

## William Drake

Birth: May 4, 1758  
 Death: Jun. 18, 1828  
 Cairo  
 Greene County  
 New York, USA



R.I.P. William (Our 4th  
 grt.grandfather)  
 - Dave & Sue Masters

Added: Dec. 14, 2014

Father: John Drake d. Smithfield, Monroe,  
 Pennsylvania  
 Mother: Christina Kermer b. abt 1726  
 Marbletown, Ulster, New York m. bef 1752,  
 Church of the Walpeck Congregation, Walpeck,  
 Sussex County, New Jersey d. Water Gap,  
 Monroe, Pennsylvania

1810: Greenville, Greene, New York  
 1815: Cairo, Greene, New York  
 1826: Tax Assessment, Cairo, Greene, New  
 York

"William Drake, a native of Dutchess County,  
 N. Y., married Eunice Holmes, and removed to  
 Greene County, where they both died. Their  
 children were Jessamine, John, Polly, Susan,  
 Catherine, Samuel, Claudius, Ransom, James,  
 and Joseph." ~ ~ GAZETTEER and Biographical  
 Record of GENESEE COUNTY, NY, edited by K.  
 W. Beers

The Church of the Walpeck Congregation: A  
 Dutch Reformed Church, and many of the  
 Kermer family were there from 1741 on. The  
 marriage records are lost, and many of the  
 baptismal records as well. But they did have a  
 record of Evje's baptism 24 May 1752. The  
 records stop for John and Christina at 1852,  
 with the exception of a child being named for  
 John Drake in 1811 by William and Christiana  
 (Mires) Courtright. I am still researching a  
 birth for William.

**Note:** *Supposedly, William was baptized 31  
 Aug 1760 in Smithfield, Northampton,  
 Pennsylvania. I have not seen proof of this. It  
 may have been another William. If John truly  
 waited 2 years to baptize him, it would have  
 been a second baptism into the church at New  
 Jersey.*

*Headstones transcribed by Sylvia Hasenkopf  
 17 Sep 1999. Validated in the summer of 2011  
 and all stones digitized. The pictures of the  
 tombstones are in the possession of the Cairo  
 Historical Society.*

Family links:

**Spouse:**

Eunice *Helms* Drake (1760 - 1853)\*

**Children:**

Jesamine Drake (1785 - 1866)\*

Joseph Drake (1802 - 1841)\*

\*Calculated relationship

**Inscription:**

70y, 1m, 14d

**Burial:**

First Gayhead Cemetery

Cairo

Greene County

New York, USA

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## Eunice *Helms* Drake

Birth: 1760  
 Death: Apr. 15, 1853  
 South Cairo  
 Greene County  
 New York, USA

Alt name spelling: Helmes/Helme

1850: Living with son, Claudius at Cairo

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William Drake (1758 - 1828)

#### Children:

Jesamine Drake (1785 - 1866)\*

Joseph Drake (1802 - 1841)\*

\*Calculated relationship

### Inscription:

AE 93 y

### Burial:

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proud to add you to my family, you  
 are my 6th great aunt

- Debora Willmot Rosenbaum

Added: May. 21, 2016



R.I.P. Eunice (Our 4th Great  
 Grandmother)

- Dave & Sue Masters

Added: Dec. 14, 2014

## Jesamine Drake

Birth: 1785  
Greene County  
New York, USA

Death: Sep. 20, 1866  
Plover  
Portage County  
Wisconsin, USA

Alt name spellings: Jessamine/Jessemin

Father: William Drake  
Mother: Eunice (Helves) Drake

### About Jesamine:

Elba was still surrounded by rough territory and Jesamine was appointed as Ensign (communications officer) before the War of 1812. While engaged in the war [1813 - 1814] his infantry was attached to Churchill's Regiment as Corporal. Staying with the military after the war, he was appointed Lieutenant in 1817.

He must have been a very civic minded person attracted to 'rough territory' in need of growth. He was Constable for Elba, Genesee, New York in 1820; poss in Chautauqua County, New York, by 1830; in \*Genesee, New York by 1840; in Iowa by 1850; but had migrated to his son Homer's family in Wisconsin by 1860.

