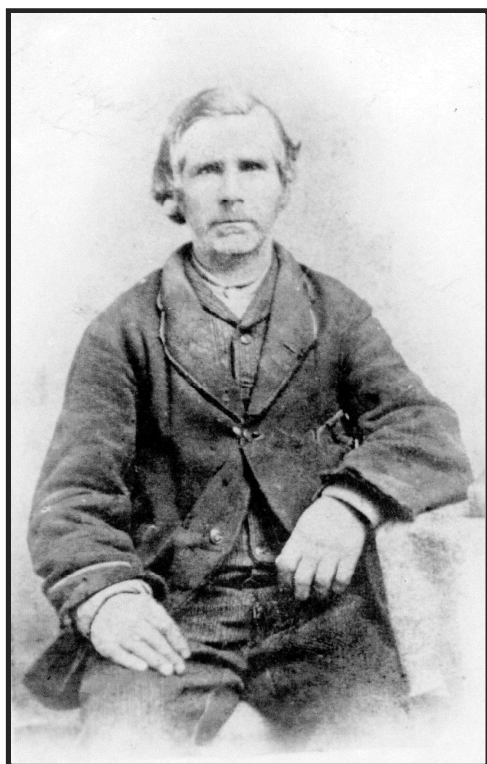


## CHAPTER EIGHTEEN



THOUGHT TO BE HENRY HARE  
ELIZA HARE'S HUSBAND AND  
GEORGE A. HARE'S FATHER  
ALSO THOUGHT TO BE GEORGE A. HARE



THOUGHT TO BE ELIZA HARE, HENRY HARE'S  
WIFE. ALSO THOUGHT TO BE  
LUCINDA S. (CAMPBELL) HARE,  
GEORGE A. HARE'S WIFE.

### The 1860s

Henry and Eliza (Patrick) Hare and their five children appear on the 1860 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.<sup>1</sup> Part of the information on the 1860 Census for Dekalb County is set forth in the table below.

#### HENRY AND ELIZA HARE FAMILY 1860 Census for Dekalb County, Illinois

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
Henry	41	M	Farmer	New York	
Eliza	39	F	HK	New York	
George	20	M	FL	New York	farm laborer
Martin	18	M	FL	New York	farm laborer
Albert	16	M	FL	Wisconsin	farm laborer
Martha	14	F		Wisconsin	error s/b NY
Mary	6	F		Pennsylvania	error s/b NY

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<sup>1</sup> 1860 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois; Research Report entitled The Search For Parents Of Stephen B. Hare, September 1991; Bette Innes Bradways, C. G. for Marth Holm Portland, Oregon.



George and Penniah (Fuller) Bartholomew and their eight children appear on the 1860 Census. Part of the information from the 1860 Census information regarding Penninah W. (Fuller) Bartholomew, Elizabeth (Fuller) Ayers and their sister, Amanda (Fuller) Campbell, is set forth in the following three tables.<sup>2</sup> Their other sister, Sally Maria (Fuller) McCormick, died November 19, 1857<sup>3</sup> prior to the 1860 Census. Amanda (Fuller) Campbell is shown on the 1860 Census living next door to her sister, Elizabeth (Fuller) Ayers, in Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.<sup>4</sup> Royal's sister, Penninah (Fuller) Bartholomew, was still residing in Genoa Township, Dekalb County where her brother, Royal S. Fuller, and his family were residing.<sup>5</sup>

Sarah C. Bartholomew married Tyler A. Ephriam on September 27, 1860<sup>6</sup> and therefore, Sarah does not appear on the 1870 Census in her parent's household.<sup>7</sup>

Royal S. and Priscilla Fuller and their five children appear on the 1860 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.<sup>8</sup> Royal owned \$100 in personal property<sup>9</sup> and no real property. Part of the information on the 1860 Census for Dekalb County, Illinois is set forth in the following table.<sup>10</sup> It is believed that Royal Fuller's children, as identified in the 1850 and 1860 Census, grew up in Dekalb County, Illinois. Later, in 1866, Royal remarried, started a new family and moved to Kansas.

**ROYAL AND PRISCILLA FULLER FAMILY**  
**1860 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Value of Real Estate</u>	<u>Value of Pers Estate</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
Royal S. Fuller	44	M		Farmer	\$100		PA
Martha	16	F		Housekeeping			PA
Jane E.	15	F		Housekeeping			PA
James E.	10	M					IL
Joel M.	9	M					IL
Mary E.	4	F					IL
Priscilla	32	F					NJ

It is not known exactly when Nathaniel Campbell and his family moved to Dekalb County, Illinois. They appear in the 1850 Census for Bradford County, Illinois and it is assumed that they are the same people who appear in the 1860 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.<sup>11</sup> Amanda (Fuller) Campbell appears on the 1860 Census as her sister's, Elizabeth's, neighbor in Dekalb County.<sup>12</sup> Part of the information on the 1860 Census for North Kingston Township is set forth in the table below.

<sup>2</sup> 1860 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 86; 1860 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, page 75.

<sup>3</sup> This information was taken from Abigail Ayers' handwritten notes in an old family bible obtained from Norman Ayers.

<sup>4</sup> 1860 Census for Kingston Township, DeKalb County, Illinois.

<sup>5</sup> 1860 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 69.

<sup>6</sup> Record of the Bartholomew family, by George W. Bartholomew, Jr., published Austin, TX 1885.

<sup>7</sup> 1870 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 425-b; Census taken July 9, 1870.

<sup>8</sup> 1860 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 69; Census taken June 16, 1860.

<sup>9</sup> 1860 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 69; Census taken June 16, 1860.

<sup>10</sup> 1860 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 69; Census taken June 16, 1860.

<sup>11</sup> 1860 Census for North Kingston Township, DeKalb County, Illinois, Page 86; Census taken June 21, 1860.

<sup>12</sup> 1860 Census for North Kingston Township, DeKalb County, Illinois, Page 86; Census taken June 21, 1860.

**NATHANIEL AND AMANDA (FULLER) CAMPBELL FAMILY**  
**1860 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Value of Real Estate</u>	<u>Value of Pers Estate</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
Campbell, Nathaniel	49	M		Farming	\$400		PA
Amanda	47	F		Housekeeping			PA
Lucinda	15	F		Housekeeping			PA
Morse, Issac	5	M					PA

**LORENZO AND ELIZABETH (FULLER) AYERS FAMILY**  
**860 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Value of Real Estate</u>	<u>Value of Pers Estate</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
Lorenzo Ayers	59	M		Farmer	\$900	\$800	NY
Elizabeth Ayers	49	F					PA
Amanda M. Leonard	15	F					PA
Solomon Ayers	12	M					PA
George Ayers	10	M					IL
Abigail V. Ayers	6	F					IL
Alonzo McCormick	11	M					PA
Sylvester McCormick	5	M					IL
Adaluskie McCormick	4	M					IL
B. F. Ayers	17	M		Farm laborer			PA

The 1860 Census shows Alonzo, Sylvester and Adaluskie McCormick living in the Lorenzo and Elizabeth (Fuller) Ayers household.<sup>13</sup> They were the children of Elizabeth's sister, Sally (Fuller) McCormick.<sup>14</sup> Sylvester and Adaluskie McCormick were both born after the 1850 Census. It is interesting that Sylvester and Adaluskie were not living with their father. Sylvester and Adaluskie McCormick do not appear again after this Census. It could be that they went with other families somewhere or they died before the 1870 Census.

Amanda M. Leonard shown on the 1860 Census in Lorenzo and Elizabeth (Fuller) Ayers household was also helping or working for Elizabeth's sister, Penninah Bartholomew, in Genoa Township in 1860 since she was also listed as a house laborer in the Bartholomew household on the 1860 Census. Amanda M. Leonard is believed to be the same Amanda M. who was living with Lorenzo and Elizabeth (Fuller) Ayers household when the 1850 Census was taken. The fact that Amanda was written down as an "Ayers" child on the 1850 Census was probably a mistake by the census taker in 1850.

B.F. (Benjamin Franklin) Ayers who is listed on the 1860 Census in Lorenzo and Elizabeth (Fuller) Ayers household was Lorenzo's son from Lorenzo's first marriage to Abigail.

George Ayers died on November 8, 1864 four years after the 1860 Census was taken.

Franklin Ayers and Soloman Ayers ran away on July 30, 1858.<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>13</sup> 1860 Census for North Kingston Township, DeKalb County, Illinois, Page 86; Census taken June 21, 1860.

<sup>14</sup> 1850 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 327.

<sup>15</sup> This information was taken from Abigail Ayers' handwritten notes in an old family bible obtained from Norman

The first marriage between members of the Hare, Preston, Decker and Fuller families occurred on November 10, 1860 when Henry Hare's son, George Hare, married Lucinda S.<sup>16</sup> Campbell in Dekalb County, Illinois shortly after the 1860 Census was taken.<sup>17</sup> George was 20 years old and Lucinda was 15.<sup>18</sup> George was born in New York on April 2, 1840<sup>19</sup> and Lucinda Campbell was born in Pennsylvania<sup>20</sup> on May 30, 1844.<sup>21</sup> In addition, Henry Hare's family had only been in Dekalb County for about three years prior to the marriage of George Hare and Lucinda Campbell. Lucinda S. Campbell's parents were Nathaniel and Amanda (Fuller) Campell.<sup>22</sup>

George and Lucinda (Campbell) Hare had eleven children.<sup>23</sup> One child, Minnie, died in infancy.<sup>24</sup> Their children are listed in the following table.

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- <sup>16</sup> Lucinda S. Hare's Cemetery Card and Headstone at Wilson Cemetery provide the following information:  
HARE, Lucinda S.  
B. 30 Nov 1844  
D. 20 Feb 1896  
Lt 5 Blk 8 Addition 1  
Lt/o Geo. Hare  
Wilson Cemetery Sumner Township, Section 2  
\*One Stone: William H., Lucinda S., Henry, Eliza and George Hare
- <sup>17</sup> George Hare's Obituary, The Bulletin-Journal, December 9, 1922, Buchanan County, Iowa; George Hare's and Lucinda Campbells Marriage License dated November 10, 1860, Recorded November 26, 1860, Book B, page 213, Dekalb County, Illinois.
- <sup>18</sup> George Hare's and Lucinda Campbell's Marriage License dated November 10, 1860, Recorded November 26, 1860, Book B, page 213, Dekalb County, Illinois; 1860 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois; 1880 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois; 1895 Census for Sumner Township, Buchanan County, Illinois.
- <sup>19</sup> George Hare's Death Certificate, No. 33-304 dated November 1, 1922, Fayette County, Iowa; George Hare's death records, Wilson Cemetery, Sumner Township, Section 2, Buchanan County, Iowa. George Hare's Obituary, December 9, 1922, The Bulletin-Journal, \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa; George Hare's Cemetery Card and Headstone at Wilson Cemetery provide the following information:  
HARE, George  
B. 2 April 1840  
D. 2 Nov 1922  
Lt 5 Blk 8 Addition 1  
Lt/o Geo. Hare  
Wilson Cemetery Sumner Township, Section 2  
\*One Stone: William H., Lucinda S., Henry, Eliza and George Hare
- <sup>20</sup> 1860 Census for Kingston Township, DeKalb County, Illinois; 1870 Census for Kingston Township, DeKalb County, Illinois; Census of 1880 Kingston Township, DeKalb County, Illinois; Census of 1895 Sumner Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.
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- <sup>22</sup> 1860 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 86; Amanda Campbell's Death Record, Death Records, Page 33, Buchanan County, Iowa; 1895 Census for Sumner Township, Buchanan County, Iowa; 1880 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, page 108A; 1885 Iowa Census for Elm Grove Township, Calhoun County, Iowa, Page 154.
- <sup>23</sup> George Hare's Obituary, The Bulletin-Journal, December 9, 1922, Buchanan County, Iowa; Census of 1895 for Sumner Township, Buchanan County, Iowa; Census of 1870 & 1880 for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois; William Henry Hare's Obituary, Buchanan County Review, June 3, 1897, Winthrop, Iowa.
- <sup>24</sup> George Hare's Obituary, The Bulletin-Journal, December 9, 1922, Buchanan County, Iowa.

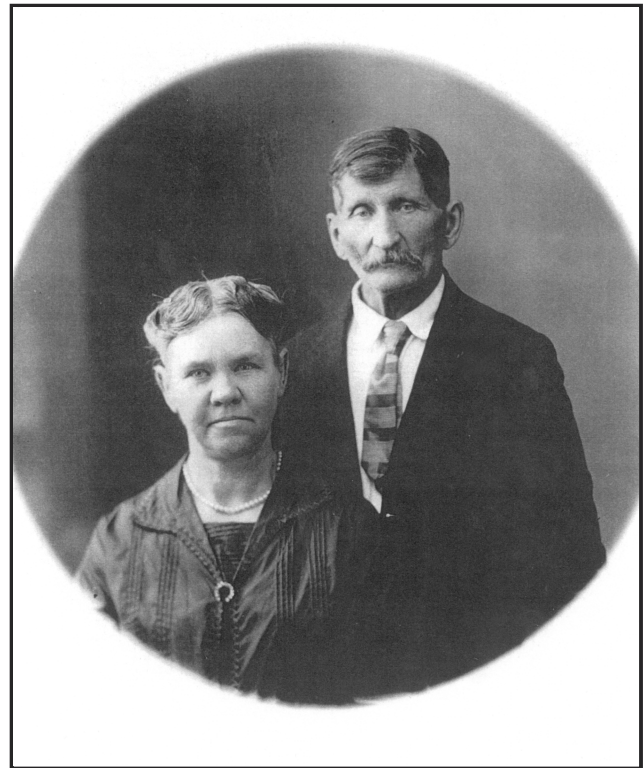




**BROW L TO R: GEORGE HARE AND ALBERT HARE**  
**WOMAN SITTING: MARY JANE (HARE) BURCHFIELD**  
 THIS ORIGINAL PHOTO BELONGS TO BOB BIXBY, THE GREAT-GRANDSON OF ALBERT HARE. BOB BIXBY ESTIMATES THE PICTURE TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN 1901-1912, BUT PROBABLY 1912. HE ESTIMATES THAT GEORGE IS 70+.



**BERTIE LEROY MISHLER**  
 NORA REINHOLD'S COUSIN  
 FANNIE & FRED MISHLER'S SON



**FANNIE AND FRED MISHLER**  
 ROY MISHLER'S PARENTS  
 FANNIE WAS ALSO KNOWN AS ETT  
 FRED & FANNIE (HARE) MISHLER HAD FIVE CHILDREN:  
 BERTIE LEROY, CHARLES HOWARD, JOHN, CORA  
 AND JAMES



**CHARLES HOWARD MISHLER**  
 NORA REINHOLD'S COUSIN  
 FANNIE & FRED MISHLER'S SON

## CHILDREN OF GEORGE HARE AND LUCINDA (CAMPBELL) HARE

Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Spouse
William H.	09/30/1862	Dekalb County, Illinois	Mary Ester Preston
James Madison	01/19/1865	Kingston, Dekalb County, Illinois	Mina Agnes
Harriet "Hattie" Amanda	12/22/1867	Dekalb County, Illinois	Harvey Burton Moad
Fannie Ester "Et"	12/30/1869	Kingston, Dekalb County, Illinois	Fredrick Mischler
Eliza "Jane"	09/15/1872	Seward County, Nebraska	William Henry Decker
Charles Edwin	04/18/1876	Kingston, Dekalb County, Illinois	Hattie May White
Julia Melissa	1878	Kingston, Dekalb County, Illinois	John Henry Fuller
Minnie Unknown	Unknown	Believe to have died in infancy	
Delbert Burton "Dell"	06/02/1882	Kingston, Dekalb County, Illinois	Unknown
Arthur H. Alonzo	03/19/1884	Kingston, Dekalb County, Illinois	Mina Bailey

Amasa Preston moved his family from Morris County, New Jersey<sup>25</sup> to Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois sometime between 1860 and 1865.<sup>26</sup> Amasa and Rachel (Vanderhoof) Preston gave birth to their daughter, Mary Ester Preston on September 15, 1865 in Illinois<sup>27</sup> and the 1870 Census indicates their daughter, Mary Ester Preston, was 4 years old and born in Illinois.<sup>28</sup> However, it is unknown whether Amasa and Rachel (Vanderhoof) Preston's other children moved with their parents, whether they moved by themselves or whether they stayed in New Jersey. When Amasa moved his family to Morris County, Joel would have been about 18 years old, Jacob would have been about 16 and William H. would have been 8.<sup>29</sup> It is not known what happened to Amasa and Rachel (Vanderhoof) Preston's sons, Joel and William H. Only Mary Ester is shown living with Amasa and Rachel in Dekalb County.<sup>30</sup> Jacob Preston eventually married Martha Fuller and started a family of his own in Dekalb County, Illinois.<sup>31</sup> Margaretta (Preston) Decker eventually moved to Dekalb County, Illinois with her children and married Royal S. Fuller.<sup>32</sup>

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<sup>25</sup> 1850 Pequannac Township, Morris County, New Jersey; Page 268; 1860 Pequannac Township, Morris County, New Jersey, Page 710; and the Census of 1870 & 1880 Dekalb County, Illinois; William Decker's Obituary, The Constitution, July 29, 1951; William Decker's Death Certificate; Buchanan County Marriage Records.

<sup>26</sup> 1870 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 14.

<sup>27</sup> 1900 Census.

<sup>28</sup> 1870 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 14.

<sup>29</sup> 1850 United States Census, District 15, Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey, population schedule, p. 710; 1860 United States Census, District 15, Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey, population schedule, Page 710.

<sup>30</sup> 1870 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.

<sup>31</sup> 1900 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa; Marriage license for Jacob Preston and Martha Farr dated April 8, 1868, License # 40, Book C - Page 373, Dekalb County, Illinois; 1890 Buchanan County, Iowa Register of Marriages for Luella May Preston and Edson Doud; 1893 Buchanan County, Iowa Register of Marriages for Annie Preston and T.L. Audrus; 1885 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa; 1900 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.

<sup>32</sup> Royal S. Fuller and Mrs. Margaret Decker's Marriage Certificate dated April 21, 1866, Book "I," Page 124, County Clerk, Dekalb County, Illinois; 1870 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois; William Henry Decker's Obituary, The Conservative, July 29, 1951, Independence, Iowa; Rossella Decker's birth record, No. Z2-2248, New Jersey Archives, Trenton, New Jersey; Rachel Decker's birth record, No. Z2-229, New Jersey Archives, Trenton, New Jersey; The Census of 1870 for Franklin Township, Dekalb County, Illinois; 1951; William Decker's Death Certificate; Buchanan County Marriage Records; Application for Probate of Will dated April 14, 1890, Phebe Adkins, Deceased, Book D of Renunciations and Applications, Page 17; Phebe Adkin's Will [S 526] dated August 26, 1887, Petition to Probate Phebe Adkin's Will dated April 14, 1870, Documents filed 313-9, Morris County Clerk's Office, Morristown, New Jersey.

Amasa and Rachel (Vanderhoof) Preston's daughter, Margaretta Ann Preston, may have married William Decker,<sup>33</sup> possibly, the son of Andrew Decker married to Phebe De Mouth,<sup>34</sup> in New Jersey during the period between 1860 and 1864.<sup>35</sup> However, no marriage document has been found which indicates when or where their marriage took place. There are secondary documents such as William Henry Decker's death certificate,<sup>36</sup> obituary<sup>37</sup> and marriage record<sup>38</sup> which indicate that William and Margaretta (Preston) Decker were married. It is assumed that the marriage took place in New Jersey since Margaretta gave birth to William Henry Decker on November 27, 1864 in New Jersey when she was 20-21 years old.<sup>39</sup> It is further assumed their marriage took place in Taylor Town, Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey since that is where Rachell and Rossella Decker were born.<sup>40</sup>

On August 26, 1887, Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkins made her Last Will & Testament.<sup>41</sup> She sign her Will with an X.<sup>42</sup> In her Will, Phebe left her house and about two acres of land in Boonton, Morris County, New Jersey to her sons, Ward Adkins, Frederick Adkins and Charles Adkins "to be divided between them share and share alike."<sup>43</sup> At the time she prepared her Will, Phebe was living in Boonton.<sup>44</sup>

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<sup>33</sup> William Henry Decker's Obituary, The Conservative, July 29, 1951, Independence, Iowa; Rossella Decker's birth record, No. Z2-2248, New Jersey Archives, Trenton, New Jersey; Rachel Decker's birth record, No. Z2-229, New Jersey Archives, Trenton, New Jersey; Census of 1870 Census for Franklin Township, Dekalb County, Illinois; 1951; William Henry Decker's Death Certificate, No.52C-52-459, Johnson County, Iowa; Marriage Records for William Henry Decker and Eliza Jane Hare, Buchanan County, Iowa; Phebe Adkins' Last Will dated August 26, 1887, Document No. S 526, Application for Probate of Will & Petition filed April 14, 1870, Documents No. 313-9, Book D of Renunciations and Applications, on page 17, In Re Phebe Adkins, deceased, Morris County Clerk's Office, Morristown, New Jersey.

<sup>34</sup> Wilson, Lois Wells, ed., Family History of the Ancestors of Lois Eleanore Wells, (Typescript, 1989), PP. 85, 89, 90; Phebe Adkins' Last Will dated August 26, 1887, Document No. S 526, Application for Probate of Will & Petition filed April 14, 1870, Documents No. 313-9, Book D of Renunciations and Applications, on page 17, In Re Phebe Adkins, deceased, Morris County Clerks Office, Morristown, New Jersey.

<sup>35</sup> William Henry Decker's Obituary, The Conservative, July 29, 1952, Independence, Iowa.

<sup>36</sup> William Henry Decker's Death Certificate, No.52C-52-459, Johnson County, Iowa.

<sup>37</sup> William Henry Decker's Obituary, The Conservative, July 29, 1952, Independence, Iowa.

<sup>38</sup> William Henry Decker's and Eliza Jane Hare's Buchanan County Marriage Records, Buchanan County, Iowa.

<sup>39</sup> Census of 1870 Franillin Township, Dekalb County, Illinois William Decker's Obituary, The Constitution, July 29, 1951, Independence, Iowa; William Decker's Death Certificate; Buchanan County Marriage Records; William Henry Decker's and Eliza Jane Hare's Buchanan County Marriage Records; William Henry Decker's Death Certificate, No.52C-52-459, Johnson County, Iowa.

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Phebe (DeMouth) (Decker) Adkins' probate petition filed by Ward Adkins on April 14, 1890 shows that Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkins of Boonton Township, Morris County, New Jersey died on March 16, 1888 and that Phebe made and executed a last Will and Testament dated August 26, 1887.<sup>45</sup> The probate petition also includes a Proof of Heirship which shows Phebe (De Mouth) (Decker) Adkins' surviving next of kin and heirs at law, including their relationship to Phebe.<sup>46</sup> The Proof of Heirship shows Phebe (DeMouth) (Decker) Adkins had a son named William Decker who was the father of Zulah Decker, William Decker and Rachel Decker<sup>47</sup> all of whom are believed to be the children of William & Margaretta (Preston) Decker. Zulah Decker, William Decker and Rachel Decker are all identified as Phebe (DeMouth) (Decker) Adkins' grandchildren.<sup>48</sup> Zulah Decker is believed to be the same person identified elsewhere as Rossella Decker, Ursula Decker & Ersula Decker.

