Descendants of Absalom Sines

Generation No. 1

1. ABSALOM[3] SINES *(ADAM[2], JOHN (JOHANNES WILHELM)[1] SEYN)* was born 1805 in Moorefield, Virginia, and died 31 Dec 1862 in Stones River, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. He married CHRISTENIA HARTMAN 29 Mar 1832 in Twp. of Spencer, Guernsey Co., Ohio, daughter of JOHN HARTMAN and SUSANNA ?. She was born 1812 in Preston Co., Virginia, and died 21 Oct 1881 in Buried in Cambridge, Ohio.

Notes for ABSALOM SINES:

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NOTE!!!
None of the notes before Absalom are proven. Although I have his father listed as Adam, I am not at all convinced that Adam is his father. Indeed, I think his father is John Sines and his mother could be Mary Riley, John's 2nd wife. I do think the information on Adam is correct and John Sines before Adam is correct. Adam, however, may be Absalom's brother.

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Absalom Sines entered service as a Private service in the Civil War on September 06, 1861. (He is also wrongly listed as Absalom Sims on the Civil War Records.) He was in the 15th Reg., Co., B. of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and died in the battle of Stones River in Murfreesboro, Tennessee on December 31, 1862. Absalom is buried in a marked grave at the National Cemetery at Stones River in Murfreesboro. Section E-grave #1765. (Absalom's wife and children's birth dates taken from records and the others estimated from the District 114, Washington Township, Muskingum Co., Ohio Census of 1850)

" A FAMILY OF SOLDIERS" (Newspaper clipping)

Editor National Tribune; Among the many who nobly fought for their Country none made greater sacrifice or one more deserving of honorable mention than the family of Absalom Sines the last surviving members who now reside in this vicinity.

Absalom Sines, father, was born in 1808; (article gives this as his birth date) enlisted in Co. B, 15th Ohio at Cambridge, Ohio, June 1861: killed December 31, 1862, (article states date of death as January 31, 1882) at Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

John Sines, eldest son, served in 62nd Ohio; was wounded in skirmish; served afterward as Sargeant in 22nd Ohio; died May 11, 1909.

Leonard Sines, 2nd son, served in Co. A, 172nd Ohio; now resides in Hemlock, Ohio. A stalwart Republican and worthy citizen, whom we are all proud to claim as a friend and neighbor.

Isaac Sines, 3rd son, enlisted in Illinois Sharpshooters, was captured and disbanded after three months' service. He then enlisted in the 45th Illinois., and was killed in charge on blown-up redoubt at Vicksburg, Mississippi, June 25, 1862. (article states date as July 25, 1862)

Simeon Sines, (articles states name as Simon), 4th son, enlisted in Co. B. 16th Ohio: first call for three months. At expiration of term enlisted in 15th Ohio for three years; killed in charge on Missionary Ridge, November 25, 1863. 1863

William Sines, 5th son, enlisted in 38th Ohio; transferred to 22nd Ohio Art.; himself and horse were torn to pieces by an exploding shell while in battle at Cumberland Gap, Kentucky, January 14, 1863. (article states date as June 1862)

Peter Sines, 6th son, served three years in 97th (article states 92nd) Ohio: afterward joined Regulars and served about three years in Regular Army. Is now a highly respected citizen and Mayor of New Straitsville, Ohio.

The Sines family came from good old fighting stock. The father of Absalom (article states Abraham) Sines was a soldier in the War of 1812 and fought under Gen. Jackson at New Orleans.--C. G. Kern, Co. I, 48th Wis., Hemlock, Ohio.

Taken from Civil War Military and Service Records (CMSR) from the National Archives.

submitted by Geri Bird Laubscher
great great granddaughter
of Absalom Sines

Letter:
Officers Hospital Nashville, Tenn.
Jan. 14th, 1863
I, John M. Clenahan, Major 15th Regt., Ohio Vol. Inf., and formerly Captain of Company "B" 15th Regt. Ohio Volunteer Infantry, do hereby certify, that Absalom Sines, a private in the same company and Regiment, was on the 31st of December 1862, and during the progress of the recent battle before Murfreesboro, shot in the left breast, by a musket ball, from which wound he died in a few minutes. Said death wound was received, while Said Absalom Sines was in the Service of the United States and in the line of his duty.

signed
John M. Clenahan
Major 15th Regt. O.V.I.
(information by Geri Bird Laubscher)

Notes for CHRISTENIA HARTMAN:
Christenia Hartman's marriage record said she was from Spencer Township, which is where her parents were at the time, and the only Hartman's living there. This family appears to have moved around frequently between Muskingum and Guernsey Counties. After their marriage in Spencer Twp., they were living in Buffalo Twp. in 1840. In 1850 they are found in Washington Twp., Muskingum County, then in 1860, Center Twp. in Guernsey County. In the 1880 census Christina was living alone in Cambridge.
(Thank you again Ronald F. Miller who supplied this information. William Sines, brother to John and Henry Sines, is his ancestor.)

