



Evilsizer/Evilsizor

Family Research NewsLetter

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Greetings to fellow Evilsizer/Evilsizor family members, researchers, and other interested parties,

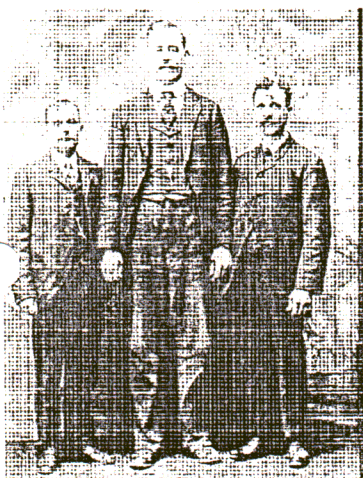
This summer has been quite full and has gone by so very quickly. With the school year about to begin and my own children soon to begin embarking on their next adventure, I sit and type out a summary of the most eventful things I ran across or was sent this summer. I do thank those of you who are so kind and generous with your research. You make this newsletter possible.

I spent an afternoon at my grandparent's farmhouse. Once a house of overflowing with people, it looked quite different empty and with so many of the familiar items gone. I sat and poured over boxes of memorabilia and old family snapshots. I've enclosed a couple which I was particularly please to find in this edition of the newsletter. Also enclosed is a wonderful letter which does a fantastic job of explaining a plausible theory of the Old Jacob Legend! I look forward to hearing from you and hearing of your family history notes!

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This reproduction is of a photo was recently discovered in my Grandmother's home in Urbana, Ohio. The man in the center is Charles Irvin Evilsizer, my g- grandfather. He married Rosa Spahr and they had two sons, Minard Isaac and Ivan.

C. I was a well-known county commissioner who died in 1931 on Champaign County, in Urbana, Ohio. Charles Irvin, born Jan. 31, 1876 in Ohio and died Jan. 23, 1931. He married Rosa Spahr March 18, 1908. Charles's father was Isaac Newton Evilsizor (born. Nov. 6, 1852- died Oct. 24, 1930) and Effie Rilla Lippencott.

Isaac is a son of Squire Evilsizor.

At this time, the identity of the other two men remains a mystery. Do any of you recognize them?

WEB SITE!

Have submitted a New EVILSIZER Web Page to Family Tree Maker on line.

Please check it out. It has the Descendants of Joshua and of Henry.

<http://www.familytreemaker.com/users/k/o/s/Sandi-J-Koscak/>

Welcome to ideas, and other info you all would like to add.

-Sandi

THE FAMILY TREE

I Think that I shall never see
the finish of a family tree,
As it forever seems to grows
From its roots that started long ago
Way back in ancient history times,
In foreign land and distant climes.
From them grew trunk and branching limb,
That dated back to times so dim.
One seldom knows exactly when
The parents met and married then,
Nor when the twigs began to grow
With odd named children row on row...
Though verse like this is made by me,
The end's in sight as you can see.
'Tis not the same with family trees
That grow and grow through centuries!

-Author Unknown

from Genealogy Digest, Winter 1988



Sarah Genevieve (Parady) Evilsizer AGE 4 month. She was born April 23, 1911, thus this photo was taken about August of 1911. (Sarah Genevieve is the wife of Minard Isaac Evilsizer. Minard is the son of Charles Irvin. See photo above.) Genevieve now resides at Champaign County Nursing Home in Urbana, Ohio. Minard died in Sept. 1982.

CORRECTION:

Josiah Evilsizer, his daughter Bessie was born from the 2nd marriage, not the first.

- Catherine Auble, researcher

Old Obituaries reveal family history:

Jay County Historical Society, INC.
PO Box 1282
Portland, Ind. 47371

T.B. Evelsizer - a physician and surgeon, of Green Township removed to Jay County in 1869. His parents were Henry and Mary Jane (Patterson) Evelsizer. His wife Mary (Castle), Evelsizer, daughter of Amos and Rutha Jane (Kim) Castle, was born October 26, 1844, in Fulton County, Illinois.

