

Ancestors of Ida Mae Surface

Generation No. 1

1. **Ida Mae Surface**, born July 28, 1870; died September 1954 in Brazoria, Texas. She was the daughter of 2. **Noah S. Surface** and 3. **Sarah Catherine Ridenour**. She married (1) **Levi Sherman Runnels** October 18, 1889. He was born Abt. 1866 in Huntington County, Indiana, and died Abt. December 24, 1923 in Houston (Harris County), Texas. He was the son of Levi Runnels and Hannah Parker.

Notes for Ida Mae Surface:

On a delayed birth certificate provided to Clarence Lewis Acres Runnels (aka Lewis C. Runnels) on April 24, 1952, Levi Sherman Runnels is shown as being born in Huntington, Indiana and Ida May Surface is shown as being born in Ohio.

Ida May was born in July, 1870. May's father, Noah Surface, moved from Ohio to Kansas in 1869, or so, to homestead. It looks like Ida May's mother stayed in Ohio with the children, and then died in 1881. Noah became their guardian, noting a residence of Vassar, Kansas. I am guessing that Noah then took the children with him to Kansas. That is where she must have met Levi Sherman, who probably moved after he settled his land dispute in Huntington, sometime after 1886. Levi's first wife was from Preble County, Ohio, so he may have known Ida May when she was in Ohio, and then resumed their relationship when they were both in Kansas. Family recollections indicate that Ida May and Levi Sherman Runnels were married in 1889 (probably in Kansas)

In her later years, Ida Mae lived in Brazoria, Texas, where she owned and operated a hotel. In the early 1930's, it was seriously damaged by the hurricane that devastated Galveston.

Notes for Levi Sherman Runnels:

On a delayed birth certificate provided to Clarence Lewis Acres Runnels (aka Lewis C. Runnels) on April 24, 1952, Levi Sherman Runnels is shown as being born in Huntington, Indiana and Ida May Surface is shown as being born in Ohio.

Lewis C. Runnels also states that his father, Levi Sherman Runnels, was a teacher in Lyndon, Kansas.

Levi Sherman Runnels died intestate in Houston, TX.

In the 1900 US Census records for Osage County, KS, a Runnels family is listed as follows:

Runnels, Luther I. - Head (Based on other available information, this name is probably not correct)

Ida M. Wife

Louis A. Son (Probably Clarence Lewis Acres), born Oct. 1890 in Kansas

Nellie M. Daughter

Frances E. Daughter

Geneva M. Daughter

More About Levi Runnels and Ida Surface:

Marriage: October 18, 1889

Generation No. 2

2. **Noah S. Surface**, born February 23, 1845 in New Hope (Preble County), Ohio; died May 06, 1940. He was the son of 4. **Adam J. Surface** and 5. **Sarah I. (J.) Irick**. He married 3. **Sarah Catherine Ridenour** January 20, 1867 in Preble, Ohio by Rev. Hiram Johnson.

3. **Sarah Catherine Ridenour**, born October 04, 1845 in College Corner, OH (based on Preble Co. obit.); died Abt. November 19, 1881 in Archer (Allachua County), Florida. She was the daughter of 6. **Washington Ridenour** and 7. **Elizabeth Fudge**.

Notes for Noah S. Surface:

Noah Surface served in the Civil War. He served in the One Hundred and Fifty Sixth Ohio National Guard. This regiment was organized at Camp Dennison on May 4, 1864. In July, the regiment was brought together at Covington, and moved to Paris, KY. The regiment was soon ordered to Cumberland, Maryland to resist the rebel invasion, and, proceeding by way of Cincinnati and Parkersburgh, it reached that place on July 31, and went into camp on the hill southeast of the city. On the August 1, at three o'clock P.M., the regiment moved on the double-quick through the town and out the Baltimore turnpike about threre miles, near to Folch's Mills, where it met the enemy under Generals McCausland and Bradley Johson. The one Hundred and Fifty-sixth, although exposed to a severe fire of artillery and musketry, maintained itself well, and sustained but slight loss. The egnagement began at four o'clock, P.M. and ceased at nine o'clock. The regiment lay on its arms at night but daylight showed that the enemy had retreated. General Kelley, in a letter to Colonel Marker, complimented the regiment upon the steadiness of its line, and on the accuracy with which it returned the fire of the enemy sharp-shooters. After this engagement, the regiment remained on duty at and near Cumberland until August 26 when it was ordered to Ohio for muster out. It was mustered out at Camp Dennison on September 1, 1864. Noah Surface was a private in Company B.

