

Descendants of John D. Culver

Generation No. 1

1. JOHN D.² CULVER (*CULVER*¹) was born Bet. 1790 - 1800 in „New Jersey, and died February 15, 1848 in Conewango, Warren, Pennsylvania. He married SABRA SYBIL BALL Abt. 1816, daughter of MOSES BALL and PRISCILLA. She was born Abt. 1797 in „Connecticut?.

Notes for JOHN D. CULVER:

First found on the land records of Warren Co Pa deed book C page 364 dated 24 Jan 1829. It stated that John D. Culver is of Conewango and he sold 50 acres to Rufus Olney for \$100. There is no record that I can find of John D. Culver buying the land in Warren co Pa or the adjacent Venango Co. A check of the 1820 census of Warren Co does not show John D Culver and he is not seen on the 1830 census of the neighboring New York State the 1840 census he shows up living near Consewango line on western slope of Yankee Bush Hill. He is listed of Brokenstraw township and being 40-50 yrs old with estimated birth date between 1790-1800. He had 7 children listed.. John D. Culver wrote his will in 1845 in Warren co Pa and it is filed there in probate steel file 167. In 1833 the Conewango taxables, had the name of John D. Colver(Culver) with 50 acres. In 1845 John D Culver set a lease for 40 acres for a dam and mill on his property, issued to James Taggart, one of the witnesses was an E.P. Culver(maybe Phineas E. Culver , son)

Will: I, John D. Culver of the township of Conewango, in the co of Warren and state of Pa being weak in the body, but of sound mind and memory, bless The almighty God for the same and do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following then is to say:

1. I bequeath and commit my Soul to almightily God
2. I give and bequeath to my son Phineas all my real estate provided he take care of his Mother and all of the little children.
3. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife and all the little children two cows and eight sheep, being all the sock I own or am now in possession of.
4. I give and bequeath to my son Nathan L. Culver one dollar
5. to Lydia Ann Harmon, I give and bequeath one dollar
6. To Abram R. Culver, I give and bequeath one dollar
7. to Susan M. Smith I give and bequeath one dollar and lastly as to all the rest and residue and remainder of my personal estate whatsoever after payment of all my just debts. I give and bequeath the same to my said beloved wife, Sabra Culver and I do hereby appoint and constitute my said wife Sabra Culver and my son Phineas Culver executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of march 1845. signed John D. Culver X his mark. Witnesses James Taggart, L. T. Parmalee

A legal document was found in the records of Warren Co.

I Sabra Culver , widow of John D. Culver, deceased 15 Feb 1848 quit claimed her right to administer to son Phineas E. Culver. Rights turned over to Phineas E. Culver.

By 1850, the Culver family is found scattered around Warren Co and since John D. Culver died in 1848 the family seemed to have had to regroup, probably because of low finances

On the 1840 census of Warren Co Pa he is listed as beng 40-50 years old and has listed with him the following:

- 2 males 15 to 20 (probably Philenas and Nathan)
- 1 male 5-10 probably George B
- 1 female age 55-60 probably Sabra wife but age seems too old
- 1 female age 15-20 probably Margareta
- 2 females 5-10 probably cordelia and elizabeth
- 1 fdemale under 5 probaby Mary Ann bor 1835-40

Notes for SABRA SYBIL BALL:

Sabra or Sybil as she is sometimes called is found on the 1850 census as a wife to William Morse (spelled More on census) and with them is Mary Ann Culver age 13. This gives us some proof that Sabra remarried between 1848 and 1850, probably to get a home. The place where William Morse had land was just above the John D. Culver original land and on the slope of Yankee Bush hill.

1850 Census More(Morse) Wm. age 60 B NJ.(1790)
More(Morse Sabra age 52 B NY (1798)
Culver, Mary Ann age 12 born Pa 1837

1860 census of Glade, Warren, Pa as Sabra Morse living with John Jory age 65 and she 63. Listed as Sabra Morse. 1870 she is listed as Sabrey Culver age 73 with George Culver She is not found on the 1880 census and probably is deceased. It is thought that she was daughter of Moses and Priscilla Ball who were in the area, but not proved.

