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Family of John Walden Meyers and Mary/Polly Gruber/Kruger

1st child and eldest son of George & Margaretha Waldenmeyer;

b. 24 February; bapt. 24 March 1745 at St. Paul's (Zions) Luth. Ch. of Red Hook; wit.-Leonhard Weger & wife Barbara Wegerin.

(George & Margaretha Waldenmeier were wit. at the bapt. of the Weger's dau., Elizabeth, 11 May 1746, also at the Ch. at Red Hook. Are the two families related in some way?)

d. 22 November; bur. 24 November 1821 in the Old Sidney Burying Ground located on Lot 10 in the front of Sidney, overlooking the Bay of Quinte, Hastings Co., Ont., Can.

m.(1) ca. 176_ Mary/Polly Gruber/Kruger b. ca. 174_;

d. ca. 1814-1816 in Hastings Co., Ont., Can., after an illness of several months. (She was called Anna Maria Kroeger at the bapt. of her dau., Maria, but called Gruber, Kruger, and VanHalenbeck on others. I now believe her parents to be Johan Tobias and Catherine Gruber. See p. 5 of V. I. for my reasons. Also see Appendix A for a possible family for them.

m.(2) August 1817 Sophia A. Hoffnel, wid. of John Davey, an old friend of John who had d. in 1808 (b. 5 October 1751; bur. 20 May 1808) He had m.(1) Dorothea Schneider and came to Bath, Lennox & Addington Co., Ont., Can., ca. 1784. He had m.(2) 22 November 1787 Sophia Hoffnel. I do not have a b. date for Sophia, but she d. bet. 22 February 1836 (date her will was written) and 22 August 1836 (date the will was registered). She apparently resumed the name Davey after John's death, as she willed land, as Sophia Davey, to her dau.; Sophia Billings.

Her son, Peter Davey did not d.y., but married and had a large family. Jane Goddard's book Hans Waltimyer mentions Peter Davey as a young man visiting John Walden Meyers. He was already married with his own family when John married his mother, so was not mentioned in John's will.

John had changed his name to Walden Meyers after the break with his father and brother, Jacob, when he became a Loyalist, and to help escape detection as a Loyalist spy.

For very interesting details of John's life as a Loyalist spy, read The Loyalist Spy and King's Men, by Mary Beacock Fryer.

For more details on his family and life in Hastings Co., Ontario, read Hans Waltimyer by Jane B. Goddard, U.E., a descendant.

In the histories, no mention is made as to when his wife joined him in Canada, but she is referred to as "his jolly, buxom little wife" helping him to offer "hearty hospitality" to all classes of settlers.

He was retired as an officer of the British army. He kept a number of slaves, as did many pioneers of Upper Canada.

Additions and Corrections to V. I., p.7:

In V.I. I had a partial list of children of Sophia (Hoffnel) Davey, who were step-children of John Walden Meyers. Much of the added information on the Davey family came from Carol Davey from Odessa, Ontario. Some of it also came from censuses.

Children of John Davey and Sophia Hoffnel:

- i. Peter Davey b. 4 September 1788; bapt. 12 October 1788 at Ernestown, L. & A. Co., Ont., Can.; bur. 22 August 1859 (1851 census)
 m. 5 September 1811, at Bath, L. & A. Co., Aurelia Chapman b. 31 March 1789; bapt. 4 April 1789; d. 16 December 1873 in Bath (1851-1871 census)

Children:

- I. Harriet Sophia Davey bapt. 28 June 1812 at Ernestown; d. m. 5 August 1847 William Savage of NY
 II. Eliza Ann Davey b. 19 October 1813; bapt. 7 August 1814; d. (1861 census with mother)
 m. 8 May 1834 Abisha Washburn Perry of Bath b. ;
 d. perhaps bef. 1861
 III. Aurelia Martha Davey b. 8 June 1815; bapt. 30 June 1816; d. m. 1836 John Wesley Miller b. ; d.
 IV. John Chapman Davey b. 23 October; bapt. 1 December 1816; bur. 20 January 1848 at Bath. Unmarried.
 V. Hepsy Minerva Davey b. 7 August 1818; bur. 26 August 1818.
 VI. Jane Minerva Davey b. 27 July 1819; bapt. 5 March 1820; bur. 15 November 1882
 m. 16 January 1849 Robert Ebenezer Perry, eldest son of Peter;
 b. ; d.
 VII. Margaret Elizabeth Davey b. 12 May; bapt. 23 June 1821; d. 16 February 1916 at Chicago, IL
 m. 18 October 1849 William Henry Kelso of Belleville;
 b. ; d. 1855
 VIII. Henrietta Davey bapt. 23 August 1822 at Bath; d. 20 February 1912 in Ottawa
 m. 3 January 1848 John Lasher, eldest son of Henry of Bath;
 b. 7 September 1824; d. 7 June 1871
 IX. Marshall Curtis Davey b. 30 September; bapt. 28 October 1823; d. 22 July 1900; drowned. (1851-1861 census)
 m. 2 February 1847 Jane Almira Nugent b. 9 April 1825 on Amherst Island; bur. 25 October 1889 at Bath Anglican Ch. Cem. (1851-1861 census)
 Children:
 A. Mary A. Davey b. ca. 1848; d. (1851-1861 census)
 B. Henrietta E. Davey b. ca. 1849; d. (")
 C. Charles B. " b. ca. 1851; d. (")
 D. Lidia " b. ca. 1855; d. (1861 census)
 E. Albert " b. ca. 1857; d. (")
 F. Margaret " b. ca. 1859; d. (")
 G. Ellen " b. ca. 1860; d. (")
 X. Sarah Davey b. 25 April; bapt. 12 June 1825; d. 25 June; bur. 28 June 1826 at Bath.
 XI. Benjamin Canning Davey b. 30 August; bapt. 6 September 1827; d. 10 February 1874; bur. St. John's Ch. Cem., Bath
 m. 15 November 1852 Ellen Eliza McCoy of Montreal; b. 1832;
 d. 1917; bur. Bath Anglican Ch. Cem.

- XII. Sarah Davey b. 9 December 1828; bapt. 19 February 1829; d.
(1851 census)
m. after 1851 William Crawford b. ; d.
- XIII. Peter Robinson Davey b. 30 April; bapt. 19 September 1830;
bur. 15 March 1895?; bur. Bath Anglican Ch. Cem. (1851-1871 census)
m.(1) 12 April 1858 Jane G. A. Harper b. ca. 1832 in Eng.;
d. 18 March 1863; bur. in Bath. (1861 census)
m.(2) 8 April 1865 Mary Elizabeth Stanton, dau. of Gilbert P. & Mary;
(Mar. Reg. V.3, P.E. Co.); b. ca. 1846; d.
(1871 census)
Children:
A. John Frederick Davey b. ca. 1859; d. (1861-1871 census)
B. Isabelle Mary Davey b. ca. 1868; d. (1871 census)
C. Jessie " (f) b. ca. 1869; d. (")
D. Stanton Archibald Davey b. ca. 1870; d. (")
E. (Infant) Davey (male) b. ca. March 1871; d. (")
- XIV. Helen Mary Davey b. 14 January 1834; d. 1917
(1861-1871 census; she is not with her parents in 1851, but is
with her mother, Aurelia in both 1861-1871 as a music teacher)
m. 13 October 1856 William McKay/McKenlie? Dennie b. ca. 1833;
d. ?
Children:
A. Elizabeth Dennie b. ca. 1857 in New Orleans?; d.
(1861-1871 census, with mother in gr.mother's hshld.)
B. Isabella Dennie b. ca. 1867?; d. (1871 census)
- ii. Mary Davey b. 19 December 1790; bur. 22 September 1793 at St. John's
Ch. Cem., Bath, L.& A. Co., Ont.
- iii. Margaret Davey b. 31 March 1793; d. 9 January 1860
m. Seba Murphy of Bath b. 25 July 1787; d. 16 November
1855.
- iv. Capt. John Davey b. ca. 1795; d. 1877
(1851 census)
m. 8 January 1818 Frances/Fanny Wood b. ca. 1800; d. 1879;
(1851 census)
Children:
I. John Wood Davey b. 1821; bapt. 19 May 1822;
d. 1882. Unmarried.
II. Elizabeth Sophia Davey b. 2 August; bapt. 26 September 1824;
d. 27 March 1840.
III. Nelson Miller Davey b. 6 October 1826; bapt. 31 January 1827;
d. 28 February 1902 (1851 census)
He was a school teacher.
m. 6 November 1855 Charlotte Parlow b. 1830; d. 1921.
- IV. William McKay Davey b. 15 April 1828; d. 8 June 1834;
bur. Bath United Ch. Cem.; scalded to death.
- V. Peter Benjamin Davey b. 7 October 1830; d. (1851 census)
m.(1) 23 June 1852 Calista Rose b. ; d.
m.(2) Alzina (Faulkner) Rose b. ; d.
- VI. Aurelia M. Davey b. ca. 1832; d. 1864;
(1851 census) Unmarried.
- VII. Frances Davey (f) b. ca. 1834; d. 5 March 1861 (1851 census)
Unmarried.
- VIII. Margaret Cinderella Davey b. 29 September 1837; bapt. 26 August 1838;
d. (1851 census)
m.(1) 26 December 1855 Andrew/or Angus? MacDonald Prinyer
b. ; d.
m. (2) Jeremiah Crandall b. ; d.
Settled in Watertown, NY.