Noah then went to Kansas and homesteaded in 1869. He was married three times.

His death certificate shows a birth date of Feb. 23, 1843, but lists his age as 95 in 1940. Other records show a birthdate in 1845.

Obituary published in the Preble Co, OH, newspaper (The Register-Herald) on Jun 19, 1940 noted that Noah Surface died at age 96 at his farm home near Falfurrias, TX. Information regarding his death was received in Preble County by Mrs. Harry Christman, a niece. His death resulted from complications following a fall in which he suffered a fractured hip. He as generally known in Preble County having visited there in 1925. In 1938 the aged genetleman attended the reunion held at Gettysburg, PA for veterans fo the Civil War. Immediate survivors of the deceased include a daughter, two sons and several grandchildren who live in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas.

In a Declaration for Pension, Dated 20 April, 1915, Noah Surface declared his age to be 70, and residing in Osage County, Kansas. This document shows a birth date of February 23, 1845. This Declaration also shows that he was 5'10" tall, light hair, light eyes, and light complexion.

He travelled to Douglas County, KS in 1870 and then to Osage County, KS.

P.O. Address: Lyndon, Osage County, KS

Preble County, OH, Guardianship Abstract Case # 4908 shows that Noah Surface was released from guardianship of Cora Belle (Seacord), John Worth, and Ida May Runnels on May 9, 1894. At that time, Noah Surface was in Vassar, Kansas, and apparently had been since 1882. At that time, Ida May Runnels was age 22.

Obituary for Sarah I. Irick Surface shows that Noah Surface was still in Vassar, KS in 1900.

More About Noah S. Surface:

Military service: September 01, 1864, Camp Dennison, Ohio (Discharge Date)

Sister: Lucinda Cotterman

Notes for Sarah Catherine Ridenour:

Upon Sarah's death, she was the mother of four, left husband, children, father, five brothers, and four sisters (Preble Co, OH obit abstract)

More About Sarah Catherine Ridenour:

Born (??): 1848, Brazoria, Texas (based on LDS Church)

More About Noah Surface and Sarah Ridenour:
Marriage: January 20, 1867, Preble, Ohio by Rev. Hiram Johnson

Children of Noah Surface and Sarah Ridenour are:

1.
 - i. Ida Mae Surface, born July 28, 1870; died September 1954 in Brazoria, Texas; married Levi Sherman Runnels October 18, 1889.
 - ii. Cora Bell Surface, born January 31, 1868; died Abt. September 18, 1931; married James Seacord; died Abt. October 08, 1936.
 - iii. John Worth Surface, born February 07, 1872.
 - iv. Clarence Andrew Surface, born July 26, 1879; died Bef. January 02, 1915.

Generation No. 3

4. Adam J. Surface, born March 06, 1821 in New Hope (Preble County), Ohio; died in Missouri or Kansas (Independence)?. He was the son of **8. Jacob Surface** and **9. Sarah Null**. He married **5. Sarah I. (J.) Irick** September 01, 1840 in Preble, Ohio.

5. Sarah I. (J.) Irick, born February 25, 1815 in Preble County, Ohio; died August 30, 1900 in Eaton, OH. She was the daughter of **10. Andrew Irick** and **11. Susannah Null**.

Notes for Adam J. Surface:

Adam Surface separated from his wife and moved to Independence, Kansas, and raised 9 children. He became very wealthy, later turning over land, etc. to the children.

One record indicates that Adam Surface was one of four Surface brothers that came to America from Holland and settled in the Dutch settlement in Pennsylvania, later going to Ohio. The record of this is a typed note made by Anelda Cole (?) who refers to "Uncle Clarence" as the source.

