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## ENGLISH ANCESTRY OF THE IMMIGRANTS

### THE ORIGIN OF THE STREETER NAME IN SUSSEX, ENGLAND

The name, *Streeter*, is of English origin and designates one who lives near an ancient roman road or on the main street of a village; it is almost exclusively unique to Sussex. It is a variation of *Street* which comes from the Old English *stroet* for roman road which comes from the Latin *strata*, from the past participle of *sternere*, to strew, cover, surface. Other variations include *Strete*, *Streete*, *Streets*, *Streater*, and *Streat* (Patricia Hanks and Flavia Hodges, *A Dictionary of Surnames*, [Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1988]). In various records, the surname of my immigrant ancestor, Thomas<sup>1</sup>, was spelled as *Streeter*, *Streter*, and *Streeter*; the English family from which he descended was identified as *Streeter*, *Streater*, *Streater*, *Streter*, and *Stretter*. Richard McKinley provides a detailed analysis of *Streeter* and similar surnames in his work, *The Surnames of Sussex*:

The appearance of some surnames in certain counties, but not in others, is no doubt due to the use of terms for some features of the landscape being restricted to certain regions, counties, or even small areas. There are, however, some broad types of types of surname, within the category of topographical names, which are more numerous in some counties, but are scarce or absent, in medieval sources, in others. Two such types were from an early time more numerous in Sussex, proportionately, than in most other counties. These are surnames composed of a topographical term with the suffix -er added (Bridger, Fielder, Weller, [Streeter], etc.) and those composed of a topographical term with -man added (Bridgeman, Hillman, Wellman, etc.).

During the 14th century, topographical surnames in -er become more common. They do not seem to be especially numerous, in proportion to the population, in any one part of the county. Such names remained relatively rare during the 14th century and are markedly less common than the corresponding names without the -er suffix. In the 1332 subsidy returns for Sussex, for example,

there are... but 2 [instances] of Streeter (Streter)... Streeter [has] been found in Sussex for the first time during the 14th century.

During the 15th century a considerable number of families must have acquired surnames in -er, either by coming to possess hereditary surnames for the first time during the century, or through families with topographical surnames without the suffix having their names modified by the addition of -er, so that, for instance, a name such as atte [Street] became [Streeter], and so forth. Since the forms of topographical names were often interchangeable, so that individuals with names such as [Street]... were sometimes known, alternatively, as [Streeter].

During the 16th and 17th centuries some topographical surnames in -er were very numerous in Sussex. In the 1641-1642 Protestation Returns, for example, there are listed in West Sussex... 34 [men] named Streeter or Streeter... The interchangeability of forms with and without the -er suffix persisted as late as the 16th and 17th centuries... Forms in -er were used in Sussex in equivalent forms of topographical surnames without the -er suffix over a long period.

#### THE STREETERS OF EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX, ENGLAND

Richard<sup>B</sup> Streeter of East Grinstead, Sussex, England, grandfather of the American immigrants, is the first Streeter that we can confidently identify as a direct ancestor.

The Parish of East Grinstead is in the extreme northeast corner of West Sussex; it is not far from London and contains a town of the same name. It is only fourteen miles from the edge of modern greater London and only twenty-eight miles south of the city's center. East Grinstead lies at the northwest boundary of a large scenic wooded area known as "The Weald" and specifically within the "High Weald"; this is a national forest of outstanding natural beauty. In 1801, East Grinstead contained 2,659 individuals living in 381 houses (Roger Davey, *East Sussex Land Tax 1785*, Sussex Record Society Volume 77 [1990], 89; hereinafter *Davey*). East Grinstead is bordered to the north by the Parishes of Felbridge and Lingfield in the County of Surrey and the Parishes of Edenbridge and Cowden in Kent; within Sussex it is encircled by the Parishes of Worth, West Hoathly, Horsted Keynes, Fletching, Maresfield, Hartfield, and Crawley Down. Although designated as part of the civil administrative district of West Sussex since 1974, historically speaking, East Grinstead belongs to East Sussex.

Michael Streeter of Gloucestershire, England has spent many years researching the Streeters of Sussex and Kent; he offered the following opinion:

We think the East Grinstead Streeters are related to the Sussex Streeters and particularly to the Parish of Worth. Worth is definitely linked to the Sussex Streeters (Michael Streeter, correspondence, 3 September 1999; hereinafter *MS*).

The name, *Streeter*, and variations thereof can be found in the registers of the Parish Church of St. Swithun in East Grinstead as far back as the 1500s, when record-keeping was first established. One of the earliest records is for the marriage of a Thomas Streeter to Clemence Benks in May 1575. Also, a Stephen Streeter was christened on 17 March 1576/77.

The father of Thomas<sup>1</sup> Streeter was named William; this name has been common in the Streeters of East Grinstead for centuries. It was first recorded in 1593 when Willm Streater married Alice Loick. In those early days, *Streater*, *Streate*, *Streete*, and *Street* were all interchangeable variations of the same name. On 12 March 1627/28, Alice, wife of Wilm Street, was buried; it is probable that this Alice is identical with the Alice Loick who married Willm Streater in 1593.

Based on the *The Parish Registers of East Grinstead, Sussex [England] 1558-1661* (Robert Payne Crawford, Editor, Sussex Record Society [1917]; hereinafter *Crawford*), I have attempted to construct the following family groups:

THOMAS STREATER married May 1575 CLEMENCE BENKS.

Children, birth order and parentage uncertain:

- i. [JOHN STREATER], c. 4 Sep 1575.
- ii. [STEPHEN STREATER], c. 17 March 1576/77.

WILLM STREATER married 6 May 1593 ALICE LOICK, buried 12 March 1627/28 "wife of Wilm Street"; married second on 24 June 1629 to "widow" JOANE (\_\_\_) HADLOWE, buried 29 June 1632, "wife of Wilm Streete," probably the widow of Thomas Hadlowe who had been buried on 8 April 1627. Alice is the only Loick that appears in the early registers of East Grinstead; perhaps *Loick* is a variant of *Lowick*, a name seen somewhat more frequently in the old records.

Notice that William and the Thomas cited immediately above both named their eldest son John. Based on the naming patterns of that era, these two may have been linked as uncle and nephew. Thomas may have been a second or younger son of a John. William may have been a son of another John Streeter who would have been a brother to Thomas and the eldest son of the senior John.

Children, birth order and parentage uncertain:

- i. JOHN STREATE, "s. of Willm," bur. 26 Nov 1594; probably baptized and died young.
- ii. [FRAUNCIS STREATE]; c. 26 Oct 1595.
- iii. [WILLM STREATE], c. 15 Oct 1598.

JOANE STREATTER married 11 August 1599 RICHARD WEEKYNG.

Following the burial of Joane (\_\_\_) (Hadlowe) Streete in 1632, there are no Streeters (or variants) cited in the parish registers of East Grinstead for the remainder of the seventeenth century. Yet, from *Sussex Hearth Tax Assessments 1662* (Michael J. Burchall, [Sussex Genealogical Centre Occasional Papers No. 3], [1980]), we know that there were at least two generations of men named William Streeter residing in East Grinstead during the mid-seventeenth century. "William Streat senr" was taxed for one hearth while "William Streate" was assessed for six hearths. It was also noted on 2 June 1679 that "Will. Streat, a poor boy," was buried at East Grinstead.

ANNE STREATER married 9 November 1701 THOMAS TAPSELL, died before 29 October 1737 when Thomas Tapsell [Junior] of East Grinstead made his will and named his widowed mother, Anne, as his executor (*Church of England, Diocese of Chichester Consistory Court (Archdeaconry of Lewes) Register Copy of Wills, A55:272 [LDS Library Film #0097258]*).

Anne was roughly of the same generation as Richard<sup>B</sup> Streeter of East Grinstead; perhaps they were siblings or were otherwise closely related. It is also interesting to note that Thomas and Anne named a son Steven. Assuming that Thomas was the eldest son, this may indicate that Anne's father was named Steven Streater. Perhaps Anne's husband was descended from an earlier Tapsell at East Grinstead—Richard Tapsell's will was proved there in 1668.

Children, birth order uncertain:

- i. THOMAS [JR.], d. East Grinstead between 29 Oct and 11 Nov 1737, when his will was made and subsequently proven; it was witnessed by William Gardener, Elizabeth Marchant, and N. Moor Jr.
- ii. STEVEN.
- iii. ANNE.
- iv. SARAH.
- v. [MARY].
- vi. *daughter.*

ANNE STREATER of Worth, Sussex married 22 October 1704 JOHN PALTICK, also of Worth.

#### RICHARD<sup>B</sup> STREETER OF DUNNINGS FARM

1. RICHARD<sup>B</sup> STREETER, grandfather of the American immigrants, is the first Streeter of East Grinstead, Sussex, England that we can confidently identify as a direct ancestor. Richard died in December 1764 (*Turners Hill Minute Book*, Dr. Williams Library, London, England); he was buried in the cemetery of St. Swithun Church at East Grinstead on 15 December 1764 (*Microfilm of original Parish Registers for East Grinstead, Family History Library Film #0919114*, hereinafter *EGPR*). Richard married ELIZABETH \_\_; she was buried at East Grinstead on 2 November 1760 (*EGPR*). Perhaps they were identical with the Richard Streater and Elizabeth Humphrey who married at Charlwood, Surrey on 10 October 1708. Calculating backwards from dates pertaining to their son, William<sup>A</sup>, and his children, Richard<sup>B</sup> and Elizabeth were both born probably between 1685 and 1705.

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Children of Richard<sup>B</sup> and Elizabeth (\_\_) Streeter, birth order and parentage of all but William<sup>A</sup> highly speculative:

2.       ii. WILLIAM<sup>A</sup>, b. ca. 1725 or earlier; m. ANN \_\_\_\_.
- iii. [ANNE STREATER], b. ca. 1725 or earlier; m. East Grinstead 15 April 1740 FRANCIS HEWARD of Billinghamurst; possibly identical with Ann Streeter, c. Charlwood, Surrey 31 March 1716, "daughter of Richard Streeter."
- iv. [JAMES STREATER/STREATOR], b. ca. 1726 or earlier; buried at East Grinstead 21 June 1779, m. East Grinstead 1746 SARAH NICKLESS, bur. 2 November 1763; m. (2) ELIZABETH \_\_\_\_ . However, James of East Grinstead may well have been the James Streeter c. at Worth on 15 Jan 1711, son of Tho[mas] and Susan/Susannah (Pollard?) Streeter.

Children, by Sarah Nickless, christened at East Grinstead: 1. *Elizabeth*, c. 1747; possibly the mother of the "baseborn" Thomas Streater, c. East Grinstead 8 Feb 1758; possibly the Elizabeth Streater who m. East Grinstead 5 Jan 1761 George Kilner, son of Richard and Mary (Parker) Kilner. George Kilner m. (1) East Grinstead 13 July 1746 Sarah Finch; m. (2) East Grinstead 30 Oct 1753 Sarah Mede; m. (3) East Grinstead 3 Aug 1763 Elizabeth Tomsett. 2. *Mary*. 3. *Martha*, probably m. at East Grinstead 23 Oct 1774 Harry Harden; witnessed by John Burley. 4. *Ann*, c. 1754, probably m. at East Grinstead 9 Dec 1777 William Dumsday, b. East Grinstead 1755, son of John and Jane (Blundell) Dumsday; m. witnessed by John Dumsday; possibly the mother of Edward Streater, c. East Grinstead 5 Jan 1777. By secondary sources, William and Ann were married in 1776 and their son, Edward Dumsday was b. East Grinstead that same year; it appears possible that Edward was born out of wedlock as a Streater but was raised as a Dumsday with William and Ann's other children.

Child, by Elizabeth, christened at East Grinstead: 5. *Sarah*, c. 1757.

#### WILLIAM<sup>A</sup> STREETER OF DUNNINGS FARM

2. WILLIAM<sup>A</sup> STREETER (*Richard*<sup>B</sup>) of Dunnings Farm, East Grinstead, Sussex, England, was buried at East Grinstead on 1 October 1787 (*EGPR*). William married ANN \_\_\_\_; she was buried at East Grinstead on 25 February 1784 (*EGPR*). William was possibly identical with the William Streeter christened at Charlwood, Surrey on 5 March 1714/15 as the son of Richard Streeter. In any case, based on dates pertaining to their children, William and Ann were probably both born between 1705 and 1725.

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Children of William and Ann (\_\_\_\_) Streeter, christened at the Parish Church of St. Swithun, East Grinstead, Sussex, England (*EGPR*, *Bishop's Transcripts*, *Will of William Streater*):

- i. ELIZABETH STREATER, c. 21 April 1742; doubtless, the "child of Wm. Streeters" bur. at East Grinstead 19 April 1743.
- ii. SARAH STREATER, c. 8 May 1743; d. after 9 Aug 1787; m. at East Grinstead 1761 JOHN CHART, perhaps the John Charte c. East Grinstead 26 April 1741, son of Mary Charte; m. witnessed by John Payne.  
Children, surname *Chart*, christened in the Parish Church of St. Swithun, East Grinstead: 1. *John*, c. 15 Jan 1762. 2. *Ann*, c. 29 May 1763.
- iii. WILLIAM STREATER, c. 30 Dec 1744; doubtless, the "child of Wm. Streeters" bur. at East Grinstead 7 July 1745.
- iv. JOHN STREATOR, c. 4 May 1746; d. after 9 Aug 1787; probably m. (1) at East Grinstead 3 Dec 1770 ANN COMBER, m. witnessed by Benj. Comber, bur. East Grinstead 14 Oct 1771; John Streater "widr" m. (2) at East Grinstead after 21 Aug 1774 MARTHA COMBER of Maresfield, Sussex; she was presumably a relative of John's first wife, Ann.  
Child, by Martha Comber: 1. *Charles Streater*, "son of Jno. & Martha," bur. East Grinstead 15 June 1787.
- v. RICHARD STREATER, c. 25 Dec 1747; d. after 9 Aug 1787; probably unmarried as of 9 Aug 1787; possibly m. at Worth, Sussex 8 Dec 1798 MARY STREATER; the couple was designated as a "Batchelor" and a "Spinster."
3. vi. WILLIAM<sup>1</sup> STREATER, c. 3 Nov 1749; possibly m. (1) Balcombe, Sussex 30 April 1770 to SARAH PIERCE; m. (2?) JANE \_\_\_.
4. vii. ELIZABETH<sup>1</sup> "BETTY" STREETER, c. 15 Nov 1751 ("Betty" on Parish Register, "Elizabeth" on Bishop's Transcript); Elizabeth m. at East Grinstead 18 Oct 1770 WILLIAM FAULKNER.
5. viii. THOMAS<sup>1</sup> STREETER, c. 16 June 1754; m. (1) Cowden, Kent, England 14 Oct 1776 to ANNE STRICKLAND; m. (2) probably at Bath, New York about 1807 to LOUISA \_\_\_.

### FIRST GENERATION: THE IMMIGRANTS

#### WILLIAM<sup>1</sup> STREETER

3. WILLIAM<sup>1</sup> STREETER (*William*<sup>A</sup>, *Richard*<sup>B</sup>), son of William<sup>A</sup> and Ann (\_\_\_) Streeter, was born probably at Dunnings Farm in the Parish of East Grinstead, Sussex, England. He was christened in the Parish Church of St. Swithun at East Grinstead on 3 November 1749 (*EGPR*). William died, probably in New York State but perhaps in New Jersey, probably after 1794; no burial record can be found for him at East Grinstead. Possibly, he was first married at Balcombe, Sussex on 30 April 1770 to SARAH PIERCE. He was married (second?) in Sussex before 10 October 1788 to JANE \_\_\_. Jane was buried at East Grinstead on 24 February 1793 "wife of Wm." (*EGPR*).

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Children, birth order uncertain:

6.
  - ii. WILLIAM<sup>2</sup> STREETER, b. Sussex 1770; m. MARY PAYNE.
  - iii. MARY STREATER, bur. East Grinstead 10 Oct 1788, dau. of "William & Jane."