They were married in Knox County, Illinois, November 18, 1859. Nine children have blessed their union, namely:

- Elhory, born March 5, 1861;
- Stephen Allen, March 20, 1863;
- George William, November 14, 1865; died Feb. 2, 1867;
- Viola Jane, Dec. 3, 1867;
- Margaret Ann, June 10, 1871;
- Mary Agnes, March 19, 1873, died May 30, 1878;
- William Henry, Sept. 20, 1875;
- Elizabeth Arila, Feb. 15, 1878;
- Aquila Arilla, May 15, 1880.

Dr. Evelsizer had his birth in Delaware County, Indiana. September 27, 1838. He is the present coroner of Jay County, being elected in October 1878; re-elected in 1880. He graduated and received diploma at the Chicago Medical College, in the autumn of 1858, has practiced medicine and surgery in Illinois, is at present practicing medicine in Greene Township.

His father, Henry Evelsizer, was one of the early settlers of the county, he aiding in the first survey thereof. His death occurred in Jay County October 10, 1879, he being in his eightieth year. Address Greene.

Hartford City - Joseph Dale (Joey) Evilsizer, 15-year

old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Evilsizer, died at 10:30 A.M. Sunday at the Blackford County Hospital. He had been ill for nine years with muscular dystrophy. Funeral services will be held at 10 A.M. Wed. at the Wesleyan Methodist Church, the Rev. C.A. Hoover, pastor officiating. Burial will be in the IOOF Cemetery. The News-Sentinel, Fort Wayne, Jan 25, 1995

Richard L. Evilsizer

Sept. 8, 1944- April 4, 1991

South Bend Tribune, South Bend, April 6, 1991

White Pigeon - Richard L. Evilsizer, 46, of 68468 Mott St., died at 3:45 P.M. Friday at Sturgis Hospital after an illness. Mr. Evilsizer was a truck driver for Evilsizer Trucking. He was born Sept. 8, 1944, in Springfield, Ohio but spent most of his life in this area. On Dec. 28, 1963, in White Pigeon, he married Shirley J. Skeels. She survives with three sons, Gordon, Gary, and Greg, all of White Pigeon; two sisters, Dorothy Steiner of Springfield, and Nicki Platz of White Pigeon; and a brother, Robert of White Pigeon. He was a member of the Cass County Conservation Club and the White Pigeon United Methodist Church. Services will be at 1 P.M. Monday at Farrand Funeral Home. Burial will be in White Pigeon Cemetery. Friends may call from 7 to 9 P.M. today and 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the White Pigeon Library Memorial Book Fund.

Leonard Morris

Evilsizer - was born in Kanawa County, Virginia, September 2, 1816. he gains a livelihood by farming. Steeled in Jay County in 1837, and married Frances Dye, in Knox Twp., Jay Col, April 4, 1839. She is the daughter of Minor and Deliah (Long) Dye, who were born in Greene County, Pennsylvania, at which place the death of Mr. Dye occurred. Mrs. Dye met her death in Jay County, Indiana.

Mr. Evelsizer is the father of eleven children, named respectively:

- Eliza Ann, born May 30, 1840, died in Miami Co., Ohio March 30, 1842;
- Matilda Jane, Nov. 29, 1841, died in Miami Co., March 25, 1842;
- Minor, born Feb. 4, 1843, resides in Jay Co., Indiana.
- Priscilla, born Aug. 19, 1845, resides in Montgomery County, Indiana;
- James, born and died July 15, 1848;
- Margaret born June 15, 1849, is a resident of Jay County;
- Louis M. born July 16, 1851, resides in Jay County;
- Mary Frances, born August 19, 1854, is a resident of Montgomery County, Indiana;
- Albert W., born Sept. 19, 1856, resides in Jay County, Indiana;
- Sarah Maria, born September 11, 1858, is a resident of Jay County;
- Kipher, born July 2, 1861, died Oct. 14, 1865.

Henry and Elizabeth (Idle) Evilsizer, residents of Champaign, County, Ohio, and who were born in Virginia, are the parents of Leonard Evilsizer. His son Minor, fought in the War of 1862. Henry Evilsizer was one of the early settlers. Mail received at Portland.