More About SABRA SYBIL BALL:

Burial: „Pennsylvania

Children of JOHN CULVER and SABRA BALL are:

2. i. LYDIA ANN³ CULVER, b. 1817, „New York.
- ii. NATHAN L. CULVER, b. 1819, „New York; m. HANNAH, 1852, Warren, Warren, Pennsylvania; b. Abt. 1832; d. May 02, 1852, Warren Co Pa.

Notes for NATHAN L. CULVER:

Listed in fathers will and given #1.00

3. iii. SUSAN MARGARET CULVER, b. 1821, „New York; d. August 23, 1905, „Pennsylvania.
4. iv. PHINEAS E. CULVER, b. 1823, „New York.
5. v. MARGARETTA CULVER, b. 1825, Pa.
- vi. ABRAM CULVER, b. 1827; m. MATILDA JACKSON.

Notes for ABRAM CULVER:

listed in his fathers will as Abram R. Culver

Notes for MATILDA JACKSON:

There is a Matilda Culver living in 1850 with the David Jackson family. I suspect she is probably a widow of maybe Abram Culver. John Culver and Sabra Culver lived right next door to David Jackson who had an Inn 4 miles west of Warren on the river and on the road to Yungsville. Matilda was living with David Jackson and his wife in 1850 census.

6. vii. GEORGE CULVER, b. October 12, 1829, „Pennsylvania; d. January 12, 1895, Pennsylvania.
7. viii. ELIZABETH CULVER, b. July 03, 1832, „Warren, Pennsylvania; d. July 18, 1918, Emporium, Penn.
8. ix. CORDELIA CULVER, b. July 04, 1835, „Warren, Pennsylvania; d. November 09, 1909, Tidouite, Warren, Pennsylvania.
- x. MARY ANN CULVER, b. 1837, „Warren, Pennsylvania.

Notes for MARY ANN CULVER:

Mary Culver is age 21 on the 1860 census of Warren Co Pa and living with her sister Elizabeth Culver Gross and her family

9. xi. JOHN WESLEY CULVER, b. „Warren, Pennsylvania.

Generation No. 2

2. LYDIA ANN³ CULVER (*JOHN D.*², *CULVER*¹) was born 1817 in „New York. She married LUTHER HARMON. He was born 1784.

Notes for LYDIA ANN CULVER:

Named in her fathers will as Lydia Ann Harmon On the 1850 census of Warren Co is listed in Sugar Grove. Harmon, Nason age 66 born NY
Harmon, Lydia Ann age 35 born NY(Lydia Ann Culver_)

Harmon, Susan age 12 B Pa
Harmon Peter age 21 born Pa probably son from his first marriage
Morse, Marieta age 7 born Pa.(probably daughter of wm Morse married to Sabra)

Child of LYDIA CULVER and LUTHER HARMON is:

- i. SUSAN⁴ HARMON, b. 1848.

3. SUSAN MARGARET³ CULVER (*JOHN D.*², *CULVER*¹) was born 1821 in „New York, and died August 23, 1905 in „Pennsylvania. She married (1) LEVI W SMITH. He was born 1814 in „Vermont, and died Bef. 1870 in „Penn.

Notes for SUSAN MARGARET CULVER:

I have a picture of Susan Culver. Gertrude Ostrye Smith, her daughter in law, told me she was about 300 lbs and had diabetics is found on the census regularly from 1850 on. She was also on a deed for some property that was in Busti New York, just across the state line and she signed off on this as wife acknowledging the sale. It was given to a Wm Smith and this has always been a puzzle, as there is no record of this land being purchased, but Levi is selling to Wm. Suspect this might be a brother or relative, but contacts in Busti have not confirmed this. Susan Culver was active in the Smith family reunions in Warren, Pa. Listed in her fathers will as Susan M. Smith 1880 census has Susan Smith as widow in Emporium, Cameron, Pa with sons Charles and Henry and niece Minnie and granddaughter May R. Smith living with her

More About SUSAN MARGARET CULVER:

Burial: Emporium, Warren, Pennsylvania

Notes for LEVI W SMITH:

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Listed in 1850 census of Warren Co.

Smith, Levie W. born Vt age 36
smith Susan(Culver) bv NY 28
smith, Benjamin 12 born Pa
smith, almira 10 b Pa
Smith, Mary age 8 born Pa
Smith, Jane age 4 born Pa
smith, Elonzo Israel(alonzo) age 2
smith, Harriet ge 1 month

Children of SUSAN CULVER and LEVI SMITH are:

- i. BENJAMIN NATHAN⁴ SMITH, b. 1838, Warren, Warren, Penn; m. MARY A, 1868, Youngsville, Warren, Penn; b. 1850, Pa.

