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## **SEBASTIAN MARTZ AND HIS DESCENDANTS**

This is one of eight “original ancestor” books that comprise the Mærtz Hierarchical Project. Mærtz is used to encompass persons named Mertz and Martz (and occasional other spelling variations).

Hierarchical Project describes a designation system wherein immigrants of this name are given one letter designations — Sebastian is S — and each male descendant of up to possibly six generations is given a 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 character designation code which indicates the exact way in which that descendant relates back to the original ancestor.

For example: S2a4b1 would be the first son (1) of the second son (b) of the fourth son (4) of the first son (a) of the second son (2) of Sebastian (S).

A project like this needs to have some limits and the general limits in this project are it covers males born before 1850 who then appeared by 1880 as head of household in their own right in Census.

The persons so designated are covered in this book sequentially — that is to say all persons whose designation is or starts with S1 follow S and come before S2. All persons whose designation is or starts with S2 come before S3. And so forth.

For more information on the Mærtz Hierarchical Project or to learn more about the other seven original ancestors, go to:

[mertzgenealogy.com/mertz\\_mhp.html](http://mertzgenealogy.com/mertz_mhp.html)

Please feel free to build on anything you learn from my work. Please do not cut and paste my full narrative on individuals covered herein.

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**Name: Sebastian Martz (March) (S)<sup>1,2</sup>**

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Birth: abt 1740  
Birth Memo: (Rockingham Martz tree)  
Death: May 1818  
Death Memo: (date will proved)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

A man named Sebastian Martz died in Rockingham County, Virginia leaving a will he wrote in 1815 and that was recorded in the Spring of 1818. He was a large landowner and was the father of seven sons and two daughters. He was listed in Rockingham in the 1810 Census and likely was listed there in 1790 and 1800, but those Census records for Virginia have been lost. It is believed he was the man named as Bastian Mersh whose 5 Mar 1762 marriage to Magd(alena) Burghard was recorded in the records of the German Reformed Church in Frederick, Maryland.

I was able to learn a lot about Sebastian and his descendants by visiting the Rockingham County Historical Society. Sebastian's family was a prominent and large family of early Rockingham and their presence there can easily be documented by their wills, tombstones, tax records and several books on the families they intermarried with.

I assign Sebastian the designation code S.

A book I found at the Rockingham Historical Society, Shadowed by the Massanutten, by William Algernon Good, gives an interesting biography of Sebastian.

*"Sebastian Martz married Mary Magdalene Burkhart, daughter of John, 5 Mar 1762 at the Reformed Church of Frederick, MD. Sebastian came to Augusta County (the part now Rockingham) sometime before 19 Mar 1777 when he purchased 545 acres near where the village of Tenth Legion now stands. He named his farm 'The Toll House Farm'.*

*Tradition says he did favors for Thomas Jefferson by keeping his colleagues in line with Jefferson's ideas, and for so doing Jefferson named the Legion here the Tenth, thus the name Tenth Legion. A school, the first in this area, was built near his home."*

Similar things are stated by Ralph Fraley Martz in his book The Martzes of Maryland who adds these snippets:

*"The Martzes lived in Frederick County, MD and some of them moved into the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.*

*Sebastian rented his farm for some time before he actually bought it in 1777.*

*There was an Inn on the farm at a spring on the main stagecoach road connecting Maryland to the Carolinas.*

*Sebastian and his family collected the "tolls" which consisted of wood, hides, feathers and grains. He hauled these raw products to Frederick, MD where he traded these products for manufactured goods such as boots, shoes, leather, flour, sugar, salt and linen goods.*

*Sebastian Martz served as Thomas Jefferson's right-hand man. Jefferson liked him so much that he renamed his area as the 'Tenth Legion'.*

I have no idea the credibility of all of that. Some facts seem documented, some not. It may all be true, but if Sebastian were my ancestor, I would want some evidence especially of his supposed (but interesting) relationship to Thomas Jefferson.

For example, I have an ancestor, Moses Collett, whose descendants say he moved to western Virginia and leased his land from George Washington. I found that interesting but I was skeptical. But indeed, among the published papers and letters of George Washington, there is a letter from Washington to Isaac Collett, Moses' son, about overdue rents. There it was, it really was true and provable that Moses had leased his land from Washington.

I've done a search to see if there is anything other than Martz family tradition showing a link between Jefferson and Sebastian and I came up empty. Maybe Jefferson's papers haven't been digitized and made searchable the way Washington's have, and maybe there is something someone can find among Jefferson's papers to make the case — but until such a document is found, I would be a little skeptical.

I also did a search for Tenth Legion and Thomas Jefferson and indeed, Jefferson apparently referred to the whole of the Shenandoah Valley as his "tenth legion" (like a baseball team might call the fans their tenth man).

### **Discrepancies**

You don't have to do much research on Sebastian to encounter the idea that his father was Baltzer (or Balser or Balthazar) Marche (or Mertz). There is a well-known book, The Martzes of Maryland by Ralph Fraley Mertz (RFM), that says just that.

In one place the book talks about a Balser Michell Mertz, age 54, who arrived on the ship Elizabeth in 1733. RFM says his wife was Anna, age 46, and they had three sons: George Henrich age 20 a shoemaker, Hans Jacob age 20 a shoemaker and John George age under 16.

Then in a chapter about instances of Martzes moving from Pennsylvania into Maryland, he cites "Balser Marchel married Ann Merkel. He lived near Hanover, PA....was an early arrival to Frederick County....children John Jacob, Catherine, George Henry, John Sebastian born 1740 and John Theobald."

In several different chapters devoted to the Martzes of Frederickstown or Frederick County, Maryland (the heart of RFM's book), RFM discusses three particular early Mertz families who had some association with that place:

1. John Theobald Marche later Mertz who died in 1786 Frederick. Theobald was a shoemaker. It sure sounds like John Theobald, son of Balser Marchel, and note his occupation of shoemaker, the same supposed occupation as the sons of Balser Michell Mertz. RFM adds: *"The Martzes of Frederick County, MD would travel on the B&O Train to Luray, VA. There they were met by relatives who would drive them about 30 miles to their farm in the Valley of Virginia. The Martzes of Frederick always claimed that they were related to the Martzes living in the Valley of Virginia."*
2. Sebastian Marche later Mertz who married in Frederick in 1762 and then moved to Rockingham County, Virginia where he operated a toll station. The tolls were paid in the form of wool, hides feather and grains which he hauled to Frederick to sell. It sure sounds like John Sebastian born 1740 son of Balser Marchel.
3. John George Mertz or Markle, born 1752 and died in 1822. RFM says that in 1781 George Mertz bought a property called "Baltershum" which had been named for

Baltzer Michael Mertz who was born in 1679. Baltzer Michael Mertz sounds very much like Balser Michell Mertz who arrived in 1733 at age 54 (thus born in 1679). Balser Michell, according to RFM, arrived with a son under the age of 16 named John George. And both Balser Mertz and Balser Markel had a son named George Henrich or Henry. Clearly John George under age 16 in 1733 was not John George born in 1752, but it is typical of RFM's way of throwing names around all too loosely and not connecting very many dots, that the implication is that there is some connection.

Now part of the confusion of the RFM book is that in many places it is just long lists of random citations of supposed real documented events for various persons named Martz (often), but then also Marks, Merkel, Marchel, March, Moritz, Marchan, Markhan and many more — the implication is that RFM thinks those all might be alternate ways Martz was spelled at times. And RFM doesn't often enough say which past events he has cited elsewhere is applicable to some person he's profiling more in depth later.

So, RFM doesn't explicitly say that Sebastian Martz of Rockingham County and Theobald Martz and John George Martz of Frederick County were brothers or closely related nor does he explicitly say that Balser Marchell, who had sons named Theobald and Sebastian, was one and the same as Balser Michell Mertz, the 1733 immigrant born in 1679 who had a son John George.

But the fact that both Balser Michell Mertz and Balser Marchel had a wife named Ann or Anna and sons named (Hans or John) Jacob and George Henry and that Theobald, a known shoemaker, shared that occupation with those two sons of Balser Michell Mertz — all point to the conclusion that Sebastian, Theobald and John George were brothers or otherwise quite closely related.

And since you can find dozens (hundreds?) of people's family trees on the Internet which also make those connections, many other people seem to also believe that is what he was saying.

To which I say POPPYCOCK.

Let's start with Balser and the ships lists. RFM seems to have used the ship's passenger lists compiled by Rupp — which may be part of the problem. A different transcription/translation of those lists was done by Ralph Beaver Strassburger and William Hinke. They point out many errors they feel Rupp made and in my opinion, the Strassburger lists should be considered authoritative.

Strassburger documents the passengers on the Elizabeth in 1733 as: from the captain's list, Jurigh Hendrick March age 20, Malster Mixt age 54, Hans Jacob Mixt age 20. Then translating the two signature lists, Strassburger lists: Georg Henrich Mertz, Balser Mets and Hans Jacob Mets. What the captain wrote as March looked more like Mertz where Georg Henrich signed his name and what the captain wrote as Mixt looked more like Mets where Balser and Jacob signed their names.

Strassburger also includes an alternate captain's list which names not just men over the age of 16 but all passengers and their ages. And those translated lists show Jerick Hendrick March shoemaker age 20 and Mickell Mikt farmer age 54 and Hance Jacob Mikt age 20 no occupation. Anna Mikt age 46 was on the women's list. No younger Mikt, Mets, March or Mertz children were listed.

So I can't even count up the number of mistakes in RFM's description of the passenger lists for the Elizabeth (some of which may be attributable to Rupp). For one thing, while Jacob and Balser/Malster Mikt were listed one after the other on all the lists, meaning they were together, George Henrich Mertz was in a different place on the lists — always. And why would the captain have spelled the names so differently? To infer that George Henrich on this list had any connection to Balser and Jacob is a mistake.

For another thing, the only shoemaker was George Henrich. Jacob Mikt had no occupation listed and Mickel Mikt was a farmer. And lastly, there is no mention of John George, who in any event had he been listed would have had an age stated for him as opposed just being under 16. It is my opinion that the Mikt or Mets family have nothing to do whatsoever with anyone named Martz including especially nothing to do with Sebastian nor Theobald nor John George.

Having said that, all three of those men did exist and did have some connection to Frederick County, Maryland. Here's a brief sketch that I believe accurate:

1. John Theobald Martz. People seem to believe he was born in 1735 in Pennsylvania but since there is evidence his son George was born in 1743, obviously he was born well before 1735, and therefore would have been named on the 1733 passenger list if it pertained. In my opinion he was likely born in Europe. Theobald died in 1786 in Frederick, Maryland and left a long line of descendants. Theobald was sometimes named in the records of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Frederick (as a baptism sponsor in both cases) and sometimes in the Evangelical Reformed Church there. Ralph Fraley Martz states as a fact that he was Reformed. I have found record of the death of his son George in the Reformed records and RFM says that on 9 Feb 1767, George, Balser, Henry and Peter (Theobald's four sons) were all confirmed in the Reformed church. Yes, Theobald named a son Balser, but that alone does not give any credibility to RFM's assertions, in my opinion.
2. Sebastian Martz. People seem to believe he was born 1740 in Ratisborn, Germany. I have no idea when or where he was born — nor where the idea he was born in Ratisborn, Germany comes from. I find it ridiculous though to believe that he was born in Germany in 1740 and was the son of a 1733 immigrant. But Sebastian did marry in Frederick County in 1762 and then did indeed settle in Rockingham County where he was listed in the 1810 Census and where he died in 1818. He also left a long line of descendants. His marriage was listed among the records of the Reformed church in Frederick.
3. John George Martz. There was a John George Mertz, later Martz, listed in the 1780's in the records of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Frederick and I believe he was the George Mertz listed in Frederick in the 1790 Census. He died in Frederick in 1822. I have compiled strong evidence to make the case that he a.) was not related to Sebastian or Theobald and b.) was a son of the Berks County Mertz immigrant, John Henry Mertz (designated H). He definitely practiced the Lutheran faith. His descendants all came to have their name spelled Martz.

It is my opinion, none of these three men were related to any of the others.

DNA AND RELATIONSHIPS TO OTHER MERTZ/MARTZ IMMIGRANTS. There is a Mertz/Martz y-chromosome DNA project at Family Tree DNA (FTDNA). By analyzing the DNA from males named Mertz or Martz today, we can see which other Mærtz males in the project they share a common Mærtz male ancestor with and then using genealogical practices we can pretty well determine who that long ago ancestor was.

Right now we have five persons tested whose results should potentially be telling us something about Theobald or Sebastian: Were they related to each other? Did they share a common ancestor? Was either related to any other known Mærtz immigrant? Here are the five:

A. The brother of Beth (Martz) Rasmussen, who has done exhaustive research on the Theobald Martz family. Per her research, with which I agree, she (and her brother of course) descend from Theobald. I'll call him person A and call these other five also by their letter assigned.

B. Another person whose research, with which I agree, says he also descends from Theobald.

But here's the rub, the DNA of person A does not match the DNA of person B and if they both descend from Theobald, they should match. There are several possible explanations for the non-match:

1. One or the other of A or B has made an error in their research. I consider that unlikely.
2. Somewhere in either A's lineage back to Theobald or in B's lineage back to Theobald, there was an adoption no one is aware of. Such things happened.
3. Somewhere in either A's lineage back to Theobald or in B's lineage back to Theobald, there was some other kind of "non-paternal event". Such things happened.

C. A person whose research shows, and I agree, he descends from Sebastian, in his case Sebastian's son Michael.

D. A second person whose research shows, and I agree, he too descends from Sebastian, in his case Sebastian's son John.

The DNA of person C does match the DNA of person D, as we would expect. It is not a perfect match but within the limits of what FTDNA statisticians say indicates they likely are related.

It is also true that neither person C or person D is a match to person A or person B. And while those two do not match, I assume one or the other is carrying Theobald's DNA, though at this point I don't know which of them it is. I think this seems to rule out the idea that Theobald and Sebastian were brothers or otherwise related.

E. In a strange twist to this story, we have a person who descends apparently from another immigrant, George Mertz who immigrated in 1732 and settled in Heidelberg Township in what is today Lehigh County. (George is designated G in the Mærtz Hierarchical Project.) The DNA of Person E matches that of person B.

This George, the 1732 immigrant, had a son Philip and Philip named a son Theobald — the only other Theobald Mærtz I know of, anywhere in America. There are any number of ways that this shared DNA between the Martzes of eastern Pennsylvania and the Martzes of Frederick County can be explained. I explore that subject in more detail in both my book on Theobald Martz (T) as well as the one on George Mertz (G).

We are actively trying to find more male Mertz or Martz descendants of George, Theobald and/or Sebastian to shed more light on all of this.

Since DNA suggests that Sebastian was not related to any other immigrant Mertz or Martz family, I have to conclude he was an immigrant himself. It is possible he came to America with a father whose name is forever lost to history but until some new fact emerges, I list Sebastian as one of the eight original Mærtz immigrants.

## **Relocated and Census Tracking**

I never really paid attention to the Martz family of Rockingham County, VA until I began the Mærtz Hierarchical Project to identify every Mærtz in every early Census and link every one back to his respective original Mærtz ancestor. It didn't take too long until I realized there were a lot of Martz households in Rockingham County starting in 1810 and continuing with a virtual explosion of people of this name by 1850. They could not be ignored.

It turns out it is not a difficult family to research. Many of the earliest of them wrote wills and there are tax records, Census, bible records, church records, tombstones and many other sources of fact to understand the first several generations of the family.

I actually greatly enjoyed finding a family that was so well researched. I have found no discordant notes to discredit any of the major findings of what I have learned from the work of others. I believe that, at least up until 1850 and probably beyond, that all of the Martzes of Rockingham descend from Sebastian. It is just one family and while within this one family, certain names were repeated, there is enough documented evidence to keep them straightened out.

The Rockingham Martz family stands in stark contrast to the Mertz families of Berks County where there were several unrelated immigrant original ancestors and where so much misinformation has been published and so much confusion exists because of the multiple use of just a few specific given names in the different families.

Ralph Fraley Martz in [The Martzes of Maryland](#) devotes a whole chapter to the Rockingham Martz family. Someone posted a summary family tree based on that book showing Sebastian, his children and their children — with many exact birth, death and marriage dates and places, and names of spouses — to the Genealogy.com message board in 1999 titled [Martz Family, Rockingham County, Virginia](#). (Hereinafter Rockingham Martz tree.) This tree also adds some additional information, some of it erroneous, about this family. I will comment on its errors in the appropriate place.

I have verified all of the relationships among these people by my own means — based primarily on things I found in a research visit I made to the Rockingham County Historical Society in 2015. I was able to also verify many of the exact dates, though there may be some exact dates that appear herein which I took from either the Rockingham Martz tree or directly from the Ralph Fraley Martz book. If I found a specific source for a date, it is stated in context, otherwise, if it matters, some skepticism is appropriate.

So, it all begins with the 1810 Census in which we find Sebastian and several of his sons. I am quite sure the family was no doubt present in Rockingham in 1790 and 1800 too, but all Census listings for Virginia for those years was lost in a fire during the War of 1812.

Sebastian died in about 1818 so 1810 was his only appearance in Census.

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## **Death and Find-a-Grave**

The will of Sebastian Martz dated 13 Apr 1815 proved May Term 1818. He had a lot of land and gave all of his children a sizable farm.

As of summer 2015, there is no evidence of him on find-a-grave.

### **Known Daughters**

From his will, his daughters were, presumably in order: Catherine widow of Riley Roberson and Elizabeth deceased wife of John West.

### **Known Sons**

From his will, his sons were: John, Henry, Samuel, Jacob, Michael deceased, Martin and Peter deceased. That is the order they were listed in Sebastian's will — it is their approximate birth order, the only exception being that Peter may have been born between Samuel and Jacob. I have tracked them all:

S1 John born 1763  
S2 Henry born 1765  
S3 Samuel born 1768  
S4 Peter born 1771  
S5 Jacob born 1773  
S6 Michael born 1775  
S7 Martin born 1778

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<b>Spouse:</b>	<b>Mary Magdalene Burghard</b>
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Marriage:	5 Mar 1762 Frederick Co, MD
Marr Memo:	(church record)

### **Parent-Proof**

I have confirmed that the marriage of Bastian Mersh and Magd Burghard was recorded 5 Mar 1762 in the records of the German Reformed Church in Frederick, MD. Sources say she was the daughter of John.

This record gives some credence to the idea that Sebastian and Theobald may have been brothers, as that is the church where Theobald also worshipped, but I think it is only coincidence.

### **Sources**

1. Published Book. Author: Ralph Fraley Martz, Martzes of Maryland, Full details of the Rockingham County, VA line of Sebastian March for the first two generations.
2. "1810 Census," HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-45 M/F, 45+ M/F, Sebastian March, Harrisonburg, Rockingham Co, VA, 0/0, 0/0, 0/0, 0/0, 1/1.



