THE

BENSON FAMILY

OF

IRELAND AND THE UNITED STATES

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DATES

For the most part, many conflicting dates were easily straightened out by simply rechecking the source material or official records. In some cases, however, marriage dates may vary from other published works because the researcher used the date of a marriage bond, or the date a marriage license was issued, instead of the actual marriage date. Even though some of the source material I used did not specify the origin of the marriage date given, I have tried to differentiate the marriage dates as accurately as possible. In a number of cases an approximate date of marriage, using the abbreviation "ca." for circa (about), is shown based upon information provided in various census documents.

Another dating problem involves the recording of marriage banns. A couple’s intentions to marry, or banns of marriage, were generally proclaimed in church on three consecutive Sundays, and if no legal impediments precluded the couple from being married, their marriage would be sanctioned after the third proclamation. Unfortunately, the first or second proclamation will often be cited as the marriage date instead of the third. I must admit, however, that this is difficult to avoid in some cases because of missing or damaged records.
Death dates may also vary in that the date of burial, or the date a will was written or submitted for probate, will sometimes be cited by others instead of the actual death date. In those cases where I was unable to verify which of two dates was correct, I generally went with the one that referenced the most credible source material, or simply used the year only. **NOTE:** One dating error I encountered while researching the Benson family was the incorrect calculation of birth dates based upon a person's age at the time of death. Unfortunately, a few of the birth dates I came across that were calculated from a person's age at the time of death in Warren County, Indiana cemetery and other records were found to be anywhere from one day to one year off from what they should be if properly calculated.

One of the most common dating conflicts involves the use of the Julian Calendar versus the Gregorian Calendar. On 14 September 1752, the Gregorian Calendar was adopted in both Great Britain and its colonies in North America, and the first day of the year then became January 1. Prior to that date, the Julian Calendar was in effect and the first day of the year was March 25. As a consequence, many dates found in the 1600's and first half of the 1700's for the months of January, February, and March reflect, or should reflect, a double date, such as 15 February 1735/1736. Even though both dates may be perfectly acceptable based upon the calendar that was in use at the time, to be consistent with current dating procedures the second date is most accurate.

When reading numerical Quaker dates from Meetings in the American colonies prior to 1752, it must be remembered that the calendar in use at that time by the Quakers was the Old Style, or Julian Calendar, which began the year in the month of March, not January. As a consequence, numerical dates found in most Quaker records can be interpreted as being two months off of our currently used New Style, or Gregorian Calendar, which was adopted in America in 1752. For example, a Quaker numerical date which may have been written as the 4th day of the 6th month, 1734 should be interpreted as 4 August 1734 under our current calendar, not 4 June 1734.
LOCATIONS

With respect to the location at which an event took place, there were many cases when it was not possible to find any record giving the exact location that a birth, marriage or death took place. Because I feel quite strongly that dates should always be accompanied by places, if for no other reason than to aid future research, I made a number of assumptions regarding location based upon available information. For instance, if a family is found in the Fayette County, Indiana census records for 1840 and 1850, and they also show up in the deed and tax records of that county for the same period, I did not feel that it was unreasonable to assume that any children they had during this period were probably also born in Fayette County. In some cases, however, my comfort level with assuming a possible location was limited to a state only.

ABBREVIATIONS

NOTE: Abbreviations for all states will be the two digit abbreviations used by the United States Postal Service.

* ------------------------- denotes author's direct-line ancestor (pedigree)
b. ------------------------ born
bur. ---------------------- buried
c. ------------------------ circa (about)
calc. --------------------- calculated (generally the date of a document or the date an event transpired less a stated age)
chr. ---------------------- christened/baptized
Co. ---------------------- County
d. ----------------------- died
m. ----------------------- married
M.H. --------------------- Meeting House (Quaker)
M.M. --------------------- Monthly Meeting (Quaker)
MNU --------------------- Maiden Name Unknown
Ref. --------------------- Reference(s)
Rev. --------------------- Reverend
Twp. --------------------- Township
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GENERATION ONE

1. James Benson.

James Benson, the earliest known member of our Benson family to have been verified to date, is said to have been born in about 1730 in County Tyrone, Ireland. At the present time the only information that has been found which pertains to how and when James came to reside in South Carolina was provided by his great grandsons, Henry Clark Benson and William Martindale Benson. Unfortunately, their two versions conflict with each other as can be seen in the below excerpts.

This excerpt was taken from the “History of Cherokee County, Kansas and its Representative Citizens,” and was provided by William Martindale Benson.

“James Benson was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, and shipped to America at the age of 18 years, subject to indenture for his passage money of $30. This resulted in his working for six years for a Philadelphia weaver, who was a just man and took the young Irish lad into his family as one of his own, winning the youth's lifelong devotion. Prior to the Revolutionary War, he went to South Carolina, where he secured a title to 400 acres of land in Union County, and resided upon it until his death in 1790.”

This excerpt was taken from “Copeland, Bostick, Patton, and Allied Families,” and was provided by Henry Clark Benson.

"James Benson, born about 1730, attempted to go to America when about twelve years of age because he could not get along with his stepmother. He packed a few clothes, went to Belfast, and booked passage to Richmond, Virginia where his uncle resided. He hoped that his uncle would pay for his passage to America.
“Young James decided to remain in Ireland, however, and did not attempt to make the trip until about two years later. His ship, instead of going to Virginia, went instead to Charleston, South Carolina, and there James was taken over by a man who paid for the passage to America in exchange for James' labor on his farm. James Benson lived in Union District, South Carolina, where he eventually married and where he became quite prosperous.”

Regardless of which version is accurate, James Benson was very likely residing in colonial South Carolina by the early 1750's, as his three known children are believed to have been born there.