Notes for BENJAMIN NATHAN SMITH:

Ben and Mary were on the 1880 census of Cameron Co Penn. In 1870 on Warren Co Census Benjamin served in the Civil War Co F 45 Pa Inf

- ii. SYBLE ALMIRA SMITH, b. 1840, Warren, Warren, Penn; m. NELSON THEODORE GEER, 1863, Elk, Warren, Penn; b. Abt. 1842, Tionesta, Forest, Penn.

Notes for NELSON THEODORE GEER:

Nelson was the son of Heber Geer and Elizabeth Maxwell-she was known as Betsey Geer. Heber was born 1800 and died 1863. Geer descent : George 1, Daniel 2, John 3, Asa 4, Asa 5, Heber 6, Nelson 7. This from the Geer Family Association.

- iii. MARY SMITH, b. 1842, Warren, Warren, Penn.
- iv. JANE SMITH, b. 1846, Warren, Warren, Penn.
- v. ELONZO ISRAEL SMITH, b. December 19, 1847, Warren, Warren, Penn; d. January 29, 1923, Sugargrove, Warren, Penn; m. ELIZABETH JAYNE "JENNIE" RUSSELL, October 03, 1878, Warren, Warren, Pennsylvania; b. January 03, 1859, Russell Hill, Wyoming, Pennsylvania; d. November 23, 1938, Lakewood, Ocean, New Jersey.

Notes for ELONZO ISRAEL SMITH:

1880 census of Portage, Cameron Co Pa found the family of Elonzo age 28 with wife Jayne "Jennie" Russell age 21 and lchild Edna "Rae" age 8 months.

More About ELONZO ISRAEL SMITH:

Burial: Cherry Hill, Warren, Penn

Notes for ELIZABETH JAYNE "JENNIE" RUSSELL:

Jayne Elizabeth (Jennie) Russell moved to Cameron co Pa with her;family when about 6 years old. She grew up in the Emporium area and attended schools there.

Jennie Russell Smith and her husband Alonzo Smith, called Lon by Jennie, spent most of their married lives in Cameron and Warren Co. Pa. They lived in town of Sugar Grove. Elonzo was an Engineer on the railroad on the Youngsville line. They lived the last 20-30 years in Sugar Grove, Warren, Pa ;and are buried there along with some of their children.

Jennie and Elonzo owned a house in Sugar Grove that was deeded to Jennie by a Phebe Russell for \$5.00 in 1907. This Phebe has not been identified. No doubt a Russell relative.

More About ELIZABETH JAYNE "JENNIE" RUSSELL:

Burial: Cherry Hill Cem, Sugar Grove, Pennsylvania

- vi. HARRIET F. SMITH, b. 1850, Warren, Warren, Penn.
- vii. KATHERINE KATE SMITH, b. 1855, ,Warren, Penn; d. February 06, 1892; m. EDWIN DRUM; b. 1855, ,,Pa.
- viii. CHARLES SMITH, b. 1861, Youngsville, Warren, Penn; m. MARY JONES, 1885, Warren , Warren, Pa; b. 1863, ,,Wales.

Notes for CHARLES SMITH:

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1900 census records of McKean Co, Keating township.[Converged]

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- ix. HENRY SMITH, b. 1863, Youngsville, Warren, Penn; m. FLORENCE GREELEY.

4. PHINEAS E.³ CULVER (*JOHN D.*², *CULVER*¹) was born 1823 in „New York. He married ELIZA.

Notes for PHINEAS E. CULVER:

Listed in his fathers will and appointed executor along with Sabra of the estate. Later Sabra Culver quit claimed her right to administer of son Phineas E. Culver.

1850 census of Erie Co. Pa.

Culver, Phineas born 1823 NY

Culver, Eliza-wife

Culver, Marie daughter born 1849

Child of PHINEAS CULVER and ELIZA is:

- i. MARIA⁴ CULVER, b. Abt. 1849, Pa.

5. MARGARETTA³ CULVER (*JOHN D.*², *CULVER*¹) was born 1825 in Pa. She married NATHAN B. SMITH. He was born 1816 in „Vermont, and died Bef. 1880.