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Death Of A Noble Woman (Obituary of Christenia Sines (Siens)

"Mrs. Christina Siens, who was well known in this community, died at Batesville on Friday. The remains were buried in the cemetery here"

Such was the simple announcement in one of our city contempories, of the death on one of the most worthy women of this country. Christina Seins, (spelled like this in this place in the article) gave a loving husband and four sons as a sacrifice on the crimson altar that the Union of our fathers might live. God only knows the sleepless hours, the anxiety, the pain and anguish and sorrow, that poor noble woman experienced in those terrible years of the war! We remember one bright beautiful day in the winter of 1863 we were working the "Jeffersonian" off in the second story of the old frame building which stood where the building now occupied by Zahnizer & Oldham now stands. In an adjoining room separated from us by a thin board partition sat a lone widow, clad in hibiliments of woe, awaiting the return of her child which she had sent to the post. We heard the child when it returned and in a few moments the wail of a broken heart went up to heaven. "Oh, my God! these are all that's left me now."
In company with the editor, Mr. Mc Clelland, we softly entered the apartment, and there on bended knees, her two little ones clasped in her arms, was the poor soldier's widow, who had just received the terrible news that another of her cherished boys had fallen in battle. The letter was published in the "Jeffersonian" of December 11, 1863, and believing it will be read with interest, especially by the surviving members of the old 97th, we reproduce it here:

THE LETTER
Chattanooga, Tenn. November 26, 1863

Dear Mother,

I have just come through one of the most desperate fights of the war. I will commence and give you the details of the battle. On the 3rd we got orders to have two days' rations in haversacks and prepare to move immediately. We moved out at two o'clock, and attacked the enemy's lines at three, and drove them in. Our company was deployed as skirmishers. We fortified and laid about twenty-four hours. About noon we were called to attention, and moved on about one-fourth of a mile and halted. The enemy was lying down eagerly awaiting us. We had a

wide valley to cross, while the enemy poured in their grape and canister shot thick as hail. We had to charge across the valley we had to go up Missionary Ridge. By this time they opened on us with musketry, which was straight up and down. But the 97th and the rest of our brigade fought like veterans, never faltering an instant. Onward we moved with our brave Col. Barnes and Major J. W. Moore at the head of the regiment, crying "Come one boys! the day is ours!" And so we did. We followed them, pouring volley after volley into the rebel ranks. But they stood it well - they stood it till we were within five rods of them. Then they ran, leaving seventeen pieces of artillery behind them, which we turned on them, and sent shells into their flying ranks. But finally Bragg got them rallied again.

By this time it was getting dark and we were ordered forward again. We moved about a mile, when the enemy fled, leaving behind artillery pieces, ammunition, caisons, commissary stores, ordinance stores and throwing away their guns. I got one little touch on the back of the hand, a spent ball hit my arm, and one bullet went through my pant legs below the knee but I was not disabled.

We are now in camp, and have orders to go to Knoxville tomorrow. Our regiment had 10 killed and 116 wounded. Among the wounded are: Major J.W. Moore, in hand; Captain Rosemond,, in leg; Captain Wiser, Company I, arm shot off (mortally: Lieut. Shutts, Lieut. Brady, Lieut. Ickelbury.) Coon Clinesmith is killed.

Poor Sy is killed. I hate to give this sad news. My God! it's awful to think that two brothers and a father have been killed in this wretched war. Mother, take it as easy as possible, for it can't be helped. My heart is almost broken now that I am left alone in the army.

Your loving son,
PETER R. SINES

(This was my Great-grandfather, Peter Robert Sines, describing the battle at Missionary Ridge and trying to gently tell his mother that her son, his brother, Simeon (Sy), was killed in this battle. I heard the stories from my Dad about his family fighting in the Civil War since I was a little girl and now I tell it to you to pass on to your family through Peter's letter and these news clippings. Geraldine Bird Laubscher)

Christenia died of Typhoid Fever while staying at her sister's home in Batesville, Ohio and is buried in the Old City Cemetery in Cambridge, Ohio.

