

LEAS, Sophia

In Waterloo, Ind., June 13, 1883, Mrs. Sophia Leas, ages 84 years, 4 months and 11 days.

The funeral took place Thursday afternoon, June 14, from the First Reformed church. Rev. F. F. Christine, pastor of the above church, preached from Timothy, 4th chapter, 6th, 7th, and 8th verses. Rev. Butler, of the United Brethren church, Rev. Dr. Shepherd, of the Disciple church, and Rev. VanSlyke, of the Methodist church, were present and participated in the service. The deceased was born in Adams county, Penn., on the 3d of February, 1799. At the age of 18 she was united in the holy bonds of wedlock to Mr. John Leas, Sr. In this union they were blessed with twelve children, forty-two grandchildren, twenty-five great grandchildren, a total of seventy-nine. Grandmother Leas was a member of the Reformed church. In the morning of life in obedience to the call of her Savior, she entered into covenant relations with Christ, which were never broken during her long and well spent life. For several years she was very much afflicted, and as her natural strength gave way she looked forward by faith to that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. She hath truly fought the fight and the loveliness of her life and the fragrance of her memory and her state of redemption and bliss will lure on her kindred and friends to seek entrance at the strait gate that leadeth unto life. She hath gone up through tribulation and washed her robe and made it white in the blood of the Lamb. May her kindred in the body follow on until the day of final deliverance and reunion shall take place.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Col. John Leas Sr born 18 May 1798 in Adams Co., PA; died 11 Feb 1875 in Waterloo, DeKalb Co., IN. On 22 Sep 1839 in Stark Co., Ohio, married Sophia (Spangler) Leas, born 03 Feb 1799 in Adams Co., PA and died on 13 Jun 1883. John was the son of John Leas, 10 Sep 1755 – 20 May 1847 who, on 06 Feb 1780, married Sophia (Ziegler) Leas, 13 Apr 1761 – 16 Sep 1852.

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND SOPHIA LEAS

Elizabeth (Leas) Miller, born Dec 1818/1822 and died in Angola, Steuben County, IN, on 25 Dec 1883. In Aug 1857, married Samuel J. Miller.

Jacob Leas, 08 March 1821 – 25 Jan 1887. On 02 Oct 1851, married Isabella (Shipe) Leas, 29 Jul 1830 – 26 Sep 1901. Isabella was the daughter of Mathias and Catherine (Deeds) Shipe and was born in Mount Pleasant, West Moreland Co., PA.

Leonard Leas, 06 Aug 1824 – 13 Mar 1833.

Sophia (Leas) Baird, 04 Nov 1826 in Stark Co., Ohio; died 17 Aug 1895 in Auburn, DeKalb County, Indiana. On 31 Jul 1870 became the second wife of Frank Baird, born 17 Sep 1817 in Lancaster, PA; died 24 Apr 1899. They are buried in DeKalb Co., IN. He was the son of John and Agnes (Andrews) Baird. His

first wife was Hester (Stoner) Baird who died in 1869. Frank and Hester Baird had six children – Amelia, wife of Isaac Beachlar, John H., Calvin L., Thomas F., Zara M., and William R.

William Leas, 27 Mar 1830 – 23 Jul 1864, married Susan (Shaffstall) Leas, daughter of Christian Shaffstall, 25 Aug 1806 – 22 Nov 1880 and Della (Rowe) Shaffstall.

John Leas II, 12 Jul 1815/1816 in Gettysburg, Adams County, Pennsylvania; died 16 Jun 1897 in Angola, Steuben County, Indiana. Buried at Waterloo, DeKalb Co., IN. On 22 Sep 1839 in Stark Co., Ohio, he married Susanna (Shimpff) Leas, born 17 Aug 1820 in Neustadt, Germany. She died 15 Jun 1881. On 01 Dec 1881, he married Amanda (Mallory) Patterson Leas, born 13 Mar 1828 at Ira, Rutland Co., VT. She died on 02 Jun 1926 at Angola, Steuben Co., Indiana. She was the daughter of David Mallory, 14 Feb 1794 – 14 Oct 1864, and Cynthia (Collins) Mallory, 30 Nov 1790 – 20 Oct 1868. Amanda's first husband was Robert Patterson, 25 Feb 1820 – 30 Apr 1872.

Susannah Ann Leas, born 07 Sep 1831.

Augustus Spangler Leas, born in Stark County, Ohio, on 31 August 1833. Married first, Nancy (Ford) Leas. They had one child – Franklin Leas. Married second, Electa Melissa (Fay) Leas of Bryan, Ohio. She was born 06 Feb 1840 and died 02 May 1877. They had 4 children, three living: Frederick, Nannie, and Agnes. His third wife was Aurelia Nancy Amidon (Teems) Leas.

Obadiah Leas, 07 Apr 1836 – 01 Oct 1888, married Sarah Z. (Zwilling) Leas, 18 Apr 1838 – 11 Dec 1910.

Adeline E. (Leas) Yeazy, 1840/1841 – 1919. She married John Albert Yeazy who died in 1924.

Emanuel R. Leas, 1838 – 1898, married Ruth (Campbell) Leas, 1843 – 1932.

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