of each county. On August 11, 1883, they organized the first meeting of the Pioneer and Harvest Home Association of Franklin and Union Counties, Indiana, and Butler County, Ohio. The goal of the association was to “preserve the memory of those men and women who first settled the territory” and to commemorate “their heroism and sacrifices.” Any person over the age of twenty-one could join, though men had to contribute fifty cents. Each year the association held a reunion where members told stories of pioneer days and prizes were given for accomplishments (such as the oldest living man and woman of the association, who received a cane or spectacles, respectively). The association had thirty-five members that first year, with attendance growing to ten thousand by the 1889 reunion. The association survived until about 1923. The Indiana Historical Society holds the association’s Historical Record, which consists of two volumes and contains biographical information on many of its members.¹

Following are two lists: the index for the first volume of the Pioneer and Harvest Home Association’s Historical Record and the abstracted biographical information included in that same volume for members of the association between 1883 and 1885. The index was transcribed as it appears in the front of the Historical Record. Punctuation has been added to aid the reader, and names that were not inverted were inverted for consistency. For the second list, only biographical information found in the description for each respective person has been put into the table; therefore, some information may be different for married couples, such as marriage dates and names of spouses. Maiden names, if given, are in parentheses. Following these lists are two

examples of what can be found in the biographical description of the first volume of the association's Historical Record.²

Notes

1. Bert S. Bartlow, *A Concise History of the Pioneer Association of Franklin and Union Counties, Indiana, and Butler County, Ohio* (Pioneer Association, 1901), 8–10, 12–13, 22.
2. *Historical Record of the Pioneer and Harvest Home Association of Franklin and Union Counties, Indiana, and Butler County, Ohio, 1882–1922*, BV 2101-2102, William Henry Smith Memorial Library, Indiana Historical Society. The date for when the association disbanded was taken from dates when members joined, as listed in the second volume of this collection.

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0	Aquilla Rariden	November 18, 1808	Harrison County, KY	April 12, 1832	Ruth Cope	November 27, 1896	College Corner	Yes
	Ruth Ann (Cope) Rariden	October 1, 1815	Columbian[a] County, OH	April 12, 1832	Aquilla Rridan [sic]	February 25, 1900		Yes
	Aaron B. Line	July 6, 1806	Butler County, OH	December 31, 1829	Jane M. Maxwell	February 20, 1889	Brookville	Yes, see page 158 of book
	Harvey Hamilton	May 6, 1806	Glennis Falls, NY	1 st : February 22, 1827 2 nd : September 21, 1854	1 st : Martha Sudlow 2 nd : Margaret Hamilton	January 12, 1886	Near Mt. Carmel, IN	Yes
1	John Mecum	March 29, 1817	Salem County, NJ	1844	Hester [Goshom/Goshorn]	September 14, 1888		Yes
	Hester (Goshaw/Goshom/Goshorn) Mecum	March 1, 1823	Hamilton County, OH		Jno Mecum	March 27, 1888		Yes
2	David L. Samuels	October 17, 1827	Springfield Township, Franklin County, IN	December 13, 1859	Rebecca Smith	August 7, 1888	Springfield Township	Yes
	Rebecca (Smith) Samuels	March 29, 1822	Franklin County, IN	December 15, 1859	David L. Samuels	June 23, 1904	Springfield Township	Yes
3	John Thompson	June 9, 1822	Near Mt. Carmel, IN	December 9, 1847	Mary [F]. Jenkins	February 4, 1902		Yes
	Mary W. (Jenkins) Thompson	December 9, 1827		December 9, 1847	John Thompson	May 20, 1909		Yes
4	Thomas Appleton	October 15, 1824	Near New London, Butler County, OH	February 20, 1848	Marth A. Ardery	1913		Yes
	Martha A. (Ardery) Appleton	April 25, 1823	Springfield Township, Franklin County, IN	February 20, 1848	Thomas Appleton	October 9, 1905		Yes
5	J. A. Applegate	May 23, 1818	Highland County, OH	October 18, 1842	Mary S. Wilson	September 8, 1898		Yes

