

THOMPSON LINEAGES

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM THOMPSON AND NANCY DRINKARD

GENERATION

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1. **WILLIAM² THOMPSON (WILLIAM¹)** was born June 22, 1767 in Bedford Co., VA, and died about 1840 in Campbell Co., KY. He married **NANCY DRINKARD** March 18, 1790 in Madison Co., KY, daughter of **FRANCIS DRINKARD**.

Found the following at the NW Federal Archives in the 804 Film Series #R10563
- Pension application of William Thompson:

State of Kentucky, Campbell County: On this 26th day of November 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Campbell County now setting, William Thompson, a resident of the state of Kentucky in the County of Campbell, aged 66 years, on the 22nd day of June last, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress (passed) on the 7th day of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the 15th year of his age as a volunteer under Captain Baker Ewing, Col. John Logan and John Sconce was Sargeant, the names of the Lieutenant and Ensign he does not recollect.

I had just come to Kentucky and after my entrance into the service we went in pursuit of the Indians and we rendezvoused at Petit's Station on the head water of Green River, on the 1st day of February, 1782 and from there we marched to (the) Cumberland River, at Price's Cabins, and crossed the river at that place, after making a small canoe, to carry over our guns and provision and swam over our horses and the next day after crossing the River, we came on the trail of a party of Indians that were making for their towns as they had been in the settlement and had committed some murders and stole some horses, we followed the trail for 7 or 8 days and overtook them on a fork of the Tennessee River and there we had a battle with them and killed 17 of them, 16 we killed on the battle Ground and one was wounded and taken prisoner, near one mile from the place of the battle, and Captain Faris wounded the Indian and took him prisoner, and the same night the wounded Indian attempted to make his escape, and ran some distance, and the same Captain Faris killed him with his Tomahawk. We had one man killed in the battle by the name of Thomas Gilmore and one man wounded by the name of Daniel McCormick. Gilmore was a mapmate of mine and a near neighbor, we were out this time one month and then returned home again. Then in the month of June I again turned out as a volunteer and had the command of the company to range for one month and we marched to Rupets (Ruspect's) Creek at Logan's Station on a branch on the Green River, and scouted round for some time. Then in the month of August 1782, I turned

out again as a volunteer under Captain John Dougherty, Col. Benjamin Logan and crossed the river at the mouth of Limestone Creek and marched to the Ole Chillicothe Towns and had a battle with the Indians there and killed several Indians and destroyed their Town, and was out this time one months and a half.

Then again in the year 1783 in the month of June there was a call sent out from Col. Floyd to Co. Logan to send him some men to Bullets Lick, as the Indians were committing depredations on that place, and Col. Logan sent me with the command of 40 men and we were out one month this time and we killed one Indian as he was in the act of taking off the hobbles off the horse to steal him and the name of the person who killed the Indian was John Prior, and then we returned home again. Then in the month of August of the same year orders came to Col. Logan to raise a company of horsemen to be ready at a moments warning, and I again volunteered and continued from the first day of December making five months this time, making nine and a half months ?? ?? In what I term my Revolutionary Service, but this did not end my Indian Warfare, for I never failed to be at the point of danger while there was a savage to molest the country near where I was, and I never ?? any pay or drew any rations only what the forest affords, and I know of no person that can prove my services by at this time.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not of the pension roll of the Agency of any state of the United States sworn to and subscribes the day and year aforesaid.

Where and in what year were your born. Answer. I was born on the 22 day of June in the year 1767 in the County of Bedford in the state of Virginia, according to my fathers records. What record I had in my possession till a few months ago and then the children destroyed it, but I have a perfect recollection of it. Where did you live when you entered the service? Answer. What's now called Lincoln County, and from there I moved to Montgomery County and lived there two years and from there I moved to Campbell County, where I now live and have lived for 34 years past. I volunteered each time when I entered the service, and the names of most of the officers are mention in the bond of my declaration!

Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid in Open Court

Attention N. Taliafino, Clerk, regarding William Thompson

We, Benjamin D. Beall, the Coroner of the County of Campbell and Richard P. Nelson, a justice of the Peace in and for the aforesaid county certify that we have been long acquainted with William Thompson, who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be of the age of sixty-six years, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution , and that we concur in that opinion, sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid in Open Court. Signed: Benjamin D. Bealle and Richard Nelson

Attention: N. Taliafino, Clerk -- and said court do hereby declare Their opinion after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatives prescribed by the War Department that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Solder and served as he states, and the court further certifies that it appears to them that the above named Ben. D. Beall and Richard Nelson is a coroner and a Justice of the Peace as above stated and that they are credible respectable persons. I, John Taliafina, Clerk of the Court of Campbell County do certify that the foregoing contained the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of William Thompson for a pension. In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal of office this 26th day of November 1822. John Talifiano, Clerk, Campbell County Court.

The application was denied by the War Department because he did not have six continuous months of service but rather broken up service with 5.5 months total. William Thompson did not appeal the decision.

Children of WILLIAM THOMPSON and NANCY DRINKARD are:

- i. **JANE³ THOMPSON**, b. January 30, 1790, Lincoln Co., KY; d. August 11, 1845, Jefferson Co., IL.
 - ii. **NANCY THOMPSON**, b. about 1793; m. **ROBERT WARE**, January 18, 1812, Campbell County, KY. Robert Ware and Nancy Thompson married on 28 Jan 181; bond signed by Robert Ware, groom and William Thompson. On Bond, "Wm. Thompson is father to Nancy."
 - iii. **WILLIAM THOMPSON**, b. December 05, 1795, KY; d. before 1880, Probably Cooke County, TX.
 - iv. **ELIZABETH THOMPSON**, b. about 1799; m. **ELI VICKERS**, January 09, 1821, Campbell County, KY. Elizabeth's connection as a child of Wm. & Nancy remains unproven.
 - v. **ALEXANDER THOMPSON**, b. 1800, Campbell Co., KY; d. Aft. 1850, Missouri. Appears in the Records of the Flag Springs church of Campbell Co. Listed in the 1850 census of Clay County, MO living with Benjamin F. Thompson, his nephew and is listed as being "deaf and dumb".
 - vi. **MARY THOMPSON**, b. about 1802, Ohio; d. after 1880, Medford, OR.
 - vii. **CYNTHIA THOMPSON**, b. July 06, 1806, probably Campbell Co., KY; d. March 24, 1892, Pendelton Co., KY; m. **REV. FERGUS GERMAN**, April 19, 1825, Campbell County, KY; b. July 30, 1802; d. July 30, 1879, Pendelton Co., KY.
 - viii. **LUCINDA THOMPSON**, b. November 29, 1810, Campbell Co., KY; d. October 11, 1897, Pendelton, OR.
 - ix. **KETURAH THOMPSON**, b. 1813, Campbell County, KY; d. June 09, 1885, Howell, MO.
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GENERATION

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2. **JANE³ THOMPSON (WILLIAM², WILLIAM¹)** was born January 30, 1790 in Lincoln Co., KY, and died August 11, 1845 in Jefferson Co., IL. She married **JAMES LINGO** July 7, 1810 in Campbell County, KY. He was born May 5, 1777 in VA, and died August 11, 1835 in Bond Co., IL. Marriage bond was signed by William Downing, possible son of John Downing and Jane Thompson? Bondsmen James Lingo (groom) and William Downing. Statement: This is to certify that I have given Mr. James Lingo full consent to get license from you to marry with my daughter Jane Thompson. — signed William Thompson.

