

Ancestors of James A Altemus

Generation No. 1

1. James A Altemus He was the son of **2. James J Altemus** and **3. Mary Ellen Mentch**.

Notes for James A Altemus:

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From: jsewj<connectionbroker@cbsvc.myfamily.com>

To: <bobcraig@access-4-free.com>

Subject: Looking for information about James Altemus

Date: Sun, 17 Oct 2004 22:14:42

Dear RobertCraig369,

I saw a tree you posted on Ancestry called: 'June 12, 2004 Craig Fleming'. I wanted to learn more about James Altemus. Here is the information I found:

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Birth Place: Oxhey, Hertford, , England

Death Date: 21 Feb 1616

Death Place:

Do you have more information about this person or your tree that could share with me?

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Thank you,

jsewj

More About James A Altemus:

Notes (Facts Pg): October 19, 2004, Ancestry

Generation No. 2

2. James J Altemus, born June 10, 1858 in Indiana Co., Indiana PA; died 1908 in Rapid City, SD. He was the son of **4. James Altemus** and **5. Mary Dorney**. He married **3. Mary Ellen Mentch**.

3. Mary Ellen Mentch, born 1854 in Brushvalley, PA; died August 07, 1938 in Mission, SD. She was the daughter of **6. Alexander Mentch** and **7. Mary ???**.

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More About James J Altemus:

Notes (Facts Pg): October 18, 2004, connectionbroker@cbsvc.myfamily.com

Children of James Altemus and Mary Mentch are:

- i. Ira V Altemus
- ii. Charles W Altemus
- 1 iii. James A Altemus
- iv. George C Altemus
- v. Mary Grace Altemus, born June 11, 1885 in Rapid City, SD; died October 01, 1971 in Tacoma, WA; married Knox.

Notes for Mary Grace Altemus:

Info from obituary of Mary Ellen Altemus, August 7, 1938

Generation No. 3

4. James Altemus He married **5. Mary Dorney.**

5. Mary Dorney

Child of James Altemus and Mary Dorney is:

- 2 i. James J Altemus, born June 10, 1858 in Indiana Co., Indiana PA; died 1908 in Rapid City, SD; married Mary Ellen Mentch.

6. Alexander Mentch, born December 27, 1796 in Frederick Co., MD; died October 16, 1877 in Buffington Twp., Indiana Co., PA. He was the son of **12. Adam Mensh** and **13. ???**. He married **7. Mary ???** 1828.

7. **Mary ???**, born May 12, 1812 in PA; died July 04, 1856 in Buffington Twp., Indiana Co., PA.

Notes for Alexander Mentch:

Notes for ALEXANDER MENTCH:

Came to Indiana County, PA between 1820 and 1830. He is not listed in the 1820 census but is in the 1830 census p. 262 in Green Twp., Indiana Co., PA

1850 Census Brushvalley Township, Indiana Co., PA

Alexander Mench age 53 M Farmer b Maryland

Mary Mench age 38 F b Pennsylvania

Isaac age 21 M Farmer

John age 16 M

Eliza age 14 F

Harriet age 12 F

Caroline age 10 F

Sarah age 7 F

George age 3 M

William age 2 M

Michael Cramer age 21 M

Margaret Cramer age 17 F

1860 Census Cherryhill Twp., Indiana Co., PA

Isaac Mentch age 30 M Farmer

Hannah Mentch age 21 F House keeper

Alexander Mentch M Day Laborer

Sarah Mentch age 17 F housekeeper

George Mentch age 13 M

Alexander Mentch age 4 M

Indiana County SS

Be it remembered that on the 29th day of October AD 1878, letters of Administration in Common form on the estate of Alexander Mentch late of Buffington Township dec'd on the 16th day of October 1877 at 5:00 o'clock PM were granted to George Strong he having first given bond to the Commonwealth in the sum of Four Hundred Dollars conditioned. According to the law. J. Davidson and G. Camerson As Security. Same Day Administration. Sworn according to law. R. O. McClusky, Deputy Register

More About ALEXANDER MENTCH:

Burial: Brushvalley Lutheran Cemetery, Brushvalley, PA8

Will: Estate of Alexander Mentch, WB 4 p 446, 1887, Indiana Courthouse9

Bob -- here is the Mentch file as it currently stands. Most of the information has come from the Mentch family and from the Cemetery at Brushvalley, and also the Greenwood Cemetery. We live in Penn Run just about a half mile from the farm of Clyde Morton Mentch. However we are spending the winter at 2950 S E Ocean Blvd., Kingswood Bldg 19 Unit 4, Stuart, FL 34996. If there are no emergencies back home we will be here until the third week of April.

