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Ancestry of Nancy White Curry

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- **ID:** I7 [View Post-em](#)
- **Name:** John YEAGER
- **Given Name:** John
- **Surname:** Yeager
- **Sex:** M
- **Birth:** Abt 1787 in Beaver Co, PA
- **Death:** 4 Oct 1863 in Wolcottville, LaGrange Co, IN
- **Burial:** Oct 1863 Pierce/Witmer, Noble Co, IN
- **Event:** Birth Abt 1787 Beaver Co, PA
- **Note:** From the ages of all but the older three children of eleven, John Yeager would have to have been born at about this time. Even though he was alive until 4 Oct 1863, no record for him has been found in either the 1850 or 1860 Census records. A family which seems likely his in in the 1840 Census, living in Franklin Twsp, Portage Co, OH. The oldest male is 50 to 60 years of age. ¹
- **Event:** Marriage Abt 1810 Butler Co, PA
- **Note:** From the biography on Captain Thomas Yeager, "Defiance, Henry, Williams and Fulton Counties" by J. H. Beer & Co, 1899, p. 33 ²
- **Event:** War of 1812 Military Service 1812 Beaver Co, PA
- **Note:** Known dates indicate his enlistment was when still living in Beaver Co PA. ³
- **Census:** Ages of family members & fit 1820 Harmonia Twsp, Butler Co, PA
- **Note:** John Yeager and family listed on page 131. Ages fit with known family except for the father, John, whose age is given as 26 to 44. The 2 males 0 - 10 years: Jacob and Francis; 2 females 0 - 10: Catherine and Elizabeth. The mother Elizabeth was 20, as indicated with one listed in the 16 to 25 age group. The next oldest male, whom we may figure is husband John should be in the same group IF we have his age correct in our records or the records made an error. This person is listed in the 26 to 44 group. There is also an older male living with the family, listed in the 45 and up category. This might be Elizabeth's father, Daniel Duke who came west with the family, John's father, or some other older relative ⁴

- *Event:* Left Butler Co, PA Moved Residence 1832 Moved to Union Twsp, Stark Co, OH
- *Note:*

From a biography on John Snider, "History of Defiance County, Ohio" (see sources) published in 1883. Goes into some detail about Snider's son-in-law, Thomas Yeager and Thomas' family. Gives date of move to Stark County, Union Township.

Yeager would have been about 45 years of age, his wife, (Mary) Elizabeth 42. The two older living children, Catharine and Jacob would have been 18 and 19 years old, old enough to remain or go along with the family. The only information known is about Jacob, b abt 1814 is that he died in 1857. If the John Yeager family living in Franklin Twsp, Portage Co, OH in the 1840 Census is "our" family, there are no family members in the age categories to be these two. They may have married and established their own homes on the way.

- *Occupation:* Probably a "sawyer" 1832+ Franklin Twsp, Portage Co, OH
- *Note:* Noting the path this family and others who seemed to move along to the same places at about the same time seems to have coincided with that of the canal builders making tree removal a must. In addition, several of the sons were listed as "sawyers" in the 1850 Census. Later, son John D. and his sons, William E and John Wesley became Saw Mill owners.
- *Event:* Moved Residence 1842 Moved to Perrysburg, Wood Co, OH
- *Note:* The family remained at this location only two years before moving to Henry County in 1844. ⁵
- *Event:* Moved Residence 1844 Near Florida, Henry Co, OH
- *Note:* With the six younger children 16 years old and under, their mother, (Mary) Elizabeth Duke Yeager died in 1845. She had born 15 children, most of whom lived to adulthood and quite a few to old age.
- *Event:* Second Marriage 9 Jun 1846 Defiance Co, OH
- *Note:* They were married by the Justice of the Peace, Benjamin B. Abbott ⁶
- *Event:* Death 4 Oct 1863 nr Wolcottville, LaGrange Co, IN
- *Note:* John Yeager is buried in the Witmer Cemetery, Grave #5, Lot 104. Listed as Pierce/Witmer/Woodruff south of 700S W of State Road 9". Found and photographed when in northern Indiana.
- *Change Date:* 2 Oct 2005 at 13:08
- *Note:*

Some biographical sources published late 1800 or early 1900 give place of birth as Butler Co, PA. All agree the family lived in PA at the time their older children were born. Probably Beaver or Butler Cos was where the marriage of John and Elizabeth Duke took place.

