

*Luff Meredith**1st Generation*

1. **Luff Meredith**. He married **Mary** .

Children of Luff Meredith and Mary:

2. i. **John Wheeler Meredith** was born 10 Feb 1761 in Kent Co., Delaware and died 18 Aug 1844 in Cass, Miami Co., OH.

Notes on Luff MeredithSources & Web Information

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2nd Generation (Children)

2. **John Wheeler Meredith**¹ (Luff₁) was born 10 Feb 1761 in Kent Co., Delaware and died 18 Aug 1844 in Cass, Miami Co., OH. He married 1st **Mary Daws**² 25 Sep 1788 in Delaware³. He married 2nd **Elizabeth Busby**⁴ 18 Apr 1793 in Hampshire Co., VA⁵.

Other events in the life of John Wheeler Meredith

Burial : Rose Hill Cemetery, Miami Co., OH

Census : 1820 in Champaign Co., OH

Census : 1820 in Troy, Miami Co., OH

Census : 1821 in Miami Co., OH

Census : 1827 in Concord Twp., Miami Co., OH

Census : 1835 in Concord Twp., Miami Co., OH

Census : 1840 in Concord Twp., Troy, Miami, OH

Other events in the life of Elizabeth Busby

Burial : Rose Hill Cemetery, Miami Co., OH

Census : 1820 in Champaign Co., OH

Census : 1820 in Troy, Miami Co., OH

Census : 1821 in Miami Co., OH

Census : 1827 in Concord Twp., Miami Co., OH

Census : 1835 in Concord Twp., Miami Co., OH

Census : 1840 in Miami Co., OH

Census : 1840 in Concord Twp., Troy, Miami, OH

Children of John Wheeler Meredith and Mary Daws:

i. **Rumina Meredith**⁶ was born 02 May 1789.

¹⁻²³John Wheeler Meredith to son Samuel C. Meredith, Letter dated 13 October 1826

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Children of John Wheeler Meredith and Elizabeth Busby:

3. ii. **John Luff Meredith** was born 05 Feb 1794 in Hampshire Co., VA.
4. iii. **Norval Douglas Meredith** was born 02 Sep 1795 in Hampshire Co., VA and died 24 Nov 1839 in Miami Co., OH.
5. iv. **Margaret Meredith** was born 09 Dec 1797 in Delaware and died 24 Mar 1864 in Wabash Twp., Tippecanoe Co., IN.
6. v. **Joseph Busby Meredith** was born 10 Jun 1800 in Hampshire Co., VA and died 04 Aug 1887 in Peoria, Peoria, IL.
- vi. **George Washington Meredith** was born 10 Feb 1802⁷ and died 12 Feb 1802⁸.
- vii. **James Meredith** was born 23 Aug 1804 and died 13 Mar 1805.
7. viii. **Samuel Caldwell Meredith** was born 27 Nov 1807 in Greene Co., PA and died 09 Feb 1899 in Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN.
8. ix. **Mary B. Meredith** was born 05 Apr 1810.

Notes on John Wheeler Meredith

Son of Luff and Mary, was a shoemaker he enlisted as a private at Dover Delaware in 1777, and was with General Horatio Gates at Saratoga and was also in the battle Cowspen while serving. He built a small flat boat at the mouth of Little Whiteby Creek in the Spring of 1815 and came down the Ohio River, landing at Columbia, a few miles above Cincinnati. Here he procured place wagons to transport the family and household goods to a new farm near Lisbon, a short distance from Springfield, Clark County, Ohio.

In about 1817, he removed to Miami County, Ohio where he had received a bounty land grant, and settled on Lost Creek, four miles south of Troy, which was the county seat. He remained there several years and then resided in Troy where he died in 1844.

John W. Meredith
1761-1844

John was born 1761 in Delaware state. He was a shoemaker who after the Revolution War received a bounty land grant for Miami County Ohio land. He died in the fall of 1844 and is buried in The Roas Hill Cemetery, Troy Ohio.

He enlisted as a private at Dover Delaware in 1777, and was with General Horatio Gates at Saratoga and was also in the battle Cowspen while serving in a Delaware Regiment.

