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## Chapter 1 : Downing Family: Family trees and family histories

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One of the most illustrious, as well as one of the oldest, families in America, is the Day family, of which the gentleman whose name is noted above, a popular merchant, at Columbus Grove, Putnam county, Ohio, is an honorable representative of the present generation. To go into all the various ramifications of the Day family in America, or to set out in detail the most salient points in the lives of the numerous representatives of this family, who have rendered distinguished service to their country, would require a book larger, perhaps, than this volume and the biographer, keeping within the proper limitations prescribed in the compilation of a work of this character, must content himself with a mere side light on the beginnings of the family which will serve as an introduction to the present generation, and then come himself to the brief biography of the gentleman whose name appears as a captain of this interesting sketch, the ninth in direct line of descent from Robert Day, the first of his name to settle in America. Those who are interested in the ampler history of the Day family are referred to the Day Book, one of the most monumental and painstaking works of genealogical research ever printed in this country and which contains the lineage of the Days far back beyond the time the first of the name in this country reached America, early in the seventeenth century. Day, merchant, at Columbus Grove, is perhaps the best-known local representative, back to the year Robert Day arrived in Boston, from England, one of a party of earnest colonists, numbering one hundred or more, who came to this country, under the leadership of the Reverend Hooker, to find new homes. This party penetrated the wilderness and founded the town of Hartford, Connecticut, Robert Day taking no small part in the strenuous labors of these colonists. The majority of the Days, in the earlier history, were ministers of the Gospel or farmers, and in whatever relation they served their fellow men, they did their duty as they saw it. Jeremiah Day, sixth in line from Robert Day, was president of Yale College, from to , and George Day, who wrote the Day Book, so well known to all genealogists, was also president of Yale for many years. The late Alfred H. Day, whose name for so many years was literally a household word in the neighborhood of Columbus Grove, by reason of his long connection with the mercantile interests of that city, was the eighth in line from the Robert Day above mentioned; his father, the venerated Reverend Alvin Day, second, having been a son of the Reverend Jeremiah Day, referred to above as president of Yale for so long a period. There are many biographies of the Reverend Alvin Day extant, to any one of which the reader, curious for further information, is referred. Day, father of Homer R. Day, who for many years was a merchant, at Columbus Grove, and whose death on Mar. Alfred attended school at Wilberham until he was sixteen years of age, when he decided to come west. Starting out alone, he proceeded to Rockport, Illinois, where he lived for a period of two years, attending school during the winter and making his time further serviceable by clerking in a local store where he no doubt laid the foundation for his later mercantile success. He then moved to Lima, Ohio, where he was for some time engaged in a clerical capacity in a grain warehouse and, in , came to Putnam county, locating in Columbus Grove, where for two years he engaged in the grain business with such success that in , he was able to purchase the general merchandise store of J. Jones, consisting mostly of groceries, which was located in a frame building on the west side of the street. This was his first start in the dry-goods business, in which he later became so successful. About the year , MR. Day moved this frame structure and erected in its stead a fine brick building, in which he conducted his store with so much success that his business outgrew its quarters and it became necessary to enlarge the store capacity. To this end, in , he enlarged the old store and erected the fine building which still stands a monument to his energy, the store which he so long conducted now being under the management of his son. There was a reason for the success which attended the efforts of the elder Day. He was a good business man, level-headed and cool, possessing excellent judgment and had a rare sense of values. In addition to this, he was always on duty, being at the store early and late, and was a master of detail. Day erected, in in Columbus Grove, one of the finest residences in the town, which is still standing, a

