

## ALEXANDER PLATT

Born: 15 January 1789, Westmoreland Co., Pennsylvania.

Married: Jane Callahan

Died: 15 September 1861, Lawrence Co., Ohio.

Buried:

Children: John Wesley, Alfred, Nancy, Harriett, William, Isaac, Albert, Jane, Harvey, Susanna Matilda.

Biography: Alexander was the son of James and Elizabeth Platt. He was born in Westmoreland Co., Pennsylvania and then lived in Venango Co., Pennsylvania when his parents moved there. In 1830, he may have been living there with his brother George. He soon married, however, in about 1831, to Jane Callahan, who was born 28 April 1808 in Pennsylvania. She was illiterate. His mother Elizabeth apparently lived with them (Alexander and Jane) for a time in and about the year of 1840. He then moved, in 1846-1848, from Pennsylvania to Meigs Co., Ohio where he lived in Salisbury Twp. In 1856/7, Alexander went on to Lawrence Co., Ohio to take possession of a new tract of ground there. They made the trip in covered wagons, leading their stock as they went. They had to clear the land there to establish their home, but through a lot of hard work, they were successful in doing so. They lived in Lawrence Twp., Lawrence County. Alexander was a farmer, his real estate valued at \$540 and his personal estate at \$1000 in 1860. In that year he had two horses, one cow and seven pigs. He grew wheat, corn and potatoes and had made 50 pounds of butter during the previous twelve months. Alexander died 15 September 1861. His land of forty-three acres in Lawrence Twp., Lawrence Co. was deeded by son William to his brother Albert on 14 March 1863 for five dollars. Jane survived him until 15 April 1869. She died in Lawrence Twp., cause of death given as "numb. Palsy".

Children:

1) John Wesley, born 25 March 1832, died 5 August 1868. In the 1850 census, a John Platt appears in Pomeroy with the Samuel Morton family. It is probably this same John, as his age is given as 18 and his birthplace as Pennsylvania. His occupation at the time was as a carpenter. In 1863, it appears that he might be listed in a roll of men subject to duty in the military in Missouri, being named as "John C. Platt", age 31, born in Pennsylvania. There is a John Platt his age, born in Pennsylvania, who appears in 1880 in Mercer Co., Missouri.

2) Alfred, born 27 May 1833. A record having him dying on 14 August 1868 is incorrect. His wife was named Mary Smith. In the 1850 census, he is listed as a farmer and was named as such still in 1870 in Mercer Co., Missouri. He served in a Missouri regiment during the Civil War. The 1890 census of veterans lists him as having served from 18 September 1861 to 19 March 1862. His health at the time of that census was noted as "good" and that he had suffered no injury during the war. He was a corporal in the 7<sup>th</sup> Missouri Cavalry, Co. E. In 1900, Alfred was farming in Carroll Co., Missouri, a widower, living with his daughter Ella. He still lived with them there in 1910. His death date remains unknown, but he and wife Mary are buried (no stone) in the Oak Hill Cemetery of Carroll Co., Missouri.

- a. Laura E., born in April 1864, in Missouri. She married twice; to Robert Edwin Sprague and then to Luther Portman Cary. She died in 1902.
- b. Birdie A., born c. 1866, in Missouri.
- c. John A. L., born c. 1869, in Missouri.
- a. Margaret Ella, born 4 August 1870, in Missouri. She married to John Francis, who was born in May 1866 in Missouri. In 1900 and 1910, they appear in Carroll Co., Missouri. She died on 17 June 1927. She is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery of Carrollton, Missouri.

3) Nancy, born, it was said, 7 November 1834 and died 7 May 1852. The 1850 census, for what it's worth, says she was thirteen years old, placing her birth c. 1837.

4) Harriett, born 28 June 1836 and died 9 August 1845.

5) William, was born on 15 September 1839 in Pennsylvania. He married in Lawrence Co., Ohio on 24 August 1862 to Clarissa Hunt who was born in October 1845 in Ohio. On 14 March 1863, they conveyed the land of his share of his father's estate in Lawrence Co. to William's brother Albert. William served as a private in Co. A of the 173<sup>rd</sup> regiment of the Ohio Infantry during the Civil War, from 15 August 1864 to 5 July 1865. Then in about 1866, William and Clarissa migrated to Missouri and lived there in Morris Twp. of Carroll Co. in 1870. William was a farmer, though in 1880 he is simply referred to as a "day laborer". He died on 8 October 1899 and was buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery of Carrollton, Missouri. Clarissa was still living in 1910 there in Carroll Co., Missouri. She died in 1915 and is also buried in Oak Hill Cemetery.