SOURCE: Letter of John Wheeler Meredith to son Samuel dated 13 Oct 1826; Bible Records of John W. Meredith; letter of John W. Meredith to son Samuel dated 18 Sep 1834 from Troy to Connersville, IN; Letter of John W. Meredith to son Samuel dated 22 Feb 1835 from Troy, OH to Centerville, IN;

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<i>3^d Generation (Grandchildren)</i>

3. **John Luff Meredith** (John Wheeler₂, Luff₁) was born 05 Feb 1794 in Hampshire Co., VA⁹. He married **Elizabeth Thomas** 10 Sep 1816 in Champaign Co., OH¹⁰.

Other events in the life of John Luff Meredith

Census : 1820 in Champaign Co., OH

Other events in the life of Elizabeth Thomas

Census : 1820 in Champaign Co., OH

Children of John Luff Meredith and Elizabeth Thomas:

- i. **Ann Elizabeth Meredith** was born 08 Jun 1817 in Uhrichsville, Tuscarawas Co., OH¹¹.
- ii. **Maria Louisa Meredith** was born 09 Apr 1820 in Uhrichsville, Tuscarawas Co., OH¹².

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- iii. **John Thomas Wheeler Meredith** was born 20 Nov 1823¹³.

Notes on John Luff Meredith

Hampshire county is now located in West Virginia.

Letter written 05 Feb 1829 from Infantry Barracks, Baton Rouge, LA from John L. Meredith to his brothers "Mrfs. Samuel C. & Joseph B. Meredith, Springfield, IL - postmarked Feb 7 Baton

Mentions he was appointed Hospital Steward of the 4th Regt. M.T. Infantry - signed Wm. S. Foster.

4. **Norval Douglas Meredith**¹⁴ (John Wheeler₂, Luff₁) was born 02 Sep 1795 in Hampshire Co., VA and died 24 Nov 1839 in Miami Co., OH. He married **Mary James** 16 Oct 1817 in Lebanon, Warren, OH¹⁵.

Other events in the life of Norval Douglas Meredith

Burial : Rose Hill Cemetery, Miami Co., OH

Census : 1827 in Concord Twp., Miami Co., OH

Census : 1835 in Concord Twp., Miami Co., OH

Children of Norval Douglas Meredith and Mary James:

9. i. **John Luff Meredith** was born 04 Aug 1818 in Warren Co., OH and died 1880 in Troy, Miami, OH.
 ii. **Samuel James Meredith** was born 21 Feb 1820¹⁶.
10. iii. **Sarah Ellen Meredith** was born 05 Apr 1822.
 iv. **William Alleway Meredith** was born 22 Jan 1825 in Uhrichsville, Tuscarawas Co., OH¹⁷ and died 18 Dec 1850 in Troy, Miami, OH.
11. v. **Oliva Jane Meredith** was born 30 Oct 1825 in Uhrichsville, Tuscarawas Co., OH.
12. vi. **Aaron A. Meredith** was born 14 Jul 1829 in Troy, Miami Co., OH and died 08 Nov 1883 in Madison, WI.
 vii. **Richard Meredith**.
13. viii. **Harvey Meredith**.
 ix. **Henry P. Meredith** died 26 Nov 1849 in Troy, Miami Co., OH.
 x. **Lewis A. Meredith**.

5. **Margaret Meredith** (John Wheeler₂, Luff₁) was born 09 Dec 1797 in Delaware¹⁸ and died 24 Mar 1864 in Wabash Twp., Tippecanoe Co., IN. She married **Archibald Dye** 27 Apr 1819 in Miami Co., OH¹⁹.

Other events in the life of Margaret Meredith

Burial : Sandridge Cemetery, West Lafayette, Tippecanoe, IN

Census : 1850 in Wabash Twp., Tippecanoe Co., IN(Age 52)

Census : 1860 in Wabash Twp., Tippecanoe Co., IN(Age 64)

Other events in the life of Archibald Dye

Burial : Sandridge Cemetery, West Lafayette, Tippecanoe, IN

Census : 1850 in Wabash Twp., Tippecanoe Co., IN(Age 51)

Children of Margaret Meredith and Archibald Dye:

- i. **Eliza Dye** was born 02 Apr 1820 in Miami Co., OH²⁰ and died 17 Oct 1820 in Miami Co., OH.
14. ii. **Maria Louise Dye** was born 27 Nov 1821 in Miami Co., OH.
15. iii. **Albert M. Dye** was born 02 Apr 1824 in Miami Co., OH.
16. iv. **Frances Dye** was born 22 Jul 1826 in Miami Co., OH.
 v. **Alfred Dye** was born 28 May 1828 and died 1907.
17. vi. **Martha Dye** was born 03 Jan 1831 in Lafayette, Tippecanoe Co., IN and died 16 Feb 1917 in Shadeland, Tippecanoe Co., IN.
 vii. **Cyrus Dye** was born 07 Apr 1833.
 viii. **Margaret Dye** was born 1838 in Lafayette, Tippecanoe Co., IN.
 ix. **John E. Dye** was born 1843 in Lafayette, Tippecanoe Co., IN.

Notes on Margaret Meredith

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Husband may have been John Dye.

6. **Joseph Busby Meredith** (John Wheeler₂, Luff₁) was born 10 Jun 1800 in Hampshire Co., VA²¹ and died 04 Aug 1887 in Peoria, Peoria, IL. He married **Esther Thomas** 01 Apr 1823 in Miami Co., OH²².

Children of Joseph Busby Meredith and Esther Thomas:

18. i. **Enos Henry Meredith** was born 21 Mar 1825.
19. ii. **Angeline O. Meredith** was born About 1827 in Illinois.
20. iii. **Norval W. Meredith** was born 12 Jul 1829 in Peoria, Peoria, IL and died 05 May 1904 in Avoca, Pottawattomie Co., IA.
21. iv. **Caroline Meredith** was born About 1833 in Illinois.
22. v. **John Luff Meredith** was born Dec 1838 in Chilocothe, Peoria, IL.

Notes on Joseph Busby Meredith

Letter written 05 Feb 1829 from Infantry Barracks, Baton Rouge, LA from John L. Meredith to his brothers "Mrfs. Samuel C. & Joseph B. Meredith, Springfield, IL - postmarked Feb 7 Baton

7. **Samuel Caldwell Meredith** (John Wheeler₂, Luff₁) was born 27 Nov 1807 in Greene Co., PA²³ and died 09 Feb 1899 in Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN. He married **Margaret Ballard**²⁴ 27 Mar 1829 in Springfield, Sangamon Co., IL.

Other events in the life of Samuel Caldwell Meredith

Burial : Crown Hill Cemetery - Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN

Census : 1850 in Centerville, Wayne Co., IN

Census : 1860 in 4th Ward Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN

Census : 1870 in 4th Ward Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN

Census : 1880 in 13th Ward, Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN

Other events in the life of Margaret Ballard

Burial : Crown Hill Cemetery - Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN

Census : 1850 in Centerville, Wayne Co., IN

Census : 1860 in 4th Ward Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN

Census : 1870 in 4th Ward Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN

Census : 1880 in 13th Ward, Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN

Children of Samuel Caldwell Meredith and Margaret Ballard:

- i. **John Ballard Meredith** was born 13 Jun 1830 in Springfield, Sangamon Co., IL and died 06 Sep 1830 in Springfield, Sangamon Co., IL.
- ii. **Mary J. Meredith** was born 26 Dec 1832 in Piqua, Miami, OH and died 07 Jan 1833 in Piqua, Miami, OH.
23. iii. **William Morton Meredith** was born 11 Apr 1835 in Centerville, Wayne Co., IN and died 24 Dec 1917 in Centerville, Wayne Co., IN.
- iv. **James H. Meredith** was born 14 Feb 1838 in Centerville, Wayne Co., IN and died 27 Jan 1846 in Centerville, Wayne Co., IN.
24. v. **Emily Ellen Meredith** was born 19 Jan 1842 in Centerville, Wayne Co., IN and died 06 Jul 1915 in Indianapolis, Marion, IN.

Notes on Samuel Caldwell Meredith

Having a desire to learn the printing business, Samuel went to Dayton, Ohio in the Fall of 1823 and in the Spring of 1824, at the age of 17, signed an indenture with the consent of his father, to place himself as apprentice to Robert J. Skinner of Dayton, Miami county, Ohio. This indenture was witnessed and signed by Samuel Meredith, John W. Meredith and Robert J. Skinner and sealed in the presence of Linsey Johnson. - The indenture was fully satisfied and complied with on the part of S.C. Meredith on the date of 23 May 1828 and was witnessed by T.W. Mansfield.

