

The Light Family

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Jacob Light is the first of this family that can be located. In 1790, he was living in South Carolina, the only person bearing the name *Light*. In 1818, he died in Anderson Parish, South Carolina. His wife died earlier. His estate roll (No. 393) in Anderson Parish, mentions his son Tyce (Mathias) who was born in South Carolina on June 7, 1769. He moved to Kentucky after 1802. Then, in 1807, he settled in Harrison County, Indiana, where he died about 1826 (estate box No. 49). He was married in South Carolina to Mary Catherine Moore, who was born in that province on February 12, 1774, and died in Clay County, Indiana. She was the daughter of Hugh Moore. Her grave is in Franklin Township, Owen County, Indiana.

The children of Tyce (Mathias) and Mary Catherine (Moore) Light were: Abner, Hugh M., Isreal [*sic*], Robert, Isaiah, Fountain, Baird, Hester, and Anna. Robert, perhaps the youngest child, was born in 1810. Isreal, who came to Clay County, Indiana, in 1819, married Elizabeth Russell. No definite records have been found relative to Fountain, Isaiah, Hester (who married a Johnson), or Anna (who married a Wright).

Abner Light, son of Tyce (Mathias) and Mary Catherine Light, was born in South Carolina on February 6, 1795, and died on November 30, 1848. He married Elizabeth Burkett, who was born in North Carolina on September 13, 1796. She died on July 27, 1881.

Children of Abner and Elizabeth (Burkett) Light:

Washington Light—m. Sarah Maniers; three children (Rose, Anna, and Ella).

Tyce (Mathias) Light—m. Emily Jane Franklin on June 30, 1850; six children (Lou, Delia, Peggy, Jefferson, Lee, and Jane).

Isreal Light—b. in Owen County, Indiana, Dec. 3, 1824; m. (1) Elizabeth Vaughn, Jan. 15, 1852; two children (names not known); m. (2) Nancy Gooden, Apr. 23, 1857; children (Minerva, Mahala, Laura, Clara, Elizabeth, Alice, Anderson, Walter).

Mary Light—m. John Pickard; children (no data).

Pauline Light—m. John McAdoo; one son (Charles McAdoo).

Elizabeth Light—m. Owen D. Leach; children (no data).

John Light—m. Eliza Defoe; children (William, James M., John A., Samuel, Mary T., Millard Fillmore, Isabel, Charles, Ella E., Frank).

Lorenzo Dow Light—b. Feb. 28, 1827; d. Oct. 15, 1865; Union soldier (Corporal in Co. F., Ninety-seventh Regiment, Ind. Vol.; m. Barbara Kenayer, April 15, 1852 (Barbara—dau. George and Mary Harriet Kenayer; b. June 2, 1824; d. July 27, 1894).

Children of Lorenzo Dow and Barbara (Kenayer) Light:

Mary Maria Light—b. Jan. 3, 1853; d. July 18, 1935; unmarried.

Angeline Light—b. May 13, 1854; d. May 11, 1884; m. Lafayette Scott (d. Mar. 8, 1926).

Charles Wesley Light—b. Aug. 4, 1855; d. Oct. 1, 1856.

Jane Elizabeth Light—b. No. 2, 1857; d. July 27, 1933; m. John W. Watts (b. 1859; d. Jan. 6, 1935).

Sarah Isabel Light—b. Feb. 17, 1859; d. 1934; m. John P. Payne (b. 1856; d. 1936).

Zachariah Light—b. July 2, 1860; m. Elizabeth Burton (b. Feb. 4, 1861; d. Nov. 2, 1932).

Hugh M. Light, fourth son of Tyce and Mary Catherine Light, was born on December 26, 1801, in South Carolina. He settled on Eel River in Owen County, Indiana, in 1825, and transferred to Franklin Township in the same county later. He was a soldier in the Union army, first, in Company F, Ninety-sixth Indiana Volunteers, and later in Company B of the Thirtieth Regiment. He was first married to Barbara Harriet ———, and second, to Mrs. McConnell Dyer (Oct. 2, 1867). He died on March 19, 1885. There was one child by the second marriage, Ida, who died before her father.

Children of Hugh M. and Barbara Harriet Light:

Sanders, Eliza and Huldah Light—d. before 1884 (each of the three).

Albert Light—killed in battle at Stone River, Tennessee.

Blewford Light—m. Martha Jane Burton Jan. 27, 1853; d. at Kentland, Indiana.

Elizabeth Light—m. John Burton (b. in 1835; d. in 1920).

Fountain Light—b. June 2, 1842; d. in Owen County, Indiana; m. Sarah A. Kay, Oct. 18, 1863.

