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# THE HEADLEE FAMILY

I have had a great deal of trouble tracking down this family. Many in this line changed their name to Headley and said they never heard of Headlee. In 1990, I finally came across an Alvah Headlee who had written a book, a rather complete book, on the family. Regretfully I came across his work about six months after his death. His son still had copies of the book and I was able to obtain a copy of this private printing.

The book was complete, except on my particular line, but isn't that always the case. I found my Jacob, but it only listed him as having a son and a daughter. But, the background was there. I found the line of Headlees that came down to the Minerva Headlee that married Dr. John Kirk Sharon in Woodsfield, Ohio. There were other Headlee/Headley families in Monroe County, Ohio. They were all related, but my grandmother Sharon's notes said Minerva's dad was Jacob so I was able to zero in on the right gang.

Or so I thought. Turns out there were two separate Jacob Headlees in Monroe County. My Jacob was in Woodsfield Township, and Ephraim's son Jacob in Perry Township. Nothing is simple. At any rate, here is what I know of the Headlee family.

## EARLY HEADLEYS IN ENGLAND

The Headlee/Headley family is English. Most of the branches stemmed from the family that lived at *HEDLEY-ON-THE-HILL* in Northumberland County in the north of England next to the border with Scotland.

This family goes back forever and the name sounds like they may be Normans who came over from the French Coast.

There are several genealogies of the English branch, but none actually linking them with the American Headley/Headlee family. They obviously are connected, but I have no common chain.

## EARLY HEDLEYS IN AMERICA

In the early 1660s, three Headley men came to America. I do not know if they were brothers, but that is the assumption. **JOHN HEADLEY** settled in Newport, Rhode Island. **LEONARD HEADLEY** went from the New Haven Colony to settle the new community at Elizabethtown, New Jersey in 1665. **RICHARD HEADLEY** along with others in the New Haven Colony settled Eastchester, New York also in 1665. Our Headlee line comes down from Richard Headley.

I have several other lines, Marsh, Riggs, Scudder and Searing that settled in Elizabethtown, New Jersey. Actually it was the Greater Newark area that they settled. When the English bought New York from the Dutch, they wanted to settle it as an English colony as quickly as possible.

The original Puritan colonies in Plymouth and Boston had already established a strictly adherent

colony in Connecticut. People from this colony based in New Haven responded by sending families to populate these new English colonies in New York and northern New Jersey. Many settled in an area called '*Connecticut Farms*' so named because all the settlers were from the New Haven Colony.

I will begin our American line with Richard Headley.

## **RICHARD HEADLEY**

Richard Headley was born in 1642 possibly in England, but more probably in either the Boston or New Haven Colony.

By the early 1660s he was living in the New Haven Colony near Fairfield, Connecticut. In 1664, he was among the group that moved to and settled the area of Eastchester, New York. At the time it covered most of what is now southern Westchester County and abutted the Dutch Colony in New York.

In 1670 he married Hannah Drake. Richard was a carpenter by trade. They had three sons, **THOMAS, SAMUEL** and **ROBERT**. Hannah died in 1688. Richard's second wife's name was Mary. They were married in about 1690, at which time they moved to the town of Mamaroneck, some six miles away on the Long Island Sound. Mary was probably Mary Drake, Hannah's sister who was unmarried in 1686 when her father's will was written.

Hannah and Mary's parents were Samuel Drake and Ann Barlow. Both were probably born in England, came to the New Haven Colony and settled in Fairfield, Connecticut. They moved to Eastchester, New York and both parents died there. Samuel in June of 1686 and Ann sometime later.

At any rate, Richard and Mary had **RICHARD, JOSEPH, JOHN** and **ELIZABETH**, all born in Mamaroneck, New York.

The last record we find was in 1709 in Mamaroneck. Richard was sixty-seven at that time and probably died soon afterwards.

The following is what I know about the seven children of Richard Headley.

**THOMAS HEADLEY** married and had one son, John, who married Mary Waite.

**SAMUEL HEADLEY** married Sarah Dickerman and had Mary, Joseph, Robert, Samuel, Sarah, Rachel, Phebe and Isaac.

**ROBERT HEADLEY** had Robert, Samuel, Phebe who married Thomas Gardner and Isaac who married Mary Frazee.

**RICHARD HEADLEY JR.** is our line and is covered in the next section.

**JOSEPH HEADLEY**

**JOHN HEADLEY**

## **ELIZABETH HEADLEY**

### **RICHARD HEADLEY JR.**

Richard Headley, Junior was the first child born in Mamaroneck, New York and was born out of the second marriage of Richard and Mary Headley. He was born about 1691.