Letter written 05 Feb 1829 from Infantry Barracks, Baton Rouge, LA from John L. Meredith to his brothers "Mrfs. Samuel

²⁴Eleanor (Mossman) Ballard to Mr. Thomas Moore, Letter dated 29 Mar 1865 from Canton, MO to St. Louis, MO, (Original letter in possession of P. Davidson-Peters)

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C. & Joseph B. Meredith, Springfield, IL - postmarked Feb 7 Baton

8. **Mary B. Meredith** (John Wheeler₂, Luff₁) was born 05 Apr 1810²⁵. She married **Hampton T. Locke** 09 Dec 1828 in Miami Co., OH²⁶.

<i>4th Generation (Great-Grandchildren)</i>
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9. **John Luff Meredith** (Norval Douglas₃, John Wheeler₂, Luff₁) was born 04 Aug 1818 in Warren Co., OH²⁷ and died 1880 in Troy, Miami, OH. He married **Margaret Carr** in Indiana.

Notes on John Luff Meredith

Son of Norval D. of Troy (age 14y 9m 14d) bound to William Barber of Troy - until full age of 21 on 04 Aug 1829 to be taught the merchantile business. Source: 22 May 1833 Deed Bk 10 p. 317)

Appears to be the same as listed in Liberty Twp., Washington Co., OH in the 1850 census with wife Margaret (age 18) and son Perry 4 mos.

When age 16, he went to the northern part of Indiana to take charge of an Indian station, and in 1840 located in Lafayette, Indiana. He later engaged in the banking business there and became the head of the banking establishment of Barbee, Brown & Company. In about 1863 he moved to Troy and was instrumental in the reorganization of the old State Bank into the First National Bank of Troy. He was made cashier and served capably in that capacity until his death in 1880 at the age of 61.

10. **Sarah Ellen Meredith** (Norval Douglas₃, John Wheeler₂, Luff₁) was born 05 Apr 1822²⁸. She married **George W. Bull** 03 Jan 1842 in Miami Co., OH²⁹.

Notes on Sarah Ellen Meredith

May have married George Walter

11. **Oliva Jane Meredith** (Norval Douglas₃, John Wheeler₂, Luff₁) was born 30 Oct 1825 in Uhrichsville, Tuscarawas Co., OH³⁰. She married **Samuel Kyle Harter** 1853 .

Other events in the life of Oliva Jane Meredith

Census : 1850 in Troy, Miami, OH

Census : 1860 in Troy, Miami, OH

Census : 1870 in Troy, Miami, OH

Census : 1880 in Troy, Miami, OH

Other events in the life of Samuel Kyle Harter

Census : 1850 in Troy, Miami, OH

Census : 1860 in Troy, Miami, OH

Census : 1870 in Troy, Miami, OH

Census : 1880 in Troy, Miami, OH

12. **Aaron A. Meredith** (Norval Douglas₃, John Wheeler₂, Luff₁) was born 14 Jul 1829 in Troy, Miami Co., OH³¹ and died 08 Nov 1883 in Madison, WI. He married **Letitia Dye** 24 Aug 1848 in Troy, Miami Co., OH³².

Other events in the life of Aaron A. Meredith

Census : 1850 in Troy, Miami, OH

Census : 1880 in 2nd Ward, Madison, Dane Co., WI

²⁵John Wheeler Meredith to son Samuel C. Meredith, Letter dated 13 October 1826

²⁶Marriage Records of Miami Co., OH 0185416; Batch #M514531

^{27,28}John Wheeler Meredith to son Samuel C. Meredith, Letter dated 13 October 1826

²⁹Marriage Records of Miami Co., OH 0185416 / Batch #M514531

³⁰John Wheeler Meredith to son Samuel C. Meredith, Letter dated 13 October 1826

³¹Biographical History of Miami County Ohio, (Lewis Pub Co. (1900)) p. 713

³²Marriage Records of Miami Co., OH 0185416 / Batch #M514531

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Census : 1850 in Troy, Miami, OH

