

Henry Eutzler & Jane Kirkendale

1797-1870 1801-1870

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Henry Eutzler and Jane Kirkendale were my g g g grandparents. Henry was born in Colerain, Bedford County, Pennsylvania in 1797. At the time of this writing I believe his father was George William Eutsler, born in Pennsylvania 1775 or 1780 and his mother was Sophia C., born c. 1770. Others, however, believe his father was George E. Eutzler b. 1748 in Colerain and his mother's first name was Catherine. As I write this, I am hoping a researcher in Colerain can clarify this question. Either way, Henry was of German descent. His ancestors came to America in the early 18th century.

Before he was twenty years old, Henry moved to Athens County, Ohio where he married sixteen year-old Jane Kirdendall, who had been born in Pennsylvania in 1801, but also moved to Ohio with her family. Their marriage took place in Athens, Ohio on August 16, 1817.

Jane's father was Christopher Kirdendall (1178-1841), and her mother was Elizabeth Buckmaster (c. 1778-1841). Her father's ancestors came to America in the mid-17th century from the Netherlands.

Henry was a farmer, and together he and Jane had twelve children. These included Lloyd (1818-?), Lewis (1819-1880), Catherine (1821-?), Rachel (1823-1813), Margaret (1825-1857), George Wilson (1827-1840), Henry (1829-1908), Christopher (1832-1842), Sally H. (1834-1834), Abram Hezekiah (1835-1922), John William (1838-1916), Charles Eutsler (1842-). Their eldest son, Lloyd, was mentally ill. Several of other children died at birth or at an early age, and only four survived their parents. One of the four was my g g grandfather, Abram Hezekiah, the father of my great grandmother Sarah Eutsler.

I know very little else about these g g g grandparents other than from Census records that show that in 1840 there were 7 people in their household with 1 male under 5, one male 5-9, 1 male 10-14, 1 male 15-19, 1 male 40-49, along with 1 female 15-19, and 1 female 40-49.

The 1860 Federal Census shows that Henry was 64, Jane was 40, and John at age 22 was living with them in Vinton, Ohio within the Mingo Post Office area. In 1870 the Census shows Henry to be 73, Jane 69, and their son, Lewis to be 50. They were living in Elk Vinton, Ohio within the McArthur Post Office area.

Henry died in Vinton, Ohio in 1870. Some list Jane as dying in Georgia that same year, but I'm not sure of that.