ELIZABETH<sup>1</sup> (STREETER) FAULKNER

4. ELIZABETH<sup>1</sup> STREETER (*William<sup>A</sup>, Richard<sup>B</sup>*), daughter of William<sup>A</sup> and Ann (\_\_\_) Streater, was born probably at Dunnings Farm in the Parish of East Grinstead, Sussex, England on 12 November 1751 (*grave marker, ALS*). She was christened in the Parish Church of St. Swithun at East Grinstead on 15 November 1751 (*Betty Streater* in *EGPR*, *Elizabeth* on Bishop's Transcript); she died in Lexington, Greene County, New York on 8 January 1838 and was buried there (*grave marker, ALS*). Elizabeth was married at East Grinstead on 18 October 1770 to WILLIAM FAULKNER; he was born in 1750 and died at Lexington, New York on 2 March 1832 and was buried there (*grave marker, ALS*). William may have been christened at West Hoathly, Sussex on 24 August 1751, son of John and Elizabeth (\_\_\_) Falconer. Or, he may have been christened at Balcombe, Sussex on 15 May 1752, son of William Falconer. This marriage was witnessed by Thomas Chantler, who may have been a neighbor of the family.

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Children, surname *Falconer*, born East Grinstead, Sussex, England (British Isles Vital Records Index: *Nonconformist Register*, Dr. Williams Library, London, England [1793]):

7.
  - i. ELIZABETH, b. 1771.
  - ii. WILLIAM<sup>[2]</sup> JR., b. [East Grinstead], Sussex, England 28 March 1773; m. (1) SALLY ANN \_\_; m. (2?) about 1801 ABIGAIL DRAKE.
  - iii. THOMAS, b. 1775.
  - iv. ANN, b. 1777.

THOMAS<sup>1</sup> STREETER*Biographical Overview*

5. THOMAS<sup>1</sup> STREETER (*William<sup>A</sup>, Richard<sup>B</sup>*), son of William<sup>A</sup> and Ann (\_\_\_) Streeter, was born probably at Dunning's Farm in the Parish of East Grinstead, Sussex, England on 22 [or 25] June 1753 (*bible records in possession of Kaye Evelyn (Kenfield) Hall*, hereinafter *Hall BRs*). Thomas was christened in the Parish Church of St. Swithun at East Grinstead on 16 June 1754 (*EGPR*); emigrated from London, England to "New Providence," on the site of modern-day Kanona in the Town of Bath, Steuben County, New York in late 1794 and died in Canisteo, Steuben County, New York on 18 September 1831 (*Hall BRs*).

Thomas Streeter "of Grinstead" was first married at Cowden, Kent, England on 14 October 1776 to ANNE STRICKLAND (*Bishop's Transcript, Family History Library Film #1469179*). Anne was christened at East Grinstead on 18 March 1754 (*EGPR*); she died probably at Bath, Steuben County, New York after 1800 but before 1807. Anne was the eldest child of John and Jane (Finch) Strickland. Anne's brother, Daniel Strickland, emigrated to America with the Streeters; this trans-Atlantic Strickland connection provided the key to conclusively establishing Thomas<sup>1</sup> Streeter's origins in East Grinstead.

Thomas was married second, probably at Bath, New York about 1807, to LOUISA \_\_\_, who was born in Connecticut (*1880 U.S. Census, New York, Steuben County* [birthplace of Thomas<sup>2</sup> Streeter's mother]) 25 June 1773 (*Hall BRs*) and died in Canisteo, New York on 12 January 1844 (*Hall BRs*). She was probably a daughter, sister or widow of one of the other Connecticut pioneers who came to Bath around the turn of the century, perhaps via Eastern New York or Pennsylvania. Thomas was a Baptist Minister; Louisa was probably a Baptist by birth or conversion. Variations of Louisa's name in some records include *Lovica* and *Lovisa*.

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Children (*Hall BRs; will of Thomas Streeter*); first three born probably in the Village or Town of Bath, Steuben County, New York; next three born probably in the Town of (then Addison, since 1822) Cameron, Steuben County, New York; last three born probably in the Town of Canisteo, Steuben County, New York:

8. ii. THOMAS<sup>2</sup> b. 16 July 1808; m. ELIZABETH "BETSEY" BURLERSON.
9. iii. ELIZABETH, b. 27 March 1810; m. JOHN T. DUNN.
10. iv. WILLIAM C., b. 21 Jan 1812; m. BELINDA ROSA.
- 11#. v. NANCY ANN, b. 27 April 1814; m. MICHAEL BUCHANAN.
12. vi. JOHN, b. 8 Nov 1816; m. MARTHA ANN "MATTY" [MORGAN?].
- 13#. vii. MARY ANN, b. 3 May 1817; m. 1831 ALANSON R. ELLSWORTH.
- 14!. viii. SARAH JANE, b. 4 March 1819; m. DANFORTH PORTER.
15. ix. RUTH, b. 10 Sep 1820; m. SALMON KENFIELD.
16. x. RICHARD, b. 7 March 1822; m. ESTHER [WILSON].

## ANNE (STRICKLAND) STREETER

Like Thomas Streeter, his first wife, Anne (Strickland) Streeter, was a native of East Grinstead, Sussex, England. She was the daughter of John and Jane (Finch) Strickland. According to John Williamson of Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada, Anne was also the granddaughter of Estmond and Mary (Small) Strickland; the great-granddaughter of William and Anne (Estmond) Strickland; and the great-great-granddaughter of William and Elizabeth (Cripse) Strickland. According to Mandy Willard, Jane (Finch) Strickland was the daughter of Richard and Anne (\_\_\_) Finch.

JOHN STRICKLAND was baptized at Frant, Sussex on 7 February 1727/28; he was buried at East Grinstead on 3 October 1789. John was married at Fleet, London on 15 November 1753 to JANE FINCH, baptized at East Grinstead on 5 February 1728 and buried there on 28 April 1790. The Stricklands had the following children christened at East Grinstead (*IGI*):

- i. ANNE, c. 18 March 1754; d. probably in the Town of Bath, Steuben Co., NY between 1800 and 1807; m. Cowden, Kent, England 14 Oct 1776 THOMAS STREETER.
- ii. JOHN, c. 1 Dec 1755; bur. Ashwell, Hertfordshire, England 3 May 1835; m. Ashwell 7 Nov 1781 CHARLOTTE BENNET, bapt. Ashwell 11 Sep 1763; bur. Ashwell 1 June 1834.
- iii. SUSANNAH, c. 27 Jan 1758; bur. East Grinstead 13 April 1832; m. East Grinstead 6 Aug 1786 JAMES TODMAN, c. East Grinstead 8 Aug 1756, bur. East Grinstead 20 April 1839.
- iv. ELIZABETH, c. 29 Feb 1760; probably m. East Grinstead 7 Nov 1789 JAMES STRINGER of West Hoathly.
- v. SARAH, c. 26 Aug 1763; bur. 10 Jan 1767.
- vi. DANIEL, c. 15 Oct 1766; d. probably in the Town of Wheeler, Steuben Co., NY between 1835 and 1840; emigrated from England to America with Thomas and Anne (Strickland) Streeter; resided in the Town of Bath, Steuben County, New York in 1810; settled in Wheeler by 1820.  
Children, surname *Strickland*: 1. *Daniel*, b. [Steuben Co.,] NY ca. 1805; d. probably in the Town of Orange, Steuben Co., NY between 1875 and 1880; m. Huldah White, b. NY or NJ 1807/10, died probably in Orange, NY after 1880; two of their sons bore the distinctive names of Spencer and Fowler. 2. [*Elizabeth*], b. 1809; d. 1885; m. Allen Spencer, b. 1805, d. 1882; their first child was named Daniel. 3. [*Jane?*], residing in Wheeler, Steuben Co., NY in 1850; probably named after her paternal grandmother.
- vii. MARY, c. 5 Jan 1770; bur. 2 Feb 1770.

## LOUISA (\_\_\_) STREETER

As a possible clue to Louisa's origins, Sherer or Shearer is a name which is connected with Thomas<sup>1</sup> and Louisa (\_\_\_) Streeter. A John Sherer of Mantorville, Dodge County, Minnesota is named in the Bible record of Thomas' immediate family; such inclusion would be highly unlikely if he or his wife were not related in some manner. However, John Sherer, Justice of the Peace, married John<sup>2</sup> Streeter and Martha Ann "Matty" [Morgan] at Bath; John Sherer provided evidence to secure John's Civil War pension for his minor son. Perhaps these associations were significant enough to merit including John Sherer in the Streeter family Bible.

Mantorville, in the southeast corner of Minnesota, is not far from where some of Thomas' children settled in northeastern Iowa and southern Wisconsin; Thomas J.<sup>3</sup> Streeter (*John<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>*) resided in Mantorville in 1876. John Sherer actually settled in Canisteo Township in 1856 with his mailing address at Kasson; the township was named in honor of Canisteo, New York, the former home of many of the township's citizens. John is buried in Maple Grave Cemetery in Kasson; although his tombstone gives no death date, it does indicate that he was born 27 April 1825. In the same plot is a stone for Jemima Sherer (27 August 1831 - 6 February 1907). The land of William Shearer bordered John's land.

This John Sherer is undoubtedly identical with the John Shearer Jr. of Dodge County, Minnesota named in the will of Nathan B. Hallett Jr. John married Jemima Hallett, daughter of Nathan B. and Rhoda/Jemima (Hadley) Hallett; Nathan B. Hallett Jr. was the son of Nathan and Huldah "Olive" (Van Tassel) Hallett; Rhoda/Jemima (Hadley) Hallett was the daughter of James and Rhoda (Jones) Hadley. Incidentally, a Nathan Hallett appears in the 1790 census of Wallkill, Ulster County, New York which includes a William Falkener and William Falkener the 2nd, as mentioned above. Perhaps John Shearer Jr. was the son of John and Hannah (Marshall) Sherer; John was born in 1808 to John and Sabra (\_\_\_) Sherer; Hannah was the daughter of Daniel Marshall Sr. An Andrew Shearer was noted in Williamson's *Journal A* as early as 1794. In 1861, Francis Sherer was pastor of the Cameron Baptist Church (*Clayton*, 205).

Thomas and his children had numerous interactions with the same group of people as neighbors, witnesses and executors to wills, and in land transactions. Some of the family names that appear repeatedly in relation to the Streeter family and each other are the families of Sherer, Hallett, Powers, Persons, Crosby, and Searl. Perhaps Louisa (\_\_\_) Streeter was a member of one of these families; *Louisa* is found in the Sherer, Hallett and Hadley families. Given the fact that Thomas was a Strict Baptist Minister, she was probably of the same faith. Apparently, she was illiterate; she did not sign Thomas' will but made "her mark." Unfortunately, her maiden name cannot be determined from the available death records for her children.

## SECOND GENERATION

6. WILLIAM<sup>2</sup> STREETER (*William<sup>1</sup>*) was born in Sussex in 1770 and died at Lexington, Greene County, New York on 4 August 1853 (Arthur L. Streeter, *Genealogy of William and Mary Streeter and Their Descendants* [Elmira, New York, 1959], hereinafter *ALS*). He was married at East Grinstead on 22 May 1791 to MARY PAYNE (*IGI*), born in 1771, died at Lexington 7 March 1854 (*ALS*), perhaps identical with the Mary Payne christened at East Grinstead on 15 September

1771 as the baseborn daughter of Mary Payne and Mr. Wilmhursh. In 1850, they resided at Lexington with their son, William W. Streeter.

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Children, birth order uncertain:

- i. MARY<sup>3</sup>, c. East Grinstead, Sussex, England 1791, "baseborn dau of Mary Payne and Mr. Streater" (*EGPR*); apparently died young.
- ii. JOHN, c. East Grinstead 29 July 1792 (*EGPR*); d. Halcott or Lexington, Greene Co., NY 7 April 1847; m. Windham, NY 21 Feb 1816 BELINDA BETTS, b. Columbia Co., NY about 1797, d. probably at Granville, Bradford Co., PA before Jan 1879, possibly the daughter of Isaac Betts/Butts.

John served as a soldier briefly in the War of 1812 (pension record in the files of the Streeter Family Association); he volunteered in the autumn of 1813 and was discharged at Albany in October that same year. John's widow filed for a pension from Granville, Bradford Co., PA in 1878 and was granted \$8.00 a month and received two land warrants. Belinda did not die in 1856 as indicated by *ALS*; she went with a son to Woodland, MN in the 1860s; the pension was unclaimed after Jan 1879.

Children, surname *Streeter* (*ALS*): 1. *William W.*, b. Greene Co., NY 12 Oct 1819; d. Tunkhannock, PA 20 Jan 1901; [m. (1) Diamond \_\_\_]; m. (2) Martha A.<sup>6</sup> Frear (*Abraham*<sup>5-4</sup>, *William*<sup>3</sup>, *Abraham*<sup>2</sup>, *Hugues*<sup>1</sup> *Frere*), b. 3 Feb 1826, d. 14 July 1851, dau. of Abraham<sup>5</sup> and Betsey (Williams) Frear; m. (3) 7 June 1855 Sarah<sup>6</sup> Frear (*William*<sup>5</sup>, *Abraham*<sup>4</sup>, *William*<sup>3</sup>, *Abraham*<sup>2</sup>, *Hugues*<sup>1</sup> *Frere*), b. May 1924, d. 1914, dau. of Rev. William Mitchell<sup>5</sup> and Hannah (Wheelock) Frear; both bur. Sunnyside Cemetery, Tunkhannock, PA. 2. *Nicholas*, b. 1820. 3. *Orlando L.*, b. Greene Co., NY 14 April 1822; d. 9 June 1880; m. (1) White Haven, PA ca. 1849 Rachel Shafer, b. 1826, d. 1855; m. (2) 1866 Rachel M. Ross, b. 5 June 1840, d. 19 Feb 1904; father of Arthur L. Streeter. 4. *Thomas J.*, b. (then Griffins Corners, now) Fleischmann, Delaware Co., NY 2 Jan 1825; d. Halcott, NY 18 March 1905; m. Sarah Ann Miller, b. 16/18 Aug 1829, d. 18 March 1905; both bur. Halcott Cemetery. 5. *Julia*, b. Halcott, NY 1827; m. \_\_\_ Griffin. 6. *George*, b. 1832. 7. *Levi W.*, b. NY 1835; m. Margaret Griffin; both d. Montrose, Wright Co., MN (*History of Wright County, Minnesota*). 8. *Malvina*, b. 30 March 1837; d. Sep 1872. 9. *Robert*, b. about 1840. 10. *Romaine A.*, b. Halcott, Greene Co., NY 1842; d. Minneapolis, MN 22 Jan 1929; m. 24 Nov 1870 Sarah E. Flanders, d. MN March 1942.

- iii. ANN, c. East Grinstead 25 May 1794 (*EGPR*).

- iv. BETSEY, b. at sea in transit from England or NJ (*1870 Minnesota Federal Census*) late 1794 or early 1795 (*grave marker*); d. Feb 1878 "age 83"; m. MORRIS CHOWEN, b. Putnam Co., NY ca. 1791 d. Jan 1868 at age 77; settled in Minnetonka, Hennepin Co., MN; both bur. Groveland Cemetery, Minnetonka Mills, MN. Morris and Betsey Chowen were Baptists. Morris was a Deacon and a Democrat; he was perhaps the son of David Chowen. (Linda Miller, correspondence, [October 2002])

Children, surname *Chowen* (Linda Miller): 1. *Sarah C.*, b. 1824; d. 1884; m. James Shaver Jr. Her tombstone says she arrived as "the pioneer woman of Minnetonka" Nov. 8, 1852; her twin sons, Bayard and Bernard, were the first white children born in Minnetonka, 1854; she had no other children. 2. *George*, b. NY 1824/25; d. ca. 1887; m. Susan Hawkins, b. VT 1838, dau. of \_\_\_ and Olivia (\_\_\_) Hawkins; resided in Minneapolis, MN in 1880; removed to Great Falls, MN. 3. *William Streeter*; b. Roxbury, Delaware Co. NY 22 June 1826; d. Minnetonka, Hennepin Co., MN 9 Feb 1912; m. Mary M. Frear (*Abraham, ..., Hugues<sup>1</sup> Frere*), b. 27 Sep 1828, d. 25 June 25 1884, dau. of Abraham Frear; moved to Wyoming Co., PA; settled in Minnetonka, Hennepin Co., MN in 1858; member of Minnesota state house of representatives 4th District, 1857-58; enlisted Aug 1864 in Co. F. Eleventh MN Inf. with the rank of Sergeant; stationed at Nashville and Gallatin, TN; mustered out 26 June 1865 at Fort Snelling; bur. Groveland Cemetery, Minnetonka Mills, Minnetonka, Hennepin Co., MN (George E. Warner, *History of Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis [Minnesota]* [1881]). 4. *Susan A.*, b. NY 2 Oct 1828; d. 17 March 1904; m. Amos N. Gray, b. NY. 4. *Joseph Hoadley*, b. Monroe, Wyoming Co., PA 1 May 1831; d. 1898; m. (1) March 1859 Jane Fuller, d. 8 Sep 1873; m. (2) Caroline E. Gunn; settled in Hennepin Co., MN in 1854 (George E. Warner, *History of Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis [Minnesota]* [1881]).

