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BOWSER FAMILY
HISTORY

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[2] HENRY BOUSSER AND HIS DESCENDANTS

There is abundant evidence that one of the three brothers who landed at Baltimore, Md., in 1733, was Henry Bowser. The will of Henry Bouser, which was probated on the 27th of August, 1806, in Washington County, Md., mentions the following children: Frederick Bouser; John Bouser; Barbara Bouser, wife of William Binkley; Anna Rickabach; Elizabeth, wife of Boyer; Mary, wife of Peter Boyer; Magdalena, wife of George Young. Signed in German, Heinrich Bouser. A deed to 140 acres in Washington County, Md., July 15, 1796, for which he paid 603 pounds, 10 shillings. In the census report of 1790 he was the head of a family of ten.

Children:

- 412. Frederick Bouser.
- 413. Barbara Bouser, m. William Binkley.
- 414. John Bouser, b. about 1750, in Washington County, Md.; d. in 1811.
- 415. Anna Bouser, m. Rickabach.
- 416. Elizabeth Bouser, m. John Boyer.
- 417. Mary Bouser, m. in 1799 to Peter Boyer, in Maryland.
- 418. Magdalena Bouser, m. George Young, in Maryland, 1802.

415. FREDERICK BOUSER; was living in Washington County, Md., in 1820.

Children:

- 419. Jacob C. Bouser, b. 1809 in Maryland; m. Delilah ———, b. 1816, in Virginia; in 1839 Jacob C. Bouser and James Story established a foundry and machine shop in Fort Wayne, Ind.; the enterprise was conducted quite successfully until 1876 when McLachlan and Olds became proprietors.
- 420. Henry Bouser, b. 1810, in Maryland; m. Emily Hammond; lived in Richland and Hancock County, Ohio; d. May 14, 1866, near Warsaw, Ind.
- 421. Lafayette M. Bowser, b. 1838, in Ohio; wife, Nancy J.
- 422. Sarah M. Bowser, b. 1840, in Ohio.
- 423. Jefferson C. Bowser, b. 1842, in Indiana.
- 424. Frances M. Bowser, b. 1846, in Indiana; m. James W. Pearse.
- 425. Madison M. Bowser, b. 1849, in Indiana.

420. HENRY and EMILY (HAMMOND) BOWSER.

Children:

- 426. William Henry Bowser, b. Oct. 30, 1832; d. Dec. 12, 1907, in Maryland; m. Catharine M. Kinsey; ch.: Malinda A., b. Dec. 16, 1858; Francis E., b. Feb. 1, 1861; Ethel L.; Althea L.; Orville A., b. 1868; Harry, b. 1872; Lucy J., b. Aug. 15, 1875; Maud, b. Jan. 18, 1878.
- 427. Anna E. Bowser, m. Jacob Thompson; ch.: William, Henry, Malinda, Minerva, Eli, Ludie, Emily.
- 428. Frederick Bowser, d. Dec. 21, 1914, in Indiana; m. (1) Sarah Manwill; (2) Anna R. Bowen; ch.: John A., Julia A., Henry H., William E., Alice, Frank H., Ethel, Hulda.
- 429. Ellen J. Bowser, m. William Burket; ch.: Alonza, Emma, Lilly, Joseph.

430. Malinda Bowser, d. single, aged 18.

431. John W. Bowser; in Civil war, Co. A, 74th Reg. Ind. Inf.; d. June 8, 1864.

414. JOHN BOUSER.

Children:

432. Jacob Bowser.

433. John Bowser.

434. Henry Bowser, b. between 1780 and 1785; settled in Allen County, Ind.; m. (1) ——— Sprinkle; (2) Catharine Williams.

435. William Bowser.

436. Peter Bowser.

437. George Bowser.

438. Noah Bowser.

439. Catharine Bowser.

440. Mary Bowser.

441. Elizabeth Bowser.

442. Nancy Bowser.

443. Michael Bowser, b. Apr. 22, 1799, at Lancaster, Pa.

434. HENRY and (SPRINKLE) BOWSER. Henry Bowser, Sr., went from Pennsylvania to Ohio about 1823. He went from Ohio to Allen County, Ind., about 1833. Died about 1873, in Allen County, Ind.

Children:

444. John H. Bowser, b. Apr. 15, 1812, in Pennsylvania; d. Mar. 10, 1879, in Indiana; m. Eliza Keiger, b. Sept. 18, 1818; d. Sept. 9, 1875.