I have also attached the Craig file. The Craigs I have are intermarried with the Campbells. My wife's brother's wife is Tillie Craig. I have very little on the Holmes family at this point. It should be in the Mentch file. Take care, Ch B

Bob -- Don't think that we have ever corresponded but I am interested in the above names. I am married to Lola Ellen Mentch, daughter of Clyde Martin Mentch and Lola Blanche Martin. I have a lot of the Mentch genealogy as well as the Craig family from Indiana. Would like to share information if that would be ok with you. Ch B

More About Alexander Mentch:

Burial: Brushvalley Lutheran Cemetery, Brushvalley, PA

Will: 1887, Indiana Courthouse, PA

More About Mary ???:

Burial: Brushvalley Lutheran Cemetery, Brushvalley, PA

Children of Alexander Mentch and Mary ??? are:

- i. Isaac Alexander Mentch, born July 23, 1830 in Buffington Twp., Indiana Co., PA; died July 24, 1878 in Cherryhill Twp., Indiana Co., PA; married Hannah Kellar; born June 18, 1838 in Cherryhill Twp., Indiana Co., PA; died December 25, 1926 in Cherryhill Twp., Indiana Co., PA.

Notes for Isaac Alexander Mentch:

Notes for ISAAC ALEXANDER MENTCH:

Indiana Co., Cherryhill Township, 1870 Census

Mench, Isaac age 40 m w farmer b PA

Hannah age 29 F w Keeping house b PA

Franklin age 10 M W

George W. age 8 M w

Mary age 7 F w

Ella age 5 F w

Jane age 2 F w

Isaac 1 M 2

Kellar, Catherine age 65 F w Keeping House b PA

Isaac was the executor of his Father's will.

More About ISAAC ALEXANDER MENTCH:

Burial: Brushvalley Lutheran Cemetery, Brushvalley, Indiana Co., PA17

Will: Estate of Isaac Mentch, WB 4, p 495, 1878, Indiana County Courthouse18

Notes for Hannah Kellar:

Notes for HANNAH KELLAR:

WB 22, p 210, #12380, Indiana Courthouse, Indiana, Indiana County, PA

Last Will and Testament of Hannah Mentch

I Hannah Mench, of the Township of Cherryhill , County of Indiana, and State of Pennsylvania do hereby make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made.

First: I direct that my just debts and funeral expenses be fully paid.

Second: I have entered into a contract with Isaac A. Mench for a sale of my farm in Cherryhill Township, Indiana County, Pennsylvania upon the consideration that he shall furnish me a good and sufficient living and support during my life and upon my death shall pay to my executor the sum of \$2500.00 which contract is in writing and bears date of September 29, 1903, and is in the care of S. J. Telford. I hereby authorize my said executor hereinafter named to make, execute and deliver to the said Isaac A. Mench a deed for said farm. Excepting and reserving the coal and mining rights and release of damage to the surface, which deed shall be delivered to said Isaac A. Mench upon his performance of the consideration and the payment to my said executor of the sum of \$2500.00.

Third: I give devise and bequeath to Isaac A. Mench the one-sixth part of my estate less the sum of \$500.00 which I have advanced to him during my life time and which I direct shall be deducted from the said on-sixth part of my estate.

Fourth: To my son, George W. Mench, I give and devise the one-sixth part of my estate. If however, before the final settlement thereof he shall not appear and make claim thereto, then I direct that the portion of my estate bequeathed to him shall pass to his children and shall be paid to them by my executor hereinafter named share and share alike.

Fifth: To my remaining children, Mary Holmes, Ella coy, Jennie Shaw, and Frank L. Mench, I give and bequeath the remaining four-sixths of my estate share and share alike, so that each shall receive a one-sixth part thereof.

