

Ancestors of Christian Jacob Straesser

Generation No. 1

1. Christian Jacob Straesser, born Jun 11, 1898 in Bartonville, Illinois; died Nov 30, 1992 in Danville, Illinois (Veterans Administration Hospital). He was the son of **2. William Eugene Straesser** and **3. Elizabeth Fortune Powell**. He married **(1) Mary Alta Brown** 1919 in Bartonville, Illinois. She was born Feb 21, 1902 in Sikeston, Missouri, and died Jul 20, 1962 in Cairo, Illinois. She was the daughter of Robert Brown and Louisa Mellein.

More About Christian Jacob Straesser:

Burial: Parkview Cemetery, Peoria, Illinois

Occupation: Factory Worker, Caterpillar Inc.

More About Mary Alta Brown:

Burial: Parkview Cemetery, Peoria, Illinois

Generation No. 2

2. William Eugene Straesser, born May 20, 1856 in Limestone Township, Peoria County, Illinois; died 1928 in Bartonville, Illinois. He was the son of **4. Johannes Christian Straesser** and **5. Kathryn Haller**. He married **3. Elizabeth Fortune Powell** Dec 24, 1878 in Limestone Township, Peoria County, Illinois.

3. Elizabeth Fortune Powell, born Apr 22, 1855 in Limestone Township, Peoria County, Illinois. She was the daughter of **6. Michael Morgan Powell** and **7. Catherine Homer**.

Notes for William Eugene Straesser:

" Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois and History of Peoria County;" edited by Newton Bateman, LL.D. and Paul Selby, A.M., and David McCulloch; Chicago and Peoria: Munsell Publishing Company, Publishers 1902.

William Straesser has had a successful career as a farmer since he attained his majority, and at one time he owned a farm of one hundred and eighty-four acres, forty acres of which he sold to the State of Illinois. He gives particular attention to fine Jersey stock. Independent in politics, he wields a recognized influence in township affairs and has served his fellow citizens two years as Tax Collector and twelve years as School Director. He is a Methodist. December 24, 1878 at Peoria, he married Elizabeth, daughter of Michael M. and Catharine (Haner) Powell, natives of Wales, and they have five children: William Eugene, Elmer Morgan, Harold Carter, Catherine E. and Christian. Mrs. Straesser was born in Limestone Township April 22, 1855. Her father, born at Radnor, South Wales, January 15, 1819, emigrated to New York City and removed thence to Jefferson County, New York, where he was constable eight years and was twice elected Justice of the Peace. After his settlement in Peoria County he was Postmaster at Dowdallville, resigning to remove to Peoria to serve as Coroner, which office he occupied several terms. He was the first Notary Public in Limestone Townships. In politics he was a Democrat.

Children of William Straesser and Elizabeth Powell are:

- i. Elmer Morgan Straesser, born Bef. 1894; married Ora Maynor.
- ii. Harold Carter Straesser, born Bef. 1894; married Carrie E. Myers.
- iii. Maurice Straesser, born Bef. 1894.
- iv. Milton Eugene Straesser, born Bef. 1894.
- v. Kathryn Estelle Straesser, born 1894 in Peoria County, Illinois; died Nov 1999 in Peoria, Illinois (J.C. Proctor Endowment Home); married Elmer Maxfield.

More About Kathryn Estelle Straesser:
Occupation: Piano Teacher

More About Elmer Maxfield:
Medical Information: Suffered from malaria contracted while working in South America.
Occupation: Fireman

- 1 vi. Christian Jacob Straesser, born Jun 11, 1898 in Bartonville, Illinois; died Nov 30, 1992 in Danville, Illinois (Veterans Administration Hospital); married Mary Alta Brown 1919 in Bartonville, Illinois.

Generation No. 3

4. Johannes Christian Straesser, born 1802 in Opfelsbaum, Wurttemberg; died May 13, 1888 in Limestone Township, Peoria County, Illinois. He was the son of **8. John Straesser** and **9. Fredericka Haller**. He married **5. Kathryn Haller** in Martinsburg, Pennsylvania.

