

MATHEW BUSEY AND HIS DESCENDANTS

First Generation

1. MATHEW BUSEY, fourth generation of the Busey Family in America, b. 9 Apr. 1742, near Annapolis and Baltimore, Md.; d. 2 Jan. 1824, Shelby Co., Ky.; m. Rowan Co., N. C., 1767, Edith (Philpot) Wilcoxen, b. 23 Sept. 1740, daughter of Jacob Philpot.

Edith Philpot was the widow of Isaac Wilcoxen (Wilcoxson) of North Carolina. They had three children: Rachel Wilcoxen, b. 28 Feb. 1760; Catherine Wilcoxen, b. 14 Feb. 1762 and Aaron Wilcoxen, b. 11 June 1764.

Mathew Busey resided in Rowan County, North Carolina before 1768 and until 1800. He was taxed in Rowan County in 1768 in Morgan Bryan's District; in 1778, in Captain Reed's District; and in 1784, he was taxed on 320 acres of land in Captain John Graham's District.

On 25 Oct. 1786, Mathew received a deed for 420 acres of land in Rowan County located on both sides of Bear Creek, this area within the "Forks of the Yadkin", and another deed for 260 acres of land on the waters of Bear Creek on 18 May 1789, for which he paid fifty shillings for each one hundred acres. On 18 April 1797, he sold 200 acres of this land for forty pounds.

Two of Mathew's married sons, Isaac and John Busey, seem to have been the first of this family group to leave North Carolina. They went to Franklin Co., Ky., and were on the tax rolls of 1797, in that county.

It appears that after the crops were harvested in the fall of 1800, Mathew with his family and two remaining married sons, Samuel and Charles with their families, also began the long journey to new land in Kentucky. Doubtless, they made their way by ox cart and pack horse over the mountains to the West -- over that part of the Wilderness Road blazed by Daniel Boone and others to the fort of Boonesborough -- to travel on beyond the now abandoned fort settlements, west to the counties of Franklin and Shelby, there to settle on good land.

On the 28 Feb. 1803, Mathew bought 573 acres of land in Shelby County on the waters of the Lick; near the present Shelbyville, Kentucky. In this same year, on 30 September, after he had become a resident of Shelby County, Mathew sold the remaining 233 acres of his North Carolina land for \$370. Mathew and Edith Busey lived the remainder of their lives in Shelby Co., Ky.; both buried in the family burial ground contained on the farm which Mathew willed to his son, Jacob.

Children of Mathew and Edith (Philpot) Busey, all born in Rowan Co., N.C.:

- 2 i. SAMUEL WALES BUSEY, b. 10 Jan. 1768.
- 3 ii. ISAAC BUSEY, b. 9 Sept. 1769.
- 4 iii. JOHN BAINBRIDGE BUSEY, b. 17 July 1771.
- iv. Mary Busey, b. 7 Apr. 1773.
- 5 v. CHARLES BUSEY, b. 10 Sept. 1775.
- vi. --- ---, a dau.; m. --- Howe (?) of North Carolina.
- 6 vii. MATHEW ELBRIDGE BUSEY (twin), b. 11 Mar. 1779.
- viii. Edith Busey (twin), b. 11 Mar. 1779; m. Rowan Co., N.C., 1800, Thomas Gaither; bondsman, Mathew Bu---
- ix. Sarah Busey, b. 15 May 1782.
- 7 x. JACOB BUSEY, b. 14 Feb. 1784.

References:

- Tax Records of Rowan Co., North Carolina.
- Records of Deeds, Rowan Co., North Carolina.
- U. S. Census of 1790 and 1800, Rowan Co., North Carolina.
- Marriage Records, Rowan Co., North Carolina.
- Tax Records, Franklin Co., Kentucky.
- Tax Records, Shelby Co., Kentucky.
- Records of Deeds, Shelby Co., Kentucky.
- Family Records of the late Mrs. Orra (Busey) Connet, Champaign, Illinois.

Second Generation

2. SAMUEL² WALES BUSEY (Mathew¹), b. Rowan Co., N.C., 10 Jan. 1768; d. and bur. in Putnam Co., Ind., 13 Nov. 1845; m. Rowan Co., N.C., 10 Feb. 1794, Catherine Siegler of Loudoun Co., Va., b. 6 Apr. 1776; d. Champaign Co., Ill., 13 Nov. 1845; bur. Urbana, Illinois.