It is believed that William and Margaretta (Preston) Decker had at least three children all of whom were born in New Jersey during the period the from 1861 to 1864.<sup>49</sup> William and Margaretta (Preston) Decker's possible children are shown in the following table.<sup>50</sup>

### WILLIAM AND MARGARET (PRESTON) DECKER'S CHILDREN

Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth
Rachell Decker	June 16 1861	Taylor Town, Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey
Rossella Decker	February 10, 1863	Taylor Town, Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey-
William Decker	November 27, 1864	New Jersey

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By 1866, Margaretta (Preston) Decker and at least two and probably three of her children had moved to Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois<sup>51</sup> from, it is thought, Morris County, New Jersey.<sup>52</sup>

The second marriage between members of the Hare, Preston, Decker and Fuller families occurred on April 21, 1866 when Amasa and Rachel (Vanderhoof) Preston's daughter, Margaretta (Preston) Decker, married Royal S. Fuller in Dekalb County, Illinois.<sup>53</sup> It is thought that both Margaretta (Preston) Decker's and Royal S. Fuller's spouses died. It is also thought that Royal S. Fuller's wife, Priscilla, died in Dekalb County, Illinois after June 16, 1860, date of 1860 Census, and before April 21, 1866 (date Royal married Margaretta), probably, in Genoa Township, Dekalb County. It is also thought that William Decker died between March 1864 and March 1865, but it is not known where.

Lilia Hare checked the obituary file in the Joiner History Room at the Sycamore Public Library and did not find an obituary for Royal S. or Priscilla Fuller. Lilia also checked the death indexes at the Clerk's office, but she did not find Royal S. or Priscilla Fuller's names on the list of deaths. Royal S. Fuller and Margaretta (Preston) (Decker) Fuller had the following children.

**ROYAL S. AND MARGARETTA (PRESTON) (DECKER) FULLER'S  
CHILDREN — 2<sup>nd</sup> Wife**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Birth of Date</b>	<b>POB</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>	<b>Spouse</b>
MinnieJemima	About 1866	IL <sup>54</sup>		
Hanna Amanda A.	About 1868	IL <sup>55</sup>		
John Henry	Nov 20 1870 <sup>56</sup>	IL <sup>57</sup>	Feb 5 1962 <sup>58</sup>	Julia Malissa Hare <sup>59</sup>
Charles A. <sup>60</sup>	About 1874	IL <sup>61</sup>		
Benjamin	About 1878 <sup>62</sup>	KS <sup>63</sup>		

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<sup>51</sup> 1870 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.

<sup>52</sup> William Henry Decker's Obituary, The Conservative, July 29, 1951, Independence, Iowa; Rossella Decker's birth record, No. Z2-2248, New Jersey Archives, Trenton, New Jersey; Rachel Decker's birth record, No. Z2-229, New Jersey Archives, Trenton, New Jersey; The Census of 1870 for Franklin Township, Dekalb County, Illinois; 1951; William Decker's Death Certificate; Buchanan County Marriage Records; Application for Probate of Will dated April 14, 1890, Phebe Adkins, Deceased, Book D of Renunciations and Applications, Page 17; Phebe Adkins' Will [S 526] dated August 26, 1887, Petition to Probate Phebe Adkins' Will dated April 14, 1870, Documents filed 313-9, Morris County Clerk's Office, Morristown, New Jersey.

<sup>53</sup> Royal S. Fuller and Mrs. Margaret Decker's Marriage Certificate dated April 21, 1866, Book "1," Page 124, County Clerk, Dekalb County, Illinois. The names on the License are Royal S. Fuller and Mrs. Margaret Dicker. Margaret's name was written out three times in this record. In the top section, the word Miss was crossed out and filled in with "Mrs. Margaret Dicker." In the certification section of the license, Margaret's name is spelled—"Mrs. Margaret Decker" with a dot over the "e" in Decker. On the back of the license Margaret's name is spelled—"Mrs. Margaret Decker." The "e" in Decker looks like it could also be an "i" without the dot over the "i."

<sup>54</sup> 1870 Census.

<sup>55</sup> 1870 Census.

<sup>56</sup> John Henry Fuller's Death Certificate, No. 114-62-02579, Black Hawk County, Iowa.

<sup>57</sup> 1880 Census.

<sup>58</sup> 1880 Census.

<sup>59</sup> John and Julia Fullers Marriage Record, Obituaries.

<sup>60</sup> 1880 Census.

<sup>61</sup> 1880 Census.

<sup>62</sup> 1880 Census.

<sup>63</sup> 1880 Census.

The third marriage between members of the Hare, Preston, Decker and Fuller families occurred in 1868<sup>64</sup> or possibly 1864<sup>65</sup> when Amasa and Rachel (Vanderhoof) Preston's son, Jacob Preston, married Martha Fuller.<sup>66</sup> Martha Fuller is thought to be Royal S. Fuller's daughter, Martha Ann Fuller.<sup>67</sup> Jacob Preston must have met Martha Fuller in Dekalb County, Illinois when she was living THERE with her parents.<sup>68</sup> Jacob Preston and Margaretta (Preston) (Decker) Fuller were brother and sister. Further, Martha Ann Fuller became Margaretta (Preston) (Decker) Fuller's step-daughter and sister-in-law by marriage.

Lylia Hare found a marriage license which reasonably could be the marriage license for Jacob Preston and Martha Fuller.<sup>69</sup> There is limited information in the marriage license and the bride's name casts doubt on the license being the marriage license for Jacob Preston and Martha Fuller. The license indicates that Jacob Preston married Martha Ann Farr in Dekalb County, Illinois on April 8, 1868,<sup>70</sup> though the 1900 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa states Jacob and Martha Preston were married for 36 years which indicates Jacob and Martha were married in 1864.<sup>71</sup> However, if they were married in 1864, Jacob would have been 15 years old<sup>72</sup> and Martha would have been 20-21.<sup>73</sup> If they were married in 1868, Jacob would have been 19 years old and Martha would have been 25.<sup>74</sup> Therefore, it seems more likely that Jacob and Martha married in 1868.

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<sup>64</sup> Marriage license for Jacob Preston and Martha Farr dated April 8, 1868, License # 40, Book C - Page 373, Dekalb County, Illinois.

<sup>65</sup> 1900 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.

<sup>66</sup> 1890 Buchanan County, Iowa Register of Marriages for Luella May Preston and Edson Doud; 1893 Buchanan County, Iowa Register of Marriages for Annie Preston and T.L. Audrus; 1885 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa; 1900 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa; Marriage license for Jacob Preston and Martha Farr dated April 8, 1868, License # 40, Book C - Page 373, Dekalb County, Illinois.

<sup>67</sup> 1850 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, page 329-B; 1860 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, page 69.

<sup>68</sup> Marriage license for Jacob Preston and Martha Farr dated April 8, 1868, License # 40, Book C Page 373, Dekalb County, Illinois.

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<sup>71</sup> 1900 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa; Marriage license for Jacob Preston and Martha Farr dated April 8, 1868, License # 40, Book C - Page 373, Dekalb County, Illinois.

<sup>72</sup> 1850 Pequianac Township, Morris County, New Jersey; page 268; 1860 Pequianac Township, Morris County, New Jersey, page 710; 1880 Census for Cono Township, Buchanan County, Iowa, Page 418B.

<sup>73</sup> 1850 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 329-B; 1860 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 69.

<sup>74</sup> 1850 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 329-B; 1860 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 69.



Jacob and Martha (Fuller) Preston had nine children.<sup>75</sup> Their children are listed in the following table.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
Frank	1866 or 1868	Illinois
Luella May, May or Mary	11/1871	Iowa
William or Willie	04/1874	Iowa
Andrus (Annie)	06/1875	Iowa
Benjamin or Ben	12/1878	Iowa
Samuel	04/1879	Iowa
Alonzo	06/1881	Iowa
Elonzo	06/1881	Iowa
Joel	09/1885	Iowa

There are also significant inconsistencies in Jacob Preston's vital statistics which makes it very difficult correlating Jacob's "correct" age with specific occurrences. The 1895 Census indicates Jacob Preston was born April 1847 in New Jersey,<sup>76</sup> though his obituary indicates he was born in 1846.<sup>77</sup> The 1900 Census also indicates he was born in 1847.<sup>78</sup> However, the 1850, 1860 and 1880 Censuses indicate he was born in 1849.<sup>79</sup> The 1885 Census shows Jacob Preston born in 1889 in New Jersey.<sup>80</sup>

Both Jacob Preston and Martha Ann Farr were living in Dekalb County when they were married.<sup>81</sup> Each individual signed their name as Jacob Preston and Martha Ann Farr, respectively.<sup>82</sup> The marriage date fits the right time frame for Jacob Preston and Marth Ann Fuller, and there were no other listings of marriages for either a Jacob Preston or Martha Ann Fuller.<sup>83</sup> It is reasonable to believe that Jacob Preston and Martha Ann Farr are Jacob Preston and Martha Ann Fuller, but for whatever the reason, the bride's name was recorded as Farr rather than Fuller, something which cannot be explained. In any case, by 1870, Martha Ann Fuller was no longer living in Royal S. Fuller's household.<sup>84</sup>

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<sup>75</sup> 1885 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa; 1895 Census for Cono Township, Buchanan County, Iowa; 1900 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.

<sup>76</sup> 1895 Census for Cono Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.

<sup>77</sup> Jacob Preston's Obituary; Quasquetonian, \_\_\_\_\_, 1906.

<sup>78</sup> 1900 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.

<sup>79</sup> 1850 Pequana Township, Morris County, New Jersey; Page 268; 1860 Pequana Township, Morris County, New Jersey, page 710; 1880 Census for Cono Township, Buchanan County, Iowa, Page 418B

<sup>80</sup> 1885 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.

<sup>81</sup> Marriage license for Jacob Preston and Martha Farr dated April 8, 1868, License # 40, Book C - Page 373, Dekalb County, Illinois.

<sup>82</sup> Marriage license for Jacob Preston and Martha Farr dated April 8, 1868, License # 40, Book C - Page 373, Dekalb County, Illinois.

<sup>83</sup> Lylia Hare.

<sup>84</sup> 1870 Census for Franklin Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.

Very little is known about Martha Ann (Fuller) Preston. She is thought to be Royal (LeRoyal) Fuller's daughter.<sup>85</sup> Royal S. Fuller's daughter's name was Martha Ann Fuller.<sup>86</sup> The 1850 AND 1860 Dekalb Census indicate Royal S. Fuller had a daughter, Martha, living in his household.<sup>87</sup> Martha was 7 years old on the 1850 Census and 16 years old on the 1860 Census.<sup>88</sup> The Censuses indicates she was born in 1843-1844 in Pennsylvania.<sup>89</sup> The 1885 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa shows Martha (Fuller) Preston born in 1845 in Pennsylvania.<sup>90</sup> Also, Martha's daughters' marriage records indicate Martha's maiden name was Fuller,<sup>91</sup> though for whatever reason, Martha's last name appears on Luella May Preston's marriage entry as "Tull" not Fuller.

On April 6, 1890 Jacob and Martha (Fuller) Preston's daughter, Luella May Preston, married Edson Doud in Liberty Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.<sup>92</sup> The Register of Marriages indicates Luella Preston's parents were Jacob Preston and Martha Tull.<sup>93</sup> Why Martha (Fuller) Preston's last name was spelled as "Tull" is unknown. Edson Doud's parents were identified as Rufus Doud and Sarh Black.<sup>94</sup> The Register of Marriage indicates both Edson and Luella May were White.<sup>95</sup> At the time they were married, Edson was 39 years old and Luella May was 19.<sup>96</sup>

On November 8, 1893, Jacob and Martha (Fuller) Preston's daughter, Annie Preston, married T. C. Andries in Independence, Iowa.<sup>97</sup> When they married, Annie was 19 and T.C. Andries was 25.<sup>98</sup> Both Annie and T.C. are listed as White.<sup>99</sup> T.C.'s parents are identified as Truman Andries and Charlett Borduex.<sup>100</sup> Annies parents are identified as Jacob Preston and Martha Fuller.<sup>101</sup>

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- 85        1880 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.
  - 86        1850 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 329-B; 1860 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 69.
  - 87        1850 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 329-B; 1860 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 69.
  - 88        1850 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 329-B; 1860 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 69.
  - 89        1850 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 329-B; 1860 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 69.
  - 90        1885 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa; 1895 Census for Cono Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.
  - 91        1890 Buchanan County, Iowa Register of Marriages for Luella May Preston & Edson Doud; 1893 Buchanan County, Iowa Register of Marriages for Annie Preston and T.L. Audrus; 1885 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.
  - 92        Register of Marriages, 1890, Buchanan County, Iowa; Bessie Doud's Obituary, Buchanan County Journal (?) September, 19, 1901
  - 93        Register of Marriages, 1890, Buchanan County, Iowa.
  - 94        Register of Marriages, 1890, Buchanan County, Iowa.
  - 95        Register of Marriages, 1890, Buchanan County, Iowa.
  - 96        Register of Marriages, 1890, Buchanan County, Iowa.
  - 97        Register of Marriages 1893, Buchanan County, Iowa.
  - 98        Register of Marriages 1893, Buchanan County, Iowa.
  - 99        Register of Marriages 1893, Buchanan County, Iowa.
  - 100       Register of Marriages 1893, Buchanan County, Iowa.
  - 101       Register of Marriages 1893, Buchanan County, Iowa.

Based on the handwriting in the 1890 and 1893 Marriage Registers, the same person made the entries for Annie Preston's marriage and Luella May Preston's marriage. When looking at the entries regarding the names of Luella May Preston's parents, one would assume based on the way Luella's mother's maiden name is written that her mother's name was Martha Tull. In fact, the first letter of Martha's last name looks like a "T" not an "F." However, when one compares the entry for Annie Preston's marriage regarding the names of Annie Preston's parents with other entries in the 1890 and 1893 marriage registers, it is pretty clear that the first letter of Annie Preston's mother's maiden name is the capital letter "F" not "T" and the last letter of Annie Preston's mother's maiden name is a lower case letter "r" and not "n." With respect to whether the last letter in Annie Preston's mother's maiden name is a lower case letter "r" or "n" one only needs to examine and compare other words (such as bookkeeper & Patterson) ending in lower case "r" or "n" in other entries to determine that the last letter in Annie Preston's mother's maiden name is a lower case "r" and not a lower case "n."

Since the person making the marriage entries for both Luella May Preston and Annie Preston were the same, it is fairly clear from examining the person's handwriting that the person wrote a capital letter "T" and "F" in the same manner, except the person added a short horizontal line mid-way up the vertical axis of the capital letter "F" which, in most cases, extended an equal distance on each side of the vertical axis of the capital letter "F." As an example, the person wrote the capital letters "T & F" in a manner which looks very much like the capital letters "F & T" when using a script font.

As one can see by the example, the capital letters "F & T" look almost the same using a script font, but this does not explain why the last two letters of Martha's last name are missing in Luella May Preston's marriage entry. Most likely, the reason why the capital letter "F" looks like a capital letter "T" in Luella May Preston's entry and probably, why the last two letters are missing from Martha's last name in Luella May's entry is due to the degradation of the handwriting since it was originally written well over a hundred years ago. Most likely the ink faded due to aging which probably caused the entire image not to be microfilmed and the image on microfilm probably degraded over time also.



## CHAPTER NINETEEN

### The 1870s

Lydia Hare checked the 1870 Dekalb County, Illinois Census for Henry Hare and his family. Much to her surprise, Henry and Eliza Hare were not listed. Lydia said the following:

I can't image why or where they were at the time of this census. George Hare and his family and Martin Hare and his family were listed. I do know that Henry's son, Albert Hare, was married and lived for some time across the state border in Walworth County, WI. Dekalb County is not far from the Wisconsin border, and is also within 60 miles from Chicago. Something that was brought to my attention this past weekend. So, I could see where some of the families could have easily wondered off into the Chicago area (scary thought for researching). I do not expect that Henry had any connections to Chicago.

The 1870 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois lists the George and Lucinda (Campbell) Hare.<sup>1</sup> Part of the information on the 1870 Census is set forth in the following table.

**GEORGE AND LUCINDA (CAMPBELL) HARE FAMILY**  
**1870 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Property</u>		<u>Place of Birth</u>
					<u>Real</u>	<u>Personal</u>	
Hare, George	27	M	W	Farmer		300	NJ
Lucinda	25	F	W	Keeping House			PA
William, H.	7	M	W	At School			IL
James, M.	5	M	W	At School			IL
Harriette, M.	2	F	W	At Home			IL
Fanny, E.		F	W				IL
Campbell, Amanda	47	F	W	Weaver			PA
Morse, Israel	15	M	W	At School			PA

George Hare was a farmer in Section 6, Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.<sup>2</sup> George and his family were on the 1870 Census in Kingston Township, Dekalb County.<sup>3</sup> In 1872, George and Lucinda (Campbell) Hare went for a visit or moved to Seward County, Nebraska and remained there for two years. Their daughter, Eliza Jane, was not born when the 1870 Census was taken. George and Lucinda probably left Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois by themselves or with their family for Seward County, Nebraska sometime after the 1870 Census was taken. Lucinda gave birth to Eliza Jane in Seward County in 1872.<sup>4</sup> In the 1880 Census, Eliza Jane's birth was reported as being in Nebraska and that statement remained consistent with all following censuses, both in Eliza Jane's childhood, living in her parent's household, and later in Eliza Jane's married years. ~~Later, George and his family returned to Dekalb County.~~

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<sup>1</sup> 1870 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.

<sup>2</sup> The Voters And Tax-Payers of Dekalb County, Illinois, Chicago, H.F. Kett & Co., 1876, Page 294.

<sup>3</sup> 1870 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 441.

<sup>4</sup> Eliza Jane Decker's Obituaries, The Bulletin-Journal, March 12, 1936, \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa; The Conservative, March 4, 1936, Independence, Iowa.

# Death Record Of Past Week

THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED ON

Giving List Of Those Who Have  
Answered The Final Summons  
Since Our Last Report.

Mrs. Wm. Decker.

As briefly announced in the last issue of the Bulletin-Journal, Mrs. William Decker died Wednesday evening, March 4, 1936, at 11:40 o'clock at her home 7 miles north-east of town as the result of a stroke of paralysis on Monday. She had been in failing health for over two years. The funeral services were held in the Swan & Leytze funeral home Sunday afternoon. The Rev. L. A. Miller officiated. Burial was in Wilson cemetery. The services were very largely attended.

She was born Eliza Jane J Hare, daughter of George and Lucinda Hare, in Seward county, Nebraska, Sept. 15, 1872. When she was two years old the family moved to Illinois, going there in a covered wagon. They moved to Buchanan county in 1884, and she lived in this vicinity practically all the time since then. She was married in Independence in 1890, to William Decker, who survives her. Others surviving are five daughters and two sons, Mrs. Oscar Reinhold, Medford, Wis.; Mrs. A. H. Downing, Independence; Ralph Decker, Oelwein; Harvey Decker, Mrs. F. R. Rankin, Mrs. George Siglin, Waterloo; Mrs. G. I. Carpenter, Fairbank. One daughter Ella died on Aug. 26, 1914, at Oran. Also four brothers and two sisters survive her: James and Delbert Hare, Independence; Charles Hare, Hazleton; Arthur Hare, Lyman; Esther Mishler, Oelwein; Mrs. Julia Fuller, Oelwein, also eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Decker's many friends were grieved to learn of her death and unite in sympathy to the sorrowing family.

In 1874, George and Lucinda Hare and their family returned to Dekalb County, Illinois from Seward County, Nebraska. Apparently, George and Lucinda (Campbell) Hare and their family return to Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois by 1874<sup>5</sup> since their son, Charles E. Hare, was born in Illinois by 1876.<sup>6</sup> Both of Eliza Jane (Hare) Decker's Obituaries indicate she was George and Lucinda Hare's daughter, born September 15, 1872 in Seward County, Nebraska.<sup>7</sup> Both of her obituaries indicate she moved with her parents to Illinois when she was two years old.<sup>8</sup> Her obituary in the Cons. states that, "[w]hen but two years of age, her family moved in a covered wagon from Nebraska to Illinois."<sup>9</sup> Her obituary in The Bulletin - Journal states, that "[w]hen she was two years old the family moved to Illinois, going there in a covered wagon"<sup>10</sup> presumably from Nebraska.

The 1870 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois lists the George and Penninah (Fuller) Bartholomew family, including their seven children.<sup>11</sup> By 1870, Penninah was the only child of Lemuel and Hannah (Cummins or Cummings) Fuller who still resided in Genoa Township. Part of the information in the 1870 Census is set forth in the following table.

<sup>5</sup> Eliza Jane Decker's Obituaries, The Bulletin-Journal, March 12, 1936, \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa; The Conservative, March 4, 1936, Independence, Iowa.

<sup>6</sup> 1880 Census for Kingston, Dekalb County, Illinois, page 108A.

<sup>7</sup> Eliza Jane Decker's Obituaries, The Bulletin-Journal, March 12, 1936, \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa; The Conservative, March 4, 1936, Independence, Iowa.

<sup>8</sup> Eliza Jane Decker's Obituaries, The Bulletin-Journal, March 12, 1936, \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa; The Conservative, March 4, 1936, Independence, Iowa.

<sup>9</sup> Eliza Jane Decker's Obituary, The CONS, March 4, 1936.

<sup>10</sup> Eliza Jane Decker's Obituary, The Bulletin-Journal, March 12, 1936.

<sup>11</sup> 1870 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 425-b; Census taken July 9, 1870.

## GEORGE AND PENNINAH (FULLER) BARTHOLOMEW FAMILY

### 1870 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
George	58	M	W	Farmer	PA
Penninah	50	F	w	KH	PA
Phillip	25	M	W	Farmer	NY
Henry B.	20	M	W	Works	IL
Hannah	18	F	W	At home	IL
Daniel	15	M	W	Works on farm	IL
George		13	M	W “ ”	IL
Andrew	12	M	W	At school	IL
Dinah	8	F	W	“ ”	IL
Tyler, Ephraim A.	7	M	W	“ ”	IL
Mitchel, Catherine	57	F	W	Domestic servant	IL

Sarah C. Bartholomew married Ephriam A. Tyler on September 27, 1860<sup>12</sup>

Elizabeth Bartholomew married Joseph Jarvis Church Jarvis<sup>13</sup> on April 6, 1870

Henry D. Bartholomew married Maggie A. Shoemaker on January 1, 1875<sup>14</sup>

Hannah Bartholomew married John Wood on January 1, 1875

Henry and Hannah Bartholomew probably had a double ceremony at their parents' home. Double ceremonies were a common custom with other families too.

The Bartholomew family may have remained in Dekalb County at least through 1875. Based on the marriage dates for four of their children.

The 1870 Census shows Lorenzo and Elizabeth (Fuller) Ayres living in Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.<sup>15</sup> Part of the information on 1870 Census is set forth in the table below.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Prop</u>	<u>Prop</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
115/112 Ayres, Lorenzo	68	M	W	Farmer	300	1800	NY
Ayres, Elizabeth	58	F	W	Keeping house			PA
McCormick, Adalock	15	M	W	At school			PA

The name “Adalock” may not be spelled correctly as it is very hard to read. In the 1860 Census, Adalock McCormick's name was spelled “Adaluskie.” The census taker for the 1860 Census crunched his name into the required space making it difficult to read. His name only appears in the 1860 and 1870 Census.

The 1870 Census was the last census on which Lorenzo and Elizabeth (Fuller) Ayers/Ayres appear together.<sup>16</sup> Lorenzo Ayers died December 25, 1873 in Kingston, or on the farm,<sup>17</sup> and Elizabeth (Fuller) Ayers went to Nebraska to live with her son, Solomon Ayers, where she died<sup>18</sup> November 6, 1879 and is buried.<sup>19</sup> Norma Ayers stated in his email that he is still searching for Lorenzo Ayers' grave.<sup>20</sup>

<sup>12</sup> Record of the Bartholomew family, by George W. Bartholomew, Jr., published Austin, TX 1885.

