

1. SPENCER*

1. **Thomas¹ Spencer**, last of Marietta, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, was born before 1775, and probably a decade or more earlier. He died on or before 22 April 1826, the date of his funeral.^[1] It will appear, from records described below, that he was married at least twice. His first known wife, **Mary** ____, died between 10 October 1798 and 4 October 1804. She apparently was the mother of those Thomas's children who were born through 1801. He married his next wife, **Christiana** ____, before 8 June 1810. She was born ca. 1765–75, and was living on 8 January 1814 and probably in 1820 as well. She may have outlived him only a short time. At Marietta on 28 June 1826, Herzler & Steele returned an account to Mr. David Spencer against Thomas's estate for \$8.73, "for artcils for funerall Exspences for M^{rs} Spencer Dec^d."^[2] The 1820 census enumerates Thomas's family as follows:^[3]

1 white male, age 0–9
4 white males, age 16–25, none age 16–18
1 white male, age 45 or more
2 white females, age 0–9
3 white females, age 10–15
1 white female, age 45 or more
12 free persons, total

We may surmise that his son David Spencer, last of Franklin County, Pennsylvania, followed Thomas's movements during the first twenty-five years of his life. According to his obituary, "David Spencer was born in Centre County, Pennsylvania, March 25, 1801. . . . At an early age he went to New York State, where he resided some time, and from thence to Marietta, Lancaster County."^[4]

The 1800 census for Centre County mentions only one Spencer head of household, Thomas in Potters Township, whose household consisted of three males under ten years of age, two males aged 10–15, one male aged 16–25, two females under ten, and one female aged 26–44.^[5] Unfortunately, the description of the oldest man in this household does not agree with that in the 1820 census in Marietta. However, this Thomas Spencer was known as the operator of a grist mill, saw mill, and distillery in Potters Township, for which he was assessed in 1801.^[6]

All of the deeds recorded in Mifflin County and Centre County from 1798 to 1814 that were executed by or in favor of a Thomas Spencer seem to pertain to the miller. By a patent said to be

* This essay, in its present incarnation, draws heavily on material obtained through the courtesy of Victor S. Dunn, CG, including land records of Mifflin County and Centre County, Pennsylvania; the Thomas Spencer estate vouchers; and the relevant volume of *Hardesty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia*.

¹ Thomas Spencer Sr., Estate Vouchers, 1819 F 001 S, RG 04-00 0169, box 8, Lancaster County Historical Society, Lancaster, Pa.

² *Ibid.* The same partners—undertakers or funeral directors—had also filed an account for funeral expenses to Thomas Spencer Jun. as administrator, dated "April 31st 1826" [*sic*].

³ Thomas Spencer household, 1820 U. S. census, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, borough of Marietta, page 124, line 23, microfilm M33, roll 106 (Washington: National Archives).

⁴ Death of David Spencer, Esq., " *Shippensburg News*, Shippensburg, Pa., 20 Oct. 1883, p. 3, col. 3. Unless otherwise noted, Pennsylvania newspapers were consulted on microfilm, State Library of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg.

⁵ Thomas Spencer household, 1800 U. S. census, Centre County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, page 503, line 38, micropublication M32, roll 37 (Washington: National Archives).

⁶ John Blair Linn, *History of Centre and Clinton Counties, Pennsylvania* (Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1883), 42-3.

dated 20 June 1798, and registered in Patent Book 32, page 632, he took title to land that he sold to John Weedman by a deed of 10 October 1798 that was joined by his wife, Mary:^[7]

all that the Tract piece of Land situate in Potters [*interlined*: Township] in the County of Mifflin and State aforesaid being bounded & described as follows to wit Beginning at a hickory thence by late vacant Land & now the property of the said John Weedman North fifty five Degrees East ninety eight perches to a post thence by the same South thirty five degrees East one hundred and thirty four Perches to a post thence by Land ~~Land~~ late the Honorable the late proprietaries South fifty five Degrees West ninety eight perches to a Post thence by Land late John Cummings and now James Potter North thirty five degrees West ~~ninety eight~~ [one hundred] and thirty four perches to the place of Beginning Containing seventy seven acres seventy two perches and [the] allowance of 6 p^r C^t for roads &c^a.

Thomas's mill was located on land previously owned by Thomas Gordon, who had taken possession in 1790. Within a few years Gordon had moved away.^[8] On 22 November 1796, Thomas Gordon and his wife Susanna, of Cecil Township in Washington County, granted to Thomas Spencer of Potters Township,^[9]

the whole of the following Tract or parcel of Land as described situate and lying in Potters Township Mifflin County and State aforesaid first beginning at a pine then South fourteen degrees East two hundred and thirty nine perches to a Spanish oak thence south fifty eight degrees west twenty seven perches to a linn thence North sixty two degrees west one hundred and Sixty perches to an Elm thence North nineteen degrees East forty seven perches to a post thence northy thirty two degrees East one hundred and fifty four perches to a post thence South fifty eight degrees east ten perches and an half to the place of beginning Containing in the whole one hundred and twenty eight acres and fifty six perches and the allowance of six per Cent for road &c^a.

On 26 March 1802, Thomas also purchased a much smaller tract from Henry Workinger and his wife Margaret:^[10]

all the following described tract of land situate in the Township aforesaid [Potters Township] . . . First Beginning at a post thence by land of Christopher Henney North fifty eight degrees west fifty Perches to a post thence by land of James Rankin South thirty five degrees West fifty six perches to a post thence south sixty degrees East fourteen perches to a walnut North forty nine Degrees East eight perches to a Walnut South seventy eight Degrees East eighteen perches to a Beach South twenty three Degrees East nine perches to a Hazle North sixty seven Degrees East fifteen perches to a Walnut North fifty nine Degrees East eighteen perches to an allum North nineteen Degrees East twenty one perches to the place of Beginning, Containing 15 acres and eighty Perches.

On 26 December 1803, Thomas Spencer of Potter Township bought two lots in the town of Williamsburgh, on the north side of Penn Street and the south side of Wine Street, numbered 23

⁷ Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, Deeds, D:514-6, Recorder of Deeds Office, Lewistown, Pa. To date, the only marriage record for a couple of the correct names that has been found in central Pennsylvania is: "April 29, 1783, by license, Thomas Spencer and Mary Hostler of Rapho T" (Debra D. Smith and Frederick S. Weiser, trans. and ed., *Trinity Lutheran Church Records, Lancaster, Pennsylvania*, 4 vols. [Apollo, Pa.: Closson Press, 1988–2006], 3:206). Only two other records of this surname are in evidence at that church: Susanna Spencer and Peter Sandeaux, married by license, 18 Sept. 1792 (ibid., 3:237); John Webster and Dina Spencer, blacks, married 17 May 1805 (ibid., 4:206). Research on the possibility that Mary Hostler was David's mother is in progress.

⁸ Linn, *Centre and Clinton Counties*, 402.

⁹ Centre County, Pennsylvania, Deeds, 4:53-4, Recorder of Deeds Office, Bellefonte, Pa. Images of documents from this office may be downloaded for a fee from "Web Information Access (WEBIA)," *Centre County, Pennsylvania* (centrecountypa.gov/684/Web-Information-Access-WEBIA, Bellefonte, Pa.: Centre County, accessed 15 Aug. 2020).