Census : 1880 in 2nd Ward, Madison, Dane Co., WI

Notes on Aaron A. Meredith

A veteran of two of the great wars in which this country has engaged, and one of the honored pioneers of Miami county who became identified with this section of the state at a very early period, Major Aaron A. Meredith certainly deserves mention among those whose life work forms a part of the annals of this section of the state. Although his last days were spent in Wisconsin, he is remembered by many of the residents of this community, and his widow is now living in Tippecanoe City. A native of Miami county, his birth occurred in Troy on the 14th of July, 1829, his parents being Norville and Mary (James) Meredith. They had ten children, eight sons and two daughters, namely: John, Samuel, Sarah E., William, Olive J., Aaron A., Richard, Harvey, Henry and Lewis A.

Major Meredith was reared in the city of his nativity until after his mother's death, when he went to live on a farm with Mack C. Hart, with whom he continued for two years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Lafayette, Indiana, where he began working at the carpenter's trade, being thus employed until his enlistment in the Mexican war, in April, 1846. He became a private of the Second Ohio Volunteer Regiment, under Colonel Mitchell, and participated in the famous battle of Monterey, the gallantry of the soldiers at that winning them immortal fame. His regiment afterward acted as guard at Monterey and was under General Taylor in northern Mexico. Mr. Meredith was a member of the army for two years and then returned to Troy, Ohio, where he was married, on the 24th of August, 1848, to Miss Letitia A. Dye, a daughter of Benjamin and Priscilla (Long) Dye. Her father was born December 27, 1771. He first married Elizabeth Jackson, the wedding being celebrated in Pennsylvania, and about 1799 he started with his wife for Ohio. Their eldest child was born that winter near the present site of the city of Cincinnati. Mr. Dye and his wife made their way down the Ohio river on a flat-boat from Pittsburg, bringing with them a feather bed, one horse and a fine rifle. Arriving in Cincinnati, an old French Indian trader and trapper offered Mr. Dye a large tract of land which is now in the heart of Cincinnati in exchange for his rifle, but Mr. Dye refused the offer. However, he remained for some time near Cincinnati and there built a log cabin, in which the family lived in true pioneer style. Subsequently he removed to what is now Elizabeth township, Miami county, where he built a little home on a tract of wild land, which he afterward transformed into a good farm, there continuing his abode until his death, which occurred in 1843, when he was sixty-three years of age.

He was the father of the following children: Steven, who was born April 22, 1799; Elizabeth, who was born October 8, 1800, and was married, in July, 1817, to John Pettit; Horatio P., who was her twin brother and married Margaret Baxter Ramsey; Vincent, who was born January 25, 1802; Andrew, who was born March 8, 1804; James, who was born September 6, 1805; Sarah M., who was born December 16, 1806; William, born April 15, 1808; Benjamin, born March 16, 1810; Maria, who was born April 7, 1812, and was married, March 3, 1825, to John Marsh; and John, born September 3, 1814. After the death of his first wife Mr. Dye wedded his brother's widow. She bore the maiden name of Priscilla Long and was born July 22, 1786, her death occurring December 12, 1848. The children of the second marriage are: Amanda, who was born May 10, 1817, and died in infancy; Jeremiah L., born September 24, 1819; Priscilla, who was born April 2, 1821, and died at the age of forty-one years; Horatio P., who was born April 4, 1823, and left a daughter, Mrs. W. B. Ten Eick, who in connection with her sister owns the old family homestead where the grandfather first settled; Boswell M., who was born March 2, 1826; and Letitia, who was born August 16, 1829, and became the wife of Major Meredith. The father of this family was one of the honored pioneers of Miami county and at his death owned a valuable tract of land of four hundred acres. In 1838 he replaced the log cabin with a substantial brick residence, which was one of the finest homes in the county at an early day, and it still stands as one of the landmarks of that time.

