
EVILSIZER EXCHANGE

Evilsizer-Evilsizor-Evelsizer-Evensizer

March 2003

PROUD TO HAVE THE NAME

Ebenezer Findley Thompson Evilsizer

was adopted by John Evilsizer Jr and Mary "Polly" Arnold. The following info on the ancestry of Ebenezer was furnished by rlashley@1st.net (Randy Lashley), a Thompson Descendant.

I am recording first, some old papers mainly receipts that are signed or bear the signatures of early relatives, or preachers or men of note or importance then in the community & which I told Mr & Mrs Huston I wanted to keep & they said I could. I am entering them in the order of their dates:

No. 1. This is certify that I received an obligation of Samuel Sproat bearing date the 23d day of October, 1773 & due the first day of November 1780 for which obligation I do promise to pay an obligation of S. Sproat to Thos Wilson & signed to Thos Dunwidy bearing the date the 26th day of August 1773 & due the first day of November 1780. Witness my hand & seal this 29th day of October 1781. William Adair

Witness prest: Jas McElhiney, James Thompson

No. 2. Feby 28, 1816. Received of Joseph Sproat forty eight dollars to pay for the use of James Thompson Senr and 33.00 for the use of James Thompson Junr by me.

Ebenezer Finley

Dated Apr 21, 1827 Samuel Finley (seal) Witness: John

McConnell, Wm McKinley. a holographic will probated Sept 14, 1869

38. Will of Samuel Finley Book 3 P 262 Wills:
To my wife, Catharine Finley for life or widowhood all estate

2nd My son Ebenezer Finley, Elizabeth, John, Rebecca Jane, Williams, [sic] Joseph, Sarah Mary Melvina and Ezra Finley which is all the children I have got , I have given them \$600 each with an equal outfit.

James Thompson, Born Feby 20, 1758 she thinks in Maryland. He died in Guernsey Co 1 1/2 miles from Old Hartford, now Buffalo O on Oct 8, 1835. He was married Apr 15, 1779 to Mary Ann Jackson who was born Feby 24, 1761 & was the daughter of Robert Jackson & his wife, Mary Henthorn. Her father, Robert Jackson was senior son of Hugh Jackson was born March 17, 1733 in the Kingdom of Ireland, County of Fermanagh, Ireland. Mary Henthorn was born in Chester Co Pa Sept 29, 1733 daughter of James & Mary Henthorn. Much of this was taken from the Bible record of Abraham Thompson, Uncle of Mrs Burns' father. Mrs Burns said in talking to her aunt Harriet Jackson Taylor, sister of her father Ebenezer F. Thompson, she asked her: "Aunt Harriet, what did your Father call Prest Andrew Jackson". She replied "He called him Uncle". Mary Ann Jackson Thompson died Mch 30, 1835

William Thompson, Born Oct 9, 1783 in Fayette Co Pa married Dec 3, 1805 to Elizabeth Finley daughter of Ebenezer Finley by his first wife Jane Kinlead. He was a judge here, was a man of importance & tasty & careful in his dress & apparel. He died June 21, 1833 & she died July 3, 1860 & both are buried in the cemetery here at Senecaville O.

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Ebenezer Finley Thompson, Born Dec 25, 1807 in Fayette Co Pa, Died Jan 21, 1884 in Senecaville O, married May 20, 1845 to Mercy Louisa Halley of near Byesville O who was the daughter of Edward Halley & his wife Mary Wartenbee of French extraction. Mercy Louisa was born in Muskingum Co below Zanesville O Aug 13, 1816 & died in Senecaville O Dec 27, 1893. Both buried in the Cemetery here. He in early life was a merchant in Senecaville O & would have run for congress had he not about this time concluded to go into the ministry. He then about 1833 or earlier went to Uniontown Pa & attended Madison College. Later, he went to the College at Athens O & equipped himself for the ministry & was ordained in the Cumb Pres Church. He labored in the ministry, very laboriously & successfully until his health broke down. He then retired to his farm adjoining this property where his daughter-in-law now lives & which he bought fr the estate of his father, William Thompson, who had owned this property of abt 5 A which was a part of his farm of about 250 A & he gave abt 3 A to Rev Wm Godfrey Keil who came here from Strasburg VA to induce him to remain here & labor in the ministry. Keil built this house abt 1830 & Langdon S. Thompson married his daughter.

Ebenezer was adopted into the Evilsizer family and he proudly took the name. His parents, Ebenezer F Thompson and Mercy S Haley were married July 19, 1845, after Ebenezer was born.



