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The Fox Family

of Crooked Lake, N.Y., Columbus, Ohio, Manchester township, Dearborn Co., Indiana, and Rising Sun, Dearborn Co., (now Ohio Co.) Ind.

Dates given below of the Fox family were copied in 1929 from the family Bible records, the Bible then in possession of Mrs. Frances Alwilda (Burnight) Cote of Los Angeles, Calif. (2712 East 5th St.).

Rudolph Fox was born 24 Sept. 1776 in New York State. Polly Slater his wife was born 20 July 1785.

They were married about 1806, and probably at Crooked Lake, N.Y.

Rudolph Fox was one of the early residents of Dearborn Co., Ind., and resided at Rising Sun, Dearborn Co., (now Ohio Co.), Indiana, having removed there from Columbus, Ohio in 1823 but had previously resided at Crooked Lake, N.Y. (was living there 7 May 1815).

He was the son of James Fox, one of the pioneer settlers of Manchester township, Dearborn Co., Ind., who purchased from the U.S. Government in 1832 a portion of Sec. 5, in that township (See History of Dearborn County). The tradition is that on his maternal line he was of "Pennsylvania Dutch" ancestry.

After the death of his wife Polly (Slater), Rudolph Fox married a second wife and by her had two daughters, namely, Chloe and Betsy, of whom nothing further is remembered. They may have died young.

Rudolph and Polly (Slater) Fox had eight children, the four older ones born at Crooked Lake, N.Y.:

- i. James Fox, born 9 April 1807; d. unm. about 1868, aged about 61 years.
- ii. Nancy Fox, born 14 April 1809; married Daniel McMullen of Manchester township, Dearborn Co., Ind. They removed probably to Indianapolis, Indiana.
- iii. Christiana Fox, born 11 March 1812; married Amster Pate. They had a daughter Eliza Jane who m. Harry Lockling, and their son Dane Lockling married his second cousin, Jennie Meade of Council Bluffs, Iowa, daughter of Henry Meade of Council Bluffs, and his wife Eliza Janw (Fox) (Whitney) Burnight.  
Mr. and Mrs. Dane Lockling were residing in 1929 at Spirit Lake, Idaho. They have three children.
- iv. Mary Fox, born 7 May 1815 at Crooked Lake, N.Y. (so stated in the Gideon Tibbetts family Bible). She married at Rising Sun, Ind., 12 Sept. 1833, Gideon Tibbetts of Manchester township, Dearborn Co., Ind., later one of the first settlers of Portland, Oregon, was a member of the Oregon State Legislature in 1877, and who was of genealogical line (Benjamin,<sup>6</sup> William,<sup>5</sup> (Revolutionary soldier), Capt. Benjamin,<sup>4</sup> Henry,<sup>3</sup> Jeremiah,<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>). The said Gideon Tibbetts was born 2 Sept. 1809 in Corinth, Penobscot Co., Maine, the son of Benjamin and Hannah (Snow) Tibbetts who removed with their family of ten children in 1816 to Manchester township, Dearborn Co., Indiana.  
Gideon and Mary (Fox) Tibbetts removed to Portland, Oregon

in 1847. He died in East Portland, Oregon, 5 Aug. 1887. She died there in Feb. 1901. Both are buried in Lone Fir Cemetery.

Nine children (surname Tibbetts):

1. Caroline; m. Dr. Baker of Walla Walla, Wash.
2. Emeline; d. young.
3. Alvira; m. a Mr. Faine.
4. Oscar.
5. Harriet; m. James K. Kennedy, Territorial Supreme Judge of Washington. She survived him and was residing in Walla Walla, a widow.
6. Granville, d. young. 7. Eldridge, was drowned when fourteen years old. 8. Edward N., d. young. 9. Omar, d. young.

- v. Lucinda Fox, born 14 April 1818 in Columbus, Ohio; m. at Rising Sun, Indiana, William<sup>8</sup> Tibbetts (William,<sup>7</sup> Abner,<sup>6</sup> a Revolutionary soldier, William<sup>5</sup> also a Revolutionary soldier, Capt. Benjamin,<sup>4</sup> Henry,<sup>3</sup> Jeremiah,<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>) born 7 June 1810 in Corinth, Penobscot Co., Maine, son of William and Hannah (Pat-ten) Tibbetts, grandson of Abner and Sarah (Davis) Tibbetts of Bangor, Me., Corinth, Me., and Exeter, Maine.