After his marriage Major Meredith engaged in building canal boats at Troy, Ohio, for two years, and then removed to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he conducted a grocery store for five years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Madison, Wisconsin, where he engaged in clerking for two years, after which he took up his abode on a farm near the city, continuing its cultivation for a year. Returning to Madison, he conducted the Hotel Meredith until 1861, when, prompted by a spirit of patriotism, he again responded to his country's call for troops and enlisted as a member of Company H, Second Wisconsin Infantry, his regiment becoming a part of the famous Iron Brigade. He was made first lieutenant, and with his command proceeded to Washington, D. C. He participated in the first battle of Bull Run, where he was wounded by a minie ball in the right arm, which crippled that member for life. For a time he remained in the Georgetown hospital, but after a few weeks returned to his home in Madison on furlough. Soon afterward he was detailed as a recruiting officer, serving in that capacity from July until the following April, when he returned to Washington as captain and was given charge of army supplies in the commissary department. He was captured and held a prisoner by Stuart's cavalry while proceeding from his post on the upper Potomac with four boat loads of commissaries intended for

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Frederick, Maryland. He and five officers, including Major Duran of the regular army, were thus captured, but were paroled. At York, Pennsylvania, he served as commissary for two years, and on the 1st of September, 1865, he was mustered out with the rank of major, and immediately afterward returned to his home in Madison.

There, in November, 1865, he received an appointment from Governor Fairchilds, of Wisconsin, to the position of superintendent of public property, and served in that capacity for eight years, being most faithful to the trusts reposed in him. On the expiration of that period he removed to St. Louis, Missouri, and became a stockholder and the treasurer of the Western Engraving Company, which conducted a large steelplate engraving house. Major Meredith continued his connection with that business from 1874 until 1879, when, on account of ill health, he returned to Madison, where his death occurred November 8, 1883.

Major Meredith was a valued member of Fairchilds Post, G. A. R., of Madison, and enjoyed the pleasant meetings with his old army comrades, where they lived again in memory the scenes that occurred when they "wore the blue" and followed the starry banner on southern battle fields. In business he was very successful, having the ability to plan and execute the right thing at the right time. His labors were prosecuted earnestly and systematically and carried on with such diligence that they resulted in bringing to him a handsome competence. At all times his dealings were strictly honorable and his business reputation was thus unassailable. All who knew him greatly esteemed him for his sterling worth. He inspired warm personal friendship, and was held in the highest regard by reason of his many excellent qualities of head and heart.

13. **Harvey Meredith** (Norval Douglas³, John Wheeler², Luff¹).

14. **Maria Louise Dye** (Archibald³, Andrew², Andrew S.¹) was born 27 Nov 1821 in Miami Co., OH³³. She married **Joseph H. Louthan** 21 Apr 1839 in Tippecanoe Co., IN.

15. **Albert M. Dye** (Archibald³, Andrew², Andrew S.¹) was born 02 Apr 1824 in Miami Co., OH³⁴. He married **Elizabeth Taylor** About 1848 in Tippecanoe Co., IN.

Other events in the life of Elizabeth Taylor

Census : 1850 in Wabash Twp., Tippecanoe Co., IN

Notes on Albert M. Dye

According to the 1850 census, Albert is age 26.

16. **Frances Dye** (Archibald³, Andrew², Andrew S.¹) was born 22 Jul 1826 in Miami Co., OH³⁵. She married **Enoch L. VanSandt** 22 Aug 1848 in Tippecanoe Co., IN.

17. **Martha Dye** (Archibald³, Andrew², Andrew S.¹) was born 03 Jan 1831 in Lafayette, Tippecanoe Co., IN and died 16 Feb 1917 in Shadeland, Tippecanoe Co., IN. She married **William Penn Sovern** 04 Nov 1852 in Lafayette, Tippecanoe Co., IN.

Other events in the life of Martha Dye

Burial : Sickler Cemetery, Tippecanoe Co., IN

Census : 1850 in Wabash Twp., Tippecanoe Co., IN(Age 19)

Census : 1860 in Fairfield Twp., Tippecanoe Co., IN(Age 25)

Other events in the life of William Penn Sovern

Burial : Sickler Cemetery, Tippecanoe Co., IN

Census : 1860 in Fairfield Twp., Tippecanoe Co., IN(Age 40)

Notes on Martha DyeNotes

Listed in her parents' household in 1850 - oldest child, age 19.