**Drawing of William Platt**

- a. Martha E., born about 1864 in Ohio.
- b. Isabell M., born about 1865 in Ohio.
- c. Sophia Eva, was born 14 December 1866 in Missouri. She died 19 September 1953.
- d. Clara Alice, born in April 1870 in Missouri. She was accused in 1896 of murdering three people, including poisoning two children, in the home of a family she worked for as a servant. She went on trial and was acquitted, although it seems that she might have, in fact, been guilty!
- e. Levi C., born 13 November 1871 in Missouri. He died on 18 January 1944 in Morgan Co., Illinois.
- f. Rosa Dallas, born about 1874 and died 16 February 1949. She married Cyrus O. Fee.
- g. William B., born about 1877 in Missouri.

- h-j. names unknown.
- k. Jno. A. Logan, born 1 February 1884 in Carroll Co., Missouri and died there but 13 days later on 14 February 1884.
- l. Myrl Florence, born 22 September 1885, Carroll Co., Missouri. She married William Trabue and her mother lived with them in 1910. Myrl died 27 January 1968.

6) Isaac N., was born on 28 December 1840. He married to Ellen Martin on 3 November 1861. She lived from 1841-1906. This may have been her second marriage, as a son's death certificate gives his mother's maiden name as Ellen Riddlebarger. In 1880, the family lived in Bloom Twp., Scioto Co., Ohio. In occupation, Isaac is described as a "collier" in the 1880 census. At the time of his death he is simply called a "laborer".



Isaac died in Cabell Co., West Virginia on 14 September 1918 with "chronic myocorditis" but he and his wife are buried in the Woodland Cemetery in Lawrence Co., Ohio.

- a. Josephine, born 30 August 1859, and married to Rev. John I. Tyler on 4 July 1880 and they had seven children. She died on 11 December 1943, Grove City, Ohio.
- b. twin of Josephine, evidently born dead 30 August 1859.
- c. Lafayette, born 16 September 1862.
- d. Lemuel, born 20 June 1864. His wife was named Alice and he died in Columbus, Ohio on 30 March 1935.
- e. Misha Alice, born 16 April 1866.
- f. Ada E., born 16 March 1868.
- g. James H., born 18 April 1870, twin of Ella.
- h. Ella or Etta B., born 18 April 1870, twin of James.
- i. Isaac Lorenzo, born 22 March 1872 and lived near Handley and Hugheston, West Virginia. His nickname was "Dow". He married Clara Burke Pack. Isaac was very active in the Handley Baptist church, serving as its Sunday School Superintendent for a long time.
- j. Mary L., born 5 April 1874.
- k. Emma V., born 26 September 1876.
- l. Susan M., born 18 May 1878 and married to Charles C. Hill on 5 April 1909.
- m. Minnie A., born 19 January 1881 at Coal Grove, Lawrence Co., Ohio and married Daniel W. Sparling on 4 July 1901.

7) Albert, born 23 November 1843. Albert married to Nancy Ellen Nance in

Lawrence Co., Ohio on 24 February 1864. She was born 1843/4. He was a farmer. They lived in Lawrence Twp. of Lawrence Co., but were later listed in Aid Twp. in 1890 and still in 1910. Albert was a soldier in the Civil War, serving in the 173rd regiment of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Co. A., from 18 August 1864 to 26 June 1865. He was described as five feet, five and a half inches tall, fair complexion with blue eyes and light hair. His wife Nancy died of “blood poison” on 8 December 1885. Albert eventually remarried on 13 October 1914 to another Nancy – Nancy J. Rowe. Albert died in Athens Co., Ohio on 21 October 1936 with “organic heart disease” and “bronchitis”. He is buried in Nye Cemetery of Athens Co., Ohio.



