

George Blume (1810 - 1891)

George Blume was born about 1810¹ in the Hanover region of Prussian Germany. He was a wagon maker and carpenter. He married Catherine Elizabeth Ritter.² Catherine was born about 1825 in the Hesse region of Germany.

The family lived in the Cumberland and Mt. Savage region of Allegany County Maryland. George died during the week of May 4th 1891 while living in Ellerslie, Allegany County areas of Maryland.³ George and Catherine had the following children, who were all born in Cumberland, Allegany County Maryland.

- i. Unknown Blume was born about 1838, and died before 1850.
- ii. Edward Blume was born about 1845, and died before 1860.
- iii. Johann (John) Friedrich Blume was born May 8th 1848 in Cumberland, Allegany County Maryland. He was baptized in the St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Cumberland Maryland.⁴
- iv. Elizabeth Blume was born about 1851.
- v. William Blume was born August 1853. He married Alice Lepley.
- vi. Mary S. Weimer who George and Catherine adopted between 1870 and 1880. Mary was born in Maryland about 1867, and whose parents were both born in Pennsylvania.

William H. Blume (1853-1934)

William Henry Blume was born August 1853 in Mount Savage, Allegany County Maryland.⁵ William was 32 years old in 1885, when he married a 29 year old Alice Lepley. Alice was born March 29th 1858 to Valentine Lepley and his 2nd wife Maria Baker in Wellersburg, Southampton Township area of Somerset County Pennsylvania.

William was a carpenter, and worked for some time with the Meyersdale Planning Mill. He also operated a grocery store on the south side of Meyersdale, and lived across from the South Side School house on Beachly Street. William and Alice were members of the Amity Reformed Church of Meyersdale.

William and Alice didn't have any of their own children. They did however; informally adopt Irene Belle Mankamyer, who came to live with the Blume family about 1902. Irene's mother Ida Belle Bittner-Mankamyer died in 1898 from Typhoid Pneumonia and Fever, while living on a small farm in Meyersdale.⁶ Ida Belle Bittner was born to Nathaniel Bittner and Lydia Lepley. Lydia is the older sister of Alice Lepley, whose Lepley family lived in Somerset County Pennsylvania since the mid 18th century.

On February 4th 1922, William and Alice formally adopted Irene Mankamyer in Somerset County Pennsylvania,⁷ and Irene changed her name from Mankamyer to Blume.⁸ Irene married Paul Daniel Hines on September 29th 1926 in Somerset County Pennsylvania.⁹ William and Alice lived with Paul and Irene in York, York County Pennsylvania.

William died May 21st 1934, and Alice died December 21st 1932 while living with their daughter in York, York County Pennsylvania. William and Alice were laid to rest in Lot 18 of the White Oak Church Cemetery, Larimer Township Somerset County Pennsylvania.¹⁰

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End Notes

¹ George Blume's birth date is between 1809 and 1813; Federal Census records indicate 1809 to 1810, and his obituary indicated he was 78 years old in 1891. So we used the 1850 census record, which makes his birth date about 1809.

² Johann Fredrick Blume Birth: St. Luke's Lutheran Church Records of Birth; 218 Washington Street, Cumberland, MD 21502

³ George Blume Obituary: The Cumberland Times Excerpts (1891); Allegany County Historical Society, 218 Washington Street, Cumberland, MD 21502

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⁵ Irene Mankamyer-Blume Marriage Application: Reference Number:824; Film Number 558948; Digital Folder Number: 004455225; Image Number: 00178; Pennsylvania, County Marriages, 1885 - 1950, index and images, Family Search (<https://familysearch.org>)

⁶ Ida B. Mankamyer Death: Somerset County Death Register, Somerset County Historical Society, Taylor ~ Graham Library, 479 County Line Rd, York Springs Pa. 17372

⁷ Irene's adoption comes from the adoption papers, Taylor ~ Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372.

⁸ Irene Mankamyer-Blume Marriage Application: Reference Number:824; Film Number 558948; Digital Folder Number: 004455225; Image Number: 00178; Pennsylvania, County Marriages, 1885 - 1950, index and images, Family Search (<https://familysearch.org>)

⁹ Paul Hines's and Irene Blume's marriage license is held by the Taylor ~ Graham Library, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania, 17372.

¹⁰ William and Alice Blume's burial site comes from a Perpetual Care Certificate from the White Oak Church Cemetery, Temple Road Meyersdale Somerset County Pennsylvania.