- IX. Hannah/or Harriet? Sophia Davey b. November 1840; bapt. 30 May 1841;
 d. 1914 (1851 census as Harriet S.)
 m. Donald Rae b. ; d.
- X. William Walton Davey b. 1843; bapt. 18 August 1844;
 (1851 census) d. 1895
 m. Elizabeth Jane Swetman b. ; d.
- v. Sophia Davey bapt. 1 July 1798; d. 28 November 1849; bur. Old Sidney
 Burying Ground, Hastings Co., Ont.
 m. 20 January 1816 Ira Billings of Sidney b. 19 May 1789;
 d. 23 January 1871 (1851-1871 census; listed as d. in 1871)
 Children: (Perhaps more; may not be in order)
- I. Margaret Billings b. ; d.
 m. W. F. Peterson b. ; d.
- II. Elizabeth Billings b. ca. 1820; d. after 1891
 (1851-1891 census)
 m. ca. 183_ Peter Meyers Vandervoort, son of James
 Vandervoort & Mary Walden Meyers; b. ca. 1817;
 d. after 1891 (1851-1891 census)
 Children: (See under Peter Meyers Vandervoort, V.I., p. 11.)
- III. B. D. Billings b. ca. 1824; d. (1851 census)
 m. by 1851 Eliza . . . b. ca. 1832; d. (")
 (Unless Eliza is a dau. of Ira; since B.D. was listed as head
 of hshld., and Eliza's name followed his, I believe she is his
 wife.)
- IV. Benjamin Billings b. ca. 1829; d.
 m. ca. 184_ Elizabeth . . . b. ca. 1824;
 d. (1851 & 1891 census)
 Children:
 A. George K. Billings b. ca. 1850; d.
 (1851 & 1891 census)
 m. ca. 188_ Ida . . . b. ca. 1866;
 d. (1891 census)
 Children:
 1. Russell Billings b. ca. 1889; d. (1891 census)
- V. Cinderella Billings b. ca. 1838; d. 9 July 1911 in Sidney;
 (1861-1891 census)
 m. ca. 185_ Peter Walden Meyers, son of Tobias & Tina;
 b. ca. 1833; d. bet. 6 June 1908-1 October 1909;
 (1851-1891 census)
 Children: (See under Peter Walden Meyers, V. I., p. 14-
 as Alva Peter W. Meyers on some censuses.)
- VI. William Billings b. ca. 1844; d. (1851 census)
- vi. Elizabeth Davey b. 5 April 1801; d. 15 August 1801.
- vii. William Rombaugh Davey bapt. 6 February 1803; bur. 15 August 1803.
- viii. Benjamin Fairfield Davey bapt. 19 August 1804; d. suddenly
 6 March 1860 (Hastings Co. Surrogate Ct. # 31-1860, Belleville);
 will dated 14 October 1850; proved 18 July 1860.
 He received 200 acres of land in Conc. 4, Lot 18, Rawdon, in the will
 of his step-father, John Walden Meyers. He was a merchant in Belleville.
 m. 30 January 1834 Cinderella Perry, dau. of Peter; b. 12 May 1814;
 d. 26 January 1901 at Whitby, Ont., Can. (1861-1881 census)
 Children:
 I. Perhaps Mary S. Davey b. ; d.
 Perhaps m. shortly after father's death . . . Donaldson,
 and moved to Whitby.