James Benson was later married to a woman named Martha Quinn, and even though no record of their marriage has been found, they are said to have been married in South Carolina. Although Martha Quinn is said to have also been born in County Tyrone, Ireland, no information has been found concerning her parentage, or when she arrived in South Carolina. After their marriage, James and Martha resided in that portion of South Carolina that was formed into Ninety-Six District in 1769, but was later made a part of Union County, South Carolina in 1798.

James Benson’s great grandson, Henry Clark Benson, provided an interesting historical note regarding James Benson during the Revolutionary War, which is shown below.

This excerpt was taken from "Copeland, Bostick, Patton, and Allied Families," and was provided by Henry Clark Benson.

"Dr. Benson told an amusing incident about his great grandfather, James Benson, which occurred during the Revolutionary War. James Benson was a Quaker and refused to fight. He sided with the British, however, and vowed not to shave off his beard until King George had conquered the rebels.

“A colonel with a regiment of American soldiers was passing through the neighborhood where James lived, and the colonel, hearing about James, the "rank Tory," sent for a barber who shaved James, taking almost a half of bushel of hair off his face. Strangely enough, James Benson's sons fought on the side of the Americans."
In the above excerpt, Dr. Benson mentions that during the Revolutionary War, James Benson's "sons" fought on the side of the Americans. In another passage he identified these sons as John, William, Henry, and James. Although James and Martha Benson may very well have had four sons, James Benson, Jr. is the only son named in his father's will. He is also the only male child of James and Martha Benson's to have been uncovered to date. Aside from the above autobiographical sketch, no information has ever been found that I am aware of to substantiate that James and Martha had other sons.

According to various court records, James was appointed as “overseer of the road from Cooks Bridge to Daniel Lihmam’s” on 7 April 1794, and served as a “Petit Juror” on 3 January 1797 in the case of Graffs Edson & Company versus Job Hammond over an unpaid debt. Martha (Quinn) Benson appears to have died prior to April 1799 in what is now Union County, South Carolina, as she was not named in James Benson's will. James, on the other hand, died in Union County, South Carolina in 1801. His will, which had been written on 20 April 1799, was subsequently probated on 17 April 1801 before the Union County Court.

Known issue: (Surname Benson)

2. Mary ----------- b. ca. 1754 in SC. m. ca. 1772 to Jonathan Frost in Ninety-Six District, SC. d. December 1796 in Ninety-Six District, SC.

3. Sarah ----------- b. ca. 1756 in SC. (1830 census of Darke Co., OH. shows “Sally” 1750-1760) m. Alexander Brown in Ninety-Six District, SC.

* 4. James ----------- b. ca. 1759 in SC. (1830 census of Greene Co., OH. shows 1750-1760) m. ca. 1783 to Elizabeth Clark in Ninety-Six District, SC. d. ca. 1830 in Greene Co., OH.
GENERATION TWO

NOTE: Only the author's pedigree ancestor and known siblings are covered in this generation.

2. Mary Benson.

Mary Benson, the daughter of James Benson and Martha Quinn, is believed to have been born in about 1753 in what is now the state of South Carolina. She was later married in about 1772 to a man named Jonathan Frost in Ninety-Six District, South Carolina. Jonathan, who was a native of Virginia, was the son of John and Mary Frost.

When the Revolutionary War broke out, Mary's husband, Jonathan Frost, was a loyalist who fought on the side of the British. Jonathan, who served as a Major in the Ninety-Six Brigade of the Fair Forest Regiment of Militia during the War, died in South Carolina on 13 December 1780. His widow, Mary, subsequently received thirty-five Pounds Sterling on 7 January 1782 for his six months military service between 14 June 1780 and 13 December 1780. Although Jonathan did not leave a will, his estate was administered on 11 September 1783 in Old Ninety-Six District, and an inventory was carried out on 15 September 1783. Mary, on the other hand, died in Old Ninety-Six District, South Carolina during the month of December 1796. Her will, which had been written on 25 December 1796, was subsequently admitted for probate on 2 January 1797. The below children were named in Mary's will.

NOTE: In Mary's will, she referred to her “four youngest children” as being Barnett, Elizabeth, Rachel, and William. Unfortunately, it is not known at this time whether these children were fathered by Jonathan Frost, or if they were born out of wedlock after Jonathan's death. One reason for not believing they were Jonathan Frost's children revolves around the fact that Mary specifically gives the full name, either birth or married, for the four children known to have been her's and Jonathan's, but does not give any surname to her four youngest children. In addition, in the will of Mary's father, James Benson, he only refers to his “four” grandchildren, those known to be Mary and Jonathan's. Because Mary's youngest children may not have carried the Frost surname is one reason that no information has been found concerning any of them. Regardless of who the father is, the eight children listed below are known to be Mary's, and are therefore included in this genealogy.
Issue: (Surname Frost)

5. Sarah -------- b. 27 November 1773 in Ninety-Six District, SC.  
m. (1) (   ) Williams in SC. (?)
 m. (2) Moses Lindsey, probably in SC.
d. 21 November 1834 in Williamson Co., TN.

6. John -------- b. 27 January 1775 in Ninety-Six District, SC.
m. 1802 to Rhoda Miles in SC.
d. 21 June 1836 in Williamson Co., TN.

7. Mary -------- b. ca. 1777 in Ninety-Six District, SC.
m. ca. 1798/1799 to James Copeland in SC.
d. 20 March 1833 in Williamson Co., TN.

8. Rebecca ----- b. 8 June 1779 in Ninety-Six District, SC.
m. Deason Knight in SC.
d. 21 September 1856 in Williamson Co., TN.