445. Jesse Bowser.

446. Sarah Bowser, m. John Waters.

447. Eliza Bowser, m. ——— Haynes.

448. George W. Bowser, b. 1817, in Pennsylvania; d. in 1888; in Indiana; m. Margaret Keiger, sister of Eliza.

449. Henry J. Bowser, b. 1820, in Pennsylvania; m. Mary Keiger; three brothers marrying three sisters.

450. Samuel Bowser, b. about 1823, in Pennsylvania; d. about 1891; m. (1) Jane Waters; (2) Margaret Good.

451. William Bowser, b. 1824, in Ohio; d. about 1905; m. Rebecca Paff.

444. JOHN H. and ELIZA (KEIGER) BOWSER.

Children:

452. Eliza Jane Bowser, b. Sept. 18, 1837; d. 1878; m. John Culverson; ch.: Nettie.

453. Alexander Bowser, b. June 26, 1842; m. Laurinda Devilbiss; ch.: Allen A.

454. Mary R. Bowser, b. Mar. 10, 1847; m. Hiram Hutchinson; was living in California in 1920; ch.: Charles W., Alonzo, William.

455. Augustus Bowser, b. Apr. 10, 1849; d. Oct. 28, 1919, in Fort Wayne, Ind.; m. Fyanna Wireman; ch.: Laura, Estelle, Hazel, Delmore; Delmore was in the Spanish-American war.

456. Orra Jefferson Bowser, b. Feb. 16, 1852; m. Julia A. Jones; ch.: Cecil J.

457. Sylvanus F. Bowser, b. Aug. 8, 1854, in Allen County, Ind.; m. Sarah Frances Russell, b. Oct. 4, 1856; see biographies.

458. Lafayette E. Bowser, b. Feb. 11, 1857; m. Charity Bechtol; ch.: Ada, m. George E. Tibbits. Lafayette E. Bowser is consulting engineer of S. F. Bowser & Company, Fort Wayne, Ind.

459. Jessie E. Bowser, b. Jan. 13, 1859.

460. Asbury Ellsworth Bowser, b. Dec. 28, 1861; d. Aug. 4, 1901; m. Rachel Evans.

457. SYLVANUS F. and SARAH F. (RUSSELL) BOWSER.

Children:

461. Harry M. Bowser, b. Aug. 13, 1878; graduate of Purdue University, Indiana, 1905; m. Bertha M. Mitchell, b. Sept. 21, 1821; ch.: Wilda K., b. Aug. 1, 1908; Sylvanus F., b. July 14, 1910; Emily L., b. Nov. 21, 1913; Philip M., b. Jan. 14, 1919.
462. Eva C. Bowser, b. Jan. 17, 1881; m. Leland F. Johnson; ch.: Leland F., Jr., b. July 24, 1910; Robert B., b. Sept. 23, 1915.
463. William Hugh Bowser, b. Mar. 19, 1884.
464. Albert S. Bowser, b. July 26, 1886; m. Ida Pearl Kickley; ch.: Bon Silene, b. Mar. 12, 1910; Albert S., Jr., b. Jan. 21, 1913.
465. Ethelwyn V. Bowser, b. Sept. 27, 1890; m. Daniel G. Milligan; ch.: Daniel G., Jr., b. Aug. 18, 1919.
466. Mildred L. Bowser, b. Sept. 30, 1895; m. Edward O'Rourke Jr.; ch.: Edward, III, b. July 6, 1919.

448. GEORGE W. and MARGARET (KEIGER) BOWSER.

Children:

467. Normanda Bowser, m. William Keeper.
468. Louisa Bowser, m. Austin Pettit.
469. Elnora Bowser, m. Chalmer Morrison.
470. Lucinda Bowser, b. 1843.
471. Nelson Bowser, b. 1845.
472. George W. Bowser, b. Mar. 29, 1847; m. (1) Mary E. Lake; (2) Margaret Van Auken; ch.: Earnest M., Raymond E., Nelson J., Grace, William, Maynard E.
473. Sylvester S. Bowser, b. 1849; m. Elizabeth Morris; ch.: Charles W., Cora E., Nettie A., Vertie L., Edna V., Eva A.
474. Elizabeth Bowser, b. 1850; m. Neil Ryan.
475. William Bowser, b. 1852.
476. Charlotte Bowser, b. 1854; m. Addison Morrison.
477. Jesse Bowser.
478. Lucy Anna Bowser, b. 1859.
479. Lydia Bowser.

449. HENRY J. and MARY (KEIGER) BOWSER.

Children:

480. Lucinda Bowser, b. 1836; m. Solomon Duly.
481. Isaiah Bowser, b. 1837; m. (1) Elizabeth Herrod; (2) Samantha Bittner; ch.: Nelson J., m. Lucy White; Wesley; Etta; Clark E.
482. Adelia Bowser, b. 1840; m. Simon P. Stroup.
483. Elmira Bowser, b. 1842; m. James Hollopeter.
484. Alonzo Bowser, b. 1844.
485. Henry Bowser, b. 1846.
486. Wesley Bowser, b. 1848; m. Sarah Jackson.
487. Frank Bowser.
488. Theodore Bowser, m. Celia A. Gloyd; ch.: Raymond, Ivan C., Homer G.
489. Francillia L. Bowser, m. David L. Myers.
490. Mary Bowser, m. James F. Hollopeter (1881).