¹⁰ Centre County Deeds, 4:54-5.

and 24, from William Earle and his wife Barbara. Each lot measured 60 feet along the street and 180 feet in depth.^[11] On 8 June 1810, he and his wife Christianna assigned his purchase deed on the town lots to William Sample, and acknowledged that instrument on the same day.^[12] On 4 October 1804, Thomas Spencer, now living in Centre Township, sold to Abraham Fye the lots that he had obtained from the Gordons and the Workingers, along with a third parcel described as follows:

one other tract of land granted to Joseph M^cGraw by warrant dated the twenty seven[*torn*] day of January 1773 who by deed dated the seventh day of June 1783 conveyed the same to William Lamb and the said William Lamb did by deed dated the twenty eight day of February 1790 convey the same to Thomas Gordon who by deed dated the __ day of __, __ conveyed the same to the said Thomas Spencer who obtained a patent for the same dated the twenty first day of May 1803 containing thirty one acres and seventy seven perches and allowan[*torn*] of six per cent for roads &C.^a Begining at a pine corner thence by the above first described tract of land south fourteen degrees east one hundred and forty seven perches to a white oak thence by land of Riddles heirs north forty one degrees east eighty six perches to a Post nod[?] fourty eight degrees west sixty seven perches to a Post thence by land of William Kerr north fifty two degrees west fifty two perches to the Begining

In the whole, Fye received 175 acres and 53 perches by this deed. The grant was not joined by any wife of Thomas; evidently he was widowed at the time.^[13]

Thomas Spencer also arranged more complicated transactions by which he contracted to pay the purchase money in a series of installments, and for other goods or services to be exchanged in the bargain. On 20 January 1803, he entered articles of agreement with Abraham Fiy, of Manheim Township in Berks County, by which he took possession of:^[14]

all that certain messuage or tenement and tracts of Land thereunto belonging situate lying and being in the Township and County aforesaid and adjoining the land of James Potter Christofel Henning Henry Workinger Conrod Young & others containing one hundred and seventy four acres.

On 26 March 1803, he and Robert McClellan, or McLelan, arranged for him to convey, on or before 1 April 1804, this property:

all that Messuage or tenement & tract of land sittuate lying & being in the Township of Centre aforesaid on the lick run Gap of Muncy Mountain adjoining lands of Thomas M^cCalmont Esq^r on the South, William Semple on the east, John Miller on the North, and the said Muncy Mountain on the west containing in whole one hundred acres, more or less with the usual allowance of six per cent.

Among the conditions of this agreement, McClellan was to cut, hew, and lay upon the ground the lumber that was necessary and proper for the construction of a single-gear saw mill, and to permit Thomas to cut and carry away any pine timber he desired for the purpose of building a grist mill and dwelling house on the premises.^[15] Thomas must have established a second mill at this site. At November sessions 1806, the Centre County court ordered that a road, beginning at Thomas Spencer's mill and running across the dividing ridge to the Fishing Creek road, be

¹¹ Centre County Deeds, 3:378-9.

¹² Centre County Deeds, 3:379.

¹³ Centre County Deeds, 4:55-7. Linn misdates the instrument to 20 July 1803 (*Centre and Clinton Counties*, 402) and states that "Spencer's mill passed to Nicholas and Jacob Fye" (*ibid.*, p. 43).

¹⁴ Centre County Deeds, 1:379-80.

¹⁵ Centre County Deeds, 3:163-4.

laid out.^[16] At January sessions 1810 Centre Township was divided into three townships, and the two new townships were named Howard and Walker. That same year, Thomas Spencer appeared on the first tax list for Walker Township.^[17] Unfortunately, the construction of his mill dam and race led to disputes with Thomas's neighbors that took some years to resolve:^[18]

Whereas I Thomas Spencer was and still am the owner of Grist and saw mill in Walker Township Centre County and the old dam for raising and collecting water for said Mills overflowed a large space of ground and thereby was supposed to render the air of the adjacent country unsalubrious—and whereas Isaac M^cKenny & many others residing in the neighborhood and in different parts of Centre County have subscribed & many of them paid and others are bound to pay considerable sums of money to enable me to erect a Dam in a different place and dig a race from said dam last erected to said mills which last Dam & race are now completed and the old dam so far removed as not to obstruct the current of the river, I do hereby for my self my heirs and assigns covenant and agree with the said Isaac M^cKenny and the other persons who contributed to the expence aforesaid & and with all and every person residing within five miles of the said mills or who may hereafter reside within that distance that neither I my heirs or assigns of the said mills and land on which they stand shall ever at any time hereafter erect or repair the said old dam so as to overflow any ground out of the channel of the run but that the said old dam shall always be and be kept by those who own said property in such state as to suffer the water to flow within its natural channel and by no means occasion the same to overflow any adjacent ground and it is expressly understood that the foregoing covenants shall run with the land & mills & bind whomsoever may hereafter become owner thereof. Witness my hand and seal April the fourth one thousand eight hundred and ten. Tho^s Spencer (L S)

Sealed & delivered in the presence of W^m Petrikin W^m A Petrikin

Centre County ss Before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid Came Thomas Spencer and acknowledged the above and foregoing Indenture to be his act & Deed and desired that it might be recorded as such Witness my hand & seal the 4th day of April 1810 Wm Petrkin (L S)

Entered April 4th. 1810 Recorded & compared by W^m Petrikin Recorder

Fees \$.61 paid & taken away by I M^cKinney Jany 31st 1821

The 1810 census also places him in Walker Township, in a family in which the oldest male was already aged over 45 years, and so born in 1765 or earlier. His wife, Christiana, evidently was aged 26–44. The household also included three boys under 10, one boy aged 10–15, one young man aged 16–25, two girls under ten, one girl aged 10–15, and no colored persons.^[19]

Thomas's second mill site could be the same property that McClellan "granted and confirmed" to Thomas by an "Indenture," said to be dated 26 November 1810, for Sample and McCalmont also adjoined this property. It measured 105 acres and 119 perches, and was surveyed by authority of a warrant made out to James Brown in 1784. Thomas secured his title by entering a patent in Book H No. 5, page 378, under date of 15 February 1811. Sample, on 16 October 1806, similarly conveyed to Thomas a tract of 63 acres, 40 perches, warranted 16 May 1794 to George Anderson, and Thomas enrolled it in Patent Book H No. 5, page 380, under the same date. Lastly, on 22 November 1806 Thomas McCalmont and his wife Sarah granted a tract of land measuring 176 acres to Thomas Spencer. By a deed dated 26 June 1811, Thomas Spencer and his wife Christiane sold parts of all three tracts of land, including the most part of the former McCalmont property, to Henry Hey:^[20]

¹⁶ Linn, *Centre and Clinton Counties*, 47.

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, 48, 49.

¹⁸ Centre County Deeds, 3:349.

¹⁹ Thos. Spencer household, 1810 U. S. census, Centre County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Walker Township, page 42, line 19, microfilm publication M252, roll 46 (Washington: National Archives). On the same page, Tho^s M^cCommon occupies line 1; Rob^t M^cClelland, line 5; and Isaac M^cKinney, line 17.

²⁰ Centre County Deeds, 4:77-9.

two certain Tracts or Pieces of Land situate in the Township of Centre now Walker in the County of Centre and state aforesaid contiguous to each other one of the said Tracts beginning at a black oak thence along Muncy Mountain North fifty eight degrees West ninety seven perches to a White pine thence along the same North twenty five degrees east thirty six perches to a Pine thence along the same North forty degrees east forty four Perches to Stones thence along other Lands of s^d Thomas Spencer North fifty degrees west twenty two perches to a dogwood thence along muncy mountain South forty degrees west Seventy eight perches to a whiteoak thence along the same South thirty four degrees East one hundred and thirty one perches to a Post thence North forty two and a half a degree East fifty perches to the place of Beginning containing twenty eight acres and allowance of [^ six] p Cent for roads &C^a. The other of the said Tracts or Pieces of Land beginning at a white oak thence along other Land of the said Thomas Spencer North Seventy two degrees east sixty four perches to a Post thence along land of Sam^l Milligan South forty four degrees west ninety perches to a Post thence along the same south forty six degrees east one hundred and fifty six perches to a stone thence along the same South forty four degrees west Eighty eight perches and a half to a post thence along land of Thomas Stewardson North forty six degrees west two hundred and fifty seven perches to Stones. thence North forty four degrees East one hundred and eight perches to a Pine thence South fifty eight degrees east seventy eight perches to the place of beginning containing one hundred and fifty eight acres thirty five perches and allowance of Six p^r Cent for Roads &C^a (the first of said tracts or Pieces of Land being part of the first above recited Tracts of Land and the second tract of piece of Land being part of the second and the most part of the third above recited Tract of Land).