<sup>13</sup> Record of the Bartholomew family, by George W. Bartholomew, Jr., published Austin, TX 1885.

<sup>14</sup> Record of the Bartholomew family, by George W. Bartholomew, Jr., published Austin, TX 1885.

<sup>15</sup> 1870 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 441; Census taken June 26, 1870.

<sup>16</sup> 1870 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 441; Census taken June 26, 1870.

<sup>17</sup> Norman Ayers' email to Lylia Hare dated March 9, 2003.

<sup>18</sup> Norman Ayers' email to Lylia Hare dated March 9, 2003.

<sup>19</sup> Norman Ayers' email to Lylia Hare dated March 9, 2003.

In 1870, the George Hare family were very close neighbors to the Lorenzo and Elizabeth (Fuller) Ayers family.<sup>21</sup> The 1870 Census shows the families were only four households apart on the Census.<sup>22</sup> Therefore, the two Fuller sisters, Amanda (Fuller) Campbell and Elizabeth (Fuller) Ayers, were within visiting range.<sup>23</sup> Amanda was 47 years old in 1860 and Elizabeth was 58.<sup>24</sup>

The 1870 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois shows Amanda (Fuller) Campbell living with George and Lucinda (Campbell) Hare and their four children.<sup>25</sup> Part of the information from the 1870 Census is set forth in the table below.

**GEORGE AND LUCINDA (CAMPBELL) HARE FAMILY**  
**870 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
Hare, George	27	M	Farmer	NY (NJ ?)
Lucinda	25	F	Keeping house	PA
William H.	7	M	At school	IL
James M.	5	M	At school	IL
Harriett M.	2	F	At school	IL
Fanny E.	5/12	F	At school	IL
Campbell, Amanda	47	F	Weaver	PA
Morse, Israel	15	M	At school	PA

The 1870 Census was taken on June 26, 1870<sup>26</sup> and Nathaniel Campbell is believed to have died between the 1860 and 1870 Censuses because his wife, Amanda, appears as a widow in the 1870 Census living with their daughter, Lucinda (Campbell) Hare, and her husband, George. Isaac Morse seems to have a connection to Amanda (Fuller) Campbell since he appears with Nathaniel and Amanda (Fuller) Campbell on the 1860 Census and again on the 1870 Census in the George Hare household, where Amanda was residing.

The 1870 Census shows Solomon and Mary Ayres living in Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.<sup>27</sup> One of George Bartholomew's sisters, Catherine, married Fred'k Wager and their daughter, Mary Wager, was married to Solomon Ayers, Norman Ayers' great grandfather.<sup>28</sup> Part of the information on 1870 Census is set forth in the table below.

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<sup>20</sup> Norman Ayers' email to Lylia Hare dated March 9, 2003.

<sup>21</sup> 1870 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 441; Census taken June 26, 1870.

<sup>22</sup> 1870 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 441; Census taken June 26, 1870.

<sup>23</sup> 1870 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 441; Census taken June 26, 1870.

<sup>24</sup> 1870 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 441; Census taken June 26, 1870.

<sup>25</sup> 1870 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 441; Census taken June 26, 1870.

<sup>26</sup> 1870 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 441.

<sup>27</sup> 1870 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 446.

<sup>28</sup> Record of the Bartholomew family, by George W. Bartholomew, Jr., published Austin, TX 1885; Norman Ayers' email to Lylia Hare dated March 9, 2003.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
143/188	Ayres, Solomon	22	M	W	Farmer	PA
	Ayres, Mary A.	21	F	W	Housekeeping	IL
	Ayres, Olden S.	01	M	W		IL
	McCormick, Alonzo	24	M	W	Farm laborer	IL

Solomon and Mary Ayres' son, Olden S. Ayres, is identified on the 1880 Census as Aldin, age 10, born in Illinois.<sup>29</sup> Solomon Ayres' family history by Norman Ayers listed Olden S. Ayres as Aulden Field Ayers born August 4, 1870 near Kingston, Illinois and died February 22, 1954 in Vancouver, British Columbia.<sup>30</sup> According to Norman Ayers, Solomon Ayres died one month prior to the birth of his 13th child in 1891.<sup>31</sup>

By 1870, Sally (Fuller) McCormick had only two living children, namely Lemuel Alonzo and Adelask Pasmer McCormick. Lemuel Alonzo appears to be her only son still residing in Dekalb County, Illinois. In 1870, he was living with his cousin, Solomon Ayers, Lorenzo and Elizabeth's son and appears on the 1870 Census as Alonzo McCormick.<sup>32</sup> Later, Alonzo McCormick appears on the 1880 Census living in Poyner, Black Hawk County, Iowa. No information has been found for Adelask Pasmer McCormick.

The 1870 Census for Kingston Township shows Amasa and Rachel (Vanderhoof) Preston living with their daughter, Mary E. in Dekalb County, Illinois.<sup>33</sup> Part of the information on 1870 Census is set forth in the table below.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Per Prop</u>	<u>Real Prop</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
Preston, Amasa	60	M	W	Farmer	400	400	NJ
Rachel	47	F	W	Keeping house			NJ
Mary E.	4	M	W				IL

Mary was born September 15, 1865 in Illinois.<sup>34</sup> Rachel would have been 45 years old when she gave birth to Mary.

Royal S. and Margaretta (Preston) (Decker) Fuller appear on the 1870 Dekalb County Census though the name on the Census is Boyle S. Fuller, not Royal S. Fuller.<sup>35</sup> Royal S. Fuller was 53 years old and Margaret was 28.<sup>36</sup> The Census shows Royal S. Fuller working in quarry and born in Pennsylvania.<sup>37</sup> The Census also indicates Royal owned \$242 in property.<sup>38</sup> Margaretta is shown as keeping house and born in New Jersey.

The 1870 Dekalb County Census reveals five children living in Royal S. Fuller's household.<sup>39</sup> Joel M. is Royal Fuller's son from his first marriage. Joel is identified on the 1850 & 1860 Census for Dekalb County, Illinois as Royal and Priscilla Fuller's child.<sup>40</sup>

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<sup>29</sup> [Solomon Ayres' family history](#) by Norman Ayers.

<sup>30</sup> [Solomon Ayres' family history](#) by Norman Ayers.

<sup>31</sup> [Solomon Ayres' family history](#) by Norman Ayers.

<sup>32</sup> 1870 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 446.

<sup>33</sup> 1870 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 446.

<sup>34</sup> 1900 Census.

<sup>35</sup> 1870 Census for Franklin Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 25.

<sup>36</sup> 1870 Census for Franklin Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 25.

<sup>37</sup> 1870 Census for Franklin Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 25.

<sup>38</sup> 1870 Census for Franklin Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 25.

<sup>39</sup> 1870 Census for Franklin Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 25.



<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
Joel M.	18	1851-1852	Illinois

The following two children on the 1870 Dekalb County Census are thought to be Royal S. and Margaretta (Preston) (Decker) Fuller's children.<sup>41</sup> Minnie and Hanna are identified on the 1880 Census for Smith County, Kansas as Jemima and Amanda Fuller, respectively.<sup>42</sup>

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
Minnie	4	1866	Illinois
Hannah A. Fuller	2	1868	Illinois

The following two children on the 1870 Dekalb County Census are Margaretta (Preston) (Decker) Fuller's children from her first marriage to William Decker.<sup>43</sup>

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
Rachell Decker	7	1863	New Jersey
William Decker	5	1864	New Jersey

It is believed that Margaretta (Preston) (Decker) Fuller's second daughter (Rossella / Ursula / Ersula Decker) also came with Margaretta to Dekalb County, Illinois. It is believed that Margaretta's daughter appears on the 1870 Census under the name Ursula Decker, age 8, living in John P. Renn's household.<sup>44</sup> However, the Census indicates that Ursula was born in 1862 in Illinois, not 1863 in New Jersey and was attending school when the Census was taken.<sup>45</sup>

John P. Renn's household appears on the 1870 Census just prior to the George and Penninah (Fuller) Bartholomew household on the Census.<sup>46</sup> Living in John Penn's household were the Barnard Geithman family and Ursula Decker who is believed to be William and Margaretta (Preston) (Decker) Fuller's daughter.<sup>47</sup> It is not know why Ursula was living in John Renn's household, but Ursula Decker was a close neighbor (one house away) of her Aunt Penninah (Fuller) Bartholomew's family,<sup>48</sup> Royal S. Fuller's sister. Ursula Decker is believed to be Royal S. Fuller's step-daughter.<sup>49</sup> Also, Ursula Decker was the same age as Penninah's youngest daughter, Dorah Barholomew.<sup>50</sup> It is worth noting that on the Census page, two houses above the house where Ursual

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<sup>40</sup> 1850 & 1860 Censuses for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 329-B and Page 69, respectively.

<sup>41</sup> 1870 Census for Franklin Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 25; 1880 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.

<sup>42</sup> 1880 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.

<sup>43</sup> 1870 Census for Franklin Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 25; William Henry Decker's Obituary, The Conservative, July 29 1952, Independence, Iowa; Rachel Decker's Birth Record, No. Z2-229, New Jersey Archives, Trenton, New Jersey; William Decker's Death Certificate; Buchanan County Marriage Records.

<sup>44</sup> 1870 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.

<sup>45</sup> 1870 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.

<sup>46</sup> 1870 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.

<sup>47</sup> 1870 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.

<sup>48</sup> 1870 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 425-B

<sup>49</sup> Royal S. Fuller and Mrs. Margaret Decker's Marriage Certificate dated April 21, 1866, Book "1," Page 124, County Clerk, Dekalb County, Illinois; Rossella Decker's birth record, No. Z2-2248, New Jersey Archives, Trenton, New Jersey; Phebe Adkins' Last Will dated August 26, 1887, Document No. S 526, Application for Probate of Will & Petition filed April 14, 1870, Documents No. 313-9, Book D of Renunciations and Applications, on page 17, In Re Phebe Adkins, deceased, Morris County Clerk's Office, Morristown, New Jersey.

<sup>50</sup> 1870 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 425-B; 1880 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, page 90A.

Decker was living, there was another young lady, Angeline Buck, a housekeeper, age 19, living with the William Frantz family. In November 1874, Angeline Buck married James Fuller, Royal S. Fuller's son. James Fuller was not listed with Royal S. Fuller's family on the 1870 Census.<sup>51</sup> He may have been working as a farm laborer living somewhere else.

The 1880 Census for Dekalb County shows Ersula Decker, age 17, living in her cousin's household.<sup>52</sup> The Census was taken June 8, 1880 and indicates all members of the household are white, including Ersula.<sup>53</sup> Based on the 1880 Census, Ursula/Ersula was born in 1863 in New Jersey and both of her parents were born in New Jersey.<sup>54</sup>

By November 1871, Jacob and Marth (Fuller) Preston had moved to Iowa. Jacob and Martha (Fuller) Preston were in Illinois when their son, Frank, was born in 1866 or 1868.<sup>55</sup> However, they moved to Iowa by November 1871 when their daughter, Luella May, was born.<sup>56</sup> Lylia Hare reviewed all 25 pages of the 1870 Census for Kingston Township, DeKalb County, Illinois, but she did not find Jacob and Martha (Fuller) Preston listed on the Census, so if they were living in Dekalb County when the 1870 Census was taken, they were missed.

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<sup>51</sup> 1870 Census for Franklin Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 25.

<sup>52</sup> 1880 Census for South Grove Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.

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<sup>54</sup> 1880 Census for South Grove Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.

<sup>55</sup> 1880 Census for Cono Township, Buchanan County, Iowa, Page 418B; 1885 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.

<sup>56</sup> 1885 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa; 1895 Census for Cono Township, Buchanan County, Iowa; 1900 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.

# CHAPTER TWENTY

## The 1880s

Between 1874-1878, Royal S. and Margaretta (Preston) (Decker) Fuller left Dekalb County, Illinois and moved to Smith County, Kansas where they were living with their children.<sup>57</sup> The 1880 Census shows Royal S. and Margaretta (Preston) (Decker) Fuller with their five children living in Pawnee, Smith County, Kansas.<sup>58</sup> Part of the information on the 1880 Census is shown in the table below.

**ROYAL S. FULLER FAMILY**  
**The 1880 United States Census for Pawnee, Smith County, Kansas**

Name	Occ	Relation	Sex	Marital	Race	Age	Person	Birthplace	Father	Mother
Royal S. Fuller	Farmer	Self	M	M	W	62	PA	PA	PA	
Margret Fuller	Keeping House	Wife	F	M	W	37	NJ	NJ	NJ	
Jemima Fuller	At home	Dau	F	S	W	13	IL	PA	NJ	
Amanda Fuller	At home	Dau	F	S	W	11	IL	PA	NJ	
John Fuller	At home	Son	M	S	W	9	IL	PA	NJ	
Charles A. Fuller	—	Son	M	S	W	6	IL	PA	NJ	
Benjamin Fuller	—	Son	M	S	W	2	KS	PA	NJ	

In all, it is thought that Margaretta (Preston) (Decker) Fuller had at least eight children with two husbands.<sup>59</sup> The children are:

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Child's Father</u>	<u>Child's Date of Birth</u>	<u>Child's Place of Birth</u>	<u>Mother's Age DOB: 1843-1844</u>
Rachell Decker	William Decker	1861	New Jersey	17-18
Rossella / Ursula / /Ersula Decker	William Decker	1863	New Jersey	19-20
William Decker	William Decker	1864	New Jersey	22-23
Minnie (Jemima) Fuller	Royal Fuller	1866	Illinois	24-25
Hanna (Amanda) A. Fuller	Royal Fuller	1868	Illinois	25-26
John Henry Fuller	Royal Fuller	1870	Illinois	27-28
Charles A. Fuller	Royal Fuller	1872	Illinois	28-29
Benjamin Fuller	Royal Fuller	1878	Kansas	34-35

<sup>57</sup> The Portrait and Biographical Album of Dekalb County, Illinois, 1883, Page 334; 1880 Federal Census for Pawnee Township, Smith County, Kansas, Page 351; The dates 1874-1878 are based on the ages and birth places of Royal and Margaretta Fuller's sons, Charles and Benjamin, as shown in the 1880 Census for Smith County, Kansas. The Census reported their ages as follows:

Charles	age 6 - born in IL (1874)
Benjamin	age 2 - born in KS (1878)

<sup>58</sup> Abstracted from FHL Film 1254397, National Archives Film T9-0397, Page 351A.

<sup>59</sup> 1870 Census for Dekalb County, Illinois; 1880 Federal Census for Pawnee, Smith County Kansas; William Henry Decker's Obituary, The Conservative, July 29, 1952, Independence, Iowa; Rossella Decker's birth record, No. Z2-2248, New Jersey Archives, Trenton, New Jersey; Rachel Decker's birth record, No. Z2-229, New Jersey Archives, Trenton, New Jersey; The Census of 1870 for Franklin Township, Dekalb County, Illinois; 1951; William Decker's Death Certificate; Buchanan County Marriage Records; Application for Probate of Will dated April 14, 1890, In re Phebe Adkins, Deceased, Book D of Renunciations and Applications, Page 17; Phebe Adkin's Will [S 526] dated August 26, 1887, Petition to Probate Phebe Adkin's Will dated April 14, 1870, Documents filed 313-9, Morris County Clerk's Office, Morristown, New Jersey; The Portrait and Biographical Album of Dekalb County, Illinois, 1883, Page 334.

In 1880, all of Margaretta (Preston) (Decker) Fuller's children from her marriage to William Decker were single and living in Dekalb County, Illinois. Rachel Decker was 20 years old and living with the Thomas Renwick family.<sup>60</sup> Rossella / Ursula / Ersula Decker was 17 years old and living with her cousin's, William Decker's, family.<sup>61</sup> William Henry Decker was 16 years old and living with his grandparents, Amasa and Rachel (Vanderhoof) Preston. Part of the information on the 1880 Census regarding each of the Decker children is set for below in the following three tables.

**ROSSELLA / URSULA / ERSULA DECKER**  
**William And Lizie Decker Family**  
**The 1880 United States Census for South Grove, Dekalb County, Illinois**

Name	Relation	Marital	Sex	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Birthplace	
								Father	Mother
William Decker	Self	M	M	W	45	OH	Farmer	NJ	NJ
Lizie Decker	Wife	M	F	W	36	NY	Keeping House	NH	NJ
Henry Decker	Son	S	M	W	16	IL	At Home NY	OH	
Norah Decker	Dau	S	F	W	13	IL	At School	OH	NY
Harvey Decker	Son	S	M	W	10	IL		OH	NY
<b>Ersula Decker</b>	<b>Cousin</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>NJ</b>	<b>No Occupation</b>	<b>NJ</b>	<b>NJ</b>

Assuming Margaretta (Preston) Decker) Fuller's second daughter, Rossella, is Ursula/Ersula Decker, then her sister, Rachel Decker, was living and working very close to Rossella in 1880. Rachel Decker appears in the 1880 Census as a Domestic Servant in the household of Thomas Renwick in South Grove, Dekalb County, Illinois.<sup>62</sup> Her birthplace is listed as Illinois, not New Jersey, and there is no information about the birth place of her parents.<sup>63</sup> The Thomas Renwick family is on page 230A of the Census<sup>64</sup> and Ersula Decker is on page 227C in the household of her cousin, William Decker,<sup>65</sup> so essentially Rossella and Rachel were neighbors. [\[See related text on page 177 or 178\]](#)

**RACHEL DECKER**  
**Thomas Renwick Family**  
**The 1880 United States Census for South Grove Township, Dekalb County, Illinois**

Name	Relation	Marital	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Birthplace	
								Father	Mother
Thomas Renwick	Self	M	M	W	46	Scotland	Farmer	Scotland	Scotland
Lucy Renwick	Wife	M	F	W	37	Illinois	Keeping House		Pennsylvania
Bessie Renwick	Daughter	S	F	W	7	Illinois		Scotland	Illinois
Lucy Renwick	Daughter	S	F	W	1M	Illinois		Scotland	Illinois
Sarah Brandon	Sister L	W	F	W	35	Illinois		Pennsylvania	
<b>Rachel Decker</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Illinois</b>	<b>Domestic Servant</b>		
E. Manuel Smith	Other	S	M	W	26	England	Laborer	England	England
Phillip Doland	Other	S	M	W	30	Ireland	Laborer	Ireland	Ireland

<sup>60</sup> 1880 United States Census, South Grove Township, Dekalb County Illinois, FHL Film 1254202, National Archives Film T9-0202, Page 230A.

<sup>61</sup> 1880 Census for South Grove Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 227

<sup>62</sup> 1880 United States Census, South Grove Township, Dekalb County Illinois; FHL Film 1254202, National Archives Film T9-0202, Page 230A.

<sup>63</sup> 1880 United States Census, South Grove Township, Dekalb County Illinois; FHL Film 1254202, National Archives Film T9-0202, Page 230A.

<sup>64</sup> 1880 United States Census, South Grove Township, Dekalb County Illinois; FHL Film 1254202, National Archives Film T9-0202, Page 230A.

<sup>65</sup> 1880 Census for South Grove Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.

It is not known why Maragretta (Preston) (Decker) Fuller's second daughter, Rossella / Ursula / Ersula Decker, was not living with her in 1870. By 1880, Margaretta and her new family with Royal S. Fuller had moved to Smith County, Kansas which explains why Rosella was not living with her mother in 1880. Also, Rossella / Ursula / Ersula Decker was 17 years old in 1880. Further, Rossella / Ursula / Ersula Decker may have decided to remain in Dekalb County, Illinois with her sister and brother, Rachel and William Henry Decker. However, The Portrait and Biographical Album of Dekalb County, Illinois contains a biographical sketch of William Decker which contains the following paragraph<sup>66</sup> and may give some insight into what happened to Margaretta's second daughter.

He was married Feb. 21 1861, in south Grove Township, to Lissie Shorey, and they have had \_\_\_\_ children, two of whom are deceased. Wm. Henry was born Sept. 2, 1864; Elnor, Oct 27, 1866; and Harvey E., Aug 5, 1869. They have also raised one other child, Ursula Decker, who was the daughter of William and Margaret Decker, a cousin of Mr. Decker of this sketch. Her father died in New Jersey when she was two years old, and her mother was a second time married, and she was taken by Mr. Decker to bring up. She was born March 22, 1863 in New Jersey, and died Jan 30, 1885 in Iowa, where she had gone six weeks before her death. Her remains were brought to South Grove for burial.

Lylia Hare checked for Ersula Decker's death record in Buchanan County, Iowa, but neither the name Ersula nor any form of her name (i.e. Ursula or Rossella) was listed in the death books. She may not have died in Buchanan County, Iowa and if she did die in Buchanan County, recording deaths in 1885 was done intermittently, leaving many deaths unrecorded.<sup>67</sup> Even in the late 1890s when several of the Hare family members died in Buchanan County, there deaths were not recorded.<sup>68</sup> So it is difficult to know what happened to Rossella / Ursula / Ersula Decker.

Kathleen (Shorey) Shultz thought that Ersula Decker may have died in Guthrie County, Iowa where Kathleen thought Ersula Decker may have gone to visit her aunts (Eunic Shorey's) parents and some of Eunice's brothers and sisters.<sup>69</sup> Kathleen requested a death certificate for Ersula Decker for Guthrie County, but was told that county officials in Guthrie County were unable to locate any death records for Ersula Decker in Guthrie County, Iowa.<sup>70</sup>

It is possible that Rossella / Ursula / Ersula Decker went to Calhoun County, Iowa to visit her grandmother, Rachel (Vanderhoof) Preston who was living with her daughter, William and Mary (Preston) Hare, in Elm Grove Township, Calhoun County in 1885. It is also possible that Rossella / Ursula / Ersula Decker died in Calhoun County while on her visit. Possibly, Rachel died shortly after the 1885 Census was taken. **[Same text on page 177 or 178]**

Rachel Decker moved with her mother to Dekalb County, Illinois and appears with her mother and brother, William, on the 1870 Dekalb County Census.<sup>71</sup> Rachel Decker also appears on the 1880 Census for South Grove, Dekalb County, Illinois as a Domestic Servant in the Thomas Renwick household.<sup>72</sup>

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<sup>66</sup> The Portrait and Biographical Album of Dekalb County, Illinois, 1883, Page 334.

<sup>67</sup> Lylia Hare.

<sup>68</sup> Lylia Hare.

<sup>69</sup> Kathleen (Shorey) Shultz's email dated September 22, 2002.

<sup>70</sup> Kathleen (Shorey) Shultz's email dated October 26, 2002.

<sup>71</sup> 1870 Census for Franillin Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 25.

<sup>72</sup> 1880 United States Census, South Grove Township, Dekalb County Illinois, FHL Film 1254202, National

Archives Film T9-0202, Page 230A.

By 1885, all of Rachel Decker's immediate family died<sup>73</sup> or moved to Calhoun or Buchanan County, Iowa from Dekalb County, Illinois. As a result, it seems quite logical that Rachel Decker would have followed her immediate family to Iowa, possibly Calhoun or Buchanan County. Lylia Hare look for Rachel Decker's marriage in the Buchanan County's marriage records, but she did not find any marriages for Rachel Decker. The book of marriages was not indexed with tabbed letters, so she searched page by page covering a ten-year span from

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On January 30, 1885, Rossella / Ursula / Ersula Decker died in Iowa where she had gone six weeks before her death and her body was return to Dekalb County, Illinois for burial.<sup>74</sup> **Ersula Decker is buried in South Grove Cemetery, DeKalb County, Illinois, Erusula's stone indicates she died January 30, 1885 and her age at death was 22 years, 10 months and 10 days [FOOTNOTE FOR THIS SENTENCE IS ERUSLA DECKERS HEADSTONE & JANET BORNHOEFT.]** Lylia Hare check for Rossella / Ursula / Ersula Decker's death record in the Buchanan County, Iowa death records, but did not find a death record for her. Ms. Hare checked the Joiner \_\_\_\_\_ Room's obituary file for Rossella / Ursula / Ersula Decker' Obituary, but did not find one. She did not check newspapers on microfilm. Ms. Hare was not sure if the Joiner \_\_\_\_\_ Room even had newspapers on microfilm. Ms. Hare also checked the death records in Dekalb County for Rossella / Ursula / Ersula Decker's death records, but did not find a death record for Rossella / Ursula / Ersula Decker.