Obituary

^{33,34,35}John Wheeler Meredith to son Samuel C. Meredith, Letter dated 13 October 1826

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Lafayette Journal, 17 February 1917

Contributed by Patsy Skeels

"Mrs. Martha SOVERN, widow of William P. SOVERN, passed away last evening at 5:10 o'clock in the family home near Shadeland after an illness of several weeks. Although her health had been failing for some time, the immediate cause of her death was heart trouble. Martha DYE, daughter of Archibald and Margaret DYE, was born January 3, 1831 in Wabash Township and her entire life was spent here. On November 4, 1852 she united in marriage with William P. SOVERN who died September 25, 1913. To this union were born eleven children, eight of whom survive: William J. SOVERN and Mrs. Joseph CHAMBERLAIN of Portland, Oregon; Charles SOVERN of Kansas City, Mo.; Joseph SOVERN of Danville, Ill.; Howard SOVERN and Mrs. Clara HUST [HURST?] of Lafayette; Harry SOVERN and Miss Ida SOVERN of Shadeland. She is survived by twenty-five grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and one brother, Cyrus DYE, of Durmont, Iowa. The funeral services will take place Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the family home near Shadeland, interment in the Sickler Cemetery.

18. **Enos Henry Meredith** (Joseph Busby₃, John Wheeler₂, Luff₁) was born 21 Mar 1825. He married **Lydia A. Hill** About 1846 in Illinois.

19. **Angeline O. Meredith** (Joseph Busby₃, John Wheeler₂, Luff₁) was born About 1827 in Illinois. She married **David Baggs** 12 Mar 1846 in Peoria, Peoria, IL.

20. **Norval W. Meredith** (Joseph Busby₃, John Wheeler₂, Luff₁) was born 12 Jul 1829 in Peoria, Peoria, IL and died 05 May 1904 in Avoca, Pottawattomie Co., IA. He married **Clarissa Reed** About 1856 .

21. **Caroline Meredith** (Joseph Busby₃, John Wheeler₂, Luff₁) was born About 1833 in Illinois. She married **William Boggs** 09 Oct 1849 in Illinois.

Notes on Caroline Meredith

1830Census - Joseph Meredith had 1 daughter under the age of 5@S001799

1850Census - Norville and John living with William and Caroline Boggs@S001799Relationship not proven based on Joseph Busby Meredith daughter under 5 1830 II CensusNorval and John Meredith residing with Caroline Boggs in 1850 Census not listed as boarders. And Joseph residing with Enos Meredith.

22. **John Luff Meredith** (Joseph Busby₃, John Wheeler₂, Luff₁) was born Dec 1838 in Chilocothe, Peoria, IL. He married **Ketura Adelaide Doty** 02 Apr 1858 in Peoria, Peoria, IL.

23. **William Morton Meredith**³⁶ (Samuel Caldwell₃, John Wheeler₂, Luff₁) was born 11 Apr 1835 in Centerville, Wayne Co., IN and died 24 Dec 1917 in Centerville, Wayne Co., IN. He married 1st **Emeline "Emma" Shellenberger** 07 Sep 1858 in Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN. He married 2nd **Terressa Adelia Richey** 23 Apr 1867 in Marion Co., IN.

Other events in the life of William Morton Meredith

Burial : Arlington National Cemetery

Census : 1850 in Centerville, Wayne Co., IN

Census : 1860 in 4th Ward Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN

Census : 1860 in 1st Ward Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN

Census : 1870 in 4th Ward Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN

Census : 1880 in Austin, Cook Co., IL(Age 45)

Census : 1900 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL(Age 65)

Other events in the life of Emeline "Emma" Shellenberger

Census : 1850 in Centre Twp., Marion Co., IN

Census : 1860 in 1st Ward Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN

Other events in the marriage of William Morton Meredith and Emeline "Emma" Shellenberger

Divorce : Yes

Marriage : 07 Sep 1858 in Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN

³⁶Eleanor (Mossman) Ballard to daughter Louisa Pilcher, Letter dated 01 Oct 1865 from Canton, Lewis Co., MO, (Letter in possession of P. Davidson-Peters)

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Other events in the life of Terressa Adelia Richey

Burial : Arlington National Cemetery

Census : 1870 in 4th Ward Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN

Census : 1880 in Austin, Cook Co., IL(Age 32)

Census : 1900 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL(Age 52)

Notes on William Morton Meredith

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In an excerpt from Meredith Nicholson's book, "Old Familiar Faces," he writes of Samuel: "In 1849, Samuel left his wife and three children and went to California, becoming an argonaut, making the passage to the golden coast by way of the Isthmus, arriving at San Francisco on New Year's Day of 1850. He never ventured into the gold fields, and was so thoroughly homesick, returned to Indiana. This whole episode was so unlike my subsequent knowledge of him that only the journal convinces me that he really entrusted himself to the bell of a ship and sailed the Pacific.

