

CATHERINE LESTER

2k. Catherine Lester, b. 1802(M), d. March 5, 1885(F), bur Red Oak Grove Cem, m. April 10, 1824(M), John H. Sowers, b. Sept 12, 1797, d. Dec 1, 1876, bur Red Oak Grove Cem, son of Henry & Mary Sowers; 6 children: Hulen, Joseph, Timandra, Eliza E., Asa L., Mary.

Catherine's husband, John Sowers, was the youngest son of Henry & Mary Sowers. Henry Sowers, one of the pioneer German-American settlers of present Floyd County, settled on Little River about 1793. It is believed that he came from Frederick County, Maryland. Henry was a charter member and faithful attendant of Zion Lutheran Church, founded in 1813. John was baptized in that church.

Henry left his son John a large tract of land in the Red Oak Grove section. Many of the descendants of John and Catherine Sowers are living in Floyd County today, as well as in adjoining counties.

3a. Hulen L. Sowers, b. 1826, d. ca. 1864, of pneumonia in hospital, Staunton, Va.; Pvt, Co. H, 51st Va. Inf., CSA; m. July 16, 1849(F), Margaret J. Yearout, b. March 29, 1829, d. Dec 25, 1914(F), bur Red Oak Grove Cem, dau of Charles & Mary E. (Todd) Yearout; 8 children: James Asa, Joseph Andrew Jackson, Mary Ellen, Catherine, John W., Virginia, Nancy E., Amanda. (Margaret Yearout Sowers, m. (2) Dec 24, 1872(F), Jacob Lampe, wid).

Hulen was named for Catherine's brother Hulen, a family name of some significance. He died in the Civil War.

4a. James Asa Sowers, b. 1850, d. 1932(F), bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Aug 13, 1878(F), Eliza Adaway Lesueur, b. Oct 17, 1852, d. 1940(F), bur Jacksonville Cem, dau of James & Nancy Lesueur; 4 children. James Asa was appointed Surveyor of Floyd County and filled this position for many years.

5a. Mary Alma Sowers, b. 1879, d. 1972, bur Jacksonville Cem, m. May 17, 1924 (Warren, Pa), Arthur Winchester, no children.

5b. Ruby Sowers, b. 1881, d. 1966, bur Jacksonville Cem, m. J. T. Akers, no children.

5c. Joseph A. Sowers, b. April 8, 1883, d. March 23, 1967, bur Jacksonville Cem, m. Lucy (Bea) Scott, b. Dec 1, 1894, d. Jan 11, 1979, bur Jacksonville Cem, dau of Nathan Breckinridge & Lucy (Via) Scott; 6 children: Frank, Malcolm, Scott, Ralph, Lucy Joe, Paul. Joe Sowers was cashier of the Floyd County Bank for many years.