

**THE FAMILY OF ROBERT FOWLER
OF GARRARD COUNTY, KENTUCKY**

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ROBERT FOWLER

I first came across mention of Robert Fowler in a biographical sketch of his son found in H.W. Beckwith's *History of Fountain County [Indiana]* (Chicago 1881) at 316:

Dr. Moses Fowler, practicing physician, Veedersburg is the son of Robert and Elizabeth (Hines) Fowler. He was born in Kentucky, where he was reared till he was nine years of age, when his father, a school-teacher, died in 1828, aged forty-two years, leaving him an orphan, his mother having died when he was but a small child. Dr. Fowler then came, in 1830, to Fountain county with his uncle, James Hines, and took up his abode with his uncle, Moses Hines. His grandfather was a native of Loudoun county, Virginia, and lived to be a centenarian.

I have not been able to identify the centenarian who was Moses's grandfather. It would not appear that he was the maternal grandfather, since Moses's maternal grandmother can be identified as "Sealy Coats" from the consent she gave for the marriage of Moses's parents and Beckwith, at page 307, includes another biographical sketch that casts light on the family:

Judge Joseph Coats (deceased) was born in 1802, and was a native of Loudoun county, Virginia. At the age of two years he emigrated to Garret county, Kentucky, with his parents, Elisha and Celia (Furr) Coats, where he lived till grown. His father, Elisha Coats, was a native of Virginia, and was married prior to his marriage with Mrs. Celia (Furr) Hinds, and had two children. Miss Furr was first married to John Hinds, by whom she had five children. Elisha Coats, by his second wife, Mrs. Celia (Furr) Hinds, had two children: Joseph, the subject of this sketch, and Agnes (now Mrs. Cook).

John Hinds had died by 10 Sep 1799, the date of a court order relating to his estate. (Loudoun Co prob recs F:178) Unless the reference to a centenarian, therefore, was to step-grandfather Elisha Coats (and Elisha was dead by 1818), the centenarian grandfather mentioned must have been Robert Fowler's father.

Unfortunately, I have not been able to identify Robert's father. The most likely candidate is the John Fowler who is listed in the 1810 census for Garrard County:

<u>John Fowler</u>		
1 male	16<26	1 female 45+
1 male	45+	

LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA FOWLERS

John Fowler does not appear, however, in any records of Loudoun County that I have yet checked (I have not checked most of the tax records).

There are no Fowlers in the 1787 tax list for Loudoun County. Limited Loudoun County marriages appear to be available prior to 1780, when minister's returns were first required to be filed. Only two male Fowler marriages are recorded between 1757 (the date the county was created) and 1853:¹

Moren Fowler & Susanna Moxley	25 Dec 1788
Aeron Fowler & Sarah Rollins	22 Nov 1800

There was also a "John Fowles" mentioned on a minister's return.² A William Foullar of Loudoun County acquired 220 acres of land in that County "on a small Branch of Goose Creek near the round hill" on 14 Nov 1765 from Harmon Cox and wife. (Loudoun land recs D:484) This is presumably the same William Fowler who died 3 Aug 1770, with Elizabeth Fowler as administratix. (Loudoun prob recs A:341) I have gone through the cemetery records at the Leesburg public library and found no references to Fowlers who died prior to 1850. In the 1810 census for Loudoun County, the earliest that survives, there are three Fowlers:

<u>Aaron Fowler</u>	
2 males 26<45	2 females <10
	1 female 16<26
 <u>Merine Fowler</u>	
2 males <10	3 females 10<16
1 male 45+	1 female 45+
 <u>Morris Fowler</u>	
1 male <10	1 female <10
1 male 10<16	1 female 26<45
1 male 26<45	

GARRARD COUNTY, KENTUCKY FOWLERS

The first mention of Robert Fowler I have found in Garrard County, Kentucky is his serving as bondsman for the marriage of Zachariah Green to Mary Fowler on 15 Mch 1810. This Mary Fowler was probably a sister to Robert Fowler. Information received from Kathy Vockery indicates she had at least one son, Jerome B. Green, who married Margaret Graham in Garrard County in 1836 and

died in 1847 in Huntsville, Missouri. Zachariah Green's father Zachariah was in Garrard County by 1797 and the family was apparently originally from the area of Fairfax County, Virginia. Zachariah, Jr. married second, on 9 Oct 1821 in Garrard County, Ellen Urton. Mrs. Vockery sent me a copy of a family story set down by Marguerite Peck of Akron, Ohio, apparently about 1965 (Mrs. Peck was a granddaughter of Alfred Gooseberry Green, b. 2 Jul 1833, a child of the second marriage):

QUARREL BETWEEN ZACARIAH GREEN JR. AND
A HUSBAND OF ONE OF HIS SISTERS

Ellen Urton was Zac's 2nd wife. They fought frequently, and in one of their arguments, he threatened to put her out of the house. Their children were grown by that time. He went ahead and put his property into his brother-in-law's name. The property consisted of a plantation and slaves. Between the two men, they put Ellen Urton Green and her children out to live in the slave quarters. How long they lived there, I am not sure.

When Zac decided he wanted his property back, the brother-in-law would not give it up. Of course there was a big to-do and Zac shot the brother-in-law in the arm, which he later lost.

It was during this time that my grandfather, Alfred left home. He was studying to be a lawyer, but all of a sudden there was no home and no source of income for the family. He had to quit, so he decided to go West. He went to Santa Fe, New Mexico and made his living making spool type beds and being an undertaker.

Apparently, other records indicate that Zac and John Beaumont shot Charles Lynam in October 1865 and that Zac died before the year was out. Alfred is thought to have left home about 1854.

A Moore Fowler married Elizabeth Osbourne on 21 Dec 1820 in Garrard County. On 19 Sep 1827, Squire Turner, as commissioner for Benjamin Julver and John Fowler, sold a 100 acre tract of land in Madison County on the waters of Silver Creek belong to those gentlemen. (Garrard deeds J:472) A John H. Fowler, on 8 May 1828 and as guardian for the infant heirs of Eleazer Barnett, appointed John Arnold of Garrard County his attorney-in-fact for purposes of obtaining the money coming to the heirs. (K:18)

Robert Fowler married Betsy Hinds on 2 Jan 1813 in Garrard County. Zachariah Green was the bondsman. The record indicates

that the consent of the "father Sealy Coats" was given, which has been corrected in pencil to "(mother) Celia."