Ebenezer served in the Civil War and was a private in Company E, 122nd Regt, of the Ohio Volunteer infantry. He was reported 150 lbs, 5'8", blue eyes, fair complexion, light hair. He was captured in Winchester VA on June 15th, 1863 and held at the Libbey Prison at Richmond, VA & Belle Island Prison, exchanged on July 23rd, 1863 and later discharged on June 26th, 1865. After his discharge he lived in Wood Co, then later moved to Noble Co, Ohio. He Had 7 children by his fist wife

Frank Evilsizer, has a hand made brass pin with picture of Susanna, his pocket knife and his cap and ball Navy Colt 32 pistol. He was to have taken it from a prison guard. He escaped. Captured 6/15/1863 battle of Winchester, VA.

Adjutant Generals Office, Columbus, Ohio, December 3, 1954

Know ye that the records of this office show that Ebenezer T Evilsizer was enlisted as a Private in Company E, 122nd Regiment, Ohio Vol. Infantry on the 22nd day of August 1862 and was mustered into the United States Service as such for the period of 3 years, on the 30th day of September, 1862 at Camp Zanesville, Ohio, by Charles C Goddard, Capt 17th Inf. USA Mustering Officer and that he was captured June 15, 1863, at battle of Winchester* Virginia; mustered out with the Company June 26, 1865 , near Washington, D.C. by J C Robinson, brevet Major and A C M a3d Division, 6th Army Corps. He was 22 years of age when he entered service.

signed Leo M Kreber
Adjutant General of Ohio

122nd Ohio Infantry

Organized in October, 1862, under Colonel William H. Ball, it soon moved into West Virginia, where it remained in active service until January, 1863. It operated in the Shenandoah Valley until July, when it went in pursuit of Lee in his retreat from Gettysburg. The Regiment continued to operate in Virginia, and under Grant participated in the battles of the Wilderness, and under Butler in front of Petersburg. In July it followed Early, north and fought at Winchester and Cedar Creek with Sheridan in September. The Regiment returned to the front of Petersburg, remaining until the fall of Richmond; it then joined in the pursuit of Lee and was present at the surrender. After participating in the review at Washington it was mustered out July 26, 1865.

***Second battle of Winchester, June 14, 1863**

On June 14, 1863, General Robert H Milroy was defending Winchester from positions at West Fort, Milroy Fort and Star Fort, west and north of the town. Confederate forces, under Ewell, were enroute through Winchester to Pennsylvania in a campaign destined to end in failure at Gettysburg three weeks later. Early's division of Ewell's army was sent around to the west of the Union fortifications to attack eastward from Little North Mountain. The Federal troops were driven from West Port to Milroy and Star Forts further east. Milroy, outnumbered by Confederate forces from the south and west, withdrew during the night of June 14-15 via the martinsburg Pike. Before dawn on June 15,(Ebenezer captured this day) his force was intercepted and attacked by Johnson's Confederate division. The Union retreat

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became a flight to the Potomac with heavy loses.
CASUALTIES Killed 95 Wounded 443 Missing 2,820

The will of Ebenezer Evilsizer was filed in 1902.

Be it remembered that on the 24th day of July, 1902 an application was filed in this court as follows:

In the matter of the Will of Ebenezer Evilsizer, deceased.

In the Probate Court of Hancock County, Ohio.

And now comes Paul Kemerer and f.du.ces for admission to Probate in said court, a written instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Ebenezer Evilsizer late resident of the township of Findlay in Hancock County, Ohio, who died on or about the 15th day of July A.D., 1902, leaving an estate in said Hancock County. Said testator died leaving Anna Evilsizer, his widow, and the following persons, all of his next of kin, resident in the state of Ohio.

Harriet Knox, Daughter, Sarahville, OH

Maggie Early, daughter, Cumberland, OH

Dora Evilsizer, daughter, Columbus, OH

Hiram Evilsizer, son, New Concord, OH

Oma Evilsizer, son, New Concord, OH

Emma Davis, daughter, New Concord, OH

Logan Evilsizer, son, Findlay, OH

George Everett Evilsizer, son, Findlay, OH**

Otice B Evilsiser, son, Findlay, OH

The State of Ohio, Hancock County, is the above named Paul Kemerer having been first duly sworn, says the statements of the foregoing application are true as he verily believes.

Sworn to me and subscribed in my presence this 24th day of July, 1902

John D Snyder, Probate Judge

(Living ancestor says this name in error. George's middle name was "Ellsworth", and Otis' middle name was "Everett")

Ebenezer married his first wife Elizabeth Baker Feb 23, 1860 and had the following issue: (Elizabeth Baker's mother was Harriett Baker. Harriet was the second wife of Joshua Evilsizer (s/o John and Mary Peters Evilsizer))

Daughter **Mary Lilly** married James F Still. Mary may have died prior to 1893, as James married a second time. She is not named in her fathers will of 1902.

