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HISTORY

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CHILDREN OF HENRY AND FRANCES (COLEMAN) BOWSER

19. Philip Bowser, b. ———; d. in Ohio before 1832.
20. John Bowser, b. ———; d. in Ohio before 1833.
21. George Bowser, b. in 1800; came from Pennsylvania to Ohio with his parents in 1815; married Elizabeth Manning; they lived in Preble County, Ohio, from about 1830 to about 1831; he died in Centralia, Boone County, Mo., in 1884.
22. Elizabeth Bowser, b. in 1801 or before; m. John Ungery; d. in Indianapolis about 1870.
23. Christina Bowser, b. in 1802; m. Lewis Crepps; about 1895 was living in Muscatine County, Iowa.
24. Susannah Bowser, b. Dec. 1, 1804; m. about 1826 in Ohio to James Mullen; he was born in 1789 and died in 1854; she died near Indianapolis, Oct. 15, 1870; they were parents of Daniel, Jacob, John, Henry, Lemuel, Elmira, Joel, James, Nancy, Harrison, Larned, Morgan and Susan Mullen.
25. Henry Bowser, Jr., b. in March, 1810; when five years old he went with his parents from Pennsylvania to Ohio, and in 1831, migrated to Indiana and settled near Indianapolis, where he resided until his death, Oct. 18, 1883; in May, 1833, m. Mary Moore.
26. Daniel Bowser, b. March 31, 1812, in Somerset County, Pa.; in 1831 came with his father and Henry, Jr., and sister Sarah to Marion County, Indiana; his sisters, Rebecca and Barbara, and their mother, either came at this time or soon after.

21. GEORGE and ELIZABETH (MANNING) BOWSER.

Children:

27. John Duel Bowser, b. July 19, 1824; m. Nancy Miner; d. Jan. 4, 1900, in Callaway County, Mo.
28. Hannah Bowser, b. in 1828; m. a Mr. Bowman and lived in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
29. Henry Bowser, b. June 6, 1831; m. Miriam ———; d. in El Reno, Okla., in 1900.
30. Theophilus Bowser, b. in Preble County, Ohio, July 17, 1836; m. Mary A. Scott; lived in Pike County, Mo.
31. Mary Ann Bowser, b. Sept. 1, 1833, near Eaton, Ohio, in 1850; the family started to the then Great West and settled in Illinois; m. William Young, b. in 1823 in Scotland; they were married in 1853 and came to the vicinity of Farmer City, where she resided until her death, Oct. 23, 1911.
32. Samuel Thomas Bowser, b. March 31, 1839, in Ohio; has resided in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and South Dakota; last was in Hillsboro, Ore.; m. Mary J. Ede in 1868; was a veterinary surgeon.

25. HENRY, JR. and MARY (MOORE) BOWSER.

Children:

33. Catharine E. Bowser, b. in 1835 and d. in 1858.
34. John W. Bowser, b. in 1837 and d. in 1858.

35. Edward Thomas Bowser, b. April 27, 1841; m. Martha J. Kitley; they were living near Indianapolis in 1920
 36. Fanny Ann Bowser, b. March 27, 1843; m. John E. Myles; d. in Marion County, Ind., Mar. 19, 1888.
 37. Sarah E. Bowser, b. May 11, 1845; m. William Rowney; d. in Marion County, Ind., Apr. 18, 1875.
 38. William Henry Bowser, b. Oct. 13, 1847; m. Florence L. Shimer; d. near Indianapolis, Jan. 25, 1895.
 39. Mary Jane Bowser, b. Sept. 11, 1850; m. Edgar Head.
26. DANIEL and HANNAH (MULLEN) BOWSER. In 1835 Daniel married Hannah Mullen, born in Warren County, Ohio, Dec. 16, 1816. In February, 1834, Daniel's father gave him 160 acres of land which was then about five miles southeast of Indianapolis. Here he lived until his death, May 21, 1876. Hannah, who was the writer's grandmother, died April 19, 1874, at the old home on the Shelbyville Pike. Here were born all their children:
40. Levi C. Bowser, b. Jan. 14, 1838; m. Caroline Dawson; the names of their children are: Charles, Harry, Thomas, Laura and Nellie; was in the grocery business about 25 years; has lived in Indianapolis about sixty years. Went with Jack Hoffman to Denver, Colo., in 1859, and was gone about six or eight months. They walked a great part of the way. One time there were buffalo around them as far as they could see. They had 14 yoke of oxen to start with but at the end of the journey only two were left. They had left a sort of cart on the hind wheels of one of their wagons.
 41. Nancy Ann Bowser, b. Apr. 2, 1842; m. Robert D. Graham, a farmer; no children; he died in 1908; in 1920 Aunt Nan, as we called her, was living in Indianapolis.
 42. Henry Davis Bowser, b. Dec. 14, 1844; d. Nov. 12, 1876, in Indiana.
 43. Sarah Ellen Bowser, d. in infancy.
 44. William Washington Bowser, b. July 4, 1849; he worked his father's farm until 1872, when he went to Kansas. Here he married Nettie Tague in 1874, then with her rode in a covered wagon back to his old home near Indianapolis; in 1882 they went to Illinois and in 1886 went from there to Southern California, where he engaged in growing oranges; he died May 11, 1914, as the result of a tree which he was cutting down, falling on him. This occurred in Arkansas. Since then Mrs. Nettie (Tague) Bowser, my mother, has resided in Los Angeles, Calif. There were four children: Charles Arthur (the writer), b. July 13, 1881, on the old farm which Henry, Sr., gave to Daniel in 1834; Emory E., b. in 1883, and d. in 1892; William Harrison, b. in California, Oct. 4, 1888; and Leslie Earl, b. in California, Dec. 31, 1890.
 45. Mary P. Bowser, b. Oct. 6, 1851; m. Virgil Tevis, a Methodist minister; d. Oct. 27, 1895; ch.: Charles and Ruth.
 46. James Marion Bowser, b. Feb. 28, 1840; in the 29th Ind. Inf. in the Civil war; d. single, Jan. 19, 1871, in Indiana.
 47. Hannah Melissa Bowser, b. Mar. 29, 1856; a graduate of DePauw University; m. C. H. Horine, of Chicago.
 48. Sarah Bowser, b. Aug. 24, 1814, in Pennsylvania; in 1833 m. John Moore of Marion County, Ind; they lived near Indianapolis until his death in 1889; Sarah d. Dec. 9, 1899, in that city; the names of their children are: Thomas, William, Margaret, Hannah, Rich-ison, Isabelle, John, Sarah, Calvin, Catharine, Mary and Joseph.
 49. Rebecca Bowser, b. Jan. 1816, in Ohio; in 1837 m. Gottlieb Beck; he was born in 1811 in Wittenburg, Germany; he died in 1897 and she died Mar. 15, 1894; their children: Henry, Elma, Maria, Sarah,

- Julius, George W., James M. and John Benjamin; they lived in Johnson County, Ind.
50. Barbara Bowser, b. in 1820 in Ohio; in Marion County, Ind., Dec. 27, 1835, m. Gottlieb Beck, but died in January, 1836; he later married her sister Rebecca.