

OUR ATKISON FAMILY

A brief record of the Atkison family as far back as I have been able to go at this date (June 8,1946)

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Janes -----Slack-----Atkison

Harriet Janes was born in Loudoun County Virginia June 2,1815. As a young girl, she made a sampler from linen which had been raised on her father's farm. At the age of 15, she married in Virginia, the exact county I have not been able to locate the record but the County clerk there say it is not recorded in Loudoun County, but it may have been in adjoining Fauquier Co.

We do know from other sources that it was Aug.1830 to Ephraim Slack born (1789) died (about May 2, 1836) He descended from an old New York or New Amsterdam family the original spelling being Slecht. The Revolutionary ancestor (note: his male children and his nephews of age also served in the Revolutionary War) of this family was Abram Slack who served in Captain Henry Van Horne's Company of Militia who enlisted from Newtown, Bucks County Pennsylvania (note: Abram and his family lived on a farm along the Delaware River in Lower Makefield Township, Bucks County, PA They attended the Old Presbyterian Church in Newtown).

Later, he moved to Bedford County, Virginia. where he died. Harret and Ephraim Slack were the parents of three children, all sons, namely Abram, Henry and John. Abram and Henry were born in Loudoun Co., Virginia, and in the summer of 1835, moved to McMinn Co., and their son John was born Dec.1835.

It was only a few years that the young father, Ephraim Slack was drowned in a mill race near Athens, Tenn, in McMinn County. The widow and her three sons lived with her husband's bachelor brother, Henry, in Tennessee.

Shortly, Harriet got word that her only brother ,Henry Janes was very ill with typhoid fever at his home in Morgan County, Ohio. She immediately started by horse back to Ohio. This journey took six weeks. She remained with him and never returned to Tenn. In Morgan County, she met and married Joseph Atkison, this date of marriage was March 14,1844. Joseph Atkison was born October 7, 1801, a son of [Perry Edward Atkinson and wife, Margaret],and died Sept 17, 1856 in Cadiz, his body was moved to Starr, Hocking County, Ohio, where he was buried at Starr Cemetery Row 9 – Lot #2: “ JOSEPH ATKINSON, died Sept. 17, 1856, aged 54 yrs 11 mo 7 10 d’s. Blessed are the dead, which die in the Lord.”

Harriet died on May 9, 1879 and was also buried at Starr Cemetery in Starr, Ohio, Hocking County, Ohio. They were the parents of six children. three boys and three girls.

1. Thomas Atkison born (about 1845 died November 3, 1918)
2. Nancy Atkison born (August 19, 1846, died February 6, 1926)
- 3, Margaret Atkison born May 1, 1848 died Mar. 4, 1892.
4. Exean Atkison born July 24, 1850 died Mar 4, 1935.
5. Samuel Atkison born July 26, 1853 died April 13, 1920 .
6. .Joseph Henry Atkison born Nov.11, 1856 died Feb.14, 1931.

They lived first in Vinton County, but at an early date went to near Starr in Hocking County, Ohio. They lived in Vinton County when their daughter Margaret was born and lived near Cadiz, which is the County seat of Harrison County when their youngest child and son Joseph Henry was born.

The father, Joseph Atkison, died before the birth of this son. So this proves that he must have died in or near Cadiz . Viola Morgan of Van Wert has a photograph of Joseph Atkison.

Harriet Janes-Slack-Atkison is buried on the hill where the Starr cemetery is located, near the village of Atarr.this has a monument. Margaret Atkison, wife of Charles Lawton Woodard. and later who married Rev. Wooley, is buried in the Middle Creek cemetery near Grover Hill.

Thomas Atkison and wife are buried in the Middle Creek Cemetery. Exean "Annie" Atkison, wife of Joseph Goodwin, are buried at the Middle Creek Cemetery near Grover Hill, Ohio.

Harriet Slack's son, Abram was born in 1831 and died at or near Cog Hill, Tennessee at the age of 79 years, in March in 1936. He had no children, but had been married twice. He was a fine man and a country physician. Abram was a veteran of the Civil war in the Confederate Army of Tennessee Infantry. He is buried in the Carlock Cemetery.

The second son, Henry, was born about 1833 and died in south eastern Tennessee. Henry was a farmer and soldier of the Civil War. Little is known of him, but he came to see his mother here in Ohio and she was spinning looked up and saw him coming and said " There comes my son Henry."

The youngest son, John, was born in Dec 19, 1835 near Athens, Tennessee soon after the family had reached there from Fauquier County Virginia. Died Oct.13, 1900. Lived near Johnson City, Tennessee. He was a newspaper publisher and his son was a State Representative.

I have complete records of this family. Also a photo of Uncle Abram Slack.

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