

Wayne County Pioneer # 79, # 80

Solomon Bonewitz (1796-1876)

Mary Stecher (1816-1894)

Solomon Bonewitz was born the 12 January 1796 at Stephens Neck, Beckley, Virginia (now West Virginia) and was the fourth son of Jacob Bonewitz. Solomon Bonewitz died the 7 January 1876 in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Soloman Bonewitz married Mary Stecher on 2 September 1823. Mary was born in 1816 in Pennsylvania. She died the 15 December 1894 in Indiana. Solomon Bonewitz moved to Congress Township, Wayne County, Ohio where he held township offices as treasurer in 1828 and 1829 and trustee several years. He was a Justice of Peace in 1852.

Solomon and Mary Bonewitz had twelve children:

Elizabeth Ann b. 1824
Sarah Ann b. 1826
Matilda b.1828
Mary b. 1830
Esli S. b. 1832
Susannah b. 1834, d.1839
Rebecca b. 1837
William Allen b.1839
Catherine b. 1842 d. 1843
John Jefferson b. 1844
Margaret Celestine b. 1847
Lewis Wilson b. 1850

Solomon purchased 160 acres of the northwest quarter of section 20 in Congress Township, Wayne County, Ohio. He farmed until 1866 when he with his two youngest sons and families moved to a farm near Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana. Solomon Bonewitz and wife Mary Stecher Bonewitz died in Indiana and are buried at Antioch Cemetery, Hoagland, Indiana. James Criss owned the homestead in Wayne County until 1876.

Solomon Bonewitz and Mary Stecher was entered in the Wayne County Pioneers in 1998.

Solomon Bonewitz (1796-1876) married Mary Strecher
Elizabeth Bonewitz (1816-1894) married William Swartz
Mary Elizabeth Swartz (1843-1923) Strouse
Orpah Elizabeth Strouse (1866-1949) married Edward Augustus Immel
John Michael Immel (1892-1952) married Susan Elizabeth Naftzger
John William Immel (1920-1994) married Lucille Mildred Blough
Carolyn Marie Immel Nelson

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Elizabeth Bonewitz (1816-1894)

Elizabeth Ann Bonewitz, daughter of Solomon and Mary Bonewitz married William Swartz 9 June 1842 in Wayne County, Ohio.

William Swartz was born 27 February 1820, Bedford County, Pennsylvania coming to Wayne County with his parents in 1831. He died 23 October 1908. To this union eight children were born, four son and four daughters. Family burials were at West Salem, Congress Township, Wayne County, Ohio.

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