Children of JANE THOMPSON and JAMES LINGO are:

- i. **JAMES ROBINSON⁴ LINGO**, b. July 29, 1814, probably St. Louis Co., MO; d. March 03, 1873, Bond Co., IL; m. **ELIZABETH CARTRIGHT**, November 16, 1837.
 - ii. **SARAH FRANCIS LINGO**, b. February 19, 1817; m. (1) **GIDEON B. CLAUSSEN**; m. (2) **IRA HEWETT**.
 - iii. **MARY LINGO**, b. February 18, 1819, St. Louis co., MO; d. 1859, Jefferson Co., IL.
 - iv. **TYRE MARTIN LINGO**, b. August 08, 1821.
 - v. **ARCHIBALD LINGO**, b. November 01, 1823.
 - vi. **MARTHA JANE LINGO**, b. December 1824.
 - vii. **HARTLY J. LINGO**, b. January 03, 1828.
 - viii. **MELVINA C. LINGO**, b. May 21, 1830.
 - ix. **AMERICA C. LINGO**, b. June 23, 1832.
 - x. **LUCINDA EVALINE LINGO**, b. July 18, 1834.
 - xi. **WILLIAM LINGO**, b. 1836.
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3. **WILLIAM³ THOMPSON (WILLIAM², WILLIAM¹)** was born December 5, 1795 in KY and died before 1880 in probably Cooke County, TX. He married **NANCY PETTY** September 23, 1819 in St. Charles County, MO. She was born September 15, 1794 in Chatham County, NC, and died before 1880. According to the 1820 and 1830 Census William Thompson lived in Campbell County, KY, but in the 1850 census records we find him in Clay County, MO and in the 1855 census of Kansas Territory and in 1860 on the census records of Cooke County, Texas. Cooke County is just west of Grayson County where William Thompson and Nancy Bacon settled. These two Williams would have been first cousins.

According to Virgil Pritchard, a descendant of William and Nancy Petty Thompson, William Thompson was a "flatboatman" on the Ohio River. Mr. Pritchard presumes that William met and married Nancy Petty in St. Charles County, Missouri on one of his trips down the Ohio River and took her back to Campbell County, Kentucky where his family was located.

1850 Census of Clay County, Missouri indicates Nancy was born in North Carolina.

Birth date comes from family Bible of Nancy Margaret Thompson Elliott, daughter of William, Jr. and Nancy Petty.

Children of WILLIAM THOMPSON and NANCY PETTY are:

- i. **JOHN P.⁴ THOMPSON**, b. 1820. Lived in Cooke Co., TX Served a 2 year term as elected County Commissioner 1886-1888.
 - ii. **WILLIAM A. THOMPSON**, b. 1822.
 - iii. **ROBERT W. THOMPSON**, b. May 24, 1824, Campbell County, KY; d. June 8, 1901, Coesfield, Cooke County, TX; m. (1) **ELIZABETH JANE MYERS**, December 17, 1846, Platte Co., Missouri; b. 1829, Virginia; m. (2) **SARAH ELLEN MYERS**, before 1855; b. January 13, 1837, Virginia; d. December 12, 1901, Coesfield, Cooke County, TX. Came to Missouri with his father about 1834 from KY. In 1854 he moved to Kansas and in 1860 he moved to Cooke County, Texas where he started a farming operation.

In 1861 he enlisted in the Confederate Army as first Sergeant and was elected 2nd Lt., of Co. A., Bourland's Regiment, Texas Cavalry. He fought in Texas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma against the Yankees and in Texas against the Indians.
 - iv. **THOMAS J. THOMPSON**, b. 1827.
 - v. **JAMES S. THOMPSON**, b. 1830.
 - vi. **GEORGE W. THOMPSON**, b. 1832.
 - vii. **BENJAMIN F. THOMPSON**, b. 1835.
 - viii. **NANCY MARGARET THOMPSON**, b. 1838; m. **STEPHEN ELLIOTT**. Found in the 1870 and 1880 Census of Cooke County, TX
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4. **MARY³ THOMPSON (WILLIAM², WILLIAM¹)** was born in Campbell Co. KY in 1802, d. 1880 in Medford, OR. She married **THOMAS BEAGLE, JR.** October 20, 1824 in Campbell County, KY, son of **THOMAS BEAGLE** and **CISCELIA WINE**. He was born 1799 in Campbell Co., KY, and died after 1860 in Missouri. They moved to Missouri about 1838, according to the birth dates of the children. Found in Platte Co., MO in the 1840 census. After the death of Thomas Beagle, Mary went to Oregon and settled in Ruche, OR and is found in the 1880 Census of Jackson Co., OR.