It is possible that Rossella / Ursula / Ersula Decker went to Calhoun County, Iowa to visit her grandmother, Rachel (Vanderhoof) Preston who was living with her daughter, William and Mary (Preston) Hare, in Elm Grove Township, Calhoun County in 1885. It is also possible that Rossella / Ursula / Ersula Decker died in Calhoun County while on her visit. Possibly, Rachel died shortly after the 1885 Census was taken.

In 1885 William Henry Decker was living in Buchanan County, Iowa.<sup>75</sup> It is not known when William Henry Decker left Dekalb County, Illinois or why. In 1880, he was 16 years old and living with his grandparents, Amasa and Rachel (Vanderhoof) Preston in Dekalb County, Illinois.<sup>76</sup> Possibly he moved with his grandparents, Amasa and Rachel (Vanderhoof) Preston to Buchanan or Calhoun County.

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<sup>73</sup> The Portrait and Biographical Album of Dekalb County, Illinois, 1883, Page 334.

<sup>74</sup> The Portrait and Biographical Album of Dekalb County, Illinois, 1883, Page 334.

<sup>75</sup> William Henry Decker's Obituary, The Conservative, July 9, 1951, Independence, Iowa.

<sup>76</sup> 1880 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.



**WILLIAM DECKER**  
**Amasa And Rachel (Vanderhoof) Preston Family**  
**The 1880 United States Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois**

Name	Relation	Marital	Sex	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Birthplace Father	Mother
Preston, Amasa	Self	M	M	W	69	NJ	Farming/ Shoemaking	CT	NJ
Rachel	Wife	M	F	W	57	NJ	Keeping House	NJ	NJ
Mary	Daughter	S	F	W	15	IL	At Home	NJ	NJ
Decker, William	GSon	S	M	W	16	NJ	Farm Laborer	NJ	NJ

Jacob and Martha A. (Fuller) Preston appear on the 1880 Census for Buchanan County, Iowa with their children, though the name on the Census is Jacob Presten.<sup>77</sup> The family is shown as living in Cono Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.<sup>78</sup> Part of the information in the 1880 Census material is shown in the table below.

**JACOB AND MARTHA A. PRESTEN FAMILY**  
**The 1880 United States Census for Cono Township, Buchanan County, Iowa**

Name	Relation	Marital	Gender	Race	Age	BirthPlace	Occupation	Birthplace Father	Mother
Jacob Presten	Self	M	Male	W	31	NJ	Farmer	NJ	NJ
Martha A. Presten	Wife	M	Female	W	35	PA	Housekeeping	PA	—
Frank Presten	Son	S	Male	W	9	IL	—	—	—
Lualla Presten	Dau	S	Female	W	7	IA	—	—	—
William Presten	Son	S	Male	W	5	IA	—	—	—
Anna Presten	Dau	S	Female	W	4	IA	—	—	—
Samuel Presten	Son	S	Male	W	2	IA	—	—	—
Bennie Presten	Son	S	Male	W	1	IA	—	—	—
Julia A. Caufield	Mother	D	Female	W	59	NY	Housekeeping	CT	CT
Semore C. Caufield	Son	S	Male	W	26	NY	Farmer	NY	NY
Geo. A. Pooles	Other	S	Male	W	21	IL	Farmer	ENGLAND	NY

In 1880, George Bartholomew and his son, Philip Bartholomew, were residing with George's daughter and son-in-law (Hannah and John Wood) in Guthrie County, Iowa and George was a divorced man.<sup>79</sup> George's wife, Penninah Bartholomew, is described as a widower on the 1880 Census in Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois in 1880.<sup>80</sup> Part of the information in the 1880 Census for Guthrie County, Iowa is shown in the table below.

**GEORGE BARTHOLOMEW**  
**JOHN AND HANNAH WOOD FAMILY**  
**The 1880 United States Census for Dodge Township, Guthrie County, Iowa**

Name	Relation	Marital	Sex	Race	Age	Birth Place	Occu pation	Birthplace Father	Mother
Wood, John	Self	M	M	W	37	IL	Farmer	OH	OH
Wood, Hannah	Wife	M	F	W	27	IL	Housewife	PA	PA
Wood, Ruth Lluella	Daughter	S	F	W	3	IL	—	IL	IL
Bartholomew, George	Father-in-law	D	M	W	68	PA	Farmer	PA	PA
Bartholomew, Phillip	Brother-in-law	S	M	W	34	NY	Farmer	PA	PA

<sup>77</sup> 1880 United States Census for Cono Township, Buchanan County, Iowa, Page 418B.

<sup>78</sup> 1880 United States Census for Cono Township, Buchanan County, Iowa, Page 418B.

<sup>79</sup> 1880 Census for Dodge Township, Guthrie County, Iowa, Page 15A.

<sup>80</sup> 1880 Census Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 90A.

In 1880, George Bartholomew's wife, Penninah (Fuller) Bartholomew, was living in Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.<sup>81</sup> The Census indicates she was 60 years old and a widower.<sup>82</sup> Her husband, George Bartholomew, is described as divorce on the 1880 Census for Guthrie County, Iowa.<sup>83</sup> Part of the information in the 1880 Census for Genoa Township is shown in the table below.

**PENNINAH BARTHOLOMEW FAMILY**  
**The 1880 United States Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois**

Name	Relation	Marital	Sex	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Birthplace	
								Father	Mother
Bartholomew, P.	Self	W	F	W	60	PA	Keeping House	PA	PA
Bartholomew, Dora	Daughter	S	F	W	18	IL	At Home	PA	PA
Bartholomew, Daniel	Son	S	M	W	25	IL	Baker	PA	PA

Henry and Eliza Hare appear on 1880 Census living by themselves in Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.<sup>84</sup> Part of the information on the 1880 Census is shown in the table below.

**HENRY AND ELIZA HARE FAMILY**  
**The 1880 United States Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois**

Name	Relation	Marital	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Birthplace	
								Father	Mother
Henry Hare			M	W	64	NY	Farming	NY	NY
Eliza Hare	Wife		F	W	59	NY	Keeping House	NY	NY

George and Lucinda (Campbell) Hare and their family apparently remained in Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois for about eight (8) years before departing for Buchanan County, Iowa.<sup>85</sup> George and Lucinda appear on the 1880 Census for Dekalb County with their children.<sup>86</sup>

After returning from Seward County, Nebraska, George and Lucinda (Campbell) Hare and their family apparently stayed in Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois for about eight (8) years before departing for Buchanan County, Iowa.<sup>87</sup> George and Lucinda appear on the 1880 Census for Dekalb County with their children, and Lucinda's mother.<sup>88</sup> Part of the information on the 1880 Census is shown in the table below.

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<sup>81</sup> 1880 Census Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 90A.

<sup>82</sup> 1880 Census Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 90A.

<sup>83</sup> 1880 Census for Dodge Township, Guthrie County, Iowa, page 15A.

<sup>84</sup> 1800 Census for Kingston, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 108A.

<sup>85</sup> Eliza Jane Decker's Obituaries, The Bulletin-Journal, March 12, 1936, \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa; The Conservative, March 4, 1936, Independence, Iowa.

<sup>86</sup> 1880 Census for Kingston, Dekalb County, Illinois, page 108A.

<sup>87</sup> Eliza Jane (Hare) Decker's Obituaries, The Bulletin-Journal, March 12, 1936, \_\_\_\_\_, Iowa; The Conservative, March 4, 1936, Independence, Iowa.

<sup>88</sup> 1880 Census for Kingston, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 108A.

**GEORGE AND LUCINDA (CAMPBELL) HARE FAMILY**  
**The 1880 United States Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois**

Name	Relation	Marital	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Birthplace Father	Birthplace Mother
George Hare	Self	M	Male	W	40	NE	Farming	NY	NY
Lucinda Hare	Wife	M	Female	W	35	PA	Keeping House	NY	NY
William H. Hare	Son	S	Male	W	17	IL	Farm Laborer	NY	PA
James M. Hare	Son	S	Male	W	15	IL	At Home	NY	PA
Harriet A. Hare	Dau	S	Female	W	12	IL	At School	NY	PA
Fanny E. Hare	Dau	S	Female	W	10	IL	At School	NY	PA
<b>Eliza Jane Hare</b>	<b>Dau</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>NE</b>		<b>NY</b>	<b>PA</b>
Charles E. Hare	Son	S	Male	W	4	IL		NY	PA
Julia M. Hare	Dau	S	Female	W	2	IL		NY	PA
Amanda Campbell	Mother L	W	Female	W	65	PA	Boarding	NY	NY

Amasa and Rachel (Vanderhoof) Preston appear on the 1880 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois with their daughter, Mary Ester, and their grandson, William Henry Decker.<sup>89</sup> Part of the information from the 1880 Census is shown in the table below.

**AMASA AND RACHEL (VANDERHOOF) PRESTON FAMILY**  
**The 1880 United States Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois**

Name	Relation	Marital	Sex	Race	Age	Birth Place	Occupation	Birthplace Father	Birthplace Mother
Preston, Amasa	Self	M	M	W	69	NJ	Farming/Shoemaking	CT	NJ
Rachel	Wife	M	F	W	57	NJ	Keeping House	NJ	NJ
Mary	Daughter	S	F	W	15	IL	At Home	NJ	NJ
<b>Decker, William</b>	<b>Gson</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>NJ</b>	<b>Farm Laborer</b>	<b>NJ</b>	<b>NJ</b>

In 1880, William Decker (age 16) and Eliza Jane Hare (age 7) lived in Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois. Both moved. William moved to \_\_\_\_\_ while the Hare family moved to \_\_\_\_\_. It is not known how or where William Decker (age \_\_\_\_ ) and Eliza Jane Hare (age \_\_\_\_ ) met, but they were married \_\_\_\_\_.

Amasa and Rachel (Vanderhoof) Preston's daughter, Mary Ester Preston, was William Henry Decker's aunt.<sup>90</sup> William Henry Decker was one year older than Mary Esther Preston.<sup>91</sup> William and Mary were the same age because Rachel (Vanderhoof) Preston gave birth to her daughter, Margaretta Ann Preston, when Rachel was 21 years old.<sup>92</sup> Put another way, Margaretta (Preston) Decker was 21 years older than her sister, Mary Esther.<sup>93</sup> Further, Margaretta (Preston) Decker was 20-21 years old when she gave birth to William Henry Decker in New

<sup>89</sup> 1880 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois; Buchanan County Marriage Records; William Decker's obituary, Constitution, July 29, 1951; Eliza Jane (Hare) Decker's Obituary, The Constitution, March 4, 1936.

<sup>90</sup> Buchanan County, Iowa Register of Marriages for Eliza J. Hare and William Henry Decker; William Henry Decker's Death Certificate, No. \_\_\_\_\_ dated July 24, 1952; 1850 Pequannac Township, Morris County, New Jersey; Page 268; 1860 Pequannac Township, Morris County, New Jersey, page 710; and the Census of 1870 & 1880 Dekalb County, Illinois; William Decker's Obituary, The Constitution, July 29, 1951

<sup>91</sup> Census of 1880 Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.

<sup>92</sup> 1850 Pequannac Township, Morris County, New Jersey; page 268; 1860 Pequannac Township, Morris County, New Jersey, page 710; and the Census of 1870 & 1880 Dekalb County, Illinois; William Decker's Obituary, The Constitution, July 29, 1951; Buchanan County, Iowa Register of Marriages for Eliza J. Hare and William Henry Decker; William Henry Decker's Death Certificate, No. \_\_\_\_\_ dated July 24, 1952.

<sup>93</sup> 1850 Pequannac Township, Morris County, New Jersey; page 268; 1860 Pequannac Township, Morris County, New Jersey, page 710; and the Census of 1870 & 1880 Dekalb County, Illinois; William Decker's Obituary, The Constitution, July 29, 1951; Buchanan County, Iowa Register of Marriages for Eliza J. Hare and William Henry Decker; William Henry Decker's Death Certificate, No. \_\_\_\_\_ dated July 24, 1952.

Jersey.<sup>94</sup> Put still another way, Margaretta (Preston) Decker gave birth to William one year before her mother, Rachel, gave birth to her sister, Mary Esther.

The fourth marriage between members of the Hare, Preston, Decker and & Fuller families occurred on October 4, 1882, when Amasa and Rachel (Vanderhoof) Preston's daughter, Mary Ester Preston, married George and Lucinda (Campbell) Hare's son, William Henry Hare, in Kingston Township, DeKalb County, Illinois at the home of William's parents, George and Lucinda (Campbell) Hare.<sup>95</sup> Both William and his sister, Harriet Hare, were married the same day. Harriet (Hattie) married Harvey Moad. Harriet (Hattie) was 15 years old when she married. (Harvey Moad's widowed mother, Maria (Synder) Moad, married Alonzo Sergeant / Sargent in 1876 in DeKalb County, Illinois.)

William Hare and Mary Ester Preston's Marriage License and Return of Marriage indicates William's and Mary's full names were William Henry Hare and Mary E. Preston.<sup>96</sup> William's parents are identified as George Hare and Lucinda Campbell, and William's place of birth is identified as McHenry County, Illinois.<sup>97</sup> Mary E. Preston's father's first name was identified as Amasa, but no last name was listed.<sup>98</sup> In addition, Mary's mother's maiden name was left blank.<sup>99</sup> Mary was born in Kingston, Dekalb County, Illinois.<sup>100</sup> When they married, William was a farmer, 20 years old and Mary was 17.<sup>101</sup> On October 2, 1882, both of their fathers gave their consent for William and Mary to marry, and it was the first marriage for both. Mary was recorded as MISS.<sup>102</sup> William and Mary are both identified as white Americans.<sup>103</sup> Both Mary and William were living in Dekalb, Illinois when they married.<sup>104</sup> H.W. Wetty performed the marriage.<sup>105</sup>

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<sup>94</sup> 1850 Pequanac Township, Morris County, New Jersey; page 268; 1860 Pequanac Township, Morris County, New Jersey, page 710; and the Census of 1870 & 1880 Dekalb County, Illinois; William Decker's Obituary, The Constitution, July 29, 1951; Buchanan County, Iowa Register of Marriages for Eliza J. Hare and William Henry Decker; William Henry Decker's Death Certificate, No. \_\_\_\_\_ dated July 24, 1952.

<sup>95</sup> Marriage Certificate for William Henry Hare and Mary E. Preston dated October 2, 1882 and their Return of Marriage dated October 4, 1882, Book 1 (or I), Page 89, License # 292, Dekalb County, Illinois.

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William Henry and Mary Esther (Preston) Hare had five children.<sup>106</sup> Their children are identified in the following table.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
George Amsey	August 10, 1885	DeKalb County, Illinois
Minnie Jane	March 1888	Iowa
Benjamin Franklin 'Frank'	February 17, 1890	Illinois
Charles Burton	March 1892	Illinois
Alice Blanch	May 1895	Illinois

In 1882, the Moad family moved to Calhoun County, Iowa after departing from Dekalb County, Illinois. The Moad family members making the trip to Calhoun County consisted of Harvey's mother, step-father and siblings. It is not known whether Harvey and Harriet (Hare) Moad left Dekalb County, Illinois with Harvey's family when they moved to Calhoun County or remained until the George Hare family departed soon thereafter. It appears that Harriet (Hare) Moad was the only member of the extended Hare family who remained in Calhoun County after the other Hare families left. Later, Harvey and Harriet (Hare) Moad moved to Brookings, South Dakota.

Between October 4, 1882 and June 6, 1885, William and Mary (Preston) Hare moved to Calhoun County, Iowa.<sup>107</sup> William Henry Hare's obituary in the Conservative stated that "William lived amongst us for the past 12 years."<sup>108</sup> (1897 - 12 = 1885) [**GEORGE HARE WAS BORN AUGUST 1885 IN DEKALB**] It was also the birth year of William Henry Hare's son, George A. Hare, who was born August 1885 in Iowa.<sup>109</sup> William Henry Hare's obituary in the Buchanan Review states that "[h]e was married at the age of twenty years to Miss Mary Preston and moved to Iowa about 14 years ago, where they have lived most of the time since."<sup>110</sup> (1897 - 14 = 1883) It is very possible the reference in Buchanan Review to William's family move to Iowa in 1883 was a reference to William and Mary (Preston) Hare's first move to Calhoun County, Iowa which would have been within a year of their marriage in 1882 and the reference in the Conservative was to William and Mary (Preston) Hare's move from Calhoun County, Iowa to Buchanan County, Iowa in 1885. In addition, the 1885 Census indicates that Rachel (Vanderhoff) Preston, Amasa Preston's wife, was living with her daughter, Mary Ester (Preston) Hare, and Mary's husband, William Henry Hare, in Calhoun County, Iowa.<sup>111</sup>

There are some contradictions in the William H. Hare's family history. Generally, they arise from the same set of facts and circumstance, namely William Hare moved his family to Iowa from Illinois in 1884 and his wife gave birth to their son, Benjamin Franklin Hare on August 10, 1885. William H. Hare's son's, Benjamin Franklin Hare, obituary says that Benjamin Franklin Hare was born in February 1890 in Illinois, and that William H. Hare's family moved to Buchanan County after his birth. However, according to William H. Hare's Obituaries, William H. Hare lived in Buchanan County five years prior to his death which means,<sup>112</sup> he and his family would have arrived in Buchanan County in 1884, not 1890. Further, the Census of 1900 for Buchanan County, Iowa listed George Amsey Hare's date of birth as August 1885 and his place of birth as Iowa.

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<sup>106</sup> William H. Hare's Obituary, Buchanan County Review, June 3, 1897, Buchanan County, Iowa and William Hare's death information.

<sup>107</sup> 1885 Census for Elm Grove Township, Calhoun County, Iowa, Page 143.

<sup>108</sup> William Henry Hare's Obituary, The Constitution, June 2, 1897, Independence, Iowa.

<sup>109</sup> 1900 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.

<sup>110</sup> William Henry Hare's Obituary, Buchanan County Review, June 3, 1897, Winthrop, Iowa.

<sup>111</sup> 1885 Census for Elm Grove Township, Calhoun County, Iowa, Page 143.

<sup>112</sup> William Hare's Obituaries, The Constitution, June 2, 1897; The Bulletin-Journal, June 3, 1897.

The 1885 Census indicates that William Henry Hare was 22 years old, married and born in Illinois.<sup>113</sup> His wife, Mary Ester (Preston) Hare, was 19 years old, married and born in Illinois.<sup>114</sup> Living with them was Mary's mother, Rachel (Vanderhoof) Preston. Rachel was 62 years old, single and born in New Jersey.<sup>115</sup>

In 1885, James Hare, George and Lucinda (Campbell) Hare's son,<sup>116</sup> move to Buchanan County, Iowa<sup>117</sup> from Dekalb County, Illinois.<sup>118</sup> James' wife's, Mina's, Obituary reported that they went to Calhoun County, Iowa in 1886,<sup>119</sup> though according to the 1885 Census for \_\_\_\_\_, James and Mina Hare's family was already in Calhoun County in 1885.<sup>120</sup> Mina Hare' Obituary states that soon after their arrival in \_\_\_\_\_, they returned to Dekalb County, Illinois for a serious family illness.<sup>121</sup> Since there was no mention of this in James' Obituary,<sup>122</sup> the family illness may have been with Mina's side - the Reed family.<sup>123</sup> Mina's obituary further said they returned to Iowa in 1887 settling in Buchanan County.<sup>124</sup> The information from Mina Hare's obituary conflicts with her husband's Obituary.<sup>125</sup> James died after Mina.<sup>126</sup>

By 1885, George and Lucinda (Campbell) Hare and their children, including two of their married children, appear on the 1885 Iowa Census for Elm Grove Township, Calhoun County, Iowa.<sup>127</sup> However, George and Lucinda (Campbell) Hare did not move to Calhoun County, Iowa until after the birth of their last child, Arthur Hare, which occurred on March 19, 1884 in Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois. It is not known how long the George Hare family remained in Calhoun County, Iowa. It is believed that George and Lucinda (Campbell) Hare, their younger children still at home, their married children (William, James and Fannie) and Lucinda's mother, Amanda (Fuller) Campbell, all moved to Buchanan County, Iowa in 1885 after the marriage of George and Lucinda (Campbell) Hare's daughter, Fannie, in June 1885, though Eliza Jane (Hare) Decker' Obituaries indicate they moved in 1884.<sup>128</sup> As a result, Eliza Jane (Hare) Decker's obituary is probably incorrect with respect to her and her parents moving to Buchanan County, Iowa in 1884. Mostly likely they moved to Calhoun County, Iowa in 1884 which would explain why George and Lucinda (Campbell) Hare and their children, including two of their married children, appear on the 1885 Iowa Census for Elm Grove Township, Calhoun County, Iowa.<sup>129</sup> Part of the information on the 1885 Iowa Census is set forth below in the following table.

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113	1885 Census for Elm Grove Township, Calhoun County, Iowa, Page 143.
114	1885 Census for Elm Grove Township, Calhoun County, Iowa, Page 143.
115	1885 Census for Elm Grove Township, Calhoun County, Iowa, Page 143.
116	1885 Iowa Census for Elm Grove Township, Calhoun County, Iowa, Pages 154 & 155.
117	James Hare's Obituary.
118	1880 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 522.
119	James Hare's Obituary.
120	James Hare's Obituary.
121	James Hare's Obituary.
122	James Hare's Obituary.
123	James Hare's Obituary.
124	James Hare's Obituary.
125	James Hare's Obituary.
126	James Hare's Obituary.
127	1885 Iowa Census for Elm Grove Township, Calhoun County, Iowa, Pages 154 & 155. George and Lucinda (Campbell) Hares other daughter, Harriet, was married and living in Lake Creek Township, _____ County, _____.
128	Eliza Jane Decker's Obituaries, <u>The Bulletin-Journal</u> , March 12, 1936, _____, Iowa; <u>The Conservative</u> , March 4, 1936, Independence, Iowa.
129	1885 Iowa Census for Elm Grove Township, Calhoun County, Iowa, Pages 154 & 155. George and Lucinda (Campbell) Hares other daughter, Harriet, was married and living in Lake Creek Township, _____ County, _____.



**GEORGE AND LUCINDA (CAMPBELL) HARE FAMILY**  
**1885 Iowa State Census for Elm Grove Township, Calhoun County, Iowa**

<b>Family Name</b>	<b>FirstName</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Marital Status</b>	<b>Birth State</b>
Hare	George	44	M	M	NY
“ ”	Lucinda	40	F	M	PA
“ ”	James M.	20	M	M	IL
“ ”	Mina <sup>130</sup>	20	F	M	IL
“ ”	Fannie E.	15	F	S	IL
“ ”	<b>Eliza J.</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>NE</b>
“ ”	Charles E.	9	M	S	IL
“ ”	Julie M.	6	F	S	IL
“ ”	Delbert B.	2	M	S	IL
“ ”	Arthur	0	M	S	IL
Mirhler	Frederic <sup>131</sup>	24	M	S	
Campble	Amanda <sup>132</sup>	70	F	W	PA

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<sup>130</sup> Mina Hare was James M. Hare's wife. They were married in Dekalb County, Illinois.