Issue: (Surname ?)

9. Barnett ------ b. in Ninety-Six District, SC.

10. Elizabeth ---- b. in Ninety-Six District, SC.

11. Rachel ------ b. in Ninety-Six District, SC.

12. William ------ b. in Ninety-Six District, SC.


Sarah Benson, the daughter of James Benson and Martha Quinn, was born in what is now the state of South Carolina sometime between 1750 and 1760. She was later married in South Carolina to a man named Alexander Brown. Sometime after their marriage, Sarah and Alexander moved north to Ohio. Although they originally settled in Miami County, Ohio, they later moved to Darke County, Ohio, where Alexander and Sarah acquired 80 acres of land on 14 March 1825.
Prior to moving to Darke County, Ohio, Sarah, a legatee of her father, James Benson, and her children, James Brown and his wife, Sarah; Robert Brown and his wife, Hannah; Anna Goens (Goings); Elizabeth Brown; and Polly Brown; sold 100 acres of land along the Tyger River in Union County, South Carolina to her son, William Brown, and his wife, Polly, on 19 October 1821. William and Polly subsequently resold this land on 30 October 1821 to a man named Theophilus Penny for $100.00.

Issue: (Surname Brown)

13. Martha --------- b. ca. 1787 in Ninety-Six District, SC.
14. Elizabeth ------ b. ca. 1789 in Ninety-Six District, SC.
15. James -------- b. 8 April 1792 in Ninety-Six District, SC.
m. 6 February 1820 to Sarah “Sally” Coates in Miami Co., OH.
   Ref.  
d. 15 March 1878 in Darke Co., OH.
16. Anna ----------- b. ca. 1793 in Ninety-Six District, SC.
m. David Goens (Goings) in SC.
d. in OH.
17. William ------- b. calc. 1795 in Ninety-Six District, SC.
m. Mary "Polly" (MNU) in OH.
18. Robert -------- b. 11 April 1796 in Ninety-Six District, SC.
m. 29 April 1821 to Hannah Penny in Miami Co., OH.
d. 3 October 1879 in Darke Co., OH.
19. Polly ----------- b. ca. 1797 in Ninety-Six District, SC.
20. Sarah ---------- b. ca. 1799 in Union Co., SC.

4. James Benson. *

James Benson, the son of James Benson, Sr. and Martha Quinn, is thought to have been born in about 1759/1760 in the State of South Carolina. During the Revolutionary War, James served as a horseman in Colonel Thomas Brandon's Regiment, and during the years 1781 and 1783, he also supplied provisions and forage to the American forces.
After the War, James married in about 1783 to Elizabeth Clark, and from this union ten children were born. 10 Elizabeth, who was born on 20 June 1767 in York County, Pennsylvania, was the daughter of John Clark and Mary Campbell. 10 Although the actual date of their marriage has not been determined, it is believed to have taken place around 1783. This date is primarily based upon the “stated age” of their eldest son, William, when he died on 2 Augustin 1847. 18

Although James may have been associated with the Quakers prior to his marriage, the earliest Quaker record that has been found which pertains to him was in the minutes of the Bush River Monthly Meeting of Friends in Newberry County, South Carolina. This entry was dated 26 April 1788, and stated that James had been "received by request." 19

James and Elizabeth were later united with the Cane Creek Monthly Meeting, however, in what is now Union County, South Carolina. 20 In the minutes of this Meeting, dated 24 August 1805, was found the following: "James Benson and family given certificate to Miami Monthly Meeting, Ohio." 20 Like many of the Quakers living in the Carolinas and Virginia, James and Elizabeth moved to Ohio after it had become a state in 1803. One of the main drawing points of Ohio was that it had been granted statehood as a "free state," and many southern Quakers were anti-slavery. Whether the Benson's were anti-slavery Quakers, or whether they were simply looking to settle on new land, is not known, however.

The Benson's were subsequently received on 14 November 1805 at the Miami Monthly Meeting in Greene County, Ohio, and soon took up land along the Little Miami River in Greene County. 21 In 1810 a new meeting was established as an offshoot of the Miami Monthly Meeting. It was called Caesar’s Creek Monthly Meeting, and was located just over the line in what is now Clinton County, Ohio. The minutes of the Caesar's Creek Monthly Meeting show that three of James and Elizabeth’s children were married there. 22 The Benson's were listed in the 1820 and 1830 Ohio census records as living in Sugar Creek Township in Greene County, and it appears that they remained there until James Benson’s death, which probably transpired shortly after the 1830 census was enumerated. 9,23

Prior to his death, James deeded nearly all of his land holdings to his children. They in turn deeded these lands to John Benson after James' death. John Benson was the youngest child of James and Elizabeth, and most of the older children had already moved to Indiana. On 27 January 1831, James Benson’s widow, Elizabeth, was granted a certificate to the Cherry Grove Monthly Meeting of Friends at Lynn in Randolph County, Indiana to be near several of her children who had previously moved there. 22 She remained there until her death on 31 January 1844. Elizabeth was buried at Lynn, Indiana. 10
Issue: (Surname Benson)

21. William ------  b. 13 August 1784 in Ninety-Six District, SC. 18,24
    m. 14 January 1808 to Mary Stewart in Warren Co., OH. 25
    d. 2 August 1847 in Warren Co., IN. 18,24

* 22. Mary ----------  b. 22 December 1788 in Ninety-Six District, SC. 18,24
    m. 28 June 1810 to Edward “Neddie” Allen in Greene Co., OH.
    Ref: 26
    d. 27 September 1843 in Warren Co., IN. 24