Nothing is known about his wife. By 1716, he seems to have moved, like most of his brothers, to New Jersey. He settled in Hunterdon County, New Jersey.

Hunterdon was one of the Counties split out of the old East Jersey Colony. Morris County was cut out of Hunterdon County. We will see that the family next appears in Morris County, but that is only because Morris was established. The family probably always lived in the same area.

Family tradition indicates that Richard was conscripted into the British Navy, escaped from ship and took refuge in central New Jersey. He was later caught by the English and returned to sea. He was to serve seven years, but again jumped ship and returned to his family in New Jersey.

Interesting.

At any rate the family was located in New Jersey through the Revolutionary War. Richard probably died there in the 1770s.

Richard Headley Junior had at least three sons and most likely daughters as well, but I have no records on them. The children were:

### **Francis Headley**

Francis Headley was born in Northern New Jersey in about 1731 and died in Randolph County, Virginia in 1805.

He married Huldah Cary, a daughter of John Cary. Their children were:

**JOHN CARY** who married Mary Hathaway.

**SAMUEL CARY** who married Abigail Trace.

**SUSANNAH CARY**

**THREE OTHER DAUGHTERS.**

He was in Hardiston Township of Sussex County, New Jersey in 1774 and served as a major in the Sussex Company A during the war. After the Revolution, they moved to Washington County, Pennsylvania. By 1796 they had moved to Randolph County, Virginia.

### **John Headlee**

John Headlee, born in 1735 is our line and is covered next.

## Joseph Headlee

Joseph Headlee was born February 3, 1746 and died in 1840. He married Abigail Morris and they had:

**THOMAS HEADLEE**

**JOHN HEADLEE**

**JOSEPH HEADLEE** who married Sarah Blair.

**PHEBE HEADLEE** who married John Clutter.

**SAMUEL HEADLEE** who married Rachel James.

**ELIAS HEADLEE** who married Catherine Dickson.

**EUNICE HEADEE** who married Benjamin Rowley.

**MORRIS HEADLEE**

**HANNAH HEADLEE** who married William Weir.

**NANCY HEADLEE**

**AMOS HEADLEE** who married Experience Lindsey and then Christine Clutter. It is said he served in the Revolution, but there is no record. After the War, he also moved to Washington County, Pennsylvania and then to Trumbull County, Ohio in 1828. He died there February 22, 1840.

## JOHN HEADLEE SR.

John Headlee was born in about 1735 in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. He married Jerusha Mann in New Jersey about 1753. The Mann family was Puritan stock that moved from Boston to the New Haven Colony and then to Elizabethtown New Jersey. I assume Jerusha is part of this family. I am related to the Mann family through my Marsh line as well. Samuel Marsh married Comfort Mann in Connecticut near Milford in 1647 and they moved to New Jersey in the 1750s.

John and Jerusha lived in Morris County, New Jersey and then moved to near Princeton, probably in Somerset County, New Jersey. John joined the American Army at the beginning of the Revolution. He became ill in the winter of 1776-77 and died before ever seeing action. He may have missed the actual fighting, but all you kinfolk can join the DAR/SAR on his service.

John and Jerusha had five sons and probably a few daughters as well. After the Revolution, several of the children moved to North Carolina and to Virginia. It appears Jerusha went to Burke County, North Carolina with her son Thomas. She was listed there in the 1800 census.

The five sons of John and Jerusha Headlee were:

## **John Headlee Jr.**

John Headlee is our line and is covered in the next section.

## **Ephraim Headlee**

Ephraim was born in Morris County, New Jersey January 21, 1758. During the Revolution he served as a private in the Morris County Militia.

After the war ended, Ephraim married Mary Fordyce in about 1783. Mary was born near Mount Olive, New Jersey in Morris County October 19, 1763. She was a daughter of Samuel Fordyce and Elizabeth Huggins.

They remained in Morris County until 1795 when they moved to Shannon's Run in Greene County in western Pennsylvania. The Fordyce family moved there as well, Samuel became a Deacon in the Baptist Church. Ephraim built a total of three log homes and ran his cobbler business from them.

By 1804, Ephraim was joined by his brothers Joshua, John and Thomas who had all left New Jersey for Burke County, North Carolina before coming to Greene County in Pennsylvania.