- v. THOMAS, b. circa 1801-06; m. DAMARIS \_\_\_. Two deeds link him to Lexington and Windham and as well as the Faulkner families of the same area in 1829 and 1831. He appears on the 1830 census of Windham aged 20-29 with a male under 5 years and two females aged 10-14 and 15-19. He disappears after selling land in 1831.
- vi. HENRY, a.k.a. John Henry Streeter, a.k.a. Henry Gausley Streeter (there were families named Gausley in the vicinity of Lexington, NY), b. Lexington, Greene Co., NY 15 Nov 1808; d. Clear Creek Township, Jasper Co., IA 21 June 1892; m. "his cousin" LYDIA FAULKNER of Roxbury, NY, b. Delaware Co., NY 1 Sep 1833.

Henry first appears on the census of 1840 at Monroe Township, Luzerne Co., PA. with his wife aged 30-39 and four small children. Also listed at Monroe Township in 1840 are William Streater, aged 20-29, and Henry Haynor, wife (Catherine Streeter) and five small children (see further below). Henry moved to OH, then on to IA, settling in Jasper County at

Clear Creek. They had a large family and are mentioned in the county history as having originated in New York.

Children, surname *Streeter*: 1. *Mary Anne*, b. NY 24 April 1835; d. 1 May 1912; m. (1) Delaware Co., OH 5 Feb 1857 Gordon Beard, k. Murfreesboro, TN 31 Dec 1862 by cannonball in Civil War; m. (2) 9 March 1864 James Stratton. 2. *Eurelia/Eusebia Jane*, b. [NY or Hagerstown, MD] 12 Jan 1837; d. Peoria, Mahaska Co., IA 27 Feb 1912; bur. Peoria City Cemetery, Peoria, IA; m. Greencastle, Jasper Co., IA 2 Aug 1859 Joseph Ashton. 3. *Eliza Emmaline*, b. PA 19 May 1839; m. (1) [IA] 25 Dec 1860 William Harsh; m. (2) 22 July 1866 \_\_\_ Cox. 4. *Thomas Ambrose*, b. Luzerne Co., PA 15 Sep 1840; d. 29 Oct 1928; m. near Clyde, IA 7 Feb 1861 Elizabeth Stock, dau. of James and Sarah (McClaughan) Stock, bur. Ashton Cemetery, Jasper Co., IA; served in the Civil War. 5. *Edwin Murray*, b. Luzerne Co., PA 2 Nov 1842; d. Clear Creek Township, Jasper Co., IA 8 June 1910; m. 1 March 1866 Sarah Ann Stock, dau. of James and Sarah (McClaughan) Stock, bur. Ashton Cemetery, Jasper Co., IA; served in the Civil War. 6. *Chloe Adelia*, b. [Luzerne Co.], PA 17 Jan 1845; d. in infancy. 7. *George Henry*, b. OH 27 Sep 1847; d. Des Moines, IA 1902; m. Anne Moorehead. 8. *James Monroe*, b. Delaware Co., OH 15 May 1850; m. Jasper Co., IA 2 June 1879 Emily Ann Shepley, b. Schell City, MO 16 Feb 1857. 9. *William Anson*, b. OH 30 March 1853; m. Ella \_\_\_; resided at Clyde, Jasper Co., IA in 11883. 10. *Lydia Rose*, b. OH 30 Aug 1856; d. 17 June 1936; m. Daniel Snyder. 11. *Anna*, b. OH 1857.

- vii. MARY, b. Lexington, Greene Co., NY 4 March 1807; d. Romaine Sheire residence, St. Paul, MN ca. 1883; m. 1831 GEORGE H. SHEIRE.

Children, surname *Sheire*: 1. *Mary Jane*, burned to death at age 4. 2. *Romaine*, b. 1833; m. 1850; served in the Civil War with Co. F, 1st Reg., Michigan Engineers and Mechanists from Detroit, MI; settled in St. Paul, MN on 15 Oct 1865; six children. 3. *Monroe*, settled in St. Paul, MN in 1860. 4. *Catharine*, d. young.

- viii. *daughter*, b. 1800-1810.

- ix. JAMES T., b. (then Windham, now) Lexington, Greene Co., NY 29 June 1810 (*grave marker*); d. 26 Dec 1883; m. (1) CHLOE \_\_\_; m. (2) IRENE \_\_\_; m. (3) SARAH "SALLY" BELLOWS, b. Delaware Co. NY. James was a farmer and resided in (then Griffins Corners, now) Fleischmann, Delaware Co., NY. By 1840 he resided at Middletown, Delaware Co., NY. He left a will.

Child, surname *Streeter*, by Chloe: 1. *Lorenzo*, b. 12 March 1834; d. 5 Dec 1883; ancestor of Harrison "Harry" Streeter.

Children, surname *Streeter*, by Sarah "Sally" Bellows: 2. *Mary Jane*, b. 15 July 1839; d. 15 July 1921. 3. *Charles W.*, b. 15 April 1841; d. 7 July 1864. 4. *Alvina*, b. 23 Dec 1843; d. 15 March 1917; m. \_\_\_ Morrison. 5. *Florus*, b. 7 Sep 1846; d. 26 March 1895. 6. *Luther*, b. NY 5 Sep 1848; d. 4 March 1898; m. 4 Oct 1870 Emma J. Smith, b. 9 March 1852, d. 25 Dec 1923. 7. *James*, b. 8 Nov 1850; d. 20 Jan 1920; m. (1) 21 Jan 1847 Lydia Symonds, d. 12 Oct 1893; m. (2) before 1900 Charity \_\_\_. 8. *Sarah*

*Elizabeth*, b. 6 Feb 1854; d. 30 Jan 1933; m. \_\_\_ Furman. 9. *Oscar*, b. 21 June 1856; d. 17 July 1859 after being severely scalded. 10. *Martha*, b. 27 June 1859; 23 Jan 1916; m. \_\_\_ Sanford. 11. *Willard*, b. 17 Sep 1861; d. 12 Oct 1861. 12. *Addie*, b. 17 Dec 1862; d. 23 April 1863.

- x. WILLIAM; b. [1810-1820]; perhaps m. ANNA WILCOX, b. Lexington, Greene Co., NY 26 Jan 1804, dau. of Nathaniel and Joanna (McGoningle) Wilcox, desc. of the my direct ancestor, William<sup>1</sup> Willcockson of Stratford, CT; perhaps identical with the William Streeter age 20-29 listed in the census of 1840 at Monroe Township, Luzerne Co., PA with Henry Streeter and Henry Hainor.
- xi. ANSON B., b. (then Windham, now) Lexington, Greene Co., NY 4 May 1812; d. Lexington, NY 30 March 1876; m. (1) his cousin, EMELINE M. FAULKNER, b. 31 March 1815, d. Lexington, NY 28 April 1860 of typhoid fever (nine children), dau. of William Faulkner Jr. and granddaughter of William and Elizabeth (Streeter) Faulkner; m. (2) 25 Dec 1861 LYDIA ANGLE, b. 18 June 1834, d. 16 Aug 1864; m. (3) 16 Feb 1868 ELIZABETH HOGABOOM, b. 4 June 1825, d. Aug 1899. He lived apparently all his life at Lexington. In 1850, his parents resided with him.

Children, by Emeline M. Faulkner, surname *Streeter*: 1. *William Franklin Faulkner*, b. Greene Co., NY 28 Dec 1834; d. Tunhannock, PA 8 Feb 1914; m. 25 Jan 1860 Mary Elma<sup>6</sup> Frear (*William<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, Abraham<sup>2</sup>, Hugues<sup>1</sup> Frere*), b. Frear Hill, Eaton Co., PA, d. Buffalo, NY Feb 1917, dau. of Rev. William Mitchell<sup>5</sup> and Hannah (Wheelock) Frear; both bur. Sunnyside Cemetery, Tunkhannock, PA. 2. *Martha*, b. 24 Feb 1836; d. 19 Sep 1870; m. 23 Jan 1855 David VanHousen. 3. *Elizabeth*, b. 16 Oct 1837; d. 19 Dec 1921; m. 14 Sep 1856 John S. Thompson. 4. *Jerusha*, b. 4 April 1839; d. 5 Dec 1906; m. 14 Feb 1856 Kimber Van Heusen. 5. *Janette*, b. 2 Nov 1841; d. 13 Sep 1898; m. Prattsville, NY 25 June 1864 George Wyckoff. 6. *Theodore*, b. 16 March 1844; d. 31 Dec 1934; m. 14 Sep 1870 Nancy P. Dana, b. 1845, d. 1923, dau. of Stevens Dana. 7. *Clementine*, b. 25 March 1849; d. 10 July 1874; m. 24 Nov 1870 Wesley Roberts. 8. *Emeline*, b. 22 Feb 1851; d. 22 July 1853. 9. *Emeline A.*, b. 20 July 1857; m. 17 May 1888 Rev. J.P. Carley.

- xii. CATHARINE, b. Greene Co., NY about 1813; d. MN 28 Dec 1888; m. NY 15 March 1834 HENRY HAINOR/HAYNOR, b. NY about 1811.

This family appears to be the same one found in PA in 1840 and at Monroe, (formerly Luzerne, then) Wyoming Co., PA in 1850. They settled in Wright Co., MN prior to 1860.

A story passed down to Catharine's descendants pertains to a Catharine Weaver as a mother or grandmother, who left her family in England and came to America and married a Streeter of whom her family did not approve. Obviously, this legend is not confirmed and has probably been confused over the generations, but it provides another name to watch for in the records.

Children, surname *Hainor/Haynor*: 1. \_\_\_\_\_. 2. *Elizabeth*. 3. *Jane*. 4. *Laura?*. 5. *William*. 6. *Angeline*.

7. WILLIAM<sup>[2]</sup> FAULKNER JR. (*Elizabeth*<sup>1</sup> (*Streeter*) *Faulkner*) was born in [East Grinstead], Sussex, England on 28 March 1773. He died on 13 March 1850 and was buried at Lexington, Greene County, New York. Perhaps William was first married to SALLY ANN \_\_\_\_ (*Bath, Steuben County, New York, Deeds*, 1:92). He married, perhaps as his second wife, about 1801 ABIGAIL DRAKE, born 30 June 1778, died 1859, buried at Lexington, Greene County, New York.

Children, last seven born in Greene County, New York:

- i. EDWARD<sup>[3]</sup>, b. 15 Aug 1802; d. 24 July 1822.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. 8 Dec 1803; d. 29 Aug 1806.
- iii. WILLIAM III, b. ca. 1805; d. 2 Jan 1833; m. MARGARET \_\_\_\_.
- iv. HIRAM, b. ca. 1806; d. 6 Jan 1872; m. LYDIA PETTIT.
- v. [LYDIA], b. ca. 1809, d. IA 1870-1880, m. her "cousin" HENRY STREETER.
- vi. ALFRED, b. ca. 1810; m. ANN \_\_\_\_.
- vii. AMELIA ANN, b. ca. 1812; d. 21 Aug 1832.
- viii. THOMAS, b. 10 Oct 1813; d. 17 April 1814.
- ix. ROBERT, b. ca. 1817; m. CAROLINE \_\_\_\_.
- x. SALLY, b. 17 April 1818; d. 19 April 1818.
- xi. CAROLINE, b. 17 April 1818; d. 2 Mary 1818.
- xii. THOMAS, b. ca. 1820; m. JANE \_\_\_\_.

8. THOMAS<sup>2</sup> STREETER (*Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) was at born in the Village or Town of Bath, Steuben County, New York 16 July 1808 and he died in the Town of Greenwood, Steuben County, New York 7 August 1882 and was buried in Bennett's Creek Cemetery on the 9th. In the Town of Howard, Steuben County, New York on 20 September 1832, he married ELIZABETH "BETSEY" BURLESON (*Russell*<sup>6</sup>, *John*<sup>5</sup>, *Edward*<sup>4</sup>, *John*<sup>3-2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>) who was born at Howard, New York 12 August 1815 and died in Greenwood, New York on 28 April 1879 of "congestion of the lungs" and was buried in Bennett's Creek Cemetery. Betsey was the daughter of Russell<sup>6</sup> and Olive (Tubbs) Burleson. No records have been found to indicate that Thomas<sup>2</sup> ever used the title, "Jr.," probably because Thomas<sup>1</sup> died when Thomas<sup>2</sup> was only twenty-three years old.

Thomas<sup>1</sup> had bequeathed to Thomas<sup>2</sup> "my farm that I now reside on and also all my stock and crops," in Canisteo, provided he paid his widow \$200, his other sons \$20 each, and his daughters \$5 each one year after his decease (18 September 1831). Thomas<sup>2</sup> was also made sole executor.

On 7 December 1831, Thomas<sup>2</sup> paid Louisa (\_\_\_\_) Streeter \$200 for his father's farm near Adrian; he married Betsey the following September. By 1835, Thomas had increased the number acres of improved land on the farm to twenty. His barnyard inventory consisted of eight neat cattle, one horse, fourteen sheep, and nine hogs and he had manufactured twenty yards of flannel or woolen cloth during the previous year.

On 15 September 1836, in Canisteo, Samuel Olin, Surgeon of the 17th Regiment penned the following statement: "*This may certify that having examined Thomas Streeter I find he has an ulcerated and varicose state of his left leg which renders him unable to perform military duty.*"

Perhaps this Samuel Olin was identical with the Samuel Olin who later served as the first Master of Sentinel Lodge No. 151 in Greenwood from 1849 until 1852.

On 13 February 1837, Thomas and Betsey sold this same land to his brother, John Streeter, for \$100; this transaction was witnessed by Betsey's father, Russell Burleson. Although there is no record of any new land purchase for Thomas, he and John are neighbors in the 1840 census of Canisteo; their immediate neighbors were Benjamin Crosby, Nelson Hallett, and Daniel M. Stevens. Thomas and John must have shared the farm by splitting the original purchase price.

Between the sale of his Adrian property and his removal to Greenwood in 1847, Thomas lived at Canisteo Centre. Before the railroad came in 1850, Carson was known as Canisteo Centre and Canisteo was known as Bennetsville; the location of the railroad depot at Bennetsville changed not only the names of these villages but more importantly, their future significance.

According to Steve Cotton, there were two stores in the Town of Canisteo during the 1830s. A ledger survives from one of the stores for the years 1837 and 1838; it probably came from Taylor's Store in Carson. Between 22 May 1837 and 28 February 1838, fourteen transactions were posted to Thomas Streeter's account, #44. To stock his family's pantry, he bought whiskey, brandy, tea, ginger, sugar and a "deep dish." Thomas also bought soap, a hair comb, and "caster" oil. The majority of his purchases were for making clothes: pins, "gilt" buttons, thread, indigo, calico, flannel, silk, "frize," mole skin, "canvass," sleeve lining and "padding."

On 23 August 1839, in Canisteo, A. Morrison wrote a psychological assessment of Thomas based on the "science" of the day—phrenology. One would like to think Mr. Morrison's description was a fairly accurate one, based more on his personal perceptions and knowledge of Thomas rather than a map of his cranium.

#### Inferences Drawn from the head of Mr. Thomas Streeter

The gentlemen entertains a rather high opinion of himself - he is verry [*sic*] independent in principle & if satisfied with him which will generally be the case he cares but for the good or bad opinion of the world - he has a verry respectable intellectual development of brain & is fitted by nature for acquireing an extensive knowledge of many branches of science & enquiry he could become an excellent surveyor & portrait painter he is fond of opposition & loves to contend he is only moderately consciencious but at the same time rather benevolent - inclined to imitation fond of traveling persevering & fond of children (*Stephens FRs*).