About 1800, Samuel Busey migrated from Rowan Co., N.C. to Franklin Co., Ky., where he resided for a few years. In 1807, he bought land in Shelby Co., Ky., which he sold in 1815. Soon after that date he settled in Washington Co., Ind., and is recorded there on the Federal Census of 1820. On 17 Dec. 1825, he entered land at Putnam Co., Indiana and resided in that county until his death.

Children of Samuel and Catherine (Siegler) Busey:

- 8 i. MATTHEW WALES BUSEY, b. 15 May 1798.
- 9 ii. EDITH BUSEY, b. 18 Nov. 1802.
- 10 iii. JACOB BUSEY.
 - iv. Mary Busey, b. Shelby Co., Ky., 8 Feb. 1805; m. Indian Lands (Boone Co.), Ind., 24 Mar. 1825, Benjamin Beeman. He d. 24 July 1875 near Sangemon, Ind. and is bur. there. Children of Benjamin and Mary (Busey) Beeman were:
 - 1. Samuel Beeman (twin), b. 3 Dec. 1825; d. 6 May 1899; m. (1) Anna Cowell, and (2) Nancy Lyons.
 - 2. Daniel Lelander Beeman (twin), b. 3 Dec. 1825; d. young.
 - 3. I. T. Beeman (twin), b. 20 Aug. 1830; d. young.
 - 4. Elizabeth Jane Beeman (twin), b. 20 Aug. 1830; d. young.
 - 5. Adam Beeman, b. 2 Oct. 1837.
 - 6. Jessie Simpkins Beeman, b. 6 Apr. 1840; d. young.
 - 7. Sarah Anne Catherine Beeman, b. 29 Apr. 1841; d. young.
 - 8. Jesse Beeman, b. 6 Nov. 1843.
- 11 v. LAZARUS W. BUSEY, b. 1809.
 - vi. Catharine Busey, m. Putnam Co., Ind., 21 Feb. 1828, Thompson Spencer.
- 12 vii. SAMUEL ANDREW JACKSON BUSEY, b. 2 Apr. 1813.
- viii. John H. Busey.
- ix. A daughter, m. Solomon Bush.
- 13 x. SINGLETON WILSON BUSEY, b. 2 Mar. 1818.

References:

- Marriage Records, Rowan Co., North Carolina.
- Tax Records of Franklin and Shelby counties, Kentucky.
- U. S. Census, Washington Co., Indiana, 1820.
- Land Records, Shelby Co., Ky., and Putnam Co., Indiana.
- Records compiled by the late Paul Graham Busey, Urbana, Illinois.
- Records compiled by Miss Emma M. Rouse, Anoka, Minnesota.

3. ISAAC² BUSEY (Mathew¹), b. Rowan Co., N.C., 9 Sept. 1769; d. Champaign Co., Illinois, 11 Jan. 1847; m. Rowan Co., N.C., ca 1794, Sarah ---, b. 6 May 1772; d. 1834; both buried in Mayview Cemetery, Champaign Co., Ill.

Isaac Busey migrated with his brother John in 1797 to Franklin Co., Ky. In 1803, he was living in Shelby Co., Ky. where he was a weaver, innkeeper, and farmer. On 1 Sept. 1831, he sold his land holdings in Kentucky to his brother, Jacob, and moved to Vermillion Co., Ill., where he had entered land earlier, on Feb. 1830. With him came all his family and sons-in-law, James Thompson Roe and Mason Martin; they settled on land now within the city limits of Urbana, Illinois, Champaign County. He became a large land owner and was active in county government during his life.

On 20 June 1833, Isaac and Sarah Busey deeded 30 acres of the 43 acres of land given for the County Seat of Urbana in the newly formed Champaign County. The first sessions of the circuit court and the first meetings of the county commissioners were held in his home. In 1836, he with Jonathan Osborn was authorized to locate a state road from Urbana to Bloomington, Illinois, now a part of United States Route 150.