**Notes:** *Jesamine Drake appeared on the census in 1820 at Elba, Genesee Co., New York, as Jeremiah Drake, with a household of 3 males under 10, 1 male 10-16, 1 male 26-45, 1 female under 10, 1 female 16-25, 2 persons engaged in agriculture. His record at the cemetery also states his name as Jeremiah.*

### Family links:

#### Parents:

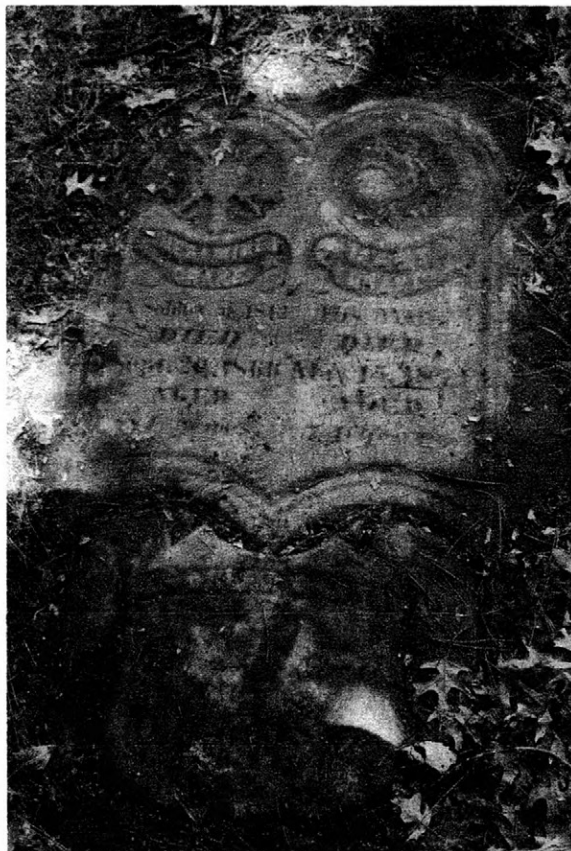
William Drake (1758 - 1828)  
Eunice Helms Drake (1760 - 1853)

#### Spouse:

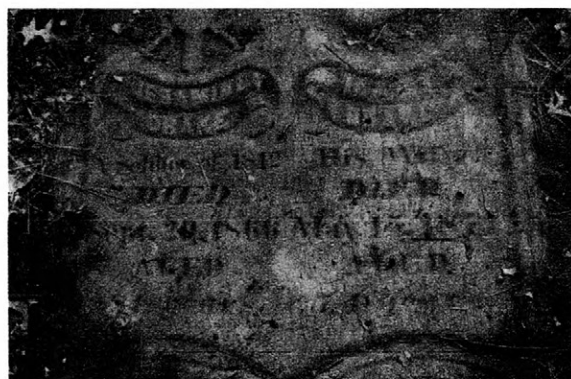
Mary Drake (1797 - 1871)

#### Children:

Charles Drake (\_\_\_\_ - 1862)\*  
Homer Drake (1816 - 1872)\*  
Phyletta Drake Eckels (1819 - 1903)\*  
Samuel T Drake (1821 - 1891)\*  
George W Drake (1836 - 1862)\*



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**Sibling:**

Jesamine Drake (1785 - 1866)  
Joseph Drake (1802 - 1841)\*

\*Calculated relationship

**Inscription:**

Soldier of 1812; Age 81 yrs

**Burial:**

Plover Cemetery

Plover

Portage County

Wisconsin, USA

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Originally Created by: Jonelle

Record added: Jan 12, 2012

Find A Grave Memorial# 83344344



Cemetery Photo

Added by: Keith



-Anonymous

Added: Jan. 4, 2016

## Joseph Drake

Birth: 1802  
Greene County  
New York, USA  
Death: Aug. 27, 1841  
South Cairo  
Greene County  
New York, USA

1840: Eunice was living with Joseph, no other members in the household.

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William Drake (1758 - 1828)  
Eunice Helms Drake (1760 - 1853)

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### Inscription:

AE 39 y, 4 m, 10 d

### Burial:

First Gayhead Cemetery

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Greene County

New York, USA

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