All in all, Ephraim owned well over a thousand acres in Greene County and left most to his sons at his death. He remained in Greene County until his death on December 6, 1822. Mary lived another 28 years until August 8, 1850.

Ephraim and Mary had nine sons, and possibly daughters, they were:

**JOHN HEADLEE** was born in New Jersey March 11, 1784 and died in Greene County, Pennsylvania on April 5, 1866. He married Lydia Headlee, a daughter of his uncle John Headlee Jr. Their children were:

**Phineas, Lewis, Enos, Eli, Catherine, Lucy and Rachel Headlee.**

**SILAS HEADLEE** was born in New Jersey on February 21, 1786. He married Elizabeth Headlee, another daughter of John Headlee, Jr. Silas was a farmer and a surveyor. They remained in Greene County all their lives. Elizabeth died May 10, 1866 and Silas on November 25, 1869. Their children were:

**Nancy, Rachel Caroline, Noah, Elizabeth, Lydia, Eunice, Jeremiah, John, Mary** and another son who died as a child.

**EPHRAIM HEADLEE** was born in 1788 and was a sickly, small child who died as a child.

**ISAAC HEADLEE** was born in New Jersey on August 15, 1789. In about 1810, he married Elizabeth Weirs in Greene County, Pennsylvania. Isaac died in Greene County on October 13, 1842. Elizabeth lived with her son, Samuel, and then later (1860) with her son James. She was living alone in her own house, when it burned and caused her death on February

6, 1869. Their children were:

**Abraham, James, Rebecca, Mary, Lydia, Phoebe, Samuel and Sarah Headlee.**

**SAMUEL HEADLEE** was born about 1792. He married and moved to Washington County, Indiana and then Orange County, Indiana.

**CHARLES HEADLEE** was born in New Jersey on March 13, 1794. This was just before his family moved to Pennsylvania. He married Mary Carney in 1822. In 1857, they moved to White County, Indiana and founded the town of Headlee. Mary died February 5, 1862, and Charles died in Headlee March 3, 1877. Their children were:

**Leah, Harvey, Mary, Nancy, Eliza, Silas and Josephus Headlee.**

**ELISHA HEADLEE** was born about 1796 and died as a child.

**JOSHUA FORDYCE HEADLEE** was born in Greene County on April 12, 1799. He married Rebecca Hennon on January 29, 1824. They lived near Kirby, Pennsylvania until 1856 when they moved to Cairo in Ritchie County, West Virginia. He was a farmer and a preacher in the Methodist Church. He held one service outside as there were too many for the church and he caught pneumonia and died three weeks later on February 18, 1857. Their children were:

**Ephraim, Mary Ann, Justice Fordyce, Stephen, Patty Jane, Lucinda, Rebecca Louisa, Joshua Monroe and Sarah Headlee.**

**JESSE HEADLEE** was born in his father's second log cabin on October 22, 1804. On May 31, 1827, he married Maria Cox. He was a farmer and a justice of the peace. Being the youngest, he lived in his father's house all his life. He died March 15, 1876 and Maria died October 7, 1895. Their children were:

**Ephraim, Mary, Rebecca, Joseph, Matilda, Sarah, Hester, Nancy, Elizabeth, George and Eliza Jane Headlee.**

## **Elisha Headlee**

Elisha Headlee was born in Morris County, New Jersey on May 18, 1760. He served in the Revolution and his records may be found in Trenton.

He married Mary Fairchild in about 1787 after the War. Their first child was born in New Jersey and then they moved to Burke County, North Carolina in 1791. They remained there until 1823 when they moved to Maury County, Tennessee. Mary died there on January 23, 1833. In November 1836, Elisha and many of his family moved to Greene County, Missouri where he died October 8, 1845.

Their children were:

**CALEB HEADLEE** was born in New Jersey on November 5, 1788. He married Mary Steele in Burke County on September 6, 1810. He moved with the rest of his family to Maury County, Tennessee in 1823 and then on to Greene County, Missouri in 1836. He was

a justice of the peace. He died in Missouri on August 18, 1847. Mary was born December 27, 1784 and died on October 2, 1868. Their children were:

**Jane, James, Margaret, Elisha, Martha, Samuel, Narcissus and Caleb Headlee.**

**DAVID HEADLEE** was born in Burke County on November 17, 1792 and died in Springfield, Missouri on September 8, 1852. He married Margaret Steele on October 23, 1817. Margaret was born October 26, 1793 and died September 13, 1852. They had one child:

**Samuel Gideon Headlee.**

**DANIEL HEADLEE** was born January 29, 1795 in Burke County and died near Springfield, Missouri on December 2, 1862. He married yet another Steele girl, Jane H. Steele, on February 8, 1820 in Burke County. Jane was born on April 2, 1798 and died March 29, 1879. Their children were:

**John, Elisha, Samuel, James, Eliza, Mary, Martha and Louisa Headlee.**

**MARY HEADLEE** was born April 27, 1798 and died unmarried on May 5, 1876.

**JOSEPH HEADLEE** was born April 27, 1798. He and Mary were twins. He also married a Steele girl, Martha. He died in Missouri on September 28, 1862. Their children were:

**James, Mary, Samuel, Elisha, Rachel, David and John Wesley Headlee.**

**PHOEBE HEADLEE** was born June 11, 1800. In 1819, she married Ninevah C. Barnes. She died in Missouri on January 2, 1884. Their children were:

**Mary, Sarah, James, Phoebe, Elisha, John, Ninevah, John and Narcissus Barnes.**

**ELISHA HEADLEE** was born on October 9, 1802. He married Rachel Sweet Steele in Maury County, Tennessee on August 30, 1825. He moved to Robberson Grove, Missouri where he became a judge. He died there on February 3, 1877. Their children were:

**Harvy, Mary, Martha, Caleb, Hannah, David, Eunice, Sarah Evelyn, Margaret Melissa, Rachel and Harriet Headlee.**

**JOHN HEADLEE** was born April 17, 1805 and died in Greene County, Missouri on February 14, 1881. He married Mary Sims on July 17, 1828. They had two daughters:

**Nancy and Mary Headlee.**

**RUTH HEADLEE** was born June 15, 1807 and died May 24, 1868. She married William W. Mason. Their children were:

**Louisa, John, James, Elisha, William, Gilbert, Daniel and Mary Mason.**

**NOAH HEADLEE** was born August 19, 1810 and died March 7, 1838. He married Mary Patterson of North Carolina and remained in Maury County, Tennessee when the rest of the family moved to Missouri.

**EUNICE HEADLEE** was born November 10, 1814 and she died February 7, 1886. She married William W. Andrews in Tennessee on July 13, 1841. Their children were:

**Lenora, Absolem, Livonia, Caleb, Mary, William and Adolphus Andrews.**

## **Joshua M. Headlee**

Joshua was born in Morris County, New Jersey in 1764. He is shown as receiving a pay voucher for services in the Revolution in Burke County, North Carolina. As he would have only been 16 at the end of the war, it does not seem it would be for fighting, but for services rendered.

Sometime around 1797, he married in Burke County. His wife's name was Susannah, but we have no record of her last name. They remained in North Carolina until the spring of 1806 when they moved to Greene County, Pennsylvania having bought 100 acres of the Headlee Tract on Little Shannon's Run from his brother Elisha. In 1816, he bought another 80 acres from his brother Thomas.

Joshua was assessor of Whitely Township in Greene County in 1824.

Sometime about 1829 or 1830, he moved his family to Indiana and settled in Walker Township of Rush County. In 1841, he moved to Lee County, Iowa where he died at age eighty in 1844.

The children of Joshua M. and Susannah Headlee were:

**ELISHA HEADLEE** was born in 1798 in North Carolina. He married Nancy Ann True of Virginia in about 1817 in North Carolina. Nancy's mother was a cousin of Benedict Arnold. He moved to Rush County, Indiana in 1829 and then to Madison Township of Tipton County, Indiana in the mid 1840s. He remained there for the remainder of his life. Their children were:

**James, Maria, Elijah, Elisha, Absalom, Amos, Arthur, Joshua, Addison, Elizabeth, Elsa and Joseph Headlee.**

**SUSAN HEADLEE** was born in 1799. She is mentioned in the History of Pottawattamie County, Iowa. I know nothing more on her.

**JOSHUA J. HEADLEE** was born in about 1803 in Burke County, North Carolina. After moving to Greene County, Pennsylvania, he married Dorothy John. They moved to Rush County, Indiana in 1841 and to Lee County, Iowa in 1852. In 1861, Dorothy wrote her father that "*Joshua has married his second wife and moved back to Indiana.*" We assume he divorced Dorothy and split, but no one is certain. It may have been some other Joshua, maybe a brother? Dorothy lists herself as a widow in the 1880 census of Pott County, Iowa. The children were:

**George, Joseph, James, Jackson, William, Sarah, Nancy Ann and Dorothy.**

**THOMAS HEADLEE** was born August 17, 1806 in Greene County. He married there on December 19, 1824 to Eliza Jane Carney, born 1808. They moved to Shelby County, Indiana and then to Walker Township, Rush County, Indiana. He died there on January 21, 1876. Their children were:



**Susannah, Stephen, Leah, Joshua, Nancy, Ben, Sarah, Josephus, Thomas, Lucy Alelia, Alpheus and Milton Headlee.**

**AMOS HEADLEE** was born in 1808, married and was living in Marion Township, Shelby County, Indiana with his wife and four daughters in 1840. I know nothing else.