The following Garrard County deeds relate to Robert Fowler:

(E:467)

Samuel & Elizabeth Teeter to Robert Fowler of Garrard Co
83 acres on Sugar Creek, beg at corner of Coats's survey, bounds inc a corner of Samuel Teeter and the line that was formerly Zachariah Green's (\$500)
date: 29 Aug 1817 wtns: John Bryant
John Williams, Jr.

(F:209)

Delilah Coatz of Garrard Co to Robert Fowler of Garrard
Delilah, of lawful age and a daughter of Elijah Coatz, her interest in her father's estate, which is fourth part of tract of 111 acres on Sugar Creek "which is the same Tract which was deeded to the Heirs [of Elijah] by Zachariah Green whereon Cely Coatz now lives" and some money which still remains of that estate (\$50 pd by Robert)
Date: 22 Jun 1818 wtns: Sannet Haze
Charles Haze
Polly Haze

(H:42)

Robert & Elizabeth Fowler of Garrard Co to Aron Collier
36 1/2 acres on Davids Creek, being part of the land patented in the name of Joseph Bledsoe; bounds inc Samuel Allin, John Downing, John Bennet
Date: 15 Jun 1819
Eliz released dower 31 May 1821

(H:205)

John S. & Sally Alverson to Robert Fowler of Garrard Co
133 acres on Sugar Creek, bounds inc Jesse Hill corner, a fork of a branch, corner on the W side of rd leading to mouth of Sugar Creek which is Fitzgerrel's corner & Massa Williams, head of a branch & then down branch (\$355)
Date: 16 Sep 1822

(J:319)

Lunsford & Polly Jones to Robert Fowler of Garrard
75 acres on Sugar Creek, bounds beg at corner of Samuel Teeters old place, N on line of William McQuerry 100 poles to his corner, E 100 poles to a branch in Alversons old line, down the branch, along line of James Bryant (\$253)
Date: 8 Dec 1825

(J:618)

John & Elizabeth (Peggy) Totton to Robert Fowler of Garrard
37 1/2 acres surveyed on Scotts Fork of Sugar Creek, being
half of 75 acres John Totton rec'd as his part of his father
John Totton's estate

Date: 25 Oct 1827

wtns: Joseph Furr

(J:660)

Jane Knight of Garrard County to Robert Fowler
relinquishes her dower interest in the 37 1/2 acre tract
Robert Fowler bought from her son John Totton

Date: 7 Apr 1828

Robert Fowler is listed in the 1820 Garrard County census
(p. 90) next to Celia Coats and three households from John, Geo.
T. and Geo. Naylor:

	<u>males</u>	<u>females</u>	
<u>Rob^t Fowler</u>	3 <10	1 <10	1 in Agr
	1 26<45	1 26<45	
<u>Celia Coats</u>	3 16<26	1 26<45	
	1 45+		

Robert married Nelly or Milly Nailor on 10 Apr 1823. George T.
Naylor was the bondsman. Kathy Vockery indicates that Milly was
the daughter of Thomas Naylor and Rosannah Spencer.

Robert died in 1828 and, in January 1829, John Nailor,
Alexander Collier and Michael Ray were appointed appraisers.
They made their appraisal on 6 Feb 1829:

Two Kettles & hook	10 Gal	4.00
1 Ovenlead and hooks		1.15
1 Baker for bread		1.25
5 water vessels and Char[ner]		1.25
1 Pot and five Shovel		1.75
2 Small pitchers disk and bason pister		1.00
1 Cotton wheel		.25
1 Iron tooth harrow 15 teeth and stock		2.50
10 chairs		3.00
8 Plates 4 Cups & Saucers Saltseller 5 Tumblers		
Coffee pot peper Box & Tea canister		1.50
2 Tables small one with a drawer		2.25
Knives forlks Spoons Box and Steel		.50
1 Folding [leg] Table		5.00
1 Brass candlestick		.12

1 Looking glafs Raisor strop box etc	1.50
1 Small Beaureau	4.50
1 Large Do	6.00
1 Bedstead furniture Trundler &c	18.00
1 Bedsted & Furniture	7.00
1 Bedstead etc	6.00
1 pr Ltiliards Lamp [Lprus] 6 vials &c	2.00
Parcel of Book & Slate	2.00
1 Flax wheel reel Cradle loom	6.00
1 [ar] and Timothy Seed	.50
1 Cotton wheel Cards Tich	2.00
1 Sadle and Bridle	2.50
1 Broad axe and apacel of old Iron	2.00
Sithe blade and fixing	1.00
3 Plows 3 hoes and 3 axes	8.50
Double tree Logchain clevis &c	2.00
2 Bee stands	1.50
2 Work [be]nches grindstone turning lathe	
cabinet tools plank hansaw &c	65.00
12 sheep	6.00
1 Old side saddl	1.00
6 Turkeys	1.50
14 Hogs	12.00
1 Cow and yearling	5.00
1 yoke of small steers	6.00
1 Cow and calf	6.00
18 Gees	3.00
4 head of other cattle	14.00
3 Horses	135.00
Flax break barrels tubs baskets & Spoons	1.122
1 Keg	.122
1 Negro	300.00
Mary a Negro woman and child	400.00
One old Negro woman Hannah	50.00

(Garrard Will book F:554-55) The actual sale produced only \$411.50, which was exhausted paying the debts and expenses of the estate. The large creditors included Jordon Davidson (\$106.89), Rosana Nailor (\$100), and H. Evans (\$40.64). Other creditors included William L. Nailor, Henry Grineslaff, Aratia Hudson, H. Logan, John Lear, and George Nailor. William Nailor and A. Hudson served as administrators. (Garrard Will book F:544-45) One account they filed indicated that they had rented Robert Fowler's land and hired out his Negroes in 1829, 1830, 1831 and 1832.