Marriage 1 [Elizabeth SHASTEEN](#) b: 29 Dec 1791 in Beaver, PA

- *Married*: 9 Jun 1846 in Defiance Co., OH
- *Marriage Contract*: 9 Jun 1846 in Defiance Co., OH
- *Note*: Married bt Benj B Abott, J. P. [7](#)
- *Change Date*: 2 Oct 2005

Children

1. [Daniel YEAGER](#) b: Abt 1811 in Butler Co, PA
2. [Mary YEAGER](#) b: Abt 1816 in Butler Co PA
3. [Catharine YEAGER](#) b: Abt 1813 in Butler Co PA
4. [Elizabeth YEAGER](#) b: Abt 1820 in Butler Co PA
5. [Jacob YEAGER](#) b: Abt 1814 in Butler Co PA
6. [Rebecca J YEAGER](#) b: Abt 1825 in Butler Co PA
7. [Francis YEAGER](#) b: Abt 1817 in Butler Co PA
8. [John D\(uke?\) YEAGER](#) b: 12 Oct 1823 in Lancaster, Butler Co, PA
9. [Absalom YEAGER](#) b: Abt 1826 in Butler Co PA
10. [Thomas YEAGER](#) b: 9 Nov 1828 in Butler Co PA
11. [Susan YEAGER](#) b: Abt 1830 in Butler Co PA
12. [Andrew R YEAGER](#) b: 13 Sep 1832 in Stark Co OH
13. [Samuel YEAGER](#) b: Abt 1835 in OH
14. [Amelia YEAGER](#) b: 27 Sep 1837 in Portage Co, OH
15. [Sarah YEAGER](#) b: Abt 1839 in OH

Sources:

1. Abbrev: Gingrich-Yeager Family History
Title: Our Family History
Author: Lutie Yeager Gingrich
Publication: Unpublished; Brownwood, Brown Co, TX, compiled January-February 1961
Date: 23 Dec 2004
Repository:
Name: Nancy White Curry
Granada Hills, CA 91344 USA
2. Abbrev: Defiance, Henry, Williams, & Fulton County History
Title: Defiance, Henry, Williams, & Fulton County History
Author: J. H. Beers & Co
Publication: J. H. Beers & Co, Carnegie Library, Brian, Ohio
Text: "Captain Yeager was born November 9, 1828 in Butler county, Pennsylvania, a son of John and Elizabeth (Duke) Yeager, also natives of the Keystone State, the former born of German blood, the latter of Scotch descent. Their marriage occured in Butler county, Pennsylvania, wence they afterward came to Ohio residing for two years in Stark county, three years in Portage county, two years in Wood county, then settling in Florida, Henry county, where the mother died in 1845 at the age of fifty-four years. Her father also died in that locality. After spending four years there our subject's father removed to Wolcottville, Lagrange, Indiana and his death occurred there in 1863 when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-three years."
Page: p 33
Quality: 2
3. Abbrev: Williams Co, OH Biographies
Title: The County of Williams

Author: W,H. Shinn

Publication: 1905, Madison. WI, Northwest Hist. Assn.

