

## Reece 15000

14001

Victor Reece	bn. 3/22/1797 (?)	d. 12/26/1863	15001
mar. bt. 1810 & 1812			
Lydia Jane Cornelius	bn. 10/8/1794	d. 12/24/1836	
Harriett	16001		
Joseph	16002		
James	16003		
John	16004		
Margaret	16005		
Lydia Jane	16006		

Victor is the earliest Reece ancestor we have documentation for. His connection to the more recent generations is proven by the 1860 Census of Knox County, Missouri as well as his estate settlement cited below.

### Parents

No solid evidence has been found identifying Victor's parents. However, there are bits that merit further study. Beginning with the idea that Victor was an immigrant, we can surmise that he came to America as a child or youth and married as a older teenager or very young adult. Couple that with an entry on Ancestry.com which substitutes the name of Johanes Joe Reiese for Victor's name. Add the fact that the name Catherine Reece is listed in Union County, PA census of 1830. A source titled; Pennsylvania German Pioneers, A publication of the original lists of arrivals in the Port of Philadelphia from 1727 to 1808, Volume II, shows that a Johanes & Catherina Rees arrived on the "Brig Peggy" February 13, 1797 from Amsterdam. It is plausible that Victor was the son of Johannes (John) Rees. Trivial though it may be, remember that one Victor had one son named John and another Joseph.

### Siblings

Family lore tells us Victor Reece came to America with brothers, Joseph and Franklin from Switzerland. I have not been able to connect Victor with any siblings. However, he is probably related to the other Reeces named in the 1830 census of Union County, Pennsylvania. I have not been able to access the 1820 Census of Union County which was formed in 1813 from Northumberland. It is possible that Victor was in Northumberland County in 1810 where I find three Reeces listed: Abraham, George and N.. What if any connection any of these three had to Victor is unknown. Remember that only the heads of households were named in the 1790 through 1840 Federal Census.

### Place of birth

Likewise, there is disagreement about place of birth. The 1900 and 1910 census reports of Joseph Reece indicate his Victor was born in Switzerland. However, his brothers James and John as well as sister Margaret indicated their father was born in Germany. The 1860 Census report of Knox County, Missouri which lists Victor as a resident in his son, Joseph's household, clearly gives place of birth as "Cicily". I feel that is most likely an error but what was it really suppose to say? Could it be that Victor was born in while his parents were en-route to America?

## Time of immigration

The later census records all support the statement that Victor was an immigrant which raises the question of when did he immigrate. Without more evidence, it is very difficult to say when Victor arrived in America. I understand Victor married Lydia Jane Cornelius in Pennsylvania, probably between 1810 and 1813. All of Victor's children indicated their mother was born in Pennsylvania. Union County was formed from Northumberland County in 1813 so the marriage was probably in Northumberland County. The various census reports support the idea that Harriet was the oldest child and that she was born as early as 1812 and as late as 1816. If the 1812 birth date for Harriet is correct, the 1797 birth date of Victor is probably an error as he would have only been about 15 years old. The probably that Victor was born earlier than 1797 is also supported by the interpolated birth date of his wife as 1794. She would have been approximately 17 years old at the time of Harriet's birth which would not be unusual. Putting these various pieces together, we can deduce that Victor, if an immigrant, arrived in the United States between 1794 and 1810. The family probably arrived at the Port of Philadelphia but this doesn't mean the family went directly to Northumberland County although it certainly could have.

## First record

The 1830 Census of Union County, Pennsylvania is our earliest documentation of Victor Reece and his family. The 1830 census data coincides well with our subsequent research. There are two things to note. First, Victor's youngest daughter, Lydia Jane, does not appear on the 1830 census. Secondly, we can only speculate about the identity of the 80 to 90 year old male in the list. Victor was probably in his upper 30's at the time of 1830 census so there would have been a time gap of at least 40 years between Victor and the older man. The older man could have been either Victor or Lydia's father or grandfather.

## 1830 Census of Union County, Pennsylvania; Buffalo Township

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Rees, Ann 00000001          one female 50 to 60

\* Ann was listed immediately before Victor suggesting that she was a close relative. Based on her age, she could have been his mother, sister or sister-in-law.

Rees, Victor 11100100001 = 100101

1 male 0 to 5 (Joseph bn. 1828)	1 female under 5 (Margaret bn. 1827)
1 male 5 to 10 (John bn. 1823)	1 female 15 to 20 (Harriet bn. 1813)
1 male 10 to 15 (James bn. 1821)	1 female 30 to 40 (Lydia Jane bn. 1794)
1 male 30 to 40 (Victor bn. 1790 - 99)	
1 male 80 to 90 (grandfather ? bn. 1740 - 50)	

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Rees, Barbara          0001 -- 0000101          (Possibly a sister- in - law of Victor?)