Thomas' mother, Louisa, died on 12 January 1844. On 11 August 1847, Thomas Streeter bought part of the southwest corner of lot #127 along Bennett's Creek in Greenwood, Steuben County, New York from Andrew Stephens (*SCD*, 47:16); Greenwood is the next town south of Canisteo. This land was located between (then Bennets Road, now) Route 248 and Bennett's Creek near Riggs Creek and Route 417. Thomas and Betsey sold this plot amounting to 4.8 acres, less .5 acre of the northeast corner and exceptions already sold to Warren Houghton, to Charles C. Stephens on 1 April 1858 for \$850 (*SCD*, 85:275). A road from Bennets Road to the tannery was also reserved in the deed. On the 1857 topographical map of Steuben County, a tannery belonging to W. Houghton and Company is indicated at the joining of Bennett's and Riggs

Creeks on the east bank of the former and the north bank of the latter. At some point, Thomas was a part owner in this tannery on Riggs Creek.

Thomas probably held an interest in the tannery because he was a shoemaker. One wonders from whom he learned his craft. Apparently he mastered shoemaking to the point where he could attract an apprentice. In the 1850 census, George Allen, a fellow shoemaker, was residing with Thomas and his family. In 1851, Thomas was elected Justice of the Peace for Greenwood (*Clayton*). Thomas also purchased land north of Greenwood along Bennett's Creek from George W. Stephens, Alexander H. Stephens, and Daniel Manning. The Stephens and Mannings had been the first white settlers in the area:

Soon after the road was opened from Mr. [William S.] Thomas' [in Canisteo] to the Salt Spring (1820) [in Greenwood], John H. Stephens, son of Col. John [and future father-in-law of Thomas Streeter's daughter, Juliette], made a beginning in the midst of this nine or ten mile wilderness, with not a neighbor within five miles of him, Mr. Thomas being the nearest. Christian Coby about this time settled on the creek, and Phineas Stephens brother of John H., began an improvement the same or the following year. Batchelder and Woodard made settlements a few years later, and later still, Manning and Ordway. A large proportion of the valley of the creek was covered with a dense forest of white pine. Mills were soon put up all along the creek, which abounded with excellent water-power, and soon a large and profitable business was done in the manufacture of lumber. The timber being now exhausted, the fine farms are opened up the whole length of the creek. (*Clayton*)

On the 1857 topographical map of Steuben County, one to three blocks are designated for T. Streter [*sic*] on the west side of Bennets Road near, or identical with, the present Streeter Farm. It is unclear exactly where his physical residence was during those early days. His first dwelling may have been a log cabin on the John D. Rogers farm, presently owned by the Hurd family. The only buildings for which there is still physical evidence were located high on the hill, now on the farm owned by Richard Ai and Kathryn (Kieff) O'Brien; Kathryn is my maternal great-aunt. The foundations of these buildings may still be found near the gully that divides the two fields of the Streeter Farm west of Route 248. Apparently, these buildings, probably a house and barn, were accessed from Rock Creek Road past the farm of Henry Thomas<sup>3</sup> Streeter which is still owned by his descendants. Janet Louise (Lamphier) Jackson's mother could recall a farm farther up the hill, past Henry Thomas Streeter's place.

In the 1855 State Census of New York, Abram Krusen, age seventeen and born in New Jersey, was residing with the Streeter family as a servant. He was Abram G.<sup>8</sup> Krusen (*Francis*<sup>7</sup>, *Jasper*<sup>6</sup>, *Francis*<sup>5</sup>, *Derrick*<sup>4</sup>, *Francis*<sup>3</sup>, *Derrick*<sup>2</sup>, *Garret*<sup>1</sup>), born 21 January 1837; buried Bennetts Creek Cemetery, Canisteo, New York, son of Francis<sup>7</sup> and Catherine (Groundyke) Krusen. By the 1860 Federal Census, Abram had married Sarah \_\_\_; they resided with his father, Francis. That year, Abram's younger brother, Andrew Jackson "Jackson" Krusen, age seventeen and born in New York, was residing with the Streeters as a farm laborer; he was born on 28 Dec 1842. The Krusens were kinsmen of my great-grandmother, Mary (Williamson) Streeter; she also descended from Francis<sup>5</sup> Krusen of Mansfield Township, Sussex County, New Jersey.

Following the death of John Jerome Stephens, husband of Thomas' daughter, Juliette, on 11 May 1868, Juliette and her young children came to live with Thomas and Betsey. When Thomas died in 1882, he still owned buildings on the hill but apparently lived along the road down in Bennett's Creek valley, near or perhaps even identical with, the previously mentioned O'Brien home. However, another foundation near the O'Brien home was pushed in and graded over long ago. Later, Perry Stephens, Juliette's son, either purchased or inherited this farm.

PERRY E. STEPHENS, President of the Farmer's Co-Operative Fire Insurance Company of Steuben County, was born May 4, 1862... His father dying when Perry was 6 years old, he began farming at the age of 17 on his grandfather's land. He was the son of Jerome J. and Juliet (Streeter) Stephens. Until he was 50 he followed agriculture as his regular pursuit. (William M. Stuart, *Who's Who In Steuben*)

Bennett's Creek—Mr. Perry Stephens is building an addition to his barn (*Canisteo Times* [1 July 1886]).

On the 1875 map of Steuben County, two residences are indicated for T. Streeter. Francis Marion<sup>3</sup> and Alice Amelia (Miner) Streeter reportedly lived up on the hill sometime prior to the construction of the present Streeter Farm buildings which probably occurred in 1875.

Thomas died in Greenwood, New York on 7 August 1882 and was buried in Bennett's Creek Cemetery on the 9th. His obituary reads as follows:

The death of this venerable man took place at his residence in Greenwood August 7 and his funeral was largely attended by on the 9th by the oldest inhabitants of the town. Mr. Streeter settled near Greenwood about 35 years ago. He was born in the town of Bath July 16, 1808. His young manhood was spent near Adrian. His father was a Baptist Minister and reared a family of nine children. The deceased had four children - three sons and one daughter. Two sons are settled near home and are well-to-do farmers. One son died about ten years ago. His only daughter is a widow and for the past few years has lived with her father. Mr. Streeter was known as a steady, sober, and hardworking man, by occupation a shoe maker, glove maker, and farmer. He was a man of strict integrity. His word was regarded as good as his note. A large number of mourning friends followed him to his final resting place.

A thorough inventory of his estate was conducted by Darius Shaw and Frank M. Bassett (*family records held by Janet Louise (Lamphier) Jackson, hereinafter Jackson FRs*). Some items listed in the inventory of Thomas' assets include books, a variety of woodworking tools, supplies of lumber, a wood washing machine, a spinning wheel, 500 pounds of butter, several bedsteads, half-interest in an American Sewing Machine, a Family Record, maps of the world, United States, and Steuben County, furniture and lamps, kitchen utensils, clothes, and tanning and shoe-making tools. He worked with bear, sheep, coon, dog, deer and cat skins. He owned a horse, chickens, a dog, cattle, hogs, fourteen swarms of bees and beekeeping equipment. Thomas' buildings included a wood shed, shoemaker shop, tannery, granary, and two barns, in addition to his house. It is

interesting and amusing to read through this inventory. Many of the items were referred to as "old" in 1882; imagine when they must have been new! Some of the antique furniture and tools found at the Streeter Farm today are probably from Francis Marion Streeter's inheritance; he received one-third of Thomas<sup>2</sup>' personal property.

A substantial portion of his assets consisted of outstanding debts owed by numerous persons including his son, Francis Marion<sup>3</sup> Streeter, Elias Williamson, J. Miner, and L. Brundage. In 1875, Thomas had loaned his youngest son, Francis Marion, \$940.00. At the time of his death, the total of his earthly assets was \$2,629.00.

Betsey was descended from many colonial families of New England; her ancestry is replete with many interesting, if not scandalous, stories. Her notable kin include Diana, Princess of Wales, Humphrey Bogart, and the Wright Brothers. A comprehensive history of Betsey's paternal ancestry may be found in my 1992 publication, *The Ancestors of Thomas and Elizabeth (Burlson) Streeter*; more information has since been found regarding her maternal ancestry and a future publication will be devoted to this branch of the family tree. Elizabeth "Betsey" (Burlson) Streeter's obituary was written by Pastor C.R. Buck of Greenwood, New York; it gives us some insight into her life:

Mrs. Betsey Streeter died in Greenwood April 28, 1879 in the 65th year of her age. She was born in the town of Howard, Steuben Co., August 12, 1814. September 2 [*sic*; 20], 1832 she married Thomas Streeter. The first years of their married life were spent in the town of Canisteo, living first near Adrian Village, afterward at Canisteo Centre. In 1847 they removed to Greenwood, where they lived till she died. The husband and three children are left to mourn the loss of wife and mother. They have the sympathy of a large circle of friends who earnestly pray "He who knoweth our frame and remembereth that we are dust, shall comfort their hearts and give them faith to believe the words of Christ, 'Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.'"

On 25 August 1882, Thomas' surviving children made the following agreement (*Jackson FRs*):

This is an agreement made this day between Henry Streeter and Juliett Stephens and Marion Streeter all of Greenwood in relation to the division of real Estate left By Thomas Streeter Diseased [*sic*] of the Town of Greenwood. The said Juliett Stephens assigns all of her right and title and interest in [the] south part [of] lot (No 112) containing 69+ acres to the said Henry Streeter and Marion Streeter and the said Henry and Marion Streeter agree to Sign all their interest in said lot (No 129) and all so our right title and interest to a certain piece of land lying in front of the House she now lives in on the East side of said lot (No 129) in said town of Greenwood. The said Juliett Stephens agrees to leave the line fence between the hog pen and the road stand as it now is and she all so agrees and signs her right title and interest to said land for the convenience of Marion Streeter's doore [*sic*] yard. The parties all agree to pay to Perry Stephens the sum of two hundred and fifteen Dollars out of the personal property of the said Thomas Streeter and all

debts and funeral charges and the balance of personal property to be Equally divided between the said Henry Streeter and Juliett Stephens and Marion Streeter.

Children, born in the town of Canisteo, Steuben County, New York:

- i. HENRY THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, b. 7 May 1833; d. in Greenwood, Steuben Co., NY 16 Jan 1893; m. at Jasper, Steuben Co., NY 1 Jan 1856 MARY ANN FREELAND, b. 25 Sep 1834 in Jasper, d. in Greenwood 5 May 1910.  
 Children, born in Greenwood, surname *Streeter*: 1. *Dighton*, b. 1 Jan 1858; d. in Canisteo 9 Aug 1919; bur. in Greenwood; m. Laura Burleson (*Hiram*<sup>7</sup>, *Russell*<sup>6</sup>, *John*<sup>5</sup>, *Edward*<sup>4</sup>, *John*<sup>3-2</sup>, *Edward*<sup>1</sup>), b. in Howard, Steuben Co., NY 21 Oct 1861, d. 30 Sep 1938, dau. of Hiram<sup>7</sup> and Catherine (Willis) Burleson and his mother's first cousin. 2. *Velnett*, b. 11 June 1862; d. 2 Feb 1925; m. William Taylor, b. March 1857, d. in Greenwood 22 May 1931, son of James and Antoinette (Putnam) Taylor; both bur. in Bennett's Creek Cemetery. 3. *Ardell*, b. 28 May 1867; d. in Greenwood 17 Feb 1942 m. Delbert Taylor. 4. *Oliett*, b. 20 Sep 1874; d. in Greenwood 26 Oct 1940; m. Jan 1897 Samuel Elester Pierson, b. 19 Dec 1867, d. 4 Nov 1958, son of Martin and Jane (Wright) Pierson; both are bur. in Greenwood.
- ii. ZELMON, b. 17 Sep 1838; d. in Greenwood 17 June 1869. At Cuba, Allegany Co., NY on 31 Oct 1861, Zelmon enlisted as a Private in Co. I, 6<sup>th</sup> Regimental Cavalry of New York for a three-year term in the Civil War. On 2 Nov 1861 he was mustered in at New York City. From 20 June to 31 Aug, 1862, he was sick in the hospital at Alexandria, Prince William Co., VA. On 24 Sep 1862, Zelmon deserted the army at Washington, D.C. His desertion explains the lack of a pension file for his service. If the family was embarrassed of his actions, this may also explain why virtually nothing is known about him. There is no evidence that the federal government attempted to punish him in any way. Although it has been asserted that he married and had children, no records have been found to that effect. At enlistment, Zelmon indicated that he was born in Allegany, NY; it is not clear if this reference is to the town of Allegany in Cattaraugus Co. or the County of Allegany. However, there is no evidence to suggest that Thomas and Elizabeth (Burleson) Streeter ever lived outside of Steuben Co.; references cited above place them in Canisteo in 1839 and 1840. If Zelmon was not mistaken about his birthplace, perhaps he was born at a relative's home. This farmer was 5'9" tall with grey eyes and black hair.
- iii. JULIETTE, b. 30 Dec 1841; d. in Greenwood 24 or 26 Dec 1907; m. John Jerome<sup>7</sup> Stephens (*John H.*<sup>6</sup>, *Col. John*<sup>5</sup>, *Uriah*<sup>4-3</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>2</sup>, *Henry*<sup>1</sup>), b. in Greenwood 28 March 1839, d. 11 May 1868, son of John H.<sup>6</sup> and Sarah (Yaple) Stephens; both are bur. in Bennett's Creek Cemetery. Juliette was probably named after her maternal aunt, Juliette Burleson, who may have died young.

Children, surname *Stephens*: 1. *Perry Ersley*, b. Greenwood, NY 4 May 1862; m. 29 Oct 1890 Mabel Mead, b. 2 Aug 1866, daughter of Sanford and Elvira E. (Pingrey) Mead. 2. *Olive U.*, b. 22 Nov 1863; m. 17 April 1885 George M.<sup>7</sup> Stephens (*George W.*<sup>6</sup>, *Ezra*<sup>5</sup>, *Joshua*<sup>4</sup>, *Jedediah*<sup>3</sup>, *Henry*<sup>2-1</sup>, b. in Greenwood 13 Nov 1861, son of George W.<sup>6</sup> and Clare (Luce) Stephens. 3. *Cordelia "Delia,"* b. 13 Oct 1865; d. 11 Jan 1908; m. Arthur P. Woodard. 4. *John Jerome*, b. 8 Oct 1866.

17. iv. FRANCIS MARION, b. 15 Oct 1845; m. ALICE AMELIA MINER.

9. ELIZABETH<sup>2</sup> STREETER (*Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) was born in the Village or Town of Bath, Steuben County, New York on 27 March 1810. She married about 1828, probably as his second wife, JOHN T. DUNN, born in New Jersey 18 January 1802, probably the son of Joseph and Rachel (Matther) Dunn. They were residing in Italy, Yates County, New York in 1830 and 1840. By 1850, they had settled in Warsaw, Jefferson Co., PA where they appear again in the 1860 census; they were still residing there as late as 1864. Regrettably, I have been unable to locate any of Elizabeth's living descendants.

Children:

- i. HARRIET<sup>[3]</sup>, b. 13 June 1830.
- ii. JOSEPH A., b. 24 March 1833.
- iii. THOMAS E., b. 1 May 1834.
- iv. GEORGE TRUMAN, b. NY 25 June 1836 (or 1837) (called himself the fifth son in an 1864 letter to Thomas<sup>2</sup> Streeter); d. Washington State Soldiers' Home, Orting, Pierce Co., WA 26 July 1921 11:50 pm; bur. Washington State Soldiers' Home, Orting, WA 28 July 1921 (*Death Certificate*); m. (1) Allamakee Co., IA to ISABEL N. CLARK by a "Babtist" minister, d. 1863 Hardin, Clayton Co., IA; m. (2) 1 Jan 1867 Prairie du Chien, Crawford Co., WI ELLEN JANE KING, b. Genoa, DeKalb Co., IL 11 April 1847 (or 1848), d. of cerebral hemorrhage at her dau.'s home on the corner of B. St. and E. Peace Portal Dr., Blaine, Whatcom Co., WA 1 Dec 1932 3:00 pm; bur. New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada 3 Dec 1932, dau. of Horace King (*Death Certificate*). I photographed George's grave in August, 1998 and provided the Soldiers' Home with a copy of this document.