5. Kathryn Haller, born Jan 09, 1819 in Wurttemberg; died in Limestone Township, Peoria County, Illinois. She was the daughter of **10. Jacob Friedriech Haller** and **11. Dorothea**.

Notes for Johannes Christian Straesser:

"Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois and History of Peoria County;" edited by Newton Bateman, LL.D. and Paul Selby, A.M., and David McCullough; Chicago and Peoria: Munsell Publishing Company, Publishers 1902.

Johannes Christian came from Germany to New York at the age of thirty, and went thence to Martinsburg, Pennsylvania, where he married. In 1851 he made the journey from Martinsburg to Peoria on foot and returned in the same way, after having bought a farm in Section 35, Limestone Township, to which he soon afterward brought his family by way of the lakes. He was so successful as a farmer and as a business man that he owned, besides a two hundred-acre farm in Peoria County, three hundred acres of valuable land in McLean County. His sterling integrity was recognized by all who knew him, and it is worthy of record that, before coming to America, he served twelve years in the German army.

More About Johannes Christian Straesser:
Burial: Limestone Township, Peoria County, Illinois

Notes for Kathryn Haller:
Her name is also spelled Catherine Haller.

Children of Johannes Straesser and Kathryn Haller are:

- i. Christian Straesser, married Emma A. Powell; born 1859.
- ii. Leah Straesser
- iii. Mary B. Straesser, married Anthony Schneblin.
- iv. Sarah Straesser

Notes for Sarah Straesser:
Never married - lived on Randolph Street.

- v. John B. Straesser, born 1844; died 1893; married Elizabeth Kessler; born 1860; died 1935.
- vi. Jacob Straesser, born 1845; died 1918; married Emma Collier; born 1854 in Wales; died 1924.

More About Jacob Straesser:
Burial: Springdale Cemetery, Peoria, Illinois

Notes for Emma Collier:

In 1897, she lived at 1009 Glendale Avenue, Peoria, Illinois.

Some accounts list her name as Emma M Collier (listed on her tombstone in Springdale Cemetery).

Born 1854, died 1924.

More About Emma Collier:
Burial: Springdale Cemetery, Peoria, Illinois

- 2 vii. William Eugene Straesser, born May 20, 1856 in Limestone Township, Peoria County, Illinois; died 1928 in Bartonville, Illinois; married Elizabeth Fortune Powell Dec 24, 1878 in Limestone Township, Peoria County, Illinois.

6. Michael Morgan Powell^l, born Jan 15, 1819 in Radnor, South Wales. He married **7. Catherine Homer.**

7. Catherine Homer^l, born Abt. 1827 in Wales.

Notes for Michael Morgan Powell:

Emigrated to New York City and removed thence to Jefferson County, New York, where he

was Constable eight years and was twice elected Justice of the Peace. After his settlement in Peoria County he was Postmaster at Dowdallville, resigning to remove to Peoria to serve as Coroner, which office he occupied several terms. He was the first Notary Public in Limestone Township. In politics, he was a Democrat. Served as Coroner of Peoria County from 1876-1882. (Excerpted from " Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois and History of Peoria County;" edited by Newton Bateman, LL.D. and Paul Selby, A.M., and David McCulloch; Chicago and Peoria: Munsell Publishing Company, Publishers 1902.)

<http://genuki.org.uk/big/Indexes/PassengerLists/GuyMannering.html>; 02/25/02:

Passengers on the Emigrant Ship "Guy Mannering"

Sailed from Liverpool on May 22nd, 1849; arrived New York, June 28th. The Guy Mannering was launched in March 1849 at New York and this was her first east-west voyage. The captain was William Edwards.

The listing below is from NARA film Number M237 80-828, National Archives, Washington D.C. It has been rearranged in alphabetical order, but with family groupings retained.