By articles of agreement dated 15 February 1812, Thomas sold the remainder of the 119-acre survey, lying chiefly in Howard Township, to Thomas Hall of Bellefonte, reserving the right to cut timber on the land.^[21] In their last recorded deed, Thomas and Christiana, of Howard Township, conveyed to Henry Pletcher a tract of 77 acres and 119 perches that had also been confirmed to Thomas by Patent Book H No. 5, page 378:

Beginning at a Stone heap on the line of Henry Hoys land thence north forty degrees east eight perches to a white pine thence north fifty one degrees west seventy three perches to a white pine thence north twenty degrees west twenty four perches to a black oak thence north fifteen degrees east seventy five perches to a post thence south fifty eight degrees west one hundred and seventy four perches to a white oak thence south thirty eight degrees east forty six perches to a chestnut thence south eighty degrees east twenty four perches to a birch thence north seventy one degrees east eighty eight perches to a pine thence south thirty degrees east thirteen perches to a [blank] thence south eleven degrees west sixty nine and a half perches to a dogwood now a stone heap thence south fifty degrees east fifteen perches to a [blank] thence north forty six degrees and a quarter east sixty six and a half perches to the place of Beginning.

This grant was made on 8 January 1814 and confirmed on the same day before James Packer, justice of the peace.^[22] In his turn, Thomas Spencer was one of the witnesses of the will of James Packer of Howard Township, on 3 May 1814; it was probated ten days later.^[23]

What happened to Thomas between 1814 and 1820 is not known, but it apparently left him in reduced circumstances. Whereas before 1814 he had owned land and operated grist and saw mills, at his death his estate, which came to less than \$200, was insolvent.^[24] By the 1870s his family—strictly speaking, the heirs of his son Thomas, who had no children—was said to consist of “a large number of relatives in different parts of the country, many of whom are poor and

²¹ Centre County Deeds, 4:239-41.

²² Centre County Deeds, 5:231-2.

²³ Ira F. Fravel, *Wills of Centre County, Pennsylvania, 1800–1853* (1939; reprint, Fulton, Pa.: Mary B. Lontz, 1967), 6, from A:97.

²⁴ Thomas Spencer, inventory (1826), Inv 1826 F031 S, Estate Inventories Collection, Lancaster County Historical Society, Lancaster, Pa.

needy.”^[25] As above noted, he appears in the 1820 census at Marietta. The earliest account among his estate vouchers is for \$25.00 to cash lent, from Henry Sekrist, on 15 March 1819. The vouchers also reflect legal judgments against him: one for \$21.45, in favor of Theodore Whorthington and Ellis Luther, issued 27 March 1823, and one for \$36.06 and costs, in favor of Elijah Miller, issued 26 May 1825. Thomas appealed the latter decision, and on 4 June 1825 entered a bond for his appearance with Fred. Mayer of Marietta in the amount of \$72.12. It seems that he failed to appear, however, for the same docket shows that he was arrested by Henry Nichols, constable of the borough of Marietta, and delivered to jail at Lancaster on 21 November 1825.^[26]

On 3 May 1826, the younger Thomas Spencer of Marietta entered a bond in the amount of \$125 to administer the estate, with David Cassel of Marietta and Benjamin Long of West Hempfield Township as his securities.^[27] Also on 3 May 1826, the inventory of Thomas Spencer of Marietta was exhibited into the Register’s office, with Cassel and Long as appraisers. They found that Thomas owned goods valued at \$61.10. At the final account, entered 14 April 1827, it was found and that the sale of the goods had brought an additional \$106.07, for a total of \$167.17, but that the assets in the administrator’s hands did not suffice to pay all of the accounts outstanding. The account was read and allowed on 18 June 1827.^[28]

Because Thomas Sr. does not appear as a grantor or grantee of land in Lancaster County, and is not credited with owning land in the inventory and account, his successors in interest have not been identified by reference to land or court records. Only two of his children, sons Thomas and Joseph, are named in the accounts claimed against his estate.^[29] A third son, David, was named by Thomas Jr. as a brother in the latter’s will,^[30] and David’s own milling operations lend further indirect support to the placement.^[31] Aside from Thomas Sr., no man of this surname appears in the 1820 census of Lancaster County with sons whose ages correspond to David and Thomas.^[32] It is presumed that all four of the Spencer men who appear in the inventory, account, and estate vouchers were sons of Thomas of Marietta, and that they were all of an age to be counted as 19–25 on that occasion.

An incomplete list of the children of Thomas¹ Spencer, probably by his first wife Mary (____), would include:

- i. (prob.) WILLIAM¹ SPENCER, b. say 1794, living 1827. William Spencer entered an account dated 23 September 1821 for \$20.00, to cash paid James Crawford.^[33]

²⁵ Franklin County Orphan’s Court, Docket, N:525.

²⁶ Thomas Spencer Sr. estate vouchers (1819–27).

²⁷ Lancaster County Orphan’s Court, Bond Book C-1, no. 198.

²⁸ Thomas Spencer inventory (1826).

²⁹ One account was returned from Marietta on 25 March 1827, by an unknown merchant, “1823 July 5 To 1 fine Hat p^d Joseph Spencer (son).” On 26 May 1826, W. S. Hibshman entered an accounts for \$2.50 “To sundry medicines & Attending to his father,” and on the same day entered a receipt from Marietta acknowledging payment in full of the account. John Sheets on 26 April 1826 at Marietta “Recived of Thomas Spencer the sum of five dollars for his Fathers Coffin.” On 19 February 1827, John Huss received “of Mr. Thomas Spencer, Jr. administrator of the estate of his father Thomas Spencer, sr. deceased,” one dollar for the placement of an advertisement. Thomas Spencer Sr. estate vouchers (1819–27).

³⁰ Franklin County Wills G:291.

³¹ Death of David Spencer, Esq.,” *Shippensburg News*, 20 Oct. 1883, p. 3, col. 3.

³² The only other family of this surname is James Spencer household, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Churchtown in Caernarvon, page 200, line 4, microfilm M33, roll 106 (Washington: National Archives), which lists one younger man in both the 16–18 and 16–25 columns; one other aged 26–44, where the documented birth dates of David and Thomas in Franklin County would lead us to expect two; and none aged 45 or more.

³³ Thomas Spencer Sr. estate vouchers (1819–27).