**Name:** **John Martz (March) (S1)<sup>1</sup>**

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Birth: 1763 Frederick Co, MD  
Birth Memo: (Rockingham Martz tree)  
Death: 1820  
Death Memo: (Rockingham Martz tree)  
Father: Sebastian Martz (March) (S) (~1740-1818)  
Mother: Mary Magdalene Burghard

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

John was named in his father's will and from the order, it would seem that John was Sebastian's oldest son.

John was listed in the 1810 Census. Though he was age 45+, I believe it is clear he was younger than Sebastian since Sebastian and his wife lived alone while John, in contrast, had what appear to be eight young children living in his household.

He is designated S1.

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### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

As of summer 2015, there is no evidence of him on find-a-grave.

### **Known Sons**

I believe the Massanutten book that John's sons were: Sebastian, Jacob, George, John J and Solomon — in that order. They are designated S1a to S1e, same order.

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**Spouse:** **Catherine Nave<sup>2,3</sup>**

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Birth: Apr 1769  
Birth Memo: (Rockingham Cemetery transcription)  
Death: 12 Aug 1846  
Death Memo: (Rockingham Cemetery transcription)  
Burial: Mtn Valley, Harrisonburg, VA

### **Parent-Proof**

John married Catherine Nave 20 May 1790 in Shenandoah County, VA according to the Martz Family of Rockingham tree.

### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

There is a memorial for Catherine on find-a-grave. It gives the dates 1769-1846. It says she was buried in the Mountain Valley Methodist Church Cemetery.

There are several problems with this memorial I am trying to get corrected. For one thing, a Solomon Martz in Clinton County, IN is linked to her as her mother — but he wasn't her son. She had a son Solomon but he lived his life in Virginia.

For another thing, her grave is listed in the cemetery transcriptions of Rockingham County at the Rockingham County Historical Society, with more specific dates Apr 1769 - 12 Aug

1846. It says she is buried at the Martz Cemetery "on a hill west of the Mountain Valley Methodist Church on what was the Martz land".

**Sources**

1. "1810 Census," HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-45 M/F, 45+ M/F, John March, Harrisonburg, Rockingham Co, VA, 1/1, 1/2, 2/1, 0/1, 1/0.
2. "1820 Census," HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 18-25 M, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F, Catherine Marts, Rockingham Co, VA, 1/0, 1/0, 1/0, 0, 0/0, 0/1.
3. "1830 Census," HOH, Place, age/gender, Catherine Marts, Rockingham Co, VA, 15-19M, 20-29M (2), 15-19F, 40-49F.

**Name:** Sebastian Martz (S1a)<sup>1</sup>

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Birth: 20 May 1791  
Birth Memo: (tombstone)  
Death: 30 Mar 1824  
Death Memo: (tombstone)  
Burial: Martz Cemetery, Mt Valley, Rockingham Co, VA  
Father: John Martz (March) (S1) (1763-1820)  
Mother: Catherine Nave (1769-1846)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

There is general agreement in the various sources that cover the Rockingham Martz family as to the names of John's sons. There is not as much agreement as to their order of birth, but I believe the Masanutten book is totally consistent with everything else I have learned from tombstones and Census.

I believe Sebastian was John's oldest son. He is designated S1a.

### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

In 1820, Sebastian Martz is listed in Rockingham. A male 16-25 is present and one 45+. This Sebastian would have been 29. His grandfather would have been 45+ but he definitely had died. So it must be the younger Sebastian in Census, but then who is the older male?

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### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

As of summer 2015, there is no evidence of him on find-a-grave. However, he is listed in the cemetery database at Rockingham Historical Society. He was buried at the Martz Cemetery in the Mountain Valley area with the dates I show for him.

### **Known Daughters**

I believe Sebastian may have had a daughter Amanda born about 1825. She would be the young female age 5-9 in 1830 and then 15-19 in 1840 living with her widowed mother and then she was reported with her brother, I believe, Noah, in 1850-1870. She probably never married.

### **Known Sons**

Sebastian had a son Noah, born in 1820, who would have been the son age 0-9 reported with him in 1820, then one of the two sons age 10-15 reported with Catherine in 1830 and the son 20-29 reported with Catherine in 1840, the age in 1830 being off by one bracket.

The Rockingham transcription of local cemeteries says that on Noah's tombstone it says he was the brother of Marion and it also lists a Benjamin F Martz died 1891 who it says was the son of Marion and Lizzie.

But the only Marion I can find in Census was Noah's son of that name born in 1854.

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**Spouse:** Catherine Snider<sup>2,3</sup>

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Birth: 24 Oct 1790  
Birth Memo: (tombstone)

Marriage: 16 Feb 1819  
Marr Memo: (Masanutten book)  
Death: 7 Apr 1847  
Death Memo: (tombstone)  
Burial: Martz Cemetery, Mt Valley, Rockingham Co, VA

### **Parent-Proof**

The Masanutten book says that Sebastian married Catherine Snyder, daughter of Valentine, 16 Feb 1819.

### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

As of summer 2015, there is no evidence of her on find-a-grave. However, she is listed in the cemetery database at Rockingham Historical Society. She was buried at the Martz Cemetery in the Mountain Valley area with the dates I show for her.

### **Sources**

1. "1820 Census," HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 18-25 M, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F, Sebastian Martz, Rockingham Co, VA, 1/0, 0/0, 1/0, 1, 0/1, 1/0 .
2. "1830 Census," HOH, Place, age/gender, Catherine Martz, Rockingham Co, VA, 10-14M (2), 5-9F (2), 30-39F.
3. "1840 Census," HOH, Place, age/gender, Catherine Martz, Rockingham Co, VA, 20-29M, 15-19F, 40-49F.

**Name:** **Noah Martz (S1a1)**<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

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Birth: 13 Apr 1820  
Birth Memo: (tombstone)  
Death: 14 Nov 1888  
Death Memo: (tombstone and Rockingham County death record)  
Burial: Martz Cemetery, Mt Valley, Rockingham Co, VA  
Father: Sebastian Martz (S1a) (1791-1824)  
Mother: Catherine Snider (1790-1847)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

There is a death record from Rockingham County stating that Noah died 14 Nov 1888 of typhoid fever, age 68. It further said he was the son of Sebaston (sic) and Catherine.

Noah is designated S1a1.

### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

As of summer 2015, there is no evidence of him on find-a-grave. However, he is listed in the cemetery database at Rockingham Historical Society. He was buried at the Martz Cemetery in the Mountain Valley area with the dates I show for him.

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### **Known Daughters**

From Census and from the message board post of Bill Rosenthal, his daughters were: Sarah Catherine born 1854, Caroline Virginia born 1869 and Josephine born late 1860's.

### **Known Sons**

From Census and from the message board post of Bill Rosenthal, his sons were: John W born 1846, David Richard born 1850, Charles M born about 1851, Francis Marion born 1857 and Turner Ashby born 1861. Only John W was born before the 1850 Census but I am unable to track him further. There is another John, son of John J (S1d) of the same age and the only John I can find later living on his own, I believe, was John J's son of that name.

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**Spouse:** **Diannah Dovel**

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### **Parent-Proof**

From Census, Noah's wife was named Dianna, born mid-1820's. There is a Dinah D Martz buried at the Martz Cemetery in the Mountain Valley area. The transcription from the Rockingham Historical Society says daughter of John and Sarah Martz.

I cannot figure out who John and Sarah Martz could possibly be. A 2001 message board post by Bill Rosenthal says Noah Martz — whose birth information he only knows from Census and who he listed as a son of Sebastian and Catherine with a question mark — married Diana Dovel 21 Aug 1841, she the daughter of John and Sarah (Shuler) Dovel.

I think Bill's message board post explains the situation and so the transcription of her tombstone missed the fact that her maiden name Dovel must have been there somewhere.

**Sources**

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2. "1860 Census," age, place, HH members, Noah Martz, 40, District 1, Rockingham, VA, Diana 36, David R 10, Charles M 8, Sarah C 6, Francis M 2, Caroline 5 months, Amanda 36 .
3. "1870 Census," age, place, HH members, Noah Martz, 51, Linville, Rockingham, VA, Diana 46, Richard 20, Charles 18, Marion 16, Virginia 14, Ashby 10, Josie 4, Amanda 35 .
4. "1880 Census," age, place, HH members, Noah Maitz, 61, Plains, Rockingham, VA, Dianna 57, F Marian 22, T Ashby 18, Josephine 11.

**Name:** **Jacob Martz (S1b)**<sup>1,2,3,4,5,6</sup>  
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 Birth: 23 Apr 1793  
 Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
 Death: 7 Oct 1873  
 Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
 Burial: Butternut Cemetery, Moonshine, IL  
 Father: John Martz (March) (S1) (1763-1820)  
 Mother: Catherine Nave (1769-1846)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

There is general agreement in the various sources that cover the Rockingham Martz family as to the names of John's sons. There is not as much agreement as to their order of birth, but I believe the Masanutten book is totally consistent with everything else I have learned from tombstones and Census.

I believe Jacob was John's second oldest son. He is designated S1b.

### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

He is present in Census in Rockingham starting in 1820 and then there through 1850. In those early decades, his wife is in the age bracket one younger than Jacob which calls into question her actual birth date or is it a case of her fudging her age?

I have a Family Group Sheet sent into the Rockingham Historical Society by Kathleen Fite showing two sons and a daughter born before 1820 and then one more son and three more daughters born before 1830 and then also children I know as Jacob's from the 1850 Census.

I was a little skeptical of it until I finally found Jacob Mantz in Rockingham in the 1820 Census with 2 sons and a daughter under 10.

In 1850, his children Michael 22, Emanuel 17, Nancy 15, Sarah 13 and William 10 are also present.

In 1860, Jacob had moved to Clark County, IL and only son William was present. Ancestry mistakenly attached the last name Cheshire to Jacob, Elizabeth and William.

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### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

Jacob is on find-a-grave with the dates I show for him which are in agreement with the Masanutten book.

### **Known Daughters**

Linked to Jacob and Elizabeth on find-a-grave is daughter Mary J born 1819 who married Levi B Bryan and they are buried in Decatur County, IN. I have no reason to dispute this information.

### **Known Sons**

According to Kathleen Fite, Jacob had six sons. I was able to track four of them. The two I couldn't track were:

Jonathan born 1815. I have no idea what happened to him. He must have died young.

Emanuel who Kathleen Fite says was born in 1833, married Celia W Smith 1 Apr 1856 in Greensburg, Indiana — where his sister Mary Jane had gone to live with husband Levi Bryan — and that he (Emanuel) died in 1864.

I cannot find Jonathan at all nor Emanuel (other than 1850 with his parents) in Census nor on find-a-grave.

The four I have tracked are:

S1b1 Sebastian born 1817  
S1b2 Jacob born 1818  
S1b3 Michael born 1823  
S1b4 William born 1840

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<b>Spouse:</b>	<b>Elizabeth Smith</b>
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Birth:	8 Jan 1793
Birth Memo:	(Masnautten book, find-a-grave says just 1793)
Death:	17 Dec 1883
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Butternut Cemetery, Moonshine, IL

### Parent-Proof

Her name comes from the Massanutten book, which says she was the daughter of Tobias and Pheba Smith. These names also appear on the Kathleen Fite Family Group Sheet. Most importantly, a fraktur for the birth of her son Sebastian gives the names of his parents as Jacob Mertz and Elizabeth Schmidin.

### Death and Find-a-Grave

Elizabeth is on find-a-grave with a 1793 birth date and the date of death I show for her. The Masanutten book gives a more specific birth date of 8 Jan 1793 and the same date of death.

### Sources

1. "1820 Census," HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 18-25 M, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F, Jacob Mantz, Rockingham Co, VA, 2/1, 0/0, 0/1, 1/0, 0/0.
2. "1830 Census," HOH, Place, age/gender, Jacob Martz, Rockingham Co, VA, <5M (2), 5-9M (2), 30-39M, <5F, 5-9F (2), 10-14F, 20-29F.
3. "1840 Census," HOH, Place, age/gender, Jacob Martz, Rockingham, VA, <5M, 5-9M, 10-14M, 15-19M, 40-49M, <5F (2), 10-14F, 15-19F, 20-29F.
4. "1850 Census," age, place, HH members, Jacob March, 57, Dist 56.5, Rockingham, VA, Elizabeth 52, Michael 22, Emanuel 17, Nancy 15, Sarah 13, William 10.
5. "1860 Census," age, place, HH members, Jacob marts Cheshire, 68, Orange, Clark, IL, Elizabeth Cheshire 65, William Cheshire 20 -- the whole Cheshire name was picked up by mistake, this is Jacob, Elizabeth and William Martz.
6. "1870 Census," age, place, HH members, Jacob Martz, 80, Orange, Clark, IL, Elizabeth 76.



**Name:** **Sebastian Martz (S1b1)**<sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup>

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Birth: 17 Jun 1817  
Birth Memo: (obituary & find-a-grave)  
Death: 27 Aug 1899  
Death Memo: (obituary & find-a-grave)  
Burial: Barnard American Legion Cemetery, Barnard, MO  
Father: Jacob Martz (S1b) (1793-1873)  
Mother: Elizabeth Smith (1793-1883)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

Kathleen Fite's Family Group Sheet shows eleven children for Jacob and Elizabeth Martz including son Sebastian who it says was born 16 Jun 1817 and married Lydia Messerly 2 Dec 1839.

There was indeed a Sebastian Martz whose wife was Lydia and I never had any better idea of who his father might have been but until 2019 had no direct proof. Then, a correspondent sent me a "fraktur" documenting Sebastian's 17 Jun 1817 birth to parents Jacob and Elizabeth (Schmidin) Martz.

A study of the tick marks in Census shows that Jacob had two sons under 10 in 1820 — one was most certainly Sebastian.

The 1830 Census, though, is a bit of a problem. Jacob had two sons under 5 and two 5-9. The total count is not a problem, but where was Sebastian who would have been 13? Was he misreported as only 5-9 or was he off working on someone else's farm? Either is possible.

In any event, the fraktur proves that Sebastian was indeed a son of Jacob and he is designated S1b1 — this ignores Jonathan, supposedly older than Sebastian, but about whom there is no further information available.

### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

The original Sebastian had a grandson named Sebastian, the son of John. The grandson Sebastian was born in 1791 and died in 1824. But there is clear evidence of an even younger Sebastian who I believe was a great-grandson of the original and was the son of Jacob, another son of John.

I believe this great-grandson Sebastian was the Sebastian Mantz listed in Rockingham in the 1840 Census. The problem is there was a male age 50-59 — who typically would be the one named as head of household — and a younger male age 20-29. So I believe that Sebastian in this household was the one age 20-29. I do not know who the older male was but perhaps his father-in-law.

Sebastian and Lydia were listed in Rockingham in the 1850 Census along with seven children. And by comparing the names and ages of all family members, we can be certain that the Sylvester Marte with wife Lyelin (the way Ancestry.com has transcribed their names) in the 1860 Census, then living in Illinois, was indeed Sebastian of Rockingham.

Similarly, he can be tracked to Fulton County, IL in 1870 then Holt County, MO in 1880.

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### Death and Find-a-Grave

Sebastian and Lydia are on find-a-grave. His obituary from the Nodaway Democrat of Maryville, MO dated 7 Sep 1899 gave some important details of his life and said he was to be buried at the Barnard Cemetery there. His birth date and marriage date are, in both cases, one or a few days off from the Kathleen Fite record but not enough to cause any concern.

### Known Sons

Sebastian had four sons living with him in 1850. I can find nothing more about Solomon and John so they are not designated. For a while I thought I had found Henry but I got the wrong guy because Henry, as an adult, always went by Alexander. So Henry Alexander and Harvey are designated and tracked further. The Harvey I found was in Iowa but I'm sure it is the right Harvey for any number of reasons.

For example, clearly some of the family did move to Iowa. There is an Iowa marriage record of S G Martz who married Alice A Harmon 24 Dec 1903 in Decatur County. He was born in 1857 in Fulton County, Illinois son of Sabasten (sic) Martz. Clearly, he was the son Solon G or S G listed with his father in 1870 and 1880.

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<b>Spouse:</b>	<b>Lydia P Messerly</b>
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Birth:	5 Apr 1818
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave, age 71y 2m 9d at death)
Marriage:	5 Dec 1839
Marr Memo:	(Sebastian's obituary & find-a-grave)
Death:	14 Jun 1889
Death Memo:	(Sebastian's obituary)
Burial:	Barnard American Legion Cemetery, Barnard, MO

### Parent-Proof

Her maiden name was given in her husband's obituary.

### Sources

1. "1840 Census," HOH, Place, age/gender, Sebastian Mantz, Rockingham Co, VA, 20-29M, 50-59M, 20-29F (2).
2. "1850 Census," age, place, HH members, Sebastian Martz, 32, District 56, Rockingham, VA, Lydia 32, Mary 9, Henry 8, Rebecca 6, Solomon 4, John 3, Harvey 2, Ausalome new born.
3. "1860 Census," age, place, HH members, Sylvester Marte, 43, Indian Point, Knox, IL, Lyelin 42, Mary E 20, Henry M 18, Rebecca 17, Salomon 14, John 13, Harry 11, Charles 8, Aurobone 9, Lucy J 6, Geo 4, Saby Godfrey 2.
4. "1870 Census," age, place, HH members, Sebastian Martz 52, Union, Fulton, IL, Lydia 51, John 24, Harvey 22, Charles 18, Lucy 15, George 14, Solon G 12, Emma 7.
5. "1880 Census," age, place, HH members, S Matz 65, Bigelow, Holt, MO, Lydia 64, S G 21, Emma 16, Harry 2.

**Name:** **Henry Alexander Martz (S1b1a)<sup>1,2</sup>**

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Birth: abt 1841  
Birth Memo: (age 50 in 1891)  
Father: Sebastian Martz (S1b1) (1817-1899)  
Mother: Lydia P Messerly (1818-1889)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

Sebastian had a son named Henry age 8 and then Henry M age 18 respectively in the 1850 and 1860 Census. When I found a Henry Marts age 39 in Macon, Missouri in 1880, who said he and both his parents had been born in Virginia and keeping in mind that by 1880, Sebastian was living in Missouri, I thought I had found Sebastian's son.

But I was wrong. A man named Roger Martz contacted me and told me he was descended from Sebastian and in tracing his ancestry, I came across a man named Alexander Marts in 1870 age 28 living in Hamilton County, IL and who said he had been born in Virginia and then he was listed as A Martz age 36 in 1880 (now in Jefferson County, IL) and he said both his parents had also been born in Virginia. I had never encountered this Alexander before and knew of no other Alexander Martz who this could be.

I have an ancestor, George William Diehl, who was always George as a boy and always William as an adult and the trick was finding the one place (in his case his tombstone) that gave his full name.

The one place Roger has found to date to explain how a boy called Henry by his parents came to call himself Alexander as an adult is the death certificate of Alexander's son Charley which said his father was Henry Elexander Martz. But even better than that, Roger also found the marriage license application of Alexander Martz to Catherine E Bumpus in 1891, both of Spring Green Township, Jefferson County and Alexander said he was age 50 and the son of Sebastian Martz and his mother's maiden name was Mesarley

Henry Alexander is designated S1b1a.