**SARAH HEADLEE** was born in Greene County in about 1814 and died in 1883. She married William John and they moved from Shelby County, Indiana to Taylor County in Iowa in 1868. Children were:

**Christopher, Thomas, Lucy, Louise, George, Martin, Amos, Sarah, Mary, Margaret and Martha John.**

## **Thomas Headlee**

Thomas Headlee was born in New Jersey about 1775. After his father died, he and most of his family moved south to Burke County, North Carolina. In 1800 he is shown there with his mother, Jerusha, living with him. In 1806, he and again most of his family, moved north west to Greene County, Pennsylvania. He married and his wife was Sarah, but we do not know her maiden name.

Thomas was married about 1806 or 1807 so it was probably in Pennsylvania.

In the mid 1820s, Thomas left Pennsylvania and traveled a few miles south to Monongalia County in what is now West Virginia, but was Virginia at the time. He sold his land in Pennsylvania in 1826 and the deed stated he was living in Virginia at the time. He remained there until his death in the late 1830s. Sarah died about the same time.

The children all remained in Monongalia and Wetzel counties of West Virginia along the borders of Pennsylvania and Ohio.

**ELIZABETH HEADLEE** was born in 1807 in Pennsylvania and married Samuel Baldwin in Monongalia County.

**CALEB HEADLEE** was born about 1808 and married Nancy Ann Wright. They moved to Wetzel County and remained there near the town of New Martinsville. Their children were:

**Thomas, Caleb, Sarah, George, Ben, Anthony and Elisha Headlee.**

**MARY HEADLEE** was born about 1811 and she married Dallas Lemasters. They lived in Tyler County, now Wetzel County, West Virginia. Children were:

**Louisa, Jane, Amer, Tabitha Ann, Silas, Thomas and Elmore Lemasters.**

**ANTHONY HEADLEE** was born in 1812 and married a widow, Elizabeth West. They were married in 1838 and she had two daughters from her marriage with Samuel West. Anthony and Elizabeth adopted two more.

**JERUSHA or SUSANNA HEADLEE** was born in 1814. She married Raleigh Lemasters

and they had:

**Sarah, Mary, Malissa, Amos, Levina and Susan Lemasters.**

**SARAH HEADLEE** was born in 1818 and she married Enoch Lemasters and they lived in the Ellsworth District of Tyler County. Children were:

**Mary, Elisha, Elijah, William, Sarah Ann and Enos Lemasters.**

**ELISHA HEADLEE** was born in 1820 and he married Elizabeth Cunningham and they lived in the McElroy district of Tyler County. Their children were:

**Anthony, Eliza, James, Thomas, Caleb, Robert, Mary, Elias, David and Silas Headlee.**

**NANCY HEADLEE** was born about 1822. I know nothing about her.

## **JOHN HEADLEE JR.**

John was born about 1753 or 1754 in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. He married Elizabeth Allison about 1780 after the Revolution. It is felt he served in the War, but records have not turned up. Shortly after marrying, he moved to Burke County in North Carolina and was listed there in 1790 with his wife, 2 sons and 2 daughters.

The family remained in North Carolina until 1806 when they moved to Whiteley Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania. He died there in 1825 and his wife about the same time. He owned land that ran across the border to Virginia as the Mason Dixon Line ran through the farm. He may have settled first on the Virginia side because his grad daughter, Minerva, my relative, stated in 1880 that both her parents were born in Virginia. Her father was Jacob who was born about 1800 or a little later. She also may just have been confused.

Shortly after John's death in 1825, his three sons, Ephraim, John and Jacob all moved to Monroe County, Ohio. It was here that Jacob's daughter, Minerva, married Dr. John Kirk Sharon and the Headlee heritage became a part of my Sharon family lineage.

John Headlee and Elizabeth Allison had seven children.

