

THE KINER FAMILY STONEWALL

Census Search Results Based on Criteria of Surname, Given Name, Birth Year & Birth State

1850	Birth	1860	Birth	1865	1870	Birth	1880	Birth
KINES		HOPPLE		KINER, J.	KINER		KINER	
Jeremiah	1818 Pa	John	1823 Pa		Jeremiah	1818 Pa	Jeremiah	1818 Pa
Susan A.	1823 Pa	Sarah	1822 Pa		Sarah A.	1823 Pa	Sarah E.	1824 Pa
Elizabeth E.	1840 Pa			8 Males				
Susannah	1841 Pa			7 Females				
Sam'l A.	1843 Pa	Samuel	1847 Pa					
William	1845 IL	John W.	1850 IL	15 People				
Mary A.	1848 IL	Mary	1843 Pa					
		Sarah	1856 IL					
		George W.	1858 IL		Geo. W.	1852 IL		
					Franklin	1856 IL	Franklin J.	1855 IL
					James	1857 IL	James B.	1857 IL
					Clara	1861 IL		
					Lily	1863 IL	Lyllie B.	1863 IL
					Mina	1869 IL	Mina M.	1869 IL

The Motivation for the Research

The problem of finding the Jeremiah and Sarah Kiner family in the 1860 census became a "stonewall" when I was attempting to find out as much as possible about the person(s) who had owned my city lot before me. Years ago, research about Lot 14 of Block 33 in State's Addition had brought to light the fact that the Board of Trustees of the Illinois & Michigan Canal had sold to Jeremiah Kiner lots 13 & 14 of block 33 of State's Addition on 03 April 1852. Knowing that Jeremiah Kiner probably lived in La Salle County where the lots being purchased would be an investment, a search was made of the 1850 census.

Searching the 1850 Census for Jeremiah Kiner

Like all census searches that I do, I began with the specific collection, i.e. the Census of 1850. When the default search view for this census was found, I forced that engine to SHOW ADVANCED criteria features (I usually use the ADVANCED FEATURES of any search engine). I typed into the appropriate fields, Jeremiah, Kiner, and La Salle County, Illinois. Pressing the ENTER key began the search using my three criteria. No results were found for a Jeremiah Kiner who lived in any part of La Salle County. I then REMOVED the surname from my criteria choices and searched for all Jeremiahs who lived ONLY in La Salle County. Forty-six hits were returned; one of those hits was for a **JEREMIAH KINES**. A check of the name of a spouse for this **Jeremiah Kines** revealed the name of **Sarah A**. My earlier researches of land records regarding my city lot had revealed that the name of Jeremiah Kiner's wife was Sarah Ann. I now had some census data for the family in question; this data would be important in searching other census years. The only unfortunate result of this success was that Ancestry.com had not provided any SUGGESTED RECORDS sometimes listed in the right sidebar region of the list of results. So the search method used successfully for the 1850 period would need to be repeated for the succeeding years of 1860, 1870 and 1880.

Searching the 1860 Census for Jeremiah Kiner

After navigating to the 1860 search engine webpage, I repeated the earlier method of using the criteria of Jeremiah, Kiner, and La Salle County. But using the findings from the 1850 search, I could now add a birth year range and birth state with the other criteria. I forced the search to only filter results for La Salle County. No results were located based upon my chosen criteria. I then REMOVED the surname of Kiner and repeated the search; none of the 12 results matched the family listing from the 1850 listing. I next REMOVED the given name and searched for all natives of only Pennsylvania who were born within two years of 1818 and who lived only in La Salle County. The result was over 8000 hits which I had no desire to examine one-by-one.

Not ready to give up completely, I modified my list of chosen criteria by using SARAH, 1823 plus/minus 2, PENNSYLVANIA, and LA SALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS. I restricted my criteria choices for birth state and current location to just what I had typed, i.e. Pennsylvania and La Salle County. The number of hits was a more manageable 303 possibilities. But this short list was made easier to search since the family record for 1850 had revealed the names of five children, i.e. Elizabeth, Susanna, Samuel, William and Mary. I assumed that the family in 1860 would still include at least some of the youngest members shown in the 1850 list. After hitting the ENTER key and receiving 303 hits, I was delivered a **HUGE SURPRISE!**

A concurrent search for the burial of any Jeremiah Kiner at www.findagrave.com had previously located the burial information for a Jeremiah Kiner whose spouse was Sarah Ann Hopple. The birth date shown in this burial record for this Jeremiah Kiner matched what I had found to be indicated in the 1850 census, i.e. the year 1818. And this burial record stated the maiden name of the wife, Sarah Ann. Her maiden name was listed as HOPPLE.