Children of MARY THOMPSON and THOMAS BEAGLE are:

- i. **ANDREW⁴ BEAGLE.**
 - ii. **LUCINDA BEAGLE**, b. September 07, 1826.
 - iii. **THOMAS HENRY BEAGLE**, b. 1829.
 - iv. **SARAH BEAGLE**, b. 1831; m. **BENJAMIN MOORE.**
 - v. **JESSE BEAGLE**, b. 1833.
 - vi. **NANCY BEAGLE**, b. 1837.
 - vii. **CECELIA WINE BEAGLE**, b. 1838.
 - viii. **WILLIAM THOMPSON BEAGLE**, b. June 15, 1841; d. July 19, 1918, Mt. View Cemetery, Oregon; m. **VIRGINIA YOKUM**, December 2, 1865, Buchanan Co., MO; b. September 26, 1842, Buchanan Co., MO.
 - ix. **OWEN BEAGLE**, b. 1844.
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5. **LUCINDA³ THOMPSON (WILLIAM², WILLIAM¹)** was born November 29, 1810 in Campbell Co., KY, and died October 11, 1897 in Pendleton, OR. She married **WILLIAM M. BEAGLE** April 30, 1831 in Campbell County, KY. He was born June 6, 1808 in Campbell Co., KY, and died July 18, 1887 in Pendleton, OR.

Children of LUCINDA THOMPSON and WILLIAM BEAGLE are:

- i. **OLIVER HAZARD PERRY BEAGLE**, b. July 6, 1833.
 - ii. **JOHN T. BEAGLE**, b. March 13, 1836.
 - iii. **NANCY JANE BEAGLE**, b. September 5, 1836.
 - iv. **JAMES H. BEAGLE**, b. July 7, 1840.
 - v. **CYNTHIA ANN BEAGLE**, b. January 10, 1843.
 - vi. **FRANCIS MARION BEAGLE**, b. October 1, 1845.
 - vii. **WILLIAM M. BEAGLE, JR.**, b. February 2, 1848.
 - viii. **BENJAMIN EDWARD BEAGLE**, b. 1851.
 - ix. **MANSEL ALEXANDER BEAGLE**, b. May 1854.
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6. **KETURAH³ THOMPSON (WILLIAM², WILLIAM¹)** was born 1813 in Campbell County, KY, and died June 9, 1885 in Howell, MO. She married **ROBERT WILLIAM SHAW** June 14, 1832 in Campbell County, KY. He was born September 11, 1810 in Campbell County, KY, and died October 12, 1866 in Campbell County, KY. Robert Shaw and Keturah Thompson married 14 June 1832. Bond signed by Robert Shaw (groom) and William Thompson, Jr. on June 11, 1832 by Wm. Gosney, M.G. (minister).

Children of KETURAH THOMPSON and ROBERT SHAW are:

- i. **WILLIAM THOMAS LAFAYETTE⁴ SHAW**, b. May 4, 1836, Campbell County, KY; d. September 7, 1911, Campbell County, KY; m. **ELLA VIRGINIA WEST**, December 15, 1859, Campbell County, KY.
 - ii. **THOMAS T. SHAW**, b. 1841, Campbell County, KY; d. August 13, 1868, Campbell County, KY.
 - iii. **MARTHA A. SHAW**, b. 1845, Campbell County, KY; m. **WILLIAM MARION BYRD**, August 27, 1868, Campbell County, KY.
 - iv. **JOHN P. SHAW**, b. 1849, Campbell County, KY; d. December 10, 1867, Campbell County, KY.
 - v. **BENJAMIN A. SHAW**, b. 1851, Campbell County, KY; d. October 12, 1867, Campbell County, KY.
 - vi. **MARY JANE SHAW**, b. February 3, 1854, Campbell County, KY; d. October 18, 1918, Walton, Boone County, KY; m. **WALTER RAND ROUSE**, February 3, 1876, Kitty Hawk, Campbell Co., KY; b. February 3, 1850, Pendelton, KY; d. July 20, 1928, Kitty Hawk, Campbell Co., KY.
 - vii. **SARAH F. SHAW**, b. 1856, Campbell County, KY; d. 1895, Howell, MO; m. **EMMETT E. GRANT**, September 19, 1880, Campbell County, KY.
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DESCENDANTS OF JOHN DOWNING AND JANE THOMPSON