Sixth: I hereby constitute and appoint S. J. Telford executor of this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I, Hannah Mench the testatrix above named, have hereunto subscribed my name and set my seal this 18th day of September AD 1918. Hannah Mench (Seal)

Signed, sealed published and declared by the above named, Hannah Mench, as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who have hereunto subscribed our name at her request as witnesses thereto, in the presence of the testatrix and of each other. S. J. Telford, Mabel Telford

Indiana County SS

Before me, Dollie W. Ayers, Register for the Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration in and for said County, personally appeared Mabel Telford one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument of writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Hannah Mentch, late of Cherryhill Township in the County of Indiana, deceased, who being sworn according to law, depose and say she was personally present and saw and heard the said testatrix sign, seal and declare the foregoing instrument of writing, as and for her Last will and Testament, and that she signed her name as witness to said Instrument of writing in the presence of said testatrix and at her request, and in the presence of S. J. Telford, and at the time of signing the same she, the said testatrix was of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, to the best of her knowledge and belief, and that as she shall answer to God at the Great Day. Mabel Telford

Sworn and subscribed this 17" day of February AD 1927

State of Pennsylvania, County of Indiana SS

Be it remembered that on this 17" day of February AD 1927, personal appeared before me, Register of Wills of said County, Elmer Borland and Claude E. Bath, who being duly sworn according to law depose and say that they were well acquainted with S. J. Telford late of Indiana Borough, Indiana County, Pennsylvania: that they have frequently seen him write his name: that S. J. Telford is now deceased that they have carefully examined his signature as one of the subscribing witnesses to a certain instrument or writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Hannah Mench late of Cherryhill Twp., Indiana County, deceased, dated the 18" day of Sept. AD 1918 and that said signature is in the proper hand writing of the said S. J. Telford as they verily believe. Elmer Borland, Claude E. Bath
Sworn and subscribed before me this 17" day of February AD 1927, Dollie W. Ayers, Registers of Wills

Indiana County SS

Personally came E. E. Lewis who being duly sworn according to law says that Hannah Mentch late of said County, died on the 1st day of Jan. 1927 at 1:00 PM and further saith not. Savings, Trust Company. Admn C.T.A. E. E. Lewis, Trust Officer, Sworn and subscribed this 17" day of February AD 1927, Dollie W. Ayers, Register

Indiana County SS

E. E. Lewis, Trust Officer of Savings & Trust Co., of Indiana, PA do swear by Almighty God, the searcher of all hearts, that as Administrator CTA of the estate of Hannah Mentch, late of Cherryhill Twp., deceased I will well and truly administer the goods and chattels and credits of said deceased, according to law and also that I will diligently and faithfully regard and will and truly comply with the provisions of the law relative to collateral inheritances, and that as I shall answer to God at the Great Day. E. E. Lewis, Trust Officer, Sworn and subscribed, this 17" day of Feb. AD 1927, Dollie W. Ayers, Register

And now February 17" 1927, it being adjudged that said Will has been duly proved, it is now admitted to probate and ordered recorded, and letters of Administration C.T.A. are hereby granted to Savings & Trust Company E. E. Lewis, Trust Officer, it having first given bond to the Commonwealth in the sum of Seventy Two Hundred Dollars.

Same Day Administrator duly qualified. See Bond Book No 18 Page 550 Dollie W. Ayers

Died at the home of Frank Lincoln Mentch on Christmas Day. Had 23 grandchildren and 42 great-grandchildren at her death. She lived with Frank Lincoln for 10 years prior to her death. Husband died 48 years before her decease. Used to sit on her porch rocker and smoke a pipe. She was willed the farm that George lived on known as the Reece Farm.

More About HANNAH KELLAR:

Burial: Brushvalley Lutheran Cemetery, Brushvalley, Indiana Co., PA19

Church Attended: Brushvalley Lutheran Church19

Confirmation: October 1, 1853 at Brushvalley Lutheran Church, Brushvalley, PA19

- ii. Margaret Ann Mentch, born January 31, 1833 in Brushvalley Twp., Indiana Co., PA; married Michael Cramer; born February 27, 1829 in PA.
- iii. John Mentch, born December 03, 1834 in Buffington Twp., Indiana Co., PA; died February 02, 1895 in Winfield County, Kansas; married Hannah Potts 1857 in New York or PA.

Notes for John Mentch:

Notes for JOHN MENTCH:

Census 1860 Cherryhill Twp., Indiana Co., PA

John Mentch 24 M shoemaker b PA

Hannah age 19

Margaret E. age 3

Isaac A. 5 moCensus for John Mench (Mentch) in Winfield, Cowley County, Kansas 1870, page 11 and 12, and have decided that Margaret was in fact his oldest child.