The big surprise was that, among the 303 hits resulting from my modified search of the 1860 census, there was a listing for a SARAH HOPPLE who was born about 1822 in Pennsylvania, who was living in Bruce Township. This was the same maiden name of the wife of the Jeremiah Kiner who was recorded at www.findagrave.com. And to clinch the matter, three of five children listed in her 1860 household had the same or very similar given names as those previously listed as members of the 1850 family of Jeremiah and Sarah A. KINES, i.e. Samuel, John W[illiam] and Mary. I later found out that the two older daughters, listed with the family in 1850, had married before 1860. My apparent “stonewall” was found to have been an illusion!

Searching the 1870 and 1880 Censuses for Jeremiah Kiner

For my investigation and searching for this family in the 1870 census, I chose to repeat the use of the criteria that had proven successful in the search of the 1850 census. My criteria chosen for this search was Jeremiah, Kiner, 1818 plus/minus 2 years, Pennsylvania, and La Salle County, Illinois. I limited the degree of accuracy for the CURRENT LOCATION to one of “exact.” When I hit the ENTER key, only one search result was returned; and that result was for a family with a member set that matched, in significant ways, what I had discovered in the searches of the 1850 and 1860. This proved to be a quick and accurate find.

In addition to this result for 1870, the website of www.ancestry.com also placed in the right sidebar region of the result page a list of SUGGESTED RECORDS. One of those records was for the census year of 1880. Activating this 1880 link led to a family listing of family living in Kansas; this family proved to be the family for which I was searching. Six of the eight members listed in 1870 in Bruce Township were in the 1880 family group living in Exeter Township, Clay County, Kansas.

Non-census Confirmation of the Composition of the Jeremiah & Sarah Kiner Family

My efforts in tracking the family of Jeremiah and Sarah (Hopple) Kiner in the census records from 1850 to 1880 had paid off. The results of my efforts had convinced me that the family I identified as the original purchaser of Lots 13 & 14 of Block 33 of State’s Addition had been tracked

despite the “stonewalls” of variations in given names, surnames, and birth year ranges. The icing on my cake was that my researches had found that I was “related” in a somewhat convoluted fashion by way of marriage contracts to this Kiner family. A relationship chart concludes this narrative. Fortunately, research of the histories of La Salle County, Illinois, had reinforced my belief that I had truly found the “correct” family. On pages 853-854 of the following source,

U. J. Hoffman, History of La Salle County, Illinois - 1906 edition (Chicago: The S. J. Clarke Publishing Co.), La Salle County Genealogy Guild, Ottawa, Illinois, 115 West Glover Street Ottawa, Illinois 61350, Article: William H. Morrison

I found, in part, this text:

In 1866, Mr. Morrison was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Kiner, who was born in Ottawa and is a daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah Ann (Hoppel) Kiner, both of whom were natives of Perry county, Pennsylvania. They were married in that state and came to Ottawa in the early '40s, casting in their lot with the pioneer residents of the county and Mr. Kiner, who was a cooper by trade, was thus early identified with industrial interests. He engaged in the manufacture of barrels in Ottawa for a number of years and subsequently removed to Otter Creek township, settling on section 4, where he engaged in farming. Subsequently he removed to Marseilles, purchasing a farm near the town, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits and was also engaged in the hardware and dry-goods business. He was a prominent business man here for a number of years and afterward went to Kansas, settling near Clay Center, where he purchased a half section of land, on which he carried on farming up to the time of his death. He passed away November 21, 1883. Mr. Kiner was at all times a dignified, courteous man, kindly in his demeanor and a true gentleman of the old school. He prospered in his undertakings and the most envious could not grudge him his Success, so well was it won and so worthily used. He was not unmindful of the poor, but gave of his means freely to those in need, and his generous spirit was one of his strong traits of character. His life was peaceful and happy and he won the respect of all who knew him. In early manhood he wedded Sarah Ann Hoppel, who was born in Perry county, Pennsylvania, March 29, 1823, and who was indeed a faithful companion and helpmate to him on life's journey, their mutual love and confidence increasing as the years went by. She died in Kansas at the age of seventy-three years. In their family were thirteen children, of whom twelve are now living: Elizabeth, the wife of John H. Powers, a prominent resident of Nebraska; Susan. The wife of M. H. Crider, a resident of Otter Creek township; Samuel H.; William O.; Mrs. Mary Ann Morrison: Sarah J.; George W.; John F.; James B.; Clara M.; Lillian H.; and Mina M.

