

## *Descendants of John William Lawhead and Matilda Susan Coffman*

### *Generation No. 4.2*

**JOHN WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> LAWHEAD** (*Phebe<sup>3</sup> Hibben, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*) was born May 09, 1826 in Clinton Co., OH, and died August 22, 1897 in Knoxville, Knox Co., IL. He married **MATILDA SUSAN COFFMAN** August 16, 1853 in Clinton Co., OH, daughter of **SAMUEL COFFMAN** and **CORDELIA JAMES**. She was born 1827 in Washington Co., MD, and died March 5, 1886 in Knoxville, Knox Co., IL.

Children of **JOHN LAWHEAD** and **MATILDA COFFMAN** are:

- i. **ANNA ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup> LAWHEAD**, b. March 15, 1854, Clinton Co., OH; d. October 11, 1930, Knoxville, Knox Co., IL. She m. **HIRAM WAY** December 09, 1875, Knox Co., IL; b. August 30, 1855, London Mills, Fulton Co., IL; d. May 17, 1934, Knoxville, Knox Co., IL.
- ii. **ALICE JANE LAWHEAD**, b. November 07, 1856, Clinton Co., OH; d. December 11, 1941, Ottumwa, Wapello Co., IA. She m. **ROLLAND D. FOX** August 28, 1881, Chestnut, Knox Co., IL; b. May 1858, Knoxville, Knox Co., IL; d. May 14, 1930, Knoxville, Knox Co., IL.
- iii. **AMOS JAMES LAWHEAD**, b. October 27, 1857, Clinton Co., OH; d. June 09, 1931, Amity, DeKalb Co., MO.
- iv. **SAMUEL CLAYTON LAWHEAD**, b. January 31, 1861, Wilmington, Clinton Co., OH; d. June 30, 1949, Maysville, DeKalb Co., MO. He m. **BERNICE VIOLA GRIMES** December 31, 1890, Weldon, Decatur Co., IA; b. October 22, 1868, Champaign Co., IL.; d. May 01, 1925, St. Joseph, Buchanan Co., MO.
- v. **ELMIRA O. LAWHEAD**, b. May 27, 1863, Clinton Co., OH.; d. July 18, 1922, East Moline, Rock Island Co., IL. She m. **CALVIN J. JACKSON** March 10, 1886, Knoxville, Knox Co., IL; b. November 1853, Lawrence Co., PA; d. Bef. July 1922.
- vi. **LYDIA CATHERINE LAWHEAD**, b. January 30, 1866, Clinton Co., OH; d. October 27, 1943, Knoxville, Knox Co., IL. She m. **GEORGE E. BAILY** June 01, 1885, Knoxville, Knox Co., IL; b. Abt. 1856, Knoxville, Knox Co., IL; d. Bef. 1900.
- vii. **MARTHA LORETTA LAWHEAD**, b. November 26, 1868, Wilmington, Clinton Co., OH; d. November 30, 1948, Ottumwa, Wapello Co., IA. She m. **JOHN WINAN DAYTON** October 8, 1889, Burlington, Des Moines Co., IA; b. December 28, 1859, New Orleans, LA; d. October 02, 1937, Ottumwa, Wapello Co., IA.

**JOHN WILLIAM LAWHEAD 1826 - 1897**  
**and**  
**MATILDA SUSAN COFFMAN Abt. 1828 - 1886**

*Enterprising young men of good abilities are putting their hands to the plow, and the plow to the furrow, resolved to leave the mark of improvement on the work of the farm. The labor of the farmer is thus elevated. What has always been claimed by a few, will soon be acknowledged by all, that the prosperity of a country depends upon the intelligent cultivation of the soil.*<sup>1</sup>

John Hildebrand

**The Lawheads Move Progressively Westward**

A few years after Phebe and John Lawhead moved from Pennsylvania and settled on a farm in Clinton County, Ohio, they had their fourth child, a son. John William Lawhead was born on May 9, 1826. He grew up on the family farm and, like his father, became a farmer.<sup>2</sup> On August 16, 1853, John married Matilda Susan Coffman (a.k.a. Susan) who was born about 1828 in Washington County Maryland.<sup>3</sup> The Census of 1860 records that three children had been born to John and Susan.<sup>4</sup> Family records provide their full names and dates of birth: Anna Elizabeth, born on March 15, 1854; Alice Jane (a.k.a. Allie), born on November 7, 1856; and Amos James Lawhead, born on October 27, 1857.<sup>5</sup>