George visited his aunt, Ruth<sup>2</sup> (Streeter) Kenfield, in 1854 before he went west in 1855. During the Civil War, George served as a Private in William Crook's Co. B., the 21<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He enlisted at Clayton Co., IA 11 Aug 1862 and was honorably discharged at Baton Rouge, LA on 15 July 1865 at the war's end. Following the war, George returned to Clayton Co, IA; then he spent one year in PA, probably at or near his parents' home. Then he returned to IA for one year before spending one year in MO. George was the first settler and postmaster of Cheyenne Co., KS (*Republican Citizen*, Atwood, KS [30 Sept 1881]) where his family has been incorrectly indexed under the surname *Hauin* in

the 1880 Federal Census. Also residing in George's household in 1880 were four cowboys—Franklin Richards, Franklin Ray, John Ray and William T. Kelley.

G.T. Dunn's little daughter has been sick for a few day's past... Commencing at G.T. Dunn's place on Big Timber, we now take a ramble. We find him pleasantly situated and enjoying life with his estimable wife, and four children, two of which were born in Cheyenne County. As the Citizen says, 'the baby crop is good' here too, as well as in Rawlins. He has 40 acres under cultivation, and has raised some vegetables and corn this year. His final object is sheep-raising. (Cheyenne News, *Republic Citizen* [Atwood, KS; 30 Sep 1881]).

George reportedly went to IA in 1882 (Marilyn Holzwarth of the Cheyenne County [Kansas] Genealogical Society, correspondence [Feb 2001]). However, George indicated that on 25 Dec 1882 he moved to Tacoma, Pierce Co., WA. In 1889, the Dunns settled just across the Canadian border at New Westminster, British Columbia. In the 1901 Census of New Westminster City, George was living as a "lodger" in someone else's home. George's daughter, Celvania Dunn was identified as the head of a household that included her mother and several siblings. In 1907, he was in the Iowa Soldiers' Home at Marshalltown, Marshall Co., IA. In 1909, he was transferred to the Washington State Soldiers' Home in Orting, WA. Following George's hospitalization, Ellen lived with her dau., Celvania Dunn, in New Westminster and Hazelmere, British Columbia, Canada. On the Fourth of July, 1919, she moved in with her dau., Ademla Almeda (Dunn) Chambers, in Blaine, WA. During March 1922, Ellen became "helpless" and remained so until her death ten years later. George was almost 6'2" tall with light brown eyes and brown hair; he was a farmer (*Pension Record 997310*).

Children, by Isabel N. Clark, surname *Dunn*: 1. *Bartley Z.*, b. about 1860. 2. *Louella*, d. Hardin, Clayton Co., IA 1863.

Children, by Ellen Jane King, birth order uncertain, surname *Dunn*: 3. *Celvania C.*, b. 7 Aug 1873 (*British Columbia Census, 1901*, hereinafter *BCC*). 4. *George L.*, b. ca. 1873 (*1880 Federal Census*). 5. *Ademla Almeda*, b. Cheyenne Co., KS (*1880 Federal Census*) 24 July 1879 (*BCC*); m. \_\_\_ Chambers; live-in housekeeper for the family of Ernest Dahl in 1920 (*1920 Federal Census*); first white child born in Cheyenne Co., KS (*1880 Federal Census*). 6. *Lafayette*, b. perhaps Sep 1881 (*Republican Citizen*, [Atwood, KS; 18 Sep 1881]). 7. *Anson*, b. perhaps Sep 1881. 8. *Jerome*, b. Nova Scotia 9 Mary 1885 (*BCC*). 9. *May*, b. British Columbia 27 June 1889 (*BCC*). v. MEHALIA E., b. 9 Feb 1838.

10. WILLIAM C.<sup>2</sup> STREETER (*Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) was born in the Town of Bath, Steuben County, New York on 21 January 1812 (*Hall BRs*); he died at home near the Village of Weymouth, Hinckley Township, Medina County, Ohio on 2 May 1900 and was buried in Hinckley Ridge Cemetery, Hinckley, Ohio following a funeral at his home on 4 May 1900 at 2:00 pm (*Medina County [Ohio] Gazette* [3 May 1900]). William was married in the Town of Canisteo, Steuben County, New York on 23 October 1835 by J. Powers to BELINDA ROSA (*Pension Records pertaining the Civil War Service of their son, Edward A. Streeter*), born "Louistown" [perhaps Lewiston, Niagara County], New York, died of Pneumonia at the age of 77 years, 7 months and 10 days in Coventry Township, Summit County, Ohio on 10 February 1895 (*Summit County, Ohio Records of Deaths*; 2:64), buried 12 February 1895, presumably in the cemetery of the First Church of Christ in Akron, Summit County, Ohio where her funeral was held (*Akron Beacon & Republican*, 11 Feb 1895). Perhaps Belinda was the daughter of Wilkemus [Wilhelmus] and Mona (\_\_\_) Roosa who resided in Canisteo in 1830 (*1830 Federal Census*).

That Belinda's maiden name was Rosa comes from the death certificate of her eldest son, Richard V. Streeter. *Rosa* may be a variation of the more common Dutch name, *Roosa*, which was adopted by some descendants of the family who resided in Steuben County, New York. Fred Rosa or Roosa (1851-1932) was married in Canisteo, Steuben County New York on 27 December 1881 to Ida E. Stanton (Mary S. Jackson and Edward F. Jackson, *Marriage Notices from Steuben County, New York Newspapers 1797-1884*; [Heritage Books, Inc., 1998])

In Northeast Ohio, the Streeters resided where the Counties of Medina, Summit and Cuyahoga meet south of Cleveland. William's and Belinda's son John resided in North Royalton, Cuyahoga County, Ohio and married a native of that place. Belinda was probably born in Lewiston, Niagara County, New York; Lewiston is not far from Royalton, Niagara County, New York and Medina, Orleans County, New York. It appears probable that some of the early settlers of Medina County, Ohio were from the northern counties of Western New York that form the southern shoreline of Lake Ontario.

Until 2001, I thought that William had probably died in Canisteo in late 1839 or 1840 because he witnessed the will of Lemuel Searl with Benjamin B. Crosby and Jarathamael Powers in 1839 but is not found in the census of 1840. Jarathamael had witnessed Thomas<sup>1</sup> Streeter's will in 1829 and he was presumably the "J. Powers" that married William and Belinda. Also, William was not named in a letter of 5 August 1847 written to Thomas<sup>2</sup> Streeter from his brother-in-law, Michael Buchanan, in which all the other sons of Thomas<sup>1</sup> Streeter are mentioned. Everything that we now know about William and his family comes from the generous assistance of Lola Barrett, Genealogist of The Streeter Family Association and Rick Acker of Copley, Ohio. Lola found records in the National Archives pertaining to the service of William's son, Edward Andrew (526691 and 625675).

In the 1840 Federal Census, "William Streetler" was residing at Boardman, Trumbull County, Ohio.

By 29 July 1850, Mahoning County had been formed in part from Trumbull County. "William C Streetler, a shoemaker, is again listed as resident of Boardman, along with Belinda and their elder children.

On 7 June 1860, the Streeters resided in Lafayette Township, Medina County, Ohio with \$900 worth of real property and \$300 worth of personal property.

According to statements provided in Edward's pension files, the family moved in early 1862 from LaFayette Township, Medina County, Ohio to Weymouth, Hinckley Township,

Medina County, Ohio where they purchased a farm and remained until at least 1867. As a poor shoemaker, William was unable to finish paying for the farm.

In 1870, the Streeters were residing in Medina Township, Medina County, Ohio. Their household included Ann Palmer; she was a 74-year-old native of England. In 1880, William and Belinda were residing alone in Medina Township with only their granddaughter, Jesse Spencer.

In 1891, Belinda reported that she was living in Northampton Township, Summit County, Ohio with mail service at the Ira Post Office. In 1892, Belinda reported that she had come to Summit County to stay with her daughter while filing papers pertaining to Edward's pension but that her home was in Weymouth, Medina County, Ohio.

When Belinda died on 10 February 1895, she was a resident of Sterling Street in Coventry, Summit County, Ohio; perhaps she was still staying with her daughter. Following Belinda's death, William must have moved, perhaps to reside with another one of their children, for he is cited as a resident of Richfield, Summit County, Ohio in 1895 when he was still receiving \$12 each month from Edward's pension.

In Row 14 of Chatham Cemetery, Chatham Township, Medina County, Ohio are buried William Streeter and his daughter Adelaid (age 11m 11d). Unfortunately, no other dates are available to support or refute a connection between this William Streeter and William C.<sup>2</sup> Streeter. However, this burial may pertain to William C.'s youngest son, Uriah William. There is also a J. Streeter buried in Grave 13, Row 9, Medina Center or Bagdad Cemetery, Medina Township, Medina Co., Ohio that probably belongs to the family of William C.<sup>2</sup> Streeter.

Children:

- i. [*daughter*], b. [Boardman, Mahoning Co.] OH ca. 1836.
- ii. RICHARD V.<sup>3</sup>, b. [Boardman, Mahoning Co.] OH 26 March 1838; d. Hartford Township, Licking Co., OH 16 Jan 1911 at 5:55 am of Rheumatism and Uremia with a "general failing in health"; bur. Croton, Licking Co., OH 19 Jan 1911; m. ADALINE ELMINA COOK, b. 29 Nov 1838, d. [Hartford Township, Licking Co., OH] 17 May 1909, dau. of Alva and Lydia (Cooper) Cook; resided at Hartford, Licking Co., OH in 1880 and 1900. Richard was a Carriage Maker (*Death Certificate*).

Children, surname *Streeter* (Richard V. Streeter Bible Records, DAR Bible Records Collection, FHL film #845772, pg 79): 1. *Alice Edith*, b. 13 Feb 1863; m. Hartford, OH 21 Aug 1883 Carl S. Hoover. 2. *Frank Elisha*, b. 3 Sep 1865; resided at Croton, OH at the time of his father's death. 3. *Addie May*, b. 13 Dec 1869; d. 23 Feb 1915; m. Croton, OH 29 July 1891 Grant C. Green. 4. *Nina Maude*, b. Hartford, OH 19 July 1872; m. by Rev. Frank Peters at Croton, OH 6 July 1896 Dr. Warner W.<sup>8</sup> Stockberger (*George Francis*<sup>7</sup>, *John S.*<sup>6</sup>, *John Jacob*<sup>5</sup>, *Matthias*<sup>4</sup>, *Michael*<sup>3</sup>, *Georg*<sup>2</sup>, *Simon*<sup>1</sup>), b. Bennington Twp., Licking Co., OH 10 July 1872; d. Washington, D.C. 27 May 1944, son of George Francis<sup>7</sup> and Frances Ronea (Warner) Stockberger, graduate of Denison and George Washington Universities, Ph.D. in biology and botany, first personnel director in the Federal Government, Director of Personnel for the US Department of Agriculture for 13 years, "the dean of personnel administrators", charter president and president emeritus of the Society for

- Personnel Administration, avid Stockberger genealogist; Presbyterians; moved to Washington, D.C in 1903; no living descendants. 5. *Lydia Blanche*, b. 11 March 1876; m. Croton, OH 5 Aug 1900 Alvah M. Leach. 6. *Eugene Ralph*, b. 7 Oct 1882, m. (1) St. Louis, MO 5 June 1906 Caroline F. Mellis, d. 19 June 1908; m. (2) Beaumont, TX 24 Nov 1909 Minnie D. Salter.
- iii. EDWARD ANDREW<sup>3</sup>, b. [Boardman, Mahoning Co.] OH ca. 1842 (*1860 Federal Census*); d. Streeter farm, Weymouth Township, Medina Co., OH 1862; bur. Row 21, Waltz/Crush Cemetery, Lafayette Township, Medina Co., OH; enlisted at Medina Co. OH 22 Sep 1861 as a Private in Co. B, 42nd Regiment, Ohio Infantry; contracted Typhoid Fever within months and returned home to die; shoemaker (*1860 Federal Census*).
- iv. JOHN M., b. [Boardman, Mahoning Co.] OH 30 Oct 1844; d. Summit County Infirmary at Tallmadge, Summit Co., OH 10 Oct 1925; bur. Potter Field Cemetery, Summit County Infirmary, Tallmadge, OH (*Medina County [Ohio] Gazette*), OH; when of Royalton [North Royalton, Cuyahoga Co., OH] m. Brunswick, Medina Co., OH 4 Sep 1870 by Rev. A.G. Wilder to "Miss Adelia" ADELINE ATHERTON of Brunswick (*Medina County [Ohio] Gazette* [16 Sep 1870]), probably identical with the Adaline Streeter b. [North] Royalton, Cuyahoga Co., OH 1840, d. Richfield, Summit Co., OH 7 Sep 1908 age 67 y, 10m, 4d. John resided in with the family his daughter, Cora (Streeter) Hardy, in Akron, Summit Co., OH in 1910. From the *Medina County [Ohio] Gazette* of 27 Oct 1925:

BURIED IN POTTER FIELD—Once Prosperous Medina Farmer Dies In Summit County Infirmary—Lived in Brunswick and Weymouth—Served in the Civil War—Gave up the Struggle Last Winter

A former highly respected, once prosperous Medina county farmer and old soldier in the person of John M. Streeter, died under pitiful circumstances in the Summit county infirmary last week. Streeter lived both in Brunswick township and at Weymouth, leaving the latter place for Summit county 15 or 20 years ago. The Akron Daily Times tell the story as follows:

A fresh mound of earth in a "Potter's Field," undamped by tears, Friday marked the final resting place of John M. Streeter, 80, once prosperous and respected Medina county farmer.

There were no mourners encircling the rude coffin—no funeral cortege followed the bearers of the pall. A few solemn words by Rev. Robert Davison, assistant superintendent of the Summit county Home and the body was lowered to the bottom of the earthen vault, while an attendant uttered the phrases consigning "earth to earth."

Born Near Medina

Like the arc of a comet, the span of Streeter's fourscore years rose to great heights, and ended in the depths. He was born on a farm near Medina in 1845. He grew up a simple country youth, and in the closing days of the war, as he neared manhood, answered the call of "Father Abraham" for men to preserve the Union.

At the close of the conflict, he returned to the fields his father had tilled. He amassed a competence, and gained friends and respect. His maturer years were marked by petty political preferment and other evidences of the good will and admiration of his neighbors.

Then came the end. Wife and children had died. The curve of his life had reached its greatest height and plunged downward like a plummet. Financial failure followed.

#### Gave up Last February

Aged and broken, he left Medina county six years ago, coming to Springfield township, where he lived unknown and alone, save for a tiny circle of acquaintances. From hand to mouth he kept the spark of life aglow by his own efforts, until last February.

No longer able to sustain himself he sought the aid of the county, and was admitted to the County Home.

Wednesday he suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and died.

He was buried Friday in the County Home Cemetery at Tallmadge.

Children, surname *Streeter*: 1. *Cora J.*, b. ca. 1872; m. Summit Co., OH 15 April 1888 as minor with the consent of her father to William A. Hardy, b. ca. 1869 (*Summit Co., OH Marriage Records*, 6:117), son of \_\_\_ and Emily (\_\_\_) Hardy; resided in Boston Township, Summit Co., OH in 1900 (*Federal Census*); resided in Akron, Summit Co., OH in 1910 (*Federal Census*).

- v. MARY ELIZA JANE "JANE," b. [Boardman, Mahoning Co.] OH 23 Feb 1847; m. (1) Medina Co., OH 17 Feb 1867 NATHANIEL SPENCER JR. (*Nathaniel, Aaron, Gerald, ..., Gerald*<sup>1</sup>), b. OH 1846, d. before 7 April 1886, son of Nathaniel and Allie E. (\_\_\_) Spencer of Canandaigua, Ontario Co., NY and Granger, OH, desc. of Gerard<sup>1</sup> Spencer of Hartford, CT who was the brother of my immigrant ancestor, Thomas<sup>1</sup> Spencer of Hartford, CT (Sandra Spencer, correspondence [29 Sep 2001]; Maynard Johnson, correspondence [13 Oct 2001]); m. (2) by Rev. Edward Perkins at the residence of "Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Streeter near Weymouth," in 1886 to OSCAR F. REED of Richfield, Summit Co., OH (*Medina County [Ohio] Gazette*, 8 April 1886). Perhaps Nathaniel Spencer died prior to 1880 when his daughter was residing with William and Belinda. Oscar and Mary resided in Medina Township, Medina Co., OH in 1900 (*Federal Census*).