Mench, John 35 mill right Penn

Hannah 30 Keeps housePenn

Ellen (Margaret E)12 PA

I. Agustus (Isaac A) 10

Albert 8

Anna (Francis) 6

(Have Anna listed as a mail, she is female)

These are all the children't middle names

Also listed in the next lines are:

Mench, W. W. 21 Farmer Penn

Mench, Alex 65 Farmer Penn

Mench, G. W. 23 Farmer Penn

Alex 14 Farmer Penn

They are not found in the 1880 census but there is one page missing from what they have. Maybe they are on that page. The family was there until his death.

More About John Mentch:

E-Mail (Facts Pg) 1: May 06, 2002, Belva

- iv. Carolina Mentch, born 1841 in Buffington Twp., Indiana Co., PA; died in South Dakota; married James Strong May 17, 1854; born February 04, 1834 in Pennsylvania; died September 06, 1901 in South Dakota.

Notes for Carolina Mentch:

Notes for CAROLINA MENTCH:

Evidently Caroline Mentch and James Strong were in Rapid City SD in 1885 with Mary Ellen Mentch and James J. Altemus according to information from Sonya Stewart sfstewart@juno.com

More About CAROLINA MENTCH:

Lived in: South Dakota -- 1885 until her death

Notes for James Strong:

More About JAMES STRONG:

Lived in: South Dakota -- 1885 until his death

- v. Elizabeth Mentch, born 1836 in Buffington Twp., Indiana Co., PA; married Abraham Kaufman October 22, 1857 in Scotts Exchange, Indiana Co., PA; born 1834 in Center Twp., Indiana Co., PA.

Notes for Elizabeth Mentch:
Married at Scotts Exchange by Rev. S. P. Bollman

- vi. Harriet Mentch, born 1839 in Buffington Twp., Indiana Co., PA; died 1930 in PA; married George Saunder Strong June 29, 1858 in At Residence of Bride's father, Alexander Mentch, Cherry Hill Twp, Indiana Co., PA; born August 01, 1829 in Pine Twp., Indiana Co., PA; died March 13, 1906 in Strongstown, Brushvalley Twp., Indiana Co., PA.

Notes for Harriet Mentch:
Notes for HARRIET MENTCH:
On October 3, 1930 Harriet Strong is pictured in a 6 generation photo in Apollo. Over in Apollo there is a family composed of six generations. the family originally were well-known residents of Buffington Township. Above we see the six generation family. Seated in the center is the great-great grandmother, Mrs. Harriet Strong, aged 91 years. Behind her is her daughter-in-law Mrs. Lottie Strong the great-grandmother. At the extreme right is her grandson, Emery Strong, the grandfather. At the extreme left is her great-grandson, Wilbur Strong, the father. Seated on his father's lap is Clarence Strong, the great-great grandson and seated on his grandfather's lap is Wayne Cresswell, the other great-great Grandson, son of Mrs. Mabel Strong Cresswell

More About HARRIET MENTCH:
Burial: Pineland Cemetery, Strongstown, Indiana Co., PA51

Notes for GEORGE SAUNDER STRONG:
1880 Census, Buffington, Indiana, Pennsylvania p 190A

George Strong self m age 51 PA
Harriot Strong wife m age 41 PA
Amos Strong son s age 21 PA
Ellen Mentch neice s age 26 PA
Alex Mentch nephew s age 23 PA
Amanda Brown other s age 15 PA

More About GEORGE SAUNDER STRONG:
Burial: Pineland Cemetery, Strongstown, Indiana Co., PA52
Lived in: Purchased the farm of Alexander Mentch #3443 P 505, Indiana Co.. Oct 29, 187853

Marriage Notes for HARRIET MENTCH and GEORGE STRONG:
Married by Rev. W. S. Emery

Land: Mentch/Strong Property Purchase 1878, Indiana Co, PA

SUBJECT: Mentch/Strong property purchase 1878
SUBMITTER: Ch B
EMAIL: crybaby@twd.net
DATE: Oct 18, 1998
SURNAMES: Strong, Mentch
Property of Alexander Mentch #3443 p 505 Indiana Co., October 29, 1878
purchased by George Saunder Strong and Harriet Mentch his wife.

