

Great, Great, Great, Great Grandfather

George Saucerman 1778-1846

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BIOGRAPHY: As we go back to the time of George SAUCERMAN (1778-1846), we're entering a period in history with far-less written record and far more scant documentation - the kind we were lucky enough to have available with George's later ancestors. But, after gathering small bits of information from a wide variety of sources, here's what I believe we know:

George was born in either Pennsylvania (or possibly Germany, but the further I got into the material, the less likely that seemed). George married Catherine Mowrey¹ around the year 1800 and moved Catherine and his family from PA [our premise] to a small valley near the Walhonding River - a tributary of the Muskingum River in southeastern Ohio - around 1815. George and Catherine would go on to have (11) children (see below). George is buried in the old Lutheran cemetery at West Carlisle Ohio. The Coshocton County Ohio History names George as one of the early settlers of the valley. Catherine is buried in Centre Ridge Cemetery,



Sullivan, Indiana – having first been interred in the old Saucerman Cemetery near Dugger. At least six of the couple's children are buried at Saucerman Cemetery at Cadiz Township, Green County, WI, near Monroe, WI (they had migrated that way throughout their lives). Another child, Dr. John W. Saucerman and wife are buried at the Winslow, Illinois Cemetery and yet another son,

Henry is buried alongside his father in West Carlisle, and it is indeed Henry's burial site that gives us important information about a crucial connection in researching our next step to the past. One thing we know from record is that – at the time of Henry's death – he was still using the family surname 'Sassaman'² - and it is indeed carved that way on his tombstone. This gives us strong reason to believe that George's father - who we know from multiple sources had the first name Peter - was very likely Peter Sassaman from Pennsylvania (or possibly direct from Germany).

As it turns out, I did locate a Peter Sassaman in Pennsylvania who appears to fit the geography and time frame of this theory. I can also so far say that - after exhaustive search – I can find NO reference of any kind to any 'Peter Saucerman' in either Pennsylvania or the colonies at the time. So (using a little Bayesian inference and backed up by a letter acquired by my brother Pat Saucerman from a regional historian versed in the matters concerning this time and location), I'm quite comfortable in working from the premise that 1) George was indeed from Pennsylvania and 2) that he and father Peter started out life with the surname 'Sassaman', but more research still needs to be completed before anything formal can be declared.

However the facts eventually shake out - if they *ever* shake out - there's little doubt George (and father Peter) lived in a fascinating time (from a historical perspective), when England still held great power and influence over the region and (assuming George and Peter were rural PA) where *our direct ancestors* were within traveling distance

¹ Who indicates in an 1850 census – the year she died – that she was born in PA.

² I'm jumping way ahead here, but in the course of my research, I have reason to begin to form a strong suspicion that our actual Surname may indeed be 'Sassamannhausen', but I have much more work to do before I can reasonably call that anything close to a conclusion. (Wow, just think though. We thought 'Saucerman' was bad to haul around in grade school 😊). Can you imagine?).

(such as it was back then) to Philadelphia, a major the mecca of the burgeoning revolutionary movement and stomping grounds of such household names as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, and Samuel Adams. And though we may never really know, I do find it fun (at least) to imagine that George or Peter may have actually met or encountered one or more of these historical figures (hey, it's my imagination 😊). But even if no intimate association existed, I think it IS reasonable to believe that - even if rural folk, George and Peter's lives and affairs must have been colored, effected and/or influenced by the activities (the revolution, the Whiskey Rebellion, Quakerism, and more) of these quintessentially historical people in this quintessentially historical time.

FACTS & GENERAL INFORMATION

RELATIONSHIP	Great-Great-Great-Great Grandfather
WHO	George Saucerman
BIRTH DATE	1778
DEATH DATE	1846 (or 48)
OCCUPATION:	-
BIRTH WHERE	Somerset (or Westmorland), PA
DEATH WHERE	Coshocton, OH
BURIAL LOC:	West Carlisle Cemetery, Coshocton, OH
BIO SPOUSE TO:	Catherine (Mowrey) Saucerman *Biological
BIO MARRIED DATE:	+/- 1800?
BIO DIVORCED DATE:	n/a
BIO BIRTH DATE	December 9, 1781
BIO DEATH DATE	December 12, 1850
BIO BIRTH WHERE	-
BIO DEATH WHERE	-
BIO BURIAL LOC:	Center Ridge Cemetary, Sullivan, IN**
CHILDREN #1:	Mary Saucerman 9/4/1810-?
CHILDREN #2:	Henry Saucerman 1809-1824 (age 15)
CHILDREN #3:	John Saucerman 1805-1855 (age 49)
CHILDREN #4:	Barnett Saucerman 1821 (OH) - 1902 (IN) (age 81)
CHILDREN #5:	Elizabeth Saucerman (PA) 1807-1839 (age 32)
CHILDREN #6:	Ellen Maria Saucerman (OH) 1825-1899 (IN)
CHILDREN #7:	George Saucerman (OH) 1814-1899 (IN)
CHILDREN #8:	Jane Saucerman 2/20-1804-1886
CHILDREN #9:	Samuel Saucerman 12/12/1812-?
CHILDREN #10:	William Saucerman ?-?
CHILDREN #11:	Rebecca Saucerman 1820-1860?

