

Jacob & Susannah Walters Mauk
and their descendants in the
1850 census.

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Overview of the 1850 Census

The 1850 census was the 7th undertaken by the U.S. Government and was the first to list the names of every person in the country. It was conducted in the summer and fall of 1850 but June 1, 1850 was the official date of the census. Anyone born after that date were not to be included while those who had died after it (but before the census enumerator's) visit were to be counted.

While specific relationships were not recorded, the Assistant Marshals (as the enumerators were called) who gathered the census information were instructed to list the parents first, then their children in descending age order, then “other inmates, lodgers and borders, laborers, domestics, and servants.” So it is usually safe to assume listed youngsters are the children of the head of the household.

The ages of everyone *as of June 1, 1850* were to be recorded for each person, as well as their sex, color, place of birth and the value of real estate owned. Other information gathered for all included: whether married within the year; whether attended school within the year; if unable to read and write and over 20; and “whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper or convict.” In addition the occupation of males over 15 was recorded.

Jacob & Susannah Mauk

Friday, August 16, 1850
Perry Township, Jefferson County, Pa.

- Jacob Mauck 57
- Susanah Mauck 51
 - Jacob Mauck 23
 - Doratha Mauck 19
 - Alexander Mauck 20
 - Susanah Mauck 16
 - Barbara Mauck 14
 - Rachel Mauck 12
 - Eve Mauck 11

Jacob & Susannah were in their fifties but still had seven of their children living with them in 1850. The two oldest were boys, Jacob and Alexander. They were in their early twenties and were listed as farmers like their father. The five youngest were girls, ranging in age from 19 to 11. The three youngest had attended school within the year. Their four youngest children were about the same age as their daughter Catherine's oldest children.

Jacob's real estate was valued at \$1200. Jacob and Susannah are both listed as unable to read and write.

According to the Mauk tribal page, Jacob was 58 and Susannah was 52. Dorthea and Eve had birthdays after June 1 and so should have been listed as 18 and 10 respectively.

John & Catherine Lingenfelter

Friday, August 16, 1850

Perry Township, Jefferson County, Pa.

- John Lingenfelter 35
- Catherine Lingenfelter 35
- Margaret Lingenfelter 61
 - Zacharias Lingenfelter 15
 - Ann Lingenfelter 14
 - Susan Lingenfelter 12
 - William Lingenfelter 9
 - Jacob Lingenfelter 6
 - Margaret Lingenfelter 4
 - Elizabeth Lingenfelter 2
 - Ellen Lingenfelter 1

Catherine was the oldest child of Jacob & Susannah. She and her husband, John, are listed very close to her parents in the census, there being only one family (Jacob Lingenfelter's) between them.

John and his oldest son, Zacharias, are listed as farmers. John's real estate is valued at \$1200. Catherine and Margaret are listed as unable to read and write. The four oldest children "attended school within the year".

Using data in the Mauk tribal page, Margaret must have been John's mother but was only 59 or 60. She was born in Maryland. John and Catherine were 34. Zacharias was 14 and Ann was probably 13. Susan's birthday was July 6 and so should have been listed as 11. William's 10th birthday was the day after the census visit and Jacob was 5.

Henry & Elizabeth Mauk

Friday, August 16, 1850
Perry Township, Jefferson County, Pa.

- Henry Mauck 33
- Elizabeth Mauck 30
 - Isaac Mauck 7
 - Robert Hice 14
 - Mary Mauk 5

Henry was the 2nd child and oldest son of Jacob & Susannah. Henry and his wife, Elizabeth, were visited by the census taker two days after his parents and is listed two pages away from them. Note the spelling variation within the same family.

Henry was a farmer and Elizabeth was unable to read and write. The three children listed had attended school in the past year. No value is given for Henry's real estate. Does this mean he did not own his own farm?

Mauk tribal page data shows Elizabeth as 29. She was also pregnant since she gave birth in November. Another daughter, Elizabeth, who would have been three at the time of the census is listed on the tribal page but is not in the census. Mary should have been listed as 4 due to her June 29th birthday.