GENERATION

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1. **JOHN³ DOWNING (JOHN², WILLIAM¹)** was born after 1740 in Reed Creek, Augusta County*, VA, and died September 23, 1811 in St. Charles County, MO. He married (1) **RACHEL DOOLEY** March 23, 1778, daughter of **THOMAS DOOLEY** in Bedford Co., VA. He married (2) **JANE THOMPSON** January 2, 1783 in Lincoln Co., KY, daughter of **WILLIAM THOMPSON** and **JANE CALDWELL**. She was born about 1763 in possibly Bedford Co., VA, and died August 1, 1824 in Bon Homme Township, St. Louis Co., MO.

NOTES ON JOHN DOWNING

In 1777 John Downing and his brother, Andrew, inherited a tract of patented land on the north side of Stony Fork of Reed Creek, Montgomery County*, Virginia from their father, John Downing, Sr. He was granted 300 acres on Middle Fork in Lincoln County (near the Dix River) in 1781. He first settled at "Downings Station" (a fortified area) with his brother, James Downing, about 1779. near Fork Church (Forrest Calico's History of Garrard County, Kentucky and its Churches, page 39) signed petitions to the General Assembly of Virginia in 1783 and 1789 (Robertson's "Petitions of the Early Inhabitants of Kentucky ...". Page 68, 121-122). Served in the Lincoln County Militia and took oath as Captain in January of 1788 (Lincoln Co. Order Book 3:191)

First marriage was to Rachel Dooley of Bedford County, Virginia in 1778. It is not known what happened to her or if they had children. She may have been his 2nd wife. Marriage bond between John and Jane Thompson dated January 2, 1787 in Lincoln County, Kentucky. Apparently the Downings and Thompsons had known each other from Virginia. John Downing, Sr. owned land on Molly's Creek in Bedford County and William Thompson, Sr. owned land on Falling River, of which Molly's Creek was a branch.

Records in Kentucky indicate that John Downing may have been a land speculator with claims of land in Fayette, Mason and Barren Counties. Family claims that he fought in the American Revolution but no records have been found.

* *Augusta County was formed out of Orange County, Virginia in 1738. Reed Creek was located in Augusta County. Then it was in Finecastle County, which was formed in 1772 out of Augusta County. Montgomery County was formed out of Finecastle County, which was abolished in 1776. Tracing records becomes a real trial, trying to find which records were in which county in which year! So, John Downing was born in Augusta County, but when he received his father's land on Reed Creek after his death in 1778, it was in Montgomery County.*

He probably served in the Kentucky militia during that time and died before ever being able to claim a pension for service during the Revolutionary War.

John and Jane moved to St. Charles County, Missouri about 1810 where John Downing died on September 27, 1811. Estate was probated and final accounting completed on August 28, 1813 and received of Jane Downing, Administrator. The inventory of the estate of John Downing included, "2 slaves, 175 gal. whiskey, livestock, rifle, etc.," which might indicate from the volume of whiskey that he was either a distiller or a tavern keeper. [Conclusion of Frank L. Williams, author of *The Downing Family — from Montgomery and Bedford Counties, Virginia, to Lincoln County, Missouri — by way of Lincoln County, Kentucky.*]

Jane Thompson is believed to be the second daughter and child of William Thompson and Jane Caldwell. She was probably born about 1763 in Bedford, Campbell, or Charlotte County, Virginia. William Thompson at that time lived in the vicinity of Turnip Creek (now in Charlotte County) and Falling River (Campbell and Bedford Counties).