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home of unusual beauty and good taste. In the same year he built a Grove House, now known as the Witt Hotel, in Columbus Grove, and also for some time held an interest in the grain elevator in his home town. He watched his business grow with pride and, in , he took into the store, as a partner, his son, Homer R. About five years after his retirement, at the age of seventy-two, Mr. Day passed on to his reward and many there were in this county who mourned his demise. Day was a loveable man, of excellent habits, unassuming and plain-spoken, of sterling character, dependable in all his relations in life and a power in his community, his death being a distinct loss to the town. He was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church, as are all the members of his family, being prompt in his attendance upon the services of the church and a liberal contributor to the various beneficences of the same. Day was united in marriage, in , to Ada L. Pease, who was born in Monson, Massachusetts, and who is now living with her children. To this union three children were born, Rose E. Day, who was born at Columbus Grove, Apr. Pease Day, received his youthful education in the schools of his native town and, upon completing the course there, took a supplemental course in the business college, at Poughkeepsie, New York, where he received his business training and from which institution he was graduated with the class of , after which he returned home and entered business with his father, who took him as partner that year. This annually pleasant and profitable arrangement continued until the year , when the elder Day retired, turning all interests over to his son, since which time the latter has been sole owner and has continued the wise policies of his father with such careful direction that the business in continuing to grow in the most time to give his share of attention to public affairs, in which he naturally takes a deep interest. He has been a member of the board of public affairs for the past seven years, served for two terms as treasurer of the township and also for two terms as a member of the school board. He is also a director of the Exchange Bank of Columbus Grove. As was his father, he is a Republican, and his counsels carry weight with the party managers in Putnam county, by reason of the sound judgment and excellent executive ability. He has made himself a most valuable power for good in the community. He has made himself a most valuable power for good in the community and commands the highest respect of all throughout the entire section of the county where his name and that of his father, before him, are so well known and so highly regarded. A man of unquestionable honesty, he believes in the application of sound principles to the conduct of both public and private business and is an earnest advocate of all measures which look to the betterment of the social, moral or civic conditions of the community in which he lives. Day was united in marriage on Apr. The three youngsters in the pleasant Day home, keep things lively there and are the delight of the lives of their devoted parents. Day are members of the Presbyterian church and take an active part in the beneficences of that organization, as well as being devoted in their attention to all movements that seek to better mankind. One of the well-known and interesting citizens of Greensburg township, Putnam county, Ohio, is the man whose name forms the caption of this article. Doepker is a native of Germany, born in the Province of Hanover on Feb. The father was a poultry dealer and farmer and in comfortable circumstances. Henry emigrated to America, locating in Ohio, and at the beginning of the Civil War, enlisted with an Ohio regiment and went to the front. He became sick while in service and died somewhere in the South Joseph is still living at Akron, this state, and Louise came to this county and is now the wife of Henry Rayman, living in Ottoville. Doepker was twenty-eight years of age before he embarked for America. He landed in New York, where he remained for a short time working in a factory. He then came to Toledo, this state, and later to Putnam county, where he worked for his brother, Joseph, in a saw-mill He however, remained there only six months and then became a laborer for bricklayers in this county. He, eventually, learned that trade and worked at It for many years. He was married in Germany previous to emigrating to this country. This was in , and about two months after marriage the young couple started out for the "land of the free. Frank married Katrina Ginther and resides in Chicago; Minnie married Henry Kohls and had three children, two of whom died. Kohls died some time ago, when Mr. Anna is unmarried and keeps the home for the father; Josephine became the wife of John Yauch, and they reside in Middletown, this state; Elizabeth married Joseph Tomlinson and lives in Dayton; Gustav died when a baby of but one year; Lena married Alva Cox and lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and William chose Lavina Seimetz as his

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life companion and they reside on a farm in Greensburg township, this county. Two years ago, in , Mr. Doepker, in company with his friend, Harry Landwehr, of Glandorf, this county, made a journey back to the Fatherland, remaining there for two months. He has erected all the buildings on the place and made all the improvements. He is a Democrat and at one time served as assessor -of the township. He is a communicant of the Roman Catholic church, being of the parish at Miller City. Doepker is a genial and friendly man who has a host of friends and is much liked and admired by all who know him, for his sterling qualities of heart and mind. Among the prosperous farmers of Putnam county who have built up comfortable homes and surrounded themselves with the comforts of life, none has attained a higher degree of success than John Donaldson, of Monroe township, Putnam county. With few opportunities, except what his own efforts and those of his wife were capable of