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Samuel A. Buracker's Relatives

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THE last two reports were about **Samuel A. Buracker** and his family. By looking at some of his relatives, we can see how the picture of the family history ties together. Like a jigsaw puzzle, each piece – each name – has to be fitted in.

Samuel's father was **Michael Burricker/Buracker**. His estate was settled in Page County, VA in 1834 (WB A, p. 105). His heirs were shown as widow, Barbara Buracker, sons Joseph and Samuel, infant daughters Betsy (Elizabeth) and Mary (or Mary Ann) and daughter Nancy Buracker. Other deeds mention Ann and Emily Jane Buracker as being heirs as well. Michael was the son of **Daniel and Elizabeth Burricker** and had 12 brothers and sisters. They were: Eve (**Printz**), Christena (**Griffith**), Polly (**Tressler**), Susannah (**Hershberger**), Adam, Henry, Martin, Joshua, John, Philip, Elizabeth and Joseph (DB V, p. 675, 27 May 1815).

Those were the names of Samuel's aunts and uncles. Some of them were still living nearby as he grew up. When he was five years old, there were at least three uncles still in Virginia: John, Joshua and Martin (1820 census). Aunt Eve had married **Adam Printz/Prince** and migrated to Champaign County, Ohio. Uncle

Adam and Uncle Henry joined her there later (1830 census).

After Uncle Henry had served in the War of 1812, he married Mary Ann Barton at Woodstock, Virginia in January 1814. Their first son, **Daniel**, was born on 11 September 1816 in the Luray or Stanley area. Their second son, **William**, was born during 1817 in Champaign County, Ohio (1820 census). Daniel and William would then be Samuel's cousins.

Twenty years later, Uncle **Henry Boroker** (as he spelled his surname by that time), moved his family to Montgomery County, Indiana (1840 census). His son **Daniel** married **Nancy W. Jackson** in 1841 and they soon had children – and later, grandchildren.

One grandson was **Charles Theodore Boraker**, born about 1876 (age 4 in the 1880 census). He married **Ella May Crawford** at Aurora, Missouri and they had several children – and later, grandchildren. Charles and Ella May Boraker had a farm near Ferndale, Washington. One of their grandsons can still remember helping Grandpa gather the eggs and watching him make apple cider and milk the cows. That grandson was me!