Baird (Bird) Light was born in Kentucky on August 13, 1805, and died in Owen County, Indiana, on February 6, 1867. He was buried in the Leach Cemetery east of Freedom, Indiana. On January 3, 1828, he married a widow, Catherine Lucas Lake, in Clay County, Indiana. The courthouse was destroyed by fire, but a record of the marriage is in the Reinstatement of Marriage Book (p. 67), and is mentioned in Charles Blanchard's *Counties of Clay and Owen, Indiana* (p. 67).

Children of Baird (Bird) and Catherine (Lucas) Light:

Tyce Light—b. Nov. 30, 1837; died in 1908; m. Sally Ann Packard.

Polly Light—m. Francis B. Martin.

Retta Ann Light—m. John E. Ooley.

Elizabeth Light—b. July 8, 1840, in Clay County, Ind.; d. Mar. 8, 1903, in Adair Co., Ia., m. De Wilton S. Prewitt on Aug. 5, 1866; children: William Roscoe, Leonard Wilson, Joseph Allen, Edna, George Ashley, Albert Wesley. Elizabeth Light and her husband were buried side by side in the cemetery at Fontanelle, Iowa.

THE LUCAS FAMILY

George Lucas moved from North Carolina to Clay County, Indiana, by way of Kentucky, in which county he entered land in Jackson Township on October 5, 1832, according to the Clay County Tract Book and Blanchard's *Counties of Clay and Owen* (pp. 287-288). Both he and his wife must have died before December 2, 1836, when his son Solomon Lucas and his daughter Catherine Lucas and her husband, Baird Light, joined in a deed to convey the land which he had entered in 1832 as shown by Clay County Deed Books, G, F, and I.

Children of George Lucas and wife:

Solomon Lucas—b. Sept. 24, 1816, in Kentucky; d. on July 12, 1883, in Harrison Township, Adair Co., Ia., to which he had migrated.

Catherine Lucas—m. Baird (Bird) Light on Jan. 3, 1828, in Clay County, Ind. Catherine Lucas married first a man named Lake. A daughter, Sally Ann Lake, married James

Clark. Tradition says that Catherine Lucas married Lake in Kentucky and that he died while migrating to a new home. The young widow made a return journey to her father's home, partly on foot, carrying her baby. On the way, she obtained a ride on a load of peaches with a man who was driving to a town where she had friends. These friends took her back to her folks.

George Washington Lucas—m. Sarah ——

Berry Lucas—m. Elizabeth —— of Brown County, Ind.

Thomas Lucas—m. Jemima ——

It is probable that a daughter of George Lucas married Oliver P. Cofer. It is also possible that a son died in Monroe County near Bloomington who had a son Thomas Lucas, a dentist.

THE MOORE FAMILY

Hugh Moore was born September 15, 1750, according to his pension application. He was married in South Carolina in 1772 or 1773 to Sarah French. Their daughter, Mary Catherine, was born in South Carolina on February 12, 1774, probably in Pendleton County. She was married to Tyce (Mathias) Light. She died in Clay County, Indiana. She was called "Polly" and had two brothers, John, born in 1778, and William, born in 1780.

Hugh Moore, father of Mary Catherine Moore, enlisted as a private in the Revolutionary War in the fall of 1776. He was from Pendleton County, South Carolina. In 1780 he was elected a lieutenant in Captain Parsons' Company, and served until November, 1782. On July 23, 1832, when granted a pension, he was living in Warren County, Kentucky. On September 19, 1838, his widow, while living in McCracken County, Kentucky, was granted a pension. They had fifteen children. The youngest, Marium, was born on May 15, 1805. She married Edward Stevens. Joseph, the second child, was born in May of 1776. Another of the sons was John A. Moore. Hugh Moore's pension number is W8473. In the Stub Entries to Indents Issued in Payment of Claims against South Carolina. Growing out of the Revolution (Book X, Part II, 162) is the record of a warrant (No. 3637) in payment for services of Hugh Moore as lieutenant in Roebuck's Regiment. Lieutenant Moore served in Captain John

Nuckols' Company in February, 1771, during the Cherokee Indian uprising in Tryon County, North Carolina, as indicated in the *Records of North Carolina* (VIII, 517-518).

Hugh Moore was married to Sarah French who was born in March, 1754, in Jersey City, New Jersey. She died on January 2, 1854, in McCracken County, Kentucky. Her death certificate is on record in the Historical Building at Frankfort, Kentucky. She was a daughter of Joseph French who married Hannah Van Horne, granddaughter of William Olden. This marriage, the record of which is printed in the *Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society* (LIV, 198), occurred in New Jersey in 1749. The family moved from the Raritan River in New Jersey, to South Carolina in 1749, possibly to York County.