

Descendants of Joseph Oliver Woodruff and Sarah Elizabeth Stucker

Generation No. 5.2

JOSEPH OLIVER⁵ WOODRUFF (*Ann Maria⁴ Hibben, William³, Thomas², John¹*) was born January 04, 1838 in Fayette Co., OH, and died July 29, 1866 in Wilmington, Clinton Co., OH. He married **SARAH ELIZABETH STUCKER** July 21, 1859 in Keytesville Landing, Chariton Co., MO, daughter of **ELI STUCKER** and **ESTHER ANN PLAKE**. She was born November 16, 1842 in IN, and died January 19, 1935 in Yellow Springs, Greene Co., OH.

Children of **JOSEPH WOODRUFF** and **SARAH STUCKER** are:

- i. **EMMA R.⁶ WOODRUFF**, b. Abt. 1862, MO.
- ii. **JENNIE ANN WOODRUFF**, b. September 24, 1863, OH; d. February 11, 1929, West Carrollton Village, Miami Township, Montgomery Co., OH.. She m. **FRANK B. BARRINGER** Bef. 1890; b. 1863, Enon Clark Co., OH; d. October 28, 1943, Brookville, Montgomery Co., OH.
- iii. **FRANK W. WOODRUFF**, b. Abt. 1865, MO.
- iv. **WILLIAM HIBBEN WOODRUFF**, b. February 08, 1866, Wilmington, Clinton Co., OH; d. December 3, 1932, Walsenburg, Huerfano Co., CO. He m. (1) **ELLA MAY ARNOLD** May 18, 1890, La Veta, Huerfano Co., CO; b. May 25, 1871, Round Prairie, KS; d. December 27, 1915, Eugene, Lane Co., OR. He m. (2) **KATE ELIZABETH (KEENER) KESSLER** August 14, 1917, Cheyenne, Laramie Co., WY; b. February 4, 1877, Gratz, Dauphin Co., PA; d. February 2, 1967, Albuquerque, Bernalillo Co., NM

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JOSEPH OLIVER WOODRUFF 1838 - 1866
and
SARAH ELIZABETH STUCKER 1842 - 1935

*Immortal field, where thousands stood,
And faced the foe to-day,
Thy soil was stained with freemen's blood,
In vain, doth Reason say?
O nation, struggling with thy might,
For life and liberty,
How many yearning hearts to-night,
Go out in prayer for thee! ¹*

Rev. Henry Bascom Hibben

Joseph Finds A Bride In The West

Joseph Oliver Woodruff was the third child of Ann Maria Hibben and Calvin Brown Woodruff. He was born January 4, 1838, in Fayette County, Ohio.² Joseph was not quite two years old when his father died and just three when his mother married again to John McLain. By the age of twenty-one he had traveled westward to Keytesville, Missouri where he met and married Sarah Elizabeth Stucker³ on July 21, 1859.⁴ Sarah was just sixteen years old.

. . .the Stoker [Stucker] family moved to Keytesville, Missouri, on the Missouri River. This is where Joseph Oliver Woodruff married Sarah Elizabeth Stoker. Sarah was 16 years old. Sarah's mother whose maiden name was Hester Ann Blake [Plake], her father was General Blake [Plake] of the Revolutionary war. . . Joseph and Sarrah were baptized as Baptists in the Missouri River the spring that Abraham Lincoln took over as president, 1861. One of the bridesmaids was Governor Price's daughter, a schoolmate and friend of Sarah's.⁵

The couple was recorded in the Census of 1860. Joseph was working as a carpenter and was listed as having \$50 in personal assets.⁶

Joseph and Sarah's first child, Emma R. Woodruff was born in Missouri in 1861 or 1862.⁷ The family returned to Ohio where three more children were born: Jennie Ann Woodruff on September 24, 1863;⁸ Frank W. Woodruff about 1865;⁹ and William Hibben Woodruff on February 8, 1866.¹⁰ Jennie Ann and William Hibben Woodruff are the subject of Chapter IV, Generation 6.2.