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### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

Parthena is on find-a-grave, curiously Alexander is not.

### **Known Sons**

Alexander had no sons born before 1850. So none are tracked further. But the son Charles from 1870 and 1880 was called Charley as an adult and it is his death certificate that provides the name Henry Elexander.

And his son Benjamin, new born in 1880, apparently Benjamin Alexander is of note as he is the ancestor of Roger Martz. Roger's grandfather was Benjamin's son Charles LeRoy.

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**Spouse:** **Parthena Cumi Shirley**

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Birth: 7 Feb 1847  
Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Marriage: 13 May 1865 Calhoun Co, IL

Marr Memo: (Illinois Compiled Marriages 1851-1900 on Ancestry.com)  
Death: 17 Nov 1889  
Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Smith Cemetery, Belle Rive, IL

### **Parent-Proof**

Her name is unusual to say the least and you can find several spellings. She is listed as Parthena Quimye Martz on find-a-grave. When she married Alexander, her name was Cumi Shurley. In the 1850 Census, she was Parthena C Shirley and in 1860 Parthenia C Sherley.

So Parthena or Parthenia, take your pick. Quimye or Cumi, take your pick — Cumi sort of sounds like a nickname but she consistently had that middle initial C in 1850-1880. Shirley, Shurley or Sherly, take your pick.

Her parents were Russell and Jinsey A from the 1850 Census.

### **Sources**

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Alexander Marts, 28, Township 5 Range 6, Hamilton, IL, Parthenia C 22, Charles 2, Laura 2, Sarah 1.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), A Martz, 36, Spring Garden, Jefferson, IL, Parthena C 31, Charles 13, Laura 13, Sarah 11, M M 8, Nella 5, Benjamin 6 months.

**Name:** Harvey J Martz (S1b1b)<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 5 May 1848  
Birth Memo: (obituary)  
Death: 31 Jul 1904  
Death Memo: (obituary)  
Father: Sebastian Martz (S1b1) (1817-1899)  
Mother: Lydia P Messerly (1818-1889)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

We know Harvey as the son of Sebastian from his presence in his father's household in 1850-1870. He is designated S1b1b.

### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

From his obituary, he died in Nebraska and I was able to find him there in the 900 Census and then, by a comparison of names of and ages of family members, I was able to identify him in the 1880 Census he was in Iowa.

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### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

I do not see Harvey on find-a-grave. I did find his obituary in The Christian Evangelist dated 11 Aug 1904. *"Harvey J Martz was born near Richmond, VA 5 May 1848 and died at his home near Liberty, NE 31 Jul 1904. He came to Nebraska in 1886. He leaves a wife and three sons."*

### **Sources**

1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Harvey J Martz, 31, Penn, Madison, IA, Jane S 27, John E 6, Arthur E 9m.
2. 1900 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Born (mmm yr), # yr Married, Female # Children/# Living, Birthplace, Additional Persons, Marital Status), Harva Martha, 52, Island Grove, Gage, NE, Sophia 47, Arthur E 20, Clyde 12.

**Name:** **Jacob Martz (S1b2)**<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

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Birth: abt 1818  
Birth Memo: (1850 Census)  
Father: Jacob Martz (S1b) (1793-1873)  
Mother: Elizabeth Smith (1793-1883)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

Kathleen Fite's Family Group Sheet shows 11 children for Jacob and Elizabeth Martz including son Jacob, no birth date given, who married Elizabeth Cowan Crist 3 Jan 1842.

There was indeed a Jacob Martz, age 32 [1818] whose wife was Elizabeth — Cowan or Crist — but I really have no absolute proof of who his father was. But it is clearly the Jacob that Fite is talking about, son of Jacob Sr.

A study of the tick marks in Census shows that Jacob had two sons under 10 in 1820 — who could be Jacob and Sebastian. (The Fite FGS also shows a Jonathan born 1815, maybe he died before 1820 as I know nothing more of what happened to him.)

The 1830 Census, though, is a bit of a problem. Jacob has two sons under 5 and two 5-9. The total count is not a problem, but where is Jacob who would have been 12? Was he misreported as only 5-9?

In any event, I am willing to believe that Jacob was indeed a son of Jacob and he is designated S1b2.

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### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

I believe the Jacob in the 1850 Census in Rockingham whose wife was Elizabeth was the son of Jacob Sr, based on the Fite FGS. Four children were present.

In 1860, he was J A Marts in Missouri and most of his children only identified by their initials but it is clear it is the same family.

### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

Jacob is not on find-a-grave.

### **Known Sons**

In the 1850 Census, there was one young male in Jacob's household, identified as A J D W C Martz, age 4. In 1860, he was A J. I would never have been able to track him further, since I didn't really know his name, were it not that Ancestry suggested that Jacob may be the same Jacob identified as the father of Andrew Jackson Martz on a Washington Staes death certificate. Indeed, it was the right Jacob and his son A J.

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**Spouse:** **Elizabeth Cowan**

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Marriage: 3 Jan 1842  
Marr Memo: (VA Marriages @ Ancestry.com)

### **Parent-Proof**

Kathleen Fite's tree says Jacob married Elizabeth Cowan Christ. Their marriage record said her name was Elizabeth Christ. Her son's death certificate said her name was Elizabeth Cowan.

I believe her maiden name was Cowan and she married first Christ, some evidence being that in 1860, the daughter named Barbara A Martz n 1850 was named B A Christ.

### **Sources**

1. "1850 Census," age, place, HH members, Jacob Martz, 32, District 56, Rockingham, VA, Elizabeth 35, Barbara A 15, Mary F 7, A J D W C 4, Rebecca C new born.
2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), J A Marts, 40, Davis, Caldwell, MO, Elizabeth 42, M F 15, B A Crist 24, A J 13, R C 10, Abbergel 7, Geo Trump 2.
3. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Jacob Martz, 55, Mooresville, Livingston, MO, Elizabeth 58, Abigail 17, Geor 12, O Vadness 32, R C Vadness 21, Peter Vadness 33.
4. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Jacob Martz, 65, Utica, Livingston, MO, Elizabeth 67, George Redding 21.

**Name:** **Andrew Jackson Martz (S1b2a)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 1845  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave and WA death certificate)  
Death: 15 Nov 1923  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave and WA death certificate)  
Burial: Odd Fellows, Turnwater, WA  
Father: Jacob Martz (S1b2) (~1818-)  
Mother: Elizabeth Cowan

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

The Washington State death certificate of Andrew Jackson tells the story. He was born in 1845, died in 1923, son of Jacob Martz and Elizabeth Cowan. In the 1880 Census, when he was living in the same place as his father, he said he and both parents were born in Virginia. Andrew is designated S1b2a.

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### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

In 1870-1900, Andrew lived in Livingston Missouri ,where he had moved with his parents a s young man, then in 1910 he had moved to Olympia, Washington after his wife had died.

### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

Andrew and his wife are on find-a-grave, linked as man and wife. He is buried in Washington State, she in Missouri.

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**Spouse:** **Sarah Jones**

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Birth: 18 Dec 1837  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 2 Mar 1906  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Utica Cemetery, Livingston Co, MO

### **Parent-Proof**

Her maiden name is given on her find-a-grave memorial.

### **Sources**

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), A J Martz, 24, Utica, Livingston, MO, Sarah 33, Elinora 3, Minniette 1.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Andrew J Martz, 34, Utica, Livingston, MO, Sarah 39, Ellanora 13, Minnie 12, Levi E 4, Eli L 4.



**Name:** **Michael Martz (S1b3)<sup>1,2</sup>**

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Birth: abt 1828  
Birth Memo: (age 22 in 1850 Census)  
Death: abt 1905  
Death Memo: (present in 1900 Census, not present in 1910)  
Father: Jacob Martz (S1b) (1793-1873)  
Mother: Elizabeth Smith (1793-1883)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

Kathleen Fite's Family Group Sheet shows 11 children for Jacob and Elizabeth Martz including son Michael, no birth date given, who married Amanda Berry 25 Aug 1855.

A message board post cites their marriage record as saying he was the son of Jacob and Elizabeth Martz.

So I believe it is well documented that Michael was indeed a son of Jacob and he is designated S1b3.

This was posted in 2000 on the genealogy.com message board by an unidentified person. My great aunt, Amanda Berry, m. Michael Martz in McGaheysville, Rockingham, VA, 25 Aug 1855. Michael's parents are identified as Jacob and Elizabeth Martz on their marriage license.

Michael and Amanda moved to Kansas and then to Shawnee, OK, where Amanda and her son, Charles Martz, are buried in Fairview Cemetery next to my great-grandfather, Lewis Richard Berry. Charley's wife, Laura, is buried adjacent, also.

I have a photo (ca. 1908) that includes Lewis Berry and his family, along with another family that I assume to be that of Charley Martz, who was his best friend. The Berry family moved west from McGaheysville in 1905 to join Mandy and Charley Martz in Kansas or Shawnee.

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### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

I don't know when he died. He and Amanda were in Franklin County, KS in the 1900 Census. It says they were married in 1856.

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**Spouse:** **Amanda Berry**

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Birth: 1835  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Marriage: 25 Aug 1855  
Marr Memo: (several sources, seems to have been documented)  
Death: 1922  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Fairview Cemeery, Shawnee, OK

### **Census History**

In 1910, she was age 74 and lived with son James M in Franklin County.

**Find-a-Grave**

She's on find-a-grave in Shawnee, OK sharing a tombstone with her brother.

**Sources**

1. "1860 Census," age, place, HH members, Michael Martz, 30, District 1, Rockingham, VA, Amanda 25, John 7, Jacob 4, Catherine 2 -- Mary Berry 17 also present.
2. "1870 Census," age, place, HH members, Michael Martz, 45, Orange, Clark, IL, Amanda 33, John 16, Charles 11, Elizabeth 5, Daisey 3, Julia 1.

**Name:** **William St Clair Martz (S1b4)**<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

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Birth: 18 Mar 1840  
Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 12 Jan 1913  
Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Washington St Cemetery, Casey, IL  
Memo: (or possibly Bellair Cemetery, Annapolis, IL)  
Father: Jacob Martz (S1b) (1793-1873)  
Mother: Elizabeth Smith (1793-1883)  
Other spouses: **Charlotte L Bevington**  
**Julia E Rusk**

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

We know William as the son of Jacob and Elizabeth from his presence in his parent's household in 1850 and 1860 and then in 1880, his mother Elizabeth age 83 lived with him. He is designated S1b4.

William apparently was named William St Clair Martz, a somewhat unusual name. I'm reasonably certain that was his name as there are several records on which it appears that way. The most compelling of these records is the 1913 Civil War Widow's Pension Application by his (3rd or 4th) wife Julia E. She wrote his name as William St Clair Martz but added William St. Martz as an alias. And the record of his 1895 marriage to Julia E Gray Rusk, as transcribed, gives his name as William Stmarty. This record also gives his parents names as Jacob Marty and Elizabeth Smith.

Then there is the Indiana death certificate of Frances E Gurley who says her parents were William Clair Martz and (2nd) wife Charlotte. The Indiana marriage record of William G Martz says his parents were William St Clair Martz and Lottie Bevington. And William G's Indiana death certificate says his parents were (as transcribed) William Stclaire Marty and Charlotte.

But what is most curious is that his name was sometimes written in a way that made it seem that St Martz was his surname or perhaps the St was like a title. In the 1910 Census, where the Census taker wrote last names first, a comma, then the given name — e.g. Jones, Bill — it was "St Martz, William" and the way it was transcribed by Ancestry, because each succeeding person in the family had a ditto mark for their surname, they all went in with St Martz as their surname.

William in fact has two memorials on find-a-grave and two tombstones in two different cemeteries were erected for him. On one of them, his name, his wife Fluvia's name and the names of five of their children who died as infants are all listed as if the surname was St Martz.

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### **Children Names**

William and Fluvia had quite a number of children who died as infants. I believe his children who survived were:

Nora Virginia and Hattie Alameda by first wife Fluvia.  
Salina, Alice, William and Frances by second wife Charlotte.

## Death and Find-a-Grave

There are two memorials for William on find-a-grave. It seems he has two tombstones.

At the Washington Street Cemetery in Casey, Clark County, IL, there is a marker that says Wm. St. Martz, Sergt Co F, 59th Ill Vol Inf, 1840-1913. The memorial embellishes on that marker giving his full name as William St. Clair Martz, an exact date of birth (18 Mar 1840) and exact date of death (12 Jan 1913) and the information that he was born in Virginia and died in Bellair, Crawford County, IL. He is linked on that memorial to wife Fluvia (who is buried in Bellair) and daughter Hattie Almeda Blankenbeker who is buried elsewhere in Clark County.

At that same Washington Street Cemetery there is a tombstone for Lena L Martz (1883-1942) and her tombstone has the word "Sister" on it. Her tombstone and William's are both in Section J, Row 4. Lena was William's daughter by second wife Charlotte. She was Sister to many siblings but none are buried at Washington Street Cemetery, in fact no others of the family seem to be there. (There are two other people named Martz in that cemetery, William Harrison Martz and his wife Lorene but William Harrison is of the Dauphin County, PA Martz family and is of no relation whatsoever to William St. Clair.

But in the Bellair Cemetery in Annapolis, Crawford County, IL, there is quite a large obelisk for William, his wife Fluvia and apparently quite a number of their children who all died as infants. I think the photos of this obelisk on find-a-grave are incomplete, but what photos there are show on one face "Fluvia M, wife of Wm St Martz" with the appropriate dates. This photo accompanies Fluvia's memorial. On the memorial for William St. Martz, a photo of another face of this obelisk says Wm St Martz but there are no dates carved there. And a photo shows that at the base of the obelisk the name St Martz is carved. And then linked to Fluvia and William are five children all of whom were born between 1866 and 1877 and all of whom died the year they were born (except one of them died the year after his birth). My hunch is that all those names and dates are also listed on that obelisk. The memorial for William has the same dates as the memorial in Casey — though they do not seem to appear on his tombstone.

Whoever posted all of these memorials on find-a-grave listed all in the family as surname St Martz. This includes William's second wife Charlotta for whom there is a small marker, presumably nearby, that says Lotta on top and apparently the letters L M on the face. She too was listed as Charlotta "Lotta" (Bevington) St Martz.

So where is William really buried and where did he die? In 1910, he and (3rd or 4th) wife Julia E lived in Casey. I would assume, despite what it says on his Casey memorial, that he died in Casey and not in Bellair but the distance between the two cemeteries is only 20 miles. Why would he not have been taken to Bellair where there was a large obelisk for him just waiting to have the right dates engraved? But if they did that, why would they have erected another tombstone in Casey? Lena would end up there but she didn't die until 1942. And I don't think it had anything to do with Julia E. She went to live in Terre Haute, Indiana with her daughter Bessie (Gray) Hughes after William died, died there in 1934 and was supposed to be buried there though there is no find-a-grave memorial for her.

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<b>Spouse:</b>	<b>Fluvia Parsons</b>
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Birth:	6 Nov 1835
Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	15 Feb 1881

Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Bellair Cemetery, Annapolis, IL

### Parent-Proof

Fluvia is linked to Mortimer D and Sarah J (Campbell) Parsons as her parents on find-a-grave. She is also linked to six children — the five who died as infants between 1866 and 1877 and Hattie Almeda Blankenbeker (1871-1925).

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**Spouse:** **Charlotte L Bevington**

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Marriage: 19 Dec 1881

### Parent-Proof

From Census records, her parents were John and Selina/Celina Bevington and Charlotte was born in about 1856.

Charlotte has this distinction of never being listed in Census with William and yet she bore him most of his children. She married "William St Martz" in Crawford County, Ohio (how did he get there?) in Dec 1881. So, in the 1880 Census, William was listed with Fluvia who was still alive but would die in Feb 1881. And Charlotte must have died by about 1890 (the Census for that year has been lost) and so in the 1900 Census, William was listed with wife Julia E who he had married in 1895. Living with them were four of his children by Charlotte, namely: Salina age 17, Alice 15, Willie 13 and Frances 11.

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**Spouse:** **Julia E Rusk**

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Birth: 30 Nov 1845  
Memo: (Indiana Death Certificate)  
Marriage: 21 Aug 1895  
Death: 9 Oct 1934  
Memo: (Indiana Death Certificate)

### Parent-Proof

Julia Ellen was the daughter of Samuel E and Mary Ann (Henderson) Rusk according to her death certificate and Illinois marriage record. She had been married to William Gray prior to her marriage to William Martz and had several children by him.

In fact, her daughter Bessie was reported as Bessie Martz age 12 living in William and Julia's household in 1900. I'm quite certain she was not Bessie Martz, in fact was Bessie Gray (Julia's daughter by her first marriage) and then later Bessie Hughes who Julia went to live with after William Martz died. Bessie is on find-a-grave as Bessie (Martz) Hughes daughter of William Martz and Julia Rusk but I'm certain that is in error.

The question is was Julia William's third wife or fourth wife? The only reason I raise the issue is that the family group sheet for the family of Jacob and Elizabeth (Smith) Martz (which I found on my visit to Rockingham) prepared by Kathleen Fite listed four wives for William: Fluvia Parsons, Charlotta Bevington, Mary Bennett Hughes and Julia Rusk Grey. I am sure that William's daughter Frances who was born in 1888 was Charlotte's daughter and I know that William married Julia in 1895. So it is possible that Charlotte died by 1890,

William married Mary Hughes soon thereafter and she died by 1895 when he married Julia. But there is no evidence of this scenario.

### **Sources**

1. "1870 Census," age, place, HH members, William Martz, 40, Orange, Clark, IL, Fluvia 38, William 2, Nora 4 months.
2. "1880 Census," age, place, HH members, William Martz, 39, Orange, Clark, IL, Fluvia 43, Jacob 12, Nora 10, Hattie 8, Elizabeth 83.
3. 1900 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Born (mmm yr), # yr Married, Female # Children/# Living, Birthplace, Additional Persons, Marital Status), William Martz, 60, Casey, Clark, IL, Julia 52, Salina 17, Alice 15, Willie 13, Bessie 12, Frances 11 (I think Bessie was not Martz but Gray).
4. 1910 Census, (HOH, Place, Age, Occ, Yrs Married, Female (# Children/# Living), Birthplace of Self/Father/Mother, Additional Persons, Marital Status), William Martz, 70, Casey Ward 3, Clark, IL, Julia 62, Lina 25, Alice 23, William G 22 (the whole family as if the surname was St Martz).

**Name:** **George Martz (S1c)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 31 Jan 1799  
Birth Memo: (tombstone)  
Death: 29 Jul 1872  
Death Memo: (tombstone)  
Burial: Martz Cemetery, Mt Valley, Rockingham Co, VA  
Father: John Martz (March) (S1) (1763-1820)  
Mother: Catherine Nave (1769-1846)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

There is general agreement in the various sources that cover the Rockingham Martz family as to the names of John's sons. There is not as much agreement as to their order of birth, but I believe the Masanutten book is totally consistent with everything else I have learned from tombstones and Census.