450. SAMUEL and JANE (WATERS) BOWSER.

Children:

491. Mary Ann Bowser, m. Nathan Wyatt.
492. Sophia Elizabeth Bowser, m. ——— Depew.
493. Sarah Jane Bowser, m. R. H. Brockaw.

494. Emily Bowser, m. Lewis Brockaw.

495. Samuel O. Bowser, m. (1) Rebecca Hiette; (2) Kansas Matheson.

496. Ella R. Bowser, b. April, 1861; m. Daniel Stoner.

SAMUEL and MARGARET GOOD.

Children:

497. Daisy Margaret Bowser.

498. Carrie Bowser.

451. WILLIAM and REBECCA (PAFF) BOWSER.

Children:

499. Sarah A. Bowser, b. 1845.

500. Jacob H. Bowser, b. 1847.

501. Lucy A. Bowser, b. 1849.

502. John Bowser, b. 1856.

503. William Bowser, b. 1857.

504. Andrew Bowser, b. 1859.

505. Isaac Bowser; address: Oakville, Calif.

506. Hattie Bowser.

507. Rebecca Bowser.

HENRY and (2) CATHARINE (WILLIAMS) BOWSER.

Children:

508. Lewis Bowser, b. Mar. 20, 1838; d. Feb., 1912; m. Elizabeth Noel; ch.: Arthur J., Edward C., Emerson L., Emily, Elizabeth, Bertrand F.

509. Maria Bowser, m. ——— Goodwin; address: Lafayette, Ind.

510. Lucy Bowser, m. (1) Benjamin Nickerson; (2) Charles Blair.

511. Martha Bowser.

512. Levi Bowser, b. 1840; m. Maria Nickerson; lived near Fort Wayne, Ind.; served in the Civil war and in the Indian campaigns in Wyoming under Col. Haggard of Logansport, Ind.; ch.: Edwin B.

513. Emma Bowser.

443. MICHAEL BOWSER. He was the youngest child. Went to Ohio and from Ohio to Missouri in 1856. His wife died in 1860 and he in 1864. He was a shoemaker.

Children:

514. Benjamin Smith Bowser, b. in Ohio, Feb. 4, 1836; m. Mary E. ——— in Missouri; lived in Compton, Calif., where his widow still resides.

515. John William Bowser, b. in Ohio, 1838; m. Hattie Cromer.

516. Catharine Bowser, m. Lewis McLean.

517. Mary Emeline Bowser, b. 1837; m. John Rineley.

518. Lewis William Bowser, b. in Ohio, Aug. 19, 1843; single; died in California.

519. Simon Philip Bowser, b. in Ohio, 1846; d. 1875; m. Mary Smith.

520. Mary Jane Bowser, m. James Stewart.

514. BENJAMIN SMITH and MARY E. BOWSER.

Children:

521. John William Bowser.

522. Mary Alice Bowser, m. ——— Brechenridge; live at Compton, Calif.

523. Emma Susan Bowser, m. D. J. Moody.

524. Lewis Martin Bowser.

515. JOHN WILLIAM and HATTIE (CROMER) BOWSER.

Children:

- 525. Hattie Bowser; lives at Morrison, Ill.
- 526. Mary Bowser; lives at Morrison, Ill.
- 527. John William Bowser, Jr.; lived at Los Angeles, Calif., 1903.
- 528. Harry Ed. Bowser; in Honolulu, Hawaii; Battery E, 11th Field Artillery; in the United States army for over 14 years.

516. CATHARINE (BOWSER) and LEWIS McLEAN.

Children:

- 529. Andrew McLean.
- 530. Michael McLean.
- 531. Benjamin McLean.
- 532. Lewis McLean.
- 533. James McLean.
- 534. Mary Jane McLean.
- 535. Julia McLean, m. ——— Butcher.

517. MARY E. (BOWSER) and JOHN RINELEY.

Children:

- 536. Daniel Rineley; lived at Fruitland, Iowa, 1903.
- 537. Mary Alice Rineley, m. ——— Knight.
- 538. Simon Rineley.
- 539. John Wilson Rineley.

520. MARY JANE (BOWSER) and JAMES STEWART.

Children:

- 540. Emma Stewart.
 - 541. James Stewart.
 - 542. Rachel Stewart.
 - 543. William W. Stewart.
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