I believe Robert Hice was a neighbor. A widow, Catherine Hice, is listed in the census six families below Henry's family. There is a 13 year old Robert Hice listed in that family at the top of the next page.

John & Rachel Mauk

Wednesday, August 21, 1850
Perry Township, Jefferson County, Pa.

- John Mauk 32
- Rachel Mauk 31
 - Jacob Mauk 8
 - Wm Mauk 6
 - John C. Mauk 4
 - Samuel Mauk 3
 - Elizabeth Kaler 17
 - Nicholas Shaffer 29

John was the 3rd child and second son of Jacob & Susannah. John's family is listed beginning on the census page after his brother Samuel's family.

John is listed as a farmer and his real estate was valued at \$1000. Both he and his wife, Rachel, could read and write. Their two oldest children had been in school in the past year.

The Mauk tribal page shows Samuel as born in 1848 which would make him one or two years old. John should be listed as 31.

Nicholas Shaffer was listed as a laborer and could read and write. It is not known who this was. There is a John N. Shaffer, a 28 year old laborer listed on the next census page. Are these the same man?

It is also not known who Elizabeth Kaler was though the next census page lists a James Kaylor who may have been Elizabeth's father. Their name also have been spelled 'Caylor'.

David & Sarah Smith

Saturday, August 24, 1850
Perry Township, Jefferson County, Pa.

- David Smith 41
- Sarah Smith 28
 - Mary Smith 8
 - Samuel Smith 6
 - David Smith 5
 - Susan Smith 4
 - Alex Smith 3
 - John Smith 2
 - Henry Smith 1

Sarah was the 4th child and 2nd daughter of Jacob & Susannah. They were the last of the Mauk descendants visited by William Campbell in Perry Township.

David is listed as a farmer with real estate valued at \$600. Sarah could not read and write and the three oldest children had attended school within the past year.

According to the Mauk tribal page, David would have been 38 or 39. Sarah was 31 but should have been listed as 30. Susan would have been 6 and Samuel 5 but the tribal page shows their birthdays as being four months apart which is very questionable. Susan should have been listed as 5. David would have been 3 or 4. John should have been listed as 11 months as his birthday was June 8.

Samuel & Margaret Mauk

Tuesday, August 20, 1850
Perry Township, Jefferson County, Pa.

- Samuel Mauk 29
- Margaret Mauk 29
 - George Mauk 7
 - Jacob C. Mauk 5
 - Abram Mauk 4
 - Samuel F. Mauk 2
 - Elizabeth Mauk 1

Samuel was Jacob & Susannah's 5th child and 3rd son. Samuel is listed as a farmer with real estate valued at \$600. He and his wife were able to read and write but none of their children attended school in the last year.

Mauk tribal page data shows that George had turned 8 the previous month and so is listed correctly. Mary Elizabeth should have been listed as 11 months. The younger Samuel's middle initial was 'T.' not 'F.' Margaret was pregnant since a daughter would be born the following February.

Samuel's wife was a sister of his brother-in-law, John Ulry Lingenfelter. Samuel had sons named after his father, his father-in-law and himself. It is not known who (if anyone) George was named after.

Joseph & Mary Mauk

Thursday, September 12, 1850
Canoe Township, Indiana County, Pa.

- Joseph Mauk 27
- Mary A. Mauk 26
 - Alford Mauk 4
 - Elgin Mauk 1

Joseph was Jacob & Susannah's 6th child and 4th son. Joseph was the only Mauk descendant living outside Jefferson county. He and his family were also the last of our Mauk descendants enumerated in the 1850 census.

Joseph was listed as a farmer. His real estate was valued at \$400. Both he and his wife, Mary, could read and write. Their children had not attended school during the past year.

According to the Mauk tribal page Joseph was 28 at the time the census was taken. His son Albert was three. His younger son was named Fred Ezra. He should have been listed as ten months old.

Mary was a few months pregnant since her and Joseph's first child, Nancy, would be born the following March. Albert and Ezra were Joseph's children by his first wife, Nancy who had passed away the previous year. Nancy had been Mary's younger sister.