William Tibbetts died in Ellsworth, Kansas, 10 Oct. 1896, aged 86 years. His wife, Lucinda (Fox) Tibbetts died in Ellsworth, Kans., 24 July 1907, aged 89 years.

Seven children (surname Tibbetts): 1. Orlando F. 2. Flora M., (m. John Holden). 3. Leonora P., m. William Van Zandt. 4. James Polk (called Polk). 5. May; d. young. 6. Clarissa, m. Andrew Jackson. 7. Robert.

- vi. Melissa Ann Fox, born 20 July 1820 in Columbus, Ohio (so stated in her obituary); died near Monticello, John Co., Iowa, 13th Feb. 1882, aged 62 years, 7 mos. She married 8 March 1840, Fletcher Burnight, farmer, of Pleasant View, Franklin township, Marion Co., Ind., who was born 1 Feb. 1820 at Lebanon, Pa., the son of Jeremiah Burnight, born 16 Sept. 1779 in the Highlands of Scotland, came to America when he was 21 years of age, and his wife Phoebe<sup>5</sup> Worrall, born 8 April 1785 in Marple township, Delaware Co., Pa. (married 16 July 1802 in Marple, whose genealogical line is as follows: (Seth,<sup>4</sup> Jonathan,<sup>3</sup> Peter,<sup>2</sup> Peter<sup>1</sup>). Jeremiah and Phoebe (Worrall) Burnight removed with their family from Lebanon, Pa., in 1823 to Franklin township, Marion Co., Indiana.

In 1842, two years after their marriage, Fletcher and Melissa Ann (Fox) Burnight removed from Franklin township, Marion Co., Ind., to Jones Co., Iowa and located at Bowen's Prairie, near Monticello. Here they passed the last ten years of their life, and here Mrs. Burnight died, in 1882.

In 1883, the year following his wife's death, Fletcher Burnight removed with all his children, except the two oldest married daughters, to Pasadena, Calif. He died 28 March 1906, aged 86 years, 1 mo., 25 days, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John W. Kramar, in Silsbee, Imperial Co., Calif.; buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Pasadena, Calif. (Gravestone).

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1. Erastus. d. young.
2. Leroy M.; m. (1) Ruby Emily Reynolds. m. (2) Elizabeth Smith.
3. Lura; m. Abraham Bibbey.
4. Victoria; m. Daniel Starke.
5. ~~Frances Alwilda; m. John Irvin Wilson.~~ Alice G.; m. John Irvin Wilson.
6. Frances Alwilda; m. Leon L. Cote.
7. Joel Meeker; m. Florence (Babcock) Payne.
8. Elizabeth M.; m. John W. Kramar.
9. Frank Benjamin (still-born).

iii Eliza Jane Fox (called Jane), born 7 March 1823; married first in Dearborn Co., Ind., William Whitney, who was from Maine; a fine man. They were married by Judge Alfred J. Cotton (See "Cotton's Keepsake", page ), a book of pioneer history of Dearborn Co., Ind., to be found in State Library, Indianapolis, Indiana.

She married secondly, Nathan Burnight of Pleasant View, Franklin township, Marion Co., Ind. He was born there, the son of Jeremiah and Phoebe (Worrall) Burnight. He was a brother of the husband of her sister Melissa Ann Fox

They moved from Indiana to a farm near Dubuque, Iowa; removed to Council Bluffs, Iowa, where Nathan Burnight died, his death due to injuries received while working in the hay field).

She married third, Henry Meade. She died near Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Children by second husband (surname Burnight):

1. A son who d. young.
2. Phoebe; m. a Mr. Grosvener and they resided on a part of her father's old homestead near Council Bluffs, Iowa. She died there in 1917 and her son Gideon Grosvener now occupies the homestead.
3. Emily.
4. Mary.

Children by third husband: 1. John Meade, was residing in Milton, Iowa. 2. Myra; m. Hugh Fitz Simmons and they resided in Fryberg, N. Dak. 3. Jennie; m. Dane Lockling and they resided in Spirit Lake, Idaho, and had three children

viii. Harriet Fox, born 22 Oct. 1825;; youngest child of Rudolph and Polly (Slater) Fox, of Rising Sun, Dearborn Co., (Now Ohio Co.), Indiana. She married Absalom Little.