

I sat on the ground running my fingers through the dirt. The salt from their tears was in this soil. They had been here ... all of them. It was most likely August 10, 1811 that they gathered here. They stood right here in the summer heat in their Sunday best ... singing ... praying ... and crying. It was time to say goodbye to their 34 year old mom, and for David his wife of fourteen years. Indeed, the salt from their tears were in this soil.

Tecumseh was still alive, still working to build a coalition between the Shawnee, Miami, Potawatomi Cherokee and other native American tribes. This land was not American soil yet, it was west of the Ohio River, west of the agreed upon boundary. Their journey started in New Jersey. They settled for a short while in Pennsylvania before reaching the western edge of the American frontier ... Jefferson County Ohio around 1802. David and Jemima had three children when they arrived, two more would be born in Jefferson County. Five total, four daughters and one son, Martha, John, Jemima, Rachel and Lucinda. Jemima passed away on August 8, 1811, shortly after the birth of Lucinda. She was buried at Two Ridge Presbyterian Cemetery. Their farm stood a few miles away off of Ross Ridge Road near Wills Creek. David would re-marry twice, burying his second wife as well. When he passed away in 1850 he left a substantial inheritance which was split evenly between his 5 children. He was buried next to Jemima at Two Ridge Presbyterian cemetery.



Figure 1 Tabletop Tombstone of David and Jemima Rogers



Figure 2 Pieces from Jemima's Original Stone 1811

So in this short endeavor, let us explore some of the descendants of David and Jemima, starting with their five children.

Martha Matilda Rogers was born on October 9, 1794 in Morristown, Morris County New Jersey. We find on page 183 of the Early Marriages of Jefferson County Logbook that Matilda Rodgers married Pennsylvania born William Kernahan (1785-1852) on November 21, 1811. Through the years the last name would receive many spellings including (Carnahan, Karnaghan, Kenehan) among others. William was the son of Robert and Margaret Karnaghan. Robert and Margaret are buried in Two Ridge Cemetery next to Martha's parents David and Jemima. On page 161 of the History of Ashland County by George William Hill we read:

William Karnahan emigrated from Jefferson County, Ohio April 16, 1815, with his family consisting of his wife, his son Robert M., and daughter Eliza A. Mr. Karnahan died upon the place he originally selected for his home, being the southeast quarter of section 23, Vermillion Township, on the 24th of September, 1852, aged sixty-three years.

The county at this date was very sparsely settled—his nearest neighbor being Mr. Emerine, located one and a half miles distant. About this distance from where he erected his cabin, on the farm now owned by Mr. Stoufer, a den of rattlesnakes was discovered, near the entrance to which as many as twenty-five were killed in a single day. At another den, on or near the farm now owned by Robert Cowan, as many as seventy-five of these reptiles were killed in a single day. On one occasion the family were assailed by a panther, who approached the house on an evening within a few rods, and only disappeared after the family had secured the doors and windows of their cabin, and kindled a brilliant fire.

Robert Madison Carnahan 1812-1883, Elizabeth A. Carnahan 1816-1880 were born in Jefferson County, Ohio. **David Rogers Carnahan 1817-1877 Jemima Jane Carnahan 1819-1900 Maria Lucinda Carnahan 1827-1899, Mary M. Carnahan 1830-1880 Margaret Carnahan 1832-1842**, all were born in Ashland County, Ohio. William was a farmer by trade. He also served as Vermillion Township Trustee in 1834 and 1835.

William passed away in 1852. Martha stayed on in Vermillion Township and managed the farm. In the 1860 census her daughter Jemima was living with her. Jemima was then 40 years old and had not been married, I suspect she never did. Martha passed away on May 11, 1865. I am not yet sure where she and William are buried, they may have had a family cemetery on the farm.

John Rogers 1797-1854 (David Rogers) was born in Pennsylvania on November 9, 1797. Most likely he was born in Fayette County. He moved with the family to Island Creek Township in Jefferson County. He married Elizabeth Cable on August 3rd, 1820, Reverend George Buchanon performed the ceremony. Elizabeth was the daughter of Jacob Cable and Mary Walker and was born on January 16, 1799 in Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

Elizabeth's father Jacob was born in 1753 and raised in Brothers Valley, Somerset County Pennsylvania. Her Grandfather, Abraham Cable was born in 1729 in Switzerland. Abraham was the son of Philip Cable, 1700-1780. His mother was Maria Brede (Brady) They were puritans from the Palatinate and immigrated to Philadelphia arriving on September 11, 1732. They would eventually settle in York County Pennsylvania.

