Hole Family Tree Created from Manuscript Items
from Campbell Township, Jennings County, Indiana

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Named after Indiana’s first governor, Jonathan Jennings, Jennings County was formed in 1817 and is situated in southeastern Indiana. Settlers founded Campbell Township in 1825 and shortly thereafter incorporated the town of Butlerville. Joseph Hole, one of the early pioneers to Campbell Township, settled in Butlerville in 1853 as a farmer and beekeeper from Columbiana County, Ohio.¹

In 2001 Paul A. Carr sent a box of manuscript items to Teresa M. Baer, of Family History Publications at the Indiana Historical Society Press, with permission to photocopy the material before returning it to him. The items consist of newspaper clippings, a journal, obituaries, letters, and miscellaneous genealogical information.² Making sense of these items has led to a creation of the Hole family tree. (Note that this tree is only a start and has room for more branches to be added.) The Hole family tree is comprised of the family originally living near Butlerville, but as the children grew up, they moved away as far as Missouri, Ohio, Iowa, Nebraska, and California.

Creating a family tree from such material can seem daunting, but records such as marriage and census records can help fill in gaps in the manuscript items. For example, Joseph Hole’s eldest daughter, Evelyn, married Enemore Malmsberry in 1873.³ In the 1880 census, Enemore is listed as a house carpenter. Lizzie, Evelyn’s sister, who lived with them in Iowa at the time, worked as a teacher.⁴ None of the manuscript items mention Lizzie living in Iowa, but a Mrs. Evelyn Malmsberry was mentioned in her sister’s obituary. Obituaries can supply birth dates, marriage dates, the names of siblings and children, and where the deceased was born and to where he or she moved.

A journal and family correspondence can confirm family ties and help the researcher understand what life was like for the family in question. For example, in a journal entry dated
November 26, 1896, Ella M. Hole notes that she and her mother visited the grave of her father on what would have been her parents’ fiftieth wedding anniversary. According to the 1900 census, Ella lived with only her sister Lizzie. In an undated newspaper clipping found within the collection, the obituary of Esther (Pyle) Hole states that she died December 21, 1898, answering the question of why Ella’s mother was not also included in the 1900 census record.

This article may be useful for genealogists and anyone interested in how to start and/or further develop their family tree.

Notes

2. Collection of manuscript items, from Paul Carr, on Jennings County, Indiana, 1883–1941. Any subsequent mention of these items within the Jennings clipping file, Family History Publications, Indiana Historical Society.
5. 1900 U.S. census, Campbell Township, Jennings County, Indiana, roll T623, enumeration district 101, page 1B, family number 17, Ella Hole, online at http://www.ancestry.com/.
Joseph Hole
  b. 1823 in Columbiana County, Ohio
  d. between 1880 and 1896

m. November 26, 1846, in Ohio Esther Pyle
  b. November 29, 1822, Chester County, Pennsylvania
  d. December 21, 1898

Children:

1. Henry Hole
   b. 1849 in Ohio
   d. between 1896 and 1911
   m. 1st between 1870 and 1883, Emma (———) Hole (b. 1850 in Ohio; d. between 1890 and 1896)
      Children:
      1. Albert G., b. 1883 in Indiana
      2. Frank R., b. 1885 in Indiana
      3. Mirtle L., b. 1886, in Nebraska
      4. Fredrick H., b. 1890 in Nebraska

   m. 2nd 1896, Stella (———) Hole (b. 1866 in Indiana; d. after 1896)

Henry was a carpenter.

2. Evelyn/Evaline Hole
   b. January 1852 in Ohio
   d. after 1925
   m. February 20, 1873, in Jennings County, Indiana, Enemore Malsberry (b. December 1846 in Ohio).
      Children:
      1. Frank B., b. 1875 in Iowa
      2. Ida H., b. May 1877 in Indiana
      3. Clyde H., b. June 1878 in Iowa

Enemore was a carpenter. Clyde H. worked at a mine in Mexico.
3. Elizabeth/Lizzie Hole
   b. 1854/5 in Indiana
   d. after 1930
   m. about 1908 Calvin Sanders (b. 1847 in Indiana)

   Calvin was a carpenter.

4. Charles Hole
   b. August 1856 in Indiana,
   d. after 1911
   m. 1896 Sarah (———) Hole (b. March 1865 in Kentucky)
     Children:
     1. Ruth E., b. December 1897 in Indiana
     2. Esther E., b. June 1899 in Indiana

   Charles was a farmer.

5. Linda/Linnie Hole
   b. January 2, 1861 in Indiana,
   d. 1911
   m. November 2, 1887, in Jennings County, Indiana, George Swarthout (d. before 1910)
     Children:
     1. Ella, d. 1906
     2. Grace

6. Mary E./Ella Hole
   b. 1863/4 in Indiana
   d. after 1930
   m. about 1902 L. M./Landon/Matt Kibler (b. 1857 in Tennessee)
     Children:
     1. Kirk, b. 1904 in Indiana
     2. Florence, b. 1906 in Indiana

   L. M. was a farmer.