Children, surname *Spencer*: 1. *Eva*, b. ca. 1868 (*1870 Federal Census*). 2. *Grace R.* and/or *Ellulie*, b. 1870 (*1870 Federal Census*; conflicting

- transcriptions). 3. *Jesse*, b. OH 1 Jan 1873 (*Flora Clark*); resided with paternal grandparents in 1880.
- vi. SARAH ORISA, b. [Boardman, Mahoning Co.] OH 7 March 1849; d. OH 14 Dec 1912; bur. Hinckley Ridge Cemetery, Hinckley, OH; m. Granger, OH 30 July 1869 WARNER BELLUS (*Medina County [Ohio] Gazette*).
- vii. THOMAS DARIUS, b. OH 17 March 1855; d. 1892 "Hinckley [Medina Co., OH]—One day last week Warner Bellus folks were called to attend the funeral of Thomas Streeter [*sic*] of LaGrange, who was killed in a stone quarry," (*Medina County [Ohio] Gazette*, 15 Sep 1892); m. Summit Co., OH 30 Dec 1885 LILLIAN M. [ ] HOPKINS (*Summit Co., OH Marriage Records*, 4:426). Lillian was perhaps first married to Edward L. Hopkins, b. OH ca. 1844. "Lillian M. Hopkins" was Edward's wife in the 1880 Federal Census at Mentor, Lake Co., OH. Lillian was b. OH ca. 1850; the Hopkins children were Julius W., b. ca. 1875; Minnie, b. ca. 1877; and Anna, b. ca. 1879.
- viii. URIAH WILLIAM, b. OH 19 April 1857.
- ix. FLORA ELLEN, b. [Medina Co.,] OH 11, 17 or 19 Feb 1862.

**11.** NANCY ANN<sup>2</sup> STREETER (*Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) was born in the Town of (then Addison, since 1822) Cameron, Steuben County, New York on 27 April 1814 (*Hall BRs*); died in Michigan (Kristen Conrad, "*Looking for Michael Buchanan*," *Clan Buchanan website*, <http://www.discribe.ca>, hereinafter *Conrad*), probably after 17 September 1859. Nancy Ann was married, probably in Steuben County, New York, on 29 August 1830 (*Conrad*) to MICHAEL BUCHANAN (*William, William, ...*), born in New York in April 1809 (*Conrad*); died of Consumption at Gilford, Tuscola County, Michigan on 18 December 1873 (*Conrad*); he was probably the son of William and Keziah (McWhorter) Buchanan (Nell (Buchanan) Lester, correspondence [21 November 1999]). Regrettably, I have been unable to locate any of Nancy's living descendants.

Michael was married second at Gilford, Michigan on 27 June 1864 to SOPHRONIA AUGUSTA (SPAULDING) SURDAM. Sophronia was a Civil War widow; she was in upstate New York on 24 May 1833, the daughter of Alva Augustus and Aurel (Drake) Spaulding; she was first married to Anthony Thomas Surdam and after Michael's death was married a third time to Ebenezer Warn. With Michael, she had three more children: Ida May (Buchanan) Warn, Ira Buchanan, and Alva George Buchanan (*Conrad*).

In 1836, they were living in or near Victor, Ontario County, New York. By August 1847, they were living at Beachville near South Dansville, Steuben County, New York after a failed attempt to settle in Michigan. However they must have persisted because they were residing at Buena Vista, Saginaw County, Michigan in 1850. On 2 May 1855, Michael Buchanan bought a copy of *Precious Lessons From the Lips of Jesus: Containing Cautions, Counsels, and Consolations for Such of the Disciples of Christ as are Seeking to be like Their Lord* by Rev. Daniel Wise at Tyrone, Livingston County, Michigan. On 5 June 1855, Michael Buchanan purchased land in sections 5 and 7 in Fairgrove Township, Tuscola County, Michigan (*History of Tuscola County, Michigan*, H.S. Page & Co., [1833], 133, hereinafter *HTCMI*). On 17 September 1859, Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan of Fentonville gave Michael's book, *Precious Lessons From the Lips of Jesus, etc.* to her nephew, F. Marion Streeter. Yet, in 1860, under the name "Bucanon," they were listed as residents of the village of Linden, Fenton Township, Genesee

County, Michigan. This residence may be identical to the reference of their residence in Fentonville (now Fenton), Fenton Township, Genesee County, Michigan in *Hall BRs*. Michael was a blacksmith. Michael's father, William Buchanan, was the son of William and Mary (McWhorter) Buchanan (Janet Hall); Keziah (McWhorter) Buchanan was the daughter of Hugh and Keziah (Tyler) McWhorter (Nell (Buchanan) Lester, correspondence):

The earliest settler [in Avoca] was from Pennsylvania in Wyoming Valley. His name was William Buchanan. He and his son Michael came upon the recommendation of Genl. Charles Williamson in the year 1794 and kept a public house. It was known for many years as the tavern at the eight mile tree... This Eight Mile Tree or tavern was on the Williamson Road to Genesee (John L. Sexton, *An Outline History of Tioga and Bradford Counties in Pennsylvania, Chenango, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins and Schuyler Counties in New York by Townships, Villages, Boro's, and Cities*, Elmira Gazette Co., 1885).

Children, born in or near Victor, Ontario County, New York:

- i. THOMAS S.<sup>[3]</sup>, b. 1832; d. Alexandria, VA 3 Aug 1864 during service in the Civil War; bur. Section 13, Arlington National Cemetery; resided with his parents in 1860. He served with Company E of the 26th Michigan Infantry, enlisting in the summer of 1862. Thomas received gunshot wounds to the right and left lungs in Coal Harbor, VA on 4 June 1864 and died of those wounds on 3 August. Prior to enlisting, in 1861, he had bought 40 acres of "wild timbered" land "calculating it for a home for his parents. In Spring of 1862 he took some land to put into crops for the benefit of his parents." (*Conrad*)
- ii. DERWIN A., b. 1836; d. Linden, Genesee Co., MI 7 April 1863 (26y 7m); bur. Plot 174, Fairview Cemetery, Linden, MI; m. Linden, MI 2 May 1860 GERANDA M. "GERANDIE" PIKE. Geranda, b. NY about 1841, when of Fenton, Genesee Co., MI, m. (2) Owosso, Shiawassee Co., MI 9 Oct 1865 Alphonzo P. Downer of Gaines, Genesee Co., MI; in 1873 they resided in Clinton Co., MI, post office of Wacousta. Derwin and Gerandie resided with his parents in 1860. He served in the Civil War as a private in the 9th Infantry, Company E of the Michigan Volunteers. When Derwin enrolled at Linden 21 Sep 1861 for a three-year term, his occupation was a blacksmith; he was mustered in at Detroit on 15 Oct 1861. During his service, he contracted chronic diarrhea. After four months of being unable to perform any duty, he was discharged at Bowling Green, KY on 4 or 9 Dec 1862. He went home to Linden, only to die the following spring from his ailment. I visited his grave on 31 July 1997; unfortunately, Derwin's tombstone can no longer be identified. Plot 174 lies between those belonging to the Pike and Stiehl families. Derwin was 5'8" tall with a light complexion, blue eyes, and light hair (*Pension File MIN-C-76-727*).

Child, surname *Buchanan*: 1. Lillie E., b. Linden, Genesee Co., MI 20 Aug 1861. Upon the death of her father, she was placed under the

guardianship of Thomas Pike of Fenton, Genesee Co., MI, presumably her maternal grandfather. Between 1866 and 1873, guardianship was restored to her mother.

- iii. SARAH K., b. about 1836; d. after 1880 and before Oct 1886; m. Tyrone, Tyrone Township, Livingston Co., MI 1 Jan 1855 by Rev. A. Lamb to DAVID F. STEELE of Tyrone, b. MI Dec 1831, d. 1900-1910, m. (2) before Oct 1886 MARY E. \_\_\_, b. Canada June 1855. David purchased land in sections 7 and 8 in Fairgrove Township, Tuscola Co., MI on 9 June 1855; David made an additional purchase in section 5 on 9 September 1855 (*HTCMI*, 133). Resided in Livingston Co., MI in 1860; removed to Fairgrove Township, Tuscola Co., MI between 1863 and 1870; resided in Fairgrove in 1880; resided in Akron Township, Tuscola Co., MI at the time of Sarah's death and in 1900; Mary resided alone with their son, Robert, b. Oct 1886, in Tuscola Co. in 1910 (Jan Beebe, email correspondence, 2 March 1998).

Children, b. MI, surname *Steele* (Jan Beebe, *Census Records*): 1. *Sarena A.*, b. 1856; d. 10 Sep 1860; bur. Parshallville Cemetery, Livingston Co., Parshallville, MI. 2. *Elizabeth*, b. ca. 1858; probably the Elizabeth Steel who m. Tuscola Co., MI 17 Aug 1874 Levias A. Houghtailing; resided with her maternal grandparents in 1860, perhaps to avoid contracting a disease that may have killed her sister. 3. *Rhoda A.*, b. ca. 1859; m. Tuscola Co., MI 20 April 1877 as his second wife, Lemuel A. Parks, b. Wayne Co., MI 1844, m. (1) 1866 Annette Phillips of Genesee Co., MI who d. 1873 (*HTCMI*, 195). 4. *Ernest J.*, b. Feb 1862; m. Hattie \_\_\_; resided Akron Township, Tuscola Co., MI in 1900. 5. *Carrie*, b. ca. 1863; d. 11 July 1864; bur. Parshallville Cemetery, Parshallville, MI. 6. *Harvey*, b. Nov 1865; m. Mary E. \_\_\_, b. Aug 1876; resided in Akron Township, Tuscola Co., MI in 1900; resided in Flint, Genesee Co., MI in 1910. 7. *Orrin N.*, b. ca. 1868. 8. *Herbert*, b. ca. 1871, m. Tuscola Co., MI 25 Aug 1899 Elizabeth Westphal. 9. *David F.*, b. June 1874; m. Rachel \_\_\_, b. MI Nov 1876; resided Indian Fields Township, Tuscola Co., MI in 1900.

**12.** JOHN<sup>2</sup> STREETER (*Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) was born in the Town of (then Addison, since 1822) Cameron, Steuben County, New York on 8 November 1816; he died at the Confederate prison for Union soldiers in Andersonville, Georgia on 28 November 1864 of "scorbutus [scurvy] and ulcers," (*Pension File*); "J. Streeter, 16, Co. B, died Nov 28, Scorbutus United States Army" (*Hall BRs*), doubtless identical with the J. Streeter buried at Andersonville in Grave #12186. John was married at Canisteo, Steuben County, New York in March 1841 by John Sherer, Justice of the Peace, to MARTHA ANN "MATTY" THOMAS, born in New York on 12 November 1825 and died probably at Lawler, Chickasaw County, Iowa after 1900. Martha was married second at Conover, Winnesheik County, Iowa 16 April 1867 to ISAAC THOMAS; the ceremony was conducted by the Justice of the Peace, C.V. Jacob, and witnessed by John P. Landin (*Winnesheik County Marriage Records, A:142*).

John was appointed guardian to his three youngest siblings upon the death of Thomas<sup>1</sup>. He bought sixty-one acres of Israel and Priscilla (\_\_\_) Persons 12 June 1839 for \$500 and later purchased land from Jarathamael and Esther (\_\_\_) Powers and Nathan and Nancy (Hallett) Crosby. He also sold land to Nathan Crosby, Jarathamael Powers Jr., George W. Hadley. John resided in Canisteo in 1850, last sold land there in 1856 and probably arrived in Iowa soon afterwards. He was among a group that petitioned President James Buchanan for the right to continue living on lands that were formerly part of the military reserve of Fort Atkinson, Washington Township, Winnesheik County. John had 160 acres of the southwest corner of the reserve. The other petitioners were Charles Clark, Thomas W. Coleman, George Cooney, Gotlob Krumm, Edmund G.P. Mittleberger, Joseph Morse, Louis F. Tavernier, John Schempp, and Andrew Seiber.

In 1857, John appeared as the defendant in a District Court case at Decorah, Winnesheik County. On 1 October 1856, he had become indebted to Clark & Hallbeck at Calmar for the sum of \$45.31 plus interest on "goods, weares, and merchandize." Among the items listed in John's account were a pair of shoes; apparently he was not a shoemaker like his eldest brother, Thomas<sup>2</sup> Streeter. Clark & Hallbeck soon sold the account to Farley, Norris, & Co. about 1 December 1856. In John's defense, his lawyer, Dryden Smith, stated:

... the said Clark and Hallback was and are justly indebted to the Defendant in the sum of thirty four Dollars for services rendered by the Defendant for said Clark & Halback [*sic*] at their request, for nursing wife of said Clark whilst sick and for going on [a] trip to West Union, Fayette Co. Iowa, and for money paid out, to the amount of ten Dollars, at their request for their use and benefit, and the Defendant prays judgement for said amount and costs (*Winnesheik County District Court Records, Decorah Genealogy Association*).

John and his son, William Morgan, enrolled in the B2 Battallion of the 16th United States Infantry at Lansing, Allamakee County, Iowa on 15 April 1862. John was reported as missing in action at Buzzards Roost, George on 27 February 1864; he died as a Private in Andersonville, the most infamous Confederate prison camp of the Civil War.

Following John's death and his widow's remarriage, John's brother, Richard Streeter, may have inherited or purchased his home near Fort Atkinson (see below).

On 13 February 1867, John Sherer testified that he had married John Streeter and Martha Ann Thomas. Was *Thomas* truly Martha's maiden name or was he already aware that she would marry Isaac Thomas on 16 April of that same year? Based only on the name of her eldest son, I have also speculated that Martha was the daughter of a man named William Morgan. However, William S. Thomas was an early settler of Canisteo:

About 1820 a road was opened up Bennett's Creek [from Canisteo] as far as the point known as the Salt Springs [in Greenwood]... At this place there was a log house at the time the road opened, otherwise it was entirely wild from William S. Thomas' through... William S. Thomas... accumulated a fair competence and lived to an old age. He left but one child. (*Clayton*)

If Martha Ann was the one child of William S. Thomas, then all of her descendants are my double cousins. William married Esther Miner, daughter of my direct ancestors, Allen<sup>6</sup> and

Dorothy (Dyer) Miner. The Miners were also the grandparents of my great-great-grandmother, Alice Amelia (Miner) Streeter, wife of Francis Marion<sup>3</sup> Streeter (*Thomas*<sup>2-1</sup>).

Children:

- i. WILLIAM MORGAN<sup>3</sup>, b. Adrian, Town of Canisteo, NY 24 March 1842; d. 11 Jan 1911; served as a Private in the Civil War; enlisted in the B2 Battallion of the 16th United States Infantry at Lansing, Allamakee County, Iowa on 11 May 1862; index finger of his left hand shot off in battle at Stone River, Murfreesboro, TN on 31 Dec 1862; hospitalized at Nashville, TN; discharged 11 May 1865 at Fort Ontario, Oswego, NY; "he was a Good Soldier his Father Lays in one of the ditches at Andersonville as he died there." After being discharged, William resided at Ft. Atkinson, IA for two years, Lawler, Chickasaw Co., IA for four years; resided in Lawler with Kennedy family on 7 June 1870; Cassen, IA for two years; railroading for two years. On 11 May 1876, he was a resident of Kasson, Doyle Co., MN; on that day his brother Thomas J. Streeter of Mantorville, MN and L. Hallett of Kasson, MN signed his "declaration for the increase of an invalid pension." William settled at Milnor, Sargent Co., Dakota Territory in 1882. Received a pension of \$6 per month; judged insane on 23 July 1900 and committed to the Hospital of the Insane, Jamestown, Stutsman Co., ND; had been residing in Aberdeen, Brown Co. nearly two years as of 4 March 1907, SD; 5'9" tall; fair complexion, blue eyes; brown hair. (*Pension File SC-78-293*)
- ii. LETITIA LUCRETIA, b. Canisteo, NY 9 Sep 1843; m. Chickasaw, Co., IA 22 April 1867 PETER T. KENNEDY, b. Ireland 1840, son of Stephen and Margaret (\_\_\_) Kennedy; resided at Lawler, Chickasaw Co., IA in 1870, 1880, and 1900 (W.E. Alexander, *History of Chickasaw and Howard Counties, Iowa*, [Decorah, IA: Western Publishing Company, 1883], 553, 629); Blacksmith.
- iii. ISAAC T., b. Canisteo, NY 10 Dec 1847; d. Bemidji, Beltrami Co., MN 1931; m. Winnesheik Co., IA 6 Dec 1875 MARY SCOTT by Henry Hess in her father's home (*Winnesheik County Marriage Records, B:342*); Isaac, the "hair Dresser," resided with Kennedy family in Lawler, Chickasaw Co., IA on 7 June 1870; in 1893, Isaac was residing in Eden, Fayette Co., IA ("Fort Atkinson Bits," *Decorah, Iowa Journal*, 20 June 1893); resided in Bemidji, MN by 1910.
- iv. THOMAS J., b. Canisteo, NY 21 May 1850; m. MARY A.<sup>3</sup> STREETER (*Richard*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. Canisteo, Steuben Co. NY ca. 1847, dau. of Richard<sup>2</sup> and Esther ([Wilson]) Streeter, his first cousin; resided in Carlton Co., MN; resided at Mantorville, MN on 11 May 1876.
- v. CHARLES H., b. IA 4 Feb 1859.
- vi. *child*, d. young.