23. Henry ----------  b. 30 October 1790 in Ninety-Six District, SC. 27
    m. 30 January 1812 to Margaret Hammer at the Caesar's Creek
    M.H., Clinton Co., OH. 22
    d. April 1849 in Randolph Co., IN. 28

24. Jonathan ------  b. ca. 1793 in Ninety-Six District, SC. 29
    m. 2 December 1813 to Ruth Brock at the Caesar's Creek M.H.,
    Clinton Co., OH. 22

25. James, Jr. ----  b. 29 November 1794 in Ninety-Six District, SC. 18
    m. 13 February 1823 to Mary Snipes in Warren Co., OH. 25
    d. 3 May 1876 in Warren Co., IN. 18

26. Thomas -------  b. calc. 1799 in Union Co., SC. 30
    m. 1 August 1816 to Mary Kelly at the Caesar's Creek M.H.,
    Clinton Co., OH. 22

27. Samuel --------  b. 1 December 1800 in Union Co., SC. 18
    Isaac  m. 10 January 1822 to Martha "Patsy" Martindale in Warren
    Co., OH. 25
    d. 13 December 1866 in Warren Co., IN. 18,24

28. Clark ----------  b. 11 January 1802 in Union Co., SC. 18
    m. 11 November 1824 to Elizabeth Ann Wilson in Greene Co.,
    OH. 31
    d. 22 February 1857 in Warren Co., IN. 18,32

29. Hester ---------  b. 8 April 1804 in Union Co., SC. 24
    Ann  m. 19 March 1829 to Thomas Dunn in Greene Co., OH. 26
    d. 27 June 1844 in Warren Co., IN. 24
30. John ------------ b. 6 February 1809 in Greene Co., OH.  
   m. (1) 3 January 1828 to Jane Hunt in Randolph Co., IN.  
   m. (2) 21 December 1854 to Gulielma Hough in Randolph Co., IN.  
   d. 9 August 1879 in Wayne Co., IN.
GENERATION THREE

NOTE: Only the author’s pedigree ancestor and known siblings are covered in this generation.


William Benson, the son of James Benson and Elizabeth Clark, was born in the Ninety-Six District of South Carolina on 13 August 1784.\textsuperscript{18,24} (Find a Grave wrongly shows 1786). He was later married in Warren County, Ohio on 14 January 1808 to a woman named Mary Stewart (also written Mary Stuart).\textsuperscript{25} Mary, who was a native of North Carolina, was calculated to have been born there in 1790.\textsuperscript{35} She was the daughter of Robert Stewart and Ann Hornaday.\textsuperscript{24}

Although William and Mary resided in Ohio for a number of years after their marriage, they eventually moved to Randolph County, Indiana, and then later moved on to Warren County, Indiana. William died on 2 August 1847 in Warren County, Indiana.\textsuperscript{18,24} He was subsequently buried in the Union Cemetery near Pine Village in John Q. Adams Township in Warren County.\textsuperscript{18,24}

Known and enumerated Issue: (Surname Benson)

31. John ----------- b. 28 November 1808 in Greene Co., OH.\textsuperscript{18,24} m. 21 February 1833 to Ruth Harris in Randolph Co., IN.\textsuperscript{36,37} d. 26 May 1862 in Warren Co., IN.\textsuperscript{18,24} bur. Union Cem. near Pine Village, John Q. Adams Twp., Warren Co., IN.\textsuperscript{18,24}

32. James --------- b. 11 November 1810 in Greene Co., OH.\textsuperscript{38} m. (remained single).\textsuperscript{38} d. after 1860.\textsuperscript{39}

33. Robert -------- b. 21 January 1813 in Greene Co., OH.\textsuperscript{18,24} S. m. (1) 15 November 1832 to Rebecca Hunt in Randolph Co., IN.\textsuperscript{36,37} m. (2) 9 November 1837 to Mary Ann Metsker in Warren Co., IN.\textsuperscript{34} d. 13 March 1843 in Warren Co., IN.\textsuperscript{18,24} bur. Pine Village Cem., Pine Village, Warren Co., IN.\textsuperscript{18,24}
34. Henry ---------- b. 10 April 1815 in Greene Co., OH.  
   Clark
(Rev.) m. 7 June 1843 to Matilda Martin Williamson in Putnam Co., IN.  
   Ref.  
d. 15 January 1897 at Santa Clara, Santa Clara Co., CA.  
bur. Mission City Memorial Park Cem., Santa Clara, Santa Clara Co., CA.  

35. Abigail --------- b. 6 January 1818 in Greene Co., OH.  
m. 11 September 1843 to Morgan Tucker in Warren Co., IN.  
d. 26 February 1848 in Tippecanoe Co., IN.  
bur. Greenbush Cem., Lafayette, Tippecanoe Co., IN.  

36. Alexander ----- b. 13 April 1820 in Greene Co., OH.  
d. 21 March 1840 in Warren Co., IN.  

37. Martha --------- b. 29 April 1823 in OH. or IN.  
   Ann m. 7 October 1847 to Charles W. Wiggins in Warren Co., IN.  
d. 19 October 1849 in IN.  

38. Rebecca ------ b. 9 November 1830 in Warren Co., IN.  
   E. m. William C. Lank in IN.  
d. 19 January 1857 in IN.  
bur. Union Cem. near Pine Village, John Q. Adams Twp., Warren Co., IN.  

39. William -------- b. in Warren Co., IN.  
   Christie d. believed to have died young.  

22. Mary Benson. * 

Mary Benson, the daughter of James Benson and his wife, Elizabeth Clark, was born in Ninety-Six District, South Carolina on 22 December 1788. She was later married to a man named Edward “Neddie” Allen on 28 June 1810 in Greene County, Ohio. Edward, who was the son of Jackson Allen and Sarah Bond, was calculated to have been born in Shenandoah County, Virginia in 1790. 

