

Sheek Family Genealogy Notes

Indiana

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Johnson Co., Marriages {11673}

9 Jun 1858	Sheek, Lurin [??] Henry, Mary E.	#225
18 Jan 1867	Sheek, Isaac D. Henry, Martha H.	#2212
4 Sep 1867	Sheek, George T. Henry, Louisa C.	#2211
18 Jul 1868	Sheeks, Albert A. Tracy, Sarah J.	
30 Jun 1869	Peggs, John H. Sheeks, Mary E.	#2225
8 Apr 1872	Copeland, John R. Sheek, Penelope C.	#2226
30 Sep 1874	Sheek, Jacob A. Church, Martha E.	#2221
6 Dec 1876	Brunnemer, William D. Sheek, Sarah S.	#2222
25 Jul 1878	Finley, Alfred C. Sheek, Sarah J.	
10 Jun 1880	Bowden, Isaac W. Sheek, Maggie J.	#2254
8 Aug 1880	Sheek, William H. Park, Elzora	#2229
15 Dec 1880	Sheek, George L. Wilson, Sarah J.	#2227
27 Aug 1885	Redman, John W. Sheek, Martha I.	#222A
27 Feb 1889	Trout, Jonathon J. Sheek, Myrtle	#22121
25 Sep 1891	Sheek, Hiram N. Graham, Lucy E.	#2255
21 Feb 1894	Sheek, Floyd A. Speas, Nellie	#2256

15 May 1895	Rush, Robert J. Sheek, Eliza P.	#22113
16 Dec 1896	Polk, Robert Sheek, Cora P.	#22112
9 Nov 1898	Whittaker, Joseph A. Sheek, M. Pearl	#22211

Johnson Co., Deaths {11674}

12 Sep 1883	Sheek, John T. male d. Pleasant Twp. @ age 26y	#2228
12 Mar 1889	Sheek, Sarah female d. Pleasant Twp. @ age 68y	#222/1
12 Mar 1890	Sheek, Opal E. female d. Greenwood @ age 4m	#22219
24 Oct 1891	Sheek, William C. male d. Greenwood @ age 7m	#2221A
8 Dec 1893	Sheek, Leven male d. Greenwood @ age 65y	#225
7 Oct 1894	Sheeks, Chas. male d. Pleasant Twp. @ age 2m	
27 Apr 1897	Sheek, Martha female d. Pleasant Twp.	#2221/1
3 Dec 1900	Sheek, Harriet female d. Pleasant Twp. @ age 53y	
11 Mar 1903	Sheek, Sarah S. female d. @ age 20y	#22215
13 Nov 1907	Sheek, Geo. L. male d. Pleasant Twp. @ age 53y	#2227
5 May 1909	Sheek, Ruth E. female d. Franklin Twp. @ age 2y	#222122
8 May 1910	Sheek, Ivory J. male d. Whiteland @ age 24y	#22217

24 Apr 1914	Sheek, Hiram d. @ age 48y	#2255
20 Aug 1917	Sheek, George T. male d. @ age 78y	#2211
14 Aug 1919	Sheek, ---- female d. @ age 0y	
2 Nov 1919	Sheek, Louise C. female d. Greenwood @ age 67y	#2211/1

History of Johnson County, Indiana (1888)

“GEORGE L. SHEEK, a prosperous young farmer of Pleasant Township, was born on a farm near where resides, August 22, 1854, and was the son of John B. and Sarah (Kinnick) Sheek, both of whom were natives of Davie County, N.C. When he was seventeen years of age his father died, after which he remained at home with his widowed mother, until he reached the age of twenty-seven. He was married December 15, 1880, to Sarah J. Wilson. She is also a native of Pleasant Township, born August 31, 1853, and was the daughter of Joseph A. and Louisa (Vandiver) Wilson, who were respectively natives of North Carolina and Mercer County, Ky. Mr. and Mrs. Sheek entered upon their married life on a farm in Section 3, Pleasant Township. February 10, 1886, they removed to their present home, in the same section. The whole attention of Mr. Sheek is given to farming. He owns a good farm two miles southeast of Greenwood, which is well improved, and most of which is in cultivation. He and wife are the parents of five children: Gracie May, born April 27, 1882; George Wilson, September 5, 1883; Queen Bessie, March 31, 1885; Nellie, September 12, 1886, and Victor Noble, January 6, 1888, all of whom are living. The wife of Mr. Sheek is a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Sheek became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, August 29, 1875. He is an industrious and successful farmer, and he and wife are very highly respected.”