I believe George was John's third oldest son. He is designated S1c.

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### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

He wrote his will in 1854 and left everything to his brother Solomon.

### **Sources**

1. "1840 Census," HOH, Place, age/gender, George Martz, Rockingham, VA, 20-29M, 30-39M, 60-69F.
2. "1850 Census," age, place, HH members, George Marty, 50, District 56, Rockingham, VA, Salomon 38, Susannah 37.

**Name:** **John J Martz (S1d)**<sup>1,2,3,4,5,6</sup>

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Birth: 1804  
Birth Memo: (Rockingham Martz tree)  
Death: 1883  
Death Memo: (Present in 1880 Census, age 75)  
Father: John Martz (March) (S1) (1763-1820)  
Mother: Catherine Nave (1769-1846)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

There is general agreement in the various sources that cover the Rockingham Martz family as to the names of John's sons. There is not as much agreement as to their order of birth, but I believe the Masanutten book is totally consistent with everything else I have learned from tombstones and Census.

I believe John J was John's fourth oldest son. He is designated S1d.

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### **Known Sons**

From the 1850 Census, John had six sons.

I can find no real trace of his second son Samuel. There is a Samuel A Martz who was in California by 1880 of about the right age, born in Virginia but he said his parents were both born Pennsylvania so it gave me doubt.

I can also find no further record of fourth son James who at age 16 wasn't even living with his parents in 1860, a clue he may have died young.

And I can find no further record of George who was 1 in 1850 and not present in John's household in 1860, a clue he too may have died young.

I have tracked:

S1d1 Dewitt born 1832  
S1d2 Isaac born 1840  
S1d3 John born 1848

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**Spouse:** **Mary D Looker**

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Birth: 1804  
Birth Memo: (Thomas Looker book)  
Marriage: 12 Aug 1831  
Marr Memo: (Thomas Looker book)

### **Parent-Proof**

John J married Mary D (Polly) Looker 12 Aug 1831 in Rockingham County according to the Thomas Looker book. She was the daughter of John Looker Jr.

### **Sources**



- 1.** Published Book. Author: Leallah Franklin, "Descendants of Thomas Looker "The Quaker" Early Settler of Rockingham County, VA," Repository: Rockingham Historical Society and LDS , John J's wife was Mary D (Polly) Looker, a descendant of Thomas Looker. Their children and many generations of descendants are listed in this book and for the most part documented.
- 2.** "1840 Census," HOH, Place, age/gender, John J Martz, Rockingham, VA, <5M (2), 5-9M, 30-39M, 5-9F, 10-14F.
- 3.** "1850 Census," age, place, HH members, John Marty 46, District 56, Rockingham, VA, Mary 41, Lucy 22, Mary 18, Dewitt 17, Samuel 15, Isaac 10, Elizabeth 8, James 6, John 3, George 1.
- 4.** "1860 Census," age, place, HH members, John J Martz, 58, District 1, Rockingham, VA, Mary 56, Virginia, 28, Isaac 19, Catherine 17, John 15, Thomas 9.
- 5.** "1870 Census," age, place, HH members, John Martz, 65, Plains, Rockingham, VA, Mary 60, Isaac 28, Amanda 21, baby 3 months .
- 6.** "1880 Census," age, place, HH members, John J Martz, 75, Plains, Rockingham, VA, lives with Isaac 40.

**Name:** Dewitt Clinton Martz (S1d1)<sup>1,2,3</sup>

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Birth: 25 Oct 1832  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 5 Mar 1917  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Ellison Cemetery, Towner Co, ND  
Father: John J Martz (S1d) (1804-1883)  
Mother: Mary D Looker (1804-)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

We know Dewitt from as the son of John from his presence in his father's household in 1850. The record of his marriage in Rockingham County to Ann Elizabeth Hillyard says he was the son of John and Mary. He is designated S1d1.

It is the presence of this couple together in North Dakota in the 1900 Census, her name said to be Hillyard Martz, that confirms that Dewitt was indeed Dewitt Clinton Martz and makes me certain this couple tried in North Dakota is correctly identified.

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**Spouse:** Ann Elizabeth Hillyard

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Birth: 17 Jul 1842  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Marriage: 1 Aug 1867  
Marr Memo: (Virginia Select Marriages @ Ancestry.com)  
Death: 13 Jul 1905  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Ellison Cemetery, Towner Co, ND

### **Parent-Proof**

Her name is known from her find-a-grave memorial and from her marriage record.

### **Sources**

1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Dewitt Martz, 28, District 1, Rockingham, VA, lives with Koontz family.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), D W Martz, 45, Plains, Rockingham, VA, Elizabeth 40, Luther 8, Lee 6, Laura 4, John 2.
3. 1900 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Born (mmm yr), # yr Married, Female # Children/# Living, Birthplace, Additional Persons, Marital Status), Dewitt C Martz, 66, Township 132, Towner, ND, Hillyard 56.

**Name: Isaac P Martz (S1d2)**

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Birth: 20 Jan 1840  
Birth Memo: (Rockingham name file, Census in agreement))  
Death: 29 Sep 1915  
Death Memo: (Rockingham name file)  
Burial: Strickler Cemetery, Rockingham Co, VA  
Father: John J Martz (S1d) (1804-1883)  
Mother: Mary D Looker (1804-)

**Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

We know Isaac as John's son since Isaac lived with John in the 1850 and 1860 Census and then John lived with Isaac and his family in 1870 and 1880. Isaac is designated S1d2.

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**Death and Find-a-Grave**

Isaac and his wife Amanda are on find-a-grave. I also found record of his burial on a Rockingham index file. It noted his date of birth and death but not the cemetery.

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**Spouse: Amanda Strickler**

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Birth: 12 Mar 1848  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 18 Jul 1905  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Strickler Cemetery, Rockingham Co, VA

**Sources**

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Isaac Martz, 28, Plains, Rockingham, VA, Amanda 21, baby 3 months, John Martz 65, Mary 60.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Isaac P Martz, 40, Plains, Rockingham, VA, Amanda V 31, John Lewis 10, Mary C 8, Lizzie Alice 6, Nellie Lee 5, Charles R 2, William R 10 months, John J 75.

**Name:** **John M Martz (S1d3)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 1848  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: St Pauls, Timberville, VA  
Father: John J Martz (S1d) (1804-1883)  
Mother: Mary D Looker (1804-)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

We know John had a son John from his presence with his father in 1850 and 1860. The problem is there were several John Martz born into one branch or another of the Rockingham families in the late 1840's.

It is possible the John who continued to live in Rockingham and whose wife was Josephine or Sarah A J was a different John, but I believe it is this one and I have designated him S1d3.

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### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

I have tracked John through Census. His wife was Josephine in 1870, Sarah A J in 1880, Sarah A J in 1900 and then Josephine again in 1910.

### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

John M is on find-a-grave, as is Josephine. There is no date of death there for John. My hunch is he died after Josephine and they carved his name and birth year on their shared tombstone and no one ever had his year of death carved on it when he later died,

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**Spouse:** **Josephine**

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Birth: 1850  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 1913  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: St Pauls, Timberville, VA

### **Sources**

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), John Martz, 22, Plains, Rockingham, VA, Josephine 18, Laura Belle 1.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), John M Martz, 30, Plains, Rockingham, VA, Sarah A J 27, Laura Alice 9, Mary M 8, Julia Ann 6, Charles A 5, Samuel L 2.

**Name:** **Solomon Martz (S1e)**<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>  
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 Birth: 1812  
 Birth Memo: (Rockingham Martz tree)  
 Father: John Martz (March) (S1) (1763-1820)  
 Mother: Catherine Nave (1769-1846)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

There is general agreement in the various sources that cover the Rockingham Martz family as to the names of John's sons. There is not as much agreement as to their order of birth, but I believe the Masanutten book is totally consistent with everything else I have learned from tombstones and Census.

I believe Solomon was John's fifth oldest, actually his youngest, son. He is designated S1e.

### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

In the 1840 Census, living with George Martz, son of John I believe, we find a younger male and an older female. I believe the male is his youngest brother Solomon, not yet married and the older female their mother Catherine.

In 1850, Solomon lived with George and now Susan, his wife I believe.

In 1860, Solomon and Susan have had a son George and Solomon's brother, George, still lives with them.

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### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

Solomon is not on find-a-grave.

### **Discrepancies**

The Rockingham Martz tree says he married Eliza Rex in Clinton County, IN in 1847. Indeed there is a record of that marriage, but I think it was a different Solomon Martz.

There is a Solomon with Eliza in Census in Clinton County in 1850-1880 and they are buried there in Fairhaven Cemetery.

However, Solomon of Indiana consistently says he was born in PA and in the 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 Census and in 1880 says both his parents were too.

Meanwhile, there is a Solomon Martz in Census in Virginia all those same years and I believe he is John's son.

The Solomon buried in Indiana is also on find-a-grave linked to John's wife Catherine back in Virginia as his mother. I believe this too is a major error and I am trying to get it corrected. There are some other Martzes in the same Indiana cemetery, all, I think, from Berks County and I suspect Solomon of Indiana is related to them.

### **Known Sons**

A Virginia death record for George says he died 17 Nov 1887 of typhoid fever, that he was age 36y, 2m, 3d and was the son of Solomon and Susan Martz.

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**Spouse:                Susannah Runkle**  
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**Parent-Proof**

I always thought, from Census, that she was Susan. Then I found a family group sheet for this family prepared by Vernon Hollenbach that says she was Susannah Runkle. I don't know if it is right, I don't know of any reason to think it might be wrong.

**Sources**

1. "1850 Census," age, place, HH members, Salomon Marty, 38, District 56, Rockingham, VA, w/ George 50, Susan 37.
2. "1860 Census," age, place, HH members, Solomon Martz, 47, District 1, Rockingham, VA, w/ George 61, Susan 39, George 8.
3. "1870 Census," age, place, HH members, Solomon Martz, 58, Plains, Rockingham, VA, Susan 57, George 19, George L 71, Elizabeth Black 58.
4. "1880 Census," age, place, HH members, Solomon Maitz, 69, Plains, Rockingham, VA George 28, Virginia 28, Walon 5, William O 2.

**Name:** **Henry Martz (S2)<sup>1,2,3</sup>**

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Birth: 10 Apr 1765 Frederick Co, MD  
Birth Memo: (Rockingham Martz tree)  
Death: abt 1835  
Death Memo: (present in 1830 Census, disappears by 1840)  
Father: Sebastian Martz (March) (S) (~1740-1818)  
Mother: Mary Magdalene Burghard

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

Henry was named in his father's will and from the order, it would seem that Henry was Sebastian's second oldest son.

He is designated S2.

### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

Henry was present in the 1810, 1820 and 1830 Census in Rockingham County.

He supposedly married in 1802, so I don't know who the male and female, both age 16-25, living with him could be in the 1810 Census. No matter. Other than those persons, there is only evidence of one daughter, no sons. Same thing in 1820. And then no children present in 1830.

The conclusion from Census would be that Henry and Catherine had just one child, a daughter, and that agrees with the various sources that cover the Rockingham family.

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### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

As of summer 2015, there is no evidence of him on find-a-grave nor was he listed in the cemetery database at Rockingham Historical Society.

### **Known Daughters**

The Rockingham Martz tree shows only one child for Henry and his wife Catherine, that being daughter Catherine born 1805. It says she married Samuel Hulings and that she died in Champaign County, OH.

Indeed, in the 1850 Census we find Catharine Hewling, age 45, no husband present, in Adams Township, Champaign County, OH. Living in her household is Catharine Marty, age 73 — her mother, I am quite sure.

Living in the same place were several of the younger Catherine's cousins. Benjamin Hawkins Martz and Erastus Erasmus Martz, sons of Michael were present as was Martin P Martz, son of Peter. Martin's sister and remarried mother were also there — his sister had married Benjamin Hawkins Martz, her cousin.

### **Discrepancies**

I do not believe Henry and his wife Catharine had any sons based on an analysis of tick marks in the 1810-1830 Census and confirmed by the various sources that cover the Rockingham Martz family.

But in 1850, living in Adams Township, Champaign County, OH, in addition to two sons of Henry's brother, Michael, we also find Henry's daughter and widow both named Catharine.

And we also find a Martin Martz born 1811. I checked for him on find-a-grave and noticed he was linked to, as his mother, Catharine Martz born 1777. They are both buried in Rosedale Cemetery in Champaign County. Catherine, I'm quite sure is Henry's widow.

Martin and Catherine are also linked to, as another of Catherine's sons, a John W Martz 1799-1863, who died in the Civil War. He was buried in Vicksburg. However, John W is also listed on his parents tombstone at Rosedale Cemetery (saying he was buried in Vicksburg). The Rosedale dates for John W are 1839-1863. His father actually was Erastus Martz.

So John W is definitely erroneously linked to Catherine and I have also determined that Martin was the son of Henry's brother Peter.

I will try to get this whole mess straightened out at find-a-grave. Who knows what success I will have?

<b>Spouse:</b>	<b>Catherine Mathews<sup>4</sup></b>
Birth:	19 Jun 1777
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Marriage:	4 Aug 1802
Marr Memo:	(Rockingham Martz tree)
Death:	12 Oct 1864
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Rosedale Cemetery, Champaign Co, OH

#### Parent-Proof

Henry married Catherine Mathews 4 Aug 1802 in Rockingham County according to the Rockingham Martz tree.

#### Find-a-Grave

She is listed on find-a-grave with a photo of her tombstone buried at Rosedale Cemetery in Champaign County, OH. That is the source for the dates I show for her.

There is a problem with her find-a-grave memorial relating to two younger males erroneously linked to her as her sons. But, since the tombstone photo is there and since I know she did live late in her life with her daughter in Champaign County, I do not dispute at all that that is where she is buried.

#### Sources

1. "1810 Census," HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-45 M/F, 45+ M/F, Henry March, Harrisonburg, Rockingham Co, VA, 0/1, 0/0, 1/1, 1/1, 0/0.
2. "1820 Census," HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 18-25 M, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F, Henry Martz, Rockingham Co, VA, 0/0, 0/0, 0/1, 0, 0/1, 1/0.
3. "1830 Census," HOH, Place, age/gender, Henry Martz, Rockingham Co, VA, 60-69M, 50-59F.
4. "1850 Census," age, place, HH members, Catherine Marty, 73, Adams, Champaign, OH, lives with her daughter Catherine Hewling.



**Name:** **Samuel Martz (March) (S3)**<sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup>

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Birth: 4 Oct 1768  
Memo: (find-a-grave, Rockingham Martz tree says 10 Apr)  
Death: 4 Nov 1847  
Memo: (Rockingham Martz tree and find-a-grave)  
Burial: Zetty Cemetery, Tenth Legion, Rockingham Co, VA  
Father: Sebastian Martz (March) (S) (~1740-1818)  
Mother: Mary Magdalene Burghard

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

Samuel was named in his father's will and from the order, it would seem that he was Sebastian's third oldest son.

Samuel was listed in the 1810 Census in Rockingham County, age 26-45, with eight young children.

He is designated S3.

### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

Samuel is present in the 1810-1840 Census in Rockingham. In the 1840 Census, Samuel had a lot of older sons living with him. Then in 1850, it is Samuel's sons, Samuel and Jacob, living with their sister Maria.

### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

Samuel is on find-a-grave and that is my source for his birth and death dates. The Thomas Looker book has the same date of death, 4 Nov 1847, but has his birth date as 10 Apr 1768. Someone has reversed 4/10 and 10/4, I believe it was the Looker book author.

The cemetery database at Rockingham Historical Society is in agreement as to his date of death and adds age 79 years 1 month, which I assume is the source of the idea he was born 4 Oct 1768.

### **Known Daughters**

The Thomas Looker book lists these daughters: Marial born 1794 never married, Elizabeth married Nathaniel O'Roark, Sallie born 1798, Polly born abt 1805 married David Robinson Robertson, Lydia born 18 Nov 1811 married Curtis Yates, Rachael married Morgan Layton, Maria born 18 Jan 1813 died 12 Jan 1896 never married and Emma who it says was born 1840 (which can't possibly be right).

I think there may be some confusion between Marial and Mariah whose tombstone on find-a-grave gives the dates as shown for Maria. I suspect that Marial never existed as it is clear that Mariah never married.

Maria lives with her two unmarried twin brothers, George and Jacob, in the 1850 Census. She is said to be 25. Also present in that household is Emma age 9. I think this is the Emma listed as Samuel's daughter in the Thomas Looker book. Maybe she was, but couldn't she also be a niece or great niece who for whatever reason was living with Samuel's other unmarried children?

### **Known Sons**

His will dated 6 May 1844 proved Nov Court 1847 named only son Martin, who was appointed Executor, but it referred, without naming them, to other sons.

However, the Thomas Looker book documents an 1851 land partition after Samuel's death in which six sons were named: John, Abraham, Reuben, Martin, Jacob and Samuel.

The Thomas Looker book also lists a Michael Martz as Samuel's oldest son but has no more information on him. There was no mention of him in the land partition record.

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**Spouse: Mary Philips**

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Birth:	1776
Memo:	(Rockingham cemetery database)
Marriage:	13 Dec 1792
Marr Memo:	(Thomas Looker book)
Death:	14 Jun 1840
Memo:	(Rockingham cemetery database)
Burial:	Zetty Cemetery, Tenth Legion, Rockingham Co, VA

**Parent-Proof**

Samuel married Mary Philips 13 Dec 1792 in Rockingham County according to the Thomas Looker book, which adds that she was the daughter of John Evan and Uriah (Woodley) Philips.

**Find-a-Grave**

She is listed on find-a-grave in the same cemetery as her husband. Only a date of birth, 1776, is given, no date of death. She is said to be buried at the Zetty Cemetery where her husband and three children are also buried.

The cemetery database at Rockingham County Historical Society also lists her at Zetty. Mary Martz, consort of Samuel, died 14 Jun 1840 (with a question mark) age 63 years 8 months (so late 1776). They add that the date of death was not legible when someone lately went out to check but had been recorded by the DAR in the 1960's.

I have gone with those dates.

But the cemetery database at Rockingham County Historical Society also lists a Mary Martz at the Martz Cemetery died 7 Mar 1855 aged 79 years [1776]. It adds there is no visible stone (it may be a case of the data first coming from an older transcription and then a later transcription effort could not find her). Mary, wife of Samuel, was possibly born in 1776, so is this his wife? It doesn't say that, just names her. However, she is listed next to Martin and I believe was his wife.

However, the Thomas Looker book picks up that 7 Mar 1855 date of death and suggests it was for Mary Philips and says also she is buried at the Martz Cemetery. The book gives her date of birth as 5 Oct 1779 (not 1776) — I'm not sure where that comes from.

In any event, I believe 1840 is the better date for her to have died. She was not named in her husband's will dated 1847 and I think had she been alive in 1850, she would have been living with her three children, Samuel, Jacob and Maria, all living together. Moreover, there was a petition filed after the death of her brother, Abraham Philips, in 1843 apparently naming Abraham's siblings as his heirs and Polly was not listed but her children were — she had certainly died by 1843. I also think she is buried at Zetty not Martz Cemetery.

