

ABRAHAM ABSHIRE OF VIRGINIA  
AND  
SOME OF HIS INDIANA DESCENDANTS

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ISAAC ABSHIRE AND HIS FAMILY

8. Isaac ABSHIRE, 1792-1866, apparently did not marry in Franklin County, Virginia. It appears that he is sometimes confused with a cousin, Isaac, who married Joanna Wright in 1809 and remained in Franklin County.

The Isaac, born in 1792, was a nonresident tax payer in Preble County, Ohio in 1820; and in that county, he married Mrs. Mary McGrew, widow of Samuel McGrew, on 4 February 1821. On 19 March 1832, Isaac Abshire was chosen as guardian for the children of deceased Samuel McGrew. These were named as; John, born ca. 1814; Washington, born ca. 1816; Jane, born ca. 1818 and Samuel, born ca. 1820. It is of passing interest to note that John, Washington and Samuel MCGrew and their families were found in Kosciusko County, Indiana, in the 1850 Federal Census. THE HISTORY OF ELKHART COUNTY, INDIANA, by Chapman & Co., Chicago, Illinois, states that John McGrew was the first school teacher in New Paris, Indiana. Isaac Abshire and Enoch Wright are said to have laid out the town of New Paris, Indiana, and named for the town from which they had come in Ohio. According to census data, Isaac's real estate increased in value from \$6.000 to \$20.000 from 1850 to 1860.

Tombstones for Isaac and his wife can be found in the Baintertown Cemetery, Elkhart County, Indiana.

ABSHIRE, Isaac died 20 July 1866, age 74-3-26

" , Mary, wife of Isaac, died 10 Jan. 1864, age 74-11-8  
Her death reported in the GOSPEL VISITER, a publication of the German Baptist Church, stated that she died on 18 January 1864. Census data indicates that she was born in New Jersey. Isaac's will, made on 15 September 1865, in court on 9 August, identifies four children:

- ⑧ 8-1. Mary Ann (Abshire) PENLAND, born On 14 December 1821, married John Pendalum (later Penland) before 1839. She died on 8 October 1854, age 32-9-25. according to a stone in the Baintertown Cemetery. Two of her children were also buried there. Her Father, Isaac, named five of her children in his will. He also named Dora Ann, Eliza Jane and Theodore A. Pendalum, but he did not specifically state that they were her children, however they are so considered in this publication.

8-1-1. Francis PENLAND, born ca. 1839, found in the household of J.S. Bradbury, inn keeper, Elkhart County, in the 1860 Federal Census. Francis was listed as a farm laborer.

8-1-2. Hiram PENLAND, born ca. 1841, a sawyer in the household of Isaac Harriman in the 1860 census, Elkhart County.

8-1-3. Thomas J. PENLAND, probably the Thomas J. Penland who died On 4 September 1881, age 38-10-11, a Civil War veteran, buried in the Ebenezer Church Cemetery, Turkey Creek Township, Kosciusko County, Indiana.

8-1-4. Eliza Jane (Penland) LAWRENCE, birth date unknown, married John F. Lawrence on 3 October 18(8)? in Elkhart County.

8-1-5. Mary Elizabeth PENLAND, age 16 in the household of Hiram Abshire in 1860, married, but husband's name unknown, before 1865.

8-1-6. Alonzo PENLAND, born ca. 1846, found in the household of George Clark in the 1860 Federal Census, Elkhart County, age 14.

8-1-7. Theodore A. PENLAND, born ca. 1849, in the household of John Folch in 1860 Federal Census, age 11. He married Elizabeth Grimes on 25 August 1870 in Elkhart County. It is judged that his wife may have been;

Elizabeth PENLAND, died 1 Sept. 1882, age 32 years.

New Paris Cemetery

8-1-8. Margaret E., dau. of J. & M.A. Penland, died 10 June 1854, age 3 Y & 6 Mo. Baintertown Cemetery, Elkhart County.

8-1-9. Madora A., dau. of J. & M. Penland, died 6 May 1870, age 18-0-29. Baintertown Cemetery.

8-2. Lucinda (Abshire) ROWELL, born ca. 1825 in Ohio, married Bethuel C. Rowell on 28 July 1842 in Elkhart County. B.C. Rowell was listed as a plow maker in the 1850 and 1860 census data. In 1870, the family lived in the 1st. Ward, Goshen, Indiana, where he was a wagon maker. They were parents of at least two children.

8-2-1. Louisa J. (Rowell) HUBBELL, born ca. 1844, shown in the household of her parents in the 1870 census; yet marriage records show that Louisa J. Rowell married Edward T. Hubbell on 16 October 1867, in Elkhart County.



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ELKHART COUNTY, IND.

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