“ISAAC D. SHEEK, a well-to-do and prosperous farmer of Pleasant Township, is a native of Davie County, N.C., born January 9, 1841, and was the son of Daniel and Jane (Williams) Sheek, both of whom were natives of North Carolina; the former of Davie County, and the latter of Yadkin County. He grew to manhood in his native county, working upon a farm in summer and attending school in winter. In April, 1861, he entered the service of the Confederate Army, in Company G, Fourth North Carolina Regiment, with which he served until the close of the war; he first entered as a private. He participated in the battles of Seven Pines, Gaines' Mill, Cold Harbor, Malvern Hill, the second battle of Manassas, Sharp's Mound, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, all the fights with Gen. Grant's army in the vicinity of Richmond, and many other engagements, in all of which he discharged his duties in a manner becoming a brave soldier, and was present at the surrender of Gen. Lee, at Appomattox. In January, 1866, Mr. Sheek came from Davie County, N.C., to Johnson County, Ind., and with the exception of nearly two years his home has ever since been in Pleasant Township. His whole attention has been given to farming. He owns sixty-five acres of good land, nearly all of which is in cultivation. Mr. Sheek was married January 22, 1867, to Martha H. Henry. Mrs. Sheek was born in Pleasant Township, this county, November 6, 1847, and is the daughter of Samuel and Eliza Ann (Kinnick) Henry; the former was born in Virginia, and the latter in Davie County, N.C. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Sheek has resulted in the birth of three children: Willie Myrtle, born January 12, 1868; Daniel Walter, October 8, 1871, and Luna Ethel, October 15, 1880, all of whom are living. Mr. and Mrs. Sheek are members of the Methodist Church. In politics, the former is a democrat. On the 10th of March, 1888, he received the nomination of his party for the office of township trustee. He is an industrious farmer, and he and wife are among their township's best citizens.”

“LEVIN W. SHEEK, one of Pleasant Township's respected citizens, was born in Davie County, N.C., March 2, 1829, and is the son of George and Mary (Call) Sheek, both of whom were natives of Davie County, N.C. The paternal grandfather of Mr. Sheek was a native of England. His father owned extensive grist-milling and saw-milling interests in Davie County, and these furnished our subject employment during his youth. He was married in his native

county, May 11, 1854, to Mary A. Bouden. She was born in Davie County, N.C., September 20, 1837, and was the daughter of Caleb and Mary (Etchison) Bouden, who were also natives of North Carolina. Mrs. Mary A. Sheek died in Davie County, October 2, 1856, leaving one child, Emily J., born March 2, 1856, deceased. During the time which intervened between his marriage and the death of his wife, Mr. Sheek was engaged at farming. After the death of his wife he returned to his father's. In the fall of 1857, he came to Johnson County, and his home has ever since been in Pleasant Township. His second marriage occurred in that township, June 10, 1858, when Miss Mary E. Henry became his wife. She was born in Pleasant Township, April 24, 1837, and was the daughter of Hiram and Margaret (Cochrane) Henry, the former of whom was a native of Virginia, and the latter was a native of Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Sheek began housekeeping on the farm where they now live. In 1864, they removed to the house in which they now live, and this has been their home since, excepting from March, 1882, to March, 1886, during which time they resided in Greenwood, whither they had gone for the purpose of sending their children to school. Ever since locating in this county, Mr. Sheek has given his whole attention to farming. He owns 210 1/2 acres of good land, about 155 of which are in cultivation. Mr. Sheek and his present wife have had seven children: George W., born March 29, 1859, deceased; Henry A., January 2, 1860, deceased; Margaret J., August 9, 1861; Hiram N., June 30, 1864; Floyd A., July 19, 1867; Franklin L., November 19, 1869, and Ernest C., died when one year old. Mr. and Mrs. Sheek are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.”