An 1840 date of death is also curious, since the Looker book says Samuel and Mary had a daughter Emma in 1840. I think that is not true, but could it be that Mary died in childbirth at age 64, at Emma's birth?

### **Children Names**

The Wiki profile of Abraham Martz includes a full transcription of a Licking County petition and series of court records "Abraham Philips adm vs Elizabeth Philips et al" spanning the 1843-1846 time period. It named about 28 persons some of whom were named Martz and their names seemed very much to line up with the names of the children of Samuel and Polly (Philips) Martz. It was posted there by Meghan Dewhurst-Conroy and I have discussed the interpretation of it with her. She believes that:

1. Abraham Philips was the brother of Mary "Polly" (Philips) Martz
2. He had recently died leaving a widow Elizabeth and no children
3. He owned a tract of land but had debts that could not be paid off without selling some of the land
4. So the court got involved to set off Elizabeth's third of that land as her dower and then to sell the remainder
5. Since Abraham had no children, and died intestate, all his siblings were his lawful heirs
6. At least two of his siblings had died. Polly was one of those two, and so the heirs of deceased siblings were named in that case.

Polly's children named in that petition were:

John, Abraham, Martin, Reuben, Jacob and Samuel Martz. These are the same six sons named on the 1851 land partition. So if there ever was a son Michael, as stated in the Thomas Looker book, he must have died before 1843 presumably without issue.

Polly Martz who the Looker book says married David Robinson Robertson. They are named in the petition as Polly Robinson and Daniel Robinson. Close enough for me.

Lydia Martz who the Looker book says married Curtis Yates listed in the petition as Lydia Yates and Curtis Yates.

Rachel Martz who the Looker book says married Morgan Layton in November 1843 was listed as Rachel Martz, which makes sense since the petition was dated September 1843.

Maria Martz. The Looker book named a Marial and a Maria. Maria supposedly married Samuel Handley according to the Looker book. But there is no mention of anyone named Handley in the petition. There could be several explanations, but I believe there was not both a Maria and a Marial, there was only Mariah, she never married and was the Maria Martz named in the petition.

The petition is also notable for who wasn't mentioned.

There was no mention in the petition of Elizabeth Martz who according to the Looker book married Nathaniel O'Roark and supposedly had children by him. There are any number of possibilities: maybe there was no daughter Elizabeth, maybe the Licking County cousins forgot about her or didn't have any idea where she was, perhaps she died early with no surviving issue.

There is no mention of Emma Martz who the Looker book listed as a daughter of Polly born in 1840 which never made no sense to me (Polly would have been 64, all her other children were born before 1815 or so).

There is one more interesting court document in Meghan's post: A day after the Sheriff was ordered to summon the full list of persons he came back to the court and said a number of persons "are not in my bailiwick". The Martzes not in his bailiwick were: Jacob Martz, Martin Martz, Lydia Yates, Maria Martz, Rachel Martz John Martz, Abraham Martz, Reuben Martz and Samuel Martz.

According to Census, John Martz was in Rockingham in 1840 and in Licking in 1850 so he must not yet have arrived in 1843. Abraham and Reuben were both in Licking in 1840 and Iowa by 1850, so they both must already have left by 1843. Polly Robinson seems to have been the only Martz actually in Licking in 1843.

### **Sources**

1. Published Book. Author: Leallah Franklin, "Descendants of Thomas Looker "The Quaker" Early Settler of Rockingham County, VA," Repository: Rockingham Historical Society and LDS , Samuel's wife was Mary (Polly) Phillips, a descendant of Thomas Looker. Their children and many generations of descendants are listed in this book and for the most part documented.
2. "1810 Census," HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-45 M/F, 45+ M/F, Sam March, Harrisonburg, Rockingham Co, VA, 5/1, 1/0, 0/1, 1/1, 0/0.
3. "1820 Census," HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 18-25 M, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F, Samuel Marsh, Rockingham Co, VA, 1/3, 4/1, 1/0, 0, 0/1, 1/0.
4. "1830 Census," HOH, Place, age/gender, Saml Martz, Rockingham Co, VA, 10-14M, 20-29M (4), 50-59M, 10-14F (2), 15-19F (2), 50-59.
5. "1840 Census," HOH, Place, age/gender, Samuel Martz, Rockingham, VA, 30-39M (#), 70-79M, 20-29F (2), 60-69F.

**Name:** **John Martz (S3a)**<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

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Birth: abt 1796  
Birth Memo: (Rockingham Martz tree)  
Death: abt 1865  
Death Memo: (Present in 1860, not present in 1870 Census)  
Father: Samuel Martz (March) (S3) (1768-1847)  
Mother: Mary Philips (1776-1840)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

We know Samuel had a son John from the 1851 land partition. He is designated S3a.

The problem is then finding the right John as it was a popular name in the Rockingham Martz families.

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### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

Samuel Martz was not listed in the 1820 Census, though he was apparently still alive. Two John Martz were listed in Rockingham but neither was, I don't think, John (S1) as he supposedly died in 1820 and I think it was his widow Catherine who was listed.

So I have decided that John age 16-25 living with a male 45+ was perhaps, John, son of Samuel, with Samuel living with him.

In 1830, there were two John Martz, both age 30-39. I have no way of knowing which is which. One had eight persons in the household and one had ten. Arbitrarily, I give this guy 10 persons.

In 1850, John age 54, had found his way to Licking County, OH and lived with with seven younger Martzes, I assume his children.

Then in 1860, John had moved to Iowa and still lived with some of his children. I don't see him in 1870 so I'm guessing he had died.

### **Known Sons**

Living with John in 1850 in Licking County, OH were George 32, Samuel 29, John 28, Martin 26, Elizabeth 24, Sebastian 18 and Lydia 14.

I have been able to track all of those sons except George who is not designated. The others all ended up in California.

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**Spouse:** **Mary J Caraway**

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### **Sources**

1. "1820 Census," HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 18-25 M, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F, John Martz, Rockingham Co, VA, 2/0, 0/0, 1/1, 0, 0/0, 1/0.
2. "1830 Census," HOH, Place, age/gender, John Martz, Rockingham Co, VA, <5M (2), 5-9M (3), 10-14M, 30-39M, <5F (2), 30-39F.

- 3.** "1850 Census," age, place, HH members, John Marts, 54, Bennington, Licking, OH, George 32, Samuel 29, John 28, Martin 26, Elizabeth 24, Sebastian 18, Lydia 14.
- 4.** "1860 Census," age, place, HH members, John Martz, 64, Marion, Linn, IA, Sebastian 28, Mary 19, John 38, Lydia 24.

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Samuel Martz (S3a1)</b> <sup>1,2,3</sup>
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Birth:	21 Nov 1820
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	23 Jun 1909
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	St Helena, Napa Co, CA
Father:	John Martz (S3a) (~1796-~1865)

### Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation

We know Samuel as the son of John from his presence in his father's household in 1850. He is designated S3a1.

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### Death and Find-a-Grave

Samuel and his wife Mary Jane are on find-a-grave.

<b>Spouse:</b>	<b>Mary Jane</b>
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Birth:	31 Jul 1832
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Death:	11 May 1907
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	St Helena, Napa Co, CA

### Sources

1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Samuel Martz, 39, Marion, Linn, IA, Mary J 28, Charles 5, Samuel Faulty 15, W P Cochrane 25.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Saml Martz, 50, Brown, Linn, IA, Mary 33, Charles 16.
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Samuel Martz, 59, Napa, Napa, CA, Mary 48.

**Name:** **John Martz (S3a2)<sup>1</sup>**

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Birth: 14 Apr 1822  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 24 Dec 1902  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Calistoga Pioneer Cemetery, Napa Co, CA  
Father: John Martz (S3a) (~1796-~1865)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

We know John as the son of John from his presence in his father's household in 1850 and 1860, then continuing with his brother Sebastian in 1870. He is designated S3a2.

Finally in 1880, he was head of household. His widowed sister was living with him.

He and several of his family had found their way to Napa Valley, California.

I do not think John ever married or had children.

He is on find-a-grave.

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### **Sources**

1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), John Martz, 58, Hot Spring, Napa, CA, Elizabeth Claraucy 54, (John's sister), Charles Claraucy 15.



**Name:** **Martin Martz (S3a3)**<sup>1,2,3</sup>

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Birth: 1824  
 Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
 Death: 1906  
 Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
 Burial: Odd Fellows, Placer Co, CA  
 Father: John Martz (S3a) (~1796-~1865)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

We know Martin as the son of John from his presence in his father's household in 1850. He, like his brothers, were born in Virginia, came to adulthood in Iowa and later moved to California.

He is on find-a-grave.

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### **Sources**

1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Martin Martz, 36, Marion, Linn, IA, Samantha 29, Franklin, 7, Harvey B 5, Charles E 3, George Lenhart 20.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Martin Martz, 43, Brown, Linn, IA, Frank 18, Elmar 13, Elizabeth Caraway 42 + 3 Caraway children.
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Martin Martz, 56, Todds Valley, Placer, CA, Franklin P 28.

**Name:** **Sebastian Martz (S3a4)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 1832  
Death: 15 Dec 1922  
Death Memo: (CA Death Index @ Ancestry.com)  
Father: John Martz (S3a) (~1796-~1865)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

We know Sebastian as John's son since he lived with his father in 1850 and 1860. He is designated S3a4.

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### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

He was in California by 1870, others in his family followed later.

### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

He is not on find-a-grave.

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**Spouse:** **Mary J Caraway**

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Birth: 1839  
Birth Memo: (marriage record)  
Marriage: 19 Sep 1858  
Marr Memo: (Iowa Select Marriages @ Ancestry.com)

### **Sources**

1. "1870 Census," age, place, HH members, Sebastian Martz, 37, Hot Springs, Napa, CA, Mary Jane 30, Alice Bell 1, John 49.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), S Martz, 47, Hot Spring, Napa, CA, Mary J 40, Alace 11, Thomas S 8.

**Name:** **Abraham Martz (S3b)**<sup>1,2,3,4,5,6</sup>

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Birth: 5 Jun 1800  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 8 Oct 1880  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Hopewell Cemetery, Wapello Co, IA  
Father: Samuel Martz (March) (S3) (1768-1847)  
Mother: Mary Philips (1776-1840)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

We know Abraham as the son of Samuel from the 1851 land partition and from the Thomas Looker book. He is designated S3b.

### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

The Rockingham Martz tree says Abraham moved to and died in Wapello County, IA. He was still in Rockingham in 1830, then in IA in 1850, so where was he in 1840?

There was an Abraham in Licking County, OH who I otherwise can't account for in 1840. Could it be this Abraham? The answer I think emerges from examination of the birth places of Abraham's children in 1850. The oldest, born 1823, was born in Virginia, the next two, born 1834 and 1838, in Ohio, the next one, born 1843, in Missouri and the youngest, born 1848, in Iowa. I think Abraham briefly of Licking County was this Abraham. The presence of his brothers in Licking County at about that time helps make the case.

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### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

Abraham and his wife are on find-a-grave.

### **Known Daughters**

In the 1870 Census, living with Abraham and Ruth was Elizabeth Pittington and her children. Elizabeth was their daughter. She had married Sylvester Pittington back in Ohio in 1842. I have a feeling Sylvester and Elizabeth were some kind of cousins.

### **Known Sons**

Sons John and Nathaniel are linked to Abraham on find-a-grave. From the 1850 Census, there was also a son Samuel.

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**Spouse:** **Ruth Pittington**

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Birth: 24 Mar 1802  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Marriage: 29 Aug 1823  
Marr Memo: (VA Marriage records on FamilySearch, Looker book says 24 Aug 1822)  
Death: 14 May 1873  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Hopewell Cemetery, Wapello Co, IA

### **Parent-Proof**

Abraham married Ruth Pittington 24 Aug 1822 in Rockingham County according to the Thomas Looker book, which also says she was the daughter of John Pittington.

John was the second husband of Elizabeth Looker so therefore his children by Elizabeth are all Thomas Looker's descendants. Ruth Pittington was some kind of cousin/relative of Abraham's mother.

Abraham's marriage, however, is documented in two Virginia Marriage databases and one gives the date as 20 Aug 1822 and the other 29 Aug 1823 and both give her name as Ruth Pitt.

After studying the Thomas Looker book a little more, I have concluded that the Pittington family may have been Pitt originally and/or may at times have simplified their name from Pittington to Pitt.

John Pittington's son, John Jackson, seemed to alternate in Census which between Pitt and Pittington.

### Sources

1. Published Book. Author: Leallah Franklin, "Descendants of Thomas Looker "The Quaker" Early Settler of Rockingham County, VA," Repository: Rockingham Historical Society and LDS , Abraham's wife was Ruth Pittington, a descendant of Thomas Looker. Their children and many generations of descendants are listed in this book and for the most part documented.
2. "1830 Census," HOH, Place, age/gender, Abraham Martz, Rockingham Co, VA, <5M (2), 5-9M, 30-39M, <5 F (2), 5-9F (2), 20-29F.
3. "1840 Census," HOH, Place, age/gender, Abraham Martz, Burlington Twp, Licking Co, OH, <5M, 5-9M, 10-14M, 15-19M, 40-49M, <5F, 5-9F, 10-14F, 15-19F (2), 40-49F .
4. "1850 Census," age, place, HH members, Abraham Martz, 50, District 13, Wapello, IA, Ruth 47, John 27, Rachel 16, Samuel 12, Hannah 7, Nancy 2.
5. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Abraham Marts, 62, Adams, Wapello, IA, Ruth 44, Samuel 21, Hannah 17, Nancy 12.
6. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Abraham Marty, 67, Adams, Wapello, IA, Ruth 63, + 6 Pittington + 4 Dorothy.

**Name:** **John Martz (S3b1)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 1817  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 11 Mar 1899  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Wesley Chapel, Davis Co, IA  
Father: Abraham Martz (S3b) (1800-1880)  
Mother: Ruth Pittington (1802-1873)

### Parent-Proof

We know John as the son of Abraham since he lived with his father in 1850 and is linked to him on find-a-grave. He is designated S3b1.

He and his wife are on find-a-grave. They married in Dec 1850, so they had no sons born before 1850.

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**Spouse:** **Eunice Huff**

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Birth: 5 Apr 1828  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Marriage: 12 Dec 1850  
Marr Memo: (Iowa Marriages @ Ancestry.com)  
Death: 29 Oct 1907  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Wesley Chapel, Davis Co, IA

### Sources

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), John Martz, 53, Adams, Wapello, IA, Eunice 32, Franklin 18, Rebecca 17, Hannah 14, James 16, Rufus 12, Eunice 9, Reubin 7, Jacob 5, Matilda 3.

2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), John Martz, 64, Adams, Wapello, IA, Eunice 54, Rebecca 27, Milton 25, Hannah 22, Rufus 21, Eunice 18, Reuben 16, Jacob 15, Matilda 12.

**Name: Samuel Martz (S3b2)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 1839  
Birth Memo: (Thomas Looker book)  
Father: Abraham Martz (S3b) (1800-1880)  
Mother: Ruth Pittington (1802-1873)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

We know Samuel as the son of Abraham since he lived with his father in 1850 and 1860. He is designated S3b2.

He stayed in Iowa, I do not know when he died, he is not on find-a-grave.

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**Spouse: Mary Burlington**

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### **Parent-Proof**

Her maiden name comes from the marriage record of there daughter Ruth Ella Martz.

### **Sources**

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Samuel Marty, 33, Adams, Wapello, IA, Mary 25, John 6, Sarah 4, Annetta 2.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Samuel Martz, 46, Union, Monroe, IA, Mary 35, John 15, Ruth 10, Mary 6, Amos 1.

**Name:** **Nathaniel Martz (S3b3)**<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

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Birth: 15 Aug 1823  
Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 22 Sep 1908  
Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Mt Olivet, Harrison Co, MO  
Father: Abraham Martz (S3b) (1800-1880)  
Mother: Ruth Pittington (1802-1873)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

Nathaniel is linked to his father on find-a-grave and said to be a son of Abraham's in the Thomas Looker book.

I can find him in Census as an adult living in Missouri. In 1850, he was unmarried living with the Adkins family. In 1860 he was living with, I would assume, his first wife Sarah and then in 1870 and 1880 with his second wife Letitia who he married in 1864 in Wapello County, Iowa. Present in his 1870 household were five children who must have been Sarah's children.

He is designated S3b3.

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**Spouse:** **Letitia Walker**

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Birth: 16 Apr 1847  
Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Marriage: 27 Aug 1864 Wapello Co, IA  
Marr Memo: (Iowa Select Marriages, Ancestry.com)  
Death: 19 May 1908  
Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Mt Olivet, Harrison Co, MO

### **Sources**

1. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Nathaniel Martze, 24, b.VA, District 15, Carroll, MO. lives with James and Nancy Adkins.
2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Nathaniel Martz, 31, Bethany, Harrison, MO, Sarah 27.
3. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Nathaniel Martz, 45, b. VA, Bethany, Harrison, MO, Lutelia 22, Nancy 18, William 16, Nathaniel 14, Thomas 12, Sarah 10, Marietta 2, Martin 6m .
4. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Nathunie Martz, 53, Bethany, Harrison, MO, Luticia 33, Mary 13, Martin 10, Dora 8, Fannie 6, Margaret 3, Walter 1.

**Name:** **Martin Martz (S3c)**<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

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Birth: 17 Jan 1803  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 28 Dec 1891  
Death Memo: (VA Deaths and Burials @ Ancestry.com, find-a-grave)  
Census: Mt Zion, Augusta Co, VA  
Father: Samuel Martz (March) (S3) (1768-1847)  
Mother: Mary Philips (1776-1840)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

Martin is known as a son of Samuel from the 1851 land partition. This is confirmed by the Thomas Looker book which says he married Sarah Bazzell (Bizzell?) and moved to Augusta County, VA. He is designated S3c.

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### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

Martin and his wife are on find-a-grave.

A Virginia death record says he was born in Rockingham County, the son of Samuel and Elizabeth Martz. Elizabeth may be an error.

### **Known Sons**

None of his sons were born before 1850.

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**Spouse:** **Sarah Bizzell**

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Birth: 4 Feb 1823  
Birth Memo: (age 79y, 3m, 13d on find-a-grave)  
Marriage: 5 Feb 1846  
Marr Memo: (Virginia Marriages @ Ancestry.com)  
Death: 17 May 1902  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Mt Zion, Augusta Co, VA

### **Parent-Proof**

Her maiden name is Bazel, Bizzell or something similar.

### **Sources**

1. "1850 Census," age, place, HH members, Martin Martz, 44, District 2 1/2, Augusta, VA, Sarah 28, Mary 3, Caroline 1.
2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), M Martz, 53, N Subdivision, Augusta, VA, S 37, M 13, V 12, R 8, E J 6, M A 4, A C 1, R Bassell 23, M Bassel 63.
3. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Martin Martz, 65, District 3, Augusta, VA, Sarah 45, Caroline V 21, Ruben 19, Eliza J 16, Martha A 13, Amanda C 11, William M 3.
4. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Martin Marte, 74, North River, Augusta, VA, Sarah 71, Jinnie 31, Eliza 26, Martha 23, Albert W 13.