Thomas & Mary Hopkins

Friday, August 9, 1850

Young Township, Jefferson County, Pa.

• Thomas Hopkins	46
• Mary Hopkins	27
• John Hopkins	8
• Susan Hopkins	6
• Jane Hopkins	5
• Robert Hopkins	4
• Jacob Hopkins	3
• James Hopkins	0

The image of the census page available online is very faint and no other information can be read. Mary was the 7th child and 3rd daughter of Jacob and Susannah. Mary and her husband, Thomas Hopkins, were the first of the Mauk descendants visited by the census taker, William Campbell, in 1850. They were also the only ones in Young Township.

According to the Mauk tribal page, Thomas turned 43 the day before the census taker visited. Susan's 7th birthday had been less than two weeks prior and Mary's 27th was June 30. Thomas should have been listed as 42 and Mary as 26. Susan was listed correctly. Robert was 3, his birthday being a week away. Jacob was only 18 months old. James was 9 months old.

Isaac & Catherine Mauk

Friday, August 16, 1850

Perry Township, Jefferson County, Pa.

- Isaac Mauk 26
- Catherine Mauk 24
 - Mary A. Mauk 2
 - John Mauk 1
 - Samuel Hetrick 21

Isaac was the 8th child and 5th son of Jacob & Susannah. He and his wife Catherine are listed in the census after his brother, Henry.

Isaac was a farmer with \$400 in real estate. Catherine could read and write and their children were too young to be in school.

Mauk tribal page information shows Catherine was only 23.

John's birthday had been June 9th so he should have been listed as eleven months old.

Samuel Hetrick, a pauper, is listed with Isaac's family though this may be an artifact of the census taker's notation. There are two Hetrick families listed right after Isaac's family. William Campbell originally wrote "414" in the dwelling number column on the line with Samuel Hetrick's name. This he then crossed out and re-wrote it on the next line for Adam Hetrick. It is quite possible that Samuel was living with Adam. For some reason the census taker may have listed Samuel first and later realized Adam was the head of the household. He then fixed his mistake by crossing out and re-writing the "414".

William and Elizabeth Thompson

Wednesday, August 14, 1850
Perry Township, Jefferson County, Pa.

- William Thompson 32
- Elizabeth Thompson 21
 - McClain Thompson 4
 - Mary J Thompson 4
 - John Thompson 1

Elizabeth was Jacob and Susannah's 10th child and 4th daughter. Elizabeth and her husband William Thompson were the 2nd Mauk descendants visited by the census taker, William Campbell.

William's occupation was 'plasterer'. Elizabeth is listed as a person "over 20 years of age who cannot read & write".

The census visit was 3 days before Elizabeth's birthday. McClain is listed as 4 but was born in 1847. He is also listed in the 1850 census in Ringgold with David Boyington's family. His name is spelled 'McLean' and his age is listed as 3. The Mauk tribal page shows William and Elizabeth married in 1850. Was William married before?

The identities of Mary J. and John are in doubt. The Mauk tribal page does list children of these names for William and Elizabeth but they were both born after the 1850 census. (Elizabeth may have been a pregnant since Mary was born the following March.) There is a 13 year old Mary Jane Mock listed with the Thompson's in the 1860 census. Could Mary J. and John be Isaac's two oldest children?

Those who died before 1850

Some family members had passed away long before the 1850 census was taken. Here is a list compiled from the Mauk tribal page:

- George Mauk (1840-1840) youngest child of Jacob & Susannah Mauk
- Alexander M. Mauk (1843-1844) second child of Samuel & Margaret Mauk
- Jacob Smith (1841-1845) second child of David & Sarah Smith
- Adam Smith (1840-1847) oldest child of David & Sarah Smith
- Nancy Hoover Mauk (1827-1849) first wife of Joseph Mauk

Jacob & Susannah and their descendants numbered 73 in 1850. This includes spouses and those listed above who had departed life before 1850. Only five deaths out of 73 people seems remarkable for that time period. There were 60 children (counting all of Jacob & Susannah's children and grandchildren) and only four had died in childhood by 1850. This is a testament to the hardiness of Jacob & Susannah and their progeny.

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