Adam Surface, and several others of his family (Jacob, Sr.; Abraham, Henry, John, and Samuel) were listed as pastors of the New Hope Church in Preble County, OH.

Adam Surface was a minister, farmer and merchant in Preble County, Ohio

See Notes under Sarah J. Irick (his wife) for more about separation.

Notes for Sarah I. (J.) Irick:

Only daughter of Andrew and Susanna Irick; had 11 children 8 survive, 30 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren. Member U.B. Church. Spent last 6 years with daughter, Mrs. Oliver (Lucinda) Cotterman. (Preble Co. obit).

About 1863, Sarah left her husband (Andrew presumably) in Cass County, Indiana (where they lived for a while?), and returned to Preble County with their children. she owned and operated the family farm for many years. She died in Eaton in 1900. It must have been when she left that Adam went to Independence, Kansas (see Notes under his name).

More About Sarah I. (J.) Irick:

Burial: New Hope (Preble County), Ohio

More About Adam Surface and Sarah Irick:

Marriage: September 01, 1840, Preble, Ohio

Children of Adam Surface and Sarah Irick are:

2.
 - i. Noah S. Surface, born February 23, 1845 in New Hope (Preble County), Ohio; died May 06, 1940; married (1) Sarah Catherine Ridenour January 20, 1867 in Preble, Ohio by Rev. Hiram Johnson; married (2) Druzilla Whitted Avis September 19, 1883 in Richland, Kansas; married (3) Deboah Button Klump April 17, 1933.
 - ii. Amos F. Surface
 - iii. Andrew J. Surface

- iv. **Jake Surface**
- v. **Lucinda Surface**, married Cotterman.
- vi. **Rhoda Surface**, married Brown.
- vii. **Huldah Surface**, married Simpson.
- viii. **Amanda Surface**, born February 01, 1858 in Ohio; died March 09, 1938; married (1) **Henry Fudge**; born December 19, 1850 in Ohio; died September 12, 1930; married (2) **Charles Surfus** March 14, 1934.

Notes for Amanda Surface:

Daughter Amanda Surface married Henry Fudge, who was born on December 14, 1850 in Ohio. He died September 12, 1930 and is buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren (Huntington County), Indiana. Henry Fudge's father was Daniel Fudge, son of David Fudge. Daniel married Sarah (Sallie) Kising. Daniel died in 1875.

This indicates that the Fudge family had two lines of connection with Ida May. One was through the Surface line (Amanda Surface Fudge was the daughter of Adam, a brother to Noah). The other was through the Ridenour line (Elizabeth Fudge Ridenour was the mother of Sarah C. Ridenour). Elizabeth Fudge and Daniel Fudge were brother and sister.

More About Amanda Surface:

Burial: Woodlawn Cemetery, , Warren (Huntington County) Indiana

More About Henry Fudge:

Burial: Woodlawn Cemetery, , Warren (Huntington County) Indiana

6. Washington Ridenour, born 1810; died November 20, 1887 in Preble County, Ohio. He was the son of **12. Joseph Ridenour** and **13. Annie Troxell**. He married **7. Elizabeth Fudge** December 18, 1834.

7. Elizabeth Fudge, born June 30, 1818 in Preble County, Ohio; died November 30, 1887 in Stump Cemetery, Preble County, Ohio. She was the daughter of **14. David Fudge** and **15. Elizabeth Hunter**.

Notes for Washington Ridenour:

Washington Ridenour and Elizabeth Fudge had thirteen children, of which one was Sarah Catherine Ridenour (See Fudge Family History).

Elizabeth Fudge was known as "Aunt Betsey."

More About Washington Ridenour and Elizabeth Fudge:

Marriage: December 18, 1834

Child of Washington Ridenour and Elizabeth Fudge is:

- 3 i. **Sarah Catherine Ridenour**, born October 04, 1845 in College Corner, OH (based on Preble Co. obit.); died Abt. November 19, 1881 in Archer (Allachua County), Florida; married Noah S. Surface January 20, 1867 in Preble, Ohio by Rev. Hiram Johnson.

