

Great, Great, Great, Grandfather
John Saucerman 1805-1855

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As we make our way backward in time, we enter a period of history that offers less – and *less reliable* - written record from which to re-construct a reliable and accurate account and depiction of our ancestors. Daily, or even regular, newspapers were still very much in their infancy at the time so most of what we do know comes from more antiseptic birth, death, marriage and land records. Yes, there’s bountiful information regarding *famous* figures and events of the time, but little about ‘regular folk’ who lived and operated on the periphery of history. But though scarce, there *are* some records and by piecing this information together (mixed with a little Bayesian inference), here’s what I believe we know about John Saucerman:



John Saucerman was born August 19th, 1805 in either Westmoreland or Washington County, Pennsylvania. He was the son of George (1778-1846) and Catherine (Mowrey) Saucerman (1781-1850). John had ten brothers and sisters, two of whom died at relatively young ages. Around 1815 (this number’s a bit fuzzy), John’s dad George moved the family from Pennsylvania to a small valley near the Walhonding River (a tributary of the Muskingum River) in southeastern Ohio around 1815 where (it appears) the family took up farming.

John married Susan Wolfe (or Wolf) on October 21st, 1830 in Knox County, Ohio and the couple went on to have at least ten children - one of whom was our Great, Great Grandfather, Simon Saucerman (later dubbed ‘Simon Senior’) in 1845. At an undetermined point between 1830-1850, John then moved his own family from Ohio to Cadiz Township in Green County, WI near Monroe, WI. John died September 10, 1855 in Cadiz Township, succeeding his father George’s by only 8 years – George having passed in 1846 in Coshocton, OH. Susan Wolfe Saucerman died September 21st, 1897 (at age 86) and was buried along with George at Saucerman Cemetery near Browntown, WI.

FACTS & GENERAL INFORMATION

Relationship	<i>Great-Great-Great Grandfather</i>
Who	John Saucerman
Birth date	August 19, 1805 (* & 06)
Death date	10 Sep 1855 (aged 50)
Occupation:	Farmer
Birth where	Washington or Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, USA
Death where	Cadiz, Green County, Wisconsin, USA
Burial loc:	Saucerman Cemetery, Browntown, Green Cty, WI
Bio spouse to:	Susan (Wolfe) Saucerman *Biological
Bio married date:	Oct 21, 1830 in Knox County, OH
Bio divorced date:	n/a
Bio birth date	6-15-1811
Bio death date	9-21-1897 (age 86)
Bio birth where	Pennsylvania
Bio death where	Cadiz, Green County, WI, USA

Bio burial loc:	Saucerman Cemetery, Green Cty, WI
Children #1:	Barnett Saucerman 1834-1858 (age 34)
Children #2:	Dr. John Wesley Saucerman 1837-1918 (age 81)
Children #3:	Samuel Saucerman 1840-1911 (age 71)
Children #4:	Absalom Saucerman 1843 (OH)-1901 (age 58)
Children #5:	<i>Simon Saucerman 1845-1916 (age 71)</i>
Children #6:	Martin M. Saucerman 1848-1915 (age 67)
Children #7:	Mary E. Saucerman (Coryell) 1851-1909 (age 58)
Children #8:	George Saucerman 1832-1855 (age 23)
Children #9:	Barnabas Saucerman 1835-
Children #10:	Catherine Saucerman 1836-1855 (age 19)
Sibling #1:	Mary Saucerman 9/4/1810-?
Sibling #2:	Henry Saucerman 1809-1824 (age 15)
Sibling #4:	John Saucerman 1805-1855 (age 49)
Sibling #5:	Barnett Saucerman 1821 (OH) - 1902 (IN) (age 81)
Sibling #6:	Elizabeth Saucerman (PA) 1807-1839 (age 32)
Sibling #7:	Ellen Maria Saucerman (OH) 1825-1899 (IN)
Sibling #8:	George Saucerman (OH) 1814-1899 (IN)
Sibling #9:	Jane Saucerman 2/20-1804-1886
Sibling #10:	Samuel Saucerman 12/12/1812-?
Sibling #11:	William Saucerman 1817-1860
Sibling #12:	Rebecca Saucerman 1820-1860?

CHRONOLOGY – JOHN SAUCERMAN

Date:	Age	Item:
1801	-4	<i>Thomas Jefferson is elected as the 3rd president of the United States.</i>
1803	-2	<i>President Jefferson doubles the size of the US with his purchase of the Louisiana Territory from Napoleon's France, paving way for the western expansion.</i>
1804	-1	<i>Lewis and Clark begin their expedition to map the newly acquired western US territory.</i>
1805	-	John Saucerman (*our Great, Great, Great Grandfather) is born in Washington County, PA to George & Catherine Mowrey Saucerman (a sister Jane was born a year prior).
1807		<i>The first successful commercial steamboat journey is made by Robert Fulton on the Hudson River in New York.</i>
1807	2	John's sister Elizabeth is born.
1807	2	<i>Robert E. Lee is born; Vice President Aaron Burr is arrested for treason in Alabama.</i>
1808	3	<i>James Madison is elected 4th president of the US; Importation of slaves is outlawed (though between 1808-1860, 250,000 slaves were illegally imported).</i>
1809	4	<i>The Illinois Territory is created.</i>
1809	4	John's brother Henry is born. (*Abraham Lincoln is also born this year)
1810	5	John's sister Mary Polly is born.
1812	7	<i>President James Madison asks Congress to declare war on the United Kingdom, thus beginning the war of 1812.</i>
1812	7	John's brother Samuel is born.
1814	9	John's brother George is born.