Daughter **Harriett D** married Thomas Knox and had 3 children Mary, Hanna and Alfred

Son **James Logan** (1868-1950) married Flora Fogle, no issue.

Son **Hiram Taylor** (1870-1947) married 1)Hester Jennie Boyer, one son Charles Boyer b 1898. 2)Fannie Claggett. (Not known if children) Died prior to her fathers will of 1902

Daughter **Martha Jane** b 1872 married James F Fitzgerald (Not known if children). Not mentioned in her fathers will of 1902.

Son **Nelson Omar** (1874-1955) married Margaret "Maggie" Hardesty. Two sons, Joseph Lewis and and Charles F

Daughter **Emma Frances** (1875-1929) married Welcome Davis. One known child Martha.

Daughter **Margaret E "Maggie"** (b 1878) married George T Early. Children Ernest, Ray, Nettie, and James

Daughter **Dora Hannah** b 1880 married William Hosler. Unknown issue.

First wife Elizabeth Baker died Jan 11, 1890 and Ebenener married for the second time Susannah King, daughter of William King and Elizabeth Bass. They had the following issue:

Son **Elmer McKinley** died an infant

Son George Ellsworth, Sr (1899-1930) married Ida Erickson and had children Volories and George Jr

Son **Otis Everett** (1901-1981) married Mary M Neuman and had children Mercedes and James Stanley.

Ebenezer F. Thompson died July 15, 1902. He is buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Findlay, Ohio.

Susannah King died July 33, 1944 and buried in Elmwood Cemetery beside her husband.



IN THE LAW

EVILSIZOR, Jeri Lynn; 23;

KY>MI; Salyersville Ind (KY); 2001-1-18; ekyroots
Obituary Daily Times

File#52-01-012, which shows her parents as Gerald and Brenda (nee Brown), living at 69113 Vicky Dr., Sturgis, MI 49091.

Burr Oak Township woman found slain

(Local: 2001/01/21)

STURGIS -- A Burr Oak Township woman found slain late Thursday night apparently was shot to death, authorities said Friday. Michigan State Police and the St. Joseph County Major Crime Task Force continued its investigation Friday and Saturday into the Thursday night slaying of 23-year-old Jeri Lynn

Evilsizor at her residence at 67271 Big Hill Road in Burr Oak Township near Sturgis.

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Suspects to be tried for woman's murder

THREE RIVERS - Two Marcellus men charged with the robbery and murder of a St. Joseph County woman are headed to trial. Craig Curtis Coker Jr. and Matthew Ballow Hobbs are charged with open murder. They have been bound over to circuit court. Last month, Jeri Lynn Evilsizor was found dead outside her home near Sturgis. A witness testified Thursday that he went with the suspects to collect money from someone at Evilsizor's mobile home. He said he saw someone holding a gun to her head and then heard three gunshots.

<http://www.wwmtnews3.com/>

Ex-Marcellus duo arrested in Sturgis slaying

(Local: 2001/01/30)

Two former Marcellus residents wanted in connection with the Jan. 18 shooting death of Jeri Lynn Evilsizor were arrested Monday in Louisiana. St. Joseph County Prosecutor Jeffrey Middleton said he would seek extradition from Richland Parish, La., for 21-year-old Craig Curtis Coker, and 18-year-old Matthew Ballow Hobbs.

Marcellus man sentenced for role in shooting

(Local: 2001/12/04)

CENTREVILLE -- A 19-year-old Marcellus man has been sentenced to life in prison for his part in the Jan. 18 shooting death of 23-year-old Jeri Lynn Evilsizor of Sturgis. Matthew Hobbs was convicted Oct. 26 of aiding and abetting second-degree murder, aiding and abetting felony murder, armed robbery, and felony firearms violations.

Marcellus man gets life sentence

(Local: 2001/11/20)

CENTREVILLE -- A 22-year-old Marcellus man was sentenced to life in prison without parole Friday for the shooting death of 23-year-old Jeri Lynn Evilsizor of Sturgis on Jan. 18. Craig Coker Jr. was found guilty by a jury Oct. 24 of felony murder, first-degree murder, armed robbery and felony firearms charges in the slaying of Evilsizor outside her home at 67627 Big Hill Road, a mile east of Sturgis.