**Name:** **Samuel Martz (S3d) and Jacob Martz (S3e)**<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

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Birth: 22 Jan 1807  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 25 Nov 1900 (Samuel), 18 Nov 1890 (Jacob)  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Father: Samuel Martz (March) (S3) (1768-1847)  
Mother: Mary Philips (1776-1840)  
Burial: Zetty Cemetery, Tenth Legion, Rockingham Co, VA

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

Samuel and Jacob were twins, born 1807. I don't think either married. Samuel is designated S3d and Jacob S3e.

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### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

Both are on find-a-grave:

Jacob: 22 Jan 1807 - 25 Nov 1900 buried at Zetty Cemetery.  
Samuel, his twin: 22 Jan 1807 - 18 Nov 1890, also buried at Zetty.

### **Sources**

1. "1850 Census," age, place, HH members, Samuel Martz 40, District 56, Rockingham, VA, Jacob 40, Maria 25, Emma 9.
2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Saml Marty, 53, District 1, Rockingham, VA, Jacob 53, Maria 47, Emina Jane 16, James Jane 13.
3. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Samuel Martz 54, Plains, Rockingham, VA, E Jacob 54, Maria 55, John 9, Frank 5 and others.
4. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Samuel Martz 73, Plains, Rockingham, VA, Jacob 73.

**Name:** **Reuben Martz (S3f)**<sup>1</sup>

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Birth: 30 Jan 1809  
Birth Memo: (Thomas Looker book)  
Death: May 1846  
Death Memo: (Thomas Looker book)  
Father: Samuel Martz (March) (S3) (1768-1847)  
Mother: Mary Philips (1776-1840)

### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

The Thomas Looker book says Reuben died in 1846 and Sarah married Edward Dwyer. Census seems to confirm this.

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### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

Reuben is known as a son of Samuel from the 1851 land partition. This is confirmed by the Thomas Looker book which says he married Sarah Forsyth and moved to Wapello County, IA. He is designated S3f.

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**Spouse:** **Sarah Forsyth**<sup>2,3</sup>

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Birth: 24 Nov 1814  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 26 Jul 1901  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: McCune Cemetery, Livonia, MO

### **Sources**

1. "1840 Census," HOH, Place, age/gender, Reuben March, Burlington Twp, Licking Co, OH, 30-39M, <5F 2, 20-29F, 50-59F.
2. 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Sarah Dwyer, 36, District 13, Wapello, IA, Mary Martz 11, Samuel Martz 9, Lydia 7, Jacob 5 + Dwyer family.
3. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Sarah Dwire, 45, Liberty, Putnam, MO, Samuel Dwire (Martz) 18, Lydia Dwire (Martz) 16, Jacob Dwire (Martz) 14 + Dwire family.

**Name:** **Samuel Jackson Martz (S3f1)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 13 Nov 1841  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 1 Mar 1892  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: McCune Cemetery, Livonia, MO  
Father: Reuben Martz (S3f) (1809-1846)  
Mother: Sarah Forsyth (1814-1901)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

We know Samuel Jackson as the son of Reuben from his presence in the household of his remarried mother in 1850 and 1860. He is designated S3f1.

He and his wife Clarissa are on find-a-grave.

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**Spouse:** **Clarissa Ann Gorrell**

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Birth: 16 Mar 1847  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 25 Jan 1921  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: McCune Cemetery, Livonia, MO

### **Sources**

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Saml Martz, 28, Liberty, Putnam, MO, C A 23, L F 3, C B 2, Jno 8m.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Samuel J Martz, 38, Liberty, Putnam, MO, Clarissa 32, Frances 13, Carrie 11, John 10, Seth 6, Parley 4, Bird L 2.

**Name:** **Jacob Reuben Martz (S3f2)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 28 Aug 1845  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 24 Sep 1937  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Perkins Cemetery, Payne Co, OK  
Father: Reuben Martz (S3f) (1809-1846)  
Mother: Sarah Forsyth (1814-1901)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

We know Jacob Reuben as the son of Reuben from his presence in the household of his remarried mother in 1850 and 1860. He is designated S3f2.

He and his wife Caroline are on find-a-grave.

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**Spouse:** **Caroline P Teter**

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Birth: 25 Nov 1849  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 8 Oct 1936  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Perkins Cemetery, Payne Co, OK

### **Sources**

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), J R Martz, 24, Grant, Putnam, MO, C 20, L A 1 .
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Jacob Martz, 33, Hawkeye, Osborne, KS, Caroline 29, Lowell 10, Dora 8, Dilla 6.

**Name:** **Peter Martz (Marche) (S4)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 22 Jul 1771 Frederick Co, MD  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 21 Apr 1814  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Martz Cemetery, Tenth Legion, Rockingham, VA  
Father: Sebastian Martz (March) (S) (~1740-1818)  
Mother: Mary Magdalene Burghard

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

Peter was named in his father's will. All sources that cover Sebastian's family show exact birth dates for all of Sebastian's sons and Peter was, according to those dates, the fourth oldest son.

He is designated S4.

Peter was listed in the 1810 Census in Rockingham County, age 26-45 with two young children.

### **Discrepancies**

When Sebastian wrote his will, two of his sons, Michael and Peter, had pre-deceased him.

In the case of Michael, Sebastian simply bequeaths to Michael's children the land where Michael's widow now lives. He directs that the land ultimately is to be sold and the proceeds divided amongst Michael's children.

In the case of Peter, it is a little different in that he bequeaths the land where she now lives to his daughter-in-law Mathia but in the same way directs that the land ultimately is to be sold and the proceeds divided amongst Peter's children.

Sebastian listed his sons in the same order as their supposed birth dates would suggest — with the sole exception of Peter, who was listed last but supposedly was the fourth oldest. I do not know if he really was the youngest or whether it has something to do with the different way he mentioned Michael versus Peter.

Ralph Fraley Martz and the Rockingham Martz tree say Peter married 5 Dec 1803 and died 14 Aug 1807. As he was listed in the 1810 Census and wrote his will 11 Apr 1814, clearly his date of death is wrong. I believe the 14 Aug 1807 date is his date of marriage.

### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

Peter wrote his will 11 Apr 1814 and it proved in the June Court 1814. His will mentioned wife Martha, four children — and "the land his father gave him". Sebastian may not have considered it yet a gift as a year later, when he wrote his will, he gave the land to Peter's widow for her use during her lifetime or widowhood.

Peter is on find-a-grave.

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### **Known Daughters**

Peter named eldest daughter Elizabeth and also daughter Temperance in his will. Temperance married her cousin Benjamin Hawkins Martz. Sebastian named those two daughters of Peter as well in his will.

### Known Sons

Peter, in his will, named Martin as his oldest son and a second son Thomas.

Martin too was mentioned in Sebastian's will, but there was no mention of Thomas. As I never have seen any further record of Thomas, I am guessing he died sometime in the one year period between Peter's will and Sebastian's.

<b>Spouse:</b>	<b>Martha Bethiah Cowan</b>
Birth:	1777
Birth Memo:	(Thomas Looker book)
Marriage:	19 Aug 1807
Marr Memo:	(Thomas Looker book)
Death:	abt 1855
Death Memo:	(Thomas Looker book based on absence in Census after 1850)

### Parent-Proof

Peter married Martha Bethiah Cowan 19 Aug 1807 in Rockingham County according to the Thomas Looker book. She was the daughter of Henry Cowan.

After Peter Martz died in 1814, Martha married second William Pickering Jr. in 1816. William was a descendant of Thomas Looker and so the book on his descendants lists Peter and Martha's four children, William Pickering's step-children, as descendants.

William and Martha moved to Champaign County, IL — where two sons of Michael Martz also end up, including Benjamin Hawkins Martz who married his first cousin, Temperance Martz, daughter of Peter and Martha.

### Find-a-Grave

As of summer 2015, there is no evidence of Martha or William Pickering on find-a-grave, at least in Champaign County, OH.

### Sources

1. Published Book. Author: Leallah Franklin, "Descendants of Thomas Looker "The Quaker" Early Settler of Rockingham County, VA," Repository: Rockingham Historical Society and LDS , Peter's first wife married second William Pickering Jr, after Peter died. All of Peter's children, included since they were William's step-children, and their descendants over many generations are covered by this book.
2. "1810 Census," HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-45 M/F, 45+ M/F, Peter March, Harrisonburg, Rockingham Co, VA, 0/2, 0/0, 0/0, 1/1, 0/0.

**Name:** **Martin P Martz (S4a)**<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

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Birth: abt 1811  
Birth Memo: (age 39 in 1850)  
Death: abt 1865  
Death Memo: (present in 1860 Census, not present in 1870)  
Burial: Rosedale Cemetery, Champaign Co, OH  
Father: Peter Martz (Marche) (S4) (1771->1814)  
Mother: Martha Bethiah Cowan (1777-~1855)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

Peter mentioned a son Martin in his will. It make sense that the Martin Martz who shows up in Champaign County, IL where his remarried mother, his sister and several of his cousins also lived was this Martin. His age from census also fits that he was born in the brief period after Peter married and before he died. Martin is designated S4a.

### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

I can find him in 1850 and 1860 in Champaign County, IN. I cannot find him in 1870 nor any remnants of his family.

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### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

He is on find-a-grave and a photo of his tombstone is there. I see no dates for him, though 1811 is posted there as his birth date. His tombstone says Company C 66th Ohio Infantry.

### **Discrepancies**

Martin is linked to the wrong mother, Henry's widow, on find-a-grave but I'm sure he is this guy because Masanutten says his mother remarried and moved to Champaign County, IL.

### **Known Sons**

From the 1850 Census, there was Harvey and Jacob C. I have no idea what happened to Harvey. Jacob C is designated S4a1.

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**Spouse:** **Martha Martz**

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Birth: 7 Jul 1805  
Birth Memo: (Jon Fellers' letter at Rockingham Historical Society)  
Death: 3 Oct 1863  
Death Memo: (Jon Fellers' letter at Rockingham Historical Society)  
Burial: Rosedale Cemetery, Champaign Co, OH  
Father: Michael March (S6) (1775-1814)  
Mother: Sarah Hawkins (1780-1865)

### **Parent-Proof**

Martin married his first cousin Martha daughter of Michael Martz. Martin's sister Temperance married Martha's brother.

### **Sources**

1. "1830 Census," HOH, Place, age/gender, Martin Martz, Franklin Twp, Licking Co, OH, no age given, no others people, neighbor is John.

2. "1840 Census," HOH, Place, age/gender, Martin Martz, Adams Twp, Champaign Co, OH, <5M (2), 20-29M, <5F, 30-39F.
3. "1850 Census," age, place, HH members, Martin Marty, 39, Adams, Champaign, OH, Martha 45, Margaret C 12, Harvey 11, Martha I, 8 Louisa K 6, Jacob C 5.
4. "1860 Census," age, place, HH members, Martin Martz, 48, Adams, Champaign, OH, Martha 54, Margaret C 22, Louisa K 16, Jacob C 15.



**Name:** **Jacob C Martz (S4a1)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 17 Oct 1844  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 21 Dec 1918  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave, Ohio Deaths @ Ancestry.com says 24 Dec 1908)  
Burial: Evergreen Cemetery, Champaign Co, OH  
Father: Martin P Martz (S4a) (~1811-~1865)  
Mother: Mary Martha Martz (1805-)

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**Spouse:** **Mary Beaver**

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Birth: 26 Feb 1851  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 19 Apr 1918  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Evergreen Cemetery, Champaign Co, OH

### **Parent-Proof**

Mary Frances (Beaver) Martz is the only other Martz buried in Evergreen Cemetery, where Jacob is buried. She is not linked to Jacob but she is linked to Rosamond (Mahan) (Beaver) Heaton whose husband Henry Beaver died in 1854.

In 1860, Jacob lived with Rosamond and her Beaver children, one of whom was Mary of the right age.

I think it all fits like a glove.

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### **Sources**

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Jacob Marts, 27, Adams, Champaign, OH, lives with Heaton family, Beaver children also present.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Jacob Martz, 35, Caryville, Champaign, OH, Mary 28, Franklin 8, Anna 6, Maude 3.

**Name:** **Jacob Martz (S5)**<sup>1,2,3,4,5,6</sup>

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Birth: 1 May 1773 Frederick Co, MD  
Birth Memo: (Thomas Looker book, find-a-grave says 30 Apr 1773)  
Death: 1 Apr 1851  
Death Memo: (Thomas Looker book, find-a-grave says 7 Apr 1851)  
Burial: Martz Cemetery, Tenth Legion, Rockingham, VA  
Father: Sebastian Martz (March) (S) (~1740-1818)  
Mother: Mary Magdalene Burghard

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

Jacob was named in his father's will and from the order, it would seem that he was Sebastian's fourth oldest son. However, I believe Peter was listed out of order and I believe Jacob was actually the fifth oldest.

Jacob was listed in the 1810 Census in Rockingham County, age 26-45, with three young children.

He is designated S5.

The Thomas Looker book states that "the record for Jacob Martz and his family is fairly complete, as the information came from a family Bible once belonging to Bathsheba Arts."

### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

Jacob is present in 1810-1850 and his age in 1850 is consistent with his 1773 birth as given in the Thomas Looker book.

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### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

Jacob wrote his will 16 Feb 1850 and it proved at the April Court 1851. His wife, I think, had pre-deceased him and was not mentioned. He named son Darilas and nephew Jackson Martz as Executors. Jackson was the son of Jacob's brother Michael.

He is listed on the Rockingham Historical Society cemetery database. They show Jacob died 11 Apr 1851 buried at the Martz Cemetery in the Tenth Legion area. The listing says age 7y 11m but I think it must be 77y 11m.

The Thomas Looker book says he died 7 Apr 1851 age 77 years 11 months and was buried at Martz Cemetery. So I don't know if Apr 11 or Apr 7 is correct. Nor do I know how the author of the Looker book computed his birth date as 1 May 1773, you'd think she would have gone with 7 May 1773 — but no matter really.

Finally, find-a-grave says born 30 Apr 1773 and died 7 Apr 1851.

### **Known Daughters**

Jacob's will mentioned six daughters: Ann Homas, Mary Homan, Bathsheba J Arts, and Catherine, Grace and Lydia unmarried. It also named two grandchildren: Crawford Zirkle and Elizabeth Rosenbarger.

The Thomas Looker book shows Elizabeth who married Edmund John Rosenberger and died in 1835 and Hannah who married John B Zirkle and died in 1833 as additional daughters. They pre-deceased their father. It further adds that Katherine married Mr, Gradnstaff and Grace married Jackson Rhodes.

### Known Sons

Jacob's will named just one son: Dorilas.

However, information copied from the family bible of Jacob Martz listed three additional sons:

Jacob born 9 Dec 1804 died 25 Apr 1825

Joseph born 24 Feb 1806 died 15 Oct 1832

Looker born 15 Nov 1816 died 10 Jun 1824

None of these three so far as I can determine ever married, ever showed up in Census nor had any descendants. They do not therefore get a designation code. Each of them is linked to Jacob and Hannah on find-a-grave.

<b>Spouse:</b>	<b>Frances Looker</b>
Birth:	29 Jan 1787
Birth Memo:	(Thomas Looker book, age on tombstone)
Marriage:	6 Dec 1803
Marr Memo:	(Thomas Looker book)
Death:	12 Jul 1844
Death Memo:	(Thomas Looker book, tombstone)
Burial:	Martz Cemetery, Tenth Legion, Rockingham, VA

### Parent-Proof

Jacob married Frances Looker 6 Dec 1803 in Rockingham County according to the Thomas Looker book. She was the daughter of James Looker and granddaughter of Thomas.

### Find-a-Grave

The Rockingham Historical Society cemetery database shows Frances, consort of Jacob, died 12 Jul 1814, age 27y 5m 13d, buried at the Martz Cemetery in the Tenth Legion area. That would imply a 29 Jan 1787 date of birth.

The Thomas Looker book says she died 1 Jul 1844 age 57 years, 5 months, 13 days. And gives a date of birth of 29 Jan 1787.

Jacob consistently has a wife a little younger than himself in the 1810-1840 Census and then no wife in 1850 leading me to believe the 1844 date of death and age 57 years is accurate. This date also conforms to the idea that this couple had 13 children including several born after 1814.

And all of this is proven by her find-a-grave memorial which says she was born 29 Jan 1787 and died 12 Jul 1844.

### Sources

1. Published Book. Author: Leallah Franklin, "Descendants of Thomas Looker "The Quaker" Early Settler of Rockingham County, VA," Repository: Rockingham Historical Society and LDS , Jacob's wife was Frances (Frankey) Looker, granddaughter of Thomas Looker. Their children and many generations of descendants are listed in this book and for the most part documented.

2. "1810 Census," HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-45 M/F, 45+ M/F, Jacob March, Harrisonburg, Rockingham Co, VA, 2/1, 0/0, 0/1, 1/0, 0/0.
3. "1820 Census," HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 18-25 M, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F, Jacob Martz, Rockingham Co, VA, 1/5, 1/2, 1/0, 1, 0/1, 1/0.
4. "1830 Census," HOH, Place, age/gender, Jacob Martz, Rockingham Co, VA, <5M (2), 15-19M, 20-29M, 50-59M, <5F, 5-9F (2), 10-14F, 15-19F (3), 20-29F, 30-39F.
5. "1840 Census," HOH, Place, age/gender, Jacob Martz, Rockingham, VA, 15-19M, 60-69M, 10-14F, 15-19F (2), 50-59F.
6. "1850 Census," age, place, HH members, Jacob Marty, 77, District 56, Rockingham, VA, Grace 23, Catharine 25, Lydia 21.

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Darilus Martz (S5a)<sup>1</sup></b>
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Birth:	21 Sep 1825
Birth Memo:	(Rockingham Martz tree)
Death:	1855
Death Memo:	(not present after 1850)
Father:	Jacob Martz (S5) (1773-1851)
Mother:	Frances Looker (1787-1844)

### Known Sons

The Jacob Martz family bible lists a John Jacob Martz born 13 Sep 1850. The bible seems only to cover Jacob and his children and grandchildren so the infant in this case must have been the son of Darilus. As he was born after the 1850 Census, I did not track him further.

### Sources

1. "1850 Census," age, place, HH members, Darilus Marty 25, District 56, Rockingham, VA, Susan 20.

**Name:** **Michael Martz (S6):**

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Birth: 1 Oct 1775  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 30 Nov 1814  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Martz Cemetery, Tenth Legion, Rockingham, VA  
Father: Sebastian Martz (March) (S) (~1740-1818)  
Mother: Mary Magdalene Burghard

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

Michael was named in his father's will and from the order, it would seem that he was Sebastian's fourth oldest son. However, I believe Peter was listed out of order and I believe Michael was actually the sixth oldest. Michael pre-deceased his father.