Lawrence Co., Marion Twp., Knott Cemetery {7504}

Sheeks, Helen Boston	b. 5 Jul 1918		
Sheeks, Mary M.	b. 26 Jan 1924		
Sheeks, Nancy Taylor	b. 9 Sep 1891	d. 14 Nov 1980	#7958/1
Sheeks, Ralph H.	b. 6 Dec 1913		#79582
Sheeks, Reed (s/o Charles & Nancy Sheeks)	b. 27 Apr 1911	d. 12 Jun 1928	#79581
Sheeks, Robert R.	b. 9 Apr 1916		#79583

History of Lawrence, Orange, and Washington Counties, Indiana (Goodspeed Bros. & Co., 1884

Sheeks, David L. [#79] {7501}

DAVID L. SHEEKS was born in Marion Township, Lawrence County, Ind., November 22, 1819. His parents were George and Elizabeth (Canotte) Sheeks, the former a native of Rowan County, N.C., and the latter having been born near Hagerstown, Md. They were married in Wayne County, KY., where their parents had settled in a very early day. They both descended from German ancestry, whose arrival in this country dates back to colonial times. George and his wife came to Orange County, Ind., in the spring of 1816, locating near Orleans, in which place they made one crop. On January 9, 1817, they came to Lawrence County, settling on Rock Lick in Marion Township, where the remainder of their days were passed, and where they reared twelve children--six sons and six daughters. By trade Mr. Sheeks was a cabinetmaker, but after locating in this county he engaged in farming, and for his day accumulated considerable property. He died in 1842, his wife living until 1856. David L. was reared on a farm, receiving such education as the schools of those days afforded. At the age of twenty-one years he started in life for himself and without much of this world's goods, less than 100 acres of land, since which time he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits, paying considerable attention to stock-raising, and of late years also to saw-milling. By close attention to business, careful management and keen business foresight he has become the largest land-owner and one of the wealthiest citizens in the county, owning about 4,000 acres. Mr. Sheeks has been married three times, and is the father of a large family. His first wife was Miss Sylvania Lewis, a native of this county. She was a daughter of Robert Lewis, who settled in Clarke County, Ind., in 1811. To this union were born eight children: John W., Delbert, Edward, Martha, Isom, Franklin P., Priscilla and an infant unnamed. His second wife was Miss Susan Horsey, a native of Martin County, Ind., and a daughter of James Horsey, who settled in Martin County, Ind., in 1815. She bore him ten children: Mary, George Canotte, Halbert J., Laura, Homer, David L., Rose, Albert, Isaac Lawrence and Wade. His third wife was Miss Melinda Payne, a native of Martin County, Ind., and a daughter of Riley Payne, an early settler in Lawrence County, who came from South Carolina. She bore him two children: Sallie and Everett. In politics Mr. Sheeks has always been a Democrat. His son, John W., was in Company D, Sixteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was its color bearer. He lost his life while serving his country. Mr. Sheeks has twice been elected to the responsible position of County Commissioner, in which office he has proven himself capable and efficient, having saved to the county many dollars by his financial ability. He is now a candidate for that office. During the time of his official life he superintended the building of the County Infirmary and other public improvements.

Bass, Solomon [#7x/1 ?]

SOLOMON BASS, a native of Ashe County, N.C., born September 29, 1823, is the son of JOHN and SARAH (FENDER) BASS, both natives of the "Old North State. Originally the Basses came from England. The father was a farmer and a blacksmith, and came in 1823 to this county (Lawrence Co., IN.), but after a year returned to Carolina, and then in 1826 came out to stay. He was a Whig and Republican, and an industrious, respected man. He and wife

were parents of five sons and five daughters, all of whom lived to maturity. Solomon was reared a farmer, with fair educational advantages. In youth he learned the blacksmith's trade. March 12, 1846, he married CATHARINE SHEEKS, who was born in this county April 27, 1825, and died October 9, 1865. She bore her husband thirteen children: FRANKLIN, DIADEMA, DANIEL, DAVID, SARAH, WILLIS V., RUTH, NANCY J., HUGH, MARY F., JOHN T., CURTIS and CLINTON. November 7, 1872, Mr. Bass married MRS. MARY J. (HALL) LEWIS, who was born in this township (Marion Township) September 29, 1829. He now owns a farm of 450 acres, gained by a life of industry and honest. He is a Republican, and an exemplary man. [further info: Soloman was the son of John Bass Sr., born May 22, 1798 in England and he married Sarah Fender, born Jan 13, 1892 in England. John Bass Sr. had ten children-Daniel, Solomon, William, Nancy, Susanah, John Jr., Sarah Jane, Isom, Mahala and Mariah.]

