

Ancestors of Levi Sherman Runnels

Generation No. 1

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

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

Notes for Ida Mae Surface:

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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.

More About Levi Runnels and Ida Surface:

Marriage: October 18, 1889

Generation No. 2

2. **Levi Runnels**, born Abt. 1819 in Ohio; died August 19, 1871 in Huntington, Indiana. He married 3. **Hannah Parker** May 03, 1859 in Huntington County, IN.

3. **Hannah Parker**, born Unknown in Ohio; died December 03, 1878 in Huntington County, Indiana.

More About Levi Runnels:

Burial: Clearcreek Cemetery in Huntington County, IN

Notes for Hannah Parker:

This was Hannah's second marriage

More About Levi Runnels and Hannah Parker:

Marriage: May 03, 1859, Huntington County, IN

Children of Levi Runnels and Hannah Parker are:

- I.
 - i. Levi Sherman Runnels, born Abt. 1866 in Huntington County, Indiana; died Abt. December 24, 1923 in Houston (Harris County), Texas; married Ida Mae Surface October 18, 1889.
 - ii. Charles Runnels, born Abt. 1870.
 - iii. Maria Runnels (Mrs. Lewis Howenstein), born October 16, 1862.
 - iv. Madeline Runnels, born Abt. 1868.

Ancestors of Noah S. Surface

