

NEFF/NAVE

Leonard NEFF/NAVE (1766-1844), native of PA, was about 10 yrs. old when his father George died. His mother remarried & he left home at an early age. In Summit Co., PA Leonard married Margaret MILLER (1769-1819). In 1793 they moved to Kentucky, near Booneboro. He was a compatriot of Daniel BOONE--found shelter in the same fort with him during an Indian raid. He shared fully in the dangers & trials of Indians & the War of 1812. Children: John; Dr. Peter; Eva HOOVER; Michael; Elizabeth WOODWARD; Catherine HEISTAND; Jonathan; Susannah CORMAN; Joseph and Margaret DICKERSON.

Michael NEFF/NAVE (1794-1857) was a farmer & a blacksmith. In 1815 he went to Montgomery Co., OH where he married Esther WEAVER (1798-1826) on 22 Mar. 1817. She was dau/of Peter & Elizabeth (HEISTAND) WEAVER. Michael lived in Jefferson Twp. on the Peter WEAVER farm, then purchased 160 acres in Perry Twp. from his father-in-law. Children: Abraham; Michael (went to TX); Elizabeth ENKIDLINE & Margaret who d/y.

Married/2 Barbara FLORY, dau/of Joseph FLORY. Children: Eva, Jonathan & Aaron who d/y.

Married/3 Mrs. Lydia FLORY. Their children: Susan ZIMMER & George (died in Civil War).

Politically Michael NEFF was a Whig. He was unswervingly honest. He died on 10 July 1857 at Charleston, W VA on the way to Sulphur Springs, W VA where he was going to try to regain his health.

Abraham NEFF (1818-1906) married 1840 Trancy "Tracy" BILMIR, dau/of Daniel & Margaret (TERRY) BILMIR. Tracy (1817-1888) was born in MO. Abraham, a blacksmith was big and rugged. He was a member of the Old School German Baptist Church. He was Township trustee for 10 years and a member of the school board for 17 years. Abraham & Tracy lived 4 years on an 80 acre farm near Defiance, Oh, then returned to the NEFF homestead. Children: John b 1840; Miranda ARNOLD b 1846; Allen b 1857; Mary ECKMAN b 1860; Margaret Ann "Maggie" DENLINGER b 1850; Nina b 1856; Agella LANDIS & Althen WEAVER; Jesse "Peter" b 1857; Hattie Catherine FILDURN b 1859 & Minnie A. b 1861. All of Abraham's children were tall and big except for Maggie.

Allen NEFF (1847-1913) married Mary REIDER (1851-1917) dau/of Tobias & Maria (WILHAHM) REIDER. Children: Lydia CARVER; Corpha RICE; Abraham, Bertha W. SOUTH; Tobias "Mike"; John Calvin; Lewis Henry & Rufus Allen. Allen & Mary raised their family on a farm in Franklin Twp. He was a farmer and an Order Preacher. He was hit on the head by an axe & lost his usefulness the rest of his time. He slowly went blind. He died at the home of his oldest daughter Lydia CARVER at Peru, IS where he had gone to visit. He is buried at Peru Cemetery.