29 June 1858

MARRIED. In Cherryhill township, on the 24th inst., at the residence of the bride's father by Rev. W.S. Emery, MR. GEORGE STRONG of Pine township, and MISS HARRIET MENTCH, of Cherryhill township.

More About Harriet Mentch:
Property: 1878, Indiana Co., PA

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More About George Saunder Strong:

Burial: Strongstown, Brushvalley Twp., Indiana Co., PA

- vii. Sarah Mentch, born 1843 in Buffington Twp., Indiana Co., PA; died December 1870 in Akron, OH; married Henry Kellar February 17, 1861 in At Home of Abraham Cauffman by Rev. W. S. Emery; born 1841 in Cherryhill Twp., Indiana Co., PA; died April 13, 1867 in Cherryhill Twp., Indiana Co., PA.

More About Sarah Mentch:

Burial: Ohio

Notes for Henry Kellar:

Notes for HENRY KELLAR:

Marriage information from the Indiana Weekly Messenger February 22, 1917 -- "Files of Many Years Ago" February 27, 1861

#2348 April 13 1867, Cherryhill Twp., Indiana Co., PA George Strong and Sarah M. Kellar (Widow) Isaac Mentch and John Mentch security

More About HENRY KELLAR:

Burial: Brushvalley Lutheran Cemetery, Brushvalley, PA57

Lived in: Lived on Frank Lincoln Mentch farm

Military Service: Bet. August 31, 1864 - June 26, 1865, Civil War Co I 206th Reg PVI Pvt57

- viii. George Mentch, born September 11, 1847 in Brushvalley, PA; died 1904 in South Dakota.

Notes for George Mentch:

Notes for GEORGE MENTCH:

George W. Mentch, a leading citizen of Pennington County, is a native of Indiana County, Pennsylvania, Born on September 11, 1847, and remained in his native county until he reached the age of twenty-three being educated there and afterward following farming for a livelihood. In 1870 he moved to the neighborhood of Winfield, in southwestern Kansas, and during the next seven years was occupied in farming there. In 1877 he came to the Black Hills, arriving at Rapid City on May 17th. In December of the same year he went to the mining district around Cockerill, where he remained until the ensuing fall, when he returned to Rapid City and took up a homestead on Rapid Creek, ten miles from town. Here he engaged in farming and raising stock. He was one of the first men in this part of the state to take an active part in organizing Sunday School and church work, and during the whole period of his residence here he has been zealous and energetic in all forms of religious enterprise. For a few years lately he has been partially retired from active business pursuits, but he still retains an interest in the stock industry. From his advent into this country he has been active and forceful in local public affairs, and is regarded as one of the leading citizens of Pennington County, In politics he is a loyal and devoted Republican, and to the service of his party he has ever been a willing and helpful contributor. His first vote was cast for General Grant for President, and since casting it he has never altered in the support the party's principles and candidates. Although essentially a man of peace, he has always been ready for military service when the best interest of the country demanded it. He served in defense of the Union during the closing year of the Civil war in an independent company organized in Pennsylvania, and here in the west he has never failed to take his place in the ranks against savage fury and treachery. George was still living in SD in 1904. Listed in the Pennington Co., 1880 Census. George Mentch, Pennington Co., Rapid Valley Page # 118

Rapid Valley is now a part of metropolitan Rapid City SD located on the east side of town.

Information from the History of South Dakota by Doane Robinson (1904), Vol. II, pp 1615-1616

More About GEORGE MENTCH:

Lived in: Went to South Dakota with his sister Mary Ellen Mentch Altemus in 1884

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 - ix. William Mentch, born 1848 in Buffington Twp., Indiana Co., PA.
 - x. Mary Ellen Mentch, born 1854 in Brushvalley, PA; died August 07, 1938 in Mission, SD; married James J Altemus.
 - xi. Alexander Mentch, born 1856 in Cherryhill Twp., Indiana Co., PA; married Carrie E Shepherd August 31, 1882; born in Twolick, PA.

Generation No. 4

12. Adam Mensh, born in Frederick Co., MD. He married **13. ???**.

13. ???

Notes for Adam Mensh:

Notes for ADAM MENSCH:

Line could also have come from Peter Mensh from Baltimore City, MD 1790 Census

Child of Adam Mensh and ??? is:

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