Children of Isaac and Sarah (---) Busey:

- i. Edith Busey, prob. b. Rowan Co., N.C.; d. Shelby Co., Ky., 1825; m. Shelby Co., Ky., 7 Dec. 1820, Mason Martin of Shelby Co., Ky. Mason Martin m. (2) Harriett ---. The family migrated to Vermillion Co., Ill. (This area cut off into Champaign County), in 1831. Children of Mason Martin:
 1. Legrand Martin.
 2. Greenbury Martin, m. Susan ---.
 3. Francis Martin.
 4. Lafayette Martin.
 5. Alexander Martin.
 6. Katherine Martin, m. Benjamin Hollowell.
 7. Sarah Martin, m. Thomas ---.
 8. Emma Martin, m. Levi Standish.
 9. Harriett Martin, m. John Stevenson.
 10. --- Martin, d. during service in the Civil War.
 11. --- Martin, d. during service in the Civil War.
- 14 ii. ARTHUR BUSEY, b. 29 Feb. 1796.
- iii. John Busey, b. Franklin Co., Ky., 3 Aug. 1797; d. Champaign Co., Ill., 1839; m. Shelby Co., Ky., 20 June 1825, Nancy Wilcox, dau. of Isaac Wilcox. She was b. 30 May 1802; d. 20 Oct. 1884. Nancy m. (2) Marshall Cloyd. Children of John and Nancy (Wilcox) Busey:
 1. Isaac Busey, d. Champaign Co., Ill.; m. Matilda Corrary. No issue.
 2. Elizabeth Busey, d. 1849; m. Bartlett Elrod. No issue. (Bartlett Elrod had two children by his second marriage.)
- iv. Jane Busey, m. Shelby Co., Ky., 23 June 1829, Samuel B. Beckley. They moved to Vermillion Co., Ill., in 1831. In 1877, they resided in Polk Co., Iowa. Issue.
- v. Lillis Busey, b. Shelby Co., Ky., 10 Feb. 1806; d. Champaign Co., Ill., 16 Nov. 1860; m. Shelby Co., Ky., 15 June 1831, James Thompson Roe, son of William and Phebe (Thompson) Roe of Clark Co., Indiana. James T. Roe was b. Florida, Orange Co., N.Y., 20 Aug. 1793/94; d. 23 Aug. 1866, Champaign Co., Ill. Both are bur. Mayview Cemetery, Champaign Co., Ill. Children of John T. and Lillis (Busey) Roe:
 1. Samuel A. Roe, b. 1832; d. 1833.
 2. Malinda Jane Roe, b. 1834; d. 1835.
 3. Isaac William Roe, b. 15 July 1838; d. 9 Oct. 1914; m. Martha McDonald, dau. of John and Maria (Roe) McDonald. Issue.
 4. William P. Roe, b. 1843; d. 1843.
 5. Sarah Elizabeth Roe, b. 1845; d. 1848.
- vi. Malinda Busey, m. Champaign Co., Ill. (First marriage in newly formed Champaign County), 25 July 1833, John Bryan of Shelby Co., Ky. Children of John and Malinda (Busey) Bryan:
 1. Alice J. Bryan, m. F. M. Avery. Issue.
 2. James E. Bryan, d. 24 June 1857.
 3. Lillis Bryan, d. 24 Mar. 1842.

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 Records compiled by Miss Emma M. Rouse, Anoka, Minnesota.
 Family Records of the late Mrs. Orra (Busey) Connet, Champaign, Illinois.
4. JOHN² BAINBRIDGE BUSEY (Mathew¹), b. Rowan Co., N.C., 17 July 1771; d. Anderson Co., Ky., 25 July 1863; m. Rowan Co., N.C., ca 1791, Martha Holmes from Delaware, b. 12 Dec. 1770; d. 25 Aug. 1860. Both are buried near Glensboro (Camdenville), Anderson Co., Kentucky in a Busey Cemetery.

John B. Busey was a constable in Franklin Co., Ky. in 1819 and was one of the justices of the first court held in 1827 in the newly formed Anderson County. He was active in the Fox Creek Baptist Church.