mastering, and with many difficulties to overcome, he has made a success of life, and in so doing has earned the universal respect and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact. He is a man of tireless energy and strong courage, and a man whose career shows that he is an able and conscientious worker. As a citizen, he has been public-spirited and enterprising to an exceptional degree; as a friend and neighbor, he has combined those qualities of head and heart which have won confidence and commanded respect. His life is a splendid example of what an American youth plentifully endowed with common sense and determination, can accomplish. John Donaldson was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, Aug. Swayze Donaldson, the former of whom was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, in , and the latter born in the same county, Dec. Aaron Donaldson was the son of John Donaldson, who was born in Maryland, in , and who came with his father to Ohio, about John Donaldson married Mary Grubb, in He was a captain in the War of , a Democrat in politics, and, for twenty-one years, a justice of the peace in his township. He died at the age of two. The children of John and Mary Donaldson were as follow: The children of Aaron and Sarah A. Shiver and lives in Monroe township; Aaron, born on Dec. John Donaldson was reared on the farm and educated in the public schools of Ohio. Donaldson was married on Oct. The parents of Mrs. Donaldson were married in Perry county, where Joseph Wood was a farmer. The Wood family removed to Putnam county in , and became prominently identified with the agricultural interests of hits section of the state of Ohio. Joseph Wood was a Jacksonian Democrat. Seven children have been born to Mr. John Donaldson, Chester H. John Donaldson has been identified with the agricultural interests of Monroe township for many years. He has lived upon the farm, which he now occupies, practically the entire time since his marriage. The farm originally comprised eighty acres, but Mr. Doanldson has added forty acres more to this farm, four acres being consumed in railroad property. His son, Harvy C. He is a good farmer and bears an exceptional reputation throughout Monroe township, where he is so well known. Donaldson was formerly a Democrat of the Jacksonian type, and has always taken an active interest in political matters. He has been a stanch member of the Socialist party since Donaldson has attended the Christian church and contributes to the support of this church. He was formerly a member of the Grange, but this organization is no longer in existence. Not only is John Donaldson a good farmer, but he is a man esteemed for his upright character. He is a lover of his home, a kind father, frugal and saving in his habits, yet, progressive in all of his ideas.

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You share one set of grandparents with your first cousin, but do not have the same parents. Second Cousin Your second cousin is the grandchild of your great-aunt or great-uncle. You share one set of great-grandparents with your second cousin, but do not have the same grandparents. Third, Fourth, and Fifth Cousins Your third cousin is the great-grandchild of your great-great-aunt or great-great-uncle. You share a set of great-great-grandparents with your third cousin, but do not have the same great-grandparents. Fourth cousins have one set of great-great-great-grandparents, but not the same great-great-grandparents. Removed Cousins of different generations is explained by using the word "removed". Saying that cousins are "once removed" means that there is a difference of one generation between cousins. For example, the first cousin of your father is your first cousin, once removed. This one-generation difference is explained by saying that your are cousins "once removed. See the cousin calculator to help determine cousin removed relationships. Parallel cousins are the children of two brothers or two sisters. Double Cousins If two siblings in one family marry two siblings from another family and each couple has a child, the children are double first cousins. The addition of the word double to the first cousin term is because because they share the same four grandparents. Regular first cousins share only one set of common grandparents, while double first cousins share both sets of grandparents plus all lineal and collateral relatives. Kissing Cousin A distant relative known well enough to be kissed when greeted. Parent One who begets, or brings forth, offspring; a father or a mother. Father One who has begotten a child, whether son or daughter; a generator; a male parent. Paternal Of or pertaining to a father; Received or derived from a father; hereditary; as, a paternal estate. Mother A female parent; especially, one of the human race; a woman who has borne a child. Maternal Of or pertaining to a mother. Child A son or a daughter; a male or female descendant, in the first degree; the immediate progeny of human parents. Son A male child; the male issue, or offspring, of a parent, father or mother. Daughter The female offspring of the human species; a female child of any age. Brother A male person who has the same father and mother with another person. Half-brother A brother by one parent, but not by both. Sister A female who has the same parents with another person. Half-sister A sister by one parent, but not by both. Nephew The son of a brother or a sister, or of a