Although Edward and Mary were both Quakers, they eventually left that faith and joined the Methodist Church. Two years after their marriage, Edward was drafted and served in the War of 1812 as a private in the 1st Regiment of the Ohio Militia (4th Brigade, 1st Division). Because of this service, he received a warrant for 40 acres of land.
In 1829, Edward and Mary moved into western Indiana, where they settled in Warren County. Mary Benson died in Warren County on 27 September 1843 after a lingering illness. She was subsequently buried in the Union Cemetery near Pine Village in John Q. Adams Township in Warren County.

After Mary passed away, Edward married for a second time to a woman named Nancy Alexander on 29 March 1844 in Warren County, Indiana. Shortly thereafter, Edward and Nancy moved to Wisconsin to be closer to some of his children. According to available census records, Edward and Nancy were residing in Jefferson Township in Green County, Wisconsin in 1850.

Several years later, Edward Allen, along with his 16 year old grandson who was also named Edward, made a visit to Indiana. On the way home Edward came down with cholera and died in the vicinity of Elgin in Cook County, Illinois. This was in the year 1855. Whatever became of Edward’s widow, Nancy, has not been determined.

Issue: (Surname Allen)

* 40. John ----------- b. 4 June 1813 in Greene Co., OH. m. 19 August 1832 to Lavina Odle in Warren Co., IN. d. 11 February 1860 in Green Co., WI. bur. Basswood Cem, Green Co., WI.

41. Elizabeth ------ b. 27 April 1816 in Greene Co., OH. "Betsy" m. 13 April 1837 to Edmund Davis Brady in Warren Co., IN. d. 10 September 1881 in Warren Co., IA. bur. Lacey Cem., Milo, Warren Co., IA.

42. Jackson ------- b. 26 August 1818 in Greene Co., OH. m. 24 December 1837 to Rebecca Jane Brady in Warren Co., IN. d. 20 October 1883 at Lebanon, Smith Co., KS. bur. Price-Fairview Cem., Smith Co., KS.

43. Ruth ---------- b. 24 August 1821 in Greene Co., OH. m. 6 August 1840 to William N. Dunn in Warren Co., IN. d. 25 September 1856 in Green Co., WI. bur. Basswood Cem, Green Co., WI.
44. Hester ________ b. 17 December 1824 in Greene Co., OH.  
Ann m. 12 January 1843 to Joseph C. Alexander in Warren Co., IN.  
Ref.  
d. 17 July 1868 in Warren Co., IA.  
bur. Lacey Cem., Milo, Warren Co., IA.


Henry Benson, the son of James Benson and Elizabeth Clark, was born in the Ninety-Six District of South Carolina on 30 October 1790. He was later married to a woman named Margaret Hammer at the Caesar's Creek Meeting House in Clinton County, Ohio on 30 January 1812. Margaret, who was a native of North Carolina, had been born there on 6 April 1791. She was the daughter of David Hammer and Charlotte Jay.

In 1825, Henry and Margaret moved to Randolph County, Indiana, where they resided for the remainder of their lives. According to the records of the Caesars Creek Monthly Meeting of Friends in Clinton County, Ohio, Margaret and children, were given a certificate on 30 December 1824 to join the Cherry Grove Monthly Meeting of Friends in Randolph County, Indiana. Margaret and her children, Mary and William, were subsequently received into membership at Cherry Grove Meeting on 12 February 1825.

Henry Benson, who was a farmer by trade, died during the month of April 1849 in Randolph County, Indiana during a cholera outbreak. Margaret, on the other hand, was last found on the 1850 census of Randolph County, Indiana residing with her son-in-law and daughter, Levi and Mary (Benson) Kenworthy.

Issue: (Surname Benson)

45. Mary ________ b. 1 March 1818 in Clinton Co., OH.  
m. 26 December 1839 to Levi Kenworthy in Randolph Co., IN.  
Ref.  
d. 30 March 1887 in Louisburg Twp., Montgomery Co., KS.  
bur. Farm Ridge Cem., Elk City, Montgomery Co., KS.

46. William ________ b. 26 August 1821 in Clinton Co., OH.  
m. 25 April 1848 to Elvira Freestone in Randolph Co., IN.  
d. 2 January 1897 in Montgomery Co., KS.  
bur. Farm Ridge Cem., Elk City, Montgomery Co., KS.
24. **Jonathan Benson.**

Jonathan Benson, the son of James Benson and Elizabeth Clark, was born in the Ninety-Six District of South Carolina, and based upon the ages of his brothers, Henry and James, it is believed that he was probably born there in about 1793. He was later married at the Caesar's Creek Meeting House in Clinton County, Ohio to a woman named Ruth Brock on 2 December 1813. Ruth was the daughter of George and Charity Brock.

In about 1820, Jonathan and Ruth moved to Randolph County, Indiana, where they settled in West River Township. They apparently remained in Randolph County for only a few years, however, before moving back to Ohio. According to the 1830 census of Ohio, Jonathan and Ruth were living in Sugar Creek Township in Greene County during that year.

Jonathan and Ruth apparently decided to move back to Randolph County, Indiana, as on 27 August 1835 Ruth and most of her children were endorsement by the Caesars Creek Monthly Meeting in Clinton County, Ohio to join the Cherry Grove Monthly Meeting of Friends in Randolph County. With the exception of Elijah Benson who was already married, and John Milton Benson who was not yet born, Jonathan and Ruth's other eight children were named in this endorsement. They were subsequently received into membership by the Cherry Grove Monthly Meeting during the month of December 1835.