<sup>131</sup> Frederic Mirhler was Fred Mishler. The \_\_\_\_\_ Census reported he was born in Fayette County which is located in Iowa. Fred Mishler married Fannie Hare on June 6, 1885 in Elm Grove, Calhoun County, Iowa. The 1885 Iowa Census shows that Fred and Fannie were not married at the time the 1885 Census was taken.

<sup>132</sup> Amanda Campble was Amanda (Campbell) Fuller, mother of George Hare's wife Lucinda (Campbell) Hare.

By 1885, Amasa Preston moved to Buchanan County, Iowa and was living with his son, Jacob Preston.<sup>133</sup> Amasa appears on the 1885 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa as a member of Jacob Preston's household<sup>134</sup> and identified as Mosy Preston, widower, farmer age 75.<sup>135</sup> Jacob and Martha (Fuller) Preston are listed on the 1885 Census with their eight children.<sup>136</sup> Jacob was 36 and Martha was 40 which indicates Jacob was born in 1849 and Martha was born in 1845.<sup>137</sup> Part of the information from the 1885 Census for Homer Township is set forth in the following table.

AMASA PRESTON JACOB AND MARTHA (FULLER) FAMILY 1885 Iowa State Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa						
Family Name	FirstName	Age	Sex	Marital Status	Occupation	Birth State
Preston	Jacob	36	M	M	Farmer	NJ
Preston	Martha	40	F	M	" "	PA
Preston	Frank	19	M	S	" "	IL
Preston	May	17	F	S		BUCHANAN
Preston	Willie	11	M	S		BUCHANAN
Preston	Amie	9	F	S		BUCHANAN
Preston	Samuel	7	M	S		BUCHANAN
Preston	Ben	5	M	S		BUCHANAN
Preston	Alonzo	3	M	S		BUCHANAN
Preston	Elfonzo	3	M	S		BUCHANAN
Preston	Mosy	75	M	W	Farmer	NJ

In 1885, Rachel (Vanderhoof) Preston was living in Calhoun County, Iowa.<sup>138</sup> Part of the information from the 1885 Census is set forth in the following table.

RACHEL (VANDERHOOF) PRESTON WILLIAM AND MARY ESTER (PRESTON) HARE FAMILY 1885 Iowa State Census for Elm Grove Township, Calhoun County, Iowa						
Family Name	First Name	Age	Sex	Marital Status	Birth State	
Hare	William H.	22	M	M	IL	
" "	Mary E.	19	F	M	IL	
Preston	Rachel	62	F	S	NJ	

It is very strange that Rachel (Vanderhoof) Preston was identified a single woman on the 1885 Census for Calhoun County, Iowa<sup>139</sup> and that her husband, Amasa Preston, was identified as a widower on the 1885 Census for Buchanan County, Iowa.<sup>140</sup> Rachel was living with their daughter's, Mary Ester (Preston) Hare's, family and Amasa was living with their son's, Jacob Preston's, family. It is not known whether this indicates a divorce occurred or why Amasa and Rachel Preston were separated in 1885. In 1880, Amasa and Rachel (Vanderhoof) Preston were living together as a married couple in DeKalb County, Illinois when their daughter, Mary (Preston)

<sup>133</sup> 1885 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.

<sup>134</sup> 1885 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.

<sup>135</sup> 1885 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.

<sup>136</sup> 1885 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.

<sup>137</sup> 1885 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.

<sup>138</sup> 1885 Census for Elm Grove Township, Calhoun County, Iowa, Page 143.

<sup>139</sup> 1885 Census for Elm Grove Township, Calhoun County, Iowa, Page 143.

<sup>140</sup> 1885 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.

Hare, was still at home.<sup>141</sup>

In any case, Rachel Preston did not return to Buchanan County with the Hare families or with William and Mary Hare when they all returned after 1885, or at least after the 1885 Census. It is very possible that Rachel (Vanderhoof) Preston died in Calhoun County after the 1885 Census for Calhoun County was taken and prior to the time the 1885 Census for Buchanan County, Iowa was taken. The timing difference would account for why Rachel's husband Amasa was identified as a widower on the 1885 Census for Buchanan County, but would not account for Rachel being identified as single on the 1885 Census for Calhoun County.

Lylia Hare check Buchanan County death records, but did not find any death record or information regarding Rachel (Vanderhoof) Preston's death. As a result, it is quite possible that Rachel (Vanderhoof) Preston died in Calhoun County, Iowa.<sup>142</sup>

In February 1888, Amasa Preston (also known as Amasa, Amsey, and Mosey Preston) died in Buchanan County, Iowa.<sup>143</sup> Amasa Preston's Obituary says,

Jacob Preston's father died at W.H. Hare's, his son-in-law, Wednesday, [sic] aged 71. The remains repose in the Wilson Cemetery.<sup>144</sup>

Clearly, Amasa Preston could not have been 71 in 1888 if he was 75 years old in 1885.<sup>145</sup> Further, there is no record of his burial at Wilson Cemetery.<sup>146</sup> Lylia Hare check Buchanan County death records, but did not find any death record or information regarding Amasa Preston's death.

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<sup>141</sup> 1880 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.

<sup>142</sup> 1885 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.

<sup>143</sup> Amasa Preston's Obituary; The Constitution, February 29, 1888.

<sup>144</sup> Amasa Preston's Obituary, The Constitution, February 29, 1888.

<sup>145</sup> 1885 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.

<sup>146</sup> Mickey Scott, researcher, Buchanan County Genealogical Society.

## CHAPTER TWENTY-ONE

### The 1890s

By 1890, Henry and Eliza Hare were most likely in Iowa. Henry and Eliza Hare were George Hare's neighbors in 1880 in Dekalb County, Illinois,<sup>1</sup> but do not appear in Buchanan County, Iowa in 1885. Either Henry and Eliza remained in Dekalb County, Illinois until George settled in Buchanan County, Iowa, or Henry and Eliza Hare settled in Buchanan County, Iowa first and George and Lucinda (Campbell) Hare followed. Without the availability of the 1890 census, it is difficult to determine the sequence of events. In any case, Henry and Eliza Hare had moved to Buchanan County, Iowa by 1892, since Eliza Hare died November 10, 1892 in Buchanan County, Iowa.<sup>2</sup> In addition, by 1892<sup>3</sup>-1895, Henry Hare, a widower, age 77, had moved to Sumner Township, Buchanan County, Iowa and was living with his son, George Hare.<sup>4</sup>

The fifth marriage between members of the Hare, Preston, Decker and Fuller families occurred on December 16, 1890<sup>5</sup> when Amasa and Rachel (Vanderhoof) Preston's grandson, William Henry Decker, married George and Lucinda (Campbell) Hare's daughter, Eliza Jane Hare, in Byron Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.<sup>6</sup>

Eliza Hare died November 10, 1892 in Buchanan County, Iowa and is buried with her husband, Henry, in Lot 5, Block 8, Addition 1, Wilson Cemetery Sumner Township, Section 2, Buchanan County, Iowa.<sup>7</sup> No obituary was found for Eliza.<sup>8</sup> Lylia Hare checked Buchanan County death records, but did not find a death record or any information regarding Eliza Hare's death. The only information regarding Eliza Hare's death is contained on

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<sup>1</sup> 1880 Census for Kingston, Dekalb County, Illinois, page 108A.

<sup>2</sup> Eliza Hare's Cemetery Card and Headstone at Wilson Cemetery provide the following information:

HARE, Eliza  
B. 22 Sep 1820  
D. 10 Nov 1892  
Mother  
Lt 5 Blk 8 Addition 1  
Lt/o Geo. Hare  
Wilson Cemetery Sumner Township, Section 2  
\*One Stone: William H., Lucinda S., Henry, Eliza and George Hare

<sup>3</sup> Lucinda S. Hare's Cemetery Card and Headstone at Wilson Cemetery provide the following information:

HARE, Lucinda S.  
B. 30 Nov 1844  
D. 20 Feb 1896  
Lt 5 Blk 8 Addition 1  
Lt/o Geo. Hare  
Wilson Cemetery Sumner Township, Section 2  
\*One Stone: William H., Lucinda S., Henry, Eliza and George Hare

<sup>4</sup> 1895 Census for Sumner Township Buchanan County, Iowa.

<sup>5</sup> Marriage Records, Buchanan County, Iowa.

<sup>6</sup> Buchanan County Marriage Records; William Decker's Obituary, The Constitution, July 29, 1951; Eliza Jane (Hare) Deckers Obituary, Constitution, March 4, 1936.

<sup>7</sup> Eliza Hare's Cemetery Card and Headstone at Wilson Cemetery provide the following information:

HARE, Eliza  
B. 22 Sep 1820  
D. 10 Nov 1892  
Mother  
Lt 5 Blk 8 Addition 1  
Lt/o Geo. Hare  
Wilson Cemetery Sumner Township, Section 2  
\*One Stone: William H., Lucinda S., Henry, Eliza and George Hare



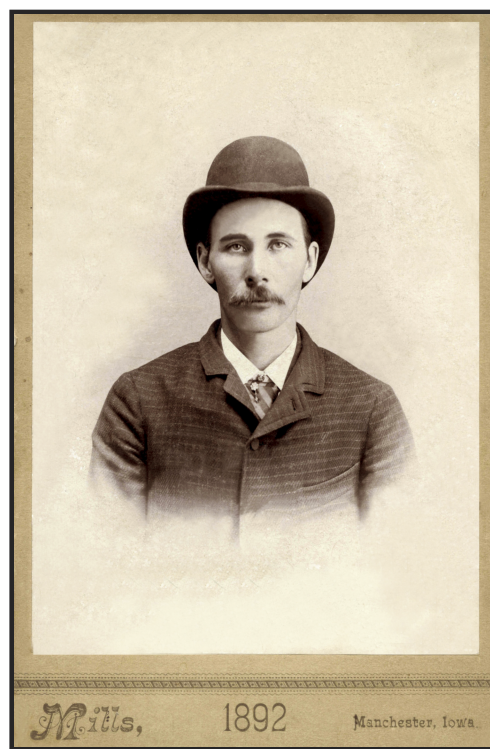
**NORA MELISSA DECKER'S BABY PICTURE**  
 BORN APRIL 13, 1892  
 ELIZA JANE & WILLIAM HENRY  
 DECKER'S DAUGHTER



**MARGARETTA ANN (PRESTON) (DECKER) FULLER**  
 THOUGHT TO BE BORN IN 1843-1844  
 WILLIAM HENRY DECKER'S MOTHER



**ELIZA JANE HARE**  
**WILLIAM HENRY DECKER'S WIFE**  
 BORN SEPTEMBER 15, 1872



**WILLIAM HENRY DECKER**  
 BORN NOVEMBER 27, 1864





**HENRY AND ELIZA HARE**  
 GEORGE HARE WAS HENRY HARE'S SON  
 WILSON CEMETERY  
 BUCHANAN COUNTY, IOWA



**GEORGE AND WILLIAM H. HARE**  
 WILLIAM WAS GEORGE'S SON  
 WILSON CEMETERY  
 BUCHANAN COUNTY, IOWA



**LUCINDA S. HARE**  
 LUCINDA WAS GEORGE HARE'S WIFE  
 WILSON CEMETERY  
 BUCHANAN COUNTY, IOWA



#### ERSULA DECKER

ERSULA IS BELIEVE TO BE WILLIAM AND (PRESTON) MARGARETTA DECKER'S DAUGHTER, ROSELLA, BORN FEBRUARY 10, 1863 AND WILLIAM HENRY DECKER'S SISTER.

ERSULA DECKER'S STONE INDICATES SHE DIED JANUARY 30, 1885 AT THE AGE OF 22 YRS, 10 MS, 22DS.

SOUTH GROVE CEMETERY  
DEKALB COUNTY, ILLIONIS



#### WILLIAM HENRY & ELIZA JANE (HARE) DECKER

ELIZA JANE (HARE) DECKER WAS GEORGE & LUCIDA HARE'S DAUGHTER  
WILSON CEMETERY, BUCHANAN COUNTY, IOWA



#### MARGARETTA (PRESTON) (DECKER) FULLER

MARGARETTA ANN PRESTON MARRIED WILLIAM DECKER - POSSIBLY, THE SON OF ANDREW DECKER MARRIED TO PHEBE DEMOUTH. LATER, MARGARETTA MARRIED ROYAL S. FULLER. MARGARETTA IS THE MOTHER OF WILLIAM HENRY DECKER AND JOHN HENRY FULLER. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHERE MARGARETTA DIED.

WILSON CEMETERY, BUCHANAN COUNTY, IOWA





**JOHN HENRY FULLER**

JOHN FULLER'S WIFE WAS JULIA (HARE) FULLER



  
Merry Christmas  
Happy New Year

*Uncle John.*

**JOHN HENRY FULLER**



**MARTHA (FULLER) PRESTON**

PEARL (FULLER) RAYMOND IDENTIFIED THIS WOMEN AS MARTHA PRESTON. MARTHA (FULLER) PRESTON IS THOUGHT TO BE LEROYAL (ROYAL) AND PRISCILLA FULLER'S DAUGHTER. SHE IS THOUGHT TO HAVE MARRIED JACOB PRESTON. MARTHA (FULLER) PRESTON IS THOUGHT TO BE MARGARETTA (PRESTON) FULLER'S SISTER-IN-LAW. NO EVIDENCE HAS BEEN FOUND TO SUPPORT THIS THEORY.

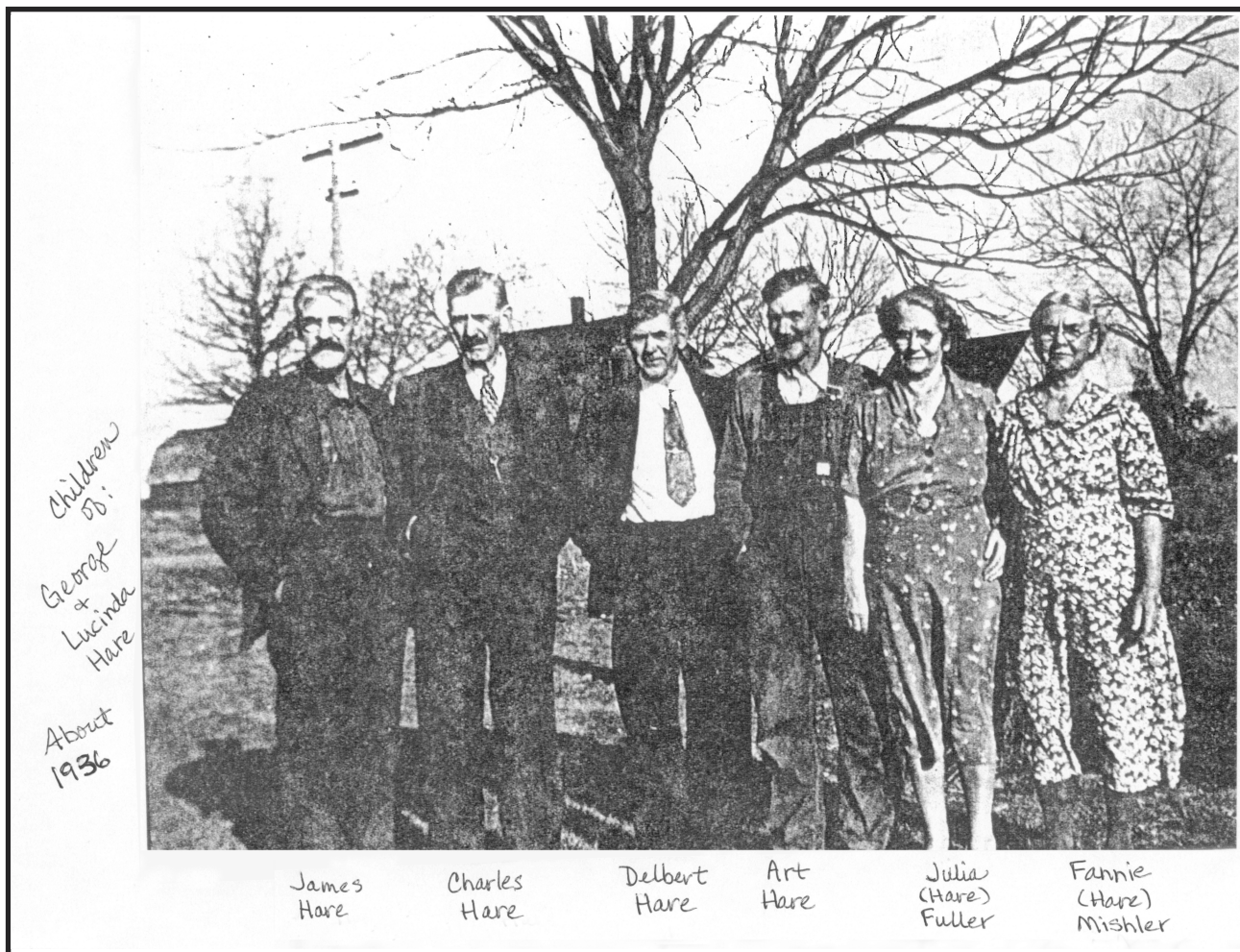


**ELIZA JANE (HARE)DECKER'S SISTERS**

L TO R: FANNIE (HARE) MISHLER & JULIA (HARE) FULLER

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JULIA WAS ALSO KNOWN AS LIZ



#### GEORGE AND LUCINDA HARE'S CHILDREN

L TO R: JAMES HARE, CHARLES HARE, DELBERT HARE, ART HARE, JULIA (HARE) FULLER AND FANNIE (HARE) MISHLER

THE PICTURE IS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN FEBRUARY 1936, ON OR AROUND THE TIME OF ELIZA JANE (HARE) DECKER'S DEATH / FUNERAL. ELIZA JANE (HARE) DECKER IS MISSING FROM THE PICTURE.

the Wilson Cemetery card and shown on Eliza's headstone. Apparently, 1892 produced a picture taking event for William and Eliza Jane (Hare) Decker. William and Eliza Jane (Hare) Decker's daughter, Nora Decker, was born April 13, 1892.<sup>9</sup> Eliza Jane's grandmother, Eliza Hare, had recently died. William's mother, Margaretta (Preston) (Decker) Fuller was most likely a widow who was visiting Buchanan County, Iowa from Smith County, Kansas or somewhere else. Margaretta (Preston) (Decker) Fuller probably came to see her son and his wife, to see her new granddaughter, Nora Decker, and because of Eliza Hare's death.

In 1892, photos were taken of William and Eliza Jane (Hare) Decker; their daughter, Nora Decker; and William's mother, Margaretta (Preston) (Decker) Fuller. All four photos appear to have been taken at the same time by the same photographer, MILLS out of Manchester, Iowa. As a result, the four combined pictures most likely constitute William and Eliza Jane (Hare) Decker's wedding picture; Nora Decker's baby picture; a generational picture for three generations of Deckers and a William Henry Decker family picture, which includes William's

<sup>8</sup> Mickey Scott, researcher, Buchanan County Genealogical Society.

<sup>9</sup> 1895 Census for Washington Township, Buchanan County, Iowa; 1900 Census for Washington Township, Buchanan County, Iowa; Nora Reinhold's Death Certificate dated April 23, 1962, No. 62-012535, Wisconsin State Board of Health; Nora Reinhold's Obituary, The Star News, 1962; Carl Oscar and Nora Reinhold's Certificate of Marriage & Return of Marriage, Clerk of the District Court of Iowa, Buchanan County, Iowa; Nora Reinhold's Death Certificate dated April 23, 1962, No. 62-012535, Wisconsin State Board of Health.



Margaretta (Preston) (Decker) Fuller.

In 1895, William H. and Eliza J. Decker appear on the 1895 Census for Washington Township, Buchanan County, Iowa with their two children Nora and Ella Decker.<sup>10</sup> William is identified as 30 years old and born in New Jersey.<sup>11</sup> Eliza was 22 and born in Nebraska.<sup>12</sup> Nora was 2 years old and Ella was 1.<sup>13</sup> Both Nora and Ella were born in Buchanan County, Iowa.<sup>14</sup>

Jacob and Martha (Fuller) Preston appears on the 1895 Census for Cono Township, Buchanan County, Iowa with their five children.<sup>15</sup> Jacob was 48 and Martha was 51 years old which indicates Jacob was born in 1847 and Martha was born in 1844.<sup>16</sup> Their children included Samuel, age 17; Benjamin, age 15; Alonzo, age 13, Elfonzo, age 13 and Joel, age 8.<sup>17</sup>

By 1895, George and Lucinda (Campbell) Hare and their family moved to Sumner Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.<sup>18</sup> They appear on the 1895 Sumner Township Census, Buchanan County, Iowa.<sup>19</sup> Four of George and Lucinda (Campbell) Hare's children were living with them: Charles, age 18; Julia, age 16; Delbert, age 12; and Arthur, age 10.<sup>20</sup> In addition, by 1892<sup>21</sup>-1895, Henry Hare, a widower, age 77, had moved to Sumner Township, Buchanan County, Iowa and was living with his son, George Hare.<sup>22</sup> Lucinda's mother, Amanda (Fuller) Campbell, age 79, was also living with George and Lucinda.<sup>23</sup>

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| 10 | 1895 Census for Washington Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.  |
| 11 | 1895 Census for Washington Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.  |
| 12 | 1895 Census for Washington Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.  |
| 13 | 1895 Census for Washington Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.  |
| 14 | 1895 Census for Washington Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.  |
| 15 | 1895 Census for Cono Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.  |
| 16 | 1895 Census for Cono Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.  |
| 17 | 1895 Census for Cono Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.  |
| 18 | 1895 Census for Sumner Township Buchanan County, Iowa.   |
| 19 | 1895 Census for Sumner Township Buchanan County, Iowa.   |
| 20 | 1895 Census for Sumner Township Buchanan County, Iowa.   |
| 21 | Lucinda S. Hare's Cemetery Card and Headstone at Wilson Cemetery provide the following information:<br>HARE, Lucinda S.<br>B. 30 Nov 1844<br>D. 20 Feb 1896<br>Lt 5 Blk 8 Addition 1<br>Lt/o Geo. Hare<br>Wilson Cemetery Sumner Township, Section 2<br>*One Stone: William H., Lucinda S., Henry, Eliza and George Hare |
| 22 | 1895 Census for Sumner Township Buchanan County, Iowa.   |
| 23 | 1895 Census for Sumner Township Buchanan County, Iowa.   |



On February 20, 1896, Lucinda S. (Campbell) Hare died in Buchanan County, Iowa and is buried with her husband, George, in Lot 5, Block 8, Addition 1, Wilson Cemetery Sumner Township, Section 2, Buchanan County, Iowa.<sup>24</sup> No obituary was found for Lucinda.<sup>25</sup> Lylia Hare checked Buchanan County death records, but did not find a death record or any information regarding Lucinda S. (Campbell) Hare's death. The only information regarding Eliza Hare's death is the information shown on the Wilson Cemetery card and on Lucinda's headstone.

Henry Hare died April 20, 1896 in Buchanan County, Iowa and is buried with his wife, Eliza, in Lot 5, Block 8, Addition 1, Wilson Cemetery Sumner Township, Section 2, Buchanan County, Iowa.<sup>26</sup> No obituary was found for Henry Hare. Lylia Hare checked Buchanan County death records, but did not find a death record or any information regarding Henry Hare's death. The only information regarding Henry Hare's death is the information shown on the Wilson Cemetery card and on Henry's headstone.

