

Descendants of David H. Hammontree

Generation No. 1

1. DAVID H.¹ HAMMONTREE He married MARY BEECH.

Child of DAVID HAMMONTREE and MARY BEECH is:

2. i. GEORGE H.² HAMMONTREE, b. 18 Mar 1801, Fairfax Co., Fairfax, Virginia.

Generation No. 2

2. GEORGE H.² HAMMONTREE (*DAVID H.¹*) was born 18 Mar 1801 in Fairfax Co., Fairfax, Virginia. He married MARGARET MILLER. She was born 01 Dec 1802 in Virginia.

Child of GEORGE HAMMONTREE and MARGARET MILLER is:

3. i. JOHN WESLEY³ HAMMONTREE, b. 26 Apr 1832, Fairfield, Columbiana Co., Ohio; d. 12 Oct 1916, New Haven, Sumner Co., Michigan.

Generation No. 3

3. JOHN WESLEY³ HAMMONTREE (*GEORGE H.², DAVID H.¹*) was born 26 Apr 1832 in Fairfield, Columbiana Co., Ohio, and died 12 Oct 1916 in New Haven, Sumner Co., Michigan. He married ESTHER ANN KING 14 Dec 1851 in Bloomville, Seneca Co., Ohio, daughter of TRUMAN KING and NANCY COOLEY. She was born 22 Aug 1835 in Bloomville, Seneca Co., Ohio, and died 29 Dec 1915 in Sumner Co., Michigan.

Notes for JOHN WESLEY HAMMONTREE:

From a Tree online at Ancestry.com with "unknown" as the author:

John Wesley Hammontree married Esther Ann King in Seneca Co., Ohio where Mary Francis and Celia Ann were born. They moved to Michigan in 1855, where Margaret Isabell, Finney Ivison, Wesley Sheridan, George M., and Claeissa J. were born. Two (2) other children, not listed on any of the census records are Sean and Lottie, but we have no actual proof that these were John and Esther's children. Sean as the father of Earl Roger and Merle Hammontree of Crystal, MI. John and Esther lived near Portland, Ionia Co., Michigan from 1855 until the 1870's when they moved to Gratiot Co., near Sumner, where they lived until their death.

Esther Ann Hammontree died at the age of 80 years, 4 months, and 7 days. She was the daughter of Truman King and Nancy A. Cooley King, and was born in Ohio.

John W. Hammontree died in New Haven Township at the age of 84 years, 5 months, and 16 days. He was also born in Ohio. John's parents were born in Virginia.

The 1860 Census Record, Ionia, MI list John W. as a farmer; also lists George as a farmer.

1880 Census, Gratiot Co., New Haven, MI lists John, Esther, Sheridan, George M., Clarissa J., and Finney Hammontree. John, a farmer and Esther, keeping house.

1870 Census Record, Ionia Co., Portland, MI lists John (farmer), Esther (keeping house), Mary F. (at home), Isabel, Ivison, Westly., and George M. Hammontree

According to Lola Chance's Bible, John had a brother Jake.

Children of JOHN HAMMONTREE and ESTHER KING are:

- i. MARY FRANCES⁴ HAMMONTREE, b. 14 May 1852, Bloomville, Seneca Co., Ohio.
- ii. CELIA A. HAMMONTREE, b. 30 Oct 1854, Bloomville, Seneca Co., Ohio.
- iii. MARGARET ISABELLE HAMMONTREE, b. 08 Dec 1857, Portland, Ionia Co., Michigan.

Notes for MARGARET ISABELLE HAMMONTREE:

Some online trees at Ancestry.com show this person as going by "Belle"

- iv. PHINNEY IVISON HAMMONTREE, b. 09 Sep 1859, West Phalia, Clinton, Michigan.
- v. LOTTIE HAMMONTREE, b. 09 Feb 1863.
4. vi. WESLEY SHERIDAN HAMMONTREE, b. 26 Apr 1864, Portland, Ionia Co., Michigan; d. 20 Apr 1943, Belding, Ionia Co., Michigan.
- vii. GENA HAMMONTREE, b. 07 Jul 1868.
- viii. GEORGE MARCENUS HAMMONTREE, b. 07 Jul 1868, Portland, Ionia Co., Michigan.

Notes for GEORGE MARCENUS HAMMONTREE:

Some notes online at Ancestry.com show George as going by the name Sean.

- ix. CLARISSA J HAMMONTREE, b. 25 Apr 1875, Michigan.

Generation No. 4

4. WESLEY SHERIDAN⁴ HAMMONTREE (*JOHN WESLEY³, GEORGE H.², DAVID H.¹*) was born 26 Apr 1864 in Portland, Ionia Co., Michigan, and died 20 Apr 1943 in Belding, Ionia Co., Michigan. He married CARRIE ADELLA COVERT 15 Mar 1893 in Ionia Co., Michigan, daughter of WILLIAM COVERT and LOIS DAVIS. She was born 05 Aug 1873.

Children of WESLEY HAMMONTREE and CARRIE COVERT are:

- i. NAOMI⁵ HAMMONTREE, b. 1896; d. 1906, Belding, Michigan.
5. ii. LLOYD COVERT HAMMONTREE, b. 01 Nov 1901, Belding, Ionia Co., Michigan; d. 13 Mar 1966, Belding, Michigan.
- iii. LOIS ISABELLE HAMMONTREE, b. 28 Oct 1907, Belding, Ionia Co., Michigan; d. 30 Nov 1984, St. Joseph, Michigan; m. HENRY E. GRIESE, 23 Sep 1928, St. Joseph, Michigan; b. 25 Sep 1904, St. Joseph, Michigan/Saint Joseph, Berrien Co., MI; d. 10 Jan 1978, Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Notes for LOIS ISABELLE HAMMONTREE:

Newspaper Article:

"Local Girl Married at St. Joseph"

Miss Isabelle Hammontree of this city, became the bride of Henry Griese, of St. Joseph, at a simple but impressive wedding ceremony, solemnized last week at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Griese, St. Joseph.