Generation No. 4

8. Jacob Surface, born 1802 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. He was the son of **16. Rev. Adam Surface** and **17. Mary Magdalene Harpine**. He married **9. Sarah Null** December 11, 1820 in Warren County, Ohio..

9. Sarah Null, born 1799 in Rockingham County, Virginia. She was the daughter of **18. Henry Null, Jr.**

Notes for Jacob Surface:

Although married in Warren County, OH, soon after this Jacob and Sarah moved to Preble County, settling in the town of New Hop in Jackson Township.

Jacob was a pioneer United Brethren minister.

More About Jacob Surface and Sarah Null:

Marriage: December 11, 1820, Warren County, Ohio.

Children of Jacob Surface and Sarah Null are:

- 4 i. **Adam J. Surface**, born March 06, 1821 in New Hope (Preble County), Ohio; died in Missouri or

- Kansas (Independence)?; married Sarah L. (J.) Irick September 01, 1840 in Preble, Ohio.
- ii. John M. Surface
- iii. Jr. Jacob, Surface
- iv. Sarah E. Surface
- v. Moses Surface
- vi. Peter Surface
- vii. Catherine Surface
- viii. Martin F. Surface
- ix. Andrew Surface
- x. Eli Surface

10. Andrew Irick, born May 16, 1787 in Pennsylvania; died 1860 in Preble County, Ohio. He was the son of **20. Conrad (Eurich) Irick** and **21. Juliana Lauer**. He married **11. Susannah Null** July 22, 1813 in Warren County, Ohio..

11. Susannah Null, born January 01, 1791 in Rockingham County, Virginia; died 1879 in Huntington County, Indiana. She was the daughter of **22. Henry Null, Jr.** and **23. Anna Arey**.

Notes for Andrew Irick:

Andrew Irick grew up in Rockingham County, Virginia.

Andrew and Susannah Irick attended the former Bonebrake United Brethren Church in Upshure (now New Hope), Preble County, Ohio.

In the 1830's, Andrew four times bought tracts of land in Huntington County, Indiana. His children settled this land the following decade.

Oral history states that Andrew's Federal-style house was built in 1842. Two rows of black bricks circle its foundation It remains in fine condition (1991)

About 1844, Mary Ann Irick, daughter of their widower sone Abraham, came to live with Andrew and Susannah. It was Mary Ann who cared for Susannah in the latter's last years.

Three years after Andrew's death in 1860, Susannah moved to Huntington County, Indiana, with Mary and Ann and her husband William Ridenour. they lived close to Susannah's son Abraham.

More About Andrew Irick:

Burial: McKinstry-Quillaberer Cemetery in Washington Township

Notes for Susannah Null:

Susannah sometime spelled Susanna. Irick sometimes spelled Irich.

The coverlet (now framed in pieces) handed down to Lewis J. Runnels and his sons, Paul and Bruce Runnels, contains the initials, S.I. In a handwritten note, Ida Mae Runnels says, "Now for what I know of the coverlet. S.I was for my great-grandmother on my father's side, Susan Irick, ... D.I.G. was her daughter. Do not know her name, but the two flailed the flax for the while, sheared their own sheep and spun the wool, also colored it, so yousee it was a tedious task. The coverlet was then handed to my aunt by marriage to my mother's brother, Uncle Will Ridenour, was before her marriage to him, Mary Irick, who gave it to me. You remember Uncle Will and Aunt Mary who lived in South Missouri. The coverlet had been eaten by rats before it was given to me as always kept it in the trunk. It has deteriorated much since got it. The fringe was much longer and hole flayed as it was never used. S.I. was my great grandmother on my father's side, my father Noah Surface's mother was Irick. This great grandmother loved my Aunt Mary Irick who gave it to her (Aunt Mary Ridenour) which brought it down to Ida May Surface Runnels, on to Lewis Runnels [Lewis Clarence Runnels], my son. Poorly explained, but if you can't unravel it, let me know. I may be able to give you a "boost." "

More About Susannah Null:

Burial: Beech Grove Cemetery

More About Andrew Irick and Susannah Null:

Marriage: July 22, 1813, Warren County, Ohio.