1 male 15 to 20	1 female 20 to 30
	1 female 40 to 50

I feel that Barbara Rees was possibly a sister-in-law of Victor's. Most likely, Rees was her married named supported by the presence of a male and female in her household who were probably her children. Other Reeces in Union County, PA in 1830 included Catherine, Daniel, G.W., an unnamed widow, and Simeon. Anyone or all of these could be part of our family.

### Victor & Lydia's Children

Child	Born	Married	Died	Place of death
Harriet	1813	Dan H. Long	1848 OH	App. Co., IA
<b>There may have been other children born in this time span who have not been identified.</b>				
James	1822	Nancy Anthony	1843 OH	1901 Logan Co., IL
John	1823	Mary Downing	1856+ IA	1897 Oxford, KS
Margaret	1827	Reuben Stoner	1851 OH	1895+ App. Co., IA
Joseph	1828	Eliz. Garfield	1851 OH	1910 Newton, KS
Lydia	1830+			bf. 1850 Jackson Co., OH

### Victor & family in Jackson County, Ohio

Victor moved to Jackson County, Ohio between 1830 and 1836. He was listed in Buffalo Township of Union County, Pennsylvania in 1830. His wife's death and grave record locates him in Jackson County, Ohio in 1836. Lydia is buried in the Bundy Paine Cemetery of Milton Township. The cemetery is approximately ½ mile north of the community of Wellston, OH.

Lydia Reece's gravestone reads:

"This languishing head is at rest, Its thinking and aching are o'er.  
This quiet immoveable breast is heaved by affliction no more."

The 1850 census of Washington Township, Jackson County, Ohio, family #1493 lists James Rees as the head of the household at age 29 with Joseph Reece, age 21, residing in the same household. Both were listed as born in Pennsylvania supporting the interpretation that they were Victor and Lydia sons. James relocated to Wapello County, Iowa in the 1850's.

Victor's son James married Nancy Anthony in Jackson County, Ohio in August 17, 1843.

Victor's son Joseph, married Elizabeth Baccus Garfield in Jackson County, Ohio June 7, 1851.

Victor's daughter, Margaret, married Reuben Stoner in Jackson County, Ohio August 5, 1851.

### Victor Reece in Wapello County, Iowa

The identification of the children of Victor and Lydia are found in part in the estate papers of Victor Reece filed in Knox County, Missouri January 20th, 1864 by Joseph Reece.

**Victor Reece Land Grant in Knox County, Missouri**

Filed for Record, October 27, A.D. 1858  
Certificate No. 30,754

The United States of America to all to whom these presents shall come, greetings:

Whereas Victor Reece of Wapello County, Iowa has deposited (with) the general land office of the United States a certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Palmyra, Marion County, Missouri, it appears that full payment has been made by the said Victor Reece according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the -- of April, 1820 entitled an act making further provision for the sale of public lands for the south half of the south east quarter of section two and the north half of the north east quarter of section 11 in township 63 of Range twelve west in the district of lands subject of sale at Palmyra, Missouri containing one hundred and sixty acres.

According to the official plat of the survey of the said lands returned to the general land office by the surveyor general which said tract has been purchased by the said Victor Reece. Now know ye that the United States of America in consideration of the premises and in conformity to the several acts of Congress in such case made and provide herein give and grant unto the said Victor Reece and to his heirs the said tract of land above described to have and to hold the same with all the rights, privileges --- and appurtenances of whatever nature thereunto belonging t the said Victor Reece and to his heirs and assigns for ever.

In testimony whereof I James Buchanan President of the United States of America have caused these letters to be made patents and the seal of the general land office to be hereunto given under my hand at the City of Washington the twenty seventh day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred fifty eight and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty seventh.

By the President James Buchanan

\* **Compiler's note:** It is interesting to note that the patent was for 160 acres but the land sold later in the estate settlement appears to have been only 81 acres.

**1860 Census of Greensburg, Knox Co., MO.**

family no. 650			
Reece, Joseph	age 32 farmer	\$600	bn. PA
Elizabeth	age 32		bn. OH
Lydia J.	age 08		bn. OH
Mary C.	age 8/12		bn. MO
<b>Victor</b>	<b>age 63</b>		<b>bn. Cicily(?)</b>

It appears that Victor Reece died at the home of his son, Joseph near Greensburg in Knox County, Missouri. However, to this date, his place of burial remains unidentified. It is entirely possible that he was buried on his own property which was a common practice of that period. There is a peculiar entry in the records of Bundy Paine Cemetery, Jackson County, Ohio for a Victory Reece. I have interpreted it to refer to Victor's wife Lydia. Otherwise, it could be referring to a previously unidentified son by the name of Victor.