- ii. JOSEPH SPENCER, b. say 1796, living 1827.
- iii. THOMAS SPENCER, b. 11 Aug. 1798, d. Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa., 16 July 1868, aged 69y 11m 5d,^[34] m. 17 Mar. 1825 ELIZABETH MUSSELMAN, dau. of Christian Musselman, decd.,^[35] b. 13 Oct. 1805, d. Chambersburg 17 Jan. 1872, aged 66y 3m 4d.^[36] They had no issue, but both died testate, with Thomas appointing “my wife Elizabeth Spencer & my brother David Spencer” as executors. Elizabeth named as her residuary legatees “my Brother Henry Musselman and Sister Magdalena Shirks children.”^[37] In the Franklin County orphan’s court at February term 1875, David Spencer petitioned for a sum of \$1,000, which Thomas had set aside for Elizabeth to collect the income for life, to be distributed to Thomas’s heirs at law rather than Elizabeth’s. David claimed, among other premises: “That the said Thomas Spencer has a large number of relatives in different parts of the country, many of whom are poor and needy—and before his death he gave to Your petitioner verbal instructions as to his wishes as to how the residue of balance of his Estate should be distributed.” W. S. Stenger, the attorney for the Musselman heirs, filed an answer praying that David’s petition be dismissed. There is no record of a distribution in favor of Thomas’s heirs.^[38]
- 2. iv. DAVID SPENCER, b. 25 May 1801, d. 13 Oct. 1883, m. (1) CATHARINE BEAR; m. (2) MAGDALENA/MARTHA BEAR; m. (3) ADALINE WISE.

Probably he also had children by his second wife, Christiana (____), including at least one son and two daughters born in 1810–20, but their names are not known.^[39]

2. **David² Spencer** (*Thomas*¹) was born 25 May 1801 in Centre County, Pennsylvania, and died 13 October 1883 “at his residence, near Orrstown,” probably in Southampton Township, Franklin County, Pennsylvania.^[40] In every census record from 1850 until his death, he is found as a farmer residing there, and is consistently recorded as a native of that state.^[41] His first wife was **Catharine Bear**. Two children of “David & Catharine Spencer” are buried in cemeteries in or near Southampton Township.^[42] The younger child, Mary Ann, was the wife of Henry C. Hollar, who is specifically named as a son-in-law in David’s will.^[43] His second wife, **Magdalena/Martha Bear**, is believed to be the mother of all of David’s children born after Mary Ann and before her own death. She, also a native of Pennsylvania,^[44] was born 14 January 1814 and died 27 November 1868. David and Martha are buried in the Old Bethel Cemetery in Orrstown, within

³⁴ *Shippensburg News*, Shippensburg, Pa., 25 July 1868, 3, col. 3.

³⁵ *Marriages and Deaths from the Newspapers of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, 1821–1830* (Westminster, Md.: Family Line Publications, 1988), 44-5, citing *Lancaster Journal*, 18 Mar. 1825.

³⁶ *Shippensburg News*, Shippensburg, Pa., 27 Jan. 1872, 3, col. 5.

³⁷ Franklin County Wills G:290-1, 605.

³⁸ Franklin County Orphan’s Court, Docket, N:524-7.

³⁹ Thomas Spencer household, 1820 census.

⁴⁰ “Death of David Spencer, Esq.,” *Shippensburg News*, Shippensburg, Pa., 20 Oct. 1883, p. 3, col. 3; David and Martha Spencer monument, Old Bethel Cemetery, Orrstown, Pennsylvania, transcribed by author, 29 April 2005 (hereafter Old Bethel Cemetery). Elizabeth V. Meredith, *Michael Weidler: His Antecedents and Descendants* (Houston, Tex., 1987), 327, gives David’s dates but not Martha’s. A statement of David’s death date, attested by David W. Spencer, is also attached to David’s will (David Spencer will [1880], Franklin County, Pennsylvania, Will Book I:566-8, at 568; FHL microfilm 323,868, item 2).

⁴¹ In 1850, he appears on page 344, dwelling 53, family 55, micropublication M432, roll 782; in 1860, on page 857, dwelling 93, family 94, micropublication M653, roll 112; in 1870, on page 545, dwelling 75, family 71, micropublication M593, roll 1346; and in 1880, in enumeration district [ED] 92, supervisor’s district [SD] 7, page 116, dwelling 375, family 397, micropublication T9, roll 1131 (all, Washington: National Archives). Every census lists David as head of household.

⁴² John Spencer gravestone, Old Bethel Cemetery; Helen I. Harman, *Cumberland County, Pennsylvania Cemeteries and Necrology Records Compiled from Jere Zeamer Records* (Mount Holly Springs, Pa., 1983), 85.

⁴³ David Spencer will (1880), 567.

⁴⁴ 1850 U. S. census, Franklin County, Pennsylvania population schedule, Southampton Township, Orrstown post office, page 344, dwelling 53, family 55.

the boundaries of Southampton Township.^[45] Catharine and Martha were both daughters of Henry and Anna (Ober) Bear, as further shown below. He married thirdly, on 22 February 1872, **Adaline Wise**,^[46] who had appeared as his housekeeper in the 1870 census.^[47] She born in Pennsylvania on 8 September 1845, daughter of Jacob (Jr.) and Nancy (Koontz) Wise, and died at Shippensburg, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, on 7 August 1911, having married secondly Reuben Shearer of that place.^[48]

On 3 April 1835, among the heirs and legal representatives of Henry Bear's mother Catharine Overholtzer, formerly the widow of Martin Bear, David Spenser shared both "in right of his wife now decd. Catharine and also as guardian of their two children John and Mary Spenser" and "in right of Magdalena his wife."^[49] Five of the other grantors of that release reappear in one executed upon the division of the estate of Anna's grandfather, Henry Ober, dated 17 February 1846 and recorded 5 March 1846, together with "David Spenser and Martha his wife," as "six of the eight children and Legal Representatives of of [sic] Anna Bear deceased, who was one of the six children of Michael Ober deceased, who was a son and one of the nine children of the said Henry Ober deceased."^[50] David then entered another release, recorded next after, "as Guardian of Mary Spenser, Minor (The said Mary being the only surviving child of Catharine Spenser decd who was one of the eight children and Legal representatives of Anna Bear decd, who was one of the six children of Michael Ober decd, who was a son & one of the nine children of Henry Ober decd)."^[51] David's son John having died, Mary was then his oldest surviving child; had Catharine been the mother of any of his other children, they also would have been minors who required guardians to represent Catharine's interest. The forename of David's second wife varies, but she always represented the same family as Catharine's heirs. She also continued a precedent in the family of her maternal grandfather, Michael Ober, for the use of *Martha* as an alternative for *Magdalena*.^[52]

David made his will on 20 March 1880, and it was proved at Chambersburg, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, on 24 October 1883. He bequeathed to Adaline a life interest in certain financial assets, in a house and lot he owned in Shippensburg which was then occupied by his

⁴⁵ David and Martha Spencer monument, Old Bethel Cemetery.

⁴⁶ *Shippensburg News*, Shippensburg, Pa., 30 Mar. 1872, 3, col. 6.

⁴⁷ 1870 U. S. census, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Southampton Township, Orrstown post office, page 545, dwelling 75, family 71; 1880 U. S. census, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Southampton Township, ED 92, SD 7, page 116, dwelling 375, family 387, lists Adaline as David's wife, and Henry W. Kendig as his "Stepson." Interpreted literally, this invites the presumption that Adaline had previously married; but as we will see below, Henry was actually David's *grandson*.

⁴⁸ Adaline Shearer, death certificate no. 78347 (1911), Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg; "Two Sisters Die Suddenly: Mrs. Mary Gloss and Mrs. Adaline Shearer Are Called," *Public Opinion*, Chambersburg, Pa., 9 Aug. 1911, 3, col. 6; *Biographical Annals of Franklin County, Pennsylvania, Containing Genealogical Records of Representative Families, Including Many of the Early Settlers, and Biographical Sketches of Prominent Citizens* (Chicago: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1905), 388. Franklin County Orphan's Court, Auditor Reports, O:158, misdates her death to 7 Feb. 1911.