Letter written to Christenia Sines informing her of her husband, Absalom Sines death. Taken from the Civil War Service and Military Records (CSMR) at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

Letter:
Battle Field of Murfreesboro
Jan. 5th, 1863

Mrs. Absalom Sines
Dear Madam,

It becomes my painful duty to inform you of the death of your husband. He fell during the late engagement at this place and his remains have been decently interred. His effects have been turned over to your son, Simon. In this bereavement you have the Heartfelt sympathies of every member of my Company, as he was respected and loved by every one in it, both for his faithfulness, as a Soldier, and kindheartness as a companion.
In regard to pay due him from the Government, which is for four months, I presume it can be drawn by Simon representing the Heirs. Please let me know if this would suit you, or if you would prefer to have it done by some one there.

I Remain Very Respectfully your able Servant.
Joshua K. Brown
Capt. Co. "B" 15th Ohio

(Information provided by Geri Bird Laubscher from National Archive Records)

More About ABSALOM SINES and CHRISTENIA HARTMAN:
Marriage: 29 Mar 1832, Twp. of Spencer, Guernsey Co., Ohio

Children of ABSALOM SINES and CHRISTENIA HARTMAN are:

i. LEONARD[4] SINES, b. 18 Sep 1834, Ohio; d. 30 Dec 1916, New Straitsville, Ohio; m. SARAH TEAL.

Notes for LEONARD SINES:
Entered the service of the Civil War at the age of 25 years, for 100 days on April 27, 1864. He was mustered out with his company on September 03, 1863. Leonard was with the 172nd Reg., Co. A., Ohio Volunteer Infantry. His rank was that of a Private. He gave his Roster birthday as 1839. According to the Graves Registration card in Perry County, Ohio, he was actually 20 years. old at the time he entered the service. Graves Registration Card gives burial date as December 30, 1916 in the New Straitsville Cemetery, Lot #135, Section Joint A., Ohio. The other information was obtained in Official Roster of the Soldiers of the State of Ohio In The War Of The Rebellion 1861-1866, Vol. 18. --G.B.L.

ii. JOHN A. SINES, b. 16 Feb 1837, Guernsey Co., Ohio; d. 1909; m. HULDA JANE TEAL, 01 Jan 1856, Guernsey Co., Ohio; b. 15 Jun 1824, Perry County, Ohio; d. 15 Jun 1882, Monroe Twp., Ohio.

Notes for JOHN A. SINES:
John Sines, entered the Civil War on April 27, 1864 at the age of 28, in 15th Reg., Co., B., O.V.I. and then with the 172nd Reg., Co. A., Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was wounded at Mumfordville, Kentucky, and discharged. His Company was mustered out on September 03, 1864. He served for a 100 days and attained the rank of Sergeant. (From the Official Roster of the Soldiers of the State of Ohio.) Note: It is documented that both Absalom, John's father and Peter R., his brother, gave incorrect dates for their births, it could be the case here. His tombstone inscription gives his rank as Corporal. (G.B.L.)
John's first experience in mining was at Black Rock, Muskingum County, Ohio, where he went into the mines at six years of age and remained there until thirteen, when he went to Simmons Creek and worked in a stone quarry eighteen months. Subsequently he mined at Zanesville, Cambridge, Nelsonville and Straitsville, Ohio. He is the Mine Boss at Corning, Ohio, his present location. (taken from Histories of Fairfield & Perry Counties, Ohio 1883)

Clifford, Hattie and Eva are not mentioned, so we are not certain they are with this family. (This information was given to me by James A. Hamrick, Columbus, Ohio.)

More About JOHN SINES and HULDA TEAL:
Marriage: 01 Jan 1856, Guernsey Co., Ohio

iii. MARY SINES, b. Abt. 1838.

iv. SUSANNA SINES, b. Abt. 1840; m. (1) ROLLA SIGMAN.

v. ISAAC SINES, b. Abt. 1842, Ohio; d. 25 Jun 1863, Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Notes for ISAAC SINES:
Isaac obtained the rank of Sergeant in the Civil War. He entered the service on September 06, 1861 in 45th Reg., Co. K. of the Illinois Volunteer Infantry, His name is inscribed on the Illinois Monument in Vicksburg, Mississippi National Cemetery where he is buried. He was killed at the explosion of the Redoubt on June 25, 1863. His Grave is in Section G, #4340. ---G.B.L.

vi. SIMEON SINES, b. Abt. 1843; d. 25 Nov 1863, Mission Ridge, Tennessee.