On May 25, 1897, William Henry Hare died<sup>27</sup> when he was 34 years old,<sup>28</sup> though George Hare's Obituary indicates that William H. Hare died in Independence, Iowa at the age of 32.<sup>29</sup> William Henry Hare was George and Lucinda (Campbell) Hare's son.<sup>30</sup> William Henry Hare was sick for two weeks prior to his death, and left his wife and five children.<sup>31</sup> The year of death (1896) on William Hare's stone is incorrect.<sup>32</sup>

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<sup>24</sup> Lucinda S. Hare's Cemetery Card and Headstone at Wilson Cemetery provide the following information:

HARE, Lucinda S.  
B. 30 Nov 1844  
D. 20 Feb 1896  
Lt 5 Blk 8 Addition 1  
Lt/o Geo. Hare  
Wilson Cemetery Sumner Township, Section 2  
\*One Stone: William H., Lucinda S., Henry, Eliza and George Hare

<sup>25</sup> Mickey Scott, researcher, Buchanan County Genealogical Society.

<sup>26</sup> Henry Hare's Cemetery Card and Headstone at Wilson Cemetery provide the following information:

HARE, Henry  
B. 9 Oct 1817  
D. 20 Apr 1896  
Father  
Lt 5 Blk 8 Addition 1  
Lt/o Geo. Hare  
Wilson Cemetery Sumner Township, Section 2  
\*One Stone: William H., Lucinda S., Henry, Eliza and George Hare

<sup>27</sup> William H. Hare's Obituary, Buchanan County Review, June 3, 1897, Buchanan County, Iowa; William H. Hare's Cemetery Card and Headstone provide the following information:

HARE, William Henry  
B. 30 Sep 1862 (Birth date on headstone is incorrect.)  
D. 25 May 1896  
Lt 5 Blk 8 Addition 1  
Lt/o Geo. Hare  
Wilson Cemetery Sumner Township, Section 2  
\*One Stone: William H., Lucinda S., Henry, Eliza and George Hare

<sup>28</sup> William H. Hare's Obituary, Buchanan County Review, June 3, 1897, Buchanan County, Iowa.

<sup>29</sup> George Hare's Obituary, The Bulletin-Journal, December 9, 1922, Buchanan County.

<sup>30</sup> George Hare's Obituary, The Bulletin-Journal, December 9, 1922, Buchanan County; 1880 Census for Kingston, Dekalb County, Illinois, page 108A; Marriage Certificate for William Henry Hare and Mary E. Preston dated October 2, 1882 and their Return of Marriage dated October 4, 1882, Dekalb County, Illinois.

<sup>31</sup> William H. Hare's Obituary, Buchanan County Review, June 3, 1897, Buchanan County, Iowa.

<sup>32</sup> Lylia Hare.

The sixth marriage between members of the Hare, Preston, Decker and Fuller families occurred on September 22, 1897 when John Henry Fuller married George and Lucinda Hare's daughter, Julia Melissa Hare, in Independence, Iowa.<sup>33</sup> When they married, John was 26 years old and Julia was 19.<sup>34</sup> Their marriage record indicates John would have been 27 years old and Julia would have been 20 at their next birthdays.<sup>35</sup> John's parents are identified as Royal Fuller and Margarite Preston.<sup>36</sup> Julia's parents are identified as George Hare and Lucinda Campbell.<sup>37</sup> Both John and Julia are identified as white and their marriage record indicates both were born in Illinois.<sup>38</sup> Their marriage was the first for both.<sup>39</sup> Both John and Julia resided in Buchanan County, Iowa when they married.<sup>40</sup> Julia had moved to Buchanan County, Iowa with her parents prior to marrying John.<sup>41</sup>

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<sup>33</sup> Buchanan County, Iowa Register of Marriages for Julia M. Hare and J. H. Fuller.  
<sup>34</sup> Buchanan County, Iowa Register of Marriages for Julia M. Hare and J. H. Fuller.  
<sup>35</sup> Buchanan County, Iowa Register of Marriages for Julia M. Hare and J. H. Fuller.  
<sup>36</sup> Buchanan County, Iowa Register of Marriages for Julia M. Hare and J. H. Fuller.  
<sup>37</sup> Buchanan County, Iowa Register of Marriages for Julia M. Hare and J. H. Fuller.  
<sup>38</sup> Buchanan County, Iowa Register of Marriages for Julia M. Hare and J. H. Fuller.  
<sup>39</sup> Buchanan County, Iowa Register of Marriages for Julia M. Hare and J. H. Fuller.  
<sup>40</sup> Buchanan County, Iowa Register of Marriages for Julia M. Hare and J. H. Fuller.  
<sup>41</sup> 1895 Census for Sumner Township Buchanan County, Iowa.

## CHAPTER TWENTY-TWO

### The 1900s

William Henry and Eliza Jane Decker appear on the 1900 Census for Washington Township, Buchanan County, Iowa. By 1900, William and Eliza listed four children, though the Census indicates Eliza was the mother of five living children.<sup>42</sup> Part of the information from the 1900 Census for Washington Township is set forth in the following table.

WILLIAM HENRY AND ELIZA JANE DECKER FAMILY 1900 Census For Washington Township, Buchanan County, Iowa													
				Date of Birth							Nativity		
Name	Relationship	Race	Sex	Month	Year	Age At Next Birthday	Marital	Number Of Years	Mother Of How Many Children	Number Of Children Living	Place Of Birth	Father's Place of Birth	Mother's Place Of Birth
Decker, W. H.	Head	W	M	Nov	1864	35	M	9			New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey
Eliza	Wife	W	F	Sep	1873	26	M	9	5	5	Nebraska	New Jersey	Pennsylvania
Nora	Daughter	W	F	Apr	1892	8	S				Iowa	New Jersey	Nebraska
Ella	Daughter	W	F	Oct	1893	6	S				Iowa	New Jersey	Nebraska
Stella	Daughter	W	F	Oct	1894	5	S				Iowa	New Jersey	Nebraska
Ralph	Son	W	M	Jul	1897	2	S				Iowa	New Jersey	Nebraska

<sup>42</sup>

1900 Census for Washington Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.

William Henry Hare's wife, Mary, appears in the Census of 1900 for Washington Township, Buchanan County, Iowa as widow and head of household. Part of the information from the 1900 Census is set forth in the following table.

MARY E. (PRESTON) HARE FAMILY													
1900 Census For Washington Township, Buchanan County, Iowa													
				Date of Birth							Nativity		
Name	Relationship	Race	Sex	Month	Year	Age At Next Birthday	Marital	Number Of Years	Mother Of How Many Children	Number Of Children Living	Place Of Birth	Father's Place Of Birth	Mother's Place Of Birth
Hare, Mary	Head	W	F	Sep	1865	34	W						
Frankie	Son	W	M	Feb	1890	10							
Bertie	Son	W	M	Mar	1892	8							
Alice	Daughter	W	F	May	1895	5							
Fuller, Charles	Nephew	W	M	Jul	1872								

Jacob and Martha (Fuller) Preston appear with their family on the 1900 Census. Part of the information from the 1900 Census regarding Jacob and Marth A. (Fuller) Preston is set forth below in the table.

JACOB AND MARTHA A. (FULLER) PRESTON FAMILY 1900 Census For Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa													
				Date of Birth							Nativity		
Name	Relationship	Race	Sex	Month	Year	Age At Next Birthday	Marital	Number Of Years	Mother Of How Many Children	Number Of Children Living	Place Of Birth	Father's Place Of Birth	Mother's Place Of Birth
Preston, Jacob	Head	W	M	Mar	1847	53	M	36			New Jersey	New Jersey	New Jersey
Martha A.	Wife	W	F	Feb	1844	56	M	36	10	8	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania
Andrus, Anna	Daughter	W	F	Mar	1875	25	WD		3	3	Iowa	New Jersey	Pennsylvania
Preston, Samuel	Son	W	M	Apr	1877	23	S				Iowa	New Jersey	Pennsylvania
Benjamin	Son	W	M	Dec	1878	21	S				Iowa	New Jersey	Pennsylvania
Alonzo, L.	Son	W	M	Jan	1881	19	S				Iowa	New Jersey	Pennsylvania
Alfonzo, R.	Son	W	M	Jan	1881	19	S				Iowa	New Jersey	Pennsylvania
Joel H.	Son	W	M	Sep	1885	14	S				Iowa	New Jersey	Pennsylvania
Andrus, Nora E.	G. Daughter	W	F	Dec	1884	5	S				Iowa	Michigan	Iowa
Leonard, L.	G. Son	W	M	Jan	1886	3	S				Iowa	Michigan	Iowa
Eva	G. Daughter	W	F	Jul	1888	1	S				Iowa	Michigan	Iowa
Hare, George	Nephew	W	M	Aug	1885	14	S				Iowa	Illinois	Iowa
Hare, Minnie	Niece	W	F	Mar	1888	12	S				Iowa	Illinois	Illinois



As of June 9, 1900, Jacob and Marth (Fuller) Preston's son, William H. Preston, was living with his family in Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.<sup>43</sup> Part of the information from the 1900 Census is set forth in the following table.

WILLIAM H. AND HANNAH A. PRESTON FAMILY 1900 Census For Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa													
				Date of Birth							Nativity		
Name	Relationship	Race	Sex	Month	Year	Age At Next Birthday	Marital	Number Of Years	Mother Of How Many Children	Number Of Children Living	Place Of Birth	Father's Place Of Birth	Mother's Place Of Birth
Preston, William H.	Head	W	M	Apr	1874	26	M	6			Iowa	New Jersey	New Jersey
Hannah, A.	Wife	W	F	Feb	1869	31	M	6	4	3	Illinois	Pennsylvania	New Jersey
Wism (sp?) Nellie S.	Daughter	W	F	Jul	1887	12	S				Kansas	Iowa	Illinois
John Henry S.	Son	W	M	Mar	1891	9	S				Kansas	Iowa	Illinois
Maudie S.	Daughter	W	F	Apr	1892	8	S				Kansas	Iowa	Illinois
Preston, Rose B.	Foster Daughter	W	F	Jan	1899	1	S				Iowa	Unkown	Illinois

<sup>43</sup>

1900 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.

As of June 9, 1900, Amanda (Fuller) Campbell was living with John and Julia (Hare) Fuller in Washington Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.<sup>44</sup> Part of the information from the 1900 Census is set forth in the following table.

JOHN AND JULIA FULLER FAMILY 1900 Census For Washington Township, Buchanan County, Iowa													
				Date of Birth							Nativity		
Name	Relationship	Race	Sex	Month	Year	Age At Next Birthday	Marital	Number Of Years	Mother Of How Many Children	Number Of Children Living	Place Of Birth	Father's Place Of Birth	Mother's Place Of Birth
Fuller, John	Head	W	M	Feb	1872	28	M	2			Illinois	Pennsylvania	Vermont
Julia	Wife	W	F	Sep	1878	22	M	2	1	1	Illinois	Canada (Eng)	Canada (Eng)
Vern	Son	W	M	Jul	1898	1	S				Iowa	Illinois	Illinois
Campbell, Amanda	Mother-In-Law	W	F	May	1815	85	WD		4	0	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania

This Census indicates Julia (Hare) Fuller's father and mother were born in Canada (Eng). However, this information is incorrect. Julia (Hare) Fuller's parents were George and Lucinda (Campbell) Hare. George Hare was born in Schoharie County, New York<sup>45</sup> and Lucinda (Campbell) Hare was born in Pennsylvania.<sup>46</sup>

In about 1902, Jacob and Martha (Fuller) Preston moved to Hartington, Nebraska where Jacob died in an accident on January 26, 1906 in Hartington, Nebraska.<sup>47</sup> His obituary states the following:

Jacob Preston, a well-known farmer, living five miles south of Hartington, was instantly killed in a runaway accident near his home. In company with his son he had hitched up a broncho team and was going to drive to a public sale. Shortly after leaving the farm yard the team ran away, and in turning a corner both men were pitched out of the wagon. Preston struck on his head, breaking his neck and fracturing his skull. His son William was terribly bruised about the head and it is feared he cannot recover. Preston was 60 years old and his son was 35.<sup>48</sup>

It is unknown where and when Martha (Fuller) Preston died.

<sup>44</sup> 1900 Census for Washington Township, Buchanan County, Iowa

<sup>45</sup> Research Report entitled The Search For Parents Of Stephen B. Hare, September 1991; Bette Innes Bradways, C. G. for Marth Holm Portland, Oregon.

1853 Census for Schoharie County, New York; 1870 Census, 1880 Census, and 1885 Census.

<sup>46</sup> 1860 Census, 1870 Census, 1880 Census, 1885 Census.

<sup>47</sup> Jacob Preston's Obituary, Quasqueton, January 26, 1904? or January 26, 1906? Buchanan County, Iowa.

<sup>48</sup> Jacob Preston's Obituary, Quasqueton, January 26, 1904? or January 26, 1906? Buchanan County, Iowa.

Eventually, William Henry Hare's wife, Mary Esther (Preston) Hare, remarried. She married Frank Yockey (Sr.) in \_\_\_\_\_. The fact that Frank Yockey was referred to as "Sr." indicates he had at least one son named Frank. Mary Ester (Preston) (Hare) Yockey was born September 15, 1865 and died July 29, 1946 in Hartington, Cedar County, Nebraska.

It is unknown whether Royal S. and Margaretta (Preston) Fuller stayed in Smith County, Kansas after the Census was taken in 1880. It would seem like Margaretta (Preston) (Decker) Fuller should have stayed in Kansas until probably 1896. Royal S. and Margaretta (Preston) (Decker) Fuller were raising a family in Smith County, Kansas.<sup>49</sup> Their youngest son, Benjamin Fuller, would have be 18 years old by 1896.<sup>50</sup> However, it is unknown how many, if any, of the Fuller children stayed in Smith County, Kansas, but John Fuller eventually moved from Smith County, Kansas<sup>51</sup> to Buchanan County, Iowa by 1897.<sup>52</sup> In addition, in 1900, Charles Fuller, age [28?] was living with Mary (Preston) Hare in Buchanan County, Iowa.

It is thought that Royal S. Fuller died in Smith County, Kansas, though no information regarding Royal S. Fuller's death has been found. A genealogical helper said she checked wills, probate, guardianship papers and land records, but found nothing on Royal S. Fuller. The helper said she did not find a tombstone for him. The genealogical helper went on to explain that Kansas did not have death records until 1911. The helper further explained that the Fuller family did not leave a paper trail and it appeared that "the widow just packed up and moved." In addition, Lylia Hare looked for Royal and Margaretta (Preston) Fuller on the 1900 Census for Pawnee Township, Smith County, Kansas.<sup>53</sup> She check all ten (10) Census pages covering Pawnee Township, but did not find one member of Royal S. Fuller family in Pawnee Township.<sup>54</sup> It is possible, the Royal S. Fuller family could have been somewhere else in Smith County, Kansas, or simply somewhere else entirely.

Lylia Hare searched for Royal S. Fuller's death certificate and burial information in Dekalb County, Illinois. No death record for Royal S. Fuller's was available at the clerk's office in Sycamore, Dekalb County, Illinois. He was not listed in the death index.<sup>55</sup> Lylia Hare said, I think Royal died about 1890 because Margret is in the pictures with William and Eliza Decker, and their new baby in 1892 which means she was probably was visiting in Iowa at the time.

Lylia Hare said, Something I keep thinking about was the fact that after Royal's sister's (Elizabeth Ayer) husband died in IL, she later moved to Nebraska with one of her sons. I checked on this once, and her location wasn't all that far from the Kansas border. Smith County Kansas borders the Nebraska border. I had even thought that Margaretta may've headed to Cedar County, Nebraska to be with her brother Jacob, but he was still in Iowa in 1900. I do believe that the key to finding Margaretta would lie in tracing other family. I can't imagine her any place on her own without some family nearby. I looked up 1900 Kansas census for Pawnee Twp., Smith County, and it had 10 pages covering Pawnee Twp., so I checked each individual page and not one Fuller showed up in this township. Now, I'm not sure where to take this. I wonder if they were somewhere else in Smith County,

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<sup>49</sup> 1880 Federal Census for Pawnee Township, Smith County, Kansas, Page 351.

<sup>50</sup> 1880 Federal Census for Pawnee Township, Smith County, Kansas, Page 351.

<sup>51</sup> 1880 Federal Census for Pawnee Township, Smith County, Kansas, Page 351.

<sup>52</sup> Marriage Records for John Henry Fuller and Julia Melissa Hare, Buchanan County, Iowa.

<sup>53</sup> Lylia Hare.

<sup>54</sup> Lylia Hare.

<sup>55</sup> Lylia Hare did find Royal Fuller's son's James E. Fuller's, death notice. The notice is printed in Taken from Sycamore True Republican, May 18, 1878 and states, "Former resident of Genoa, died of lung disease at his home in Hampshire last week."

According to Lylia, this was the same James Fuller that was buried at Ney Cemetery. He also had a young son buried with him there with the same name - James Fuller. Lylia thinks it may be worth an attempt to seek out a larger, more informative obituary from a Hampshire newspaper. Hampshire is located in Kane County, which borders directly to the east of Dekalb.

KS. Or were they elsewhere with other family of either side (Fuller/Preston)?

On June 17, 1907, Margaretta (Preston) (Decker) Fuller died of cancer at the age of 64.<sup>56</sup> Ben (Benjamin) Preston provide the information to the White Funeral Home regarding Margaretta's death.<sup>57</sup> Ben Preston was Margaretta's nephew and Jacob and Martha (Fuller) Preston's son.<sup>58</sup> It is assumed Margaretta died in Buchanan County, Iowa, but no death record has been found. Margaretta's cemetery card reads: born 1844-died 1906; buried in Lot 15, Block 7, Addition 1, Wilson Cemetery, Sumner Township, Section 2.<sup>59</sup> Margaretta's son, Charles A. Fuller, owned the lot.<sup>60</sup> Margaretta's tombstone has only the dates 1844-1906. Further, Margaretta is not buried with either of her two husbands, William Decker and Royal S. Fuller. It is not known where either of her husbands are buried or when they died.

It is possibly that Margaretta (Preston) (Decker) Fuller died somewhere other than Buchanan County, Iowa and her body was shipped to Buchanan County for burial. She was previously living in Smith County, Kansas at least as of 1880.<sup>61</sup>

In addition, Mickey Scott explained that she did extensive research on Margaretta (Preston) (Decker) Fuller, but found very little information on her in Buchanan County, Iowa.<sup>62</sup> Ms. Scott explained she looked for an obituary for Margaretta and had someone also look just to double check, but they did not find any obituary.<sup>63</sup> Ms. Scott also explained that she looked for Margaretta's death records, but did not find one.<sup>64</sup> Ms. Scott only found Margaretta's death information at the White Funeral Home and Wilson Cemetery.<sup>65</sup>

In addition, Lylia Hare looked for Margaret (Preston) (Decker) Fuller's death record, but found nothing. Yet, Lylia Hare found Royal S. Fuller's sister's Amanda (Fuller) Campbell's death record, but the record did not list Amanda's place of burial. Margaret and Amanda died only four months apart and it is odd that Amanda Campbell's death record was recorded, but Margaret's record was not found. The only death information found regarding Margaretta is records from the White Funeral Home and Wilson Cemetery,<sup>66</sup> and Margaretta's headstone.

On November 20, 1907 Amanda (Fuller) Campbell died of senile dementia in Liberty Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.<sup>67</sup> At the time of her death, she was a retired widow 93 years, 5 months and 20 days old.<sup>68</sup> Pennsylvania was her place of birth and the place of birth of both of her parents.<sup>69</sup> Her parents are identified as L. Fuller and Hannah Cummins.<sup>70</sup> Amanda was buried November 22, 1907 in Independence.<sup>71</sup> Julia M. (Hare)

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<sup>56</sup> White Funeral Home Records; Margaret Fuller's head stone shows the following dates of birth & death: 1844-1906.

<sup>57</sup> White Funeral Home Records.

<sup>58</sup> 1850 & 1860 Censuses for Pequannock Township, Morris County, New Jersey; and 1870 & 1880 Censuses for Dekalb County, Illinois; Marriage license for Jacob Preston and Martha Farr dated April 8, 1868, License # 40, Book C - Page 373, Dekalb County, Illinois; 1885 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa; 1895 Census for Cono Township, Buchanan County, Iowa; 1900 Census for Homer Township, Buchanan County, Iowa; Amasa Preston's Obituary, Cons., February 29, 1888, Gatesville, Iowa.

<sup>59</sup> Margaret (Preston) Fuller Cemetery Card, Wilson Cemetery, Sumner Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.

<sup>60</sup> Margaret (Preston) Fuller Cemetery Card, Wilson Cemetery, Sumner Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.

<sup>61</sup> 1880 Federal Census for Pawnee Township, Smith County, Kansas, page 351.

<sup>62</sup> Mickey Scott, genealogical researcher, Buchanan County Genealogical Society.

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<sup>67</sup> Amanda (Campbell) Hare's Death Record, Page 33, Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1908, Buchanan County, Iowa.

<sup>68</sup> Amanda (Campbell) Hare's Death Record, Page 33, Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1908, Buchanan County, Iowa.

<sup>69</sup> Amanda (Campbell) Hare's Death Record, Page 33, Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1908, Buchanan County, Iowa.

<sup>70</sup> Amanda (Campbell) Hare's Death Record, Page 33, Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1908, Buchanan County, Iowa.

Fuller provided Amanda's death information.<sup>72</sup>

Amanda (Fuller) Campbell, Royal S. Fuller's sister, is buried with Margaretta (Preston) (Decker) Fuller on the same lot without a headstone, along with the Infant Miller and the Maude Winn.<sup>73</sup> It is believed that Maude Winn was a young girl. Margaretta (Preston) (Decker) Fuller was John Henry Fuller's and William Henry Decker's mother. Margaretta was also Royal S. Fuller's wife. Amanda is not buried with her husband, Nathaniel Campbell. It is not known where Amanda (Fuller) Campbell's and Margaretta (Preston) (Decker) Fuller's husbands are buried.

Amanda (Fuller) Campbell's Obituary<sup>74</sup> reads as follows:

#### DEATH OF MRS. AMANDA CAMPBELL.

Mrs. Amanda Campbell died on Wednesday, Nov. 20, at the home of her grand-daughter, Mrs. J. H. Fuller, aged ninety-two years. Mrs. Campbell was a native of Pennsylvania, and since the death of her husband, which occurred many years ago, has made her home with the children and grand-children. The past four years she has lived with her grand-daughter, Mrs. J. H. Fuller, seven miles southeast of town. The funeral was held at the home. Rev. Levack of the Baptist church officiating. Internment was made in Wilson cemetery.

Amanda (Fuller) Campbell lived with various family members after her husband died. The 1870 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois shows Amanda Campbell, age 47, living with George and Lucinda (Campbell) Hare and their four children.<sup>75</sup> **[AMANDA'S AGE CANNOT BE CORRECT ON THE 1870 CENSUS. SHE WAS 47 IN 1860]** The 1880 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County indicates Amanda Campbell, age 65, was living with James and Harriet Hare and their four children.<sup>76</sup> The 1895 Census for Sumner Township, Buchanan County, Iowa shows Amanda Campbell, age 79, living with George and Lucinda (Campbell) Hare.<sup>77</sup> The 1900 Census for Washington Township, Buchanan County, Iowa shows Amanda Campbell, age 85, living with John and Julia (Hare) Fuller and their son, Vern.<sup>78</sup>

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<sup>71</sup> Amanda (Campbell) Hare's Death Record, Page 33, Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1908, Buchanan County, Iowa.

<sup>72</sup> Amanda (Campbell) Hare's Death Record, Page 33, Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1908, Buchanan County, Iowa.

<sup>73</sup> Lylia Hare; Margaret (Preston) (Decker) Fuller's Cemetery Card, Wilson Cemetery, Sumner Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.