Abraham was commissioned by the Provincial Council of Pennsylvania as a Sub-Lieutenant (Lt. Colonel), of the Bedford County Militia of Pennsylvania on March 21, 1777. He later served with the 1st Regiment of the Continental Army of America. He was present at Yorktown and Valley Forge. He was educated at the renowned Ephrata Cloister, York County Pennsylvania. At an early age he could speak and write fluently in German French and English. In Dr. Coopers book, he states that he was a "Mathematician and Surveyor", and that during his youth "he travelled far and wide amongst the Indians." A petition sent to the Provincial Council, requesting that Abraham "Keble" be appointed as their Magistrate was signed by over seventy of his neighbors, both German and Scots-Irish alike, who had settled in "The Glades" in what was then the extreme edge of the Pennsylvania frontier.

Abraham "Keble" was appointed King's Magistrate by Governor Richard Penn, on November 23, 1771 as follows:

"Abraham Keble who is recommended as a man of property and reputation and the best qualified of any person in that quarter to execute the duty of magistrate." His Honor accordingly issued a special commission, appointing the said Keble a Justice of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and of the County Court of Common Pleas for the said County of Bedford. This Writ, established Abraham "Keble" Cable as the first Judge, to hold a jurisdiction located west of the Allegheny Mountains. (Bedford, now Somerset County, Brothers Valley District, Pennsylvania)

He was elected to the Pennsylvania State legislature three times in 1790, 1793 and 1795. Two of his sons Captain Philip Cable and Jonathan, also fought and served as Patriots during the American Revolution.

Back to John and Elizabeth ... they bought a farm and raised crops, and children. In 1820 **Jacob Cable Rogers 1820-1900** was born followed by **David Rogers 1823-1898, John Rogers 1823-18??, Martha Jane Rogers 1825-1900, Joseph Cable Rogers 1828-1905, Rosanna Rogers 1830 – 19??, and Josiah Rogers 1832-1906**. In 1834 John and Elizabeth sold land to John's father David in Section fifteen, township seven and range two. The property was about 59 ½ acres and sold for \$800. This property is where David lived when he passed away in 1850. **Elizabeth Rogers 1838-1896, Cyrus Rogers 1843-1863, Martha Rogers 1854-**, were the last three children, Martha being born when Elizabeth was 55. The farm in Island Creek was valued at \$3,000 in the 1850 Island Creek Census. In April of 1854 John and Elizabeth paid \$600 to Thomas Garlinger for lot number seven of Shelley's Addition in the town of Richmond. John would pass away just five months later on September 10, 1854. Elizabeth moved into Richmond where she lived the rest of her days. In 1860 Cyrus and Martha were still at home. In 1870 Joseph had come home from the Civil War and was working as a school teacher. Cyrus would not make it home from the war, dying from injuries received in the battle of Chickamauga. Young Martha was now 16, still lived with her mother. Next door lived Robert Dunbar and his wife Martha Jane Rogers Dunbar along with their six children. Elizabeth passed away 21 years after John, nearly to the day, on September 11, 1875. She was 76. She and John are buried at Center Chapel Cemetery in Jefferson County, Ohio next to John.

Jemima Rogers 1801-1873 (David Rogers) Jemima, named after her mother, was born on January 12, 1801 in Pennsylvania. She married Matthew Myers on April 25, 1825 in Jefferson County Ohio. They lived in the town of Jacksonville, a small community on the outskirts of Steubenville that has long ago disappeared. Matthew was the son of Matthew Myers and Eva Figley. He was born December 27, 1798. Matthew and Jemima had two children **David Rogers Myers** who lived from October 16, 1825 until June 4, 1826 and **Margaret A. Myers** born September 1, 1841 and died November 27, 1841. I have found no evidence of any other children. This must have been a terribly tragic experience for both Matthew and Jemima. Matthew worked as a Cooper in 1850. In 1860 they lived with Elizabeth Buchanan and her children Anna and William. After Matthew died on September 22, 1866 Jemima moved in with George W. Alban and his mother Nancy. Jemima passed away on June 22, 1873. She is buried in Union Cemetery beside Matthew and their two children.

Rachel Rogers 1807 – 185-(David Rogers) Rachel was the first of the five children to be born in Ohio, coming into life in 1807. She married Richard Brisben (also spelled Brisben, Brisban and Brisbane) on 17 March 1825 when she was just 18. He was 19 or 20 at the time, having been born in 1805 in Ohio. The family lived next to Rachel's sister Lucinda and her husband Joseph McCarrell in Richmond, Ohio