Notes for MARGARETTA CULVER:

Not listed by name in her fathers will but grouped in the phrase"all the little children" She seems to be the first one born in Penn. So the family was in Penn by 1830, but where? Margaretta seems to be the first one of the Culver children born in Pennsylvania according to census records.

Notes for NATHAN B. SMITH:

brother of levi and married culver sisters

Children of MARGARETTA CULVER and NATHAN SMITH are:

- i. CATHERINE KATE⁴ SMITH, b. 1849, „New York; m. (1) MCGEE; m. (2) WILLIAM MCGUCKIN; b. 1853, ireland.
- ii. CLARENCE C. SMITH, b. „Warren, Penn.
- iii. PERRY SMITH, b. June 20, 1851, „Warren, Pennsylvania; d. April 23, 1930, Sugargrove, Warren, Pennsylvania; m. (1) UNKNOWN FIRST WIFE; m. (2) EVAN HILL; m. (3) JENNIE DYKESTRA, 1883, Warren Co Pa.

More About PERRY SMITH:

Burial: Sugargrove, Warren, Penn

Notes for EVAN HILL:

Third wife of Perry Smith and was on the death certificate in 1930 as wife.

Notes for JENNIE DYKESTRA:

There were 3 children of this marriage

- iv. JAMES CLARENCE SMITH, b. 1852, Glade, Warren, Penn; d. June 28, 1908, Tidioute, Warren, Penn.
- v. GHOLSON C SMITH, b. June 19, 1855, Glade, Warren, Penn; d. June 28, 1908, Tidioute, Warren, Penn.
- vi. GEORGE W. SMITH, b. 1857, „Warren, Penn; d. Cleveland, Ohio; m. FLORA.
- vii. WILLIS WALTER SMITH, b. 1859, „Warren, Penn.
- viii. CAROLINE SMITH, b. 1864, „Warren, Penn.
- ix. EDWIN S SMITH, b. 1868.

6. GEORGE³ CULVER (*JOHN D.*², *CULVER*¹) was born October 12, 1829 in „Pennsylvania, and died January 12, 1895 in Pennsylvllvania. He married ALMIRA MORSE. She was born 1838 in Pennsylvllvania.

Notes for GEORGE CULVER:

Living with George Culver on 1870 census is Culver, Sebyony age 73 (sabra) born NY
She is the mother of George.

Children of GEORGE CULVER and ALMIRA MORSE are:

- i. BLANCHE⁴ CULVER, b. 1855.
- ii. CARRIE CULVER, b. 1857.
- iii. AUGUSTA CULVER, b. 1860.
- iv. GEORGE CULVER, b. 1863.
- v. CHARLOTTE CULVER, b. 1867.
- vi. JOSEPH CULVER, b. 1870.
- vii. FRED CULVER, b. February 11, 1873, Warren, Pa.

7. ELIZABETH³ CULVER (*JOHN D.*², *CULVER*¹) was born July 03, 1832 in „Warren, Pennsylvania, and died July 18, 1918 in Emporium „Penn. She married (1) CHAUNCY GROSS. She married (2) J LACY 1881 in Emporium, Pa.

More About ELIZABETH CULVER:

Burial: Newton Cem, Emporium, Pa

Children of ELIZABETH CULVER and CHAUNCY GROSS are:

- i. ADDISON EDWIN⁴ GROSS, b. 1852; d. 1913.
- ii. ELLA CORDELIA GROSS, b. 1856; d. April 14, 1933.

- iii. JOHN WESLEY GROSS, b. March 28, 1862; d. August 16, 1935.
- iv. GEORGE WILLIAM G GROSS, b. April 24, 1867; d. January 25, 1938; m. (1) RACHEL SCHOOP, Warren, Pa; m. (2) CARRIE SPECHT.
- v. MAE E GROSS, b. December 04, 1871; d. January 02, 1939.

8. CORDELIA³ CULVER (*JOHN D.*², *CULVER*¹) was born July 04, 1835 in ,Warren, Pennsylvania, and died November 09, 1909 in Tidioute, Warren, Pennsylvania. She married (1) WILSON SMITH. He was born 1834 in Conewango, Warren, Penn. She married (2) GEORGE W. HEAD November 11, 1853 in Warren , Warren, Pa. He was born January 24, 1812, and died September 08, 1858.