Robert's widow Milly Fowler married George Turner on 13 Oct 1833. They are buried at Mt. Hebron Baptist Church:³

G. R. Turner 1802-1876
Millie (Fowler) his wife 1802-1883 m. 1833

After Robert's death, his heirs gave several commissioners' deeds. The first was dated 31 Jan 1831 and was by William Jennings, as commissioner, to James Bennett. (L:3) Jennings acted for John Fowler, Joseph Fowler, Moses Fowler, Celia Fowler, July Ann Fowler, Elizabeth Fowler and Nancy Fowler, infant heirs of Robert Fowler. The deed contains a recital of the circumstances leading to it:

[T]he said Robert Fowler in his life time sold to the said James Bennett a tract of land containing by survey thirty seven and one half acres be the same more or less lying in the County of Garrard on the waters of Scotts fork of sugar Creek; said Fowler departed this life before said land was paid for or title Executed from said Fowler to said Bennett. Horatio Hudson and William Naylor administered upon the Estate of said Robert Fowler and commenced a suit against said Bennett for the balance of the price of said land then not paid for, and obtained a Judgement, which Judgement said Ja^s Bennett preyd for, and obtained an injunction, and upon the final hearing the Judge decreed that said Bennett should have a Deed and said Heirs all being infants, directed in said decree that William Jennings should execute to them a deed in conformity to directions therein given.

The land was the same land that was laid off for John Totten, heir of John Totten and the bounds given began "at a stone set up in the middle of the lane, being part of a tract of land formerly owned by said John Fowler decd [sic]."

On 19 Dec 1836, Jesse Davidson, for "love and affection," made a deed of gift to Julia Fowler, Mary Fowler and Elizabeth Fowler, heirs of Robert Fowler, of one cupboard and one table, bed and bedding and one Bureau, "property that I bought at a Constable^s sale, the property of George Turner, the said property now at the said Turner^s house." John Salter, their guardian, was given power over the property until the children came of age. Witnesses were Abner Davidson and Hezekiah Evans. (Garrard Co land recs M:185)

Later John S. Salter was appointed a commissioner to sell the remaining land of the heirs of Robert Fowler and he sold two tracts, one of 75 acres sold to Westly Bomount for \$615 and one of about 30 acres sold to George Turner for \$210. After the money was paid, Alexander R. McKee (the clerk of court) was appointed a commissioner to make deeds, which he did on 22 Sep 1837 to Bomount (M:444) and 25 Sep 1837 to Turner (M:443).

Bomount's tract was on Sugar Creek, with a beginning bound that was corner to Samuel Teeters old place, from there north with the line of William McQuary and other bounds in Alversons old line and the line of Jas Bryant. The land sold to Turner was the remainder of an 83 acre tract "upon which the s^d George Turner lives, after the widow of Robert Fowler's dower was laid off." The tract as a whole was the one bought by Robert Fowler from Samuel Teeter and wife in August 1817. In both of these deeds the heirs are described as Celia Fowler, Joseph Fowler, Moses Fowler, Julia Ann Fowler, Mary Ann Fowler and Elizabeth Fowler; John Fowler is not mentioned.

On 2 June 1848, W. Jennings Landram as Commissioner, made a deed on behalf of "Thomas Bennett and Mary his wife, Elizabeth Teeter wife of Stephen Teeter, late Elizabeth Fowler, Joseph Fowler, Moses Fowler, and _____ Blackburn and Celia his wife, late Celia Fowler, heirs and legal representatives of Robert Fowler" to Joseph Coates. (Q:303) Coates had obtained, for \$120, a deed dated 1 March 1823 from Robert Fowler to the land Fowler bought from Delila Coats, being Delila's proportionate share of her father Elijah Coats estate, which deed was never recorded. Coates accordingly filed a bill in chancery against the heirs named and obtained a decree at the May term for 1848 directing a conveyance on behalf of the heirs.

Finally, on 22 Aug 1883, Joseph and Priscilla Fowler conveyed Joseph's undivided one-sixth interest in the former dower lands (55 acres and 1 pole on Sugar Creek) of Robert Fowler's widow Milly to Peter Grow for \$50. (6:406) The deed was acknowledged in Adair County, Missouri.

Children (at least Celia, Joseph & Moses by Elizabeth):

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|---|-------------|---|
| 2 | i. Celia | b. abt 1815 Kentucky
m. 4 Oct 1831 Fountain County, Indiana
to George H. Blackburn |
| | ii. John | prob. d.s.p. between 31 Jan 1831 & 22 Sep 1837 |
| 3 | iii. Joseph | b. abt 1818 Kentucky
m. by 1853
to Priscilla _____
d. bet 22 Aug 1883 & 1900 |

SECOND GENERATION

2. CELIA FOWLER

B. abt 1815 Kentucky
M. 4 Oct 1831 Fountain Co, Kentucky

Husband: George H. **BLACKBURN**

George H. and Celia Blackburn of Fountain County, Indiana gave their power of attorney on 15 May 1835 to James Hinds to pursue Celia's interests as a daughter and one of the heirs of Robert Fowler of Garrard County, Kentucky. (Garrard Co land recs L:410)

George Blackburn presumably died about 1849 or 1850, as Celia is listed in the 1850 census for Cain township, Fountain County as a head of household with a child less than a year old (637/648):

Cely Blackburn	35	250		Ky
Julia A	17			Ind
Robert	15	Laborer		"
Joseph	13			"
Eliza	11			"
Elizabeth	9			" att sch
William B	7			" " "
George H	5			"
Moses F	2			"
Cely A	8/12			"

The family was still in Cain township at the time of the 1860 census (p. 106 (838), ln 1; 771/729):

Robert Blackburn	25	Farmer	900	316	Ind
Celia	43				Ky
Joseph	23	Farmer			Ind
Eliza	20				"
William	20				" att sch
Harvey	15				" " "
Moses	13				" " "
Mariah	11				" " "

Celia is listed in Van Buren township in 1870 (p. 4, ln 30; 35/34):

Blackburn, Sela	54	Keeping House	600	200	Kentucky
George H	25	Blacksmith			Indiana
Moses F	23	Carriage Maker			"
Sarah Ann	20	at Home			"

Joseph Blackburn, age 32, a carpenter, is on the same page, adjacent to the household of Moses Fowler.

I.G. Fowler's Memoirs (1914) mentions his cousin Joe Blackburn as a barber in Veedersburg in 1875, a bachelor, aged about 40. He also mentions Bill Blackburn as the older brother of Joe, and says that in 1875 Bill was married to a woman named Mattie and had four small children.

