

Henry [Landers] was born in Sandusky, Ohio, on September 23, 1836, the son of William and Rosella Meeks Landers. He came to Bearcreek Township in Jay County in 1855, where he met Mary Armantrout, who was born in Darke County, Ohio, September 24, 1839, and whose parents were Charles and Susanna Michael Armantrout.

They also lived in Jay County. Henry and Mary were married on October 23, 1858, and he was a farmer in Bearcreek Township. During the Civil War he enlisted at the age of 26, on August 15, 1862 at Portland, Indiana in Company E, 89th Ind. He was wounded at Mumfordsville, Ky., and was taken prisoner in the same battle. Thirty days later he was paroled and joined his command in Indianapolis where he was detailed several times as a train guard. His grandfather also, named Henry, had served in the Revolutionary War. Henry and Rosella were the parents of William, Martha, Charles, Christina, John and Rebecca, Isaac, and James Wilbert.

James Wilbert Landers was born March 3, 1873 and married Martha Pearl Chapman on April 29, 1904. She was born July 3, 1881, the daughter of Henry and Mary Chapman. James W. was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad for many years, living in Bryant, Jay County and Geneva, Adams County. Their children were Viola, who died in childhood; Gladys, James Wilbert, Rozella and Romayne. Following is a short history of these children.

James W. was born in Bryant, Indiana on August 16, 1910. He married Jane McCurdy on May 25, 1936 and their children were James, Janice, John and Judy. Judy was born in Portland, July 3, 1937 and married Robert Doherty from Geneva, Indiana and later moved to Pennsylvania. Their children are Douglas, Kathy, Terry, Martha, Jane and Tammy. James Russel Landers was born in Portland on January 26, 1939 and married Grace Miao in Taiwan. They currently live in Honolulu, Hawaii, and have two children, Marcelle and Anthony. Dr. Landers teaches the Chinese language in the University of Hawaii.

John A. Landers was born in Portland October 31, 1945. He married Ellen Rosta of Munster, Indiana on June 24, 1972. They have two children, Renee and Alan, and live in Indianapolis where John is branch manager of a Merchants National Bank.

Judy Landers is the only one in this family to remain in Jay County. She was born May 21, 1947 in Portland and married Dick Corle on September 17, 1966. They have two daughters, Delayne and Christina. Judy is associated with her husband in his insurance agency, and they live in Pike Township.

Rozella Landers married Raymond Overla.

Romayne Landers was born December 28, 1918 and married Truman Odle. They lived in Pike Township and are both deceased. They lived in Pike Township and are both deceased. Their two children are Carl Joe Odle, who lives in Dayton, Ohio and Vickie who married Carter Leonhard and live in Jay County.

Submitted by Vickie Leonard, Jay County, Indiana 1982