- a. George, born c. 1865.
- b. Charles H., was born 1868/9. He grew up farming.
- c. Hannah G., born 6 June 1870. One record gives 6 June 1871, but she was one month old at the time of the 1870 census. She apparently died young.
- d. Samantha Jane, born 1870/1. She married George Polk Delong and died 24 March 1917.
- e. Sarah A., born 18 February 1873, although later records record her name as Florence Almedia Platt. She never married. She suffered with epilepsy, dying on 2 April 1928 at the Gallipolis, “Ohio Hospital for Epileptics” with cancer “of face with metastasis to neck.”
- f. Nessy E., spelling uncertain, a girl born 1875/6.
- g. Minerva, born 1 February 1876.
- h. Hannah F., born 1877/8.
- i. Lemuel Isaac, born on 15 October 1879. He died on 25 February 1944 in Athens Co., Ohio. His wife was named Rose at the time of his death. He was married to a Phoebe A. Lewis on 17 August 1901.
- j. Trulea, twin of Lemuel, born 15 October 1879, but who apparently died an infant.
- k. Nancy Ellen, born 7 December 1885.
- l. Maggie, born c. 1887 although another record states 7 December 1884. She married Elias Greenberry Blair on 5 January 1905 and died 12 September 1971.

8) Jane, born 20 April 1846 in Pennsylvania and died on 4 April 1920. She married to John Cyrus Pierce, and had seven children by 1880, living in Lawrence Twp., Lawrence Co., Ohio. John was a farmer, born 24 April 1838, also in Pennsylvania. He was a soldier during the Civil War, in Co. H of the 139<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry. He



**Grave of Jane (Platt) Pierce**

enlisted on 1 September 1862 and was wounded in the battle at Opequan, Virginia on 19 September 1864. He was mustered out with the company on 21 June 1865. Jane just made the 1920 census, listed then with her son William. She was a widow at that time, John having died in 1905 or 1910. Jane died there in Lawrence Co., Ohio, but was buried, as was John, in Ashland Cemetery of Boyd Co., Kentucky. Her death was attributed to a failing heart – mitral insufficiency.

- a. Margaret E., born c. 1869.
- b. Harvey J., born c. 1871.
- c. Emma F., born c. 1872. In the 1880 census, taken on June 23, it is noted that she was bedridden with dropsy.
- d. John Cyrus (or Syford), born 23 November 1873. He married Sarah Belle Dean, and died 25 April 1944 and is buried in Sugar Creek Cemetery, Lawrence Co., Ohio.
- e. William C., born c. 1875. He grew up to become a miner, living in Elizabeth Twp., Lawrence Co., Ohio in 1920. His wife was named Mary A. and they had at least six children.
- f. Matilda J., born c. 1877.
- g. Ida B., born c. 1879. On 24 October 1901, she married William Douglass in Lawrence Co., Ohio.
- a. Henry, born in June 1881. Apparently a second name for him was Marshall. Marshall Pierce, son of John and Jane (Platt) Pierce, with apparent birthday of 24 June 1881, married in Lawrence Co., Ohio on 15 March 1903 to Elizabeth Hurst.
- i. Birdie C., born in September 1886.
- j. Robert Newton, born 8 October 1888 and died 20 July 1906. His tombstone reads that “He was a kind, loving son and affectionate brother.”



**John C. Pierce**

9) Harvey, born 16 June 1848 in Meigs Co., Ohio. Curiously, he is not listed in the 1850 census with the rest of the family. He married to Melvina Lavina/Lovina Williams (January 1848 – 24 January 1909), in about 1878, probably in Missouri. She was known by her middle name and had two children born in Missouri from a previous marriage. In 1870, Harvey was living on the original family farm in Ohio in his brother Albert's household after the death of their mother. In the mid-1870s, Harvey moved to Missouri following three of his older brothers. In 1880 he lived in Marion Township, Mercer County, Missouri with his wife Lavina and two stepchildren, George C. Campbell (b. 1872, Missouri) and Francas Campbell (b. 1875,



**Grave of Harvey Platt**



Missouri). Harvey's occupations were listed as farm laborer in 1870, farmer in 1880 and wood chopper in 1900. In 1900 he owned his own farm, free of mortgage, in Medicine Township, Mercer County, Missouri. Harvey was illiterate throughout his life, and his wife Lavina could read but not write. Her sons from her first marriage could not read or write at 25 and 27 years of age. Lavina died sometime before Harvey. He died on 24 January 1913 in Medicine Twp., Mercer Co., Missouri of "nephritis". In occupation was then simply called a "laborer". Harvey and his wife are buried in the Harris Cemetery of Sullivan Co., Missouri.

10) Susanna Matilda. See entry on William Henry H. Nance.