**Issue: (Surname Benson)**

49. **Elijah ---------** b. calc. 1814 in Greene Co., OH. 
m. 22 September 1835 to Ann Sanders in Greene Co., OH.

50. **James --------** b. calc. 1816 in Greene Co., OH. 
m. 22 November 1837 to Rebecca York at the Cherry Grove M.H., Randolph Co., IN. 
d. 1866 in Randolph Co., IN.
51. Isaac  
   b. 27 September 1817 in Greene Co., OH.  
   m. (1) 3 February 1842 to Martha Kinsey in Randolph Co., IN.  
   m. (2) 1 October 1846 to Sarah Helton in Randolph Co., IN.  
   d. 2 February 1892 in Rice Co., KS.  
   bur. Springdale Cem., Chase, Rice Co., KS.  

52. Charity  
   b. (1820-1825) in either Greene Co., OH or Randolph Co., IN.  

53. Clark  
   b. (1820-1825) in either Greene Co., OH or Randolph Co., IN.  

54. Henry  
   b. (1820-1825) in either Greene Co., OH or Randolph Co., IN.  

55. Lucinda  
   b. (1825-1830) in either Greene Co., OH or Randolph Co., IN.  

56. Samuel  
   b. (1825-1830) in either Greene Co., OH or Randolph Co., IN.  

57. Jonathan  
   b. (1825-1830) in either Greene Co., OH or Randolph Co., IN.  

58. John  
   b. 14 April 1840 in Randolph Co., IN.  
   Milton  
   m. 6 January 1861 to Eliza Jane Cox in Randolph Co., IN.  
   d. 2 April 1920 at Winchester, Randolph Co., IN.  
   bur. Whiteriver Cem., Randolph Co., IN.  


James Benson, the son of James Benson and Elizabeth Clark, was born in the Ninety-Six District of South Carolina on 29 November 1794. He was later married in Warren County, Ohio to a woman named Mary Snipes on 13 February 1823. Mary, who had been born on 13 January 1791 in North Carolina, was the daughter of Matthew Snipes and Mary Crews. 

Although James and Mary originally resided on a farm in Sugar Creek Township in Greene County, Ohio for a short time, they soon moved into Warren County, Ohio, where they are found on the 1830 census residing in the vicinity of Harveysburg. By 1840, however, James and his family were found residing in John Q. Adams Township in Warren County, Indiana. Mary died on 14 February 1852 in Warren County, Indiana, and was subsequently buried in the Union Cemetery near Pine Village in John Q. Adams Township. James, on the other hand, died in Warren County, Indiana on 3 May 1876, and was buried in the McCabe Cemetery near Carbondale in Liberty Township in Warren County.
The names, birth dates, and death dates of the four siblings of Iverson H. Benson were provided to the Author via an e-mail from Mr. Bill Snipes. According to Mr. Snipes, James and Mary Benson had a total of five children, four of whom died during the cholera epidemic of 1833 in Warren County, Ohio.

Known and enumerated Issue: (Surname Benson)

59. Emily ----------- b. 27 March 1826 in Warren Co., OH. d. 16 February 1833 in Warren Co., OH.

60. Emaline ------- b. 27 January 1827 in Warren Co., OH. d. 18 February 1833 in Warren Co., OH.

61. William -------- b. 12 August 1828 in Warren Co., OH. d. 20 February 1833 in Warren Co., OH.


63. John ------------ b. 20 January 1832 in Warren Co., OH. E. d. 28 February 1833 in Warren Co., OH.

26. **Thomas Benson.**

Thomas Benson, the son of James Benson and Elizabeth Clark, was calculated to have been born in about 1799 in Union County, South Carolina. He was later married on 1 August 1816 at the Caesar’s Creek Meeting House in Clinton County, Ohio to a woman named Mary Kelly. Mary, who was also a native of South Carolina, was calculated to have been born there in 1799. She was the daughter of Robert and Sarah Kelly.

Although Thomas and Mary originally settled on a farm in Sugar Creek Township in Greene County, Ohio after their marriage, sometime prior to 1830, they moved to Randolph County, Indiana. After residing in Randolph County for about seven years, they subsequently moved on to Warren County, Indiana, where they settled in John Q. Adams Township. In about 1846, however, Thomas and Mary moved again, this time to a farm near the town of Monroe in Green County, Wisconsin.
The child listed below as (female) was abstracted from the 1820 federal census of Greene County, Ohio. This census shows males 101 and females 101. This child is also believed to be one of Thomas and Mary's daughters, but has not been positively identified as yet.

Issue: (Surname Benson)

64. (female) ------- b. ca. 1818 in Greene Co., OH. (1820 census of Greene Co., OH. shows 1810-1820)

65. Jonathan ------ b. calc. 1820 in Greene Co., OH. 
m. 2 December 1840 to Eliza Ann Jones in Warren Co., IN.

66. Mary ---------- b. calc. 1822 in Greene Co., OH. 
    Ann 
m. 26 January 1848 to Herod M. Townsend in Green Co., WI.

67. Samuel ------- b. 27 April 1823 in Greene Co., OH. 
m. 3 January 1849 to Fidelia Church in Green Co., WI. 
d. 9 May 1873 at Washington, Adams Co., IA. 
    bur. Forest Hill Cem., Mount Etna, Adams Co., IA.

68. Sarah --------- b. 3 September 1828 in Greene Co., OH. 
m. 15 April 1852 to William J. Barngrover in Green Co., WI. 
d. 30 June 1900 in Fillmore Co., NE. 
    bur. Chelsea Cem., Fillmore Co., NE.