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	Mary S. (Wilson) Applegate	April 1, 1818	Hunterdon County, NJ	October 18, 1842	John Anderson Applegate	April 15, 1901		Yes
6	Lemuel Jenkins	November 24, 1822		October 2, 1853				No
	R. P. C. Barwick	June 10, 1807	Caroline County, MD	February 14, 1833	Mary D. Colescott	December 21, 1888		Yes
7	Abram B. Jones	October 19, 1829	Franklin County, IN	May 14, 1857		February 15, 1904	Near [Mix-erville?] IN	Yes
	Clariss (Bake) Jones	October 21, 1832	Franklin County, IN	May 14, 1857	Abram B. Jones	May 5, 1901		Yes
8	J. C. Howard	August 14, 1815	Bourbon County, KY	October 9, 1851				No
	John Fawcett	July 2, 1811	Butler County, OH	1 st : February 17, 1836 2 nd : March 6, 1844	1 st : Hester Gates 2 nd : Sarah R. Gillespie	September 1, 1886		Yes
9	Joseph W. King	September 15, 1826	Butler County, OH	1 st : January 1, 1852 2 nd : March 10, 1862		1901		No
10	W. H. Schultz	May 30, 1835		July 12, 1859		March 27, 1889	Liberty, Union County, IN	Yes
	John Abbott	May 1, 1800	Butler County, OH			June 1, 1884	Springfield Township	Yes
11	John N. Smith	August 28, 1840	IN	December 23, 1863		May 20, 1916		No
	Sarah E. (Dubois) Smith	October 23, 1843		December 23, 1863	John N. Smith	March 5, 1898		Yes
12	Elmore Hiatt	April 16, 1809	Ontario County, NY	November 7, 1830	Nancy Rud[icel]	May 15, 1890	Whitewater Township, Franklin County, IN	Yes

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	Nancy Hiatt	July 1, 1808	Franklin County, IN	November 7, 1830				No
13	Joseph Clawson	March 7, 1803	Middletown, Butler County, OH	1 st : February 26, 1824 2 nd : April 14, 1836	1 st : Cynthia Parkhurst 2 nd : Belinda Parkhurst	February 12, 1892	Okianna/Ohianna, OH	Yes
	Caleb Nutt	October 16, 1828	IN	March 15, 1871	Mary Brown	January 6, 1920		Yes
14	James N. Ardery	April 23, 1825	Franklin County, IN	1 st : October 3, 1850 2 nd : November 27, 1895	1 st : Margaret Goff 2 nd : Lucy A. Smith	January 19, 1897/1899		Yes
	Dr. Cyrus Falconer	January 21, 1810	Washington, County, PA	October 8, 1839		1895		Yes
15	Ezra Bourne	August 11, 1827	Franklin County, IN	1 st : August 26, 1856 2 nd : October 11, 1874	1 st : E--- Brady 2 nd : Pheobe Murphy	November 19, 1901	Near Cout[reres], OH	Yes
	Phebe (Murphy) Bourne	May 20, 1846	Franklin County, IN			July 27, 1898		Yes
	E. R. Rockafellar	July 1, 1811	Franklin County, IN	1 st : December [no year] 2 nd : January 18, [1897/1877]				No
16	John C. Serring	January 5, 1809	Lebanon, Warren County, OH	August 20, 1840		November 3, 1885		Yes
	John P. Brady	July 20, 1810	Northumberland County, PA	1 st : July 7, 1831 2 nd : 1849		January 13, 1887		Yes
17	James Craig	May 19, 1820	Kilmarnock, Scotland	January 31, 1867	Harriet Gurr	April 3, 1906	Near Mt. Carmel, IN	Yes
	William Armstrong	January 5, 1817	Franklin County, IN	1 st : December 21, 1837 2 nd : [no date]	1 st : Phoebe/Phebe Clark 2 nd : Margaret McDonald	November 11, 1897	Near College Corner	Yes

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18	Jamison/James W. Fye	April 29, 1824	Reily Township, Butler County, OH	October 1852	Sarah Brund[rette]	July 7, 1903		Yes
	William Wynkoop	May 28, 1828	Franklin County, IN	December 25, 1853	Rebecca Everson	November 28, 1904	Glendale, OH	Yes
19	Casper Fogel	December 1, 1819	Germany	May 1853		August 20, 1915	Brookville, IN	Yes
	Rebecca Wynkoop	July 18, 1833	Butler County, OH	December 25, 1853		February 1901		No
20	Samuel Jackson	November 20, 1807	Mongahala County, VA	February 23, 1833		August 17, 1899		No
21	Lewis Alexander	May 29, 1811	Wabash/Washington County, PA	January 25, 1838	Rachel Burke	April 27, 1890		Yes
	Mrs. Caleb Nutt	June 10, 1833	Union County, IN	March 15, 1871	Caleb Nutt	January 11, 1917		Yes
22	John W. Smith	April 9, 1817	Reiley [sic] Township, Butler County, OH	June 15, 1837	Catherine Warfield	April 1, 1893		Yes
	Catherine (Warfield) Smith	November 22, 1819	Butler County, OH	June 15, 1837	John W. Smith			No
23	Samuel Bake	March 13, 1825	Union County, IN	January 24, 1850				No
24	Sarah Jane Schultz	February 28, 1829	Franklin County, IN	July 12, 1859	Wm H. Schultz	July [1918?]		Yes
25	William P. Stalcup	June 26, 1822	NY	August 25, 1845		[1901?]		No
26	John S. Martin	November 24, 1835	Franklin County, IN	October 21, 1863	Sarah Jones	September 24, 1915		Yes
27	Sarah Martin	June 5, 1803	SC	January 11, [18]24	Stephen Martin	February 11, 1888		Yes
28	Henry D. Weber	November 24, 1821	Butler County, OH	June 3, 1844	Rebecca King	January 11, 1902		Yes
29	Delia P. Howard	November 1825	Trumbull County, OH	October 9, 1851				No