Children: (Blackburn)

- 8 i. Julia A. b. abt 1833 Indiana
m1 19 Apr 1855 Fountain Co, Ind (4:46)
to Henry **Trinkle**
m2 5 May 1878 Fountain Co, Ind (7:579)
to George W. **Firestone**
m3 27 Sep 1893 Fountain Co, Ind (10:559)
to William **Hock**
- ii. Robert b. abt 1835 Indiana
poss. m. Martha & d. c1879, leaving 6 ch
- iii. Joseph b. abt 1837 Indiana
m. to Rachel _____
d. 23 Oct 1905 Veedersburg, Fountain Co, Ind
(a barber in Veedersburg in 1880)
- iv. Eliza b. abt 1839 Indiana
- v. Elizabeth b. abt 1841 Indiana
m. 15 May 1859 Fountain Co, Indiana (4:412)
to Martin J. **Keeling**
- vi. William b. abt 1843 Indiana
B. m. to Mattie _____
- vii. George H. b. abt 1845 Indiana
or Harvey m. 10 Jan 1874 Fountain Co, Indiana (7:120)
to Lestina **Walton**
(dau, Lestina M., b. c1879 Illinois; Geo. was
Blacksmith in Veedersburg 1880)
- viii. Moses F. b. abt 1848 Indiana
- ix. Celia A. b. c Oct 1849 Indiana
or Mariah m. 27 May 1873 Fountain Co, Indiana (7:52)
to James **Lightfoot**

3. JOSEPH FOWLER

B. abt 1818 Kentucky
 M. by 1853
 D. bet 1883 & 1900
 Wife: Priscilla _____
 B. Oct 1827 Kentucky

In the 1850 census, Joseph is listed as a tailor, age 32 and born in Kentucky, in the household of Sarah A. Wigginton, who appears to be the proprietress of a boarding house in District # 48 in Lewis County, Missouri (p. 373A, 9 Oct 1850). This may well have been the town of Lagrange, in Union township, as Joseph and his wife and family are listed there at the time of the 1860 census (p. 130 (284), ln 31; 930/938; 5 Oct 1860):

Jos Fowler	43	Post Master	3500	350	Kentucky	
Priscilla	33				"	
Joseph R.	7				Missouri	AS
Mary	5				"	
William	3				"	
Elizabeth	2				"	

The family was in Lagrange township (P.O. Monticello) at the time of the 1870 census (p. 32 (688), ln 13; 257/253; 22 Aug 1870):

Fowler, Joseph	52	Tailer	4500	800	Kentucky	
Percilla	42	Keeps House			"	
Joseph R.	17	Painter			Missouri	AS
Mary	15				"	AS
William	13				"	AS
Elizabeth	11				"	AS

Joseph and his wife are listed in the 1880 census for Kirksville, Adair County, Missouri:

Fowler, Joseph	62	tailor		Ky	Va	Va
Pricilla	53	wf KH		Ky	Ky	Ky
Joseph	27	son painter		Mo	Ky	Ky
William	23	son shoemaker		Mo	Ky	Ky
Elizabeth	21	dau at home		Mo	Ky	Ky
Douglass, Frank	21	boarder Lumber dealer				

On 22 Aug 1883, Joseph and Priscilla Fowler conveyed Joseph's undivided one-sixth interest in the former dower lands (55 acres and 1 pole on Sugar Creek) of Robert Fowler's widow Milly to Peter Grow for \$50. (6:406) The deed was acknowledged in Adair County, Missouri.

Joseph appears to have died by 1900, when Priscilla is listed in the census for Kirksville at 411 S. Marion:

Priscilla Fowler	Oct 1827	wd 5 ch/2 al	Ky	Ky	Va
Wm A.	Jun 1857	son shoemaker	Mo	Ky	Ky
Sarah Bannister	Aug 1841	sis wd 0 ch	Mo	Ky	Va

Children:

- i. Joseph R. b. abt 1853 Missouri
- ii. Mary b. abt 1855 Missouri
- iii. William A. b. Jun 1857 Missouri
- iv. Elizabeth b. 1859 Missouri

4. MOSES FOWLER

B. abt 1819 Garrard County, Kentucky
M1 29 Jun 1843 Fountain Co, Indiana
M2 8 Nov 1855 Covington, Fountain Co, Ind
D. winter 1881 Veedersburg, Fountain Co, Ind

Wife (1): Joanna **FURR**

B. abt 1828 Indiana
D. 1855 Fountain County, Indiana
parents: Edward Furr and probably Elizabeth Lightfoot

Wife (2): Sarah Susannah **GETCHELL**

B. 15 Dec 1825 Hallowell, Kennebec Co, Maine
D. 1872 Attica, Fountain Co, Indiana
parents: Isaiah⁷ Getchell and Sarah⁴ Neal

Moses Fowler is described in H.W. Beckwith's History of Fountain County, at 316-17, as a practicing physician of Veedersburg. Beckwith states that Moses's father Robert died in 1828 and that:

Dr. Fowler then came, in 1830, to Fountain county with his uncle, James Hines, and took up his abode with his uncle, Moses Hines. . . . Dr. F., by his own exertion and close application, was able to teach school at the age of eighteen, which he followed at intervals till 1868. He read medicine under Dr. Roland, of Chambersburg, in 1841 and 1842; was elected sheriff of Fountain county in 1854, and served two years; was admitted to the bar to practice law in 1856, which he followed six years; served as a soldier in

the Mexican war during the years [1847 and 1848]; served three years as a soldier in the late rebellion, in the 43d Ind. Vols., during which time he was corporal, company clerk, commander of the militia at Little Rock, Arkansas, provost marshal and enrolling officer. When he returned home from the army he took up the practice of medicine, which he still continues with good success. He was married in 1843 to Joanna Furr, who died in 1855, by whom he had six children, all dead but America, now Mrs. Cox. He was married a second time, in 1855, to Sarah S. Getchell, who died in 1872. By this union he had five children, three of whom are living: Henry S., Isa G. and Ida M. The doctor was formerly a Jackson democrat, but now a strong republican. Few men have been more observant of the progress of Fountain county than he, and much that will appear in the history of Van Buren township we are obliged to credit to him.

Moses Fowler enlisted, under Captain R.M. Evans, in Company C of the 5th Indiana Infantry on 2 Oct 1847 at Covington, Indiana to serve during the war. He was mustered in as a private on 11 Oct 1847 at Madison, Indiana. He was discharged as a corporal on 21 Feb 1848 at Molino del Rey, Mexico under a surgeon's certificate of disability. His discharge papers indicate that he was born in Garrit County, Kentucky and was then 28 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, with light complexion and hair and grey eyes. At enlistment he was a farmer.