Note:

Brian Carnegie Library, Brian, OH

4. Abbrev: 1820 US Census, Harmonia Twsp, Butler Co, PA

Title: Harmonia Twspm PA US Census, 1820

Publication: Yeager, John - 0 to 10, males, 2; females, 2; 10 to 15, males. 0' females, 0; 16 to 18, 0; 16 to 26 females, 1; 26 to 44, 1 male; 45 and up, 1 male

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Quality: 0

5. Abbrev: History of Defiance County, Ohio

Title: History of Defiance County, Ohio

Publication: Warner Beers & Co, Chicago 1883

Text: from a bio on John and Nancy Snider:

Lists eleven of their children, all still living, among which is "Mary T. Snider, , born November 6, 1833 (married to Thomas Yeager May 5, 1853) "

The bio continues with many details on Thomas Yeager and his family:

"Thomas Yeager was born November 9, 1828, in Butler County, Penn. His parents were John and Mary E, (Duke) Yeager, who had a family of fifteen children -- Daniel, died at the age of two years; Catherine, Jacob, died 1857; Mary, died 1865, Francis, was in the army in the late war and had his leg shot off (amputated), and died from the wound at Alexandria. He had enlisted in a Michigan regiment; Elizabeth, John, Rebecca J., Absalom, Thomas, Susan, Andrew, Amelia, Samuel, who married Martha daughter of John and Nancy Snider, who were old pioneers; and Sarah.

"His father was of German descent, his mother Scotch. They moved from Butler County, Penn., when the subject of this sketch was about four years of age, and located in Stark County, in Union Township; from there to Portage County, near the place now known as Kent; from there to Perrysburg, Wood County, in 1842; then to Henry County, in 1844. His mother died there in 1845 aged fifty-four years. His father then moved to Prairie Duemasque, and married Wiidow Shasteen; he then moved to Lagrange County, Ind.

"The subject of this sketch left home at the age of nineteen years coming to Evansport in October 1847, penniless. He received his first schooling by working nights and mornings for the board, thereafter he taught the district school six years, in which he received his education; married Mary T Snider, May 5, 1853, by whom he had five children of whom the following two are living -- John A, born December 25, 1856; Nancy E., born June 13, 1858.

"After marriage, he farmed for three years, then engaged in the merchantile business, at which he still continues at Evansport, keeping an excellent general store.

"He enlisted in the army in y\the late war; in June 1863, raised a company for the service (Company E, Eighty-sixth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry), and went out as Captain of said company on

the six months' call. He served his time, then returned and resumed the mercantile business; he has been very successful, having set up his son, John A., and his son-in-law, A.C. Cameron, in the same business in Evansport.

"Mr Yeager taught school in Evansport in which he received his education, also his son, John A, and his wife, Ella M. Ashbrookm also his son-in-law, A. C. Cameron, and hu\is wife, Nancy E., have alltaught in the same school in Evansport in which they all attended school. Mr. Yeager's wife was a school teacher also, and has taught in this county, but not at Evansport.

"John A Yeager, the first child and eldest son of Thomas Yeager, was born December 25, 1856. He had the advantages of a common school education, and graduated at Valparaiso, Ind. He taught in the district school in his native town (Evansport) several terms, then entered the store of his father as clerk for a time, and then entered into partnership in the same business with his brother-in-law, A.C. Cameron, and still continues in the same. He wasarried March 23, 1879, to Miss Ella M., daughter of Thomas and Susan (Demorest) Ashbrook, who was born March 16, 1858. They have one child -- Mattie Belle, born Januar 15, 1881."

Repository:

Name: Los Angeles City Library
Los Angeles, CA Los Angeles

6. Abbrev: Defiance County Marriage Book
Title: Defiance County Marriage Book
Text: John Yeager and Elizabeth Shasteen, m 9 June 1846. Benj. B. Abott (sic), J.P.

Note:

According to the Warner Beers & Co, 1883 book "History of Defiance Co, OH (Los Angeles City Lib), "His father (John Yeager) then moved to Prairie Duemasque, and married Widow Shasteen; he then moved to LaGrange County, Ind."

7. Abbrev: Marriage Sources
Title: Defiance Co, Marriages
Author: Defiance County

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