Mrs. Frank Endres played the wedding march from Lohengrin as the bride came down the stairway on the arm of her father, S. W. Hammontree, of this city, and met the groom and best man in the spacious living room before an altar of flowers. Mr. Hammontree gave his daughter away.

Attending the bride as her maid of honor was Miss Thelma Godfrey, a cousin, Arthur Mollhagen of St. Joseph was best man. Ellen Griese, small niece of the groom, scattered flowers before the bride, and Herbert Griese, the groom's little nephew, carried the ring in the heart of a white rose.

Quantities of garden flowers arranged throughout the rooms in baskets, formed a pretty and colorful setting for the nuptial event.

The bride was costumed charmingly in gold silk lace over rose colored silk. She wore gold slippers and hose and carried white rosebuds and lillies of the valley. Her bridesmaid was attired in light blue silk georgette and carried pink rosebuds.

The little flower girl wore a dainty white silk frock and white slippers and hose.

During the reception which followed, Louis Griese of Benton Harbor, brother of the groom, sang "I Love You, Truly" by Carrie Jacobs Bond.

White ice cream with a pink wedding bell in the center was dispensed at small tables in the dining room. At the table where the bride and groom were seated a large bridal cake formed the centerpiece. This was cut by the bride and served.

Mr. and Mrs. Griese left on a wedding trip to Indiana and Illinois. Upon their return they will be at home in the upstairs apartment at the Oswald Griese home on Broad St., St. Joseph.

Out of town guests at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Hammontree of this city, parents of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hammontree and son, Junior, of Alma, the former a brother of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Knuth of South Bend, Indiana.

Mrs. Griese is an employee of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank and Trust Co. of Benton Harbor. Mr. Griese has been with the Fetke & Rutkowskie clothing store in St. Joseph for several years.

A large and handsome collection of wedding gifts was received by the happy couple.

Notes for HENRY E. GRIESE:
Obituary:

Henry E. Griese, Ex-Sheriff, Dies

Henry E. Griese, 73, former Berrien County sheriff, died Tuesday at 12:58 p.m. shortly after he was admitted to Mercy Hospital.

Mr. Griese, of 183 Lormar Ave., Benton Harbor, had suffered a stroke some time ago and had been a patient at Shoreham Terrace Nursing Home, St. Joseph.

Mr. Griese was sheriff from 1957 through 1968. He moved up from undersheriff when Erwin Kubath resigned to become acting St. Joseph postmaster. Mr. Griese was defeated in a bid for a fourth term as sheriff when he lost the 1968 Republican primary to Forrest (Nick) Jewell, Berrien's present sheriff.

After leaving the sheriff's office, Mr. Griese served two years as court bailiff to circuit Judge Julian Hughes.

Mr. Griese's career covered more than 40 years as a sheriff's officer and court bailiff. He joined the sheriff's department in 1928 as a fee deputy under Sheriff Fred Bryant and became a regular deputy in 1941. He held virtually every position in the department- turnkey, radio dispatcher, uniformed patrolman, chief deputy and undersheriff.

Mr. Griese served 12 years under Sheriff Kubath. In 1964, Mr. Griese defeated his former boss in a hard-fought Republican primary when Mr. Kubath returned to politics after failing to win U. S. Senate confirmation, as permanent St. Joseph postmaster. Mr. Kubath died in 1974.

Born Sept. 25, 1904, in St. Joseph, Mr. Griese is survived by his widow, the former Isabelle Hammontree. Four brothers and a sister preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at Kerley and Starks Funeral Home, St. Joseph. Burial will be at Riverview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the student scholarship fund of Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church, St. Joseph, of which Mr. Griese was a member.

Memory card from funeral:

Casketbearers: Robert, Stephen, Herbert, Alvin, Richard Griese, and Raymond Schulz.

iv. WESLEY HAMMONTREE.

Notes for WESLEY HAMMONTREE:

On the 1900 census, there is a notation that Carrie Hammontree had two children, only one living at time of census. That living child is Naoma (Naomi), age 3. Perhaps this Wesley is the child born after their marriage in approx. 1894.

Generation No. 5

5. LLOYD COVERT⁵ HAMMONTREE (*WESLEY SHERIDAN⁴, JOHN WESLEY³, GEORGE H.², DAVID H.¹*) was born 01 Nov 1901 in Belding, Ionia Co., Michigan, and died 13 Mar 1966 in Belding, Michigan. He married FERN ELVIRA SHAFFER 15 May 1942 in Alma, Gratiot Co., Michigan. She was born 01 Oct 1905 in Alma, Gratiot Co., Michigan, and died 31 Dec 1961 in Belding, Ionia Co., Michigan.

Notes for LLOYD COVERT HAMMONTREE:

Eleven children shown on Ancestry.com trees- not input here.

Child of LLOYD HAMMONTREE and FERN SHAFFER is:

6. i. LLOYD JR.⁶ HAMMONTREE, b. 15 Oct 1924; d. 29 Jan 1992.

Generation No. 6

6. LLOYD JR.⁶ HAMMONTREE (*LLOYD COVERT⁵, WESLEY SHERIDAN⁴, JOHN WESLEY³, GEORGE H.², DAVID H.¹*) was born 15 Oct 1924, and died 29 Jan 1992.

Child of LLOYD JR. HAMMONTREE is:

i. JIM⁷ HAMMONTREE.