<sup>74</sup> Amanda (Campbell) Hare's Obituary, The Constitution, November 27, 1907, Independence, Iowa.

<sup>75</sup> 1870 Census for Kingston Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 441.

<sup>76</sup> 1880 Census for Kingston Township, DeKalb County, Illinois, Page 108.

<sup>77</sup> 1895 Census for Sumner Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.

<sup>78</sup> 1900 Census for Washington Township, Buchanan County, Iowa.



## CHAPTER TWENTY-THREE

1910-1922

George Hare died November 1, 1922 of acute urussia (sp) which he had for two years prior to his death and is buried with his wife, Lucinda, in Lot 5 Block 8, Addition 1, Wilson Cemetery,<sup>1</sup> Independence, Iowa.<sup>2</sup> George was a widower and a retired farmer.<sup>3</sup> When he died, he was 82 years, 6 months and 30 days old.<sup>4</sup> George Hare was born April 2, 1840 in New York.<sup>5</sup> His parents were Henry Hare and Eliza Patrick. Julia Fuller provided the information in George Hare's death certificate.<sup>6</sup>

George Hare's Obituary<sup>7</sup> reads as follows:

George Hare was born in New York state April 2, 1840. He came west with his parents to Illinois in 1857. In 1860 he was united in marriage to Miss Lucinda Campbell and to this union were born ten children: William Hare, of Independence, who died at the age of 32 years; James Hare, of Independence, Mrs. Hattie Moal, of Brookings, S.D.; Mrs. Fanny Mishler, Mrs. Jane Becker, of Oelwein; Charles Hare, of Hazleton; Mrs. Julia Fuller, of Oran; Dell Hare, Independence, also Minnie, who died in infancy, and Arthur H. Hare, Oelwein. He passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Fuller, at Oran, November 1, 1922. He leaves to mourn his death one sister, Mrs. Mary Birckfield, of Hazleton, and one brother, Albert Hare, of Holden, Mo., eight children, thirty-three grandchildren and fifty-three great-grandchildren. He united with the Baptist church of Dunkerton in 1896, and was a loyal Christian, faithful to his professions, a good husband and loving father, a loyal friend and neighbor and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. With his passing another of the early settlers and pioneers of this territory has gone from our midst and to his reward and he will be mourned by a large circle of relatives and a great host of friends and acquaintances. Funeral services were held from the home of his daughter at Oran Thursday afternoon, November 3, and from the Methodist Episcopal church, of Oran, Rev. Oswald Sandbach, M. E. pastor officiating, and he was laid to rest in the family lot in the cemetery at Independence.

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<sup>1</sup> George Hare's Death Certificate, No. 33-304, dated November 1, 1922, Iowa; George Hare's Obituary, December 9, 1992, The Bulletin-Journal.

<sup>2</sup> George Hare's Obituary, December 9, 1992, The Bulletin-Journal; George Hare's Cemetery Card and Headstone at Wilson Cemetery provide the following information:

HARE, George  
B. 2 April 1840  
D. 2 Nov 1922  
Lt 5 Blk 8 Addition 1  
Lt/o Geo. Hare  
Wilson Cemetery Sumner Township, Section 2.  
\*One Stone: William H., Lucinda S., Henry, Eliza and George Hare.

<sup>3</sup> George Hare's Death Certificate, No. 33-304, dated November 1, 1922, Iowa; George Hare's Obituary, December 9, 1992, The Bulletin-Journal.

<sup>4</sup> George Hare's Death Certificate, No. 33-304, dated November 1, 1922, Iowa; George Hare's Obituary, December 9, 1992, The Bulletin-Journal.

<sup>5</sup> George Hare's Death Certificate, No. 33-304, dated November 1, 1922, Iowa; George Hare's Obituary, December 9, 1992, The Bulletin-Journal.

<sup>6</sup> George Hare's Death Certificate, No. 33-304, dated November 1, 1922, Iowa; George Hare's Obituary, December 9, 1992, The Bulletin-Journal.

<sup>7</sup> George Hare's Obituary, December 9, 1992, The Bulletin-Journal.

## William Decker Married to Margaretta Preston

There is virtually no information on William Decker's birth, death, marriage to or divorce from Margaretta Preston, despite an extensive genealogical search. Further, no military record has been found for William Decker married to Margaretta Preston. However, there are literally thousands of Deckers and just about as many William Deckers, both of whom span an enormous period of time and probably all of the United States, and all of which makes it extremely difficult to prove William Decker was married to Margaretta Preston, or to obtain any information on William.

The first operating theory upon which the search for William Decker married to Margaretta Preston is based is that Margaretta Preston met her husband to be, William Decker, in Morris County, New Jersey and gave birth to William Henry Decker presumably in Morris County as well.

The second operating theory upon which the search for William Decker married to Margaretta Preston is based assumes that Ursula/Ersula Decker is William and Margaretta Decker's daughter, Rossella Decker. Therefore, based on the information in the sketch of William Decker,<sup>8</sup> William Decker married to Margaret Preston died in New Jersey when Ursula/Ersula was two years old, or about February 10, 1865.<sup>9</sup> Further, the Proof of Heirship filed in the probate proceed is of Phebe Adkins' Will supports the theory that William Decker died, but not identify his date of death.<sup>10</sup>

Margaretta Ann Preston may have married William Decker (possibly, the son of Andrew Decker married to Phebe DeMouth) in New Jersey during the period between 1860 and 1864,<sup>11</sup> and therefore, **it is assumed** that she did not move to Dekalb County, Illinois with her parents. However, there is no evidence of this marriage or where it took place. **It is assumed** that the marriage took place in New Jersey since Margaretta gave birth to William Henry Decker on November 27, 1864 in New Jersey when she was 20-21 years old.<sup>12</sup> It is unfortunate that no marriage record was found because the marriage record may have indicated who William Decker's parents were.

There are only five documents which reference William Decker's marriage to Margaretta Preston. Two documents are birth records for Rachell and Rossella Decker. These documents indicate that a William Decker and Margaretta Preston were Rachell and Rossella Decker's parents. These documents do not prove that William Decker and Margaretta Preston were William Henry Decker's parents. The other two documents consist of William Henry Decker's Obituary and death certificate. William Henry Decker's death certificate and obituary indicates he was born November 27, 1864 in New Jersey and his parents were William Decker and Margaretta Preston. The information in his obituary and death certificate was provided by William Henry Decker's children. Naturally, they would have received the information from their parents, William Henry and Eliza Jane (Hare) Decker. Still, the information in William Henry Decker Obituary and death certificate may not be reliable since his children may not have received correct information. The last document is the marriage record for William Henry Decker and Eliza Jane Hare. That document indicates that William Henry Decker's parents were Wm Decker and Margaretta Preston. The marriage record should be reliable since William Henry Decker would have provided the information himself and he certainly should have known whether the information was true.

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<sup>8</sup> The Portrait and Biographical Album of Dekalb County, Illinois, 1883, Page 334.

<sup>9</sup> The Portrait and Biographical Album of Dekalb County, Illinois, 1883, Page 334.

<sup>10</sup> Application for Probate of Will dated April 14, 1890, Phebe Adkins, Deceased, Book D of Renunciations and Applications, Page 17; Phebe Adkins' Will [S 526] dated August 26, 1887, Petition to Probate Phebe Adkins' Will dated April 14, 1870, Documents filed 313-9, Morris County Clerk's Office, Morristown, New Jersey.

<sup>11</sup> William Henry Decker's Obituary, The Conservative, July 29, 1951, Independence, Iowa.

<sup>12</sup> 1870 Census Franillin Township, Dekalb County, Illinois; William Decker's Obituary, The Constitution, July 29, 1951; William Decker's Death Certificate; Buchanan County Marriage Records.

It is believed that William and Margaretta (Preston) Decker had at least three children.<sup>13</sup> They are:

William and Margaret Decker's Children		
Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth
Rachell Decker	June 16 1861	Taylor Town, Pequannock Township, Morris Co., New Jersey
Rossella Decker	February 10, 1863	Taylor Town, Pequannock Township, Morris Co., New Jersey
William Decker	November 27, 1864	New Jersey

Rossella Decker may have gone by the name Ursula/Ersula Decker until she died.<sup>14</sup> Though it is very possible that Rossella and Ursula/Ersula are the same person, many discrepancies exist which makes proving they are the same person extremely difficult.

Linnea B. Foster, CGRS observed that

[t]he Ursula/Rossella/(Eliza??) Decker question has been a puzzle. There are reasons to believe Ursula and Rossella aren't separate individuals. However, if we use Ursula's age 22.10.10 that appears on her gravestone and calculates to a date of birth, 20 March 1862, there is just room for her between William and Margaret's daughters Rachel, b. 16 Jun. 1861, and Rossella, b. 10 Feb. 1863. Gravestone information can be in error, but probably is more accurate than what appears in a county history.

Also, William Adkins and Phebe Demouth Decker Adkins had Ersuly, b. 14 Mar. 1853, d. 19 Dec. 1853, and Rosella b. 31 Oct. 1854, d. 20 Jan. 1888. (See e mail from Janet Bornhoeft, 15 Nov., that includes this information from Paula Castaldo). Possibly William named daughters after his two deceased step sisters.

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<sup>13</sup> William Henry Decker's Obituary, The Conservative, July 29, 1951, Independence, Iowa; Rossella Decker's birth record, No. Z2-2248, New Jersey Archives, Trenton, New Jersey; Rachel Decker's birth record, No. Z2-229, New Jersey Archives, Trenton, New Jersey; The Census of 1870 for Franklin Township, Dekalb County, Illinois; 1951; William Decker's Death Certificate; Buchanan County Marriage Records.

<sup>14</sup> Ersula Decker's headstone, South Grove Township, Dekalb County, Illinois; The Portrait and Biographical Album of Dekalb County, Illinois, 1883, page 334; Erusla Decker's headstone, Cemetery, South Grove Township, Dekalb County, Illinois; Dekalb County Cemeteries, South Grove Township, Page 9.

Jennie (Parcher) Newell is the daughter of Jane (Decker) Parcher.<sup>15</sup> Jane is the daughter of Aaron M. Decker.<sup>16</sup> Aaron is the grandfather of the William Decker who raised Ursula (spelled Ersula on gravestone).<sup>17</sup> The following are diary entries by Jennie near/on the day Ersula died:<sup>18</sup>

January 1885

“Sat. 17 Clear and Cold. They put some hay in the barn then Charly and George went to Fielding got a dispatch for Bill Decker from Sula.”

“Frid. 30 Nice day. Sam (Jennie’s husband) drawed coal for Walter (her son) and got a horse to go for another load of coal. Henry Decker came and told us that Sula is dead. She died this morning in Iowa. Teacher is here to stay tonight.” **[Janet Bornhoeft’s note: Jennie’s mom, Jane (Decker) Parcher remarried a Daniel Sharp around 1859 and moved to a farm near Marble Rock, Iowa- I bet that’s where Ursula was when she died.]**

“Sat 31 Sam is helping Teacher to put up Black boards. In the forenoon P went over to Bill Decker’s in the morning. We all went over in the evening. Leiggie(sic) got home with Sula’s body. Charley got home from Sycamore.”

February 1885

“Sun 1 Pleasant. We went to Sula Decker’s funeral.”

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<sup>15</sup> Janet Bornhoeft’s email to Lawrence Reinhold dated October 30, 2003, Subject Jennie Newell Diary entry-Ersula’s death Jan 30, 1885, etc.

Hi- In terms of looking for the correct county in Iowa, I can’t find Jane (Decker) Parcher’s death certificate in Floyd Co even though she’s buried there, and I found her daughter’s (Jennie’s) death certificate in Wright County-near Dows, Iowa. Go figure.

Glad you enjoyed the diary. Jennie must have been one hard woman...on the day her mom (Jane) died, she merely wrote in her diary “Grandma died this afternoon.” Oh well.

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Ursula/Ersula Decker's grave stone reads Ersula Decker died January 30, 1885, age 22 years, 10 months and 10 days.<sup>19</sup> The Dekalb County Cemeteries list Ersula Decker as follows: DECKER, Ersula b. \_\_\_\_ d. 30 Jan 1885 22y 10m 10d.<sup>20</sup> Ursula/Ersula Decker's death information on her headstone indicates she was born March 20, 1862 which agrees with the 1870 Census, but not the 1880 Census.<sup>21</sup>

The Portrait and Biographical Album of Dekalb County, Illinois contains a biographical sketch of William Decker which contains the following paragraph.<sup>22</sup>

He was married Feb. 21 1861, in south Grove Township, to Lissie Shorey, and they have had \_\_\_\_ children, two of whom are deceased. Wm. Henry was born Sept. 2, 1864; Elnor, Oct 27, 1866; and Harvey E., Aug 5, 1869. They have also raised one other child, Ursula Decker, who was the daughter of William and Margaret Decker, a cousin of Mr. Decker of this sketch. Her father died in New Jersey when she was two years old, and her mother was a second time married, and she was taken by Mr. Decker to bring up. She was born March 22, 1863 in New Jersey, and died Jan 30, 1885 in Iowa, where she had gone six weeks before her death. Her remains were brought to South Grove for burial.

The 1870 Census shows Ursula Decker, age 8, living with Geitman, Freddie, age 1/12 and Geithman, Lewis, age 38, shoemaker from Prussia.<sup>23</sup> The Census indicates that Ursula was born in Illinois, not New Jersey and was attending school when the Census was taken.<sup>24</sup> The Census was taken July 9, 1870.<sup>25</sup> Based on the 1870 Census, Ursula Decker would have been born in 1862.<sup>26</sup>

According to Lowell Geithman, Ersula Decker, Bernard Geitman, Lewis Geitman and Freddie Geitman were all living on the John Renn farm.<sup>27</sup> John Renn and his wife, Lurisa had a boy, Jonathan, age 3.<sup>28</sup> Lowell Geithman explained that Ersula Decker was most likely living with or associated with the John Renn family, not the Geitmans.<sup>29</sup> Lowell Geithman further explained that Bernard Geitman, a farmer, age 27, had 5 children.<sup>30</sup> According to Lowell Geithman, Bernard and Lewis Geitman were brothers; and Lewis Geitman never married and had no children.<sup>31</sup>

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<sup>19</sup> Erusla Decker's headstone, Cemetery, South Grove Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.

<sup>20</sup> Dekalb County Cemeteries, South Grove Township, Page 9.

<sup>21</sup> 1870 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois; 1880 Census for South Grove Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.

<sup>22</sup> The Portrait and Biographical Album of Dekalb County, Illinois, 1883, Page 334.

<sup>23</sup> 1870 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.

<sup>24</sup> 1870 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.

<sup>25</sup> 1870 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.

<sup>26</sup> 1870 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.

<sup>27</sup> Lawrence Reinhold's phone conversation with Lowell Geithman on November 26, 2002; 1870 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.

<sup>28</sup> Lawrence Reinhold's phone conversation with Lowell Geithman on November 26, 2002; 1870 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.

<sup>29</sup> Lawrence Reinhold's phone conversation with Lowell Geithman on November 26, 2002; 1870 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.

<sup>30</sup> Lawrence Reinhold's phone conversation with Lowell Geithman on November 26, 2002; 1870 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.

<sup>31</sup> Lawrence Reinhold's phone conversation with Lowell Geithman on November 26, 2002; 1870 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.

The 1880 Census for Dekalb County shows Ersula Decker, age 17, living in her cousin's household.<sup>32</sup> The Census was taken on June 8, 1880 and indicates all members of the household are white, including Ersula.<sup>33</sup> Based on the 1880 Census shows, Ursula/Ersula was born in 1863 in New Jersey and both of her parents were born in New Jersey.<sup>34</sup> The Census also shows the following:<sup>35</sup>

16.16	DECKER, William	age 45
	“ “ Lizie	age 36 wife
	“ “ Henry	age 16 son
	“ “ Norah	age 13 dau
	“ “ Harvey	age 10 son
	“ “ Ersula	age 17 cousin, single, POB - NJ, Father's POB "NJ Mother's POB" NJ.

Assuming Rossella is Ursula/Ersula Decker, then her sister, Rachel Decker, was living and working very close to Rossella. Rachel Decker appears in the 1880 Census as a Domestic Servant in the household of Thomas Renwick in South Grove, Dekalb County, Illinois.<sup>36</sup> Her birthplace is listed as Illinois, not New Jersey, and there is no information about the birth place of her parents.<sup>37</sup> The Thomas Renwick family is on page 230A of the Census<sup>38</sup> and Ersula Decker is on page 227C in the household of her cousin, William Decker,<sup>39</sup> so essentially Rossella and Rachel were neighbors.

In 1880, William Henry Decker was living in the Amasa Preston household. William Henry Decker was Amasa and Rachel Preston's grandson, and Margaret (Preston) (Decker) Fuller's son. Therefore, William Henry Decker and his two older sisters, Rosella/Ursula/Ersula and Rachel were living very close to each other. By 1878, their mother, Margaretta (Preston) (Decker) Fuller and her husband, Royal S. Fuller, moved to Kansas with their family<sup>40</sup> leaving the Decker children by themselves in Dekalb County, Illinois.

It is thought that William Decker died or divorced his wife, Margaretta (Preston) Decker. However, no death record, divorce document or any other document, except for one, has been found which indicates what happened to William Henry Decker's father, William Decker. There is a probate document which provides some evidence to support the argument that William Henry Decker's father died.

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<sup>32</sup> 1880 Census for South Grove Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.  
<sup>33</sup> 1880 Census for South Grove Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.  
<sup>34</sup> 1880 Census for South Grove Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.  
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<sup>40</sup> 1880 Federal Census for Pawnee Township, Smith County, Kansas, Page 351.

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Benjamin age 2 born in KS (1878)



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Based on the information regarding Andrew and Phebe Decker's children, **THOUGH NOT PROVEN**, the 1840 Census for Phebe Decker seems to confirm that her son, William Decker, was born in 1933. The Census say 1 male under five which probably was John Decker, 1 male 5 10 which was probably William Decker, 1 female under 5 which was probably Susan Decker and 1 female 5 10 which was probably Deborah Decker.

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William Henry Decker was born November 27, 1864,<sup>48</sup> so his father, William Decker, had to be alive as of March 1864 for Margaretta to have become pregnant with William Henry Decker. Further Margaretta Decker married Royal S. Fuller April 21, 1866.<sup>49</sup> Therefore, William Decker had to have died between March 1864 and April 21, 1866. Now, if William died when Rosella/Ursula/Ersula was two years old, and if she was born March 20, 1862 or March 22, 1863, that means **William Decker had to have died between March 1864 and March 1865.**

It is possible that William and Margaretta Decker may have divorce, though no records were found indicating a divorce. It seems more likely that William Decker died than he was divorced, because Margaretta Decker signed her Return of Marriage as Mrs. Margaret Decker and her marriage certificate indicates Mrs. Margaret Decker,<sup>50</sup> though the marriage license form has Mr. and Mrs. printed on the form only the person's name is filled in.

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Stryker, William S., Record of Officers and Men of New Jersey in the Civil War (Trenton, NJ, 1876):

p. 574 - 11th Regiment Company H  
William A. Decker - enrolled and mustered in 6 Aug. 1862 Died 30 May 1863

p. 870 - 27th Regiment Company F  
William Decker - enrolled 5 Sep. - mustered in 19 Sep. 1862 Mustered out 2 Jul. 1863

p. 1371 - 1st Regiment Battery A Artillery Volunteers William Decker - enrolled and mustered in 8 Sep 1864  
Mustered out 22 Jun. 1865

LBF note: There are 5-page numbers for William H. Decker. I have not seen these entries yet.

Civil War Vouchers

Printout of abstracted records on file at the New Jersey Archives Trenton, NJ. [See copy.]

LBF note: The name of most interest in "Stryker's" list and in this printout is Pvt. William A. Decker of 11- Regiment, Company H. because of the possibility that he might have been the William A. Decker who appeared on the 1860 Census of Pequannock in the household of William and Phebe Adkins, neighbors of Amsey, Rachel, and Margaret Preston.

The printout shows that this particular William A. Decker, who died of wounds received in battle, 30 May 1863, was the son of Frederick Decker of Drakestown, Morris Co. Since the pay due to him was paid to his father, we can assume William A. was not married. This leaves open the possibility that William A. Decker in the Adkins household married Margaret Preston.

and death documents in Dekalb County, Illinois and Buchanan County, Iowa, but found nothing.<sup>59</sup> Kathleen Shorey-Shultz also researched military records for several William Deckers who appear to be “the” William Decker married to Margaretta Preston.<sup>60</sup> Still, no military records of William Decker married to Margaretta Pre-

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**New Jersey Vital Records - Death Records 1848-1867, NJ Archives, Trenton, NJ**

LBF note: The index to these records lists 9 William Deckers including 1 William A., 2 William C. and 2 William H. All records were seen, but none seemed to apply to William Decker, husband of Margaret Preston.

<sup>59</sup> From Lylia Hare: There was something else that I found at the Joiner History Room which I think may be of interest, that wasn't on the list. In regards to finding William Henry Decker, I checked the obits nothing, I checked the vitals at the Clerk's office nothing, but when I checked the roster book at the Joiner History Room, I did find this:

42nd IL INF Company K

Pvt. Decker, William H. of Kingston, died at Farmington on May 29, 1862.

I know there was another William H. Decker from Dekalb County who was in the Civil War, but you got his obit from the Dekalb Co., researcher and this was a different man.

<sup>60</sup> Email from Kathleen Shorey Schultz to Lawrence Reinhold dated September 21, 2002.

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I was finally able to get to the National Archives in Washington D. C. this past week where I researched Civil War military and/or pension records for four Deckers, including the military records of William H. Decker. I hope the following information will be helpful to you. Three of the Deckers: William, Warren, and Mathias were brothers and residents of Dekalb Co., IL. There was no indication in the records of where William H. Decker was residing when he enlisted in the 42nd Regiment of Illinois Volunteers.

Kathleen

**William H. DECKER**

According to William H. Decker's file, he was born in Rockland, New York. He was enlisted by Capt. W. A. Webb of the U. S. Army at Chicago, Illinois on August 14, 1861 to serve for 3 yrs. He was assigned to Co. K of the 42nd Regiment of Illinois Volunteers. On Oct. 15, 1861 the company muster roll states he was left at Jefferson City [no state given] sick. He was present with his unit from Nov 1861 through Apr 1872. The company muster roll for May & June 1862 notes he died at the Regimental Hospital at Farmington, Mississippi of disease on May 26, 1862. The casualty sheet of the hospital states he died of meningitis on May 26 and the Co. muster-out roll states he died May 29, 1862. I would be inclined to accept the date [May 26, 1862] transcribed on the casualty sheet certified by the hospital. At the time of his death he was described as being 21 yrs. old, 5 ft. 6" in. tall, light complexion, blue eyes, dark hair and by occupation a carpenter. When he died his inventory of effects included only one blanket (oil) which was said to have been delivered "to a legal representative." He owed \$3.25 to the sutler at the time of his death. His file does not include any references to any family members.

**William DECKER**

William Decker enlisted as a private for a term of 3 years on Aug. 14, 1862 in Sycamore, Illinois. He was mustered into Capt. Warner's Co, [Co. C], 105 Regiment Illinois Infantry in Dixon, Illinois on Sept. 2, 1862. The remarks on the company muster roll for May & June 1864 indicate he was detached as Brigade Teamster on April 23, 1864 - a position he held until his discharge near Washington D.C. on June 7, 1865.