## **Lydia Headlee**

Lydia was born in New Jersey November 10 1782. She married her cousin, John Headlee. John was a son of Ephraim Headlee and Mary Fordyce Headlee. He was born in Morris County, New Jersey on March 11, 1784. They were probably married in Greene County, Pennsylvania and remained there all their lives living on the north end of *Stingwell* and members of the family live on that land today. This family were always farmers and stockmen.

John died on April 5, 1866 and Lydia died on April 9, 1858. Both are buried on the family farm.

They had six children.

**LEWIS HEADLEE** was born February 4, 1808. He married Elizabeth Sinsabaugh. They lived in Perry Township where was a Justice of the Peace and was referred to as *Squire* Headlee. Later they moved to Licking County, Ohio. Elizabeth was born in New York State January 3, 1807 and she died in Licking County October 11, 1855. He then married Minerva Shannon in Licking County October 30, 1856. She was born March 3, 1833. Lewis died in Licking County August 22, 1884. Minerva died there November 10, 1921. Their children were:

**Phineas, Flora, Thomas Enos, Benson, Addie, Wilbur, Emma, Zella and Jacob Milton Headlee.** There were two others that died as infants.

**PHINEAS HEADLEE** was born October 17, 1809 and died March 17, 1881. He married Matilda Sinsabaugh. They lived all their lives in Perry Township of Greene County, Pennsylvania. Matilda died and on October 10, 1844, Phineas married Nancy Keener. He ran a stop on the *Underground Railway* during the Civil War at his farm on Shannon Run. Children by his first wife were:

**Sarah, John, Elizabeth, Lydia and Hiram Headlee.**

By his second wife, the children were:

**Joseph, Emily, Phineas jr., Lewis, Rebecca, David, Margaret and Laura Headlee.**

**ENOS HEADLEE** was born in 1812 and died in 1871. He married Sarah Woodruff. They lived in Greene County until about 1866 when he moved to Kirkersville, Ohio. He was a stock breeder. He died in 1871 and Sarah in 1901. Their children were:

**Lorenzo, Eurastus, Henry, Lydia, Eli, Minerva, Melissa, Lucinda, Warren and Benjamin Headlee.**

**ELI HEADLEE** was born March 12, 1815. He married Mary Delaney and they spent the rest of their lives on the farm on Shannon's Run in Greene County. He died May 23, 1885 and Mary died November 28, 1875. Their children were:

**Jonathan, David, Washington, Franklin, Susannah, Lydia, Rachel, John and William Headlee.**

**CATHERINE HEADLEE** was born April 4, 1821. She married Jacob Whitlatch on September 14, 1838. They lived near Brock, Pennsylvania. She died March 27, 1891, and he died November 18, 1882. Their children were:

**Dorothy, Lucinda, John, Sarah, Eli, Lewis, Elizabeth and David Whitlatch.**

**LUCINDA (LUCY) HEADLEE** was born December 12, 1824. She was a twin with Rachel. She married David S. Lemley in 1849. They left Pennsylvania to go to Iowa in 1868 but returned the following year and remained in Greene County. She died October 30, 1898 and he died August 6, 1895. Their children were:

**Margaret, Lydia, John, Catherine, Samuel, Sarah, Ruhama, Leasure and Endsley Lemley.**

**RACHEL HEADLEE** was the other twin born December 12, 1824. She married Asberry Lemley on October 12, 1849. They lived all their lives in Greene County. She died February 16, 1897 and he died February 22, 1892. Their children were:

**Ruhama, John, Lewis, Elizabeth, David, Lydia, Martha and Mary Lemley.**

## **Ephraim Headlee**

Ephraim was born in New Jersey in 1783. He moved to North Carolina with his mother and married Rebecca Pain about 1802. Rebecca was born in Virginia in 1780. They moved to Greene County, Pennsylvania in about 1804.

In 1827 they moved to Perry Township in Monroe County, Ohio. In the 1850 census of Monroe County he was sixty six and she was sixty nine and they had no children at home.

They remained there until about 1854 when they moved with their sons to Lafayette township in Owen County, Indiana.

Ephraim died in Owen County in 1854. Rebecca died sometime in the 1850s as well.

Their children were:

**WILLIAM PAIN HEADLEE** was born in Pennsylvania in 1805. His wife was named Catherine, born in Pennsylvania in 1810. After leaving Monroe County, Ohio, they moved to Owen County, Indiana where he died in the late 1860s. Their children were:

**Mary Headlee** born 1831.  
**Frances Headlee** born 1832.  
**Rebecca Headlee** born 1834.  
**Ephraim Headlee** born 1835.  
**Elizabeth Headlee** born 1839.  
**Lydia Headlee** born 1840.  
**William Headlee** born 1843.  
**James Headlee** born 1845.  
**Isabella Headlee** born 1848.  
**Levi Headlee** born 1850.