Moses and Joanna were living in Van Buren township, Fountain County on 6 Nov 1850, when they were enumerated in the census (1029/1040):

Moses Fowler	30	School Teacher	Ky	
Joanna	22		Ind	CRW
Rowland	6		Ind	att sch
Robert E.	1		Ind	

Moses's son, Isaiah G. Fowler, described his background in his Memoirs at 14-15, 58:

My mother's maiden name was Sarah Susannah Getchell, and she was born either in Gardner or Hallowell, Maine.

I have heard of her speak of her early life in the two towns and am not quite sure which was her birthplace. Her father was a granite cutter of moderate means and her mother died when she was too young to remember much about her. Her stepmother, I judge, was a good woman in her way, but much imbued with New England sternness, and had little sympathy or patience with the two stepchildren--your grandmother and your great-aunt

Mary, two years younger. Her father must have been very stern, too, for I have heard her speak of having to ask her stepmother's pardon on her bended knees, for carelessly dropping a fork while wiping the dishes.

Both girls received the usual common school education of those times and both earned enough money--my mother by teaching, Aunt Mary by working in the Lowell factories--to take them through Mount Holyoke Seminary, at that time the highest institution of learning open to women.⁴

About that time ex-Governor Slade of Vermont, conceived the idea of sending well educated and capable young women from New England to supply the urgent need of competent teachers in the far western states--that is to say, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. My mother was one of the first chosen and she was sent to Paris, Illinois, but soon transferred to Covington, Indiana, where she taught many years, married and bore her children, five in all. Of these the firstborn, Charles, and the thirdborn, Mary, died in infancy. The other three are, as you know, still living--your Uncle Harry, born in December, 1857; your Aunt Ida, born in October, 1865, and myself, born in January, 1861. Her married life was rendered unhappy by my father's inclination to drink and consequent failure to provide properly for his family. Soon after my birth he went to the war, and I, of course, knew nothing of him until his return. I have a dim recollection of his being home on a furlough, and of my wondering why he was going back to Little Rock. As he was a large man it seemed to me that a big rock would be more appropriate.

I probably got the impression from his saying that he must be back in Little Rock at a certain time. Foolish as it seems, I cannot to this day, hear or think of Little Rock without a vision of a large man trying by some magic means to force entrance into a pebble. My only other recollections of my father during this furlough are of my disinclination to kiss him because of the "stickers" on his face, and his giving me my first horseback ride on a very lame horse which he borrowed for the purpose.

My father was generally regarded as naturally a very brilliant man, and it was frequently said that but for his unfortunate dissipation he would have gone to congress and served with credit. He had been twice elected to the office of sheriff and was still serving in that capacity at the time of his marriage to my mother. He had previously been married to a good woman

whose maiden name was Joannah Furr. She had borne him seven children, three of whom survived her [Rowland, Evans and America].

Had it not been for the blight of drink he would have been in every way a good and useful man; indeed, he was by nature a kind-hearted and broad-minded man, and endowed with more than ordinary ability. For several years preceding his death he drank only occasionally, and was considered by many as the most able physician in and about Veedersburg. I have known many instances when he would send the poor tired mother and father to bed, and walk the floor all night with the suffering little one in his arms, administering the remedies and attending to all the duties of a tender nurse himself. I have known other instances when a father would find him in his office in an intoxicated condition, and would take him to his home, get him to bed, and wait until he slept off the effects of the liquor, rather than risk any other physician, so great was the confidence of his skill and knowledge. He was born in Garrard county, Kentucky. Being left an orphan at the age of about eleven, he was taken by his uncle, Moses Hinds, who, with a number of other southern people, soon afterward colonized a considerable portion of Fountain county, Indiana, where my father spent the rest of his life. He fought in both the Mexican and Civil wars. Though wounded in both wars he declined a pension, and even in his later days, when his health was much broken, there was no surer way of incurring his displeasure than to suggest the subject to him. He was not unfavorable to the granting of pensions to others however, and assisted many to obtain them. He had honorable discharges from both wars.

In 1860, Moses and Sarah were living in Covington, Indiana (p. 30, ln 25; 240/230):

Moses Fowler	40	atty at law	500	Kentucky
Sarah S.	34			Maine
Roland	16			Ind
Robert E	11			" att sch
America S	7			" " "
Henry S	2			"
Mary R. Getchell	33	com school Teacher		Maine

Moses enlisted as a private in Company F of the 43d Indiana Infantry on 29 Oct 1861 at Terre Haute, Indiana. He was then 42 years old, 5 feet, 7 1/2 inches in height, with light hair and

complexion and blue eyes. He was then a lawyer and was recorded as having been born in Garrard County, Kentucky. He was left sick at Calhoun, Kentucky on 16 Feb 1862, but is again listed as present on the muster roll for March and April. He was absent from the company between July and September 1862, having been sent to hospital at Evansville, Indiana on 17 Jul 1862. It isn't clear whether this was due to an illness or a wound; the regiment was engaged in operations on the White River in Arkansas from June 10 to July 14, 1862. Moses was promoted to corporal in November 1862. In the spring of 1863, the 43d participated in the expedition from Helena through the Yazoo Pass and the swampy country on the east side of the Mississippi Delta north of Vicksburg. Moses was sent home for a 30 day furlough in June 1863. From November 1863 to February 1864 and again in May 1864 he was company clerk. He was left at Little Rock, Arkansas on 4 Jun 1864 on account of his not re-enlisting and was discharged on 18 Oct 1864 due to the expiration of his term of service.

On 2 Sep 1870, Moses and Sarah were enumerated in the census in Van Buren township, Fountain County (p. 4, ln 13; 30/29):

Fowler, Moses	50	Pedler	500	Kentucky
Sarah	43	Keeping House		Ohio

Sarah is also listed in Logan township, however, as of 10 Jun 1870 (p. 40, ln 20; 321/339) and I suspect that Moses misled the enumerator about whether his wife was living with him:

Fowler, Sarah S.	44	School Teacher	-- 60	Maine
Harry S.	12	At Home		Indiana AS
Isa	9			" "
Lida	4			" "

In 1880, Moses Fowler is listed by himself in the Village of Veedersburg (p. 9 (109); 79/85):

Fowler, Moses	60	Doctor	Ky	Va	Va
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Isa Fowler, age 19, a druggist, is listed in Veedersburg as a boarder in the household of L.R. Hetfield, a Hotel keeper.