Children of Andrew Irick and Susannah Null are:

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 - i. Sarah I. (J.) Irick, born February 25, 1815 in Preble County, Ohio; died August 30, 1900 in Eaton, OH; married Adam J. Surface September 01, 1840 in Preble, Ohio.
 - ii. John Irick, born August 03, 1816.
 - iii. Andrew Irick, Jr., born November 21, 1817.
 - iv. Abraham Irick, born July 29, 1819.
 - v. Isaac Irick, born December 14, 1821.
 - vi. Jacob W., born January 19, 1824.
 - vii. David Irick, born January 24, 1826.
 - viii. Joseph Irick, born January 17, 1829.

12. Joseph Ridenour, born March 19, 1773 in Elizabeth (now Hagerstown), Frederick County, Maryland; died September 23, 1840 in Preble County, Ohio. He was the son of **24. Jacob Ridenour** and **25. Susanna Fisher**. He married **13. Annie Troxell** in Elizabeth (now Hagerstown), Maryland.

13. Annie Troxell, born 1774; died 1856 in Preble County, Ohio.

Notes for Joseph Ridenour:

Joseph was a miller (Ridenour Mill in Israel Township) and a farmer

Brother, Peter Ridenour, died in Israel Township (Ohio?) in 1844. He is buried in the Kingery Cemetery (in Preble County, Ohio?)

Sister, Susannah, married Gasper Potterf in 1784, and died November 7, 1831 (in Preble County, Ohio?)

Joseph Ridenour and Ann Troxell were married in Elizabeth (now Hagerstown), Maryland by Rev. Jonathan Rawhouser of the German Reformed Church in Elizabeth, Maryland.

More About Joseph Ridenour and Annie Troxell:

Marriage: Elizabeth (now Hagerstown), Maryland

Child of Joseph Ridenour and Annie Troxell is:

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 - i. Washington Ridenour, born 1810; died November 20, 1887 in Preble County, Ohio; married (1) Barbara Leathers; married (2) Elizabeth Fudge December 18, 1834.

14. David Fudge, born November 17, 1781 in Rockingham County, Virginia; died 1861 in Preble County, Ohio. He married **15. Elizabeth Hunter**.

15. Elizabeth Hunter, born March 02, 1786 in Rockingham County, Virginia; died May 28, 1864 in Preble County, Ohio.

Notes for David Fudge:

David Fudge and Elizabeth Hunter Fudge had 12 children, of which Elizabeth Fudge was one.

Jacob Fudge and David Fudge were brothers. Both were born in Rockingham County, Virginia. Jacob was born on December 26, 1779 in Rockingham, Virginia. David and Jacob were young boys when their father, Jacob, Sr. died. Their mother remarried and they moved to Warren County, Ohio, and later Jacob and David came to Preble County. Jacob was elected the first sheriff of Preble County. He married Elizabeth Potterf in 1810. Elizabeth Potterf was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, in February 10, 1790.

Jacob Fudge's second wife (after Elizabeth Potterf) was Susannah Ridenour, the daughter of Jacob Ridenour, who was the father of Joseph Ridenour, who was the father of Washington Ridenour.

In 1812, David and Elizabeth bought a farm in Monroe Township, Preble County.

More About David Fudge:

Brother: December 26, 1779, Jacob Fudge born

Burial: Zion Cemetery

More About Elizabeth Hunter:
Burial: Zion Cemetery

Children of David Fudge and Elizabeth Hunter are:

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 - i. Elizabeth Fudge, born June 30, 1818 in Preble County, Ohio; died November 30, 1887 in Stump Cemetery, Preble County, Ohio; married Washington Ridenour December 18, 1834.
 - ii. Daniel Fudge, born December 11, 1808 in Ohio; died June 22, 1876 in Preble County, Ohio; married Sarah Kisling August 20, 1835; born 1817 in Ohio.