Children of John B. and Martha (Holmes) Busey:

- i. Sarah Busey, b. Rowan Co., N.C., 9 Nov. 1792; d. Anderson Co., Ky., 10 June 1861; m. Pleasant Oliver, d. Anderson Co., Ky., 5 Sept. 1831.
Children of Pleasant and Sarah (Busey) Oliver, all born in Franklin Co., Ky.:
1. Asa Oliver, b. 4 Dec. 1819; m. 27 Jan. 1852, Martha Ann Glass. (below)
 2. Isaac C. Oliver, b. 24 June 1824; d. 22 Dec. 1911; m. 22 Jan. 1845, Josephine Sloan, b. 1 June 1827, d. 22 July 1900.
 3. John Oliver, m. Nancy Redmond.
 4. Hart Oliver. 5. Bruce Oliver. 6. Pleasant Oliver.
 7. Pauline Oliver, m. Harrison H. Buntain.
 8. Mary Oliver, b. 1820; d. 24 Dec. 1874; m. Alva G. Threlheld.
 9. Martha Oliver, m. 2 Jan. 1850, Powhatan Cromwell.
- 15 ii. LYDIA BUSEY, b. 29 July 1789.
- iii. Edith Busey, b. Franklin Co., Ky., 11 Sept. 1800; d. Anderson Co., Ky.; 18 Sept. 1862; m. (1) Franklin Co., Ky. 1819, Edward Harris who d. 10 Sept. 1842; m. (2) Anderson Co., Ky., 31 Aug. 1855, Wakefield Glass.
Children of Edward and Edith (Busey) Harris, all born in Anderson Co., Ky.:
1. Rebecca Harris, m. Anderson Co., Ky., 8 Aug. 1847, James Hawkins. Issue.
 2. Sarah Ann Elizabeth Harris, b. Dec. 1833; m. Manual Ray. Later resided near Lawson, Missouri. Issue.
 3. Monroe Harris. No issue.
 4. Nathaniel Harris, b. 24 Dec. 1828; m. Anderson Co., Ky., 16 May 1855, Margaret Jane Morgan.
 5. Edward Green Harris, b. 28 May 1839; d. 21 Feb. 1915; m. Catherine J. Collins, b. 1845; d. 1898. Issue.
 6. Lydia E. Harris, m. William Minor.
 7. Martha Harris, m. --- Sacrey. 8. Emily Harris, m. --- Cox.
- 16 iv. JOHN HOLMES BUSEY, b. 20 Apr. 1810.
- v. Rebecca Busey, b. Franklin Co., Ky., 2 Sept. 1813; d. 16 Feb. 1855; m. Anderson Co., Ky., 15 Aug. 1831, Wakefield Glass, b. 16 Dec. 1801; d. 21 Dec. 1880. Wakefield Glass m. (2) 31 Aug. 1855, Rebecca's sister, Edith (Busey) Harris, and m. (3) 15 May 1865, Nancy Alexander, widow.
Children of Wakefield and Rebecca (Busey) Glass, all born in Anderson Co., Ky.:
1. Margaret Glass, m. (1) George McClain, b. 1834; d. 1879. Issue: Sons, William Thomas McClain and Charles McClain resided near Bardstown, Ky. Margaret m. (2) John W. Pulliam.
 2. Martha Ann Glass, m. (1) 27 Jan. 1852, Asa Oliver (See above), b. Franklin Co., Ky., 4 Dec. 1819. Issue. She m. (2) John Harrison.
 3. Fanny Glass, b. 1838; m. 1858, John Harrison. Issue.
 4. Sarah Glass, m. 6 Nov. 1866, Carroll K. Easley. Issue.
 5. Mary Jane Glass, m. 23 Dec. 1867, John Oliver. Issue.
 6. Lydia Glass, m. 1862, John W. Pulliam. Issue. Resided near Chaplin, Ky.
 7. Katherine Glass, m. 14 Nov. 1874, Keeling Pulliam. Issue.
 8. John Glass, m. Martha Ware. Resided near Anderson City, Ky. Issue.
 9. William Glass, m. Amanda Catlett. Resided at Glensboro, Ky. Issue.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the May meeting the Society unanimously elected the following officers for the year 1957-1958: President, Mr. Keith H. Etcher; Vice-President, Mr. Lewis F. Chase; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Milford H. Hicks; Recording Secretary, Miss Olive Lewis; Treasurer, Mr. Lot Augustus Merrill; Editor, Miss Lucy Mary Kellogg. Congratulations to them and to the Society!