Marcellus pair convicted in slaying

(Local: 2001/10/25)

CENTREVILLE -- Two Marcellus men charged in the murder of 23-year-old Jeri Lynn Evilsizor in her Sturgis home last January were found guilty by a St. Joseph County Circuit Court jury Wednesday. The 12-member jury deliberated for a day and a half before finding Craig Coker Jr. and Matthew Hobbs guilty of shooting Evilsizor in the back with an assault rifle. She died in her mobile home on Big Hills Road east of Sturgis on Jan. 18.

I WONDER WHO SHE WAS MARRIED TO?



Prayers of Sympathy

CHARLES I. EVILSIZER 67, of 3550 Middle Urbana Road, Urbana, Ohio, died Sunday, February 2, 2003 in his residence. He was born March 27, 1935 in Urbana, Ohio to Minard and Sarah Genevieve (PARADY) EVILSIZER. He retired after 33 years from International Truck and Engine. He is survived by his wife, Peggy EVILSIZER of Urbana; mother, Sarah Genevieve EVILSIZER of Urbana; children, Debbie (Jerry) ROSS of Springfield, Ohio, Steve (Yvonne) EVILSIZER of Seguin, Texas, Mike (Margaret) EVILSIZER of Springfield, Ohio; grandchildren, Brooke EVILSIZER, Carly EVILSIZER, Cassie ROSS, all of Springfield, Ohio, Andrew EVILSIZER of Seguin, Texas; great-granddaughter, Emily MUSICK of Springfield, Ohio; brothers, Jim (Mary Jane) EVILSIZER of Winchester, Ohio, David EVILSIZER of Beavercreek, Ohio; sister, Barbara (Wesley) VANSKOY of LaRue, Ohio; uncle, Jim PARADY of Gambier, Ohio; brothers-in-law, Jim YOUNGS of Winona, Minnesota, Bill (Pat) YOUNGS of Grove city, Ohio, John (Cathay) YOUNGS of Beavercreek; sister-in-law, Kathi RICHARDS of Urbana, Ohio; as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was a member of the Bowlusville United Methodist Church and a member of the Local 402. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2003 at 11 a.m. in the Bowlusville United Methodist Church with Rev. Louis F. Davis officiating. Arrangements are being handled by the WALTER-SCHOEDINGER FUNERAL HOME, A Dignity Memorial Provider, 642 South Main Street, Urbana, Ohio 43078. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to the Bowlusville United Methodist Church, 445 West County Line Road, Springfield, Ohio 45502.

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Springfield News Sun on Jan 2, 2003

MILDRED JEAN EDWARDS 60, of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, passed away Tuesday, January 21, 2003 at 10:30 a.m. in Mercy St. John's Springfield, Ohio. She was born

in Mechanicsburg, Ohio, the daughter of John and Goldie (EVILSIZOR) EDWARDS. Mildred was a 1961 graduate of Mechanicsburg High School and a loyal employee of Orbis of Urbana for 32 years with many friends and co-workers. She is survived by four loving and protecting brothers, John "Ted" (Thelma), Robert "Bob" (Phyllis), Jimmy and Mike (Dyna), all of Mechanicsburg; three loving and dedicated sisters, Phyllis BLACKBURN, Beverly Sue (Paul) HAFFNER and Patty EDWARDS, all of Mechanicsburg; and numerous nieces and nephews. Patty and Mildred lived at home and cared for their parents until their passing and then they cared for each other and were inseparable. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, David Thomas EEDWRDS; a brothers-in-law, William "Bill" BLACKBURN and a sister-in-law, Bonnie Jo EDWARDS. A gathering of family and friends will be held on Friday, January 24, 2003 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the SKILLMAN-McDONALD FUNERAL HOME in Mechanicsburg, Ohio. Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. William Turner officiating. Burial will follow in the Fairview Cemetery, Mutual, Ohio. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cancer Association of Champaign County, P.O. Box 38125, Urbana, Ohio 43078.

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Ella D Evelsisor- b 2/28/1866 b OH- Source-1920 Calif Soundex, Nurse living with David H Ryan at 1025 Oregon, Kern Co, Bakersfield, CA died 12/5/1946 (source-CA Death Index) Fathers last name listed as DISTER and middle name is listed as DISTER

Daughter of Frederick Dister and Mary Amann. She married William F Evilsizer. They were probably married in Osage Co, KS. They moved to California with Williams brothers Harry and Dudley. William left Ella and returned to Kansas. Ella remained in Kern Co, Bakersfield up until the time she died. William F is the s/o John H Evilsizer, grandson of William Evilsizer and Rachel Johnson and great grandson of George Evilsizer. George was one of the Indiana Evilsizers probably a child of a brother to Jakob.