Four more children followed: Samuel Clayton, born on January 31, 1861; Elmira O. (a.k.a. Ella), born on May 27, 1863; Lydia Catherine, born on January 30, 1866; and Martha Loretta Lawhead (a.k.a. Mattie), born on November 26, 1868.<sup>6</sup> Clinton County court records reveal that in 1865 John W. Lawhead and his family, and mother, Phebe, were living on farms owned by his uncle, William Hibben.<sup>7</sup> About the time of William's death in 1869, John, Susan and their seven children moved westward by covered wagon. John probably realized the settlement of William's estate would leave him without a farm and he would need to find less expensive land elsewhere. Dorothy Ann Dayton's family history notes reveal that only essential goods were taken on the journey. *"One daughter remembered that good furniture was left behind in Ohio because there was no room for it in the open wagon which carried the family to their new home."*<sup>8</sup> The Census of 1870 locates them living on a farm in Indian Point Township, near St. Augustine, Knox County, Illinois.<sup>9</sup> The Census of 1880 records that the family had moved by then to Knoxville, in the same county, where John was employed as a brick mason.<sup>10</sup> *"One granddaughter says that he was actually a stone mason though he did all sorts of odd jobs such as pointing chimneys and plastering walls; she also says that in later life he worked at a brick plant."* In 1875 John and Susan's oldest daughter, Anna, had married Hiram Way,<sup>11</sup> and Amos Lawhead, their oldest son, was living and working on the John Newell farm nearby.<sup>12</sup> The other children remained at home.

Only a few notes made by Dorothy Ann Dayton remain to provide clues about John and Susan's lives in Knox County. The inscriptions on their tombstone record that Susan died March 5, 1886, and John died August 22, 1897.<sup>13</sup> They are buried in the Knoxville Cemetery.<sup>14</sup>

*Mrs. Matilda (Kaufman) [Coffman] Lawhead, was born in Washington county, Md., in 1827, and died at the house of her son-in-law, Mr. Roland Fox, March 5,*

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*1886, aged 58 years and 4 months. Deceased removed to Ohio in 1840, to Knox county in 1869 and has made Knoxville her home for the past ten years. On August 4th [16th], 1853, she was united in marriage to Mr. John Lawhead, by whom she had seven children—five girls and two boys—all of whom are living, six being present at the funeral. . . .*<sup>15</sup>

### Additional Information About Allie, Amos And Ella Lawhead

On August 28, 1881, Allie Lawhead married Roland D. Fox in Chestnut, Knox County, Illinois<sup>16</sup> The Census of 1900 records that Rolland was a day laborer and that after nineteen years of marriage, they had not had any children.<sup>17</sup> Rolland died at the age of seventy-two on May 16, 1930.<sup>18</sup> Alice died at Ottumwa, Wapello County Iowa, at the age of eighty-six, and was buried on July 21, 1941 beside her husband in the Knoxville cemetery.

*Mrs. Alice J. Fox, 86, widow of the late Rolland Fox, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Mattie Dayton, 922 North Elm street, 7:35 p. m. Thursday. She formerly lived in Knoxville, Ill. She came to Ottumwa in 1938. Besides her sister, she is survived by a second sister, Mrs. Lydia Bailey of Knoxville, and brother S. C. Lawhead of Mayville [Amity], Mo. . . .[the body] will be taken to Knoxville.*<sup>19</sup>

Amos C. Lawhead also moved west to Iowa. In 1900 at the age of 42 he was working as a farm laborer on a farm in Benton Township, Fremont County, Iowa. He never married.<sup>20</sup>

*Amos James Lawhead, son of John and Matilda Lawhead, died at the home of his brother, Sam C. Lawhead at Amity Tuesday afternoon at half past four o'clock. He was a bachelor and until recently had been making home in Iowa. Last year he got in a fall and broke his hip and since that time he had been in a rather precarious condition. He came to the home of his brother at Amity several weeks ago. Mr. Lawhead was born in Clinton county, Ohio, October 27, 1858, and at the time of his death, June 9, 1931, was 72 years, 5 months and 13 days of age. He leaves one brother and three sisters. They are: Sam C. Lawhead of Amity, Mrs. Alice Fox of Knoxville, Illinois, and Mrs. Mattie Dayton of Ottumwa, Iowa. Two sisters preceded him in death—Mrs. Elizabeth Way and Mrs. Ella Jackson. . . Burial in Amity cemetery.*<sup>21</sup>

Ella Lawhead married Calvin J. Jackson on March 10, 1886 in Knoxville, Knox County, Illinois.<sup>22</sup> They had two daughters, Muriel, born in July, 1883, and Edna in April, 1885. The Census of 1900 records that the family had moved to Ottumwa, Wapello County, Iowa, where Calvin worked as an express man, probably for a railroad.<sup>23</sup> Little is known about Ella and Calvin J. Jackson. Ella died in East Moline, Illinois and was buried in the Knoxville Cemetery on July 21, 1922.<sup>24</sup>

Three other children, Anna Elizabeth, Samuel Clayton and Lydia Catherine Lawhead, are the subject of Chapter IX, Generation 5.2a. Mattie Lawhead and her Dayton descendants are the subject of Chapter IX, Generation 5.2b.