brother-in-law or sister-in-law. A relative by marriage. Ancestry A series of ancestors or progenitors; lineage, or those who compose the line of natural descent. Ascendant Someone from whom you are descended but usually more remote than a grandparent. An earlier or higher generation. Bloodline The descendants of one individual; pedigree. Collateral Descending from the same stock or ancestor, but not in the same line or branch or one from the other. Consanguinity The relation of persons by blood, in distinction from affinity or relation by marriage; blood relationship; as, lineal consanguinity; collateral consanguinity. Degree of Kinship The level of relationship between two persons related by blood, such as parent to child, one sibling to another, grandparent to grandchild or uncle to nephew, first cousins, etc. This may become important when determining the heirs of an estate when there is no will. Descent Properties attributable to your ancestry; the descendants of one individual; one generation of a specific lineage; derivation, as from an ancestor; procedure by generation; lineage; birth; extraction. Descendant A person descended from his or her older generations. Family People descended from a common ancestor; a person having kinship with another or others; The group comprising a husband and wife and their dependent children, constituting a fundamental unit in the organization of society. Forefather One who precedes another in the line of genealogy in any degree, but usually in a remote degree; an ancestor. Generation A single step or stage in the succession of natural descent; a rank or remove in genealogy. The body of those who are of the same genealogical rank or remove from an ancestor; the mass of beings living at one period; also, the average lifetime of man, or the ordinary period of

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time at which one rank follows another, or father is succeeded by child, usually assumed to be one third of a century; an age. Genealogy An account or history of the descent of a person or family from an ancestor; enumeration of ancestors and their children in the natural order of succession; a pedigree. Regular descent of a person or family from a progenitor; pedigree; lineage. Kin Relatives; persons of the same family or race. Kindred Relationship by birth or marriage; consanguinity; affinity; kin. Lineage Descent in a line from a common progenitor; progeny; race; descending line of offspring or ascending line of parentage. Pedigree A line of ancestors; descent; lineage; genealogy; a register or record of a line of ancestors. Progenitor An ancestor in the direct line; a forefather. Relative A person connected by blood or affinity; strictly, one allied by blood; a relation; a kinsman or kinswoman. Relation A person connected by consanguinity or affinity; a relative; a kinsman or kinswoman; a person related by blood or marriage.

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Find out how the family fits into family history. The devotional was included in a portion of the conference free to the public and directed toward priesthood leaders and other Church members with family history callings. Two letters issued by the First Presidency in reemphasized that individuals, families, and local Church units have the primary responsibility for supplying names for temple ordinances. He cited changes over the past 35 years that have given impetus to that direction, including the change in name from the Genealogical Department to the Family History Department; technological advances in computer systems and networks; construction of temples across the world , giving easier access for the performance of ordinance work; simplifying and moving the process of clearing names for temple work from the department to local family history centers and now to the home computer; dramatic increases in the rate at which new records are being added, now to 1. Elder Packer highlighted and gave clarification regarding several misunderstandings regarding the work, one of them regarding the relationship between family history and temple work. He said they are really one work with two parts. Another misunderstanding, he said, is the relationship between family history and genealogy. It is not limited to the past, but includes the present and the future. Family history is the history of a family past, present, and future. But before giving up, and for all others, consider the following: What may have been a dead end could be extended now. Beyond that, they may authorize work for collateral family lines uncles, aunts, cousins, and their families and possible ancestors meaning those with a probable family relationship that cannot be verified because records are inadequate , Elder Packer said. The policy also allows individuals to do work for descendants of direct-line ancestors. But these were only the descendants of that one 10th-generation ancestor. To get all potential descendants of my 10th-generation ancestors, we must multiply 16, by 10th-generation couples. If we combine all the descendantsâ€”and remember, we had 2, direct ancestorsâ€”we get a pool of 8,, If all of your work is done, your neighbor could use some help. Pull together what you already have. Write down what you know, and then discover more by talking to others. Act on what you learn. Motivate others, especially the youth, by starting with stories of their ancestors. The interest in genealogy will naturally come.