The Memoirs of I.G. Fowler, a son of Moses Fowler, describe the death of Moses in the winter of 1881 from the effects of a stroke:

Realizing from the first that he could not recover I wrote to his only living brother, Joseph Fowler, of Kirksville, Mo. He replied at once, in a long and affectionate letter, expressing his great regret that his age and infirmities would not allow him to come to the bedside of his stricken brother. He especially deplored the fact that a quarrel had estranged them many years before and that they had not written a line to each other since. He

begged me to make known to my father, if possible, his brotherly love and sympathy, and his sorrow for the lost years. All this I read to my father several times and it made a deep impression on him, and seemed to weigh on his mind. Several times he said, "oh, this trouble, all on account of a quarrel with my brother!"

Moses appears to have named his children by Joanna Furr after people he admired. Thomas Rowland was the doctor under whom Moses studied medicine and it seems likely that Moses' son Rowland was named for him (my guess is that he was named "Thomas Rowland Fowler," but known by his middle name). Thomas Rowland's wife was America (McIntyre) Rowland, I suspect the namesake of Moses' daughter America. See Thomas A. Clifton, Past and Present of Fountain and Warren Counties, Indiana at 359 (Indianapolis 1913) (sketch of George Rowland, M.D., son of Thomas and America). Robert Evans was Captain of Moses Fowler's company in the Mexican War, which ended a year prior to the birth of his son Robert Evans Fowler, also known by his middle name.

Children of Moses and Joanna:

- | | | | | | |
|----|------|-----------------|----|-------------|---|
| | i. | Rowland | b. | abt 1844 | Indiana |
| | | | d. | 17 Jun 1862 | Corinth, Mississippi
(Co. F, 10th Indiana Inf) |
| 9 | ii. | Robert
Evans | b. | abt 1849 | Indiana |
| | | | m. | abt 1870 | |
| | | | | | to Florence C. or Kittie Rowland |
| | | | d. | 1876 | |
| 10 | iii. | America
S. | b. | abt 1855 | Indiana |
| | | | m. | 27 Jul 1875 | Fountain Co, Indiana |
| | | | | | to William Cox |
| | | | d. | 23 Jul 1884 | Hillsboro, Fountain Co, Ind |

Children of Moses and Sarah:

- | | | | | | |
|----|-----|---------------------|----|------------|-----------------------------|
| | iv. | Charles | d. | in infancy | |
| 11 | v. | Henry S.
(Harry) | b. | Dec 1857 | Covington, Fountain Co, Ind |
| | | | m. | abt 1879 | |
| | | | | | to Sarah (Sadie) E. _____ |
| | | | d. | aft 1914 | |
| | vi. | Mary | d. | in infancy | |

- 12 vii. Isaiah b. 27 Jan 1861 Covington, Fountain Co, Ind
 Getchell m. Feb 1885 Osceola, Warren Co, Ohio
 to Nettie Bee **Coder**
 d. 21 Sep 1929 Independence, Montgomery, Kan
- 13 viii. Ida b. 2 Oct 1865 Covington, Fountain Co, Ind
 Mary m. 16 May 1891
 to Charles August **Carsh**
 d. 23 Feb 1934 nr Humboldt, Richardson, Neb

5. **JULIA ANN FOWLER**

B. 2 Dec 1823
 M. 22 Jan 1844 Garrard Co, Ky (Box 10, bond 570)
 D. 3 Jul 1899

Husband: Paris M.C. **TEATER**

B. 15 Jun 1820
 D. 29 Dec 1879 Mercer Co, Ky
 parents: Paris Teater and Rebecca Totten

My information on this family comes from Howard C. Teater of Nicholasville, Kentucky, one of the authors of The Kentucky Teater Family.

Children: (Teater)

- i. Mizaner b. 3 Jan 1846
 George m. 1865 Mercer Co, Ky
 to Mary Elizabeth **Collier**
 d. 1 Apr 1912
- ii. Robert L. b. 4 Nov 1844
 d. 10 Mch 1857 bu: P. Teater farm, Garrard
- iii. Serting b. 14 Jun 1847
 E. d. 1 Apr 1864 bu: P. Teater farm, Garrard
- iv. Rebecca b. 19 Jul 1848
 P. d. 26 Mch 1866

7. **ELIZABETH FOWLER**

B. 1825?
 M1 10 Aug 1842 Garrard Co, Ky (Box 9, bond 473)

M2 26 Feb 1850 Garrard Co, Ky

Husband (1): Stephen F. **TEATER**
B. 1818
D. 27 Jul 1847 in the Mexican War
parents: Paris Teater and Rebecca Totten

Husband (2): Alfred **BURTON**

My information on this family comes from Howard C. Teater of Nicholasville, Kentucky, one of the authors of The Kentucky Teater Family.

Children of Stephen and Elizabeth: (Teater)

- i. Alfred C. b. 1844
m. 1874 Madison Co, Ky
to Emma **Farris**
- ii. Fatima b. 1846
Elizabeth m. 7 Nov 1865 Garrard Co, Ky (Bk 9, p. 43)
to James Burnside **Wall**
- iii. Buena S. b. 1848
m. 15 Nov 1864 Garrard Co, Ky (Bk 8, p.345)
to William **Sellars**

Children of Alfred and Elizabeth: (Burton)

- iv. Robert b. abt 1852
- v. William b. abt 1854
R.
- vi. Mary A. b. abt 1856
- vii. Florence b. abt 1858
- viii. Perry H. b. abt 1860

THIRD GENERATION

8. Julia Ann Blackburn

B. abt 1833 Indiana

M1 19 Apr 1855 Fountain Co, Ind (4:46)

M2 5 May 1878 Fountain Co, Ind (7:579)

M3 27 Sep 1893 Fountain Co, Ind (10:559)

parents: George H. Blackburn and Celia Fowler

Husband (1): Henry **TRINKLE**

B. abt 1825 Indiana

parents: Samuel Trinkle and Elizabeth Buck

Husband (2): George W. **FIRESTONE**

B. abt 1824 Ohio

Husband (3): William **HOCK**

Henry and Julia Ann were in Van Buren township, Fountain County at the time of the 1860 census (sh 18, ln 36; 139/129; 9 Jun 1860):