⁴⁹ Lancaster County, Pennsylvania Deeds, D6:457-8, quotations at 457.

⁵⁰ Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Deeds, B7:568-70, quotation at 568.

⁵¹ Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Deeds, B7:570-1, quotation at 570. The sources in this note and the previous two were brought to my attention by Victor S. Dunn, CG.

⁵² A guardian was appointed for Martha Ober, aged five years, daughter of Michael Ober, late of Germany Township, deceased, 30 Dec. 1806 (Adams County, Pennsylvania, Orphan's Court Record, A:239, FHL microfilm 20,664). Michael's heirs were also heirs to the estate of his widow Catharine Ober; they include Ann, intermarried with Henry Bear, and Magdalena, intermarried with John Stouffer (petition, 8 Feb. 1825, in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, Orphan's Court Docket, 7:555, FHL microfilm 21,024).

son-in-law Jacob S. Fetter, and in his residence near Orrstown. He also nominated Adaline as the guardian of his daughter, Nancy Jane, until she reached the age of 21 years. He further ordered that the rest of his real estate be sold at public sale and that the remainder of his personal estate be divided among his children, share and share alike. His grandson, Harry W. Kindig, “shall take the share that his mother would be entitled to if living, except that I desire him to be charged with \$200, which his mother received as an outfit.” The principal and interest on all the notes that he held against his sons-in-law, Henry C. Hollar, Jacob S. Fetter, and Alfred K. Kyner, and certain of his sons (unnamed), were to be deducted from their respective shares. The testator signed his will with a mark, “being paralised in his right arm and . . . now unable to write.” The witnesses, George R. Colliflower and Michael Gable, were sworn at the date of probate.^[53]

Children of David² and Catharine (Bear) Spencer are:^[54]

- i. JOHN³ SPENCER, b. ca. Aug. 1826, d. 23 Jan. 1844, aged 17y 5m, bur. Old Bethel Cemetery.^[55]
- ii. MARY ANN SPENCER, b. 2 Dec. 1827, d. 5 Nov. 1888, bur. Spring Hill Cemetery, Shippensburg,^[56] m. 16 Jan. 1845 HENRY CARMONY HOLLAR, b. near Mongul, Franklin Co., 21 May 1823, son of Henry and Mary S. (Carmony) Hollar, d. Shippensburg 21 Dec. 1901, aged 78y 7m.^[57]

Children of David² and Martha (Bear) Spencer, born in Pennsylvania, are:

3. iii. HENRY B. SPENCER, b. 23 Oct. 1832, d. 31 Oct. or 1 Nov. 1898, m. CAROLINE WEIDLER.
- iv. CATHARINE SPENCER, b. 21 Sept. 1834, d. 30 Sept. 1866, aged 32y 9d, bur. Old Bethel Cemetery,^[58] m. Cumberland Co., Pa., 22 Jan. 1857 EMANUEL B. KENDIG,^[59] b. 31 Jan. 1834, son apparently of Henry and Mary (____) Kendig, d. 5 Jan. 1864, bur. North Newton Twp., Cumberland Co., Pa.^[60]
- v. SARAH ANN SPENCER, b. 31 Dec. 1838, d. Shippensburg 30 Oct. 1915,^[61] m. Franklin Co., Pa., 6 Jan. 1859 JACOB S. FETTER,^[62] b. Pa.,^[63] 1 Dec. 1831, d. Shippensburg 20 Dec. 1884, aged 53y 19d,^[64] both bur. Spring Hill Cemetery, Shippensburg.^[65]

⁵³ David Spencer will (1880), 566-8.

⁵⁴ In addition to the previously cited census records, complete lists of his heirs at law are found in Franklin County Orphan’s Court, Auditor Reports, E:541-7, O:157-61.

⁵⁵ John Spencer gravestone, Old Bethel Cemetery.

⁵⁶ Austin Spencer, “Mary Ann Spencer Hollar,” memorial no. 84946281, *Find a Grave* (www.findagrave.com/memorial/84946281: added 13 Feb. 2012), with photograph of gravestones by same contributor and by “Sherry.” This site will be referenced hereafter as follows: memorial creator, “decendent,” memorial no., *Find a Grave* (date added). All cited memorials include gravestone photographs, and only photographs by contributors other than the memorial creator will be credited here.

⁵⁷ “Sudden Death of Henry C. Hollar,” *Shippensburg News*, Shippensburg, Pa., 27 Dec. 1901, 3, col. 4; Amelia Cleland Gilreath, *Haller–Holler–Hollar Genealogy* (Nokesville, Pa., 1981), 52, 83.

⁵⁸ Catharine Kendig gravestone, Old Bethel Cemetery.

⁵⁹ Mary Anne Capell Wilson, *Marriages and Deaths from the American Democrat (Carlisle, PA) Newspaper, 1851–1858* (Apollo, Pa.: Closson Press, 1998), 71, citing issue of 29 January 1857 (records groom as “E. C. Kindig”).

⁶⁰ Helen I. Harman, *Cumberland County, Pennsylvania Cemetery Records Compiled from Jere Zeamer Records* (Harrisburg: Pennsylvania State Library, 1960), 226; Henry Kindig household, 1850 U. S. census, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Newton Township, page 293, dwelling 72, family 77, micropublication M432, roll 773 (Washington: National Archives).

⁶¹ Mrs. Sarah A. Fetter, death certificate no. 98305 (1915), Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg.

⁶² Calista Sanderson, “Newspapers: Genealogy Gleanings, 1858–60, 1864: ‘Valley Star,’: Newville, Cumberland Co, PA” (ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/pa/cumberland/newspapers/vsglean01.txt: updated 15 November 1999), viewed 25 April 2005, citing “The Alter: Married,” *Valley Star*, Newville, Pa., issue of 13 January 1859.

⁶³ Jacob Fetter household, 1870 U. S. census, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, borough of Shippensburg, Shippensburg post office, page 369, dwelling 77, family 81, micropublication M593, roll 1333 (Washington: National Archives); Heritage Quest Online image, viewed 4 May 2005.

⁶⁴ *Shippensburg News*, Shippensburg, Pa., 27 Dec. 1884, 2, col. 5.

⁶⁵ Austin Spencer, “Jacob S. Fetter,” memorial no. 86339807, *Find a Grave* (6 Mar. 2012); Austin Spencer, “Sarah Ann Spencer Fetter,” memorial no. 86339871, *Find a Grave* (6 Mar. 2012).

- vi. MARTHA JANE SPENCER, b. Franklin Co. 18 Oct. 1839,^[66] d. 29 May 1910,^[67] m. ca. 1863 (first child b. 30 June 1864) ALFRED KINZER KYNER, b. Franklin Co. 9 Feb. 1840, son of John and Julia Ann (Marks) Kyner,^[68] bp. Shippensburg 6 April 1840,^[69] d. 31 Aug. 1914, both bur. Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., W. Va.^[70]
- vii. DAVID WESLEY SPENCER, b. Franklin Co. 4 April 1842, d. Newville, Cumberland Co., Pa., 20 Jan. 1906,^[71] m. there 13 Dec. 1866 SARAH/SADIE CATHARINE BROWN,^[72] b. Pa., 13 Feb. 1843, dau. of John and Sarah (Grimes) Brown, d. Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co., Pa., 16 Feb. 1906;^[73] both bur. Big Spring Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Newville.^[74]
- viii. ANN ELIZABETH SPENCER, b. 29 Oct. 1843, d. 1 Jan. 1849, aged 5y 2m 3d, bur. Old Bethel Cemetery.^[75]
- ix. THOMAS SPENCER, b. ca. 1846, d. 18 Mar. 1881,^[76] m. 25 Mar. 1872 MARY H. GRIMASON,^[77] living 30 Sept. 1912 at Chicago, Cook Co., Ill.^[78]
- x. WILLIAM SPENCER, b. 21 Feb. 1848, d. 23 Dec. 1868, aged 20y 10m 2d, bur. Old Bethel Cemetery.^[79]
- xi. JAMES MACKAY SPENCER,^[80] b. Franklin Co. 8 June 1850, d. Galesburg, Knox Co., Ill., 18 June 1926,^[81] m. Indian Point Twp., Knox Co., 29 July 1878 MARTHA ALICE MOORE, b. Chestnut Twp., Knox Co.,^[82] 7 Mar. 1854, dau. of Paul and Mary Jane (Hartsook) Moore, d. London Mills, Fulton Co., Ill., 8 Jan.