13. MARY ANN<sup>2</sup> STREETER (*Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) was born in the Town of (then Addison, since 1822) Cameron, Steuben County, New York on 3 May 1817; she died at Prattsburg, Steuben County, New York on 7 May 1894. She was married in Cameron in 1831 to Alanson R. Ellsworth, born in Greene County, New York 29 June 1813, died at Italy, Yates County, New York 4 June 1890, son of Joshua and Hannah (\_\_\_) Ellsworth. Mary Ann and Alanson are both buried in Italy Hill Cemetery, Italy, New York.

They must have attempted settlement in the Midwest; their son Danford was born in Michigan in 1846. They probably left Steuben County in 1842, when they sold their rights to his father's lands. By the birth of their son, Stewart, in 1856, they had returned to Steuben County; they resided in Prattsburg in 1865 and 1870. By 1875, they had settled just across the county line on Italy Hill in Italy, Yates County, New York. Alanson was a blacksmith. The names of two of their elder children may indicate that they were especially close to Mary Ann's next youngest sister and her husband, Danforth and Sarah Jane (Streeter) Porter.

Children (*Hall BRs*):

- i. AARON D.<sup>[3]</sup>, b. 6 Nov 1840; probably died young.
- ii. SARAH JANE, b. 20 Oct 1842; d. 20 Oct 1842; probably named after her maternal aunt, Sarah Jane (Streeter) Porter.
- iii. DANFORD P., b. near Grand Rapids, Kent Co., MI 3 Jan 1846; d. Italy, NY 8 May 1914; m. Prattsburg, NY 22 Dec 1870 HELEN M. SMITH. Perhaps this Civil War veteran was named after his maternal uncle-by-marriage, Danforth Porter.

Danford enrolled at Potter, Yates Co., NY on 4 Sep 1864 as a Private in Company C., 188<sup>th</sup> Regiment of New York Infantry. He was mustered in at Rochester, Monroe Co., NY on 4 Oct 1864. Later that month, near South Side Road at the Battle of Hatchers Run, VA on 27 Oct 1864, Danford "*was wounded by a musket ball through the mouth breaking the lower jaw on [the] left side and removing a number teeth cutting off in part the tongue at [its] roots and passing out of [the] neck on [the] right side. That from the wound there is a frequent gathering which in time breaks, discharging putrid matter, and that he suffers from a general breaking down of health...*" He first went to the 1<sup>st</sup> Division Depot Field Hospital at City Pt., VA before he was transferred to Carver General Hospital in Washington, D.C. He was furloughed from the hospital for thirty days on 26 Nov 1864; he returned on 25 Dec 1864. In Feb 1865, he was transferred to Calorama General Hospital in Washington, D.C. with "Varioloides." He was then transferred back to Carver General Hospital, from where he was discharged from the service and mustered out on 26 May 1865. During his hospitalization, Danford contracted small pox which permanently left him with "weak lungs." He later fought to have his monthly pension increased from \$6 to \$8. He returned home to Italy Hill and was still living there in 1875. By 1879, he moved just across the county line to Prattsburg but he returned to Italy Hill by 1889 to spend the remainder of his days. Danford, a farmer and blacksmith, was 5'6½" tall

- with a light complexion, light brown hair and blue eyes (*Pension Record 135-223*).
- iv. HENRY E., b. MI 26 Feb 1851; resided in Naples, Ontario Co., NY. in 1914; resided in Hornell, Steuben Co., NY in 1924.
  - v. STEWART A., b. Steuben Co., NY 22 April 1856; m. 1884 REBECCA A. \_\_\_; resided in Jerusalem, Yates Co., NY in 1914; resided in Stanley, Yates Co., NY in 1924.
  - vi. CHARLES WILLIAM, b. Steuben Co., NY 27 Aug 1859; d. Canandaigua, Ontario Co., NY 1922; m. Penn Yan, Yates Co., NY 26 Feb 1896 SARAH MAHITABLE WALRATH, b. West Sparta, NY 1 May 1861, d. Rochester, Monroe Co., NY [Aug] 1941, bur. Webster Cemetery, Webster, Monroe Co., NY, dau. of Peter J. and Parmelia (Barry) Walrath; resided in Italy, NY in 1914.  
 Children, surname *Ellsworth*: 1. *Chas Lela*, b. ca. 1890; d. Italy, NY ca. 1894. 2. *Lewis B.*, b. Italy, NY 19 Aug 1899; d. Webster, NY Nov 1954; bur. Riverside Cemetery, Rochester, NY; m. Rochester, NY May 1921 Mary Grace Murtha, b. Lindsay, Ontario, Canada 10 May 1902, d. Phoenix, Mesa Co., AZ 14 April 1974, bur. Irondequoit Cemetery, Rochester, NY, dau. of Matthew and Eliza (Meehan) Murtha. 3. *Mary*, m. William Grow. 4. *Nettie*, m. Chris Wagner.
  - vii. MARY ELIZABETH "LIBBIE", b. Pulteney, Steuben Co., NY 24 or 26 May 1862; d. Keuka Park, Yates Co., NY 18 or 19 March 1924; bur. Penn Yan, Yates Co., NY; m. Prattsburg or Pulteney, NY 26 Dec 1880 FRANK EUGENE TRUAX, d. Breesport, Chemung Co., NY 24 Oct 1933; bur. Penn Yan, NY; resided in Branchport, Yates Co., NY in 1914.

**14.** SARAH JANE<sup>2</sup> STREETER (*Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) was born in the Town of Canisteo, Steuben County, New York on 4 March 1819 and died of "old age" in Ellsworth Township, Meeker County, Minnesota 22 April 1909 (*Register of Deaths in the County of Meeker, State of Minnesota*, 290). She was married in Richmond Township, McHenry County, Illinois about 13 November 1845 to DANFORTH PORTER. He was born in Warren, Addison County, Vermont on 24 December 1812; died in Meeker County, Minnesota in 1890, son of William and Lucy (Thomson) Porter. His name appears as *Danford* in some records. Both are buried in the cemetery of St. Peter's Church, Ellsworth Township, Meeker County, Minnesota (*Family Records of Murray King Wheeler*, hereinafter *Wheeler FRs*).

Although Sarah Jane's middle name was indicated as *Ann* in her father's will, all other records indicate that her middle name was actually *Jane*. Sarah Jane and Danforth appear in Richmond Township, McHenry County, Illinois on the Wisconsin border in the 1850 federal census. At that time, their household included Danforth's nephew and niece, Rufus and Sarah J. Billings. Between 1854 and 1856, they moved to Wisconsin and perhaps resided at Baraboo, Sauk County where Sarah's brother, Richard<sup>2</sup> Streeter lived. Richard probably settled there between 1854 and 1858. Between 1863 and 1875, the Porters settled in Ellsworth Township, Meeker County, Minnesota. In 1900, Sarah resided with her son Edwin in Ellsworth.

Children (*Hall BRs*, *Wheeler FRs*):

- i. WILLIAM T.<sup>[3]</sup>, b. Richmond Township, McHenry Co., IL 12 May 1849; m. MIRANDA A. \_\_\_, b. WI July 1856; resided in Dassell Township, Meeker Co., MN in 1900.
- ii. HARRY D., b. 18 Dec 1852; d. 1895; bur. St. Peter's Cemetery, Ellsworth, Meeker Co., MN.
- iii. EDWIN H., b. IL 4 May 1854; m. LOUISA \_\_\_, b. Oct 1865; resided in Ellsworth Township, Meeker Co., MN in 1900.
- iv. LUCY LOUISA, b. [Baraboo, Sauk Co.,] WI 9 July 1856; d. Terry, Prairie Co., MT 19 July 1921; m. Meeker Co., MN 19 March 1879 FRANK ELI WHEELER, b. Bangor, Penobscot Co., ME 1 Jan 1851, d. Plevna, Fallon Co., MT 26 Dec 1933, son of Isaac and Martha (Springer) (Norcross) Wheeler.
- v. DERWIN E., b. WI 8 May 1860; d. 1894; bur. St. Peter's Cemetery, Ellsworth, Meeker Co., MN.
- vi. ADDAZETTA L., b. WI 2 April 1863; named as Mary A. Porter in *Hall BRs*; m. [Caleb] Sanburn, b. MN Nov 1862.

**15.** RUTH<sup>2</sup> STREETER (*Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) was born in the Town of Canisteo, Steuben County, New York on 10 September 1820. She died at Farmersville, Cattaraugus County, New York on 5 May 1892 about 10 p.m. of Nephritis following an illness of eight days. She was married at Naples, Ontario County, New York on 19 March 1844 to SALMON<sup>7</sup> KENFIELD (*John*<sup>6</sup>, *Shubel*<sup>5</sup>, *Salmon*<sup>4</sup>, *Ebenezer*<sup>3</sup>, *William*<sup>2</sup>, *James*<sup>1</sup>). Salmon was born in Belchertown, Hampshire County, Massachusetts on 4 November 1822; he died probably at Ischua, Cattaraugus County, New York on 21 Jan 1882; he was the son of John<sup>6</sup> and Ruth (Bump) Kenfield of Belchertown, Massachusetts and Naples, New York. Ruth and Salmon resided in Canisteo in 1850 under the name "Canfield" (*1850 U.S. Census*).

Solomon Kenfield, son of John was born in Massachusetts, Nov. 4, 1822. His father moved to Camden, N.Y., and thence to Naples, N.Y., where he married Ruth Streeter in 1844. In Nov. 1845, he moved to Ischua and settled on the farm now owned by M.A. Kenfield, his son. Children: Felton, a farmer adjoining the homestead; Lucinda R.L. (Mrs. William Allen), of Farmersville; and M.A. The latter was born Aug. 20, 1847. Sept. 1, 1868, he married Lydia J., daughter of S. R. and Prudenda A. (Morgan) Williams, and settled on the homestead, which he now owns. Children: Lucy L. (Mrs. J. Deeley), Emma O., John S., and Harriet L. (William Adams, *Historical Gazetteer and Biographical Memorial of Cattaraugus Co. NY*, "History of the Town of Ischua - Chapter XLIX"; [1893]; p. 1136)

Salmon and Ruth resided next to Samuel Searle in 1880 (*1880 U.S. Census, New York, Cattaraugus County*).

## Children:

- i. MELVIN ADELEBERT<sup>[3]</sup>, b. 20 Aug 1847; m. 1 Sep 1868 LYDIA J. WILLIAMS, dau. of Simeon R. and Prudenda A. (Morgan) Williams.
- ii. FELTON TAYLOR, b. 20 Nov 1850; d. 17 Aug 1924; m. 31 Dec 1870 ANNA ELIZABETH "LIBBIE" QUINBY, b. near Corning, Steuben Co., NY 11 June 1854, d. Franklinville, NY 24 May 1913, dau. of John Wiley and Mary Jane (Whitlock) Quinby.
- iii. LUCINA RUTH LOUISA, b. 11 June 1860, m. WILLIAM ALLEN.

**16.** RICHARD<sup>2</sup> STREETER (*Thomas*<sup>1</sup>) was born in the Town of Canisteo, Steuben County, New York on 7 March 1822. He was married, probably in Canisteo, to ESTHER [WILSON], born in New York about 1829, probably the daughter of Hawley and [Prentis] (\_\_\_) Wilson. Richard was married second in Winnesheik County, Iowa, at "his father's house" (*sic*, brother John's) on 10 June 1871 to ADALINE LYNTON, by Nathaniel Jones (*Winnesheik County Marriage Records, B:31*).

Richard and Esther were still in Canisteo in the 1850 census before moving to Baraboo, Sauk County, Wisconsin. They moved to the Midwest sometime between 1854 and 1858. They appear at Fairfield, Sauk County, Wisconsin in the 1860 census. When Richard<sup>2</sup>'s son, Thomas Warren<sup>3</sup>, was discharged from the Civil War in 1865, Thomas Warren<sup>3</sup> went home to Baraboo and stayed with his mother for a month. Richard<sup>2</sup>'s whereabouts at that time were unknown.

In the 1870 census, Richard<sup>2</sup> and his son, Richard<sup>3</sup>, are named as the only residents of a household near Fort Atkinson, Washington Township, Winnesheik County, Iowa; Richard's brother John<sup>2</sup> had died there in 1864. Although the 1871 marriage record for Richard<sup>2</sup> may actually pertain to his son, Richard<sup>3</sup>, it seems unlikely given the fact that Richard<sup>3</sup> was only thirteen years old at the time. John was appointed as Richard<sup>2</sup>'s guardian upon their father's death; he may have been perceived as Richard's father. Following John's death and his widow's remarriage, Richard may have inherited or purchased John's home. Richard was a blacksmith.

Hawley Wilson died at Canisteo, New York on 17 May 1877. His will of 15 May 1877 was witnessed by John N. Brown and William B. Jones; Miner Samson and Prentis Wilson were executors. Hawley referenced Thomas M. Streeter and Mary Streeter both of full age and both of Rochester, Minnesota as "the only children of a deceased daughter named Esther Streeter." Elsewhere in records pertaining to Hawley Wilson's estate, John Streeter and Mary Streeter are cited as "heirs at law and next of kin to Hawley Wilson." It would appear that Hawley's knowledge of his Streeter grandchildren was incomplete or inaccurate. After Richard and Esther left Canisteo, and especially after Esther's death, Hawley probably lost contact with his grandchildren.

## Children:

- i. THOMAS WARREN<sup>3</sup>, b. at Canisteo, NY 9 Sep 1845; d. at St. Mary's Hospital, Duluth, Lake Co., MN 5 Jan 1938, hospitalized with pneumonia and a fractured hip; bur. Forest Hill Cemetery; m. (1) at Rochester, Olmstead Co., MN, 3 Dec 1867 LOUISA ELLEN SNOW, b. IL 1852, d. Rochester, MN 29 Sep 1877; m. (2) Methodist Church, Rochester, MN, 17 Aug 1878

JOSEPHINE PURRIER, d. 1929; he was a veteran of the Civil War and a blacksmith. Thomas was a private in Co. H of the 17th Regiment of Wisconsin Volunteers; he served from 1863 to 1865. At enlistment in September or October 1863, his post office address was Russell's Corners, Baraboo, Sauk Co., WI; he was discharged at Madison, WI on 14 July 1865. He suffered sunstroke in the service near Marietta, GA in 1864 and was never able to work in extreme heat again. After the service, he resided at Baraboo about six months before settling in Rochester, MN for approximately 19 years. He then lived in Duluth for thirty years; on 13 Aug 1897 he was residing at 905 W. Fourth St., Duluth, St. Louis Co., MN. By 15 March 1924, Thomas had been a resident of Burbank, Los Angeles Co., CA for three years; he was living at 103 Tujuna Ave. He returned to Duluth sometime prior to his death. He was 5'5" tall with a ruddy complexion, blue eyes, and brown hair (*Pension Record 1070478*).

- ii. MARY A., b. at Canisteo, NY ca. 1847; m. THOMAS J.<sup>3</sup> STREETER (*John*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), b. NY ca. 1849, son of John<sup>2</sup> and Martha "Matty" Ann (Morgan?) Streeter, her first cousin.
- iii. JAMES L., b. NY ca. 1854.
- iv. RICHARD, b. WI 1858; possible but unlikely that he was the Richard Streeter who was m. at "his father's house" in Winnesheik Co, IA 10 June 1871 to ADALINE LYNTON, by Nathaniel Jones (*Winnesheik County Marriage Records, B:31*).