Michael was listed in the 1810 Census in Rockingham County, age 26-45 with eight young children. He is designated S6.

### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

Michael died 30 Nov 1814 so he only was listed in the 1810 Census. After that his wife Sarah was then reported in his place in 1820 through 1850.

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### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

Michael wrote his will 15 Nov 1814 and it proved in the January Court 1815. There are references to his widow who he calls Sarah in one place and Sally in another. He did not name any of his children by Sarah but apparently he had two additional children who he called base-born (illegitimate?) and he did name them and provide for them. They were Serena and Betsy Herring. He named his brother Martin his Executor.

Michael and Sarah are buried at Martz Family Cemetery in Rockingham. This cemetery was in complete disarray until Roger Martz and his wife went there in 2020 and spent several days cleaning it up, re-establishing the fencing, and carefully re-placing, photographing and cleaning every tombstone there — and adding all of them to find-a-grave. Every descendant of anyone buried in this cemetery owes Roger a huge thank-you.

### **Discrepancies**

The Rockingham Martz tree says Michael died 30 Nov 1841, a simple typo, it was 30 Nov 1814.

### **Known Daughters**

Sebastian's will named four daughters of Michael's: Mary, Marthy, Clarendia and Rebecca.

Marthy married her cousin Martin P Martz and ended up in Champaign County, IL where two of her brothers also lived. Clarendia (aka Clare Ann or Claire) married first Benjamin Connor and second Thomas Conrad Conner.

Rebecca married Wellington Miller and supposedly moved to Licking County, OH, where two of her cousins also lived for a brief time. There is a Rebecca and Wellington Miller present there in the 1850 Census, he age 32, she 38, but I have no way of assuring myself it is Michael's daughter of that name.

Finally, Mary, I think, never married and stayed in Rockingham where she died. In the 1850 Census, living with Sarah were Dorilas Martz age 47 and Mary Martz age 45. In 1860, living with Sarah were Dorilas age 58 and Mary age 56. By 1870, Sarah had died and we still find Mary 66 living with Dorilas 68. Those Censuses did not state relationships, so it might appear that Mary was the wife of Dorilas rather than his sister.

But then, consider, that Sarah's will did not name all her children but specifically named Dorilas Martz and Mary Martz. And consider that Dorilas' will left everything to his sister Mary and brother Jackson. I think Dorilas, like his sister Mary, never married.

### **Known Sons**

Michael is really the first Rockingham Martz I ever became aware of. Several of his sons moved to Ohio and I have encountered various biographies of some of them saying they were sons of Michael who died in Rockingham County.

Michael's father Sebastian died after Michael and his will named all of Michael's children, including sons: John, Hiram, Darilus, Michael, Benjamin, Napoleon, Erastus and one more (Sarah was pregnant). The last one was Jackson.

The very curious thing is that the Rockingham Martz tree says Jackson and Erasmus were both born 26 Apr 1815, a few months after their father died and a few days after Sebastian wrote his will. But how could Sebastian know Erastus' name and not Jackson's?

The solution to that puzzle may be that Erastus' birth date on his tombstone says 9 Jul 1813 in agreement with the Thomas Looker book. That date is the same exact date given for Rebecca — so maybe Erastus was a twin but not of Jackson.

<b>Spouse:</b>	<b>Sarah Hawkins<sup>2,3,4,5</sup></b>
Birth:	17 Jan 1780
Birth Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Marriage:	4 Sep 1798
Marr Memo:	(Rockingham Martz tree)
Death:	11 Oct 1865
Death Memo:	(find-a-grave)
Burial:	Martz Cemetery, Tenth Legion, Rockingham, VA

### **Parent-Proof**

She is named as the wife of Michael in the Rockingham Martz tree. It says they married 4 Sep 1798 in Tenth Legion, VA and that she was the daughter of Benjamin and Magdalene Hawkins.

### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

Michael was listed in the 1810 Census with a very large family and it is said he died 30 Nov 1814 and so we find Sarah in the 1820 Census as the head of a very large family.

### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

Sarah wrote her will 22 Feb 1865. In proved Nov Term 1865. She mentioned son Dorilas, daughter Mary, son Jackson and the heirs of son Hiram. Curiously, that left a lot of her other children totally unmentioned. I think it may be that the ones she mentioned were those that stayed in or near Rockingham while the others had moved away.

All of this perhaps came to a head in this family when Hiram's son Dorilas died in 1872. His will was contested although it seems it was also resolved quickly with a settlement that seemed to cover the entirety of Michael and Sarah's family, their children if alive, and the next generation of heirs of any deceased.

### **Sources**

1. "1810 Census," HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-45 M/F, 45+ M/F, Michael March, New Haven, Rockingham Co, VA, 6/2, 0/0, 0/0, 1/1, 0/0.
2. "1820 Census," HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 18-25 M, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F, Sarah March, Rockingham Co, VA, 2/2, 3/1, 2/1, 0, 0/1, 0/0.
3. "1830 Census," HOH, Place, age/gender, Sarah Martz, Rockingham Co, VA, 15-19M (2), 20-29M (3), 15-19F (2), 20-29F (2), 40-49F.
4. "1840 Census," HOH, Place, age/gender, Sarah Martz, 20-29M, 30-39M, 20-29F (2), 30-39F, 60-69F.
5. "1850 Census," age, place, HH members, Sarah Martz, 70, District 56, Rockingham, VA Dorilus 47, Mary 45.



**Name:** **John Martz (S6a)**<sup>1,2,3,4,5,6</sup>

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Birth: 6 Jul 1799  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 13 Nov 1880  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Brush Creek Cemetery, Knox Co, IL  
Father: Michael Martz (S6) (1775-1814)  
Mother: Sarah Hawkins (1780-1865)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

We know Michael had a son John from Sebastian's will. There is an extra John in Rockingham in the 1820 and 1830 Census but then he disappears. But a family tree I found covering Michael's family says he moved to Knox County, IL in 1838 and indeed he surfaces there in the 1840 Census.

In 1850-1870, he was in Henry County, IL but is on find-a-grave buried in Knox County. His find-a-grave memorial says he was born in Rockingham County. It all ties together.

From Census tick marks, I believe he had many daughters but no sons.

He is designated S6a.

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### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

In 1830, there are two John Martz, both age 30-39. I have no way of knowing which is which. One has eight persons in the household and one has ten. Arbitrarily, I give this guy 8 persons.

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**Spouse:** **Anna Robinson**

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Birth: 23 Mar 1801  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Marriage: 19 Jan 1819  
Marr Memo: (Virginia Marriages @ Ancestry.com)  
Death: 25 Jan 1874  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Brush Creek Cemetery, Knox Co, IL

### **Parent-Proof**

Her name is given as Robinson on find-a-grave and in a Rockingham tree I found but Robertson on her marriage record.

### **Sources**

1. 1820 Census, (HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-18 M, 16-25 M/F, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F), John Martz, Rockingham Co, VA, 0/1, 0/0, 1/1, 0/0, 0/0.
2. "1830 Census," HOH, Place, age/gender, John Martz, Rockingham Co, VA, 30-39M, <5F (2), 5-9F, 10-14F, 15-19F, 20-29F, 30-39F.
3. 1840 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age Bracket Males/Females), John Martz, Knox, IL, 30-39M, 5-9F (2), 15-19F (3), 30-39F.

- 4.** 1850 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), John Martz, 50, Henry, IL, Ann 49, Elisabeth 29, Lena 15, Daniel Markham 14.
- 5.** 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Jno Martz, 60, Wethersfield, Henry, IL, Anna 59.
- 6.** 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), John Martz, 70, Wethersfield, Henry, IL, Anna 69.

**Name:** **Hiram Martz (S6b)**<sup>1,2,3</sup>

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Birth: 11 Oct 1800  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 19 Oct 1861  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Martz Cemetery, Tenth Legion, Rockingham, VA  
Father: Michael March (S6) (1775-1814)  
Mother: Sarah Hawkins (1780-1865)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

We know Michael had a son Hiram from Sebastian's will. He is designated S6b.

### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

Hiram wrote his will 7 Oct 1861, it proved Nov 1861. He named eldest son Benjamin Franklin deceased left 3 children, three more sons: Addison B, Daniel G, Michael J., daughter Adaline (single) and youngest son Julius. He also mentioned his brother Jackson.

Hiram and Hannah are on find-a-grave.

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### **Known Sons**

From the 1850 Census, there was Benjamin, Addison, Darilas, Daniel, Michael and Hiram.

Addison was still living with his parents in 1860 and died in 1863 as a result of wounds suffered during the battle of Chancellorsville. I'm not aware of any marriage. He is not designated. The other five are designated and tracked further.

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**Spouse:** **Hannah Matthews**

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Birth: 12 Nov 1803  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Marriage: 3 Apr 1829  
Marr Memo: (VA Marriage Registers at FamilySearch)  
Death: 22 May 1861  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Martz Cemetery, Tenth Legion, Rockingham, VA

### **Parent-Proof**

Hannah's mother is buried at the Martz Family Cemetery in Rockingham. It says there she was Esther B (Shaw) Matthews, wife of Daniel.

### **Sources**

1. "1840 Census," HOH, Place, age/gender, Hiram Martz, Rockingham, VA, <5M (3), 10-14M, 30-39M, 5-9F, 30-39F, 60-69F.
2. "1850 Census," age, place, HH members, Hiram Marty, 48, District 56, Rockingham, VA, Hannah 46, Benjamin 20, Adeline 18, Addison 15, Darilas 12, Daniel 10, Michael 7, Hiram 1, Hester Mathews 74, Milly Hoover 28.
3. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Hiram Martz, 60, District 1, Rockingham, VA, Hanna A 57, Adison B 26, Addie E S 29, Daniel 20, Michael 17, Julius 11.

**Name:** **Benjamin Franklin Martz (S6b1)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 24 Mar 1830  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 27 Aug 1860  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Woodbine Cemetery, Harrisonburg, VA  
Father: Hiram Martz (S6b) (1800-1861)  
Mother: Hannah Matthews (1803-1861)

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**Spouse:** **Elvira G Fletcher**

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Marriage: 12 September 1854  
Marr Memo: (VA Marriage Registers at FamilySearch)

**Parent-Proof**

Her marriage record says she was the daughter of R P and A M Fletcher.

**Sources**

1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), B F Martz, 30, Harrisonburg, Rockingham, VA, Elvira G 23, Frank E 4, Wm W 2, D H S 23.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Elvira Marty, 35, Harrisonburg, Rockingham, VA, Minnie 10, William 12, Ann Fletcher 72, Robert Fletcher 37, Mary Dais 20.

**Name:** **Dorilas Henry Lee Martz (S6b2)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 23 Mar 1837  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 20 Oct 1914  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Woodbine Cemetery, Harrisonburg, VA  
Father: Hiram Martz (S6b) (1800-1861)  
Mother: Hannah Matthews (1803-1861)

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**Spouse:** **Mary Carter**

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Birth: 1839  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 1922  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Woodbine Cemetery, Harrisonburg, VA

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#### Sources

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), D H Lee Martz, 33. Linville, Rockingham, VA, Mary 20, Nannie 3, Edward 2, Ella Hern 14, There T Jennings 33.

2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Henry L Martz, 42, Harrisonburg, Rockingham, VA, Mary C 30, Nannie L 13, Edward C 12.

**Name:** **Daniel Greene Martz (S6b3)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 3 Dec 1839  
Birth Memo: (age 51y 9m 24d)  
Death: 27 Sep 1891  
Death Memo: (VA death record @ Ancestry.com)  
Father: Hiram Martz (S6b) (1800-1861)  
Mother: Hannah Matthews (1803-1861)

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**Spouse:** **Lydia Ann Sellers**

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Marriage: 3 Apr 1860  
Marr Memo: (VA Marriages @ Ancestry.com)

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#### Sources

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Daniel G Martz, 30, Plains, Rockingham, VA, Lydia 31, Hannah 8, Mary 5, Addison 2.

2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Daniel G Martz, 40, Plains, Rockingham, VA, Lydia A 41, H C O 17, Mary A J V 14, Addison V 12.

**Name:** **Michael Jackson Martz (S6b4)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 30 May 1843  
Birth Memo: (VA death record @ Ancestry.com)  
Death: 27 Aug 1922  
Death Memo: (VA death record @ Ancestry.com)  
Burial: Lacey Springs, Rockingham Co, VA  
Father: Hiram Martz (S6b) (1800-1861)  
Mother: Hannah Matthews (1803-1861)

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**Spouse:** **Barbara C Harrison**

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Marriage: 12 Nov 1868  
Marr Memo: (VA Marriages @ Ancestry.com)

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### Sources

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Michael Martz, 28, Linville, Rockingham, VA, Catherine 30, Sallie 10m, Charles Taylor 14.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Michael J Martz, 37, Plains, Rockingham, VA, Barbara C 39, Sallie B 10, Hiram H 9, Lucy Lee 7, Nannie H 6, Hannah M 4, Maggie S 1, Addie E S 47.

**Name:** **Julius J Martz (S6b5)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 16 Aug 1849  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 19 Dec 1892  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Lacey Springs, Rockingham Co, VA  
Father: Hiram Martz (S6b) (1800-1861)  
Mother: Hannah Matthews (1803-1861)

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**Spouse:** **Henrietta Virginia Whissen**

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Birth: 10 Mar 1853  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Marriage: 26 Sep 1876  
Marr Memo: (VA Marriages @ Ancestry.com)  
Death: 30 Mar 1932  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Lacey Springs, Rockingham Co, VA

### Sources

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Julius Martz, 21, Linville, Rockingham, VA, Addie 38.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Julius J Martz, 30, Plains, Rockingham, VA, Henrietta V 27, Agnes E 2, Homer S 1.

**Name:** **Dorilas March (S6c)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 23 Feb 1802  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 23 Mar 1872  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Martz Cemetery, Tenth Legion, Rockingham, VA  
Father: Michael March (S6) (1775-1814)  
Mother: Sarah Hawkins (1780-1865)

### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

I don't think Dorilas ever married. He wrote his will 23 Mar 1872 and left property to his sister Mary M and brother Jackson and gave the land he lived on to his nephew Daniel G Martz.

The will was contested Oct Term 1876 by:

1. D H Lee Martz, Addie S Martz, M J Martz, Julius J Martz — they were the children of Hiram deceased. Hiram was Dorilas' brother.
- 2.) John Martz, N B Martz, Benjamin H Martz, Clara A wife of Thomas Connor, J C Martz, S H Wellen wife of W H Whellen, Margaret C Bunker wife of Freeman Bunker, Elvira widow of B F Martz deceased, Michael Martz, Erastus Martz and unknown heirs of Rebecca Miller deceased. These were Dorilas' brother and sisters.
- 3.) Wm W and Minnie Martz heirs of B F deceased.
- 4.) Unknown heirs of Martha Martz deceased.

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### **Sources**

1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Dovilas Martz, 58, District 1, Rockingham, VA, Sarah 80, Mary 56, Michael 23, Margaret Niswander 17.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Dovilas Martz 68, Plains, Rockingham, VA, Mary 66, Sarah Flick 19.



**Name:** **Michael Martz (S6d)**<sup>1,2,3,4,5,6</sup>  
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 Birth: 12 Jan 1807  
 Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
 Death: 25 Nov 1892  
 Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
 Burial: Cairo West Cemetery, Allen Co, OH  
 Father: Michael March (S6) (1775-1814)  
 Mother: Sarah Hawkins (1780-1865)

### Relocated and Census Tracking

1830. Two Michael Martz live in Rockingham, both age 20-29. One of them, this Michael I believe, has just four persons in the household and lives near Sarah, his mother.

### Death and Find-a-Grave

Michael is on find-a-grave. A biography of Allen County people published in 1875 calls him Rev. Michael Martz, he came to Allen County in 1836. His wife was Sarah Huff. The article also mentions Michael's brothers: John, Hiram (deceased), Dorilus (deceased), Benjamin H, Napoleon B, Erastus and Jackson.

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### Known Sons

From the 1850-1870 Census, there were seven sons. I can find nothing further on Silas and Augustine, so five sons are designated and tracked further: Isaac, George, James, Thomas and Benjamin.

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**Spouse:** **Sarah Huff**  
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### Sources

1. "1830 Census," HOH, Place, age/gender, Miche Martz, Rockingham, VA, <5M, 20-29M, 10-14F, 20-29F.
2. "1840 Census," HOH, Place, age/gender, Michael Marts, Blanchard Twp, Putnam Co, OH, <5M (2), 5-9M, 10-14M, 30-39M, 5-9F, 30-39F.
3. "1850 Census," age, place, HH members, Michael Marts, 43, Sugar Creek, Allen, OH, Sarah 41, Isaac 20, George 18, Mary 16, James 14, Thomas 11, Sarah 6, Silas 4, Augetine 1.
4. "1860 Census," age, place, HH members, M Martz, 53, Sugar Creek, Allen, OH, S 52, J A 23, T B 21, S C 16, S H 13, E A 11, B F 8.
5. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Michael Marts, 63, Sugar Creek, Allen, OH, Sarah 62, Sarah C 25, Benjamin F 18, Eliza A Shuyler 19 .
6. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Michael Martz, 73, Sugar Creek, Allen, OH, Sarah 72, Sarah C 36.

**Name:** **Isaac Walter Martz (S6d1)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 1830  
Birth Memo: (age in Census)  
Death: 31 Oct 1911  
Death Memo: (Ohio Deaths @ Ancestry.com)  
Father: Michael Martz (S6d) (1807-1892)  
Mother: Sarah Huff  
Marriage: 28 Mar 1854  
Marr Memo: (Ohio Marriages @ Ancestry.com)

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**Spouse:** **Martha Jane Garner**

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Birth: 14 Jun 1831  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 8 Oct 1887  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Martz/Thomas Cemetery, Allen Co, OH

### Sources

1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), J W Martz, 30, Sugar creek, Allen, OH, W J 28, C A 5, A 2.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Isaac W Marts, 40, Sugar Creek, Allen, OH, Martha J 38, Adeline 14, Alvira 12, Daralus B 8, Anna 4, Iva E 2.

**Name:** **George Washington Martz (S6d2)**<sup>1,2,3</sup>

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Birth: 22 Feb 1832  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 2 Jan 1909  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Cairo West Cemetery, Allen Co, OH  
Father: Michael Martz (S6d) (1807-1892)  
Mother: Sarah Huff  
Marriage: 2 Dec 1852  
Marr Memo: (Ohio Marriages @ Ancestry.com)

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**Spouse:** **Margaret Ann Garner**

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Birth: 24 May 1835  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 24 Apr 1920  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Cairo West Cemetery, Allen Co, OH

### Sources

1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), George Mortz, 28, Sugar Creek, Putnam, OH, Margaret A 25, Elias W 6, Thos J 3, John F 1.
2. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), George Martz, 39, Sugar Creek, Putnam, OH, Margaret 35, Elias W 16, Thomas 13, John 11, Joseph 8, Lorenzo 4m .
3. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), George W Martz, 48, Sugar Creek, Allen, OH, Margaret 45, Elias W 25, John F 21, Joseph W 18, Lorenzo M 10, Sarah L 7, Ira A 1.