She probably accompanied her father and mother to Lincoln County about 1780 when they settled on Dougherty's Creek and Clarks Run near the present day city of Danville, Kentucky. On January 2, 1783 she married John Downing, Jr., formerly of Bedford County, Virginia. It is believed that Jane was the second wife of John Downing, Jr. or possibly the third.

John Downing and Jane moved to St. Charles County, Missouri about 1810. Exact location is not known at this time. Interesting to note that I find a small island in the Missouri River just southwest of the town of St. Charles about opposite the St. Louis suburb of Maryland Heights called Jane Downing Island. I have been seeking proof that this is connected to our subject Jane Downing but thus far no proof has been found (1998).

The Will of Jane Downing was signed on March 17, 1824, probated on September 28, 1824 in St. Louis County, Bon Homme Township., Estate #656. The Will was witnessed by Jedediah Kingsley, Sarah Rice (believed to be related to the Downing family), Ezekiel Downing, believed to be a nephew of Jane's husband, John Downing. In the Will she names her children: John, William, Samuel and Harrison. Also there is mention of a grandchild named Mary Downing, daughter of her deceased son, Andrew.

Children of JOHN DOWNING and JANE THOMPSON are:

- i. **SAMUEL⁴ DOWNING.**
- ii. **WILLIAM DOWNING.**
- iii. **ANDREW DOWNING**, d. before 1824.
- iv. **JOHN DOWNING**, b. October 8, 1790, probably Lincoln Co., KY; d. November 26, 1843, Clay County, IN.
- v. **HARRISON DOWNING**, b. about 1804, Probably Lincoln Co., KY.

GENERATION

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2. **ANDREW⁴ DOWNING** (*JOHN³, JOHN², WILLIAM¹*) died before 1824. Andrew Downing is named in the Will of Jane Thompson Downing in 1824 as being deceased. His daughter Mary Downing is mentioned.

Child of ANDREW DOWNING is:

- i. **MARY⁵ DOWNING.**
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3. **JOHN⁴ DOWNING** (*JOHN³, JOHN², WILLIAM¹*) was born October 8, 1790 in probably Lincoln Co., KY, and died November 26, 1843 in Clay County, IN. He married **MARY YOCUM** August 14, 1817.

Child of JOHN DOWNING and MARY YOCUM is:

- i. **JOHN STEWART⁵ DOWNING**, b. April 5, 1829, Faith Co., KY; d. April 20, 1910, Clay County, IN.
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4. **HARRISON⁴ DOWNING** (*JOHN³, JOHN², WILLIAM¹*) was born about 1804 in probably Lincoln Co., KY. He married **MARY VINCENT**.

Child of HARRISON DOWNING and MARY VINCENT is:

- i. **ANDREW HARRIS⁵ DOWNING**, b. July 24, 1836, Crave Coeur, MO.
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GENERATION

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5. **JOHN STEWART⁵ DOWNING** (*JOHN⁴, JOHN³, JOHN², WILLIAM¹*) was born April 5, 1829 in Faith Co., KY, and died April 20, 1910 in Clay County, IN. He married **ELIZABETH COMBS** April 5, 1855.

Child of JOHN DOWNING and ELIZABETH COMBS is:

- i. **MARY EMMA⁶ DOWNING**, b. May 13, 1874, Clay Co., IN; d. December 6, 1953, Warlock Co., IN; m. **WILLIAM HENRY BENJ. RUPERT**, April 26, 1896.
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6. **ANDREW HARRIS⁵ DOWNING** (*HARRISON⁴, JOHN³, JOHN², WILLIAM¹*) was born July 24, 1836 in Crave Coeur, MO. He married **CYNTHIA SUE PIPKIN**.

Child of ANDREW DOWNING and CYNTHIA PIPKIN is:

- i. **SUSAN EVELINE⁶ DOWNING**, b. 1870, Ozarks, Polk Co., MO; d. 1957.
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