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This research is following two tracks: I have created this section of my website as a proto-blog to share the progress and results of my research. I can be reached by email at gregv. The two families intermarried on several occasions over the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. As a result, Ellen has three lines of descent from Thomas and Thomazine Beer Downing from two of their sons and one of their daughters , and one from Thomas and Mary Parke Valentine. The other families that married into these lines Bond, Drinker, Edge, Miller, Mount, and Reese are also all documented as having been Quakers. I have tended to extend the research to the level of first cousins from these main Downing and Valentine lines. Early in the s a Downing family member moved from Chester Co. In , several Valentine brothers of Chester Co. One of the brothers, Jacob D. Smith and Gilbert Cope. Members of the Valentine and Downing families settled in Chester Co. My first step has been cataloguing all of the federal census listings I for the various families I will continue to update that table as the research progresses. I will add additional information on my results in researching other types of documents as that work progresses. Most recently as of March 26, , I have worked on tying together the various inter-marriages of the main Chester Co. I also drew on several family studies published earlier in the 20th century, all of which are noted as source citations. Thus, much of my research will use these records to both document the lives and histories of these families as well as to explore their own interactions with African Americans free and slave. This table reflects the current status of research to identify all Downing, Valentine and related families in the U. In recording the census listings for the families, I am able to trace from onward the number of "free colored" members enumerated in each household and some interesting facts, including when young "Black" or "Mulatto" household members are recorded as "attended school. I have started with Centre Co. This research is important in terms of more closely identifying the movements of individuals, such as the Downings and Valentines who first moved from Chester Co. I will build a table show the results of my land related research that will eventually be posted on this site, similar to the table of census research result available through the link above. Thus, it is important to examine land records for those counties to identify records for land transactions that would be within Centre Co. One example is Half Moon Twp. Pennsylvania offer some extremely useful resources for tracking early land records. For my present research, the most important of the these are the records of the Pennsylvania State Archives Record Group 17 - RG , many of which are available online at [http:](http://) These are also produced on a series of CDs from AncestorTracks. Some warrants are also available through Ancestry. The following from the Penn. State Archives website at [http:](http://) For some interesting details on the interaction of Chester Co. A History of Uwchlan Township The Uwchlan Township Historical Commission, From Peace to Freedom: Quaker Rhetoric and the Birth of American Antislavery, Yale University Press, Carey, Brychan and Geoffrey Plank, editors. University of Illinois Press, Crane, Elaine Forman editor. The Diary of Elizabeth Drinker: The University of Pennsylvania Press, revised edition. A History of Downingtown. Borough of Downingtown, Oxford University Press, Egle, William Henry editor. Pennsylvania Archives, Third Series, Vol. Pennsylvania State Printer, Why Not More Quakers? The Legend of the Underground Railroad. The University of Kentucky Press, The Ragged Road to Abolition: Slavery and Freedom in New Jersey The University of Pennsylvania Press, McDaniel, Donna and Vanessa Julye. Fit for Freedom, Not for Friendship: Quaker Press of Friends General Conference, The University of Georgia Press, Albert Cook Myers, A History of Abolition. Office of the Journal, Princeton University Press, University of Pennsylvania Press, The Problem of Slavery in Early Vermont, Vermont Historical Society, This site certainly contains errors. Where facts are not supported with strong evidence, use your own judgement. Gregory Vaut , So.

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