Notes for SIMEON SINES:
Simeon enlisted in the War of the Rebellion on September 06, 1861 at the age of 19 years. He was the rank of Private in the 15th Reg., Co. B., Ohio Volunteer Infantry, the same Reg. and Company as his father, Absalom Sines. He was killed in the battle of Mission Ridge on November 25, 1863. He is buried in the National Cemetery at Chattanooga. (His name was mistakenly on his gravestone as S. Sims and because of the plaque and papers that I have, the headstone was changed to rightly read, Simeon Sines. Sines was sometimes mistakenly listed as Sims on the rosters. Grave site #B-982 - G.B.L.)

vii. WILLIAM H. SINES, b. Abt. 1845, Ohio; d. 14 Jan 1864, Cumberland Gap, Tennessee.

Notes for WILLIAM H. SINES:
William enlisted in the Civil War at the age of 18 years in the 88th Reg. on
July 04, 1863 and transferred to Ohio Battery 22nd, Co. A, Independent Ohio Light Artillery on July 04, 1863. He was killed at Cumberland Gap, Tennessee on
January 14, 1864. He obtained the rank of Private. (We have been unable to locate his grave, but he may be buried in a common grave at the National Cemetery in Knoxville, Tennessee, however this is still unconfirmed. - G.B.L.)

viii. EMILY SINES, b. Abt. 1847; d. 1883, Monroe Twp..

Notes for EMILY SINES:
Emily, could be Amelia, who married a man with the last name of McGill.

ix. PETER ROBERT SINES, b. 14 Feb 1848, Eagleport, Muskingum Co., Ohio; d. 28 Apr 1921, New Straitsville, Ohio; m. MR. MINNIE AUGUSTA URBAN, 02 Sep 1870, Cambridge, Ohio; b. 13 Apr 1852, Barvaria, Germany; d. 01 Oct 1941, New Straitsville, Ohio.

Notes for PETER ROBERT SINES:
Peter R. Sines, a weigh man, for Straitsville Coal Co. in New Straitsville, Ohio. He was Mayor of New Straitsville, Ohio for 15 years beginning in 1905 - 1909 and again from1912 - 1918. (Our Journey Continues, The History of New Straitsville, Ohio, Vol. Two: 1925 - 1950) He Enlisted in the Civil War at age 14 years, saying he was 18 years old. He was a Sergeant in the 97th Reg. Co. A. Ohio Volunteer Infantry (O.V.I.) He was known as "Boy Sergeant" in the Civil War. He then served in the regular army in 1867 and was sent to San Francisco, California and was assigned to Co. A. 9th U.S.I. His term expired May 16, 1870. He lived in New Straitsville, Cambridge, and Eagleport, Ohio. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His father, Absalom Sines was killed at the battle of Stones River, Mufreesborough, Tenn. on Dec. 31, 1862. His brother Isaac Sines was killed June 25, 1863 at Vicksburg, Mississippi when the Rebs blew up the Redoubt. Another brother, Simeon Sines was killed at Missionary Ridge Nov. 25, 1863, and William Sines was killed at Cumberland Gap, January 14, 1864. Peter was buried on May 01, 1921, Lot #129, Section A., in New Straitsville, Ohio next to his wife, Minnie Augusta Sines.
Two other brothers served 100 days in the Civil War. It is one of the greatest sacrifices of one family in the Civil War. Absalom, Issac, and Simeon are all buried in the National Cemeteries where they fell. Issac's name is in bronze in the Illinois Monument at Vicksburg. William's grave cannot be found, but it is suspected that he may have been buried in a common grave after the graves in Cumberland Gap were being vandalized and the idenities of the bodies were lost. The common grave is probably in Knoxville, Tennessee.
My Great-Grandfather and his family name was also listed as Sims, which was (taken from The Histories of Fairfield & Perry Counties, Ohio. 1883; Grave Registrations from the County Court House in New Lexington, Ohio and Civil War Roster Lists. We have heard that the Sines Family History is in the State Building in Columbus, Ohio, however this is as yet unconfirmed G.B.L.)