Leonard M. Evilsizer came to this county in 1837. He cleared 200 acres and has owned 1,200 acres in the county; also owns 193 acres in Iowa.

S.P. Evilsizer, Former Mayor, Dies in Ohio

Samuel P. Evilsizer, village president, of Libertyville in 1931-32 and building commissioner since May 1937, died suddenly at 12:30 P.M., Sunday, Jan 9, 1938, at the home of his brother, Charles, in St. Paris, Ohio, where he had gone to visit.

Cause of his death was a heart attack occasioned by the excessive strain of a heavy meal on his weakened stomach. He had been troubled before with internal hemorrhages.

Mr. Evilsizer was 64 years old. He had lived in Libertyville more than a quarter of a century, taking a deep interest in civic growth of Libertyville and in the development of the town's business and residence sections. At the time of his death he was the owner of several properties here and was thought to be in fairly good health.

Funeral services were held yesterday at 2 P.M. from the home of at 336 Milwaukee Ave. The Rev. Samuel W. Vose officiated and pall bearers were: Village President. A.E. Suter, Police Chief Frank Druba, two nephews, James Gannon of Chicago and John Gannon of Evanston; and two grandsons, Bruce and Robert Kilby of Evanston. Burial was in Ascension cemetery.

The body was delivered to the Ray-Burnett funeral home Monday morning from Ohio.

Samuel Paul Evilsizer was born Oct. 23, 1873. He was married on June 30, 1892, to Catherine Wynn at Urbana, Ohio. A year later the couple moved to Evanston. About the year 1902 the family moved to Libertyville. After a residence here of 13 years, Mr. Evilsizer took up work in Paxton, Ill., where they lived for five years. They then returned to Libertyville.

In February, 1922, Mr. Evilsizer was named water superintendent of the village and he held that position until May, 1926, according to records in the clerk's office. At one time he was in charge of Public Service here and later went into his own electrical contracting business.

Mrs. Evilsizer preceded her husband in death on January 25, 1937.

Surviving are four daughters: Mrs. Gertrude Karnitz, Waukegan; Mrs. Florence Kilby, Evanston; Mrs. Ruth Knigge and Mrs. Mildred Delthron, both of Libertyville.

The Independent Register
Libertyville, Illinois, Thursday, January 13, 1938

The Independent-Register
Libertyville, IL, Thursday, January 28, 1937

Services held Tuesday for Mrs. Evilsizer

-Funeral services for Mrs. Katherine Evilsizer (Katie), 61, of 336 Milwaukee Ave., who died early Monday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mildred Diethorn on Lake St., were held Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at the St. Joseph's Church with interment following the services at Ascension Cemetery.

Mrs. Evilsizer is survived by her husband Samuel, a former president of the village board; four daughters, Mrs. Ruth Knigge and Mrs. Diethorn, of Libertyville, Mrs. Gertrude Marnitz of Waukegan and Mrs. Florence Kilby of Evanston; two sisters, Mrs. Anna Downs and Mrs. J. Gannon, and one brother J. Wynn, all of Evanston. There were eight grandchildren.

Mrs. Evilsizer became ill about a month ago with an attack of influenza but was considered completely recovered from that sickness. A week ago Sunday, she had gone to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Diethorn, during the afternoon to take care of her grandchildren while Mrs. Diethorn and Mrs. Knigge were away from home. When they returned they found Mrs. Evilsizer unconscious on the basement floor. From that time until her death she had recovered consciousness only for one day.

Indiana-Michigan

Obituaries South Bend Tribune,
Nov. 1, 1987

-Don L. Evilsizer

LAPORTE - Don L. Evilsizer, 76, of 6036 W County Road 370 N., died at 4 P.M. Saturday in LaPorte Hospital. Mr. Evilsizer was retired from the Michigan City School Corp. and was former owner of Don's Truck Stop in The Pines and of the Petroleum and Equipment Co. He was born March 17, 1911 in Garrett, Ind. On Feb. 20, 1943, in Fort Lewis, Wash., he married Ethel Stearns. She survives along with two sons, James Robert of Dubuque, Iowa, and Garry Lee of Fort Madison, Iowa; several grandchildren; two sisters, Maxine Smith of Lafayette, Ind., and Ellen Mae Gerbrick of LaPorte; and a brother, Mirwood Francis of LaPorte. He was a member of the First Church of God and the LaPorte Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Services will be 1 P.M. Tuesday in Haverstock Funeral Home, where friends may call from 5 to 9 P.M. Monday and until the time of services Tuesday. Burial will be in Pine Lake Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the church building fund.