⁶⁶ *Hardesty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia, Illustrated . . . Special History of the Virginias, Outline Maps and Histories of Berkeley and Jefferson Counties, West Virginia* (Chicago and Toledo: Hardesty & Co., Publishers, 1883), biographical section, p. 4. *Cemeteries of Martinsburg and Berkeley County, West Virginia* (Martinsburg, W. Va.: Berkeley County Historical Society, n. d.), 26, shows birth month as Dec.

⁶⁷ *Cemeteries of Martinsburg and Berkeley County*, 26.

⁶⁸ *Hardesty's Historical and Geographical Encyclopedia, 4; A Historical Sketch of Michael Keinadt and Margaret Diller, His Wife: The History and Genealogy of Their Numerous Posterity in the American States, Up to the Year 1893* (Staunton, Va: Stoneburner & Pruffer, Publishers, 1893; reprint with supplement, Staunton, VA: Campfield Printing Company, 1941), 38. *Cemeteries of Martinsburg and Berkeley County, West Virginia* (Martinsburg, W. Va.: Berkeley County Historical Society, n. d.), 26, shows birth year as 1839.

⁶⁹ "Records of Births from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Shippensburg & Vicinity," *Pennsylvania Genealogical Records, Book 2*, Pennsylvania DAR Genealogical Records Committee Report, ser. 1, vol. 45 (Washington, D. C., 1938), 334-49, at 341.

⁷⁰ *Cemeteries of Martinsburg and Berkeley County*, 26.

⁷¹ David Wesley Spencer, death certificate no. 5563 (1906), Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg.

⁷² David Spencer pension file, application no. 1,160,954, certificate no. 985,515, Military Bounty Land Warrants and Pension Files, record group [RG] 15 (Washington: National Archives).

⁷³ David Spencer pension file; Sarah Spencer, death certificate no. 4492, FHL microfilm 1,319,427, "Pennsylvania, Philadelphia City Death Certificates, 1803-1915," *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1320976, Salt Lake City: Intellectual Reserve, Inc., updated 19 May 2014). See also David W. Spencer household, 1880 U. S. census, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, borough of Newville, ED 85, SD 7, page 409, dwelling 248, family 263, micropublication T9, roll 1122 (Washington: National Archives), where John Brown is listed as father-in-law.

⁷⁴ Austin Spencer, "David W. Spencer," memorial no. 84951059, *Find a Grave* (13 Feb. 2012), additional photograph by Mary Hall Miller.

⁷⁵ Ann Elizabeth Spencer gravestone, Old Bethel Cemetery. Her gravestone does not identify her parents—unusual, for such a young child—but her father is named in her death notice, *Weekly News*, Shippensburg, Pa., 11 Jan. 1849, p. 2, col. 1, Cumberland County Historical Society, Carlisle, Pa.

⁷⁶ Franklin County Orphan's Court, Auditor Reports, O:159.

⁷⁷ *Shippensburg News*, Shippensburg, Pa., 25 Mar. 1872, 3, col. 6.

⁷⁸ Franklin County Orphan's Court, Auditor Reports, O:159.

⁷⁹ William Spencer gravestone, Old Bethel Cemetery.

⁸⁰ Full names of himself and his wife are in the birth returns of two children, Knox Co., Ill., Birth and delayed birth records, 1877-1900, nos. 538 (1878) and 1482 (1879), DGS 7610953, *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/343204, Salt Lake City: Intellectual Reserve, Inc., accessed 15 Aug. 2020)

⁸¹ James M. Spencer, Illinois death certificate no. 26115 (1926), FHL microfilm 1,613,375.

⁸² Knox Co., Ill., Marriage License no. 4907, FHL microfilm 1,412,047.

1934,^[83] evidently divorced and m. (2) Galesburg 22 Aug. 1918 Israel Baldwin Jacobs of London Mills.^[84]

- xii. EMMA L. SPENCER, b. 24 Dec. 1853, d. Wellington, Sumner Co., Kans., 6 May 1918,^[85] m. Southampton Twp. 2 Feb. 1881 JOHN KNISELY,^[86] b. 22 Mar. 1851, d. Downs Twp., Sumner Co., 4 Mar. 1910, both bur. Bethany Cemetery, Perth, Sumner Co.^[87]

Child of David² and Adaline (Wise) Spencer, born in Pennsylvania, is:

- xiii. NANNIE JANE SPENCER, b. ca. 1873, d. Wichita, Sedgwick Co., Kans., 3 July 1950,^[88] m. 11 Feb. 1892 GREEN ELLIOTT DOWIS, b. Barboursville, Knox Co., Ky., 17 July 1868, son of Stephen Dowis, d. Blackwell, Kay Co., Okla., 9 Sept. 1931. They had one child, who died in infancy.^[89]

3. **Henry B.³ Spencer** (*David², Thomas¹*) was born 23 October 1832 in Pennsylvania, and died in Southampton Township on 31 October or 1 November 1898. His gravestone in the Old Bethel Cemetery in Orrstown, giving the earlier death date, also states that he was born on 24 September 1834 and died at the age of 64 years, 1 month and 6 [*sic*] days.^[90] This is unlikely, since the gravestone of his sister Catharine Kendig, in the same cemetery, indicates that she was born three days after the putative birth date on Henry's stone.^[91] More likely the county record of his death, which says that he died "Near Orrstown" on 1 November 1898, aged 66 years and 9 days, is correct.^[92] The birth date given above is calculated from that record.

Henry appears as a farmer or farm laborer in every census record between his marriage and his death. He appears never to have held as much property as his father.^[93] He was married at Shippensburg on 8 December 1853 to **Caroline Weidler**.^[94] She was born 3 December 1827 in

⁸³ "Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916–1947," *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1438856, Salt Lake City: Intellectual Reserve, Inc., updated 11 April 2014), citing certificate no. 1001, FHL microfilm 1,675,308.

⁸⁴ "Illinois, County Marriages, 1810–1940," *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1803970, Salt Lake City: Intellectual Reserve, Inc., updated 30 Mar. 2020), from Knox Co. marriage license no. 21865, DGS 4031873.

⁸⁵ "Perth," *The Wellington Daily News*, 8 May 1918, p. 2, col. 3, *Newspapers + Publisher Extra* (www.newspapers.com/paper/the-wellington-daily-news/2510, n. p.: Ancestry.com, accessed 15 Aug. 2020); Shirley Hause, "John Knisely," memorial no. 86731025, *Find a Grave* (13 Mar. 2012), additional photograph by Judy Mayfield.

⁸⁶ *Public Opinion*, Chambersburg, Pa., 12 Feb. 1881, 3, col. 5.

⁸⁷ "Death of an Old Settler," *The Monitor-Press*, Wellington, Kans., 9 Mar. 1910, p. 7, col. 1, *Newspapers + Publisher Extra* (www.newspapers.com/paper/the-monitor-press/7429, n. p.: Ancestry.com, accessed 15 Aug. 2020); Hause, "John Knisely."