Wood, Edwin [#7B/1]

EDWIN WOOD, grocer, was born in Randolph County, N.C., October 31, 1815, son of ZEBEDEE and HANNAH (BROWER) WOOD, natives of North Carolina. In 1818 our subject came with his parents to Lawrence County, Ind., who settled in Marion Township, the father being born in 1791, and dying in 1872, his wife also dying the same year. Our subject remained at home farming till he was twenty-five years of age, when he purchased 160 acres of land, where he remained till he located in the town of Woodville. He was also engaged in contracting on the railroad, starting a store at the same time, and in addition ran a mill. In 1877 he came to Mitchell and opened a store, which he still runs. He has been twice married, first in Lawrence County, February 25, 1841, to **MARY E. SHEEKS**, a native of this county, born November 12, 1824; she died September 7, 1857, leaving six children: ANSELM, GEORGE Z., JOHN B., HANNAH E., MALINDA and THOMAS J. June 24, 1858, he married MARY L. BROOKS, in Orange County, Ind. Mr. Wood was appointed First Lieutenant of the company of this township, when he was twenty-three years of age. He is one of the pioneers of this section, and does a very fair business. He has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for fifty years, and is a Republican in politics.

Wood, Anselm [#7B1]

ANSELM WOOD, of the firm A. Wood & Co., was born in Lawrence County, Ind, October 13, 1842, the first of six children born to Edwin and **Mary E. (Sheeks) Wood**, natives respectively of North Carolina and Indiana. Subject completed his education at the Baptist Seminary at Mitchell. In 1861 he enlisted in Company I, Fiftieth Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and participated in the following battles: Parker's Cross Roads, and a forty days fight in Arkansas. He was promoted to Sergeant, and discharged at Indianapolis in January, 1865. After the war he engaged in the boot and shoe trade, then in the grocery business, and finally in dry goods business, first being a partner with D. L. Sheeks, and in 1879 the firm assumed the name A. Wood & Co., and now carries a stock of about \$12,000. Mr. Wood also owns a farm of 100 acres. He has been Township and School Trustee. He was married in Lawrence County in September, 1866, to Miss Mary J. Pless, daughter of John F. and Rebecca J. (Daviss) Pless, and of this union eight children have been born: Fannie, Oscar, Stella, Jesse, Aaron F., William R., Rebecca J. and Lawrence A. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Wood is a Republican. He served as Postmaster under President Johnson's administration.

Moore, James D. [#719/1]

JAMES D. MOORE, merchant, was born in Burlington, Iowa, September 13, 1840, the third of eight children born to Jonathan and Catharine (Dyer) Moore, natives respectively of Kentucky and Tennessee, who were early settlers of Indiana, the father being a saddler. He died in 1854, and his wife in 1874. Subject when four years of age came with his parents to Bloomington, Ind., where he was principally reared and educated, and where he learned the trade of molding. In 1863 he enlisted in Company K, First Indiana Heavy Artillery, and was Sergeant. He was in the Red River expedition and at Mobile, serving till January, 1866. After his return he clerked for several years, and in 1872 located in Mitchell (Marion Township, Lawrence County, Ind.) in general merchandizing. In 1880 he was elected County Treasurer on the Democratic ticket by a majority of 127, the Republican State ticket carrying the county by 412 majority. He has given, of late years, much of his time to farming and stock-raising. He was married in Mitchell, February 2, 1871, to **Miss Mary Sheeks, daughter of John and Diadem (Turley) Sheeks**, natives of Kentucky. Miss Sheeks was born in Marion Township, April 28, 1851, and has borne her husband three children: Nora D., Roy S. and Olin J. The family are members of the Christian Church, and he is an A.F. & A. M., an I.O.O.F., a G.A.R., and a staunch Democrat. Mr. Moore started in life on borrowed capital, and has accumulated a fine competency, having one of the handsomest and best residences in Mitchell.

Lawrence Co., Bedford, (source unknown), obituaries:

Sheeks, Charles [#7958] {7502}

Date: ? (ca. 1970)

Charles Sheeks, 80, a Bedford resident and former Mitchell resident, died at 11:51 p.m. yesterday at the Bedford Medical Center. He was born November 14, 1889 in Lawrence County to Isom and Judith Ann Spencer Sheeks. He was married to Nancy Taylor. Survivors include four sons, Ralph Sheeks and Robert Sheeks, both of Philadelphia, Charles R. Sheeks of Indianapolis and Wayne Sheeks of Murray, Kentucky; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. One son, Reed Sheeks, preceded him in death. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Haverly Mortuary in Mitchell. Burial will follow in the Sheeks Cemetery. Friends may call in Chapel B of the mortuary after 6 p.m. tomorrow.