according to the 1840 census. We find Richard working as a clerk in the 1850 Steubenville Township, Jefferson County Ohio census. Richard and Rachel had four children, **David Brisben 1831-1885, Martha Brisben 1839-1893, Margaret Brisben 1840-, Roseanna Brisben 1846 - 1878**. All four children were born in Jefferson County Ohio. Rachel and Richard signed for their annual payment from the estate of David Rogers, August 30, 1852 \$250; July 25, 1853 \$140; July 31, 1854 \$145 and April 1855 \$154.67. I believe that Rachel passed away between 1855 and 1860, either in Jefferson County, Ohio or in Keithsburg, Mercer County, Illinois where we find Richard working as a Constable and Margaret and Roseanna living with him. I do not know where they are buried. Rachel's Great Granddaughter was Helen Bertha Rawlins. She married James Allen Rhodes and served as the First Lady of the State of Ohio while her husband was Governor from 1963-1971 and again from 1975 to 1983. Governor Rhodes is one of only 6 men in US history to serve four terms as Governor. In 1970 he ordered the National Guard to Kent State University which resulted in the shooting of four students on campus.

Lucinda Jane Rogers 1811-1852 (David Rogers) Lucinda Jane was the fifth and final child for David and Jemima. Though Jemima was but thirty-four, it appears that she had major complications in delivery and died as a result of childbirth on August 11, 1811. Jane grew up and married Joseph McCarrell on January 20, 1831. Joseph was born in 1808, the son of William McCarrell. His family is noted as being one of the first five to settle in the town of Richmond Village in Jefferson County Ohio. He worked as a potter. They had four children, **Blashford McCarrell 1832-1832, Ellisanna Jemima McCarrell 1833 - 1906, Emily Elizabeth McCarrell 1840 - 1918, Rachel Casandra McCarrell 1843-Aft 1920 and John B. McCarrell 1844-**. They lived in the little town of Richmond. Joseph, along with Robert Grey were elected as the first two street commissioners on May 23, 1835. Jane and her husband Joseph attended her father's funeral in 1850. Lucinda Rogers McCarrell passed away on February 6, 1852. In July 1853 and again on August 8, 1854, the receipt is signed by her widowed husband Joseph. The receipt notes it is in accordance with her verbal will. I am not sure what she died of. She is buried in Richmond Presbyterian Cemetery next to Joseph. On August 29, 1855 Joseph married Jane Logan in Burgettstown, Washington County Pennsylvania. He continued to work as a potter until he passed away in 1879 at age 71.

We will now look into the lines of two of the children of John and Elizabeth Cable Rogers. Joseph Cable Rogers and Josiah Rogers.

Joseph Cable Rogers (John Rogers, David Rogers) 1828-1905 Joseph was born 23 October, 1828 and received a good education in his youth at Wellsville and Hopedale colleges. In 1850 he lived at home and worked on the family farm. Joseph's father John died in 1854 and he moved in with the family of Joseph Martin and became a school teacher, a profession he followed until 1875. In 1860 he served as the administrator to his father's estate. On August 16, 1862 he joined the Union Army as Third Sergeant in Company G, 52nd Ohio Valley Infantry. Organized in August, 1862, under Colonel Dan McCook, it immediately went to the field, operating in Kentucky against the invasion of Bragg. After the battle of Perryville the Regiment performed garrison duty at Nashville until March, 1863; moved into Alabama in September and then to Chickamauga, where it performed good service in that sanguinary battle. It stormed Mission Ridge with Sherman, and followed Bragg's retreating army to Ringgold; turning again it marched into East Tennessee to the relief of Knoxville. In May the Regiment joined Sherman's Atlanta campaign and fought at Dalton, Resaca, Peach Tree Creek, Kennesaw Mountain, Atlanta and Jonesboro.

At Kennesaw Colonel McCook was mortally wounded. From Atlanta the 52d moved with Sherman to the sea, thence through the Carolina's, and was mustered out at Washington June 3d, 1865. A year later, on June 27, 1866 he married Melissa E. Neely. She died suddenly on July 25, 1866, less than a month after getting married.

Joseph grieved, and continued his work as a school teacher. He moved into the family home in Shelley's Addition in Richmond with his sister Martha and mother Elizabeth. Joseph was a very capable pioneer teacher of the county and some of the notable business men of the county received their first instruction from him.

On August 25, 1870 he married Mary Jane Gray (1836-1918) and at the age of 43 started his family. Mary was the daughter of William H. Gray, and Margaret Hamilton of Wellsville. She was born on January 13, 1836 and died on January 1, 1918 at the age of nearly 82. He and Mary would have six children. **2-4-1 Frank Rogers 1871-1956, 2-4-2 Margaret M Rogers (Emma) 1872-1961,**

In 1873 Mary's father William passed away and left to her and Joseph his property. The parcel was located in the Steubenville Land District and was one half of the north-east quarter of section number 11, in township seven and range number two. It was about 81 acres in size. In 1874 twins were born, **2-4-3 Charles Ross Rogers 1874-1930, 2-4-4 an unnamed infant twin of Charles who died at birth in 1874.** In 1875 Joseph quit teaching and moved onto the 81 acres his father-in-law had given him and became a farmer, an occupation he continued until his death in 1905. Two more children were born, **2-4-5 John Robert Rogers 1878-1959 and 2-4-6 Lillian Elizabeth Rogers 1879-1960.**