⁸⁸ "Blackwell Woman, Mrs. Dowis, Dies," *The Ponca City News*, Ponca City, Okla., 4 July 1950, p. 2, col. 5, *Newspapers + Publisher Extra* (www.newspapers.com/paper/the-ponca-city-news/20785, n. p.: Ancestry.com, accessed 15 Aug. 2020).

⁸⁹ "Green Elliott Dowis," *Blackwell Morning Tribune*, Blackwell, Okla., 14 Sept. 1931, p. 3, cols. 1-2, *Newspapers + Publisher Extra* (www.newspapers.com/paper/blackwell-journal-tribune/20742, n. p.: Ancestry.com, accessed 15 Aug. 2020); Green Elliott Dowis, application no. 44137 (1918), Passport Applications, 1906–1925, microfilm publication M1490, roll 623 (Washington: National Archives, 1988), in "United States Passport Applications, 1795–1925, *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2185145, Salt Lake City: Intellectual Reserve, Inc., updated 26 Jan. 2018) (father's name).

⁹⁰ Henry B. Spencer gravestone, Old Bethel Cemetery. Meredith prints the dates from this inscription and cites it directly, but reads the year of death as 1895 and does not mention the age. Presumably, she believes that the stone gives his age as 61 years rather than 64 (*Michael Weidler*, 327-8). Also in support of the later date is this notice from a local newspaper: "Mr. Henry Spencer, an aged resident of this vicinity, died on Monday night of last week," *i. e.*, the night of 31 October. "Orrstown Notes," *Shippensburg Chronicle*, Shippensburg, Pa., 10 Nov. 1898, 3, col. 4.

⁹¹ Catharine Kendig gravestone, Old Bethel Cemetery.

⁹² Franklin County, Pennsylvania, Register of Deaths, 2: no. 1192; FHL microfilm 323,954.

⁹³ In 1860 he appears on page 857, dwelling 90, family 90, micropublication M653, roll 112; in 1870, on page 553, dwelling 197, family 192, micropublication M593, roll 1346; and in 1880, in ED 92, SD 7, page 117, dwelling 386, family 398, micropublication T9, roll 1131 (all, Washington: National Archives).

⁹⁴ "Marriage Records of the Rev. George W. Glessner," *Antietam Ancestors* 6 (Fall 1996): 22-9, at 28.

Leacock Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Reuben and Catharine Beck (Holl) Weidler, and died 9 March 1882 in Southampton Township. They are both buried in Old Bethel Cemetery in Orrstown.^[95]

Children of Henry B.³ and Caroline (Weidler) Spencer, all but vi born in Pennsylvania, are:

4.
 - i. DAVID WIDLER⁴ SPENCER, b. 25 Aug. 1855, d. 18 April 1916, m. DOROTHY E. HOYL.
 - ii. CHARLES R. SPENCER, b. Franklin Co. 27 Sept. 1856, d. Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa., 25 Nov. 1929,^[96] m. Chambersburg 29 Dec. 1881 LAURA B. SHIELDS,^[97] b. Franklin Co. 18 May 1863, dau. of William C. and Eliza (Diffendaffer) Shields, d. Chambersburg 9 Jan. 1921.^[98]
 - iii. HARRY LYNN SPENCER, b. Harrisburg, Dauphin Co., 30 Aug. 1861, d. Toledo, Lucas Co., Ohio, 23 Dec. 1927,^[99] m. ca. 1890 MARY H. THOMPSON, b. Ohio, Feb. 1872, who survived him.^[100]
 - iv. FLORA SPENCER, b. ca. 1862, living 1870.^[101]
 - v. MARTHA M./MATTIE SPENCER, b. June 1863,^[102] res. Greene Twp., Franklin Co., Pa., 1910,^[103] m. 11 Nov. 1880 JAMES GARMAN KILLIAN,^[104] b. Franklin Co. 14 May 1856, son of Nathan and Mary (Garman) Killian, d. Southampton Twp. 12 Mar. 1922.^[105]
 - vi. ANNA M./ANNIE SPENCER, b. Mo., 20 Oct. 1866, d. Chambersburg 18 June 1928,^[106] m. Salem, Franklin Co., Pa., 15 June 1888 JOHN B. KILLIAN,^[107] b. Franklin Co. 6 Oct. 1866, son of Nathan and Mary (Garman) Killian, d. Greene Twp., Franklin Co., 6 June 1939.^[108]

4. **David Widler⁴ Spencer^[109]** (*Henry B.³, David², Thomas¹*) was born 25 August 1855 in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. By 1900 he was living in Montgomery City, Montgomery County, Missouri, and employed as a "Watch Tinker."^[110] He died in St. Louis, Missouri, on 18 April

⁹⁵ Caroline Spencer gravestone, Old Bethel Cemetery.

⁹⁶ Charles R. Spencer, death certificate no. 110923 (1929), Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg.

⁹⁷ *Public Opinion*, Chambersburg, Pa., 31 Dec. 1881, 3, col. 5.

⁹⁸ Laura B. Spencer, death certificate no. 4739 (1921), Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg.

⁹⁹ Harry L. Spencer, death certificate no. 70952 (1927), "Ohio Deaths, 1908–1953," *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1307272, Salt Lake City: Intellectual Reserve, Inc., updated 13 Jan. 2014); Franklin County Orphan's Court, Auditor Reports, O:155-60.

¹⁰⁰ Harry L. Spencer household, 1900 U. S. census, Wood County, Ohio, population schedule, Portage Township, ED 157, SD 8, sheet 15, dwelling 295, family 300, micropublication T623, roll 1334 (Washington: National Archives).

¹⁰¹ 1870 U. S. census, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Southampton Township, Orrstown post office, page 553, dwelling 197, family 192.

¹⁰² James Killian household, 1900 U. S. census, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Southampton Township, borough of Orrstown, ED 53, SD 12, sheet 17, dwelling 347, family 362, micropublication T624, roll 1413 (Washington: National Archives). Meredith gives this information without a citation, although she probably derives it from the same source (*Michael Weidler*, 327).

¹⁰³ James G. Killian household, 1910 U. S. census, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Greene Township, ED 17, SD 13, sheet 5, dwelling 51, family 62, micropublication T625, roll 1347 (Washington: National Archives).

¹⁰⁴ *Public Opinion*, Chambersburg, Pa., 27 Nov. 1880, 3, col. 5.

¹⁰⁵ James Garman Killian, death certificate no. 32347 (1922), Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg.

¹⁰⁶ Meredith, *Michael Weidler*, 327; based apparently on her gravestone; Mrs. Anna Killian, death certificate no. 61799 (1928), Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg, gives her birth year as 1865.

¹⁰⁷ Franklin County Marriage License Docket, 4:30.

¹⁰⁸ John B. Killian, death certificate no. 56487 (1939), and James Garman Killian, death certificate no. 32347 (1922), Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg.

¹⁰⁹ So named by John Lee Spencer, Social Security no. 489-18-1673, 27 April 1938, Application for Account Number (Form SS-5), Social Security Administration, Baltimore, Maryland.

¹¹⁰ David W. Spencer household, 1900 U. S. census, Montgomery County, Missouri, population schedule, city of Montgomery City, ward 1, ED 66, SD 9, sheet 12, dwelling 260, family 260, micropublication T623, roll 876 (Washington: National Archives); FHL microfilm 1,240,876.