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30	Lucy Ann (Goff) Smith	January 18, 1832		1 st : October 10, 1850 2 nd : November 1894	1 st : James F. Smith 2 nd : James Ardery	April 15, 1913		Yes
31	Philip Teuley Jones	February 5, 1820	Franklin County, IN	1 st : November 1843 2 nd : March 11, 1862	1 st : Caroline Girshom 2 nd : Lydia Bro[ur/w]ne	March 17, 1907		Yes
32	Lydia (Goff) Jones	April 15, 1839	Franklin County, IN	1 st : November 13, 1856 2 nd : March 11, 1862	1 st : William H. Bourne 2 nd : Philip T. Jones	March 28, 1899		Yes
33	Amanda (Gard) Brady	February 5, 1824	Butler County, OH	1 st : [1844?] 2 nd : January 25, 1849	1 st : Abram Young 2 nd : John P. Brady	April 13, 1899		Yes
34	Mary Elisabeth/Elizabeth (Stephenson) Bake	June 2, 1827	Near Center-ville, Montgomery County, OH	July 1, 1852	Perry H. Bake	October 5, 1897		Yes
35	Nancy Rockafellar	November 18, 1829		January 18, 1877				No
36	Mary (Thurston) Bake	January 22, 1805	Northumberland County, PA	October 19, 1820	William Bake	July 13, 1887	Union County, IN	Yes
37	Magdaline Beard	1830	Rockbridge County, VA	November 23, 1848		1898		No
38	Perry H. Bake	January 29, 1827	Union County, IN	July 1, 1852	Mary E. Stephenson	May 15, 1899		Yes
39	Clemence Conn	July 8, 1849	Butler County, OH	October 3, 1871	Josephine Gillespie			No
40	Josephine Conn	October 7, 1853		October 3, 1871				No

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41	James Shultz	March 18, 1826		1 st : December 17, 1846 2 nd : April 12, 1866	1 st : Elvira Heard 2 nd : Charlotte Cunningham	January 27, 1912		Yes
	Charlotte Shultz							No
42	Sarah (Sanders) Seal	January 28, 1808	Fleming County, KY	August 16, 1827	Caleb Seal	January 18, 1888		Yes
43	Dorcas Applegate	March 6, 1803	KY	September 24, 1834	William Applegate	March 9, 1887	Zionsville, IN	Yes
44	Abial Shaw	September 7, 1815	Butler County, OH			December 16, 1902		Yes
45	Charles T. Jones	May 12, 1856	Franklin County, IN	October 23, 1879				No
46	Aurelia H. (John) Jones	March 24, 1842	Brookville, Franklin County, IN	May 16, 1864	Wm. H. Jones Esq.	December 17, 1891		Yes
47	William H. Jones	July 1, 1836	Caroline County, MD	1 st : May 16, 1864 2 nd : June 29, 1897	1 st : Aurelia H. John 2 nd : Virginia L. Burbee	January 25, 1907	Elw[ood], IN	Yes
48	Mary A. (Rose) Jones	September 1, 1856	Fairfield, Franklin County, IN	October 23, 1879	Charles Fremont Jones	August 25, 1909	Washington, D.C.	Yes
49	Sarah Stoops	June 11, 1808	Franklin County, IN	November 19, 1829		March 10, 1898		No
50	Agnes Craig	June 26, 1793	Kilmarnock, Scotland	June 18, 1818	Rev. Archibald Craig	December 3, 1886		Yes
51	Joseph Hadson	February 26, 1795/1798	New Castle County, DE	October 1821/1823	Mary Remy	February 25, 1891		Yes
52	Maria Abraham	February 18, 1810	Rockingham County, VA	March 13/14, 1834	Griffin Abraham	January 26, 1892	Near Scipio	Yes
53	James T. Smith	August 9, 1830	Springfield Township, Franklin County, IN	October 10, 1850	Lucy Ann Goff	December 8, 1890		Yes