Henry Trinkle	35	Farmer	PE 700	Ind
Julia Ann "	27			"
Cellia "	4			"
George "	3/12			"
Christopher C. Shipman	1			"

By 1880, Julia has remarried and is living in Veedersburg (p. 3; family 28; E.D. 77):

Firestone, Geo. W.	56	Blacksmith	Ohio	Penn	Va
Mary A. [sic]	47	wife KH	Ind	Ind	Ky
Trinkle, Geo. H.	20	son Blacksmith	Ind	Ind	Ind
Chris	18	son farm labor	"	"	"
Sallie	15	dau at home	"	"	"
Murphy, Emma	5	grandau "	"	"	"

I wouldn't normally consider the Julia Trinkle who married William Hock on 27 Sep 1893 to be the same as the Julia A. Trinkle, who married George Firestone in 1878, since I would expect the record to be under Julia Firestone, but the supplemental record of marriage transcripts indicates that Julia Blackburn, age 60, the daughter of George and Celia (Fowler) Blackburn, was married that day.

Children: (Trinkle)

- i. (Celia) b. abt 1856 Indiana
or Ellen m. 21 Nov 1872 Fountain Co, Ind (6:525)
to William **Murphy**
d. abt 1877
[dau. Emma]
- ii. George H. b. c. Mch 1860 Indiana
prob m. 4 Nov 1880 Fountain Co, Ind (8:297)
to Carrie **Hartley**
- iii. Christopher b. abt 1862 Indiana
prob. m. 25 Jun 1882 Fountain Co, Ind (8:486)
to Ellie **Chizum**
- iv. Sallie b. abt 1865 Indiana
prob m. 31 Mch 1889 Fountain Co, Ind (10:75)
to Omer P. **Warren**

9. Robert Evans Fowler

B. abt 1849 Indiana
M. abt 1870
D. 1876

parents: Moses Fowler and Joanna Furr

Wife: Florence C. or Kittie **ROWLAND**

B. abt 1855 Indiana
M2 21 Feb 1878 Fountain County, Indiana (7:561)
to Jacob Carpenter

Evans' half-brother Isaiah described Evans in his Memoirs at 15-16 (1914), which was addressed to Isie's children:

Evans was a noble boy and helped my mother as much as a little boy could. She loved him sincerely and I have often heard her speak tenderly and proudly of his having voluntarily walked several miles into the country to a man who owed her for tuition, and dragged home a sack of flour on a little handwagon that he himself had made. I believe he loved her as his own mother and long after he had left home to make his own way he frequently came to her for advice and sympathy. He must have been an exceptionally bright boy, for at the age of eighteen he was teaching school and afterward could easily secure a school whenever he chose to teach. At the age of twenty-two he married one of his pupils, a Miss Kittie Rowland. She was entirely too

young to undertake safely and wisely the duties of wifehood, being less than fifteen years old, though more matured than most girls of that age. Still they loved each other truly and would have passed a happy life together but for the continual nagging of her relatives, who objected to the marriage, not so much on account of her tender years as because of the fact that my brother was poor, while her father (then dead) had been considered wealthy for those times. Three children were born to them: Myrta, who died when less than two years old, and Zeta and Byron, who are still living and whom you know. Evans died in 1876, under distressing circumstances, not to be recounted here. To the last he passionately loved his wife and children, and had the respect and confidence of all who knew him. He had undoubted talent in the direction of music, and was always in demand as a leader of singing schools, as well as instructor in the ordinary branches of learning. It was said, too, that he had decided histrionic talent which, in more favorable circumstance, might have developed to a marked degree.

Kittie may have been a nickname, because it was certainly Evans' widow who remarried in 1878, under the name Florence, and was listed with her new husband in the 1880 census in Van Buren township (p. 23; 215/225):

Carpenter, Jacob	41	farmer	Ind	Ohio	Ohio
Florence	25	wf keeps house	Ind	Ohio	Va
Mary E.	14	dau	Ind	Ind	Ind
Wilford	1	son	"	"	"
Fowler, Byron	4	son	"	"	"
Zeta	6	dau	"	"	"
Low, James	20	servant	Pa	Pa	Pa

The reference to Byron and Zeta as known to Isie Fowler's children may imply that they had removed to Kansas at some point prior to 1914.

Children:

- i. Myrta d. at less than 2 years
- ii. Zeta b. abt 1874 Indiana
- iii. Byron b. 11 Jan 1876 Gessie, Warren Co, Indiana
 m. 17 May 1895 Danville, Vermillion Co, Ill
 to Adella **Isley**
 d. 1 Feb 1948 Garden City, Finney Co, Kan

10. America S. Fowler

B. abt 1855 Indiana
M. 27 Jul 1875 Fountain Co, Indiana (7:290)
D. 23 Jul 1884 Hillsboro, Fountain Co, Ind (H-19:40)
parents: Moses Fowler and Joanna Furr

Husband: William **COX**

Isaiah Getchell Fowler described each of his half-siblings, including America, in his Memoirs at 16 (1914):

America, the youngest, was not entirely bright in her mind, and was a source of much anxiety and distress to my mother, caused in large measure by mischief-making friends of her own mother, who taught her that her father had done wrong in giving her a stepmother and that she ought to resent the intrusion by making her all the trouble possible.

As she grew older, however, she had a high regard for her stepmother and mourned sincerely when she died. To the day of her own death, twelve years later, she spoke of my mother with the most kindly affection. Once, she even precipitated a hand-to-hand fight in which she came off victorious over a woman who had ventured to probe the old sore of her having had a tyrannical stepmother. She married a man by the name of William Cox, who, as far as I know, is still living. They had a son of whom, unfortunately, I know nothing, except that I have heard indirectly that he fought in the Philippine war. America died in 1884, after I had located in Kansas.