**Victor Reece Estate Papers**

**Joseph Reece's application for letters of Administration**

State of Missouri  
County of Knox

Joseph Reece being duly sworn states that Victor Reece late of said County of Knox on or about the twenty sixth day of December A.D. 1863, departed this life leaving no last will and testament, to the knowledge or information of this affiant that said Victor Reece at the time of his death, had his mansion house or place of abode in said County of Knox and that he died, seized and possessed of Goods and Chattels to the amount of Five hundred dollars situate in said County; that the names of the heirs at law and next of kin of the said Victor Reece to the best of knowledge and information of this affiant, are as follows: James Reese, John Reese & Joseph Reese, Harriet Long formerly Harriet Reese, Margaret Stoner formerly Margaret Reese that they reside in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ and the State of \_\_\_\_\_.

That this affiant will make a perfect inventory, and faithfully administer all and singular the Goods and Chattels, and Estate of the said Victor Reece, that may come to his hands, and pay all debts against said estate out of the assets thereof so far as the same may extend and the law directs, and account for and pay all assets which shall come to his possession.

Joseph Reece

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of January, 1864 James C. Agnew Clerk by John B. Poage, deputy.

**Joseph Reece's claim for labor against father's estate.**

Knox County, Missouri  
April 26, 1865(?)

Victor Reece to Joseph Reece for labor done on land in the following years to wit:

to building house in 1856	\$100.00	
to fencing and breaking prairie in 1857		\$100.00
to do	do	in 1858
to do	do	in 1859
to repairs on house furnishings brick and digging well and other labor in 1860		\$100.00

\$500.00

State of Missouri  
County of Knox

I Jame C. Agnew, Clerk of Court within and for the County and State aforesaid, certify that the sum of Five hundred dollars is allowed on the within claim in the 5 classes of demands the 3rd day of May A.D. 1864.

Signed James C. Agnew  
by John B. Poage, Deputy

**Joseph Reece's petition to sell real estate of Victor Reece**

**In the Knox County Court August Term A.D. 1864**

Joseph Reece Administrator of the Estate of Victor Reece deceased

Petition to sell real estate

Filed August 2, 1864: James C. Agnew, Clerk by John B. Poage, Deputy

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In the County Court of Knox County

August Term A.D. 1864

To the Honorable Judges of the County Court of Knox County now in session.

Your petitioner, Joseph Reece, Administrator of the Estate of Victor Reece deceased would respectfully represent that said Victor Reece deceased died seized in fee simple of the following described real estate to wit:

the South west fourth of the south east quarter of section two, and the north west fourth of the north east quarter of section eleven, all in township sixty three, range twelve west situate in the County of Knox in the State of Missouri, also five acres off the north half of south east fourth of the south west quarter of section twenty eight in township sixty four, range twelve west, situate in Scotland County in the State of Missouri.

Your petitioner would further represent that the said decedent at the time of his death had no personal estate of any kind and that no personal estate belonging to the estate has come into his hands.

Your petitioner would further represent that the said estate of said decedent is indebted in the sum of five hundred and seven dollars and fifty five cents as appears from the list of claims filed with the County Clerk of Knox County against said estate.

Your petitioner would therefore respectfully request your Honorable Court to make an order of record, directing him as the Administrator of said estate to proceed to sell the real estate of said Victor Reece, deceased for the purpose of paying the debts of said estate and that your Honorable Court will ake such other and further orders touching the premises as may be just and right.

Joseph Reece Administrator of the Estate of Victor Reece deceased.

Joseph Reece being duly sworn on his oath says that the matters and things in this above petition he believes to be true.

Signed: Joseph Reece

August 2, 1864

Subscribed and sworn to the Court

James B. Agnew, Clerk

by John B. Poage

## **Publication of Notice of Sale**

State of Missouri  
County of Macon

This day personally appeared before the undersigned Clerk of the County Court within and for the County of Macon in the State of Missouri, E. S. Darlington, printer of the Macon Argus, a weekly newspaper published in the town of Macon, State and County aforesaid who makes oath that the annexed administrator sale was published in the said paper for four weeks successively commencing January 11, 1865 to February 1865.

Signed: E. S. Darlington

Sworn and subscribed to before me this second day of February, 1865. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my name and affix my official seal this date aforesaid.

James M. Love, County Clerk

## **Published Sale Notice**

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with an order of the County Court of Knox County, Mo. made on the 5th day of December, 1864, I John P. Finch adm'r of the estate of Victor Reece, deceased will offer for sale at public venue at the Court House door, in the town of Edina, during the sitting of the County Court of said County of Knox, on Tuesday, the 7th day of February, A.D. 1865, the following real estate belonging to the estate of Victor Reece, Dec'd for the purpose of paying debts of the dec'd and costs, and charges of administration, to wit:

The South west fourth of the south west quarter of section two, and the north west fourth of the north east quarter of section eleven, all in township sixty three, range twelve west situate in the County of Knox in the State of Missouri. Also five acres off the north half of southwest fourth of the south west quarter of section twenty eight in township sixty four, range twelve west, situate in Scotland County, Mo..