**Name:** **James Anderson Martz (S6d3)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 1836  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 1907  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Cairo West Cemetery, Allen Co, OH  
Father: Michael Martz (S6d) (1807-1892)  
Mother: Sarah Huff

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**Spouse:** **Mary Ellen Smith**

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Birth: 1844  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 1915  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Cairo West Cemetery, Allen Co, OH

#### Sources

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), James A Martz, 33, Sugar Creek, Allen, OH, Mary L 28, Mary E 8, William F 7, Sarah F 3.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), James A Martz, 43, Monroe, Allen, OH, Mary E 39, Mary E 18, William W 16, Sarah F 13, James M 9, Silas F 3.

**Name:** **Thomas B Martz (S6d4)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 1839  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 1921  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Cairo West Cemetery, Allen Co, OH  
Father: Michael Martz (S6d) (1807-1892)  
Mother: Sarah Huff  
Marriage: 8 Mar 1864  
Marr Memo: (Ohio Marriages @ Ancestry.com)

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**Spouse:** **Margaret Miller**

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#### Sources

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Thomas B Martz, 31, Sugar Creek, Allen, OH, Margaret 27, Hiram C 8m, Henry Post 16 .
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Thomas P Martz, 41, Sugar Creek, Allen, OH, Margaret 37, Hiram C 10, Alvada 8, Margaret A 6.

**Name:** **Benjamin Franklin Martz (S6d5)<sup>1,2</sup>**

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Birth: 1851  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 1946  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Riverside Cemetery, Linn Co, OR  
Father: Michael Martz (S6d) (1807-1892)  
Mother: Sarah Huff

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

We know Benjamin, B F, or Frank B as a son of Michael Martz from his presence in Michael's household in 1860 and 1870. Since he was born in 1851, I normally would not track him further but in his case: all his brothers are tracked, he did meet one of my criteria which is that he was head of household by 1880 — and — I have heard from a descendant of his. He is designated S6d5.

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### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

Frank B Martz first was named as head of household in Census in 1880 in Cairo, Allen Co, Ohio. His father and three brothers were also present in Allen County and they all are buried in the West Cairo Cemetery.

By 1920, he and his wife Lizzie had moved to Oregon.

### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

Benjamin and Elizabeth are on find-a-grave.

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**Spouse:** **Elizabeth B Riggle**

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Birth: 1852  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 1930  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Riverside Cemetery, Linn Co, OR

### **Parent-Proof**

I know her maiden name from the find-a-grave memorial.

### **Sources**

1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Frank B Martz, 28, Cairo, Allen, OH, Lizzie 28, Alta L 2.
2. 1930 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age/Age Married, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Benj Martz, 78, Corvallis, Benton, OR, Elizabeth 77, Marie Monosmith 25.

**Name:** Benjamin Hawkins Martz (S6e)<sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup>

Birth: 29 Jul 1808  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 30 Jul 1888  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Halterman Cemetery, Champaign Co, OH  
Father: Michael Martz (S6) (1775-1814)  
Mother: Sarah Hawkins (1780-1865)

### Known Sons

In the 1850 Census, Benjamin had five sons, all are designated and tracked further.

**Spouse:** Temperance Martz<sup>6</sup>

Birth: 1810  
Birth Memo: (Thomas Looker book)  
Marriage: 8 Sep 1831  
Marr Memo: (Thomas Looker book) Death: 23 Nov 1873  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Halterman Cemetery, Champaign Co, OH  
Father: Peter Martz (Marche) (S4) (1771->1814)  
Mother: Martha Bethiah Cowan (1777-~1855)

### Parent-Proof

Temperance was mentioned in her father's will. She was named after her grandmother Temperance Armistead, wife of Henry Cowan.

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### Sources

1. "1840 Census," HOH, Place, age/gender, B H Martz, Adams Twp, Champaign Co, OH, <5M (3), 15-19M, 30-39M, <5F, 5-9F (2), 30-39F.
2. "1850 Census," age, place, HH members, Benjamin H Marty, 42, Adams, Champaign, OH, Temperance 31, Samantha Jane 17, Evaline 16, Cyrus W 15, Flaviius I 14, Michael 13, Sarah C 11, Amanda 9, Elizabeth Ann 7, Mary 6, Hiram 4, Dorilas 3.
3. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Benj H Martz, 51, Adams, Champaign, OH, Temperance 50, Eveline 26, Cyrus W 25, Flaviius J 24, Sarah C 21, Amanda 19, Elizabeth 18, Mary 16, Ira 14, Darilus 13, Benjamin F 9 + Samantha J Halterman and her children.
4. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Benjamin Marts, 62, Adams, Champaign, OH, Temperance 60, Samantha 37, Evaline 36, Derails 22, Franklin 19, Vesalius 15, Temperance 12, Mary 12, Ephram 10.
5. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Benjamin Martz, 71, Caryville, Champaign, OH, Samantha 47, Evaline 46, Mary 36.
6. Published Book. Author: Leallah Franklin, "Descendants of Thomas Looker "The Quaker" Early Settler of Rockingham County, VA," Repository: Rockingham Historical Society and LDS , William Pickering Jr. was the step-father of Temperance after he married her mother as her second husband. All of Martha's children and their descendants are covered in this book as if they all were descendants of Thomas Looker.

**Name:** **Cyrus W Martz (S6e1)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 1835  
Memo: (age in Census)  
Father: Benjamin Hawkins Martz (S6e) (1808-1888)  
Mother: Temperance Martz (1810-1873)

**Spouse:** **Lovina Purkeypile**

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Marriage: 18 Jul 1876  
Marr Memo: (OH, County Marriages, 1789-2013 on Ancestry.com)

**Parent-Proof notes for Lovina (Spouse 1)**

The WikiTree profile of Lovina (wife of Cyrus Martz) provides solid evidence that she was born Purkeypile, married first Samuel Rhodes in 1871 and then as Lovina Rhoads married second Cyrus Martz in 1876.

**Sources**

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Cynes Marty, 35, Quincy, Logan, OH, Roberta 23.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Silas W Martz, 45, Caryville, Champaign, OH, Lovina 33, Minnie D 3, Rosetta Rhoads 8, David F Rhoads 6.

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**Name:** **Flavius Josephus Martz (S6e2)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 1836  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 17 Nov 1907  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Halterman Cemetery, Champaign Co, OH  
Father: Benjamin Hawkins Martz (S6e) (1808-1888)  
Mother: Temperance Martz (1810-1873)

**Spouse:** **Samantha Beaver**

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Birth: 24 Feb 1835  
Death: 27 Oct 1858  
Burial: Rosedale Cemetery, Champaign Co, OH

**Sources**

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Flavius Marts, 34, Adams, Champaign, OH, Mary 33, Levina 9, Michael 8, Daniel 6, Moses 3.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Flavius Martz, 44, Caryville, Champzign, OH, Mary A 42, Michael W 18, Daniel 16, Mose L 13.

**Name:** **Michael B Martz (S6e3)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 16 Nov 1837  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 2 Jul 1916  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Union Cemetery, Columbus, OH  
Father: Benjamin Hawkins Martz (S6e) (1808-1888)  
Mother: Temperance Martz (1810-1873)

### Sources

1. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Michael Martz, 23, District 1, Rockingham, VA, lives with Uncle Darilus.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Michael Martz, 42, Augusta, Richmond, GA, Julia 42, Frank Harris 9.

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**Name:** **Hiram Martz (S6e4)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 3 Mar 1846  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 29 Apr 1919  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Spring River Cemetery, Verona, MO  
Father: Benjamin Hawkins Martz (S6e) (1808-1888)  
Mother: Temperance Martz (1810-1873)

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**Spouse:** **Mary Ellen Halterman**

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Birth: 13 Feb 1848  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 5 Feb 1921  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Spring River Cemetery, Verona, MO

### Sources

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Hiram Marts, 24, Adams, Champaign, OH, Mary 22.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), H Martz, 32, Turnback, Lawrence, MO, Mary E 31, Shirley 5, Wm H Halterman 26.



**Name:** **Darius K Martz (S6e5)**<sup>1</sup>

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Birth: 7 May 1847

Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)

Death: 26 Jun 1917

Death Memo: (find-a-grave)

Burial: Cedar Point Cemetery, Shelby Co, OH

Father: Benjamin Hawkins Martz (S6e) (1808-1888)

Mother: Temperance Martz (1810-1873)

**Name:** **Napoleon Bonaparte Martz (S6f)**<sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup>

Birth: 23 Nov 1809  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 25 Feb 1899  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Isgrig Cemetery, Perry Co, AR  
Father: Michael Martz (S6) (1775-1814)  
Mother: Sarah Hawkins (1780-1865)

### Death and Find-a-Grave

Napoleon is on find-a-grave which says he is buried in Perry County, Arkansas. He died in 1899. His wife is buried in Hancock County, OH where they lived. She died in 1884.

I think I can explain why he is not buried with her. If we start with the 1880 Census, Napoleon was living with his son Frank in Douglas Co, IL and Hannah was living with their son Milton in Hancock County, OH.

Frank died in 1883 and is also buried, per his find-a-grave memorial, in the same cemetery as his father. What were they doing in Arkansas? The answer surely has something to do with the fact that in 1880, we find Napoleon's son Michael already there, in Perry County, AR. So apparently, sometime not long after 1880, Napoleon and Franklin both found their way to Perry County where both died.

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**Spouse:** **Hannah Woodruff**

Birth: 24 Oct 1815  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 30 Aug 1884  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Eagle Creek Cemetery, Williamstown, OH

### Parent-Proof

Napoleon married (perhaps second) Hannah Nickolls 26 Nov 1839 in Hancock, OH

### Sources

1. "1840 Census," HOH, Place, age/gender, Napoleon B Martz, Van Buren Twp, Hancock Co, OH 30-39M, 20-29F.
2. "1850 Census," age, place, HH members, N B Maritz 40, Madison, Hancock, OH, Hannah 34, Mary E 9, Derims 7, Michael 3, Sarah S 1.
3. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Napoleon Martz, 50, Madison, Hancock, OH, Hannah 44, Mary 19, Dorcias 17, Michael 14, Sarah 11, Josephine 9, Franklin 8, Albert 5, Milton 2.
4. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), N B Marty, 60, Madison, Hancock, OH, Hanah 50, Brab C 21, Josephine 19, Franklon 17, Elbert 14, Milton 12.
5. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Napoleon Marty, 78, Camargo, Douglas, IL, lives with Franklin Marty and family.

**Name:** **Dorilus Martz (S6f1)**<sup>1,2</sup>

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Birth: 7 May 1843  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 10 Jan 1929  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Eagle Creek Cemetery, Williamstown, OH  
Father: Napoleon Bonaparte Martz (S6f) (1809-1899)  
Mother: Hannah Woodruff (1815-1884)

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**Spouse:** **Lydia Ann Houdeshell**

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Birth: 18 Dec 1846  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 1902  
Burial: Eagle Creek Cemetery, Williamstown, OH

### Sources

1. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Darelus Martz, 27, Madison, Hancock, OH, Lydia A 23, Mary 4.
2. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Dorilus Martz, 37, Madison, Hancock, OH, Lydia A 34, Mary T 13, Ada 8, Henrietta 5, unnamed 5m.

**Name:** **Michael Martz (S6f2)**<sup>1</sup>

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Birth: 1847  
Birth Memo: (age in Census)  
Father: Napoleon Bonaparte Martz (S6f) (1809-1899)  
Mother: Hannah Woodruff (1815-1884)

### Sources

1. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Michael Martz, 33, Perry, Perry, AR lives alone.

**Name:** **Erastus Erasmus Martz (S6g)**<sup>1,2,3,4,5,6</sup>

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Birth: 9 Jul 1813  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave, Rockingham Martz tree says 26 Apr 1815)  
Death: 18 Dec 1885  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Rosedale Cemetery, Champaign Co, OH  
Father: Michael Martz (S6) (1775-1814)  
Mother: Sarah Hawkins (1780-1865)

### Known Sons

Erastus had only one son born before 1850, John W. John W died in the Civil War, never married and never lived on his own so he is not designated.

John W has two find-a-grave memorials. His dates and the fact that he is buried at the Vicksburg National Cemetery is inscribed on one face of his parents tombstone in Ohio.

But he in fact was buried at Vicksburg and there is a memorial for him there. The problem is his Vicksburg memorial is linked to his Aunt Catherine as if she was his mother and since her son Martin is also linked to her, it makes it seem like John W was Martin's brother — he was his cousin.

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**Spouse:** **Grace Catherine Cowan**

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Birth: 30 Nov 1818  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Marriage: 21 Aug 1836  
Marr Memo: (Thomas Looker book)  
Death: 21 Dec 1871  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Rosedale Cemetery, Champaign Co, OH

### Parent-Proof

Erastus married Grace Catherine Cowan 21 Aug 1836, daughter of Jacob Cowan and Susannah Pickering according to the Thomas Looker book. Susannah was a descendant of Thomas Looker.

### Sources

1. Published Book. Author: Leallah Franklin, "Descendants of Thomas Looker "The Quaker" Early Settler of Rockingham County, VA," Repository: Rockingham Historical Society and LDS , Erastus's wife was Grace Catherine Cowan, a descendant of Thomas Looker. Their children and many generations of descendants are listed in this book and for the most part documented.
2. "1840 Census," HOH, Place, age/gender, Erastus Martz, Adams Twp, Champaign Co, OH, <5M, 20-29M, 20-29F.
3. "1850 Census," age, place, HH members, Erastus Marty, 37, Adams, Champaign, OH, Grace C 32, John W 11, Ireleand 7 (Julieann), Sarah S 4, Elizabeth V 1.
4. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Erastus Martz, 47, Adams, Champaign, OH, Grace 42, John W 21, Julia A 17, Sarah S 14, Elizabeth V 9, Martha R 7, Michael J 5, Adelaide 2.

**5.** 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Erastes Marts, 57, Adams, Champaign, OH, Grace 51, Sarah 24, Martha 18, Michael 15, Adala 12, Clara 8.

**6.** 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Erastus Martz, 66, Adams, Champaign, OH, Adelaide 22, Clara 18.

**Name:** **Jackson Martz (S6h)**<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

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Birth: 26 Apr 1815  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 29 Dec 1900  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: St Matthews, New Market, VA  
Father: Michael Martz (S6) (1775-1814)  
Mother: Sarah Hawkins (1780-1865)

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

Jackson was unarmed in his grandfather's will because it was written two weeks before Jackson's birth.

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**Spouse:** **Maria Catherine West**

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Birth: 30 Mar 1822  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Marriage: 13 Nov 1845  
Marr Memo: (VA Marriages @ Ancestry.com)  
Death: 5 Feb 1877  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: St Matthews, New Market, VA

### **Sources**

1. "1850 Census," age, place, HH members, Jackson Marty, 35, District 56, Rockingham, VA, Maria 28, Helen 3, Mary 1.
2. 1860 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Additional Persons), Jackson Martz, 45, District 1, Rockingham, VA, Maria 38, Hellen 13, Wm M 8, Sarah N C 6.
3. 1870 Census, (HOH, Place, Occ, Age, Prop \$, Birthplace, Father Foreign-born, Mother Foreign-born, Additional Persons), Jackson Martz, 55, Plains, Rockingham, VA, Maia C 48, Willam 18, Sarah 16.
4. 1880 Census, (HOH, Place, Occupation, Age, Birthplace, Father's BP, Mother's BP, Additional Persons), Jackson Martz, 65, Plains, Rockingham, VA, Catherine 23.

**Name:** **Martin Martz (S7)**<sup>1,2,3</sup>

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Birth: 27 Aug 1778  
Birth Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Death: 18 Feb 1840  
Death Memo: (find-a-grave)  
Burial: Martz Cemetery, Tenth Legion, Rockingham, VA  
Father: Sebastian Martz (March) (S) (~1740-1818)  
Mother: Mary Magdalene Burghard

### **Birth, Parent-Proof, Designation**

Martin was named in his father's will and from the order, it would seem that he was Sebastian's second youngest son. However, I believe Peter was listed out of order and I believe Martin was actually the seventh and youngest.

Martin is designated S7.

### **Relocated and Census Tracking**

Martin died before the 1840 Census but his wife Mary was reported in his place in 1840 and 1850.

In 1810, there is a young female age 0-4 in his household and a male 16-25 — too old to be Martin's son. In 1820, there is no young female but now a son age 10-15. And then in 1830, there is a young male 10-14 and a young female 15-19.

Then in 1840, Mary lives with a male 10-15 and one 20-29 and two young females in the same two age brackets and also an older female closer to her own age. And then in 1850, Mary lives with no Martzes.

It is very hard to make the case that any of these younger persons in any of these years were Martin's children and if any were, that they survived to the next Census — based on analysis of the tick marks.

I suspect Martin and Mary had no children who survived to adulthood. No children are listed for them in any of the various sources that cover the Rockingham Martz family.

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### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

Martin is on find-a-grave and his memorial is consistent with the Rockingham Historical Society cemetery database. Martin was born 27 Aug 1778 died 18 Feb 1840 and was buried at the Martz Cemetery in the Tenth Legion area.

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**Spouse:** **Mary Oroark**<sup>4,5</sup>

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Birth: abt 1776  
Birth Memo: (age 79 on tombstone)  
Death: 7 Mar 1855  
Death Memo: (tombstone)  
Burial: Martz Cemetery, Tenth Legion, Rockingham, VA

### **Parent-Proof**

The Rockingham Martz tree says that Martin married Mary Oroark 22 Oct 1800. Her memorial on find-a-grave gives her maiden name as Roreck, and it can be found spelled that way on other Rockingham materials.

### **Death and Find-a-Grave**

Mary is on find-a-grave as is a photo of her tombstone which is basically unreadable today. She is, though, listed on the Rockingham Historical Society cemetery database next to Martin. They show Mary died 7 Mar 1855 age 79 years (1776) buried at the Martz Cemetery in the Tenth Legion area.

### **Sources**

1. "1810 Census," HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 26-45 M/F, 45+ M/F, Martin March, Harrisonburg, Rockingham Co, VA, 0/1, 0/0, 1/0, 1/1, 0/0.
2. "1820 Census," HOH, Place, 0-9 M/F, 10-15 M/F, 16-25 M/F, 18-25 M, 26-44 M/F, 45+ M/F, Martin Martz, Rockingham Co, VA, 0/0, 1/0, 0/0, 0, 1/1, 0/0.
3. "1830 Census," HOH, Place, age/gender, Martin Martz, Rockingham Co, VA, 10-14M, 40-49M, 15-19F, 40-49F.
4. "1840 Census," HOH, Place, age/gender, Mary Mertz, Rockingham, VA, 10-14M, 20-29M, 10-14F, 20-29F, 50-59F, 60-69F.
5. "1850 Census," age, place, HH members, Mary Marty, 73, District 56, Rockingham, VA, and others including Michael Oroark.