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54	John G. Adair	March 6, 1821	Brookville, IN	April 26, 1853	Ellen G. John	August 25, 1889		Yes
55	Ellen Goodwin Adair	December 27, 1833	Brookville, IN	April 26, 1853	John G. Adair	April 20, 1905	Brookville, IN	Yes
56	Albert H. Kaiser	April 6, 1839	Germany	April 7, 1864	Josephine Wagner	July 14, 1892		Yes
57	Josephine Kaiser	May 24/25, 1842	Phillipsburgh, PA	April 7, 1864/ April 6, 1863	Albert H. Kaiser	August 18, 1892		Yes
58	Jesse Austin	October 15, 1815	Butler County, OH	2 nd : November 5, 1870				No
59	Elisabeth Austin	December 26, 1830	Madison County, IN	2 nd : November 5, 1870		[August 31, 1918?]		No
60	Catharine Davis	August 30, 1792	Greenbriar County, VA	March 1, 1837	Griffith Davis	March 9, 1886		Yes
	James C. Thompson		Near Mt. Carmel, Franklin County, IN					No
61	Oliver P. Beard	July 11, 1822	Reily Township, Butler County, IN	May 11, 1854	Susan W[inn]	April 8, 1902		Yes
	Minerva F. Thompson						Perry, Iowa	No
62	Susan (Winn) Beard	November 10, 1836	Butler County, OH	May 11, 1854	Oliver Perry Beard	July 21, 1920	Richmond, IN	Yes
63	Joseph C. Bartlow	June 3, 1818	Springfield Township, Franklin County, IN	October 22, 1841	Eliza Kennard	May 17, 1899		Yes
64	Eliza Jane (Kennard) Bartlow	March [2?], 1824	West Cluster – [Chester?], Butler County, OH	October 22, 1841	Joseph C. Bartlow	February 6, 1885	Hamilton, OH	Yes
65	Robert [H]. Riggs	February 15, 1821	Butler County, OH	March 15, 1847				No

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	John D. Abbot	July 18, 1845		1 st : August 8, 1867 2 nd : February 24, 1885	1 st : Margaret Van Rusdall 2 nd : Maria Stout	November 23, 1913		Yes
66	Sophonria Riggs	August 27, 1828	Riley [<i>sic</i>] Township, OH	March 15, 1885		January 23, 1896		No
67	William H. Bartlow	January 22, 1813	Bracken County, KY	July 23, 1836	Mary Ann Kennard	September 13, 1887		Yes
68	Mary Ann (Kennard) Bartlow	September 13, [1817?]	[Westchester], OH	July 23, 1836	William Harry Bartlow	January 21, 1908	Hamilton County	Yes
69	Salem Clark	February 26, 1818	Reiley [<i>sic</i>] Township, Butler County, OH	March 18, 1841	Susan Raydale/ Ragdale	March 27, 1907	Oxford	Yes
70	Geo. M. Sater	Nov. 30, 1840		December 29, 1863	May A. Hollowell	August 10, 1911		Yes
71	Augustine Sater	July 4, 1839		December 29, 1863				No
72	William Abernathy	March 1, 1791	Lawrence District, SC	October 19, 1815	Susan Hollingsworth	January 3, 1888	Union County, IN	Yes
73	George Harlan	January 20, 1805	SC	1 st : August 25, 1825 2 nd : June 6, 1875				No
74	Rodney Dunham	August 30, 1806	Martha's Vineyard, MA	April 16, 1839		March 25, 1895		No
75	Rose Ann Dunham	1818	Bourbon County, KY	April 16, 1839				No
76	William Squire Beard	January 10, 1842	Reily Township, Butler County, OH	October 15, 1863		March 20, 1921		Yes
	Geo. Ringwood	February 15, 1834	Oxford, Butler County, OH	March 16, 1858	Francis Elizabeth Martindale	April 14, 1903		Yes
77	Martha E. Beard	September 19, 1842		October 15, 1863				No

