

EDWARD B STORER



Edward Storer - from Mahlon Storer Book

Edward B Storer was born on November 4, 1820 in Pennsylvania as referenced by his Find A Grave Record, census records and the birth places of his siblings. Based on information in "The Storer Family" by Mahlon Storer and some research it appears that Edward is the 2nd of 10 children born to Richard Storer and Mary Petty. Edward is named as the executor of Richard Storer's will in Perry County, Ohio and while it does spell out some of the children as his sons and daughters, it does not use those words specifically for Edward but it is assumed that Edward is a son. Edward died before his mother, and her will or probate has not yet been located if it exists. It appears that Edwards's family moved from Pennsylvania to Ohio sometime in the late 1820's. His brother Richard was born in 1827 in Pennsylvania, and brother Robert was born in 1829 in Ohio. Both of those birth locations are based on their

Find A Grave records.

I haven't yet located Edward's family in the 1820 or 1830 census, but in 1840 I see them in Union, Muskingum, Ohio.

On February 24, 1848 Edward married Eunice M James as recorded in Ohio Marriage Records in Ancestry.

The 1850 Federal Census shows Edward and his family in Trimble, Athens, Ohio. Edward lists his occupation as Farmer and that he has \$800 of real estate. In this census his birthplace is listed as Ohio, but I feel certain his birthplace is Pennsylvania.

On July 17, 1857 Edwards wife Eunice died and is buried in Beech Grove Church Cemetery in Shawnee, Perry County, Ohio. In Feb that same year their 2 year old son Elisha died.

On June 3, 1858 Edward married Mary Anne Edwards as recorded in Ohio Marriage Records in Ancestry.

The 1860 Federal Census shows Edward and his family in Trimble, Athens, Ohio. Edward lists his occupation as farmer, with \$2000 in real estate and \$500 in Personal Estate. In this census he lists his birth place as Pennsylvania.

There is a record in the Civil War Draft Registration Records for an Edward Storer in Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio. So far I have found no record that Edward fought in the Civil War as there is no soldier record yet located. A couple of Edward's brothers have

recognition markers at their gravesite, but nothing listed for Edward other than a draft registration. The Athens County Ohio Historical Society also did not find any evidence that Edward participated in the Civil War.

Edward died on October 22, 1864 according to his Find a Grave record and the listing on his headstone. He is buried in Beech Grove Church Cemetery in Shawnee, Perry County, Ohio. No obituary has been located in the newspapers and while I assume his death was an accident of some kind I have no data to support that at this point and the Athens County Historical Society did not uncover anything in September of 2021.

Edward died without a will, and there is a guardianship record that lists Richard, James and William, his three sons from his first wife. I assume that with the mother of the other children still living no guardianship records were needed. Edwards probate documents listed Mary Anne Storer and Henry Edwards as administrators. The direct relationship between Edward and the administrators it is probably that Henry Edwards is Mary Anne's brother.

Edward Storer and Eunice James had 4 children

- **Richard J Storer (1849 – 1870)**
- **James Edward Storer (1850 – 1924)**
- **William Henry Storer (1852 – 1937)**
- **Elisha Storer (1854 – 1857)**

Edward Storer and his second wife Mary Ann Edwards had four children

- **Robert Preston Storer (1859 – 1927)**
- **Elizabeth Jane Storer (1861 – 1925)**
- **Alvira Storer (1862 – 1944)**
- **Mary Storer (1865 – 1927)**

MARY ANNE EDWARDS

Mary Anne Edwards was born in 1830 in Pennsylvania. We see this date and location in the census records and on her Find A Grave Record. It looks like Mary Anne is either the first or second of 7 children born to Henry Edwards and Rachel Wemer. I say she is either the first or second because she and her brother William both have birth dates of 1830. I don't know if one was born early in the year and one late in the year, or if they may have been twins.

In the 1850 Federal Census we see Mary Anne with Henry and Rachel Edwards in Dover, Athens, Ohio.

In 1858 she marries Edward Storer and then in the 1860 census is listed with him.

Edward dies in 1864, and in the 1870 Federal Census Mary is listed in Trimble, Athens, Ohio with three of her four children, Robert, Elizabeth Jane and Mary. Alvira is missing in the list. However, in the 1880 Federal Census Alvira is listed with Henry and Rachel Edwards and is listed as their granddaughter. I am not sure yet where Alvira was in the 1870 census. In 1870 Mar lists her Real Estate value at \$2100 and her Personal Estate value at \$300. All three of the children are in school.

In the 1880 Federal Census Mary is listed in Hockinghort, Athens, Ohio as widowed and has three of her four children living with her. She lists her occupation as keeping home, and her son Robert is listed as farm labor. Richard Storer is listed as the household just before her in the list, so it is assumed that she has moved to be close to Edwards brother Richard.

At this point I lose Mary in the Federal Census records. There is no available census data for 1890, and in the 1900 census she is not listed with any of her children, nor can I find her listed individually.

Mary Anne died on February 2, 1904 in Pleasanton, Athens County, Ohio. Ohio did not require death certificates in 1904, so we know this from her Find a Grave Record and her obituary from the Athens County Obituaries provided by the Athens County Genealogical Society (I believe the paper is the Athens Messenger) which states that she died at the home of her daughter Mrs Tippie (Elizabeth Jane) of a complication of diseases and that her Funeral Services were held at the Bates Church with services conducted by Reverend Hurley. Her obituary also states that her son Preston Storer arrived from Iowa to attend the funeral.

Interestingly, Mary Anne had a brother Preston who we see in the 1850 census at age 11, and then don't see again in 1860 with the family and no online trees have discovered his story. I assume he died young, and then Mary Anne used that name as the middle name of her first son.