Legend of Old Jacob

Chronological FACT Sheet to 'prove' the theory of TWO different Evilsizer men.

US. JACOB

Notice the evolution of the name!

HESSIAN JACOB

2= Jacob Uebelshauer/Idelshauer the Hessian soldier

2= Oct. 1776 Hessian troops began arriving in New York

2= Oct. 1777, Jacob Uebelshaeuser taken prisoner of war.

Taken From: Marburg Archivschule NR 10 7082 - Uebelshauer, Nikolas, no age given, no place or origin, GR Private - JAG - Courier Corps, deserted to enemy. _ 10, 1777

2= May 1778, Jacob Uebelshaeuser ransomed from prisoner of war status.

1= 1779 Jacob EVELSHEIMER on tax list in Exeter Twp., Berks Co. PA.

1= 1780 Jacob EVELSHEIMER on tax list in Exeter Twp., Berks Co. PA

1= 1781 * Birth of Daughter Mary (*if age 18 when married 12/27/1799 in Augusta Co., VA) Jacob signed permission for his daughter to marry.

1= 1781 - Berks Co. Church Records - vol. 1- Schwartzwald Reformed Church, JOHANN JACOB EWELSZEISER, son of Johann Jacob and _____, born 5 Sept. 1781, baptized 12/23/1781. Sponsors: Hartman Schuchert, and wife, Sarah

2= Dec. 1781 Jacob Uebelshaeuser repatriated to Hesse, Germany as an invalid.

2= Oct. 1782 Jacob Uebelshaeuser separated from military (discharged) in Europe.

1= 1782 Jacob EVELHEISER on tax list in Exeter Twp., Berks Co., PA

1= April 2, 1783, birth of son John; Baptism 11/16/1786; parents Jacob and Elizfaberth Evilsheiser; sponsors - Child's parents. Recorded St. Paul Lutheran & Reformed Church, Amityville (Now Athol), Amity Twp., Berks Co., PA

2= Nov. 26, 1783 Johann Jacob Idelshaeuser married in Germany his cousin Anne Elizabeth Ebelshaeuser.

1= 1783 Jacob IVELSHEISER on tax list in Exeter Twp., Berks Co., PA

1= 1784 Exeter Twp., Berks Co., PA, Jacob EVELSHEYSER, laborer, six persons in household.

1= NOV. 10, 1784, birth of daughter, Sarah; baptism NOV 16, 1786; parents Jacob and Elizabeth EVILSHEISER; sponsor - Eva Booyer; recorded St. Paul Lutheran and Reformed Church, Amityville, Amity Twp., Berks, Co., PA

1= APR 2, 1786, birth of daughter Anne Margaret; baptism NOV 16, 1786; parents Jacob and Elizabeth EVILSHEISER; sponsor, Margaret Schroeder; recorded St. PAUL Lutheran and Reformed Church, Amityville, Amity Twp., Berks Co., PA

1= NOV 16, 1786 Baptism of John, Sarah & Anne Margaret; Three children of FJacob and Ellizabeth EVILSHEISER

2= AUG 5, 1787, birth of daughter Anna Elisabeth in Germany

1= 1788 Militia Voucher - Rockingham Co., VA to Capt. John Rushe's Company 14, Jacob EVILSIZER; 1 tithable, 3 horses.

1= JUNE 22, 1789 John EVILSISOR bound to Christopher How by Overseers of the Poor, Rockingham Co., VA

1= June 22, 1789, Sarah Evilsizor, poor child of Jacob Evilsisor, bound to Samuel Miller by Overseers of the Poor, Rockinham Co., VA

1= AUG 27, 1789, Mary Evilsizer, a poor child of _____ Evillsisor bound to Ezekiel Harrison by Overseers of the Poor, Rockingham Co., VA

1= DEC 27, 1799, Mary EVILSIZER married William HAM, Augusta Co., VA. Her father, Jacob UEBELSAUFTZER gave signed permission.