Joseph Becomes A Casualty Of The Civil War

Joseph was listed as a carpenter when he enlisted for one year on October 3, 1864, in Company E, 47th Ohio Volunteers. He was twenty six years old, five feet six and one half inches tall, with fair complexion, brown eyes and black hair. Just seven months later he was issued a certificate of disability for discharge at the U.S.A. General Hospital at Hilton Head, South Carolina. He had participated in the famous march to the sea, November 15th to December 10th; the siege of Savannah, December 10th to the 21st; and the siege of Fort McAllister on December 13th.¹¹ Shortly thereafter he was hospitalized with sunstroke.

THE WILLIAM HIBBEN LINE

That Joseph O. Woodruff and I enlisted in service in Co. E. 47 OVI at same time as recruits in fall of 1864, and we joined the regiment while in camp near Marietta Ga about 3 or 4 days before our command was ordered on the campaign from Atlanta to the Sea. Said Woodruff and I were bunk mates and remember in December 1864 while near Fort McAllister, Ga, claimant had quite a lame foot by reason of hard marching. That soon after the battle of Ft. McAllister, Ga our command was ordered out on a raid to tear up the Gulf & Savannah RR and remembers well that said soldier was with our company, and the weather being very hot & his face very red. He was put in the ambulance and I never seen him again in the service, but understand that he was sent to hospital at Savanna and from there to Hilton Head, Ga. My knowledge of the above facts is obtained from the following sources - Personal knowledge - a comrade - Cyrus W. Lord.¹²

Oliver returned to his family in Wilmington, Ohio where he died just a year later on July 29, 1866. He was buried at Sugar Grove Cemetery in his grandfather Hibben's lot.¹³ Sarah was left to care for four children between the ages of six months and four years.

Sarah Marries Her Mother-in-law's Brother

In Wilmington, on November 26, 1870, Sarah married again. Her second marriage was to William Hibben,¹⁴ her deceased husband's uncle. She was twenty-eight years old and William was forty-six. The rest of her life story is told in Chapter IV, Generation 4.6.

Generation 5.2 End Notes:

- ¹ Rev. Henry Bascom Hibben, "Fatalism Irrational," *The Ladies' Repository: A monthly periodical, devoted to literature, arts and religion*, October 1869, volume 4, issue 4, page 298.
- ² Springer Family Archives, Family Group Record 393.
- ³ Declaration for Widow's Army Pension #399693, July 2, 1889 gives name as Sarah E. Stucker; Other family documents record surname as Stoker.
- ⁴ Declaration for Civil War Widow's Pension #399693, July 2, 1889. "She further declares that she was married to the said Joseph O. Woodruff in the County of Chariton and State of Missouri on the 21 day of July in the year 1859."
- ⁵ Letter to the Woodruff family from Kenneth D. Woodruff, May 1959.
- ⁶ US Census 1860, T653-613, page 63, line 35, Keytesville, Chariton County, Missouri.
- ⁷ US Census 1880, T9-1019, page 290, Yellow Springs, Greene County, Ohio.
- ⁸ Springer Family Archives, [Note 2].
- ⁹ US Census 1880, [Note 6].
- ¹⁰ Springer Family Archives, [Note 2].
- ¹¹ Frederick H. Dyer, *Dyer's Compendium of the War of the Rebellion*, 1908, (Torch Press of Cedar Rapids, Iowa), Ohio 47th Regiment Infantry.
- ¹² Declaration for Widow's Pension #399693, July 2, 1889, Affidavit of Cyrus W. Lord of Wilson Township, Clinton County, Ohio.
- ¹³ Tombstone inscription, Sugar Grove Cemetery, Wilmington, Clinton County, Ohio, "d. July 29, 1866, aged 28 y, 6 m, 25 d;" Section 3, lot 19.
- ¹⁴ William⁴ Hibben (*William*³, *Thomas*², *John*¹), born 1824.