### Generation 4.2 End Notes:

<sup>1</sup> John Hildebrand, *Mapping the Farm: The Chronicle of a Family*, 1995, New York, New York, (Alfred A. Knopf, Inc.), page 36-7. Quoted from a circa 1870 book, *How to Make the Farm Pay*, author and publisher unknown.

<sup>2</sup> US Census 1850, M432-668, page 383, household 912, Union Township, Clinton County, Ohio.

<sup>3</sup> *Clinton County, Ohio, Court House Marriages*, book, I, page 62.

## Chapter IX, Generation 4.2

- <sup>4</sup> US Census 1860, M653-946, page 12, household 83, Union Township, Clinton County, Ohio.
- <sup>5</sup> Elizabeth Ann Dayton GEDCOM; Elizabeth Ann<sup>8</sup> Dayton (*Robert Darwin<sup>7</sup>, Darwin Lawhead<sup>6</sup> Dayton, Martha Loretta<sup>5</sup> Lawhead, John William<sup>4</sup>, Phebe<sup>3</sup> Hibben, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*).
- <sup>6</sup> US Census 1900, T623-314, enumeration 55, sheet 6, line 48, Knoxville City, Knox County, Illinois.
- <sup>7</sup> *Clinton County, Ohio Court House Records of Deeds and Mortgages*, book 10, pages 229-30; William Hibben died in March 1869.
- <sup>8</sup> Anecdotal records of Dorothy Ann<sup>7</sup> Dayton (*Urban<sup>6</sup> Dayton, Martha Loretta<sup>5</sup> Lawhead, John William<sup>4</sup>, Phebe<sup>3</sup> Hibben, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*). See Chapter IX, Generation 5.2b.
- <sup>9</sup> US Census 1870, M593-241, page 258, line 16, Indian Point Township, Knox County, Illinois.
- <sup>10</sup> US Census 1880, T9-220, page 240B, Knoxville, Knox County, Illinois.
- <sup>11</sup> *Portrait and Biographical Album of Knox County*, Chicago, Illinois, (Biographical Publishing Company), 1886; *Register Mail*, Knoxville, Knox County, Illinois, October 14, 1930, obituary of Anna Elizabeth Way.
- <sup>12</sup> US Census 1880, T0-220, page 25B, Chestnut, Knox County, Illinois.
- <sup>13</sup> Letter from Pam Eagle, Knoxville Cemetery administrator, April 22, 2002 to George C. Hibben. *I went out to the cemetery to see if the stone had any info on it on the Lawheads and found it did. I helped catalog the cemetery years ago and evidently Dorothy [Dayton] or someone had the dates inscribed on stone. . . .Susan d. 3-5-1886 and John d. 8-22-1897; Death certificate, Knox County, Illinois, John Lawhead died August 22, 1897, age 71 years, 3 months, 13 days.*
- <sup>14</sup> Cemetery Records, Knoxville Cemetery, Knoxville, Knox County, Illinois, J. W. Lawhead lot #788.
- <sup>15</sup> *Knoxville County Republican*, Knoxville, Knox County, Illinois, March 10, 1886.
- <sup>16</sup> Marriage Certificate, issued August 26, 1881, Knox County, Illinois.
- <sup>17</sup> US Census 1900, [Note 6].
- <sup>18</sup> *Portrait and Biographical Album of Knox County*, [Note 11].
- <sup>19</sup> Newspaper, (unknown), Ottumwa, Wapello County, Iowa.
- <sup>20</sup> US Census 1900, T623-433, enumeration 53, sheet 2, line 13, Benton Township, Fremont County, Iowa.
- <sup>21</sup> Newspaper, (unknown), DeKalb County, Missouri.
- <sup>22</sup> Marriage Certificate, issued March 10, 1886, Knox County, Illinois.
- <sup>23</sup> US Census 1900, T623-463, enumeration 126, sheet 10, line 10, Ottumwa, Center Township, Wapello County, Iowa.
- <sup>24</sup> Knoxville Cemetery Records, [Note 14]; Death certificate, Rock Island County, Illinois, July 1922.