A MYSTERY TO SOLVE

Leo Forest Evilsizer was the son of William Forest "Willie" Evilsizer and Blanche Burba. He is mentioned in his obituary

The Urbana Citizen, Urbana, OH Monday, November 10, 1930 William F Evilsizer, 57, dropped dead at 3 P.M. Sunday while sitting in a chair at the house of William Myers, 16 Hurd Street. Death was due to natural causes, unknown, according to Coroner D H Moore. He was injured in an automobile accident in Illinois three or four weeks ago when an automobile driven by Del Moots of this city overturned into a gravel pit. No connection of the death and the accident was made by the coroner, however. He lived with a brother, Joe Evilsizer, on the Springfield Road, south of Donovan Hill. Besides his widow, Blanche, he leaves two sons, **Leo and Harry in Michigan**, Ezra and Lemuel, Springfield, Jake, Melvin of Urbana, and the brother with whom he made his home. The body was removed to the R C Gardner funeral parlors where funeral services will probably be held Wednesday and burial made in Nettle Creek Cemetery

This from Susan Claycomb: (Leo's granddaughter)
He was always told his father's name was **William Watson**. My father, Leo, always thought that his father had died at that time and never knew that his name was probably not Watson. I remember he told us that he had gone to Ohio to find out about his father but that he could find no information on a William Watson in the Springfield, Ohio area. He also said that even Blanche's sisters and brothers would give him no information

Leo married Ila Leone Edwards and they had 4 children, Madelyn Lucille, James Douglas, Opal Jeane, and William Ellis



CONGRATS!!!

Benjamin Ryan Evilsizer married **Jessica Renee Cox** on January 18th at the Westfield Friends Church, Westfield, Indiana. Benjamin and Jessica reside at 10008 E. Penrith Dr. Indianapolis, IN 46229. Ben works at the Eli Lily Federal Credit union and is the son of William Henry Evilsizer II and Cindy Lou Denton. William Henry is the great-great grandson of Allen Evilsizer and Abigail Cavendar.

Matthew Wayne Evilsizer married his lifelong partner Kalisa Semelsberger on Nov 16, 2002 in the First Church of Christ in Barberton, Ohio. Matthew descends from John Evilsizer and Mary Peters.



C.L.M. v. State of Alabama

Justine Dean Evilsizer testified in an arson case against a juvenile, for setting a house on fire belonging to two teachers, one of which had dismissed him as her aide and from her Model U.N. Class because of discipline problems. Cusseta, Alabama; Smith's Station High School. House was 80% destroyed on May 12, 1987 - J.D. Evilsizer testified (he taught math) that he was absent from his 3rd period class that day.

On May 12, 1987 a house owned jointly by Lisa Johnson and Debra J. Stokes located at Route 1, Lot 150 on Forrester Road in Cusseta, Chambers County, Alabama caught fire and burned. Firemen from the Lee-Chambers Volunteer Fire Department and the East Alabama Fire Department responded, and controlled the fire within about 30 minutes. The house was 80% destroyed and all of its contents were lost. A student at Smiths Station High School was charged with arson in Chambers County Juvenile Court. The accused minor was only identified by his initials, "C.L.M. Jr.". Lisa Johnson was one of his teachers, but had recently dismissed him as her aide, and from her Model United Nations class, due to discipline problems. Justin Dean Evilsizer provided testimony at the trial. He was a mathematics teacher at

Smiths Station High School and testified that C.L.M. Jr. was absent from his third period class on the morning of the fire. The trial judge found the young man guilty, and on June 28, 1988 the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals affirmed (upheld) the conviction. C.L.M. Jr., 531 So.2d 699 (Ala. 1988)

Rogue River Press Letters to the Editor 2002

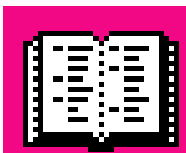
Current law forces injured animals to suffer

The purpose of this letter is to get some sort of change in a law and to tell of an experience that has left us mad, disgusted and sick to our stomachs.

We live in the 55 and older Wimer Covered Bridge Park. No large dogs are allowed so it has become a home for deer that live here. This year there were four fawns, two bucks and three does. Last year we had two fawns, one of which was a buck that grew into a beautiful animal this year and slept on one of our neighbor's porches. Two days ago he showed up with a hind leg shattered and flopping, presumably from a gunshot. We've called police, animal control, the Humane Society, firemen and every place we could think of and they all said they could not put the deer down unless it was already down with something like a broken back.

I've spent my life in the woods and on ranches in this area and don't like a law that prevents you from putting an animal down in this condition. In the meantime we have an injured animal suffering.

Can't we change this law?
Dan Evensizer Rogue River



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