Note: Found on an election postcard for PETER R. SINES running as Independent Candidate for MAYOR with his picture on the front. On the back is a list of the Campaigns he was in during the Civil War. It reads:

PETER R. SINES

Who enlisted as a private in Co. A., 97th Reg. O. V. I. at Zanesville, Ohio, April 16th, 1862, and took an active part in the following engagements: Perrysville, Ky., Stone River, Tenn.; Manchester, Tenn.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Mission Ridge, Tenn.; Rocky Face, GA.; Ressacca, GA.; Addamsville, GA.; New Hope Church, GA.; Special Assault, June 22, 1864, Kennesaw Mts., Ga.; (General Assault, June 27, 1864) Dallas, GA.; Peach Tree Creek, GA.; Jonesboro, GA.; Lovejoy Station, GA.; Spring Hill, Tenn.; Franklin, Tenn.; Nashville, Tenn., with many skirmishes not here enumerated; was slightly wounded at special assault June 22, 1864, at Kennesaw Mts., and again at Franklin, Tenn.; returned home and re-enlisted in Co. A., 12th U.S. Infantry, and was sent to San Francisco, Cal.; served 3 years on detached duty in the Medical Director's Office, Dept. Cal. as Hospital Steward. My father was killed at battle of Stone River, a brother at Mission Ridge, Tenn.; a brother at Cumberland Gap, Ky., and another brother at Vicksburg, Miss. Was 14 years, 2 months, and 2 days on the day of first enlistment and believed to have been the youngest soldier who shouldered a musket and entered into actual warfare during the Rebellion, and never lost a day in three years' service at the front.

Note: Peter R. Sines was promoted to Sergeant on March 13, 1865; mustered out with Company on June 10, 1865.

This is a article from the Columbus Dispatch newspaper, date uncertain, after April 1921:

A Voice From the (18) 60's Tells About Civil War Battle

Mrs. John Morgan of Cannelville, the sole survivor of a family of 13, has in her possession an interesting letter received from her brother, Peter R. Sines, written from Chattanooga, Tenn. November 26, 1863, in which he describes the battle of Missionary Ridge. Mr. Sines, who died last April, was one of the six brothers who fought in the Civil War.

The Sines Family, at that time lived in Cambridge, where the father and six sons enlisted. The father was 60 years of age and wore a long beard, which was quite grey. In order to make himself appear younger he dyed his beard and succeeded in enlisting. His youngest son, a youth of 14, attempted to run off that he might enlist where his age wasn't known: However, it wasn't necessary to do this. He set the clock ahead and

enlisted right at home. Of the seven Sines who so valiantly went into the service only three returned. The father and three of his sons were killed. The Sines came from a fighting family, the Grandfather having fought in the War of 1812.

Old soldiers will read with keen interest Mr. Sines' story of the battle of Missionary Ridge as he described it in a letter to his mother, which follows:

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PETER R. SINES

Notes for MR. MINNIE AUGUSTA URBAN:
Obituary from newspaper, October 17, 1941, New Straitsville, Ohio
MRS. MINNIE SINES...WIDOW OF VETERAN

New Straitsville's second oldest resident, Mrs. Minnie Sines died at her home here Thursday at 5 A.M. She was the widow of Peter R. Sines, Civil War veteran, who died in 1921. She was 89.

Minnie Sines was born in Germany in 1852 and was brought to this country when only 10 months old. After residing in Cambridge for a short time the family moved to New Straitsville, where she met and married Peter R. Sines. She has resided here since.

Many times she has told the story of seeing New Straitsville grow from the beginning, as she recalled the days when there was but a couple of houses on the hillside.

She has been associated with the Methodist church and has been a member of the Pricilla class for about 30 years. She also was a member of Swastika, Degree of Pocahontas, for a number of years.

Funeral services will be held at the Methodist church, Sunday at 2 P.M. with Reverend G. W. Hughes, officiating.

Surviving are seven children, three daughters, Mrs. Minnie Bird, Anna Coultrie of New Straitsville and Mary Moffett of Logan; four sons, James Sines, Robert Sines, W. E. Sines of New Straitsville and Everett Sines of California; 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Burial will be in New Straitsville cemetery, with Mills and Brown in charge.

The death of Minnie Sines leaves one Civil War veteran, Cicero Phipps, age 95, and one Civil War veteran widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Orndorf, age 86, as the oldest residents.

NOTE: Eddie and Lewis, son's names were handwritten in by my grandmother, Minnie Bird. Eddie died at the age of 2 years old. G. B. L.

submitted by Geri Bird Laubscher great great granddaughter of Absalom Sines