

JEDIDIAH TINGLE

Your editor is pleasantly surprised by the flow of literary talent which continues to surface among Tingle descendants. The following article by Mrs. Jackie Goldman of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada is a good example. It is interesting, well written and clearly documented. She graciously gives credit to David P. Shaw of Reston, Virginia, as well as your editor, for several of her sources of information.

Jackie, a member of our newsletter staff, is a descendant of Jedidiah and consequently of Hugh Tingle who emigrated to Maryland in 1669. She spells Jedidiah's name with an "i" between the "d"s. His name is spelled that way in his will, although many later references use the letter "e" between the "d"s. Herewith her story:

Jedidiah Tingle⁵ (Samuel⁴, Littleton³, Samuel², Hugh¹) was one of the earliest settlers of Turtle Creek Township in Warren County, Ohio. Jedidiah and his wife Elizabeth had a large family, and today their descendants live throughout the United States and Canada.

Jedidiah Tingle was born in 1766 in Cool Spring, Sussex County, Delaware.¹ He was the son of Samuel and Amy (Wyatt) Tingle and the grandson of Littleton and Margaret (Smith?) Tingle.² In 1792, probably after the death of his father, Jedidiah sold the family plantation "Tingle's Choice"³ and moved to Fayette County, Pennsylvania.⁴

Around this time he married Elizabeth Reeder (born January 4, 1776/1777 in Loudon County, Virginia).⁵ Circumstantial evidence strongly indicates that she was the daughter of David and Mary (Adams?) Reeder.⁶

In 1792 or 1793 Jedidiah and Elizabeth, along with the large Reeder family, settled in Columbia, Hamilton County, Ohio. A letter, written in 1851 by Dr. Ezra Farris, states "Among the arrivals which were daily taking place at the stations along the river...I recollect one arrival of nine families, viz: David, Joseph, Daniel, Jacob, and Stephen Reeder, who were brothers; Thomas Hubbell, who was a brother-in-law, and William Harper, Jeremiah Brann, and Mr. Tingley (Tingle) who had married daughters of the Reeder."⁷

On May 5, 1796 Jedidiah purchased a full section (640 acres) from Jacob Dayton in Hamilton County (Section 12, Township 4, Range 3). This property is now in Warren County, located about 1 ½ miles east of the town of Lebanon in Turtle Creek Township. Here Jedidiah remained for the rest of his life. His large brick house is still standing today, with the initials "J.T." and the date "1817" set into a gable in the west side.⁸

On February 28, 1797 Jedidiah sold the south half of his section to David Reeder, this David being either a father-in-law or brother-in-law. Jedidiah later bought more land in Warren County, as well as in Brookville, Indiana. He also planted the first apple orchard in that part County.

Twelve of the fifteen children of Jedidiah and Elizabeth were:

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| 1) Samuel P. (Reverend) | born 1795/1796, married Eliza McCain |
| 2) Amy T. | born May 10, 1798, married Daniel French |
| 3) Elizabeth | 17 |
| 6) Sally | died July 22, 1820 aged 18 years |
| 5) Jedidiah | died Sept. 29, 1821 aged 18 years |
| 6) Levi V. | died July 9, 1820 aged 15 years |
| 7) John A. | born after 1804 |
| 8) Mary-M. | married (---) Beadle |
| 9) Naomy A. | married C——) McIntire |
| 10) Asenath | married William Wood |
| 11) Catherine R. | |
| 12) Nathan J. | died Nov. 19, 1839 aged 21 years |

Jedidiah Tingle died an April 2, 1827, his wife Elizabeth on September 5, 1844.¹⁰ His obituary in the Western Star newspaper reads “On Monday last, at his residence near this place, Jedidiah Tingle aged 61 years, after a short but severe illness succumbed. He was one of the earliest settlers in the country, and had long been known and esteemed for his strict morality and exemplary piety. He has left a wife and several children besides numerous friends to lament their loss.”

A notable Tingle descendant was the wealthy philanthropist William Elmer Harmon. During the early 1900’s Mr. Harmon made numerous gifts in the name of his deceased great—grandfather Jedidiah. His generosity was deeply appreciated by the many people he helped, though some were disconcerted at receiving a note signed “Jedidiah Tingle” and accompanied by a photograph of a tombstone.¹¹ The Warren County Historical Society in Ohio was among the organizations which Mr. Harmon funded.

Jedidiah Tingle possessor of a distinctive name, and also of the venturesome spirit unique to the early pioneers.

SOURCES:

1. Reminiscence of Asenath Tingle Wood in The History of Warren County, Ohio by W. H. Beers, p. 790. Mrs. Wood recalled that her father Jedidiah was born 1766 in Delaware.
2. Strongest evidence is the fact that Jedidiah Tingle sold the "Tingle's Choice" plantation which had been patented by Littleton Tingle, and then inherited by Littleton's son S. Additional evidence is found in the correspondence, during the 1930’s, of Mrs. Matilda Spicer Hart, genealogist. (Copies of these letters are in the possession of Mr. J. Seeger Kerns.) Summary of Mrs. Hart’s correspondence: Tingle family tradition stated that Jedidiah's parents were Samuel Tingle and Amy Wyatt. Subsequent research found a marriage in 1764 in Cool Spring between a Tingle and a Wyatt, no first names given. Land records show that Samuel Tingle was living in Cool Spring at that time. Also living near the Tingle plantation was William Wyatt who had a daughter Am. (In addition, two of Jeddiah's eldest children were Samuel and Amy).
3. Research of Mr. J. Seeger Kerns.