1916.^[111] He married on 10 April 1881 at Benton City, Audrain County, Missouri, **Dorothy E. Hoyl**.^[112] She was born in Tennessee, probably in Blount County, in February 1852,^[113] daughter of John and Margaret Hodge (Cope) Hoyl (see 17. *Hoyl*, 4, v.), and died 10 September 1903 in St. Louis.^[114]

Children of David Widler⁴ and Dorothy E. (Hoyl) Spencer, probably all born in Missouri, are:^[115]

- i. MYRTLE HODGE⁵ SPENCER,^[116] b. Audrain Co., Mo.,^[117] 8 Feb. 1882, d. Paw Paw, Van Buren Co., Mich., 9 Feb. 1967,^[118] m. Keystone, Wells Co., Ind., 3 Feb. 1905 LOUIS JAMES PALMER,^[119] b. Hamilton Co., Ind., 16 Oct. 1879, son of W. H. and Mollie (Worthen) Palmer,^[120] d. Portsmouth, Scioto Co., Ohio, 21 June 1935, divorced and remarried to Anna May Parks.^[121]
- ii. HARRY ARTHUR SPENCER, b. ca. May 1883, d. prob. Montgomery City 27 July 1884, “infant son of David Spencer of this city, age about 14m.”^[122]
5. iii. JOHN LEROY SPENCER, b. 23 June 1885, d. 14 June 1962, m. WINNIE BOSTIC.
- iv. FRANCIS W. SPENCER, b. Oct. 1889, living 1900. According to tradition, he “went west” after his mother’s death and was never afterward heard from.^[123]

5. John Leroy⁵ Spencer (*David Widler⁴, Henry B.³, David², Thomas¹*) was born in Callaway County,

¹¹¹ David Spencer, death certificate no. 16353 (1916), “Missouri Death Certificates, 1910–1969,” *Missouri Digital Heritage* (s1.sos.mo.gov/records/Archives/ArchivesMvC/DeathCertificates, Jefferson City: Missouri Office of the Secretary of State, 2007–20) (gives his birth year as 1853).

¹¹² Audrain County Marriages, 1A:61, microfilm C404, Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City.

¹¹³ 1900 U. S. census, Montgomery County, Missouri, population schedule, city of Montgomery City, ward 1, ED 66, SD 9, sheet 12, dwelling 260, family 260.

¹¹⁴ Dorothy E. Spencer obituary, *Montgomery Standard* [Montgomery City, Missouri], 18 September 1903, 5, says that she died “Thursday night” but was buried on Saturday. The issue date being a Friday, Dorothy must have died on Thursday of the previous week. Alma J. Enloe Wheeler ignores the burial information, and accordingly places her death a week later, on 17 September (*Montgomery County, Missouri, Newspaper Records: Births, Marriages, Deaths & Misc.*, 7 vols. [Shelbyville, Mo.: K. Wilham Genealogical Research & Publishing, 1996], 5:57).

¹¹⁵ Unless otherwise indicated, birth data are from the 1900 U. S. census, Montgomery County, Missouri, population schedule, city of Montgomery City, ward 1, ED 66, SD 9, sheet 12, dwelling 260, family 260.

¹¹⁶ Harry Lee Palmer, birth certificate no. 26720 (1914), “Indiana, Birth Certificates, 1907–1940, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60871, Provo, Utah: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 1 June 2016).

¹¹⁷ “Indiana Marriages, 1811–2007,” *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1410397, Salt Lake City: Intellectual Reserve, Inc., updated 9 Aug. 2020), from Wells Co. marriage license register, C:21, line 14.

¹¹⁸ “Rites Held for Mrs. Palmer, 85,” clipping attached to card with death date typed, Paw Paw District Library, Van Buren County, Michigan, Obituary Card File, “Michigan Obituaries, 1820–2006,” *FamilySearch* (www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2215693, Salt Lake City: Intellectual Reserve, Inc., updated 4 Aug. 2020), from DGS 7589217. This gives her birth place as “St. Joseph County, Missouri,” which has never existed.

¹¹⁹ Wheeler, *Montgomery County Newspaper Records*, 7:16; “Indiana Marriages, 1811–2007,” Wells Co. marriage license register, C:21, line 14, and marriage record, 10:397.

¹²⁰ “Indiana Marriages, 1811–2007,” from Wells Co. marriage license register, C:21, line 14; Louis James Palmer draft registration card, World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917–18, Lake County, Indiana, serial no. 105, order no. 4956, micropublication M1509, roll IN (Washington: National Archives), names as nearest relative “Myrtle H. Palmer (Wife).”

¹²¹ Louis James Palmer, death certificate no. 39511 (1935), “Ohio Deaths, 1908–1953.”

¹²² Mrs. Murray O. Wheeler [Alma J. Enloe], *Death Records Abstracted from The Montgomery Standard, A Newspaper Published at Montgomery City, Montgomery County, Missouri, 9 January 1880–26 December 1889*, Connecticut DAR Genealogical Records Committee Report, ser. 2, vol. 15 (n. P., 1993), 31, citing issue of 1 Aug. 1884. According to census data, Dorothy had had four children by 1900, but only three survived (1900 U. S. census, Montgomery County, Missouri, population schedule, city of Montgomery City, ward 1, ED 66, SD 9, sheet 12, dwelling 260, family 260).

¹²³ It was formerly thought that this son’s name was *George*. The tradition is reported by Dorothy R. Spencer to Donelda F. Spencer *et al.*, 6 October 1991 (which includes this error), as well as later letters from Dorothy R. Spencer to the author, all in the author’s possession.

Missouri,^[124] 23 June 1885,^[125] and died in Maryland Heights, St. Louis County, Missouri, on 14 June 1962.^[126] He married **Winnie Bostic** on 29 January 1908 in St. Charles, St. Charles County, Missouri.^[127] She was born 18 July 1888 in Lincoln County, Missouri,^[128] daughter of Virgil and Louellen (Pennington) Bostic (see 9. *Bostic*, 5, iv.), and died 24 April 1974 in Maryland Heights. They are both buried in Memorial Park Cemetery in St. Louis.^[129]

Children of John Leroy⁵ and Winnie (Bostic) Spencer are:

6.
 - i. KENNETH WAYNE⁶ SPENCER, b. 14 Feb. 1911, d. 22 Oct. 1963, m. JEAN MARY DAILEY.
 - ii. DOROTHY RUTH SPENCER, b. Overland, St. Louis Co., Mo., 21 Sept. 1924,^[130] d. Eureka, Jefferson Co., Mo., 7 July 2019.^[131] A clinical psychologist for Missouri Vocational Rehab, longtime member of St. Blaise Catholic Church, Maryland Heights, and an early supporter of this writer's research.

6. **Kenneth Wayne⁶ Spencer** (*John Leroy⁵, David Widler⁴, Henry B.³, David², Thomas¹*) was born in Truxton, Lincoln County, Missouri, on 14 February 1911,^[132] and died 22 October 1963 in East Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan.^[133] He married in St. Louis, on 29 August 1931, **Jean Mary Dailey**.^[134] She was born 26 June 1910 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, daughter of James Eugene and Lucile (Carter) Dailey^[135] (see 5. *Dailey*, 2, i.), and died 28 August 1995 in Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan.^[136]

Kenneth Wayne⁶ and Jean Mary (Dailey) Spencer had, among other issue:

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 - i. JAMES MICHAEL⁷ SPENCER, m. DONELDA FAYE LUTZ; parents of the author.

¹²⁴ John L. Spencer discharge, United States Army, 31 March 1919, held in July 1998 by Jean W. Spencer of Ardsley-on-Hudson, New York.

¹²⁵ John L. Spencer diary, 1918, unpagged, entry of 23 June ("My Birthday wonder where I will be"), held in July 1998 by Jean W. Spencer.

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