**ELIZABETH HEADLEE** was born in Pennsylvania in 1808. She married Alfred Dye and they lived in Perry Township of Monroe County, Ohio through the 1850 Census. He died in 1853 and she may have moved with others to Owen County, Indiana. Their children were:

**Ezra, Rebecca, Ephraim, William and Mary Dye.**

**ASA HEADLEE** was born in 1810. He first married Jane Stine on October 27, 1832. Jane died February 11, 1845. He then married a Margaret Jane in 1828. He remained in Monroe County, Ohio until 1850 and then moved to Owen County, Indiana. Margaret Jane died and he married Mary Poole in Owen County in 1856. He lastly married Margaret Massey in Owen County in 1870. He seems to have had only one child:

**David Headlee** born in Monroe County in 1833 in his second marriage.

**JOHN HEADLEE** was born in Virginia in 1815. His wife was Elizabeth, born in 1820. They lived in Monroe County, Ohio and were living next to his parents in the 1850 census. They then moved, I think, to Missouri. Their children were:

**George Headlee** born in 1838.

**David Headlee** born in 1841.

**Lucinda Headlee** born in 1843.

**Mary Headlee** born in 1846.

**Eve Headlee** born in 1848.

**Charles Headlee** born in 1851.

**JACOB HEADLEE** was born in Virginia in 1818. His wife was named Elizabeth. He first moved to Monroe County, Ohio then moved to and died in Owen County, Indiana in the 1850s. His children were:

**Marinda J. Headlee** born in 1843.

**Mary M. Headlee** born in 1846.

**Clarinda A. Headlee**

**William P. Headlee**

**Joseph Headlee**

**RHODA HEADLEE** was born in Pennsylvania on March 30, 1823 and died March 10, 1862. She married Thomas Morgan. They lived in Monroe County, Ohio and she died there. Their children were:

**Frank, Jane, John, James, Jacob, Thomas, Madison and William Morgan.**

## **John Headlee III**

John Headlee was born in Burke County, North Carolina in 1788. He moved with his family to Greene County, Pennsylvania in about 1806. There he met and married Sarah Long about 1812. Sarah was born in Virginia in 1793 and was a daughter of Eliel Long.

In the early 1820s, John moved to Jackson Township in Monroe County, Ohio. His brothers, Ephraim and Jacob moved to Ohio about the same time, but settled in different parts of the County. He remained there for about ten years and then moved to Bureau County, Illinois in 1843 and finally to Keokuk County, Iowa in about 1855.

Sarah died in Iowa in 1873. I do not know where or when John 3rd died, but it was before 1850 as Sarah was shown living with her kids by that date.

Their children were:

**LEVI HEADLEE** was born in Greene County in 1813. He was married twice, first to Mary Dye and then to a woman named Annie. Children were:

**Dice Ann, John, Henry, Eliel and Noah Headlee.**

**JOHN HEADLEE IV** was born about 1814 and died about 1854. His wife was Anna. The children were:

**Elizabeth, John, Francis K., Cynthia E., Rebecca E. and Jehu L. Headlee.**

**ELIEL HEADLEE** was born in 1817 and married Martha Ann Whittaker. The only child I know of was:

**Sarah Headlee**

**JEHU HEADLEE** was born in 1818 and his wife was Diantha W. Their children were:

**Harriet, Charles K., William, Joseph, George, Alice and Annie Headlee.**

**GEORGE T. HEADLEE** was born in 1821 and died in 1909. He married Elizabeth Jane Crispin about 1844. He lived in Bloomfield township of Morrow County, Ohio until about 1857 when he moved to Keokuk County, Iowa. After 1880, he lived in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Children were:

**John, Alsines Hudson, Lucinda Melvina and Mary Headlee.**

**NOAH HEADLEE** was born April 9, 1824 and died December 11, 1865. His wife was named Nancy Jane. He lived in Bureau County, Illinois until he moved to Keokuk County, Iowa where he died. There was one son:

**Charles Headlee** not living in 1866 when the estate was settled.

**MARY HEADLEE** was born in 1826 and married M. S. Simpkins.

**ELIZABETH HEADLEE** was born in 1828.

**WILLIAM HEADLEE** was born in 1830 and he married Mary Ann (Polly) Shiflet. They lived in Monroe County, Ohio and Bureau County, Illinois and the Keokuk County, Iowa. Their children were:

**Garland, Roleson, Asbury, Sarah Jane and Lottie Headlee.**

**JACOB HEADLEE** no records.

**ALONZO HEADLEE** died as a child.

**EPHRAIM HEADLEE** was born November 10, 1834 and died March 25, 1904. He married Harriett Humes on April 27, 1856. They moved from Monroe County to Bureau County, Illinois by 1850, Keokuk County, Iowa and finally Snohomish County in Washington. Children were:

**Francis Marion, Mary, James, George, Thomas, Lorretta, Charles Warren, Elsie and Sarah Headlee.**

**SARAH HEADLEE** was born in 1840. She married John A. Brown. They were in Keokuk County in 1860. They had one child:

**Ida Brown**

## **Elizabeth Headlee**

Elizabeth was born in North Carolina on September 26, 1790, and died May 10, 1866.

She married Silas Headlee, son of Ephraim Headlee and Mary Fordyce. Their lives were covered in the section on Ephraim and his children.

## **Jerusha Headlee**

Jerusha was born in 1794 in Burke County, North Carolina. She married Jacob Wise who was born in Virginia in 1775.

They lived in Monroe County, Ohio until about 1836 when they moved to Fallsburg Township, Licking County, Ohio where they stayed until the early 1850s. They then moved to Perry Township in the same county.

They moved before the 1860 census, I have nothing more on them.

Jacob and Jerusha Wise had the following children:

**PETER WISE**

**MANERVA WISE**

**NANCY WISE**

**ELIZABETH WISE** She married William Garner.

**WILLIAM WISE**

**LYDIA WISE**

**MARTHA WISE**

## **Jacob Headlee**

Jacob Headlee is our line and his life is covered next.

## **Sarah Headlee**

Sarah was born in about 1804, the time the family moved to Pennsylvania. She is a question. There was a Sarah Headlee, born 1804, who married Henry Johnson and lived in Wayne Township of Greene County, Pennsylvania. This is probably this Sarah.

When her father's estate was settled in 1831, she signed as Sarah Headlee, indicating she was not married at that time. She appears on the 1870 Census as Sarah Johnson living with her son Henry and Lucinda Headlee.

## **JACOB HEADLEE**

Jacob Headlee is my line, his daughter, Minerva Flora Headlee, married Dr. John Kirk Sharon.

In the 1880 Illinois Census, Minerva stated that both her parents were born in Virginia. Jacob was born in 1800 and I would assume in Burke County, North Carolina. This is a little confusing, I pray to God I have the right Jacob Headlee as Minerva's daddy.

Anyway, as a young five year old, Jacob moved with his family to Greene County, Pennsylvania. In Greene County, He married a woman named Cynthia in 1823. I think her full name was Cynthia Hall, daughter of Joseph Hall and Christiana Peel who were married In North Carolina and had ten children.

I guess at the connection as William Hall, son of Joseph and Christiana, on April 20, 1841 made an agreement in Monroe County, Ohio with Jacob and Cynthia to

*'bind his daughter Emily Jane Hall, aged 14 years, 9 months and 16 days, as an apprentice to the art and mystery of housekeeping to said Jacob and Cynthia.'*

Jacob moved to Monroe County, Ohio in the summer of 1827. He was County Auditor in 1832 and again from 1835 to 1843. He settled first near Perry Township and then near Woodsfield, Ohio.

Jacob moved out of the area in the late 1840s and I am still trying to track him down.

Jacob and Cynthia had two children.

## **Minerva Flora Headlee**

Minerva was born in Perry Township of Greene County, Pennsylvania on January 25, 1824. She was three years old when her parents sold their farm and moved to Monroe County with two of her father's brothers.

She married Dr. John Kirk Sharon in Woodsfield, Ohio in October of 1841 and shortly afterwards, they moved to Carrollton, Greene County, Illinois. She remained there until her death on February 12, 1899. This is my line. The life of John K. Sharon and Minerva Headlee Sharon have been told in the main body of this Sharon Family History.

## **Joseph Headlee**

Jacob and Cynthia's son was born in 1826 according to 1840 Census records. I am not certain of the name, but in 1850, a Joseph Headley, age 23, was living with his sister and brother in law, John and Minerva Sharon, in Carrollton, Illinois. He was born in Ohio and was working as a mechanic.