Notes for Daniel Fudge:

Daniel Married Sarah (Sallie) Kisling. He died in 1875. They had a son, Henry fudge who was born in December 14, 1850 in Ohio. He died September 12, 1930, and is buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren (Huntington County), Indiana. He married Amanda Surface, born February 1, 1858 in Ohio. Her parents were Adam J. Surface and Sarah J. Irick.

More About Daniel Fudge:
Burial: Zion Cemetery

More About Daniel Fudge and Sarah Kisling:
Marriage: August 20, 1835

Generation No. 5

16. Rev. Adam Surface, born Abt. 1774; died 1858 in Warren County, Ohio. He was the son of **32. John Ulrich Surface** and **33. Mary Wimmer?**. He married **17. Mary Magdalene Harpine**.

17. Mary Magdalene Harpine

Notes for Rev. Adam Surface:

Rev. Adam Surface was a Lutheran minister who came to Warren County in the early nineteenth century from Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Children of Adam Surface and Mary Harpine are:

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 - i. Jacob Surface, born 1802 in Shenandoah County, Virginia; married Sarah Null December 11, 1820 in Warren County, Ohio..
 - ii. John Surface, born 1799; married Mary Wimmer?.

18. Henry Null, Jr.

Child of Henry Null, Jr. is:

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 - i. Sarah Null, born 1799 in Rockingham County, Virginia; married Jacob Surface December 11, 1820 in Warren County, Ohio..

20. Conrad (Eurich) Irick He married **21. Juliana Lauer**.

21. Juliana Lauer

Child of Conrad Irick and Juliana Lauer is:

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 - i. Andrew Irick, born May 16, 1787 in Pennsylvania; died 1860 in Preble County, Ohio; married Susannah Null July 22, 1813 in Warren County, Ohio..

22. Henry Null, Jr., died in Rockingham County, Virginia (?). He married **23. Anna Arey**.

23. Anna Arey, died in Rockingham County, Virginia (?).

Child of Henry Null and Anna Arey is:

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 - i. Susannah Null, born January 01, 1791 in Rockingham County, Virginia; died 1879 in Huntington County, Indiana; married Andrew Irick July 22, 1813 in Warren County, Ohio..

24. Jacob Ridenour, died in Elizabeth (now Hagerstown), Frederick County, Maryland (?). He married

25. Susanna Fisher January 18, 1794 in Elizabeth (now Hagerstown), Maryland.

25. Susanna Fisher, died in Elizabeth (now Hagerstown), Frederick County, Maryland (?).

Notes for Jacob Ridenour:

Daughter, Susannah Ridenour was the second wife of Jacob Fudge, who was the first sheriff of Preble County. Jacob was David Ridenour's brother, who was the father of Elizabeth Fudge. Elizabeth Fudge was the mother of Sarah Catherine Ridenour.

Susannah Ridenour died in 1831, in Preble County, Ohio (?)

More About Jacob Ridenour and Susanna Fisher:

Marriage: January 18, 1794, Elizabeth (now Hagerstown), Maryland

Children of Jacob Ridenour and Susanna Fisher are:

- 12 i. Joseph Ridenour, born March 19, 1773 in Elizabeth (now Hagerstown), Frederick County, Maryland; died September 23, 1840 in Preble County, Ohio; married Annie Troxell in Elizabeth (now Hagerstown), Maryland.
- ii. Peter Ridenour, born February 08, 1774.
- iii. Susannah Ridenour, born 1766.

Generation No. 6

32. John Ulrich Surface, born Unknown. He was the son of **64. Adam Surface**. He married **33. Mary Wimmer?**.

33. Mary Wimmer?

Child of John Surface and Mary Wimmer? is:

- 16 i. Rev. Adam Surface, born Abt. 1774; died 1858 in Warren County, Ohio; married Mary Magdalene Harpine.

Generation No. 7

64. Adam Surface, born 1742.

Child of Adam Surface is:

- 32 i. John Ulrich Surface, born Unknown; married Mary Wimmer?.