69. Robert ------- b. calc. 1829 in Greene Co., OH. 
    Kelly 
m. 8 September 1853 to Elizabeth M. Dunaway in Green Co., WI.

70. Elizabeth ------ b. calc. 1831 in Randolph Co., IN. 
m. 17 October 1855 to Lewis McBride in Green Co., WI.

27. Samuel Issac Benson.

Samuel Isaac Benson, the son of James Benson and Elizabeth Clark, was born in Union County, South Carolina on 1 December 1800. He was later married in Warren County, Ohio on 10 January 1822 to a woman named Martha J. "Patsy" Martindale. Martha, who was a native of Ohio, was calculated to have been born there in 1805.
Samuel and Martha eventually moved to Indiana, where they settled on a farm in John Q. Adams Township in Warren County. Samuel died in Warren County, Indiana on 13 December 1866. His will, which had been written on 29 August 1866, was admitted for probate on 18 December 1866. Samuel was subsequently buried in the Union Cemetery near Pine Village in John Q. Adams Township in Warren County.

Known issue: (Surname Benson)

71. Mary ---------- Maria  
   b. calc. 1823 in Warren Co., OH.  
   m. (1) 15 March 1840 to Jesse Young in Warren Co., IN.  
   m. (2) 12 January 1858 to Allen Nicholas in Warren Co., IN.

72. William ------- Martindale  
   b. 20 September 1830 in Warren Co., IN.  
   m. (1) 26 September 1853 to Prudence Malinda Slauter in Warren Co., IN.  
   m. (2) ca. 1886 to Margaret Ann Fagan in Cherokee Co., KS.  
   d. 17 August 1904 at Columbus, Cherokee Co., KS.  
   bur. Bethlehem Cem., Columbus, Cherokee Co., KS.

73. Henry -------- Washington  
   b. 20 May 1836 in Warren Co., IN.  
   d. 28 January 1839 in Warren Co., IN.  

28. Clark Benson.

Clark Benson, the son of James Benson and Elizabeth Clark, was born in Union County, South Carolina on 11 January 1802. He was later married in Greene County, Ohio on 11 November 1824 to a woman named Elizabeth Ann Wilson. Elizabeth, who was a native of Ohio, was calculated to have been born there in 1806.

Clark and Elizabeth eventually moved to Warren County, Indiana, where they purchased 80 acres of land on 4 October 1830 from a man named Samuel B. Clark for $200. Clark died on 22 February 1857 in Warren County, while Elizabeth died there on 22 July 1872. Clark's will, which had been written on 8 July 1854, was submitted for probate on 2 March 1857. Both Clark and Elizabeth were buried in the Union Cemetery near Pine Village in John Q. Adams Township in Warren County.

The three children listed below as (male) or (female) were abstracted from the 1830 federal census of Greene County, Ohio. This census shows males 10001 and females
2001. Because the two (female) children do not show up on the 1840 census of Warren County, Indiana, it is believed that they probably died young. 61

Issue: (Surname Benson)

74. (female) ------ b. (1825-1830) in Greene Co., OH. 9
d. believed to have died young.

75. (female) ------ b. (1825-1830) in Greene Co., OH. 9
d. believed to have died young.

76. (male) ---------- b. (1825-1830) in Greene Co., OH. 9

77. John ---------- b. September 1834 in Warren Co., IN. 75
   C. m. (unknown). 75
d. (last found on 1900 census of Gilpin Co., CO.) 75

78. Elizabeth ------ b. calc. 1838 in Warren Co., IN. 35
   Emily m. Laben E. Waymire in Warren Co., IN. 39

79. Harvey ---------- b. December 1840 in Warren Co., IN. 76
   A. m. (1) 19 November 1863 to Lydia Ann Waymire in Warren Co., IN. 45
   m. (2) 1893 to Mary E. (MNU). 76
d. (last found 1918 in Vermillion Co., IL). 77

80. David ---------- b. 4 October 1842 in Warren Co., IN. 78,79
   B. m. (1) 5 December 1869 to Amanda Clark in Fountain Co., IN. Ref. 80
   m. (2) 31 December 1874 to Elmina R. “Minnie” Draper in Warren Co., IN. 45
d. 21 October 1925 in Warren Co., IN. 79,82
   bur. Riverside Cem., Attica, Fountain Co., IN. 79

81. George -------- b. 7 November 1844 in Warren Co., IN. 18
   W. d. 16 November 1852 in Warren Co., IN. 18
   bur. Union Cem., near Pine Village, John Q. Adams Twp., Warren Co., IN. 18

82. Mary ---------- b. 7 September 1849 in Warren Co., IN. 18
Margaret d. 20 August 1852 in Warren Co., IN.  
bur. Union Cem., near Pine Village, John Q. Adams Twp., Warren Co., IN.

83. Rachel --------- b. calc. 1852 in Warren Co., IN.

Rebecca

29. **Hester Ann Benson**.

Hester Benson, the daughter of James Benson and Elizabeth Clark, was born in Union County, South Carolina 8 April 1804. She was later married to a man named Thomas Dunn at Xenia in Greene County, Ohio on 19 March 1829. Thomas, who was a native of Virginia, was calculated to have been born there in 1806.

Although Hester and Thomas remained in Greene County for several years after their marriage, they eventually moved to Warren County, Indiana. Hester died in Warren County on 27 June 1844. She was subsequently buried in the Union Cemetery near Pine Village in John Q. Adams Township in Warren County.

After Hester passed away, Thomas married in Warren County, Indiana for a second time to a woman named Cynthia Berry on 1 May 1845. Shortly thereafter, Thomas and Cynthia moved to Wisconsin, where they are shown on the 1850 census as residing at Monroe in Green County. Listed with Thomas were his five children from his first marriage to Hester, and three younger children from his second marriage to Cynthia. These were: Isaac N., Hester A., and Martin L. Dunn.