1= 1804, Personal Property Tax List, West District, Jacob EVALSIZER, Rockingham, VA

1= 1805, Persoanl Property Tax List in NW District - Jacob EVALSIZER, Rockingham Co., VA

2= JAN 25, 1807, Daughter Anna Elizabeth married in Dodenhausen, Germany to Johan Heinrich Voehl in Haddenberg, Germany

1= 1807 Personal Property Tax List N W Dist. Jacob EVELSIZER- Rockingham Co., VA

1= 1810 Personal Property Tax List N W Dist. Jacob EVELSIZER, Rockingham Co., VA

1= 1810 US Census, Rockingham Co., VA - Jacob EVILSIZER

1M 45 & Older

1F 26-44

1 M 10-16

1M 16-25

3 10-15

2= Jacob's wife died in Germany (See German Church Records)

1= 1812 Personal Property Tax List N W Dist. Jacob EVELSIZER, Rockingham Co., VA

1= 1813 Personal Property Tax List N W Dist. Jacob EVELSIZER, Rockingham Co., VA

2= OCT 19, 1813, Jacob died in Germany, (See German church Records)

1= 1814 Personal Property Tax List N W Dist. Jacob EVELSIZER, Rockingham Co., VA

Deaths

-Paul G. Evilsizer, 54, of Fort Myers, Fla., died Sunday. The Fort Wayne native retired after 15 years as a plumber and construction worker. He was a veteran of the Marines. Surviving are daughters, Sherry Kruckeberg and Tami, both of Fort Wayne; son, William, of Fort Wayne; mother, Helen Thurber of Fort Myers; two sisters; and three grandchildren. Memorial services will be scheduled. Preferred memorials are gifts to the American Cancer Society.

Pauline Evilsizer, 76, Hartford City, died Wednesday. Surviving are four daughters, including Clara May Evilsizer and Rose Lee Evilsizer, both of Fort Wayne. Services are 10 a.m. Monday in Keplinger Funeral Home. Preferred memorials are gifts to Grace United Methodist Church, Hartford City.

Mrs. Evilsizor Succumbs at 72

-Mrs. Rosa Evilsizor, 72, widow of C.I. Evilsizor, well-known former county commission, who died in 1931, died at 11:30 p.m. Thursday at her home, Urbana Rout 4, south of the city. She had suffered a stroke of paralysis on Saturday from which she did not recover.

Mrs. Evilsizor was born in Clermont county, June 23, 1868, but had lived most of her life near Urbana.

Surviving are two sons, Minard, Urbana, and Ivan, at home; three brothers, Christian Spahr, New Moorefield; Leonard Spahr, Springfield; and Charles Spahr, Albuquerque, New Mexico; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted from the residence at 2 p.m. Monday with Dr. Harry W Barr, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, officiating. Entombment will be made by Humphreys and Son Co, in the Grand View Mausoleum. The body was to be returned to the residence late Friday afternoon, where friends may call.

As many of us researchers know there has been an ongoing discussion of the OLD JACOB theory involving documents of a Jacob in Germany while there is also info on a Jacob in America. The Chronological chart in the preceeding pages illustrates the events that took place so many years ago. Flossie Hulsizer and Sandi Kosack did much of the compiling of data to help sort out the data. Sharon Durels has also had an impact on the compiling of this data.

What follows is a letter sent to Sandi Kosack from Dwight Viehland. He has an interesting and plausible theory of our LEGEND Story. Please read for yourselves and let us hear from you of your opinion of this idea!!

"I did some thinking on the information you sent. I pick up that there are actually three UEBELSCHAUSER men:

i. Johann Jacob

ii. Johannes

iii. Nikolas.

Johan Jacob was born 27 DEC 1752, has a record for 'enlisting' into the Hessian Army, was taken as a POW, was made an invalid, returned home, separated from the Army, was married in Germany, and had a daughter.