In 1862, William enlisted in the 70th Indiana Regiment, Company E, under the commanding officer, Colonel Benjamin Harrison, who later became president. In March 1864 at Wauhatchie, Tennessee, William received a wire from his father saying Emma was ill with spotted fever and should come home if at all possible. _ May 1864 found William in the Battle of Reseca, a poignant event he wrote about and which was published in "The Current" of Chicago in 1886. Because of riding a hard_gaited horse, he developed a hernia and was discharged in Atlanta, Georgia in August of 1864 with the rank of Captain.

In 1867, he married Terressa A. Richey, daughter of John and Anne. William was at this time a foreman at the Indian Journal and then went to the St. Louis Globe Democrat. He later worked at the Western Bank Note Company in Chicago for ten years.

In 1881, at the age of 46, he applied for his Civil War pension and in 1889 he was appointed Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington D.C. at the grand salary of \$4500 per year. In 1891, he assigned "the first colored young lady, Miss Frances Flood, to press, in the face of great opposition and indignation on the part of certain persons." And a political move in 1893 forced him to resign. He regained this position and was re_appointed after hundreds of letters and recommendations were received by the President and Secretary of the Treasury and became the only director to serve two terms that were not consecutive.

Living in Chicago in 1895 and in 1906 he was transferred to the destruction committee at the bureau with an annual salary of \$1800, a reduction in pay of \$2700.

He died of bronchial pneumonia at his home 1219 Girard Street, NW and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery next to his wife. His obituary listed his memberships in the Sons of the American Revolution, Loyal Legion, Odd Fellows, the Kilpatrick Post of the Grand Army of the Republic in Austin, Illinois, of which he was the organizer and first commander. he was also a member of the Calvary Methodist Church.

1858 Wedding Announcement

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"Ah! Willy," We Will "Miss You."

Yesterday afternoon Mr. William Morton Meredith, one of the Journal news room types, procured the services of Rev. C.W. Miller, of Roberts Chapel, for a very solemn service. Mr. Knefler, Clerk of the Court of Hymen, had issued a paper bearing a broad seal, which document William triumphantly declared should terminate his career. Those not "up to snuff" thought he intended to commit suicide, but their suspicions were groundless. All fears of his safety were dispelled yesterday evening by the receipt of intelligence that he was married at five o'clock, by the minister named above, to Miss Emma A. Shellenberger, of this city. Accompanying the news was a large and beautiful cake, inscribed "To the Journal Boys," from Mrs. W.M.M." The cake was cut into "takes," and each fellow took his piece in the turn indicated by the figure he had drawn in "pulling." After the cake was disposed of, three rousing cheers - but "nary" tiger - were given for William and his handsome bride, and the kindest of wishes expressed for the young couple for success and happiness in

Luff Meredith

life.

Notes on William Morton Meredith and Emeline "Emma" Shellenberger

Notes

Divorced granted in 1865. Emma received the house and furnishings and custody of Anna and Samuel.

24. **Emily Ellen Meredith** (Samuel Caldwell³, John Wheeler², Luff¹) was born 19 Jan 1842 in Centerville, Wayne Co., IN and died 06 Jul 1915 in Indianapolis, Marion, IN. She married **Edward Willis Nicholson** 01 Nov 1865 in Marion Co., IN.

Other events in the life of Emily Ellen Meredith

Burial : Crown Hill Cemetery - Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN

Census : 1850 in Centerville, Wayne Co., IN

Census : 1860 in 4th Ward Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN

Census : 1880 in 13th Ward, Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN

Other events in the life of Edward Willis Nicholson

Burial : Crown Hill Cemetery - Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN

Census : 1850 in Division 2, Garrard Co., KY

Census : 1880 in 13th Ward, Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN

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