Sheeks, Olive

Date: 21 Nov 1998

Olive Sheeks of Mitchell, IN, died November 21, 1998, at Bedford Regional Medical Center. Born on September 3, 1908, in Martin County, IN, she was the daughter of Less and Ada (Thomas) Mundy. She married Roy C. Sheeks on February 10, 1931, and he died April 12, 1984. Surviving are four nephews: Knofel Mundy of Bedford, Nelson Mundy of Florida, Benny McNeely of Seymour and Dick McNeely of Bloomington; four nieces: Charlotte White, Wanda Edwards, Janelle Grisson and Tracy Dobson, all of Mitchell; and several great-nieces and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, one son, one daughter, two sisters and one brother. She was a homemaker and member of the First Christian Church in Mitchell. Services for Olive Sheeks will be at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 24th at Chastain Funeral Home in Mitchell with the Rev. Steve Christy and Bro. Max Timbrook officiating. Burial will follow in Mitchell Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. on Monday and from 9:00 a.m. until service time on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Bedford Regional Medical Center Hospice.

Sheeks, William "Bill"

Date: 19 Dec 1998

Kenneth William "Bill" Sheeks of Mitchell, IN, died Saturday, December 19, 1998, at his residence. Born on August 3, 1939, in Lawrence County, IN, he was the son of Kenneth and Lorena (Bass) Sheeks. He married Janice Lee on May 27, 1961, and she survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Terri Mounce and Traci Horner, both of Mitchell; one sister, Phyllis Cleveland of Silver Spring, MD; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents. A 1958 graduate of Mitchell High School, he was a machinist at Preferred Technical Group and had served eight years as a member of the Bedford Headquarters Unit of Indiana National Guard. He was active for twenty-five years in the Southern Trails District of Boy Scouts of America and was a recipient of the Order of the Arrow. He was a member of the Mitchell Church of Christ, and the Mitchell Masonic Lodge No. 228, F&AM. Services for Kenneth Sheeks will be at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 22nd, at the Chastain Funeral Home with Bro. Allen Burris officiating. Burial will follow in Mitchell Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-9 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. until the service time Tuesday at the funeral home. Masonic rites will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. Monday by members of the Masonic Lodge No. 228, F&AM. Master Masons will meet at the Masonic Lodge at 7 p.m.

Marion Co., Marriages {11675}

14 Jan 1892	Sheek, Newton Graham, Lucy	#2255
12 Apr 1909	Sheek, Daniel W. b. 8 Oct 1871 Vivian, Anne L. b. 25 Aug 1879	#22122

Monroe Co., Deed Index

- 1 Mar 1861 Grantor: Mitchell, Alex
Grantee: Sheeks, David
filed in Book T, p. 261
- 16 May 1861 Grantor: Blackstone, Benj. D.
Grantor: David Sheeks
filed in Book T, p. 316
- 8 Aug 1861 Grantor: Blackstone, Benj. E., Comd.
Grantee: Sheeks, David
filed in Book T, p. 342
- 13 Sep 1861 Grantor: Cox, John B., Jr.
Grantee: Sheeks & Buskirk
filed in Book T, p. 360
- 30 Nov 1860? Grantor: Sheeks, David & wife
Grantee: Buskirk, Samuel H.
filed in Book T, p. 424
- 30 Nov 1861 Grantor: Buskirk, Samuel & wife
Grantee: Sheeks, David & wife
filed in Book T, p. 428
- 14 Dec 1861 Grantor: Hensley, Nathan
Grantee: Sheeks, David
filed in Book T, p. 431
- 15 Nov 1862 Grantor: Sheeks, David
Grantee: State of Indiana
filed in Book U, p. 166
- 13 Dec 1862 Grantor: Sheeks, David
Grantee: Ryors, Alfred
filed in Book U, p. 201
- 18 Feb 1863 Grantor: Sheeks, David
Grantee: Norman, Peter
filed in Book U, p. 329