Johannes was born 30 MAR 1751, has a record for 'enlisting' into the Hessian Army, has no record of discharge from the Army, was married in Germany, and had a son named Johannes Jacob.

Nikolas was born on an unknown date, in an unknown place in Germany, does not have a record for 'enlisting' in the Hessian Army, has a record for desertion from the Hessian Army (presumably between 1778-1780), and has no records after that. (i.e. he disappears).

OK, I think there is a very simple solution to this three body problem. First, all three men speak only German. Consequently, they would have a hard time surviving in Early America, in particular during the Revolutionary War. Probably all three men came from the same area in Germany and were some combination of cousins and/or brothers.

Now, when Johann Jacob was taken POW and later wounded, well from a German perspective he sort of became a hero, and from US perspective it was a sort of tragedy. So, his reputation is not so bad. However, when Nikolas deserted from the Hessian Army, well his reputation was not so good. After deserting from the Hessian Army, Nikolas probably found life in Colonial America quite tough. He could not speak English very well, in addition to being significantly cultural different than WASP America. So, the only way that he could survive was to locate himself in PA German Community. He could then communicate very well, he knew the cultural, he was more probable to find employment, etc.

However, Nikolas had a problem in that his reputation was not so good, as he was one of the 'evil deserters'. Even in America, the PA Germans were still Germans. As we all know, Germans can be very narrow-minded, and value discipline and military service. So, if the PA German community found out about his desertion, well he was in deep trouble. If the war was not over, they might have turned him over to the Hessian Army, at which time he would have been executed. If they did not do that, well they would have tarred and feathered him. Then where does he go? How does he survive? He can't go home because if he is found he will probably be executed.

Nikolas did have one option open to him, in which he could completely cover his tracks. He would become Johann Jacob (his brother or cousin). He would become a 'hero' rather than an 'evil one'. He could find employment in the PA German community, and he could begin to build a new life. He could then later move on out of the community and be forgotten.

I do not think that it is necessary to have Johannes or Johann Jakob have any children in the USA. The children born in Berks Co., PA all probably belonged to Nikolas AKA Jacob. I do wonder if Nikolas left any family behind in Germany, though?

So, in conclusion, I think that maybe there is something to the 'legends of "Ole JAKOB"'. I think the probabilities very high that he is actually Nikolas Uebelschauser.

Regards, Dwight Viehland, University of Illinois Urbana, IL

Chistopher McCarty and wife Elizabeth Evilsizer

Christopher McCarty was born between 1790 and 1795 in North Carolina to unknown parents. He moved to Clark County, Ohio where he married Elizabeth Evilsizer on May 14, 1822. He remained in Ohio until the 1830 Census; and moved to Indiana in 1831 (by birthplace of son Henry).

Christopher & Elizabeth had seven children:

1. Elizabeth 1823-1857 {Christian Huffman}
2. Henry abt. 1831 - death unknown {Ann Loy}
3. William abt 1833, death unknown {Elizabeth Rader}
4. John abt 1837 - death unknown {Caroline Poppy}
5. Jacob abt 1841 - death unknown {Melinda Nicholas}
6. Peter abt. 1842 - death unknown {Elizabeth Phillips}
7. Susannah abt. 1842 - death unknown. {Susannah's name came from the 1850 Ohio Court Case.}

Christopher was widowed by 1850. In the 1850 Census, he had come to Pulaski County, Indiana from Montgomery County, Indiana where he was in 1840. In 1850, he instituted a court case in which he sued to estate of his late father-in-law, Henry Evilsizer, to get a settlement for his children. He married Julia White on March 24, 1861, in Pulaski County.

In the early 1860's, his son William was declared insane. William and his guardian sued Christopher for money owed to William. Christopher sued his stepson in the late 1860's over a land deal.

Christopher died on April 23, 1869, in Pulaski County. His burial site is unknown but may be an unmarked grave in Sutton Cemetery near his daughter Elizabeth Huffman.

Elizabeth Evilsizer was born in 1800 in Virginia to HENRY and ELIZABETH (Idle) EVILSIZER. Little is known about her. She was dead by 1849. Place of death and grave site are probably in Montgomery or Pulaski County, Indiana.