4. Reminiscence of Asenath Tingle Wood in *The History of Warren County, Ohio*, by W. H. Beers, p. 791.
5. *Ibid.*
6. *The Reeder Family in America* by Consuelo Furman, pp. 52—54, 71, at the Genealogical Society of Utah.
7. *The Early Settlement of the Miami Country, Indiana Historical Publication* 1:286.
8. Elva R. Adams, Warren County Museum, Warren County, Ohio.
9. *The History of Warren County, Ohio*, p. 791.
10. Tombstones in Pioneer Cemetery, Lebanon, Warren County, Ohio.
11. Elva R. Adams, Warren County Museum, Warren County, Ohio.

THE WILL OF JEDIDIAH TINGLE

In the name of God amen. I Jedidiah Tingle of Warren County in the state of Ohio being in Perfect health of body and of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, considering the certainty of death end the uncertainty of the time therof and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs and thereby be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me hence — do therefore make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

First I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my Body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executrix hereinafter named and after my debts and funeral charges are paid I devise and bequeath as follows:

Secondly I give end bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Tingle all the homestead farm on plantation on which I now reside during her widowhood and also all my personal Property of every description whatsoever kind it may be except what is hereinafter described during the same period.

Thirdly I give and devise unto my daughter Mary W. Beedle the south East quarter of section thirty-two in township twelve of range eight in the district of Brookville and state of Indiana containing one hundred and sixty acres.

Fourthly my son Samuel P. Tingle has received his portion.

Fifthly My daughter Amy French has also received her portion untill her Mother's death or marriage.

Sixthly I give and devise unto my daughter Naomy A Mcintire the North west quarter of section thirty six in township Eleven of range six in the district of Brookville and state of Indiana containing one hundred and sixty acres.

Seventhly I give and devise unto my daughter Asenath Tingle the Northeast quarter of section twenty in township twelve of range Eight in the district of Brookville and state of Indiana containing one hundred and sixty acres, also a Horse and saddle to be valued at seventy five dollars, one cow and calf, one Bed and bedding, one Breakfast table, six sheep, and twenty-five dollars in Cubard and kitchen furniture.

Eighthly I give and devise unto my son John A. Tingle the north west quarter of section thirty-two in township twelve of range eight in the district of Brookville and state of Indiana containing one hundred and sixty acres and also the west half of the southwest quarter of section twenty-nine in township twelve of range eight in the district of Brookville and state of Indiana containing eighty acres and also the east half of the southeast quarter of section thirty in township twelve of range eight in the district of Brookville and the state of Indiana containing eighty acres and also seventy-five dollars to be paid when he becomes 21 years of age.

Ninthly I give and devise unto my Daughter Catherine R. Tingle the SouthEast quarter of section twenty in township twelve of Range Eight in the District of Brookville and State of Indiana containing one hundred and sixty acres, also a Horse and Saddle to be valued to seventy-five dollars, one cow ana calf, one bed and bedding, one Breakfast Table, six sheep, and Twenty-four dollars in Cubard and kitchen furniture.

Tenthly I give and devise unto my son Nathan J. Tingle the farm on plantation on which I now live in Warren County and State of Ohio containing one hundred and twenty-five acres and to come into the possession at his Mother's Marriage or death, and also Seventy-five dollars in cash to be paid when he arrives at the age of twenty-one.

Eleventhly I will and Bequeath unto my Daughters Mary W. Beedle, Amy T. French, Naomy A. McIntire, Asenath Tingle and Catharine R. Tingle and my sons John A. Tingle and Nathan I. Tingle all the personal property that shall remain

at my wife's Marriage or death to be Equally divided amongst them and also the East half of the southwest quarter of section Thirty-two in Township Twelve of Range Eight in the district of Brookville and State of Indiana containing Eighty acres to be sold when the youngest heir shall arrive at the age of twenty-one and also to be Equally divided among my five daughters and two sons last above named.

Twelfthly I will that if it should so happen that my son Nathan J. Tingle should be called off by death before my son John A. Tingle should arrive to the age of twenty-one years, John A. should have the refusal of Nathan J.'s portion in the room (?) of his own and if he acs his portion is to be divided amongst his five sisters and himself Equally. I will also that my fare yongest children via Asenath, John A., Catherine R. and Nathan J. should Each one respectively have a Bible.

Thirteenthly I will that my son Nathan J. should have the settling of all my Personal Estate after his Mother's death should he survive her and if not then my son John A. to take possession and settle according to this my will.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my dear wife Elizabeth Tingle to be sole executrix of this my last will and testament, revoking and annulling all former wills by me heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last will and testament.

In testimony wherof I, Jedidiah Tingle, have to this my last will consisting of one sheet of paper se my hen and seal this seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five.

SIGNED: Jedidiah Tingle

Signed, sealed, published by Jedediah Tingle the above named testator in the presence of us who at his request and in his presents have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Wyllys Pierson

Aaron Pierson

George D. Pierson