### PERRY STREETER'S LINE OF DESCENT

#### THIRD GENERATION

17. FRANCIS MARION<sup>3</sup> STREETER (*Thomas*<sup>2-1</sup>) was born in the Town of Canisteo, Steuben County, New York on 15 October 1845 and died at the Streeter Farm, in the Town of Greenwood, Steuben County, New York on 12 September 1917. He was married in Greenwood on 2 July 1867 to ALICE AMELIA MINER (*Aiden*<sup>7</sup>, *Allen*<sup>6</sup>, *Jonathan Ransford*<sup>5</sup>, *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>3</sup>, *Manassah*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>), who was born in Greenwood 10 November 1847 and died at the Streeter Farm on 29 September 1932. She was the daughter of Aiden<sup>7</sup> and Susan A. (Smith) Miner. These Methodists are both buried in Bennett's Creek Cemetery.

Francis Marion "Maine" may have been named after a Southern hero of the Revolutionary War, General Francis Marion the Swamp Fox. He and Alice may have built the Streeter Farm as early as 1870 or 1871 (*February 1871 letter to Francis Marion from his first cousin, Samuel Haskins, with reference to Francis Marion's new house*), where I now reside. However, Francis Marion's obituary, the mortgage from his father, and the 1875 map of Steuben County all indicate that 1875 was the year of primary construction. Family legend says that Maine and Alice lived in the present-day shop while the house was built; perhaps this was their residence from 1871 until 1875. However, it would have been very primitive and they had certainly lived elsewhere prior to 1871, perhaps on the hill in buildings still owned by his father, Thomas<sup>2</sup> Streeter.

Alice was a pretty, petite woman and, like her mother-in-law, was also of old New England stock. In fact, she was descended from Southeastern Connecticut Colonists, Thomas<sup>1</sup> Miner and Christopher<sup>1</sup> Avery, in four ways each! Alice's descendants have noble and royal ancestry through Edward<sup>1</sup> Raynsford, as well as ties of kinship to President Ulysses S. Grant, Johnny Carson, and other notable individuals.

Towards the end of her life, Alice broke her hip and had to walk with a crutch. Then she re-broke the hip which never healed; she was in bed a year before she died. On 28 February 1926, in a letter to her niece, Alice commented on her disability:

... you cannot realise what it means to be a crippel for life while I am able to be around still it is an awful affliction if I were young I would rather go but that doesn't make it any easier to part with our friends... I have been shut in all summer while the road was building & since cold weather I haven't been out at all unless Miner is with me I am afraid of falling and his time is all taken but him & Amy does everything they can to make me happy.

Perhaps, Francis Marion's and Alice's obituaries provide the best biographies:

Death Calls another one of our Beloved Citizens

Marion Streeter, Always a leader in the Life of the Community Has Been Called Home

Death's message has again sounded in our midst and this time the call was answered by our beloved friend and neighbor, Francis Marion Streeter, who was born in Canisteo on the 15th day of October 1845. Mr. Streeter has always lived in Greenwood and was one of the most respected men in this section of the country. His father, Thomas Streeter was one of the early settlers in Bennett's Creek Valley, and at an early date lived in a primitive log house on a portion of the farm now owned by John D. Rogers. Mr. Streeter, although not reared in the comfort and luxury of the present day, developed a sturdy, honest, earnest character and was always to be found on the side of right and justice. Born at a time when game was plentiful and being a true sportsman, he developed a great fondness for hunting, and as with everything else he undertook he was one of the leaders and perhaps no man in the country had as many foxes to his credit as he. His fondness for life in the open kept him on the farm during his whole life and he was one of the most successful farmers in this section, his farm always well kept and a model for his neighbors. On July 2nd, 1867 he was united in marriage to Alice Miner a daughter of Aiden Miner also one of Greenwood's sturdy pioneers. This union proved to be a very happy one and a visit to the home of Uncle Maine and Aunt Alice as they were familiarly called, was a treat everyone enjoyed. They both seemed to retain the spirit of youth throughout life and both young and old were at home with them. Their fiftieth anniversary was commemorated at the Williamson family picnic in July last when about 70 of their friends and relatives were present. Mr. Streeter has lived during the past forty-two years on a farm on

Bennett's Creek in the town of Greenwood, which by his labor brought it to its present state of cultivation and in all that time except during the present season he has taken actual management of the farm. About a year ago his health began to fail and at the beginning of this present year, his son, Miner moved onto the farm with his father and assumed active charge there. Although the actual management was taken from his shoulders Mr. Streeter has been about to assist in many ways. Within the past month Mr. Streeter began to fail rapidly but was not compelled to take his bed until last Monday and on the following Wednesday - September 12, 1917 death summoned him to his eternal home. He is survived by his wife, one son, Miner Streeter of Greenwood, and one daughter, Mrs. William Buck of Hornell.

It is but crossing with bated breath  
 A white set face - a little strip of sea.  
 To find the loved ones waiting on the shore  
 More beautiful, more precious than before.

Alice Streeter died at home

She was one of the most prominent and beloved women in this section and all her life was distinguished for her kind acts, helpfulness to others and her lovable character. She was a model wife, an affectionate, indulgent mother and neighbor who was never found wanting. Hundreds of friends and acquaintances held her in the highest respect and esteem and her useful, upright life leaves its impress and influence upon the community in which she lived that will continue for many years to come.

On 1 March 1932, Alice deeded Streeter Farm to her children (Deeds of Steuben County, New York, 435:279).

Children, born at the Streeter Farm, Greenwood, Steuben County, New York:

18.
  - ii. MINER THOMAS<sup>4</sup>, b. 23 July 1883; m. MARY WILLIAMSON.
  - iii. AMY FRANCES, b. 15 May 1887; d. in Rochester, Monroe Co. NY, 6:30 am, Tuesday, 17 March 1931 after an illness of about two weeks; m. WILLIAM E. BUCK; buried in Greenwood; no descendants. Amy divorced William on 13 January 1926 and retook her maiden name. At the time of her divorce, Amy lived in Rochester at 28 Somerset St. (*Stephens FRs*). In 1929 and 1930, she resided at 27 New York St. in 1931 she lived at 481 Alexander Street. At some point, she resided at 435 West Miller Street in Newark, NY.

Amy was a member of the Anna C. Etz League. On 13 February 1907 (Anthony Day), the meeting included "Tributes to the Memory of Miss Anthony from her Co-workers, Amy Streeter, Mrs. Ambrosia Scribner,

Anna Rollins, Blanche Pease," (*Anna C. Etz League Year Book, 1906-'07. Greenwood, New York.*)

During her years in Newark, Amy acquired the large drop-leaf table which has been at the Streeter Farm since her death. The enormous leaves of this table are single, seamless planks.

She was a teacher at the Sylvanus A. Ellis School, 26, in Rochester. She had been in the special class department of School 18 since 19 September 1924. In November 1930, she was granted a leave of absence due to illness. The following announcement was extracted from the scrapbook of her cousin, Florence Groff.

#### Amy F. Streeter Rites to Be Held Tomorrow

Funeral services for Miss Amy F. Streeter, forty-four, a teacher in School No. 18 until granted a year's leave of absence, January 1, 1931, on account of ill health, will be held Friday from the home of her brother, Miner Streeter of Greenwood. She was appointed in Rochester public schools in September 1924 (*Rochester Journal*, 17 March 1931).

### FOURTH GENERATION

**18.** MINER THOMAS<sup>4</sup> STREETER (*Francis Marion*<sup>3</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>2-1</sup>) was born at the Streeter Farm in Greenwood, Steuben County, New York on 23 July 1883; he died of nephritis at St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, Steuben County, New York on Saturday, 16 July 1943 at the end of a two-week hospitalization. In Greenwood on 24 April 1907, he was married by the Reverend R.S. Bell to MARY<sup>9</sup> WILLIAMSON (*Merritt C.*<sup>8</sup>, *John*<sup>7</sup>, *Abraham*<sup>6</sup>, *John*<sup>5</sup>, *Peter*<sup>4</sup>, [*William*<sup>3</sup>, *Willem*<sup>2</sup> *Willemsen*, *Willem*<sup>1</sup> *Gerritsen*]) at her parents' home on the west side of North Main Street. Mary was born in Greenwood, New York on 27 September 1881; she died 25 February 1973 at her daughter's home on the east side of North Main Street in Greenwood; she was the daughter of Merritt C.<sup>8</sup> and Cora Charity (Brundage) Williamson. They are buried in Bennett's Creek Cemetery.

Miner was born in the north bedroom at the Streeter Farm. He graduated from the old Greenwood Union School in 1901. The following article was taken from a newspaper clipping preserved in Mary's scrapbook:

#### Williamson-Streeter

A quiet wedding will be celebrated at noon today [April 24 1907] at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Williamson, when their daughter, Miss Mary, will be united in marriage to Miner Streeter, son of Mr. and Mrs. M.F. Streeter. The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. R.S. Bell in the presence of the immediate families. Mr. and Mrs. Streeter will commence housekeeping at

once on the groom's farm in Norton Hollow where Mr. Streeter has already fitted a home. Mr. and Mrs. Streeter are among our most popular young people and have the best wishes of hosts of friends.

Miner's and Mary's first home in Greenwood was located in Norton Hollow; this house is now owned by Walter Kernan; most of the land now belongs to New York State. Not long after, he must have commenced working with the Coston Company, first in Greenwood and later in Hornell.

As the business of the firm [N.E. Coston & Sons] grew and prospered the activities of the firm extended, and some time later the name of the store was changed to the Coston Co., Miner Streeter and Bert L. Goff becoming members of the firm, and a store was opened at Hornell. Pitt Coston went to Hornell and took charge of this store leaving Glenn, as he was familiarly known by his many friends in charge of the business here (*obituary of Glenn Coston*).

The following is a transcript from an undated newspaper clipping from an unidentified newspaper:

#### New Greenwood Business Firm

Glen Coston is the manager of the Coston Company of Greenwood which on November 1, succeeded to the old established business of N.E. Coston & Sons. Mr. Streeter is the new partner in the company.

Both are young men of integrity and are bound to succeed.

Mr. Coston was graduated from the Greenwood Union School in 1901, and from the department of pharmacy of the University of Buffalo in 1904. He was born in Greenwood and has assisted his father in the business ever since he was old enough.

Mr. Streeter is also a Greenwood Boy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M.F. Streeter. He has been engaged, for several years past, in farming, and was successful from the start.

The Coston Company now comprises ex-supervisor N.E. Coston who established the business; his sons, Glenn and Pitt, and Mr. Streeter. Mr. Coston, the senior member, and Pitt, plan to retire from the firm.

The new company comprises a happy combination of successful business men who are progressive and will undoubtedly enjoy continued success.

Newton Emmett Coston and Miner were first cousins; Aiden<sup>7</sup> Miner was their maternal grandfather. Another undated newspaper clipping provides more details about the store:

#### More Room Needed

The business of the Coston company, the most enterprising and up-to-date business house in the village, has been increasing so fast of late, that more room is

needed for their rapidly increasing trade. To meet the demand, Glen Coston, one of the members of the firm, has purchased a lot on Main street adjoining the Coston block on which he will erect a building 25 x 40 feet, to be constructed of tile. This will be occupied by the Coston company and a flour and feed department.

The company are to be congratulated upon their success which is well merited. Messrs Glen Coston and Miner Streeter are getting an enviable reputation as enterprising and progressive business men.

During this same era, Miner was elected to the Board of Education in Greenwood:

Mr. Streeter Elected

Miner Streeter, a prominent young man of this place, has been elected to the board of education to succeed F.G. Miller, who resigned some time ago. Mr. Streeter is in every way qualified for the office and with his long business experience will make an efficient official.

Mary was also involved in local civic organizations. She was a member of the Anna C. Etz League as documented in the 1906-07 Year Book. The League's motto was "Nothing is denied to her who wills" and appears to have been affiliated with the suffragette movement. On Flag Day, 7 June 1907, "Miss Mary Williamson" (*sic*, she was Mary (Williamson) Streeter as of 24 April 1907) gave a discourse entitled, "What is Patriotism?" Other local members and supporters of the league connected to Mary included her mother, Cora Charity (Brundage) Williamson; her brother, John Williamson; her sister-in-law, Amy Streeter; and her brother-in-law, William Greenwood Kellogg.

From the following postcard, it appears that Miner and Mary were still involved with the Coston Store in Greenwood in 1909:

Easter Millinery Opening  
April 6th and 7th, 1909  
You are cordially invited. In charge of Mrs. Mary Streeter  
THE COSTON STORE  
Greenwood          New York

At some point, Miner and Mary lived upstairs over the Coston store in Hornell. By 1911, they were back in Greenwood, living in the village, in a house across from the present-day American Legion in Greenwood.

On 12 December 1912, much of Greenwood's business district was destroyed by fire:

GREENWOOD FIRE SWEEP  
Forty Thousand Dollars Loss by Fire Monday Morning  
All Lost Partially Covered by Insurance!

Early Monday morning our town was alarmed by the cry of fire when it was discovered that the Costons Company big store was on fire. The fire was first discovered in the grocery department and soon the whole block was a raging mass of flame... When the flames were gotten under control it was found that six business places had been entirely destroyed as follows. The Coston Company's stores, four in number...

Six smoking cellars are all that remain of the splendid block that adorned North Main Street. These goods, and the losses will be heavy for the owners over and above the insurance they carried. The losses are as follows: The four Coston store buildings about 3,500; stock 12,000 (*Andover News*, 13 December 1912)

In 1916, Miner left the Greenwood business scene and returned to the family dairy farm to aid his failing father. At first, Miner and family lived in the front portion of the house; an addition was built in 1916 that includes the modern-day kitchen and master bedroom where their second child was born. Later, when the children were older, they moved into the back side of the house.

In addition to farming, Miner also began working as a rural mail carrier about 1922. After his death, the following article was published:

#### Rexville: Rural Mail Carrier Dead

In the death of Miner T. Streeter, it may be truly said the patrons of RD 1 have lost not only a faithful public servant but a true friend as well. After the consolidation of the Greenwood and Rexville routes, Mr. Streeter came to work for this office February 1, 1934, where he has served faithfully ever since with the exception of a few days of sick leave and the annual 2 weeks vacation. Before coming to this office, he was carrier on route 2 from Greenwood about 12 years, so he was truly a veteran mail carrier. Having had nearly 22 years in the service, what John Morley wrote of Lincoln might be said of Mr. Streeter: "He was a great American, honest shrewd wise, human, cheerful blundering occasionally but through his blunders struggling onward toward what he believed to be right." We the people of this community, extend to the family our deepest sympathy.  
(*Canistee Times*, 16 July 1943)

A brief news clipping from Mary's scrapbook provides a snapshot of Miner's assets at the time of his death: "Miner T. Streeter, Greenwood, leaves an estate of \$1,500 personal and \$8,000 real property to the widow, Mary W. Streeter, who is named executrix." Miner belonged to the Masonic Order; he was a member of Sentinel Lodge 151 of Greenwood and served as Lodge Master in 1935. He was a dark-haired man and only 5'8" tall.

Like the Streeter matriarchs before her, Mary also had New England ancestry. However, Dutch, French, and Scottish blood also flowed in her veins; many of her ancestors were early colonists of New Netherlands and New Jersey. Mary may have been born at Krusen's Corners on West Greenwood Hill at the home of her grandmother, Mary Jane (Krusen) Brundage. In 1883, she moved with her parents to Andover, Allegany County, New York and returned to Greenwood in 1896. She also lived in Rexville, New York at some point during her childhood.

As a young woman, Mary was a milliner; she made hats. During the spring and fall, she travelled down-state on the train. She divided her time between New York City and Nyack, north of New York on the Hudson River. At some point, she ran her own small shop in Greenwood.

Following Miner's death, Mary deeded the Streeter Farm to herself and her son on 11 June 1946 (*SCD*, 517:563). On 7 March 1969, Mary deeded Streeter Farm to her son and daughter-in-law for the sum of \$1.00 (*SCD*, 873:56).

Following a stroke in the winter of 1966-67, already widowed many years, she left the Streeter Farm to live with her also-widowed daughter in the village of Greenwood, where she remained until her death. Mary also had dark hair and was about 5'3" tall.

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