Most of the passengers were Irish, but 58 (indicated by #) were lead miners and their families from the Allendale area of Northumberland, England, who had been blacklisted following an industrial dispute. The intended destination of these lead-miners was the lead-mining areas of southwestern Wisconsin and northwestern Illinois. Samuel Vickers and family are known to have settled in New Diggings, Lafayette County, Wisconsin. George Philipson also settled briefly in the same town, but by early 853 he was in California and by the end of the same year he had moved on to Victoria, Australia. Nothing is known of the other members of the party after their arrival in New York.

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Abbreviations: Lab Laborer/Labourer

Gtn Gentleman

USA Sailing "Great Britain to USA"

CAN Sailing "Great Britain to Canada"

POWELL, Michael 29 Lab USA

" Catherine 22 - - - USA

1880 United States Census, Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois. Family History Library Film 1254241; NA Film Number T9-0241, Page Number 240A:

Michael M. Age 60 Born Wales Coroner

Katherine H., wife Age 52 Born Wales Keeping House

Edward M., son Age 27 Born IL Teamster

Emma A., daughter Age 21 Born IL At Home

Maud M., daughter Age 12 Born IL At School

Notes for Catherine Homer:

Her name is sometimes listed as Catherine Haner.

Children of Michael Powell and Catherine Homer are:

- i. Ana Powell
- ii. Clyde Powell
- iii. Iola Powell, married Robert Manzer.
- iv. John Powell
- v. Mary Powell, married John Watrous.
- vi. Edward M. Powell¹, born 1843.
- 3 vii. Elizabeth Fortune Powell, born Apr 22, 1855 in Limestone Township, Peoria County, Illinois; married William Eugene Straesser Dec 24, 1878 in Limestone Township, Peoria County, Illinois.
- viii. Emma A. Powell¹, born 1859; married Christian Straesser.
- ix. Maud M. Powell¹, born 1868.

Generation No. 4

8. John Straesser He married **9. Fredericka Haller**.

9. Fredericka Haller She was the daughter of **18. Mr. Haller**.

Children of John Straesser and Fredericka Haller are:

- 4 i. Johannes Christian Straesser, born 1802 in Opfelsbaum, Wurttemberg; died May 13, 1888 in Limestone Township, Peoria County, Illinois; married Kathryn Haller in Martinsburg, Pennsylvania.
- ii. Anna Marie Straesser, married Jacob Lidle.
- iii. Katherine Straesser, married Franklin J. Collier.

10. Jacob Friedrich Haller, born 1792 in Kottweil, Wurttemberg. He was the son of **18. Mr. Haller**. He married **11. Dorothea**.

11. Dorothea, born 1789 in Streich, Wurttemberg.

Children of Jacob Haller and Dorothea are:

- 5 i. Kathryn Haller, born Jan 09, 1819 in Wurttemberg; died in Limestone Township, Peoria County, Illinois; married Johannes Christian Straesser in Martinsburg, Pennsylvania.
- ii. Anna Mary Haller, born Jan 21, 1821 in Kolweil, Wurttemberg; died Oct 27, 1881; married George Pfeiffer, Sr. 1837 in Spring Bay, Illinois; born Jan 11, 1813 in Erlenbach, Hesse-Darnstadt, Germany; died 1904 in Peoria County, Illinois.

More About George Pfeiffer, Sr.:

Burial: 1904, Springdale Cemetery, Peoria, Illinois

- iii. Eve Haller, married Mr. Stauffer.
- iv. Rosanna Haller, married Mr. Gabler.

- v. John Haller, married Martha Scott.

Notes for John Haller:

Lived at the corner of McClure and North Streets in Peoria, Illinois.

- vi. George Haller, died Jan 05, 1926; married Esther M. Houghtaling.
- vii. Jacob Haller

Generation No. 5

18. Mr. Haller

Children of Mr. Haller are:

- 9 i. Fredericka Haller, married John Straesser.
- 10 ii. Jacob Friedrich Haller, born 1792 in Kottweil, Wurttemberg; married Dorothea.

Endnotes

1. The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints (WWW Document). URL <http://www.familysearch.org>. Individual Record. 1880 United States Census. Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois. Family History Library Film 1254241; NA Film Number T9-0241, Page Number 240A.