***having first been interred in the Saucerman Cemetery, Cass Township, Sullivan County, IN*

[Author's Note: I've endeavored to keep the essence of the original wording and phrasing as it appeared from my research/reference materials. I have altered some areas where materials gleaned from multiple sources needed to be melded together to form a cohesive reference. And every now and then, I even offer up my own commentary where I feel a little clarity - or sarcasm 😊 is needed.]

GREAT, GREAT, GREAT, GREAT GRANDFATHER - GEORGE SAUCERMAN - CHRONOLOGY 1778 - 1846 (Age 68)

Date:	Age	Item:
4-4-1776	(1)	The Declaration of Independence, penned by Thomas Jefferson, is approved in the 2nd Continental Congress of the United States of America at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
6-12-1778	-	George Saucerman is born in Pennsylvania of father Peter Saucerman (or Sassaman)
6-1-1779	1	Traitor Benedict Arnold is court-marshaled for civil authority disputes.
9-9-1781	3	Catherine Mowrey (Saucerman) is born in Pennsylvania.

6-20-1782	4	The Bald Eagle is adopted by Congress as the national bird.
9-17-1787	9	Delegates to the Constitutional Convention adopt the Constitution.
12-3-1792	14	George Washington, a Federalist, is re-elected president of the United States with no opposition, with John Adams elected Vice President.
9-1-1794	16	The Whiskey Rebellion occurs in western Pennsylvania when farmers in the Monongahela Valley - upset over a liquor tax passed in 1791 - are suppressed by 15,000 militia sent by Alexander Hamilton. <i>(*Note: all things considered, there's a strong chance George and family were involved in and/or affected by this event.)</i>
+/- 1800	23	George Saucerman marries Catherin Mowrey. They go on to have eleven children.
2-17-1801	23	February 17, 1801 - Thomas Jefferson is elected as the 3rd president of the United States
1804	24	George & Catherine Mowrey Saucerman welcome a new daughter, Jane, into the world.
5-14-1804	26	Lewis and Clark begin their expedition to map the newly acquired western US territory.
1805	27	George & Catherine Mowrey Saucerman welcome a new son, John Saucerman (*Our Great, Great, Great Grandfather), into the world.
8-17-1807	29	The first practical steamboat journey is made by Robert Fulton in the steamboat Clermont on the Hudson River in New York, becoming the first (successful) commercial steamboat service in the world.
1807	29	George & Catherine Mowrey Saucerman welcome a new daughter, Elizabeth, into the world.
12-7-1808	30	James Madison is elected the 4th President of the United States, defeating Charles C. Pinckney.
1809	31	George & Catherine Mowrey Saucerman welcome a new son, Henry, into the world.
2-12-1809	31	Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States, is born in Hardin County, Kentucky to carpenter Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks.
1810	32	George & Catherine Mowrey Saucerman welcome a new daughter, Mary, into the world.
6-1-1812	34	U.S. President James Madison asks Congress to declare war on the United Kingdom; British ships blockade key ports.
6-18-1812	34	President Madison signs declaration after Congress narrowly approves war with Great Britain, thus beginning the War of 1812.
1812	34	George & Catherine Mowrey Saucerman welcome a new son, Samuel, into the world.
1814	34	George & Catherine Mowrey Saucerman welcome a new son, George, into the world.
8-24-1814	36	The White House is burned by British forces upon the occupation of Washington, D.C. during the War of 1812.
1815	35	George & Catherine move the family from PA to a small valley near the Walhonding River in Ohio
12-4-1816	38	James Monroe defeats Rufus King in the United States presidential election,
1817	39	George & Catherine Mowrey Saucerman welcome a new son, William, into the world.
9-28-1820	42	To prove that a tomato is not poisonous, Colonel Robert Gibbon Johnson eats one in public in Salem, New Jersey.
1820	42	George & Catherine Mowrey Saucerman welcome a new daughter, Rebecca, into the world.
1822	44	George & Catherine Mowrey Saucerman welcome a new son, Barnett, into the world.
4-27-1822	44	Civil War general and 18th President of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant, is born.
1825	47	George & Catherine Mowrey Saucerman welcome a new daughter, Ellen Marie, into the world. (*47? Go George!)
4-1-1826	48	The internal combustion engine is patented by American Samuel Morey.
7-4-1828	50	The first passenger railroad in the United States, the Baltimore and Ohio, begins.
1-6-1838	60	Samuel Morse publicly demonstrates the telegraph and the Morse Code system of communication.
5-22-1843	65	The first major wagon train headed for the northwest via the Oregon Trail begins with one thousand pioneers from Elm Grove, Missouri.
10-21-1845	67	The New York Herald becomes the first newspaper to mention the game of baseball.
7-20-1846	68	George Saucerman dies in Somerset (or Westmoreland), Pennsylvania and is buried in the Old Lutheran Cemetery in West Carlisle, OH
12-12-1850	-	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. (*Note: perhaps Catherine moved to IN after George died?)