Notes for CORDELIA CULVER:

Found on the 1880 census of Tidioute, Warren, Pa page 40 B with Sons and daughters and her son Bradford Head from first marriage. Cordelia is found on the 1850 census living with her sister Maragaretta Culver and husband Nathan B. Smith. Death certificate in Warren Co Pa #97043 gives the names of parents as John culver and S. Ball with birthplace of both as New York.

More About CORDELIA CULVER:

Burial: ,Warren, Pennsylvania

Notes for GEORGE W. HEAD:

Read more about the first wife and 2 daughters "Spencer Tragedy" of warren Co.pa

Children of CORDELIA CULVER and WILSON SMITH are:

- i. MINNIE⁴ SMITH, b. Warren, Warren, Penn.
- ii. MABEL BELLE SMITH, b. 1860, Warren, Warren, Penn; m. WILLIAM HARRY, March 25, 1855, Warren , Warren, Pa.
- iii. IRVINE DASCOSM SMITH, b. November 24, 1863, Warren, Warren, Penn; m. MAY RAYMOND, April 26, 1887, Warren, Warren, Penn.

Notes for IRVINE DASCOSM SMITH:

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u1900 census of Tidioute, Warren Co Pa

- iv. ALICE M. SMITH, b. 1866, Warren, Warren, Penn; m. JARED HULING.
- v. ELLEN ROSE SMITH, b. 1869; m. FRED MCGILL.

Children of CORDELIA CULVER and GEORGE HEAD are:

- vi. BRADFORD⁴ HEAD, b. Abt. 1854; m. EMMA FLEMING.
- vii. HERBERT HEAD, b. 1855; d. 1904, Tideoute, Pa; m. LAVINA JANE CARNAHAN, September 15, 1880, Warren , Warren, Pa.

9. JOHN WESLEY³ CULVER (*JOHN D.*², *CULVER*¹) was born in ,Warren, Pennsylvania. He married NANCY CROWL June 13, 1872 in Marshall, Indiana, daughter of DEVOLT CHROWL and CATHERINE. She was born August 09, 1854 in Mimma, Ohio.

Notes for JOHN WESLEY CULVER:

John Wesley Culver entered the Civil War from Warren County Pa. He was discharged and disappeared. He later applied for a pension under the name John D. West and had married Nancy Crowl in Marshall Co. Indiana in 13 June 1872 and lived in Indiana area. He told the family there he was born in England but research seems to indicate he was indeed John Wesley Culver and the records for this man state he was born in Penn. On later census John D. West states he was born in Pa. We don't know what caused him to change his name . He stated he had 2 sisters living in Penn and these were Cordelia and Elizabeth(Liz) Not sure he belongs with this parents but suspect as he called Cordelia and Eliz sisters. The pension papers for him from the national

Archives in Washington, DC give a great story and lots of information. Correspondence with family members had a hard time believing the story, but when one reads the official army records and pension records there is no doubt that he changed identities. Also a picture sent of him and family showed very strong family resemblance

with the Smith=Culver family.

On the national archives records is has John W. Culver reinlisting for a second time and then just as the war was winding down he was apprehended in the train station in Washington DC without uniform and arrested for desertion. The war ended just about this time and he was finally released and no charges brought. It is thought by the family that he probably changed his name maybe not to be followed on these charges. He probably came back to Warren Co and then left for Indiana. He is related to the Levi and Alonzo Smith family of Warren Co.

Notes for NANCY CROWL:

The children can be found on the 1900 census of Michigan City, La Porte, Indiana

Children of JOHN CULVER and NANCY CROWL are:

- i. CARRIE⁴ WEST-CULVER, b. August 08, 1873.
- ii. WILLIAM WEST-CULVER, b. September 21, 1875.
- iii. FLORA WEST-CULVER, b. October 17, 1877.
- iv. GRACE WEST-CULVER, b. November 21, 1879.
- v. NANCY WEST-CULVER, b. February 01, 1882.
- vi. MARTHA WEST-CULVER, b. December 14, 1884.
- vii. GEORGE L. WEST-CULVER, b. August 17, 1887.
- viii. ALBERT WEST-CULVER, b. December 13, 1889.
- ix. ELSIA WEST-CULVER, b. February 02, 1892.
- x. ESTHER CORDELIA WEST-CULVER, b. May 31, 1894.