1814	9	<i>The White House is burned by British forces; Francis Scott Key writes the words to the Star Spangled Banner; in December, a peace treaty is signed between the British and American government at Ghent, ending the War of 1812.</i>
1815	10	John's parents, George & Catherine, move the family from PA to a small valley near the Walhonding River in Ohio. (*although other records show this as happening up to 10 years later)
1816	11	<i>James Monroe defeats Rufus King for US President; Indiana is admitted into the United States of America as the 19th state.</i>
1817	12	John's brother William is born.
1818	13	<i>Illinois is admitted to the Union as the 21st state.</i>
1820	15	John's sister Rebecca is born.
1822	17	John's brother Barnett is born. (*Ulysses S. Grant is born this same year)
1823	18	<i>James Monroe announces the Monroe Doctrine, opposing European intervention anywhere in the Americas and establish American neutrality in any future European wars.</i>
1824	19	John's brother Henry dies at 15 years of age.
1825	20	John's sister Ellen Marie is born.
1826	21	<i>The internal combustion engine is patented by American Samuel Morey.</i>
1827	22	<i>The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad becomes the first in US to transport people and commercial goods.</i>
1830	25	<i>Congress approves Indian Removal Act, facilitating relocation of Indian tribes from east of the Mississippi River, leading way to the Trail of Tears in 1932.</i>
9-21-1830	25	John Saucerman marries Susannah Wolf (or 'Wolfe') in Knox County, OH (Susannah was born in PA)
1832	27	<i>The Black Hawk War rages in Illinois & Wisconsin and lasts through September. It would consequently lead to the removal of Sauk and Fox Indians west, across the Mississippi River.</i>
1832	27	John & Susannah Saucerman welcome a son, George, into the world.
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1836	31	<i>The battle for the Alamo is waged in San Antonio, Texas; patent for the first revolver is granted to Samuel Colt.</i>
1836	31	John & Susannah Saucerman welcome a daughter, Catherine, into the world.
1837	32	<i>Martin Van Buren is inaugurated as President with Richard M. Johnson as VP; the city of Chicago is granted a chartership by the state of Illinois.</i>
1838	33	John's sister Elizabeth dies at 32 years of age.
1838	33	John & Susannah Saucerman welcome a son, John Wesley, into the world. (*John would go on to be a very successful doctor and later on donated the money and land for the Saucerman Cemetery near Browntown, WI).
1838	33	<i>Samuel Morse publicly demonstrates the telegraph and the Morse Code system of communication; the Territory of Iowa is organized.</i>
1839	34	John & Susannah Saucerman welcome a son, Samuel, into the world.
1840	35	<i>William Henry Harrison defeats Martin Van Buren for president, but then dies a month later from pneumonia. He is succeeded by John Tyler.</i>
1841	36	John & Susannah Saucerman welcome a son, Absalom, into the world.
1845	40	John & Susannah Saucerman welcome a son, Simon (*our Great, Great GF), into the world.
1845	40	<i>Having been elected president a year earlier, James K. Polk invokes the concept of Manifest Destiny, announcing that the Monroe Doctrine should be strictly enforced and the settlement of the West should be aggressively pursued.</i>
1846	41	John & Susannah Saucerman welcome a son, Martin, into the world.
7-20-1846	41	John Saucerman's father, George Saucerman, dies in Somerset (or Westmoreland), Pennsylvania and is buried in the Old Lutheran Cemetery in West Carlisle, OH
1848	43	<i>Gold is discovered at Sutter's Mill in Colona, California, setting off gold fever.</i>

12-12-1850	45	John Saucerman's mother, Catherine Mowrey Saucerman, dies and is buried at Center Ridge Cemetery in Sullivan, IN, after first having been interred in the Saucerman Cemetery located in Cass Township, IN.
1851	46	John's sister Rebecca dies at 32 years of age.
<i>1852</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>Franklin Pierce, a Democrat, beats Whig Winfield Scott for US presidency. Democrats would fail to nominate him again for office in 1856.</i>
1855	41	John & Susannah Saucerman's daughter Catherine dies 19 years old.
9-10-1855	50	John Saucerman dies in Cadiz Township, Green County, WI and is buried at Saucerman Cemetery near Browntown, WI.

[Author's Note: In an effort to convey the proper 'feel', I've tried to keep the essence of original wording and phrasing as it appeared from my research/reference materials. I have altered areas where information needed to be melded together from different sources.]