Terms of Sale -- One third cash in hand, one third in six months and one third in twelve months. Deferred payments to bear ten per cent interest from date purchased giving bond with approved security.

John P. Finch, Adm'r.  
Copy of Order, Attest  
James C. Agnew, Clerk  
Jan. 11, 1865

## **John P. Finch's Report to Court following sale of land of Victor Reece.**

In the County Court of Knox County  
February Term, A.D. 1865

John P. Finch, Administrator of the Estate of Victor Reece deceased late of the County of Knox, Missouri would respectfully submit the following report.

That the said Administrator in pursuance to an order of your Honorable Court made on the 6th day of December, A.D. 1864 ordering and directing the said Administrator to sell the following described real

estate owned by the said Victor Reece deceased in his life time at Public Sale at the Court House door of the said County in the Town of Edina, to wit:

the South West fourth of the South West Quarter of Section Two, and the North West fourth of the North West Quarter of Section Eleven all in Township Sixty-three Range Twelve West situate in the County of Knox, State of Missouri. Also, five acres off North half of South East quarter of South West quarter Section 28, Township 64, Range 12 West situated in Scotland County.

That in pursuance to said order the said Administrator did proceed to give public notice of the time and place and day of sale and the terms of sale and the property to be sold by a notice published in the Macon County Argus a newspaper published in Macon City in Macon County of the State of Missouri for four weeks successively in accordance with said order of court.

That on the seventh day of February A.D. 1865, the day of sale specified in said notice I the Administrator on the day fixed in said notice between the hours of eight o'clock in the forenoon and four o'clock in the afternoon of the said day did proceed to sell the said above described tracts of land at public outcry, and Joseph Reece being the highest and last bidder, therefore the same was struck off and sold to the said Joseph Reece at and for the sum of six dollars per acre cash in hand, all of which is respectfully submitted.

John P. Finch, Administrator

John P. Finch, Administrator of the Estate of Victor Reece deceased makes oath and says that he did not directly or indirectly purchase such real estate as described in said order, notice and report of sale aforesaid or any part thereof or any interest therein and said that he is not interested in the property sold except as stated in the above report.

John P. Finch, Administrator

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of February A.D. 1865.

James C. Agnew Clerk

### **John P. Finch's Summary of Estate Settlement**

John P. Finch, Administrator of the Estate of Victor Reece deceased in account with the said Estate on Final Settlement made in the County Court of Knox County on this the February 4th, 1867.

To Amount Received from Sale of Real Estate	\$486.00
No. 1 By account of Joseph Reece	\$500.00
No. 2. By Note of Wm. Guthrie for R. B. Linville	30.93
No. 3. By Note Act. of Martin Cole	7.55
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No. 6. By Note recpt. A. Coony	4.05
No. 7. By Note recpt. Wm Burch, Auctioneer	1.00
No. 8. By Note recpt. J.C. Agnew Clerk fees	20.30
Amount paid for making deed	1.00
Services as Administrator	20.00
Paid making this settlement	1.00
Total Credits	\$600.38
Total Debits	486.00
Amount over paid by Administrator	\$114.38

Signed: John P. Finch  
Approved February 4th, 1867  
Wm. F. Plumer  
S. Sholtz  
That O. Warnsley

**Miscellaneous Notes on the Reece and Cornelius Families in Pennsylvania**

These notes may or may not refer to our specific families but are being recorded here for future reference should new information be added.

**Union County, Pennsylvania**

Dietrick Rees had a survey which became New Columbia, Pa. by 1769.  
Abel Reese settled in East Buffalo Township in 1783. He lived there as early as 1780 and was a supervisor there in 1781. He died in 1792.  
Simon Reese taught at Kelly School, Kelly Township in 1817 and also Hill School.  
Daniel Reish was from Berks Co., Pa. and had a son Benwell who in turn had James K & Joel.  
Daniel Rees lived in Buffalo Township, Union County, Pa from 1775 to 1805 with wife Catherine and children Catherine and George W. He bought land there 6/21/1780.  
Mary A. Reese was a member of the Beaver Memorial Methodist Church. (date unknown)  
John and Daniel Reese were listed as single men in Buffalo Township in 1795.  
Daniel Reese operated a still-house in Lewisburg, Pa. in 1793.  
John Cornelius moved to Union County, Pa. from Chester County, PA where ~~James~~ James was born in 1783.  
J.R. Cornelius was publisher of the Lewisburg Chronicle ca. 1870.

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