A certified statement by his widow in William Decker's pension file states: "That she was married under the name of Eunice Lizzie Shorey to said soldier at South Grove, Dekalb County, Illinois, on the 21st. day of February, A.D. 1861, by William M. Byers a Justice of the Peace; that there was no legal barrier to the marriage; that she had not been previously married; that the soldier had not been previously married, and that neither she nor said soldier married otherwise than as stated above." Also included in the pension file was an affidavit that included the following statement, "Mrs. Decker spent considerable time with her husband's regiment and performed many acts of kindness for the soldiers."

An added note: I included the pension file statements above in hopes of clarifying an issue you raised in your email notes of June 27 when you surmised the father of William Henry Decker [b. Nov. 27, 1864] might have been the father of Ursula Decker. William Decker and Eunice Shorey did have a son named William Henry Decker born in Illinois on Sept. 2, 1864. However, I don't believe timing, nor logistics, support the theory that William Henry Decker's father, William, may have been the father of Ursula Decker -especially given the fact that William & Eunice were married in Dekalb Co., Illinois on Feb. 21, 1861, resided there both before and after William Decker served in the Civil War, and Eunice Decker accompanied her husband's regiment during much of the war.

ston have been found.

On April 21, 1866, Royal S. Fuller and Mrs. Margaret Decker were married in Dekalb County, Illinois.<sup>61</sup> They appear together on the 1870 Dekalb County Census though the name on the Census is Boyle S. Fuller, not Royal S. Fuller and everyone in the household is listed as White, not Indian.<sup>62</sup> Royal S. Fuller is 53 years old and Margaret is 28.<sup>63</sup> The Census shows that Royal S. Fuller and his son, Joel were working in quarry.<sup>64</sup> The Census also indicates Royal owned \$242 in property.<sup>65</sup> Royal is shown as born in Pennsylvania.<sup>66</sup> Margaretta is shown as keeping house and born in New Jersey.

The 1870 Dekalb County Census reveals five children living in Royal S. Fuller's household.<sup>67</sup> Joel M. is Royal Fuller's son from his first marriage. Joel is identified on the 1850 and 1860 Census for Dekalb County, Illinois as Royal and Priscilla Fuller's child.<sup>68</sup>

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So far, I have not found any indicators to contradict the 1880 census which states Ursula Decker was William Decker's cousin. I have not done any research on the New Jersey Deckers, although I do know ancestors of William Decker did live in Morris Co., NJ, which lends credence to him having an uncle there who may have been Ursula's father.

#### Mathias DECKER

Mathias Decker was an eighteen year old from Sycamore, Dekalb Co., Illinois when he enlisted as private for 3 yrs. in Co. C, 105th Regiment Illinois Infantry in Chicago, Illinois on February 14, 1864. He was described as being 5 ft. 4 in. tall, and having blue eyes, sandy hair and sandy complexion. According to his muster-in roll he was due a \$300 bounty. Mathias was wounded on May 15, 1864 at Resaca, Georgia. After he was wounded he was transferred to the U. S. General Hospital in Chattanooga, Tennessee where he died on July 9, 1864 after his right leg was amputated [*presumably because of gangrene*]. The final inventory of his effects included three watches: watch No. 68760, watch No. 27735 and watch, broken. The number of his grave [*presumably somewhere in Chattanooga*] was recorded as: 565-Sec. E, N, Cem. His hospital number was 1192-G Hosp. No. 1.

#### Warren DECKER

Warren Decker came to Dekalb Co., Illinois in 1844 from Crawford Co., Ohio. Farmer. Enlisted in (Captain Warner's) Co. C, 195th Illinois Volunteer Infantry for 3 years in Sycamore, Illinois on Aug. 14, 1862. Physical description: age, 22, 5 ft., 7 in. tall, blue eyes, dark hair, light complexion. Mustered in at Dixon, (Lee Co.) Illinois on Sept. 2, 1862. Military records show he was left sick at Dalton, Georgia on May 10, 1864, at Buzzards Roost on May 12, 1864 and at Atlanta, Georgia on Nov. 4, 1864. >From Oct. 31 to Nov. 17, 1864 he was treated for Aphonia [*believed to be a temporary hearing disability*]. From Aug. 31, 1864 listed as company cook on company muster roll. According to the company muster-out roll he was discharged near Washington, D.C. on June 16, 1865. The muster-out roll indicated he was last paid to Aug. 31, 1864. He drew \$29.51 clothing allowance after Sept. 1, 1864. He had received a bounty of \$25 and was due a bounty of \$75 at the time of his discharge. His pension request file includes an incomplete, undated Army of the United States Certificate Of Disability For Discharge signed by H. S. Taft, Asst. Surgeon of the 105th Ohio Vol., Surgeon in charge of Asylum Hospital certifying he had examined Warren Decker of Captain Warner's Company, and found him to be incapable of performing the duties of a soldier because of "his having ascites [*fluid in the abdomen*]." It appears the condition subsided and he was able to continue his military service until he was mustered out near Washington D.C. on June 7, 1865.

Warren's P.O. address was Esmond, Dekalb Co., Illinois in 1903. In 1905 his P.O. address was Kirkland, Dekalb Co., Illinois. He was listed as one of two surviving brothers in William Decker's obituary in the Feb. 12, 1904 issue of the Sycamore Tribune. Warren Decker died Dec. 10, 1906. He was buried at South Grove Cemetery, South Grove Twp., Dekalb Co., Illinois.

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Joel M.	18	1851-1852	Illinois

The following two children on the 1870 Dekalb County Census are thought to be Royal S. and Margaretta (Preston) (Decker) Fuller's children.<sup>69</sup> Minnie and Hanna are identified on the 1880 Census for Smith County, Kansas as Jemima and Amanda Fuller, respectively.<sup>70</sup>

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Minnie	4	1866	Illinois
Hannah A. Fuller	2	1868	Illinois

The following two children on the 1870 Dekalb County Census are Margaretta (Preston) (Decker) Fuller's children from her first marriage to William Decker.<sup>71</sup>

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Rachell Decker	7	1863	New Jersey
William Decker	5	1864	New Jersey

Margaretta (Preston)(Decker) Fuller's daughter, Rossella Decker, is noticeably absent from Royal and Maragretta Fuller's household on the 1870 Censes.<sup>72</sup> It is believed that Margaretta (Preston) (Decker) Fuller's second daughter (Rossella / Ursula / Ersula Decker) also came with Margaretta to Dekalb County, Illinois. It is believed that Margaretta's daughter appears on the 1870 Census under the name Ursula Decker, age 8, living in John P. Renn's household.<sup>73</sup> However, the Census indicates that Ursula was born in 1862 in Illinois, not 1863 in New Jersey and was attending school when the Census was taken on July 9, 1870.<sup>74</sup>

John P. Renn's household appears on the 1870 Census just prior to the George and Penninah (Fuller) Bartholomew household on the Census.<sup>75</sup> Living in John Penn's household were the Barnard Geithman family and Ursula Decker who is believed to be William and Margaretta (Preston) (Decker) Fuller's daughter.<sup>76</sup> According to Lowell Geithman, Ersula Decker, Bernard Geitman, Lewis Geitman and Freddie Geitman were all living on the John Renn farm.<sup>77</sup> John Renn and his wife, Lurisa had a boy, Jonathan, age 3.<sup>78</sup> Lowell Geithman explained that Ersula Decker was most likely living with or associated with the John Renn family, not the Geitmans.<sup>79</sup> Lowell Geithman further explained that Bernard Geitman, a farmer, age 27, had 5 children.<sup>80</sup> According

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It is not known why Ursula was living in John Renn's household, but Ursula Decker was a close neighbor (one house away) of her Aunt Penninah (Fuller) Bartholomew's family,<sup>81</sup> Royal S. Fuller's sister. Ursula Decker is believed to be Royal S. Fuller's step-daughter.<sup>82</sup> Also, Ursula Decker was the same age as Penninah's youngest daughter, Dorah Bartholomew.<sup>83</sup> It is worth noting that on the Census page, two houses above the house where Ursula Decker was living, there was another young lady, Angeline Buck, a housekeeper, age 19, living with the William Frantz family. In November 1874, Angeline Buck married James Fuller, Royal S. Fuller's son. James Fuller was not listed with Royal S. Fuller's family on the 1870 Census.<sup>84</sup> He may have been working as a farm laborer living somewhere else.

### **Rachell Decker William And Margaretta Decker's Daughter**

Rachel Decker's birth record indicates she was born June 16, 1861.<sup>85</sup> The 1880 Census indicates Rachel Decker was born in 1860.<sup>86</sup> The 1870 Census indicates she was born in 1863.<sup>87</sup> Possibly, the person giving the information to the census takers in 1870 mistakenly gave Rossella Decker's year of birth, 1863, as Rachel's.<sup>88</sup> Also, the 1880 Census indicates Rachel was born in Illinois, not New Jersey.<sup>89</sup>

Almost nothing is known about Rachel Decker. She moved with her mother to Dekalb County, Illinois and appears with her mother and brother, William, on the 1870 Dekalb County Census.<sup>90</sup> Rachel Decker also appears in the 1880 Census as a Domestic Servant in the household of Thomas Renwick in South Grove, Dekalb County, Illinois.<sup>91</sup> Her birthplace is listed as Illinois and there is no information about her parents' birth places.<sup>92</sup> The 1880 Census indicates she was 20 years old when the Census was taken.<sup>93</sup> The 1880 Census also indicates Rachel

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<sup>80</sup> Lawrence Reinhold's phone conversation with Lowell Geithman on November 26, 2002; 1870 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois.

<sup>81</sup> 1870 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 425-B.

<sup>82</sup> Royal S. Fuller and Mrs. Margaret Decker's Marriage Certificate dated April 21, 1866, Book "1," Page 124, County Clerk, Dekalb County, Illinois; Rossella Decker's birth record, No. Z2-2248, New Jersey Archives, Trenton, New Jersey; Phebe Adkins' Last Will dated August 26, 1887, Document No. S 526, Application for Probate of Will & Petition filed April 14, 1870, Documents No. 313-9, Book D of Renunciations and Applications, on page 17, In Re Phebe Adkins, deceased, Morris County Clerk's Office, Morristown, New Jersey.

<sup>83</sup> Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, page 425-B; 1880 Census for Genoa Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, page 90A.

<sup>84</sup> 1870 Census for Franklin Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 25.

<sup>85</sup> Rachel Decker's birth record, No. Z2-229, New Jersey Archives, Trenton, New Jersey.

<sup>86</sup> 1880 United States Census, South Grove, Dekalb County Illinois; FHL Film 1254202, National Archives Film T9-0202, Page 230A.

<sup>87</sup> 1870 Census for Franillin Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 25.

<sup>88</sup> Rossella Decker's birth record, No. Z2-2248, New Jersey Archives, Trenton, New Jersey.

<sup>89</sup> 1880 United States Census, South Grove, Dekalb County Illinois; FHL Film 1254202, National Archives Film T9-0202, Page 230A.

<sup>90</sup> 1870 Census for Franillin Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 25.

<sup>91</sup> 1880 United States Census, South Grove Township, Dekalb County Illinois; FHL Film 1254202, National Archives Film T9-0202, Page 230A.

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<sup>93</sup> 1880 United States Census, South Grove Township, Dekalb County Illinois; FHL Film 1254202, National

was single and white.<sup>94</sup> The Thomas Renwick family is on page 230A<sup>95</sup> and Ersula Decker is on page 227C in the household of her cousin, William Decker,<sup>96</sup> so this should be the right Rachel.

was found regarding Rachel Decker. Possibly Rachel Decker married and moved to the Independence, Iowa area. **There is no evidence for this theory.** However, Ursula died January 30, 1885 in Iowa visiting someone, possibly her sister.

Also, according to Carrie Lucille Reinhold Kerns, she always heard that her grandfather, William Henry Decker, had Indian blood in him, possibly Sioux, but she never heard any more information about where the Indian blood came from. In addition, according to Carrie Lucille (Reinhold) Kerns, Nora (Decker) Reinhold said, William Decker did not tell his wife, Eliza Jane, about the Indian blood until after they were married. As a result, Eliza Jane would not let her children meet William Decker's other relatives who lived around the Independence area. Further, Carrie Lucille never did find out who those relatives where.

By 1885, all of Rachel Decker's immediate family died<sup>97</sup> or moved to Calhoun or Buchanan County, Iowa from Dekalb County, Illinois. As a result, it seems quite logical that Rachel Decker would have followed her immediate family to Iowa, possibly Calhoun or Buchanan County. Lylia Hare look for Rachel Decker's marriage in the Buchanan County's marriage records, but she did not find any marriages for Rachel Decker. The book was not indexed with tabbed letters, so she searched page by page covering a ten-year span from 1880 1890 which brought Lylia Hare right up to the marriage of William Decker and Eliza Jane Hare. There was only one female Decker before 1885 and her father was one of the Ohio Deckers.

#### **Rossella / Ursula / Ersula Decker William And Margaretta Decker's Daughter**

January 30, 1885, Rossella / Ursula / Ersula Decker died in Iowa where she had gone six weeks before her death.<sup>98</sup> Her remains were brought to South Grove for burial.<sup>99</sup> Lylia Hare check for Rossella / Ursula / Ersula Decker's death record in the Buchanan County, Iowa death records, but did not find a death record for her. Lylia Hare checked the Joiner \_\_\_\_\_ Room's obituary file for Rossella / Ursula / Ersula Decker's Obituary, but did not find one. She did not check newspapers on microfilm. Lylia Hare was not sure if they even had newspapers on microfilm at the Joiner \_\_\_\_\_ Room. Lylia Hare searched the death records in Dekalb County, but did not find a death record for Rossella / Ursula / Ersula Decker.

It is possible that Rossella / Ursula / Ersula Decker went to Calhoun County, Iowa to visit her sick grandmother, Rachel (Vanderhoof) Preston who was living with her daughter, William and Mary (Preston) Hare, in Elm Grove Township, Calhoun County in 1885. It is also possible that Rossella / Ursula / Ersula Decker died in Calhoun County while on her visit. Possibly, Rachel died shortly after the 1885 Census was taken.

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Archives Film T9-0202, Page 230A.

<sup>94</sup> 1880 United States Census, South Grove Township, Dekalb County Illinois; FHL Film 1254202, National Archives Film T9-0202, Page 230A.

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<sup>96</sup> 1880 Census for South Grove Township, Dekalb County, Illinois, Page 227.

<sup>97</sup> The Portrait and Biographical Album of Dekalb County, Illinois, 1883, Page 334.

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Schedule L Free Laborers in the Colonies  
 of Chiana enumerated by me, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 1890.

The Signs of every Slave whose name and place of birth are on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family		Name		Probation, Occupation, or Trade of each Slave Person over 15 years of age		Place of Birth		Status at Birth		Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Elizabeth Miller	16 Y								
		Oliver	14 M								
		James	11 Y								
		Reuben	7 M								
		Isabel	5 Y								
		William	1 Y								
		Hyman Wagner	36 M		Farmer	12 M					
35	35	George Bachtelmann	31 M			15 M		PA			
		Barbara M.	30 Y								
		Samuel	6 Y					PA			
		Philip	14 M								
		Elizabeth	2 Y								
		Henry J.	14 M								
36	36	Levin J. Myers	41 M			5 Y		PA			
		Elizabeth Myers	31 Y					PA			
		Frederick	14 M								
		Ray F.	1 Y								
		Samuel	2 Y								
		George	1 Y								
		Abraham M.	6 Y								
		John M. Bernhardt	21 Y								
		John A.	4 Y								
		Samuel	2 Y								
		Abigail F.	36 Y								
		Isabella Fisher	14 Y								
37	37	James Brown	39 M		Household	10 Y					
		Marion	31 Y					PA			
		William	15 Y					PA			
		Frederick	14 Y					PA			
		Frederick	12 M								
		Frederick	9 Y								
		Frederick	7 Y								
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38	38	John C. Wright	44 M		Farmer	30 Y		PA			
		Frederick	14 Y								
		John	31 M			20 Y					
		Frederick	31 Y								
		Frederick	14 M					PA			
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**SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in Dist. No 15, Pequannock township in the County of Morris State**  
**of New Jersey enumerated by me, on the 3<sup>d</sup> day of August 1850. J. H. Wood Ass't Marshal.**

Dwelling-houses numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	PLACE OF BIRTH. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
			Age.	Sex.	White, black, or mulatto.						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	1	Abel Vanduyne	12	M				N.Y.			
2	2	Harriet	10	F				"			
3	3	Harrison	14	M				"			
4	4	John Vanwyper	16	M		Labourer		"			
5	05 06	Isaac Provost	17	M		Blacksmith	10.00	N.Y.			
6	6	Isaac	10	F				"			
7	7	Isaac	18	M		Blacksmith		"			
8	8	Mary	15	F				"			
9	9	Henry	11	M				"			
10	10	James	9	M				"			
11	11	Eliza	7	F				"			
12	12	William	3	M				"			
13	13	Wilson	22	M				"			
14	05 07	Elisha Bird	15	M		Labourer	1.9	"			
15	15	Sophia	13	F				Ireland			
16	16	Mary Ann	10	F				"			
17	17	Margaret N	13	F				"			
18	18	Horace, Jr	12	M				"			
19	19	Henry V	9	M				"			
20	20	Eliza	7	F				"			
21	21	Joseph	6	M				"			
22	06 08	Henry Lyphens	29	M		Carpenter	10.00	N.Y.			
23	23	Jane	35	F				"			
24	24	Catherine	5	F				N.York			
25	25	Henry	5	M				"			
26	26	Nicholas	3	M				"			
27	27	Peter	1	M				N.Y.			
28	28	Peter Ackerman	05	M		Labourer		"			
29	29	Gertrude Smith	16	F				N.York			
30	07 09	Amasa Preston	40	M		Labourer	1.9	"			
31	31	Rachel	26	F				"			
32	32	Margaret	7	F				"			
33	33	Harriet	5	F				"			
34	34	Isaac	5	M				"			
35	35	Isaac	1	M				"			
36	05 70	Mary Hyler	06	F			10.00	N.Y.			
37	37	Ellen	23	F				"			
38	09 71	William Blewett	52	M		Labourer	10.00	N.Y.			
39	39	Margaret	43	F				"			
40	40	Almyra	20	F				"			
41	41	John H. (widow)	20	M		Labourer		"			
42	42	William H	16	M		Labourer		"			

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**Morris County Surrogate's Office.**

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*Thos Adkins*

DECEASED.

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APPLICATION  
FOR  
**PROBATE OF WILL.**

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Filed *April 14 1890*  
and Recorded in Book *D* of Renun-  
ciations and Applications, on page *17*

*Chas. A. Gillen.*

SURROGATE.



The Name of every Slave whose name and place of birth on the first day of June, 1860, was in the family		Sex and Age			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Slave over 15 years of age		Place or Birth, Showing the State, Territory, or Country		Whether deaf, dumb, blind, or idiotic, pauper, or convict			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Elizabeth Miller	16	F					A. V.				
	Oliver	14	M									
	Anna	11	F									
	Rebecca	7	F									
	Isabella	5	F									
	William	1	M									
	Hyman Wagner	30	M		Farmer	1200						
35	35	George B. Williams	31	M		1500	PA					
	Marion M.	30	F									
	Joseph	6	F				A. V.					
	Philip	14	M									
	Elizabeth	2	F				S. S.					
	Amey	14	M									
36	36	George Adams	45	M		50	A. V.					
	Elizabeth Adams	31	F				PA					
	William	14	M									
	Ray	1	M									
	Samuel	2	M									
	George	1	M									
	Abigail M.	6	F									
	Felix McWhorter	28	M									
	John	6	F									
	Samuel	2	M									
	Abigail F.	30	F									
	Isabella Fisher	14	F									
37	37	James Stuart	39	M	Merchant	1000						
	Amey	35	F				PA					
	William	15	F				PA					
	Franklin	14	F				PA					
	William	12	M									
	Francis	9	F									
	Amey	7	F									
	Wm.	3	F				PA					
	Amey	30	F									
38	38	John C. Wright	44	M	Farmer	200	German					
	Elizabeth	42	F									
	John	15	M			200						
	Marjory	14	F									
	George	14	M				PA					
	George	1	M				PA					
	John	10	M				German					
	Isabella	11	F									

TO THE SURROGATE OF THE COUNTY OF MORRIS:

THE PETITION OF Mara Adkins of Somerset  
Massachusetts respectfully show S  
 that Philo Adkins late of the Township  
 of Bernton In said county, departed this life on the twelfth  
 day of March, A. D. 1887, having previously made and executed a last Will and  
 Testament, bearing date the 26th day of August, A. D. 1887

That in and by said last Will and Testament she did appoint your petitioner... the Ex-  
 ecutor of thereof.

Your petitioner... therefore humbly pray's, that said Will may be admitted to Probate, and that  
 letters Testamentary thereon may be granted and issued to him

And would further show that said deceased left no surviving next of kin and heirs at  
 law whose names, residences, and Post Office addresses, and the manner or degree they severally  
 stand related to deceased, so far as the same are known to your petitioner... are as follows, viz:

NAME.	RELATIONSHIP.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
<u>John Decker</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>Bernton New Jersey</u>
<u>Charles Adkins</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>Somerset Massachusetts</u>
<u>Mara Adkins</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Somerset Massachusetts</u>
<u>Fredrick Adkins</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Bernton New Jersey</u>
<u>The Children of Isabella</u>	<u>deceased Son</u>	<u>William Decker N.J.</u>
<u>Juliah Decker</u>	<u>Grand daughter</u>	<u>Residence unknown</u>
<u>William "</u>	<u>Grand son</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>Rachel "</u>	<u>Grand daughter</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>The Children of Isabella</u>	<u>deceased daughter</u>	<u>Dorrah who was the</u>
<u>wife of August Van der Pijl</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>Peter Van der Pijl</u>	<u>Grand son</u>	<u>Bernton New Jersey</u>
<u>William Van der Pijl</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Residence unknown</u>
<u>The Children of Isabella</u>	<u>deceased daughter Susan</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>the wife of Adam Trumbower</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>Rose Trumbower</u>	<u>Grand daughter</u>	<u>Mountain New Jersey</u>
<u>George Trumbower</u>	<u>" Son</u>	<u>Bernton "</u>
<u>George Trumbower</u>	<u>" daughter</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>Charles Trumbower</u>	<u>" Son</u>	<u>Soth Lake City</u>
<u>Katie Trumbower</u>	<u>" daughter</u>	<u>Mountain New Jersey</u>
<u>Annie Trumbower</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>

Dated April 14th 1888

Mara Adkins

x

Phibe AdkinsIn the name of God Amen

I, Phibe Adkins of the town of Boonton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey do make publish and declare this my last will and Testament

First

I do order that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid by Executor hereinafter named as soon as conveniently can be after my decease

Second

I give to my sons Ward Adkins, Frederick Adkins and Charles Adkins my dwelling house and about two acres of land more or less on which the house stand situated on the North end of Brook Street the East side the first house above the place formerly owned by William Hill to be divided between them share and share alike

Lastly

I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my son Ward Adkins my executor of this my last will and Testament

Signed, sealed, published and declared by  
said Phibe Adkins as her last Will and

Testament and we subscribed our names

to the same at the same time as subscrib-

ing at her request and in her presence and

in the presence of each other this 26 August 1857

— Enoch Hammond —

— Margaret Isabella Miller —

her  
Phibe X Adkins  
mark

State of New Jersey } s.s.  
Morris County

Margaret Isabella Miller one of the witnesses to the annexed Will, being duly sworn, did on his oath depose and say, that she saw Phibe Adkins the Testatrix therein named sign and seal the same and heard her pronounce, publish and declare it to be her last Will and Testament and at the doing thereof the said Testatrix was of sound and disposing mind and memory, so far as this deponent knows and as she truly believes and that Enoch Hammond the other subscribing witness