**Issue: (Surname Dunn)**

84. John ---------- b. 28 August 1831 in Greene Co., OH.
   Rafer m. (1) 26 March 1857 to Nancy Emma Thomason in Green Co., WI.
   m. (2) 18 June 1872 to Mary E. Burson in Warren Co., IA. d. 13 April 1914 in Belmont Twp., Warren Co., IA.
   bur. Milo I.O.O.F. Cem., Milo, Warren Co., IA.

85. Eliza ---------- b. 2 April 1833 in Randolph Co., IN.
J. d. 16 October 1911 at Indianola, Warren Co., IA.

86. Emaline ------- b. calc. 1836 in Randolph Co., IN. 30
R.

87. William ------- b. calc. 1840 in Randolph Co., IN. 30
C. m. 24 December 1865 to Matilda J. Woodward in Warren Co., IA. 84

88. Charles ------- b. 31 July 1842 in Warren Co., IN. 48
W. m. (1) 2 December 1866 to Sarah Moorman in Warren Co., IA. Ref. 84
m. (2) 9 January 1889 to Amelia Elizabeth Cason in Warren Co., IA. 84
d. 21 November 1917 at Indianola, Warren Co., IA. 48
bur. Wallace Cem., Wick, Warren Co., IA. 48

30. John Benson.

John Benson, the youngest son of James Benson and Elizabeth Clark, was born in Greene County, Ohio on 6 February 1809. 33,60 John was apparently married twice during his life. He married first to a woman named Jane Hunt on 3 January 1828 in Randolph County, Indiana. 36 Jane, who was a native of South Carolina, had been born there on 7 November 1804. 60 She was the daughter of Abraham Hunt and Sarah Chamness. 50,85

Although John and Jane resided in Sugar Creek Township in Greene County, Ohio for several years after their marriage, they eventually moved to Randolph County, Indiana. 9,86 According to the records of the Cherry Grove Monthly Meeting of Friends in Randolph County, Abraham and Clark, minor children of John Benson, were received into membership there on 17 July 1837. 50 Jane died in Randolph County, Indiana on 4 July 1851. 60

After his first wife passed away, John married on 21 December 1854 for a second time, also in Randolph County, Indiana, to a woman named to Gulielma Hough. 33 Gulielma, who had been born on 28 July 1825 in Wayne County, Indiana, was the daughter of Jonathan Hough and Gulielma Hutchins. 33,87
In about 1864, John and his family moved to Wayne County, Indiana, where they settled on a farm in New Garden Township. 33  John died in Wayne County, Indiana on 9 August 1879. 51,60  Both John and his first wife, Jane Hunt, were subsequently buried in the Quaker Lynn Cemetery at Lynn, Indiana. 60  John’s second wife, Gulielma, was last found on the 1910 federal census of Kansas City in Wyandotte County, Kansas residing with her son, Thomas Clarkson Benson. 88  She subsequently died on 21 February 1912, probably in Wyandotte, County, Kansas. 87

Issue from 1st marriage: (Surname Benson)

89. Abraham ------ b. 28 October 1830 in Greene Co., OH. 89
   Hunt m. 4 August 1854 to Ruth Talbert at the New Garden M.M., Wayne Co., IN. 89,90
d. (last found on 1900 census of Douglas Co., KS.). 91

90. Clarkson ------ b. 6 November 1833 in Randolph Co., IN. 60
   m. 27 February 1856 to Sylvania Beard in Randolph Co., IN. 63
d. 5 August 1912 in Randolph Co., IN. 60
   bur. Quaker Lynn Cem., Lynn, Randolph Co., IN. 60

91. Rebecca ------ b. 3 May 1836 in Randolph Co., IN. 92
   m. 12 January 1856 to Levi Beard in Randolph Co., IN. 63,92
d. 1922 in Randolph Co., IN.
   bur. Fountain Park Cem., Winchester, Randolph Co., IN. 60

92. James -------- b. 9 July 1839 in Randolph Co., IN. 60
   W. d. 28 February 1861 at Lynn, Randolph Co., IN. 60
   bur. Quaker Lynn Cem., Lynn, Randolph Co., IN. 60

93. Henry -------- b. 22 February 1842 in Randolph Co., IN. 27
d. young. 27

94. Sarah -------- b. 30 June 1844 in Randolph Co., IN. 93
   Jane d. 5 September 1846 at Lynn, Randolph Co., IN. 93

95. Mary -------- b. 6 November 1846 in Randolph Co., IN. 94
   Elizabeth m. 5 February 1870 to Henry Pickett in Randolph Co., IN. 94
d. 5 September 1943 at Versailles, Darke Co., OH. 94
   bur. Quaker Lynn Cem., Lynn, Randolph Co., IN. 94
Issue from 2nd marriage: (Surname Benson)

96. Thomas ------ b. 2 September 1856 in Randolph Co., IN.  
    Clarkson       m. 26 March 1884 to Helen C. “Nellie” Hine in De Kalb Co., IN.  
                   Ref.  
                   d. 10 September 1927 at Kansas City, Wyandotte Co., KS.

97. Jane ----------- b. 17 July 1859 in Randolph Co., IN.
    “Jennie”

98. Albert --------- b. 12 June 1863 in Randolph Co., IN.
    m. 1885 to Anna White in Wayne Co., IN.  
    d. 8 December 1922 in Canyon Co., ID.
    bur. Greenleaf Cem., Greenleaf, Canyon Co., ID.

* Denotes author’s direct-line ancestor (pedigree).
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