This preceding narrative can now come to a happy and productive ending. And if I can be so bold as to paraphrase a famous quote of President Ronald Reagan, “Mr. and Mrs. Genealogist, tear down your stonewalls.”


Relationship: James Franklin Keating to Jeremiah Kiner

Jeremiah Kiner is the uncle of wife of brother-in-law of grand uncle of husband of sister-in-law of grand uncle of James Franklin Keating


Great grandparent

 <p>Herman Applebee b: 16 Nov 1874 Deer Park Township, LaSalle County, Illinois d: 29 Sep 1942 Ryburn King Memorial Hospital, Ottawa, Illinois</p>	 <p>Arratta Belle Shape b: 22 Nov 1874 Greene, Pennsylvania, USA d: 12 Feb 1942 Deer Park Township, LaSalle County, Illinois</p>
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Maternal grandmother

 <p>Myra Margret Applebee b: 09 Jul 1897 LaSalle Co., IL d: 30 May 1959 Ottawa, Illinois (at home)</p>
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Grand uncle

 <p>Walter Virgil Applebee b: 29 Nov 1896 Grand Ridge, Illinois d: 13 Sep 1947 Rutland Township, LaSalle County, Illinois</p>


Mother

 <p>Mildred Eileen Marten b: 16 Sep 1922 Ottawa Township, La Salle County, Illinois, USA d: 13 Nov 2005 1104 Paul Street, Ottawa, La Salle County, Illinois</p>


Wife of grand uncle

 <p>Stella B. Bannan b: 07 Feb 1915 Marseilles, La Salle, Illinois, USA d: 15 Jun 2008 Rivershores Care Center, Marseilles, La Salle County, Ill</p>
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Self

 <p>James Franklin Keating b: 22 Mar 1944 Streator, La Salle, Illinois, USA d:</p>
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Parent of wife of grand uncle

 <p>James Frank Bannan b: Bet. 1870–1873 Illinois, USA d: 1925</p>
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Sister-in-law of grand uncle


 <p>Ida May Bannan b: Abt. 1896 Streator, La Salle, Illinois, USA d: Nov 1968 Los Angeles, California, USA</p>
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Husband of sister-in-law of grand uncle


 <p>Ira E. Swartz b: Nov 1892 Marseilles, Manlius Township, La Salle County, Illinois d:</p>
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Mother-in-law of sister-in-law of grand uncle

	Rose Corine Farrell
	b: Mar 1870 Fall River Township, La Salle County, Illinois, USA
	d:


Maternal grandmother of husband of sister-in-law of grand uncle

	Alice W. Ebersol
	b: Abt. 1848 Illinois, USA
	d: 04 Mar 1939


Great grandparent of husband of sister-in-law of grand uncle

	Amos Moyer Ebersol
	b: 14 Feb 1822 Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania
	d: 09 Jun 1883


Grand uncle of husband of sister-in-law of grand uncle

	James E. C. Ebersol
	b: Mar 1845 Illinois, USA
	d: 31 Jan 1926

Wife of grand uncle of husband of sister-in-law of grand uncle

	Maria W. Tryon
	b: Aug 1847 Connecticut, USA
	d: 02 May 1931

Parent of wife of grand uncle of husband of sister-in-law of grand uncle

	Fredrick Tryon
	b: 03 Jul 1821 Middletown, Connecticut
	d: 10 Feb 1891

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Brother-in-law of grand uncle of husband of sister-in-law of grand uncle



Fredrick N. Tryon

b: Feb 1850
New York, USA
d: 1928

Wife of brother-in-law of grand uncle of husband of sister-in-law of grand uncle



Catherine Kiner

b: Apr 1853
Pennsylvania, USA
d: 1926

Father-in-law of brother-in-law of grand uncle of husband of sister-in-law of grand un



Jacob P. Kiner

b: Abt. 1827
Pennsylvania, USA
d: 23 Apr 1901

Grandparent of wife of brother-in-law of grand uncle of husband of sister-in-law of gr



Jacob Kiner

b: 15 Feb 1793
Pennsylvania, USA
d: 17 Nov 1861

Uncle of wife of brother-in-law of grand uncle of husband of sister-in-law of grand un



Jeremiah Kiner

b: 02 Feb 1818
Perry County, Pennsylvania
d: 21 Nov 1882
Clay Center, Clay, Kansas, USA