3 John, Charles, Mary, Lillian, Joseph, Frank, Margaret

Joseph served as the Treasurer for the OVI 52nd Association and attended many of their reunions. The last one he made was held in New Comerstown on Wednesday August 24, 1904. In politics, he was an influential republican and served six years as a member of the county central committee. He served as township trustee several years, and as chairman of the township board of education. In church matters

he was an active member of the United Presbyterian church of Knoxville and superintendent of its Sunday-school. Joseph passed away on Christmas Eve, December 24, 1905. Mary Jane lived another thirteen years, passing away on January 1, 1918. Both are buried at the Knoxville United Presbyterian Church Cemetery. He left the 81 acre farm in equal shares to all five of their children. (References: *Jefferson County Ohio Marriage Records Volume 8 page 225, Volume 8 page #17, 1850 Island Creek Census, family 2372, 1860 Island Creek Census, Page #160 Family #1099, Probate Records of Will of John Rogers (1797-1854) 1870 Census Richmond Page #8 Family # 82, 1880 Island Creek Census, Page # 4 Family #39, 1890 Civil War Survivors Census, Island Creek Twp, Family #47, 1900 Island Creek Census, Page # 16, Family 343, Steubenville Weekly Herald, September 3, 1862, Knoxville Presbyterian Church Cemetery Records, Steubenville Herald Star Obituary December 26, 1905, Jefferson County Record of Deaths, 1905 Page 514 line 116, Land Deed Records, Jefferson County Volume 103, Page 119, personal visit to Knoxville Presbyterian Church Cemetery*)

Josiah Rogers (John Rogers, David Rogers) 1832-1906 Josiah was born May 8, 1832 in Island Creek Township, the seventh child for John and Elizabeth. He married Mary Jane Hout. Mary Jane was the daughter of Peter Hout and Elizabeth Reed and was born in 1835 in Richmond Ohio. Mary Jane and Josiah attended school as children. In 1860 Josiah lived with Mary Jane's Uncle Monroe Hout and worked as a farm hand. On February 17, 1861 he and Mary Jane were married. Seven children would follow: **2-6-1 William Alexander Rogers 1862-1936, 2-6-2 Elizabeth Rogers 1864-1864, 2-6-3 Peter Lindolph Rogers 1864-1938, 2-6-4 John Rogers 1867-1887, 2-6-5 Elizabeth Rogers 1867-1937, 2-6-6 Nancy Clementine Rogers 1871-1930 and 2-6-7 George S. Rogers 1873-1916.** Josiah, also called Jesse, worked as a Farmer through the 1860's and into the 1870's. Mary Jane and Josiah were both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The 1880 census does not report an occupation, but we know that Josiah ran a tack between Richmond, through Wintersville to Steubenville.

In the book, *The History of Belmont and Jefferson Counties*, we find this about Josiah: "*The first school teacher that I ever heard of in this country", said Mr. Read, "was old Josiah Rogers. He taught in a log house not far from where the people of Washington Township now do their voting. He took his pay in anything he could get to eat, and boarded in his own cabin. People used to make fun of him for being so lazy. He never chopped any wood, but made a hole in his chimney and poked in the end of a log. The water he used was taken from a hole where the clay had been got to daub his cabin. He was a very exact man. I recollect his whipping some boys for snowballing. For some reason he struck each one just four times."*"

He also worked as a farmer. Mary Jane passed away from a tumor at the age of 58, on Sunday June 2, 1895. She was buried on Thursday June 6th, 1895 at the Richmond Union Cemetery. Josiah remarried in 1898, marrying Sarah. Josiah lived to be 74, passing away on October 19, 1906 from inflammation of the bowels. His obituary notes he was respected by a large circle of friends. His second wife Sarah lived with her daughter Nettie in 1910, in Richmond Ohio. Nettie had married Albert Kuester. Sarah's stepson William lived nearby. After 1910 I lose track of Sarah.

Numerous descendants of Josiah and Joseph Cable remain in the Ohio Valley. Other descendants of David and Jemima remain in Washington, Delaware, California, Pennsylvania, Alaska, North Carolina, Florida, Iowa, Arizona. Their legacy is certainly one to be proud of.

There will be a reunion for the descendants of David and Jemima July 5th 2015 at Lake Austin. On July 6th from 6 to 8 PM Dan will appear at Bookmarx Books in Steubenville to discuss Genealogy, Jefferson County History and sign copies of his books, *From Revolution to the Governor's Mansion* and *America One Step at a Time*.

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