- II. Cinderella Davey b. ca. 1839; d. (1861 census)
 m. 17 January 1867 Thomas Wyly Taylor, son of Thomas & Amelia Jane;
 (Mar. Reg., V.5, Hastings Co.) b. ; d.
 He was of Chicago, IL.
- III. Louisa F. Davey b. ca. 1841; d. (1861-1881 census)
 Still unmarried in 1881; a music teacher.
- IV. Robert Perry Davey b. ca. 1844; d. 1 March 1875, of Belleville.
 (1861-1871 census) He was a merchant.
 His will names his wife, Ellen/Helen Teresa, and his bro., Edward
 William Davey. (Hastings Co. Surrogate Ct. # 418-1875, Belleville)
 m. ca. 186_ Ellen/Helen Teresa . . . b. ca. 1846;
 d. (1871-1891 census)
 Children:
 A. Mary/Minnie Cinderella Perry Davey b. ca. 1869;
 d. (1871-1891 census)
 B. Benjamin Fairfield Davey b. ca. 1872; d.
 (1881-1891 census)
 C. Louisa/Lulu Mary Benedicta Davey b. ca. 1874;
 d. (1881-1891 census)
- V. Hannah Davey b. ca. 1846; d. (1861-1871 census)
- VI. Edward William Davey b. ca. 1849; d. after 1881;
 (1861-1881 census)
 m. by 1871 Elizabeth . . . b. ca. 1850; d.
 (1881 census)
- VII. John Davey b. ca. 1852; d. (1861 census)
- ix. George Hoffnagel/Hoffnel? Davey bapt. 25 October 1807; d. bef. 1881;
 a merchant in Nappanee. He received 100 acres of land in Conc. 4, Lot 18,
 Rawdon, in the will of his step-father, John Walden Meyers.
 m. 20 November 1845 Sarah Jane Pringle, dau. of Daniel; b. ca. 1831?
 (Was she only ca. 14 when m.?)
- x. Carol Davey also has Elizabeth Davey-no dates
 m. Daniel B. Miller b. ; d.
- xi. William Henry Wetzel Davey bapt. 19 May 1813; bur. 24 April 1887, age 75.
 m. Hannah Minerva Perry, dau. of Peter; b. 20 May 1819;
 d. 12 June 1846
 Children: (If he is the William H. Davey, widower, in the 1851-1861 census
 in Ernestown)
 I. S. Davey (f) b. ca. 1840; d. (1851 census)
 II. Minerva Davey b. ca. 1841; d. (1851-1861 census)
 III. Dearie Davey (f) b. ca. 1844; d. (1861 census)
 IV. William Davey b. ca. 1845; d. (1861 census)
 (Dearie & William must have been in another hshld. in 1851.)
 William was a merchant dealing in flour & lumber.
 (Although one source says he was b. 24 January 1809, Carol Davey swears
 he is only son of Sophia, not John. He went by the name of Davey, but his
 age on the censuses would agree with Carol that he could not be a son of
 John. Did Sophia m. . . . Wetzel after John's death, then resume the
 name Davey after his death? In one land record concerning John Walden
 Meyers' estate, he is called William Henry Wetzel.)
 Sophia had 2 step-children from John Davey's m.(1):
 i. Eva Davey b. bef. 1785; d.
 m.(1) Isaac Lewis b. ; d.
 m.(2) Peter Laird b. ; d.
 ii. Catherine Davey b. bef. 1785; d.
 m. 9 February 1804 Solomon Smith b. ; d.
 Children:
 I. John Davey Smith bapt. 4 April 1805; of Mexico, near Oswego, NY.