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	Ennis Pierson	December 24, 1890						No
78	Geo. C. Rider, Sr.	April 3, 1816	Kent County, England	January 29, 1849	Rachel Jones	January 24/ December 25, 1892	Kent County, England	Yes
79	Rachel Rider		Franklin County, IN			October 27, 1907	Hamilton County	Yes
80	Jacob Beard	December 14, 1812	Butler County, OH	1 st : August 2, 1840 2 nd : December 21, 1865	1 st : Caroline W---ston 2 nd : Catherine Blacker	March 24, 1895	Reiley [<i>sic</i>] Township	Yes
81	Kate Catherine (Blacker) Beard	October 4, 1836	Whitewater Township, Franklin County, IN	December 21, 1865	Jacob Beard	May 14, 1904	Harrison, OH	Yes
82	Samuel Fye	January 5, 1820	Butler County, OH	November 19, 1851/1857		November 27, 1896		No
	Mary J. Fye	August 11, 1832	Butler County, OH	November 19, 1851		July 6, 1910		No
83	John Dare	August 29, 1820	Franklin County, IN	June 22, 1843	Matilda Gates	December 26, 1904	Mt. Carmel, IN	Yes
	Mary Prudicel	March 5, 1816	Kurt County, DE					No
84	Evan Evans	May 2, 1816	Butler County, OH	May 28, 1844	Anna M[ering]	August 24, 1895		Yes
85	Anna Evans	August 11, 1824	Butler County, OH	May 28, 1844				No
86	Catharine King	October 31, 1831		[?] 10, 1862				No
87	William Laird	November 14, 1833	Near College Corner, OH	November 25, 1857/1858	Mary J. Vana-- -dall	March 9, 1910		Yes
88	William Anthony	November 18, 1837	Franklin County, IN	February 7, 1861	Miss Hollwell	October 21, 1903	Harrison, OH	Yes

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89	Thos. McCullough	July 12, 1818	Oxford, Butler County, OH	1 st : 1843 2 nd : August 12, 1852	1 st : Martha Lu--- 2 nd : Elizabeth L. Gistin/ Gritin	March 13, 1901		Yes
90	Fielding R. A. Jeter	January 4, 1823	Franklin County, IN	1 st : May 21, 1846 2 nd : March 1, 1849		December 18, 1895		Yes
91	Elisabeth (Girtin) McCullough	June 12, 1827	Butler County, OH	August 12, 1852	Thomas McCullough	July 18, 1904	Oxford, OH	Yes
92	Agnes Miller	August 5, 1811	Franklin County, IN	1 st : February 27, 1835 2 nd : August 5, 1873	1 st : James Wright 2 nd : George Miller	March 28, 1895		Yes
93	Fanny Webb	May 13, 1820	NJ	November 9, 1842	David Webb	December 20, 1890	College Corner	Yes

Mary Bake, page 36:

“Mary Thurston Bake was born Jan 22 1805 in Northumberland Co Pa and died July 13, 1887 in Union Co Ind aged 83 yrs 6 months & 20 days[.] She came to Franklin Co Ind. With her parents, in the year 1820 & was married to William Bake Oct 19. 1820, with whom she lived till his death Jan 15 1852[.] She had lived 60 yrs within 2 miles of the place of her death. She was the mother of 14 children 10 of who survive her,—6 sons and 4 daughters—all present at her obsequies[.] She could boast of 37 grand children & 18 great grand children[.] She joined the Union Universalist Church at its first organization May 24 1847 and has ever lived an exemplary Christian life, dying as she had lived, strong in the faith of God’s impartial Grace and a glorious immortality. To say that she was loved and respected for her many deeds of kindness and charity was shown by the very large assembly that paid a tribute of respect to her memory[.]”

William Abernathy, page 72:

“William Abernathy Sr. the old pioneer hunter and trapper was born March 1st 1791 in Lawrence district South Carolina and died in Union Co Ind January 3d 1888 aged 96 yrs 10 mos and 2 days. Mr Abernathy emigrated to Ind in 1806 and settled in the whitewater Valley and became a member of the “Carolina Colony[.]” The settlement being harassed by straggling bands of Indians Mr Abernathy was chosen Capt of a Company of Scouts sent to Blue River where they defeated the Indians and destroyed their villages. In token of his skill & courage in the management of this expedition he was presented with a sword[.] He married Susan Hollingsworth Oct 19. 1815, by whom he became the father of 11 children. At the time of his death he was supposed to be the last of the survivors of the war of 1812 in South Eastern Indiana. He remained till his death at the old homestead—the patent for which signed by James Monroe bears date April 19. 1819[.]

“Mr Abernathy was the last lineal descendent of Hugh Abernathy who was the father of 24 children and one of the founders of Fairfield Indiana[.]”

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