I am not sure which 1880 census entry relates to William and America Cox. There were two William Cox's in Fountain County. William A. Cox, age 44, and his wife Elizabeth, age 43, and family lived in Mill Creek township (p. 19). A William H. Cox, age 40, no wife listed, lived in Portland, Shawnee township, with four children, the youngest age 10 (p. 27). I would guess the family listed in Union township, Delaware County is the right one, although the age given for America is ten years too old (E.D. 176, sh 25, ln 41):

Cox, William	41	farmer	Tenn
America	35	wf	Ind
Charles	14	son farmer	"
Maud	12	dau	"
John	9	son	"
Frank	3	son	"
Jimmie	1	dau	"

If this is the correct entry, it would appear that William Cox had been married before and that Frank and Jimmie were the children by his marriage to America.

11. Henry S. (Harry) Fowler

B. Dec 1857 Covington, Fountain Co, Ind
M. abt 1879
D. probably after 1914
parents: Moses Fowler and Sarah Susannah Getchell

Wife: Sarah (Sadie) E. _____
B. Nov 1860 Missouri
D. 1914

Harry's brother Isie, in his Memoirs, indicates that Harry's given name was Henry, but that he hated it and was always known as Harry. Isie also says that Harry's wife was named Sadie, that they had a baby born in 1890, and that Sadie and the baby died in 1914. Harry was presumably alive then and both were clearly alive in 1911, when their picture appeared in the Kansas City paper because of the large size of their tomato plants.

The family lived at Monett, Barry County, in southern Missouri, and is listed there in the 1900 census (p. 20, ln 27):

Fowler, Harry S.	Dec 1857	RR Postal Clerk	OFH				
	m21	0 mo unemp		Ind	Ky	Maine	
Sarah E.	wf	Nov 1860	m21 4/4	Mo	un	Mo	
Isaac	son	Jan 1881	Day Labor	Mo	Ind	Mo	m2
Gertrude	D.L.	Feb 1879		Kan	Ill	Ill	m2
St. Clair	son	Oct 1882		Mo	Ind	Mo	AS
Harry P.	son	Dec 1887		"	"	"	"
Charles W	son	Sep 1890		"	"	"	"

Children:

i. Isaac b. Jan 1881 Missouri
m. abt 1898
to Gertrude _____

ii. St. Clair b. Oct 1882 Missouri

iii. Harry P. b. Dec 1887 Missouri

iv. Charles b. Sep 1890 Missouri
W. d. 1914

12. Isaiah Getchell Fowler

B. 27 Jan 1861 Covington, Fountain Co, Ind
M. Feb 1885 Osceola, Warren Co, Ohio
D. 21 Sep 1929 Independence, Montgomery Co, Kan
bu: Mount Hope Cem., Independence
parents: Moses Fowler and Sarah Susannah Getchell

Wife: Nettie Bee **CODER**

B. 1863
D. 1890 bu: Mount Hope Cem., Independence

For Christmas 1914, Isie Fowler arranged for the printing of his Memoirs, which was addressed to his children and concerned his own early life and background through the period of the childhood of his children.

After the death of Isie's mother in 1872, when he was 11, he lived with various relatives in and around Veedersburg, Indiana until he was grown. He had several jobs working in a hotel, a shoe store and a drug store. In May 1880 he opened his own store in Veedersburg, against the resistance of the other three drug stores in town, each of which abandoned the drug business within a year. Isie closed his store in the fall of 1883 from concern for his health, having paid his initial loan and made \$1600.

In the spring of 1884, Isie removed to Kansas, purchasing a small farm in Drum Creek township, Montgomery County. In February 1885 he went to Ohio to get married and then returned with his bride. Not long after, he went to work in J. H. Pugh's drug store in Independence. After nine years he went into business for himself. He became one of the civic leaders of Independence, serving as Mayor and becoming well-known for his willingness to help orphans and other young boys in difficult circumstances.

Children:

- i. Sarah b. 15 Mch 1886 Independence, Kansas
Naomi m. 12 Mch 1911 Independence, Kansas
to Oscar Lawrence **O'Brien**
d. 30 Nov 1970 Independence, Kansas
(children: John F. [1911-1965];
[Nettie] Jane [1912], m. Andre Baude)
- ii. Harry b. 1887
Emerson of Sweetwater, Texas 1941
[probably m. twice, 1st wf named Shirley]

(picture c. 1912 taken at Boulder, Colo.)
picture w/ 2d wife Agnes May Wheaton taken c. 1927
at Sterling, Neb]
[children: Isie & Clair]

iii. Frank b. Jan 1888
 William m. 8 Oct 1911 Niotaze, Chautauqua Co, Kan
 to Grace **Cooper**
 of Tulsa, Oklahoma 1941
 [poss. had dau. Hazel Evelyn]

13. Ida Mary Fowler

B. 2 Oct 1865 Covington, Fountain Co, Ind
M. 16 May 1891
D. 23 Feb 1934 nr Humboldt, Richardson Co, Neb
parents: Moses Fowler and Sarah Susannah Getchell

Husband: Charles August **CARSH**, Jr.
B. 26 Aug 1866 nr Verdon, Richardson Co, Neb
D. 16 Jul 1950 Lincoln, Lancaster Co, Neb
parents: Charles August Carsh and Tabitha Ann James

Ida went to live with her Aunt Mary and Uncle William Bissell after the death of her mother in 1872. William had one surviving son from his first marriage, whose health was poor on account of his service in the Civil War. William was advised to take his son west and the family prepared to move. Upon reaching Humboldt, Nebraska, however, the son's health worsened to the point that he could not travel further and they got off the train and settled there.

William Bissell became superintendent of the schools there and Ida received a good education, attending one year in the Preparatory Department of Wheaton College in Illinois. She was a schoolteacher prior to her marriage. Her husband was a farmer.

Children: (Carsh)

i. Frank b. 1 Mch 1892 Richardson Co, Neb
 William m. 13 Mch 1916 Council Bluffs, Iowa
 to Velma Dott **Penninger**
 d. 6 Dec 1960 McMinnville, Oregon

1. John Vogt & T. William Kethley, Jr., Loudoun County Marriages, 1760-1850 at 82 (Athens, Ga.); Mary Alice Wertz, Marriages of Loudoun County, Virginia, 1757-1853 at 49 (Baltimore 1985)(Ms. Wertz gives the names as "Aron" and "Meoren").

2. Mary Alice Wertz, Marriages of Loudoun County, Virginia, 1757-1853 at 190.

3. Genealogical Collection of Forrest Calico (LDS records from Garrard County), cemetery records at 65.

4. I have written Mount Holyoke and been informed that they have no record of such attendance. Perhaps they attended another women's school.